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Hate Crime Statistics 2012

Hate Crimes in the U.S. and Ohio

In November 2013, the Federal Bureau of Investigation released the publication, *Hate Crime Statistics 2012*. 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, 13,022 law enforcement agencies representing 79.3 percent of the nation's population participated in UCR hate crime reporting in 2012.

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.

Nationwide hate crime reporting

- Nationwide, there were 5,796 hate crime incidents. Most incidents, 48 percent, involved racial bias. The remaining incidents involved sexual orientation (20 percent), religion (19 percent), ethnicity (12 percent), and disability (2 percent). Less than one percent was multiple bias incidents.
- Nationwide data on the specific types of racial bias incidents show that 64 percent of such incidents were anti-Black and 23 percent were anti-White. Fifty-eight percent of ethnic bias incidents were anti-Hispanic.
- Nationwide data on the 1,099 religious bias incidents in 2012 show that 61 percent were anti-Jewish and 12 percent were anti-Islamic.
- Nationwide, 20 percent of hate crime incidents involved sexual orientation. Of those incidents, 53 percent were Anti-male homosexual, 28 percent were Anti-homosexual and 13 percent were Anti-female homosexual.

2012 Nationwide Bias Motivation Hate Crime

Bias Motivation	Incidents	Offenses	Victims
Total	5,796	6,718	7,164
Single-Bias Incidents:	5,790	6,705	7,151
Race:	2,797	3,297	3,467
Anti-White	657	739	763
Anti-Black	1,805	2,180	2,295
Anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native	101	109	115
Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander	121	134	143
Anti-Multiple Races, Group	113	135	151
Religion:	1,099	1,166	1,340
Anti-Jewish	674	696	836
Anti-Catholic	70	79	86
Anti-Protestant	33	34	35
Anti-Islamic	130	149	155
Anti-Other Religion	92	107	115
Anti-Multiple Religions, Group	88	89	101
Anti-Atheism/Agnosticism/etc.	12	12	12
*Sexual Orientation:	1,135	1,318	1,376
Anti-Male Homosexual	605	720	741
Anti-Female Homosexual	146	162	175
Anti-Homosexual	321	369	393
Anti-Heterosexual	24	26	26
Anti-Bisexual	39	41	41
Ethnicity/National Origin:	667	822	866
Anti-Hispanic	384	488	514
Anti-Other Ethnicity/National Origin	283	334	352
Disability:	92	102	102
Anti-Physical	18	20	20
Anti-Mental	74	82	82
Multiple-Bias Incidents:	6	13	13

- ***Subsequent changes to hate crime collection:**
 - Congress further amended the Hate Crime Statistics Act by passing the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009, 18 U.S.C. §249. The amendment includes the collection of data for crimes motivated by bias against a particular gender and gender identity, as well as for hate crimes committed by or directed against juveniles. The FBI implemented system changes to begin collecting these data in 2013; the data will be published in future presentations. (See Hate Crime Statistics Act for referenced legislation, as amended.)

- Nationwide, 59 percent of all hate crime offenses¹ were crimes against persons. The majority of these offenses involved simple assault (41 percent), intimidation (38 percent) and aggravated assault (22 percent). There were 5 homicides as a result of a hate bias. Of the 44 percent of hate crimes committed against property, the overwhelming majority, 75 percent, involved destruction, damage, or vandalism.

2012 Nationwide Hate Crime Offenses

Offense type	Incidents	Offenses	Victims
Total	5,796	6,718	7,164
Crimes against persons:	3,258	3,968	3,968
Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter	5	10	10
Forcible rape	15	15	15
Aggravated assault	644	854	854
Simple assault	1,336	1,570	1,570
Intimidation	1,230	1,489	1,489
Other	28	30	30
Crimes against property:	2,547	2,547	2,993
Robbery	126	126	149
Burglary	142	142	174
Larceny-theft	258	258	281
Motor vehicle theft	23	23	24
Arson	38	38	46
Destruction/damage/vandalism	1,906	1,906	2,263
Other	54	54	56
Crimes against society:	203	203	203

Ohio hate crime reporting

- The Ohio hate crime rate of 2.6 incidents per 100,000 population is slightly higher than the national average of 2.3 incidents per 100,000 population.
- In Ohio, 594 law enforcement agencies submitted the hate crime supplement in 2012.
 - Of the 594 Ohio law enforcement agencies who submitted the hate crime supplement in 2012, 104 agencies reported a total of 257 hate crime incidents, and 490 agencies reported zero hate crime incidents.
- In Ohio, 50 percent of bias incidents were related to race, 25 percent were related to sexual orientation, 11 percent were related to religion, 11 percent were related to ethnicity, and four percent was related to disability.

2012 Incidents per Bias Motivation Hate Crime

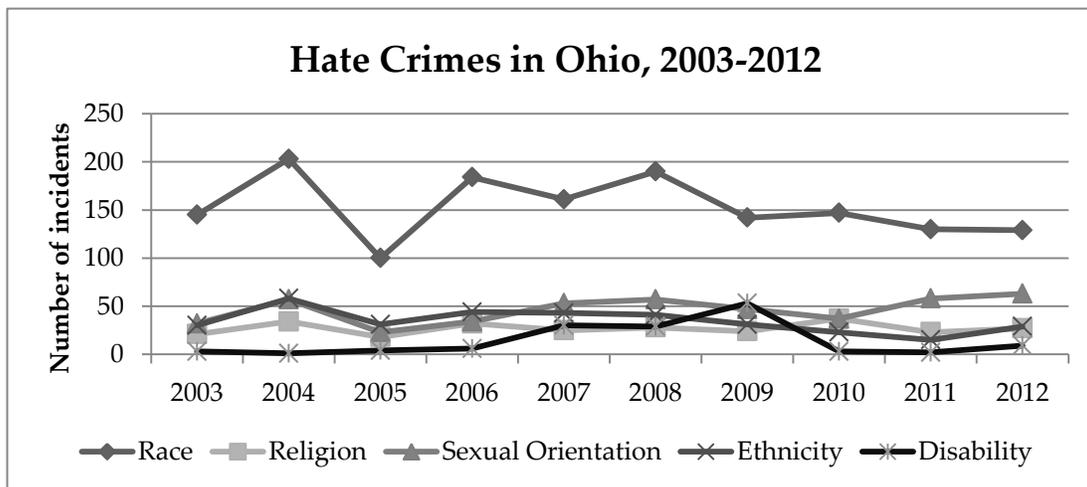
Number of Incidents per bias Motivation						
	Race	Religion	Sexual Orientation	Ethnicity	Disability	Total
Ohio	129	27	63	29	9	257

¹ A single incident can consist of one or more offenses.

- In Ohio, 59 percent of hate crime offenses were crimes against persons and 40 percent were crimes against property. Sixty-four percent of bias crimes against persons involved intimidation, 27 percent involved simple assault, and 7 percent involved aggravated assault. Of the bias crimes against property, 74 percent involved destruction, damage, or vandalism.

2012 Ohio Hate Crime Offenses

Offense type	Incidents
Total	296
Crimes against persons:	174
Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter	0
Forcible rape	0
Aggravated assault	13
Simple assault	47
Intimidation	112
Other	2
Crimes against property:	118
Robbery	4
Burglary	11
Larceny-theft	11
Motor vehicle theft	1
Arson	2
Destruction/damage/vandalism	87
Other	2
Crimes against society:	4



For the full report, visit the FBI's website at <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/hate-crime/2012/hate-crime>