

United States of America Hate Crime Report 2009

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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](#)

[The United States's hate crime legislation](#)

Official Data

The US reports by incidents, offences, victims and known offenders. The FBI reports overall total "offenses", therefore, these are the figures included.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2009	7,789	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation

4,866

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

Official figures record 3816 racist offences and 1050 with an ethnicity/national origin bias.

1,436

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

Official figures record 1436 offences motivated by bias against sexual orientation.

964

Anti-Semitic hate crime

Official figures record 964 anti-Jewish offences.

284

Hate crime against Christians and members of other religions

Official figures record 284 offences motivated by a religious bias, consisting of 55 anti-Catholic, 40 anti-Protestant, 119 "anti-other religion", 60 anti-multiple religions/group, and 10 "anti-atheism/agnosticism/etc."

128

Anti-Muslim hate crime

A **Special Adviser on Muslim Affairs** was appointed to serve on the President's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. The role of the Special Adviser will be to increase dialogue between Muslims and the Presidential Administration.

97

Disability hate crime

Official figures record 97 offences motivated by bias against disability.

14

Unspecified

Police data by type of crime

2,611

Physical assault

2,461

Vandalism

2,153

Threats/ threatening behaviour

542

Unspecified

14

n/a

14 multi-bias incidents were reported.

8

Homicide

National Developments

The Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act was signed on 28 October 2009. This Act expanded the 1969 federal hate crimes law to include crimes motivated by a victim's actual or perceived gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability. The law gives power to the **Department of Justice** to investigate and prosecute bias-motivated crimes, and to aid state and local jurisdictions with investigations and prosecutions of bias-motivated crimes.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.