

**Chapter  
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**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 2006 was 245. This represents a decrease of 7.2 percent when compared to 2005. These incidents involved 217 victims, 289 offenders, and resulted in a total of 254 offenses.

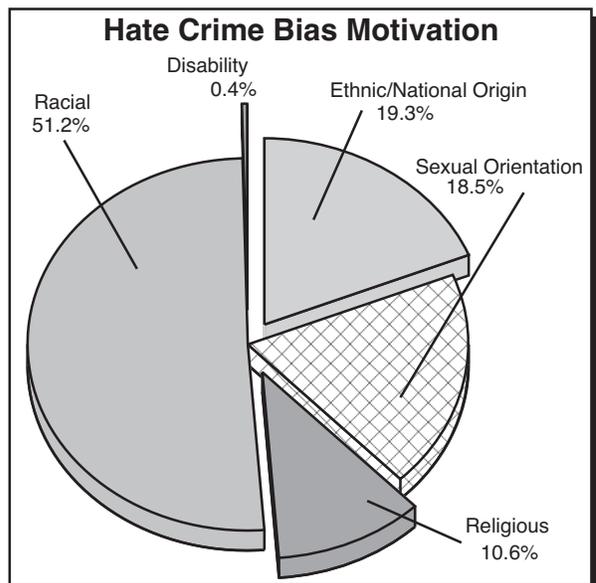
| Hate Crime         | 2006 | 2005 | % Change |
|--------------------|------|------|----------|
| Reported Incidents | 245  | 264  | - 7.2%   |
| Reported Victims   | 217  | 266  | - 18.4%  |
| Reported Offenders | 289  | 327  | - 11.6%  |
| Reported Offenses  | 254  | 278  | - 8.6%   |

### Bias Motivation

In 2006, 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 was disability.

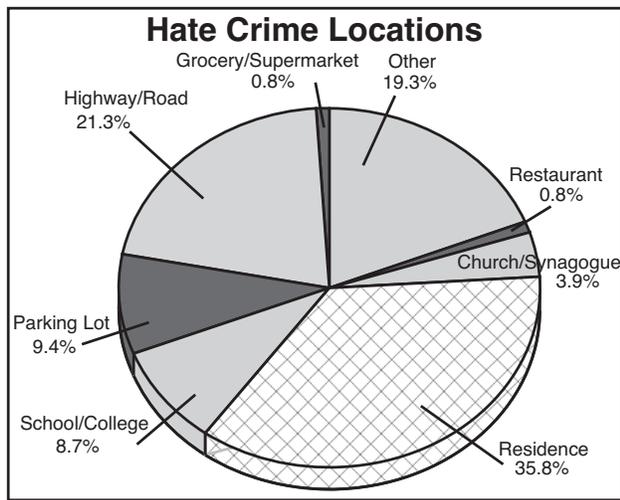
| Hate Crime Bias Motivation    |         |                                |                  |
|-------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Bias Nature                   | Group % | Bias Type                      | Volume (Offense) |
| Racial                        | 51.2%   | Anti-White                     | 23               |
|                               |         | Anti-Black                     | 99               |
|                               |         | Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander    | 5                |
|                               |         | Anti-Multi-Racial              | 3                |
| Ethnicity/<br>National Origin | 19.3%   | Anti-Arab                      | 4                |
|                               |         | Anti-Hispanic                  | 35               |
|                               |         | Anti-Other Ethnic/Nat'l Origin | 10               |
| Sexual Orientation            | 18.5%   | Anti-Male Homosexual           | 37               |
|                               |         | Anti-Female Homosexual         | 4                |
|                               |         | Anti-Homosexual                | 6                |
| Religious                     | 10.6%   | Anti-Jewish                    | 15               |
|                               |         | Anti-Catholic                  | 1                |
|                               |         | Anti-Protestant                | 2                |
|                               |         | Anti-Islamic                   | 5                |
|                               |         | Anti-Other Religion            | 3                |
| Disability                    | 0.4%    | Anti-Physical                  | 0                |
|                               |         | Anti-Mental                    | 1                |



**Location**

Residences and homes were the most frequently occurring locations of bias crimes during 2006. The second most common locations were highways, roads, streets and alleys, and the third most common were parking lots and garages.

