



Data Declaration

Table 12

Agency Hate Crime Reporting by State, 2012

The FBI collects these data through the Uniform Crime Reporting Program's Hate Crime Statistics Program.

General comment

This table presents the total number of participating agencies, the population represented, the number of agencies that submitted data about hate crime incidents, and the number of incidents reported.

- Hawaii does not participate in the Hate Crime Statistics Program.
- New Jersey did not submit hate crime data for 2012.

Caution to users

Valid assessments about crime, including hate crime, are possible only with careful study and analysis of the various conditions affecting each local law enforcement jurisdiction. (See Variables Affecting Crime.) In addition, some data in this publication may not be comparable to those in prior editions of *Hate Crime Statistics* because of differing levels of participation from year to year. Therefore, the reader is cautioned against making simplistic comparisons between the statistical data of this program and that of others with differing methodologies or even comparing individual reporting units solely on the basis of their agency type.

Methodology

The data used in creating this table were from all law enforcement agencies that submitted either of the following: (1) at least one National Incident-Based Reporting System *Group A Incident Report*, a *Group B Arrest Report*, or a *Zero Report* for at least 1 month of the calendar year; or (2) at least one *Hate Crime Incident Report* and/or a *Quarterly Hate Crime Report*. The published data, therefore, do not necessarily

represent reports from each participating agency for all 12 months (or 4 quarters) of the calendar year.

Population estimation

The FBI calculated 2012 state growth rates using the U.S. Census Bureau's 2011 and 2012 provisional state/national population estimates. The FBI then estimated population figures for city and county jurisdictions by applying the 2012 state growth rate to the updated 2011 U.S. Census Bureau data.