

HATE CRIME



Hate Crime Data

The reporting of select hate crime offenses is mandated by Chapter 50 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, 709/5. A hate crime is committed when, by reason of the actual or perceived race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, or national origin of another individual or group of individuals, a person commits an offense against the individual or group of individuals. Additionally, the Hate Crime Statistics Act of 1990 mandates the reporting of hate crime offenses to the Federal Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

An important qualifier must be present when reporting a hate crime. The fact that the offender is biased against the victim’s race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or ethnicity/national origin does not mean that a hate crime occurred. The offender’s criminal act must have been motivated by his bias. Before an offense can be reported as a hate crime, sufficient facts must be present to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the offender’s actions were motivated by his bias. Acts of vandalism (graffiti being the most common) are reported only when the owner of the property vandalized is a member of the bias group targeted. Graffiti may be reported as assault if a member of the bias group cannot avoid the graffiti and is fearful for his/her safety.

The Federal UCR Program’s offense definitions do not always align with Illinois Compiled Statutes (ILCS) offense definitions. Example: The ILCS offense of battery equates to the Federal UCR Program offense of assault. This creates the potential for discrepancies between hate crime statistics published in the annual Crime in Illinois versus Crime in the United States publications.

Several enhancements were implemented in 2014 to the hate crime reporting process. There was a significant increase in the number of locations that could be reported to identify where the incident took place, and the addition of gender-related bias motivations. Additional religious-related bias motivations were added in 2015.

Illinois UCR Program		Federal UCR Program
Criminal Homicide	—>	Murder
Criminal Sexual Assault	—>	Rape
Robbery	—>	Robbery
Aggravated Battery	—>	Aggravated Assault
Battery	—>	Simple Assault
Aggravated Assault	—>	Aggravated Assault
Assault	—>	Intimidation
Burglary	—>	Burglary
Theft	—>	Larceny/Theft
Motor Vehicle Theft	—>	Motor Vehicle Theft
Arson	—>	Arson
Criminal Damage to Property	—>	Destruction/Damage/Vandalism

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Bias Motivation by Offense

Bias Nature	Group Percent	Bias Type	# of Offenses	Percent of Category	Percent of Total
Race/ Ethnicity/ Ancestry	55.4%	Anti - White	7	13.7%	7.6%
		Anti - Black	28	54.9%	30.4%
		Anti - Asian	1	2.0%	1.1%
		Anti - Arab	0	0%	0%
		Anti - Hispanic or Latino	11	21.6%	12.0%
		Anti - Not Hispanic or Latino	4	7.8%	4.3%
Religion	12.0%	Anti - Jewish	5	45.5%	5.4%
		Anti - Islamic (Muslim)	4	36.4%	4.3%
		Anti - Other Religion	1	9.1%	1.1%
		Anti - Other Christian	1	9.1%	1.1%
Sexuality	25.0%	Anti - Gay (Male)	18	78.3%	19.6%
		Anti - Lesbian	1	4.3%	1.1%
		Anti - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender	4	17.4%	4.3%
Gender	7.6%	Anti - Transgender	7	100.0%	7.6%
TOTAL	100.0%	TOTAL	92	100.0%	100.0%

Hate Crime Offenses

Offense Type	# of Offenses	% of Total
Agg. Battery/Agg. Assault	20	21.7%
Arson	1	1.1%
Assault	23	25.0%
Battery	30	32.6%
Criminal Damage to Property	13	14.1%
Robbery	5	5.4%
TOTAL	92	100.0%

Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding.

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Hate Crime Offenses by Location

Location	# of Offenses	% of Total
Air/Bus/Train Terminal	9	9.8%
Bar/Night Club	1	1.1%
Church/Synagogue/Temple/Mosque	4	4.3%
Convenience Store	2	2.2%
Department/Discount Store	2	2.2%
Drug Store/Doctor's Office/Hospital	1	1.1%
Construction Site	1	1.1%
Commercial/Office Building	3	3.3%
Highway/Road/Alley/Street	28	30.4%
Government/Public Building	1	1.1%
Other/Unknown	3	3.3%
Park/Playground	1	1.1%
Parking Lot/Garage	1	1.1%
Residence/Home	23	25.0%
Restaurant	8	8.7%
Hotel/Motel/etc.	2	2.2%
School - Elementary/Secondary	1	1.1%
Service/Gas Station	1	1.1%
TOTAL	92	100.0%

Hate Crime Offenses by Offender Race

Offender's Race	# of Offenders	% of Total
Asian/Pacific Islander	3	1.5%
Black	127	63.8%
Unknown	18	9.0%
White	51	25.6%
TOTAL	199	100.0%

Hate Crime Offenses by Offender Ethnicity

Offender's Ethnicity	# of Offenders	% of Total
Hispanic or Latino	12	6.0%
Not Hispanic or Latino	96	48.2%
Unknown	87	43.5%
Multiple Ethnicities	4	2.0%
TOTAL	199	100.0%

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Bias Type per Offense Percentages

Bias Type	Aggravated Assault Aggravated Battery	Assault	Battery	Criminal Sexual Assault	Criminal Damage to Property
Anti - White	3.3%	2.2%	1.1%	—	—
Anti - Black	8.7%	9.8%	8.7%	—	2.2%
Anti - Asian	—	—	—	—	1.1%
Anti - Arab	—	—	—	—	—
Anti - Hispanic or Latino	4.3%	—	3.3%	—	3.3%
Anti - Not Hispanic or Latino	—	2.2%	2.2%	—	0.8%
Anti - Jewish	—	2.2%	—	—	2.1%
Anti - Islamic (Muslim)	1.1%	—	1.1%	—	2.1%
Anti - Catholic	—	—	—	—	1.1%
Anti - Other Christian	—	—	1.1%	—	—
Anti - Buddhist	—	—	—	—	—
Anti - Mental Disability	—	—	—	—	—
Anti - Gay (Male)	3.3%	4.3%	9.9%	—	2.2%
Anti - Lesbian	—	—	—	—	1.1%
Anti - Transgender	1.1%	3.2%	2.2%	—	—
Anti - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender (Mixed Group)	—	1.1%	1.1%	—	2.1%

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Bias Type per Offense Percentages

Bias Type	Robbery	Burglary	Theft	Arson
Anti - White	1.1%	—	—	—
Anti - Black	—	—	—	—
Anti - Asian	—	—	—	—
Anti - Arab	—	—	—	—
Anti - Hispanic or Latino	—	—	—	—
Anti - Not Hispanic or Latino	—	—	—	—
Anti - Jewish	—	—	—	1.1%
Anti - Islamic (Muslim)	—	—	—	—
Anti - Other Religion	—	—	—	—
Anti - Other Christian	—	—	—	—
Anti - Buddhist	—	—	—	—
Anti - Mental Disability	—	—	—	—
Anti - Gay (Male)	2.2%	—	—	—
Anti - Lesbian	—	—	—	—
Anti - Transgender	1.1%	—	—	—
Anti - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender (Mixed Group)	—	—	—	—

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