

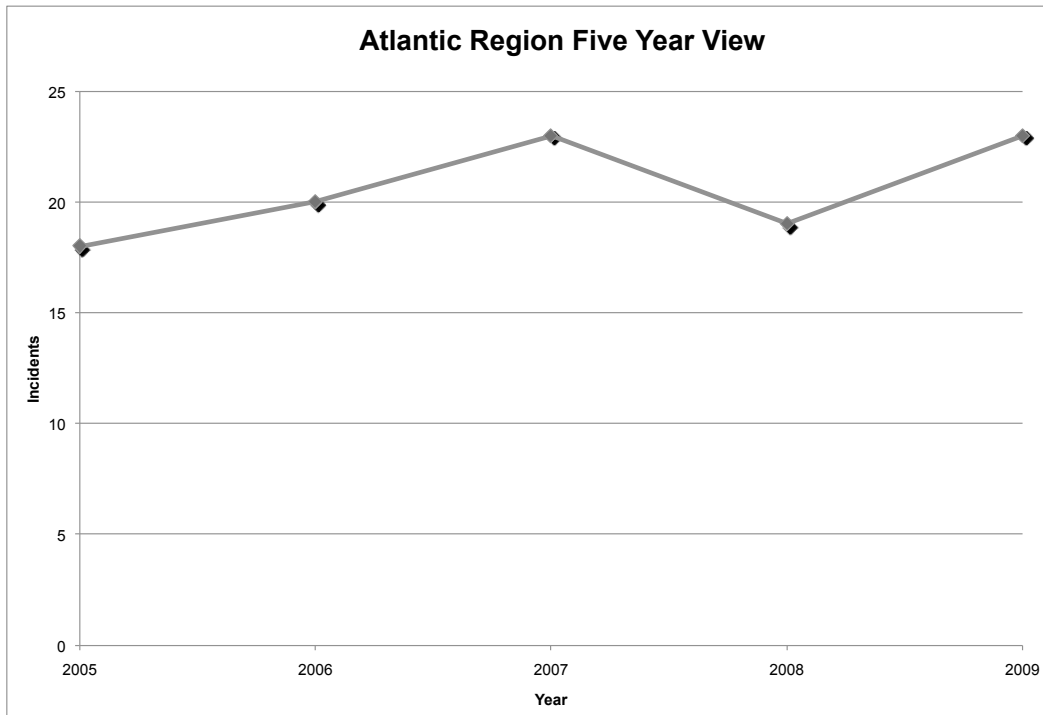
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## 2009 AUDIT OF ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS: *ATLANTIC REGIONAL SUMMARY*

The League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada has monitored and reported on hate-motivated incidents against the Jewish community in Canada for twenty-eight years. This annual *Audit of Antisemitic Incidents* provides an examination of racism and bigotry in this country, as expressed in attacks of harassment, vandalism or violence against individual Jews or the community's institutions. It is cited by Statistics Canada, government and research agencies, and authoritative sources around the world and is the single most credible study of the phenomenon of antisemitism and patterns of prejudice in Canada.

### Trends

- There were 23 cases reported in Atlantic Canada, representing 6.3% of the total incidents recorded across Canada. This was a 21.1% increase over the 19 cases reported in 2008 when a drop of 17.4% had been recorded. Harassment cases increased by 66.7% increase from 9 cases in 2008 to 15 in 2009, while vandalism dropped by 20% (8 in 2009, down from 10 in 2008). There were no cases of violence reported. A five-year view shows a consistent level of reported acts of anti-Semitism throughout the region.
- Incidents took place in all the provinces of the region: New Brunswick (2), Newfoundland (1), Nova Scotia (18) and Prince Edward Island (2). This compares to 2008 when New Brunswick (6), Newfoundland (0) and Nova Scotia (10) and Prince Edward Island (3) were recorded.
- Harassment incidents included antisemitic remarks in university classrooms, statements of Holocaust denial and the circulation of blood libels against Jews on social networking sites. One commentator on the Internet suggested “If jews [*sic*] don't like people hating them then they should end the butchering.” Vandalism incidents included graffiti such as swastikas and racial slurs in public and private locations.



## Antisemitic Incidents by Month

