

# Crimes & Violence In The Asian American Community



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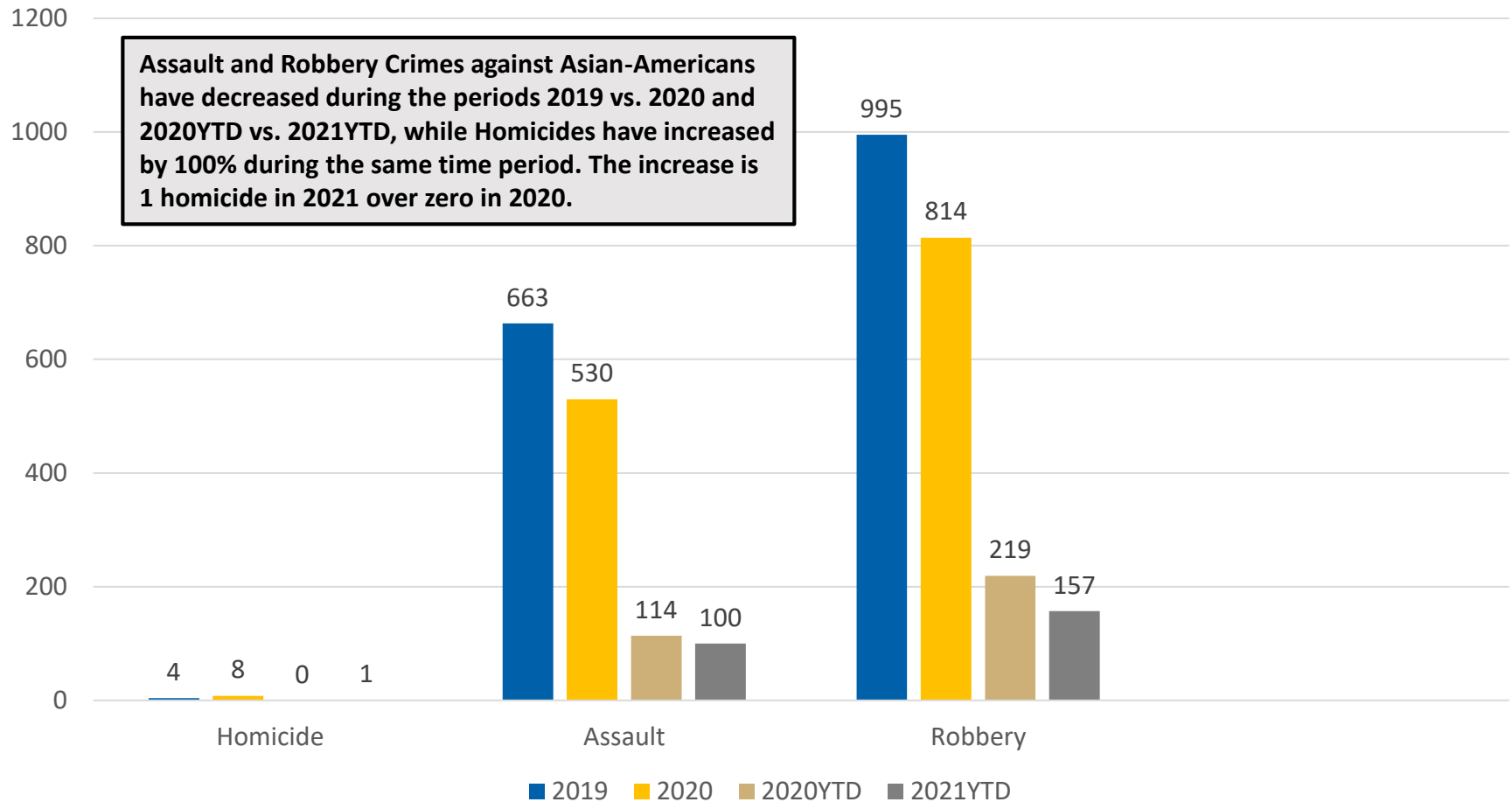
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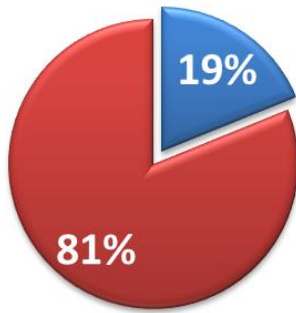
# Violent Crimes Against Asian-Americans 2019, 2020, 2021<sub>YTD</sub>



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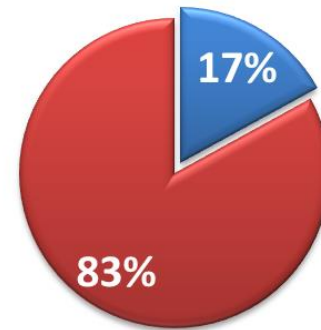
# Incidents Involving Elderly Asian Americans vs. All Elderly Victims

