

2009 AUDIT OF ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS: *ONTARIO REGIONAL SUMMARY*

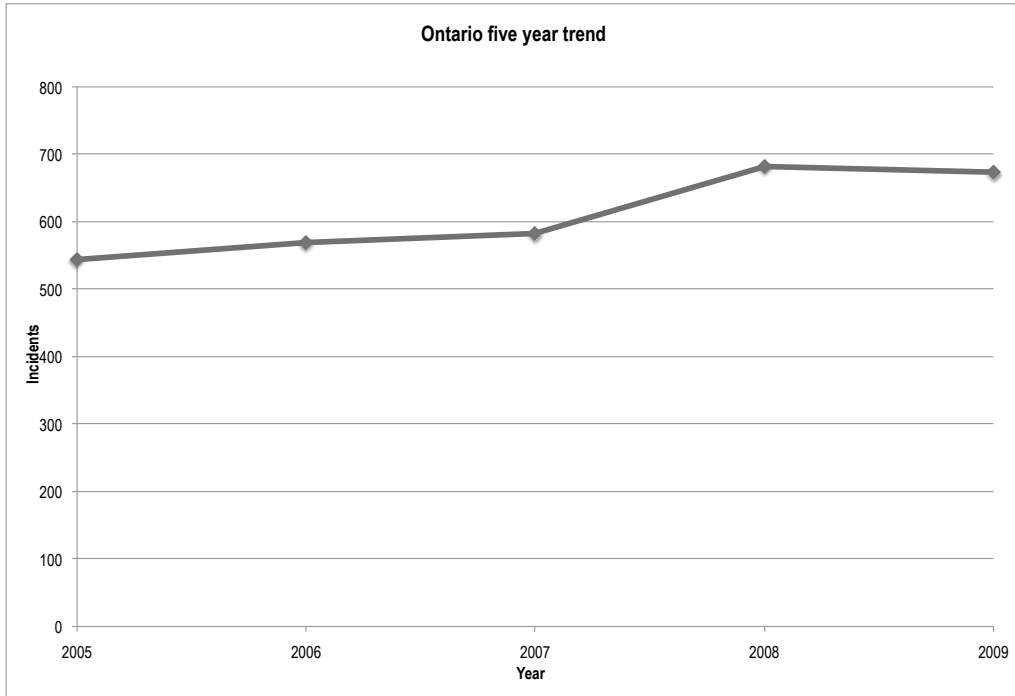
The majority of incidents across Canada consistently occurred in Ontario, as is typically the case.

In 2009, 672 incidents (53.2% of the country total) took place in Ontario. This represents a small decrease of 1.5% over the 2008 provincial total of 682. While incidents in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) decreased by 11% (479 in 2009, down from 538 in 2008), Ottawa increased by 14.5% (71 incidents, up from 62) and Regional Ontario increased by 48.8% (122, up from 82 in 2008).

