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## **Hate Crime – Overview**

### **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.

### **Participation**

During 2001, 556 Tennessee agencies participated in the Hate Crime program. Of those agencies, approximately 16.5 percent (92 agencies) submitted hate crime incidents to the TBI. This is the first year that statewide Hate Crime statistics have been reported by TBI. The data is collected through the state Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program known as the Tennessee Incident Based Reporting Systems (TIBRS).

### **Hate Crime Data Collection**

The TIBRS program data collection guidelines stipulate that a hate crime may have multiple offenses, victims and offenders within one incident. A *victim*, according to TIBRS definition, may be either a person, a business, an institution, or society as a whole.

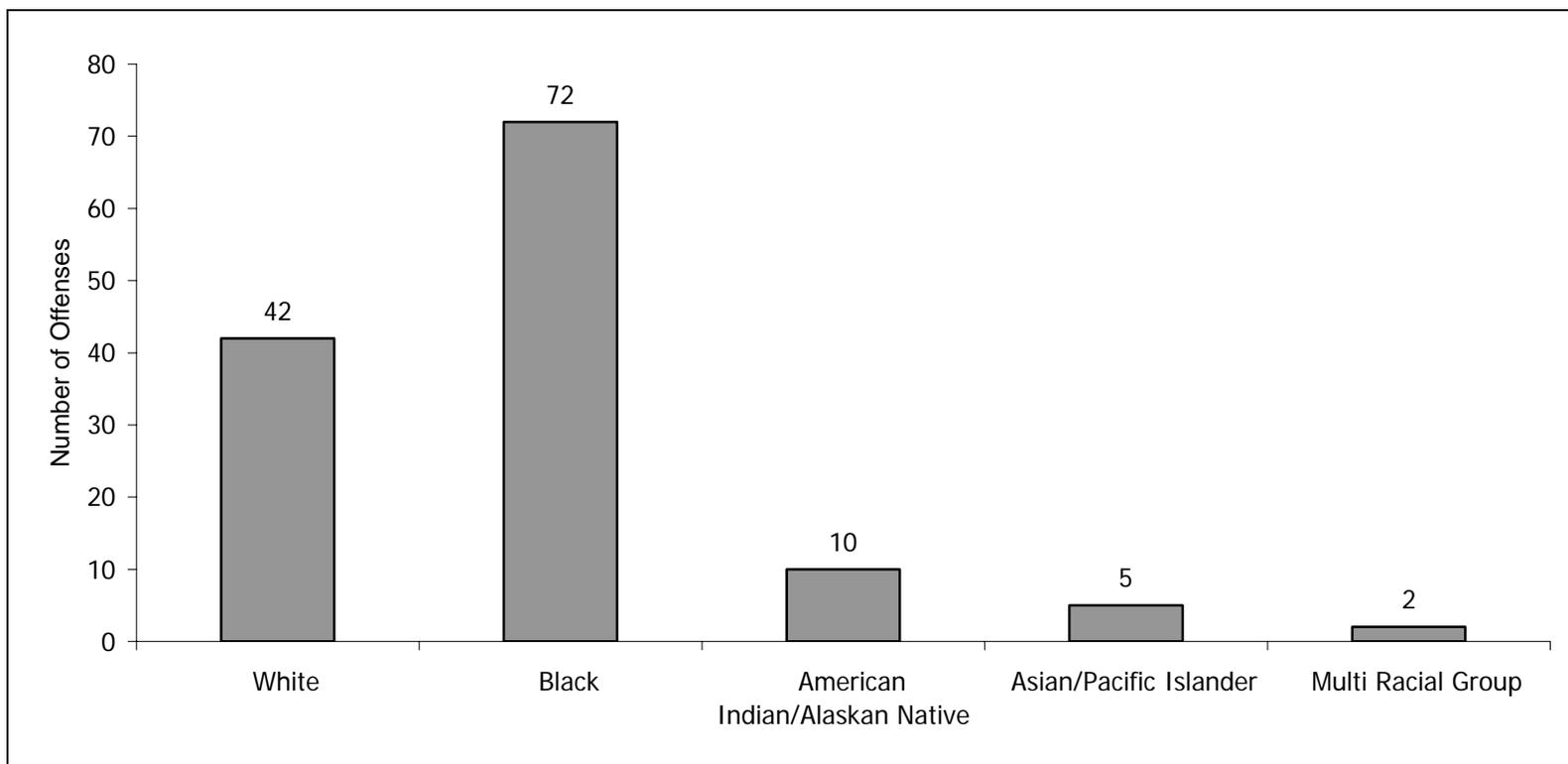
### **Hate Crime Reporting**

In 2001, 92 agencies in Tennessee reported 329 Hate Crime incidents. The percentage breakdown of those incidents by hate crime type follows this section. This represents 0.06% of the total Group A Offenses reported to the TIBRS program in 2001.

