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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Hate Crime Homicides by Year (1992 to 2019) Source: 2019 Hate Crime Statistics, FBI

Newly released Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) annual hate crime totals for 2019 hit their highest level in over a decade on a small overall increase of almost three percent. The 7,314 hate crime "incidents" or events tabulated from voluntarily collected complaint reports submitted by 15,588 agencies across the country, represent the third consecutive year of an elevated plateau of over 7,100, increasingly violent, criminal incidents.

The 2019 increases in hate crime were far more precipitous among the most violent offenses – homicides and assaults; those directed toward certain target groups, like Jews and Latinos; and in some of the nation's largest cities. These 2019 overall hate crime totals represent an increase of 194 incidents or 2.72% over the prior year and the most since 2008, when there were 7,783.



Hate Crime by Year (1992 to 2019) Source: Hate Crime Statistics, FBI

HATE CRIME DEFINED

Under federal data collection definitions, hate crimes are criminal events motivated, in whole or in part, by actual or perceived bias based on race, ethnicity, ancestry, religion, sexual orientation, disability, gender, and gender identity. Prejudiced hate speech alone, absent a genuine threat of violence or criminality, is constitutionally protected, and is not included in these FBI data. An earlier, though, complimentary hate crime victimization study by the Bureau of Justice statistics extrapolated far more annual hate crimes, but also found for the first time that the majority of adult victims are reporting to police. The FBI has collected useable national data hate crime data since 1992, pursuant to the 1990 Hate Crime Statistics Act.

HOMICIDES RISE SHARPLY

Of person directed crimes, FBI hate homicides rose most sharply to a record 51, more than double 2018 levels, as single assailant mass domestic terror attacks by white supremacists became increasingly more lethal. Last year was the third consecutive annual rise in a series of sharp increases in hate homicides enumerated by the FBI. However, there have been noteworthy omissions to the annual FBI hate homicide tallies in recent decades including the 2016 Pulse Nightclub attack, with 49 killed; the 9/11 terror attacks; the 60 killed during the 1992 Los Angeles civil disorder; and the death of protester Heather Heyer at Charlottesville in August 2017.

The worst single mass homicide event of the year, the August 2019 anti-Latino El Paso massacre, which left 23 dead (22 in 2019) was the most lethal single hate homicide event since FBI tallies commenced three decades ago. The total was double 2018's most lethal event, the Tree of Life synagogue attack that October with eleven homicides. While the most recent bias-motivated mass killers have increasingly been young adults, like the 21 year old El Paso assailant, a recent multi-decade longitudinal University of Maryland study found that these offenders relative to other violent hate offenders are older with a median age of 36. The Maryland BIAS study further found that these mass killers are more likely to act alone, be married, have a military service record, higher educational achievement, and a violent criminal history.





Other complimentary data from the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism (CSHE) shows the single category of white supremacist/far right extremist motivated homicides rose for the third consecutive year in 2019. These racist killers dominated the overall category of "extremist motivated" homicides with a total higher than that of all extremist killings combined for 2018.





People mourning at a memorial for the victims of the 2019 El Paso Walmart shooting Author: Ruperto Miller

A subsequent Department of Homeland Security (DHS) report from October 2020 found the overwhelming majority of extremist homicides in 2019, 81% or 39 of 48, were by white supremacists as well as half of the lethal attack events. These findings mirror prior research by CSHE, Center for Strategic and International Studies, the University of Maryland's "START" database, and the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) showing the overwhelming majority of domestic extremist killings post-9/11 attributable to far right malefactors. The DHS further found that 2019 was the worst year for domestic terrorist killings since 1995 when an anti-government extremist murdered 168 Americans in the VBED truck bombing of Oklahoma City's Murrah Federal Building.

MOST OTHER COMMON OFFENSES RISE

Aggravated assaults rose for the sixth straight year to the highest level since 2001. These serious physical attacks rose 5.9% from 818 in 2018 to 866 last year and have increased 47% since 2013. Aggravated assault is an "unlawful attack...for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury [and]....is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by other means likely to produce death or great bodily harm." The less injurious type of assault, simple assault rose 4.7% last year to 1,730 and is up 25.5% from 2014 levels. In 2019 most bias categories, even those with overall declines, still saw increases in assaults including Blacks, Whites, Latinos, Jews, Muslims, Arabs, Gay males, and transgender people.