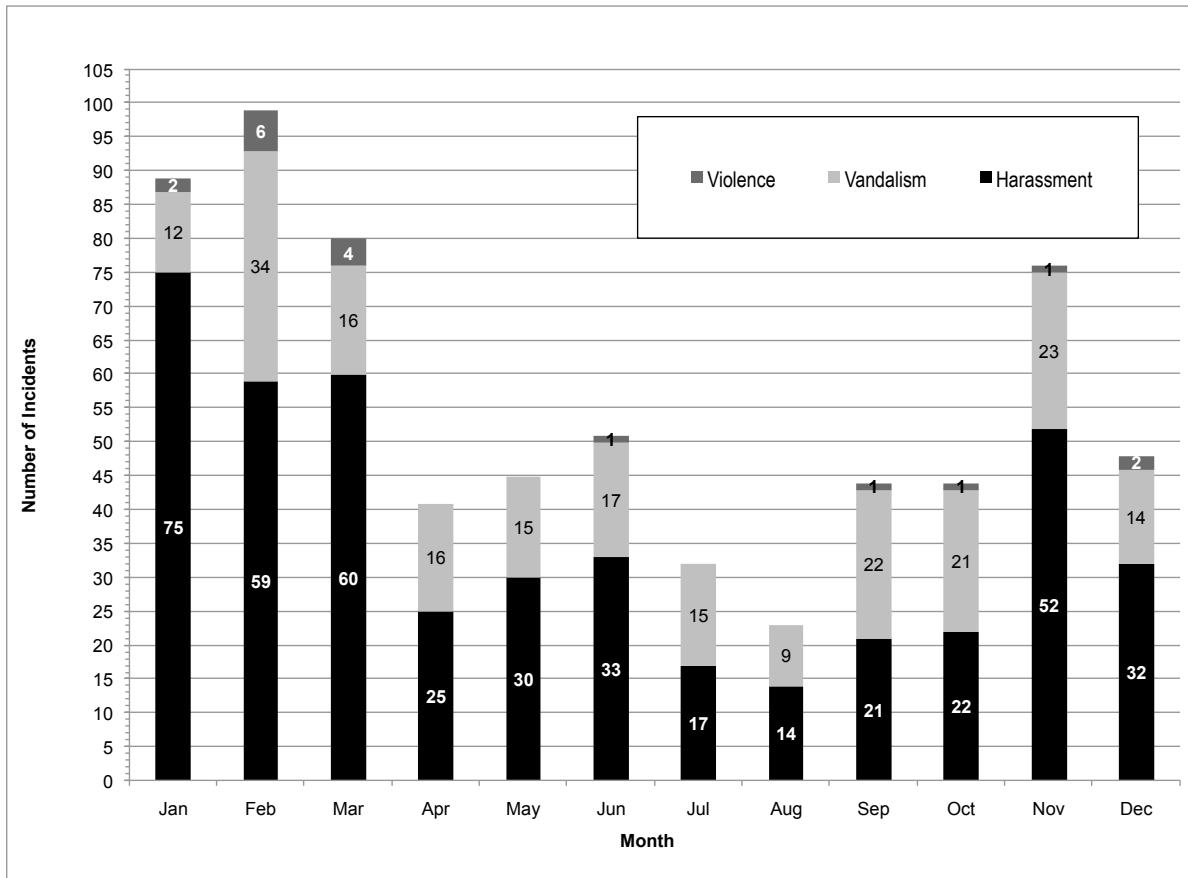
Breakdown of incidents:

	Totals	Harassment	%	Vandalism	%	Violence	%
Greater Toronto	479	357	74.5	106	22.1	16	3.3
Ottawa	71	39	54.9	31	43.7	1	1.4
Ontario Region	122	44	36.1	77	63.1	1	<u>0.8</u>
Ontario	672	440	65.5%	214	31.8%	18	2.7%

