

**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

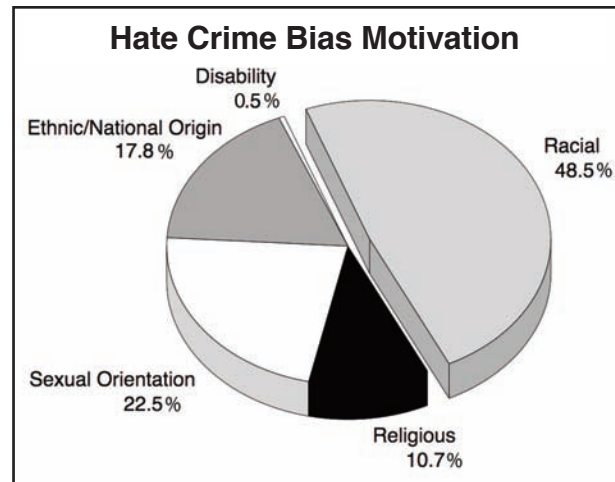
The total number of reported Texas hate crime incidents in 2010 was 168. This represents an increase of 2.4 percent when compared to 2009. These incidents involved 179 victims, 185 offenders, and resulted in a total of 171 offenses.

Hate Crime	2010	2009	% Change
Reported Incidents	168	164	+ 2.4%
Reported Victims	179	173	+ 3.5%
Reported Offenders	185	188	- 1.6%
Reported Offenses	171	167	+ 2.4%

Bias Motivation

In 2010, 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 common form of hate crime was religious and the fifth was disability.

Hate Crime Bias Motivation			
Bias Nature	Group %	Bias Type	Volume (Offense)
Racial	48.5%	Anti-White	9
		Anti-Black	66
		Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander	3
		Anti-Multi-Racial	4
Sexual Orientation	22.5%	Anti-Male Homosexual	24
		Anti-Female Homosexual	6
		Anti-Homosexual	7
		Anti-Bi-sexual	1
Ethnicity/ National Origin	17.8%	Anti-Arab	5
		Anti-Hispanic	21
		Anti-Other Ethnic/Nat'l Origin	4
Religious	10.7%	Anti-Jewish	3
		Anti-Protestant	3
		Anti-Islamic	5
		Anti-Catholic	2
		Anti-Other Religion	3
		Anti-Multi-Religion	2
Disability	0.5%	Anti-Physical	0
		Anti-Mental	1



Location

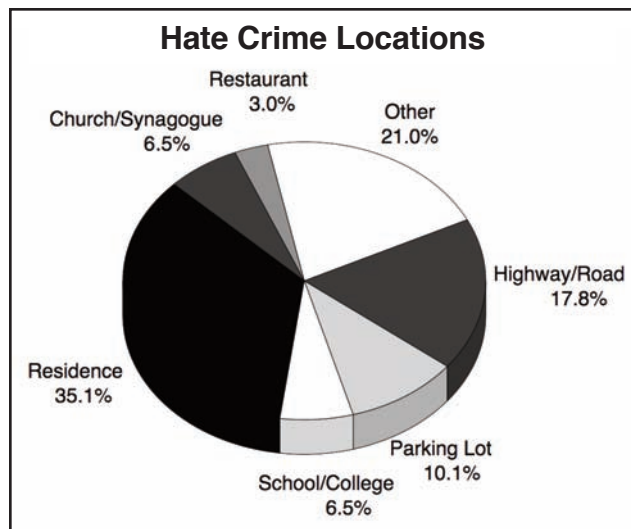
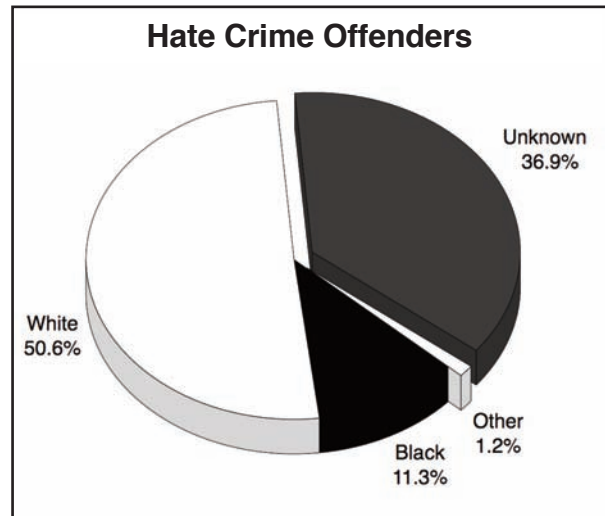
Residences and homes were the most frequently occurring locations of bias crimes during 2010. The second most common locations were highways, roads, streets and alleys, and the third most common were parking lots and garages.

