



Data Declaration

Table 11

Offenses, Offense Type, by Participating State, 2017

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

Important note about rape data

In 2013, the FBI's UCR Program initiated the collection of rape data under a revised definition within the Summary Reporting System. The term "forcible" was removed from the offense name, and the definition was changed to "penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim."

In 2016, the FBI Director approved the recommendation to discontinue the reporting of rape data using the UCR legacy definition beginning in 2017.

The offenses of fondling, incest, and statutory rape are included in the crimes against persons, *other* category.

General comments

- This table presents the number of offenses distributed by the offense type and reporting state.
- The Hate Crime Statistics Program collects details about an offender's bias motivation associated with 13 offense types already being reported to the UCR Program: murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, rape, aggravated assault, simple assault, intimidation, human trafficking—commercial sex acts, and human trafficking—involuntary servitude (*crimes against persons*); and robbery, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, arson, and destruction/damage/vandalism (*crimes against property*). The law enforcement agencies that participate in the UCR Program via NIBRS collect data about

additional offenses for crimes against persons and crimes against property. These data appear in *Hate Crime Statistics* in the category of *other*. Law enforcement agencies that submit their data via NIBRS also collect hate crime data about drug or narcotic offenses, gambling offenses, prostitution offenses, weapon law violations, and animal cruelty offenses, which are published in the category *crimes against society*.

- Hawaii does not participate in the Hate Crime Statistics Program.
- 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.

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 *Uniform Crime Reporting Statistics: Their Proper Use*.) 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 *Group A Incident Report*, a *Group B Arrest Report*, or a *Zero Report* for at least 1 month of the calendar year via NIBRS; 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.