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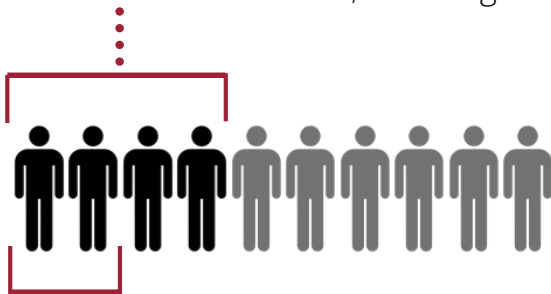
## DATA SNAPSHOT

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**Background:** On February 23, 2020, Ahmaud Arbery, a 25-year-old Black man, was gunned down while jogging near his Georgia home. Portions of the physical altercation were caught on camera by one of the three men charged in the murder. The shooter reportedly uttered a racial epithet at Arbery as he lay in the street dying. Georgia is one of the four states without hate crime laws in the United States, but the FBI is currently investigating the shooting as a potential hate crime.

43%

of bias homicides targeted victims because of their racial, ethnic, or immigrant status.



47%

of racial/ethnic/immigrant victims were targeted specifically because they were Black (or bi-racial).

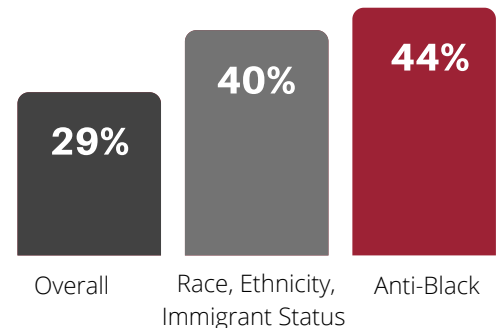
### BIAS HOMICIDE:

a felonious killing in which evidence exists that victims were targeted in part or wholly based on one or more real or perceived status or identity characteristics.

## Official Hate Crime Charges

- An official hate crime charge was filed in **less than one-third** of all bias homicides included in the Bias Homicide Database
- **40%** of bias homicides targeting victims because of their race, ethnicity, or immigrant status resulted in official bias homicide charges
- **44%** of bias homicides specifically targeting Black victims resulted in official bias homicide charges

% of Bias Homicides Resulting in Official Hate Crime Charges



**Data:** Data on 357 bias homicides targeting 480 victims came from the **Bias Homicide Database (BHDB)**. All homicides occurred between 1990 and 2019. Victims were targeted because of their racial/ethnic/immigrant status, sexual orientation/gender identity, religious affiliation, or homeless status.

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