

# OCJS Special Report

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## ***Hate Crime Statistics 2014***

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

In December 2015, the Federal Bureau of Investigation released the publication, *Hate Crime Statistics 2014*. 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, 15,494 law enforcement agencies representing 93.4 percent of the nation's population participated in UCR hate crime reporting in 2014.

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, 1,666 law enforcement agencies reported 5,479 hate crime incidents<sup>1</sup> involving 6,418 offenses. Most single-bias incidents, 47 percent, involved racial bias. The remaining incidents involved sexual orientation (19 percent), religion (19 percent), ethnicity (12 percent), and disability (2 percent). Approximately two percent were motivated by gender or gender identity bias.
- Nationwide data on the specific types of racial bias offenses show that 63 percent of such offenses were anti-Black and 23 percent were anti-White. Forty-eight percent of ethnic bias offenses were anti-Hispanic.

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

- Nationwide data on the 1,092 religious bias offenses in 2014 show that 58 percent were anti-Jewish and 16 percent were anti-Islamic.
- Nationwide, 18 percent of hate crime offenses involved sexual orientation. Of those offenses, 58 percent were Anti-gay (male) bias, 24 percent were Anti-lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (Mixed Group) bias, 14 percent were Anti-lesbian bias, and both anti-bisexual bias and anti-heterosexual bias offenses represented two percent each. Seventy percent of gender bias offenses were anti-female.

### 2014 Nationwide Bias Motivation Hate Crime

Bias Motivation	Incidents	Offenses	Victims
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,479</b>	<b>6,418</b>	<b>6,727</b>
<b>Single-Bias Incidents:</b>	<b>5,462</b>	<b>6,385</b>	<b>6,681</b>
<b>Race:</b>	<b>2,568</b>	<b>3,081</b>	<b>3,227</b>
Anti-White	593	701	734
Anti-Black or African American	1,621	1,955	2,022
Anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native	130	142	148
Anti-Asian	140	168	201
Anti-Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3	4	4
Anti-Multiple Races, Group	81	111	118
<b>Religion:</b>	<b>1,014</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>1,140</b>
Anti-Jewish	609	635	648
Anti-Catholic	64	67	70
Anti-Protestant	25	28	28
Anti-Islamic (Muslim)	154	178	184
Anti-Other Religion	107	120	125
Anti-Multiple Religions, Group	44	51	71
Anti-Atheism/Agnosticism/etc.	11	13	14
<b>Sexual Orientation:</b>	<b>1,017</b>	<b>1,178</b>	<b>1,248</b>
Anti-Gay (Male)	599	683	703
Anti-Lesbian	129	168	174
Anti-Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender (Mixed Group)	241	278	305
Anti-Heterosexual	18	18	19
Anti-Bisexual	30	31	47
<b>Ethnicity/National Origin:</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>821</b>
Anti-Hispanic or Latino	299	376	389
Anti-Not Hispanic or Latino	349	414	432
<b>Disability:</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>96</b>
Anti-Physical	23	26	26
Anti-Mental	61	69	70
<b>Gender:</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>
Anti-Male	10	12	12

Anti-Female	23	28	28
<b>Gender Identity:</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>109</b>
Anti-Transgender	58	69	69
Anti-Gender Non-Conforming	40	40	40
<b>Multiple-Bias Incidents:</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>46</b>

- Nationwide, 63 percent of all hate crime offenses were crimes against persons. The majority of these offenses involved intimidation (43 percent), simple assault (37 percent) and aggravated assault (19 percent). There were 4 homicides and 9 rapes<sup>2</sup> reported as a result of a hate bias. Of the 36 percent of hate crimes committed against property, the overwhelming majority, 73 percent, involved destruction, damage, or vandalism.

