Hate Crimes in New York City

2010 to 2018

Introduction

How prevalent are hate crimes in New York City? Which groups are most affected and where are hate crimes most likely to occur?

To help answer these questions, this analysis will:

- Define what a hate crime is and why it matters
- Source available hate crime data for New York City
- Explore the data to uncover insights and trends
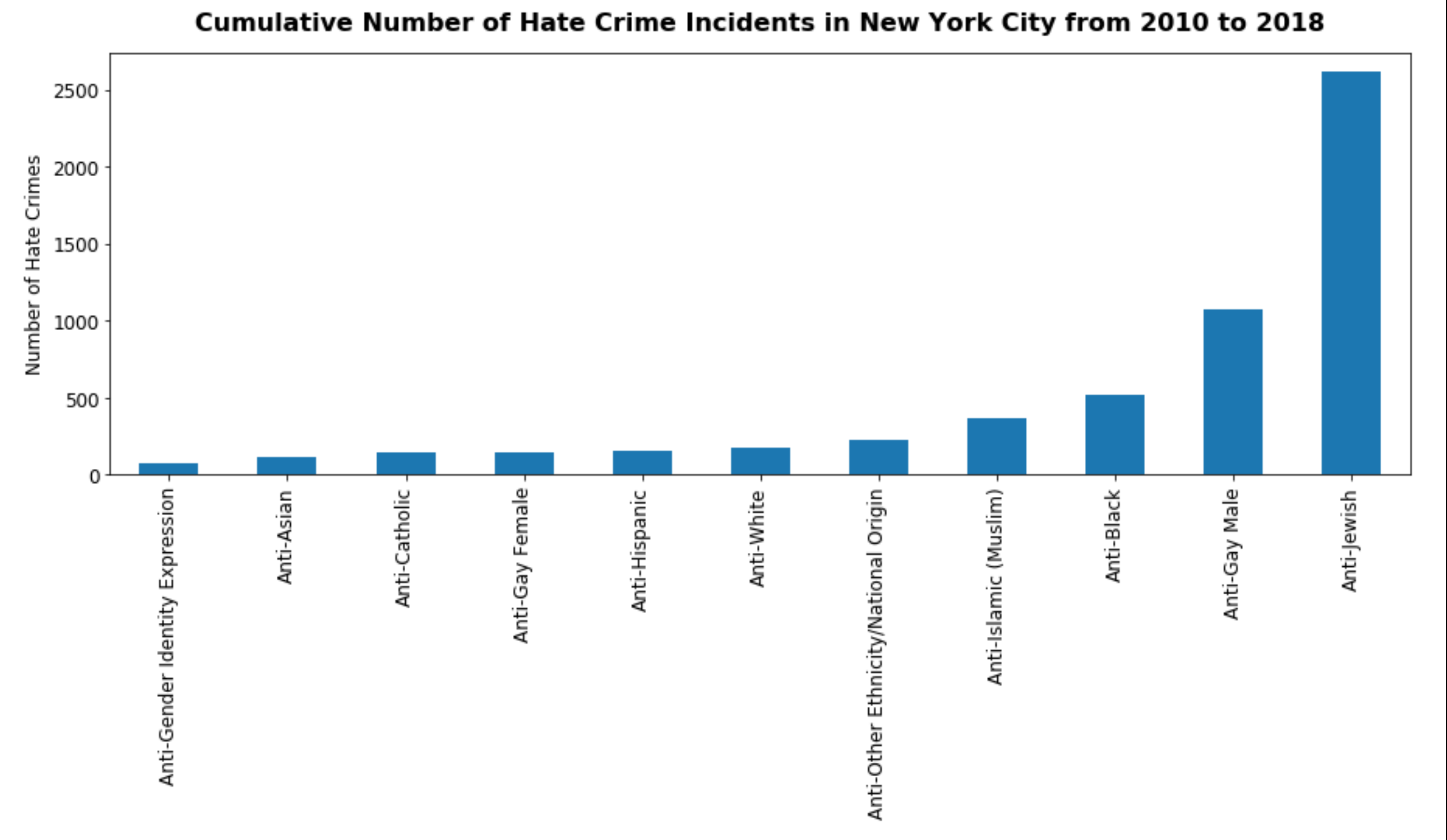- Discuss the results of the analysis

