

**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.

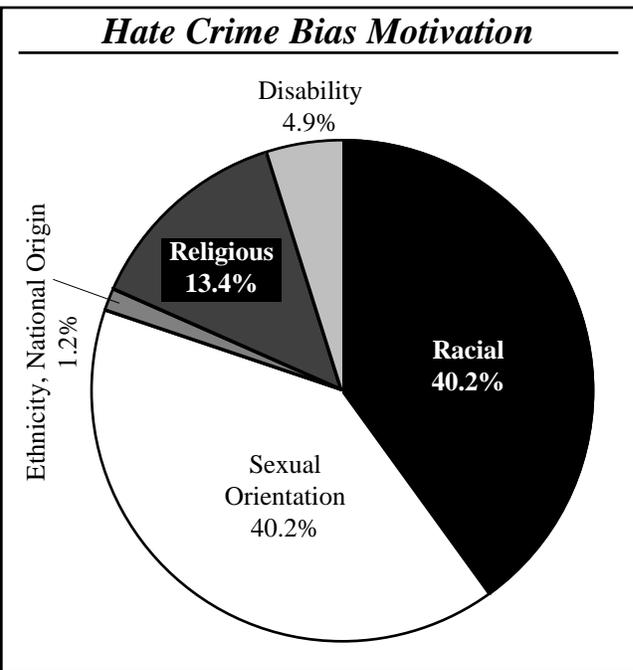
The reported number of hate crime incidents in Maine in 1998 was 57. These incidents involved 77 victims with at least 83 offenders, and resulted in a total of 79 offenses.

<b>Hate Crime 1998</b>	
Number of incidents .....	57
Number of victims .....	77
Number of offenders .....	83
Number of offenses .....	79

In 1998, the most commonly reported bias motivations were racial and sexual orientation. The second largest percentage was religious hate crimes.

<b>Hate Crime Bias Motivation</b>				
Bias Nature	Group %	Bias Type	Incidents of bias	% of Total
Racial	40.2%	Anti-White	1	1.2%
		Anti-Black	27	32.9%
		Anti-American Indian/ Alaskan Native	—	—
		Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander	5	6.1%
		Anti-Multi-Racial Group	—	—
Sexual Orientation	40.2%	Anti-Male Homosexual	23	28.0%
		Anti-Female Homosexual	6	7.3%
		Anti-Homosexual (Male & Female)	4	4.9%
		Anti-Heterosexual	—	—
		Anti-Bisexual	—	—
Ethnicity, National Origin	1.2%	Anti-Arab	—	—
		Anti-Hispanic	1	1.2%
		Anti-Other Ethnic/ National Origin	—	—
Religious	13.4%	Anti-Jewish	10	12.2%
		Anti-Catholic	—	—
		Anti-Protestant	1	1.2%
		Anti-Islamic (Moslem)	—	—

<b>Hate Crime Bias Motivation (cont.)</b>				
Bias Nature	Group %	Bias Type	Incidents of bias	% of Total
Religious	13.4%	Anti-Other Religion	—	—
		Anti-Multi-Religious Group	—	—
		Anti-Atheist/ Agnostic	—	—
Disability	4.9%	Anti-Mental Disability	4	4.9%
		Anti-Physical Disability	—	—
Not Reported			—	—
Total	100.0%	Total	82	100.0%



The most frequently reported location of bias crimes in 1998 was highways, roads, alleys and streets. The second most common location was residences and homes, and the third was schools and colleges.

