



## Incidents and Offenses

The Uniform Crime Reporting Program collects data about both single-bias and multiple-bias hate crimes. For each offense type reported, law enforcement must indicate at least one bias motivation. A single-bias incident is defined as an incident in which one or more offense types are motivated by the same bias. A multiple-bias incident is defined as an incident in which more than one offense type occurs and at least two offense types are motivated by different biases.

- In 2012, 1,730 law enforcement agencies reported 5,796 hate crime incidents involving 6,718 offenses.
- There were 5,790 single-bias incidents that involved 6,705 offenses, 7,151 victims, and 5,322 offenders.
- The 6 multiple-bias incidents reported in 2012 involved 13 offenses, 13 victims, and 9 offenders. (See Tables 1 and 12.)

### ***Single-bias incidents***

Analysis of the 5,790 single-bias incidents reported in 2012 revealed that:

- 48.3 percent were racially motivated.
- 19.6 percent resulted from sexual-orientation bias.
- 19.0 percent were motivated by religious bias.
- 11.5 percent stemmed from ethnicity/national origin bias.
- 1.6 percent were prompted by disability bias. (Based on Table 1.)

### ***Offenses by bias motivation within incidents***

Of the 6,705 single-bias hate crime offenses reported in the above incidents:

- 49.2 percent stemmed from racial bias.

- 19.7 percent were motivated by sexual-orientation bias.
- 17.4 percent resulted from religious bias.
- 12.3 percent were prompted by ethnicity/national origin bias.
- 1.5 percent resulted from biases against disabilities. (Based on Table 1.)

### **Racial bias**

In 2012, law enforcement agencies reported that 3,297 single-bias hate crime offenses were racially motivated. Of these offenses:

- 66.1 percent were motivated by anti-black bias.
- 22.4 percent stemmed from anti-white bias.
- 4.1 percent resulted from anti-Asian/Pacific Islander bias.
- 4.1 percent were a result of bias against groups of individuals consisting of more than one race (anti-multiple races, group).
- 3.3 percent were motivated by anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native bias. (Based on Table 1.)

### **Religious bias**

Hate crimes motivated by religious bias accounted for 1,166 offenses reported by law enforcement. A breakdown of the bias motivation of religious-biased offenses showed:

- 59.7 percent were anti-Jewish.
- 12.8 percent were anti-Islamic.
- 7.6 percent were anti-multiple religions, group.
- 6.8 percent were anti-Catholic.
- 2.9 percent were anti-Protestant.
- 1.0 percent were anti-Atheism/Agnosticism/etc.

- 9.2 percent were anti-other (unspecified) religion. (Based on Table 1.)

### **Sexual-orientation bias**

In 2012, law enforcement agencies reported 1,318 hate crime offenses based on sexual-orientation bias. Of these offenses:

- 54.6 percent were classified as anti-male homosexual bias.
- 28.0 percent were reported as anti-homosexual bias.
- 12.3 percent were prompted by an anti-female homosexual bias.
- 3.1 percent were classified as anti-bisexual bias.
- 2.0 percent were the result of an anti-heterosexual bias. (Based on Table 1.)

### **Ethnicity/national origin bias**

Of the single-bias incidents, 822 offenses were committed based on the offenders' bias toward the perceived ethnicity or national origin of the victim. Of these offenses:

- 59.4 percent were anti-Hispanic bias.
- 40.6 percent were anti-other ethnicity/national origin bias. (Based on Table 1.)

### **Disability bias**

There were 102 reported hate crime offenses committed based on disability bias. Of these:

- 82 offenses were classified as anti-mental disability.
- 20 offenses were reported as anti-physical disability. (See Table 1.)

### ***By offense types***

Of the 6,718 reported hate crime offenses in 2012:

- 28.4 percent were destruction/damage/vandalism.
- 23.4 percent were simple assault.

- 22.2 percent were intimidation.
- 12.7 percent were aggravated assault.
- The remainder were comprised of additional crimes against persons and property.  
(Based on Table 2.)

### ***Offenses by crime category***

Among the 6,718 hate crime offenses reported:

- 59.1 percent were crimes against persons.
- 37.9 percent were crimes against property.
- The remainder were crimes against society. (Based on Table 2.) (See Data Collection in Methodology.)

### **Crimes against persons**

Law enforcement reported 3,968 hate crime offenses as crimes against persons. By offense type:

- 39.6 percent were simple assault.
- 37.5 percent were intimidation.
- 21.5 percent were aggravated assault.
- 0.6 percent consisted of 10 murders and 15 forcible rapes.
- 0.8 percent involved the offense category *other*, which is collected only in the National Incident-Based Reporting System. (Based on Table 2.)

### **Crimes against property**

- The majority of the 2,547 hate crime offenses that were crimes against property (74.8 percent) were acts of destruction/damage/vandalism.

- The remaining 25.2 percent of crimes against property consisted of robbery, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, arson, and other crimes. (Based on Table 2.)

### **Crimes against society**

There were 203 offenses defined as crimes against society (e.g., drug or narcotic offenses or prostitution).

### ***By victim type***

When considering the type of victims among the reported 6,718 hate crime offenses:

- 79.6 percent were directed at individuals.
- 4.6 percent were against businesses or financial institutions.
- 3.0 percent were against society.
- 2.9 percent were against government.
- 2.7 percent were against religious organizations.
- The remaining 7.2 percent were directed at other, multiple, or unknown victim types. (Based on Table 6.)

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