

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 Crime as crimes that manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion, disability, gender and gender identity.

ANALYSIS

Volume

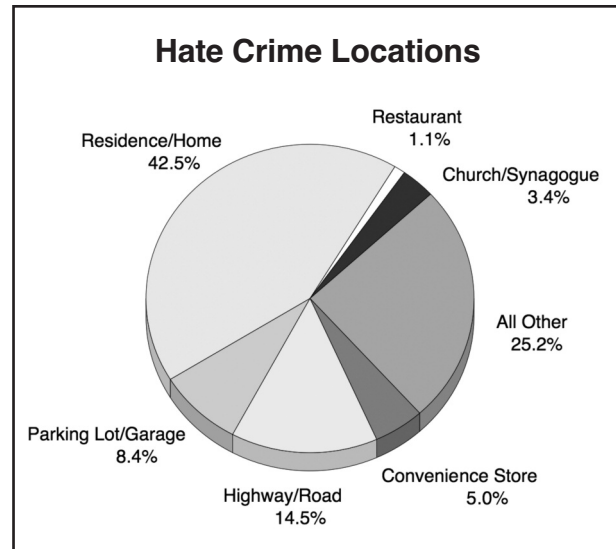
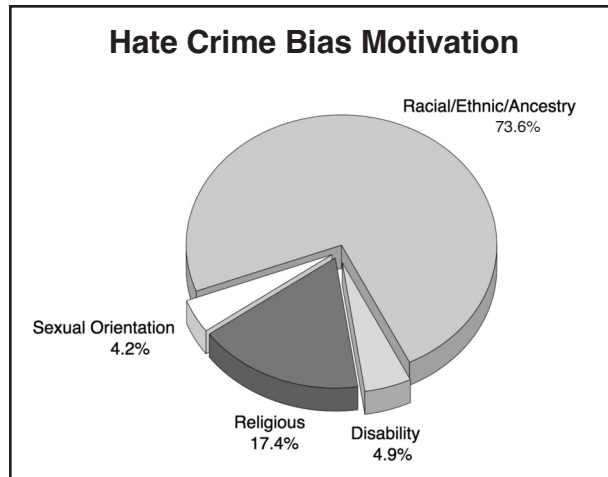
The total number of reported Texas hate crime incidents in 2016 was 178. This represents a decrease of 7.8 percent when compared to 2015. These incidents involved 201 victims, 210 offenders, and resulted in a total of 186 offenses.

2016 Hate Crime Quick Stats			
	2016	2015	% Change
Reported Incidents	178	193	-7.8%
Reported Victims	201	205	-2.0%
Reported Offenders	210	213	-1.4%
Reported Offenses	186	206	-9.7%

Bias Motivation

In 2016, the largest percentage of hate crime reports in Texas were race/ethnic/ancestry in nature. The second most commonly reported bias motivation was religious. The third most common bias was disability. The fourth most common bias was sexual orientation.

Hate Crime Bias Motivation			
Bias Nature	Group %	Bias Type	Total %
Race/ Ethnicity Ancestry	73.6	Anti-White	15.3%
		Anti-Black	31.3%
		Anti-Am. Indian/Alaskan Native	0.7%
		Anti-Asian	2.8%
		Anti-Multi Racial (Group)	3.5%
		Anti-Hawaiian/Pac. Islander	0.0%
		Anti-Arab	3.5%
		Anti-Hispanic/Latino	14.6%
		Anti-Other Race/Eth/Ancestry	2.1%
Sexual Orienta- tion	4.2	Anti-Male Homosexual	0.0%
		Anti-Female Homosexual	0.7%
		Anti-LGBT (Mixed Group)	2.1%
		Anti-Heterosexual	0.7%
		Anti-Bisexual	0.7%
Religious	17.4	Anti-Jewish	4.9%
		Anti-Catholic	0.0%
		Anti-Protestant	0.0%
		Anti-Islamic (Muslim)	8.3%
		Anti-Other Religion	0.7%
		Anti-MultiReligion (Group)	0.7%
		Anti-Atheism/Agnostic/etc	0.0%
		Anti-Mormon	0.0%
		Anti-Jehovah's Witness	0.0%
		Anti-Eastern Orthodox	2.1%
		Anti-Other Christian	0.7%
		Anti-Buddhist	0.0%
		Anti-Hindu	0.0%
Anti-Sikh	0.0%		
Disability	4.9	Anti-Physical	1.4%
		Anti-Mental	3.5%
Gender	0.0	Anti-Male	0.0%
		Anti-Female	0.0%
Gender Identity	0.0	Anti-Transgender	0.0%
		Anti-Gender Non-Conforming	0.0%



