

# OCJS Special Report

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## ***Hate Crime Statistics 2016***

### **Hate Crimes in the U.S. and Ohio**

In November 2017, the Federal Bureau of Investigation released the publication, *Hate Crime Statistics 2016*. Produced in compliance with the federal Hate Crime Statistics Act of 1990, the publication has been released annually since 1992.

The Hate Crime Statistics Program of the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program collects data regarding criminal offenses that were motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias against a race, gender, gender identity, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or ethnicity, and were committed against persons, property, or society.

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, 15,254 law enforcement agencies representing 90 percent of the nation's population participated in UCR hate crime reporting in 2016.

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.

#### **Nationwide hate crime reporting**

- Nationwide, 1,776 law enforcement agencies reported 6,121 hate crime incidents<sup>1</sup> involving 7,321 offenses. Most single-bias incidents, 58 percent, involved race or ethnicity. The remaining incidents involved religion (21 percent), sexual orientation (18 percent), gender-identity (2 percent), disability (1 percent) and gender bias (1 percent).
- Nationwide data on the specific types of racial bias offenses show that 50 percent of such offenses were anti-Black, 21 percent were anti-White and 11 percent were anti-Hispanic or Latino.

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<sup>1</sup> A single incident can consist of one or more offenses.

- Nationwide data on the 1,538 religious bias offenses in 2016 show that 54 percent were anti-Jewish and 25 percent were anti-Islamic.
- Nationwide, 17 percent of hate crime offenses involved sexual orientation. Of those offenses, 63 percent were Anti-gay (male) bias, 22 percent were Anti-lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (Mixed Group) bias, 12 percent were Anti-lesbian bias, two percent were Anti-bisexual bias and two percent were anti-heterosexual bias offenses. Seventy-two percent of gender bias offenses were anti-female.

### 2016 Nationwide Bias Motivation Hate Crime

Bias motivation	Incidents	Offenses	Victims
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,121</b>	<b>7,321</b>	<b>7,615</b>
<b>Single-Bias Incidents:</b>	<b>6,063</b>	<b>7,227</b>	<b>7,509</b>
<b>Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry:</b>	<b>3,489</b>	<b>4,229</b>	<b>4,426</b>
Anti-White	720	876	909
Anti-Black or African American	1,739	2,122	2,220
Anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native	154	161	169
Anti-Asian	113	131	137
Anti-Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	9	9	9
Anti-Multiple Races, Group	136	178	190
Anti- Arab	51	56	57
Anti-Hispanic or Latino	344	449	483
Anti-Other Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry	223	247	252
<b>Religion:</b>	<b>1,273</b>	<b>1,538</b>	<b>1,584</b>
Anti-Jewish	684	834	862
Anti-Catholic	62	63	65
Anti-Protestant	15	20	22
Anti-Islamic (Muslim)	307	381	388
Anti-Other Religion	74	90	91
Anti-Multiple Religions, Group	34	48	48
Anti-Mormon	7	8	8
Anti-Jehovah's Witness	2	3	3
Anti-Eastern Orthodox (Russian, Greek, Other)	28	28	30
Anti-Other Christian	36	37	39
Anti-Buddhist	1	1	1
Anti- Hindu	10	12	12
Anti-Sikh	7	7	8
Anti-Atheism/Agnosticism/etc.	6	6	7
<b>Sexual Orientation:</b>	<b>1,076</b>	<b>1,218</b>	<b>1,255</b>
Anti-Gay (Male)	675	765	787
Anti-Lesbian	124	141	147
Anti-Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender (Mixed Group)	234	262	271
Anti-Heterosexual	20	23	23

Anti-Bisexual	23	27	27
<b>Disability:</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>77</b>
Anti-Physical	26	29	30
Anti-Mental	44	47	47
<b>Gender</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>
Anti-Male	7	10	10
Anti-Female	24	26	26
<b>Gender Identity</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>131</b>
Anti-Transgender	105	111	111
Anti-Gender Non-Conforming	19	19	20
<b>Multiple-Bias Incidents</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>106</b>

- Nationwide, 64 percent of all hate crime offenses were crimes against persons. The majority of these offenses involved intimidation (45 percent), simple assault (36 percent) and aggravated assault (18 percent). There were 9 homicides and 24 rapes<sup>2</sup> reported as a result of a hate bias. Of the 34 percent of hate crimes committed against property, the overwhelming majority, 76 percent, involved destruction, damage, or vandalism.

#### 2016 Nationwide Hate Crime Offenses

Offense type	Incidents	Offenses	Victims
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,121</b>	<b>7,321</b>	<b>7,615</b>
<b>Crimes against persons:</b>	<b>3,765</b>	<b>4,720</b>	<b>4,720</b>
Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter	5	9	9
Rape (revised definition)	24	24	24
Rape (legacy definition)	0	0	0
Aggravated assault	684	873	873
Simple assault	1,458	1,687	1,687
Intimidation	1,577	2,109	2,109
Other	17	18	18
<b>Crimes against property:</b>	<b>2,519</b>	<b>2,519</b>	<b>2,813</b>
Robbery	134	134	163
Burglary	123	123	138
Larceny-theft	231	231	253
Motor vehicle theft	20	20	21
Arson	39	39	51
Destruction/damage/vandalism	1,913	1,913	2,122
Other	59	59	65
<b>Crimes against society</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>82</b>

<sup>2</sup>All 24 rapes were submitted under the UCR Programs revised definition of rape. Rape is now defined as the penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim. The revised definition expands rape to include both male and female victims and offenders, and reflects the various forms of sexual penetration understood to be rape, especially non-consenting acts of sodomy, and sexual assaults with objects.

## **Ohio hate crime reporting**

- The Ohio hate crime rate of 4.6 incidents per 100,000 population is higher than the national average of 2.1 incidents per 100,000 population.
- In Ohio, 562 law enforcement agencies submitted the hate crime supplement in 2016.
  - Of the 562 Ohio law enforcement agencies who submitted the hate crime supplement in 2016, 115 agencies reported a total of 442 hate crime incidents, and 447 agencies reported zero hate crime incidents.
- In Ohio, 76 percent of bias incidents were related to race/ethnicity/ancestry, 14 percent were related to sexual orientation, 8 percent were related to religion, two percent was related to disability and less than one percent was related to gender and gender identity.

### **2016 Incidents per Bias Motivation Hate Crime**

<b>Number of Incidents per bias Motivation</b>							
	<b>Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry</b>	<b>Religion</b>	<b>Sexual Orientation</b>	<b>Disability</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Gender Identity</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Ohio</b>	336	35	60	9	1	1	442

- In Ohio, 62 percent of hate crime offenses were crimes against persons and 37 percent were crimes against property. Seventy-one percent of bias crimes against persons involved intimidation, 22 percent involved simple assault, and seven percent involved aggravated assault. Of the bias crimes against property, 44 percent involved destruction, damage, or vandalism.

### 2016 Ohio Hate Crime Offenses

Offense type	Incidents
<b>Total</b>	<b>508</b>
<b>Crimes against persons:</b>	<b>315</b>
Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter	0
Rape (revised definition)	0
Rape (legacy definition)	0
Aggravated assault	22
Simple assault	68
Intimidation	224
Other	1
<b>Crimes against property:</b>	<b>190</b>
Robbery	6
Burglary	22
Larceny-theft	58
Motor vehicle theft	5
Arson	0
Destruction/damage/vandalism	84
Other	15
<b>Crimes against society:</b>	<b>3</b>

For the full report, visit the FBI's website at <https://ucr.fbi.gov/hate-crime/2016/hate-crime>