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Hate Crime Statistics 2017

Hate Crimes in the U.S. and Ohio

In November 2018, the Federal Bureau of Investigation released the publication, *Hate Crime Statistics 2017*. 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/ethnicity/ancestry, 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, 16,149 law enforcement agencies representing 94 percent of the nation's population participated in UCR hate crime reporting in 2017.

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, 2,040 law enforcement agencies reported 7,175 hate crime incidents¹ involving 8,437 offenses. Most single-bias incidents, 58 percent, involved race or ethnicity. The remaining incidents involved religion (22 percent), sexual orientation (16 percent), gender-identity (2 percent), disability (2 percent) and gender bias (1 percent).
- Nationwide data on the specific types of racial bias offenses show that 49 percent of such offenses were anti-Black, 17 percent were anti-White and 11 percent were anti-Hispanic or Latino.

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

- Nationwide data on the 1,679 religious bias offenses in 2017 show that 58 percent were anti-Jewish and 19 percent were anti-Islamic.
- Nationwide, 15 percent of hate crime offenses involved sexual orientation. Of those offenses, 58 percent were Anti-gay (male) bias, 25 percent were Anti-lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (Mixed Group) bias, 12 percent were Anti-lesbian bias, two percent were Anti-bisexual bias and three percent were anti-heterosexual bias offenses.
- Fifty-three percent of gender bias offenses were anti-female.

2017 Nationwide Bias Motivation Hate Crime

Bias motivation	Incidents	Offenses	Victims
Total	7,175	8,437	8,828
Single-Bias Incidents:	7,106	8,126	8,493
Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry:	4,131	4,832	5,060
Anti-White	741	844	864
Anti-Black or African American	2,013	2,358	2,458
Anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native	251	281	321
Anti-Asian	131	152	165
Anti-Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	16	17	18
Anti-Multiple Races, Group	180	215	229
Anti- Arab	102	128	131
Anti-Hispanic or Latino	427	525	552
Anti-Other Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry	270	312	322
Religion:	1,564	1,679	1,749
Anti-Jewish	938	976	1,017
Anti-Catholic	73	75	76
Anti-Protestant	40	40	40
Anti-Islamic (Muslim)	273	314	325
Anti-Other Religion	76	82	86
Anti-Multiple Religions, Group	47	54	57
Anti-Mormon	15	15	15
Anti-Jehovah's Witness	7	13	13
Anti-Eastern Orthodox (Russian, Greek, Other)	23	23	27
Anti-Other Christian	27	31	32
Anti-Buddhist	8	9	12
Anti- Hindu	11	15	15
Anti-Sikh	20	24	26
Anti-Atheism/Agnosticism/etc.	6	8	8
Sexual Orientation:	1,130	1,303	1,338
Anti-Gay (Male)	679	758	774
Anti-Lesbian	126	159	164

Anti-Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender (Mixed Group)	268	321	333
Anti-Heterosexual	32	37	37
Anti-Bisexual	25	28	30
Disability:	116	128	160
Anti-Physical	32	35	37
Anti-Mental	84	93	123
Gender	46	53	54
Anti-Male	22	25	26
Anti-Female	24	28	28
Gender Identity	119	131	132
Anti-Transgender	106	118	119
Anti-Gender Non-Conforming	13	13	13
Multiple-Bias Incidents	69	311	335

- Nationwide, 60 percent of all hate crime offenses were crimes against persons. The majority of these offenses involved intimidation (45 percent), simple assault (34 percent) and aggravated assault (20 percent). There were 15 homicides and 23 rapes² reported as a result of a hate bias. Of the 37 percent of hate crimes committed against property, the overwhelming majority, 75 percent, involved destruction, damage, or vandalism.

2017 Nationwide Hate Crime Offenses

Offense type	Incidents	Offenses	Victims
Total	7,175	8,437	8,828
Crimes against persons:	4,090	5,084	5,084
Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter	12	15	15
Rape (revised definition)	23	23	23
Aggravated assault	788	990	990
Simple assault	1,433	1,745	1,745
Intimidation	1,807	2,283	2,283
Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	1	1	1
Other	26	27	27
Crimes against property:	3,115	3,115	3,506
Robbery	157	157	171
Burglary	145	145	185
Larceny-theft	326	326	379
Motor vehicle theft	41	41	44
Arson	42	42	59
Destruction/damage/vandalism	2,325	2,325	2,585

²All 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.

Other	79	79	83
Crimes against society	238	238	238

Ohio hate crime reporting

- The Ohio hate crime rate of 6.2 incidents per 100,000 population is higher than the national average of 2.3 incidents per 100,000 population.
- In Ohio, 572 law enforcement agencies submitted the hate crime supplement in 2017.
 - Of the 572 Ohio law enforcement agencies who submitted the hate crime supplement in 2017, 137 agencies reported a total of 380 hate crime incidents, and 435 agencies reported zero hate crime incidents.
- In Ohio, 68 percent of bias incidents were related to race/ethnicity/ancestry, 14 percent were related to sexual orientation, nine percent were related to religion, eight percent was related to disability and approximately one percent was related to gender and gender identity.

2017 Incidents per Bias Motivation Hate Crime

Number of Incidents per bias Motivation							
	Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry	Religion	Sexual Orientation	Disability	Gender	Gender Identity	Total
Ohio	259	35	53	31	0	2	380

- In Ohio, 60 percent of hate crime offenses were crimes against persons and 35 percent were crimes against property. Sixty-one percent of bias crimes against persons involved intimidation, 25 percent involved simple assault, and 12 percent involved aggravated assault. Of the bias crimes against property, 53 percent involved destruction, damage, or vandalism.

2017 Ohio Hate Crime Offenses

Offense type	Offenses
Total	449
Crimes against persons:	269
Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter	0
Rape (revised definition)	3
Aggravated assault	33
Simple assault	66
Intimidation	163
Human Trafficking Commercial Sex Acts	0
Other	4
Crimes against property:	156
Robbery	8
Burglary	12
Larceny-theft	45
Motor vehicle theft	3
Arson	2
Destruction/damage/vandalism	82
Other	4
Crimes against society:	24