




# HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE

## INFORMATION REPORT

<b>TO:</b>	Chair and Members Hamilton Police Services Board
<b>BOARD MEETING DATE:</b>	April 25, 2023
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	2023 Hate/Bias Crime Statistical Report
<b>REPORT NUMBER:</b>	24-038
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Frank Bergen – Chief of Police
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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2023 year end Hate / Bias crime statistical report

### INFORMATION

The Hate Crime Unit (HCU) operates as part of the Chief's Office. 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 occurrences reported to the Hamilton Police Service from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

In 2023, there were a total of 220 hate / bias occurrences reported to the Hamilton Police Service. This number represents both the hate / bias incidents and criminal offences.

In comparison to 2022, this represents an increase of 26.4 percent.

Multiple services in Ontario reported a significant increase in the number of reported Hate Crimes in 2022 and the trend continued in 2023.

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The HCU encourages the community to report all incidents; however, the Service is aware that not all incidents are reported to police. 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-related occurrences but may also reflect a rise in reporting due to community outreach efforts or heightened awareness after high profile events.

Please refer to the attached annual report for more detailed analysis of the 2023 hate occurrences.

## **APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

Appendix A – 2023 Hate/Bias Statistical Report

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