



STOP AAPI HATE NATIONAL REPORT

3/19/20 – 3/31/21

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This report covers the 6,603 incident reports to Stop AAPI Hate from March 19, 2020 to March 31, 2021.¹ The number of hate incidents reported to our center increased significantly from 3,795 to 6,603 during March 2021. These new reports include incidents that took place in both 2020 and 2021.

Types of Discrimination

- Verbal harassment (65.2%) and shunning (18.1%) – i.e., the deliberate avoidance of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders – continue to make up the two largest proportions of the total incidents reported.
- Physical assault (12.6%) comprises the third largest category of total reported incidents.
- Civil rights violations – e.g., workplace discrimination, refusal of service and being barred from transportation – account for 10.3% of the total incidents.
- Online harassment makes up 7.3% of total incidents.

National Trends

- A large percentage of incidents take place in public streets and parks (37.8% of incidents) and in businesses (32.2% of incidents).
- Gender, language, and religion are cited as motivating factors for discrimination in 21.7% of incidents.
- Hate incidents reported by women make up 64.8% of all reports.
- Youth (0 to 17 years old) report 11.0% of incidents and seniors (60 years old and older) report 6.6% of the total incidents.
- Chinese individuals have reported more hate incidents (43.7%) than other race or ethnic groups, followed by Koreans (16.6%), Filipinx (8.8%) and Vietnamese (8.3%).

¹ The report excludes the incident reports that were international cases (n=63), as well as all invalid incident reports (e.g., spam reports).

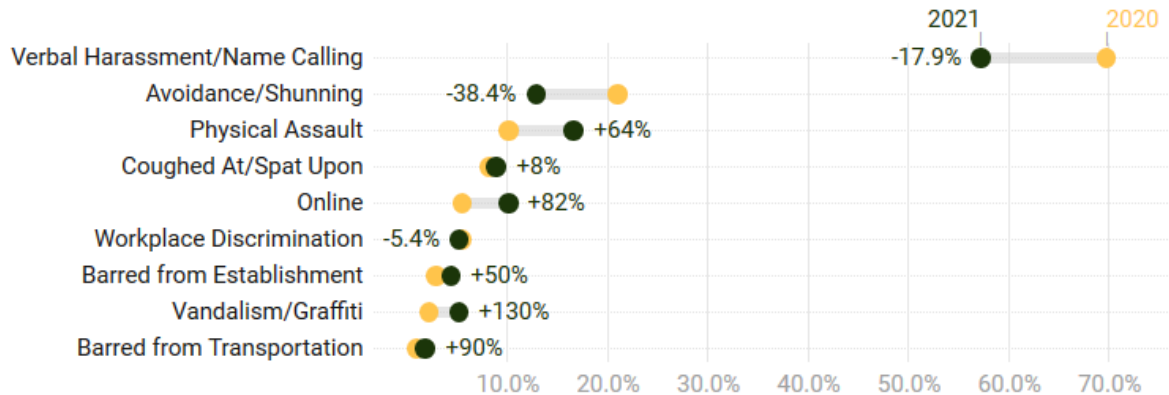
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Comparison of 2020 and 2021

- Of the 6,603 hate incident reports included in this report, 4,193 hate incidents occurred in 2020 and 2,410 of hate incidents occurred in 2021.
- Physical assaults increased from 10.2% of the total hate incidents in 2020 to 16.7% in 2021. Online hate incidents increased from 5.6% in 2020 to 10.2% in 2021.
- More incidents occurred in public streets (35.4% in 2021 compared to 26.0% in 2020), schools (9.7% in 2021 compared to 8.0% in 2020) and places of worship (1.7% in 2021 compared to 0.6% in 2020).
- More seniors (60 years old and older) reported hate incidents in 2021, increasing from 6.3% in 2020 to 7.0% in 2021.

