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SUBJECT: **2015 ANNUAL HATE/BIAS MOTIVATED CRIME REPORT**

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that this report be received as an information item by the Police Services Board for information as part of the Annual Reporting Requirements.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- The total number of Criminal Code offences reported to Peel Regional Police in 2015 was 36,797. Of these, 63 (0.17%) have been designated as hate motivated crimes.
- Reported 2015 hate crimes have increased 17.5% from 2014 (52 to 63).
- The majority of hate crime reports continue to be mischief/graffiti with 57.1%.
- Religion was the most common motivation for the hate crimes; The Christian Faith was the most targeted group being victims in 14 (22.2%) of all reported crimes.
- Violent offences were most often committed by persons between the ages of 14 and 58.
- Of the 63 reported hate crimes, 20 (31.7%) were of a violent nature, compared to 2014 with 52 reported hate crimes, 17 (32.7%) were of a violent nature.
- 15 (23.8%) of the 63 reported hate crimes resulted in charges.
- There have been no discernible divisional or geographic trends identified in reported hate crimes.

DISCUSSION

1. Background

The Diversity Relations Unit has been in existence since 1986. One of the unit's primary mandates is the monitoring of hate crime and/or racial/bias motivated incidents. Statistical

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data is analyzed to determine if there are any discernible trends relating to hate crimes within the Region of Peel.

The following report is presented in the same format from that of previous years. This format follows that of the Statistics Canada's Juristat articles on Police Reported Hate Crime. This current format allows for easier comparison of the Brampton and Mississauga experience involving hate crimes with that of the Greater Toronto area and other census areas reported in Statistics Canada Juristat articles.

The Statistics Canada Toronto metropolitan census area includes the City of Toronto, the Regions of Peel, Halton, York and parts of Dufferin County.

2. Findings

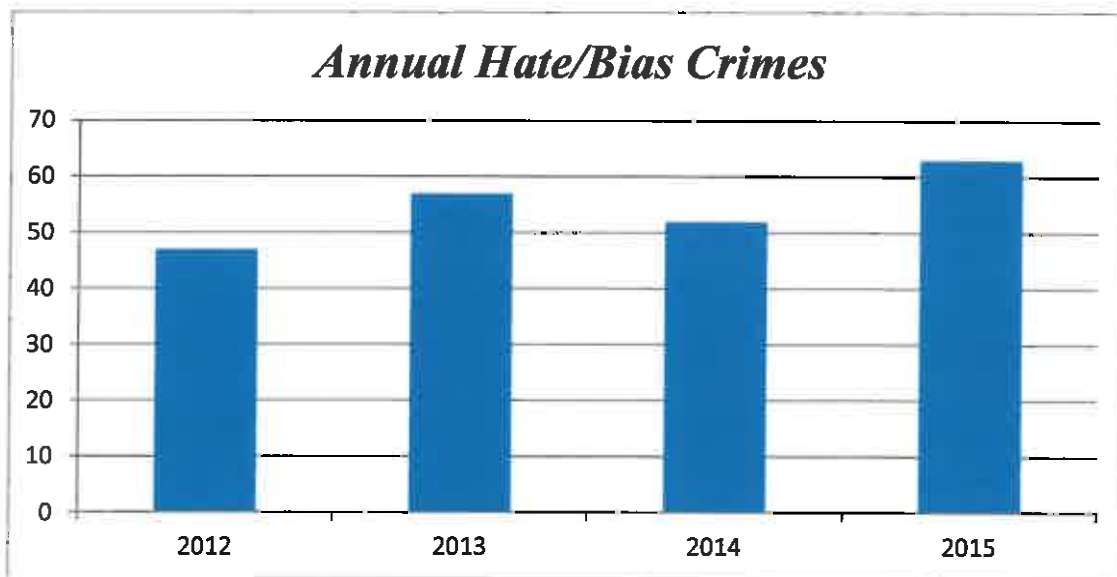
Annual Hate/Bias Crimes

During the period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015, Peel Regional Police recorded 36,797 Criminal Code offences. Of those, 63 have been designated as hate/bias motivated crimes. Hate Crime offences accounted for 0.17% of all reported criminal offences that occurred in Brampton and Mississauga.

