

**HATE CRIME**

Commencing in 1992, law enforcement officers are to report hate crimes as a supplementary report to the UCR program. Under Title 25 sec. 1544, hate crimes are defined as those that “manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation or ethnicity ...”. On June 26, 1997, disability bias was added to the definition of hate crime, creating two new categories: Anti-Mental Disability and Anti-Physical Disability. Maine’s hate crimes are further reported to the FBI as part of the federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act.

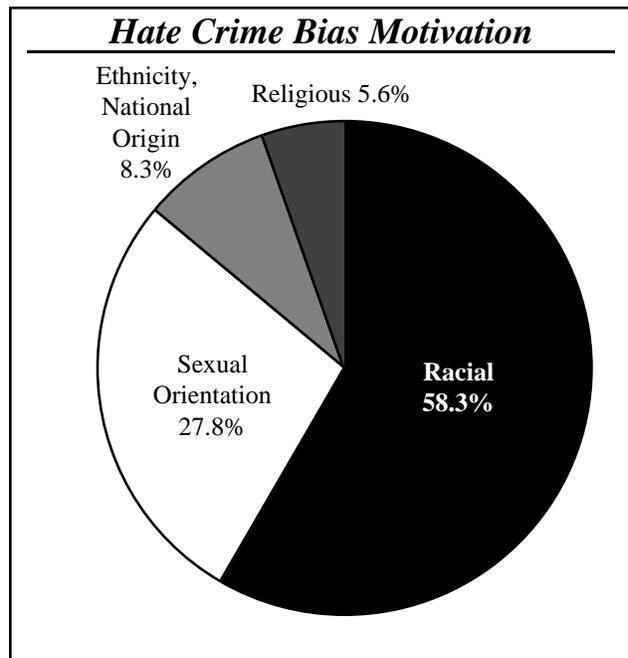
The reported number of hate crime incidents in Maine in 2002 was 36. These incidents involved 43 victims with at least 47 offenders, and resulted in a total of 46 offenses.

<b>Hate Crime 2002</b>	
Number of incidents.....	36
Number of victims.....	43
Number of offenders .....	47
Number of offenses.....	46

In 2002, the most commonly reported bias motivation was racial. The second largest percentage was sexual orientation and the third ethnicity hate crimes.

<b>Hate Crime Bias Motivation</b>				
Bias Nature	Group %	Bias Type	Incidents of bias	% of Total
Racial	58.3%	Anti-White	—	—
		Anti-Black	21	58.3%
		Anti-American Indian/ Alaskan Native	—	—
		Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
		Anti-Multi-Racial Group	—	—
Sexual Orientation	27.8%	Anti-Male Homosexual	9	25.0%
		Anti-Female Homosexual	—	—
		Anti-Homosexual (Male & Female)	1	2.8%
		Anti-Heterosexual	—	—
		Anti-Bisexual	—	—
Ethnicity, National Origin	8.3%	Anti-Arab	—	—
		Anti-Hispanic	—	—
		Anti-Other Ethnic/ National Origin	3	8.3%
Religious	5.6%	Anti-Jewish	1	2.8%
		Anti-Catholic	—	—
		Anti-Protestant	—	—
		Anti-Islamic (Moslem)	1	2.8%

<b>Hate Crime Bias Motivation (cont.)</b>				
Bias Nature	Group %	Bias Type	Incidents of bias	% of Total
Religious	5.6%	Anti-Other Religion	—	—
		Anti-Multi-Religious Group	—	—
		Anti-Atheist/ Agnostic	—	—
Disability	—	Anti-Mental Disability	—	—
		Anti-Physical Disability	—	—
Not Reported	—	—	—	—
Total	100.0%	Total	36	100.0%



The most frequently reported location of bias crimes in 2002 was highways, roads, alleys and streets. The second most common location was schools and colleges, and the third was residences and homes.

