

Chapter 6

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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 2009 was 164. This represents a decrease of 33.3 percent when compared to 2008. These incidents involved 173 victims, 188 offenders, and resulted in a total of 167 offenses.

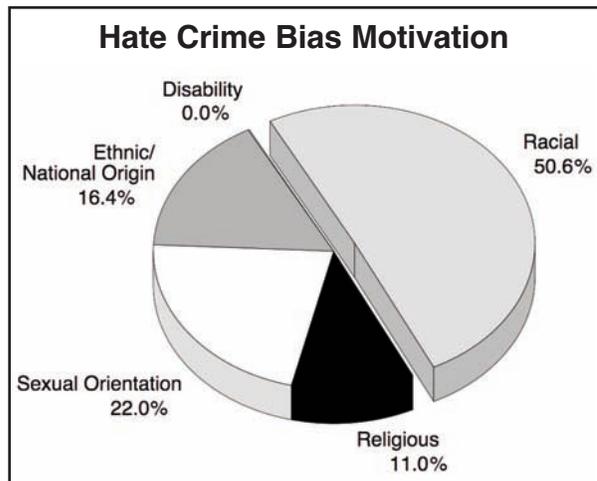
Hate Crime	2009	2008	% Change
Reported Incidents	164	246	- 33.3%
Reported Victims	173	276	- 37.3%
Reported Offenders	188	230	- 18.3%
Reported Offenses	167	258	- 35.3%

Bias Motivation

In 2009, the largest percentage of hate crime reports were racial in nature. The second most commonly reported bias motivation was sexual orientation, the third most common bias motivation was ethnicity/national origin, the fourth most com-

mon form of hate crime was religious and the fifth was disability.

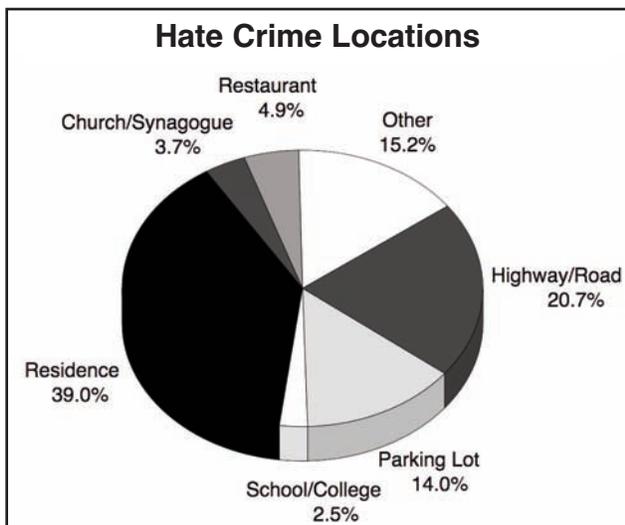
Hate Crime Bias Motivation			
Bias Nature	Group %	Bias Type	Volume (Offense)
Racial	50.6%	Anti-White	11
		Anti-Black	63
		Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander	2
		Anti-Am Ind/Alaskan Native	1
		Anti-Multi-Racial	6
Sexual Orientation	22.0%	Anti-Male Homosexual	23
		Anti-Female Homosexual	4
		Anti-Homosexual	9
Ethnicity/ National Origin	16.4%	Anti-Arab	6
		Anti-Hispanic	18
		Anti-Other Ethnic/Nat'l Origin	3
Religious	11.0%	Anti-Jewish	10
		Anti-Protestant	1
		Anti-Islamic	3
		Anti-Multi	1
		Anti-Other Religion	3
Disability	0.0%	Anti-Physical	0
		Anti-Mental	0



Location

Residences and homes were the most frequently occurring locations of bias crimes during 2009. The second most common locations were highways, roads, streets and alleys, and the third most common were parking lots and garages.

