

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 2000 was 286. This represents an increase of 7.1 percent when compared to 1999. These incidents involved 291 victims, 304 offenders, and resulted in a total of 305 offenses.

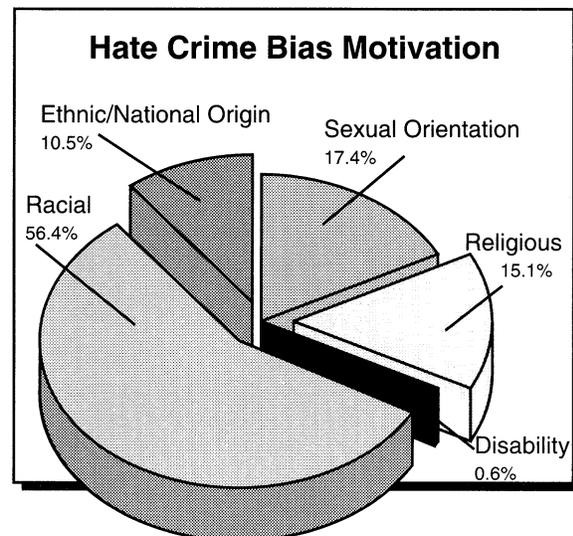
Hate Crime	2000	1999	% Change
Reported Incidents	286	267	+ 7.1 %
Reported Victims	291	262	+11.1%
Reported Offenders	304	302	+ 0.7%
Reported Offenses	305	286	+ 6.6%

Bias Motivation

In 2000, 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 religious, the fourth most common form of

hate crime was ethnic/national origin and the fifth most common was disability.

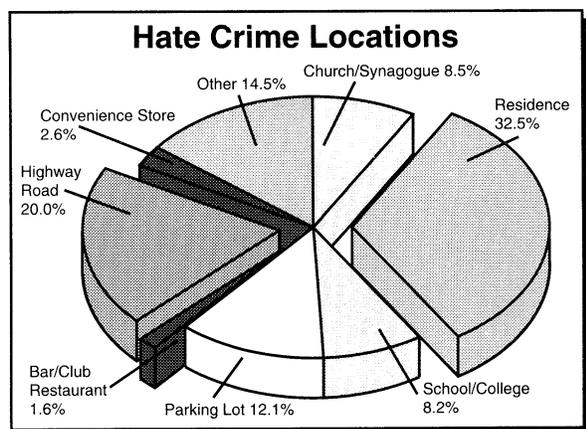
Hate Crime Bias Motivation				
Bias Nature	Group %	Bias Type	Volume	% of Total
Racial	56.4%	Anti-White	26	8.5%
		Anti-Black	132	43.3%
		Anti-Am. Indian/Alaskan Native	1	0.3%
		Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander	4	1.3%
		Multi-Racial Group	9	3.0%
Sexual Orientation	17.3%	Anti-Male Homosexual	30	9.8%
		Anti-Female Homosexual	11	3.6%
		Anti-Homosexual (Male & Female)	11	3.6%
		Anti-Heterosexual	0	0.0%
		Anti-Bisexual	1	0.3%
Religious	15.1%	Anti-Jewish	25	8.2%
		Anti-Catholic	0	0.0%
		Anti-Protestant	4	1.3%
		Anti-Islamic (Moslem)	3	1.0%
		Anti-Other Religion	3	1.0%
		Anti-Multi-Religious Group	11	3.6%
		Anti-Atheist/Agnostic	0	0.0%
Ethnicity National Origin	10.5%	Anti-Arab	4	1.3%
		Anti-Hispanic	25	8.2%
		Anti-Other	3	1.0%
Disability	0.7%	Anti-Physical	2	0.7%
		Anti-Mental	0	0.0%
TOTAL	100%	TOTAL	305	100%



Location

Residences and homes were the most frequently occurring locations of bias crimes during 2000. The second most common locations were highways, roads, streets and alleys, and the third most common were parking lots and garages.

