

Over 800 COVID-19-Related Hate Incidents Against Asian Americans Take Place in California in Three Months

In thirteen weeks, respondents from California reported 832 incidents of COVID-19-related discrimination and harassment. Averaging ten per day, these reports reveal a pervasive and consistent pattern of anti-Asian American hate in this state. Additionally, Stop AAPI Hate received reports from 34 counties, indicating a statewide problem.

Breakdown of 832 reported incidents:

- **81 incidents of physical assault** against Asian Americans were reported in California during the past 13 weeks.
- **64 incidents suggest potential civil rights violations** against Asian Americans in California, including instances where Asian Americans were discriminated at the workplace, barred from establishments or prevented from using transportation.
- Asian American women in California reported almost twice as many (1.7x) incidents of discrimination and harassment as men -- **360** of the 583 incidents in which individuals identified their gender **were reported by women**.
- **90 incidents of discrimination against elderly Asian Americans** were reported (11.2% of all incidents).

EXAMPLES OF DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT

Verbal Harassment

- In the elevator of my apartment complex, two individuals, a male and a female without a face covering on them, started to harass us, saying "This f--king virus came from your mother--king country" and "You nasty as roaches" to me and my minor children, because I was trying to maintain social distance as much as possible from these two individuals. (Los Angeles)
- These two White ladies were moving towards me, but as they passed by me, said, "Go back to China with your dirty diseases." (Verdugo City)
- As I was walking on the sidewalk, a car full of Black people yelled "Go back to China." (Alameda)
- Some young men came by in a white pickup, slowed down and one of them yelled, "Hey Ch--k! Take your virus and go back where you came from!" (Spreckels)

Avoidance/Shunning

- I was in line at the pharmacy picking up my son's prescription. An African American man was in front of me. He was buying a container of antibacterial wipes. He took one look at me and proceeded to open the container and started wiping himself down thoroughly with the wipes. He moved away from me and told me we had to stay six feet apart. (Alameda)

Physical Assault

- Someone threw a glass bottle at my friend while she was putting her baby in the car and yelled, "Go home, chink." (San Francisco)
- I was standing in an aisle at [hardware store] when suddenly I was struck from behind. Video surveillance verified the incident in which a White male using his bent elbow struck my upper back. Subsequent verbal attacks occurred with him saying, "Shut up, you Monkey! "F--k you, Chinaman" "Go back to China," and "...bringing that Chinese virus over here." (San Francisco)

- A man kicked my dog and told me to shut my dog up and then spat at me, saying “Take your disease that’s ruining our country and go home.” (Santa Clara)
- A neighbor (previously unknown to me) screamed at us to stay out of his neighborhood and called my family and me “f--king ch—ks.” He came towards my children and a physical altercation ensued. (San Jose)

Incidents are taking place in retail stores.

- Three Hispanic and two White individuals entered the store and cut in front of me. I spoke up and said, “Hey, I’ve been in line and I’m next.” This opened up all of them to start calling me names and spitting on me. They said that they didn’t care and that I needed to keep waiting. The cashier spoke up and said they had stop that and asked if I wanted to call the police. I declined and left the store immediately, not wanting any more confrontation. (Rosemead)
- It was the first time I had gone out in one month since shelter-in-place. I walked into a grocery aisle inside of the store, looking for bread, but keeping distance from people. An African American woman yelled at me to say, “Get out of my way! You don’t speak English.” (Livermore)
- My wife went in to buy milk and my children and I were off to the side waiting for her outside in the parking lot area. A group of Latinos started yelling, “Look, it’s a Chinese – he’s got Corona!” They made hand gestures as if they are holding a rifle pointed at me. (Santa Clara)

