

HATE CRIME

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DEFINITION

The Texas Hate Crimes Act, Subchapter D 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 1999 was 267. This represents a decrease of 15.5 percent when compared to 1998. These incidents involved 262 victims, 302 offenders, and resulted in a total of 286 offenses.

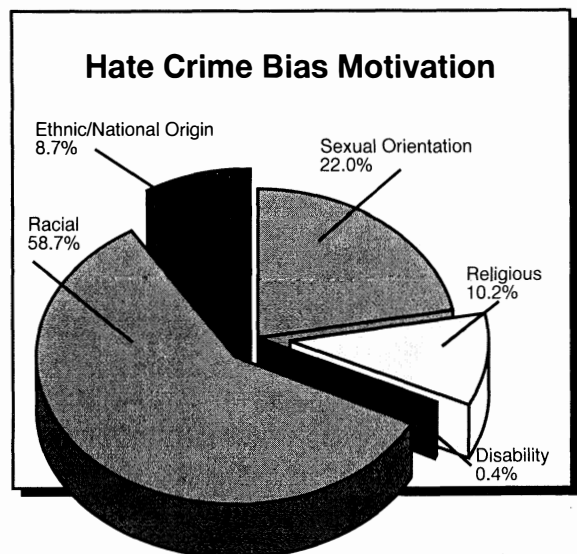
Hate Crime	1999	1998	% Change
Reported Incidents	267	316	-15.5%
Reported Victims	262	299	-12.4%
Reported Offenders	302	375	-19.5%
Reported Offenses	286	330	-13.3%

Bias Motivation

In 1999, 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 religious, the fourth most common form of

hate crime was ethnic/national origin and the fifth most common was disability.

Hate Crime Bias Motivation				
Bias Nature	Group %	Bias Type	Incidents	% of Total
Racial	58.7%	Anti-White	35	12.2%
		Anti-Black	126	44.1%
		Anti-Am. Indian/Alaskan Native	3	1.0%
		Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander	2	0.7%
		Multi-Racial Group	2	0.7%
Sexual Orientation	22.0%	Anti-Male Homosexual	42	14.7%
		Anti-Female Homosexual	10	3.5%
		Anti-Homosexual (Male & Female)	11	3.9%
		Anti-Heterosexual	0	0.0%
		Anti-Bisexual	0	0.0%
Religious	10.2%	Anti-Jewish	20	7.0%
		Anti-Catholic	0	0.0%
		Anti-Protestant	3	1.0%
		Anti-Islamic (Moslem)	1	0.4%
		Anti-Other Religion	4	1.4%
		Anti-Multi-Religious Group	1	0.4%
		Anti-Atheist/Agnostic	0	0.0%
Ethnicity National Origin	8.7%	Anti-Arab	5	1.7%
		Anti-Hispanic	20	7.0%
		Anti-Other Ethnic/National Origin	0	0.0%
Disability	0.4%	Anti-Physical	1	0.4%
		Anti-Mental	0	0.0%
TOTAL	100%	TOTAL	286	100%



Location

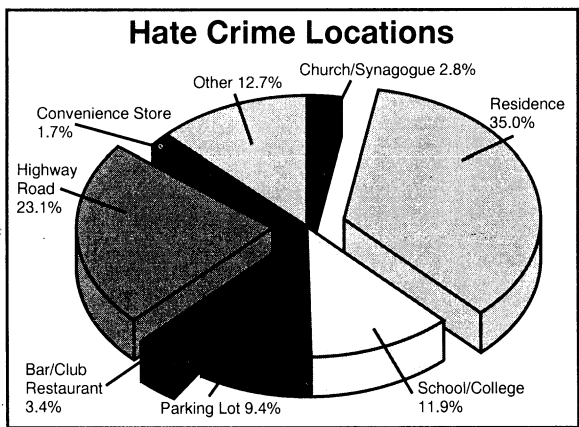
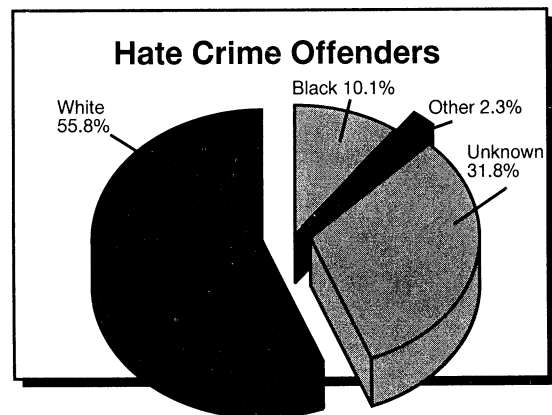
Residences and homes were the most frequently occurring locations of bias crimes during 1999. The second most common locations were highways, roads, streets and alleys, and the third most common were schools and colleges.

