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Hate Crime Statistics 2013

Hate Crimes in the U.S. and Ohio

In December 2014, the Federal Bureau of Investigation released the publication, *Hate Crime Statistics 2013*. 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.

This year's Hate Crime report has had a few changes from previous reports and they include the following:

- Data collected under the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crime Prevention Act of 2009. The bias categories of gender (male and female) and gender identity (transgender and gender nonconforming) have been added to the other bias categories of race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, and ethnicity.
- Other new aspects of the report include the presentation of age categories to indicate whether hate crimes were committed by, or directed toward, juveniles.
- In addition, the data for the 2013 report were collected and published in accordance with the U.S. Government, Office of Management and Budget's revised categories for race and ethnicity, as well as the FBI UCR Program's revised definition of rape in the Summary Reporting System.

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, 15,016 law enforcement agencies representing 93.3 percent of the nation's population participated in UCR hate crime reporting in 2013.

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, 1,826 law enforcement agencies reported 5,928 hate crime incidents involving 6,933 offenses. Most single-bias incidents, 49 percent, involved racial bias. The remaining incidents involved sexual orientation (21 percent), religion (17 percent), ethnicity (11 percent), and disability (1 percent). Less than one percent were motivated by gender-identity and gender bias.
- Nationwide data on the specific types of racial bias offenses show that 66 percent of such offenses were anti-Black and 21 percent were anti-White. Fifty-three percent of ethnic bias offenses were anti-Hispanic.
- Nationwide data on the 1,163 religious bias offenses in 2013 show that 59 percent were anti-Jewish and 14 percent were anti-Islamic.
- Nationwide, 20 percent of hate crime offenses involved sexual orientation. Of those offenses, 61 percent were Anti-gay (male) bias, 23 percent were Anti-lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (Mixed Group) bias, 13 percent were Anti-lesbian bias, and both anti-bisexual bias and anti-heterosexual bias offenses represented two percent each. Eighty-three percent of gender bias offenses were anti-female.

2013 Nationwide Bias Motivation Hate Crime

| Bias Motivation | Incidents | Offenses | Victims |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total | 5,928 | 6,933 | 7,242 |
| Single-Bias Incidents: | 5,922 | 6,921 | 7,230 |
| Race: | 2,871 | 3,407 | 3,563 |
| Anti-White | 653 | 728 | 754 |
| Anti-Black | 1,856 | 2,263 | 2,371 |
| Anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native | 129 | 146 | 159 |
| Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander | 138 | 161 | 167 |
| Anti-Multiple Races, Group | 95 | 109 | 112 |
| Religion: | 1,031 | 1,163 | 1,223 |
| Anti-Jewish | 625 | 689 | 737 |
| Anti-Catholic | 70 | 74 | 75 |
| Anti-Protestant | 35 | 42 | 47 |
| Anti-Islamic | 135 | 165 | 167 |
| Anti-Other Religion | 117 | 135 | 137 |
| Anti-Multiple Religions, Group | 42 | 51 | 53 |
| Anti-Atheism/Agnosticism/etc. | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Sexual Orientation: | 1,233 | 1,402 | 1,461 |
| Anti-Gay (Male) | 750 | 849 | 890 |
| Anti-Lesbian | 160 | 185 | 191 |
| Anti-Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender (Mixed Group) | 277 | 317 | 329 |
| Anti-Heterosexual | 21 | 24 | 24 |
| Anti-Bisexual | 25 | 27 | 27 |
| Ethnicity/National Origin: | 655 | 794 | 821 |

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|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Anti-Hispanic or Latino | 331 | 418 | 432 |
| Anti-Not Hispanic or Latino | 324 | 376 | 389 |
| Disability: | 83 | 92 | 99 |
| Anti-Physical | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| Anti-Mental | 61 | 69 | 75 |
| Gender: | 18 | 30 | 30 |
| Anti-Male | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Anti-Female | 13 | 25 | 25 |
| Gender Identity: | 31 | 33 | 33 |
| Anti-Transgender | 23 | 25 | 25 |
| Anti-Gender Non-Conforming | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| Multiple-Bias Incidents: | 6 | 12 | 12 |

- Nationwide, 64 percent of all hate crime offenses¹ were crimes against persons. The majority of these offenses involved intimidation (43 percent), simple assault (39 percent) and aggravated assault (17 percent). There were 5 homicides as a result of a hate bias. Of the 35 percent of hate crimes committed against property, the overwhelming majority, 74 percent, involved destruction, damage, or vandalism.

