



## **Data Declaration**

### **Participation Table**

#### **Number of Participating Agencies and Population Covered by Population Group, 2009**

The FBI collects these data through the Uniform Crime Reporting Program's Hate Crime Statistics Program.

#### **General comment**

This table presents the number of law enforcement agencies participating in the Hate Crime Statistics Program and their jurisdictions' aggregate population for 2009 distributed by population group.

#### **Methodology**

The data used in creating this table were from all law enforcement agencies that submitted either of the following: 1) at least one National Incident-Based Reporting System *Group A Incident Report*, a *Group B Arrest Report*, or a *Zero Report* for at least 1 month of the calendar year; or 2) at least one *Hate Crime Incident Report* and/or a *Quarterly Hate Crime Report*. The published data, therefore, do not necessarily represent reports from each participating agency for 12 months or 4 quarters.

#### **Population estimation**

For the 2009 population estimates used in this table, the FBI computed individual rates of growth from one year to the next for every city/town and county using 2000 decennial population counts and 2001 through 2008 population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. Each agency's rates of growth were averaged; that average was then applied and added to its 2008 Census population estimate to derive the agency's 2009 population estimate.