

Race and Crime Timeline

1500s–1700s	
1565	First permanent European settlement in the United States at St. Augustine, FL, by the Spanish ¹
1598	Spanish immigrants settle in what is now Texas and New Mexico ¹
1619	First Africans arrive in Virginia ¹
1622	Jamestown Massacre
1630	<i>Re Davis</i>
1639	First Execution of a Native American, Nepauduct
1640	<i>Re Sweat</i>
1681	Execution of Maria, a slave
1793	Fugitive Slave Act
1800s	
1820–1830	First great wave of immigration to the United States (mostly British, Irish, German) ¹
1824	Bureau of Indian Affairs created
1830	Indian Removal Act
1831	Nat Turner Slave Revolt
1848	Mexican-American War ends with the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo ¹
1849	Significant Chinese migration to the United States begins ¹
1851	Irish Migration to the United States increases ¹
1857	<i>Dred Scott v. Sandford</i>
1863	New York City Draft Riots
1864	Fort Pillow Massacre ⁴

1800s

1865	13th Amendment formerly abolishes slavery except for punishment for a crime
1866	New Orleans Riot Memphis Riot Ku Klux Klan founded
1869	14th Amendment guarantees due process and equal protection under the law
1871	Anti-Chinese Riot, Los Angeles, CA Ku Klux Klan Act makes it a federal offense to deny individuals their civil rights
1876	Battle of Little Bighorn
1882	Immigration Act (Chinese Exclusion) bans Chinese Migration ¹
1885–1886	Anti-Chinese Riots in Seattle, WA
1886–1887	German-American anarchists incite the Haymarket Riot and kill police officers ¹
1887	Dawes Act
1890	Wounded Knee Massacre
1891	New Orleans Anti-Italian Riot Omaha Race Riot
1892	Federal immigration reception center opens on Ellis Island ¹ First department of sociology opens at the University of Chicago
1894	Buffalo, NY, Riot (Irish- and Italian-Americans)
1896	<i>Plessy v. Ferguson</i>
1899	<i>The Philadelphia Negro: A social study</i> by W. E. B. Du Bois

1900s

1901–1910	Largest number of immigrants arrives in the United States ¹
1909	Opium Exclusion Act prohibits the importation of opium from the Philippines
1910	Mann Act NAACP founded
1913	Anti-Defamation League established in New York
1914	Harrison Narcotics Tax Act
1915	The controversial film <i>Birth of a Nation</i> premieres
1917	Immigration Act bans and criminalizes immigrants who are illiterate

1919	Red Summer: Race Riots in Chicago, Washington, DC, Charleston, Omaha, Knoxville, and Elaine, AR Volstead Act
1921	Tulsa ,OK, Race Riot
1923	<i>Moore v. Dempsey</i> Rosewood, FL, Massacre
1924	Indian Citizenship Act
1925	Marcus Garvey imprisoned in the federal penitentiary in Atlanta, GA ²
1929	League of United Latin American Citizens formed
1931	Scottsboro Boys arrested in Alabama
1932	<i>Powell v. Alabama</i>
1934	Indian Reorganization Act
1935	Harlem Race Riot <i>Norris v. Alabama</i>
1936	<i>Brown v. Mississippi</i>
1937	Marijuana Tax Act
1940	NAACP Legal Defense Fund founded
1942	Executive Order 9066 authorizes removal of Japanese Americans from the West Coast
1943	Detroit Race Riot Zoot Suit Riots, Los Angeles, CA Harlem Race Riot
1953	Public Law 280
1954	<i>Brown v. Board of Education</i> Operation Wetback
1955	Emmett Till murdered
1956	FBI Counterintelligence Programs (COINTELPRO) begin
1961	<i>Mapp v. Ohio</i>
1963	16th Street Baptist Church bombing
1964–1968	Civil disturbances and riots
1964	Civil Rights Act <i>Escobedo v. Illinois</i>

1900s (Continued)

1965	<i>Swain v. Alabama</i> Los Angeles Race Riot
1966	<i>Mapp v. Arizona</i> ⁵ Black Panther Party founded by Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seal in Oakland, CA
1967	Thurgood Marshall appointed to the US Supreme Court Detroit Riot
1968	American Indian Movement begins Indian Civil Rights Act Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act <i>Terry v. Ohio</i>
1969	National American Indian Court Judges Association founded
1971	George Jackson shot at San Quentin Prison New York State Prison at Attica Riot ² National Criminal Justice Association founded Wilmington 10 arrests
1972	<i>Furman v. Georgia</i> (death penalty) National Council of La Raza founded
1973	Wounded Knee II
1974	National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice founded
1975	Indian Self-Determination Act
1976	<i>Gregg v. Georgia</i> <i>Castaneda v. Partida</i> National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives founded
1977	<i>Coker v. Georgia</i>
1978	New York Juvenile Offender Act (Willie Bosket Law) <i>Oliphant v. Suquamish Indian Tribe</i>
1979	Atlanta Child Murders begin Alliance for Justice founded
1980	Acquittal of Miami Dade police officers charged with the beating death of Arthur McDuffie during a traffic stop in 1979 results in three days of rioting in Miami, FL Mariel Cuban migrants arrive in the United States ⁵