Hate Crime Location		
Location	Incidents	%
Air/Bus/Train Terminal	1	0.4%
Bank/Savings and Loan	0	0.0%
Bar/Night Club	5	1.7%
Church/Synagogue/Temple	8	2.8%
Commercial/Office Building	6	2.1%
Construction Site	0	0.0%
Convenience Store	5	1.7%
Department/Discount Store	2	0.7%
Drug Store/Doctor's Office/Hospital	2	0.7%
Field/Woods	1	0.4%
Government/Public Building	3	1.0%
Grocery/Supermarket	0	0.0%
Highway/Road/Street/Alley	66	23.1%
Hotel/Motel	5	1.7%
Jail/Prison	3	1.0%
Lake/Waterway	0	0.0%
Liquor Store	0	0.0%
Parking Lot/Garage	27	9.4%
Rental Storage Facility	0	0.0%
Residence/Home	100	35.0%
Restaurant	5	1.7%
School/College	34	11.9%
Service/Gas Station	2	0.7%
Speciality Store	1	0.4%
Other/Unknown	10	3.5%
TOTAL	286	100.0%

Offenders

In 1999, 302 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 267.

Hate Crime Offenders by Incident		
Suspected Offenders' Race	Number	Percent of Total
White	149	55.8%
Black	27	10.1%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2	0.8%
Multi-Racial Group	4	1.5%
Unknown	85	31.8%
TOTAL	267	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	Number	Percent of Total
Individual	202	70.6%
Business	8	2.8%
Financial Institution	0	0.0%
Government	4	1.4%
Religious Organization	6	2.1%
Society/Public	12	4.2%
Other	54	18.9%
Unknown	0	0.0%
TOTAL	286	100.0%

