

HATE CRIME

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DEFINITION

The Texas Hate Crimes Act, Chapter 411.046 of the Texas Government Code, defines hate crimes as crimes that are motivated by prejudice, hatred, or advocacy of violence including, but not limited to, incidents for which statistics are or were kept under Public Law 101-275 (the Federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act). The federal law further defines hate crimes as crimes that manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation, or ethnicity, and added in 1997, disability.

Violation against selected groups within Texas has been recognized as a threat to the safety of Texans. In an effort to quantify these incidents of bias crimes, the Texas Hate Crimes Act directed every law enforcement agency within Texas to report bias offenses to the Department of Public Safety.

ANALYSIS

Volume

The total number of reported Texas hate crime incidents in 2003 was 295. This represents a decrease of 14.2 percent when compared to 2002. These incidents involved 298 victims, 326 offenders, and resulted in a total of 310 offenses.

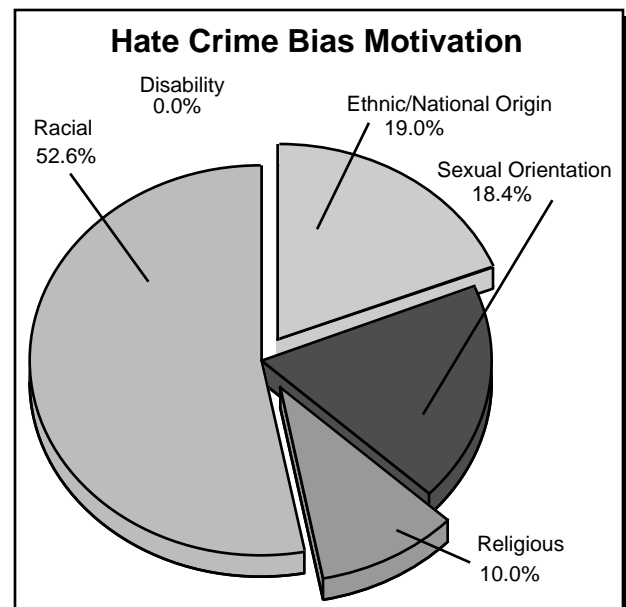
| Hate Crime | 2003 | 2002 | % Change |
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| Reported Incidents | 295 | 344 | -14.2% |
| Reported Victims | 298 | 429 | -30.5% |
| Reported Offenders | 326 | 470 | -30.6% |
| Reported Offenses | 310 | 363 | -14.6% |

Bias Motivation

In 2003, the largest percentage of hate crime reports were racial in nature. The second most commonly reported bias motivation was ethnicity/national origin, the third most common bias motivation was sexual orientation, the fourth

most common form of hate crime was religious, and the fifth category was disability.

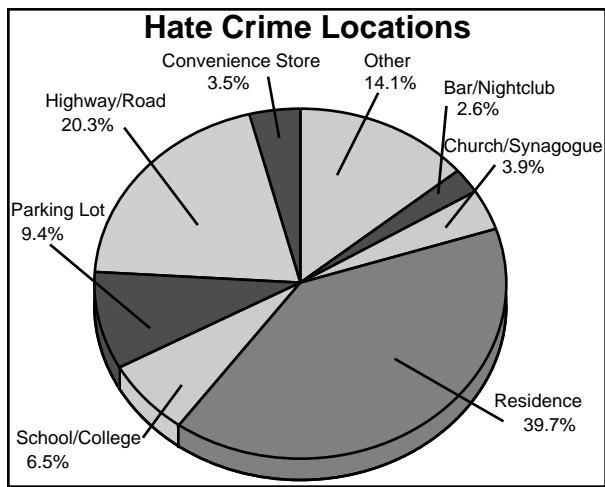
| Hate Crime Bias Motivation | | | |
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| Bias Nature | Group % | Bias Type | Volume (Offense) |
| Racial | 52.6% | Anti-White | 22 |
| | | Anti-Black | 130 |
| | | Anti-Am. Indian/Alaskan Native | 0 |
| | | Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander | 8 |
| | | Anti-Multi-Racial | 3 |
| Ethnicity/ National Origin | 19.0% | Anti-Arab | 13 |
| | | Anti-Hispanic | 29 |
| | | Anti-Other Ethnic/Nat'l Origin | 17 |
| Sexual Orientation | 18.4% | Anti-Male Homosexual | 44 |
| | | Anti-Female Homosexual | 6 |
| | | Anti-Homosexual | 7 |
| | | Anti-Heterosexual | 0 |
| | | Anti-Bisexual | 0 |
| Religious | 10.0% | Anti-Jewish | 20 |
| | | Anti-Catholic | 4 |
| | | Anti-Protestant | 1 |
| | | Anti-Islamic | 4 |
| | | Anti-Other Religion | 1 |
| | | Anti-Multi-Religious Group | 1 |
| | | Anti-Atheist/Agnostic | 0 |
| Disability | 0.0% | Anti-Physical | 0 |
| | | Anti-Mental | 0 |



