

HATE CRIME

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

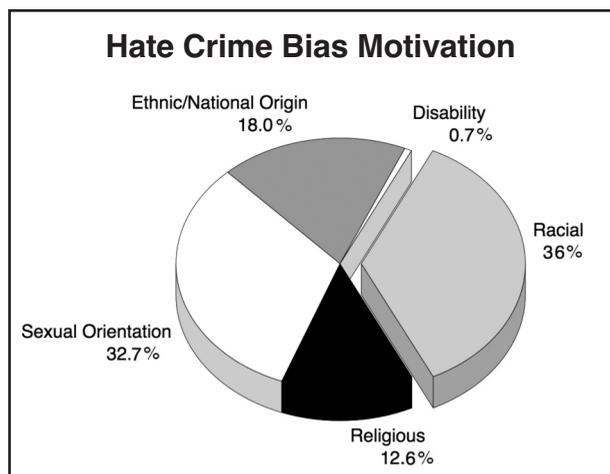
The total number of reported Texas hate crime incidents in 2011 was 150. This represents a decrease of 10.7 percent when compared to 2010. These incidents involved 186 victims, 187 offenders, and resulted in a total of 152 offenses.

Hate Crime	2011	2010	% Change
Reported Incidents	150	168	-10.7
Reported Victims	186	179	10.3
Reported Offenders	187	185	1.1
Reported Offenses	152	171	-11.1

Bias Motivation

In 2011, 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.

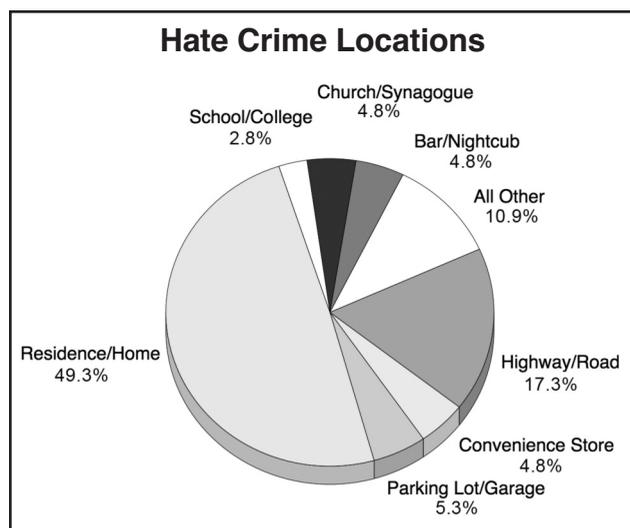
2011 Hate Crime Bias Motivation			
Bias Nature	Group %	Bias Type	Offense Count
Racial	36.0%	Anti-White	6
		Anti-Black	45
		Anti-Indian	0
		Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander	3
		Anti-Multi-Racial	0
Sexual Orientation	32.7%	Anti-Male Homosexual	36
		Anti-Female Homosexual	6
		Anti-Homosexual	7
		Anti-Heterosexual	0
		Anti-Bisexual	0
Ethnicity/ National Origin	18.0%	Anti-Arab	1
		Anti-Hispanic	19
		Anti-Other Ethnic/Nat'l Origin	7
Religious	12.6%	Anti-Jewish	7
		Anti-Catholic	2
		Anti-Protestant	2
		Anti-Islamic	6
		Anti-Other Religion	1
		Anti-Multi-Religious	1
		Anti-Atheism	0
Disability	0.7%	Anti-Physical	0
		Anti-Mental	1



Location

Residences and homes were the most frequently occurring locations of bias crimes during 2011. The second most common locations were highways, roads, streets and alleys, and the third most common were parking lots and garages.

