1. What is a hate crime?

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program defines hate crime as a committed criminal offense which is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias(es) against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity.

Note: For FBI UCR Program purposes, even if the offender was mistaken in his or her perception the victim was a member of the group he or she was acting against, the offense is still a bias crime because the offender was motivated by bias against the group.

2. What bias motivation categories are captured in the FBI UCR Program?

The FBI UCR Program's Hate Crime Data Collection gathers data on the following biases:

- **Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry**
    - Anti-American Indian or Alaska Native
    - Anti-Arab
    - Anti-Asian
    - Anti-Black or African American
    - Anti-Hispanic or Latino
    - Anti-Multiple Races, Group
    - Anti-Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
    - Anti-Other Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry
    - Anti-White

- **Religion**
    - Anti-Buddhist
    - Anti-Catholic
    - Anti-Eastern Orthodox (Russian, Greek, Other)
    - Anti-Hindu
    - Anti-Islamic
    - Anti-Jehovah's Witness
    - Anti-Jewish
    - Anti-Mormon
    - Anti-Multiple Religions, Group
    - Anti-Other Christian
    - Anti-Other Religion
    - Anti-Protestant
    - Anti-Sikh
    - Anti-Atheism/Agnosticism/etc.

- **Sexual Orientation**
  - Anti-Bisexual
  - Anti-Gay (Male)
  - Anti-Heterosexual
  - Anti-Lesbian
  - Anti-Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender (Mixed Group)

- **Disability**
  - Anti-Mental Disability
  - Anti-Physical Disability

- **Gender**
  - Anti-Male
  - Anti-Female
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- **Gender Identity**
  - Anti-Transgender
  - Anti-Gender Non-Conforming

3. What type of hate crime data does the FBI UCR Program collect?

The types of hate crimes reported to the FBI UCR Program's Hate Crime Statistics Collection are broken down by specific categories. The aggregate hate crime data collected for each incident includes the following:

- **Incidents and offenses by bias motivation:** Incidents may include one or more offense types; five bias motivation types can be reported per offense.

- **Victims:** The types of victims collected for hate crime incidents include individuals (adults and juveniles), businesses, institutions, and society as a whole.

- **Offenders:** The number of offenders (adults and juveniles), and when possible, the race and ethnicity of the offender or offenders as a group.

- **Location type:** One of 46 location types can be designated, e.g., church/synagogue/temple/mosque, highway/road/alley/street/sidewalk, residence/home, schools, and other/unknown.

- **Hate crime by jurisdiction:** Includes data about hate crimes by judicial district (federal), state, and agency.

4. **What types of incidents are collected in the FBI UCR Program's hate crime data set?**

The FBI UCR Program collects data about both single-bias and multiple-bias hate crimes.

A **single-bias incident** is an incident in which one or more offense types are motivated by the same bias.

A **multiple-bias incident** is an incident in which one or more offense types are motivated by two or more biases.

5. **What type of offenses are collected as hate crimes?**

The FBI UCR Program transitioned all federal, state, local, college/university, and tribal law enforcement agencies (LEAs) nationwide to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) on January 1, 2021. The NIBRS collects 71 offenses to include crimes against persons, crimes against property, and crimes against society.

NIBRS Offenses for Which Data Element 8A, Bias Motivation, Is Applicable

Offense Category	Offense	NIBRS Offense Code	Crimes Against
Animal Cruelty			
	Animal Cruelty	720	Society
Arson			
	Arson	200	Property
Assault Offenses			
	Aggravated Assault	13A	Person
	Simple Assault	13B	Person
	Intimidation	13C	Person
Bribery			
	Bribery	510	Property
Burglary/Breaking & Entering			
	Burglary/Breaking & Entering	220	Property
Commerce Violations			
	Import Violations*	58A	Society
	Export Violations*	58B	Society
	Federal Liquor Offenses*	61A	Society
	Federal Tobacco Offenses*	61B	Society
	Wildlife Trafficking*	620	Society

