

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 Crime as crimes that manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion, disability, gender and gender identity.

ANALYSIS

Volume

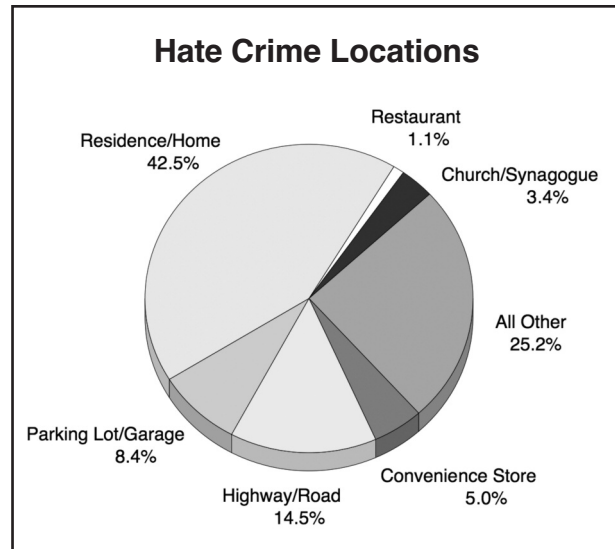
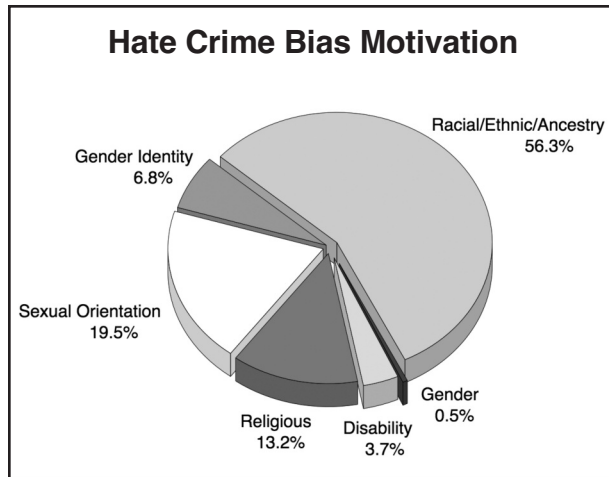
The total number of reported Texas hate crime incidents in 2016 was 178. This represents a decrease of 7.8 percent when compared to 2015. These incidents involved 201 victims, 210 offenders, and resulted in a total of 186 offenses.

2016 Hate Crime Quick Stats			
	2016	2015	% Change
Reported Incidents	178	193	-7.8%
Reported Victims	201	205	-2.0%
Reported Offenders	210	213	-1.4%
Reported Offenses	186	206	-9.7%

Bias Motivation

In 2016, the largest percentage of hate crime reports in Texas were race/ethnic/ancestry in nature. The second most commonly reported bias motivation was sexual orientation. The third most common bias was religious. The fourth most common bias was gender identity.

Hate Crime Bias Motivation			
Bias Nature	Group %	Bias Type	Total %
Race/ Ethnicity Ancestry	56.3	Anti-White	11.6%
		Anti-Black	23.7%
		Anti-Am. Indian/Alaskan Native	0.5%
		Anti-Asian	2.1%
		Anti-Multi Racial (Group)	2.6%
		Anti-Hawaiian/Pac. Islander	0.5%
		Anti-Arab	2.6%
		Anti-Hispanic/Latino	11.1%
		Anti-Other Race/Eth/Ancstry	1.6%
Sexual Orienta- tion	19.5	Anti-Male Homosexual	12.6%
		Anti-Female Homosexual	4.2%
		Anti-LGBT (Mixed Group)	1.6%
		Anti-Heterosexual	0.5%
		Anti-Bisexual	0.5%
Religious	13.2	Anti-Jewish	3.7%
		Anti-Catholic	0.0%
		Anti-Protestant	0.0%
		Anti-Islamic (Muslim)	6.3%
		Anti-Other Religion	0.5%
		Anti-MultiReligion (Group)	0.5%
		Anti-Atheism/Agnostic/etc	0.0%
		Anti-Mormon	0.0%
		Anti-Jehovah's Witness	0.0%
		Anti-Eastern Orthodox	1.6%
		Anti-Other Christian	0.5%
		Anti-Buddhist	0.0%
		Anti-Hindu	0.0%
Anti-Sikh	0.0%		
Disability	3.7	Anti-Physical	1.1%
		Anti-Mental	2.6%
Gender	0.5	Anti-Male	0.0%
		Anti-Female	0.5%
Gender Identity	6.8	Anti-Transgender	6.8%
		Anti-Gender Non-Conforming	0.0%



