



## Data Declaration

### Table 13

#### **Hate Crime Incidents, per Bias Motivation and Quarter, by State and Agency, 2017**

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 one or more quarters in 2017. 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 one or more offense types are motivated by two or more 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.
- 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* or a *Group B Arrest Report* via the National Incident-Based Reporting System, or (2) at least one *Hate Crime Incident 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 2017 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 2016 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 2016 Census population estimate to derive the agency's 2017 population estimate.

The population figures used for universities and colleges are student enrollments that were provided by the United States Department of Education for the 2016 school year, the most recent available. The enrollment figures include full-time and part-time students.