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 2007 was 72. These incidents involved 81 victims with at least 73 offenders, and resulted in a total of 82 offenses.

Hate Crime 2007

Number of incidents...72
Number of victims...81
Number of offenders 73
Number of offenses 82

In 2007, the most commonly reported bias motivation was racial. The second largest percentage was sexual orientation and the third religious hate crimes.

Hate Crime Bias Motivation

Bias Nature	Group %	Bias Type	Incidents of bias	% of Total
Racial	55.7%	Anti-White	6	7.6%
		Anti-Black	35	44.3%
		Anti-American Indian/ Alaskan Native	3	3.8%
		Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
		Anti-Multi-Racial Group	—	—
Sexual Orientation	30.4%	Anti-Male Homosexual	16	20.3%
		Anti-Female Homosexual	4	5.1%
		Anti-Homosexual (Male & Female)	3	3.8%
		Anti-Heterosexual	—	—
		Anti-Bisexual	1	1.3%
Ethnicity, National Origin	5.1%	Anti-Arab	—	—
		Anti-Hispanic	1	1.3%
		Anti-Other Ethnic/ National Origin	3	3.8%
Religious	8.9%	Anti-Jewish	2	2.5%
		Anti-Catholic	2	2.5%
		Anti-Protestant	—	—
		Anti-Islamic (Moslem)	1	1.3%

Hate Crime Bias Motivation (cont.)

Bias Nature	Group %	Bias Type	Incidents of bias	% of Total
Religious	8.9%	Anti-Other Religion	1	1.3%
		Anti-Multi-Religious Group	1	1.3%
		Anti-Atheist/ Agnostic	—	—
Disability	—	Anti-Mental Disability	—	—
		Anti-Physical Disability	—	—
Not Reported			—	—
Total	100.0%	Total	79	100.0%

Hate Crime Bias Motivation
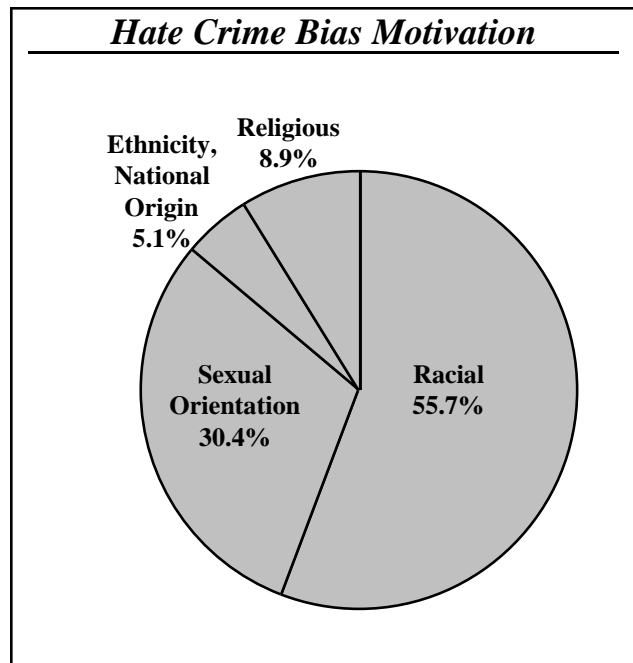
The most frequently reported location of bias crimes in 2007 was residences and homes. The second most common location was schools and colleges, and the third was highways, roads, alleys and streets.

Hate Crime Locations

Location	Incidents	%
Air/Bus/Train Terminal	1	1.4%
Bank/Savings and Loan	—	—
Bar/Nightclub	2	2.7%
Church/Synagogue/Temple	3	4.1%
Commercial/Office Building	1	1.4%
Construction Site	—	—
Convenience Store	2	2.7%

Hate Crime Locations (cont.)

Location	Incidents	%
Department/Discount Store	—	—
Drug Store/Doctor's Office/Hospital	—	—
Field/Woods	3	4.1%
Government/Public Building	—	—
Grocery/Supermarket	—	—
Highway/Road/Street/Alley	13	17.8%
Hotel/Motel	1	1.4%
Jail/Prison	5	6.8%
Lake/Waterway	—	—
Liquor Store	—	—
Parking Lot/Garage	4	5.5%
Rental Storage Facility	—	—
Residence/Home	17	23.3%
Restaurant	2	2.7%
School/College	14	19.2%
Service/Gas Station	—	—
Specialty Store	—	—
Other/Unknown	5	6.8%
Total	73	100.0%

Hate Crime Locations

Air/Bus/Train Terminal 1.4%
Bar/Nightclub 2.7%
Church/Synagogue/Temple 4.1%
Commercial/Office Building 1.4%
Convenience Store 2.7%
Field/Woods 4.1%
Other/Unknown 6.8%
School/College 19.2%
Highway/Road/Street/Alley 17.8%
Residence/Home 23.3%
Hotel/Motel 1.4%
Jail/Prison 6.8%
Parking Lot/Garage 5.5%
Restaurant 2.7%