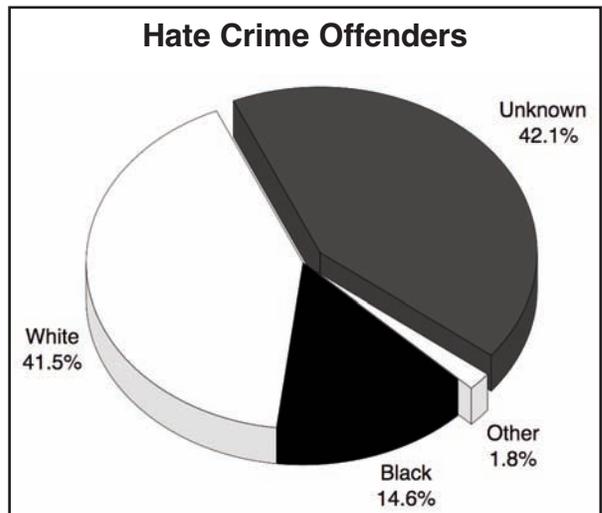
Hate Crime Location		
Location	Volume	%
Air/Bus/Train Terminal	1	0.6%
Bank/Savings and Loan	0	0.0%
Bar/Nightclub	8	4.9%
Church/Synagogue/Temple	6	3.7%
Commercial/Office Building	3	1.8%
Construction Site	0	0.0%
Convenience Store	3	1.8%
Department/Discount Store	1	0.6%
Drug Store/Doctor's Office/Hospital	0	0.0%
Field/Woods	2	1.2%
Government/Public Building	1	0.6%
Grocery/Supermarket	0	0.0%
Highway/Road/Street/Alley	34	20.7%
Hotel/Motel	0	0.0%
Jail/Prison	1	0.6%
Lake/Waterway	0	0.0%
Liquor Store	0	0.0%
Parking Lot/Garage	23	14.0%
Rental Storage Facility	0	0.0%
Residence/Home	64	39.0%
Restaurant	8	4.9%
School/College	4	2.5%
Service/Gas Station	0	0.0%
Specialty Store	1	0.6%
Other/Unknown	4	2.5%
TOTAL	164	100%



Offenders

In 2009, 188 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 164.

Hate Crime Offenders by Race		
Race	Volume	%
White	68	41.5%
Black	24	14.6%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2	1.2%
Multi-Racial Group	1	0.6%
Unknown	69	42.1%
TOTAL	164	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	152	91.0%
Business	8	4.8%
Financial Institution	0	0.0%
Government	1	0.6%
Religious Organization	3	1.8%
Other	3	1.8%
Unknown	0	0.0%
TOTAL	167	100%

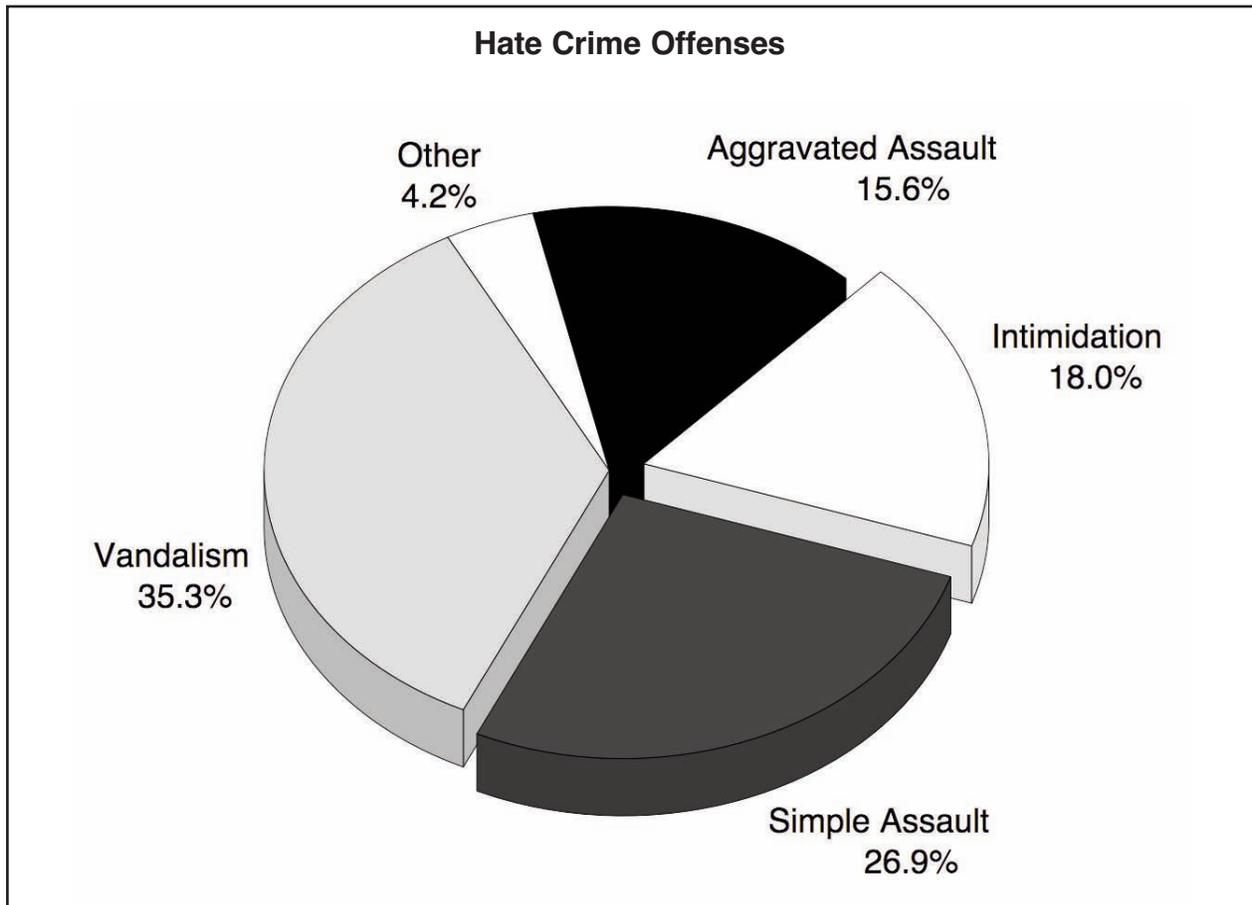
aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson -- plus the non-index crimes of simple assault, intimidation and vandalism. Of these offense categories, aggravated assault, simple assault, intimidation and vandalism together accounted for 96 percent of all bias crime offenses.

