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## ***Hate Crime Statistics 2018***

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

In November 2019, the Federal Bureau of Investigation released the publication, *Hate Crime Statistics 2018*. 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, 16,039 law enforcement agencies representing 94 percent of the nation's population participated in UCR hate crime reporting in 2018.

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, 2,028 law enforcement agencies reported 7,120 hate crime incidents<sup>1</sup> involving 8,496 offenses. Most single-bias incidents, 58 percent, were motivated by race, ethnicity or ancestry bias. The remaining incidents involved religion (20 percent), sexual orientation (17 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 47 percent of such offenses were anti-Black, 20 percent were anti-White and 13 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 1,550 religious bias offenses in 2018 show that 58 percent were anti-Jewish and 15 percent were anti-Islamic.
- Nationwide, 1,404 hate crime offenses involved sexual orientation. Of those offenses, 60 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 one percent were anti-heterosexual bias offenses.
- Fifty-five percent of gender bias offenses were anti-female.

### 2018 Nationwide Bias Motivation Hate Crime

Bias motivation	Incidents	Offenses	Victims
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,120</b>	<b>8,496</b>	<b>8,819</b>
<b>Single-Bias Incidents</b>	<b>7,036</b>	<b>8,327</b>	<b>8,646</b>
<b>Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry:</b>	<b>4,047</b>	<b>4,954</b>	<b>5,155</b>
Anti-White	762	1,001	1,038
Anti-Black or African American	1,943	2,325	2,426
Anti-American Indian or Alaska Native	194	204	209
Anti-Asian	148	171	177
Anti-Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	20	26	26
Anti-Multiple Races, Group	137	166	174
Anti-Arab	82	100	100
Anti-Hispanic or Latino	485	644	671
Anti-Other Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry	276	317	334
<b>Religion:</b>	<b>1,419</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>1,617</b>
Anti-Jewish	835	896	920
Anti-Catholic	53	59	63
Anti-Protestant	34	38	39
Anti-Islamic (Muslim)	188	225	236
Anti-Other Religion	91	96	109
Anti-Multiple Religions, Group	46	50	52
Anti-Mormon	9	9	11
Anti-Jehovah's Witness	9	9	9
Anti-Eastern Orthodox (Russian, Greek, Other)	31	32	33
Anti-Other Christian	35	42	43
Anti-Buddhist	10	10	11
Anti-Hindu	12	14	14
Anti-Sikh	60	64	69
Anti-Atheism/Agnosticism/etc.	6	6	8
<b>Sexual Orientation:</b>	<b>1,196</b>	<b>1,404</b>	<b>1,445</b>
Anti-Gay (Male)	726	839	863
Anti-Lesbian	129	171	177

Anti-Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender (Mixed Group)	303	353	360
Anti-Heterosexual	17	20	24
Anti-Bisexual	21	21	21
<b>Disability:</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>179</b>
Anti-Physical	60	67	68
Anti-Mental	99	110	111
<b>Gender:</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>61</b>
Anti-Male	22	26	28
Anti-Female	25	32	33
<b>Gender Identity:</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>189</b>
Anti-Transgender	142	157	160
Anti-Gender Non-Conforming	26	27	29
<b>Multiple-Bias Incidents</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>173</b>

- Nationwide, 66 percent of all hate crime offenses were crimes against persons. The majority of these offenses involved intimidation (46 percent), simple assault (34 percent) and aggravated assault (18 percent). There were 24 homicides and 22 rapes<sup>2</sup> reported as a result of a hate bias. Of the 31 percent of hate crimes committed against property, the overwhelming majority, 71 percent, involved destruction, damage, or vandalism.

### 2018 Nationwide Hate Crime Offenses

Offense type	Incidents	Offenses	Victims
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,120</b>	<b>8,496</b>	<b>8,819</b>
<b>Crimes against persons:</b>	<b>4,571</b>	<b>5,566</b>	<b>5,566</b>
Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter	13	24	24
Rape	22	22	22
Aggravated assault	818	1,026	1,026
Simple assault	1,653	1,895	1,895
Intimidation	2,039	2,560	2,560
Other	26	39	39
<b>Crimes against property:</b>	<b>2,641</b>	<b>2,641</b>	<b>2,964</b>
Robbery	132	132	169
Burglary	131	131	166
Larceny-theft	330	330	357
Motor vehicle theft	42	42	43
Arson	43	43	53
Destruction/damage/vandalism	1,876	1,876	2,080
Other	87	87	96
<b>Crimes against society</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>289</b>

<sup>2</sup> 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 3.6 incidents per 100,000 population is higher than the national average of 2.3 incidents per 100,000 population.
- In Ohio, 547 law enforcement agencies submitted the hate crime supplement in 2018.
  - Of the 547 Ohio law enforcement agencies who submitted the hate crime supplement in 2018, 116 agencies reported a total of 350 hate crime incidents, and 431 agencies reported zero hate crime incidents.
- In Ohio, 62 percent of bias incidents were related to race/ethnicity/ancestry, 15 percent were related to sexual orientation, 11 percent were related to religion, 9 percent was related to disability and approximately one percent was related to gender and one percent to gender identity.

### **2018 Incidents per Bias Motivation Hate Crime**

<b>Number of incidents per bias motivation</b>							
<b>Ohio</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>
	218	40	54	32	2	4	350

- In Ohio, 53 percent of hate crime offenses were crimes against persons and 41 percent were crimes against property. Sixty-five percent of bias crimes against persons involved intimidation, 24 percent involved simple assault, and 9 percent involved aggravated assault. Of the bias crimes against property, 42 percent involved destruction, damage, or vandalism.

### 2018 Ohio Hate Crime Offenses

Offense Type	Offenses
<b>Total</b>	<b>390</b>
<b>Crimes against persons</b>	<b>208</b>
Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter	0
Rape	2
Aggravated assault	19
Simple assault	50
Intimidation	135
Other	2
<b>Crimes against property</b>	<b>158</b>
Robbery	8
Burglary	11
Larceny-theft	52
Motor vehicle theft	9
Arson	1
Destruction/damage/vandalism	67
Other	10
<b>Crimes against society</b>	<b>24</b>