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The role of the Criminal Justice Statistics Center is:

- To collect, analyze, and report statistical data, which provide valid measures of crime and the criminal justice process;
- To examine these data on an ongoing basis to better describe crime and the criminal justice system;
- To promote the responsible presentation and use of crime statistics.

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HATE CRIMES REPORT

More than 2,000 people were reportedly victims of a hate crime in California in 1997. That's a shocking number when one considers the motivation behind a hate crime - the victim's race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or physical or mental disability.

My office is tasked with collecting statewide data on the number of hate crimes committed each year, and this is the third full-year report we have issued reflecting the information provided to us by local law enforcement. As in previous reports - and similar to national statistics - the majority of reported hate crimes in 1997 were tied to the victim's race, accounting for 67.2 percent of the incidents. Most of the known offenses were violent crimes (73.6 percent), with intimidation accounting for 715 of the nearly 1,500 violent offenses.

While these statistics seem overwhelming, they cannot begin to convey the pain endured by each victim. These are truly among the ugliest of crimes, in which the perpetrator thinks the victim is less of a human being because of his or her skin color, religion, sexual orientation or disability. With the release of this data, we hope to bring an awareness to this issue and send a message to those who would commit these crimes of intolerance that we, as a society, will not tolerate such hatred.

It is incumbent upon all Californians to report hate crimes so that the perpetrators can be brought to justice. As law enforcement, we are responsible for documenting the crimes and showing sensitivity to the needs of each victim. The response to a hate crime must involve the whole community, since an attack on an individual also affects the community at large.

California's modern heritage is one in which diversity is respected, not scorned. As long as hate crimes continue to counter that heritage, we must be diligent in denouncing intolerance and protecting the rights of all.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Crime Data

In 1997,

- The Department of Justice received reports from 242 law enforcement agencies detailing 1,831 hate crime events. Included in these events were 2,023 offenses, 2,279 victims, and 2,206 known suspects.
- 67.2 percent of the events were motivated by the race/ethnicity of the victim.
- Violent crime accounted for 73.6 percent of known offenses.
- Most of the hate crimes occurred on a highway, road, alley, street, or sidewalk (31.5 percent) or at a home or residence of the victim (31.0 percent).

Prosecutorial Data

In 1997,

- There were a total of 313 hate crime complaints filed by the district attorneys and elected city attorneys.
- There were a total of 223 convictions.
- The conviction rate (223/313) was 71.2 percent.



Overview

The Attorney General's Hate Crime Reporting Program was implemented in 1994. In 1995, the first publication, *Hate Crime in California, July through December, 1994*, was issued. This fourth yearly publication, *Hate Crime in California, 1997*, includes data for January through December.

As defined in California Penal Code section 13023, a hate crime is any criminal act or attempted criminal act motivated by hatred based on race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation or disability. These crimes must be reported to the Department of Justice (DOJ) by law enforcement agencies. Information about bias motivation, type of crime, location of crime, number of victims, and number of known suspects is included in each crime report.

All law enforcement agencies in California participate in this program. These agencies recognize that quality information is central to developing effective measures to deal with hate crime. In cooperation with the DOJ, agencies in California have initiated local data collection programs, the results of which are presented in this publication.

Data Comparison - A Cautionary Note

Data resulting from new reporting programs should be collected for several years in order that statistical data can be properly analyzed. Because of this, the DOJ does not recommend comparing these data with previously published data. In addition, the DOJ believes that the data may be underreported. Future reporting will improve as law enforcement personnel are trained to identify, investigate, and report hate crimes.

A number of additional factors can influence the volume of hate crime reported to the DOJ. These are:

- Efforts of community groups and law enforcement hate crime networks to identify and report hate crime to appropriate authorities.
- Cultural practices and likeliness of reporting hate crime.
- Strength and investigative emphasis of law enforcement agencies.
- Policies of law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies.
- Community policing policies.



HATE CRIME IN CALIFORNIA, 1997

Introduction

California Penal Code Section 13023 (Appendix 1) requires the Attorney General to submit an annual report to the Legislature regarding crimes motivated by the victim's race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or physical or mental disability as reported by law enforcement agencies. Data collection began in the fall of 1994 after an orientation and training period. Agencies were requested to identify and submit all reports of bias motivated crime occurring on or after July 1, 1994, to the Department of Justice. In 1995, the Department of Justice published its first report covering data reported for July through December 1994. This is the fourth report and covers the period January 1 through December 31, 1997.

Since this is a relatively new program and long-term comparative information is not available, caution is advised in interpreting the data. As program participants gain experience in identifying, documenting, interpreting, aggregating and displaying the information, statistical data will become available that will provide a basis for annual trend analysis and policy development.

Background

In January 1986, the California Department of Justice (DOJ) submitted a report to the Legislature in response to Senate Bill 2080 (Watson). This report, entitled *Racial, Ethnic, and Religious Crime Project, Preliminary Steps to Establish Statewide Collection of Data*, recommended:

- The Department of Justice be designated as the appropriate state agency to implement and coordinate statewide bias-motivated crime data collection.
- Law enforcement agencies submit existing crime reports identified as bias motivated to the DOJ.
- Uniform definitions and guidelines be established to ensure reliable and consistent identification of bias motivated crimes.
- Adequate funding be provided for data collection and local law enforcement agency training.

Senate Bill 202 (Watson) was chaptered in 1989. The bill added Section 13023 to the Penal Code requiring the Attorney General, subject to the availability of funding, to begin collecting and reporting bias motivated crime information.



Background (continued)

The federal "Hate Crime Statistics Act," Public Law 101-275, which became law on April 23, 1990, required the United States Attorney General to collect bias motivated crime information. The FBI began collecting the data from volunteer agencies in 1991. Their first report was published in 1992.

After funding for the California program was obtained, agencies were notified by Information Bulletin 94-25-OMET, issued September 30, 1994, to begin reporting bias motivated crimes to the DOJ.

Information Bulletin 95-09-BCIA, issued March 24, 1995, requested California district attorneys to report information on complaints filed and convictions for bias motivated crimes on a standard form.

Methodology

Following the recommendations in the 1986 report, the DOJ requires each law enforcement agency in the state to submit copies of bias-motivated crime reports on a monthly basis. To ensure relevancy to the subject matter, the DOJ requests that each agency establish a two-tier review process of possible bias-motivated incidents before reports are forwarded.

Reports received by the DOJ are reviewed by at least two members of the bias-motivated crime unit before the data are included in the aggregate reports. All crime reports that meet the bias motivated criteria are coded in a standard format by the DOJ staff. If the report is not complete or if it appears that the incident is not bias-motivated, the agency is notified.