As noted in the chart below, the number of reported hate/bias crime offences has fluctuated minutely over the past four years.

Chart 1

Police - reported hate crimes; total 2012 to 2015

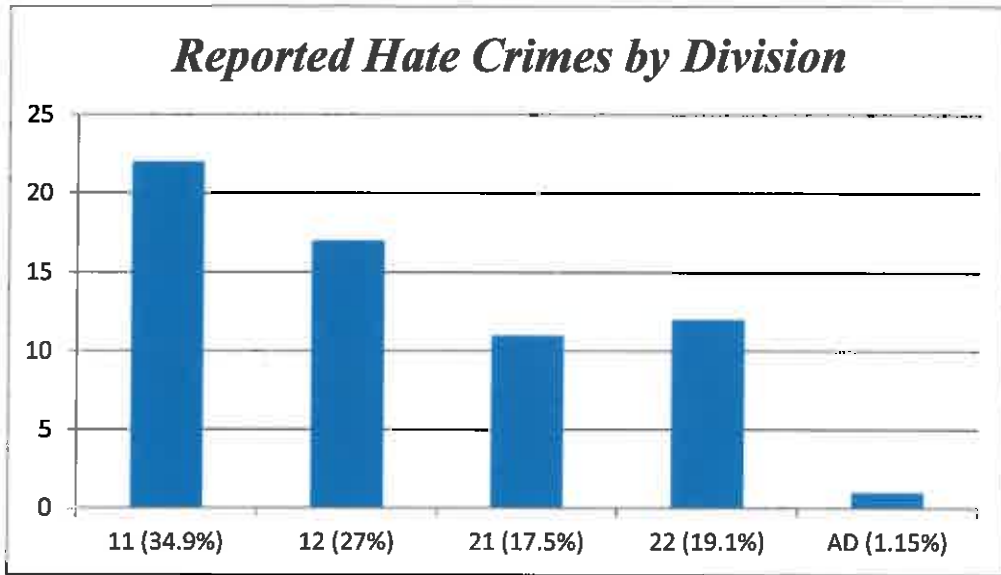


Reported Hate Crimes by Division

Hate/bias motivated crimes reported to Peel Regional Police in 2015 are broken down by Division as indicated in the chart below: 11 Division had 22 (34.9%) of the hate crimes, 12 Division had 17 (27%) of the hate crimes, 21 Division had 11 (17.5%) of the hate crimes, 22

Division had 12 (19.1%) of the hate crimes and the Airport Division had 1 (1.5%) of the hate crimes. No trend has been identified over the course of four years.

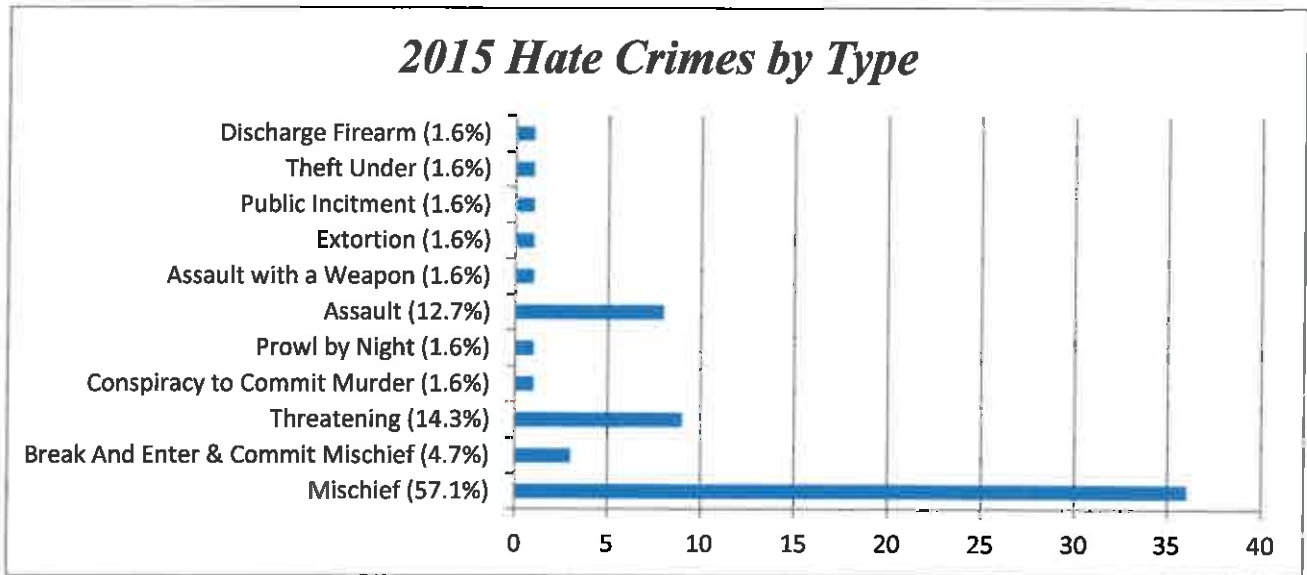
Chart 2
Police – reported hate crimes by division 2015



