

STOP AAPI HATE

ADDRESSING HATE ON TRANSIT TO REBUILD RIDERSHIP

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Who we are

Stop AAPI Hate is a national coalition founded in response to the escalation of anti-AAPI racism and discrimination following the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are on a mission to advance the multiracial movement for equity and justice by building power for our communities, working in solidarity with other communities of color, and advocating for comprehensive solutions that tackle the root causes of race-based hate.

We reject a reflexive overreliance on policing, prosecution, and punishment as a solution to complex social problems.



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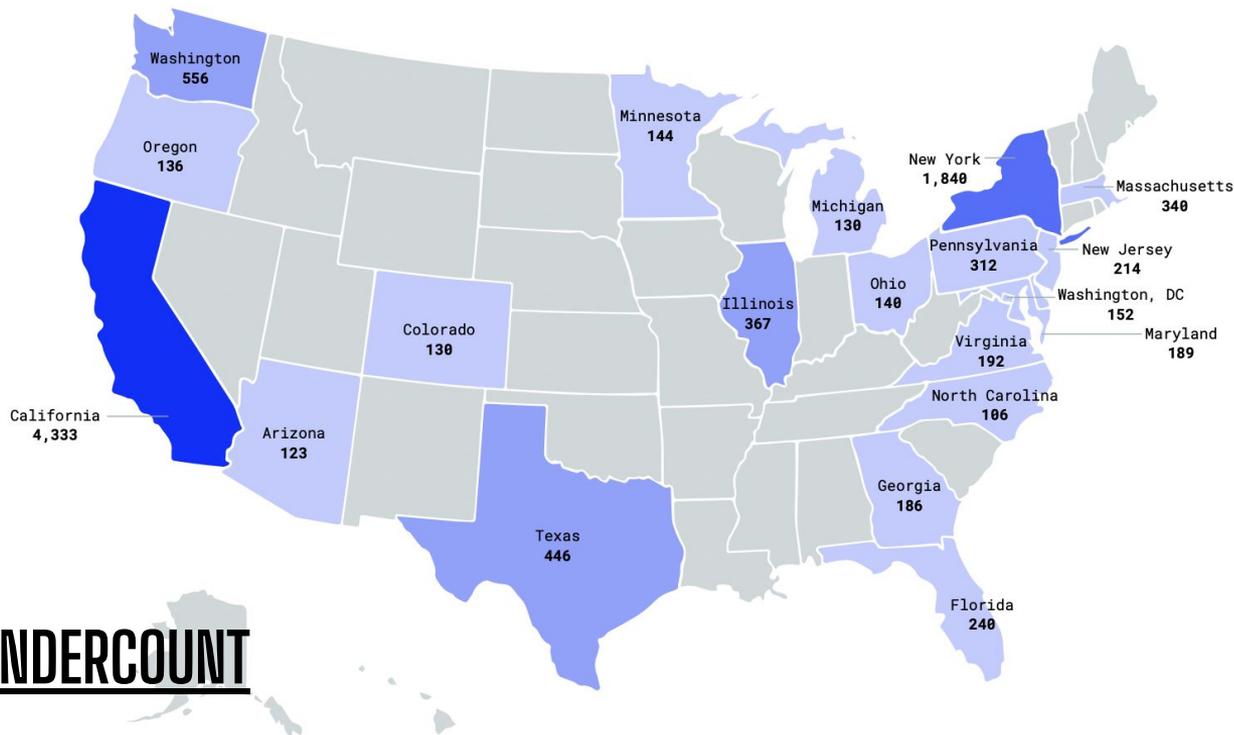


