

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 2005 was 264. This represents a decrease of 7.4 percent when compared to 2004. These incidents involved 266 victims, 327 offenders, and resulted in a total of 278 offenses.

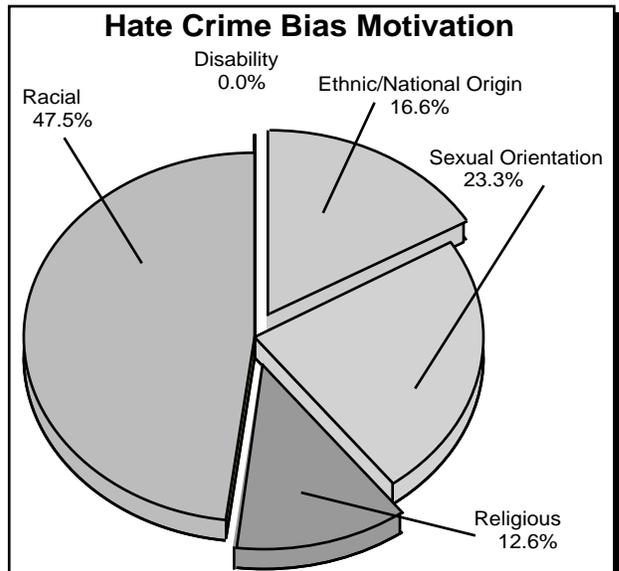
Hate Crime	2005	2004	% Change
Reported Incidents	264	285	- 7.4%
Reported Victims	266	317	- 16.1%
Reported Offenders	327	314	+ 4.1%
Reported Offenses	278	302	- 7.9%

Bias Motivation

In 2005, 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 com-

mon form of hate crime was religious. There were no disability hate crime incidents.

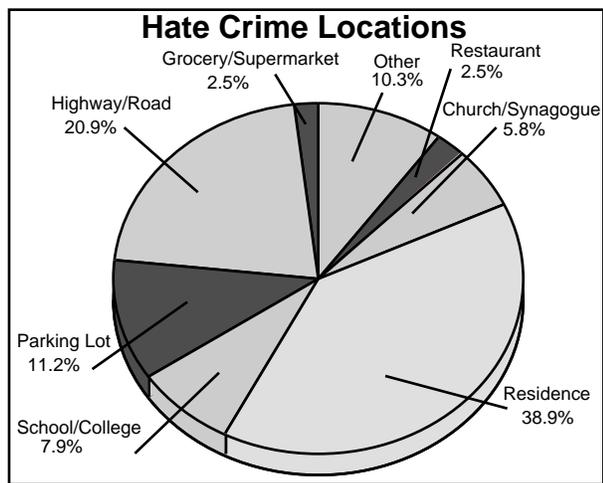
Hate Crime Bias Motivation			
Bias Nature	Group %	Bias Type	Volume (Offense)
Racial	47.5%	Anti-White	25
		Anti-Black	96
		Anti-Am. Indian/Alaskan Native	0
		Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander	8
		Anti-Multi-Racial	3
Sexual Orientation	23.3%	Anti-Male Homosexual	44
		Anti-Female Homosexual	9
		Anti-Homosexual	9
		Anti-Heterosexual	1
		Anti-Bisexual	2
Ethnicity/ National Origin	16.6%	Anti-Arab	10
		Anti-Hispanic	27
		Anti-Other Ethnic/Nat'l Origin	9
Religious	12.6%	Anti-Jewish	18
		Anti-Catholic	0
		Anti-Protestant	3
		Anti-Islamic	9
		Anti-Other Religion	3
		Anti-Multi-Religious Group	2
		Anti-Atheist/Agnostic	0
Disability	0.0%	Anti-Physical	0
		Anti-Mental	0



Location

Residences and homes were the most frequently occurring locations of bias crimes during 2005. The second most common locations were highways, roads, streets and alleys, and the third most common were parking lots and garages.

