

STOP ANTI-ASIAN RACISM

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VICTIMS IN THE ATLANTA-AREA SHOOTINGS

Daoyou Feng, 44

Xiaojie Tan, 49

Hyun Jung Grant, 51

Paul Andre Michels, 54

Yong Ae Yue, 63

Suncha Kim, 69

Soon Chung Park, 74

2021 ATLANTA SPA SHOOTINGS

On March 16, 2021, a series of racist and misogynist shootings occurred in Atlanta, Georgia, United States. Eight people were killed - including six Asian women.

**ANTI-ASIAN RACISM IS VERY
MUCH ALIVE IN CANADA TOO**

REPORTS SHOW ANTI-ASIAN RACISM RISING IN CANADA. HOWEVER, ANTI-ASIAN RACISM DIDN'T START WITH COVID-19, CANADA HAS A LONG HISTORY OF SYSTEMIC RACISM.

By March 23, 2021, more than **1,000** occurrences of racism against Asian Canadians since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a report released by the Vancouver Police Department, anti-Asian hate crimes increased by **717** per cent from 2019 to 2020.

The Ottawa Police Service reported that while overall hate crimes were up by approximately 57 per cent, hate crimes against East Asian and Southeast Asian people were up **600** per cent from 2019.

Canada's history of discriminatory barriers to Asian settlement, labour, political engagement and social participation:

- *Racial Segregation of Asian Canadian (19th and early 20th century)*
- *Chinese Head Tax (Between 1885 and 1923)*
- *Komagata Marun (1914)*
- *Internment of Japanese Canadian (Second World War)*
- *SARS in Canada (2003)*



“One Chinese worker died for every mile of track laid through the Rocky Mountains”

COVID-19 ANTI-ASIAN RACISM IN CANADA

A NATIONAL PICTURE



600+ INCIDENTS OF ANTI-ASIAN RACISM REPORTED TO ELIMIN8HATE.ORG & COVIDRACISM.CA, SINCE THE ONSET OF COVID-19

NEARLY **30%** OF INCIDENTS ARE **ASSAULT**

[Targeted Coughing, Spitting, Physical Violence]
REPRESENTING A **50% INCREASE** IN ASSAULTS SINCE EARLY 2020

WOMEN CONTINUE TO BE **DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED**

REPORTING OF ALL INCIDENTS **60%**

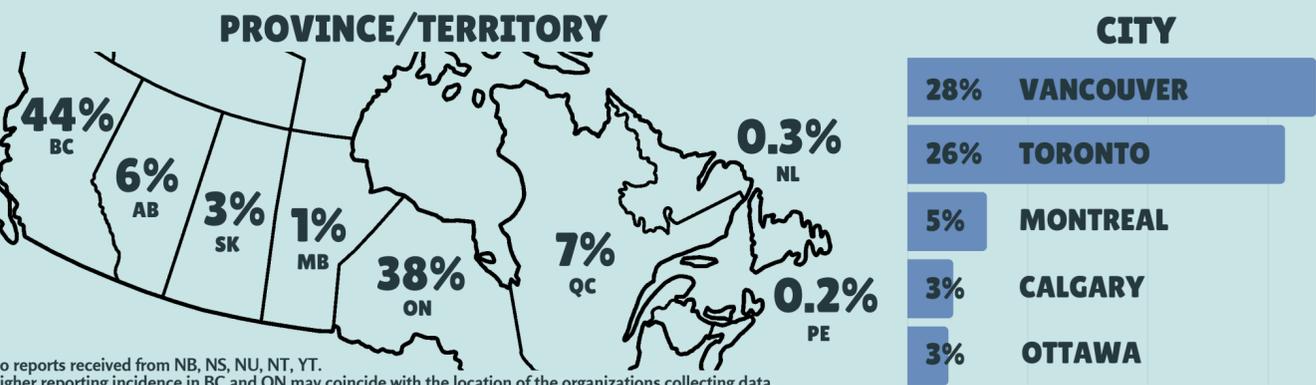
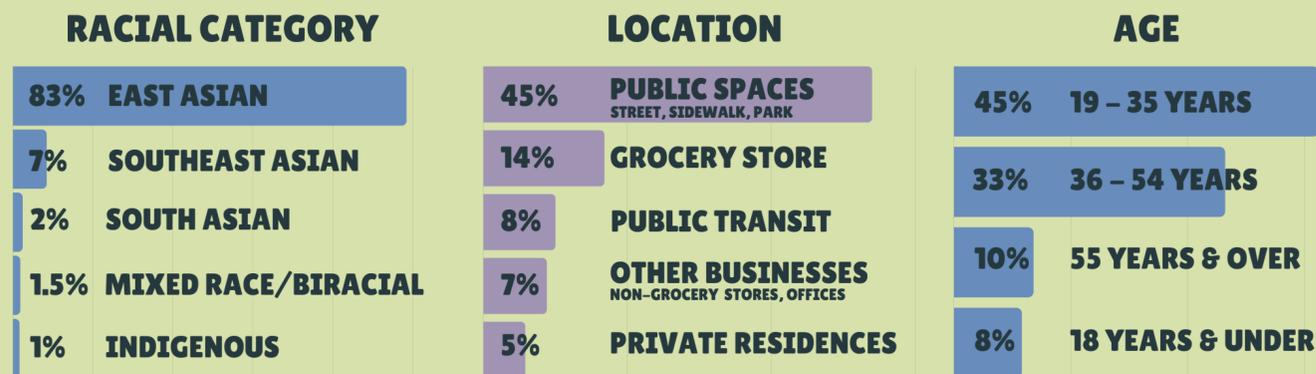
VERBAL HARASSMENT