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CRIME DATA



In 1997,

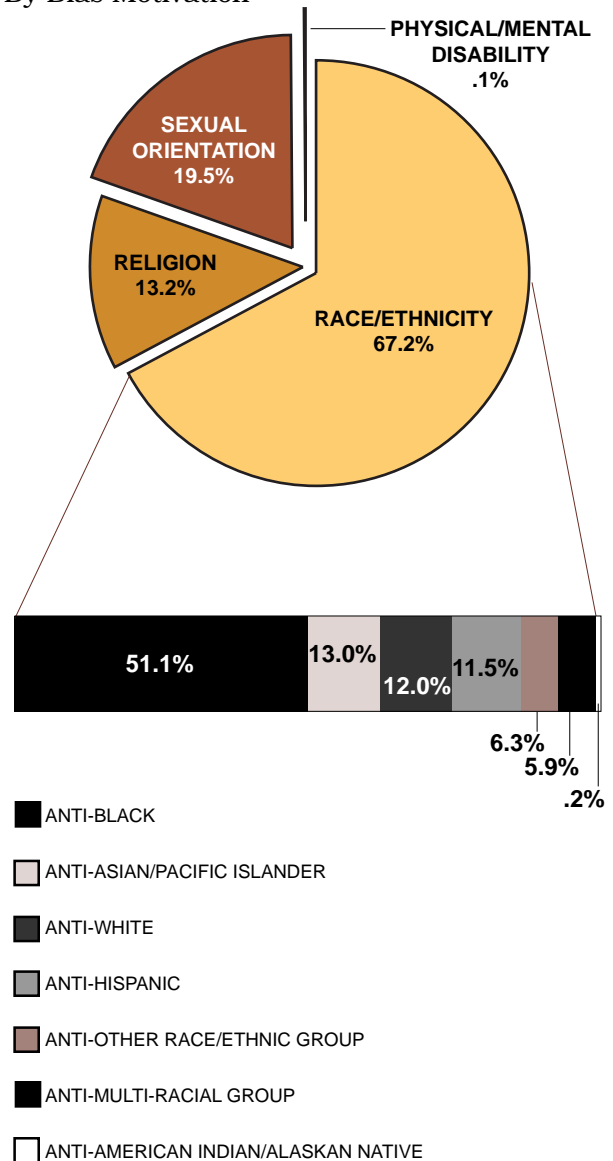
Of 1,831 reported hate crime events:

- 67.2 percent (1,230) were motivated by the race/ethnicity of the victim.
- 13.2 percent (242) were motivated by the religion of the victim.
- 19.5 percent (357) were motivated by the sexual orientation of the victim.
- .1 percent (2) were motivated by the physical/mental disability of the victim.

Of the 1,230 events motivated by the race/ethnicity of the victim:

- 51.1 percent were anti-black.
- 13.0 percent were anti-Asian/Pacific Islander.
- 12.0 percent were anti-white.
- 11.5 percent were anti-Hispanic.
- 6.3 percent were anti-other race/ethnic group.
- 5.9 percent were anti-multi-racial group.
- .2 percent were anti-American Indian/Alaskan native.

Chart 1
HATE CRIMES, 1997
By Bias Motivation



Source: Table 1.

In 1997,

Of 1,831 reported events:

- Violent crimes accounted for 73.8 percent (1,352).
- Property crimes accounted for 26.2 percent (479).

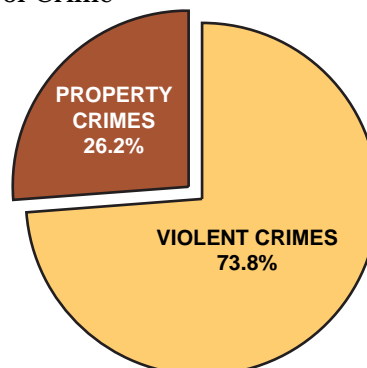
Of the 1,352 violent crimes:

- 46.4 percent involved intimidation.
- 26.0 percent involved simple assault.
- 23.4 percent involved aggravated assault.
- 3.8 percent involved robbery.
- .2 percent involved murder.
- .1 percent involved forcible rape.

Of the 479 property crimes:

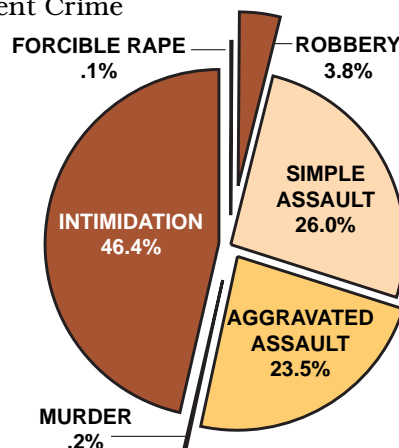
- 88.5 percent involved destruction/ vandalism.
- 4.6 percent involved burglary.
- 3.8 percent involved arson.
- 2.9 percent involved larceny-theft.
- .2 percent involved motor vehicle theft.

Chart 2
HATE CRIMES, 1997
By Type of Crime



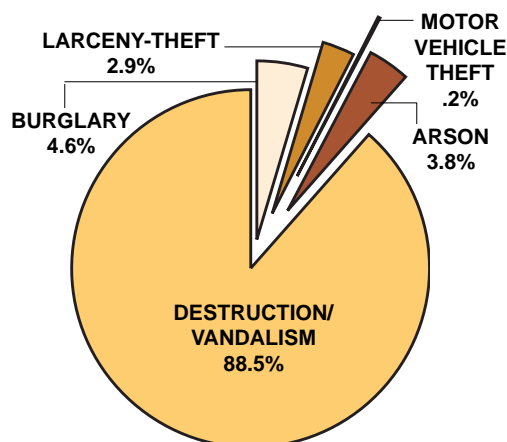
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Chart 3
HATE CRIMES, 1997
By Violent Crime



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Chart 4
HATE CRIMES, 1997
By Property Crime



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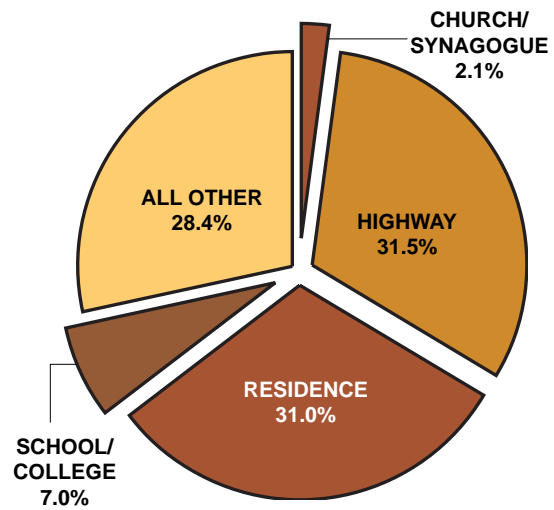


In 1997,

Of 1,831 reported hate crime events:

- 31.5 percent (576) occurred on a highway, road, alley, street, or sidewalk.
- 31.0 percent (568) occurred at the victim's home or another residence.
- 7.0 percent (129) occurred on a school or campus property.
- 2.1 percent (38) occurred at a church, synagogue, or temple center.
- 28.4 percent (520) occurred in other locations not displayed in Chart 5 but listed in Table 3.

Chart 5
HATE CRIMES, 1997
By Location



Source: Table 3.

Note: "All Other" includes categories that are not displayed in Chart 5 but are listed in Table 3.



Crime Data Table 4

In 1997,

Of 2,279 victims of hate crimes:

- Most (2,127) were individuals. Of these,
 - 72.2 percent (1,536 individuals) were victims because of their race/ethnicity.
 - 9.0 percent (191 individuals) were victims because of their religion.
 - 18.7 percent (398 individuals) were victims because of their sexual orientation.
 - .1 percent (2 individuals) were victims because of their physical/mental disability.
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Crime Data Table 5

In 1997,

Of 2,279 victims of hate crimes:

- Most (2,127) were individuals. Of these,
 - Violent crimes against the individual accounted for 81.4 percent (1,732).
 - Crimes against property accounted for 18.6 percent (395).
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Crime Data Table 6

In 1997,

Of 2,279 victims of hate crimes:

- Most (2,127) were individuals. Of these,
 - 33.4 percent (711) became victims on highways, roads, alleys, or streets.
 - 32.3 percent (686) became victims at their homes or other residences.



