

Table 8
HATE CRIMES, 1995-1998
Events by Bias Motivation

Bias motivation	1995		1996		1997		1998		Percent change 1995 - 1998
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Total.....	1,754	100.0	2,054	100.0	1,831	100.0	1,750	100.0	-2
Race/ethnicity.....	1,215	69.3	1,463	71.2	1,230	67.2	1,134	64.8	-6.7
Anti-white.....	193	11.0	220	10.7	147	8.0	147	8.4	-23.8
Anti-black.....	567	32.3	759	37.0	629	34.4	509	29.1	-10.2
Anti-Hispanic.....	158	9.0	167	8.1	141	7.7	126	7.2	-20.3
Anti-American Indian/ Alaskan native.....	1	.1	5	.2	2	.1	5	.3	-
Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander.....	142	8.1	153	7.4	160	8.7	135	7.7	-4.9
Anti-multi-racial group.....	81	4.6	69	3.4	73	4.0	140	8.0	72.8
Anti-other race/ethnic group...	73	4.2	90	4.4	78	4.3	72	4.1	-1.4
Religion.....	219	12.5	227	11.1	242	13.2	226	12.9	3.2
Anti-Jewish.....	174	9.9	166	8.1	212	11.6	176	10.1	1.1
Anti-Catholic.....	4	.2	5	.2	0	.0	13	.7	-
Anti-Protestant.....	8	.5	33	1.6	21	1.1	14	.8	-
Anti-Islamic.....	8	.5	9	.4	1	.1	4	.2	-
Anti-other religion.....	18	1.0	11	.5	6	.3	17	1.0	-
Anti-multi-religious group.....	7	.4	3	.1	1	.1	2	.1	-
Anti-atheism/agnosticism/etc..	0	.0	0	.0	1	.1	0	.0	-
Sexual orientation.....	317	18.1	362	17.6	357	19.5	387	22.1	22.1
Anti-male homosexual.....	251	14.3	306	14.9	284	15.5	307	17.5	22.3
Anti-female homosexual.....	50	2.9	45	2.2	57	3.1	58	3.3	16.0
Anti-homosexual.....	14	.8	7	.3	15	.8	21	1.2	-
Anti-heterosexual.....	1	.1	1	.0	1	.1	1	.1	-
Anti-bisexual.....	1	.1	3	.1	0	.0	0	.0	-
Physical/mental disability.....	3	.2	2	.1	2	.1	3	.2	-
Physical disability.....	0	.0	1	.0	2	.1	3	.2	-
Mental disability.....	3	.2	1	.0	0	.0	0	.0	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Hate Crime Statistical System.

Notes: Data resulting from new reporting programs should be collected for several years in order that statistical data can be properly analyzed.

Because of this, the Department of Justice recommends caution when comparing these annual data.

Percents may not add to subtotals or to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

Dash indicates that percent changes are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

A Cautionary Note

Data resulting from new reporting programs should be collected for several years in order that statistical data can be properly analyzed. Because of this, the DOJ does not recommend comparing these data with previously published data. In addition, the DOJ believes that the data may be underreported. Future reporting will improve as law enforcement personnel are trained to identify, investigate, and report hate crimes.

A number of additional factors can influence the volume of hate crime reported to the DOJ. These are:

- Efforts of community groups and law enforcement hate crime networks to identify and report hate crime to appropriate authorities.
- Cultural practices and likeliness of reporting hate crime.
- Strength and investigative emphasis of law enforcement agencies.
- Policies of law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies.
- Community policing policies.