Hate Crime Aggravated Assaults Incidents Total (2000-2019) Source: 2000 to 2019 Hate Crime Statistics, FBI

**Note: There can be more than one offense in a given recorded incident.

Of the four most common offenses only "intimidation" or criminal threats registered a decline last year, of 9.3% from 2,039 to 1849, driving overall "person directed" hate crime totals down slightly, by one percent to 4526 from 4571. These person directed crimes, which include homicides, assault and intimidation hit the 2nd highest total since 2002. The most frequent property crime – vandalism/ destruction incidents rose 14.7% to 2,152, driving overall property directed hate crimes to a smaller increase of 6.5% to 2,811.



Aggravated Assaults Offenses Total and Breakdown by Bias Type (1996-2019) Source: 2000 to 2019 Hate Crime Statistics, FBI

**Note: There can be more than one offense in a given recorded incident.



Anti-Semitic hate crime rose 14% from 835 in 2018 to 953 last year to hit the highest level since 2008. There were six anti-Semitic homicides, a decline from 11 the year before. Anti-Semitic hate crimes also grew as a proportion of all hate crime from 11.7% in 2018 to 13% in 2019. 2019 was one of only two years in the last decade with over 900 anti-Semitic hate crimes. New York City hit a modern record for FBI anti-Semitic hate crime in 2019, though that number dropped by half in 2020 preliminary local figures through Nov 1.

Anti-Latino hate crime rose 8.7% from 485 in 2018 to 527 in 2019 to the highest total since 2010. 22 people were killed in an anti-Latino domestic terror attack in El Paso in August 2019, with another victim passing in 2020 – the worst hate crime attack ever enumerated by the FBI. Additionally, the FBI classified the 2019 El Paso attack as "anti-other race/eth-nicity" rather than "anti-Hispanic."

Anti-Arab hate crime rose 16% to 95, while anti-Muslim hate crime fell by a dozen incidents or 6% from 188 to 176, the third consecutive decline, after peaking at 308 in 2016. Other groups registering major declines include anti-White, down 12.6% to 666; anti-Sikh, down 18% to 49; and anti-Native American, down 39%. Categories experiencing minimal declines of about one percent or less year over year in 2019 include anti-Disability, anti-Black, and anti-LGB hate crimes. Anti-Black hate crime, dropped to the lowest portion of all hate crimes since recordation began, to 26% after peaking in 1996 at 42%. Blacks are still the number one target, at twice the level they represent in the American population.



Total Hate Crime Incidents Per Year (1996 to 2019) By Bias Motive Category Source: 1996 to 2019 Hate Crime Statistics, FBI



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Year	Incidents	Change in Incidents Number	Percentage Change
2019	7314	194	2.72%
2018	7120	-55	-0.77%
2017	7175	1054	17.22%
2016	6121	271	4.63%
2015	5850	371	6.77%
2014	5479	-449	-7.57%
2013	5928	-645	-9.81%
2012	6573	351	5.64%
2011	6222	-406	-6.13%
2010	6628	24	0.36%
2009	6604	-1179	-15.15%
2008	7783	159	2.10%

Hate Crime, 2008-2019 Changes in Totals and Percetange of Change Source: FBI Hate Crime Reports 2008-2019

Bias Category	Years	Number of Hate Crimes	Change in	Percent Change
	Compared	for Each Year	Number	<u> </u>
	(1 yr/5 yr)			
All Hate Crime	2019 to 2018	7,314 from 7,120	+194	+2.72%
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Anti-White	2019 to 2014 2019 to 2018	666 from 762	-96	-12.60%
Anti-White	2019 to 2018	666 from 593	+73	+12.31%
Anti-Black	2019 to 2014 2019 to 2018	1,930 from 1,943	-13	-0.67%
Anti-Diuck	2019 to 2018	1,930 from 1,621	+309	+19.06%
Anti-Arab	2019 to 2014	95 from 82	+13	+15.85%
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Anti-Latino/Hispanic	2019 to 2014 2019 to 2018	527 from 485	+42	+8.66%
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Anti-Jewish	2019 to 2014 2019 to 2018	953 from 835	+228	+14.13%
Anti-Jewish	2019 to 2018	953 from 609	+344	+56.49%
Anti-Muslim	2019 to 2014 2019 to 2018	176 from 188	-12	-6.38%
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Anti-Gay Male	2019 to 2014 2019 to 2018	746 from 726	+22	+2.75%
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Anti-Disability				-1.26%
Anti-Disubility	2019 to 2018	157 from 159 157 from 84	-2	+86.90%
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Anti-Transgender	2019 to 2018	151 from 142	+9	+160.34%
And other	2019 to 2014	151 from 58	+93	
Anti-Sikh	2019 to 2018	49 from 60	-11	-18.33%
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Anti-Asian	2019 to 2018	158 from 148	+10	+6.76%
	2019 to 2014	158 from 140	+18	+12.86%