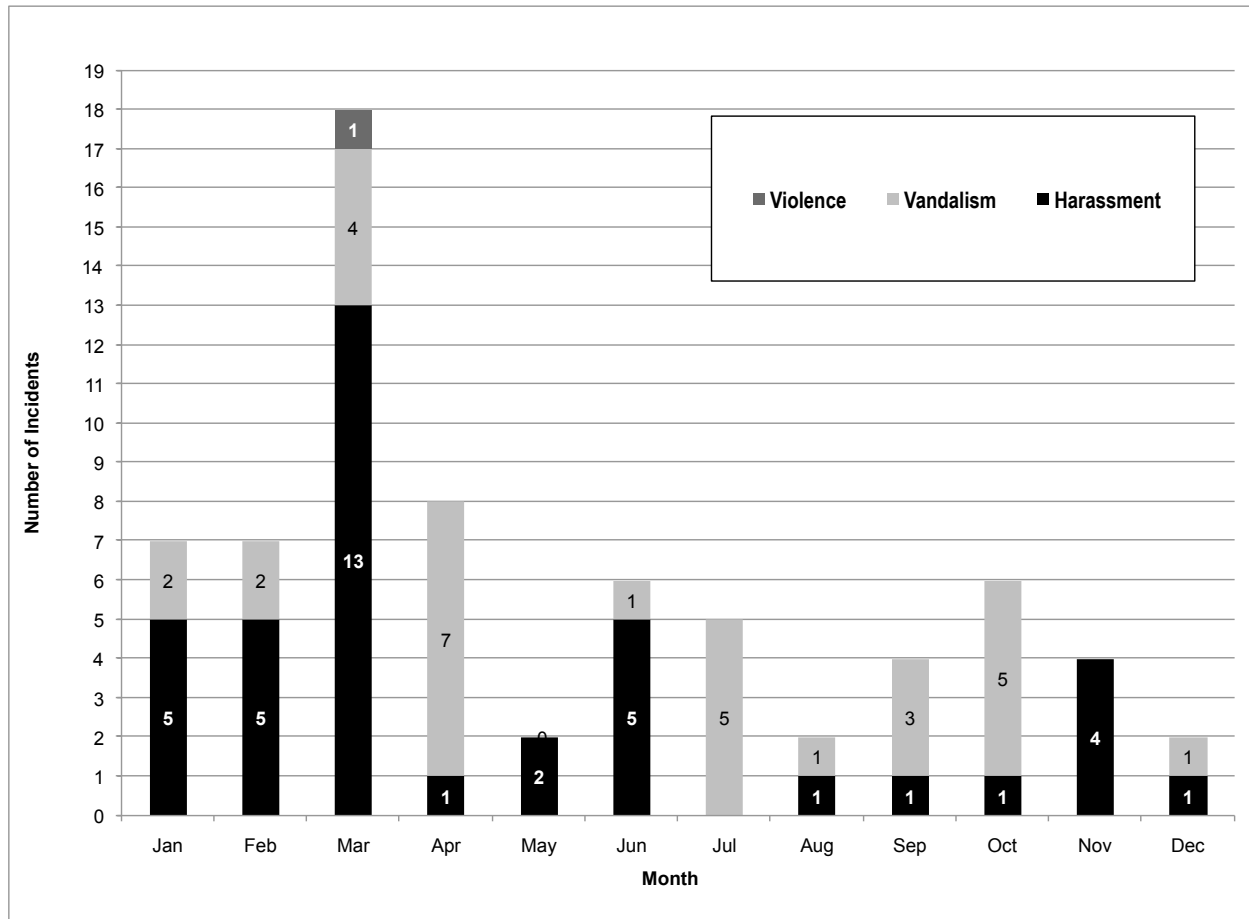
Cases of harassment decreased by 10.2% from the previous year's *Audit* (440 cases in 2009 – down from 490 in 2008), while vandalism increased by 16.3% (214 in 2009 up from 184 in 2008). Incidents involving violence more than doubled (18 up from 8) across the province – reflecting the marked increase in such incidents in the GTA area.