Location

Residences and homes were the most frequently occurring locations of bias crimes during 2003. The second most common locations were highways, roads, streets and alleys, and the third most common were parking lots and garages.

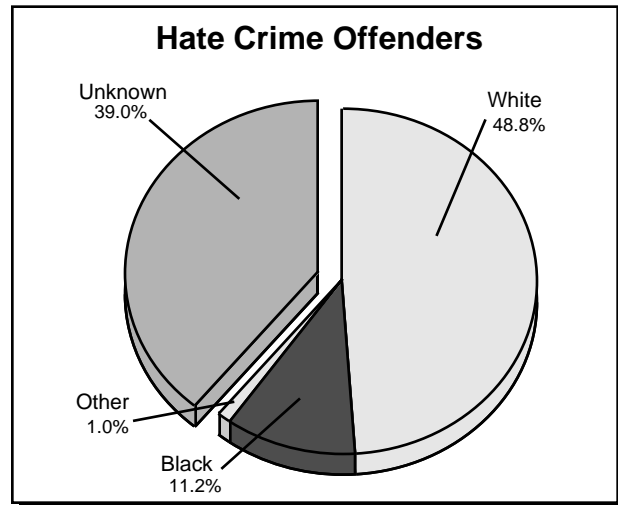
| Hate Crime Location | | |
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| Location | Volume | % |
| Air/Bus/Train Terminal | 2 | 0.6% |
| Bank/Savings and Loan | 1 | 0.3% |
| Bar/Nightclub | 8 | 2.6% |
| Church/Synagogue/Temple | 12 | 3.9% |
| Commercial/Office Building | 3 | 1.0% |
| Construction Site | 2 | 0.6% |
| Convenience Store | 11 | 3.5% |
| Department/Discount Store | 1 | 0.3% |
| Drug Store/Doctor's Office/Hospital | 2 | 0.6% |
| Field/Woods | 0 | 0.0% |
| Government/Public Building | 3 | 1.0% |
| Grocery/Supermarket | 3 | 1.0% |
| Highway/Road/Street/Alley | 63 | 20.3% |
| Hotel/Motel | 2 | 0.6% |
| Jail/Prison | 4 | 1.3% |
| Lake/Waterway | 0 | 0.0% |
| Liquor Store | 0 | 0.0% |
| Parking Lot/Garage | 29 | 9.4% |
| Rental Storage Facility | 0 | 0.0% |
| Residence/Home | 123 | 39.7% |
| Restaurant | 3 | 1.0% |
| School/College | 20 | 6.5% |
| Service/Gas Station | 3 | 1.0% |
| Specialty Store | 6 | 1.9% |
| Other/Unknown | 9 | 2.9% |
| TOTAL | 310 | 100% |



Offenders

In 2003, 326 offenders were involved in incidents of hate crimes. Hate crime incidents can be perpetrated by multiple offenders of the same race. The following chart displays the suspected offenders' race totaling 295.

| Hate Crime Offenders by Race | | |
|--------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Race | Volume | % |
| White | 144 | 48.8% |
| Black | 33 | 11.2% |
| American Indian/Alaskan Native | 0 | 0.0% |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 2 | 0.7% |
| Multi-Racial Group | 1 | 0.3% |
| Unknown | 115 | 39.0% |
| TOTAL | 295 | 100% |



Victims

Information on the victims of hate crimes is limited to victim type. While bias motivation information identifies the offender's bias, it is important to note that the victim may not actually belong to the group the offender sought to harm. For this reason, information on the victims' actual group membership is not recorded.