Types of Discrimination

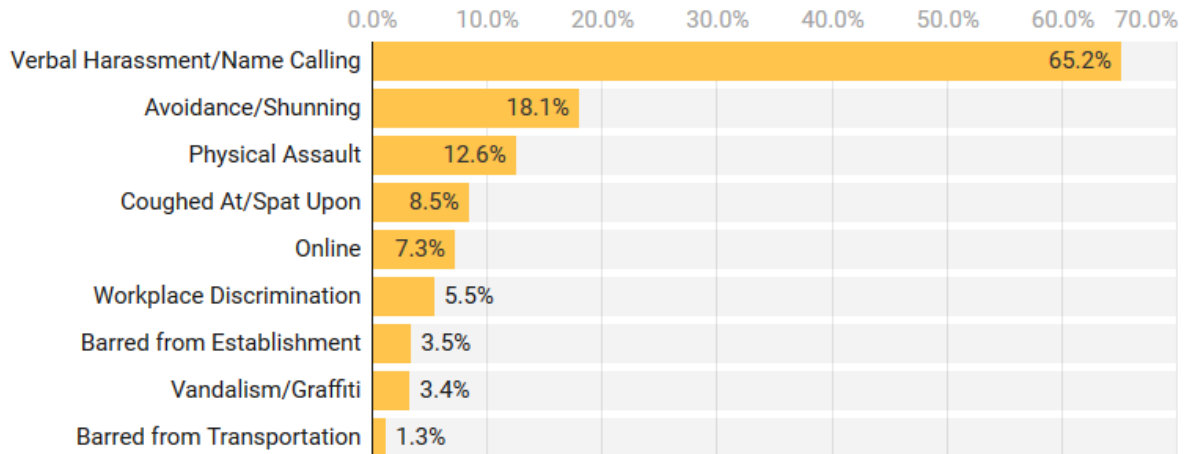
Comparison of 2020 vs. 2021 (% Change)



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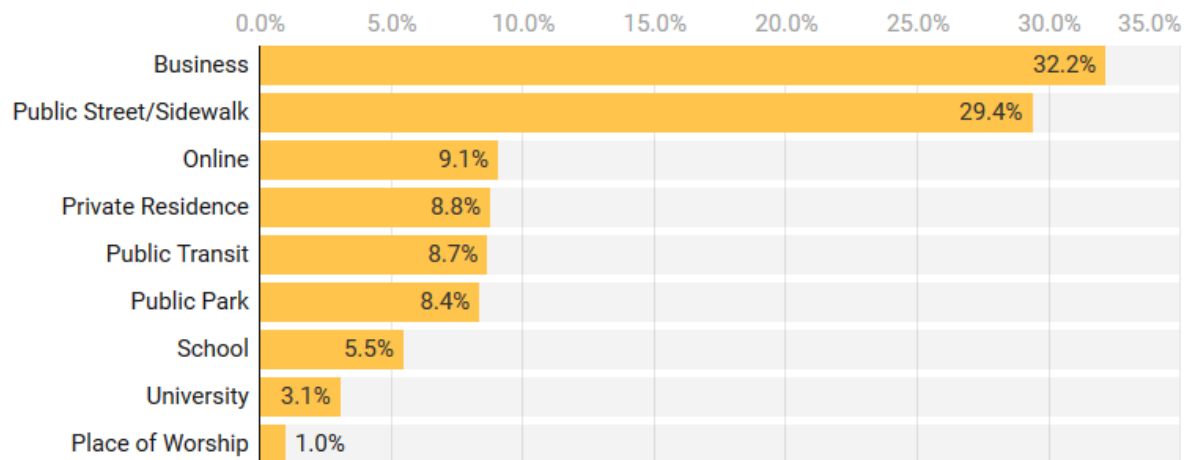
Types of Discrimination