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Table 1
HATE CRIMES, 1997
Events, Offenses, Victims, and Known Suspects by Bias Motivation

Bias motivation	Events		Offenses		Victims		Known suspects	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	1,831	100.0	2,023	100.0	2,279	100.0	2,206	100.0
Race/ethnicity.....	1,230	67.2	1,362	67.3	1,608	70.6	1,607	72.8
Anti-white.....	147	8.0	160	7.9	187	8.2	243	11.0
Anti-black.....	629	34.4	690	34.1	816	35.8	880	39.9
Anti-Hispanic.....	141	7.7	162	8.0	178	7.8	179	8.1
Anti-American Indian/ Alaskan native.....	2	.1	2	.1	2	.1	3	.1
Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander.....	160	8.7	177	8.7	208	9.1	167	7.6
Anti-multi-racial group.....	73	4.0	82	4.1	116	5.1	71	3.2
Anti-other race/ethnic group.....	78	4.3	89	4.4	101	4.4	64	2.9
Religion.....	242	13.2	253	12.5	259	11.4	123	5.6
Anti-Jewish.....	212	11.6	218	10.8	227	10.0	102	4.6
Anti-Catholic.....	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Anti-Protestant.....	21	1.1	24	1.2	22	1.0	9	.4
Anti-Islamic.....	1	.1	1	.0	1	.0	1	.0
Anti-other religion.....	6	.3	8	.4	7	.3	6	.3
Anti-multi-religious group.....	1	.1	1	.0	1	.0	1	.0
Anti-atheism/agnosticism/etc....	1	.1	1	.0	1	.0	4	.2
Sexual orientation.....	357	19.5	406	20.1	410	18.0	473	21.4
Anti-male homosexual.....	284	15.5	326	16.1	324	14.2	390	17.7
Anti-female homosexual.....	57	3.1	63	3.1	70	3.1	69	3.1
Anti-homosexual.....	15	.8	16	.8	15	.7	12	.5
Anti-heterosexual.....	1	.1	1	.0	1	.0	2	.1
Anti-bisexual.....	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Physical/mental disability.....	2	.1	2	.1	2	.1	3	.1
Physical disability.....	2	.1	2	.1	2	.1	3	.1
Mental disability.....	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0

Note: Percents may not add to subtotals or to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

Table 2
HATE CRIMES, 1997
Events, Offenses, Victims, and Known Suspects by Type of Offense

Type of crime	Events		Offenses		Victims		Known suspects	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	1,831	100.0	2,023	100.0	2,279	100.0	2,206	100.0
Violent crimes	1,352	73.8	1,489	73.6	1,732	76.0	2,074	94.0
Murder.....	3	.2	3	.1	3	.1	8	.4
Forcible rape.....	1	.1	1	.0	1	.0	1	.0
Robbery.....	52	2.8	52	2.6	65	2.9	156	7.1
Aggravated assault.....	317	17.3	338	16.7	425	18.6	599	27.2
Simple assault.....	352	19.2	380	18.8	410	18.0	572	25.9
Intimidation.....	627	34.2	715	35.3	828	36.3	738	33.5
Property crimes	479	26.2	534	26.4	547	24.0	132	6.0
Burglary.....	22	1.2	23	1.1	25	1.1	9	.4
Larceny-theft.....	14	.8	15	.7	14	.6	13	.6
Motor vehicle theft.....	1	.1	1	.0	1	.0	0	.0
Arson.....	18	1.0	18	.9	23	1.0	9	.4
Destruction/vandalism.....	424	23.2	477	23.6	484	21.2	101	4.6

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Table 3
HATE CRIMES, 1997
Events, Offenses, Victims, and Known Suspects by Location

Location	Events		Offenses		Victims		Known suspects	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	1,831	100.0	2,023	100.0	2,279	100.0	2,206	100.0
Air/bus/train terminal.....	36	2.0	39	1.9	37	1.6	52	2.4
Bank/savings and loan.....	1	.1	1	.0	1	.0	1	.0
Bar/night club.....	26	1.4	27	1.3	33	1.4	48	2.2
Church/synagogue/temple.....	38	2.1	42	2.1	40	1.8	11	.5
Commercial/office building.....	72	3.9	75	3.7	78	3.4	44	2.0
Construction site.....	1	.1	1	.0	1	.0	1	.0
Convenience store.....	19	1.0	24	1.2	23	1.0	26	1.2
Department/discount store.....	4	.2	4	.2	5	.2	5	.2
Drug store/Dr.'s office/hospital..	9	.5	10	.5	11	.5	5	.2
Field/woods.....	43	2.3	51	2.5	57	2.5	69	3.1
Government/public building.....	6	.3	7	.3	8	.4	6	.3
Grocery/supermarket.....	13	.7	15	.7	16	.7	12	.5
Highway/road/alley/street.....	576	31.5	659	32.6	719	31.5	994	45.1
Hotel/motel/etc.....	8	.4	8	.4	13	.6	10	.5
Jail/prison.....	25	1.4	26	1.3	27	1.2	25	1.1
Lake/waterway.....	11	.6	15	.7	13	.6	17	.8
Liquor store.....	7	.4	8	.4	8	.4	15	.7
Parking lot/garage.....	100	5.5	113	5.6	118	5.2	114	5.2
Rental storage facility.....	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Residence/home.....	568	31.0	609	30.1	687	30.1	384	17.4
Restaurant.....	30	1.6	31	1.5	41	1.8	32	1.5
School/college.....	129	7.0	138	6.8	210	9.2	223	10.1
Service/gas station.....	11	.6	14	.7	12	.5	24	1.1
Specialty store (TV, fur, etc.)....	48	2.6	52	2.6	57	2.5	33	1.5
Other.....	50	2.7	54	2.7	64	2.8	55	2.5

Note: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

Table 4
HATE CRIMES, 1997
Victim Type by Bias Motivation

Bias motivation	Total ¹		Individual		Business/ financial institution ²		Government ²		Religious organization ²		Society/ public ²		Other ²	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	2,279	100.0	2,127	100.0	49	100.0	1	100.0	30	100.0	58	100.0	14	100.0
Race/ethnicity.....	1,608	70.6	1,536	72.2	30	-	0	-	3	-	32	55.2	7	-
Anti-white.....	187	8.2	187	8.8	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Anti-black.....	816	35.8	765	36.0	19	-	0	-	2	-	23	39.7	7	-
Anti-Hispanic.....	178	7.8	176	8.3	1	-	0	-	0	-	1	1.7	0	-
Anti-American Indian/ Alaskan native.....	2	.1	1	.0	1	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander....	208	9.1	198	9.3	5	-	0	-	1	-	4	6.9	0	-
Anti-multi-racial group.....	116	5.1	110	5.2	2	-	0	-	0	-	4	6.9	0	-
Anti-other race/ethnic group..	101	4.4	99	4.7	2	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Religion.....	259	11.4	191	9.0	13	-	1	-	27	-	21	36.2	6	-
Anti-Jewish.....	227	10.0	180	8.5	12	-	1	-	8	-	20	34.5	6	-
Anti-Catholic.....	0	.0	0	.0	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Anti-Protestant.....	22	1.0	4	.2	1	-	0	-	16	-	1	1.7	0	-
Anti-Islamic (Moslem).....	1	.0	1	.0	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Anti-other religion.....	7	.3	4	.2	0	-	0	-	3	-	0	.0	0	-
Anti-multi-religious group.....	1	.0	1	.0	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Anti-atheism/agnosticism/etc	1	.0	1	.0	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Sexual orientation.....	410	18.0	398	18.7	6	-	0	-	0	-	5	8.6	1	-
Anti-male homosexual.....	324	14.2	317	14.9	4	-	0	-	0	-	3	5.2	0	-
Anti-female homosexual.....	70	3.1	70	3.3	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Anti-homosexual.....	15	.7	10	.5	2	-	0	-	0	-	2	3.4	1	-
Anti-heterosexual.....	1	.0	1	.0	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Anti-bisexual.....	0	.0	0	.0	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Physical/mental disability.....	2	.1	2	.1	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Physical disability.....	2	.1	2	.1	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Mental disability.....	0	.0	0	.0	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-

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 Dash indicates that percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.
¹Numbers represent total number of victims (i.e., entities and individuals), not the number of hate crime events.
²Numbers represent acts directed at entities other than individuals.

