



## Data Declaration

### Table 13

#### **Hate Crime Incidents, per Bias Motivation and Quarter by State and Agency, 2009**

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

#### **General comments**

- This table presents the data from those agencies that reported one or more hate crime incidents occurred in their respective jurisdictions during one or more quarters in 2009. The data are distributed by bias motivation and quarter.
- The Hate Crime Statistics Program collects data about both single-bias and multiple-bias hate crimes. A single-bias incident is defined as an incident in which one or more offense types are motivated by the same bias. A multiple-bias incident is defined as an incident in which more than one offense type occurs and at least two offense types are motivated by different biases.
- Blanks in any of the four columns under *Number of incidents per quarter* indicate that an agency did not submit a report for that particular quarter.

#### **Caution to users**

Valid assessments about crime, including hate crime, are possible only with careful study and analysis of the various conditions affecting each local law enforcement jurisdiction. (See Variables Affecting Crime.) In addition, some data in this publication may not be comparable to those in prior editions of *Hate Crime Statistics* because of differing levels of participation from year to year. Therefore, the reader is cautioned against making simplistic comparisons between the statistical data of this program and that of others with differing methodologies or even comparing individual reporting units solely on the basis of their agency type.

## **Methodology**

The data used in creating this table were from all law enforcement agencies submitting one or more hate crime incidents for at least 1 month of the calendar year. 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. The figures used for universities and colleges are student enrollments that were provided by the United States Department of Education for the 2008 school year, the most recent available. The enrollment figures include full-time and part-time students.