HATE CRIME



Crime in Illinois 2017 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	49.5%	Anti - White Anti - Black Anti - Asian Anti - Arab Anti - Hispanic or Latino Anti - Not Hispanic or Latino	7 29 2 2 2 2	15.9% 65.9% 4.5% 4.5% 4.5% 4.5%	7.9% 32.6% 2.2% 2.2% 2.2% 2.2%
Religion	30.3%	Anti - Jewish Anti - Islamic (Muslim) Anti - Other Religion Anti - Other Christian Anti - Buddhist	13 11 1 1 1	48.1% 40.7% 3.7% 3.7% 3.7%	14.6% 12.4% 1.1% 1.1%
Sexuality	18.0%	Anti - Gay (Male) Anti - Lesbian Anti - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender	12 2 2	75.0% 12.5% 12.5%	13.5% 2.2% 2.2%
Gender Identity	1.1%	Anti - Transgender	1	100.0%	1.1%
Handicapped	1.1%	Anti - Mental Disability	1	100.0%	1.1%
TOTAL	100.0%	TOTAL	89	100.0%	100.0%

Hate Crime Offenses

	# of	% of
Offense Type	Offenses	Total
Agg. Battery/Agg. Assault	20	22.5%
Arson	2	2.2%
Assault	18	20.2%
Battery	22	24.7%
Criminal Damage to Property	23	25.8%
Theft	2	2.2%
Robbery	2	2.2%
TOTAL	89	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	1	1.1%
Bar/Night Club	3	3.4%
Church/Synagogue/Temple/Mosque	11	12.4%
Convenience Store	1	1.1%
Department/Discount Store	1	1.1%
Drug Store/Doctor's Office/Hospital	2	2.2%
Grocery/Supermarket	2	2.2%
Highway/Road/Alley/Street	24	27.0%
Industrial Site	1	1.1%
Other/Unknown	6	6.7%
Park/Playground	1	1.1%
Parking Lot/Garage	4	4.5%
Residence/Home	22	24.7%
Restaurant	2	2.2%
School - College/University	1	1.1%
School - Elementary/Secondary	6	6.7%
Service/Gas Station	1	1.1%
TOTAL	89	100.0%

Hate Crime Offenses by Offender Race

	# of	% of
Offender's Race	Offenders	Total
Asian/Pacific Islander	3	3.4%
Black	29	32.6%
Unknown	5	5.6%
White	52	58.4%
TOTAL	89	100.0%

Hate Crime Offenses by Offender Ethnicity

	# of	% of
Offender's Ethnicity	Offenders	Total
Hispanic or Latino	4	4.5%
Not Hispanic or Latino	64	71.9%
Unknown	21	23.6%
TOTAL	89	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	11.2%	3.3%	5.5%		11.2%
Anti - Asian		1.1%	1.1%		
Anti - Arab	1.1%		1.1%		
Anti - Hispanic or Latino		1.1%	1.1%		
Anti - Not Hispanic or Latino	1.1%		1.1%		
Anti - Jewish	1.1%	3.3%	1.1%		7.9%
Anti - Islamic (Muslim)		5.5%	4.5%		2.2%
Anti - Other Religion					1.1%
Anti - Other Christian					1.1%
Anti - Buddhist					
Anti - Mental Disability			1.1%		
Anti - Gay (Male)	4.5%	2.2%	5.5%		
Anti - Lesbian		1.1%	1.1%		
Anti - Transgender			1.1%		
Anti - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender (Mixed Group)					1.1%

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Bias Type per Offense Percentages

Bias Type	Robbery	Burglary	Theft	Arson
Anti - White	1.1%			
Anti - Black				1.1%
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			1.1%	
Anti - Mental Disability				
Anti - Gay (Male)	1.1%			
Anti - Lesbian				
Anti - Transgender				
Anti - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender (Mixed Group)			1.1%	