

**Chapter
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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 101275 (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

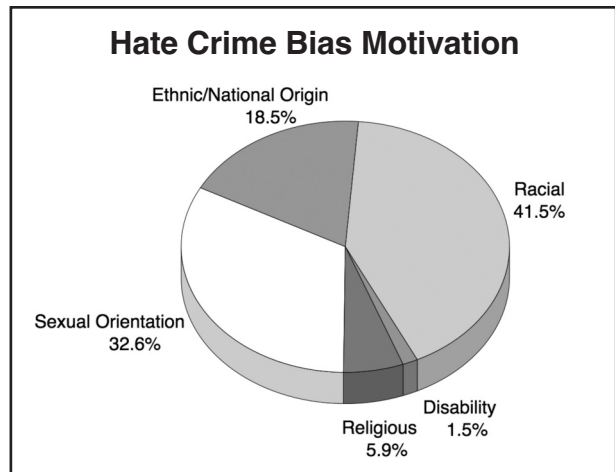
The total number of reported Texas hate crime incidents in 2013 was 135. This represents a decrease of 20.1 percent when compared to 2012. These incidents involved 176 victims, 175 offenders, and resulted in a total of 136 offenses.

Hate Crime	2013	2012	% Change
Reported Incidents	135	169	-20.1
Reported Victims	176	197	-10.7
Reported Offenders	175	198	-11.6
Reported Offenses	136	177	-23.2

Bias Motivation

In 2013, the largest percentage of hate crime reports in Texas were racial in nature. The second most commonly reported bias motivation was sexual orientation. The third most common bias was ethnicity/national origin. The fourth most common bias was religious.

2013 Hate Crime Bias Motivation			
Bias Nature	Group %	Bias Type	Total %
Racial	41.5%	Anti-White	6.66
		Anti-Black	31.1
		Anti-Am. Indian/Alaskan Nat.	0.0
		Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander	2.96
		Anti-Multi-Racial	0.74
Sexual Orientation	32.6%	Anti-Male Homosexual	20.7
		Anti-Female Homosexual	3.70
		Anti-Homosexual	7.40
		Anti-Heterosexual	0.0
		Anti-Bisexual	0.74
Ethnicity/ National Origin	18.5%	Anti-Arab	1.48
		Anti-Hispanic	12.6
		Anti-Other Ethnic/Nat'l Origin	4.44
Religious	5.9%	Anti-Jewish	2.22
		Anti-Catholic	0.0
		Anti-Protestant	0.0
		Anti-Islamic	2.22
		Anti-Other Religion	1.48
		Anti-Multi-Religion	0.0
		Anti-Atheism/Agnostic/etc	0.0
Disability	1.5%	Anti-Physical	1.50
		Anti-Mental	0.0



Location

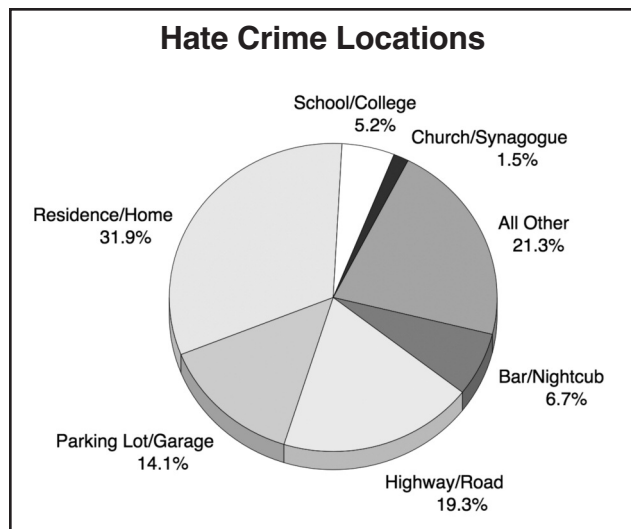
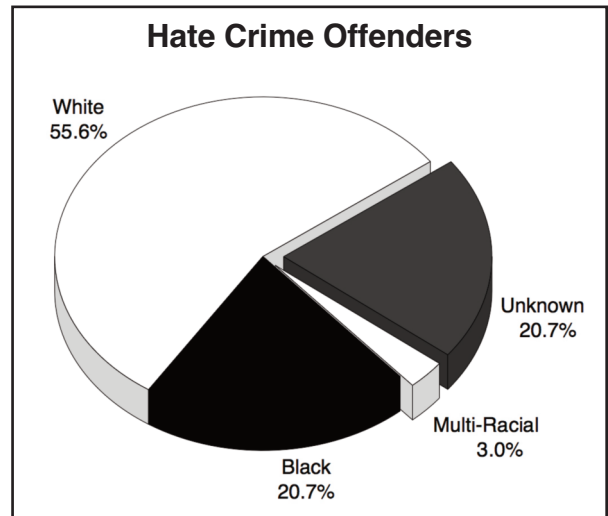
In 2013, hate crimes occurred most frequently in residences and homes. The second most common locations were highways, roads, streets and alleys, followed by parking lots and garages.