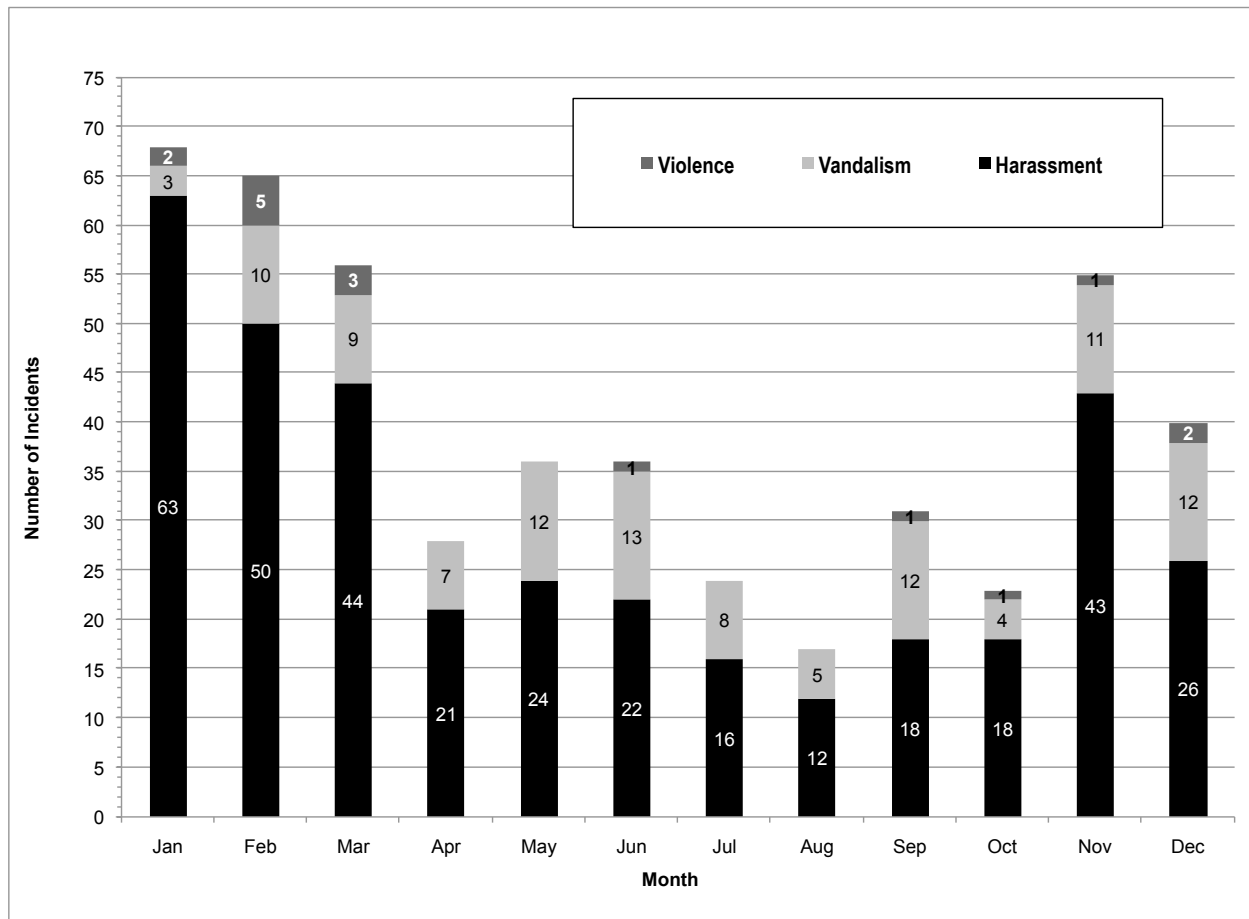
Antisemitic Incidents by Region: Ontario