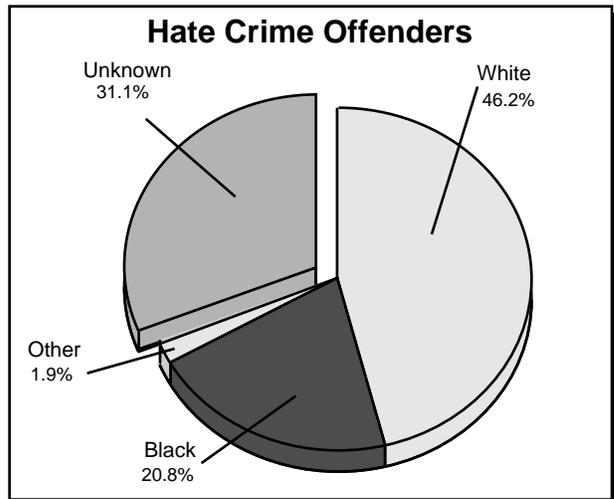
Hate Crime Location		
Location	Volume	%
Air/Bus/Train Terminal	0	0.0%
Bank/Savings and Loan	0	0.0%
Bar/Nightclub	1	0.4%
Church/Synagogue/Temple	16	5.8%
Commercial/Office Building	6	2.1%
Construction Site	0	0.0%
Convenience Store	3	1.0%
Department/Discount Store	3	1.0%
Drug Store/Doctor's Office/Hospital	4	1.4%
Field/Woods	1	0.4%
Government/Public Building	5	1.8%
Grocery/Supermarket	7	2.5%
Highway/Road/Street/Alley	58	20.9%
Hotel/Motel	0	0.0%
Jail/Prison	0	0.0%
Lake/Waterway	1	0.4%
Liquor Store	1	0.4%
Parking Lot/Garage	31	11.2%
Rental Storage Facility	0	0.0%
Residence/Home	108	38.9%
Restaurant	7	2.5%
School/College	22	7.9%
Service/Gas Station	1	0.4%
Specialty Store	0	0.0%
Other/Unknown	3	1.0%
TOTAL	278	100%



Offenders

In 2005, 327 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 264.

Hate Crime Offenders by Race		
Race	Volume	%
White	122	46.2%
Black	55	20.8%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	0.4%
Multi-Racial Group	4	1.5%
Unknown	82	31.1%
TOTAL	264	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	225	80.9%
Business	4	1.5%
Financial Institution	0	0.0%
Government	5	1.8%
Religious Organization	14	5.0%
Society/Public	0	0.0%
Other	28	10.1%
Unknown	2	0.7%
TOTAL	278	100%

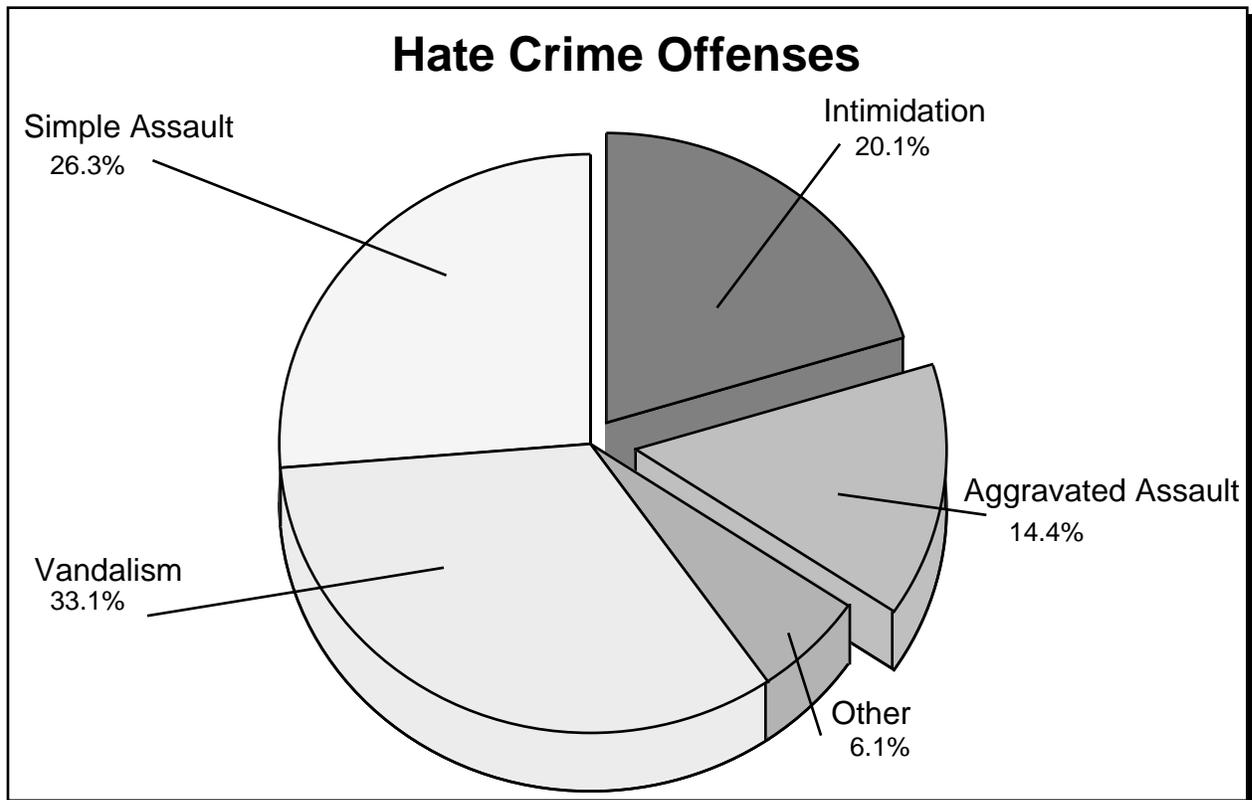
aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson -- plus the non-index crimes of simple assault, intimidation and vandalism. Of these offense categories, aggravated assault, simple assault, intimidation and vandalism together accounted for 94 percent of all bias crime offenses.

