



Incidents and Offenses

The UCR Program collects data about both single-bias and multiple-bias hate crimes. 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 2006, 2,105 law enforcement agencies reported 7,722 hate crime incidents involving 9,080 offenses.
- There were 7,720 single-bias incidents that involved 9,076 offenses, 9,642 victims and 7,324 offenders. (See Table 1.)
- The 2 multiple-bias incidents reported in 2006 involved 4 offenses, 10 victims, and 6 offenders.

Single-Bias Incidents

An analysis of the 7,720 single-bias incidents reported in 2006 reveals the following:

- 51.8 percent were racially motivated.
- 18.9 percent were motivated by religious bias.
- 15.5 percent resulted from sexual-orientation bias.
- 12.7 percent stemmed from ethnicity/national origin bias.
- 1.0 percent were prompted by disability bias. (Based on Table 1.)

Offenses by Bias Motivation within Incidents

Of the 9,076 single-bias hate crime offenses reported in the above incidents:

- 52.2 percent were motivated by racial bias.
- 17.6 percent resulted from religious bias.
- 15.6 percent were motivated by sexual-orientation bias.
- 13.6 percent were motivated by ethnicity or national origin bias.
- 1.0 percent were the consequences of biases against disability. (Based on Table 1.)

Racial bias

In 2006, law enforcement agencies reported that 4,737 single-bias hate crime offenses were racially motivated. Of these offenses:

- 66.2 percent were motivated by anti-black bias.
- 21.3 percent were motivated by anti-white bias.
- 6.1 percent were driven by bias against groups of individuals consisting of more than one race (anti-multiple races, group).
- 4.9 percent resulted from anti-Asian/Pacific Islander bias.
- 1.5 percent were motivated by anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native bias. (Based on Table 1.)

Religious bias

Hate crimes motivated by religious bias accounted for 1,597 offenses reported by law enforcement. A breakdown of the bias motivation of religious-bias offenses showed:

- 64.3 percent were anti-Jewish.
- 12.0 percent were anti-Islamic.
- 8.8 percent were anti-other religion.
- 5.5 percent were anti-multiple religions, (i.e., groups of individuals of varying religions).

- 5.1 percent were anti-Catholic.
- 3.9 percent were anti-Protestant.
- 0.5 percent were anti-Atheism/Agnosticism. (Based on Table 1.)

Sexual-orientation bias

In 2006, law enforcement agencies reported 1,415 hate crime offenses based on sexual-orientation bias. Of these offenses:

- 62.3 percent were classified as anti-male homosexual biased.
- 20.7 percent were classified as anti-homosexual biased.
- 13.6 percent were classified as anti-female homosexual biased.
- 2.0 percent were classified as anti-heterosexual biased.
- 1.5 percent were classified as anti-bisexual biased. (Based on Table 1.)

Ethnicity/national origin bias

Of the single-bias incidents, 1,233 offenses were committed based on the perceived ethnicity or national origin of the victim. Of these offenses:

- 62.4 percent were anti-Hispanic biased.
- 37.6 percent were anti-other ethnicity/national origin biased. (Based on Table 1.)

Disability bias

There were 94 reported hate crime offenses committed based on disability bias.

- 74 offenses were classified as anti-mental disability.
- 20 offenses were classified as anti-physical disability. (See Table 1.)

By Offense Types

Of the 9,080 reported hate crime offenses in 2006:

- 32.1 percent were destruction/damage/vandalism.
- 27.6 percent were intimidation.
- 19.1 percent were simple assault.
- 13.0 percent were aggravated assault.
- The remaining 8.2 percent of hate crimes were comprised of additional crimes against persons, property, and society. (Based on Table 2.)

Offenses by Crime Category

Among the 9,080 hate crime offenses reported:

- 60.0 percent were crimes against persons.
- 39.6 percent were crimes against property.
- Approximately 0.4 percent were crimes against society. (Based on Table 2.) (See Data Collection in Methodology.)

Crimes against persons

Law enforcement reported 5,449 hate crime offenses as crimes against persons. By offense type:

- 46.0 percent were intimidation.
- 31.9 percent were simple assaults.
- 21.6 percent were aggravated assaults.
- 0.2 percent consisted of 3 murders and 6 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 3,593 crimes against property (81.0 percent) were acts of destruction/damage/vandalism.
- The remaining 19.0 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

Thirty-eight offenses were crimes against society (e.g., drug or narcotic offenses or prostitution).

By Victim Type

When considering the type of victim among property crimes:

- 51.3 percent were directed at individuals.
- 12.6 percent were against businesses or financial institutions.
- 8.9 percent were against government.
- 7.4 percent were against religious organizations.
- The remaining 19.8 percent were directed at other, multiple, or unknown victim types. (Based on Table 6.)