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# HATE CRIME REPORTING

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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

## ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that the United States has not reported information on sentenced hate crime cases to ODIHR.

## Official Data

US data reports by incidents, offenses, victims and 'known' offenders. The FBI reports its overall total using 'offenses' label, therefore, these are the figures included. Only offenses with one recorded bias are shown in the breakdown below. Prosecution data refers to prosecutions carried out under federal law by the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division and U.S. Attorneys Offices throughout the country. The vast majority of hate crimes in the United States are prosecuted at the state and local level, for which no figures are currently compiled.

| Year | Hate crimes recorded by police | Prosecuted | Sentenced |
|------|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| 2014 | 6,385 | not available | not available |

# Police data by bias motivation

**Racist and xenophobic** — 3,871

**Anti-LGBTI** — 1,287

**Anti-Semitic** — 635

**Hate crime against Christians and members of other religions** — 279

Official figures record 95 hate crimes against Christians and 184 other anti-religious offences.

**Anti-Muslim** — 178

**Disability** — 95

**Unspecified** — 40

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# Police data by type of crime

**2,283**

**Physical assault**

This category includes rape, aggravated and simple assaults.

**1,738**

**Threats/ threatening behaviour**

This category consists of cases of intimidation.

**1,684**

**Damage to property**

This category consists of cases of destruction, damage and vandalism.

**540**

**Theft/ robbery**

This category includes cases of theft, robbery, burglary and motor vehicle theft.

**111**

**Unspecified crime type**

This category includes crimes against society and other types.

**25**

**Arson**

**4**

**Homicide**

This category includes murders and non-negligent manslaughter.

# National Developments

At the commemoration of the fifth Anniversary of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crime Prevention Act, the **Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division and the Executive Office for United States Attorneys** launched a series of five regional trainings on hate crime prevention and prosecutions across the nation, which are taking place in 2015. Trainings have also been held in Kansas City, Kansas; Biloxi, Mississippi; Portland, Oregon; and Miami, Florida. Each brought together state and local law enforcement, representatives of NGOs, faith leaders and community groups; and service providers. In addition, for the first time, each training included a segment presented by the FBI's Hate Crimes Statistics Unit on the importance of data collection and the new FBI training manual.

# Incidents reported by civil society

*No data reported to ODIHR.*

View civil society incidents for United States of America, 2014