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 2011, 1,944 law enforcement agencies reported 6,222 hate crime incidents involving 7,254 offenses.

- There were 6,216 single-bias incidents that involved 7,240 offenses, 7,697 victims, and 5,724 offenders.

- The 6 multiple-bias incidents reported in 2011 involved 14 offenses, 16 victims, and 7 offenders. (See Tables 1 and 12.)

**Single-bias incidents**

Analysis of the 6,216 single-bias incidents reported in 2011 revealed the following:

- 46.9 percent were racially motivated.

- 20.8 percent resulted from sexual-orientation bias.

- 19.8 percent were motivated by religious bias.

- 11.6 percent stemmed from ethnicity/national origin bias.

- Less than 1 percent (0.9) were prompted by disability bias. (Based on Table 1.)

**Offenses by bias motivation within incidents**

Of the 7,240 single-bias hate crime offenses reported in the above incidents:

- 47.9 percent stemmed from racial bias.
• 20.8 percent were motivated by sexual-orientation bias.

• 18.2 percent resulted from religious bias.

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

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

**Racial bias**

In 2011, law enforcement agencies reported that 3,465 single-bias hate crime offenses were racially motivated. Of these offenses:

• 72.0 percent were motivated by anti-black bias.

• 16.7 percent stemmed from anti-white bias.

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

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

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

**Religious bias**

Hate crimes motivated by religious bias accounted for 1,318 offenses reported by law enforcement. A breakdown of the bias motivation of religious-biased offenses showed:

• 62.2 percent were anti-Jewish.

• 13.3 percent were anti-Islamic.

• 5.2 percent were anti-Catholic.

• 4.8 percent were anti-multiple religions, group.

• 3.7 percent were anti-Protestant.

• 0.3 percent were anti-Atheism/Agnosticism/etc.
• 10.5 percent were anti-other religion. (Based on Table 1.)

**Sexual-orientation bias**

In 2011, law enforcement agencies reported 1,508 hate crime offenses based on sexual-orientation bias. Of these offenses:

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

• 28.4 percent were reported as anti-homosexual bias.

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

• 1.5 percent were classified as anti-bisexual bias.

• 1.1 percent were the result of an anti-heterosexual bias. (Based on Table 1.)

**Ethnicity/national origin bias**

Of the single-bias incidents, 891 offenses were committed based on the perceived ethnicity or national origin of the victim. Of these offenses:

• 56.8 percent were anti-Hispanic bias.

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

**Disability bias**

There were 58 reported hate crime offenses committed based on disability bias. Of these:

• 35 offenses were classified as anti-mental disability.

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

**By offense types**

Of the 7,254 reported hate crime offenses in 2011:

• 29.3 percent were destruction/damage/vandalism.

• 29.0 percent were intimidation.
- 22.0 percent were simple assault.

- 12.3 percent were aggravated assault.

- 0.3 percent were comprised of crimes against society.

- The remaining 7.1 percent were comprised of additional crimes against persons and property. (Based on Table 2.)

**Offenses by crime category**

Among the 7,254 hate crime offenses reported:

- 63.7 percent were crimes against persons.

- 36.0 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 4,623 hate crime offenses as crimes against persons. By offense type:

- 45.6 percent were intimidation.

- 34.5 percent were simple assault.

- 19.4 percent were aggravated assault.

- 0.2 percent consisted of 4 murders and 7 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 2,611 hate crime offenses that were crimes against property (81.4 percent) were acts of destruction/damage/vandalism.
• The remaining 18.6 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 20 offenses defined as crimes against society (e.g., drug or narcotic offenses or prostitution).

**By victim type**

When considering the type of victims among the reported 7,254 hate crime offenses:

• 82.9 percent were directed at individuals.

• 4.2 percent were against businesses or financial institutions.

• 2.9 percent were against religious organizations.

• 2.8 percent were against government.

• 0.3 percent were against society.

• The remaining 6.9 percent were directed at other, multiple, or unknown victim types. (Based on Table 6.)

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