Table 5
HATE CRIMES, 1997
Victim Type by Type of Offense

Type of crime	Total ¹		Individual		Business/ financial institution ²		Government ²		Religious organization ²		Society/ public ²		Other ²	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	2,279	100.0	2,127	100.0	49	100.0	1	100.0	30	100.0	58	100.0	14	100.0
Violent crimes	1,732	76.0	1,732	81.4	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Murder.....	3	.1	3	.1	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Forcible rape.....	1	.0	1	.0	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Robbery.....	65	2.9	65	3.1	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Aggravated assault.....	425	18.6	425	20.0	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Simple assault.....	410	18.0	410	19.3	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Intimidation.....	828	36.3	828	38.9	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Property crimes	547	24.0	395	18.6	49	-	1	-	30	-	58	100.0	14	-
Burglary.....	25	1.1	18	.8	0	-	0	-	5	-	2	3.4	0	-
Larceny-theft.....	14	.6	14	.7	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Motor vehicle theft.....	1	.0	1	.0	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Arson.....	23	1.0	15	.7	3	-	0	-	2	-	0	.0	3	-
Destruction/vandalism.....	484	21.2	347	16.3	46	-	1	-	23	-	56	96.6	11	-

Notes: Percents may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of independent rounding.

Dash indicates that percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

¹Numbers represent total number of victims (i.e., entities and individuals), not the number of hate crime events.

²Numbers represent acts directed at entities other than individuals.

Table 6
HATE CRIMES, 1997
Victim Type by Location

Location	Total ¹		Individual		Business/ financial institution ²		Government ²		Religious organization ²		Society/ public ²		Other ²	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	2,279	100.0	2,127	100.0	49	100.0	1	100.0	30	100.0	58	100.0	14	100.0
Air/bus/train terminal.....	37	1.6	36	1.7	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	1	-
Bank/savings and loan.....	1	.0	1	.0	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Bar/night club.....	33	1.4	33	1.6	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Church/synagogue/temple.....	40	1.8	10	.5	0	-	0	-	30	-	0	.0	0	-
Commercial/office building....	78	3.4	67	3.1	11	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Construction site.....	1	.0	1	.0	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Convenience store.....	23	1.0	23	1.1	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Department/discount store.....	5	.2	5	.2	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Drug store/Dr.'s office/hospital	11	.5	9	.4	2	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Field/woods.....	57	2.5	51	2.4	0	-	1	-	0	-	5	8.6	0	-
Government/public building....	8	.4	8	.4	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Grocery/supermarket.....	16	.7	11	.5	5	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Highway/road/alley/street.....	719	31.5	711	33.4	0	-	0	-	0	-	5	8.6	3	-
Hotel/motel/etc.....	13	.6	11	.5	2	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Jail/prison.....	27	1.2	27	1.3	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Lake/waterway.....	13	.6	12	.6	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	1	-
Liquor store.....	8	.4	8	.4	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Parking lot/garage.....	118	5.2	118	5.5	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Rental storage facility.....	0	.0	0	.0	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Residence/home.....	687	30.1	686	32.3	1	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Restaurant.....	41	1.8	37	1.7	4	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
School/college.....	210	9.2	165	7.8	0	-	0	-	0	-	45	77.6	0	-
Service/gas station.....	12	.5	10	.5	2	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Specialty store (TV, fur, etc.)..	57	2.5	44	2.1	13	-	0	-	0	-	0	.0	0	-
Other.....	64	2.8	43	2.0	9	-	0	-	0	-	3	5.2	9	-

Notes: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.
Dash indicates that percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.
¹Numbers represent total number of victims (i.e., entities and individuals), not the number of hate crime events.
²Numbers represent acts directed at entities other than individuals.

Table 7
HATE CRIMES, 1997
Events, Offenses, Victims, and Known Suspects
by County and Jurisdiction

County and jurisdiction	Events	Offenses	Victims	Known suspects
Total.....	1,831	2,023	2,279	2,206
Alameda County.....	74	79	96	66
Sheriff's Dept.....	5	5	10	2
Alameda.....	12	14	13	11
Berkeley.....	5	7	8	6
Emeryville.....	1	1	1	0
Fremont.....	8	8	8	6
Hayward.....	3	3	3	11
Livermore.....	6	6	6	7
Newark.....	6	6	9	2
Oakland.....	22	23	31	15
San Leandro.....	5	5	6	5
Alameda Bart.....	1	1	1	1
Alpine County.....	1	1	1	1
Sheriff's Dept.....	1	1	1	1
Amador County.....	1	1	1	1
Ione.....	1	1	1	1
Butte County.....	0	0	0	0
Calaveras County.....	2	2	2	2
Sheriff's Dept.....	2	2	2	2
Colusa County.....	1	1	1	1
Sheriff's Dept.....	1	1	1	1
Contra Costa County.....	71	76	89	72
Sheriff's Dept.....	12	13	14	9
Antioch.....	4	4	5	4
Brentwood.....	1	1	1	0
Concord.....	16	18	22	22
Hercules.....	2	2	2	2
Pinole.....	1	2	1	1
Pittsburg.....	1	1	1	0
Pleasant Hill.....	12	12	15	6
Richmond.....	10	11	14	6
Walnut Creek.....	11	11	12	18
Contra Costa Bart.....	1	1	2	4
Del Norte County.....	3	4	3	5
Sheriff's Dept.....	2	2	2	2
Crescent City.....	1	2	1	3
El Dorado County.....	6	7	9	7
Sheriff's Dept.....	3	3	5	2
Placerville.....	2	2	2	3
South Lake Tahoe.....	1	2	2	2
Fresno County.....	46	49	69	61
Sheriff's Dept.....	2	3	3	3
Clovis.....	2	2	11	3
Fresno.....	41	43	54	55
CSU Fresno.....	1	1	1	0
Glenn County.....	0	0	0	0
Humboldt County.....	4	5	5	1
Arcata.....	2	2	2	0
Eureka.....	2	3	3	1

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Table 7 - continued
HATE CRIMES, 1997
*Events, Offenses, Victims, and Known Suspects
 by County and Jurisdiction*

County and jurisdiction	Events	Offenses	Victims	Known suspects
Imperial County.....	0	0	0	0
Inyo County.....	0	0	0	0
Kern County.....	11	14	13	21
Sheriff's Dept.....	6	9	7	17
Ridgecrest.....	5	5	6	4
Kings County.....	0	0	0	0
Lake County.....	0	0	0	0
Lassen County.....	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles County.....	676	739	810	814
Sheriff's Dept ¹	96	115	121	103
Unincorporated ²	18	22	25	17
Agoura Hills ³	4	5	5	5
Avalon ³	2	2	6	7
Bellflower ³	3	3	3	3
Carson ³	4	6	5	7
Cerritos ³	4	4	4	3
City of Diamond Bar ³	1	1	1	1
Lancaster ³	22	25	26	22
Lawndale ³	2	3	6	1
Lomita ³	2	2	3	3
Los Angeles Co. (MTA) ³	3	3	3	2
Malibu ³	1	1	1	0
Norwalk ³	3	3	3	1
Palmdale ³	5	5	7	3
Paramount ³	1	2	1	0
Pico Rivera ³	1	1	1	4
Rolling Hills Estates ³	1	1	1	0
San Dimas ³	1	1	1	1
Temple City ³	1	2	1	0
Walnut ³	1	2	1	1
West Hollywood ³	16	21	17	22
Alhambra.....	5	6	6	10
Arcadia.....	2	2	3	1
Azusa.....	8	10	12	19
Baldwin Park.....	3	5	4	6
Beverly Hills.....	7	7	13	4
Burbank.....	2	2	2	1
Claremont.....	6	6	11	5
Covina.....	1	2	2	1
Downey.....	6	7	17	5
El Monte.....	1	1	1	2
El Segundo.....	1	1	1	1
Gardena.....	1	1	1	0
Glendale.....	5	5	5	7
Glendora.....	4	4	5	6
Hawaiian Gardens.....	15	17	18	49
Hawthorne.....	4	5	4	2
Long Beach.....	44	45	63	42
Los Angeles.....	403	434	441	494
Manhattan Beach.....	3	4	5	3
Monrovia.....	3	3	7	1
Monterey Park.....	1	2	2	2
Pomona.....	7	7	8	7
Redondo Beach.....	11	11	15	11

