



Hate Crimes Unit

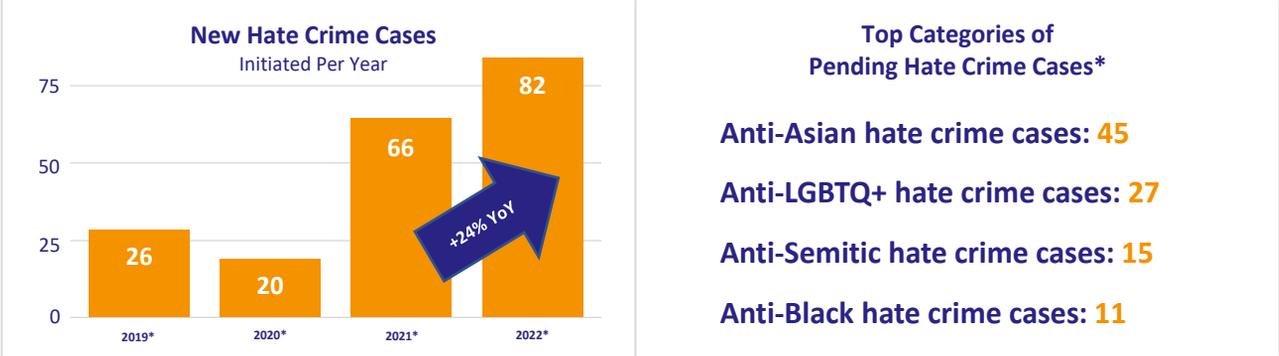
The Manhattan D.A.’s Office is investigating more hate crimes than ever before. The Hate Crimes Unit upholds District Attorney Bragg’s goals of **achieving the safety our communities need and the fairness we deserve**. The Unit takes a holistic approach to determining appropriate dispositions, ranging from incarceration to mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, and bias-related education.



The Manhattan District Attorney’s Office’s Hate Crimes Unit:

- Investigates and prosecutes hate crimes that occur in Manhattan
- Offers victims and witnesses services and support
- Collaborates with the community to further our prevention, deterrence, and education efforts
- Conducts specialized hate crimes training for police and prosecutors
- Advances anti-bias and hate crimes education as well as evidenced-based programming to reduce recidivism

Hate Crime Prosecutions: By the Numbers



118 OPEN HATE CRIME CASES 2022*

82 HATE CRIME PROSECUTIONS INITIATED 2022*

15 HATE CRIME CONVICTIONS 2022*

*All stats as of October 28th

Significant Cases ↓

ANTI-ASIAN

In February 2022, a man assaulted seven Asian women on the east side of Manhattan, leaving lacerations and bruising on six of the women’s faces. One of the women was knocked unconscious and treated for a concussion. He was indicted on hate crimes charges for all seven attacks.

ANTI-LGBTQ+

In November 2021, a man shouted homophobic slurs and assaulted a gender non-binary person at the Oculus in lower Manhattan. We filed an indictment charging Assault in the Third Degree as a Hate Crime and Aggravated Harassment in the Second Degree.

ANTI-SEMITIC

In May 2021, in the vicinity of Pro-Palestine and Pro-Israel rallies, four individuals assaulted a Jewish man while yelling anti-Semitic slurs. All four were indicted on hate crime assault charges.

ANTI-BLACK

In October 2021, a man assaulted two Black men in Midtown, punching one and kicking the other, while shouting anti-Black slurs. He is charged with two counts of Assault in the Third Degree as a Hate Crime, among other charges.

Meet the Hate Crimes Unit

Earlier this year, we successfully sought \$1.7 million in funding from the New York City Council to expand our hate crimes work in response to the rising number of hate-based and bias-motivated incidents in Manhattan. The Unit is staffed by:

- Unit Chief Hannah Yu
- Deputy Unit Chief Jonathon Junig
- 20 cross-designated prosecutors
- Two senior investigative analysts and a paralegal

The Unit is supported by the Office's Investigations Bureau, Witness Aid Services Unit, and Community Partnerships Unit, including:

- Deputy CPU Director for the Prevention of Hate Crimes
- Two investigators proficient in Cantonese
- Victim Services Counselor fluent in Cantonese
- Victim Services Advocate fluent in Cantonese and Mandarin
- LGBTQIA Victim Services Advocate

Our specially assigned Hate Crimes prosecutors receive a series of hate crimes trainings, including:

- Investigating bias-motivated incidents and presenting hate crime cases to a grand jury
- Embracing cultural competency when working with victims and witnesses
- Understanding historical acts of bias and discrimination

Office-Wide Collaboration

Witness Aid Services Unit (WASU)

Provides victims of hate crimes with services including counseling, safety planning, help applying for financial assistance for medical bills, and other resources.

Community Partnerships Unit (CPU)

Engages with the community and organizes community events, educational programming, trainings and meetings to further our goals of hate crimes education and prevention.

Data Analytics & Research Unit

Supports HCU's efforts to track and analyze hate crimes data and improve data reporting capabilities in order to inform investigations and develop more strategic crime prevention solutions.

Contact our Hate Crimes Unit:

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We are a safe place to report crime, regardless of your immigration status. And we speak your language!



Community Engagement

We conduct hate crimes trainings and speaking engagements for the Office's staff, NYPD officers and sergeants, elected officials, state and federal government agencies; and community members including community-based organizations, schools, religious organizations, residential centers, law firms and law associations to increase awareness and improve reporting and recording of potential hate crime incidents for increased accountability and deterrence.

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