

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

94% White Offender

64% = 38%

Official Hate Crime Charges



Firearm Usage

88%

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.

1990

Appellee, TX: 2 men chase

and beat a man

1992

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

TIMELINE OF **ATTACKS**

Fall River, MA: Cambodian Olympia, WA: 2 men stab man beat to death and beat an Asian man with a concrete block

1995

1993

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

1996

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

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

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

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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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