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Table 7 - continued
HATE CRIMES, 1997
Events, Offenses, Victims, and Known Suspects
by County and Jurisdiction

County and jurisdiction	Events	Offenses	Victims	Known suspects
San Fernando.....	2	2	2	2
San Gabriel.....	4	4	7	1
Santa Monica.....	8	8	11	10
Signal Hill.....	1	1	1	1
Torrance.....	3	3	3	1
West Covina.....	5	5	5	7
Whittier.....	3	3	3	6
Cal Poly Pomona.....	2	2	2	1
CSU Dominguez Hills.....	1	1	1	0
CSU Long Beach.....	3	3	3	3
CSU Los Angeles.....	4	4	4	0
Pasadena City College.....	1	1	1	0
Madera County.....	0	0	0	0
Marin County.....	7	7	7	4
Sheriff's Dept.....	3	3	3	1
Novato.....	1	1	1	0
San Rafael.....	2	2	2	2
Tiburon.....	1	1	1	1
Mariposa County.....	1	2	1	1
Sheriff's Dept.....	1	2	1	1
Mendocino County.....	2	3	2	2
Fort Bragg.....	1	1	1	1
Willits.....	1	2	1	1
Merced County.....	2	2	3	3
Sheriff's Dept.....	2	2	3	3
Modoc County.....	0	0	0	0
Mono County.....	0	0	0	0
Monterey County.....	7	9	7	9
Sheriff's Dept.....	1	1	1	2
Monterey.....	1	1	1	2
Pacific Grove.....	3	3	3	2
Salinas.....	2	4	2	3
Napa County.....	0	0	0	0
Nevada County.....	0	0	0	0
Orange County.....	94	98	107	95
Sheriff's Dept.....	22	22	24	15
Anaheim.....	2	2	2	3
Brea.....	5	5	6	7
Buena Park.....	1	1	1	0
Costa Mesa.....	1	1	1	0
Dana Point ⁴	1	1	1	1
Fountain Valley.....	2	3	3	7
Fullerton.....	2	3	2	0
Garden Grove.....	14	14	18	15
Huntington Beach.....	5	5	6	6
La Palma.....	1	1	1	2
Laguna Beach.....	4	6	5	6
Laguna Hills ⁴	1	1	1	0
Laguna Niguel ⁴	4	4	4	3
Lake Forest ⁴	2	2	2	1

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Table 7 - continued
HATE CRIMES, 1997
Events, Offenses, Victims, and Known Suspects
by County and Jurisdiction

County and jurisdiction	Events	Offenses	Victims	Known suspects
Los Alamitos.....	1	1	1	2
Mission Viejo ⁴	1	1	1	1
Newport Beach.....	1	1	1	0
Orange.....	15	15	16	15
Placentia.....	1	1	1	2
San Clemente ⁴	3	3	4	3
San Juan Capistrano ⁴	2	2	2	3
Westminster.....	1	1	1	0
UC Irvine.....	2	2	3	3
Placer County.....	3	3	3	1
Lincoln.....	1	1	1	1
Roseville.....	2	2	2	0
Plumas County.....	0	0	0	0
Riverside County.....	38	43	45	32
Sheriff's Dept.....	4	5	5	2
Cathedral City.....	3	3	3	4
Corona.....	3	4	3	1
Hemet.....	3	3	3	2
Indian Wells ⁵	1	1	2	0
Moreno Valley ⁵	3	3	3	4
Palm Springs.....	6	6	9	7
Riverside.....	13	16	15	12
Temecula ⁵	1	1	1	0
UC Riverside.....	1	1	1	0
Sacramento County.....	56	64	67	60
Sheriff's Dept.....	29	33	33	24
Folsom.....	1	1	1	0
Sacramento.....	25	29	32	36
CSU Sacramento.....	1	1	1	0
San Benito County.....	1	1	1	1
Sheriff's Dept.....	1	1	1	1
San Bernardino County.....	23	28	27	19
Sheriff's Dept.....	1	1	2	1
City of Chino Hills ⁶	1	1	1	6
Colton.....	3	3	3	2
Ontario.....	1	2	1	1
Rancho Cucamonga ⁶	3	3	4	0
Redlands.....	2	2	2	1
San Bernardino.....	9	12	10	6
Victorville ⁶	3	4	4	2
San Diego County.....	176	194	209	177
Sheriff's Dept.....	19	21	27	15
Carlsbad.....	3	5	3	8
Chula Vista.....	4	4	4	3
Coronado.....	1	1	1	1
City of Imperial Beach ⁷	4	4	4	4
City of San Marcos ⁷	4	6	6	3
City of Vista ⁷	6	6	6	6
City of Lemon Grove ⁷	3	3	4	0
City of Santee ⁷	4	4	4	3
City of Encinitas ⁷	4	4	4	2
El Cajon.....	6	8	9	11
Escondido.....	5	5	6	6
La Mesa.....	4	6	4	1

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Table 7 - continued
HATE CRIMES, 1997
*Events, Offenses, Victims, and Known Suspects
 by County and Jurisdiction*

County and jurisdiction	Events	Offenses	Victims	Known suspects
National City.....	1	1	1	1
Oceanside.....	10	11	16	11
San Diego.....	84	91	96	99
San Diego CHP.....	1	1	1	1
CSU San Diego.....	1	1	1	1
UC San Diego.....	12	12	12	1
San Francisco County.....	260	291	331	364
San Francisco.....	256	287	326	361
CSU San Francisco.....	2	2	2	2
UC San Francisco.....	2	2	3	1
San Joaquin County.....	11	12	12	10
Lodi.....	4	5	4	4
Stockton.....	6	6	6	5
Stockton School Dist.....	1	1	2	1
San Luis Obispo County.....	2	2	2	2
Grover Beach.....	1	1	1	1
Paso Robles.....	1	1	1	1
San Mateo County.....	27	29	27	29
Belmont.....	3	3	3	3
Burlingame.....	3	4	3	4
Menlo Park.....	2	2	2	3
Pacifica.....	4	4	4	9
Redwood City.....	3	3	3	4
San Carlos.....	1	1	1	2
San Mateo.....	11	12	11	4
Santa Barbara County.....	15	15	16	9
Lompoc.....	3	3	4	1
Santa Barbara.....	11	11	11	8
Santa Maria.....	1	1	1	0
Santa Clara County.....	56	62	65	65
Sheriff's Dept.....	5	5	5	4
Campbell.....	2	2	3	5
Gilroy.....	1	1	1	2
Los Gatos.....	1	1	1	1
Milpitas.....	1	1	1	2
Morgan Hill.....	2	2	2	2
Mountain View.....	4	4	4	4
Palo Alto.....	8	8	9	3
San Jose.....	21	25	26	31
Saratoga ^a	1	1	1	0
Sunnyvale.....	8	10	10	7
CSU San Jose.....	1	1	1	1
San Jose Comm. College	1	1	1	3
Santa Cruz County.....	13	15	17	16
Sheriff's Dept.....	4	5	5	9
Santa Cruz.....	4	5	7	5
Scotts Valley.....	2	2	2	2
Watsonville.....	2	2	2	0
UC Santa Cruz.....	1	1	1	0
Shasta County.....	12	13	16	20
Sheriff's Dept.....	2	2	4	8
Redding.....	10	11	12	12
Sierra County.....	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou County.....	0	0	0	0