2013 Nationwide Hate Crime Offenses

| Offense type | Incidents | Offenses | Victims |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total | 5,928 | 6,933 | 7,242 |
| Crimes against persons: | 3,607 | 4,430 | 4,430 |
| Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Rape (legacy definition) | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Rape ² (revised definition) | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Aggravated assault | 588 | 734 | 734 |
| Simple assault | 1,441 | 1,720 | 1,720 |
| Intimidation | 1,528 | 1,925 | 1,925 |
| Other | 24 | 25 | 25 |
| Crimes against property: | 2,424 | 2,424 | 2,733 |
| Robbery | 126 | 126 | 145 |
| Burglary | 174 | 174 | 202 |
| Larceny-theft | 225 | 225 | 246 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 20 | 20 | 21 |
| Arson | 36 | 36 | 40 |
| Destruction/damage/vandalism | 1,783 | 1,783 | 2,011 |
| Other | 60 | 60 | 68 |
| Crimes against society: | 79 | 79 | 79 |

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

² 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 2.0 incidents per 100,000 population.
- In Ohio, 644 law enforcement agencies submitted the hate crime supplement in 2013.
 - Of the 644 Ohio law enforcement agencies who submitted the hate crime supplement in 2013, 111 agencies reported a total of 370 hate crime incidents, and 533 agencies reported zero hate crime incidents.
- The number of agencies reporting hate crime statistics has remained relatively stable since 2009, but increased by eight percent in 2013.
- In Ohio, 61 percent of bias incidents were related to race, 16 percent were related to sexual orientation, 5 percent were related to religion, 11 percent were related to ethnicity, and 6 percent was related to disability. No incidents of bias based on gender or gender identity were reported.

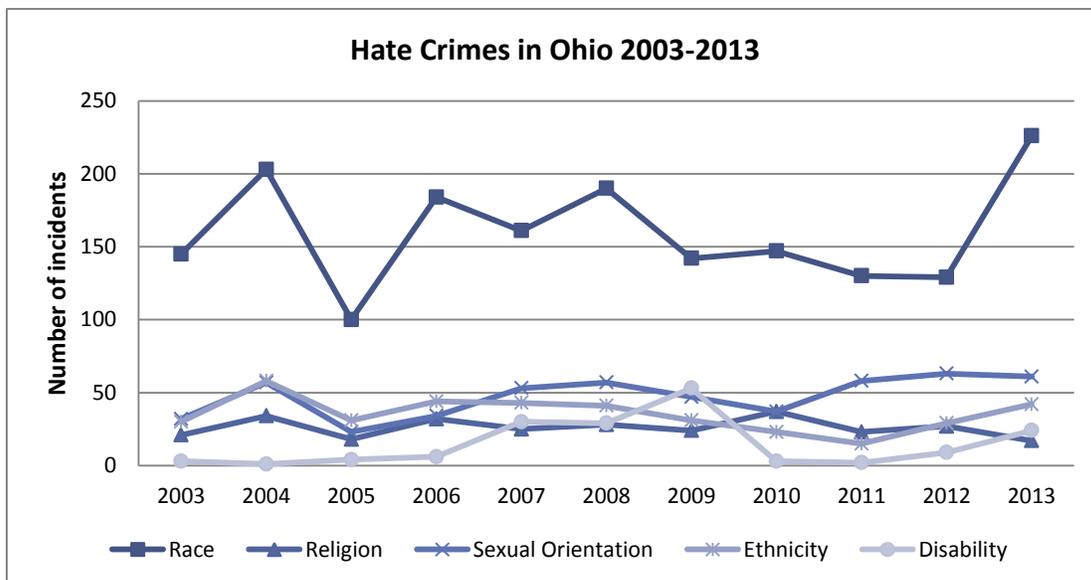
2013 Incidents per Bias Motivation Hate Crime

| Number of Incidents per bias Motivation | | | | | | |
|---|------|----------|--------------------|-----------|------------|-------|
| | Race | Religion | Sexual Orientation | Ethnicity | Disability | Total |
| Ohio | 226 | 17 | 61 | 42 | 24 | 370 |

- In Ohio, 57 percent of hate crime offenses were crimes against persons and 41 percent were crimes against property. Seventy percent of bias crimes against persons involved intimidation, 24 percent involved simple assault, and 4 percent involved aggravated assault. Of the bias crimes against property, 49 percent involved destruction, damage, or vandalism.

2013 Ohio Hate Crime Offenses

| Offense type | Incidents |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Total | 447 |
| Crimes against persons: | 257 |
| Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter | 0 |
| Rape (legacy definition) | 0 |
| Rape (revised definition) | 1 |
| Aggravated assault | 11 |
| Simple assault | 62 |
| Intimidation | 181 |
| Other | 2 |
| Crimes against property: | 182 |
| Robbery | 10 |
| Burglary | 22 |
| Larceny-theft | 43 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 6 |
| Arson | 1 |
| Destruction/damage/vandalism | 90 |
| Other | 10 |
| Crimes against society: | 8 |



For the full report, visit the FBI's website at <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/hate-crime/2013>