Hate Crimes by Type

Peel Regional Police recorded 63 occurrences of hate/bias crimes in 2015. Among these, there were 36 mischief offences (57.1%), 3 break, enter and commit mischief (4.7%), 9 threatening (14.3%), 1 conspiracy to commit murder (1.6%), 1 prowling by night (1.6%), 1 public incitement (1.6%), 1 extortion (1.6%), 8 assaults (12.7%), 1 assault with a weapon (1.6%), 1 theft under (1.6%), 1 discharge firearm (1.6%). Please note that where multiple offences occurred in one report, the most severe in the event was captured for this statistical report. Illustrated in (Chart 3) is the breakdown of hate occurrence types.

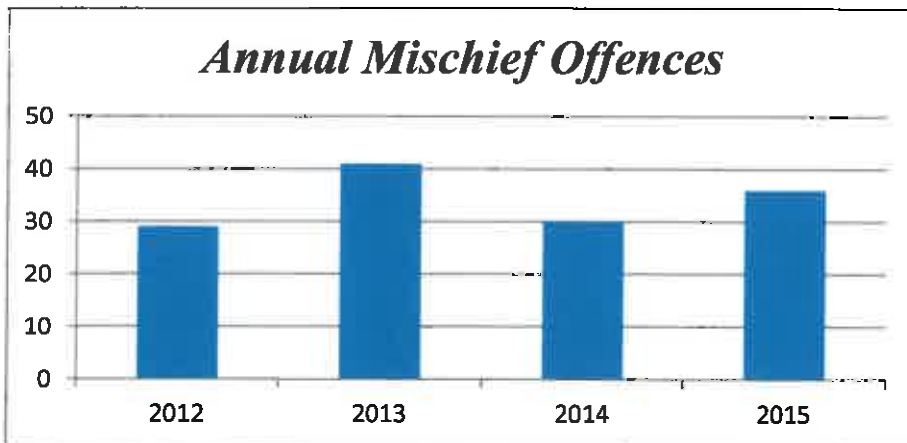
Chart 3
Police – reported hate crimes by type of offence, 2015



Mischief remains the highest reported incident type.

Of the 63 total reported incidents of hate/bias crimes in 2015, mischief accounts for 57.1% with 36 reports. Of the 36 mischief reports, 36 of them were crimes of graffiti. A year to year comparison shows that the number of crimes involving mischief has fluctuated over the last few years and has increased 16.6% from last year's 30 reported mischiefs.

