



Data Declaration

Table 11

Offenses, Offense Type by Participating State, 2008

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

General comments

- This table presents the number of offenses distributed by the offense type and reporting state.
- The Hate Crime Statistics Program collects details about an offender's bias motivation associated with 11 offense types already being reported to the UCR Program: murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, forcible rape, aggravated assault, simple assault, and intimidation (*crimes against persons*); and robbery, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, arson, and destruction/damage/vandalism (*crimes against property*). The law enforcement agencies that participate in the UCR Program via the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) collect data about additional offenses for crimes against persons and crimes against property. These data appear in *Hate Crime Statistics* in the category of *other*.
- Hawaii does not participate in the Hate Crime Statistics Program.

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 that submitted either of the following: 1) at least one NIBRS *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.

If you have questions about this table

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