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

Hate Crime Offenders by Race

Suspected Offenders' Race	No.	% of Total
White	47	64.4%
Black	4	5.5%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2	2.7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	—	—
Multi-Racial Group	—	—
Unknown	20	27.4%
Total	73	100.0%

Hate Crime Offenders

American Indian/Alaskan Native 2.7%
Unknown 27.4%
White 64.4%
Black 5.5%
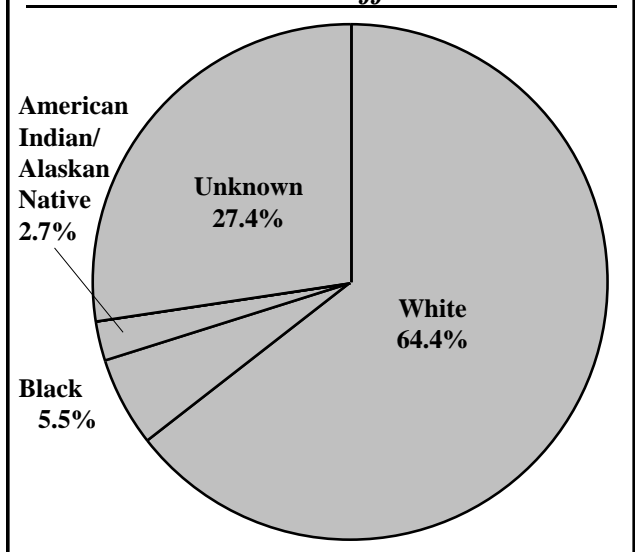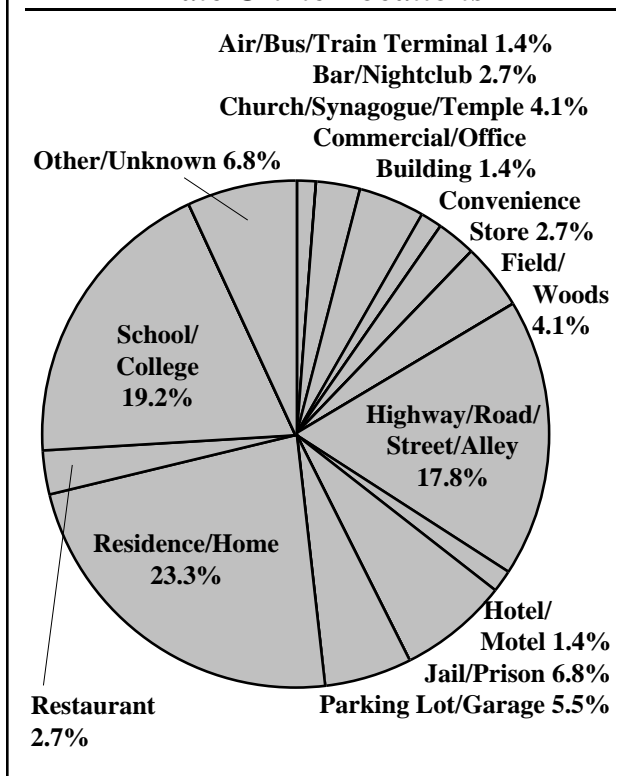
Information on the victims of hate crimes is limited to victim type. While bias motivation information identifies the offender's bias, it is important to note that the victim may not actually belong to the group the offender sought to harm. For this reason, information on the victims' actual group membership 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	69	88.5%
Business	1	1.3%
Financial Institution	—	—
Government	1	1.3%
Religious Organization	4	5.1%
Society/Public	—	—
Other	2	2.6%
Unknown	1	1.3%
Not Reported	—	—
Total	78	100.0%

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.

Hate Crime by Offense

Offense	Volume	% of Total
Murder	—	—
Rape	—	—
Robbery	1	1.3%
Aggravated Assault	2	2.5%
Burglary	—	—
Larceny-Theft	—	—
Motor Vehicle Theft	—	—
Arson	—	—
Simple Assault	19	23.8%
Intimidation	10	12.5%
Vandalism	19	23.8%
Harassment*	25	31.3%
Other	4	5.0%
Total	80	100.0%

Harassment not included as a federal hate crime offense.
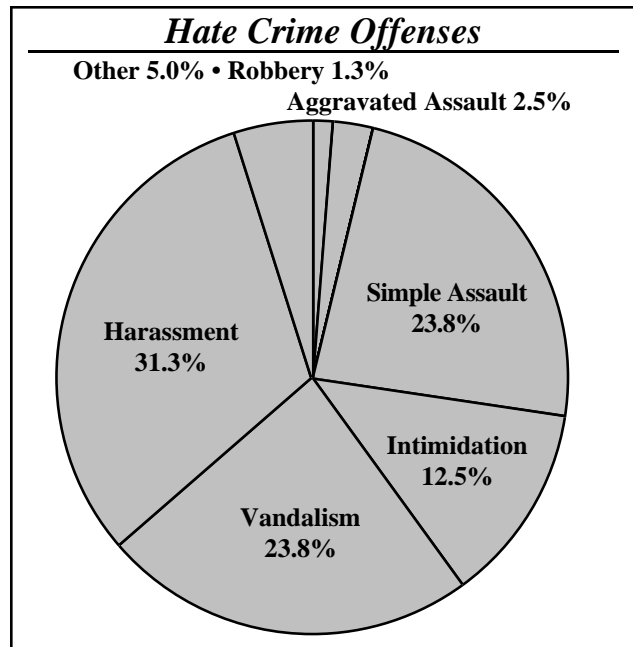
Offenses Reported by Agency

