

NYC INFORMATION FROM THE 2000 REPORT ON ANTI-LESBIAN, GAY, TRANSGENDER & BISEXUAL VIOLENCE

(Figures are for 2004, compared with 2003 statistics)

➤ *Slight Increase in Reported Victims* *(from 806 to 810)*

- ✓ The number of female victims rose 18%.
- ✓ The number of transgender victims fell 6%, from 108 to 102.
- ✓ The number of victims that were LGBT-identified organizations rose 22%.
- ✓ The number of victims who identified as bisexual rose 88%, from 8 to 15.
- ✓ The number of victims who identified as heterosexual rose 4%.
- ✓ Victims who were Latino/a rose 10%.
- ✓ Victims who were of African descent rose 5%.
- ✓ The number of assaults fell 11% overall; but assaults with weapons rose 8%.
- ✓ Victim injury rates increased 5%, with serious injuries increasing 27%.
- ✓ Hospitalizations increased 23%.
- ✓ Murders increased 29%, from 7 to 9.

➤ *Small Decrease in Incidents* *-2%, (from 670 to 656)*

- ✓ Use of weapons declined 1%, from 115 instances to 114. Weapons use in all categories except knives and sharp objects (-8%), and “other” (-24%) increased: bats, clubs, blunt objects (14%), bottles, bricks, rocks (36%), (+76%), knives (+65%) and bats (+16%), firearms (22%), ropes and restraints (67%), and vehicles (100%).

➤ *Small Decrease in Offenders* *-3%, (from 1157 to 1118)*

- ✓ There were significant declines in both Latino/a offenders and offenders of African descent (26% and 20%, respectively).
- ✓ The number of offenders who were white increased 9%.
- ✓ As victims experienced more hate closer to home and work, there was a substantial (30%) increase in the number of offenders with prior relationships to their victims generated by increases in offenders who were: acquaintance/friends (74%), employers/coworkers (92%), ex-lovers/partners/spouses (11%), landlords/tenants/neighbors (29%), current lovers/partners (6%), and relatives (21%).

➤ *Victim Reporting Police Declined Slightly* *(from 252 to 250)*

- ✓ The number of cases in which officers made no arrest decreased 8%.
- ✓ The number of cases in which officers made arrests increased 44%, from 43 to 62.
- ✓ There was a 17% decrease in instances of officers refusing to take reports from victims.
- ✓ There was also a 9% decrease in cases that received bias classification.
- ✓ Generally, abuse by police was down, but there was a rise (from 4 to 9) in cases of verbal abuse by officers who used anti-LGBT epithets.