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 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 2017 was 190. This represents an increase of 6.7% when compared to 2016. These incidents involved 229 victims, 209 offenders, and resulted in a total of 194 offenses.
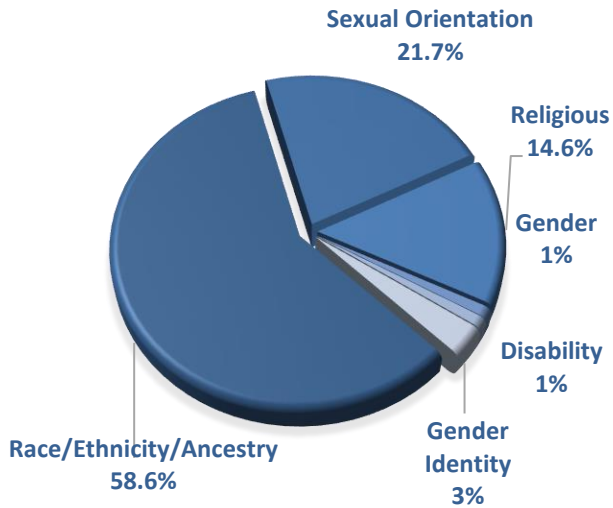
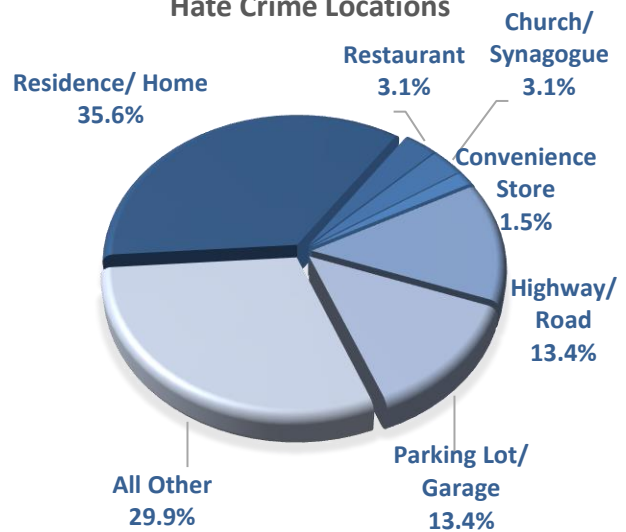| 2017 Hate Crime Quick Stats			
	2017	**2016**	**% Change**
Reported Incidents	190	178	6.7%
Reported Victims	229	201	13.9%
Reported Offenders	209	210	-0.5%
Reported Offenses	194	186	4.3%

Bias Motivation

In 2017, the largest percentage of hate crime reports in Texas were race/ethnicity/ancestry in nature. The second most commonly reported bias motivation was sexual orientation. The third most common bias was religious. The fourth most common bias was gender identity.

Hate Crime Bias Motivation[1]			
Bias Nature	**Group %**	**Bias Type**	**Total %**
Race/ Ethnicity Ancestry	58.6%	Anti-White	10.6%
		Anti-Black	26.3%
		Anti-Am. Indian/Alaskan Native	3.5%
		Anti-Asian	1.5%
		Anti-Multi Racial (Group)	2.0%
		Anti-Hawaiian/Pac.Islander	1.0%
		Anti-Arab	1.5%
		Anti-Hispanic/Latino	5.6%
		Anti-Other Race/Eth/Ancestry	6.6%
Sexual Orienta-tion	21.7%	Anti-Male Homosexual	16.2%
		Anti-Female Homosexual	3.0%
		Anti-LGBT (Mixed Group)	2.0%
		Anti-Heterosexual	0.0%
		Anti-Bisexual	0.5%
Religious	14.6%	Anti-Jewish	5.6%
		Anti-Catholic	1.0%
		Anti-Protestant	0.0%
		Anti-Islamic (Muslim)	4.5%
		Anti-Other Religion	1.5%
		Anti-MultiReligion (Group)	0.0%
		Anti-Atheism/Agnostic/etc	0.0%
		Anti-Mormon	0.0%
		Anti-Jehovah's Witness	0.0%
		Anti-Eastern Orthodox	0.5%
		Anti-Other Christian	0.0%
		Anti-Buddist	1.0%
		Anti-Hindu	0.5%
		Anti-Sikh	0.0%
Disability	1.0%	Anti-Physical	1.0%
		Anti-Mental	0.0%
Gender	1.0%	Anti-Male	1.0%
		Anti-Female	0.0%
Gender Identity	3.0%	Anti-Transgender	2.5%
		Anti-Gender Non-Conforming	0.5%

Hate Crime Bias Motivation[1]

- Sexual Orientation 21.7%
- Religious 14.6%
- Gender 1%
- Disability 1%
- Gender Identity 3%
- Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry 58.6%

Hate Crime Locations

- Residence/ Home 35.6%
- Restaurant 3.1%
- Church/ Synagogue 3.1%
- Convenience Store 1.5%
- Highway/ Road 13.4%
- Parking Lot/ Garage 13.4%
- All Other 29.9%

