

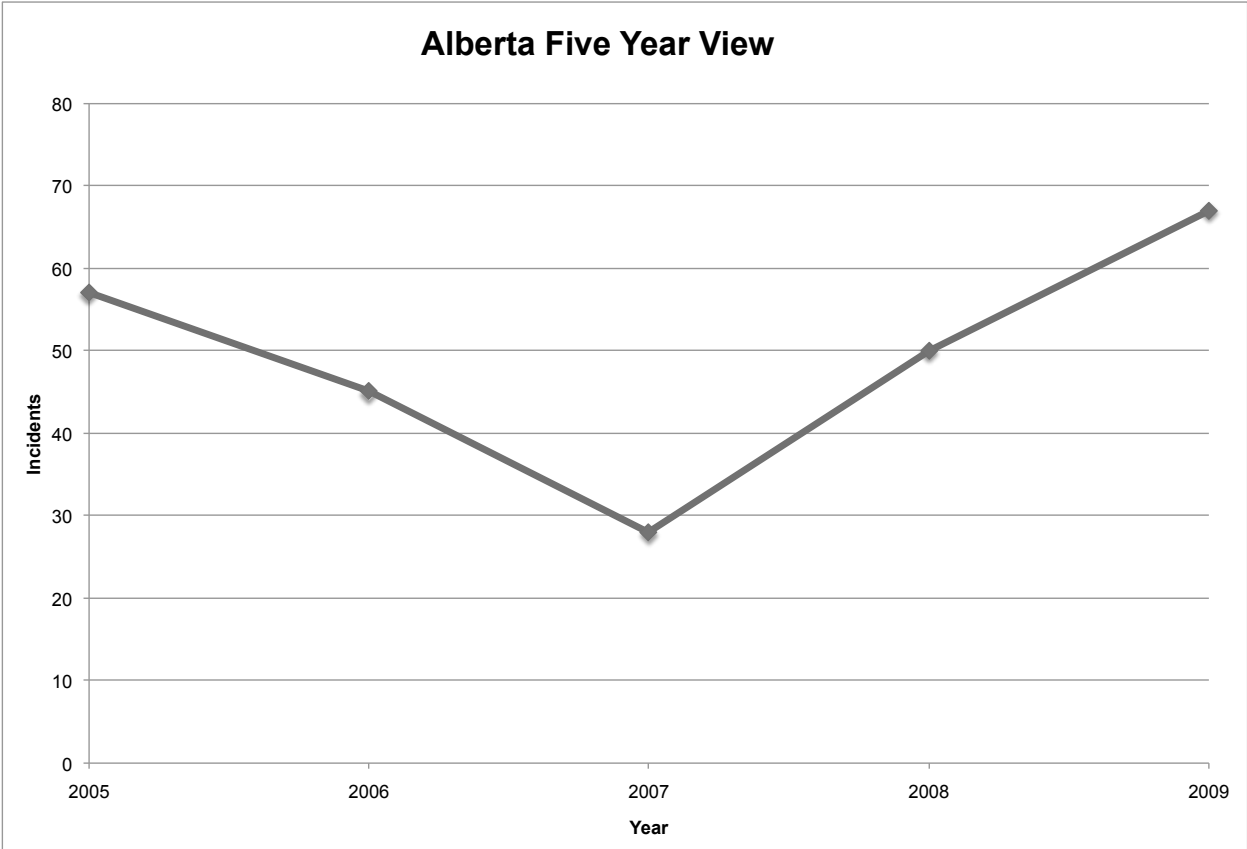
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## 2009 AUDIT OF ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS: *ALBERTA REGIONAL SUMMARY*

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.

### Alberta

- There were 67 cases reported across the province of Alberta, representing 5.3% of the total incidents recorded across Canada. This represents a 34% increase over the 50 cases reported in 2008. A five-year view shows a growing presence of antisemitism in the province.
- There were 38 cases of harassment (56.7% of total) – the same as in 2008, while vandalism cases jumped from 11 cases in 2008 to 28 in 2009 (41.8% of provincial total and a 154.5% jump). There was also one case of violence (1.5% of provincial total) where no such cases were recorded in previous years.
- Incidents took place in Calgary (48) and Edmonton (19).
- Antisemitic activity spiked in January 2009, with incidents at anti-Israel rallies. A sharp jump in activity was also noted in November of the year when ugly vandalism marred a variety of sites.



### Examples of Incidents

Cases included antisemitic slurs and signs at public rallies, a rabbi being spat upon at one such rally, vandalism of private homes, synagogues and public property with ugly antisemitic slurs, work place harassment, hate-filled postings and threats of violence on the Internet, and harassment on campus. Alberta (Calgary in particular) was the focus of activity by white supremacist groups and individuals, including street marches with the open display of white supremacist symbols and swastikas.