2019 Elderly Victims



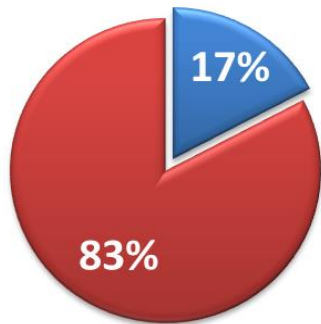
■ Asian or Pacific Islander ■ All Others

2020 Elderly Victims



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2021 YTD Elderly Victims



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**Elderly victim incidents by race stayed relatively neutral over the last three time periods.**

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# Hate Crime Victims: Asian Americans vs. All Others

## Asian Americans

2019 vs. 2020

9 vs. 8

2021<sub>YTD</sub>

15

## All Others

2019 vs. 2020

81 vs. 64

2021<sub>YTD</sub>

9

**Hate crimes of Asian-American victims decreased by 11% from 2019 to 2020 while hate crimes victims of all other races decreased by 21% during the same time period.**

# Determining Prejudice-Based Incidents

**Department General Order (DGO) 6.13** provides guidelines to identify prejudice-based incidents. The DGO calls for the assessment of the following:

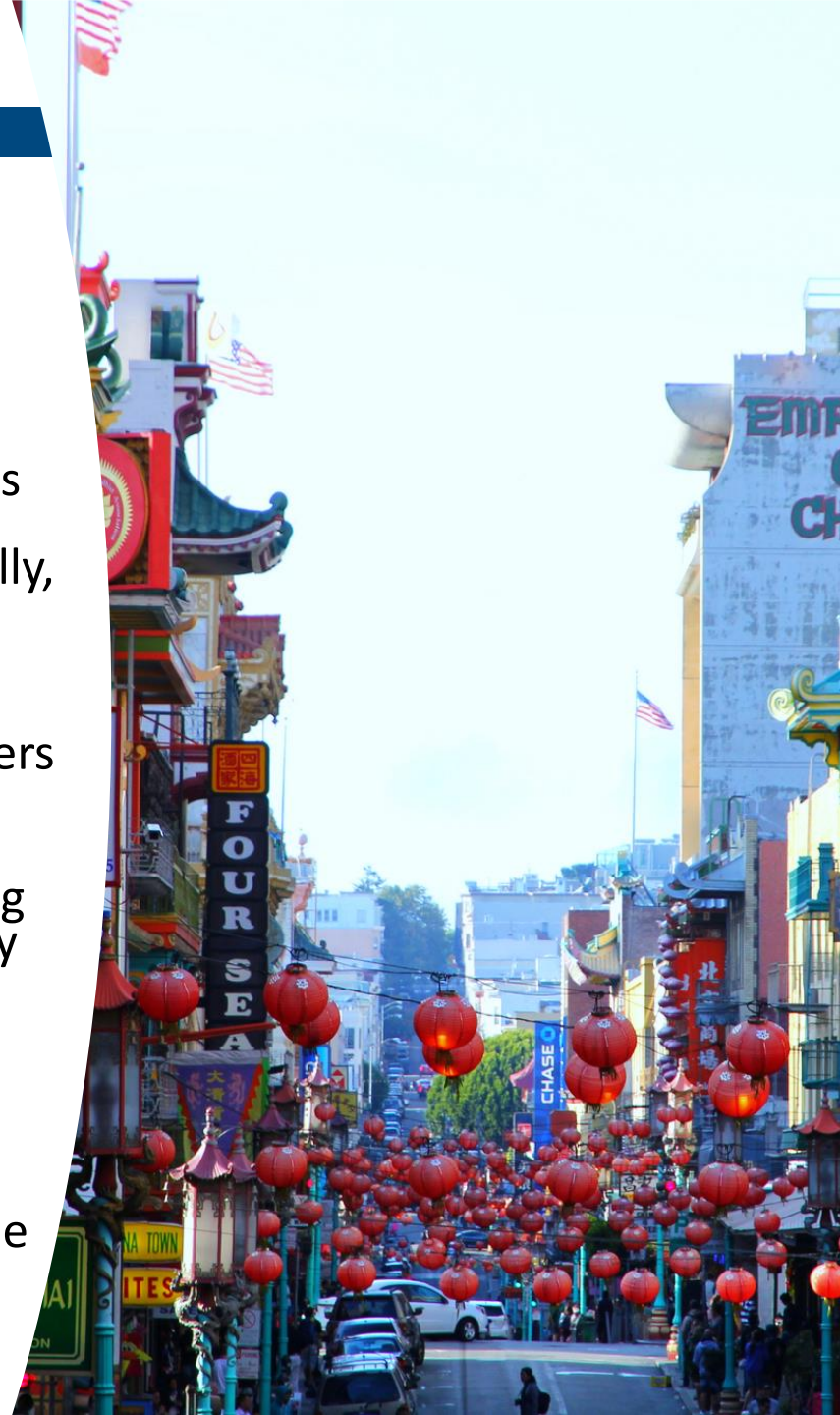
- The incident includes violent or threatening acts directed at the person or property of any listed or similar individual or group.
- The incident includes acts such as threatening phone calls, physical assaults, destruction or property, bomb threats and the disturbance of religious meetings.
- The **motivation** behind the act is prejudice-based

