

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 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

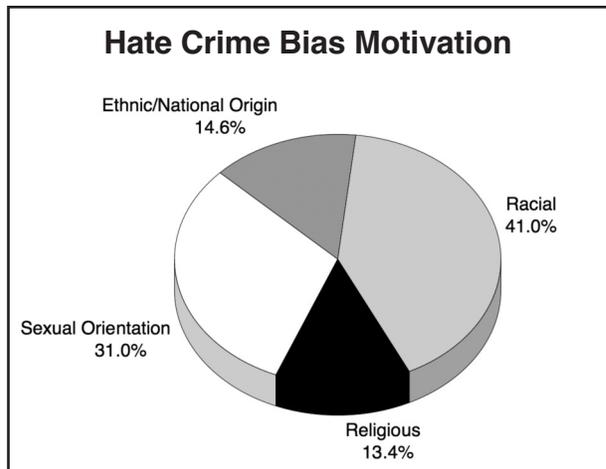
The total number of reported Texas hate crime incidents in 2012 was 169. This represents an increase of 15.8 percent when compared to 2011. These incidents involved 197 victims, 198 offenders, and resulted in a total of 177 offenses.

Hate Crime	2012	2011	% Change
Reported Incidents	169	146	+15.8
Reported Victims	197	178	+10.7
Reported Offenders	198	186	+6.5
Reported Offenses	177	148	+19.6

Bias Motivation

In 2012, 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, and the fourth most common form of hate crime was religious.

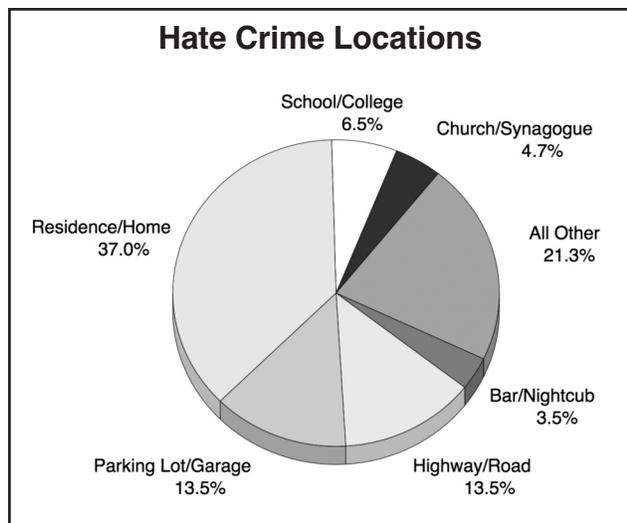
Bias Nature	Group %	Bias Type	Offense Count
Racial	41.0%	Anti-White	10
		Anti-Black	50
		Anti-Am. Indian/Alaskan Nat.	0
		Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander	7
		Anti-Multi-Racial	2
Sexual Orientation	31.0%	Anti-Male Homosexual	34
		Anti-Female Homosexual	10
		Anti-Homosexual	9
		Anti-Heterosexual	0
		Anti-Bisexual	0
Ethnicity/ National Origin	14.6%	Anti-Arab	1
		Anti-Hispanic	18
		Anti-Other Ethnic/Nat'l Origin	6
Religious	13.4%	Anti-Jewish	11
		Anti-Catholic	1
		Anti-Protestant	3
		Anti-Islamic	4
		Anti-Other Religion	4
		Anti-Multi-Religious	0
		Anti-Atheism	0
Disability	0.0%	Anti-Physical	0
		Anti-Mental	0



Location

In 2012, hate crimes occurred most frequently in residences and homes. The second most common locations were highways, roads, streets and alleys, as well as parking lots and garages.

