



## **HATE CRIME STATISTICS - 2010**

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In November 2011, the Federal Bureau of Investigation released the publication, *Hate Crime Statistics 2010*. Produced in compliance with the federal Hate Crime Statistics Act of 1990, the publication has been released annually since 1992.

Hate crimes, also known as bias crimes, are criminal offenses committed against a person, property, or society that are motivated, in part or in whole, by the offender's bias against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or ethnicity/national origin.

The report is based on data submitted to the FBI's hate crime statistics program through a standardized hate crime supplement to UCR and NIBRS reports. Nationally, 14,977 law enforcement agencies covering 92.3 percent of the U.S. population participated in the hate crime reporting program in 2010.

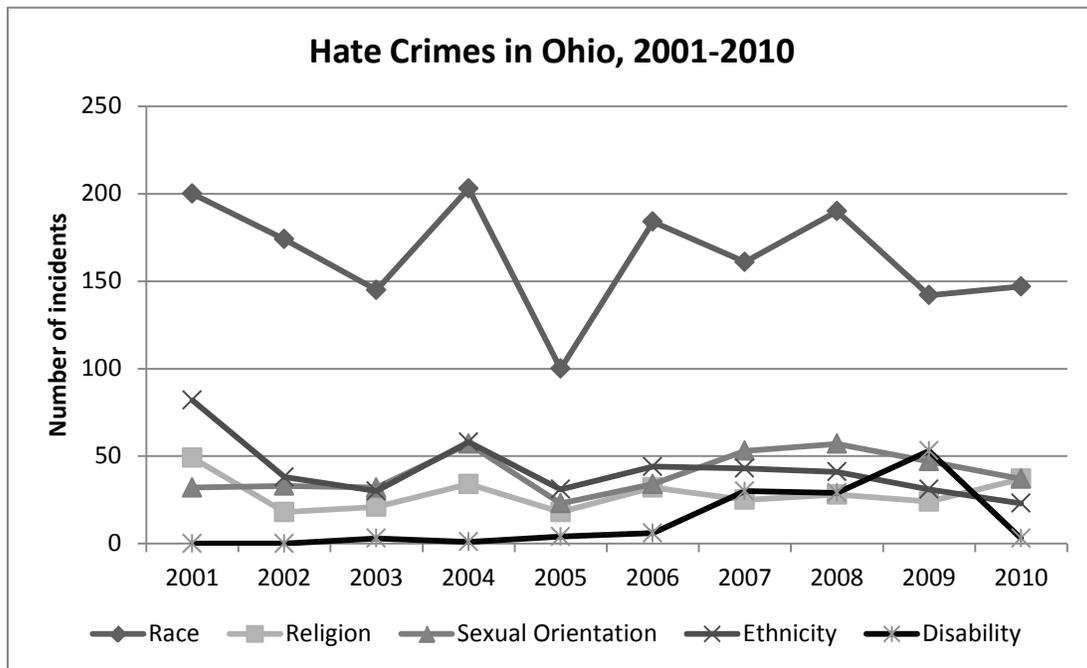
The information contained in this report is subject to strenuous qualifiers. As the FBI report itself states, "Because motivation is subjective, it is sometimes difficult to know with certainty whether a crime resulted from the offender's bias. Moreover, the presence of bias alone does not necessarily mean that a crime can be considered a hate crime." Law enforcement investigation must reveal with sufficient evidence to lead a person to conclude that the offender's *actions* were motivated in whole or in part by his or her bias.

The following is a brief review of this year's report. Whenever available, Ohio statistics are reported, and may be supplemented by U.S. statistics.

### Hate crime reporting

- The number of Ohio law enforcement agencies who submitted the hate crime supplement increased from 588 in 2009 to 591 in 2010.
- Of the 591 Ohio law enforcement agencies who submitted the hate crime supplement in 2010, 83 agencies reported a total of 247 hate crime incidents, and 508 reported zero hate crime incidents.
- The Ohio hate crime rate of 2.6 incidents per 100,000 population is above the national average of 2.3 incidents per 100,000 population.
- Nationwide, most hate crime incidents, 47 percent, involved racial bias. The remaining incidents involved religion (20 percent), sexual orientation (19 percent), ethnicity/national origin (13 percent), and disability (1 percent).
- In Ohio, 60 percent of hate crime incidents were related to race, followed by religion and sexual orientation (15 percent each), ethnicity (9 percent) and disability (one percent).
- Nationwide data on the specific types of racial bias show that 70 percent of such incidents were anti-Black and 18 percent were anti-White.
- Nationwide data show that 63 percent of ethnicity bias incidents were anti-Hispanic.

- Nationwide data show that 67 percent of religious bias incidents were anti-Jewish. Twelve percent of religious bias incidents were anti-Islamic.
- Nationwide, 63 percent of all hate crime offenses<sup>1</sup> were crimes against persons. The majority of these offenses involved intimidation (46 percent), simple assault (35 percent) and aggravated assault (18 percent). There were seven murders as a result of a hate bias. Of the 37 percent of hate crime offenses committed against property, the overwhelming majority, 81 percent, involved destruction, damage, or vandalism.
- In Ohio, 62 percent of hate crime offenses were crimes against persons and 38 percent were crimes against property. Sixty-two percent of bias crimes against persons involved intimidation, 33 percent involved simple assault, and five percent involved aggravated assault. Of the bias crimes against property, 62 percent involved destruction, damage, or vandalism.



Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Hate Crimes 2010*.

<sup>1</sup> Offenses differ from incidents in that there may be multiple offenses, multiple victims, and/or multiple offenders within one hate crime incident.