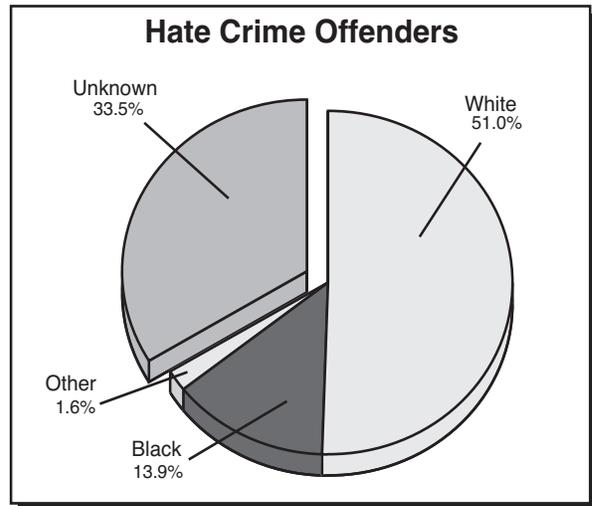
| Hate Crime Location                 |            |             |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Location                            | Volume     | %           |
| Air/Bus/Train Terminal              | 4          | 1.6%        |
| Bank/Savings and Loan               | 0          | 0.0%        |
| Bar/Nightclub                       | 4          | 1.6%        |
| Church/Synagogue/Temple             | 10         | 3.9%        |
| Commercial/Office Building          | 8          | 3.1%        |
| Construction Site                   | 2          | 0.8%        |
| Convenience Store                   | 5          | 2.0%        |
| Department/Discount Store           | 1          | 0.4%        |
| Drug Store/Doctor's Office/Hospital | 1          | 0.4%        |
| Field/Woods                         | 1          | 0.4%        |
| Government/Public Building          | 3          | 1.1%        |
| Grocery/Supermarket                 | 2          | 0.8%        |
| Highway/Road/Street/Alley           | 54         | 21.3%       |
| Hotel/Motel                         | 4          | 1.6%        |
| Jail/Prison                         | 0          | 0.0%        |
| Lake/Waterway                       | 2          | 0.8%        |
| Liquor Store                        | 1          | 0.4%        |
| Parking Lot/Garage                  | 24         | 9.4%        |
| Rental Storage Facility             | 0          | 0.0%        |
| Residence/Home                      | 91         | 35.8%       |
| Restaurant                          | 2          | 0.8%        |
| School/College                      | 22         | 8.7%        |
| Service/Gas Station                 | 2          | 0.8%        |
| Specialty Store                     | 4          | 1.6%        |
| Other/Unknown                       | 7          | 2.7%        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>254</b> | <b>100%</b> |



**Offenders**

In 2006, 289 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 245.

| Hate Crime Offenders by Race   |            |             |
|--------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Race                           | Volume     | %           |
| White                          | 125        | 51.0%       |
| Black                          | 34         | 13.9%       |
| American Indian/Alaskan Native | 0          | 0.0%        |
| Asian/Pacific Islander         | 3          | 1.2%        |
| Multi-Racial Group             | 1          | 0.4%        |
| Unknown                        | 82         | 33.5%       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   | <b>245</b> | <b>100%</b> |



**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             | 181        | 71.3%       |
| Business               | 12         | 4.7%        |
| Financial Institution  | 0          | 0.0%        |
| Government             | 3          | 1.2%        |
| Religious Organization | 10         | 3.9%        |
| Society/Public         | 5          | 2.0%        |
| Other                  | 42         | 16.5%       |
| Unknown                | 1          | 0.4%        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b>254</b> | <b>100%</b> |