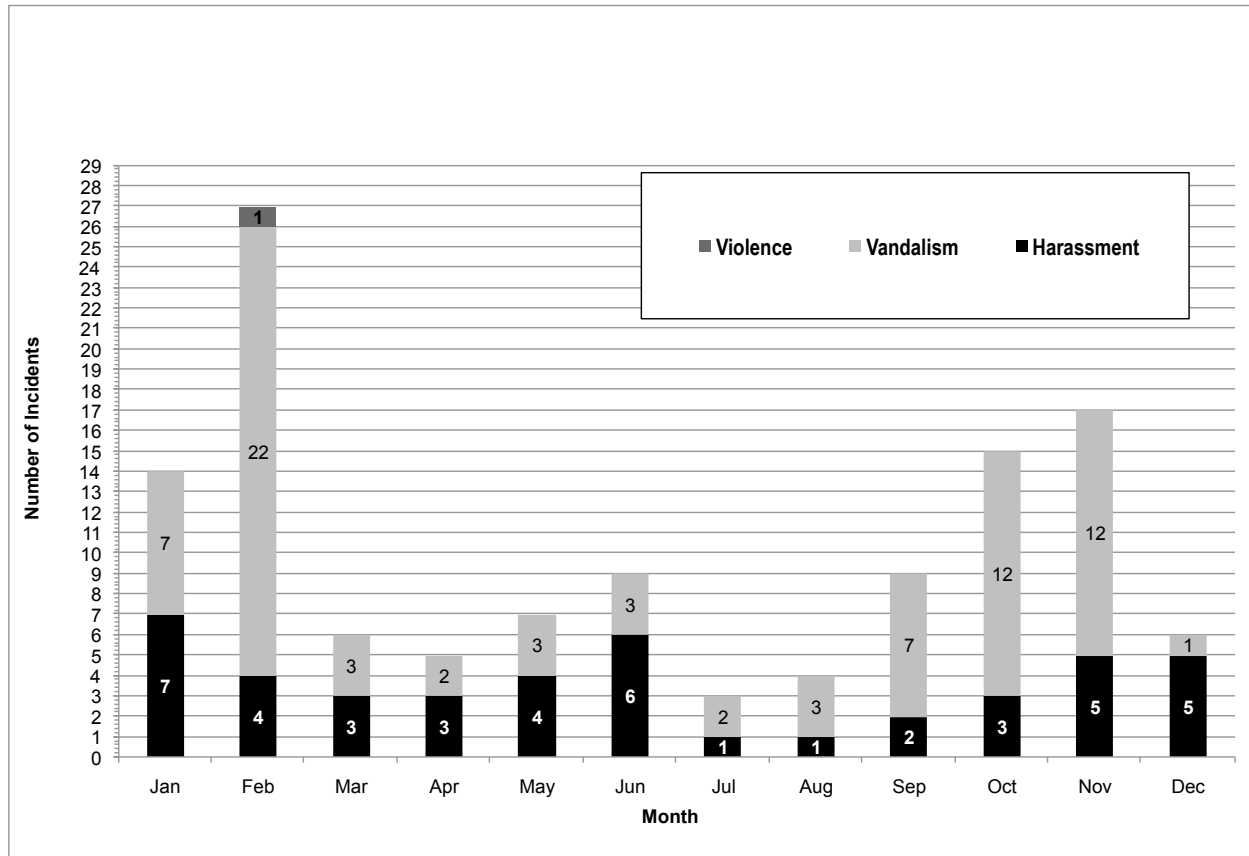
Antisemitic Incidents by Region: Ottawa



Antisemitic Incidents by Region: Greater Toronto Area (GTA)



Antisemitic Incidents by Region: Ontario Region (Excluding Ottawa and the GTA)



Examples of Incidents

Thornhill, ON: A caller repeatedly harasses a rabbi of a synagogue, making death threats and uttering antisemitic slurs

Toronto, ON: A customer threatens to kill Jews while eating at restaurant.

Toronto, ON: The storefront of a Jewish business is defaced with antisemitic graffiti, and smashed the next day.

Ottawa, ON: "F**k Jews" is spraypainted on the wall of a school.

Thornhill, ON: An 11-year-old boy is caught passing antisemitic notes at school to a classmate, calling him "Jewboy".

Toronto, ON: Cars parked outside a synagogue are vandalized and defaced with swastikas.

Lindsay, ON: A family home and car are vandalized with swastikas.

Kitchener-Waterloo, ON: Graffiti is found on campus, stating “Die Jew”.

Ottawa, ON: A call to a rabbi’s home during *Shabbat* [Sabbath] dinner includes antisemitic slurs and threats of harm.

Mississauga, ON: An Internet blog blames Jews for the H1N1 Swine Flu pandemic.

Thornhill, ON: A man threatens a Jewish neighbour and his son, and pulls a knife on them

Barrie, ON: A synagogue is desecrated with a swastika on its outer wall.