



Data Declaration

Table 13

Hate Crime Incidents, per Bias Motivation and Quarter, by State and Agency, 2012

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

General comments

- This table presents the data from those agencies that reported one or more hate crime incidents occurred in their respective jurisdictions during 1 or more quarters in 2012. The data are distributed by bias motivation and quarter.
- The Hate Crime Statistics Program collects data about both single-bias and multiple-bias hate crimes. 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.
- Blanks in any of the four columns under *Number of incidents per quarter* indicate that an agency did not submit a report for that particular quarter.

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* or a *Group B Arrest Report*, 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.