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11,000+
REPORTS OF
ANTI-AAPI HATE
FROM ALL
50 STATES + DC

20 STATES WITH LARGEST NUMBER OF REPORTED INCIDENTS

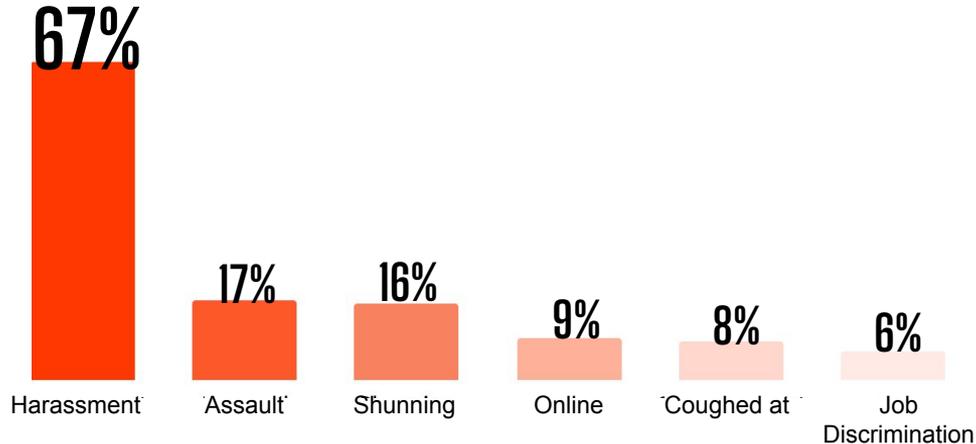
(March 19, 2020 to March 31, 2022)



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Hate takes on many forms

Since 2020, Stop AAPI Hate has documented more than 11,000 incidents of racism and other kinds of discrimination, targeting Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

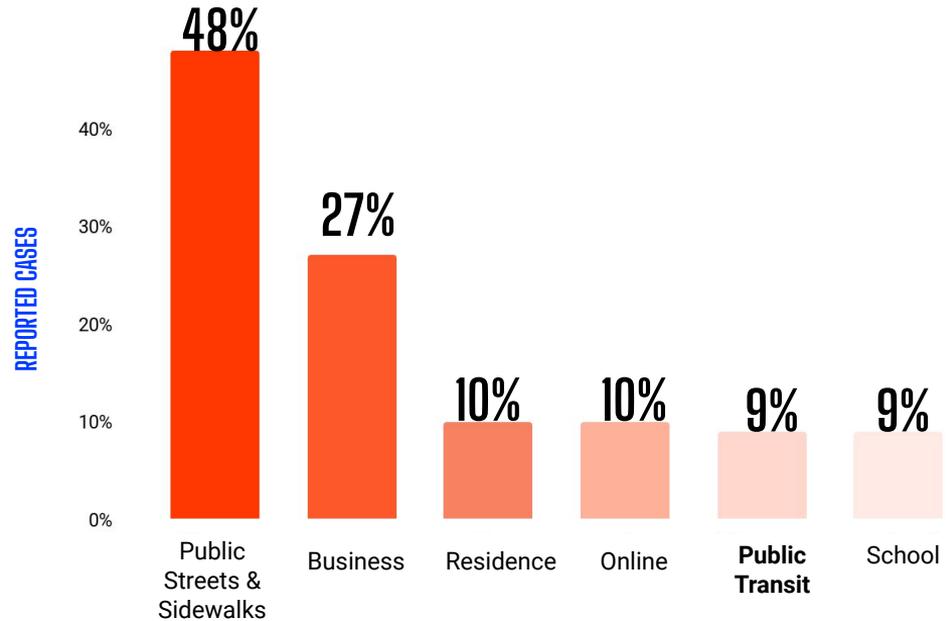


MOST COMMON FORMS OF HATE REPORTED TO STOP AAPI HATE

Source: Stop AAPI Hate National Report (2022)

Most hate occurs in public spaces

Hate incidents occur in everyday locations. **Nearly half of all incidents took place in public spaces**, including streets and sidewalks.



MOST COMMON SITES OF HATE REPORTED TO STOP AAPI HATE

Source: Stop AAPI Hate National Report (2022)

WARNING

The next slide depicts real and uncensored experiences of **anti-AAPI racism** and **harm**.

This content can be disturbing and contains racist and homophobic language. Please let me know if you prefer I not read the slurs out loud.

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What anti-AAPI racism looks like *on Bay Area transit*



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"I was verbally harassed for 10+ minutes on the MUNI bus by a man calling me a 'chink ho,' repeatedly yelling how he is happy Asian people are getting beaten up, robbed, and killed. How I deserve it. He threatened that he could easily force me to suck his dick and would forcibly prove I'm a freak."