Hate Crime Locations		
Location	Volume	%
Air/Bus/Train Terminal	1	0.7
Bank/Savings and Loan	0	0.0
Bar/Nightclub	9	6.7
Church/Synagogue/Temple	2	1.5
Commercial/Office Building	3	2.2
Construction Site	0	0.0
Convenience Store	3	2.2
Department/Discount Store	0	0.0
Drug Store/Doctor's Office/Hospital	1	0.7
Field/Woods	3	2.2
Government/Public Building	1	0.7
Grocery/Supermarket	2	1.5
Highway/Road/Street/Alley	26	19.3
Hotel/Motel	2	1.5
Jail/Prison	0	0.0
Lake/Waterway	0	0.0
Liquor Store	0	0.0
Parking Lot/Garage	19	14.1
Rental Storage Facility	0	0.0
Residence/Home	43	31.9
Restaurant	5	3.7
School/College	7	5.2
Service/Gas Station	0	0.0
Specialty Store (TV, Fur etc.)	0	0.0
Other/Unknown	8	5.9

Offenders

In 2013, 175 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 135.

Hate Crime Offenders by Racial Group		
Race	Volume	%
White	75	55.6
Black	28	20.7
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0.0
Multi-Racial Group	4	3.0
Unknown	28	20.7



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.

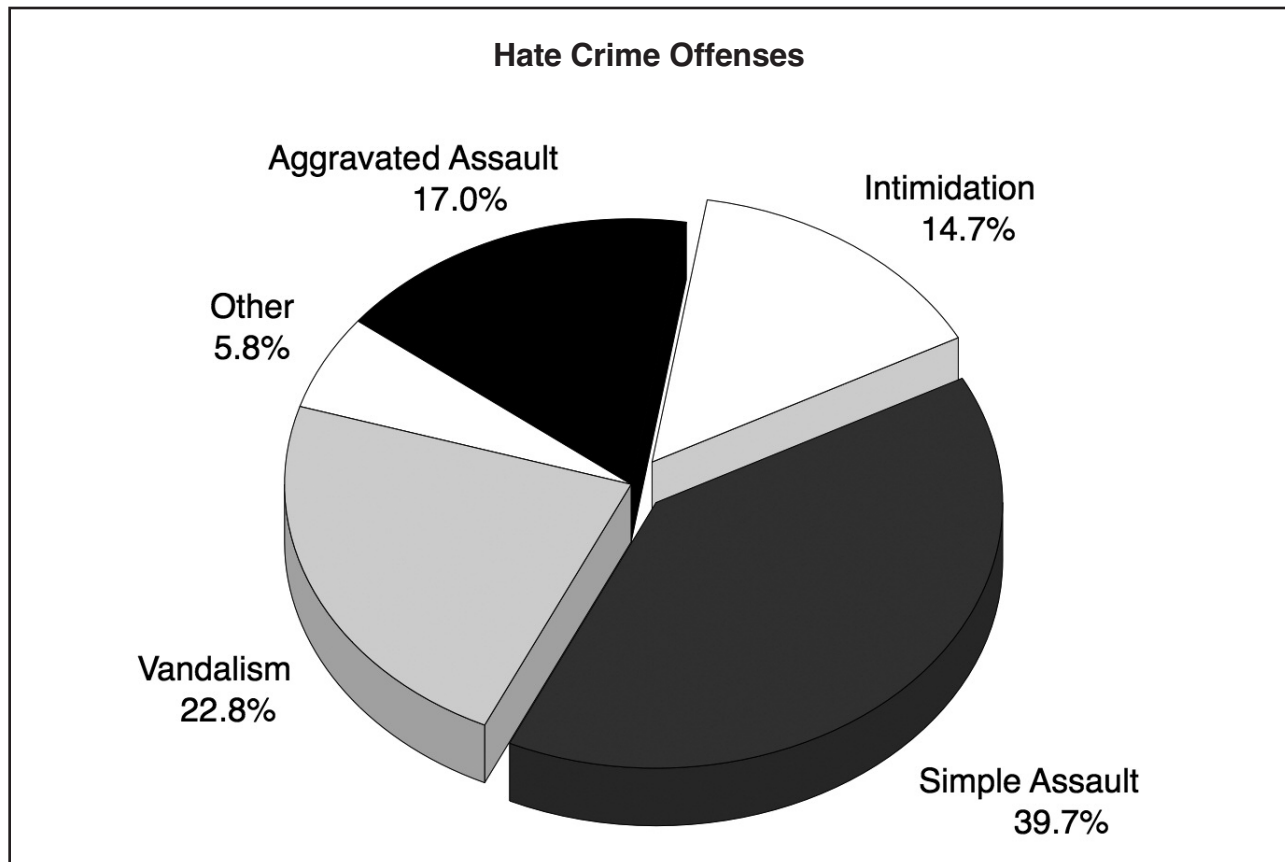
Hate Crime Victim Type		
Victim Type	Volume	%
Individual	134	98.6
Business	1	0.7
Financial Institution	0	0.0
Government	1	0.7
Religious Organization	0	0.0
Other	0	0.0
Unknown	0	0.0