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Table 7 - continued
HATE CRIMES, 1997
Events, Offenses, Victims, and Known Suspects
by County and Jurisdiction

County and jurisdiction	Events	Offenses	Victims	Known suspects
Solano County.....	16	19	73	114
Fairfield.....	7	7	57	104
Vacaville.....	7	9	13	7
Vallejo.....	2	3	3	3
Sonoma County.....	26	34	33	29
Sheriff's Dept.....	6	9	8	6
City of Windsor ^a	1	2	1	2
Cotati.....	1	1	1	0
Rohnert Park.....	5	5	7	6
Santa Rosa.....	8	9	10	6
Sonoma.....	2	3	3	3
Petaluma.....	1	2	1	1
Santa Rosa Junior College	2	3	2	5
Stanislaus County.....	21	25	27	30
Sheriff's Dept.....	4	4	6	4
Ceres.....	1	3	2	1
Modesto.....	15	17	18	24
Oakdale.....	1	1	1	1
Sutter County.....	1	2	1	0
Yuba City.....	1	2	1	0
Tehama County.....	5	5	7	8
Red Bluff.....	5	5	7	8
Trinity County.....	0	0	0	0
Tulare County.....	2	2	3	2
Visalia.....	2	2	3	2
Tuolumne County.....	0	0	0	0
Ventura County.....	43	46	55	34
Sheriff's Dept.....	7	7	9	6
Camarillo ¹⁰	2	2	4	0
Moorpark ¹⁰	3	3	3	0
Ojai ¹⁰	1	1	1	2
Oxnard.....	2	2	2	2
Thousand Oaks ¹⁰	7	7	8	1
Ventura.....	21	24	28	23
Yolo County.....	10	13	10	14
Davis.....	5	6	5	7
Woodland.....	1	2	1	4
UC Davis.....	4	5	4	3
Yuba County.....	5	6	6	6
Sheriff's Dept.....	5	6	6	6

¹Includes unincorporated and contracts.
²Unincorporated² patrolled by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.
³Contracts with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.
⁴Contracts with Orange County Sheriff's Department.
⁵Contracts with Riverside County Sheriff's Department.
⁶Contracts with San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.
⁷Contracts with San Diego County Sheriff's Department.
⁸Contracts with Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department.
⁹Contracts with Sonoma County Sheriff's Department.
¹⁰Contracts with Ventura County Sheriff's Department.

Table 8
HATE CRIMES, 1995-1997
Events by Bias Motivation

Bias motivation	1995		1996		1997		Percent change
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1995 - 1997
Total.....	1,754	100.0	2,054	100.0	1,831	100.0	4.4
Race/ethnicity.....	1,215	69.3	1,463	71.2	1,230	67.2	1.2
Anti-white.....	193	11.0	220	10.7	147	8.0	-23.8
Anti-black.....	567	32.3	759	37.0	629	34.4	10.9
Anti-Hispanic.....	158	9.0	167	8.1	141	7.7	-10.8
Anti-American Indian/ Alaskan native.....	1	.1	5	.2	2	.1	-
Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander.....	142	8.1	153	7.4	160	8.7	12.7
Anti-multi-racial group.....	81	4.6	69	3.4	73	4.0	-9.9
Anti-other race/ethnic group.....	73	4.2	90	4.4	78	4.3	6.8
Religion.....	219	12.5	227	11.1	242	13.2	10.5
Anti-Jewish.....	174	9.9	166	8.1	212	11.6	21.8
Anti-Catholic.....	4	.2	5	.2	0	.0	-
Anti-Protestant.....	8	.5	33	1.6	21	1.1	-
Anti-Islamic.....	8	.5	9	.4	1	.1	-
Anti-other religion.....	18	1.0	11	.5	6	.3	-
Anti-multi-religious group.....	7	.4	3	.1	1	.1	-
Anti-atheism/agnosticism/etc....	0	.0	0	.0	1	.1	-
Sexual orientation.....	317	18.1	362	17.6	357	19.5	12.6
Anti-male homosexual.....	251	14.3	306	14.9	284	15.5	13.1
Anti-female homosexual.....	50	2.9	45	2.2	57	3.1	14.0
Anti-homosexual.....	14	.8	7	.3	15	.8	-
Anti-heterosexual.....	1	.1	1	.0	1	.1	-
Anti-bisexual.....	1	.1	3	.1	0	.0	-
Physical/mental disability.....	3	.2	2	.1	2	.1	-
Physical disability.....	0	.0	1	.0	2	.1	-
Mental disability.....	3	.2	1	.0	0	.0	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Hate Crime Statistical System.

Notes: Data resulting from new reporting programs should be collected for several years in order that statistical data can be properly analyzed.

Because of this, the Department of Justice recommends caution when comparing these annual data.

Percents may not add to subtotals or to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

Dash indicates that percent changes are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

Table 9
HATE CRIMES, 1995-1997
Events by Type of Crime

Type of crime	1995		1996		1997		Percent change
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1995 - 1997
Total.....	1,754	100.0	2,054	100.0	1,831	100.0	4.4
Violent crimes	1,370	78.1	1,551	75.5	1,352	73.8	-1.3
Murder.....	3	.2	4	.2	3	.2	-
Forcible rape.....	2	.1	2	.1	1	.1	-
Robbery.....	86	4.9	59	2.9	52	2.8	-39.5
Aggravated assault.....	273	15.6	381	18.5	317	17.3	16.1
Simple assault.....	324	18.5	393	19.1	352	19.2	8.6
Intimidation.....	682	38.9	712	34.7	627	34.2	-8.1
Property crimes	384	21.9	503	24.5	479	26.2	24.7
Burglary.....	30	1.7	43	2.1	22	1.2	-
Larceny-theft.....	7	.4	14	.7	14	.8	-
Motor vehicle theft.....	0	.0	1	.0	1	.1	-
Arson.....	16	.9	17	.8	18	1.0	-
Destruction/vandalism.....	331	18.9	428	20.8	424	23.2	28.1

Source: California Department of Justice, Hate Crime Statistical System.

Notes: Data resulting from new reporting programs should be collected for several years in order that statistical data can be properly analyzed.

Because of this, the Department of Justice recommends caution when comparing these annual data.

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PROSECUTORIAL DATA



[Prosecutorial Data Table 10](#)

In 1997,

- There were 313 bias motivated cases for which complaints were filed by county district attorneys and elected city attorneys.
- 280 convictions were reported. Of these, 223 were hate crime convictions.

[Prosecutorial Data Table 11](#)

[Prosecutorial Data Table 12](#)

[Prosecutorial Data Table 13](#)

A Cautionary Note

Data resulting from new reporting programs should be collected for several years in order that statistical data can be properly analyzed. Because of this, the DOJ does not recommend comparing these data with previously published data. In addition, the DOJ believes that the data may be underreported. Future reporting will improve as personnel are trained to identify, investigate, report, and prosecute hate crimes.

A number of additional factors can influence the volume of hate crime and case data reported to the DOJ. These are:

- Efforts of community groups and law enforcement hate crime networks to identify and report hate crime to appropriate authorities.
- Cultural practices and likeliness of reporting hate crime.
- Strength and investigative emphasis of law enforcement agencies and district and city attorneys.
- Policies of law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies.
- Community policing policies.

Table 10
HATE CRIME CASES¹
 for

**COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
 and ELECTED CITY ATTORNEYS**

Year-end Status for the Period January through December, 1997

Type of prosecuting attorneys	Complaints filed	Total convictions	Convictions			
			Hate crime convictions			All other convictions
			Total	Guilty plea/ Nolo contendere	Trial verdict	
Total.....	313	280	223	208	15	57
County District Attorneys	259	240	210	195	15	30
Elected City Attorneys....	54	40	13	13	0	27

Note: The number of complaints filed by county district attorneys and elected city attorneys or the number of cases that resulted in hate crime convictions cannot be linked to the number of hate crimes reported by policing agencies.

