



Data Declaration

Table 7

Victims, Offense Type, by Bias Motivation, 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 hate crime victims (individuals, businesses/financial institutions, government entities, religious organizations, and society/public as a whole) distributed by the offense type and bias motivation.
- The total number of adult victims and the total number of juvenile victims represent the individual victims by bias motivation. The aggregate of the adult and juvenile individual victims will not equal the total number of victims because the total number of victims includes individuals as well as businesses, institutions, and society as a whole.
- 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 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*.
- The aggregate total of adult and juvenile individual victims will not equal the total number of crimes against persons because not all law enforcement agencies report the ages of individual victims.
- 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.