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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 2001 was 430. This represents an increase of 50.3 percent when compared to 2000. These incidents involved 473 victims, 425 offenders, and resulted in a total of 464 offenses.

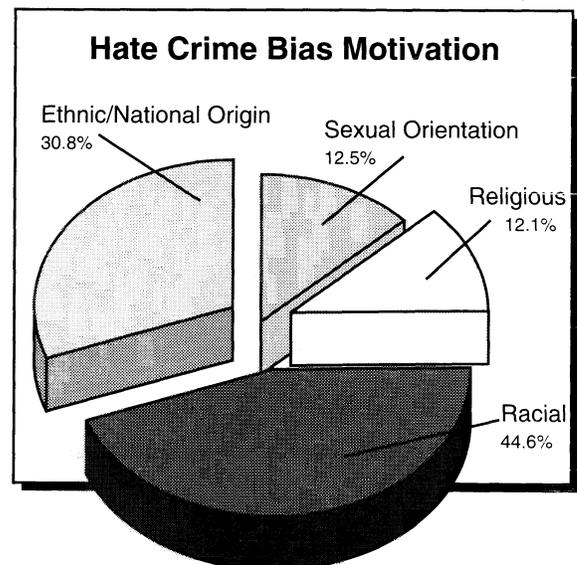
Hate Crime	2001	2000	% Change
Reported Incidents	430	286	+50.3 %
Reported Victims	473	291	+62.5%
Reported Offenders	425	304	+39.8%
Reported Offenses	464	305	+52.1%

Bias Motivation

In 2001, the largest percentage of hate crime reports were racial in nature. The second most commonly reported bias motivation was ethnicity/national origin, the third most common bias motivation was sexual orientation, and the

fourth most common form of hate crime was religious.

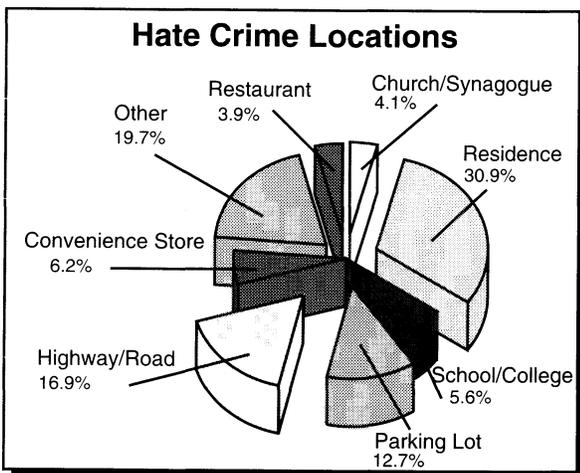
Hate Crime Bias Motivation				
Bias Nature	Group %	Bias Type	Volume	% of Total
Racial	44.6%	Anti-White	27	5.8%
		Anti-Black	161	34.7%
		Anti-Am. Indian/Alaskan Native	1	0.2%
		Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander	10	2.2%
		Anti-Multi-Racial	8	1.7%
Ethnicity/ National Origin	30.8%	Anti-Arab	64	13.8%
		Anti-Hispanic	50	10.8%
		Anti-Other	29	6.2%
Sexual Orienta- tion	12.5%	Anti-Male Homosexual	40	8.6%
		Anti-Female Homosexual	10	2.2%
		Anti-Homosexual	8	1.7%
		Anti-Heterosexual	0	0.0%
		Anti-Bisexual	0	0.0%
Religious	12.1%	Anti-Jewish	19	4.1%
		Anti-Catholic	1	0.2%
		Anti-Protestant	2	0.4%
		Anti-Islamic	29	6.3%
		Anti-Other Religion	4	0.9%
		Anti-Multi Religious Group	1	0.2%
		Anti-Athiest/Agnostic	0	0.0%
Disability	0.0%	Anti-Physical	0	0.0%
		Anti-Mental	0	0.0%
TOTAL	100%	TOTAL	464	100%



Location

Residences and homes were the most frequently occurring locations of bias crimes during 2001. The second most common locations were highways, roads, streets and alleys, and the third most common were parking lots and garages.