Location

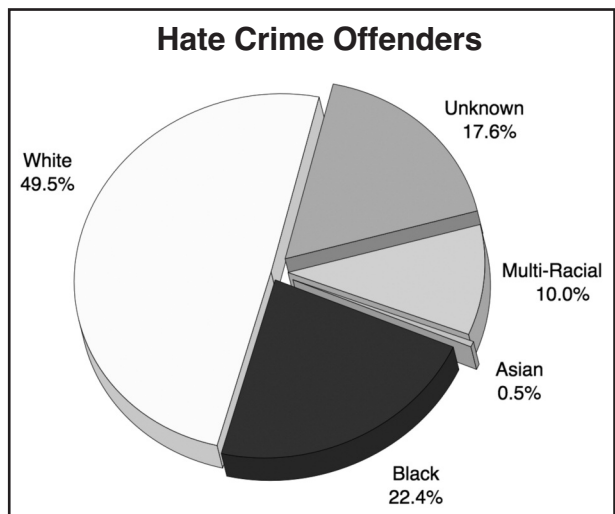
In 2016, hate crimes occurred most frequently in residences and homes. The second most common locations were highways, roads, streets and alleys, followed by parking lots and garages.

Offenders

In 2016, 210 offenders were involved in incidents of hate crimes. Hate crime incidents can be perpetrated by multiple offenders of the same race.

Hate Crime Locations		
Location	Volume	%
Air/Bus/Train Terminal	1	0.6%
Bar/Nightclub	8	4.5%
Church/Synagogue/Temple	6	3.4%
Commercial/Office Building	5	2.8%
Construction Site	2	1.1%
Convenience Store	9	5.0%
Department/Discount Store	2	1.1%
Drug Store/Doctor's Office/Hospital	4	2.2%
Field/Woods	2	1.1%
Government/Public Building	26	14.5%
Grocery/Supermarket	2	1.1%
Highway/Road/Street/Alley	4	2.2%
Jail/Prison	1	0.6%
Parking Lot/Garage	12	6.7%
Residence/Home	15	8.4%
Restaurant	76	42.5%
Service/Gas Station	2	1.1%
Specialty Store (TV, Fur etc.)	1	0.6%
Other/Unknown	1	0.6%

Hate Crime Offenders by Racial Group		
Race	Volume	%
White	104	49.5%
Black	47	22.4%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0.0%
Asian	1	0.5%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
MultiRacial Group	21	10.0%
Unknown	37	17.6%

