Hate and Bias Crime

**HATE CRIMES** are, generally, criminal offenses that are at least partly motivated by the offender’s bias against a race, religion, disability, ethnic origin, or sexual orientation. While legal definitions vary by state, hate crime statutes share the recognition that these crimes not only affect the victim, but because of the victim’s real or perceived membership in a class of people, also indirectly victimize the entire class of people targeted. As a result, these criminal acts carry additional penalties.

**NOTE:** Data for 2014 unless otherwise indicated. Hover for data hyperlinks to source material.

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**6,727 victims of reported hate crimes**

involved in **6,418 offenses** and **5,479 incidents** ∗

**Incidents by Offender Bias:** ∗

- Race (47.0%)
- Religion (18.6%)
- Sexual orientation (18.6%)
- Ethnicity (11.9%)
- Gender identity (1.8%)
- Disability (1.5%)
- Gender (0.6%)

5,462 single-bias incidents

**Offenders by Race:** ∗

- White (52.0%)
- Black (23.2%)
- American Indian/Alaska Native (1.1%)
- Asian (0.8%)
- Pacific Islander (<0.1%)
- Multiple races (6.9%)
- Unknown (16.0%)

5,192 offenders

**Victims by Racial Bias of Offender:** ∗

- Anti-Black (62.7%)
- Anti-White (22.7%)
- Anti-Asian (6.2%)
- Anti-American Indian/Alaska Native (4.6%)
- Anti-Pacific Islander (0.1%)
- Anti-multiple races (3.7%)

3,277 victims of racial bias

**Victims by Religious Bias of Offender:** ∗

- Anti-Jewish (56.8%)
- Anti-Islamic (16.1%)
- Anti-Catholic (6.1%)
- Anti-Protestant (2.5%)
- Anti-athiest/agnostic (1.2%)
- Other religions (11.0%)
- Anti-multiple religions (6.2%)

1,140 victims of religious bias

**Victims by Sexual-Orientation Bias of Offender:** ∗

- Anti-gay (56.3%)
- Anti-LGBT (mixed group) (24.4%)
- Anti-lesbian (13.9%)
- Anti-bisexual (3.8%)
- Anti-heterosexual (1.5%)

1,248 victims of sexual-orientation bias

**Percentage of hate crime incidents identified by law enforcement by location:** ∗

- In or near residence: 31.6%
- Road, alley, sidewalk: 17.8%
- School, college: 8.6%
- Parking lot, garage: 6.3%
- Restaurant, bar, nightclub: 3.7%
- House of worship: 3.6%
- Government or public building: 1.8%
- Other/Multiple locations: 26.7%
People who are LGBTQH reported to the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs:* **

1,359 incidents of hate violence

including 20 homicides

Of total incidents, 54.2% are reported to law enforcement*

Gay men are 1.4x more likely to report hate violence to police compared to other LGBTQH victims*

NOTES
*Crimes against society represent societal prohibitions against certain activities, including gambling, prostitution, and drug violations.
**Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or HIV-affected

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