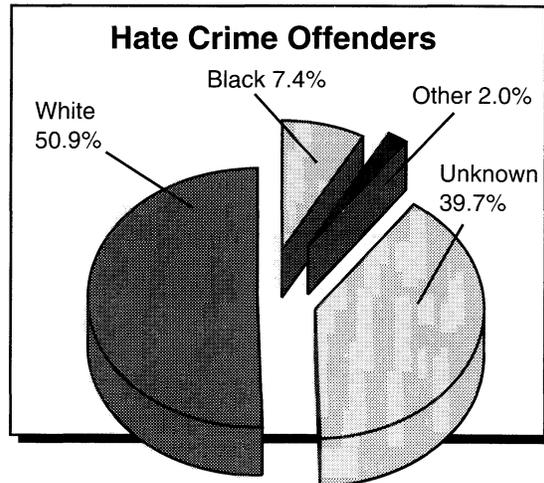
Hate Crime Location		
Location	Volume	%
Air/BusTrain Terminal	2	0.4%
Bank/Savings and Loan	0	0.0%
Bar/Night Club	9	1.9%
Church/Synagogue/Temple	19	4.1%
Commercial/Office Building	16	3.4%
Construction Site	0	0.0%
Convenience Store	29	6.2%
Department/Discount Store	2	0.4%
Drug Store/Doctor's Office/Hospital	6	1.3%
Field/Woods	2	0.4%
Government/Public Building	3	0.7%
Grocery/Supermarket	4	0.9%
Highway/Road/Street/Alley	78	16.9%
Hotel/Motel	5	1.0%
Jail/Prison	7	1.5%
Lake/Waterway	0	0.0%
Liquor Store	1	0.2%
Parking Lot/Garage	59	12.7%
Rental Storage Facility	0	0.0%
Residence/Home	143	30.9%
Restaurant	18	3.9%
School/College	26	5.6%
Service/Gas Station	6	1.3%
Speciality Store	4	0.9%
Other/Unknown	25	5.4%
TOTAL	464	100.0%



Offenders

In 2001, 425 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 430.

Hate Crime Offenders by Race		
Suspected Offenders	Volume	Percent of Total
White	219	50.9%
Black	32	7.4%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1	0.2%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	0.2%
Multi-Racial Group	7	1.6%
Unknown	170	39.7%
TOTAL	430	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	411	88.6%
Business	18	3.8%
Financial Institution	0	0.0%
Government	10	2.2%
Religious Organization	15	3.2%
Society/Public	7	1.5%
Other	3	0.7%
Unknown	0	0.0%
TOTAL	464	100.0%

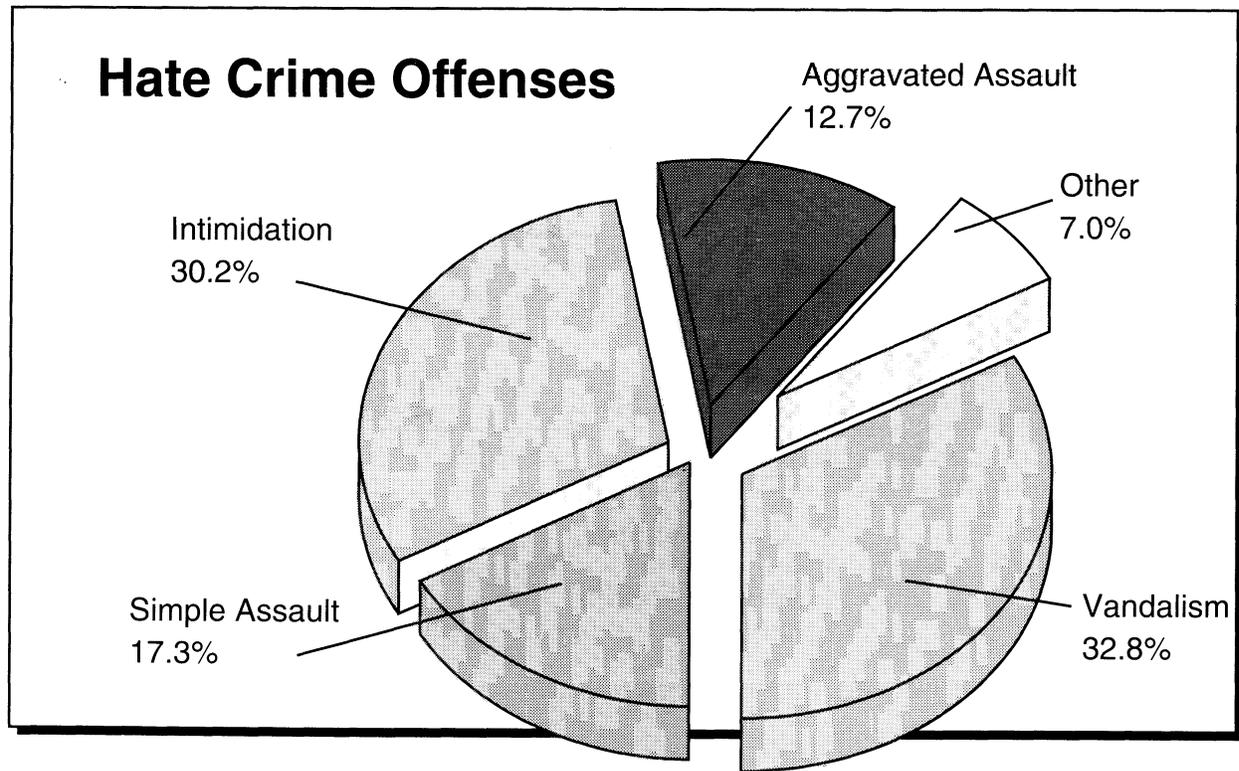
Offenses

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	1	0.2%
Rape	2	0.4%
Robbery	9	1.9%
Aggravated Assault	59	12.7%
Burglary	7	1.5%
Larceny-Theft	4	0.9%
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0.0%
Arson	10	2.1%
Simple Assault	80	17.3%
Intimidation	140	30.2%
Vandalism	152	32.8%
TOTAL	464	100.0%