**Anti-Racial Hate Crime was reported by 49 different agencies.**

Each category is listed with the percentage of the total hate crime the category represents.

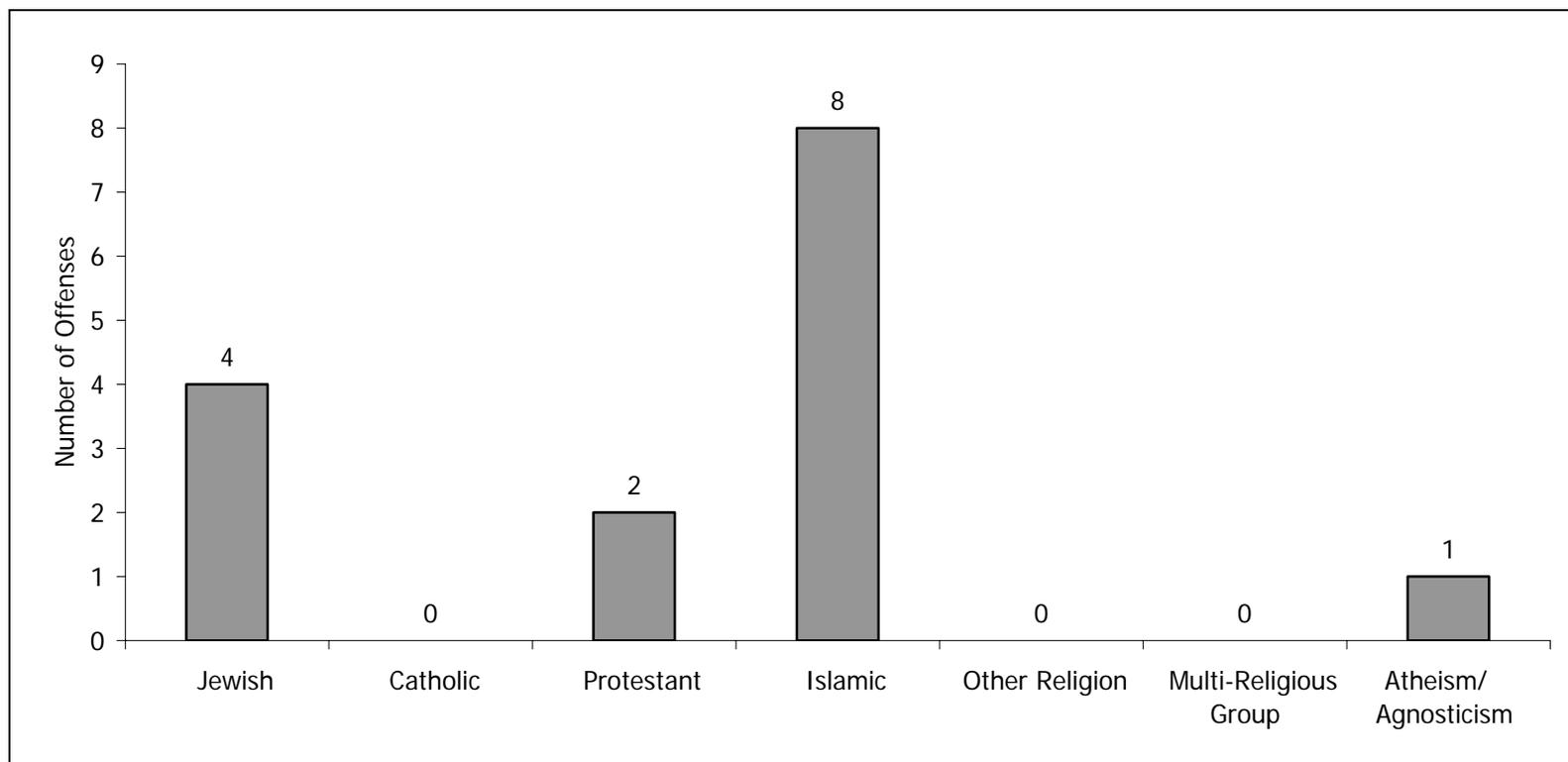
- Anti-White – 12.4%
- Anti-Black – 21.9%
- Anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native – 3.0%
- Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander – 1.5%
- Anti-Multi Racial Group – 0.6%



**Anti-Religious Hate Crime was reported by 14 different agencies.**

Each category is listed with the percentage of the total hate crime the category represents.