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 Offenses		
Offenses	Volume	%
Murder	1	0.4%
Rape	0	0.0%
Robbery	9	3.2%
Aggravated Assault	40	14.4%
Burglary	2	0.7%
Larceny-Theft	2	0.7%
Arson	3	1.1%
Simple Assault	73	26.3%
Intimidation	56	20.1%
Vandalism	92	33.1%
TOTAL	278	100%

Hate crime offense information fall into the eight index crime categories -- murder, rape, robbery,



2005 TEXAS HATE CRIME BY JURISDICTION

BELL COUNTY	League City PD 1	Bedford PD 1
Killeen PD 2	Santa Fe PD 1	Crowley PD 1
Temple PD 1	GRAYSON COUNTY	Eules PD 1
BEXAR COUNTY	Denison PD 1	Fort Worth PD 6
San Antonio PD 19	Grayson CO College PD 1	Grapeville PD 1
Bexar CO SO 1	GREGG COUNTY	Haltom City PD 2
Leon Valley PD 1	Longview PD 7	North Richland Hills PD 1
Universal City PD 1	GUADALUPE COUNTY	TAYLOR COUNTY
BOWIE COUNTY	Schertz PD 1	Abilene PD 2
New Boston PD 1	HARRIS COUNTY	TRAVIS COUNTY
BRAZORIA COUNTY	Houston PD 24	Austin PD 20
Pearland PD 1	Harris CO SO 19	UT Austin PD 2
Alvin ISD PD 1	Webster PD 2	Austin ISD PD 1
BRAZOS COUNTY	HAYS COUNTY	VAL VERDE COUNTY
Bryan PD 1	San Marcos PD 2	Del Rio PD 1
College Station PD 1	Texas State University PD 1	WASHINGTON COUNTY
BURNET COUNTY	HOCKLEY COUNTY	Brenham PD 2
Marble Falls PD 3	Anton PD 1	WEBB COUNTY
COLLIN COUNTY	HUTCHINSON COUNTY	Texas A&M Int'l Univ PD 1
Plano PD 2	Borger PD 2	WICHITA COUNTY
COLORADO COUNTY	JEFFERSON COUNTY	Midwestern Univ PD 1
Weimar PD 1	Beaumont PD 1	WILLIAMSON COUNTY
COMAL COUNTY	JOHNSON COUNTY	Williamson CO SO 2
New Braunfels PD 2	Johnson CO SO 2	Round Rock PD 1
CORYELL COUNTY	Cleburne PD 1	Cedar Park PD 2
Copperas Cove PD 1	LUBBOCK COUNTY	
DALLAS COUNTY	Texas Tech University PD 4	
Dallas PD 45	MATAGORDA COUNTY	
Carrollton PD 2	Bay City PD 1	
Coppell PD 1	MIDLAND COUNTY	
Garland PD 11	Midland PD 2	
Richardson PD 1	NACOGDOCHES COUNTY	
Sachse PD 1	Nacogdoches PD 1	
DENTON COUNTY	NUECES COUNTY	
Denton PD 2	Corpus Christi PD 5	
Lewisville PD 1	ORANGE COUNTY	
Flower Mound PD 1	Orange PD 1	
The Colony PD 1	PARKER COUNTY	
EL PASO COUNTY	Weatherford PD 1	
El Paso PD 8	POTTER COUNTY	
FORT BEND COUNTY	Amarillo PD 1	
Missouri City PD 2	SHERMAN COUNTY	
Stafford PD 1	Stratford PD 1	
Sugar Land PD 1	SMITH COUNTY	
GALVESTON COUNTY	Tyler PD 3	
Galveston CO SO 1	UT Tyler PD 1	
Friendswood PD 3	TARRANT COUNTY	
Galveston PD 3	Arlington PD 4	

Jurisdictions not represented reported zero incidents of Hate Crime.