

# Chapter 6

## **HATE CRIME**

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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 2008 was 246. This represents an increase of 1.2 percent when compared to 2007. These incidents involved 276 victims, 233 offenders, and resulted in a total of 258 offenses.

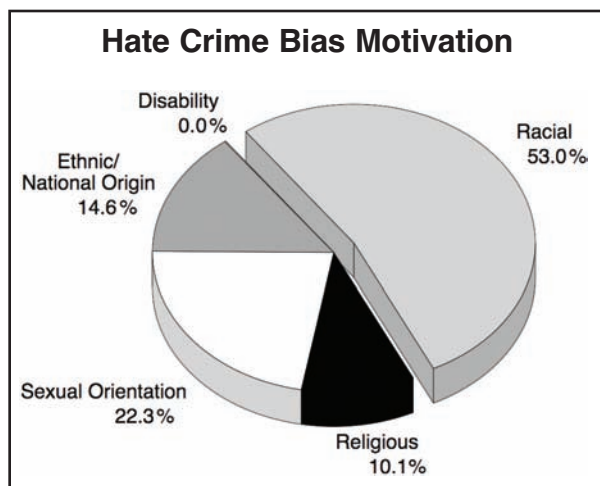
Hate Crime	2008	2007	% Change
Reported Incidents	246	243	+ 1.2%
Reported Victims	276	250	+ 10.4
Reported Offenders	230	259	- 11.2%
Reported Offenses	258	255	+ 1.2

### Bias Motivation

In 2008, 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 and the fifth was disability.

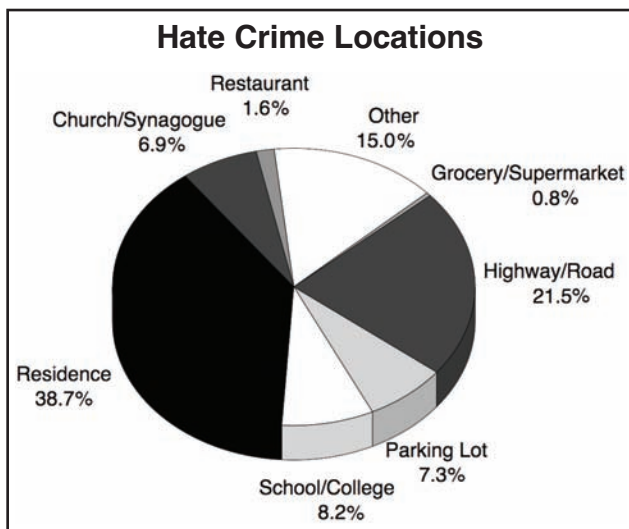
Hate Crime Bias Motivation			
Bias Nature	Group %	Bias Type	Volume (Offense)
Racial	53.0%	Anti-White	17
		Anti-Black	100
		Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander	4
		Anti-Multi-Racial	10
Sexual Orientation	22.3%	Anti-Male Homosexual	37
		Anti-Female Homosexual	6
		Anti-Homosexual	12
Ethnicity/ National Origin	14.6%	Anti-Arab	6
		Anti-Hispanic	26
		Anti-Other Ethnic/Nat'l Origin	4
Religious	10.1%	Anti-Jewish	10
		Anti-Protestant	2
		Anti-Islamic	2
		Anti-Catholic	3
Disability	0.0%	Anti-Physical	0
		Anti-Mental	0



### Location

Residences and homes were the most frequently occurring locations of bias crimes during 2008. The second most common locations were highways, roads, streets and alleys, and the third most common were schools and colleges.

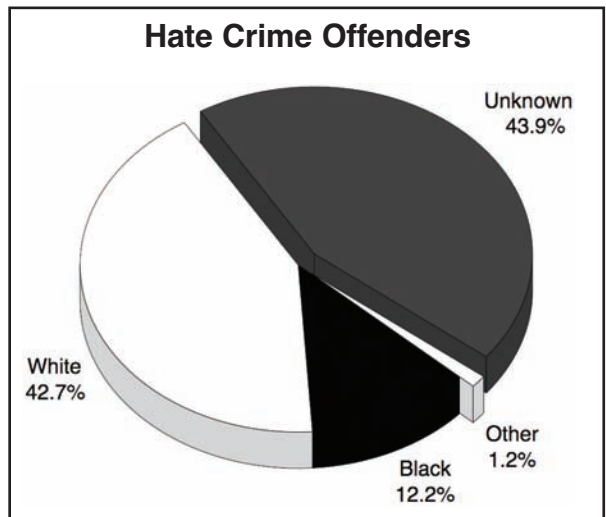
Hate Crime Location		
Location	Volume	%
Air/Bus/Train Terminal	1	0.4%
Bank/Savings and Loan	1	0.4%
Bar/Nightclub	7	2.8%
Church/Synagogue/Temple	17	6.9%
Commercial/Office Building	3	1.2%
Construction Site	3	1.2%
Convenience Store	4	1.6%
Department/Discount Store	2	0.8%
Drug Store/Doctor's Office/Hospital	0	0.0%
Field/Woods	1	0.4%
Government/Public Building	2	0.8%
Grocery/Supermarket	2	0.8%
Highway/Road/Street/Alley	53	21.5%
Hotel/Motel	0	0.0%
Jail/Prison	1	0.4%
Lake/Waterway	0	0.0%
Liquor Store	0	0.0%
Parking Lot/Garage	18	7.3%
Rental Storage Facility	0	0.0%
Residence/Home	95	38.7%
Restaurant	4	1.6%
School/College	20	8.2%
Service/Gas Station	2	0.8%
Specialty Store	1	0.4%
Other/Unknown	9	3.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>100%</b>