N= 6,603



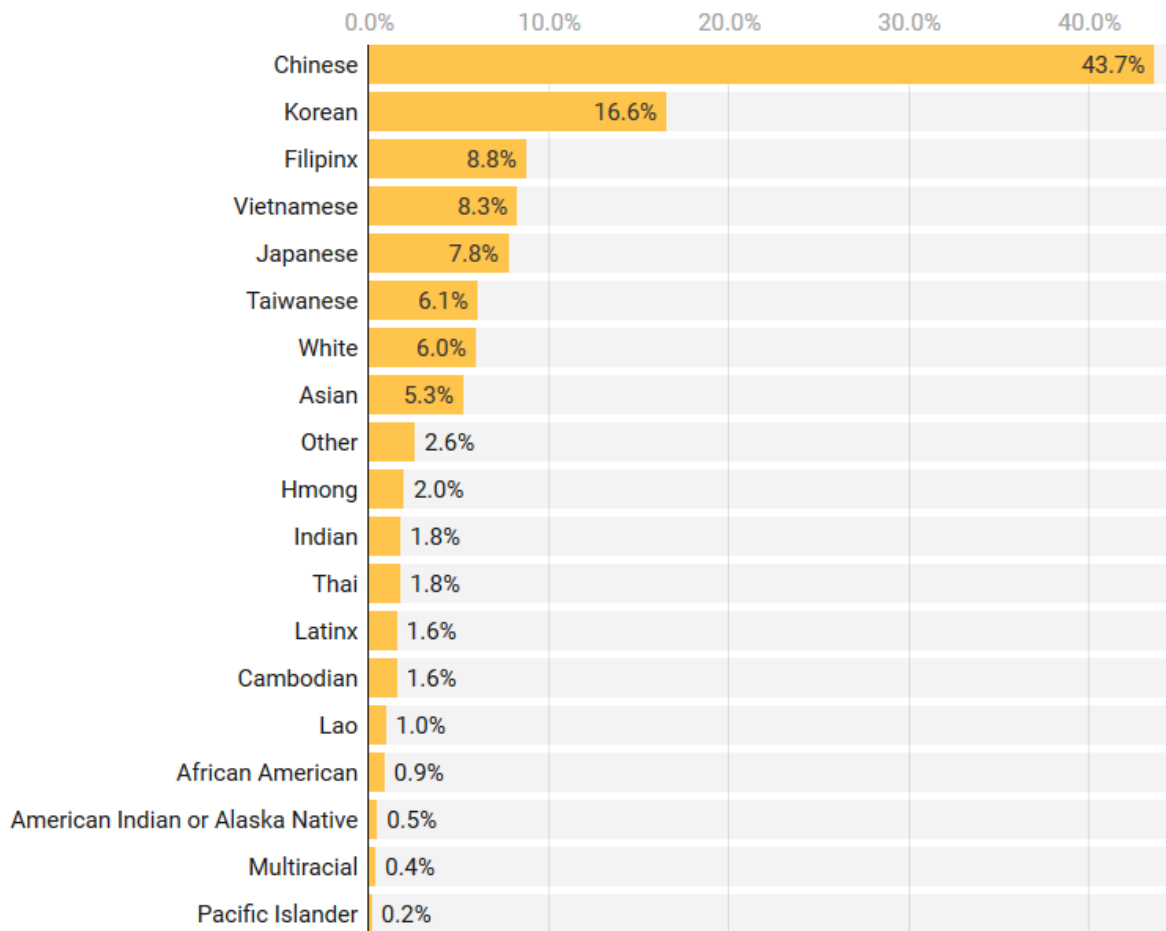
Sites of Discrimination

N= 6,603





Ethnicity of Respondents

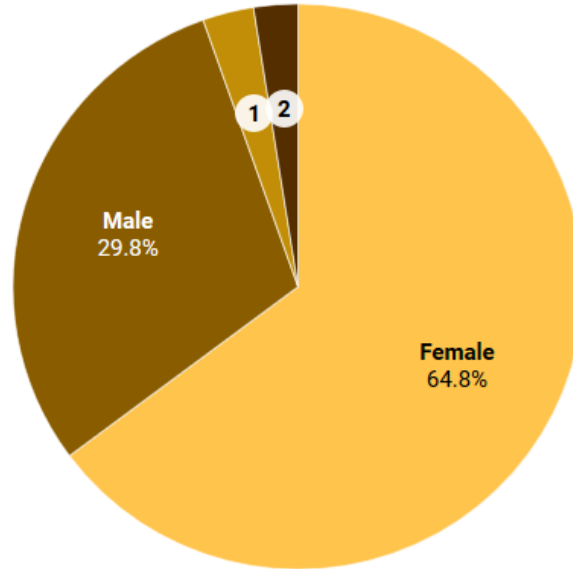


Note: Individuals who reported to Stop AAPI Hate could select multiple racial and ethnic categories. The numbers above indicate the exact categories individuals used to self-identify. Some respondents selected the category “Asian” instead of selecting a specific Asian ethnicity. Some people chose the “Multiracial” category, while others selected two or more categories to convey their multiracial heritage (e.g., “Chinese” and “White.”) The presence of non-AAPI race/ethnicity is due to reports from multiracial AAPI persons as well as non-AAPI persons reporting on behalf of others or after witnessing an incident.