Offense Category	Offense	NIBRS Offense Code	Crimes Against
Counterfeiting/Forgery			
	Counterfeiting/Forgery	250	Property
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property			
	Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	290	Property
Drug/Narcotic Offenses			
	Drug/Narcotic Violations	35A	Society
	Drug Equipment Violations	35B	Society
Embezzlement			
	Embezzlement	270	Property
Espionage			
	Espionage*	103	Society
Extortion/Blackmail			
	Extortion/Blackmail	210	Property
Fraud Offenses			
	False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	26A	Property
	Credit Card/Automated Teller Machine Fraud	26B	Property
	Impersonation	26C	Property
	Welfare Fraud	26D	Property
	Wire Fraud	26E	Property
	Identity Theft	26F	Property
	Hacking/Computer Invasion	26G	Property
	Money Laundering*	26H	Property
Fugitive Offenses			
	Harboring Escapee/Concealing from Arrest*	49A	Society
	Flight to Avoid Prosecution*	49B	Society
	Flight to Avoid Deportation*	49C	Society
Gambling Offenses			
	Betting/Wagering	39A	Society
	Operating/Promoting/Assisting Gambling	39B	Society
	Gambling Equipment Violation	39C	Society
	Sports Tampering	39D	Society
Homicide Offenses			
	Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	09A	Person
	Negligent Manslaughter	09B	Person
	Justifiable Homicide	09C	Not a crime

Offense Category	Offense	NIBRS Offense Code	Crimes Against
Human Trafficking			
	Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	64A	Person
	Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	64B	Person
Immigration Violations			
	Illegal Entry into the United States*	30A	Society
	False Citizenship*	30B	Society
	Smuggling Aliens*	30C	Society
	Re-entry after Deportation*	30D	Society
Kidnapping/Abduction			
	Kidnapping/Abduction	100	Person
Larceny/Theft Offenses			
	Pocket-picking	23A	Property
	Purse-snatching	23B	Property
	Shoplifting	23C	Property
	Theft From Building	23D	Property
	Theft From Coin-Operated Machine or Device	23E	Property
	Theft From Motor Vehicle	23F	Property
	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	23G	Property
	All Other Larceny	23H	Property
Motor Vehicle Theft			
	Motor Vehicle Theft	240	Property
Pornography/Obscene Material			
	Pornography/Obscene Material	370	Society
Prostitution Offenses			
	Prostitution	40A	Society
	Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	40B	Society
	Purchasing Prostitution	40C	Society
Robbery			
	Robbery	120	Property
Sex Offenses			
	Rape	11A	Person
	Sodomy	11B	Person
	Sexual Assault with an Object	11C	Person
	Fondling	11D	Person
	Incest	36A	Person
	Statutory Rape	36B	Person

Offense Category	Offense	NIBRS Offense Code	Crimes Against
Sex Offenses (continued)			
	Failure to Register as a Sex Offender*	360	Society
Stolen Property Offenses			
	Stolen Property Offenses	280	Property
Treason			
	Treason*	101	Society
Weapon Law Violations			
	Weapon Law Violations	520	Society
	Violation of National Firearm Act of 1934*	521	Society
	Weapons of Mass Destruction*	522	Society
	Explosives*	526	Society

* Denotes offense for federal and tribal LEA reporting only.

6. **What are the top three offense types most frequently reported in the FBI UCR Program's hate crime data set?**

The top three offenses reported in the FBI UCR Program's hate crime data set are destruction/damage/vandalism, intimidation, and simple assault.

7. **What are the victim types collected in the FBI UCR Program's hate crime data set?**

The victim of a hate crime can be an individual, a business, an institution, or society as a whole. Law enforcement can also indicate the number of individual victims, the number of victims 18 years of age and older, and the number of victims under the age of 18.

8. **What information is collected on the offender(s) in the FBI UCR Program's hate crime data set?**

The term *known offender* does not imply the suspect's identity is known; rather, the term indicates some aspect of the suspect was identified, thus distinguishing the suspect from an unknown offender. LEAs specify the number of offenders (adults and juveniles) and, when possible, the race and ethnicity of the offender or offenders as a group.

9. What are the Race and Ethnicity categories captured for offenders in FBI UCR Program?

The FBI UCR Program collects the following racial designations in the hate crime data set:

- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

In addition, the FBI UCR Program uses the ethnic designations of:

- Hispanic or Latino
- Not Hispanic or Latino

10. How many biases can be reported per offense type in FBI UCR Program's hate crime data set?

LEAs can report up to five bias motivations per offense type.

11. Are federal, state, local, and tribal LEAs mandated to participate in the FBI UCR Program's hate crime data set?

Participation in the FBI UCR Program is voluntary for state, local, and tribal LEAs, but is mandatory for federal LEAs.

12. Where can users find the FBI UCR Program's *Hate Crime Statistics* publication?

The publication can be found at https://ucr.fbi.gov/hate-crime.

The *Hate Crime Statistics, 2020,* and future hate crime publications/data releases will be posted on the Crime Data Explorer website at: fbi.gov/cde. The specific link will be provided at the time of publication.