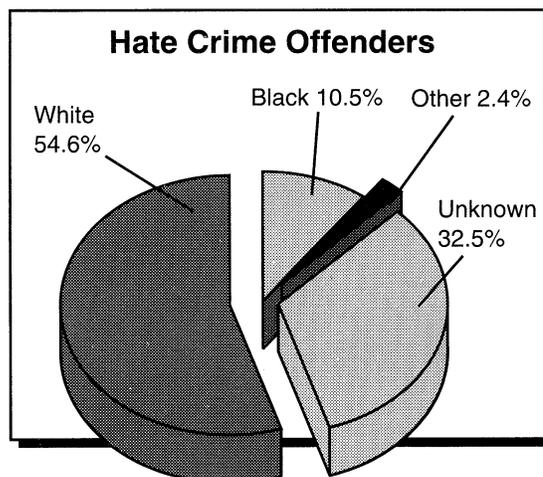
Hate Crime Location		
Location	Volume	%
Air/BusTrain Terminal	1	0.3%
Bank/Savings and Loan	0	0.0%
Bar/Night Club	5	1.6%
Church/Synagogue/Temple	26	8.5%
Commercial/Office Building	11	3.6%
Construction Site	1	0.3%
Convenience Store	8	2.6%
Department/Discount Store	2	0.7%
Drug Store/Doctor's Office/Hospital	0	0.0%
Field/Woods	4	1.3%
Government/Public Building	3	1.0%
Grocery/Supermarket	1	0.3%
Highway/Road/Street/Alley	61	20.0%
Hotel/Motel	0	0.0%
Jail/Prison	3	1.0%
Lake/Waterway	0	0.0%
Liquor Store	0	0.0%
Parking Lot/Garage	37	12.1%
Rental Storage Facility	0	0.0%
Residence/Home	99	32.5%
Restaurant	10	3.3%
School/College	25	8.2%
Service/Gas Station	2	0.7%
Speciality Store	0	0.0%
Other/Unknown	6	2.0%
TOTAL	305	100.0%



Offenders

In 2000, 304 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 286.

Hate Crime Offenders by Incident		
Suspected Offenders' Race	Volume	Percent of Total
White	156	54.6%
Black	30	10.5%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	4	1.4%
Multi-Racial Group	3	1.0%
Unknown	93	32.5%
TOTAL	286	100.0%



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	Percent of Total
Individual	257	84.2%
Business	10	3.3%
Financial Institution	0	0.0%
Government	8	2.6%
Religious Organization	26	8.5%
Society/Public	2	0.7%
Other	2	0.7%
Unknown	0	0.0%
TOTAL	305	100.0%