Location

In 2017, hate crimes occurred most frequently in residences/homes. The second most common locations were parking lot or garage, and highway, road, street, or alley, followed by other/unknown locations.
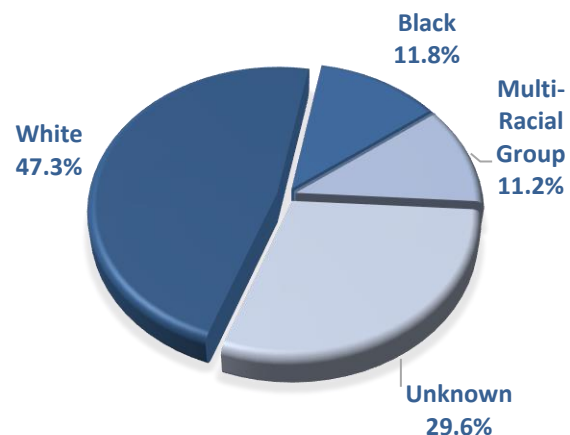
Hate Crime Locations[1]		
Location	Volume	%
Air/Bus/Train Terminal	2	1.0%
Bar/Nightclub	4	2.1%
Church/Synagogue/Temple	6	3.1%
Commercial/Office Building	4	2.1%
Construction Site	1	0.5%
Convenience Store	3	1.5%
Department/Discount Store	2	1.0%
Drug Store/Doctor's Office/Hospital	2	1.0%
Field/Woods	1	0.5%
Government/Public Building	2	1.0%
Grocery/Supermarket	3	1.5%
Highway/Road/Street/Alley	26	13.4%
Jail/Prison	1	0.5%
Parking Lot/Garage	26	13.4%
Residence/Home	69	35.6%
Restaurant	6	3.1%
Service/Gas Station	4	2.1%
Specialty Store (TV, Fur etc.)	1	0.5%
Other/Unknown	31	16.0%

Offenders

In 2017, 209 offenders were involved in incidents of hate crimes. Hate crime incidents can be perpetrated by multiple offenders of the same race.

Hate Crime Offenders by Racial Group[1]		
Race	Volume	%
White	80	47.3%
Black	20	11.8%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0.0%
Asian	0	0.0%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
Multi-Racial Group	19	11.2%
Unknown	50	29.6%

Hate Crime Offenders[1]

- Black 11.8%
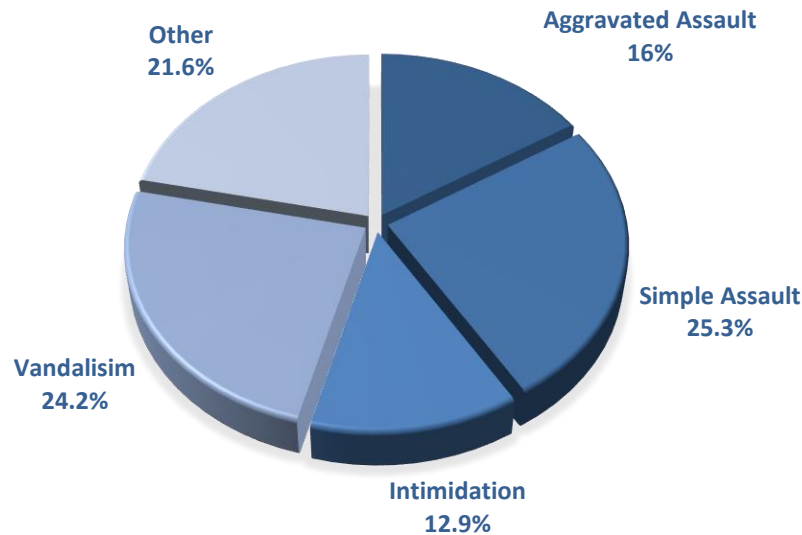- Multi-Racial Group 11.2%
- White 47.3%
- Unknown 29.6%

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, 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	165	82.5%
Business	17	8.5%
Financial Institution	0	0.0%
Government	3	1.5%
Religious Organization	6	3.0%
Other	8	4.0%
Unknown	1	0.5%

Hate Crime Offenses

Other 21.6%
Aggravated Assault 16%
Simple Assault 25.3%
Intimidation 12.9%
Vandalisim 24.2%

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, vandalism and human trafficking. Of these offense categories, aggravated assault, simple assault, intimidation and vandalism together accounted for 78.4% of all bias crime offenses.

Hate Crime Offenses

Offenses	Volume	%
Murder	0	0.0%
Rape	2	1.0%
Robbery	10	5.2%
Aggravated Assault	31	16.0%
Burglary	5	2.6%
Larceny Theft	19	9.8%
Motor Vehicle Theft	3	1.5%
Arson	2	1.0%
Simple Assault	49	25.3%
Intimidation	25	12.9%
Vandalism	47	24.2%
Human Trafficking	1	0.5%

[1] All percentages rounded to the nearest tenth. Please be advised that due to rounding protocol, some graphs may reflect percentages that are slightly greater or less than 100%