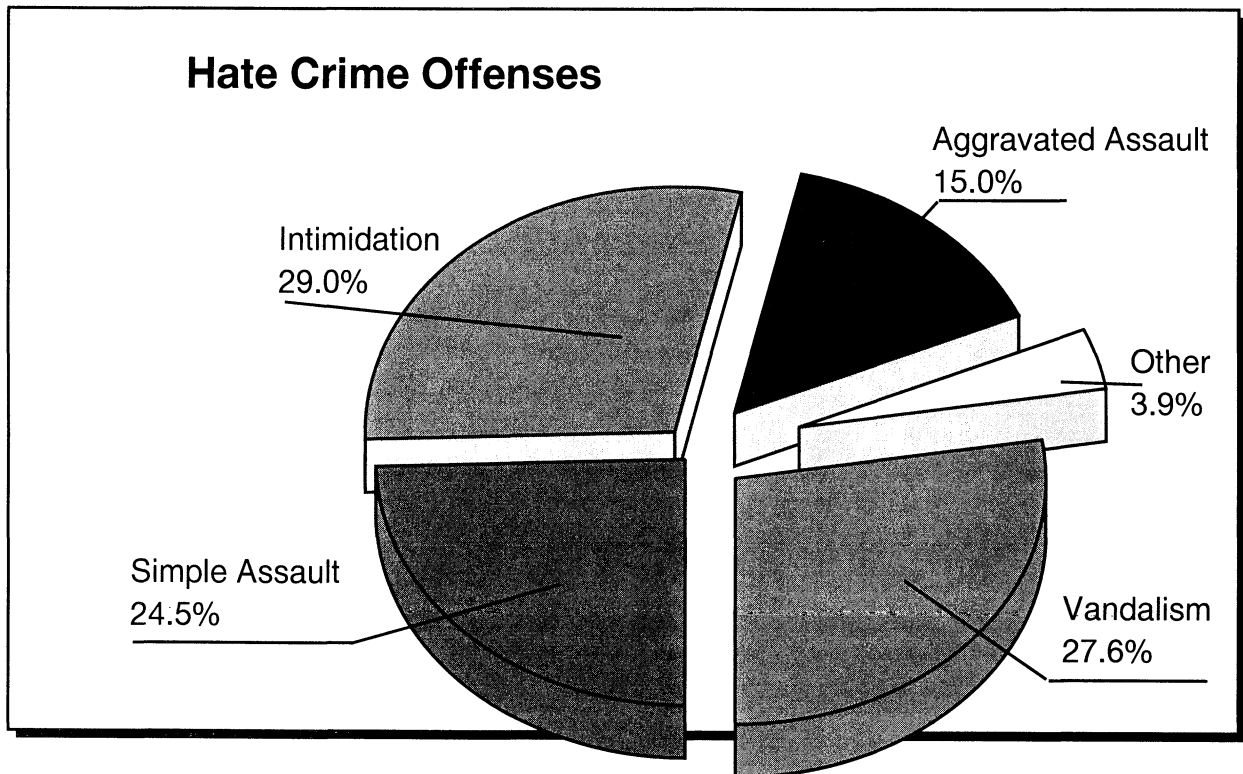
Offenses

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 90 percent of all bias crime offenses.

Hate Crime Offenses		
Offense	Volume	Percent of Total
Murder	0	0.0%
Rape	0	0.0%
Robbery	4	1.4%
Aggravated Assault	43	15.0%
Burglary	4	1.4%
Larceny-Theft	1	0.4%
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	0.4%
Arson	1	0.4%
Simple Assault	70	24.5%
Intimidation	83	29.0%
Vandalism	79	27.6%
TOTAL	286	100.0%



1999 TEXAS HATE CRIME BY JURISDICTION

BELL COUNTY	El Paso PD	10	MONTGOMERY COUNTY
Bell CO SO	El Paso Comm Coll PD	1	Conroe PD
Killeen PD	FORT BEND COUNTY		Conroe ISD PD
BEXAR COUNTY	Fort Bend CO SO	7	NACOGDOCHES COUNTY
Bexar CO SO	Missouri City PD	1	Nacogdoches PD
San Antonio PD	GALVESTON COUNTY		NUECES COUNTY
Leon Valley PD	Galveston CO SO	1	Corpus Christi PD
Universal City PD	Friendswood PD	1	RAINS COUNTY
UT Health Science Ctr PD	Hitchcock PD	1	Rains CO SO
BRAZORIA COUNTY	Texas City PD	2	TARRANT COUNTY
Alvin PD	GRAYSON COUNTY		Arlington PD
BRAZOS COUNTY	Denison PD	1	Bedford PD
Bryan PD	HARRIS COUNTY		Euless PD
College Station PD	Harris CO SO	9	Everman PD
BURLESON COUNTY	Houston PD	36	Fort Worth PD
Burleson CO SO	Baytown PD	1	Grapeville PD
CALHOUN COUNTY	Bellaire PD	1	Hurst PD
Port Lavaca PD	Katy PD	1	North Richland Hills PD
CASS COUNTY	HAYS COUNTY		Tx Christian Univ PD
Cass CO SO	Southwest Tx St Univ PD	1	TRAVIS COUNTY
COLLIN COUNTY	HIDALGO COUNTY		Travis CO SO
McKinney PD	UT Pan American PD	1	Austin PD
Plano PD	HUNT COUNTY		UT Austin PD
DALLAS COUNTY	Commerce PD	1	VAN ZANDT COUNTY
Dallas PD	JOHNSON COUNTY		Grand Saline PD
Carrollton PD	Cleburne PD	1	WALKER COUNTY
Duncanville PD	JONES COUNTY		Walker CO SO
Garland PD	Stamford PD	1	Huntsville PD
Lancaster PD	LEON COUNTY		WASHINGTON COUNTY
Mesquite PD	Leon CO SO	1	Brenham PD
Richardson PD	LUBBOCK COUNTY		WICHITA COUNTY
Rowlett PD	Lubbock PD	2	Iowa Park PD
DENTON COUNTY	McLENNAN COUNTY		Wichita Falls PD
Denton CO SO	TSTC Waco PD	1	WILLIAMSON COUNTY
Denton PD	MADISON COUNTY		Williamson CO SO
EL PASO COUNTY	Madisonville PD	1	Round Rock PD
El Paso CO SO			WOOD COUNTY
			Mineola PD

Jurisdictions not represented reported zero incidents of Hate Crime.