



Data Declaration

Table 4

Offenses, Offense Type by Bias Motivation, 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 hate crime offenses distributed by the offense type and bias motivation.
- 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.
- 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*.

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.

If you have questions about this table

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