



## **Incidents and Offenses**

The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program collects data about both single-bias and multiple-bias hate crime incidents. For each offense type reported, law enforcement must indicate at least one bias motivation. A single-bias incident is defined as an incident in which one or more offense types are motivated by the same bias. A multiple-bias incident is defined as an incident in which more than one offense type occurs and at least two offense types are motivated by different biases.

- In 2008, 13,690 law enforcement agencies submitted hate crime data to the UCR Program. Of these agencies, 2,145 reported 7,783 hate crime incidents involving 9,168 offenses.
- Of the 7,783 reported incidents, 7,780 were single-bias and involved 9,160 offenses, 9,683 victims, and 6,921 offenders.
- The 3 multiple-bias incidents reported in 2008 involved 8 offenses, 8 victims, and 6 offenders. (See Tables 1 and 12.)

### ***Single-bias incidents***

Of the 7,780 single-bias incidents reported in 2008:

- 51.3 percent were racially motivated.
- 19.5 percent were motivated by religious bias.
- 16.7 percent stemmed from sexual-orientation bias.
- 11.5 percent resulted from ethnicity/national origin bias.
- 1.0 percent were motivated by disability bias. (Based on Table 1.)

### ***Offenses by bias motivation within incidents***

There were 9,160 single-bias hate crime offenses reported in the above incidents. Of these:

- 51.4 percent stemmed from racial bias.
- 17.7 percent were motivated by sexual-orientation bias.
- 17.5 percent resulted from religious bias.
- 12.5 percent were motivated by ethnicity/national origin bias.
- 0.9 percent resulted from biases against disabilities. (Based on Table 1.)

### **Racial bias**

In 2008, law enforcement agencies reported that 4,704 offenses among single-bias hate crime incidents were racially motivated. Of these offenses:

- 72.6 percent were motivated by anti-black bias.
- 17.3 percent stemmed from anti-white bias.
- 5.5 percent were a result of bias against groups of individuals consisting of more than one race (anti-multiple races, group).
- 3.4 percent resulted from anti-Asian/Pacific Islander bias.
- 1.3 percent were motivated by anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native bias. (Based on Table 1.)

### **Sexual-orientation bias**

Of the single-bias incidents, 1,617 offenses were committed based on sexual-orientation bias. Of these offenses:

- 58.6 percent were the result of anti-male homosexual bias.
- 25.7 percent were motivated by anti-homosexual bias.
- 12.0 percent were prompted by anti-female homosexual bias.
- 2.0 percent were the result of anti-heterosexual bias.
- 1.7 percent were motivated by anti-bisexual bias. (Based on Table 1.)

### **Religious bias**

There were 1,606 hate crime offenses motivated by religious bias in 2008. A breakdown of these offenses shows:

- 65.7 percent were anti-Jewish.
- 13.2 percent were anti-other religion.
- 7.7 percent were anti-Islamic.
- 4.7 percent were anti-Catholic.
- 4.2 percent were anti-multiple religions, group.
- 3.7 percent were anti-Protestant.
- 0.9 percent were anti-Atheism/Agnosticism/etc. (Based on Table 1.)

### **Ethnicity/national origin bias**

In 2008, law enforcement agencies reported 1,148 offenses were committed based on the perceived ethnicity or national origin of the victim. Of these offenses:

- 64.0 percent were due to anti-Hispanic bias.
- 36.0 percent were because of anti-other ethnicity/national origin bias. (Based on Table 1.)

### **Disability bias**

There were 85 reported offenses committed based on disability bias. Of these hate crimes:

- 57 offenses were the result of anti-mental disability bias.
- 28 offenses were motivated by anti-physical disability bias. (See Table 1.)

### ***By offense types***

Of the 9,168 reported hate crime offenses in 2008:

- 32.4 percent were destruction/damage/vandalism.
- 29.5 percent were intimidation.
- 19.4 percent were simple assault.
- 11.2 percent were aggravated assault.
- 7.5 percent were comprised of additional crimes against persons, property, and society. (Based on Table 2.)

### ***Offenses by crime category***

Among the 9,168 hate crime offenses reported:

- 60.4 percent were crimes against persons.
- 39.4 percent were crimes against property.
- The remainder of the offenses were crimes against society. (Based on Table 2.)  
(See Data Collection in Methodology.)

### **Crimes against persons**

Law enforcement reported 5,542 hate crime offenses as crimes against persons. By offense type:

- 48.8 percent were intimidation.
- 32.1 percent were simple assault.
- 18.5 percent were aggravated assault.
- 0.3 percent consisted of 7 murders and 11 forcible rapes.
- 0.3 percent involved the offense category *other*, which is collected only in the National Incident-Based Reporting System. (Based on Table 2.)

### **Crimes against property**

- The majority of the 3,608 hate crime offenses that were crimes against property (82.3 percent) were acts of destruction/damage/vandalism.
- The remaining 17.7 percent of crimes against property consisted of robbery, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, arson, and other crimes. (Based on Table 2.)

### **Crimes against society**

Eighteen hate crime offenses were crimes against society (e.g., drug or narcotic offenses or prostitution).

### ***By victim type***

An examination of hate crime offenses classified as crimes against property revealed the following:

- 50.9 percent of these offenses were directed at individuals.
- 12.9 percent of these offenses were against businesses or financial institutions.
- 8.9 percent of these offenses were against government.
- 6.6 percent of these offenses were against religious organizations.
- The remaining 20.6 percent of these offenses were directed at other, multiple, or unknown victim types. (Based on Table 6.)

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