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## Victims

In the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, the victim of a hate crime may be an individual, a business/financial institution, a government entity, a religious organization, or society/public as a whole. In 2023, the nation's law enforcement agencies reported that there were 14,416 victims of hate crimes. Of these victims, 559 were victimized in separate multiple-bias incidents.

The Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009, 18 U.S.C. §249, required the FBI to collect data concerning hate crimes committed by or directed against juveniles. Beginning in 2013, law enforcement began reporting the number of victims who are 18 years of age or older, the number of victims under the age of 18, and the number of individual victims. Of the 12,281 individuals for which victim age data were reported in 2023, 10,628 hate crime victims were adults, and 1,653 hate crime victims were juveniles.

In 2013, the national UCR Program began collecting revised race and ethnicity data in accordance with a directive from the U.S. Government's Office of Management and Budget. The race categories were expanded from four (White, Black, American Indian or Alaska Native, and Asian or Other Pacific Islander) to five (White, Black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander). The ethnicity categories changed from Hispanic and Non-Hispanic to Hispanic or Latino and Not Hispanic or Latino. (See the Methodology for more information about this program change as well as others.)

### **By bias motivation (Based on Table 1.)**

An analysis of data for victims of single-bias hate crime incidents showed that:

- 52.5 percent of the victims were targeted because of the offenders' bias against race/ethnicity/ancestry.
- 22.5 percent were victimized because of bias against religion.
- 18.4 percent were targeted because of bias against sexual orientation.

- 4.1 percent were victims of gender-identity bias.
- 1.6 percent were targeted because of bias against disability.
- 0.9 percent (125 individuals) were victims of gender bias.

Further examination of these bias categories showed the following details:

***Racial/ethnicity/ancestry bias (Based on Table 1.)***

Among single-bias hate crime incidents in 2023, there were 7,185 victims of race/ethnicity/ancestry motivated hate crime.

- 51.5 percent were victims of crimes motivated by offenders' anti-Black or African American bias.
- 14.6 percent were victims of anti-Hispanic or Latino bias.
- 13.5 percent were victims of anti-White bias.
- 6.7 percent were victims of anti-Asian bias.
- 3.4 percent were victims of bias against a group of individuals in which more than one race was represented (anti-multiple races, group).
- 2.2 percent were victims of anti-Arab bias.
- 1.7 percent were victims of anti-American Indian or Alaska Native bias.
- 0.2 percent (17 individuals) were victims of anti-Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander bias.
- 6.1 percent were victims of anti-Other Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry bias.

***Religious bias (Based on Table 1.)***

Of the 3,121 victims of anti-religious hate crimes:

- 66.3 percent were victims of crimes motivated by offenders' anti-Jewish bias.
- 9.1 percent were victims of anti-Islamic (Muslim) bias.

- 6.0 percent were victims of anti-Sikh bias.
- 2.7 percent were victims of anti-Other Christian bias.
- 2.7 percent were victims of anti-Catholic bias.
- 2.2 percent were victims of anti-Eastern Orthodox (Russian, Greek, Other) bias.
- 1.4 percent were victims of bias against groups of individuals of varying religions (anti-multiple religions, group).
- 1.0 percent were victims of anti-Protestant bias.
- 0.9 percent (29 individuals) were victims of anti-Hindu bias.
- 0.7 percent (23 individuals) were victims of anti-Buddhist bias.
- 0.7 percent (22 individuals) were victims of anti-Atheist/Agnostic bias.
- 0.6 percent (19 individuals) were victims of anti-Jehovah's Witness bias.
- 0.5 percent (16 individuals) were victims of anti-Church of Jesus Christ bias.
- 5.1 percent were victims of bias against other religions (anti-other religion).

***Sexual-orientation bias (Based on Table 1.)***

Of the 2,548 victims targeted due to sexual-orientation bias:

- 47.7 percent were victims of crimes motivated by offenders' anti-gay (male) bias.
- 42.5 percent were victims of anti-lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender (mixed group) bias.
- 7.8 percent were victims of anti-lesbian bias.
- 1.5 percent were victims of anti-bisexual bias.
- 0.5 percent (13 individuals) were victims of anti-heterosexual bias.

### ***Gender-identity bias (See Table 1.)***

Of the 566 victims of gender-identity bias:

- 409 were victims of anti-transgender bias.
- 157 were victims of anti-gender non-conforming bias.

### ***Disability bias (See Table 1.)***

Of the 222 victims of hate crimes due to the offenders' biases against disabilities:

- 134 were targets of anti-mental disability bias.
- 88 were victims of anti-physical disability bias.

### ***Gender bias (See Table 1.)***

Of the 125 victims of hate crime motivated by offenders' biases toward gender:

- 91 were categorized as anti-female.
- 34 were anti-male.

### **By crime category (Based on Table 2.)**

Of the 14,416 victims of hate crime, 62.2 percent were victims of crimes against persons, and 36.1 percent were victims of crimes against property. The remaining 1.7 percent were victims of crimes against society.

### **By offense type**

#### ***Crimes against persons (Based on Table 2.)***

In 2023, 8,969 victims of hate crimes were victims of crimes against persons. Regarding these victims and the crimes committed against them:

- 49.5 percent of the victims were intimidated.
- 32.6 percent were victims of simple assault.
- 16.7 percent were victims of aggravated assault.

- 0.2 percent (21 individuals) were murdered.
- 0.2 percent (19 individuals) were victims of rape.
- 0.7 percent (64 individuals) were victims of other types of offenses.

***Crimes against property (Based on Table 2.)***

In 2023, 5,205 victims of hate crimes were victims of crimes against property. Of these:

- 72.8 percent were victims of destruction/damage/vandalism.
- 15.2 percent were victims of larceny-theft.
- 3.6 percent were victims of robbery.
- 3.5 percent were victims of burglary.
- 1.6 percent were victims of arson.
- 0.7 percent (39 individuals) were victims of motor vehicle theft.
- 2.5 percent were victims of other types of hate crime offenses.

***Crimes against society (See Table 2.)***

There were 242 victims of hate crimes categorized as crimes against society. Crimes against society (e.g., weapon law violations, drug/narcotic offenses, gambling offenses) represent society's prohibition against engaging in certain types of activity; they are typically victimless crimes in which property is not the object.