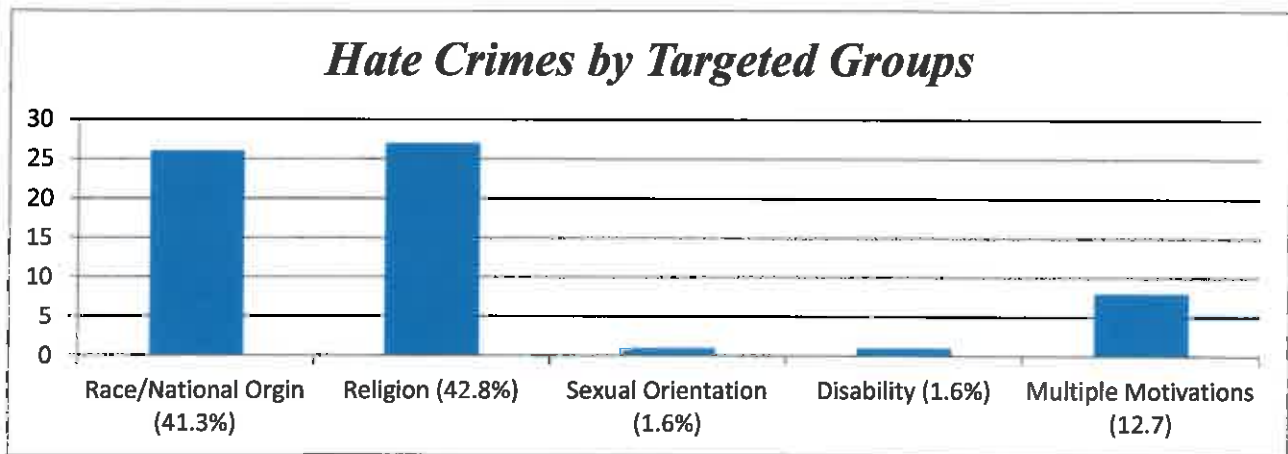
Chart 4
Police – reported hate crimes, mischief 2012 to 2015



Targeted Groups

Among the 63 hate crimes reported to Peel Regional Police in 2015, 26 (41.3%) targeted race/national origin, 27 (42.8%) religion, 1 (1.6%) sexual orientation, 1 (1.6%) disability and 8 (12.7%) had multiple motivations. This is the first year since 2011, of a reported hate crimes targeting the areas of disability. There has been an increase of reported religion targeted groups from 3 crimes in 2014 to 27 crimes in 2015 (88%).

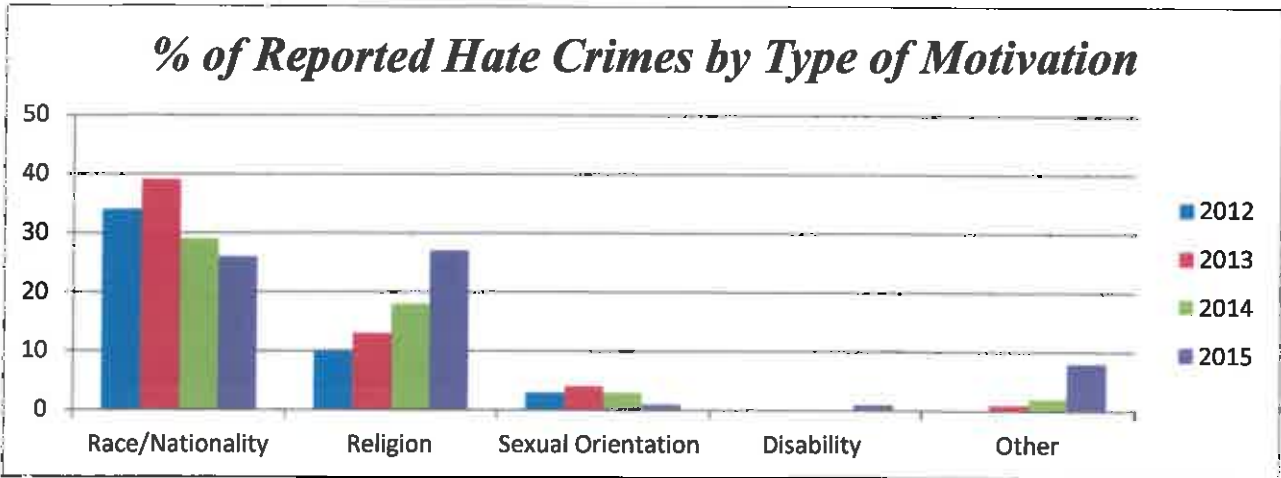
Chart 5
Police – reported hate crimes, targeted groups



Religion is the most common motivation for hate crimes.

It can be noted that in 2015 there was a decrease in the total number of race/national origin motivated hate crimes; at its lowest point in a four year period. Conversely, there was an increase of hate crimes motivated by religion and has increased steadily since 2012. Included in the "other" category this year are 8 reports of crimes with multiple hate motivations. In 2 cases, the motivations included race and sexual orientation, in the remaining 6 cases, the motivation included race and religion. In 2015, religion was the primary motivating factor in hate/bias related offences at 42.8%.