Victim type, in the hate crime data collection program, is listed as: individual, business, financial institution, government, religious organization, society/public, other and unknown. Of these victim types, individuals were reported to be the main hate crime target.

| Hate Crime Victim Type | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Victim Type | Volume | % |
| Individual | 281 | 90.6% |
| Business | 7 | 2.2% |
| Financial Institution | 0 | 0.0% |
| Government | 8 | 2.6% |
| Religious Organization | 11 | 3.6% |
| Society/Public | 1 | 0.3% |
| Other | 2 | 0.7% |
| Unknown | 0 | 0.0% |
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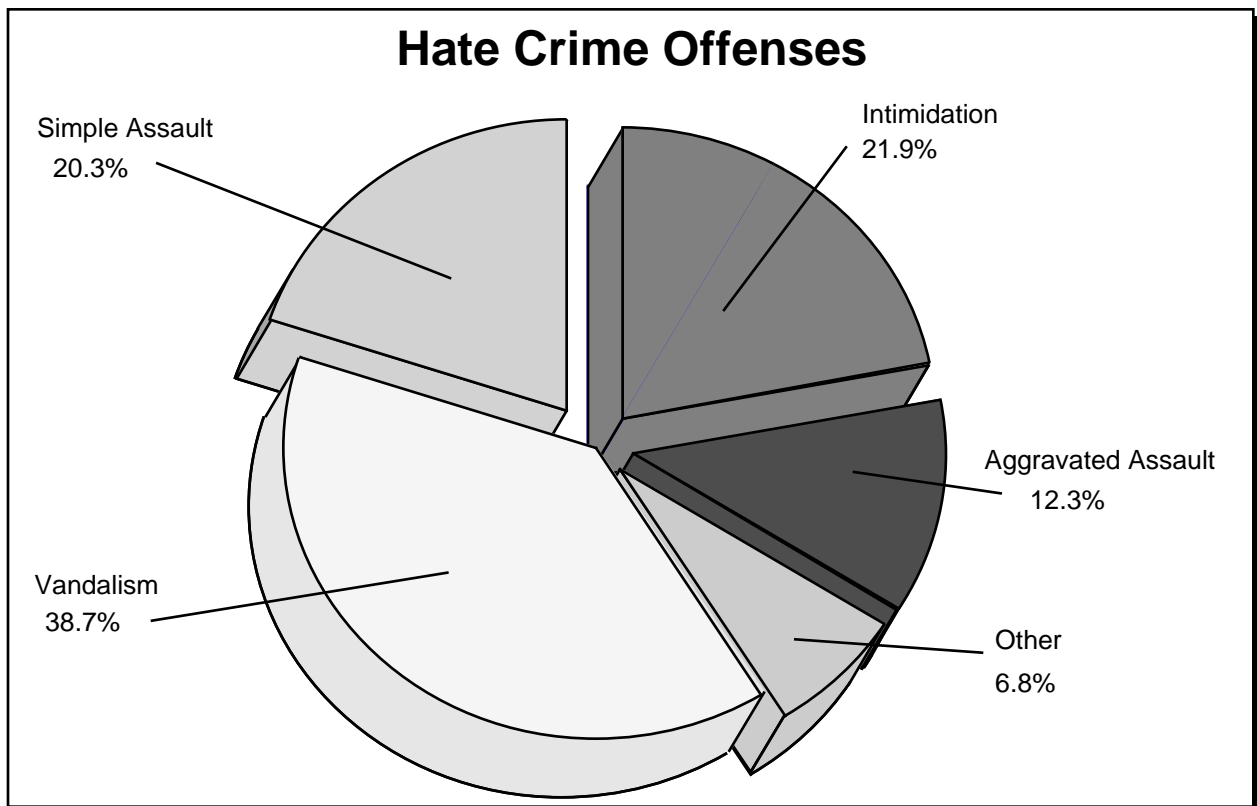
aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson -- plus the non-index crimes of simple assault, intimidation and vandalism. Of these offense categories, aggravated assault, simple assault, intimidation and vandalism together accounted for 93 percent of all bias crime offenses.

Offenses

Offense information in the hate crime data collection program are defined in accordance with federal Uniform Crime Reporting definitions and do not necessarily conform to Texas state definitions. Complete offense definitions are available in the appendix to this publication.

