



## 2010 AUDIT OF ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS: Ontario Regional Report

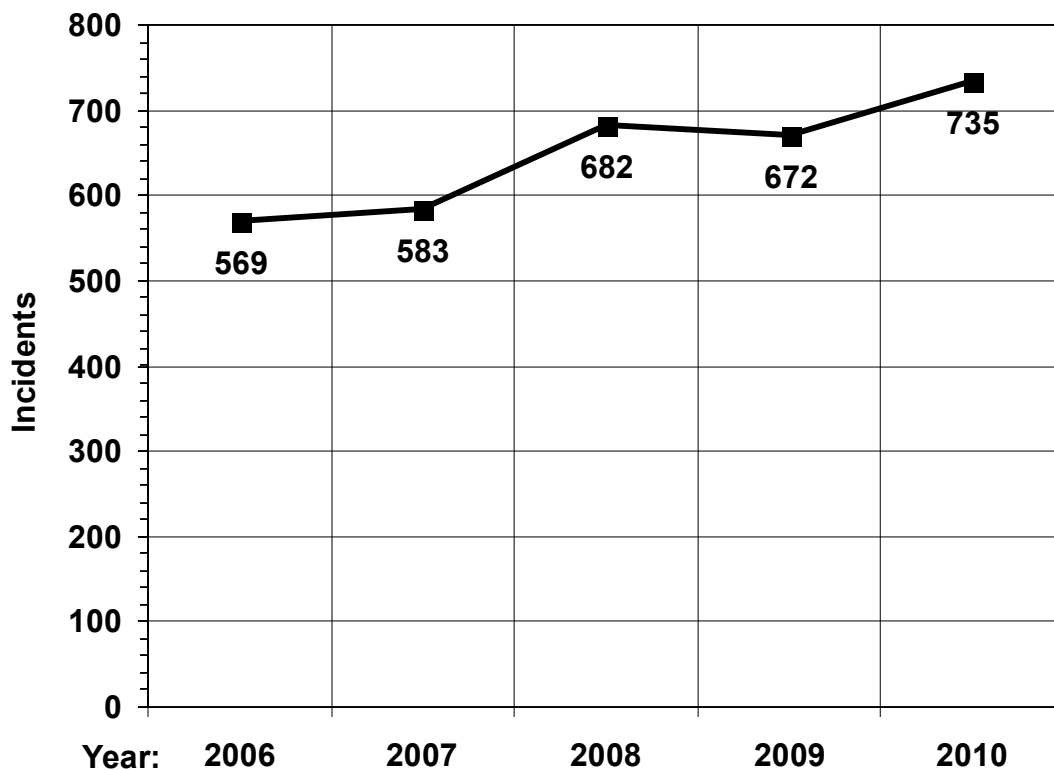
The majority of incidents across Canada occurred in Ontario, as has typically been the case in past *Audits*. In 2010, 735 of the country-wide total of 1306 incidents occurred in Ontario, comprising 56.3% of the total. This represents an increase for the province of 9.4%, over the 672 incidents reported in 2009

The Ontario cases when compared to 2009 are broken down as follows:

ONTARIO	Regional Totals	Harassment	Vandalism	Violence
2009	672	440	214	18
2010	735	540	187	8

A five year view for the province shows a pattern of ever increasing antisemitism:

### Ontario Antisemitic Incidents



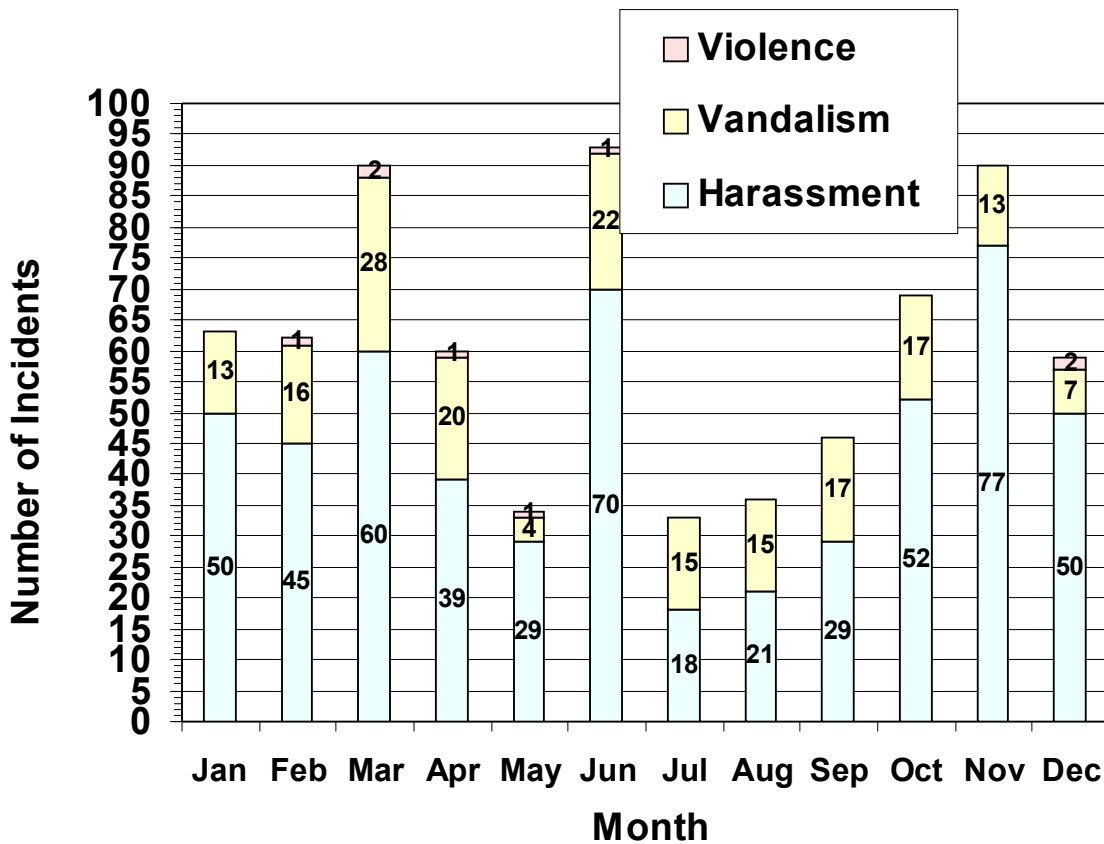
The number of cases of harassment increased by 22.7% (540 cases in 2010, up from 440 in 2009). The concern regarding the increase in incidents of harassment is highlighted by the fact that the 2009 figures for this category represented a decrease of 10.2% from the 2008 *Audit* (440 cases in 2009, down from 490 in 2008). Vandalism decreased by 12.6% from 214 cases in 2009 to 187 in 2010, returning it to the level recorded in 2008 of 184 incidents.

According to spokespeople for the Federal Government, such decreases can be attributed to the success of the Security Infrastructure Program, which gives matching grants for security enhancements to the institutions of at-risk communities.

Another welcome change was the drop in cases of violence from the high of 18 in 2009 to eight in 2010, with cases in this category only being reported in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). These eight cases represent a return to the level recorded in 2008.

A monthly view shows that March, June and November had the highest level of antisemitic activity in the province:

### Antisemitic Incidents by Region: Ontario



Incidents in Ontario are broken down further into cases occurring in a) the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), which includes the City of Toronto and its immediate environs, b) Ottawa and c) Regional Ontario, which encompasses areas outside the GTA and Ottawa.