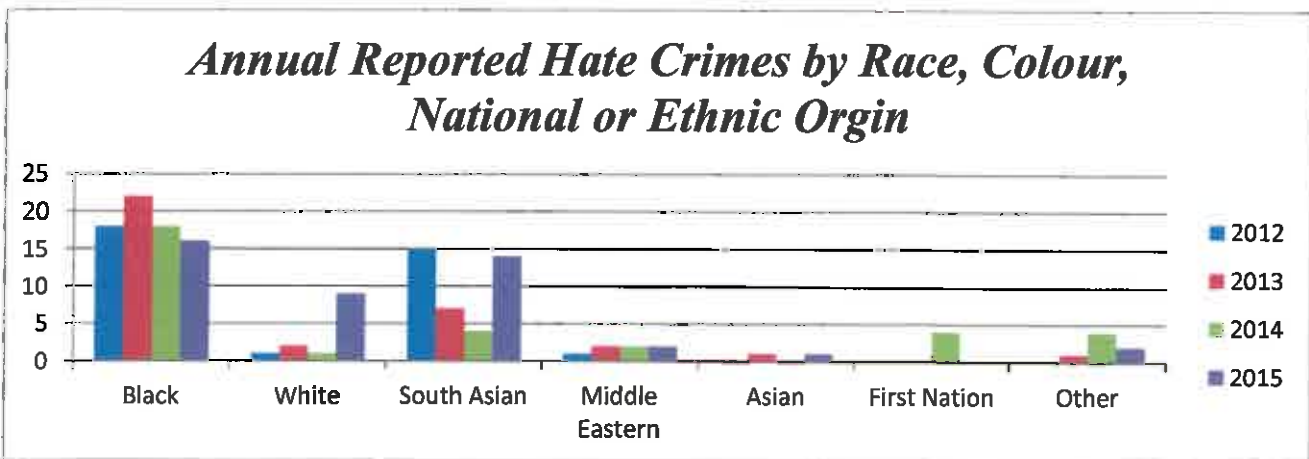
Chart 6
Police –Percentage of reported hate crimes, by type of motivation, 2012 to 2015



Type of Race/Colour/National or Ethnic Origin as Motivation for Hate Crimes

Victimization in this category has changed this year. The substantial increase is seen within the White community from 1 in 2014 to 9 crimes in 2015 (88.9%) and the South Asian community from 4 in 2014 to 14 crimes in 2015 (71.4%). The Black community decreased from 18 in 2014 to 16 crimes in 2015 (11.1%).

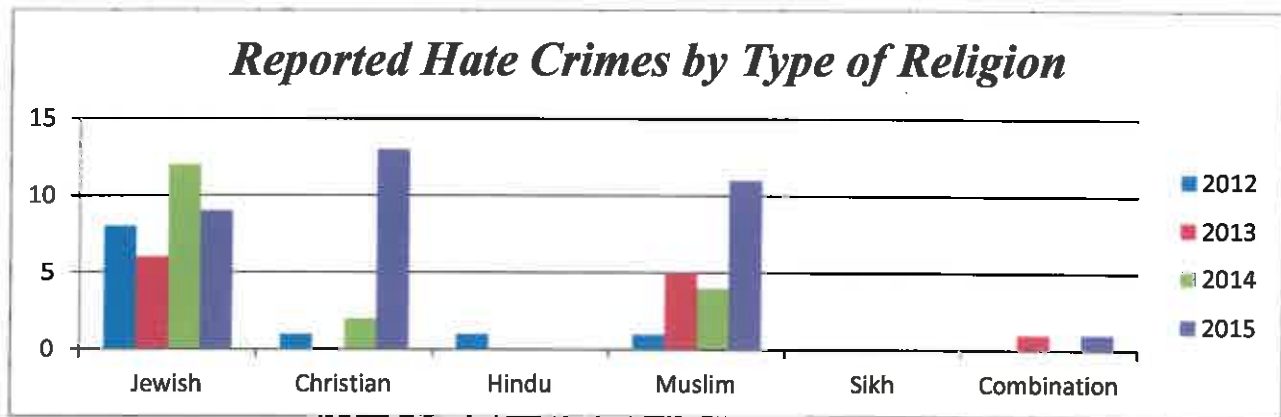
Chart 7
Police – Number of reported hate crimes, by type of race, 2012 to 2015