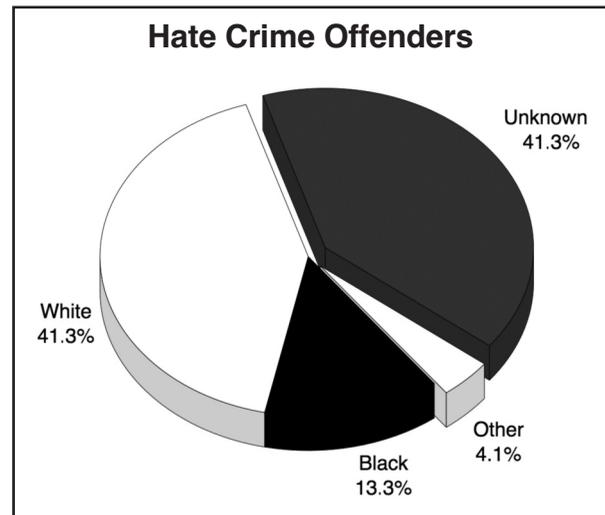
Hate Crime Location by Offense		
Location	Volume	%
Air/Bus/Train Terminal	2	1.3
Bank/Savings and Loan	0	0.0
Bar/Nightclub	7	4.8
Church/Synagogue/Temple	7	4.8
Commercial/Office Building	1	0.6
Construction Site	0	0.0
Convenience Store	7	4.8
Department/Discount Store	0	0.0
Drug Store/Doctor's Office/Hospital	0	0.0
Field/Woods	1	0.6
Government/Public Building	3	2.0
Grocery/Supermarket	1	0.6
Highway/Road/Street/Alley	26	17.3
Hotel/Motel	0	0.0
Jail/Prison	0	0.0
Lake/Waterway	1	0.6
Liquor Store	0	0.0
Parking Lot/Garage	8	5.3
Rental Storage Facility	1	0.6
Residence/Home	74	49.3
Restaurant	2	1.3
School/College	4	2.8
Service/Gas Station	0	0.0
Specialty Store (TV, Fur etc.)	0	0.0
Other/Unknown	5	3.3
TOTAL	150	100%



Offenders

In 2011, 187 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 150.

Hate Crime Offenders by Racial Group		
Race	Volume	%
White	62	41.3
Black	20	13.3
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0
Asian/Pacific Islander	2	1.3
Multi-Racial Group	4	2.7
Unknown	62	41.3
TOTAL	150	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.

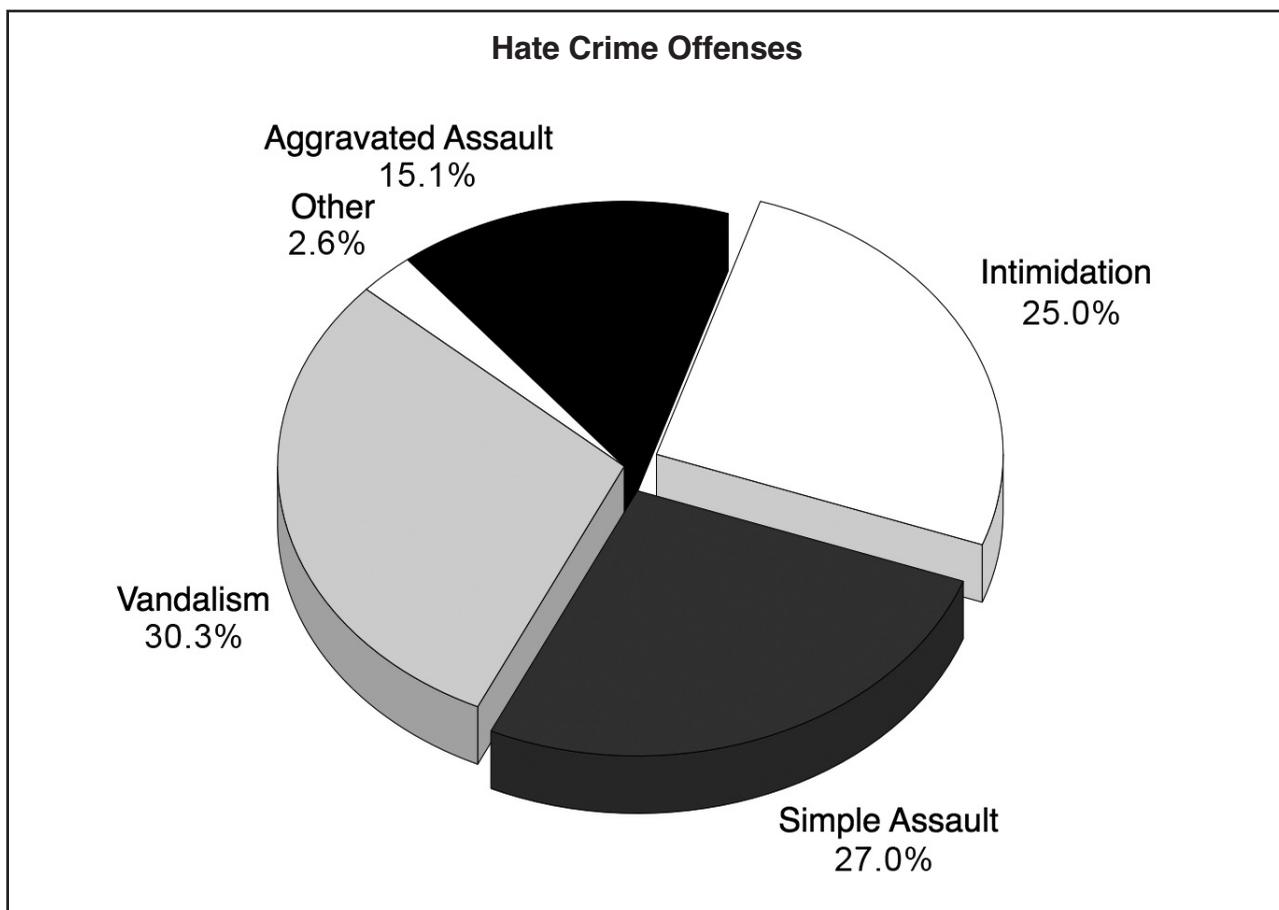
Hate Crime Victim Type		
Victim Type	Volume	%
Individual	144	94.8
Business	5	3.2
Financial Institution	0	0
Government	0	0
Religious Organization	3	2
Other	0	0
Unknown	0	0
TOTAL	152	100%