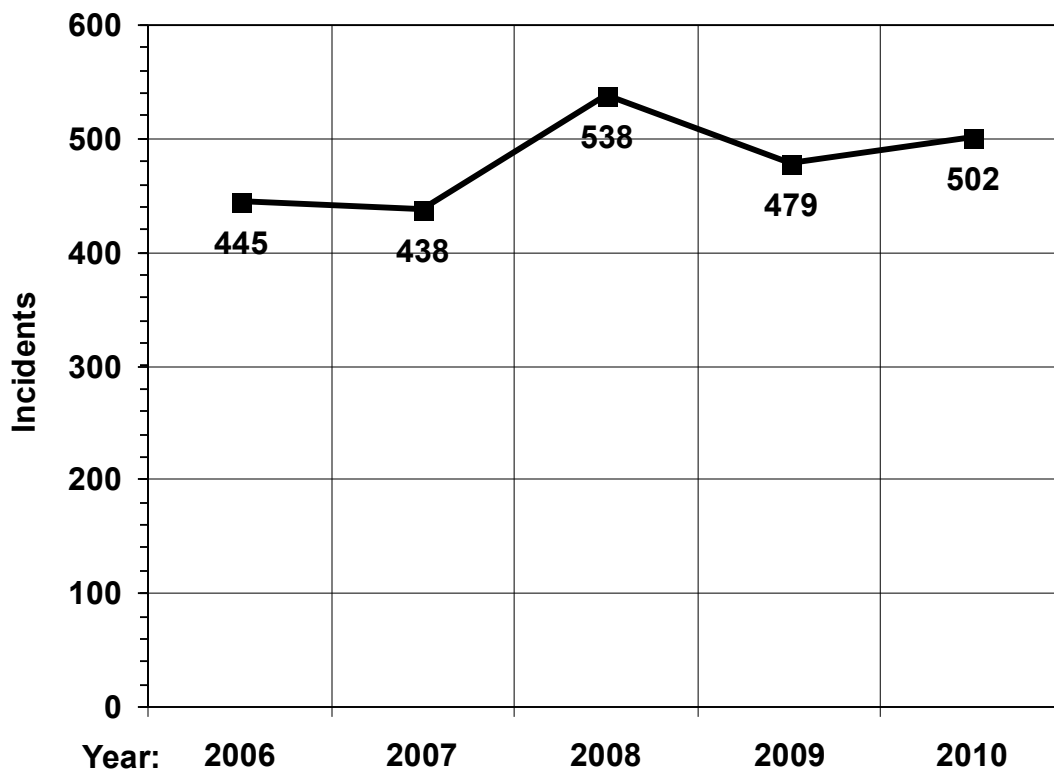
a) Greater Toronto Area (GTA):

The GTA remained the highest reporting area, as has been the case in previous *Audits*, reflecting the fact that the area has by far the highest Jewish population concentration in the country.

Of the incidents reported Canada-wide, 502 incidents took place in the GTA alone, representing 39.7% of the total incidents in the country. Incidents in the GTA increased by 4.8% compared to the 2009 figure of 479.

A five-year view shows an increase of 13%,

### GTA Antisemitic Incidents



The 502 cases in the GTA broke down as follows:

GTA	Regional Totals	Harassment	Vandalism	Violence
2009	479	357	106	16
2010	502	399	95	8

Harassment cases were up by 11.8% while vandalism dropped by 10.4%. Cases involving violence also dropped – by 50%.

Incidents included threats to rabbis and community members, bomb threats, vandalism of vehicles parked outside synagogues, assaults on campuses, swastikas spray painted on kosher businesses, and defacement on campuses of books depicting the history of the Jews.