The data that will be used comes from data compiled by the State of New York and incorporates hate crimes from every county in the state between 2010 and 2010. To complete this analysis only the counties that comprise the City of New York will be used. To add context the analysis, demographic data will also be used

What Is A Hate Crime?

According to the New York State Anti-Hate Crime Resource Guide

"A hate crime is a traditional offense that is motivated by bias. A person commits a hate crime when one of a specified set of crimes is committed targeting a victim because of a perception or belief about their race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, religion, religious practice, age, disability or sexual orientation, or when such an act is committed as a result of that type of perception or belief. These crimes can target an individual, a group of individuals or public or private property. Hate crimes can be perpetrated against an individual, a group, or against public or private property. For example, hanging a noose or painting a swastika could be deemed hate crimes."
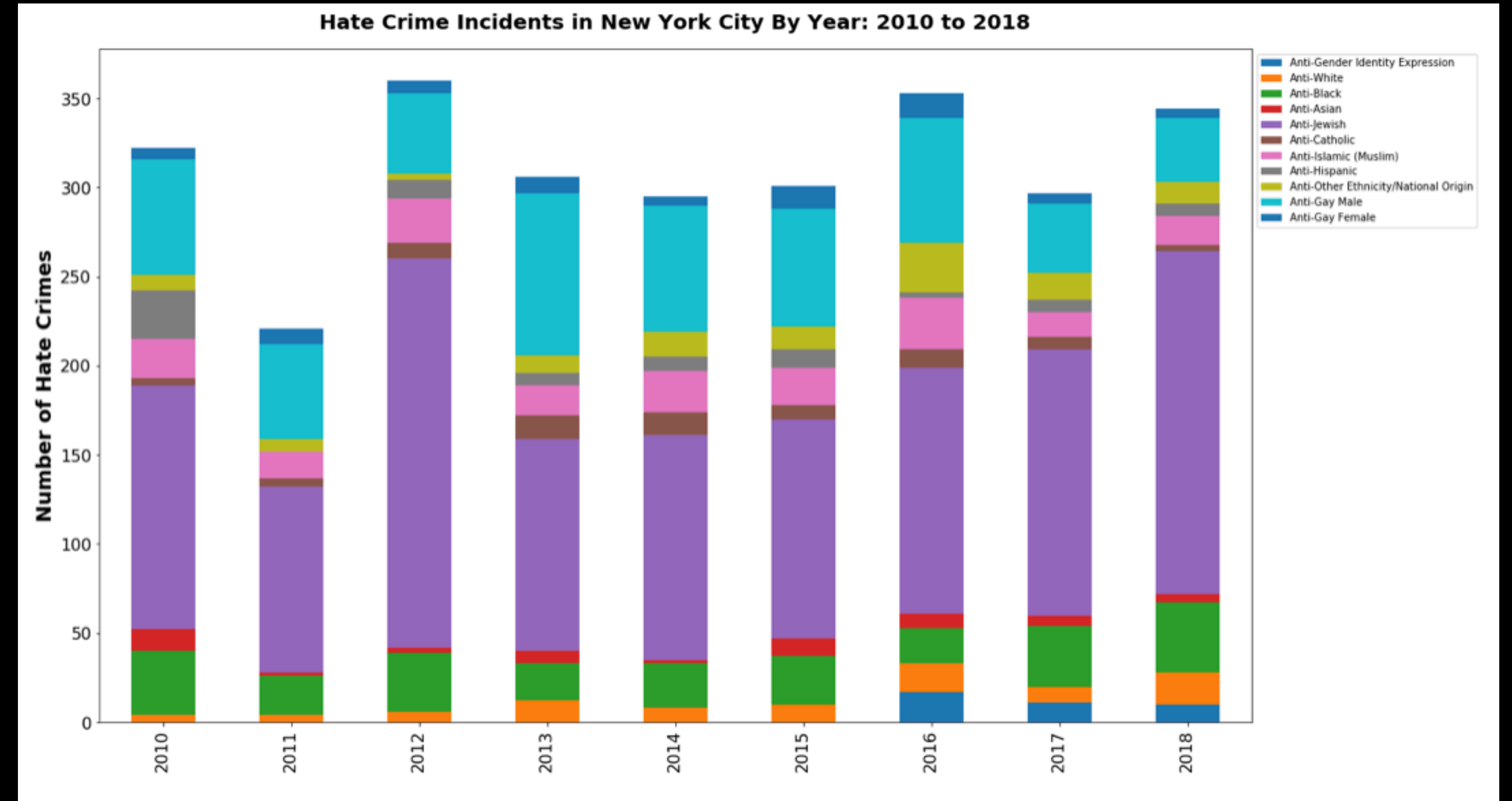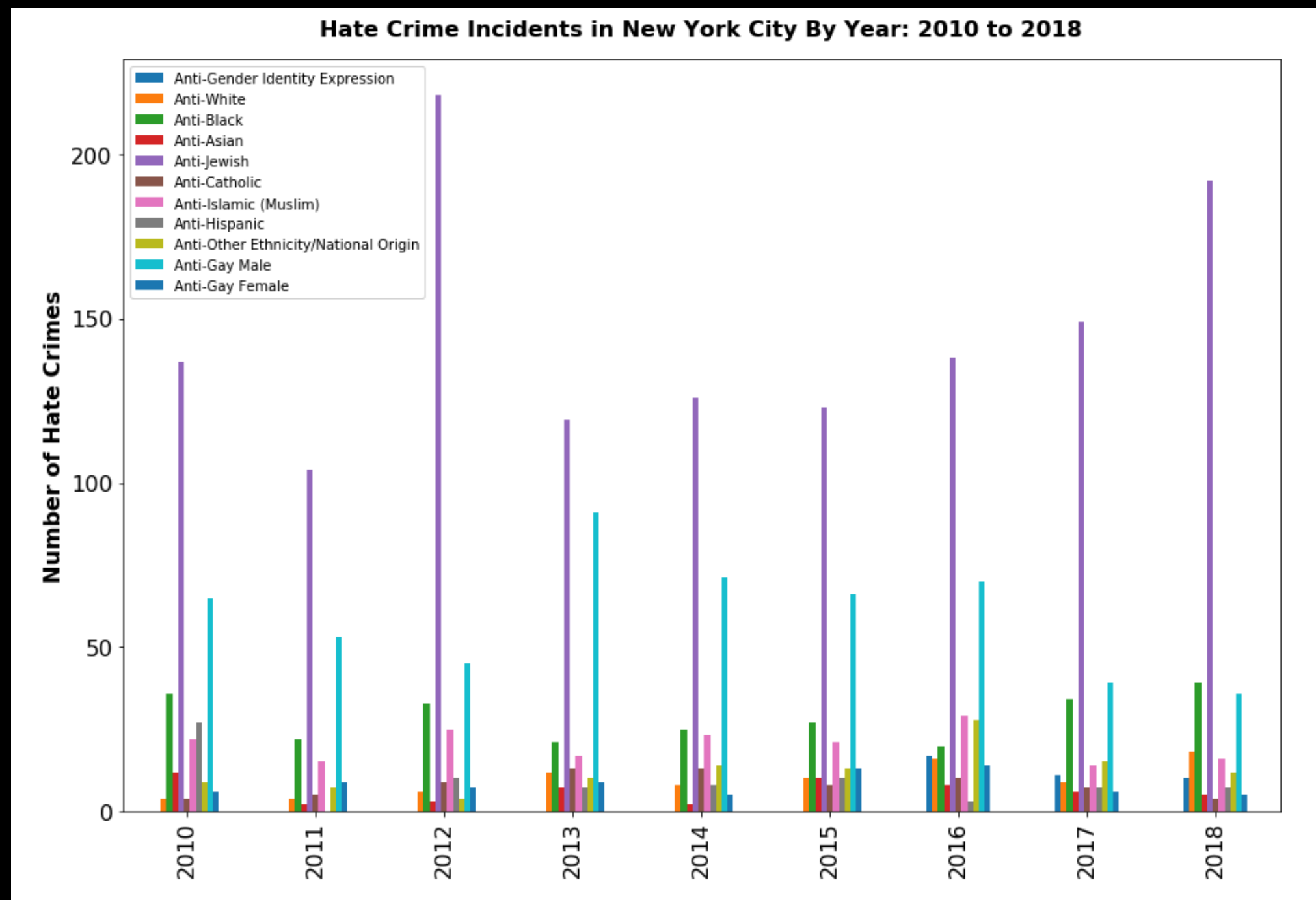
Prevalence Of Hate Crimes In Last Nine Years