Hate Crime Location		
Location	Volume	%
Air/Bus/Train Terminal	1	0.6%
Bank/Savings and Loan	0	0.0%
Bar/Nightclub	7	4.2%
Church/Synagogue/Temple	11	6.5%
Commercial/Office Building	1	0.6%
Construction Site	0	0.0%
Convenience Store	4	2.4%
Department/Discount Store	4	2.4%
Drug Store/Doctor's Office/Hospital	0	0.0%
Field/Woods	0	0.0%
Government/Public Building	1	0.6%
Grocery/Supermarket	5	3.0%
Highway/Road/Street/Alley	30	17.8%
Hotel/Motel	2	1.2%
Jail/Prison	0	0.0%
Lake/Waterway	2	1.2%
Liquor Store	0	0.0%
Parking Lot/Garage	17	10.1%
Rental Storage Facility	0	0.0%
Residence/Home	59	35.1%
Restaurant	5	3.0%
School/College	11	6.5%
Service/Gas Station	1	0.6%
Specialty Store	1	0.6%
Other/Unknown	6	3.6%
TOTAL	168	100%

Offenders

In 2010, 185 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 168.

Hate Crime Offenders by Race		
Race	Volume	%
White	85	50.6%
Black	19	11.3%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
Multi-Racial Group	2	1.2%
Unknown	62	36.9%
TOTAL	168	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.

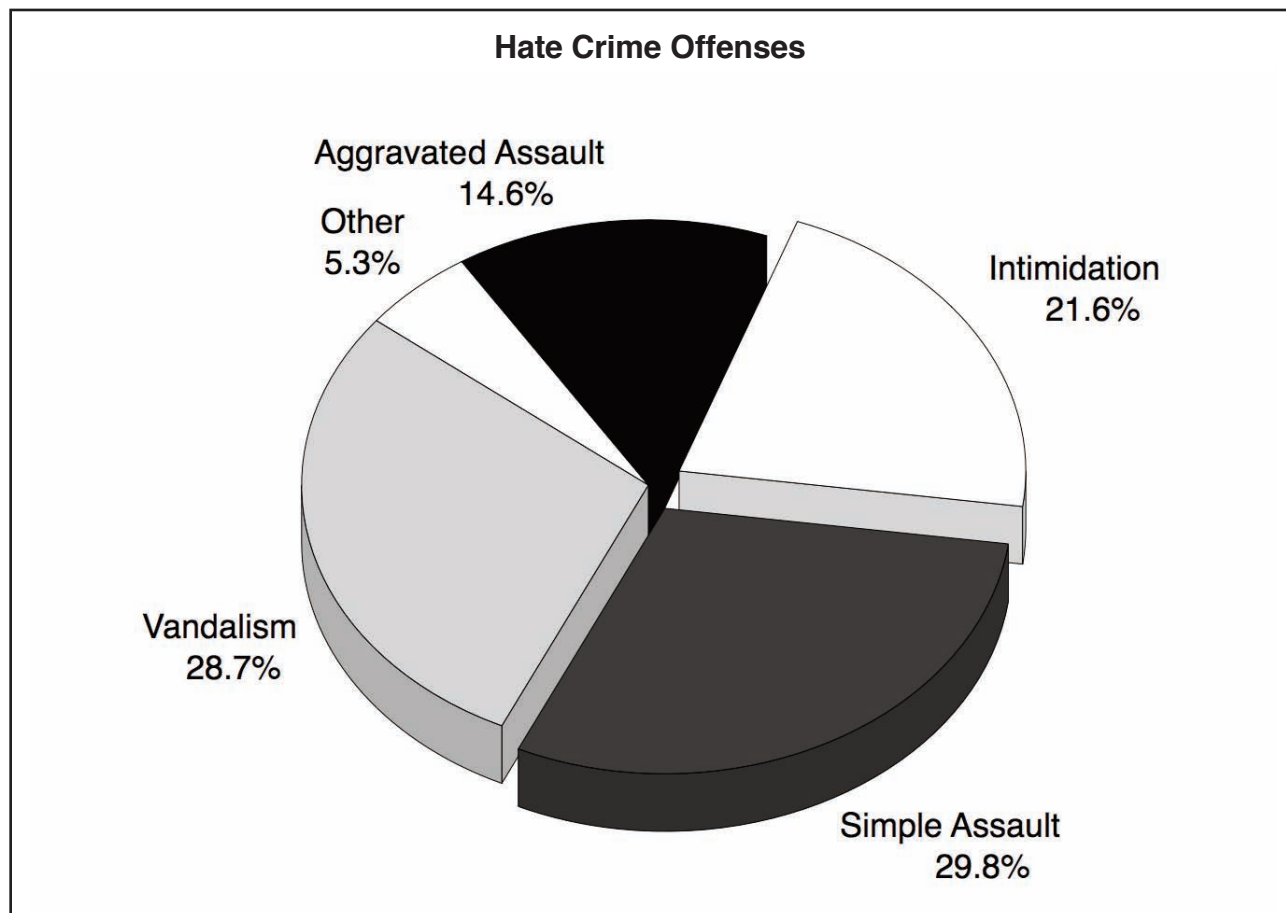
Hate Crime Victim Type		
Victim Type	Volume	%
Individual	152	88.9%
Business	8	4.7%
Financial Institution	0	0.0%
Government	6	3.5%
Religious Organization	5	2.9%
Other	0	0.0%
Unknown	0	0.0%
TOTAL	171	100%