[Name-calling, Racial slurs, Threats, Swearing]

IS THE MOST COMMON TYPE OF DISCRIMINATION

INCLUDED IN OF ALL REPORTS **65%**

HIGHEST REPORTED INCIDENTS BY:



No reports received from NB, NS, NU, NT, YT.
Higher reporting incidence in BC and ON may coincide with the location of the organizations collecting data.

NATIONAL COLLABORATION OF DATA COLLECTION ON ANTI-ASIAN RACISM (SEPTEMBER 2020)

Source: Project 1907

- Rising anti-Asian racism, especially toward **women**
- More than half of the incidents happened out **in public**, such as public street, sidewalk, grocery store, public transit
- **Lack of data** from Halifax/Nova Scotia

WHY HATE CRIME DATA CAN'T CAPTURE THE TRUE SCOPE OF ANTI-ASIAN VIOLENCE

Source: CNN Article by [Priya Krishnakumar](#)

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/03/18/us/hate-crime-reporting-anti-asian-violence/index.html>

According to Halifax Regional Police, below are the overall numbers of incidents that have been identified as being motivated by hate.

2018-13

2019-6

2020-13

2021-0

“Victims of hate crimes are often unlikely to report to the police: Longstanding distrust of law enforcement, language barriers and immigration status are all deterrents from reporting a crime.”

“Lack of data creates problems outside the coasts. In smaller cities or rural areas, that lack of resources can create a challenging feedback loop: When hate crimes are underreported, it becomes harder for advocates and civic leaders to make the case for more resources to address hate crimes.”

Source: Email correspondence from Halifax Regional Police Team



A 2020 Angus Reid study found that 43% of surveyed Canadians of Asian-descent report feeling threatened or intimidated as a direct result of COVID-19.

In other words, nearly **HALF** of Canadians of Asian descent do not feel safe in their own community.

*-Marie-Claude Landry, Ad. E.
Chief Commissioner, Canadian Human Rights Commission*

WHAT IS BEING DONE ABOUT ANTI-ASIAN RACISM

Montreal

Thousands in Montreal denounce anti-Asian racism with march, vigil



Groups honour victims of Atlanta shooting, speak out about anti-Asian racism

CBC News · Posted: Mar 21, 2021 4:00 AM ET | Last Updated: March 22



People marched through downtown Montreal on Sunday to denounce anti-Asian racism and honour the victims of shootings in Atlanta earlier in the week. (Graham Hughes/The Canadian Press)

CANADA

Rally in downtown Toronto to combat anti-Asian racism, raise awareness



By **Olivia Bowden** Staff Reporter
Sun., March 28, 2021 | 3 min. read



The Mount (MSVU)
@MSVU_Halifax

Statement on anti-Asian racism and misogyny from Interim President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Ramona Lumpkin: msvu.ca/statement-on-a...

STATEMENT ON ANTI-ASIAN RACISM AND MYSOGYNY



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ACTIONS WE CAN TAKE TO STOP ANTI-ASIAN RACISM IN HALIFAX

- Call out and challenge racism when you see it
- Amplify the Asian voices in Halifax
- Allyship and support

SUGGESTED IDEAS FOR WACH

- To recommend that the Executive Standing Committee establish dialogues with local Asian Community, immigrant and international student groups to understand the issue of anti-Asian racism;
- A statement from WACH to condemn anti-Asian racism and misogyny;
- To recommend that the Executive Standing Committee to recommend HRM to fill the gaps in anti-Asian racism data (including gender specific data);
- To recommend that the Executive Standing Committee to recommend HRM provide information resources to support Asian. For example, provide information graphic on reporting incident in different languages.

I AM NOT A VIRUS
#STOP ASIAN HATE