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Gender of Respondents

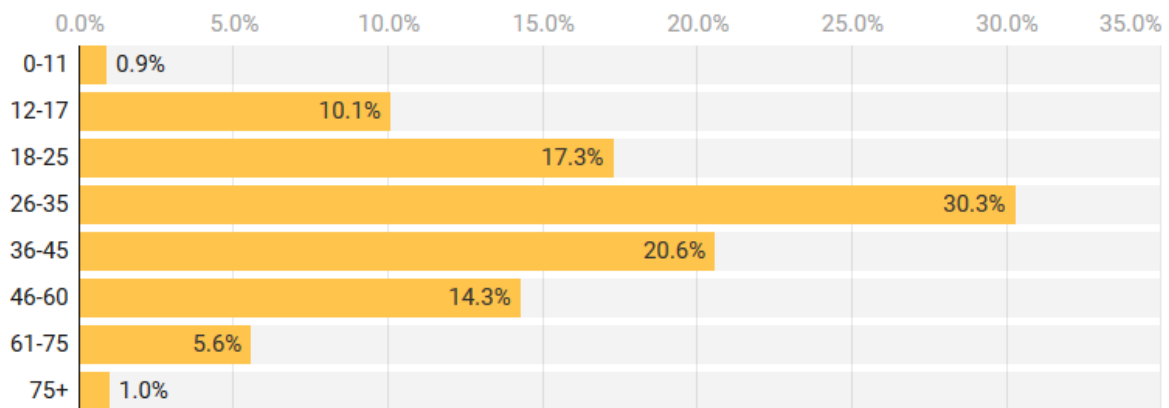
N= 6,213



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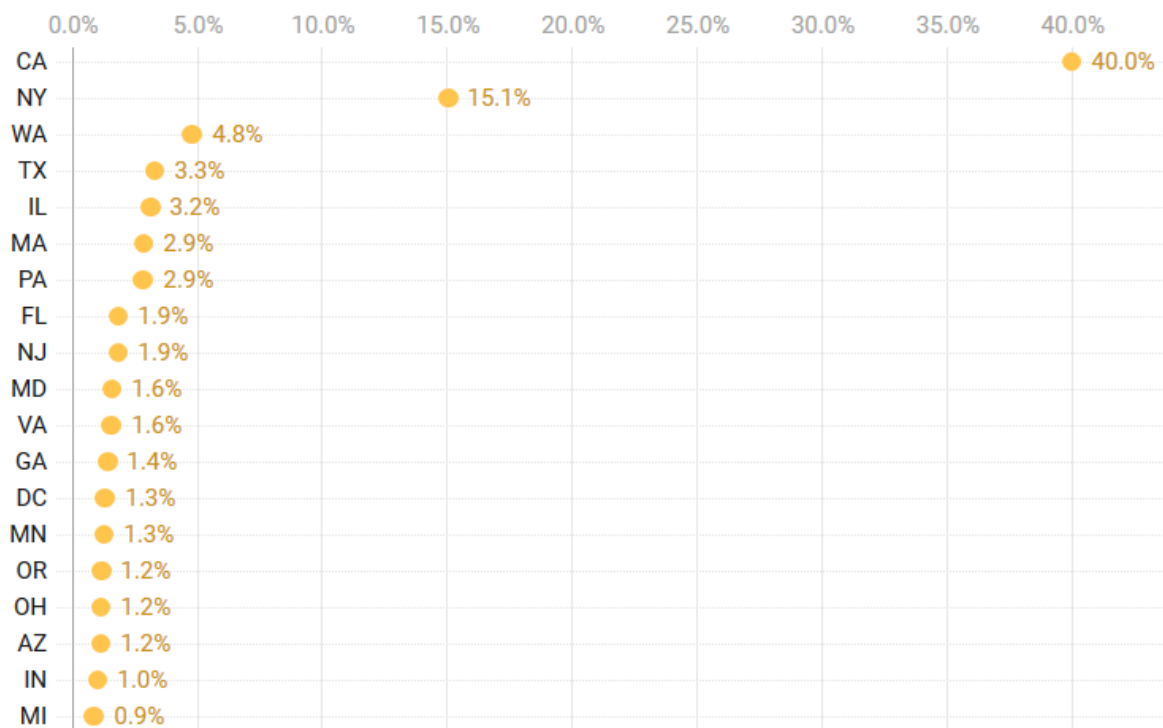
Age of Respondents