Location

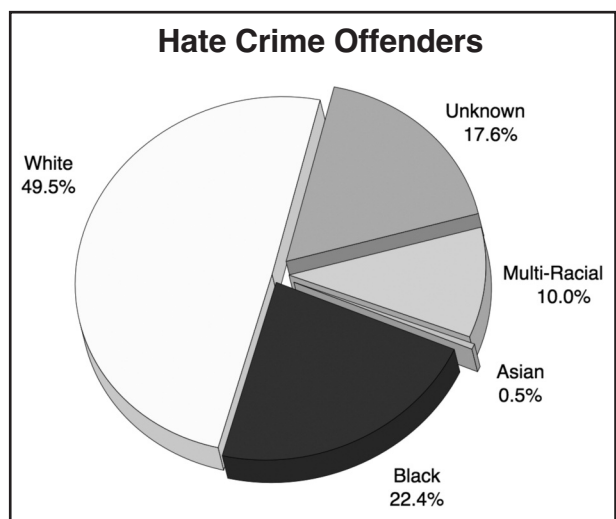
In 2016, hate crimes occurred most frequently in residences and homes. The second most common locations were highways, roads, streets and alleys, followed by parking lots and garages.

Offenders

In 2016, 210 offenders were involved in incidents of hate crimes. Hate crime incidents can be perpetrated by multiple offenders of the same race.

Hate Crime Locations		
Location	Volume	%
Air/Bus/Train Terminal	1	0.6%
Bar/Nightclub	8	4.5%
Church/Synagogue/Temple	6	3.4%
Commercial/Office Building	5	2.8%
Construction Site	2	1.1%
Convenience Store	9	5.0%
Department/Discount Store	2	1.1%
Drug Store/Doctor's Office/Hospital	2	1.1%
Government/Public Building	4	2.2%
Grocery/Supermarket	2	1.1%
Highway/Road/Street/Alley	26	14.5%
Hotel/Motel/etc,	4	2.2%
Jail/Prison	1	0.6%
Parking Lot/Garage	15	8.4%
Residence/Home	76	42.5%
Restaurant	2	1.1%
Service/Gas Station	1	0.6%
Specialty Store (TV, Fur etc.)	1	0.6%
Other/Unknown	12	6.7%

Hate Crime Offenders by Racial Group		
Race	Volume	%
White	104	49.5%
Black	47	22.4%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0.0%
Asian	1	0.5%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
MultiRacial Group	21	10.0%
Unknown	37	17.6%