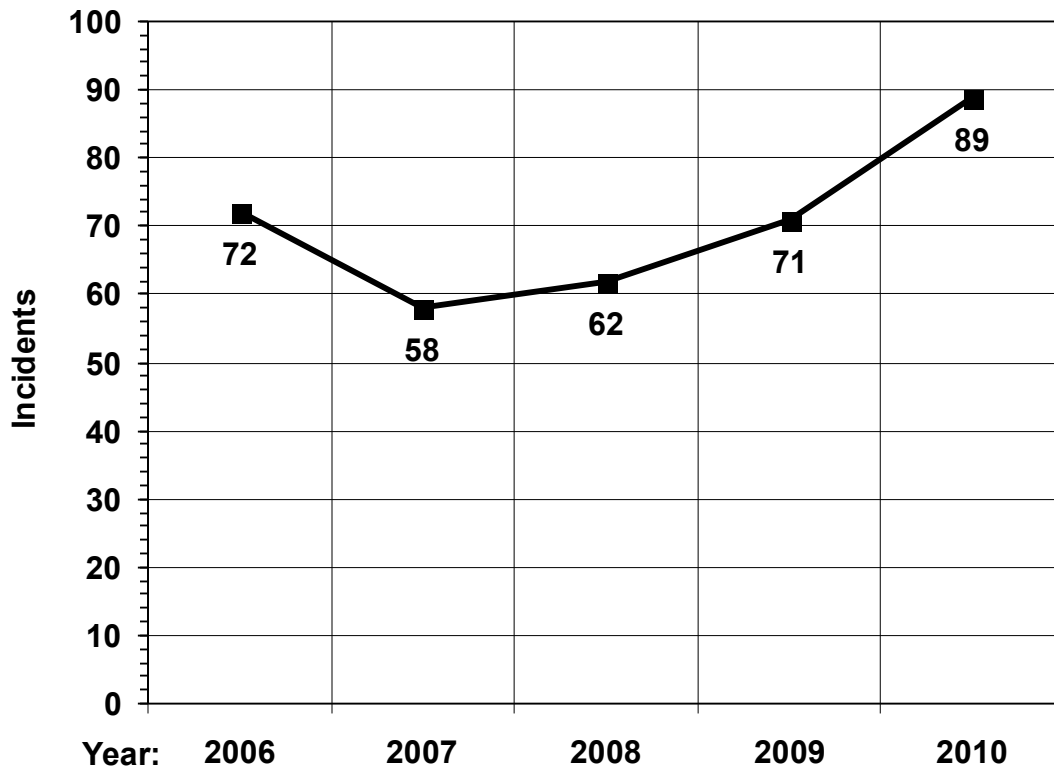
Police services for the region indicate that Jews remain amongst the most targeted groups. York Regional Police, in their 2010 report, indicate that while crime was down overall, hate crimes soared, with Jews being the most frequently targeted group amongst all religions. As a point of comparison, the Muslim community was the target of three criminal acts, up marginally from two in 2009. On the other hand, 41 criminal acts against the Jewish community were recorded by police in York Region, compared to 19 in 2009.

b) Ottawa:

Incidents in Ottawa increased by 25.4% to 89 in 2010, up from 71 in 2009. This follows on the 14.5% increase recorded in the 2009 *Audit* from the 62 cases recorded in 2008.

A five year view confirms the steady climb upward and reflects a increase over the five years

### Ottawa Antisemitic Incidents



Cases involving harassment increased by 35.9% to 53 in 2010 compared to 39 in 2009, in keeping with the national and provincial trend.

Vandalism also rose, up by 16.1 % (36 in 2010, up from 31 in 2009).

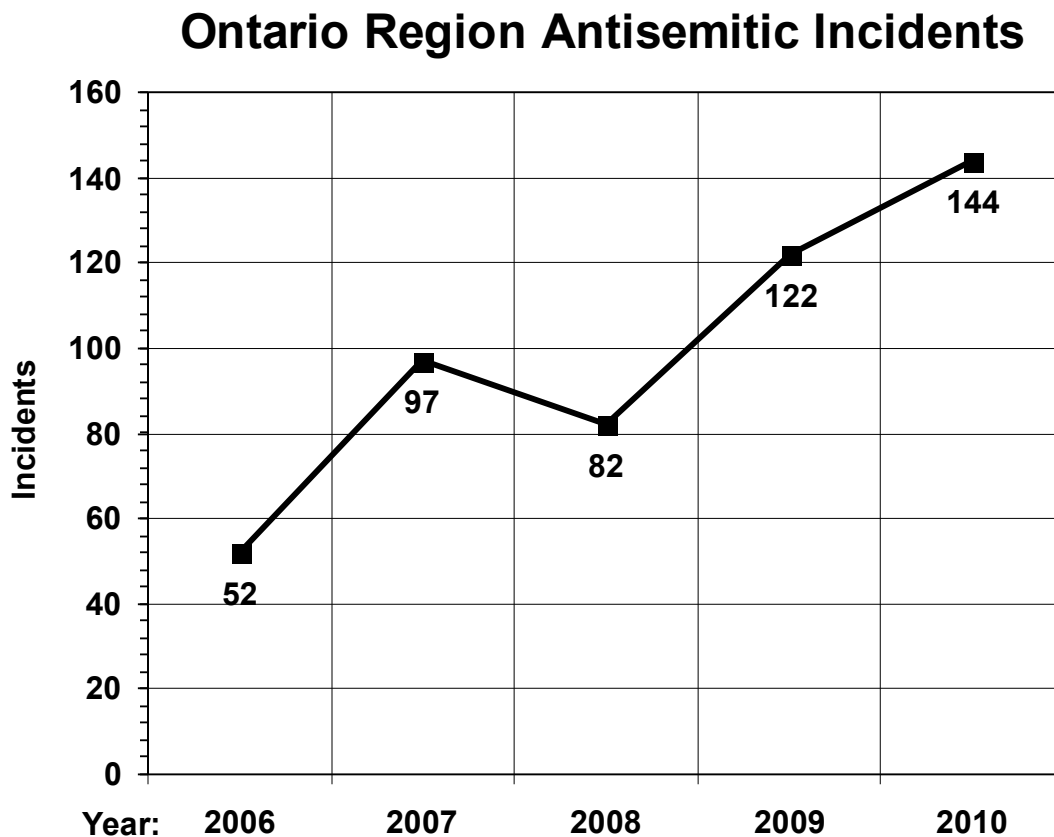
While there were no cases of violence or assault compared to the one recorded in 2009, two students from Ottawa were chased by across the bridge over the Ottawa River by a mob and threatened with a machete in the adjacent community of Gatineau (QC).