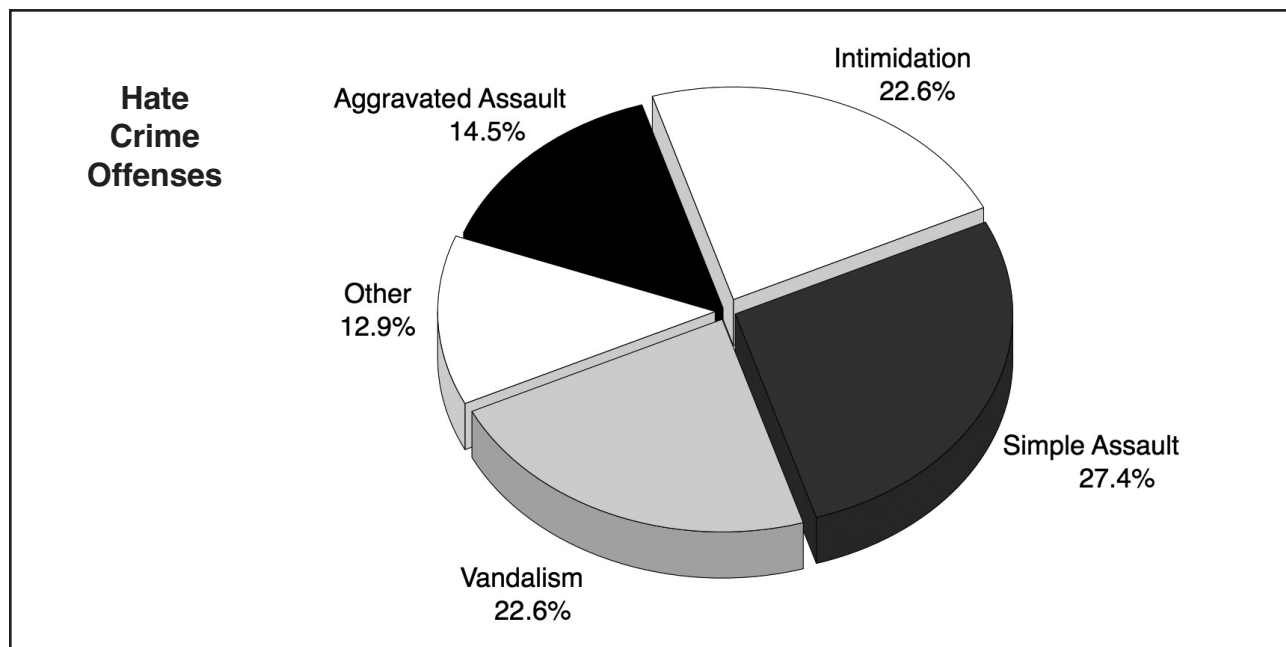


Victims

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	167	89.8%
Business	14	7.5%
Financial Institution	0	0.0%
Government	0	0.0%
Religious Organization	5	2.7%
Other	0	0.0%
Unknown	0	0.0%



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 87.1 percent of all bias crime offenses.

Hate Crime Offenses		
Offenses	Volume	%
Murder	1	0.5%
Rape	0	0.0%
Robbery	9	4.8%
Aggravated Assault	27	14.5%
Burglary	4	2.2%
LarcenyTheft	10	5.4%
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0.0%
Arson	0	0.0%
Simple Assault	51	27.4%
Intimidation	42	22.6%
Vandalism	42	22.6%

2016 TEXAS HATE CRIME BY JURISDICTION

ANDERSON COUNTY	
Frankston PD	1
ATASCOSA COUNTY	
Pleasanton PD	1
AUSTIN COUNTY	
Sealy PD	1
BELL COUNTY	
Temple PD	1
BEXAR COUNTY	
Bexar CO SO	1
Converse PD	1
San Antonio PD	10
BRAZOS COUNTY	
College Station PD	1
BREWSTER COUNTY	
Brewster CO SO	1
COLLIN COUNTY	
McKinney PD	7
Plano PD	1
DALLAS COUNTY	
Cedar Hill PD	1
Grand Prairie PD	1
UT Dallas PD	2
Dallas Co Hosp Dist PD	1
Dallas PD	11
DENTON COUNTY	
Denton PD	3
Lewisville PD	2
Flower Mound PD	1
ECTOR COUNTY	
Odessa PD	3
EL PASO COUNTY	
El Paso PD	1
El Paso ISD PD	1
FORT BEND COUNTY	
Sugar Land PD	1
FREESTONE COUNTY	
Teague PD	1

GALVESTON COUNTY	
Galveston PD	6
League City PD	1
Texas City PD	2
GRAYSON COUNTY	
Denison PD	1
GREGG COUNTY	
Longview PD	3
HARRIS COUNTY	
Seabrook PD	1
Tomball PD	1
Hedwig Village PD	1
Houston PD	8
HAYS COUNTY	
San Marcos PD	1
HIDALGO COUNTY	
Weslaco PD	2
HOCKLEY COUNTY	
Levelland PD	2
HUTCHINSON COUNTY	
Borger PD	1
JEFFERSON COUNTY	
Beaumont PD	4
JOHNSON COUNTY	
Burleson PD	1
LAMAR COUNTY	
Reno PD	1
LUBBOCK COUNTY	
Lubbock CO SO	1
Texas Tech Univ PD	1
MCLENNAN COUNTY	
Baylor Univ PD	1
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	
Willis PD	1
NOLAN COUNTY	
TSTC - Sweetwater PD	1

PARKER COUNTY	
Parker CO SO	2
POLK COUNTY	
Livingston PD	1
POTTER COUNTY	
Amarillo College PD	1
ROCKWALL COUNTY	
Rockwall PD	1
SAN JACINTO COUNTY	
San Jacinto CO SO	1
SHELBY COUNTY	
Center PD	1
SMITH COUNTY	
Tyler PD	4
Tyler Jr College PD	1
TARRANT COUNTY	
Arlington PD	5
Bedford PD	6
Fort Worth PD	20
D/FW Airport PD	2
TOM GREEN COUNTY	
San Angelo PD	1
TRAVIS COUNTY	
Travis CO SO	6
Austin PD	17
UPSHUR COUNTY	
Gilmer PD	1
WICHITA COUNTY	
Wichita Falls PD	2
WILLIAMSON COUNTY	
Williamson CO SO	3
Round Rock PD	2
Southwestern Univ PD	2
Cedar Park PD	2
ZAVALA COUNTY	
Zavala CO SO	1

Jurisdictions not represented either reported zero incidents of Hate Crime or did not report at all.