




# HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE

## INFORMATION REPORT

<b>TO:</b>	Chair and Members Hamilton Police Services Board
<b>BOARD MEETING DATE:</b>	April 27, 2023
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	2022 Hate/Bias Crime Statistical Report
<b>REPORT NUMBER:</b>	23-039
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Frank Bergen – Chief of Police
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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2022 year end Hate / Bias crime statistical report

### INFORMATION

The Hate Crime Unit (HCU) operates as part of the Intelligence Branch in the Investigative Services Division. Established in 2003, their mandate is to investigate incidents where hate or bias has been identified as a precipitating component in the commission of a criminal offence or in an incident affecting the wider community.

The Hamilton Police Hate Crime Statistical Report is an annual report that provides statistical data about criminal offences that are committed against persons or property and are motivated by the victim's race, religion, ethnicity, colour, sexual orientation, mental or physical disability, age, gender identity or expression, or other similar factors.

This report explains the mandate for the HCU and the data based on hate crime reported to the Hamilton Police Service from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

In 2022, there were a total of 174 hate / bias occurrences reported to the Hamilton Police Service. This number represents both the hate / bias incidents and criminal offences.

In comparison to 2021, this represents an increase of 61.1 percent.

Police data on hate crimes reflect only those incidents that come to the attention of police and are subsequently classified as hate crimes or hate incidents. Please note, fluctuations in the number of hate-related reported occurrences may be attributed to an increase in hate-

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related occurrences but may also reflect a rise in reporting due to community outreach efforts or heightened awareness after high profile events.

Multiple services in Ontario reported a significant increase in the number of reported Hate Crimes in 2021 and the trend continued in 2022.

The HCU encourages the community to report all incidents; however, the Service is aware that not all incidents are reported to police. Recognizing this, Hamilton Police have implemented a number of proactive and strategic steps to prevent hate-related occurrences, encourage reporting and provide support for victims.

Please refer to the attached annual report for more detailed analysis of the 2022 hate occurrences.

## **APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

Appendix A – 2022 Hate/Bias Statistical Report

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