### Offenders

In 2008, 230 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 246.

Hate Crime Offenders by Race		
Race	Volume	%
White	105	42.7%
Black	30	12.2%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2	0.8%
Multi-Racial Group	1	0.4%
Unknown	108	43.9%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>100%</b>



### 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.

<b>Hate Crime Victim Type</b>		
Victim Type	Volume	%
Individual	212	82.2%
Business	16	6.2%
Financial Institution	0	0.0%
Government	9	3.5%
Religious Organization	15	5.8%
Other	6	2.3%
Unknown	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>100%</b>

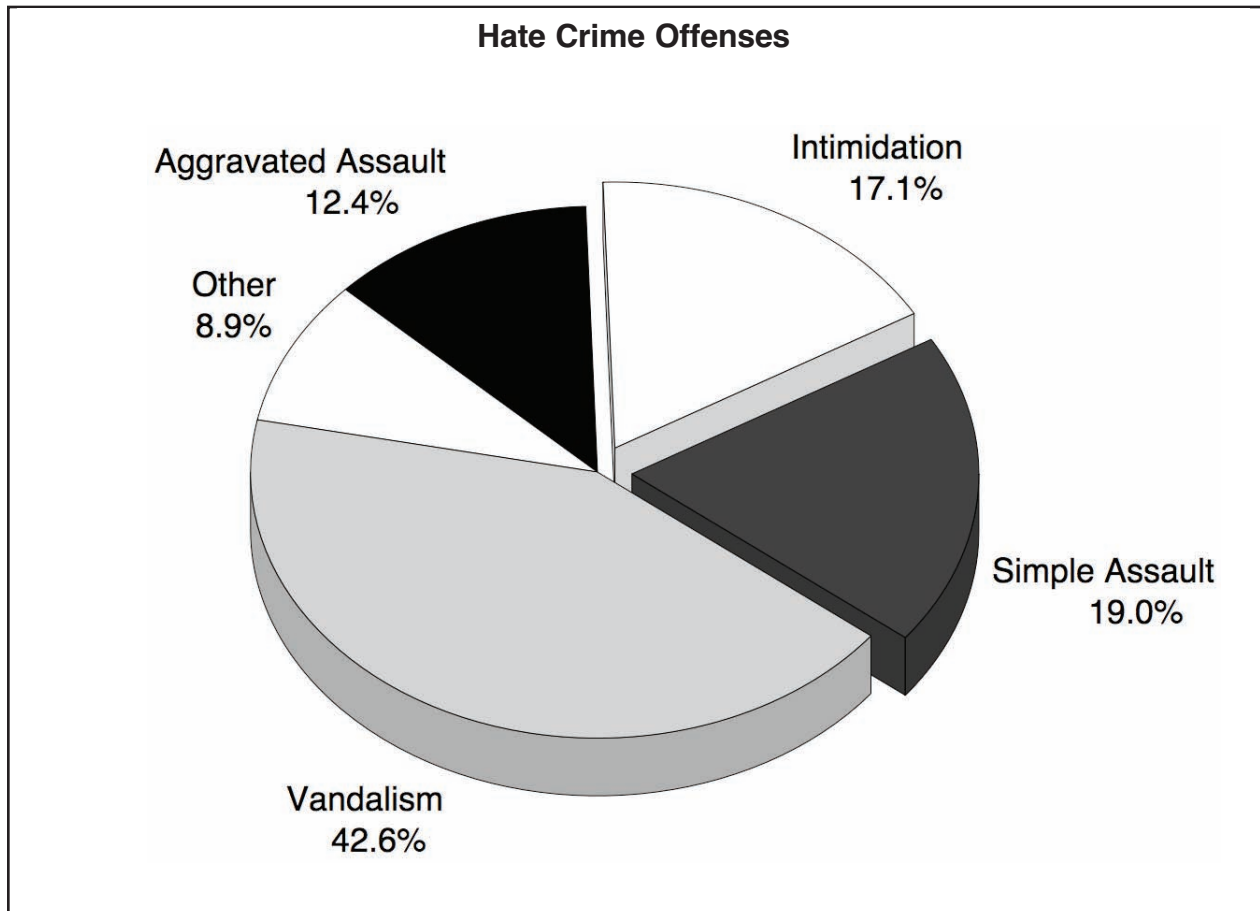
aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson -- plus the non-index crimes of simple assault, intimidation and vandalism. Of these offense categories, aggravated assault, simple assault, intimidation and vandalism together accounted for 91 percent of all bias crime offenses.

