What is a hate crime?
A hate crime (or bias-motivated crime) is a criminal offense motivated by someone's actual or perceived bias against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity.

2020 Hate Crime Single-Bias Incidents – by Bias Category

- **Hate Crimes Statistics**
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- **Hate Crimes Laws**
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U.S. Department of Justice Support

**Investigations**
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
[www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov)

**Prosecutions**
Civil Rights Division (CRT)

**U.S. Attorney’s Offices (USAO)**
[www.justice.gov/usao](http://www.justice.gov/usao)

**Conflict Mediation and Training**
Community Relations Service (CRS)
[www.justice.gov/crs](http://www.justice.gov/crs)

**Community Policing Training and Support**
Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office)
[www.cops.usdoj.gov](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov)

Source: FBI Crime Data Explorer, 2020 Hate Crime Statistics

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What to do when a Hate Crime occurs

Get immediate help
Dial 9-1-1

Report the hate crime to local police and your local FBI office:
www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices

Seek out additional resources such as Community Relations Service (CRS) or Office for Victims of Crime

Helpful Actions an Individual Can Take

Recognize hate crimes and incidents

Don’t hesitate to report to police and FBI

Utilize local and federal resources for support

Build strong relationships with law enforcement

Community Responses to Hate Crimes

Report and Respond

Develop Awareness

Open Communication

Build Relationships