

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2009 Hate Crime Report.

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For more information about ODIHR's Hate Crime Report, visit: hatecrime.osce.org/our-methodology

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Summary

The United States regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. The United States publishes [hate crime data](#) annually.

Following a 2021 review by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), hate crimes were included in the top-level category of priorities (Band 1 National Threat Priority), resulting in an increase in resources allocated to tackle hate crimes. By collaborating with the national Hate Crime Coalition, the FBI consults closely with civil society organizations (CSOs), including to develop and update the [FBI Hate Crime Data Collection Guidelines](#) and Training.

In 2020, the Department of Justice issued a comprehensive "[Law Enforcement Roundtable Report on Hate Crimes](#)", setting forth key recommendations and action steps to combat hate crime.

[Hate crime data collection in the United States](#)

[Hate crime victim support in the United States](#)

[Hate crime capacity building in the United States](#)

[The United States's hate crime legislation](#)

Official Data

The US reports by incidents, offences, victims and known offenders. The FBI reports overall total "offenses", therefore, these are the figures included.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2009	7,789	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation

4,866

Racist and xenophobic

1,436

Anti-LGBTI

964

Anti-Semitic

284

Hate crime against Christians and members of other religions

Official figures record 284 offences motivated by a religious bias, consisting of 55 anti-Catholic, 40 anti-Protestant, 119 "anti-other religion", 60 anti-multiple religions/group, and 10 "anti-atheism/agnosticism/etc."

128

Anti-Muslim

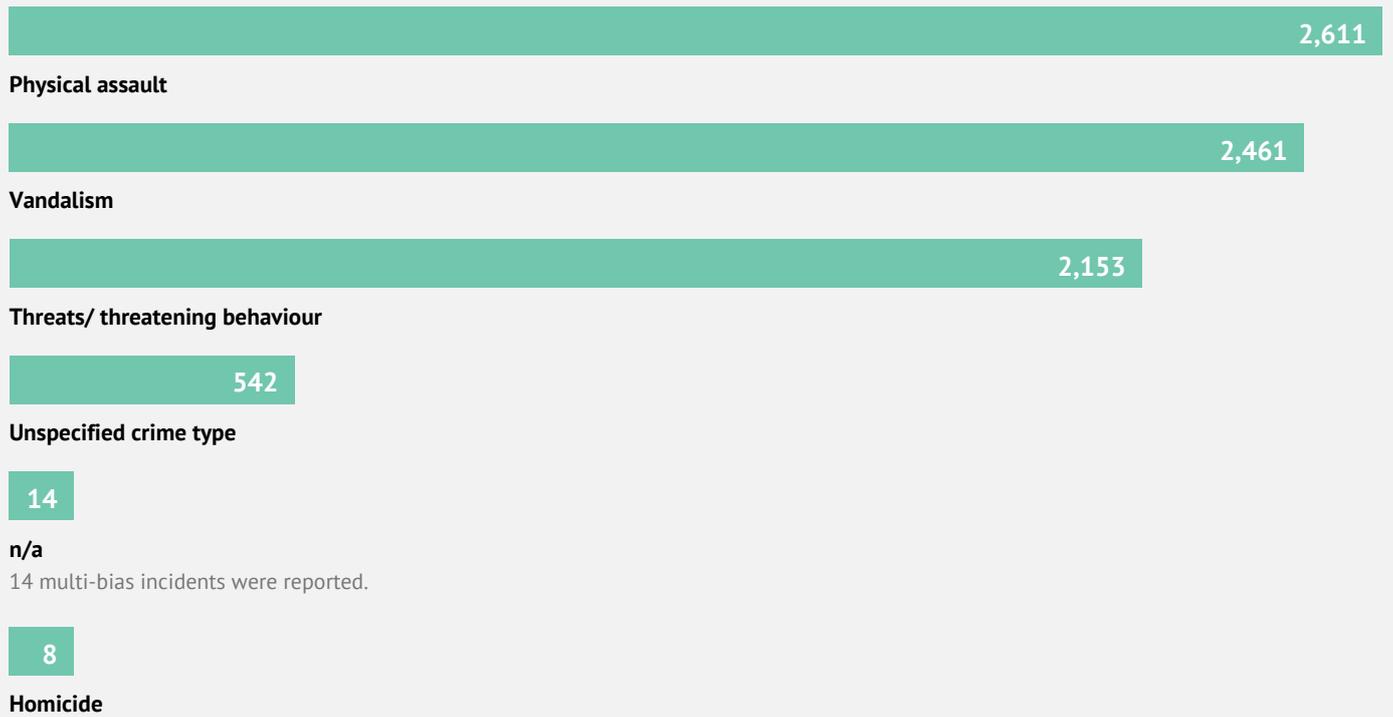
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Disability

14

Unspecified

Police data by type of crime



n/a
14 multi-bias incidents were reported.

National Developments

The Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act was signed on 28 October 2009. This Act expanded the 1969 federal hate crimes law to include crimes motivated by a victim's actual or perceived gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability. The law gives power to the **Department of Justice** to investigate and prosecute bias-motivated crimes, and to aid state and local jurisdictions with investigations and prosecutions of bias-motivated crimes.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

[View civil society incidents for United States of America, 2009](#)