**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.

<b>Hate Crime Offenses</b>		
Offenses	Volume	%
Murder	0	0.0%
Robbery	8	3.1%
Aggravated Assault	32	12.4%
Burglary	9	3.4%
Larceny-Theft	3	1.2%
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0.0%
Arson	3	1.2%
Simple Assault	49	19.0%
Intimidation	44	17.1%
Vandalism	110	42.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>100%</b>

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



# 2008 TEXAS HATE CRIME BY JURISDICTION

<b>BELL COUNTY</b>		Tomball PD	2	<b>TOM GREEN COUNTY</b>	
Killeen PD	1	<b>HARRISON COUNTY</b>		San Angelo PD	4
Temple PD	1	Marshall PD	1	<b>TRAVIS COUNTY</b>	
Central Texas College PD	1	<b>HAYS COUNTY</b>		Austin PD	19
<b>BEXAR COUNTY</b>		San Marcos PD	1	UT Austin PD	3
San Antonio PD	7	<b>HENDERSON COUNTY</b>		Austin ISD PD	1
<b>BRAZORIA COUNTY</b>		Athens PD	1	<b>VAL VERDE COUNTY</b>	
Lake Jackson PD	2	<b>HIDALGO COUNTY</b>		Del Rio PD	1
<b>BRAZOS COUNTY</b>		Edinburg PD	1	<b>VICTORIA COUNTY</b>	
Bryan PD	3	<b>JEFFERSON COUNTY</b>		Victoria PD	1
Texas A&M University PD	2	Beaumont PD	5	<b>WILLIAMSON COUNTY</b>	
<b>COLLIN COUNTY</b>		<b>JOHNSON COUNTY</b>		Williamson Co SO	1
Allen PD	2	Cleburne PD	3	Round Rock PD	3
Frisco PD	2	<b>KAUFMAN COUNTY</b>		Cedar Park PD	2
Plano PD	1	Kaufman County SO	1	<b>WOOD COUNTY</b>	
<b>COMAL COUNTY</b>		Forney PD	1	Quitman PD	1
New Braunfels PD	1	<b>LAMB COUNTY</b>			
<b>CORYELL COUNTY</b>		Sudan PD	1	Jurisdictions not represented reported zero incidents of Hate Crime.	
Copperas Cove PD	1	<b>LIBERTY COUNTY</b>			
<b>DALLAS COUNTY</b>		Cleveland PD	2		
Dallas PD	17	<b>MCLENNAN COUNTY</b>			
Carrollton PD	5	Hewitt PD	1		
Garland PD	17	<b>MATAGORDA COUNTY</b>			
Richardson PD	1	Bay City PD	2		
Rowlett PD	5	<b>MIDLAND COUNTY</b>			
Ovilla PD	1	Midland PD	6		
<b>DENTON COUNTY</b>		<b>NACOGDOCHES COUNTY</b>			
Denton PD	2	Nacogdoches PD	1		
Lake Dallas PD	1	<b>NOLAN COUNTY</b>			
Flower Mound PD	1	Nolan County SO	1		
<b>ELLIS COUNTY</b>		<b>NUECES COUNTY</b>			
Red Oak PD	1	Corpus Christi PD	6		
Waxahachie PD	1	<b>ORANGE COUNTY</b>			
<b>EL PASO COUNTY</b>		Vidor PD	1		
El Paso PD	2	<b>PARKER COUNTY</b>			
<b>FORT BEND COUNTY</b>		Weatherford PD	2		
Missouri City PD	4	<b>SMITH COUNTY</b>			
<b>GALVESTON COUNTY</b>		Tyler PD	1		
Galveston PD	1	<b>TARRANT COUNTY</b>			
<b>GRAYSON COUNTY</b>		Arlington PD	6		
Denison PD	1	Bedford PD	3		
<b>GREGG COUNTY</b>		Fort Worth PD	12		
Longview PD	2	Grapevine PD	3		
<b>HARRIS COUNTY</b>		Mansfield PD	3		
Houston PD	28	North Richland Hills PD	3		
Harris Co SO	21	<b>TAYLOR COUNTY</b>			
Deer Park PD	1	Hardin Simmons Univ PD	1		
La Porte PD	3				