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 Offenses		
Offenses	Volume	%
Murder	0	0.0%
Robbery	3	1.8%
Aggravated Assault	26	15.6%
Burglary	2	1.2%
Larceny-Theft	0	0.0%
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0.0%
Arson	2	1.2%
Simple Assault	45	26.9%
Intimidation	30	18.0%
Vandalism	59	35.3%
TOTAL	167	100%

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



2009 TEXAS HATE CRIME BY JURISDICTION

ANDERSON COUNTY Anderson Co SO 1	FORT BEND COUNTY Missouri City PD 2	RUSK COUNTY Overton PD 1
BELL COUNTY Killeen PD 6	GALVESTON COUNTY Galveston PD 5 Texas City PD 1	TARRANT COUNTY Bedford PD 3 Fort Worth PD 6 Mansfield PD 1 North Richland Hills PD 4 Richland Hills PD 2
BEXAR COUNTY San Antonio PD 9	GRAYSON COUNTY Denison PD 2 Grayson Co College PD 1	TRAVIS COUNTY Austin PD 11 UT Austin PD 1
BRAZORIA COUNTY Alvin PD 1 Lake Jackson PD 1 Pearland PD 1	GREGG COUNTY Kilgore PD 1 Longview PD 1	VAL VERDE COUNTY Del Rio PD 1
BROWN COUNTY Brownwood PD 1	HARRIS COUNTY Harris Co SO 11 Houston PD 14 La Porte PD 1 Pasadena PD 2	WICHITA COUNTY Wichita Falls PD 2
CAMERON COUNTY Harlingen PD 1	HUNT COUNTY Greenville PD 1	WILLIAMSON COUNTY Round Rock PD 7
CHEROKEE COUNTY Cherokee Co SO 1	JEFFERSON COUNTY Beaumont PD 5	Jurisdictions not represented reported zero incidents of Hate Crime.
COLLIN COUNTY Allen PD 1 Frisco PD 1 McKinney PD 3 Plano PD 3	JOHNSON COUNTY Burleson PD 1 Cleburne PD 1	
COLORADO COUNTY Colorado Co SO 1	LAMAR COUNTY Paris PD 1	
COMAL COUNTY New Braunfels PD 1	LUBBOCK COUNTY Lubbock Co SO 2	
DALLAS COUNTY Dallas PD 11 Carrollton PD 2 Garland PD 2 Richland College PD 1	MCLENNAN COUNTY Bellmead PD 1	
DENTON COUNTY Argyle PD 1 Denton PD 2 Lake Dallas PD 1 Highland Village PD 1 Trophy Club PD 1	MIDLAND COUNTY Midland PD 2	
EASTLAND COUNTY Eastland PD 2	NOLAN COUNTY Sweetwater PD 1	
ECTOR COUNTY Odessa PD 1	NUECES COUNTY Corpus Christi PD 4	
EL PASO COUNTY El Paso PD 3	ORANGE COUNTY Vidor PD 1	
	PALO PINTO COUNTY Mineral Wells PD 1	
	PARKER COUNTY Weatherford PD 1	
	ROCKWALL COUNTY Rockwall PD 2	