If the crime is determined to be prejudice based then SFPD Hate Crimes Unit of the Special Investigations Division (SID) will take over the investigation.

# Response to Violence in AAPI Community

SFPD has prioritized its response to crimes against the AAPI Community through its various outreach forums, educational campaigns and transparency with crime information. Specifically, the SFPD has done the following:

- Chief's API Advisory Forum
- Anonymous tip-line for monolingual members of the Cantonese and Mandarin speaking community
- Crime dashboard for tracking and identifying crime trends impacting the AAPI community with a focus on elder crimes
- Updating Department policy to more accurately reflect incidents targeting AAPI community
- Additional officer presence within the API community in commercial corridors Citywide



# Outreach Efforts/Strategies

## Community Liaison Unit (CLU)

Establishment in October 2020 under Community Engagement Division (CED). **CLU** is comprised of 2 sergeants and 4 officers who serve as liaisons to several different communities.

- CLU coordinates with the Investigations Bureau & the assigned SFPD investigator to provide support and outreach to victims and families of:
  - Prejudice based incidents
  - Hate crime incidents
  - Incidents of violence against historically marginalized communities
- Community Liaison Unit (CLU) determines the appropriate response and follow-up with the harmed community through coordination with district stations on deployment of resources and outreach to community stakeholders.





# Community Liaison Unit (CLU)

CLU officers provide:

- Referrals to supportive resources including victim services
- Language access assistance
- Crisis response support
- Community response support

As of April 5, **CLU has assisted in 57 cases** YTD. These involve home invasions, homicides, TCIU related death accidents, assaults, elder abuse, robberies, burglaries, traffic collisions, and hate crimes.



# Engaging The Community

SFPD District Captains make every effort to engage their communities, following violent & hate crimes. These include reaching out through:

- Community Police Advisory Boards (CPABs)
- Social Media
- Commercial/Merchant Groups
- Tenant/Housing Groups
- Community Based Organizations (CBOs)

District operations are also modified to include more officer visibility, when appropriate, to walk the main corridors and engage the residents and merchants.





## Engaging Victims

All SFPD members are trained to provide victims of the community with appropriate resources and support, including:

- Information on their Marsy's Law rights
- Referral to the District Attorney's Victim Services Support
- Referral to the Department of Public Health Support

Officers receive training on biased free policing and procedural justice, are provided tools to better communicate with limited English-speaking individuals, such as Language Line solutions, communication pamphlets in multiple languages, and utilizing the assistance of bilingual certified officers.



# Language Capacity

Certified bilingual officers (five-core languages)	286
Bilingual officers (beyond five-core languages)	111
Certified civilian members	92
Bilingual civilian members	33
<b>TOTAL members</b>	<b>522</b>

## Our Department Represent Over 30 Languages:

American Sign Language, Arabic, Armenian, Basque, Cambodian, Cantonese, Danish, Fijian, French, Gaelic, German, Greek, Hindi, Ilonggo, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Mandarin, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Samoan, Spanish, Swedish, Syrian, Tagalog, Taishanese, Thai, Urdi, Vietnamese, Yugoslavian.

# Status of Investigations

**Homicide:** On January 30 on Anzavista Ave, a 84-year-old Thai male was walking when a suspect, without provocation, ran across the street and pushed victim to the ground. Victim fell and struck his head, and later died from his injuries.

- *Two individuals arrested; charges filed with District Attorney*

**Home Invasion/Robbery:** On February 16 on the 500 Block of Campbell two victims, an 87-year-old Asian female and an 81-year-old Asian male, were home when suspects rang their buzzer and used a rouse to get victims to open gate. The suspects entered, and pointed their firearm at the victim and forced their way in. The suspects went through drawers and closets and then fled the scene, firing a shot after they exited the premises.

- *One individual arrested; charges filed with District Attorney*

**Threatening/Harassing Phone Calls:** On March 18 on the unit block of Ross Alley, a 50-year-old Asian male and business owner in San Francisco, received threatening phone call on his personal phone. The calls were directed at him for being a member of the AAPI community.

- *Ongoing investigation. SID following leads.*

Thank you.

Any questions?