Type of Religion as Motivation for Hate Crimes

34 of the 63 hate motivated crimes reported to Peel Regional Police in 2015 targeted religion (54%). The highest increase was seen in the Christian community from 2 in 2014 to 13 crimes in 2015 (38.2%). The second increase was seen in the Muslim Faith from 4 in 2014 to 11 crimes in 2015 (32.4%). There was a reduction from 12 in 2014 to 9 crimes in 2015 (26.4%) against the Jewish Faith. None of the other religions were targeted this year. 1 crime was against two faiths, which were of the Muslim and Catholic Faiths.

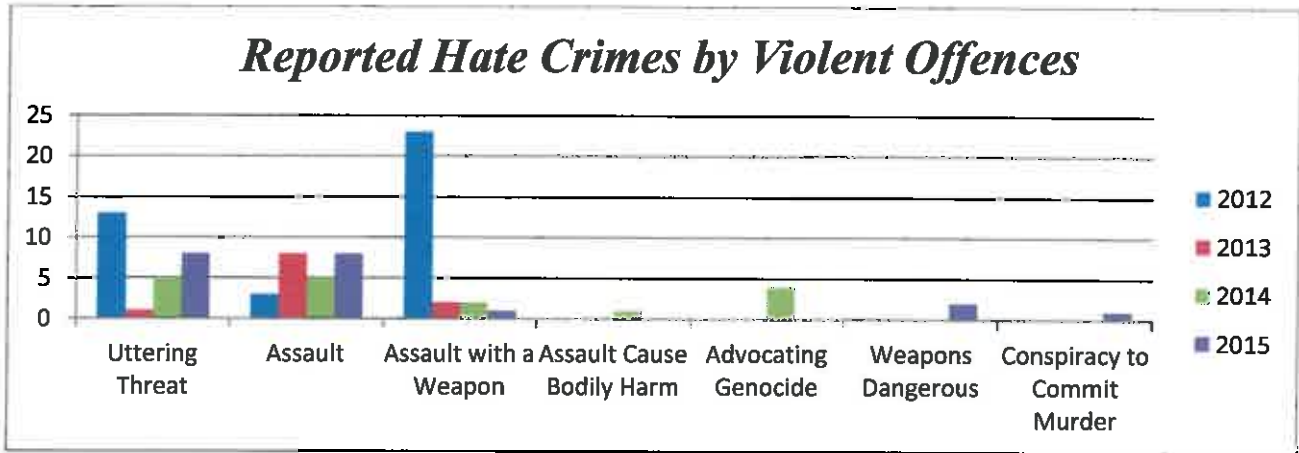
Chart 8 Police – reported hate crimes, by type of religion



Violent hate crimes

In 2015, 20 of the 63 (31.7%) hate crimes reported to Peel Regional Police involved acts of violence. The types of offences involved in this data are uttering threats (8), assault (8), assault with a weapon (1), weapons dangerous (2) and conspiracy to commit murder (1). In cases where multiple offences have taken place, the most severe is captured for this report.