-Woman

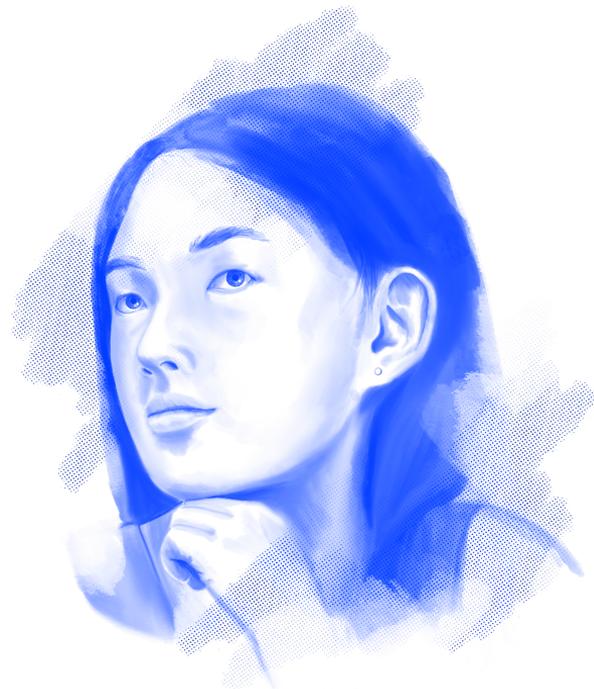
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"The dude was harassing me at the Colma BART station and called me a 'chink faggot Asian corona' and got on the same train, but wasn't satisfied and followed me car to car so I got off at Glen Park and hopped on another train my my safety and others."

-Gender Nonconforming/Nonbinary Person

Harassment on transit

- 27% of women in California experience sexual harassment on mass transit
- Girls (cis- and transgender) in San Francisco, San Jose, and Oakland report feeling unsafe on public transit due to daily harassment
- Women of color in LA report feeling more unsafe on public transit than white women
- 11% of transgender people and 9% of LGBT people with disabilities nationally avoid public transit for fear of discrimination

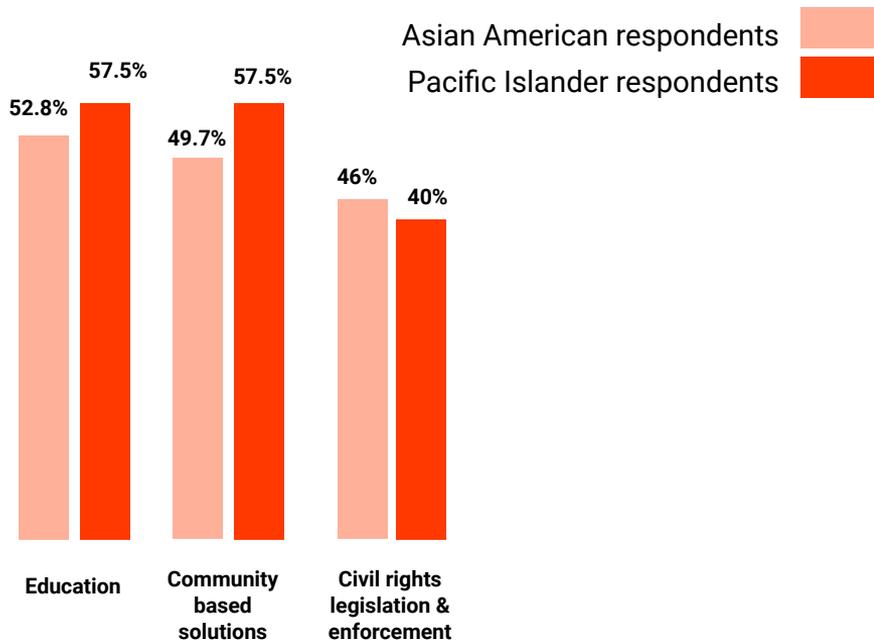


Source: UCSD Center on Gender Equity & Health; Alliance for Girls; LA DOT; Center for American Progress

How to put an end to hate

In 2021, we asked 1,000 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States what they believed was the answer to racism and discrimination affecting our communities.

