

New York Hate Crimes Rose in 2010, New York Civil Rights Violation Lawyer Comments

According to the 2010 annual report on hate crime in New York State, hate crime reports were up by 2 percent in 2010 compared with 2009.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK -- The number of [New York hate crime](#) incidents was up 2 percent last year statewide, according to a report made available to [New York civil rights violation lawyers](#) by the Division of Criminal Justice Services. There were 699 hate crimes in total throughout New York State, 16 more than in 2009.

Fifty percent of the [hate crime incidents](#) in 2010 took place in New York City. This reflects a 27 percent increase from 2009 in NYC hate crimes. The rest of New York experienced a 14 percent drop in hate crimes.

Outside of New York City, five counties accounted for 63 percent of all hate crime incidents and 54 percent of the arrests on hate crime charges that were reported last year. The five counties were Erie, Nassau, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester, New York, [civil rights violation lawyer](#) David Perecman, founder of [The Perecman Firm](#), one of New York's civil rights violation law firms, noted.

“In New York there are many groups of people that disagree on political, social, or religious issues. Hate crimes are never a justifiable response to perceived differences. In a city as diverse as New York,” civil rights violation lawyer Perecman said, “understanding is important and standards of civility must be heightened.”

The hate crime total included 460 crimes against people and 239 against property. The majority of reported hate crimes against people were simple assault and intimidation crimes based on racial, ethnic, religious, and sex biases. Property destruction, damage or vandalism accounted for the majority of crimes against property.

“All hate crime is unacceptable. [Hate crimes](#) hurt individuals and the community as a whole,” said Perecman, a [New York civil rights violation lawyer](#) for over 30 years.

The most commonly reported types of bias motivation in hate crime incidents involved race or ethnicity, followed by religion and sexual orientation.

Hate crimes represent a small fraction of all crimes reported to the police in New York.

The agency noted 97 offenders were convicted of hate crimes, with 36 percent incarcerated and 9 percent receiving probation.

New York civil rights violation lawyers understand [New York State law](#) classifies a hate crime as one that involves threats, harassment, destruction, damage, or physical harm and is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias against someone's race, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation or physical or mental disability. In New York, a hate crime, also known as a [bias crime](#), is a criminal offense.

It is essential to prevent [hate crimes and other civil rights violations in New York](#). Civil rights violation lawyers at The Perecman Firm encourage victims of hate crimes to [contact them](#).

“Victims of hate crimes, with support from local law enforcement, should come forward and [report hate crimes in New York](#),” civil rights violation lawyer Perecman said.

About David Perecman and The Perecman Firm, PLLC:

For the past 30 years, the New York civil rights violation, gender discrimination, age discrimination, and elder abuse lawyers at The Perecman Firm, PLLC have handled all types of cases including civil rights violations. David Perecman, founder of the Firm, is a Board Director and the past Secretary and Treasurer of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association (NYSTLA) and a chair of its Labor Law Committee. Mr. Perecman's achievements have brought him recognition as an Honoree in the National Law Journal's Hall of Fame, in New York Magazine's "The Best Lawyers in America" and The New York Times Magazine "New York Super Lawyers, Metro Edition" for the years 2007-2010.

The Firm has recovered millions of dollars for its clients. Among the more recent victories, Mr. Perecman won a \$15 million verdict* for a construction accident, a \$5.35 million dollar verdict** for an automobile accident, and a and a \$40 million dollar structured settlement for medical malpractice****.

*later settled while on appeal for \$7.940 million

** later settled for \$3.5 million

*** later settled for \$90,000.00

**** total potential payout

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