



NATIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE 2004 REPORT ON ANTI-LESBIAN, GAY, TRANSGENDER & BISEXUAL VIOLENCE

(Figures are same-area comparisons for 2003-2004)

- ***Increase in the Number of Reported Incidents*** **+8%**
 - ✓ Increases were reported in: Chicago (16%), Colorado (3%), Columbus (3%), Massachusetts (30%), Michigan (4%), Minnesota (71%), and San Francisco (7%).
 - ✓ Areas reporting declines in reported incidents were: Cleveland (71%), New York (2%) and Pennsylvania (13%)
 - ✓ The average rate of increase for sites experiencing increases was 19%
 - ✓ Assaults decreased overall (8%).
 - ✓ While assaults with weapons increased (14%)
 - ✓ Overall weapons use increased (40%), including increases in: ropes and restraints (29%), vehicles (60%), bottles, bricks and rocks (15%), knives and sharp objects (9%), and bats, clubs and blunt objects (21%), firearms (19%), and other weapons not categorized (100%).
 - ✓ The number of incidents attributable to organized hate groups rose 273%

- ***Increase in Victims*** **+4%**
 - ✓ The number of female victims rose 7%.
 - ✓ The number of victims that were LGBT-identified organizations rose 92%.
 - ✓ The number of victims of transgender experience fell (11%).
 - ✓ Transgender victims still comprised 11% of all victims.
 - ✓ There was a 90% rise in victims who identified themselves as bisexual.
 - ✓ And a 91% increase in the small number of victims over the age of 65.
 - ✓ Victim injury rates overall decreased 2%, but the number of victims suffering serious injuries jumped 20%. Victim hospitalization rose 5%.
 - ✓ The number of murders rose 11%, from 18 in 2003 to 20 in 2004.

- ***Increase in Offenders*** **+7%**
 - ✓ All categories of multiple offenders involved in one incident increased: 10+ (17%), 4-9 (7%), 2-3 (11%). Incidents involving only one offender also increased slightly (2%).
 - ✓ As victims experienced more hate closer to home and work, there was a substantial (32%) increase in the number of offenders with prior relationships to their victims generated by increases in offenders who were: acquaintance/friends (56%), employers/coworkers (48%), ex-lovers/partners/spouses (8%), landlords/tenants/neighbors (36%), current lovers/partners (9%), and relatives (19%).
 - ✓ The number of offenders who were strangers also fueled the overall increase in offenders by rising 15%.