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# Discrimination complaints -- who, why

The following chart shows the top categories, or "protected class," of housing discrimination case inquiries made in Nassau and Suffolk counties. The inquiries were made to the New York State Division of Human Rights between 2000 and 2007.

<b>Nassau</b>	
Disability	<b>30 percent</b>
Race-color	<b>20 percent</b>
Sex	<b>12 percent</b>
Creed	<b>8 percent</b>
Familial status	<b>8 percent</b>
National origin	<b>8 percent</b>
<b>Suffolk</b>	
Disability	<b>30 percent</b>
Race-color	<b>24 percent</b>
Sexual orientation	<b>12 percent</b>
Familial status:	<b>11 percent</b>
Sex	<b>9 percent</b>
Opposed discrimination retaliation	<b>5 percent</b>

Most fair housing inquiries and complaints filed based on race on Long Island were made by African-Americans, both at 70 percent, according to ERASE Racism in a report today. That is based on inquiries made to the New York State Division of Human Rights from 1999 to 2007. Whites were 8 percent of the inquiries and 9 percent of complaints filed; Latinos comprised 7 percent of inquiries and 6 percent of complaints filed; Asians comprised 4 percent of inquiries and 4 percent of complaints filed; "other" comprised 11 percent of inquiries and 10 percent of complaints filed.

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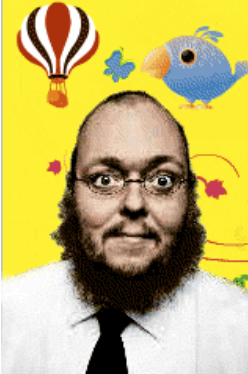
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