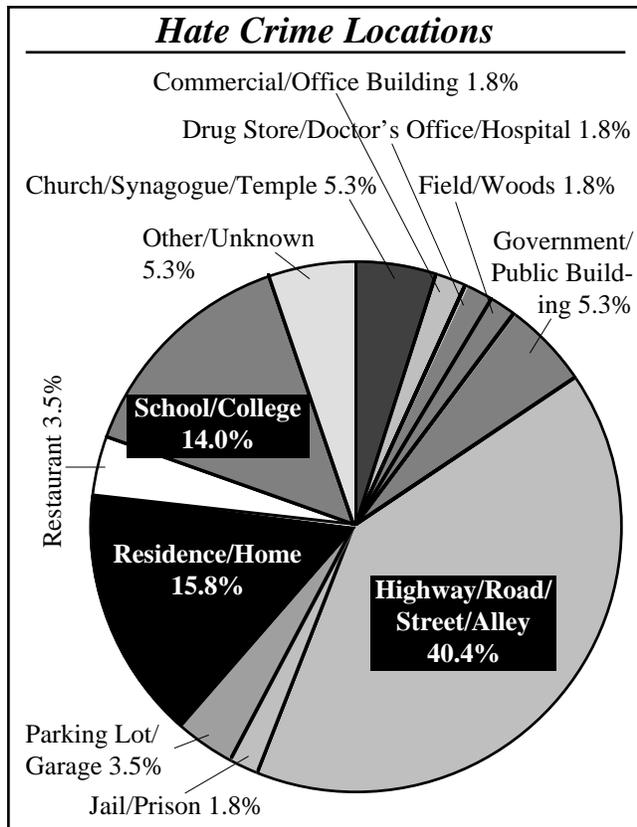
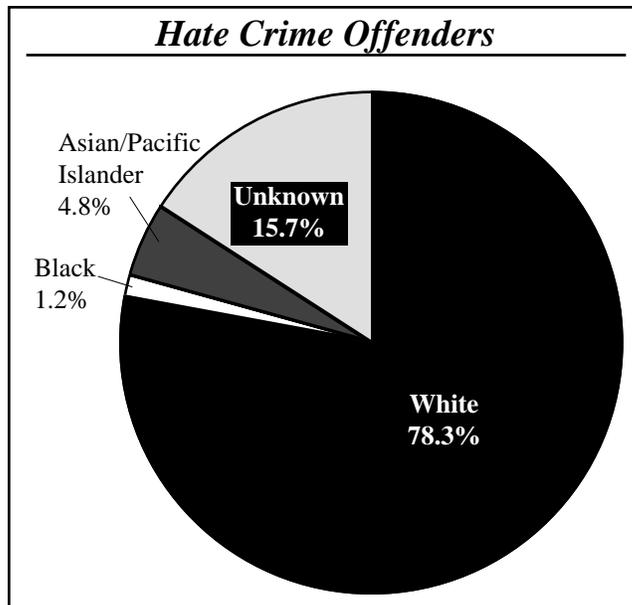
<b>Hate Crime Locations</b>		
Location	Incidents	%
Air/Bus/Train Terminal	—	—
Bank/Savings and Loan	—	—
Bar/Nightclub	—	—
Church/Synagogue/Temple	3	5.3%
Commercial/Office Building	1	1.8%
Construction Site	—	—
Convenience Store	—	—

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

Location	Incidents	%
Department/Discount Store	—	—
Drug Store/Doctor's Office/Hospital	1	1.8%
Field/Woods	1	1.8%
Government/Public Building	3	5.3%
Grocery/Supermarket	—	—
Highway/Road/Street/Alley	23	40.4%
Hotel/Motel	—	—
Jail/Prison	1	1.8%
Lake/Waterway	—	—
Liquor Store	—	—
Parking Lot/Garage	2	3.5%
Rental Storage Facility	—	—
Residence/Home	9	15.8%
Restaurant	2	3.5%
School/College	8	14.0%
Service/Gas Station	—	—
Specialty Store	—	—
Other/Unknown	3	5.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

***Hate Crime Offenders by Race***

Suspected Offenders' Race	No.	% of Total
White	65	78.3%
Black	1	1.2%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	—	—
Asian/Pacific Islander	4	4.8%
Multi-Racial Group	—	—
Unknown	13	15.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



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	70	90.9%
Business	1	1.3%
Financial Institution	—	—
Government	—	—
Religious Organization	3	3.9%
Society/Public	1	1.3%
Other	—	—
Unknown	2	2.6%
Not Reported	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

