Data Declaration

Table 1

Incidents, Offenses, Victims, and Known Offenders, by Bias Motivation, 2017

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

General comments

- This table presents the number of hate crime incidents, offenses, victims, and known offenders distributed by bias motivation.

- 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 one or more offense types are motivated by two or more biases.

- The term *known offender* does not imply the suspect's identity is known; rather, the term indicates some aspect of the suspect was identified, thus distinguishing the suspect from an unknown offender.

- The number of 2017 hate crime incidents for the state of Utah were over-reported because several Utah agencies incorrectly reported their hate crime numbers. This was discovered after the hate crime tables had been built. Consequently, the FBI was unable to make the necessary corrections in the *Hate Crime Statistics, 2017*, publication. However, the corrected data will appear on the Crime Data Explorer at a later date.

Methodology

The data used in creating this table were from all law enforcement agencies submitting one or more hate crime incidents for at least 1 month of the calendar year. The published

data, therefore, do not necessarily represent reports from each participating agency for all 12 months (or 4 quarters) of the calendar year.