

Islamophobia & Anti-Muslim Hate

Statistics & Sources

A compiled overview of survey data, civil-rights reports, and hate-crime statistics covering San Diego, California, and the United States.

San Diego

UC San Diego U.S. Immigration Policy Center Survey

A survey of **312 Muslim adults in San Diego County**, conducted following the May 18, 2026 attack, found:

- **88%** said the shooting made them feel less safe in their community.
- **74%** said they worried more about their personal safety because they are Muslim.
- **Nearly 2 in 3** reported personally experiencing discrimination in San Diego County during the previous 12 months because they are Muslim.
- **Nearly 1 in 2** felt that law enforcement does not take threats against Muslims seriously.
- **96%** said they are proud to be Muslim.
- **94%** said they are proud to be American.

Source: UC San Diego U.S. Immigration Policy Center, as reported by KPBS

[KPBS — San Diego Muslim community feels less safe a month after mosque shootings](#)

CAIR San Diego

- **300% increase** in complaints received by CAIR San Diego in 2023 compared with 2022.
- **45 complaints** were filed with CAIR San Diego in the months following October 7, 2023.
- **119 instances** of hate crimes with anti-Arab or anti-Islamic motivations were reported by the San Diego County Sheriff's Office since 2001, including **6 instances in 2022**. CAIR notes that this data may not reflect the full picture because many incidents are not reported to outside agencies.

Source: CAIR San Diego — Invisible Hate: Anti-Muslim Hate Incidents Going Unreported

[CAIR San Diego — Invisible Hate](#)

May 18, 2026 — Islamic Center of San Diego

- **3 adults killed** in the May 18, 2026 shooting at the Islamic Center of San Diego.
- The City of San Diego states that the incident **is being investigated as a hate crime**.
- The proposed San Diego City Council resolution states that approximately **140 students, teachers, and staff** were on campus and placed in imminent danger during the attack.

Source for incident facts: City of San Diego

California

California Attorney General — Official Hate-Crime Data

- **38** anti-Islamic (Muslim) bias hate-crime events were reported statewide in California in **2025**.
- **24** anti-Islamic (Muslim) bias hate-crime events were reported statewide in **2024**.
- This represents a **58.3% increase** from 2024 to 2025, calculated from the Attorney General's reported figures.

Source: California Attorney General's Office — 2025 Hate Crime Report

[California Attorney General — 2025 Hate Crime Report](#)

CAIR-California

- **119** hate-crime and hate-incident reports were received by CAIR-CA offices in **2025**.
- **154** anti-Muslim, anti-Palestinian, and anti-Arab incidents were reported by CAIR-CA in **2024**.
- CAIR-CA reported that its 2024 figure was **150 incidents in 2023**, compared with 154 in 2024.

Sources: CAIR-CA

[CAIR-CA — 2025 Hate Crime Report Response](#)

[CAIR-CA — 2024 Hate Crime Report Response](#)

California Muslim Students

CAIR-CA and the Center for the Prevention of Hate and Bullying surveyed **1,802 Muslim students ages 11–18 across 48 California counties**.

- **50%** experienced peer bullying because of their religious identity.
- **67%** did not report peer bullying to school staff.
- **43%** reported missing school because of bullying.
- **Nearly 1 in 3** reported offensive or inappropriate behavior from school staff, including derogatory remarks about Islam and Muslims or biased curriculum practices.
- **Half** reported feeling a lack of safety, belonging, and emotional comfort at school.

Source: CAIR-CA / Center for the Prevention of Hate and Bullying — 2025 Bullying Report

[CAIR-CA — 2025 Bullying Report](#)

United States

CAIR National — Civil Rights Data

- **8,683** civil-rights complaints were received by CAIR nationwide in **2025**, the highest single-year total in CAIR's reporting history.
- **8,658** complaints were received in **2024**.
- **506** law-enforcement encounters were reported to CAIR in 2024, compared with **295** in 2023 — a **71.5% increase**.
- **33** incidents explicitly targeting Islamic institutions were documented by CAIR in 2025.
- **40** incidents explicitly targeting spaces designated for Islamic worship were documented in 2024.

Sources: CAIR, 2026 and 2025 Civil Rights Reports

[CAIR — 2026 Civil Rights Report](#)

[CAIR-CA — 2025 Civil Rights Report](#)

Institute for Social Policy and Understanding — ISPU

- **63%** of American Muslims reported experiencing religious discrimination during the previous year.
- **47%** of Muslim families with school-aged children reported that a child experienced religious-based bullying during the previous year.
- Muslims were the religious group most likely to report experiencing religious discrimination among the groups measured in the 2025 poll.

Source: Institute for Social Policy and Understanding — American Muslim Poll 2025

[ISPU — American Muslim Poll 2025: Islamophobia Index](#)

Pew Research Center — Public Perceptions

- **74%** of U.S. adults said Muslims face at least some discrimination in the United States.
- **34%** said Muslims face a lot of discrimination.

Source: Pew Research Center — 2025 survey on discrimination

[Pew Research Center — How Much Discrimination Do Americans Say Groups Face in the U.S.?](#)

FBI / U.S. Department of Justice — Hate-Crime Data

- **236** anti-Muslim hate-crime incidents were reported in the FBI's **2023** hate-crime data.
- This represented a **49% increase** compared with 2022, according to the U.S. Department of Justice's summary.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice / FBI

[U.S. Department of Justice — 2023 FBI Hate Crime Statistics](#)

Note: Federal hate-crime data measure incidents reported to law enforcement and classified as hate crimes. They do not capture all discrimination, harassment, or anti-Muslim incidents.

2026 — Mosque & Islamic Institution Incidents

- **17** incidents targeting Islamic places of worship were documented by CAIR during May, June, and July 2026.
- This represented a **183% increase** compared with the six incidents CAIR documented during the same period in 2025.

Source: CAIR — July 28, 2026

[CAIR — 183% Increase in Mosque Incidents](#)

Summary of Key Statistics

- **88%** of surveyed San Diego Muslim adults said the May 18 attack made them feel less safe.
- **74%** said they were more concerned about their personal safety because they are Muslim.
- **Nearly 2 in 3** reported experiencing discrimination in San Diego County during the previous year.
- California recorded **38 anti-Islamic hate-crime events in 2025**, up **58.3%** from 24 in 2024.
- CAIR received **8,683 civil-rights complaints nationwide in 2025**, its highest single-year total.
- **50% of California Muslim students** surveyed reported peer bullying because of their religious identity.
- **63% of American Muslims** reported experiencing religious discrimination in ISPU's 2025 poll.

Compiled from publicly available reports and surveys published by UC San Diego's U.S. Immigration Policy Center, CAIR (national and California chapters), the California Attorney General's Office, the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding, Pew Research Center, and the U.S. Department of Justice / FBI. All source links are clickable and point to the original publications.