### 2014 Nationwide Hate Crime Offenses

Offense type	Incidents	Offenses	Victims
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,479</b>	<b>6,418</b>	<b>6,727</b>
<b>Crimes against persons:</b>	<b>3,303</b>	<b>4,048</b>	<b>4,048</b>
Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter	4	4	4
Rape (revised definition)	9	9	9
Aggravated assault	599	770	770
Simple assault	1,307	1,514	1,514
Intimidation	1,378	1,745	1,745
Other	6	6	6
<b>Crimes against property:</b>	<b>2,317</b>	<b>2,317</b>	<b>2,624</b>
Robbery	122	122	138
Burglary	162	162	208
Larceny-theft	239	239	256
Motor vehicle theft	22	22	22
Arson	26	26	39
Destruction/damage/vandalism	1,694	1,694	1,907
Other	52	52	54
<b>Crimes against society:</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>55</b>

<sup>2</sup>All 9 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 4.1 incidents per 100,000 population is higher than the national average of 1.8 incidents per 100,000 population.
- In Ohio, 606 law enforcement agencies submitted the hate crime supplement in 2014.
  - Of the 606 Ohio law enforcement agencies who submitted the hate crime supplement in 2014, 105 agencies reported a total of 403 hate crime incidents, and 501 agencies reported zero hate crime incidents.
- The number of agencies reporting hate crime statistics has remained relatively stable since 2009.
- In Ohio, 61 percent of bias incidents were related to race, 17 percent were related to sexual orientation, 6 percent were related to religion, 14 percent were related to ethnicity, and two percent was related to disability. No incidents of bias based on gender or gender identity were reported.

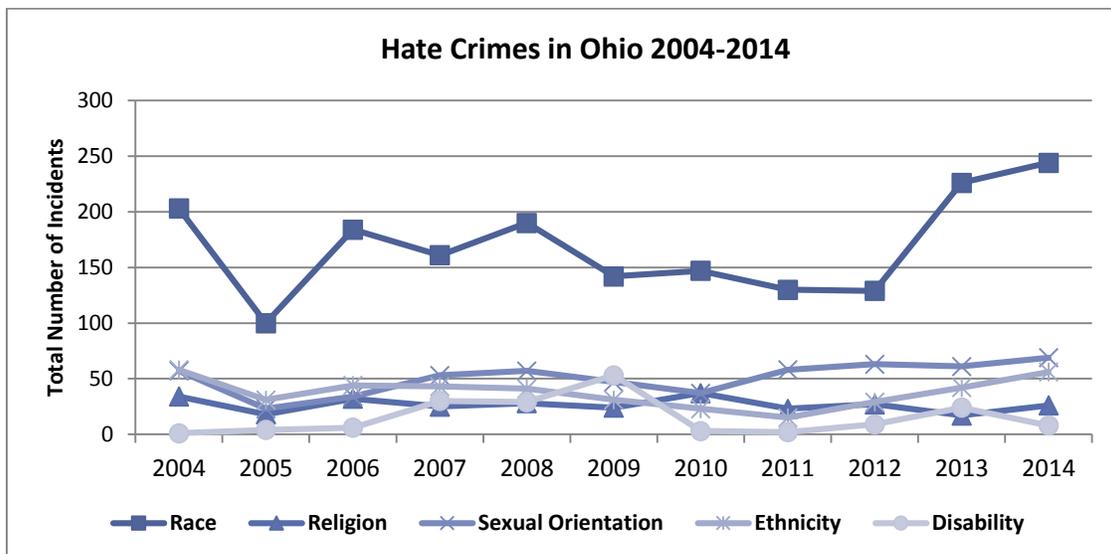
**2014 Incidents per Bias Motivation Hate Crime**

Number of Incidents per bias Motivation						
	Race	Religion	Sexual Orientation	Ethnicity	Disability	Total
Ohio	244	26	69	56	8	403

- In Ohio, 62 percent of hate crime offenses were crimes against persons and 38 percent were crimes against property. Fifty-nine percent of bias crimes against persons involved intimidation, 30 percent involved simple assault, and 11 percent involved aggravated assault. Of the bias crimes against property, 50 percent involved destruction, damage, or vandalism.

### 2014 Ohio Hate Crime Offenses

Offense type	Incidents
<b>Total</b>	<b>474</b>
<b>Crimes against persons:</b>	<b>292</b>
Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter	0
Rape (revised definition)	0
Aggravated assault	31
Simple assault	89
Intimidation	172
Other	0
<b>Crimes against property:</b>	<b>182</b>
Robbery	17
Burglary	15
Larceny-theft	44
Motor vehicle theft	7
Arson	0
Destruction/damage/vandalism	91
Other	8
<b>Crimes against society:</b>	<b>0</b>



For the full report, visit the FBI's website at <https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/hate-crime/2014/home>