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Reported antisemitic incidents have risen 570% since 2015

MILWAUKEE — Wisconsin’s number of reported antisemitic incidents rose again for the 8th consecutive year, marking a cumulative increase of 570% since 2015, according to the [2023 Audit of Antisemitic Incidents](#) released today by the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. There was a 13% uptick in reported antisemitic incidents between 2022 and 2023, including a 257% increase in harassment and assaults.

The report, which also reflects a 433% increase in Jewish institutions being targeted, will be discussed at the JCRC’s annual meeting on June 27. The [annual meeting](#) is being headlined by Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson.

According to report findings, the terrorist attack by Hamas on Israel had a direct impact on the rise of antisemitic incidents in Wisconsin, such as those on college campuses: 64% of incidents occurred post-October 7.

2023 by the numbers:

- Harassment/Threats/Assaults: +257% increase
- Holocaust/Nazi References: +51% increase
- Jewish Institutions targeted: +433% increase
- Youth Involvement: +100% increase
- Conspiracy Theories: -40% decrease
- Expression: -24% decrease

“Antisemitism is hatred against members of the Jewish community because of an immutable characteristic of identifying as a Jew,” said Roberta S. Clark, director of MJF’s Jewish Community Relations Council. “It is disheartening to see the continued rise in antisemitic incidents. The large increase in incidents since the October 7 terrorist attack against Israel has had negative implications around the world, including in our state. Our JCRC’s work confirming this information is needed to help us educate and advocate not only for the State of Israel and its right to exist as the Jewish homeland, but for all Jews throughout the world.”

Each reported incident is corroborated and reviewed. The audit is reviewed by the JCRC's Antisemitism & Constitutional Law Task Force and the JCRC Board before the final approval process of the JCRC Community Council. The final audit is based on 114 reported and corroborated incidents that devastatingly reflect the eighth consecutive year of elevated incidents.

"We continue to be alarmed by the sharp rise in antisemitism, but we are heartened by the many in Wisconsin who have reached out and asked to understand how they can support the Jewish community and combat antisemitism," said Miryam Rosenzweig, president and CEO of Milwaukee Jewish Federation. "We know that antisemitism often appears differently than other forms of hate and therefore goes unnoticed and unchecked. Therefore, we are committed to providing support to schools, businesses, and organizations to help educate on the shape-shifting antisemitism and how it looks today, an overview of Jewish identity, history and antisemitism for DEI professionals, and tools for businesses and schools to respond to their employees and students when addressing antisemitic incidents.

The JCRC works year-round to respond to and prevent incidents through ongoing interfaith and intercultural relations, ongoing efforts fighting bigotry against all people and corporate DEI talks. The organization strongly encourages individuals and institutions to report all incidents, and ensures full confidentiality:

- Report online: MilwaukeeJewish.org/Antisemitism
- Email: JCRC@MilwaukeeJewish.org
- Call: 414-390-5724

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The Jewish Community Relations Council of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation envisions a just community that reflects American and Jewish values. The mission is to speak as the representative of the Jewish community on issues of public affairs and public policy by convening and mobilizing the Jewish community through education, advocacy, social justice, and support for Israel.