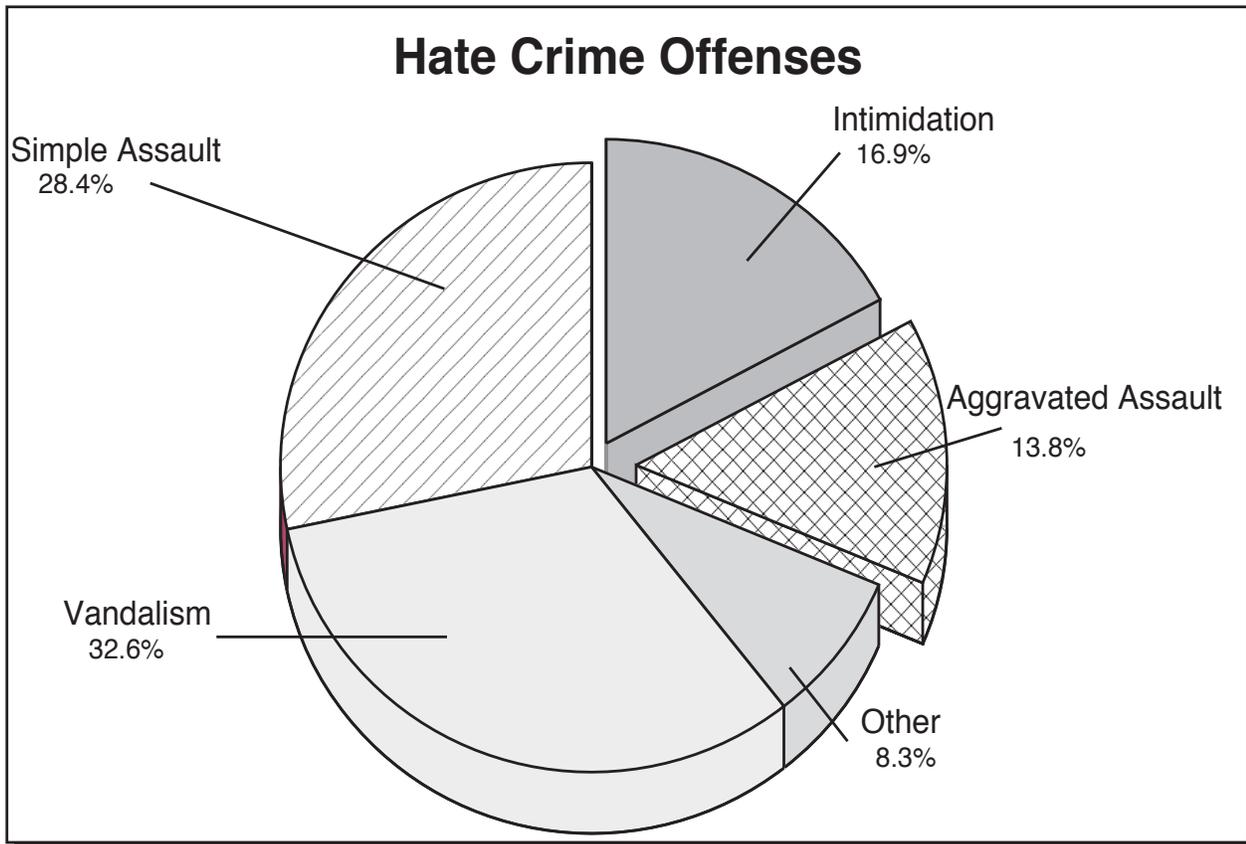
**Offenses**

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,

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 92 percent of all bias crime offenses.

| Hate Crime Offenses |            |             |
|---------------------|------------|-------------|
| Offenses            | Volume     | %           |
| Murder              | 0          | 0.0%        |
| Rape                | 0          | 0.0%        |
| Robbery             | 5          | 2.0%        |
| Aggravated Assault  | 35         | 13.8%       |
| Burglary            | 10         | 4.0%        |
| Larceny-Theft       | 3          | 1.1%        |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 1          | 0.4%        |
| Arson               | 2          | 0.8%        |
| Simple Assault      | 72         | 28.4%       |
| Intimidation        | 43         | 16.9%       |
| Vandalism           | 83         | 32.6%       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>254</b> | <b>100%</b> |