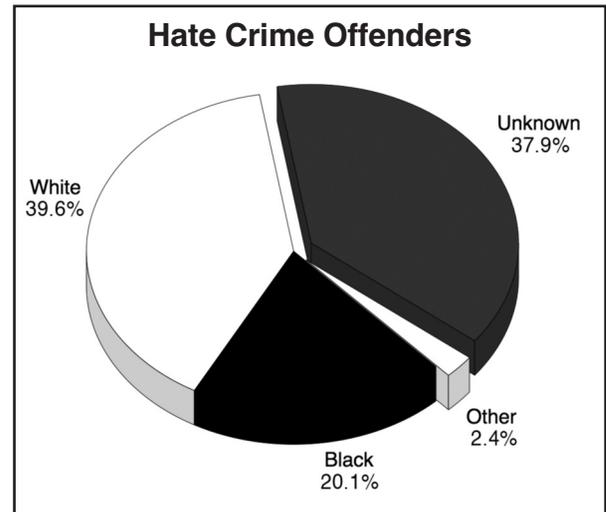
Hate Crime Locations		
Location	Volume	%
Air/Bus/Train Terminal	1	0.6
Bank/Savings and Loan	0	0.0
Bar/Nightclub	6	3.5
Church/Synagogue/Temple	8	4.7
Commercial/Office Building	4	2.3
Construction Site	1	0.6
Convenience Store	4	2.3
Department/Discount Store	2	1.2
Drug Store/Doctor's Office/Hospital	3	1.8
Field/Woods	0	0.0
Government/Public Building	2	1.2
Grocery/Supermarket	0	0.0
Highway/Road/Street/Alley	23	13.5
Hotel/Motel	1	0.6
Jail/Prison	0	0.0
Lake/Waterway	0	0.0
Liquor Store	0	0.0
Parking Lot/Garage	23	13.5
Rental Storage Facility	0	0.0
Residence/Home	62	37.0
Restaurant	2	1.2
School/College	11	6.5
Service/Gas Station	3	1.8
Specialty Store (TV, Fur etc.)	1	0.6
Other/Unknown	12	7.1
TOTAL	169	100%



Offenders

In 2012, 198 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 169.

Hate Crime Offenders by Racial Group		
Race	Volume	%
White	67	39.6
Black	34	20.1
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	0.6
Multi-Racial Group	3	1.8
Unknown	64	37.9
TOTAL	169	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.

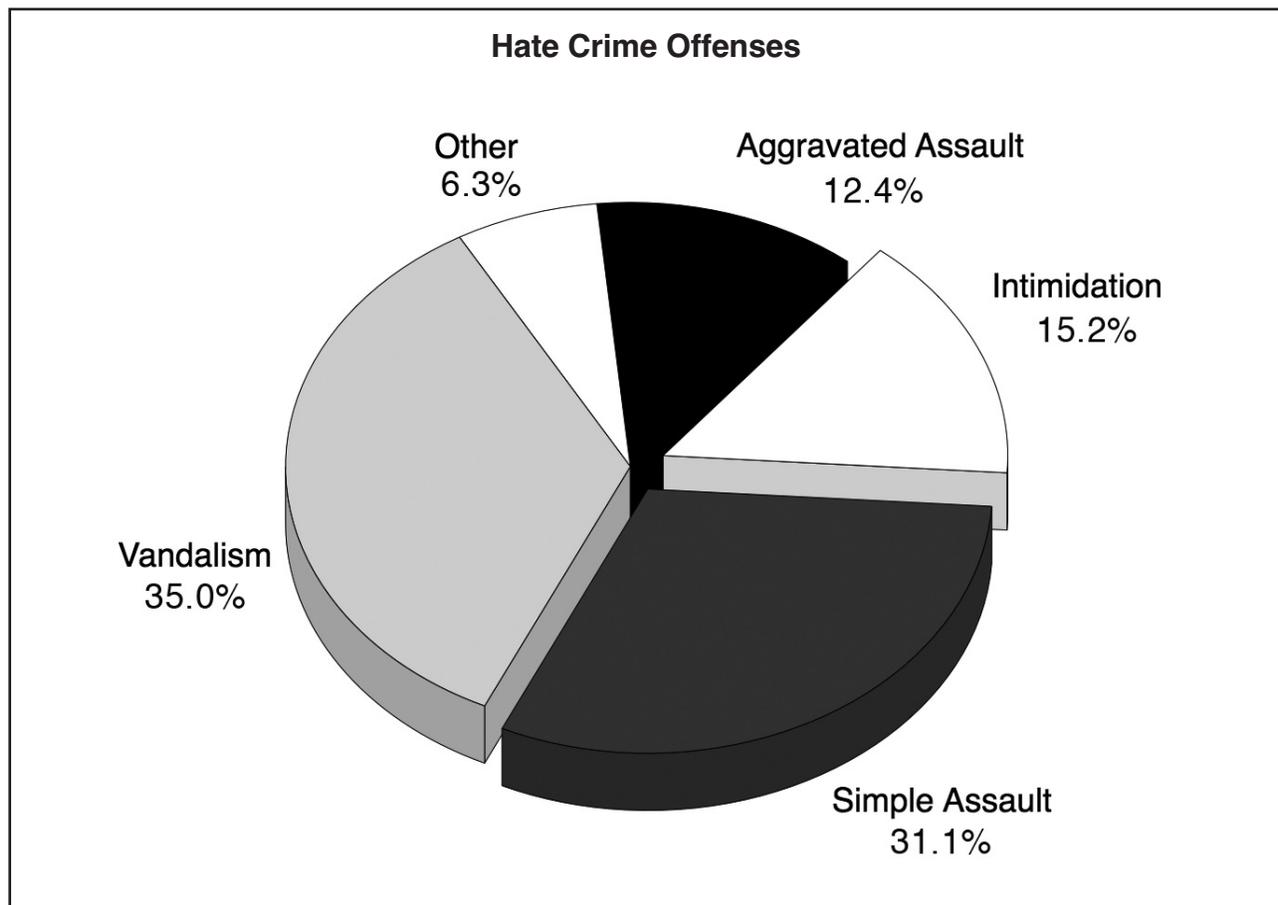
Hate Crime Victim Type		
Victim Type	Volume	%
Individual	156	89.1
Business	4	2.3
Financial Institution	0	0
Government	4	2.3
Religious Organization	11	6.3
Other	0	0
Unknown	0	0
TOTAL	175	100%

