HATE CRIMES FACT SHEET





What is a Hate Crime?

Hate Crimes: At the federal level, a crime motivated by bias against race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or disability.

Bias or Hate Incident: Acts of prejudice that are not crimes and do not involve violence, threats, or property damage.

For additional information on hate crimes resources visit https://www.justice.gov/hatecrimes.

How do I report a hate crime?

If you believe you are the victim of a hate crime or believe you witnessed a hate crime:

For emergencies Dial 911

OR

Step 1: Report the crime to your local police.

Step 2: Quickly follow up this report with a tip to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) tip line at 1-800-225-5324.

NEW JERSEY Hate Crimes Incidents in 2021

184 of 578 law enforcement agencies (32%) provided hate crime data.

Types of Crime

Crimes against Persons	192		79.7%
Crimes against Property	49	20.3%	
Crimes against Society	0	0.0%	

Bias Motivation Categories

	65.5% Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry
17.7%	Religion
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10.2%	Sexual Orientation
0.0%	Disability
0.0%	Gender
6.6%	Gender Identity

Bias Motivation Categories	2019	2020	2021
Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry	252	267	148
Religion	250	136	40
Sexual Orientation	65	62	23
Disability	1	4	0
Gender	5	8	0
Gender Identity	8	8	15

For additional statistics, visit the FBI Crime Data Explorer at https://cde.ucr.cjis.gov/LATEST/webapp/#/pages/explorer/crime/hate-crime.

2021 was the first year crime statistics were reported entirely through the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). As a result of the shift, law enforcement agency participation fell significantly from 2020 to 2021. This may limit the reliability of hate crime statistics in states with low participation.