



## Offenders

Law enforcement agencies reporting hate crime data to the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program identified 6,225 known offenders in 6,604 bias-motivated incidents in 2009. In the UCR Program, the term *known offender* does not imply that the suspect's identity is known; rather, the term indicates that some aspect of the suspect was identified, thus distinguishing the suspect from an unknown offender. Law enforcement agencies specify the number of offenders and, when possible, the race of the offender or offenders as a group.

### *By race*

In 2009, the racial breakdown of the 6,225 known hate crime offenders was as follows:

- 62.4 percent were white.
- 18.5 percent were black.
- 7.3 percent were groups made up of individuals of various races (multiple races, group).
- 1.0 percent were American Indian/Alaskan Native.
- 0.7 percent were Asian/Pacific Islander.
- 10.2 percent were of unknown race. (Based on [Table 9](#).)

### *By crime category*

#### Crimes against persons

A total of 5,136 known hate crime offenders carried out crimes against persons in 2009. Of these offenders:

- 40.3 percent committed simple assault.
- 34.6 percent intimidated their victims.

- 23.5 percent committed aggravated assault.
- 1.2 percent murdered or raped their victims.
- 0.3 percent perpetrated crimes that fell into the *other* category, which includes offenses collected only in the UCR Program's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). (Based on Table 2.)

#### **Crimes against property**

A total of 1,453 known hate crime offenders committed crimes against property in 2009.

Of these offenders:

- 61.8 percent committed destruction/damage/vandalism.
- 20.2 percent carried out robbery.
- 8.7 percent committed larceny-theft.
- 5.4 percent perpetrated burglary.
- 1.5 percent committed arson.
- 0.5 percent committed motor vehicle theft.
- 2.0 percent committed offenses that fall into the *other* category, which includes offenses collected only in the NIBRS. (Based on Table 2.)

#### **Crimes against society**

In 2009, 34 known offenders committed 26 crimes against society involving 26 victims.

Crimes against society are collected only via the NIBRS. (See Table 2.)