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 93.7 percent of all bias crime offenses.

Hate Crime Offenses		
Offenses	Volume	%
Murder	0	0
Robbery	3	1.7
Aggravated Assault	22	12.4
Burglary	3	1.7
Larceny-Theft	4	2.3
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0
Arson	1	0.6
Simple Assault	55	31.1
Intimidation	27	15.2
Vandalism	62	35.0
TOTAL	177	100%

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.



2012 TEXAS HATE CRIME BY JURISDICTION

BELL COUNTY

Temple PD 1

BEXAR COUNTY

San Antonio PD 17

Bexar CO SO 1

BRAZORIA COUNTY

Lake Jackson PD 1

Pearland PD 3

Richwood PD 1

BRAZOS COUNTY

Brazos CO SO 1

BREWSTER COUNTY

Sul Ross State Univ PD 1

COLLIN COUNTY

Allen PD 1

McKinney PD 6

Plano PD 4

CORYELL COUNTY

Copperas Cove PD 1

DALLAS COUNTY

Dallas PD 30

Garland PD 1

Lancaster PD 2

University Park PD 1

Rowlett PD 1

So Methodist Univ PD 1

DENTON COUNTY

Denton PD 2

Lewisville PD 4

Hickory Creek PD 1

EL PASO COUNTY

El Paso PD 4

Socorro PD 1

FORT BEND COUNTY

Fort Bend CO 1

Missouri City PD 1

GRAYSON COUNTY

Denison PD 3

GREGG COUNTY

Gladewater PD 1

Kilgore PD 1

Longview PD 2

HARRIS COUNTY

Houston PD 13

HAYES COUNTY

Kyle PD 2

HUNT COUNTY

Hunt CO SO 1

Commerce PD 2

Greenville PD 1

Wolfe City PD 1

TX A&M Commerce PD 1

JOHNSON COUNTY

Burleson PD 1

KAUFMAN COUNTY

Kaufman CO SO 1

Forney PD 1

LUBBOCK COUNTY

Lubbock CO SO 1

MATAGORDA COUNTY

Bay City PD 1

NUECES COUNTY

Corpus Christi PD 4

OLDHAM COUNTY

Oldham CO SO 1

POTTER COUNTY

Amarillo PD 1

RANDALL COUNTY

Randall CO SO 2

SHELBY COUNTY

Center PD 1

SMITH COUNTY

Tyler PD 1

TARRANT COUNTY

Arlington PD 2

Bedford PD 1

Everman PD 1

Fort Worth PD 14

North Richland Hills PD 1

TX Christian Univ PD 1

TOM GREEN COUNTY

San Angelo PD 2

Angelo St Univ PD 1

TRAVIS COUNTY

Austin PD 6

UT Austin PD 1

WICHITA COUNTY

Burkburnett PD 1

Wichita Falls PD 3

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

Williamson CO SO 2

Round Rock PD 2

Jurisdictions not represented reported zero incidents of Hate Crime.