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 97.4 percent of all bias crime offenses.

Hate Crime Offenses		
Offenses	Volume	%
Murder	0	0
Robbery	2	1.3
Aggravated Assault	23	15.1
Burglary	2	1.3
Larceny-Theft	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0
Arson	0	0
Simple Assault	41	27.0
Intimidation	38	25.0
Vandalism	46	30.3
TOTAL	152	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.



2011 TEXAS HATE CRIME BY JURISDICTION

BEXAR COUNTY	GALVESTON COUNTY	POTTER COUNTY
San Antonio PD 2	Galveston PD 1	Potter Co SO 1
	Texas City PD 1	
BRAZORIA COUNTY	GRAYSON COUNTY	ROCKWALL COUNTY
Alvin PD 1	Denison PD 3	Royse City PD 1
Lake Jackson PD 1		
Pearland PD 2	GREGG COUNTY	RUSK COUNTY
	Kilgore PD 1	Henderson PD 3
BREWSTER COUNTY	Longview PD 3	
Sul Ross State Univ PD 1		SCURRY COUNTY
	HARRIS COUNTY	Snyder PD 1
COLLIN COUNTY	La Porte PD 1	
Allen PD 1	Tomball PD 2	TARRANT COUNTY
McKinney PD 1	Houston PD 13	Bedford PD 1
Plano PD 3		Fort Worth PD 16
Wylie PD 1	HUNT COUNTY	North Richland Hills PD 6
Murphy PD 1	West Tawakoni PD 1	
		TOM GREEN COUNTY
COMAL COUNTY	JEFFERSON COUNTY	San Angelo PD 4
Comal Co SO 2	Beaumont PD 3	
	KAUFMAN COUNTY	TRAVIS COUNTY
CORYELL COUNTY	Forney PD 1	Austin PD 5
Copperas Cove PD 3	Terrell PD 1	West Lake Hills PD 2
		UT Austin PD 2
DALLAS COUNTY	LAMAR COUNTY	
Carrollton PD 2	Reno PD 1	VICTORIA COUNTY
Cedar Hill PD 1		Victoria PD 1
Dallas PD 16	LAVACA COUNTY	
Garland PD 12	Hallettsville PD 1	WALKER COUNTY
Sachse PD 3		Huntsville PD 1
	MCLENNAN COUNTY	
DENTON COUNTY	TSTC Waco PD 1	WICHITA COUNTY
Denton PD 2		Wichita Co SO 1
Lewisville PD 1	NAVARRO COUNTY	Wichita Falls PD 3
	Corsicana PD 1	
EL PASO COUNTY	NUECES COUNTY	WILLIAMSON COUNTY
Anthony PD 1	Corpus Christi PD 3	Williamson Co SO 1
El Paso PD 2		Round Rock PD 1
		Cedar Park PD 2
FANNIN COUNTY		
Leonard PD 1		

Jurisdictions not represented reported zero incidents of Hate Crime.