¹See Criminal Justice Glossary.

Table 11
HATE CRIME CASES
as Reported by
COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND ELECTED CITY ATTORNEYS
Year-end Status for the Period January through December, 1997

Agency	Total referred	Total filed on	Total referred which resulted in non-bias motivated crime filing
Total.....	488	313	31
County District Attorneys.....	416	259	26
Alameda.....	12	4	6
Alpine.....	-	-	-
Amador.....	-	-	-
Butte.....	1	-	-
Calaveras.....	-	-	-
Colusa.....	-	-	-
Contra Costa.....	1	6	-
Del Norte.....	2	-	2
El Dorado.....	2	2	-
Fresno.....	10	10	-
Glenn.....	-	-	-
Humboldt.....	1	1	-
Imperial.....	-	-	-
Inyo.....	1	1	-
Kern.....	3	-	-
Kings.....	-	-	-
Lake.....	-	-	-
Lassen.....	-	-	-
Los Angeles ¹	300	151	-
Madera.....	-	-	-
Marin.....	-	-	-
Mariposa.....	-	-	-
Mendocino.....	-	-	-
Merced.....	-	-	-
Modoc.....	-	-	-
Mono.....	-	-	-
Monterey ²	10	10	-
Napa.....	-	-	-
Nevada.....	1	1	-
Orange.....	12	10	1
Placer.....	-	-	-
Plumas.....	-	-	-
Riverside.....	3	2	1
Sacramento.....	24	5	10
San Benito.....	-	-	-
San Bernardino.....	4	3	2
San Diego ²	-	5	-
San Francisco ³	-	27	-
San Joaquin.....	-	-	-
San Luis Obispo.....	1	1	-
San Mateo.....	7	3	-
Santa Barbara.....	-	-	-
Santa Clara.....	9	7	2
Santa Cruz ³	-	2	-
Shasta.....	-	-	-
Sierra.....	-	-	-
Siskiyou.....	-	-	-
Solano.....	1	1	-
Sonoma.....	7	3	2
Stanislaus.....	-	-	-
Sutter.....	-	-	-
Tehama.....	-	-	-
Trinity.....	-	-	-
Tulare.....	-	-	-
Tuolumne.....	-	-	-
Ventura.....	2	2	-
Yolo.....	2	2	-
Yuba.....	-	-	-
Elected City Attorneys.....	72	54	5
Anaheim.....	3	3	-
Bakersfield ⁴	-	-	-
Burbank.....	1	1	1
Inglewood.....	-	-	-
Long Beach.....	-	-	-
Los Angeles ²	61	46	-
Pasadena.....	-	-	-
San Diego.....	7	4	4
Torrance.....	-	-	-

Note: Dash indicates that no cases were reported.
The number of complaints filed by county district attorneys and elected city attorneys or the number of cases that resulted in hate crime convictions cannot be linked to the number of hate crimes reported by policing agencies.
¹Estimated figures for "Total referred". Numbers have increased because they have improved the tracking and collection of hate crime cases in Los Angeles County. Does not track hate crime cases referred which resulted in non-bias motivated crime filing.
²Does not track hate crime cases referred which resulted in non-bias motivated crime filing.
³Does not track hate crimes referred. Does not track hate crime cases referred which resulted in non-bias motivated crime filing.
⁴Does not prosecute misdemeanor hate crime cases.

Table 12
HATE CRIME CASE DISPOSITIONS
as Reported by
COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND ELECTED CITY ATTORNEYS
Year-end Status for the Period January through December, 1997

Agency	Total dispositions	Not convicted	Total convictions	Convictions			All other convictions
				Hate crime convictions			
				Total	Guilty plea/ Nolo contendere	Trial verdict	
Total.....	329	49	280	223	208	15	57
County District Attorneys....	275	35	240	210	195	15	30
Alameda.....	4	-	4	3	3	-	1
Alpine.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amador.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Butte.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Calaveras.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colusa.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contra Costa.....	3	-	3	-	-	-	3
Del Norte.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
El Dorado.....	2	-	2	2	2	-	-
Fresno.....	6	1	5	5	5	-	-
Glenn.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Humboldt.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imperial.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inyo.....	1	-	1	1	1	-	-
Kern.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kings.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lake.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lassen.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles.....	176	23	153	152	150	2	1
Madera.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marin.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mariposa.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mendocino.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Merced.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Modoc.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mono.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Monterey.....	5	3	2	2	-	2	-
Napa.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Orange.....	15	1	14	8	5	3	6
Placer.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plumas.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Riverside.....	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
Sacramento.....	3	-	3	1	-	1	2
San Benito.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Bernardino.....	8	-	8	2	2	-	6
San Diego.....	8	-	8	8	7	1	-
San Francisco.....	25	5	20	13	10	3	7
San Joaquin.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Luis Obispo.....	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
San Mateo.....	2	-	2	1	1	-	1
Santa Barbara.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Santa Clara.....	7	2	5	4	3	1	1
Santa Cruz.....	1	-	1	1	1	-	-
Shasta.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sierra.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Siskiyou.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Solano.....	1	-	1	1	1	-	-
Sonoma.....	2	-	2	2	2	-	-
Stanislaus.....	1	-	1	1	-	1	-
Sutter.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tehama.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trinity.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tulare.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuolumne.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ventura.....	1	-	1	1	-	1	-
Yolo.....	2	-	2	2	2	-	-
Yuba.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Elected City Attorneys.....	54	14	40	13	13	0	27
Anaheim.....	1	-	1	1	1	-	-
Bakersfield ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burbank.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inglewood.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long Beach.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles.....	51	14	37	12	12	-	25
Pasadena.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Diego.....	2	-	2	-	-	-	2
Torrance.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note: Dash indicates that no cases were reported.
The number of complaints filed by county district attorneys and elected city attorneys or the number of cases resulted in hate crime convictions cannot be linked to the number of hate crimes reported by policing agencies.
¹Does not prosecute misdemeanor hate crime cases.

Table 13
HATE CRIME CASES¹, 1995-1997
for
COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
and **ELECTED CITY ATTORNEYS**
Year-end Status for the Period January through December

Type of prosecuting attorneys	1995		1996		1997	
	Complaints filed	Total convictions	Complaints filed	Total convictions	Complaints filed	Total convictions
Total.....	187	107	182	162	313	280
County District Attorneys.....	146	83	149	122	259	240
Elected City Attorneys.....	41	24	33	40	54	40

Note: The number of complaints filed by county district attorneys and elected city attorneys or the number of cases that resulted in hate crime convictions cannot be linked to the number of hate crimes reported by policing agencies.

¹See Criminal Justice Glossary for explanation of terms.



**DATA
CHARACTERISTICS
AND
KNOWN
LIMITATIONS**



Data Characteristics and Known Limitations

CRIME DATA

Local law enforcement agencies are required to submit monthly copies of hate crime reports to the Department of Justice (DOJ) in compliance with Section 13023 of the California Penal Code which states ". . . any criminal acts or attempted criminal acts to cause physical injury, emotional suffering, or property damage where there is a reasonable cause to believe that the crime was motivated, in whole or in part, by the victim's race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or physical or mental disability . . ." shall be reported to the DOJ.

In 1997, the Hate Crime File contained a total of 1,831 events defined as bias-motivated crimes received from reporting California law enforcement agencies.