Hate Crime Changes by Targeted Group and Year Source: FBI Hate Crime Reports 2019, 2018 and 2014





Source: US Census Bureau

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Many large American cities hit levels of FBI enumerated hate crime not seen in a decade or more in 2019. These include New York City, with a century high of 423; Los Angeles with 284; Seattle, with 292; and Washington, DC, also with a century high of 222. Houston, Boston and Denver also hit multi-year highs in 2019. The states with the most hate crime last year were California, New York, Washington State, New Jersey and Texas, while Alabama was the only state not reporting any.

2019	2018
1,015	1,063
611	523
542	506
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Lowest Five States by Hate Crime Incidents, FBI 2019	2019	2018
1. Alabama	0	0
2. Wyoming	5	0
3. Arkansas	9	13
4. Iowa	10	10
5. Alaska	11	7

Source: 2019 FBI Hate Crime Report

Preliminary 2020 local hate crime data, which sometimes varies from FBI data, collected from almost 20 law enforcement agencies by CSHE show substantial overall declines in hate crime, except for those in Los Angeles, Houston and San Antonio; and those directed against Asian-Americans and transgender individuals. Since the majority of hate crimes occur in public gathering places such as on public transportation and thoroughfares, and around schools, businesses, offices and houses of worship, this year's fluctuations are likely influenced by social distancing and closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Anti-Asian hate crime peaked in March and April, and major American cities like New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Jose and Philadelphia, among others, all reported spikes in these anti-Asian hate crimes well in excess of previous years.



Photo by August de Richelieu from Pexels



Poster on the storefront window of the Mei Lai Wah restaurant in Manhattan's Chinatown neighborhood, pictured in October, 2020 Photo by Kches16414

Source: Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism (CSHE) Database Note: Data collcted by CSHE from policing agencies. Numbers may sometimes vary from FBI enumerations. Select Large U.S. Cities - Hate Crime Totals by Year (2000-2020)

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FBI Incidents, Offenses, Victims, and Known Offenders								
by Bias Motivation, 2019								
Bias motivation	Incidents	Offenses						
Total	7,314	8,559						
Single-Bias Incidents	7,103	8,302						
Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry:	3,963	4,784						
Anti-White	666	755						
Anti-Black or African Americar	1,930	2,314						
Anti-American Indian or Alaska Native	119	126						
Anti-Asian	158	205						
Anti-Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islande	21	25						
Anti-Multiple Races, Group	134	171						
Anti-Arab	95	122						
Anti-Hispanic or Latino	527	676						
Anti-Other Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry	313	390						

FBI 2019 Data Tables [Edited by CSHE] Source: FBI Hate

FBI Incidents, Offenses, Victims, and Known Offenders							
by Bias Motivation, 2019							
Religion:	1,521	1,650					
Anti-Jewish	953	995					
Anti-Catholic	64	66					
Anti-Protestant	24	24					
Anti-Islamic (Muslim)	176	219					
Anti-Other Religion	88	108					
Anti-Multiple Religions, Group	37	42					
Anti-Mormon	12	14					
Anti-Jehovah's Witness	7	7					
Anti-Eastern Orthodox (Russian, Greek, Other)	44	47					
Anti-Other Christian	49	60					
Anti-Buddhist	5	5					
Anti-Hindu	7	7					
Anti-Sikh	49	50					
Anti-Atheism/Agnosticism/etc	6	6					