<b>Hate Crime Locations</b>		
Location	Incidents	%
Air/Bus/Train Terminal	2	5.6%
Bank/Savings and Loan	—	—
Bar/Nightclub	1	2.8%
Church/Synagogue/Temple	—	—
Commercial/Office Building	1	2.8%
Construction Site	—	—
Convenience Store	—	—

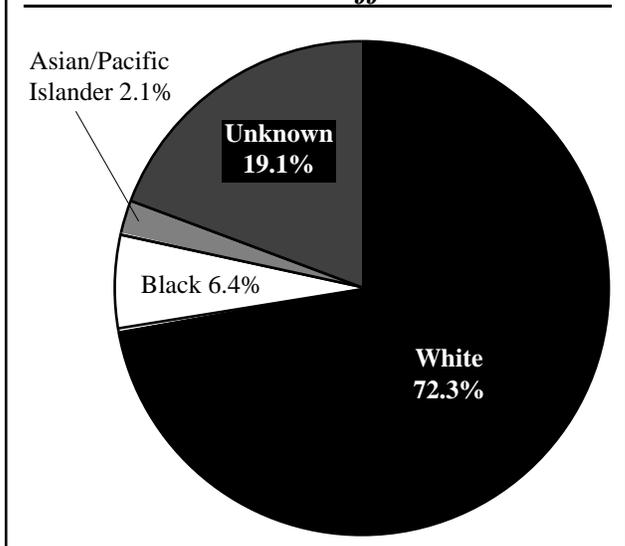
***Hate Crime Locations (cont.)***

Location	Incidents	%
Department/Discount Store	—	—
Drug Store/Doctor's Office/Hospital	1	2.8%
Field/Woods	—	—
Government/Public Building	3	8.3%
Grocery/Supermarket	—	—
Highway/Road/Street/Alley	12	33.3%
Hotel/Motel	—	—
Jail/Prison	1	2.8%
Lake/Waterway	—	—
Liquor Store	—	—
Parking Lot/Garage	—	—
Rental Storage Facility	—	—
Residence/Home	6	16.7%
Restaurant	—	—
School/College	7	19.4%
Service/Gas Station	—	—
Specialty Store	—	—
Other/Unknown	2	5.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

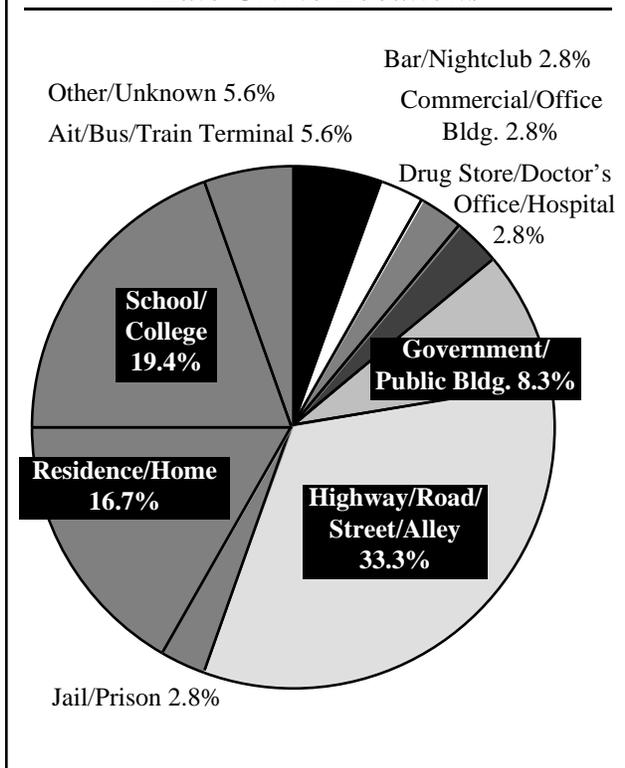
***Hate Crime Offenders by Race***

Suspected Offenders' Race	No.	% of Total
White	34	72.3%
Black	3	6.4%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	—	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	2.1%
Multi-Racial Group	—	—
Unknown	9	19.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

***Hate Crime Offenders***



***Hate Crime Locations***



The most common race of suspected offender of hate crimes was white.

Information on the victims of hate crimes is limited to victim type. While bias motivation information identifies the offender's bias, it is important to note that the victim may not actually belong to the group the offender sought to harm. For this reason, information on the victims' actual group membership is not recorded.

Victim type, in the hate crime data collection program is listed as: individual, business, financial institution, government, religious organization, society/public, other and unknown. Of these victim types, individuals were reported to be the main hate crime target.