Hate Crime Offenses

Other 5.0% • Robbery 1.3%
Aggravated Assault 2.5%
Simple Assault 23.8%
Harassment 31.3%
Intimidation 12.5%
Vandalism 23.8%

Augusta Police Dept.
1 Harassment — Anti-Black
1 Simple Assault — Anti-Other Ethnicity/National Origin
1 Harassment — Anti-Black
1 Harassment — Anti-Female Homosexual (Lesbian)
1 Destruction/Damage/Vandalism — Anti-Black
1 Harassment — Anti-Black
1 Harassment — Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)
1 Harassment — Anti-Black
1 Harassment — Anti-Black
1 Destruction/Damage/Vandalism — Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)
  Harassment — Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)
  Other — Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)
1 Harassment — Anti-Black

Baileyville Police Dept.
1 Aggravated Assault — Anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native
  Assault — Anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native

Bangor Police Dept.
1 Simple Assault — Anti-White
1 Intimidation — Anti-Black
1 Simple Assault — Anti-Black
1 Intimidation — Anti-Hispanic
1 Destruction/Damage/Vandalism — Anti-Black
1 Destruction/Damage/Vandalism — Anti-Other Religion
1 Intimidation — Anti-Black

Bar Harbor Police Dept.
1 Harassment — Anti-Black
1 Intimidation — Anti-Black

Biddeford Police Dept.
1 Harassment — Anti-Islamic (Muslim)

Calais Police Dept.
1 Harassment — Anti-Female Homosexual (Lesbian)
1 Harassment — Anti-White

Cumberland County Sheriff's Office
1 Harassment — Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)
1 Destruction/Damage/Vandalism — Anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native
1 Aggravated Assault — Anti-Black
  Harassment — Anti-Black

Dixfield Police Dept.
1 Harassment — Anti-Black

Eliot Police Dept.
1 Intimidation — Anti-Female Homosexual (Lesbian)

Gorham Police Dept.
1 Simple Assault — Anti-Black

Kennebunk Police Dept.
1 Harassment — Anti-Female Homosexual (Lesbian)

Lewiston Police Dept.
1 Simple Assault — Anti-Black
1 Destruction/Damage/Vandalism — Anti-Catholic
1 Simple Assault — Anti-White
  Intimidation — Anti-White
1 Simple Assault — Anti-Black
1 Simple Assault — Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)
  Robbery — Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)

Mechanic Falls Police Dept.
1 Destruction/Damage/Vandalism — Anti-Multi-Religious Group

Milo Police Dept.
1 Harassment — Anti-Black

Ogunquit Police Dept.
1 Destruction/Damage/Vandalism — Anti-Catholic

Old Orchard Beach Police Dept.
1 Destruction/Damage/Vandalism — Anti-White
1 Intimidation — Anti-Jewish
1 Simple Assault — Anti-Black

Old Town Police Dept.
1 Other — Anti-White

Orono Police Dept.
1 Intimidation — Anti-Homosexual (Gay & Lesbian)

Oxford County Sheriff's Office
1 Simple Assault — Anti-Black

Penobscot County Sheriff's Office
1 Simple Assault — Anti-Black
1 Simple Assault — Anti-Bisexual

Portland Police Dept.
1 Harassment — Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)
1 Destruction/Damage/Vandalism — Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)
1 Harassment — Anti-Black
1 Harassment — Anti-Jewish
1 Harassment — Anti-Black
1 Other — Anti-Black
  Simple Assault — Anti-Black
1 Other — Anti-Other Ethnicity/National Origin
1 Harassment — Anti-Other Ethnicity/National Origin

Sabattus Police Dept.
1 Simple Assault — Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)

Sanford Police Dept.
1 Destruction/Damage/Vandalism — Anti-Black

South Portland Police Dept.
1 Simple Assault — Anti-Homosexual (Gay & Lesbian)
1 Simple Assault — Anti-Black
1 Destruction/Damage/Vandalism — Anti-Homosexual (Gay & Lesbian)
1 Simple Assault — Anti-Black

University of Southern Maine Police Dept.
1 Destruction/Damage/Vandalism — Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)
1 Destruction/Damage/Vandalism — Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)
1 Destruction/Damage/Vandalism — Anti-Black
1 Destruction/Damage/Vandalism — Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)
1 Destruction/Damage/Vandalism — Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)
1 Destruction/Damage/Vandalism — Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)

Waldo County Sheriff's Office
1 Simple Assault — Anti-Black

Waterville Police Dept.
1 Intimidation — Anti-Black

York County Sheriff's Office
1 Intimidation — Anti-Black

York Police Dept.
1 Harassment — Anti-Black

Maine State Police
1 Destruction/Damage/Vandalism — Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)

30 agencies   72 offenses