The following information and limitations should be considered when using the hate crime data:

1. The hate crime reporting system was implemented by the DOJ in September 1994. Law enforcement agencies were requested to submit copies of initial crime reports beginning with July 1994. Crime reports that were submitted as bias-motivated but later determined to be unfounded were not included.
2. Initial crime reports were selected as the reporting document to provide maximum information for coding and to minimize the workload impact on local law enforcement agencies.
3. The aggregated data are designed to identify the motivation of the perpetrator of the crime. Due to the subjectivity that may be involved in identifying motivation, caution is advised in interpreting the data.
4. In previous years, the data differed somewhat from that collected by the FBI for the National Program (Public Law 101-275-April 23, 1990). Physical or mental disability was not part of the FBI definition of a bias-motivated crime but was included in the definition in California legislation (P.C. 13023) and is now added to the FBI reporting program (effective January 1, 1997).
5. The Department of Justice requested that each law enforcement agency establish procedures incorporating a two-tier review (decision-making) process. The first level is done by the initial officer who responds to the suspected hate crime incident. At the second level, each report is reviewed by at least one other officer to confirm that the incident was, in fact, a bias-motivated crime.
6. Caution should be used when making jurisdictional comparisons. Factors to be considered are: cultural diversity and population density; effective strength of law enforcement agencies; and training in identification of hate crimes by law enforcement.
7. The Department of Justice shall submit to the Legislature the results of the information obtained from law enforcement agencies.
8. All requests or questions regarding these data should be submitted to the Criminal Justice Statistics Center, P.O. Box 903427, Sacramento, California 94203-4270.
The E-mail address is: cjsc@hdcdojnet.state.ca.us



COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTORIAL DATA

The 1997 District Attorney's Report File of Hate Crime Cases contains a total of 259 complaints filed and 240 convictions. Thirty-five district attorneys had no hate crime cases filed by their offices during the period.

The following information and limitations should be considered when interpreting the bias-motivated cases:

1. In order to show the criminal justice system's response to bias motivated crimes, in March 1995, the Attorney General requested all district attorneys to submit summary data of complaints filed and convictions.
2. The 1997 District Attorney's Report File of Bias Motivated Cases contains summary data based on cases referred to each district attorney, filings and convictions which occurred between January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997.
3. The statistics for Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office increased because of improved tracking and collection of hate crime case information.
4. All requests or questions regarding these data should be submitted to the Criminal Justice Statistics Center, P.O. Box 903427, Sacramento, California 94203-4270. The E-mail address is: cjsc@hdcdojnet.state.ca.us

ELECTED CITY ATTORNEY PROSECUTORIAL DATA

There are nine elected city attorneys in California. Eight out of the nine prosecute misdemeanor bias motivated cases.

The following information and limitations should be considered when interpreting and using the city attorney's summary report of bias motivated cases:

1. In order to show the criminal justice system's response to bias-motivated crimes, in March 1995, the Hate Crime Unit at the DOJ requested all elected city attorneys to submit summary data of bias motivated crime complaints filed and convictions.
2. The 1997 City Attorney's Report File of Bias Motivated Cases contains summary data based on cases referred to each city attorney, filings and convictions which occurred between January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997.
3. All requests or questions regarding these data should be submitted to the Criminal Justice Statistics Center, P.O. Box 903427, Sacramento, California 94203-4270. The E-mail address is: cjsc@hdcdojnet.state.ca.us



APPENDIX

Appendix 1

CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE SECTION 13023

“Commencing July 1, 1990, subject to the availability of adequate funding, the Attorney General shall direct local law enforcement agencies to report to the Department of Justice, in a manner to be prescribed by the Attorney General, such information as may be required relative to any criminal acts or attempted criminal acts to cause physical injury, emotional suffering, or property damage where there is a reasonable cause to believe that the crime was motivated, in whole or in part, by the victim’s race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or physical or mental disability. On or before July 1, 1992, and every July 1 thereafter, the Department of Justice shall submit a report to the Legislature analyzing the results of the information obtained from local law enforcement agencies pursuant to this section.” (Added by Stats. 1989, c. 1172, §1.)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE GLOSSARY

BIAS - A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their race, religion, ethnicity/national origin, sexual orientation and/or physical/mental disability.

CASE - A case is a set of facts about a crime that is referred to a district attorney for filing with a court. The case may charge one or more persons with the commission of one or more offenses. For this report, the case must contain some element of bias.

COMPLAINTS FILED - Any verified written accusation, filed by a district attorney with a criminal court, that charges one or more persons with the commission of one or more offenses. For this report, the case must contain some element of bias.

CONVICTION - A judgment based either on the verdict of a jury or a judicial officer or on a guilty plea of the defendant.

ETHNIC BIAS - A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons of the same race or national origin that share common or similar traits in language, custom, and tradition, such as Arabs or Hispanics.

EVENT - An event is an occurrence where a hate crime is involved. (In this report the information about the event is a crime report or source document that meets the criteria for a hate crime.) There may be one or more suspects involved, one or more victims targeted, and one or more offenses involved for each event.

GUILTY PLEA - A defendant's formal answer in open court stating that the charge is true and that he or she is guilty of the crime with which he or she is charged.

KNOWN SUSPECT(S) - A suspect can be any person alleged to have committed a criminal act(s) or attempted criminal act(s) to cause physical injury, emotional suffering, or property damage. The known suspect category contains the number of suspects that have been identified and/or alleged to have committed hate crimes as stated in the crime report. For example, witnesses observe three suspects fleeing the scene of a crime. The word "known" does not necessarily refer to specific identities.

LOCATION - The place where the hate crime event occurred. The location categories follow UCR location specifications. Examples are residence, hotel, bar, church, etc.

NOLO CONTENDERE - A plea or answer in a criminal action in which the accused does not admit guilt but agrees to be subject to the same punishment as if he or she were guilty.

OFFENSES - Offenses that are recorded are: murder, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, arson, simple assault, intimidation, and destruction/vandalism as defined in the national Uniform Crime Report (UCR) and the national Hate Crimes Statistics Report.

PHYSICAL/MENTAL DISABILITY BIAS - A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on physical or mental impediments/challenges, whether such disabilities are congenital or acquired by heredity, accident, injury, advanced age, or illness.

PROPERTY CRIMES - Burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, arson, and destruction/vandalism are reported as property crimes.

RACIAL BIAS - A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons, such as Asians, blacks, or whites, based on common physical characteristics.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN "COMPLAINTS FILED" AND "CONVICTIONS" - The annual survey questionnaire used to collect these data, reports the total number of hate crime cases filed and the total number of hate crime convictions. There is no direct relationship since a case may be filed in one period and the trial outcome may occur in another.

RELIGIOUS BIAS - A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons that share the same religious beliefs regarding the origin and purpose of the universe and the existence or nonexistence of a supreme being, such as Catholics, Jews, Protestants, or Atheists.

SEXUAL-ORIENTATION BIAS - A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on sexual preferences and/or attractions toward and responsiveness to members of their own or opposite sexes.

TRIAL VERDICT - The finding or answer of a jury or judge concerning a matter submitted to them for their judgment.

VICTIM - A victim may be an individual, a business or financial institution, an organization, or the society/public in general. For example, if a church or synagogue is vandalized and/or desecrated, the victim would be a religious organization.

VIOLENT CRIMES - Murder, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, simple assault and intimidation are considered violent crimes in this report. (Robbery is included in crimes against property in the FBI Hate Crimes Statistics Report.)



California's Civil and Criminal Laws Pertaining to Hate Crimes

The Ralph Act - Civil Code Sections 51.7 - 52(e)

The Bane Act - Civil Code 52.1

Penal Code Sections - 422.6(a) and (b), 422.7, 421.75, 422.8, 422.9(a), (b) and (c), 136.2, 139, 140, 190.2(a)(16), 302, 594.1, 594.3, 640.2, 1170.75, 1170.8, 1170.85, 1547, 11410, 11411, 11412, 11413, and 13023

Education Code Sections - 48900.3 and 48915

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