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 95 percent of all bias crime offenses.

Hate Crime Offenses		
Offenses	Volume	%
Murder	1	0.6%
Robbery	5	2.9%
Aggravated Assault	25	14.6%
Burglary	0	0.0%
Larceny-Theft	1	0.6%
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	0.6%
Arson	1	0.6%
Simple Assault	51	29.8%
Intimidation	37	21.6%
Vandalism	49	28.7%
TOTAL	171	100%

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.



2010 TEXAS HATE CRIME BY JURISDICTION

BASTROP COUNTY

Elgin PD 1

BEXAR COUNTY

San Antonio PD 5

Universal City PD 1

BRAZORIA COUNTY

Lake Jackson PD 1

Pearland PD 6

BRAZOS COUNTY

Bryan PD 2

Texas A&M Univ PD 3

COLLIN COUNTY

Allen PD 1

McKinney PD 7

Plano PD 3

Wylie PD 1

COMAL COUNTY

Comal CO SO 1

New Braunfels PD 1

COOKE COUNTY

Gainesville PD 1

DALLAS COUNTY

Dallas PD 12

Garland PD 2

Sachse PD 1

Rowlett PD 4

DENTON COUNTY

Denton PD 2

Lewisville PD 1

ECTOR COUNTY

UT Permian Basin PD 1

EL PASO COUNTY

El Paso PD 5

FLOYD COUNTY

Floydada PD 1

FORT BEND COUNTY

Missouri City PD 1

GALVESTON COUNTY

Galveston PD 4

GRAYSON COUNTY

Collinsville PD 1

Sherman PD 1

GREGG COUNTY

Longview PD 1

GUADALUPE COUNTY

Schertz PD 1

HARRIS COUNTY

Harris CO SO 2

Houston PD 13

La Porte PD 1

Tomball PD 1

Houston Comm Coll PD 1

HAYS COUNTY

San Marcos PD 1

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Beaumont PD 3

KAUFMAN COUNTY

Kaufman CO SO 2

Terrell PD 3

MILAM COUNTY

Thorndale PD 1

NOLAN COUNTY

Sweetwater PD 2

NUECES COUNTY

Corpus Christi PD 4

ORANGE COUNTY

Orange PD 1

Vidor PD 3

RUSK COUNTY

Henderson PD 1

SHELBY COUNTY

Center PD 1

SMITH COUNTY

Tyler PD 2

TARRANT COUNTY

Arlington PD 3

Bedford PD 3

Fort Worth PD 14

Grapevine PD 4

Hurst PD 1

North Richland Hills PD 3

Richland Hills PD 1

DFW Airport PD 2

TAYLOR COUNTY

Abilene PD 1

TOM GREEN COUNTY

San Angelo PD 2

TRAVIS COUNTY

Travis CO SO 1

Austin PD 5

UT Austin PD 1

VAN ZANDT COUNTY

Edgewood PD 1

VICTORIA COUNTY

Victoria PD 1

WICHITA COUNTY

Wichita Falls PD 6

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

Hutto PD 1

Round Rock PD 2

Cedar Park PD 1

WISE COUNTY

Wise CO SO 1

Jurisdictions not represented reported zero incidents of Hate Crime.