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 2010, 1,949 law enforcement agencies reported 6,628 hate crime incidents involving 7,699 offenses.
- There were 6,624 single-bias incidents that involved 7,690 offenses, 8,199 victims, and 6,001 offenders.
- The 4 multiple-bias incidents reported in 2010 involved 9 offenses, 9 victims, and 7 offenders. (See Tables 1 and 12.)

**Single-bias incidents**

An analysis of the 6,624 single-bias incidents reported in 2010 revealed the following:

- 47.3 percent were racially motivated.
- 20.0 percent were motivated by religious bias.
- 19.3 percent resulted from sexual-orientation bias.
- 12.8 percent stemmed from ethnicity/national origin bias.
- 0.6 percent were prompted by disability bias. (Based on Table 1.)

**Offenses by bias motivation within incidents**

Of the 7,690 single-bias hate crime offenses reported in the above incidents:

- 48.4 percent stemmed from racial bias.
• 19.1 percent were motivated by sexual-orientation bias.

• 18.3 percent resulted from religious bias.

• 13.5 percent were prompted by ethnicity/national origin bias.

• 0.6 percent resulted from biases against disabilities. (Based on Table 1.)

Racial bias

In 2010, law enforcement agencies reported that 3,725 single-bias hate crime offenses were racially motivated. Of these offenses:

• 69.8 percent were motivated by anti-black bias.

• 18.2 percent stemmed from anti-white bias.

• 5.7 percent were a result of bias against groups of individuals consisting of more than one race (anti-multiple races, group).

• 5.1 percent resulted from anti-Asian/Pacific Islander bias.

• 1.2 percent were motivated by anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native bias. (Based on Table 1.)

Religious bias

Hate crimes motivated by religious bias accounted for 1,409 offenses reported by law enforcement. A breakdown of the bias motivation of religious-bias offenses showed:

• 65.4 percent were anti-Jewish.

• 13.2 percent were anti-Islamic.

• 9.5 percent were anti-other religion, i.e., those not specified.

• 4.3 percent were anti-Catholic.

• 3.8 percent were anti-multiple religions, group.

• 3.3 percent were anti-Protestant.
• 0.5 percent were anti-Atheism/Agnosticism/etc. (Based on Table 1.)

**Sexual-orientation bias**

In 2010, law enforcement agencies reported 1,470 hate crime offenses based on sexual-orientation bias. Of these offenses:

• 57.9 percent were classified as anti-male homosexual bias.

• 27.4 percent were reported as anti-homosexual bias.

• 11.4 percent were prompted by an anti-female homosexual bias.

• 1.4 percent were the result of an anti-heterosexual bias.

• 1.9 percent were classified as anti-bisexual bias. (Based on Table 1.)

**Ethnicity/national origin bias**

Of the single-bias incidents, 1,040 offenses were committed based on the perceived ethnicity or national origin of the victim. Of these offenses:

• 65.5 percent were anti-Hispanic bias.

• 34.5 percent were anti-other ethnicity/national origin bias. (Based on Table 1.)

**Disability bias**

There were 46 reported hate crime offenses committed based on disability bias. Of these:

• 24 offenses were classified as anti-mental disability.

• 22 offenses were reported as anti-physical disability. (See Table 1.)

**By offense types**

Of the 7,699 reported hate crime offenses in 2010:

• 30.1 percent were destruction/damage/vandalism.

• 29.0 percent were intimidation.
• 21.8 percent were simple assault.

• 11.5 percent were aggravated assault.

• 7.5 percent were comprised of additional crimes against persons, property, and society. (Based on Table 2.)

**Offenses by crime category**

Among the 7,699 hate crime offenses reported:

• 62.7 percent were crimes against persons.

• 37.2 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 4,824 hate crime offenses as crimes against persons. By offense type:

• 46.2 percent were intimidation.

• 34.8 percent were simple assault.

• 18.4 percent were aggravated assault.

• 0.2 percent consisted of 7 murder and nonnegligent manslaughters and 4 forcible rapes.

• 0.3 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 2,861 hate crime offenses that were crimes against property—81.1 percent—were acts of destruction/damage/vandalism.
The remaining 18.9 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 14 offenses defined as crimes against society (e.g., drug or narcotic offenses or prostitution).

**By victim type**

When considering hate crime offenses by the type of victims reported:

- 81.6 percent of reported offenses were directed at individuals.
- 4.5 percent were against businesses or financial institutions.
- 3.5 percent were against government.
- 2.6 percent were against religious organizations.
- 0.2 percent were against society.
- The remaining 7.6 percent were directed at other, multiple, or unknown victim types. (Based on Table 6.)