Chart 9
Police – reported hate crimes, by violent offences

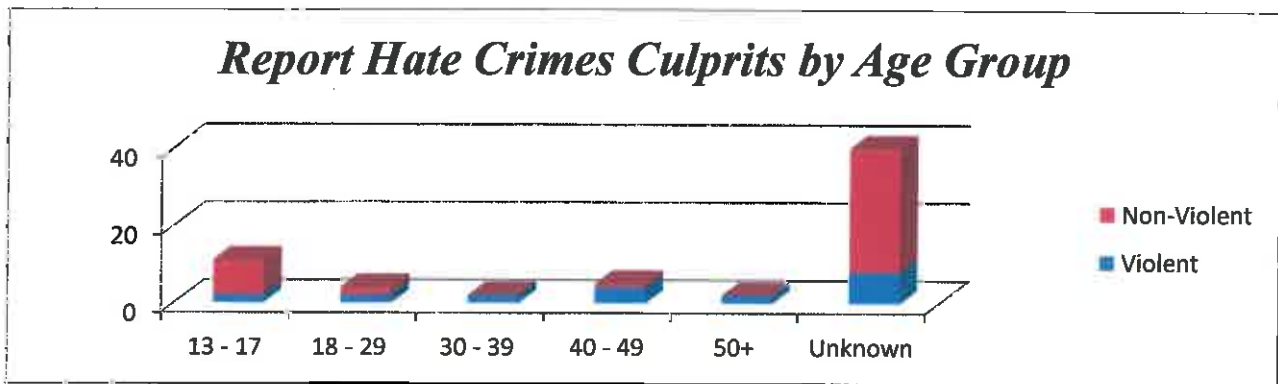


Hate crime rates highest among youth and young adults.

The 2015 hate/bias offence reports were analysed for culprit data. Various data was able to be collected in regards to 24 culprits. The following information was noted.

Violent offences were most often committed by persons between the ages of 14 and 58. Non-violent offences were committed most often by persons between the ages of 13 and 17. Of the culprit data collected, it was learned that 22 of the culprits were male, 2 were female and the rest were unknown. Of the total, 11 were between the ages of 13-17, 4 were between the ages of 18-29, 2 were aged 30-39, 5 were aged 40-49 and 2 were aged 50 or older.

Chart 10
Police – reported hate crimes culprits, by age group

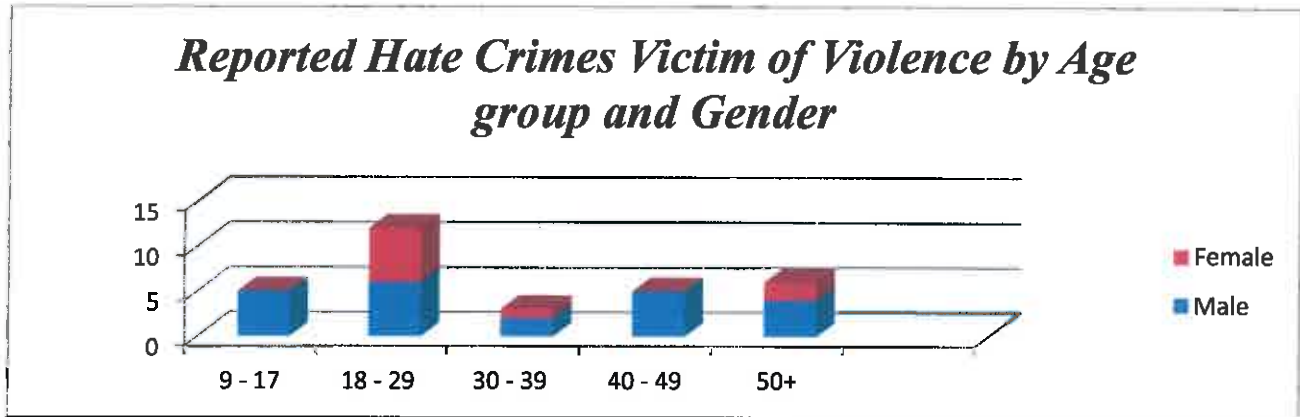


Age and gender of victim

Of the 31 victims involved in the above violent crimes, 22 were male and 9 were female. 4 of the male victims were White, 3 were Black, 13 were South Asian, 1 was Asian and 1 was of Latin descent. Of the female victims, 2 were White, 1 was Middle Eastern, 5 were South Asian and 1 was Multi-racial.

Chart 11

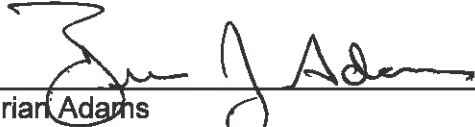
Police – reported hate crimes, victims of violence by age group and gender



CONCLUSION

In 2015, Peel Regional Police reported 63 hate crimes; a, increase of 17.5% from 2014. The 2011 census data indicates the combined population of Brampton and Mississauga is 1,237,354. Visible minorities make up over half of this total. The top three ethno-cultural groups in Peel Region according to the census remain South Asian, Black and Chinese. Based on the increasingly diverse community in Mississauga and Brampton hate/bias motivated crimes reported to police continue to be low.

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