

Support from the Department of Justice

New Resources to Address Hate Incidents That May Constitute Discrimination Under Federal Civil Rights Laws

The following resources are important tools to educate communities on the situations and patterns that could constitute national origin or religious discrimination in public accommodations, housing, employment, land use, and other settings.

- [Combating Religious Discrimination](#) explains federal civil rights laws prohibiting discrimination based on a person’s actual or perceived religious belief, observance, or practice. Examples cover hate crimes and discrimination in various contexts, including correctional institutions, public education, employment, housing, lending, public accommodations, land use and zoning, and federally funded programs. The resource provides steps to report suspected violations to the Civil Rights Division.
- [Combating National Origin Discrimination](#) explains federal civil rights laws that prohibit national origin discrimination – such as being unfairly harassed or denied equal opportunity because a person is perceived to be from another country, has an accent or, cannot speak English fluently, or participates in certain customs. The resource covers hate crimes and discrimination in the context of law enforcement, correctional institutions, individuals with disabilities, educational settings, employment, housing, lending, public accommodations, and federally funded programs. It also provides steps to report suspected violations to the Civil Rights Division.
- [Title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1964: Non-Discrimination in Public Accommodations](#) is a “Know Your Rights” fact sheet that outlines the scope of Title II, which prohibits places of public accommodation from discriminating against people because of race, color, religion, and national origin. Public accommodations are privately owned spaces that serve and are open to the general public, including restaurants, hotels, gas stations, and places of exhibition or entertainment.
- [Federal Religious Land Use Protections](#) describes the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA), which protects religious institutions from unduly burdensome or discriminatory land use regulations. It includes examples of cases the Civil Rights Division has brought under RLUIPA and the process for filing complaints about possible violations.

Community Outreach Programs

- In 2022, the Attorney General announced *United Against Hate*, a nationwide community outreach and engagement program to increase awareness about hate crimes and incidents. Over the past two years, all 94 U.S. Attorneys’ Offices have hosted hundreds of *United Against Hate events*, bringing together thousands of community groups, community leaders, and law enforcement at every level to build trust and strengthen coordination to combat unlawful acts of hate. Since Fall 2023 and 2024, many U.S. Attorneys’ Offices have held programs specifically for Jewish, Arab, Muslim, and Palestinian communities.



- The Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division hosted a [virtual hate crime forum](#) to discuss efforts to combat hate crimes and incidents and highlight the successful launch of the nationwide United Against Hate program. The forum included reflections from leaders of civil rights organizations on increased threats against Jewish, Muslim, and Arab communities across the country. The event coincided with the 25th anniversary of the tragic murders of James Byrd Jr. and Matthew Shepard and commemorated the 14th anniversary of the Shepard/Byrd Hate Crimes Prevention Act.
- The **Community Relations Service (CRS)** provides [facilitation](#), [mediation](#), [training](#), and [consultation](#) services that improve communities’ problem-solving abilities and build capacity to prevent and respond to conflict, tension, and hate crimes. Learn more about CRS’s programs and services at <https://www.justice.gov/crs/programs-and-services>.

General Resources

- [Fact Sheet: Combating Hate Crimes](#) outlines the Justice Department’s efforts to implement Attorney General Merrick Garland’s directives to increase resources for combating hate crimes through federal law enforcement action and enhance training, support, and outreach to state and local partners.
- The Justice Department’s **Hate Crimes Website** is a one-stop portal with links to hate crimes developments, news, resources, and events hosted or funded by the Department. [Sign up](#) for timely email updates on important developments and events. www.justice.gov/hatecrimes
- A new webpage, [Addressing Hate Targeting Jewish, Arab, Muslim, and Palestinian Communities](#), is a one-stop portal to find information specific to these communities.
- **Stopbullying.gov** provides training tools and resources to address school bullying and hate. StopBullying.gov
- The Justice Department’s **Community Relations Service (CRS)** published a guide outlining specific CRS services to help community leaders, city officials, law enforcement, and other key stakeholders promote open communication and problem-solving in alleged bias or hate crimes. [Helping Communities Prevent and Respond to Hate Crimes](#).
- This brochure, by the Justice Department’s **Office for Victims of Crime**, informs crime victims about their rights, how they can get help in dealing with needs stemming from their victimization, and what they can do to achieve positive change that improves the treatment of crime victims. [What You Can Do If You Are the Victim of Crime](#)

Get Help Now

- If you believe you are the victim of a hate crime or that you witnessed a hate crime, **report it** to your local police and quickly follow up this report with a tip to the FBI. www.justice.gov/hatecrimes/get-help-now
- If you believe your civil rights, or someone else’s, have been violated, **submit a report** on the Justice Department Civil Rights Division’s portal. www.civilrights.justice.gov



Hate Crimes Resources

- The **FBI Threat Intimidation Guide** [describes common threats](#) that can be reported to the FBI, and the **FBI Hate Crimes Response Threat Response Guide** provides information [on what to do after receiving a threat](#).
- The **FBI Crime Data Explorer** presents [hate crime data](#) for the nation primarily derived from the [National Incident-Based Reporting System \(NIBRS\)](#).
- The Justice Department's **Bureau of Justice Statistics** published [a report](#) that presents National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) data on hate crime victimizations from 2005 to 2019. The report examines the number of hate crimes over time, their characteristics, perceived bias motivations for these hate crimes, reporting to police and reasons hate crimes were not reported, and demographic characteristics of victims and offenders.
- For a full range of public resources related to hate crimes, the Justice Department's **Hate Crimes Website** includes [a searchable table](#) where you can browse over 100 resources covering a range of topics and types of material, including training materials, outreach flyers, films, funding opportunities, hate crimes research, and podcasts.

Resources in Other Languages

- The Justice Department's **Hate Crimes Website in Spanish**: www.justice.gov/es/hatecrimes
- Key information, including a description of how to report hate incidents and receive translation services, is also available in [Arabic](#), Chinese ([Simplified](#) and [Traditional](#)), [Farsi](#), [French](#), [Gujarati](#), [Haitian Creole](#), [Hindi](#), [Hmong](#), [Ilocano](#), [Japanese](#), [Khmer](#), [Korean](#), [Lao](#), [Nepali](#), [Portuguese](#), [Punjabi](#), [Russian](#), [Somali](#), [Tagalog](#), [Thai](#), [Urdu](#), and [Vietnamese](#).
- [“What you can do if you are a victim of a crime” \(Spanish\)](#): This online brochure, produced by the Justice Department's **Office for Victims of Crime**, informs crime victims about their rights, how they can get help in dealing with needs stemming from their victimization, and what they can do to achieve positive change that improves their treatment.

Funding Opportunities

- For grant solicitations to support hate crime responses, check out **Grant Solicitations** and the [FY24 Community-based Approaches to Prevent and Address Hate Crime | Bureau of Justice Assistance \(ojp.gov\)](#).
- For general information about Justice Department grant programs, including how to apply for Department-funded grants, visit the **Department's Grants Website**. Visitors can sign up for alerts as new grant opportunities become available.
- [Department of Justice Grants Program Plan](#) is a tool to help find potential funding opportunities (solicitations) from the Department's grant-making components.

