

Anne Arundel County Hate Crimes Prevention Program Community Survey

The Anne Arundel County Hate Crimes Prevention Program, funded by a \$1.2 million federal grant, is a comprehensive initiative dedicated to preventing, investigating, and prosecuting hate crimes and hate bias incidents. By engaging local communities, fostering collaboration, and enhancing investigative technology, the program provides essential support to victims and works to ensure a safer, more inclusive county for all residents.

We are conducting our second community survey to gather vital information on how to better educate the public and improve our response to hate crimes and hate bias incidents in Anne Arundel County.

- **Building on Progress:** This follow-up survey builds upon the feedback received during our first community survey which took place in May - June 2025.
- **Your Impact:** Your input is invaluable in helping us make informed, data-driven decisions to make our county a safer and more inclusive place for everyone.
- **Time Commitment:** This survey will take approximately **10 minutes** to complete.
- **Privacy & Confidentiality:** All responses will be kept strictly confidential and used only to enhance county programming and outreach.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey and for helping us ensure there is "No Hate Here" in Anne Arundel County.

Please circle the letter or line for your responses

1. How familiar are you with the term “hate crime”?
 - a. I have heard of it and know what it means
 - b. I have heard of it and think I know what it means
 - c. I have heard of it, but am not sure what it means
 - d. I have not heard of it
2. Do you know the difference between a hate bias incident vs a hate crime?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
3. How would you define a hate crime? *Please write 1-3 sentences in the box below.*

4. How would you define a hate bias incident? *Please write 1-3 sentences in the box below.*

5. How safe do you feel in Anne Arundel County (in terms of hate bias incidents and hate crimes)?

Very unsafe Somewhat unsafe Neither safe nor unsafe Somewhat safe Very safe

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6. Have you or anyone you know ever experienced a hate bias incident or hate crime in Anne Arundel County?
- a. Yes → *please answer questions 6a and 6b in the box below*
 - b. No

If you answered **YES** to question 6 (you or a friend have experienced a hate bias incident or hate crime), please answer questions **6A and 6B** (below).
If you answered **NO**, please go to question 9.

6a. When did the most recent hate bias incident or hate crime occur?

- i. Within the last year
- ii. In the last 2-5 years
- iii. 5+ years ago

6b. Did you or your friend report the hate bias incident or hate crime?

- i. Yes → *please answer question 7 in the box below*
- ii. No → *please skip question 7 and answer question 8*
- iii. Unsure if it was reported

If you answered **YES** to question 6B (you or your friend reported the hate bias incident), please answer question 7 (below).

7. How did you or your friend report the hate bias incident or hate crime? *Please circle **all** groups you or your friend reported to.*
- a. Reported to Police (Called 911, police non-emergency line, etc.)
 - b. Maryland Office of the Attorney General (OAG) Hate Crime Hotline or Portal
 - c. Reported to employer/manager/HR
 - d. Reported to FBI (via phone, online form, or field office)
 - e. Reported to school administration/teacher/personnel
 - f. Anne Arundel County Hate Bias Incidents Reporting Portal
 - g. Online reporting form via advocacy or other justice organization
 - h. Other_____

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If you answered **NO** to question **6B** (you or your friend did **NOT** report the hate bias incident), please answer question **8** (below).

8. Why did you and/or your friend choose not to report the hate bias incident or hate crime? *Please circle **all** reasons you or your friend chose not to report.*
- a. Belief that nothing would happen
 - b. Concern about privacy or social repercussion
 - c. Did not think the incident was significant enough to report
 - d. Fear of retaliation
 - e. Distrust of law enforcement
 - f. Lack of knowledge on where or how to report
 - g. Lack of knowledge on whether it should be reported
 - h. Other _____

EVERYONE SHOULD ANSWER QUESTION 9 ON

9. How confident do you feel that you know what to do if you witness or are a victim of a hate bias incident or hate crime?
- a. Not at all confident
 - b. Slightly confident
 - c. Somewhat confident
 - d. Mostly confident
 - e. Very confident

10. If you or someone you know experienced a hate bias incident or hate crime, what would you do? *Please write 1-3 sentences in the box below.*

Please circle the letter or line for your responses

11. If you wanted to report a hate bias incident or hate crime, who would you tell?
*Please circle **all** the groups you would report to.*
- a. Advocacy group
 - b. Business/Employer/HR
 - c. Council member
 - d. County Office i.e., Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA), Office of Equity and Human Rights (OEHR)
 - e. Family member
 - f. Friend/Neighbor
 - g. Local community organization
 - h. News media/Journalist
 - i. Place of Worship / Church
 - j. Police
 - k. School administrator / Teacher
 - l. Other _____
12. Select up to **3 reasons** why you would not report a hate bias incident or hate crime.
- a. Belief nothing would happen
 - b. Concern about privacy or social repercussion
 - c. Fear of retaliation
 - d. Distrust of law enforcement
 - e. Lack of knowledge on where or how to report
 - f. Lack of knowledge on whether it should be reported
 - g. Not applicable - Would always report hate bias incident or hate crime
 - h. Other _____

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13. What is your age?

- a. Under 18
- b. 18-25
- c. 26-30
- d. 31-35
- e. 36-40
- f. 41-45
- g. 46-50
- h. 51-55
- i. 56-60
- j. 61-65
- k. 66+

14. Select the racial or ethnic identity that most closely represents you.

- a. Asian American
- b. Black or African American
- c. Indian or Alaskan Native
- d. Middle Eastern or North African
- e. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- f. Two or more races
- g. White
- h. Prefer not to answer

15. Select the ethnicity that most closely represents you.

- a. Hispanic/Latino
- b. Not Hispanic/Latino
- c. Prefer not to answer

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16. Select the gender identity that most closely represents you.
- a. Gender Fluid
 - b. Gender Queer
 - c. Man
 - d. Nonbinary/Gender Non-Conforming
 - e. Transgender Man
 - f. Transgender Woman
 - g. Woman
 - h. Prefer not to answer
 - i. Other: _____
17. Select the sexual orientation that most closely represents you.
- a. Asexual
 - b. Bisexual
 - c. Gay
 - d. Heterosexual (Straight)
 - e. Intersex
 - f. Lesbian
 - g. Non-Binary
 - h. Pansexual
 - i. Queer
 - j. Questioning
 - k. Prefer not to answer
 - l. Other: _____
18. Do you identify as a person with a disability?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Prefer not to answer

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19. Select the religion that most closely represents you.

- a. Agnosticism
- b. Atheism
- c. Buddhism
- d. Christianity
- e. Hinduism
- f. Islam
- g. Jehovah's Witness
- h. Judaism
- i. Non-religious/No affiliation
- j. Spiritual
- k. Other: _____
- l. Prefer not to answer

20. What is your zipcode? _____

21. How did you hear about this survey? *Please circle **all** that apply.*

- a. Anne Arundel Community College
- b. Anne Arundel County Hate Crimes Prevention Program website
- c. Anne Arundel County Public Library
- d. County Website
- e. County Executive's weekly newsletter/email
- f. Email
- g. Family member/Friend
- h. Office of Multicultural Affairs
- i. Partnership for Children, Youth, and Families
- j. Social Media
- k. Don't remember
- l. Other: _____
- m. Prefer not to answer

Thank you for your time in completing this survey. We appreciate your input in helping us address hate in Anne Arundel County.

PLEASE RETURN SURVEY TO WHOMEVER HANDED IT TO YOU