Bias Crimes

Race/Religion/Ethnicity/Sexual Orientation/Disability

2009 Annual Report

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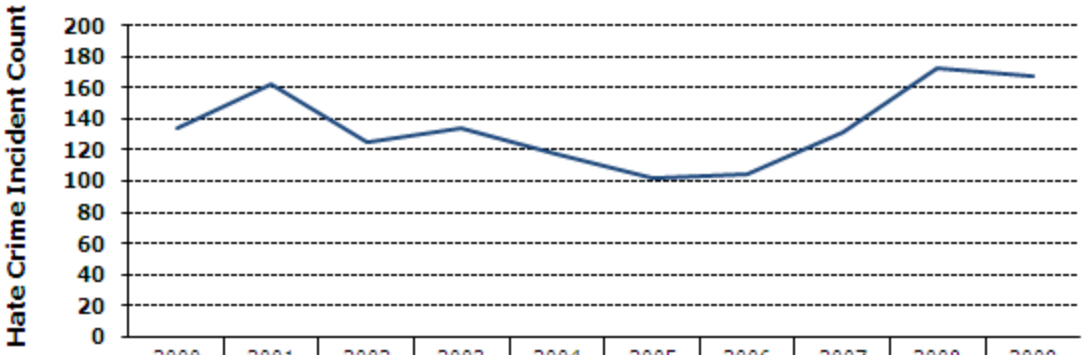
Hate Crime

DEFINITION: A hate crime, also known as a bias crime, is a criminal offense committed against a person, property, or society which is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or ethnicity/national origin. The police department, resident state trooper or constable who performs law enforcement duties for each town shall monitor, record and classify all crimes committed within such towns which are violations of section 53a 181(j-I) and report such information to the Division of State Police within the Department of Public Safety (C.G.S. 29-7m(b)). Effective October 2008 displaying a noose is considered a hate crime (C.G.S. 46a-58(d)). This report includes incidents submitted to the Connecticut Department of Public Safety by June 2010.



	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Total	134	162	125	134	117	102	104	131	173	168
Rate*	3.93	4.73	3.61	3.88	3.34	2.90	2.97	3.74	4.94	4.78
Pop. in Million	3.406	3.425	3.461	3.483	3.504	3.510	3.305	3.502	3.501	3.518
CT % Change	-1%	21%	-23%	7%	-13%	-13%	2%	26%	32%	-3%

*All rates per 100,000 persons.

HATE CRIME OFFENSES

Offense	n	%
Homicide	0	0.0%
Rape/Sex Offense	0	0.0%
Robbery	0	0.0%
Assault	24	14.3%
Arson	0	0.0%
Burglary	0	0.0%
Criminal Mischief	95	56.5%
Breach of Peace	16	9.5%
Disorderly Conduct	8	4.8%
Weapons Offense	0	0.0%
Trespass	0	0.0%
Threatening/Harassment	1	0.6%
Dep. Rights/Person-Mask/Hood	0	0.0%
Intimidation by Bigotry/Bias	24	14.3%
Other	0	0.0%
Total	**168**	**100%**

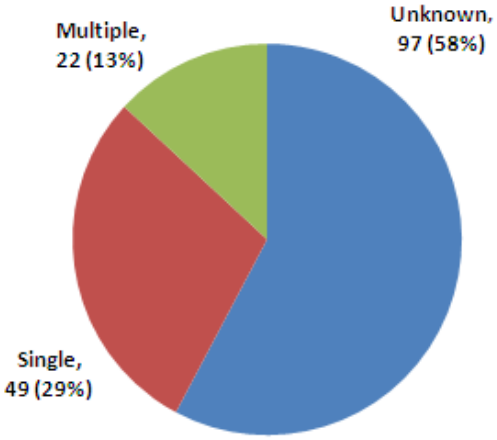
BIAS MOTIVATION

Bias Group		Target of Bias	n	%
Race	53%	American Indian	0	0.0%
		Asian/Pacif. Isl.	2	1.2%
		Black	75	44.6%
		White	12	7.1%
Religion	21%	Jewish	29	17.2%
		Islamic/Moslem	3	1.8%
		Catholic	1	0.6%
		Protestant	1	0.6%
		Other	2	1.2%
Ethnicity	10%	Hispanic	9	5.4%
		Non-Hispanic	0	0.0%
		Other	7	4.2%
Sexual Orientation	15%	Male Homosexual	15	8.9%
		Female Homosexual	7	4.2%
		Homosexual (M&F)	3	1.8%
		Bisexual	0	0.0%
		Heterosexual	0	0.0%
Disa-bility	1%	Physically Disabled	2	1.2%
		Mentally Disabled	0	0.0%