1984	<p>Crime Control Act Mandatory Minimums⁵ Bernard Goetz shoots four African American males on the 2 train in NYC</p>
1985	<p><i>Tennessee v. Garner</i> Headquarters of MOVE is bombed by the Philadelphia police at the order of Mayor Wilson Goode²</p>
1986	<p>Anti-Drug Abuse Act <i>Batson v. Kentucky</i></p>
1987	<p><i>McCleskey v. Kemp</i></p>
1988	<p>OJJDP Act amended to address DMC Anti-Drug Abuse Act Skinhead murder of Ethiopian immigrant in Portland, OR</p>
1989	<p>Central Park Jogger attack <i>Graham v. Connor</i></p>
1990	<p>Hate Crime Statistics Act requires the collection of hate crime data</p>
1991	<p>Crown Heights Riots follow the killing of 7-year old Gavin Cato Clarence Thomas appointed to the US Supreme Court Rodney King police brutality incident (March 3) Los Angeles Christopher Commission examines use of excessive force</p>
1992	<p>Acquittal of officers in the Rodney King beatings sparks the Los Angeles Riot Innocence Project established by Peter J. Neufeld and Barry C. Scheck</p>
1993	<p>National Native American Law Enforcement Association founded</p>
1993	<p>Colin Ferguson opens fire on a Long Island Railroad train resulting in six deaths and numerous persons injured</p>
1994	<p>Hate Crime Sentencing Enhancement Act is enacted³ Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act Violence Against Women Act</p>
1995	<p>Bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City by Timothy McVeigh⁵ First O.J. Simpson Trial ends in acquittal</p>
1996	<p>Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act strengthens deportation procedures Duke University Assault Case <i>State v. Soto</i></p>

1900s (Continued)

US v. Armstrong

Whren v. US

1997

*Maryland v. Wilson*⁵

1998

Matthew Sheppard murder³

James Byrd Jr. murder

1999

Columbine, CO, High School shootings

Tulia, TX, drug sting

2000s

2000

Illinois v. Wardlow

2001

September 11th attacks

Cincinnati Riots follow the killing of Timothy Thomas, an unarmed man, by a police officer

2002

DC Sniper shooting and killing spree begins on October 2nd

2005

US v. Booker

Alberto R. Gonzales sworn in as United States Attorney General

2006

Duke Lacrosse Incident

2007

Kimbrough v. United States addresses crack and powder cocaine sentencing disparities

Jena 6 arrested after an incident at Jena High School, Jena, LA

2008

Kennedy v. Louisiana

O. J. Simpson convicted of robbery

2009

Sonia Sotomayor appointed to the US Supreme Court

Secure Communities, an immigration enforcement program

Eric Holder sworn in as United States Attorney General

Oscar Grant is killed at an Oakland transit station by a transit officer

2010

Arizona Law SB 1070

Arizona law HB 2281

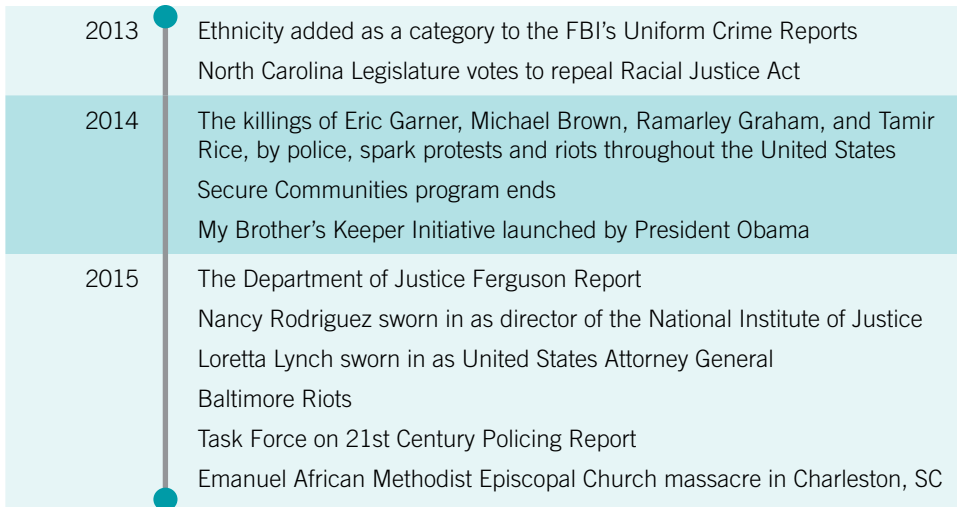
2011

Alabama passes anti-immigrant legislation HB 56 authorizing racial profiling

2012

17-year-old Trayvon Martin, an unarmed Black teenager, is fatally shot by George Zimmerman in Sanford, FL

Arizona v. United States



2013	Ethnicity added as a category to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports North Carolina Legislature votes to repeal Racial Justice Act
2014	The killings of Eric Garner, Michael Brown, Ramarley Graham, and Tamir Rice, by police, spark protests and riots throughout the United States Secure Communities program ends My Brother's Keeper Initiative launched by President Obama
2015	The Department of Justice Ferguson Report Nancy Rodriguez sworn in as director of the National Institute of Justice Loretta Lynch sworn in as United States Attorney General Baltimore Riots Task Force on 21st Century Policing Report Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church massacre in Charleston, SC

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