



WEST VIRGINIA

Hate Crimes Incidents in 2021

247 of 435 law enforcement agencies (57%) provided hate crime data.

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.

Types of Crime

Crimes against Persons	34	50.0%
Crimes against Property	23	33.8%
Crimes against Society	11	16.2%

Bias Motivation Categories

37.9%	Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry
50.0%	Religion
8.6%	Sexual Orientation
1.7%	Disability
0.0%	Gender
1.7%	Gender Identity

Bias Motivation Categories	2019	2020	2021
Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry	18	30	22
Religion	6	16	29
Sexual Orientation	3	4	5
Disability	2	1	1
Gender	1	2	0
Gender Identity	1	1	1

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.