



Victims

In the Uniform Crime Reporting Program, the victim of a hate crime may be an individual, a business, an institution, or society as a whole. Nationwide in 2005, law enforcement agencies reported that there were 8,804 victims of hate crimes. Of these victims, nine were victimized in seven multiple-bias offenses.

By Bias Motivation

An analysis of data for victims of single-bias hate crime incidents showed that:

- 55.7 percent of the victims were targeted because of a bias against a race.
- 16.0 percent were victimized because of a bias against a religious belief.
- 14.0 percent were victimized because of a bias against an ethnicity/national origin.
- 13.8 percent were targeted because of a bias against a particular sexual orientation.
- 0.6 percent were targeted because of a bias against a disability.

(Based on Table 1.)

Racial Bias

Among the single-bias hate crime incidents in 2005, there were 4,895 victims of racially motivated hate crime.

- 67.9 percent were victims of an anti-black bias.
- 19.9 percent were victims of an anti-white bias.
- 5.3 percent were victims of a bias against a group of individuals in which more than one race was represented (anti-multiple races, group).
- 4.9 percent were victims of an anti-Asian/Pacific Islander bias.

- 2.0 percent were victims of an anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native bias.

(Based on Table 1.)

Religious Bias

Of the 1,405 victims of an anti-religion hate crime:

- 69.5 percent were victims of an anti-Jewish bias.
- 10.7 percent were victims of an anti-Islamic bias.
- 7.5 percent were victims of a bias against other unspecified religions (anti-other religion).
- 4.3 percent were victims of an anti-Catholic bias.
- 4.1 percent were victims of an anti-Protestant bias.
- 3.3 percent were victims of a bias against groups of individuals of varying religions (anti-multiple religions, group).
- 0.4 percent were victims of an anti-Atheist/Agnostic bias.

(Based on Table 1.)

Sexual-Orientation Bias

In 2005, of the 1,213 victims targeted due to a sexual-orientation bias:

- 61.3 percent were victims of an anti-male homosexual bias.
- 19.2 percent were victims of an anti-homosexual bias.
- 15.3 percent were victims of an anti-female homosexual bias.
- 2.3 percent were victims of an anti-bisexual bias.

- 1.9 percent were victims of an anti-heterosexual bias.

(Based on Table 1.)

Ethnicity/National Origin Bias

Hate crimes motivated by the offender's bias toward a particular ethnicity/national origin were directed at 1,228 victims. Of these victims:

- 58.8 percent were targeted because of an anti-Hispanic bias.
- 41.2 percent were victimized because of a bias against other ethnicities/national origins.

(Based on Table 1.)

Disability Bias

Of the 54 victims of a hate crime due to a bias against a disability:

- 33 were targets of an anti-mental disability bias.
- 21 were victims of an anti-physical disability bias.

(See Table 1.)

By Crime Category

Of the 8,804 victims of a hate crime in 2005, 59.0 percent were victims of crimes against persons and 40.1 percent were victims of crimes against property. One percent were victims of crimes against society. (Based on Table 2.)

By Offense Type

Crimes Against Persons

There were 5,190 hate crime victims of crimes against persons in 2005. Regarding these victims and offenses:

- Six persons were murdered and three were forcibly raped, each comprising 0.1 percent of hate crime victims.
- 48.9 percent experienced intimidation.
- 30.2 percent were victims of simple assault.
- 20.5 percent were victims of aggravated assault.
- 0.3 percent were victims of *other* types of offenses, which are collected only in the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS).

(Based on Table 2.)

Crimes Against Property

In 2005, there were 3,530 hate crime victims of crimes against property. Of these:

- 81.3 percent were victims of destruction/damage or vandalism.
- 6.6 percent were victims of larceny-theft.
- 4.7 percent were victims of burglary.
- 4.4 percent were victims of robbery.
- 1.4 percent were victims of arson.
- 0.5 percent were victims of motor vehicle theft.
- 1.2 percent were victims of *other* hate crime offenses, which are collected only in the NIBRS.

(Based on Table 2.)

Crimes Against Society

Eighty-four victims of hate crimes were victims of crimes against society. (See Table 2.)