N= 5,542



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20 States with Largest Number of Hate Incident Reports





Verbal Harassment

While shopping at a local grocery, [I walked] past a gentleman who said, "Chinese Motherf***er." I continued shopping, then ran into him again in another aisle, when he said the same slur. I told him I am not from there and never been to China, and he said, "Doesn't matter – you are all the same and you are a virus." (Gilbert, AZ)

I was at the park with a friend and our young children. A large man was jogging by, lunged off the path toward me and yelled "F***** ch***!" in my face before jogging away. We were with our children and too scared to confront him, but he appeared unashamed as he jogged by again. (Riverside, CA)

I was in class, the professor was having hoarse cough symptoms. She emphasized at the time that she did not have COVID-19 because she had never been to China. I was the only Chinese student in class, and she knew that I was from China. The students began to discuss the Chinese eating bats, snakes, and dogs. The teacher didn't stop it. [Reported in Chinese] (Chicago, IL)

A little kid and kid's dad yelled "Ching Chang Chong", made the slanted-eye mockery, then stuck their tongue out to me, my husband and my friend; then ran away. [Reported in Korean] (Madison, WI)

Shunning / Avoidance

After COVID cases were announced...my kids told me that they have been getting picked on for being Asian at school. Students would comment out loud that my kids had the coronavirus and that everyone should stay away from them. It continued until schools were officially closed. When we would go out, we were knowingly shunned where parents would pull their kids away from us if they got close. (The Woodlands, TX)

I entered the public bathroom at [a] grocery store. A white man and his son were at the bathroom [and] when [the] white man saw me, he said "Sh*t, there is an Asian coming!" He called his son, and quickly escaped the bathroom. (West Lafayette, IN)

I'm Chinese American. During this pandemic, at the mall, I was asked [by a person] to take the next following elevator because I was making her mother "uncomfortable" just by my presence, yet they allowed another Caucasian man into the elevator. Maximum capacity of the elevator was four people, yet I was excluded because of their fear of my race. (West Hollywood, CA)



Physical Assault

My mother was ordering food at a [restaurant] when a man tried to hit her in the face. She was able to avoid him, but he yelled a bunch of slurs – “Go back to China!” and “Corona!” – at her before he ran out. (Northridge, CA)

My elderly mother (65 years old) was waiting for the subway. Someone tried to push her off the platform down into the train tracks. She screamed and a fellow bystander chased off the perpetrator. The good samaritan stood nearby my mom until she boarded the train safely. (Boston, MA)

I was at lunch and an Asian kid was spit at and called names, “Ching Chong, slant, ch***.” Another kid came and slapped him on the back of the head. (Scott, LA)

My boyfriend and I were walking back home through the back alleyway attached to our complex. Two white men, who park back there and live nearby, tried to hit us with their car. We jumped out of the way and they missed us by inches. They then stopped and yelled out of the window at us “Go back to China!” three times along with profanity. (Beverly Hills, CA)

Online

I was playing League of Legends with some friends on a call. One of my friends kept yelling racial slurs at my friend who is Chinese and me. He kept saying things like “You f***ing ch***!” or “dog eater!” and asking if we have the virus. (Stockton, CA)

A random person messaged me on Facebook. They used slurs against me and against my Asian husband calling him “an almost Black ch***” and saying we should both be hung. (Dilworth, MN)

