



## Data Declaration

### Table 12

#### Agency Hate Crime Reporting by State, 2008

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

#### General comment

This table presents the total number of participating agencies, the population represented, the number of agencies that submitted data about hate crime incidents, and the number of incidents reported.

#### 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 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 2008 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 2007 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 2007 Census population estimate to derive the agency's 2008 population estimate.

## **If you have questions about this table**

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