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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2009 Hate Crime Report.
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For more information about ODIHR's Hate Crime Report, visit: hatecrime.osce.org/our-methodology

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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 tackling hate crimes. By partnering 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 materials.

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.

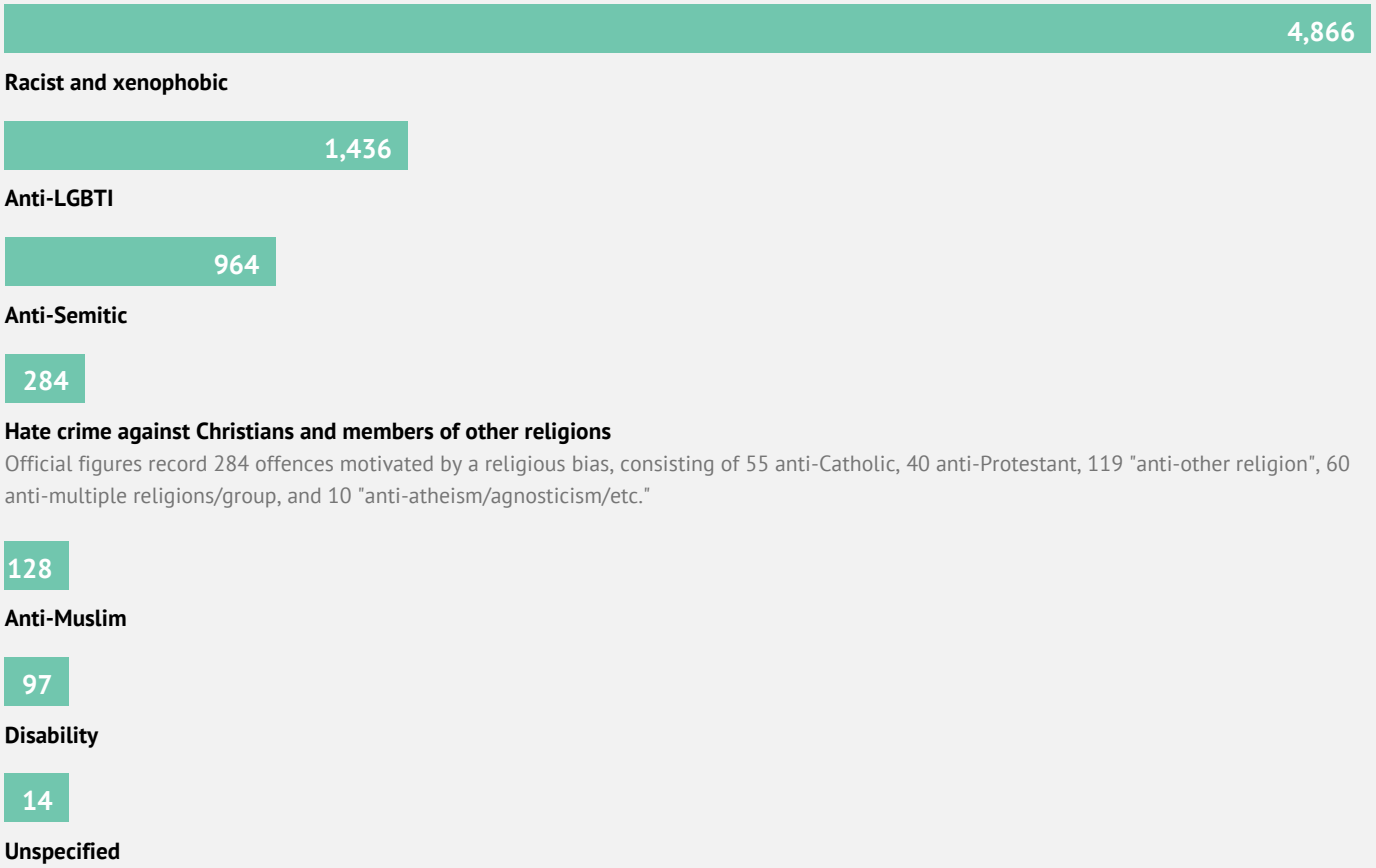
Hate crime data collection in the United States
Hate crime victim support in the United States
Hate crime capacity building in the United States
The United States's hate crime legislation