***Hate Crime Offenses by Victim Type***

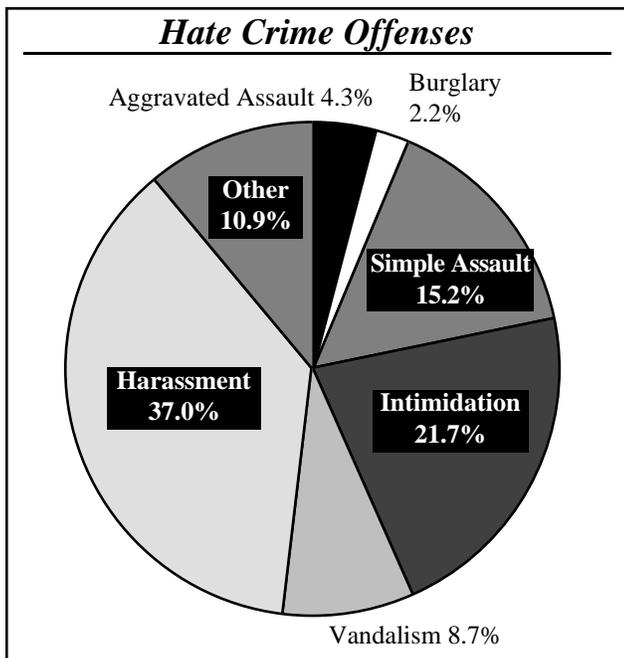
Victim Type	No.	% of Total
Individual	43	93.5%
Business	1	2.2%
Financial Institution	—	—
Government	1	2.2%
Religious Organization	—	—
Society/Public	1	2.2%
Other	—	—
Unknown	—	—
Not Reported	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>100.1%</b>

Offense information in the hate crime data collection program are defined in accordance with federal Uniform Crime Reporting definitions and do not necessarily conform to Maine state definitions. Complete offense definitions are available in the appendix to this publication.

Hate crime offense information falls into the eight index crimes — murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson — plus the non-index crimes of simple assault, intimidation and vandalism. Additionally, Maine’s hate crime reporting statute provides for the reporting of harassment as a supplemental offense category.

<b>Offense</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Murder	—	—
Rape	—	—
Robbery	—	—
Aggravated Assault	2	4.3%
Burglary	1	2.2%
Larceny-Theft	—	—
Motor Vehicle Theft	—	—
Arson	—	—
Simple Assault	7	15.2%
Intimidation	10	21.7%
Vandalism	4	8.7%
Harassment*	17	37.0%
Other	5	10.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

*\*Harassment not included as a federal hate crime offense.*



## ***Offenses Reported by Agency***

### **Augusta Police Dept.**

1 Harassment Anti-Black

### **Cape Elizabeth Police Dept.**

1 Harassment Anti-Black

### **Cumberland County Sheriff’s Office**

1 Harassment Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)

1 Other (Disorderly Conduct) Anti-Black

### **Farmington Police Dept.**

2 Harassment Anti-Black

### **Knox County Sheriff’s Office**

1 Intimidation Anti-Black

### **Lewiston Police Dept.**

1 Aggravated Assault Anti-Black

2 Intimidation Anti-Black

1 Simple Assault Anti-Black

1 Simple Assault Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)

### **Limestone Police Dept.**

1 Intimidation Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)

### **Portland Police Dept.**

4 Harassment Anti-Black

1 Harassment Anti-Islamic (Moslem)

1 Harassment Anti-Other Ethnicity/National Origin

3 Harassment Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)

3 Intimidation Anti-Black

1 Intimidation Anti-Other Ethnicity/National Origin

1 Other (Criminal Threatening) Anti-Black

1 Other (Reckless Conduct) Anti-Black

1 Other (Terrorizing) Anti-Black

1 Other (Criminal Threatening)

Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)

2 Simple Assault Anti-Black

1 Simple Assault Anti-Other Ethnicity/National Origin

3 Vandalism Anti-Black

### **Presque Isle Police Dept.**

1 Burglary Anti-Jewish

1 Harassment Anti-Jewish

1 Simple Assault Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)

1 Vandalism Anti-Jewish

### **South Portland Police Dept.**

1 Aggravated Assault Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)

1 Harassment Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)

### **USM Police Dept.**

1 Harassment Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)

### **Waterville Police Dept.**

1 Intimidation Anti-Homosexual (Gay & Lesbian)

### **Wilton Police Dept.**

1 Simple Assault Anti-Black

### **York Police Dept.**

1 Intimidation Anti-Black

**14 Agencies      46 Offenses**