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**Bias-motivated (hate) crimes known to police**

By offense, United States, 2008

	Offenses	Victims <sup>a</sup>	Known offenders <sup>b</sup>
Total	9,168	9,691	6,927 <sup>c</sup>
Crimes against persons	5,687	5,722	5,930
Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter	7	7	8
Forcible rape	11	11	20
Robbery	145	180	317
Aggravated assault	1,025	1,025	1,405
Simple assault	1,778	1,778	2,062
Intimidation	2,704	2,704	2,093
Other <sup>d</sup>	17	17	25
Crimes against property	3,463	3,951	1,441
Burglary	158	186	107
Larceny-theft	224	242	144
Motor vehicle theft	26	26	16
Arson	53	81	42
Destruction/damage/vandalism	2,970	3,382	1,098
Other <sup>d</sup>	32	34	34
Crimes against society <sup>e</sup>	18	18	27

Note: These data reflect the number of bias-motivated offenses reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting Program. In accordance with the Hate Crime Statistics Act of 1990, the FBI defines hate crimes as offenses motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias against race, religion, ethnic/national origin, disability, or sexual orientation and committed against persons, property, or society. For 2008, a total of 13,690 law enforcement agencies in 49 States and the District of Columbia participated in the Hate Crime Data Collection Program. Hawaii did not participate. These figures include data from law enforcement agencies submitting less than 12 months of data to the FBI (Source, [Hate Crime by Jurisdiction](#)). Data from this source have been updated by the FBI and may differ from those reported in [Crime in the United States, 2008](#).

<sup>a</sup>May include persons, businesses, institutions, or society as a whole.

<sup>b</sup>"Known offender" does not imply that the identity of the suspect is known, rather that an attribute of the suspect has been identified, distinguishing him/her from an unknown offender.

<sup>c</sup>The actual number of known offenders is 6,927. Some offenders, however, committed more than one offense per incident and are counted more than once. Therefore subcategories will not add to total.

<sup>d</sup>Includes offenses other than those listed that are collected as part of the National Incident-Based Reporting System.

<sup>e</sup>Includes drug or narcotic offenses, gambling offenses, prostitution offenses, and weapon law violations.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, [Hate Crime Statistics, 2008](#), Table 2 [Online]. Available: [http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/hc2008/data/table\\_02.html](http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/hc2008/data/table_02.html) [Dec. 2, 2009]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.