Connecticut Bias Crimes 2009

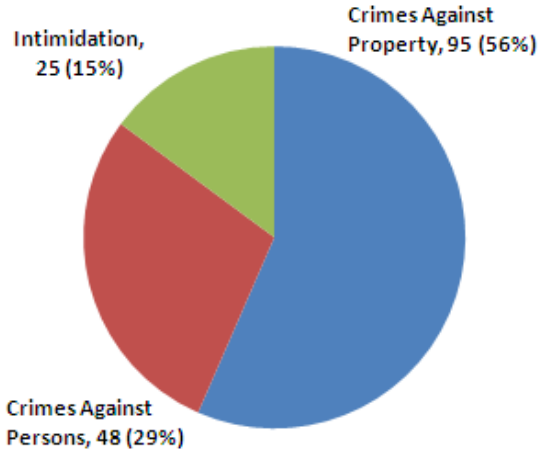
		n	%
Place of Incident	Air/Bus/Train Terminal	1	0.6%
	Bar/Night Club	1	0.6%
	Church/Synagogue	3	1.8%
	Commercial Office Building	5	3.0%
	Convenience Store	2	1.2%
	Dept./Discount Store	2	1.2%
	Drug St./Dr's Off./Hospital	1	0.6%
	Field/Woods	6	3.5%
	Gov't/Pub.Building	16	9.5%
	Grocery/Supermarket	1	0.6%
	Highway/Road/Alley/Street	36	21.4%
	Hotel/Motel/etc.	1	0.6%
	Jail/Prison	1	0.6%
	Liquor Store	2	1.2%
	Parking Lot/Garage	6	3.5%
	Residence/Home	39	23.2%
	Restaurant	3	1.8%
	School/College	28	16.7%
	Service/Gas Station	4	2.4%
	Unknown/Or Place not Listed	10	6.0%
Victim Type	Individual - Single	77	45.8%
	Individual - Multiple	18	10.7%
	Business	12	7.2%
	Government/School/College	57	33.9%
	Religious Organization	4	2.4%
	Other Organizations	0	0.0%
Total		**168**	**100%**

Number of Offenders

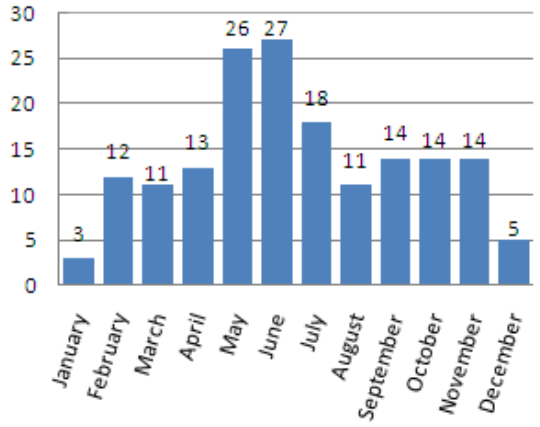


		n	%
Extent of Injury/Damage	**Crimes Against Persons***		
	No Injuries	32	19.0%
	Injury/No Treatment	8	4.8%
	Injury/Treatment Needed	8	4.8%
	Death	0	0.0%
	Symbolic (Threats, slurs, intimidation)		
	Victim Placed in Fear (no injuries)	25	14.9%
	Crimes Against Property**		
	Stolen	0	0.0%
	Destroyed	2	1.2%
	Defaced	93	55.3%
Total		**168**	**100%**

*Includes Breach of Peace and Disorderly Conduct; excludes Intimidation. ** Includes 83 offenses that involved graffiti or drawing of swastikas.



Month of Offense



Hate Crime Incidents by Agency / Town

Agency/Town	Race	Religion	Ethnicity	Sexual Orientation	Disability	Total
Connecticut Total	**89**	**36**	**16**	**25**	**2**	**168**
Andover (K)						0
Ansonia						0
Ashford (C)						0
Avon						0
Barkhamsted (B)						0
Beacon Falls (I)						0
Berlin						0
Bethany (I)						0
Bethel						0
Bethlehem (L)						0
Bloomfield						0
Bolton (K)	1	1				2
Bozrah (K)						0
Branford						0
Bridgeport	1	2	3			6
Bridgewater (A)						0
Bristol	2	1		1		4
Brookfield						0
Brooklyn (D)						0
Burlington (L)						0
Canaan (B)						0
Canterbury (D)						0
Canton	2					2
Chaplin (D)						0
Cheshire	4			1		5
Chester (F)						0
Clinton				1		1
Colchester (K)	1					1
Colebrook (B)						0
Columbia (K)						0
Cornwall (B)						0
Coventry	3	4	1			8
Cromwell						0
Danbury	1		1			2
Darien						0
Deep River (F)						0
Derby		1				1
Durham (F)						0
Eastford (D)						0
East Granby (H)						0
East Haddam (K)						0
East Hampton						0
East Hartford	1					1
East Haven						0
East Lyme (E)						0
Easton	1	1				2
East Windsor						0