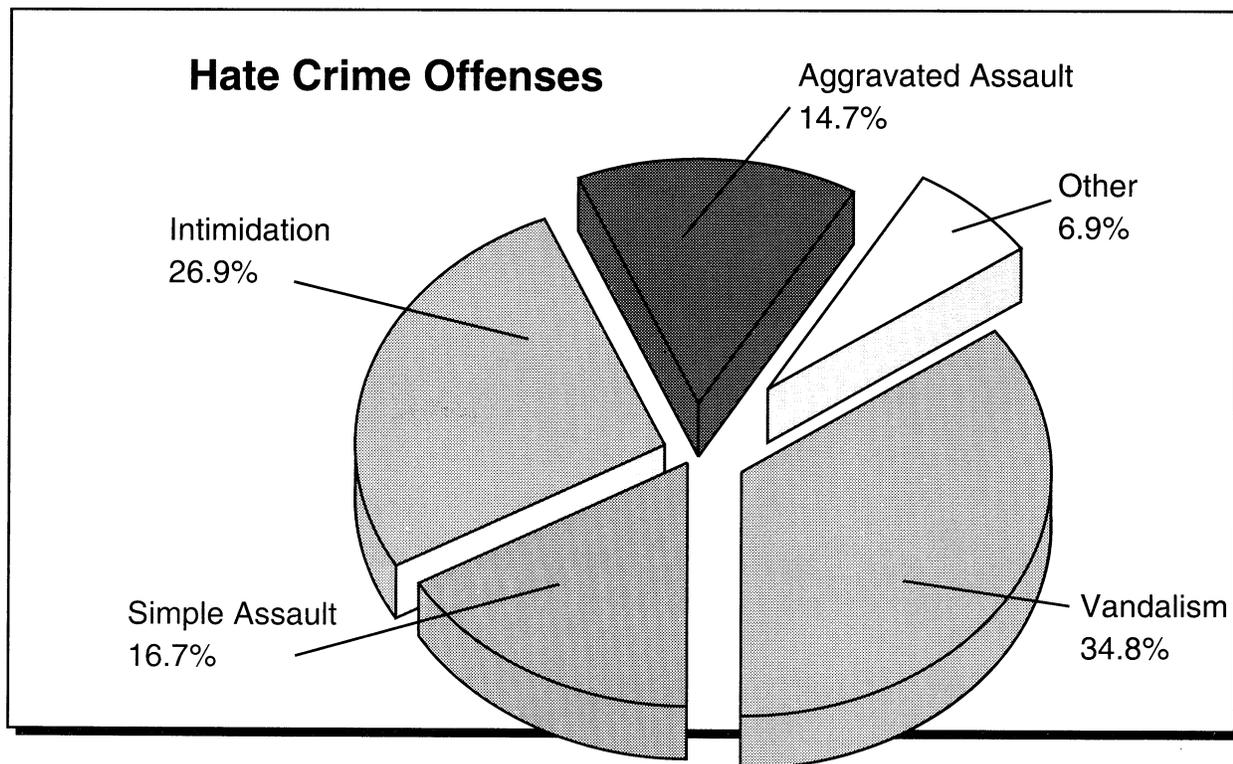
Offenses

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 falls 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 93 percent of all bias crime offenses.

Hate Crime Offenses		
Offense	Volume	Percent of Total
Murder	2	0.7%
Rape	0	0.0%
Robbery	4	1.3%
Aggravated Assault	45	14.7%
Burglary	9	3.0%
Larceny-Theft	0	0.0%
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	0.3%
Arson	5	1.6%
Simple Assault	51	16.7%
Intimidation	82	26.9%
Vandalism	106	34.8%
TOTAL	305	100.0%



2000 TEXAS HATE CRIME BY JURISDICTION

ANDERSON COUNTY		GALVESTON COUNTY		POTTER COUNTY	
Palestine PD	2	Friendswood PD	1	Amarillo PD	1
BELL COUNTY		Texas City PD	1	ROCKWALL COUNTY	
Nolanville PD	1	Santa Fe PD	2	Rockwall PD	2
BEXAR COUNTY		GREGG COUNTY		SABINE COUNTY	
Bexar CO SO	6	Longview PD	2	Sabine CO SO	1
San Antonio PD	13	HARRIS COUNTY		SAN JACINTO COUNTY	
Kirby PD	1	Harris CO SO	22	San Jacinto CO SO	1
Leon Valley PD	1	Houston PD	22	TARRANT COUNTY	
BRAZORIA COUNTY		Pasadena PD	1	Arlington PD	8
Alvin PD	1	W Univ Place PD	1	Azle PD	1
Clute PD	1	Univ Houston-Clearlake PD	1	Bedford PD	4
CAMERON COUNTY		Spring Branch ISD PD	1	Eules PD	1
South Padre Island PD	2	HAYS COUNTY		Fort Worth PD	21
COLLIN COUNTY		Southwest Tx St Univ PD	1	Mansfield PD	1
Plano PD	1	HIDALGO COUNTY		Dallas/Ft Worth Airport PD	2
DALLAS COUNTY		McAllen PD	1	TOM GREEN COUNTY	
Dallas PD	25	HOPKINS COUNTY		San Angelo PD	3
Carrollton PD	6	Sulphur Springs PD	1	TRAVIS COUNTY	
DeSoto PD	2	HUNT COUNTY		Travis CO SO	1
Farmers Branch PD	1	Hunt CO SO	1	Austin PD	26
Garland PD	5	Greenville PD	2	UT Austin PD	5
Irving PD	3	JEFFERSON COUNTY		UVALDE COUNTY	
Lancaster PD	1	Beaumont PD	1	Uvalde CO SO	1
Richardson PD	5	KAUFMAN COUNTY		WALKER COUNTY	
Rowlett PD	3	Kaufman CO SO	1	Walker CO SO	1
DENTON COUNTY		LUBBOCK COUNTY		Huntsville PD	1
Denton PD	3	Lubbock PD	2	Prairie View A&M Univ PD	1
Univ of North Texas PD	1	MARION COUNTY		WHARTON COUNTY	
The Colony PD	9	Marion CO SO	2	Wharton PD	1
EL PASO COUNTY		MATAGORDA COUNTY		WILLIAMSON COUNTY	
El Paso PD	9	Bay City PD	1	Williamson CO SO	5
FORT BEND COUNTY		MONTGOMERY COUNTY		Leander PD	1
Fort Bend CO SO	10	Montgomery CO SO	1	WOOD COUNTY	
Missouri City PD	1	NUECES COUNTY		Wood CO SO	1
Sugar Land PD	2	Corpus Christi PD	12	YOUNG COUNTY	
				Graham PD	1

Jurisdictions not represented reported zero incidents of Hate Crime.