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FBI Incidents, Offenses, Victims, and Known Offende	ers				
by Bias Motivation, 2019					
Sexual Orientation:	1,195	1,395			
Anti-Gay (Male)	746	867			
Anti-Lesbian	115	142			
Anti-Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender (Mixed Group)	291	342			
Anti-Heterosexual	17	17			
Anti-Bisexual	26	27			
Disability:	157	169			
Anti-Physical	49	53			
Anti-Mental	108	116			
Gender:	69	80			
Anti-Male	17	18			
Anti-Female	52	62			
Gender Identity:	198	224			
Anti-Transgender	151	173			
Anti-Gender Non-Conforming	47	51			
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¹ The term <i>victim</i> may refer to an individual, business/financial institution, gove	ernment entity, religio	ous organization, or			
² The term <i>known offender</i> does not imply the suspect's identity is known; rathe	r, the term indicates	some aspect of the			
³ A multiple-bias incident is an incident in which one or more offense types are	motivated by two or	more biases.			

FBI 2019 Data Tables [Edited by CSHE] Source: FBI Hate

Top Five by Type: Hate Crime Incidents, FBI 2019	2019	2018
1. Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry	3,963	4,047
2. Religion	1,521	1,419
3. Sexual Orientation	1,195	1,196
4. Gender Identity	198	168
5. Disability	157	159

Top Five By Bias Motive: Hate Crime Incidents, FBI 2019	2019	2018
1. Anti-Black or African American	1,930	1,943
2. Anti-Jewish	953	835
3. Anti-Gay (Male)	746	726
4. Anti-White	666	762
5. Anti-Hispanic or Latino	527	485

Top Five Offenses, FBI 2019	2019
1. Destruction/damage/vandalism	2,152
2. Simple assault	1,730
3. Aggravated assault	866
4. Larceny-theft	284
5. Robbery	125

Source: 2019 FBI Hate Crime Report

Top Five Offender By Race/Ethnicity, FBI 2019	2019
1. White	3,564
2. Unknown Ethnicity	2,775
3. Black or African-American	1,385
4. Unknown Race	784
5. Hispanic or Latino (Can be of any race)	504

Source: 2019 FBI Hate Crime Report

Top Five Percentage Year Over Year Gain By Group, FBI 2019/2018 (<i>Must have minimum 30 incidents</i>)	2019 Number	Rate of Change (2018- 2019)
1. Anti-Female	52	108%
2. Anti-Gender Non-Conforming	47	81%
3. Anti-Eastern Orthodox (Russian, Greek, Other)	44	42%
4. Anti-Other Christian	49	40%
5. Anti-Catholic	64	21%

Source: 2019 FBI Hate Crime Report

Agency Hate Crime Reporting by State and Federal, 2019						
	Number of participating	Agencies submitting incident	Total number of incidents			
Participating state/Federal	agencies	reports	reported			
Total	15,588	2,172	7,314			
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Alabama ¹	2	0	0			
Alaska	33	5	11			
Arizona	92	17	209			
Arkansas	278	6	9			
California	737	195	1,015			
Colorado	221	50	210			
Connecticut	102	40	76			
Delaware	63	10	22			
District of Columbia	2	2	222			
Florida	638	51	111			
Georgia	495	50	102			
Hawaii	1	1	41			
Idaho	106	9	24			
Illinois	728	23	6 5			
Indiana	214	23	75			
Iowa	246	8	10			
Kansas	377	53	78			
Kentucky	410	67	146			
Louisiana	137	11	26			
Maine	134	10	19			
Maryland	153	9	18			
Massachusetts	360	83	388			
Michigan	638	188	434			
Minnesota	379	35	104			
Mississippi	42	5	14			
Missouri	571	28	83			
Montana	103	16	32			
Nebraska	130	23	46			
Nevada	48	5	44			
New Hampshire	188	14	16			
New Jersey	556	208	472			
New Mexico	23	6	50			
New York	558	65	611			

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Federal Bureau of Investigation, Field Offices	45	45	118	
¹ Limited data for 2019 were available for Alabama. ² Population estimates are not attributed to the federal agencies.				

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SOURCE:

"2019 Audit of Antisemitic Incidents," Anti-Defamation League Center on Extremism



SOURCE:

"The Year in Hate and Extremism 2019," Southern Poverty Law Center's Intelligence Project



Source: FBI Hate Crime Reports, 1996 to 2019



Source: FBI Hate Crime Reports, 2019



Source: FBI Hate Crime Reports, 2019



Source: US Census Bureau