Cumulative Number of Hate Crime Incidents in New York City from 2010 to 2018

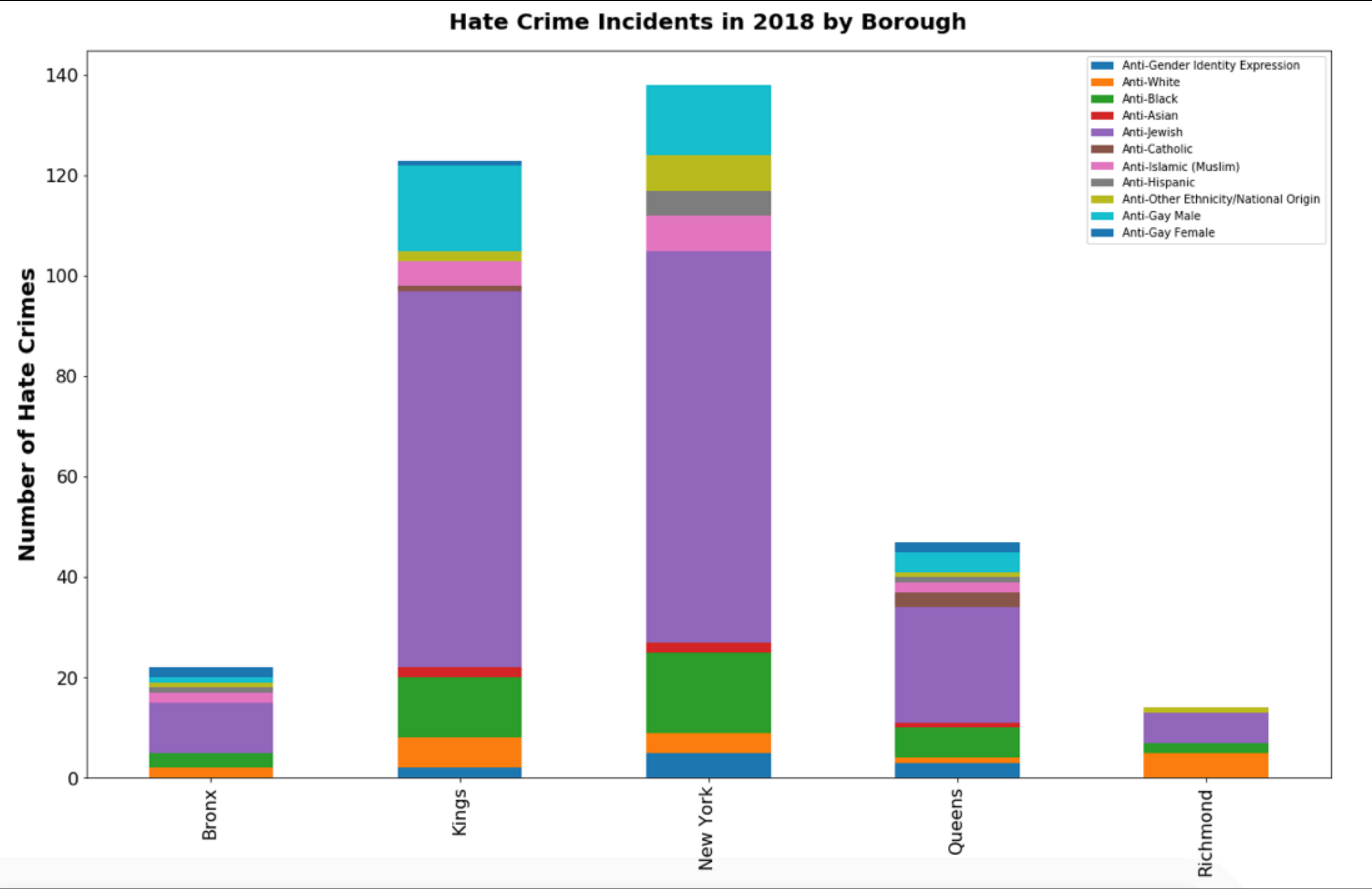|	NYC_Total_Hate_Incidents
Anti-Gender Identity Expression	76
Anti-Asian	110
Anti-Catholic	146
Anti-Gay Female	148
Anti-Hispanic	158
Anti-White	174
Anti-Other Ethnicity/National Origin	224
Anti-Islamic (Muslim)	364
Anti-Black	514
Anti-Gay Male	1072
Anti-Jewish	2612