# 2006 TEXAS HATE CRIME BY JURISDICTION

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <b>BELL COUNTY</b><br>Killeen PD 1<br>Temple PD 1   | <b>GRIMES COUNTY</b><br>Grimes County SO 1  | <b>TRAVIS COUNTY</b><br>Travis County SO 2<br>Austin PD 13<br>UT Austin PD 3<br>Austin ISD PD 1 |
| <b>BEXAR COUNTY</b><br>San Antonio PD 28<br>Selma PD 1  | <b>HARRIS COUNTY</b><br>Houston PD 20<br>Harris Co SO 11<br>Bellaire PD 1<br>Deer Park PD 1   | <b>WICHITA COUNTY</b><br>Wichita Falls PD 2<br>Midwestern Univ PD 1                             |
| <b>BLANCO COUNTY</b><br>Blanco PD 1   | <b>HAYS COUNTY</b><br>Texas State University 2  | <b>WILLIAMSON COUNTY</b><br>Williamson CO SO 2<br>Hutto PD 1<br>Round Rock PD 1                 |
| <b>BRAZORIA COUNTY</b><br>Alvin PD 1  | <b>HIDALGO COUNTY</b><br>Donna PD 1   |   |
| <b>BROWN COUNTY</b><br>Bangs PD 1   | <b>JOHNSON COUNTY</b><br>Johnson CO SO 1<br>Burleson PD 2<br>Cleburne PD 1  |   |
| <b>CHEROKEE COUNTY</b><br>Cherokee Co SO 3  | <b>KAUFMAN COUNTY</b><br>Forney PD 1  |   |
| <b>COLLIN COUNTY</b><br>Plano PD 4<br>Prosper PD 1  | <b>KNOX COUNTY</b><br>Munday PD 1   | Jurisdictions not represented reported zero incidents of Hate Crime.                            |
| <b>COMAL COUNTY</b><br>New Braunfels PD 1   | <b>LAVACA COUNTY</b><br>Hallettsville PD 1  |   |
| <b>DALLAS COUNTY</b><br>Dallas PD 39<br>Carrollton PD 1<br>Cedar Hill PD 1<br>DeSoto PD 1<br>Garland PD 11<br>Richardson PD 1<br>Glenn Heights PD 2 | <b>LIPSCOMB COUNTY</b><br>Lipscomb Co SO 1  |   |
| <b>DENTON COUNTY</b><br>Denton PD 1<br>Lewisville PD 4  | <b>LUBBOCK COUNTY</b><br>Lubbock Co SO 2  |   |
| <b>DEWITT COUNTY</b><br>Yorktown PD 1   | <b>MIDLAND COUNTY</b><br>Midland PD 3   |   |
| <b>ELLIS COUNTY</b><br>Ennis PD 1   | <b>MONTGOMERY COUNTY</b><br>Oak Ridge North PD 1  |   |
| <b>EL PASO COUNTY</b><br>Anthony PD 1<br>El Paso PD 4   | <b>NUECES COUNTY</b><br>Corpus Christi PD 13<br>Texas A&M-Corpus Christi PD 1   |   |
| <b>ERATH COUNTY</b><br>Dublin PD 1  | <b>RUSK COUNTY</b><br>Henderson PD 1  |   |
| <b>FORT BEND COUNTY</b><br>Missouri City PD 1   | <b>SMITH COUNTY</b><br>Tyler PD 3   |   |
| <b>GALVESTON COUNTY</b><br>Galveston PD 3   | <b>TARRANT COUNTY</b><br>Arlington PD 1<br>Euless PD 1<br>Forest Hill PD 1<br>Fort Worth PD 10<br>Grapevine PD 2<br>Haltom City PD 1<br>Mansfield PD 2<br>D/FW Airport PD 1 |   |
| <b>GRAYSON COUNTY</b><br>Denison PD 3   | <b>TOM GREEN COUNTY</b><br>San Angelo PD 2  |   |
| <b>GREGG COUNTY</b><br>Longview PD 10   |   |   |