Most agreed that education, community based solutions, and civil rights legislation and enforcement is the best path forward.



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California is no place for hate

The vast majority of reports to Stop AAPI Hate are of acts that are **non-criminal**

Two out of three reports involve **harassment in places open to the public**, like streets and sidewalks, public transportation, and businesses.

No Place for Hate California is a campaign to **shift the burden of being safe** from harassment away from people who are harmed and onto public agencies

In September 2022, California Governor Gavin Newsom **signed two bills into law**:

- Strengthening Customers' Civil Rights in Businesses (AB 2448)
- Increasing Safety For Public Transit Riders (SB 1161)

SB 1161 (Min) requires the Mineta Transportation Institute

01

Develop a survey tool to measure rider demographic information and experiences with safety, including street harassment, while waiting at transit stops and riding public transit

02

Consult with organizations representing subpopulations impacted by harassment and the top 10 transit agencies in California in developing the survey tool

03

Make the survey tool available on its Internet website for transit operators, which will promote consistency in the collection of data regarding harassment on public transit

SB 434 (Min) requires the top 10 transit operators in CA

- Collect qualitative and quantitative data regarding harassment as riders wait at transit stops and ride transit vehicles, and publish this data on their websites
- Conduct outreach activities with riders who are underrepresented in surveys yet impacted by harassment so that all voices are heard
- Utilize the survey tool develop by the Mineta Transportation Institute, if desired

Analyze and understand rider experiences with harassment



Develop effective ways to **respond and prevent** harassment



Bring riders back to transit

Support for SB 434 (Min)



- CBOs and advocacy organizations, including Disability Rights California, CAIR, La Raza Community Resource Center, Equal Justice Society
- California Transit Association and individual transit agencies, including SFMTA, BART, LA Metro, Orange County Transit Authority
- Cities and counties, including LA city and county, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments
- Business leaders, including Cal Chamber of Commerce, Bay Area Council
- Transit groups, including TransForm, SF Transit Riders

Civil rights & public health approach

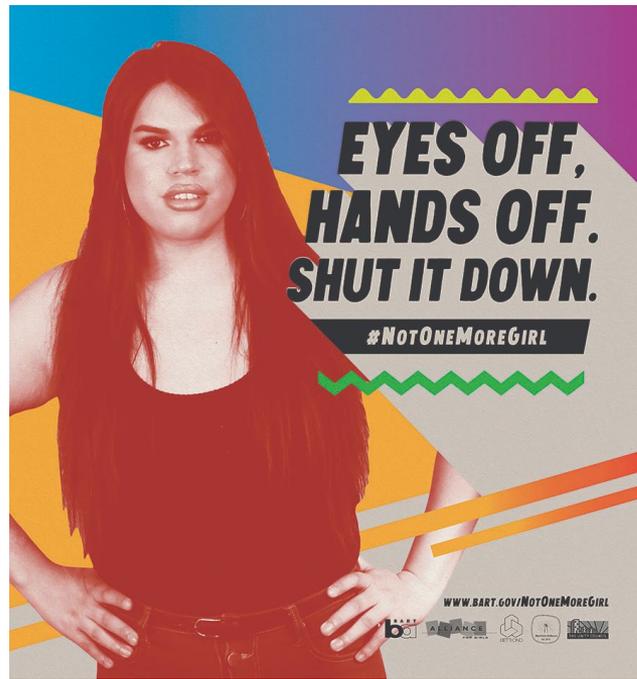
Civil rights enforcement and expansion

- CA v. Hate, DOT complaint process
- Language access in all transit services, including reporting

LA Metro's 300 new ambassadors

BART's Not One More Girl campaign

- Community-driven initiative centering girls and gender expansive youth, included:
 - Anti-harassment posters
 - Tracking sexual harassment complaints
 - Transitional age youth on hiring panels for Transit Ambassadors & Crisis Intervention Specialists
- Encouraging results
 - 5% fewer riders saying they have experienced gender based harassment
 - 65% of riders are more aware of sexual harassment
 - 59% of riders know what to do if they see harassment
 - 45% of riders feeling safer after learning about initiative



Source: BART

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Thank you for listening!

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