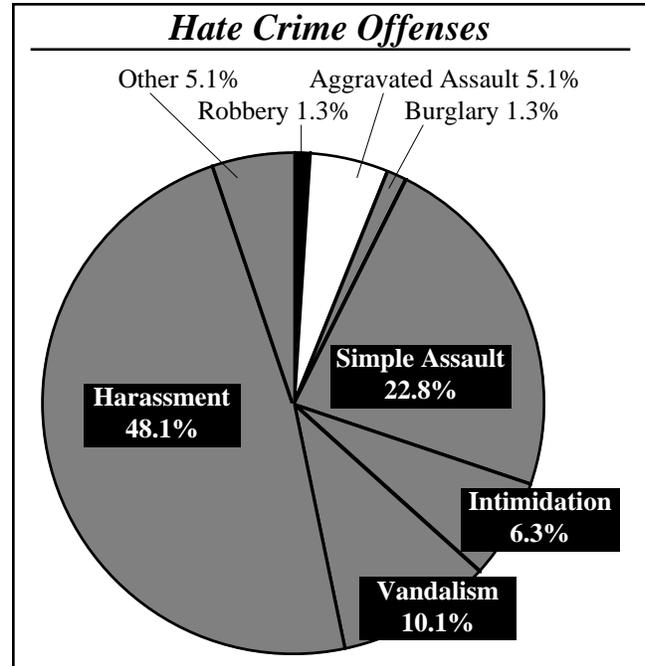
Offense information in the hate crime data collection program are defined in accordance with federal Uniform Crime Reporting definitions and do not necessarily conform to Maine state definitions. Complete offense definitions are available in the appendix to this publication.

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.

<i>Hate Crime by Offense</i>		
Offense	Volume	% of Total
Murder	—	—
Rape	—	—
Robbery	1	1.3%
Aggravated Assault	4	5.1%
Burglary	1	1.3%
Larceny-Theft	—	—
Motor Vehicle Theft	—	—
Arson	—	—
Simple Assault	18	22.8%
Intimidation	5	6.3%
Vandalism	8	10.1%
Harassment*	38	48.1%
Other	4	5.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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



**Offenses Reported by Agency**

**Augusta Police Dept.**

- 1 Aggravated Assault Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)
- 2 Simple Assault Anti-Black
- 2 Simple Assault Anti-Mental Disability
- 3 Harassment Anti-Black
- 1 Harassment Anti-Jewish
- 1 Harassment Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)
- 1 Harassment Anti-Mental Disability
- 1 Intimidation Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)
- 1 Other Offenses Anti-Homosexual (Gay and Lesbian)
- 1 Other Offenses Anti-Mental Disability
- 1 Vandalism Anti-Protestant

**Bridgton Police Dept.**

- 1 Aggravated Assault Anti-Black

**Buxton Police Dept.**

- 1 Intimidation Anti-Jewish

**Cape Elizabeth Police Dept.**

- 1 Vandalism Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)

- 1 Vandalism Anti-Female Homosexual (Lesbian)

**Fairfield Police Dept.**

- 1 Simple Assault Anti-Black

**Farmington Police Dept.**

- 1 Harassment Anti-Female Homosexual (Lesbian)

**Lewiston Police Dept.**

- 1 Harassment Anti-Black
- 1 Harassment Anti-White

**Orono Police Dept.**

- 1 Intimidation Anti-Homosexual (Gay and Lesbian)
- 1 Other Offenses Anti-Homosexual (Gay and Lesbian)

**Portland Police Dept.**

- 1 Aggravated Assault Anti-Black
- 1 Aggravated Assault Anti-Female Homosexual (Lesbian)
- 3 Simple Assault Anti-Black
- 5 Simple Assault Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)
- 1 Simple Assault Anti-Female Homosexual (Lesbian)
- 1 Simple Assault Anti-Jewish
- 1 Harassment Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander
- 8 Harassment Anti-Black
- 1 Harassment Anti-Black/Anti-Jewish
- 1 Harassment Anti-Hispanic
- 3 Harassment Anti-Jewish
- 9 Harassment Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)
- 1 Harassment Anti-Female Homosexual (Lesbian)
- 1 Other Offenses Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)
- 1 Robbery Anti-Female Homosexual (Lesbian)

- 1 Vandalism Anti-Jewish
- 2 Vandalism Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)

**Presque Isle Police Dept.**

- 1 Vandalism Anti-Jewish

**Saco Police Dept.**

- 1 Simple Assault Anti-Black
- 1 Harassment Anti-Black
- 1 Intimidation Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)

**Southwest Harbor Police Dept.**

- 1 Simple Assault Anti-Homosexual (Gay and Lesbian)

**Van Buren Police Dept.**

- 1 Harassment Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)

**Wells Police Dept.**

- 1 Simple Assault Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander
- 1 Burglary Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander
- 1 Harassment Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander
- 1 Vandalism Anti-Black/Anti-Jewish

**Wilton Police Dept.**

- 1 Intimidation Anti-Black/Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander

**York County Sheriff's Office**

- 2 Harassment Anti-Black

**16 Agencies      79 Offenses**