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Bias motivations in hate crimes known to police

United States, 2008

Bias motivation	Incidents	Offenses	Victims ^a	Known offenders ^b
Total	7,783	9,168	9,691	6,927
Race	3,992	4,704	4,934	3,723
Anti-white	716	812	829	811
Anti-black	2,876	3,413	3,596	2,596
Anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native	54	59	63	61
Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander	137	162	170	140
Anti-multiple races, groups	209	258	276	115
Ethnicity	894	1,148	1,226	1,034
Anti-Hispanic	561	735	792	711
Anti-other ethnicity/national origin	333	413	434	323
Religion	1,519	1,606	1,732	632
Anti-Jewish	1,013	1,055	1,145	353
Anti-Catholic	75	75	89	35
Anti-Protestant	56	60	62	34
Anti-Islamic	105	123	130	85
Anti-other religious group	191	212	222	90
Anti-multiple religions, groups	65	67	70	33
Anti-atheism/agnosticism/etc.	14	14	14	2
Sexual orientation	1,297	1,617	1,706	1,460
Anti-male homosexual	776	948	981	921
Anti-female homosexual	154	194	198	156
Anti-homosexual	307	415	466	336
Anti-heterosexual	33	33	34	25
Anti-bisexual	27	27	27	22
Disability	78	85	85	72
Anti-physical	22	28	28	26
Anti-mental	56	57	57	46
Multiple-bias incidents ^c	3	8	8	6

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](#).

^a May include persons, businesses, institutions, or society as a whole.

^b "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.

^c A hate-crime incident in which two conditions must be met: more than one offense type must occur in the incident and at least two offense types must be motivated by different biases.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, [Hate Crime Statistics, 2008](#), Table 1 [Online]. Available: http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/hc2008/data/table_01.html [Dec. 2, 2009]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.