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.

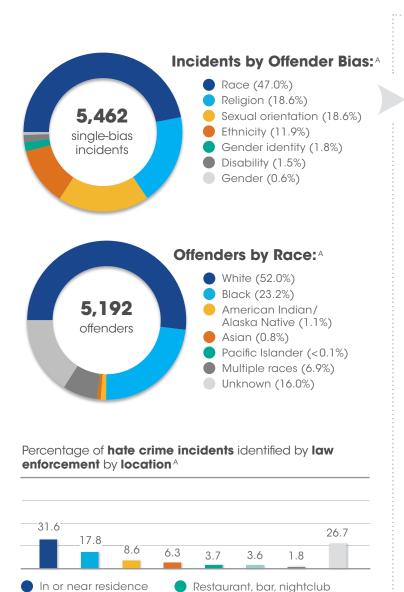
NOTE: Data for 2014 unless otherwise indicated. Hover for data hyperlinks to source material.

Victims of Crime



6,727 victims of reported hate crimes

involved in 6,418 offenses and 5,479 incidents^A



House of worship

Other/Multiple locations

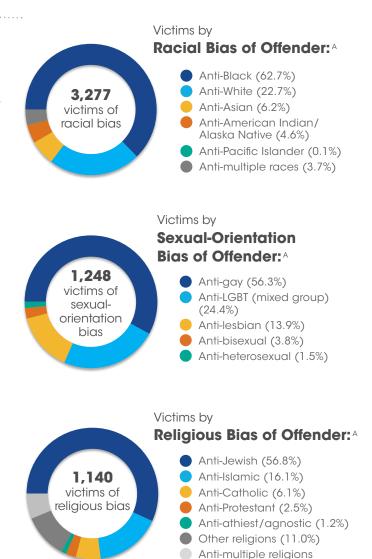
Government or public building

Road, alley, sidewalk

School, college

Parking lot, garage

> **53.0%** of victims of violent hate crimes in 2012 **knew the offender**^c



(6.2%)

Hate and Bias Crime continued

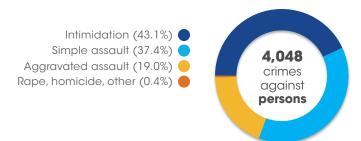


Among the 6,418 hate crime offenses:

63.1% were crimes against **persons**

0.8% were crimes against **society***

36.1% were crimes against property





- Property damage, vandalism (73.1%) Larceny-theft (10.3%)
- Burglary (7.0%)
- Robbery (5.3%)
- Arson (1.1%)
- Motor-vehicle theft (0.9%)
- Other (2.2%)

People who are **LGBTQH** reported to the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs: **B

- > 1,359 incidents of hate violence
- > including 20 homicides

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

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

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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