Official Data

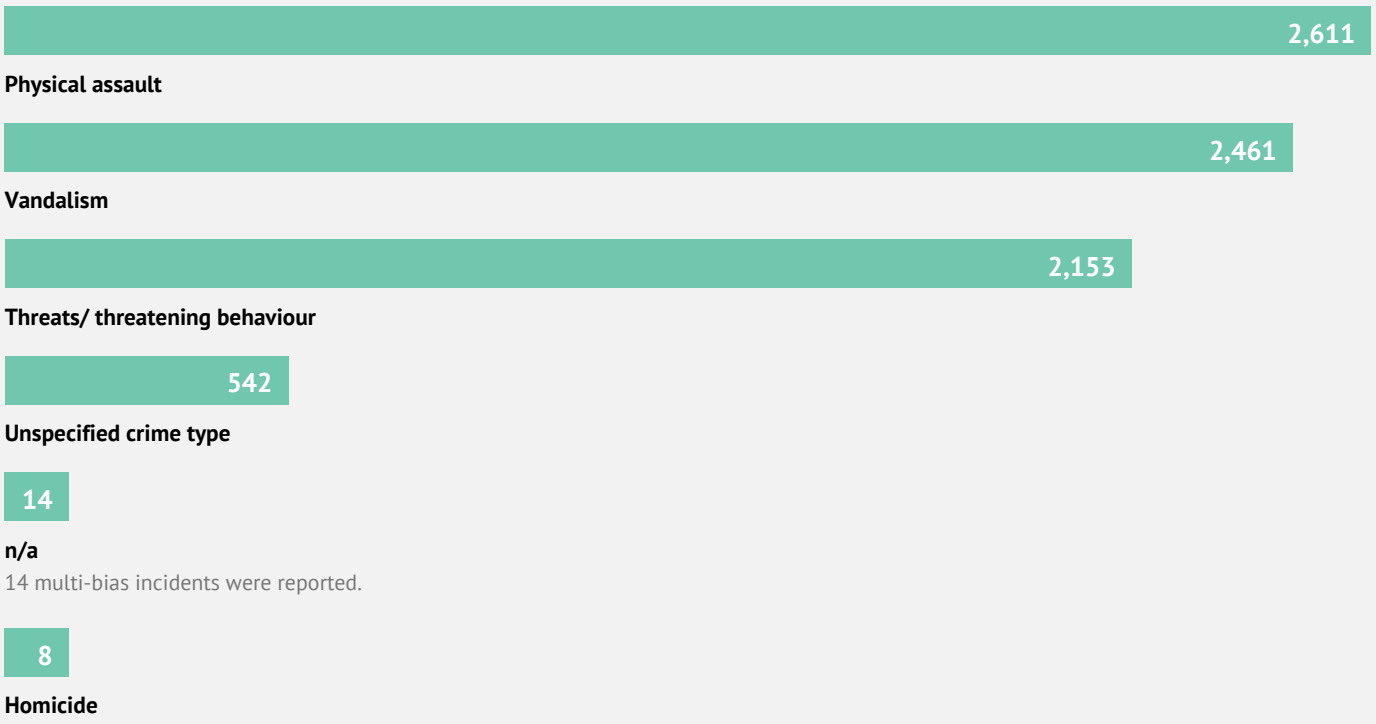
The US reports by incidents, offences, victims and known offenders. The FBI reports overall total "offenses", therefore, these are the figures included.

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

Police data by bias motivation



Police data by type of crime



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.

View civil society incidents for United States of America, 2009