



# PROSEC

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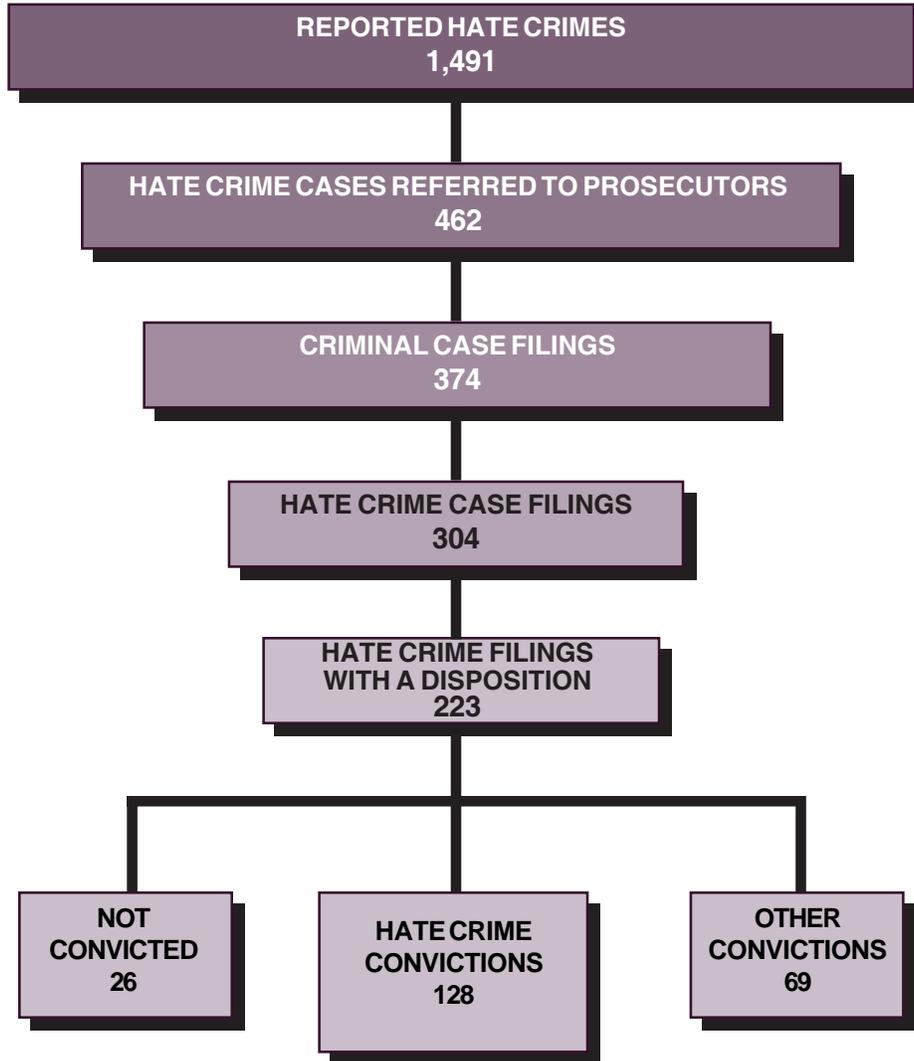
## INTERPRETING PROSECUTORIAL DATA

There are many factors that must take place for a case to be forwarded for possible prosecution in California's criminal justice system. In our continuing effort to bring clarity to the nature and value of prosecutorial data, this brief overview is provided.

At the request of district attorneys, collection procedures were modified to ensure the collection of all juvenile, as well as all adult, case data. The overview below contains all juvenile and adult prosecution data submitted for 2003.

In addition, the reader is advised that relating the number of hate crimes reported by law enforcement agencies to the number of hate crimes prosecuted by district attorneys and city attorneys is not possible. First, crimes often occur in different reporting years than their subsequent prosecutions. Second, the number of crimes reported by law enforcement is much higher than those warranting prosecutorial action.

### HATE CRIME PROSECUTION DISPOSITIONS, 2003



Source: Tables 1, 7, 8, 9, and 10.

## HATE CRIMES, 2003 Total Cases Referred



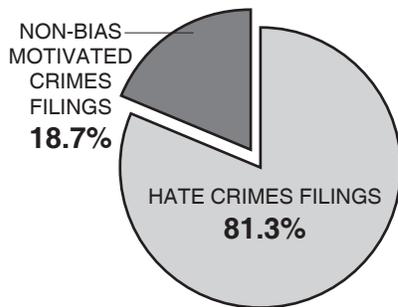
Source: Table 8.

## TOTAL CASES REFERRED

In 2003, of 462 cases that were referred by law enforcement agencies for prosecution:

- 374 cases (81.0 percent) were filed for prosecution.
- 88 cases (19.0 percent) were rejected for prosecution for various reasons (e.g., insufficient evidence, witness not available, defendant not available, etc.).

## HATE CRIMES, 2003 Total Cases Filed for Prosecution



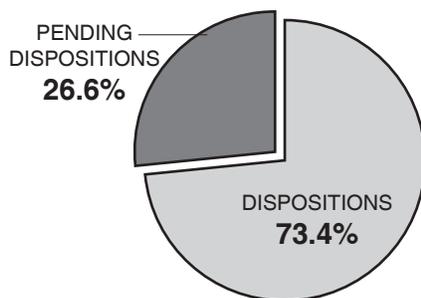
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## TOTAL CASES FILED FOR PROSECUTION

In 2003, of 374 cases filed by District Attorney and City Attorney offices for prosecution:

- 304 cases (81.3 percent) were filed as hate crimes.
- 70 cases (18.7 percent) were filed as non-bias motivated crimes.

## HATE CRIMES, 2003 Total Hate Crime Case Filings



Source: Tables 8 and 9.

## TOTAL HATE CRIME CASE FILINGS

In 2003, of 304 hate crime case filings:

- 223 cases (73.4 percent) resulted in a disposition.
- 81 cases (26.6 percent) are pending a disposition.

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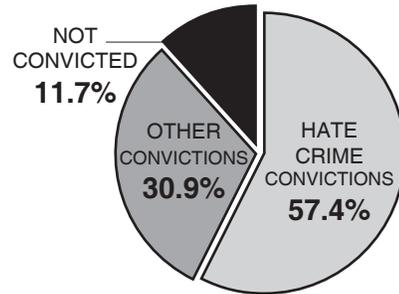
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## TOTAL DISPOSITIONS

In 2003, of 223 cases with a disposition:

- 128 cases (57.4 percent) resulted in a hate crime conviction.
- 69 cases (30.9 percent) resulted in other convictions.
- 26 cases (11.7 percent) resulted in no conviction.

HATE CRIMES, 2003  
Total Dispositions



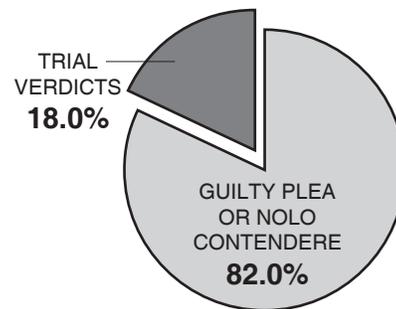
Source: Table 9.

## HATE CRIME CONVICTIONS

In 2003, of the 128 hate crime convictions:

- 105 convictions (82.0 percent) were either a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.
- 23 convictions (18.0 percent) were trial verdicts.

HATE CRIMES, 2003  
Hate Crime Convictions



Source: Tables 7 and 9.

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