2001 TEXAS HATE CRIME BY JURISDICTION

<p>BELL COUNTY Belton PD 1</p> <p>BEXAR COUNTY San Antonio PD 28 Balcones Heights PD 1 Leon Valley PD 1 Olmos Park PD 2 Universal City PD 2 Windcrest PD 1 Judson ISD PD 1</p> <p>BRAZORIA COUNTY Alvin PD 1</p> <p>BRAZOS COUNTY Bryan PD 2</p> <p>BROWN COUNTY Brown CO SO 1</p> <p>COLLIN COUNTY Plano PD 3</p> <p>CORYELL COUNTY Copperas Cove PD 2</p> <p>DALLAS COUNTY Dallas PD 29 Carrollton PD 3 Cedar Hill PD 2 Duncanville PD 1 Garland PD 13 Irving PD 9 Lancaster PD 3 Richardson PD 2 Rowlett PD 2</p> <p>DENTON COUNTY Denton PD 6 Lewisville PD 1 Univ of North Texas PD 4 Northlake PD 1</p> <p>ELLIS COUNTY Waxahachie PD 1</p> <p>EL PASO COUNTY El Paso CO SO 1 El Paso PD 7</p> <p>FALLS COUNTY Marlin PD 1</p> <p>FORT BEND COUNTY Fort Bend CO SO 2 Missouri City PD 3 Sugar Land PD 2</p>	<p>GALVESTON COUNTY Galveston CO SO 1 Friendswood PD 1 Santa Fe PD 1</p> <p>GREGG COUNTY Longview PD 6</p> <p>HARRIS COUNTY Harris CO SO 68 Houston PD 56 Baytown PD 1 Jersey Village PD 1 Tomball PD 1 Webster PD 2</p> <p>HENDERSON COUNTY Athens PD 1</p> <p>HIDALGO COUNTY Edinburg PD 1 Penitas PD 1</p> <p>HOOD COUNTY Hood CO SO 1</p> <p>HOPKINS COUNTY Sulphur Springs PD 2</p> <p>HUNT COUNTY Greenville PD 3</p> <p>JEFFERSON COUNTY Jefferson CO SO 1 Beaumont PD 4</p> <p>JOHNSON COUNTY Johnson CO SO 1 Cleburne PD 3</p> <p>KAUFMAN COUNTY Kemp PD 1</p> <p>LUBBOCK COUNTY Lubbock PD 6</p> <p>MCLENNAN COUNTY Waco PD 3 Woodway PD 2</p> <p>MARION COUNTY Marion CO SO 1</p> <p>MATAGORDA COUNTY Bay City PD 2</p> <p>MIDLAND COUNTY Midland PD 1</p> <p>MONTAGUE COUNTY Bowie PD 1</p>	<p>MONTGOMERY COUNTY Montgomery CO SO 2</p> <p>NUECES COUNTY Corpus Christi PD 17</p> <p>ORANGE COUNTY Vidor PD 1</p> <p>POLK COUNTY Polk CO SO 1</p> <p>POTTER COUNTY Amarillo PD 3</p> <p>RANDALL COUNTY West Texas A&M Univ. PD 2</p> <p>SHELBY COUNTY Shelby CO SO 2</p> <p>SMITH COUNTY Tyler PD 3</p> <p>TARRANT COUNTY Arlington PD 6 Bedford PD 3 Crowley PD 2 Fort Worth PD 26 Grapevine PD 1 Haltom City PD 1 North Richland Hills PD 1 Saginaw PD 1 White Settlement PD 1 UT Arlington PD 1 Dallas/Ft.Worth Airport PD 1</p> <p>TOM GREEN COUNTY San Angelo PD 3</p> <p>TRAVIS COUNTY Travis CO SO 2 Austin PD 25 UT Austin PD 2 Austin ISD PD 3</p> <p>WALKER COUNTY Walker CO SO 2</p> <p>WICHITA COUNTY Wichita Falls PD 3</p> <p>WILLIAMSON COUNTY Williamson CO SO 3</p>
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Jurisdictions not represented reported zero incidents of Hate Crime.