Top five hate crimes incidents from 2010 to 2018 in NYC

- Anti-Jewish
- Anti-Gay Male
- Anti-Black
- Anti-Islamic
- Anti-National Origin

Hate Crime Trends Year Over Year

Hate Crime Incidents in New York City By Year: 2010 to 2018

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The graphs above show that the largest number of hate crime incidents in New York City from 2010 to 2018 have been Anti-Jewish followed by Anti-Gay (Male). The graph also shows that while the level of Anti-Gay (Male) incidents has been <u>decreasing</u>, Anti-Jewish incidents have been <u>increasing</u>

Borough By Borough Hate Crime Incidents (2018)

Hate Crime Incidents in 2018 by Borough

In 2018, the number of hate crime incidents that occurred in Manhattan (New York) and Brooklyn (Kings)far outnumbered the number of incidents in the other parts of the city

Conclusion

New York City is one of the most diverse and cosmopolitan cities in the world so the number of hate crimes committed from 2010 to 2018 might seem a bit surprising at first glance, especially the number of hate crimes committed against Jews since, outside of Israel, New York City has the largest Jewish population in the world

In addition to being incredibly diverse, New York City is also one of the most populated cities in the word with an estimated population of 8.3 million people. In a city this big and diverse, incidents are bound to occur. If we look at the overall hate crime incidents committed in 2018 vs. the estimated 2019 population levels and assume that the number of hate crime incidents remains similar, the hate crime levels do not appear as large. This is not a reason to be complacent however. Every effort should be made to eliminate hate crimes. Additionally, by analyzing hate crime data, we can spot and try to address disturbing trends before any group becomes marginalized

How can we reduce the number of Hate Crimes committed?

This is a tough question. Hatred towards others has plagued humanity from time immemorial. New York City's relatively low level of hate crime incidents compared to its population seems to provide a clue however. It seems that by increasing diversity and surrounding oneself with people who might be different, tolerance and understanding increases and hatred towards others decreases

Borough	2019 Population est.	2018 Incidents	Ratio of Incidents vs. Population
Manhattan	1628706	138	**.008%**
Staten Island	476143	14	**.002%**
Queens	2253858	47	**.002%**
Brooklyn	2559903	123	**.004%**
The Bronx	1418207	22	**.001%**