




HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE

INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Hamilton Police Service Board
BOARD MEETING DATE:	July 24, 2025
SUBJECT:	2024 Hate/Bias Crime Statistical Report
REPORT NUMBER:	25-053
PRESENTATION:	Yes
OUTSTANDING BUSINESS ITEM:	No
SUBMITTED BY:	Frank Bergen, Chief of Police
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Hate Crime Statistical Report is published annually and presents data on hate-motivated incidents and criminal offences targeting identified groups, individuals and property.
- The report explains the mandate for the Hate Crime Unit and the data based on the hate occurrences reported to the Hamilton Police Service from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.
- In 2024, there were a total of 297 hate/bias occurrences reported to the Hamilton Police Service represented by 106 hate crimes and 191 hate incidents. In comparison to 2023 statistics, this represents an increase of 35% in reported hate occurrences.
- Race/Ethnicity (157 occurrences), Religion (66 occurrences), and Sexual Orientation (53 occurrences) were the highest impacted categories.
- Fluctuations in reported hate-related occurrences may be influenced by various factors, including an actual increase in hate-motivated incidents, the impact of global or geopolitical events, and improved community outreach and accessibility to reporting mechanisms.
- In September 2024, the Hate Crime Case Review Team (HCCRT) was established, consisting of 14 diverse community members. The team was created to review past hate-related investigations and provide the Hamilton Police Service with feedback and recommendations. Members of the HCCRT participated in comprehensive training sessions and commenced case reviews in January 2025.

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APPENDICES ATTACHED

Appendix A – Background/historical information related to the report

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Carolyn Rashford, Inspector – Executive Officer to the Chief

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