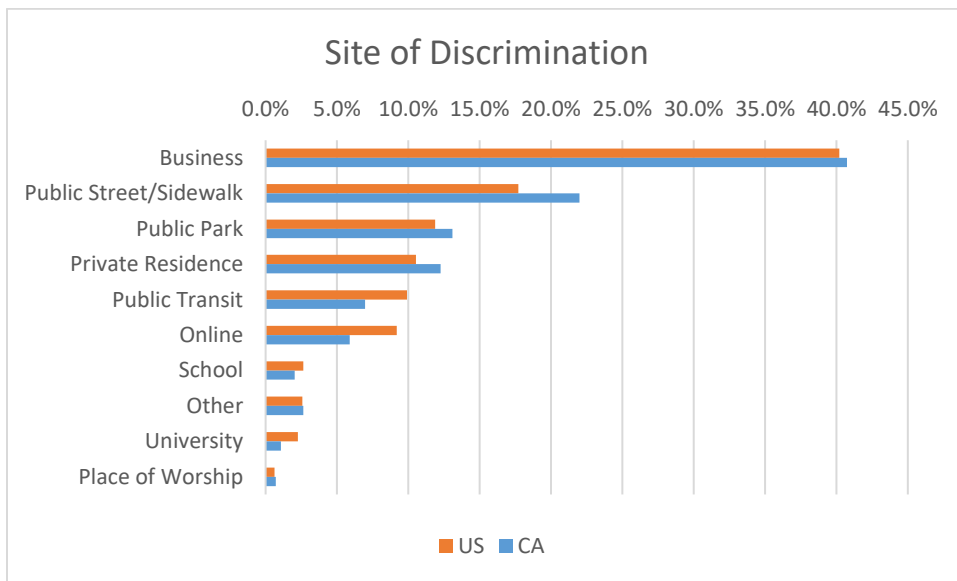
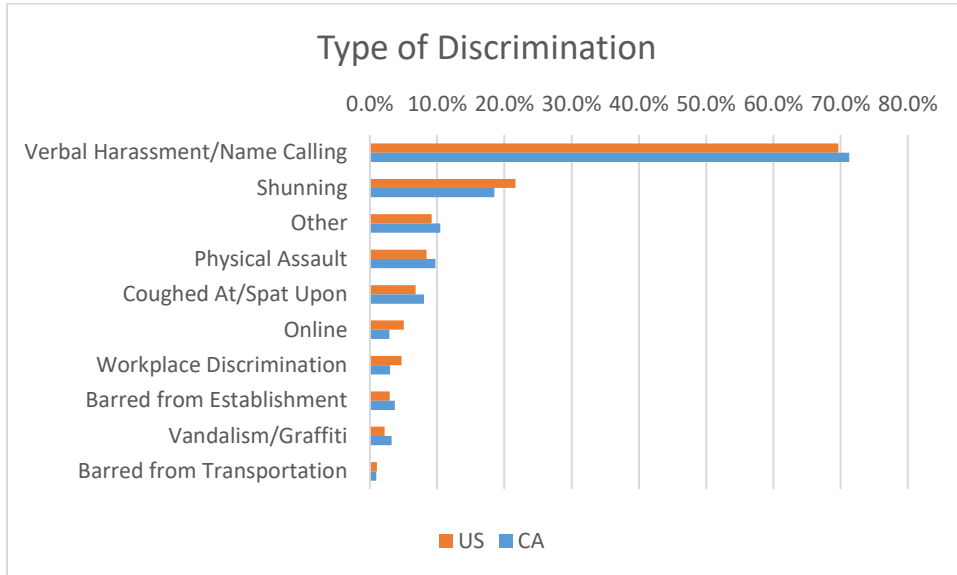
Incidents are taking place in the workplace.

- An attorney I work with made racially discriminatory comments about the opposing party, which was a Chinese business. He said the Chinese would be getting what they deserve and made other ethnically and racially discriminatory remarks against China, couched in the context of the opposing party being a Chinese business. (Los Angeles)
- Coworker (non-Asian minority) said new COVID-19 cases are due to number of Chinese residents because it comes from China to Chinatown, spreading through the air. Asian American (Vietnamese) co-worker didn’t disagree. Both have said racist things before (and since), but we work in a major healthcare system, so this is not good for patients. (San Diego)

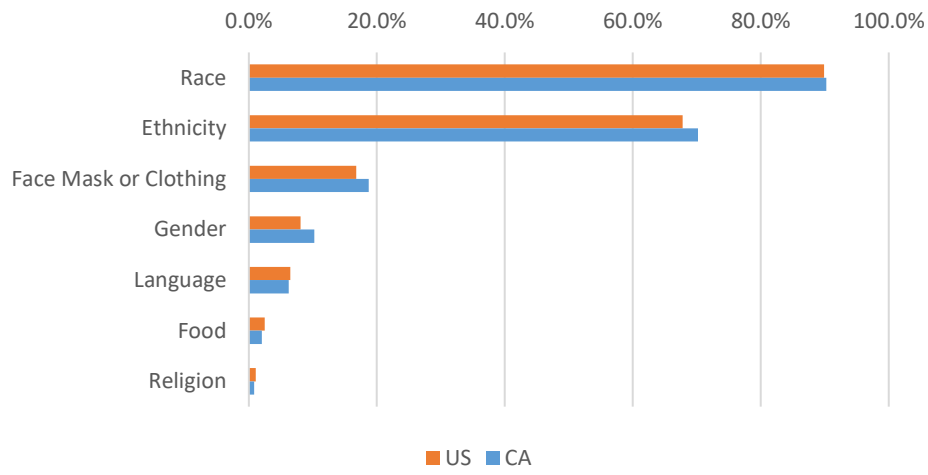
Incidents are taking place online.

- Our Zoom feed was hacked by White Supremacists who verbally attacked our members and viewers with racial slurs and anti-immigrant remarks. They also hacked into our Zoom chat typing the Nazi salute (Seig Heil) and pro-Trump messages. (Los Angeles)
- A YouTube commenter/creator wanted to call the disease "Chinese virus" and said he hated Chinese people. When I mentioned I am an American of ethnic Chinese descent, the commenter told me to go back to China. He said that I'm not an American and that America was made for Europeans and there should be 'no Chinese mafioso' in the USA. (San Francisco)

APPENDIX



Suspected Reason for Discrimination



Gender of Respondents