Hate Crime Incidents by Agency / Town (continued)

Agency/Town	Race	Religion	Ethnicity	Sexual Orientation	Disability	Total
Ellington (C)						0
Enfield	2					2
Essex (F)						0
Fairfield						0
Farmington	2			1		3
Franklin (K)						0
Glastonbury				1		1
Goshen (B)						0
Granby						0
Greenwich		2				2
Griswold (E)						0
Groton City						0
Groton Town	2		1			3
Groton LP						0
Guilford				1		1
Haddam (E)						0
Hamden						0
Hampton (D)						0
Hartford		1		4		5
Hartland (B)						0
Harwinton (L)						0
Hebron (K)						0
Kent (L)						0
Killingly (D)	1					1
Killingworth (F)						0
Lebanon (K)						0
Ledyard (E)						0
Lisbon (E)						0
Litchfield (L)						0
Lyme (F)						0
Madison	1					1
Manchester	23	4	4	3	1	35
Mansfield (C)	1					1
Marlborough (K)						0
Meriden	3	1				4
Middlebury	1					1
Middlefield (F)						0
Middletown	1					1
Milford	3	2				5
Monroe						0
Montville (E)						0
Morris (L)						0
Naugatuck						0
New Britain	2	1				3
New Canaan						0
New Fairfield (A)						0
New Hartford (B)						0
New Haven	3		1	2		6

Hate Crime Incidents by Agency / Town (continued)

Agency / Town	Race	Religion	Ethnicity	Sexual Orientation	Disability	Total
Newington			1			1
New London						0
New Milford						0
Newtown	2	1				3
Newtown (A)						0
Norfolk (B)						0
North Branford						0
North Canaan (B)						0
North Haven						0
North Stonington (E)						0
Norwalk	1		1	1		3
Norwich			1	1		2
Old Lyme (F)	1					1
Old Saybrook						0
Orange						0
Oxford (A)						0
Plainfiled						0
Plainville						0
Plymouth						0
Pomfret (D)						0
Portland						0
Preston (E)						0
Prospect (I)						0
Putnam (D)						0
Putnam Municipal						0
Redding						0
Ridgefield						0
Rocky Hill						0
Roxbury (A)						0
Salem (K)						0
Salisbury (B)						0
Scotland (D)						0
Seymour						0
Sharon (B)						0
Shelton	1			1		2
Sherman (A)						0
Simsbury	1	1				2
Somers (C)						0
Southbury (A)						0
Southington		1		1		2
South Windsor						0
Sprague (E)						0
Stafford (C)						0
Stamford						0
Sterling (D)						0
Stonington						0
Stratford	3			1		4
Suffield						0
Thomaston						0

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Agency / Town	Race	Religion	Ethnicity	Sexual Orientation	Disability	Total
Thompson (D)						0
Tolland (C)						0
Torrington	2	1				3
Trumbull						0
Union (C)						0
Vernon						0
Voluntown (E)						0
Wallingford	1	2				3
Warren (L)						0
Washington (L)						0
Waterbury						0
Waterford		1			1	2
Watertown						0
Westbrook (F)						0
West Hartford	1	1		2		4
West Haven	3	3	1			7
Weston						0
Westport	4	2				6
Wethersfield						0
Willimantic			1	1		2
Willington (C)				1		1
Wilton						0
Winchester	2					2
Windham (K)						0
Windsor						0
Windsor Locks						0
Wolcott						0
Woodbridge						0
Woodbury (L)				1		1
Woodstock (D)						0
Foxwoods Casino	1					1
Mohegan Sun Casino						0
C.C.S.U.						0
E.C.S.U.	1					1
S.C.S.U.						0
W.C.S.U.	1					1
UCONN - Storrs		1				1
UCONN Health Ctr						0
Yale University						0
MTA	1					1
State Capitol						0
State Police Misc.	1	1				2