



## Data Declaration

### Participation Table

#### Number of Participating Agencies and Population Covered, by Population Group, 2015

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

#### General comment

This table presents the number of law enforcement agencies participating in the Hate Crime Statistics Program and their jurisdictions' aggregate population for 2015 distributed by population group.

#### Methodology

The data used in creating this table were from all law enforcement agencies that submitted either of the following: 1) at least one *Group A Incident Report*, a *Group B Arrest Report*, or a *Zero Report* for at least 1 month of the calendar year via the National Incident-Based Reporting System; or 2) at least one *Hate Crime Incident Report* and/or a *Zero Report* via the *Hate Crime Technical Specification* or the Microsoft Excel Workbook Tool. 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

For the 2015 population estimates used in this table, the FBI computed individual rates of growth from one year to the next for every city/town and county using 2010 decennial population counts and 2011 through 2014 population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. Each agency's rates of growth were averaged; that average was then applied and added to its 2014 Census population estimate to derive the agency's 2015 population estimate.