Incidents included ugly graffiti, acts of intimidation in the work place, and death threats on campus. March as well as November and December showed the highest levels of activities – March corresponding to Israel Apartheid Week while November and December where the focus of the Inter-Parliamentary Conference on Antisemitism.

c) Regional Ontario:

Incidents in Regional Ontario (those parts of the province that do not include the GTA and Ottawa) increased by 18% to 144 in 2010 compared to 122 in 2009. This figure is also substantially up over the 82 cases reported in 2008, indicating a trend that needs to be watched.

A five-year view shows an almost three-fold increase, clearly signaling a trend that needs to be watched.



The hate-related incidents recorded were spread across the province in both urban and rural settings.

Cases of harassment doubled from 44 in 2009 to 88 in 2010. While incidents of vandalism dropped by 27.3% (56 cases in 2010, down from 77 in 2009), ugly graffiti marred residential neighborhoods in a number of urban areas, including Guelph and Burlington, while threatening antisemitic graffiti spread onto campuses such as Carleton, Western and Laurentian; thus, there is little to celebrate.

No cases of violence were reported in 2010 in this region, whereas there was one such case in 2009. However incidents involving, threatening messaging and graffiti with the death threat “Kill the Jew” and other ugly slurs were recorded.

### **Examples of Incidents**

Blue Mountain, Ontario - Jewish Builder while embroiled in dispute with township finds swastikas defacing property in process of renovating

Halton Region, Ontario - Jewish student in Elementary School called dirty Jew after class viewed Holocaust themed movie

Brampton, Ontario - Resident's facebook page calling for Jews to die

Toronto, Ontario – Holocaust denial cartoon referring to Holocaust as “HOLOHAUX” posted to forum frequented by educators

Hamilton, Ontario – Star of David painted onto wall of ransacked home of Jewish family.

Oakville, Ontario – Jewish students receiving frequent text messages with word “Jew”

Toronto, Ontario – Eggs as projectiles thrown at family walking along busy intersection on way home from Sabbath meal

Toronto, Ontario – Swastikas spraypainted repeatedly in stairwell of apartment building with many senior Jewish residents, many of whom Holocaust survivors

Sudbury, Ontario – antisemitic graffiti on Laurentian campus

Ottawa, Ontario – Members of Parliament receiving emails claiming Jews control world, calling them Jewish lapdogs

Ottawa, Ontario – Synagogue defaced with antisemitic graffiti

Markham, Ontario – Swastika painted onto driveway leading into Chabad house

London, Ontario – Resident posting antisemitic comments on internet forum such as “mayor kisses jewish butt 24/7”.