



Report: Anti-Asian American Hate in Texas

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[Stop AAPI Hate](#) has received 63 incident reports of anti-Asian American hate in Texas from March 19, 2020 through July 1, 2020. These numbers are based on self-reported incidents and do not reflect the number of incidents that actually occur, but emerging trends can be identified about the nature and extent of COVID-19 discrimination.

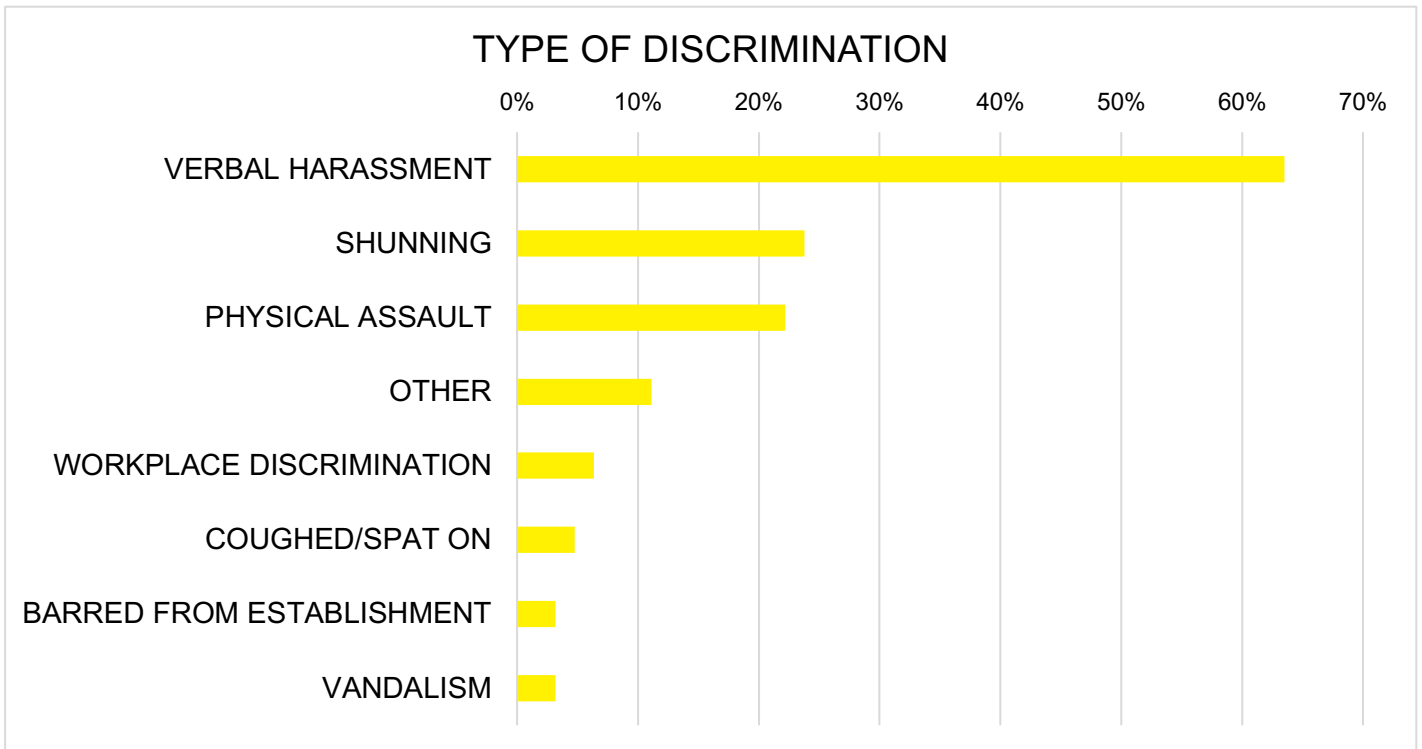
TYPES OF DISCRIMINATION

- Verbal harassment (63%) and shunning (24%) constitute the most common form of hate incidents reported by Asian Americans in Texas.
- Physical assaults constituted 22% of reported incidents — more than twice the national rate (9%).
- Potential civil rights violations, including workplace discrimination, being barred from establishments, and being barred from transportation, constituted 13% of reported incidents.

TRENDS IN DISCRIMINATION

- Youth reported 16% of the incidents in Texas, compared to nationally where youth report 10% of the incidents.
- Seven out of ten respondents are non-Chinese, reflecting that broader segments of the Asian American community are being racially profiled.
- Men reported as many incidents of harassment as women, which counters the national pattern, where women report 70% of incidents.
- Incidents included reports from the five largest cities in Texas, including Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, Austin and Fort Worth.

