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Victims of Anti-Asian Bias Homicides in the United States, 1990-2019

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DATA SNAPSHOT Victims of Anti-Asian Bias Homicides in the United States, 1990-2019

Background: Asians have increasingly become targets of bias crime since China was publicly linked to the COVID-19 virus outbreak. Acts of violence targeting persons because of their Asian descent are not new and have included brutal attacks resulting in the death and elevated levels of fear across Asian communities.

COMPARING Attacks across Victim groups

% OF ANTI-ASIAN Attacks % of other victim

TYPE ATTACKS



White Offender



Official Hate Crime Charges





Occurred in Public Setting

- Similar to other anti-race/ethnicity bias homicides, anti-Asian homicides more often result in hate crime charges compared to other types of bias homicides.
- Offenders are overwhelmingly White and are more likely to use weapons including knives, blunt objects, and bodily weapons than firearms in comparison to those targeting other groups.
- Almost 90% of lethal attacks targeting victims for their real or perceived status as Asian occur in public places.



1993

Fall River, MA: Cambodian man beat to death

1995

Alpine Township, MI: Man dies after being punched in head

1999

Bloomington, IN: Korean man shot and killed leaving church

Los Angeles, CA: Man opens fire at a Jewish Center and kills Filipino-American postman

Crystal Lake, IL: Asian man shot and killed

2001

Newmarket, NH: Asian man beat to death

Laguna Hills, CA: Asian man stabbed to death

TIMELINE OF Attacks

1992

Coral Springs, FL: 5 men chase and fatally beat a man for objecting to a racial slur

Olympia, WA: 2 men stab and beat an Asian man with a concrete block

1996

Tustin, CA: 2 men stab and beat a man to death

2000

Multiple Cities: Two Asian men among victims killed in shooting spree

New York City, NY: 5 people beat an Asian man to death with a brick

2019

Brooklyn, NY: Man kills 3 Chinese employees with a hammer

Data: Data on **319** bias homicides targeting **436** victims came from the *Bias Homicide Database (BHDB)*. All homicides occurred between 1990 and 2019. Victims were targeted in part or wholly because of their racial/ethnic/immigrant status, sexual orientation/gender identity, religious affiliation, or homeless status.

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