Hate crime offense information fall into the eight index crime categories -- murder, rape, robbery,

| Hate Crime Offenses | | |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Offenses | Volume | % |
| Murder | 1 | 0.3% |
| Rape | 0 | 0.0% |
| Robbery | 7 | 2.2% |
| Aggravated Assault | 38 | 12.3% |
| Burglary | 9 | 2.9% |
| Larceny-Theft | 2 | 0.7% |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 0 | 0.0% |
| Arson | 2 | 0.7% |
| Simple Assault | 63 | 20.3% |
| Intimidation | 68 | 21.9% |
| Vandalism | 120 | 38.7% |
| TOTAL | 310 | 100% |



2003 TEXAS HATE CRIME BY JURISDICTION

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| ANGELINA COUNTY Lufkin PD 3 | ELLIS COUNTY Ferris PD 1 | PANOLA COUNTY Panola CO SO 1 |
| ARCHER COUNTY Archer CO SO 1 | EL PASO COUNTY El Paso PD 10 | POLK COUNTY Polk CO SO 1 |
| BASTROP COUNTY Smithville PD 1 | FORT BEND COUNTY Fort Bend CO SO 4 | POTTER COUNTY Amarillo PD 3 |
| BELL COUNTY Temple PD 1 | Missouri City PD 2 | ROCKWALL COUNTY Rockwall PD 2 |
| BEXAR COUNTY San Antonio PD 14 Bexar CO SO 1 Converse PD 1 Live Oak PD 1 Selma PD 1 St Mary's Univ PD 1 | Sugar Land PD 1 | Royse City PD 1 |
| | GALVESTON COUNTY Galveston PD 4 | SMITH COUNTY Tyler PD 2 |
| | HARRIS COUNTY Houston PD 29 Harris CO SO 35 Bellaire PD 1 Deer Park PD 1 La Porte PD 1 Webster PD 3 Univ of Houston PD 1 | TARRANT COUNTY Arlington PD 3 Bedford PD 4 Fort Worth PD 6 Grapevine PD 1 Hurst PD 1 Mansfield PD 1 North Richland Hills PD 2 Saginaw PD 2 Tarrant CO Hosp Dist PD 1 |
| | HAYS COUNTY San Marcos PD 2 | TOM GREEN COUNTY San Angelo PD 1 |
| | HENDERSON COUNTY Seven Points PD 1 | TRAVIS COUNTY Travis CO SO 1 Austin PD 6 Austin ISD PD 2 |
| BREWSTER COUNTY Alpine PD 1 | JEFFERSON COUNTY Jefferson CO SO 1 | VAL VERDE COUNTY Del Rio PD 1 |
| CASS COUNTY Cass CO SO 1 | JOHNSON COUNTY Johnson CO SO 1 Burleson PD 3 Cleburne PD 2 | VICTORIA COUNTY Victoria PD 3 |
| CHEROKEE COUNTY Cherokee CO SO 1 | MCLENNAN COUNTY Bellmead PD 1 | WALKER COUNTY Huntsville PD 1 |
| COLLIN COUNTY Frisco PD 2 McKinney PD 1 Plano PD 7 | MARION COUNTY Marion CO SO 1 | WASHINGTON COUNTY Washington CO SO 2 Brenham PD 1 |
| | MASON COUNTY Mason CO SO 1 | WILLIAMSON COUNTY Williamson CO SO 2 Leander PD 2 |
| | MIDLAND COUNTY Midland CO SO 1 Midland PD 3 | |
| COOKE COUNTY Gainesville PD 4 | MITCHELL COUNTY Colorado City PD 1 | |
| | MONTGOMERY COUNTY Conroe PD 1 | |
| | NACOGDOCHES COUNTY Stephen F Austin Univ PD 1 | |
| | DALLAS COUNTY Dallas PD 41 Addison PD 1 Carrollton PD 8 Coppell PD 3 Garland PD 11 Irving PD 2 Richardson PD 5 Rowlett PD 3 Glenn Heights PD 1 | NUECES COUNTY Corpus Christi PD 6 |
| DENTON COUNTY Denton PD 2 | | Jurisdictions not represented reported zero incidents of Hate Crime. |