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 94.2 percent of all bias crime offenses.

Hate Crime Offenses		
Offenses	Volume	%
Murder	0	0
Rape	1	0.7
Robbery	6	4.4
Aggravated Assault	23	17.0
Burglary	1	0.7
Larceny-Theft	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0
Arson	0	0
Simple Assault	54	39.7
Intimidation	20	14.7
Vandalism	31	22.8

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.



2013 TEXAS HATE CRIME BY JURISDICTION

BELL COUNTY	
Temple PD	1
BEXAR COUNTY	
San Antonio RD	11
BROWN COUNTY	
Brownwood PD	1
BURNET COUNTY	
Marble Falls PD	1
CAMERON COUNTY	
Harlingen PD	1
COLLIN COUNTY	
Collin CO SO	1
Frisco PD	2
McKinney PD	2
Plano PD	2
COOKE COUNTY	
Gainesville PD	1
DALLAS COUNTY	
Dallas PD	18
Garland PD	2
Lancaster PD	1
So. Methodist Univ.	3
DENTON COUNTY	
Denton PD	1
EL PASO COUNTY	
El Paso PD	3
FORT BEND COUNTY	
Richmond PD	1
GRAYSON COUNTY	
Denison PD	2

GREGG COUNTY	
Longview PD	1
HARRIS COUNTY	
Harris CO SO	3
Houston PD	13
Bellaire PD	1
Pasadena PD	1
Katy PD	1
Humble ISD PD	1
HIDALGO COUNTY	
McAllen PD	1
Mercedes PD	1
HUNT COUNTY	
Hunt CO SO	1
Commerce PD	2
JACKSON COUNTY	
Edna PD	1
JEFFERSON COUNTY	
Beaumont PD	3
JOHNSON COUNTY	
Cleburne PD	1
KAUFMAN COUNTY	
Terrell PD	1
MCLENNAN COUNTY	
Bellmead PD	2
NUECES COUNTY	
Nueces CO SO	1
Corpus Christi PD	1
ORANGE COUNTY	
Vidor PD	1

PALO PINTO COUNTY	
Mineral Wells PD	1
PANOLA COUNTY	
Carthage PD	1
PARKER COUNTY	
Springtown PD	1
POLK COUNTY	
Livingston PD	1
POTTER COUNTY	
Amarillo College PD	1
SMITH COUNTY	
Tyler PD	5
Whitehouse PD	1
TARRANT COUNTY	
Bedford PD	1
Benbrook PD	1
Everman PD	1
Fort Worth PD	16
Grapevine PD	1
TOM GREEN COUNTY	
San Angelo PD	2
TRAVIS COUNTY	
Travis CO SO	4
Austin PD	4
UT Austin PD	1
VICTORIA COUNTY	
Victoria PD	2

Jurisdictions not represented either reported zero incidents of Hate Crime or did not report at all.