I was in the middle of a Zoom presentation at [an event] when two people hacked into the Zoom room and started disrupting my presentation with barely intelligible remarks. They were kicked out but not before entering into the Zoom Chat: “CHING CHONG. ASIANS DESERVES TO BE KILLED.” And then: “lol.” (Culver City, CA)



Coughed / Spat On

I was at work, minding my own business and using the restroom, when one customer came up to me. As I turned around, he caught a glimpse of my eyes and began with the racial slurs. Eventually, as I was leaving, the customer spat on me. He even said things such as "Go home and take the COVID with you." (Muskegon, MI)

[I was] crossing the street in San Francisco when a man crossing from the opposite direction approached me, pulled down his mask, yelled at me, "Go back to your country!" and spit on my face before taking off. (San Francisco, CA)

I was eating and talking on the phone in Chinese when a man came up to me, called me a "Ch***" and spit on me. (Oklahoma City, OK)

Barred from Establishment / Refusal of Service

I was at a gas station with my father. I was trying to buy some gum until a person told me, "Kid, you're a virus, go back to Asia, you Asian b****." (Fayetteville, AK)

The worker at the store called out Asian people and refused to ring them up. Any item I grabbed he said he was reserving for himself. He also called me "Yellow ch***." (Alhambra, CA)

We received discriminatory, targeted poor service at [a restaurant]. We were the only Asian party there. The server mocked us by imitating an Asian language, purposefully grated a pile of parmesan cheese over my friend's lap, and hovered over her when delivering her check, invading her personal space when she was sitting alone and vulnerable. The other parties in the restaurant were treated warmly and with welcoming attention. We were explicitly ignored throughout the duration of our lunch. (New York, NY)

[I] arrived early for a group fitness class, waited and was [among] the first ten to enter the room. The instructor kicked me out and said "not for ch***y eyes." (New York, NY)



Workplace Discrimination

Two physicians [were] discussing the origin of the virus and calling it the "China virus" in front of the rest of the staff in the hospital. Also, there is harassment/discrimination against Asian healthcare workers in certain departments of the same hospital. (Carmel, CA)

I was discriminated against by my own bosses and coworkers, along with customers. I was being told to "go back to my country," or that I would "give them" COVID. I would even get death threats from customers, and they would tell me to kill myself and/or they would kill me. (Santa Maria, CA)

While working as a cashier, without provocation, a customer told me to, "Go back to your country." He did so in a nasty way. I was afraid for my safety and job. I reported it to my supervisor. He did nothing and did not know what to do. This was the 6th time this happened to me where customers were harassing me for just being an Asian. (Cranston, RI)

Vandalism / Graffiti

I've lived in the [neighborhood] over a decade and never seen any graffiti targeting Asians. I have shopped at this [drug store] since the opening of the location, but in my recent trip last week I found the offensive graffiti, "NO ASIAN PARKING" in the parking garage. I notified the drug store management too. (Seattle, WA)

"GTFO my state pedophilia asian b****" was written on a convenience store wall on my street multiple times. (San Jose, CA)

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[Stop AAPI Hate](#) is a national coalition addressing anti-Asian racism across the U.S. The coalition was founded by the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council (A3PCON), Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA) and San Francisco State University's Asian American Studies Department. Between March 19, 2020 and March 31, 2021, Stop AAPI Hate has received 6,603 reported incidents of racism and discrimination targeting Asian Americans across the U.S. Visit stopaapihate.org.



The [Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council](#) (A3PCON) is a coalition of more than forty community-based organizations that serve and represent the 1.5 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the greater Los Angeles area, with a particular focus on low-income, immigrant, refugee and other vulnerable populations.



[Chinese for Affirmative Action](#) (CAA) was founded in 1969 to protect the civil and political rights of Chinese Americans and to advance multiracial democracy in the United States. Today, CAA is a progressive voice in and on behalf of the broader Asian American and Pacific Islander community. We advocate for systemic change that protects immigrant rights, promotes language diversity, and remedies racial and social injustice.



[SF State Asian American Studies](#) (AAS) is the oldest and largest such academic program in the nation. Founded after the 1968-69 Black Student Union and Third World Liberation Front student strike, it maintains the strike's values of student activism, social justice, and community self-determination.