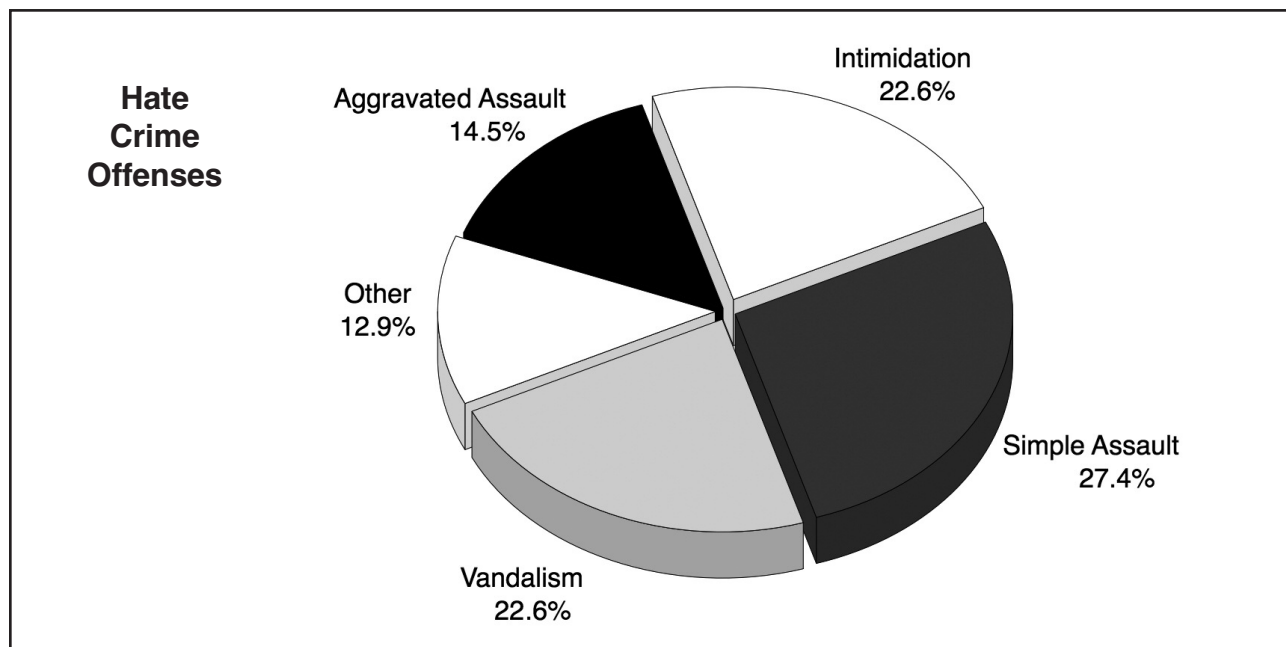


Victims

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	167	89.8%
Business	14	7.5%
Financial Institution	0	0.0%
Government	0	0.0%
Religious Organization	5	2.7%
Other	0	0.0%
Unknown	0	0.0%



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 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 87.1 percent of all bias crime offenses.

Hate Crime Offenses		
Offenses	Volume	%
Murder	1	0.5%
Rape	0	0.0%
Robbery	9	4.8%
Aggravated Assault	27	14.5%
Burglary	4	2.2%
LarcenyTheft	10	5.4%
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0.0%
Arson	0	0.0%
Simple Assault	51	27.4%
Intimidation	42	22.6%
Vandalism	42	22.6%

2016 TEXAS HATE CRIME BY JURISDICTION

ANDERSON COUNTY

Frankston PD 1

ATASCOSA COUNTY

Pleasanton PD 1

AUSTIN COUNTY

Sealy PD 1

BELL COUNTY

Temple PD 1

BEXAR COUNTY

Bexar CO SO 1

Converse PD 1

San Antonio PD 10

BRAZOS COUNTY

College Station PD 1

BREWSTER COUNTY

Brewster CO SO 1

COLLIN COUNTY

McKinney PD 7

Plano PD 1

DALLAS COUNTY

Cedar Hill PD 1

Grand Prairie PD 1

UT Dallas PD 2

Dallas Co Hosp Dist PD 1

Dallas PD 11

DENTON COUNTY

Denton PD 3

Lewisville PD 2

Flower Mound PD 1

ECTOR COUNTY

Odessa PD 3

EL PASO COUNTY

El Paso PD 1

El Paso ISD PD 1

FORT BEND COUNTY

Sugar Land PD 1

FREESTONE COUNTY

Teague PD 1

GALVESTON COUNTY

Galveston PD 6

League City PD 1

Texas City PD 2

GRAYSON COUNTY

Denison PD 1

GREGG COUNTY

Longview PD 3

HARRIS COUNTY

Seabrook PD 1

Tomball PD 1

Hedwig Village PD 1

Houston PD 8

HAYS COUNTY

San Marcos PD 1

HIDALGO COUNTY

Weslaco PD 2

HOCKLEY COUNTY

Levelland PD 2

HUTCHINSON COUNTY

Borger PD 1

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Beaumont PD 4

JOHNSON COUNTY

Burleson PD 1

LAMAR COUNTY

Reno PD 1

LUBBOCK COUNTY

Lubbock CO SO 1

Texas Tech Univ PD 1

MCLENNAN COUNTY

Baylor Univ PD 1

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Willis PD 1

NOLAN COUNTY

TSTC - Sweetwater PD 1

PARKER COUNTY

Parker CO SO 2

POLK COUNTY

Livingston PD 1

POTTER COUNTY

Amarillo College PD 1

ROCKWALL COUNTY

Rockwall PD 1

SAN JACINTO COUNTY

San Jacinto CO SO 1

SHELBY COUNTY

Center PD 1

SMITH COUNTY

Tyler PD 4

Tyler Jr College PD 1

TARRANT COUNTY

Arlington PD 5

Bedford PD 6

Fort Worth PD 20

D/FW Airport PD 2

TOM GREEN COUNTY

San Angelo PD 1

TRAVIS COUNTY

Travis CO SO 6

Austin PD 17

UPSHUR COUNTY

Gilmer PD 1

WICHITA COUNTY

Wichita Falls PD 2

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

Williamson CO SO 3

Round Rock PD 2

Southwestern Univ PD 2

Cedar Park PD 2

ZAVALA COUNTY

Zavala CO SO 1

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