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TYPE OF DISCRIMINATION	Count	Percent
VERBAL HARASSMENT	40	63.49%
SHUNNING	15	23.81%
PHYSICAL ASSAULT	14	22.22%
OTHER	7	11.11%
WORKPLACE DISCRIMINATION	4	6.35%
COUGHED/SPAT ON	3	4.76%

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BARRED FROM ESTABLISHMENT	2	3.17%
VANDALISM/GRAFFITI	2	3.17%

EXAMPLES OF DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT

VERBAL HARASSMENT

- I choked on some water while waiting in line to vote and I had a lady turn around to tell me to stay home if I was sick. I explained to her that I wasn't sick and that I had choked. She then went on to say, "Well all you Asians started this corona virus and I don't want to partake in it." (Irving Place)
- While waiting in line to enter a [a warehouse retail] in Austin, TX, I heard a random person behind me shout at me "Get out of line and go back to your own country! We don't want your chink germs!" Rather than defend me, others in line either turned away or chuckled. (Austin)
- Perpetrator said as I was running on the trail, "This is all your people's fault, this is all your fault!" He was finger pointing and shaking at me. (Austin)

PHYSICAL ASSAULT

- I am a Korean International student. I saw that four of papers about coronavirus posted on my room door. I thought this is the racial discrimination clearly. Because the paper was posted a month ago, but it suddenly happened that day. Also, my room was only one like that. My roommate said his friend may have done that. I got his name at last, Shane. I knocked his room and he opened the door so we could talk for a while. During the conversation he had the same attitude that he doesn't want to talk about it, but we exchanged some words for a short minute. During the conversation, Shane suddenly punched my face and yelled me to get out. (San Angelo)

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- Next door neighbor yelled “North Korean Coronavirus f**ker!” repeatedly before attempting to run me over with his Jeep. He was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. His wife came on to my property after his arrest and threaten me with firearms. (Fort Worth)
- I was at a four way stop. As I was accelerating to go, a young Caucasian man quickly rolled down his window and spit directly towards me while glaring at me with hatred in his eyes. (Sunset Valley)
- My niece was at a grocery store on N. MacArthur today and this lady spat on an Asian family after insulting them because coronavirus was their fault. It’s unbelievable where we are. I hope Kroger is going to make sure charges are brought against this woman. That kind of behavior is completely unacceptable.

AVOIDANCE/ SHUNNING

- A young Hispanic couple at the store said, "she has coronavirus" and walked away from me. (Houston)

INCIDENTS TAKE PLACE IN THE WORKPLACE

- Customer walked into my workplace had a conversation about virus. Mention Chinese people from China who bury their pets and takes them out and starts eating them. (Austin)
- I get jokingly accused of eating bat and get strange looks when sneezing when I've been working here at [corporation] for over 2 years and people have heard my strange repeat sneezing in past. Passive aggressive workplace bullying and lying has significantly increased. I am the strongest supply chain technical analyst at the site yet treated like dirt. (Fort Worth)

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INCIDENTS TAKE PLACE IN RESTAURANTS AND STORES

- In a full dining room (at least 30 people), server handing out samples avoided the three tables where there was at least one Asian diner. Every other table was approached. (Austin)
- The store closes at 8:30 PM CST. The greeter yelled at me in front of customers the store was closed. I came at 8:10 PM CST and only needed one item. The self-check out cash register stands were open and empty. The greeter lied and berated me, "You have to come early in the morning and stand in line! You need a number!" I had to assert myself enough to ask another customer (All were treated with pleasant smiles and a kind tone of voice.) and received confirmation there were indeed paper towels to readily purchase. Greeter lies about store being closed and purchasing paper towels required lining up early in the morning and being called by number. (Dallas)
- I was checking out at the counter with my 11-year-old son. While handling my checkout, the store associate was talking on the phone with an earphone from the beginning to the end. She was looking away from me. She sounded angry and anxious. I heard she was saying "those 3rd world country people brought the virus here..." Meanwhile, she was obsessively spraying disinfectants on her hands multiple times in front of me. It was so obviously inappropriate and unprofessional because when she was with the customer right before me (I was waiting in line), she was smiling and all cheerful. (Beaumont)

INCIDENTS TAKE PLACE IN SCHOOLS

- I walked into a classroom (I am an education assistant professor and was observing one my students, who is a PK-12 teacher), and students started saying, "Coronavirus!" to me. (San Antonio)

INCIDENTS TAKE PLACE ONLINE

- Student in our medical school class is posting some disturbing memes blaming Chinese people and stereotyping them for COVID. As someone entering the medical field, this is extremely disturbing, and this student should know better. One day he will be in charge of

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someone's healthcare plan and life. Imagine if he takes his bigotry one step further while he is treating any minority. (Lubbock)

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A3PCON
ASIAN PACIFIC POLICY & PLANNING COUNCIL

The [Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council](#) (A3PCON) is a coalition of more than forty community-based organizations that serve and represent the 1.5 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the greater Los Angeles area, with a particular focus on low-income, immigrant, refugee and other vulnerable populations.

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[Chinese for Affirmative Action](#) (CAA) was founded in 1969 to protect the civil and political rights of Chinese Americans and to advance multiracial democracy in the United States. Today, CAA is a progressive voice in and on behalf of the broader Asian American and Pacific Islander community. We advocate for systemic change that protects immigrant rights, promotes language diversity, and remedies racial and social injustice.

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