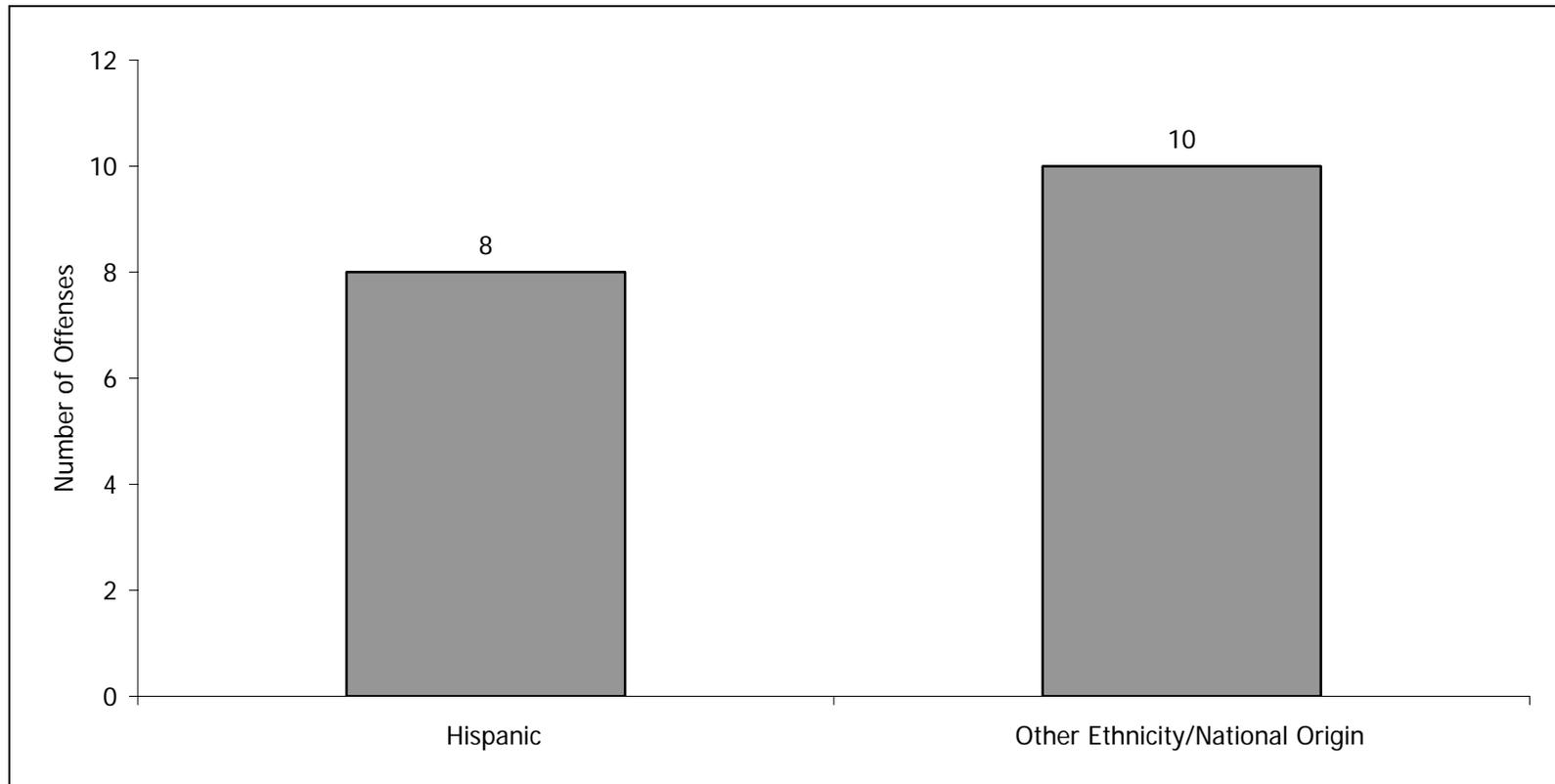
- Anti-Jewish – 1.2%
- Anti-Catholic – 0.0%
- Anti-Protestant – 0.6%
- Anti-Islamic – 2.4%
- Anti-Other Religion – 0.0%
- Anti-Multi Religious Group – 0.0%
- Anti-Atheism/Agnosticism/Etc. – 0.3%



**Anti-Ethnicity/National Origin was reported by 11 different agencies.**

Each category is listed with the percentage of the total hate crime the category represents.

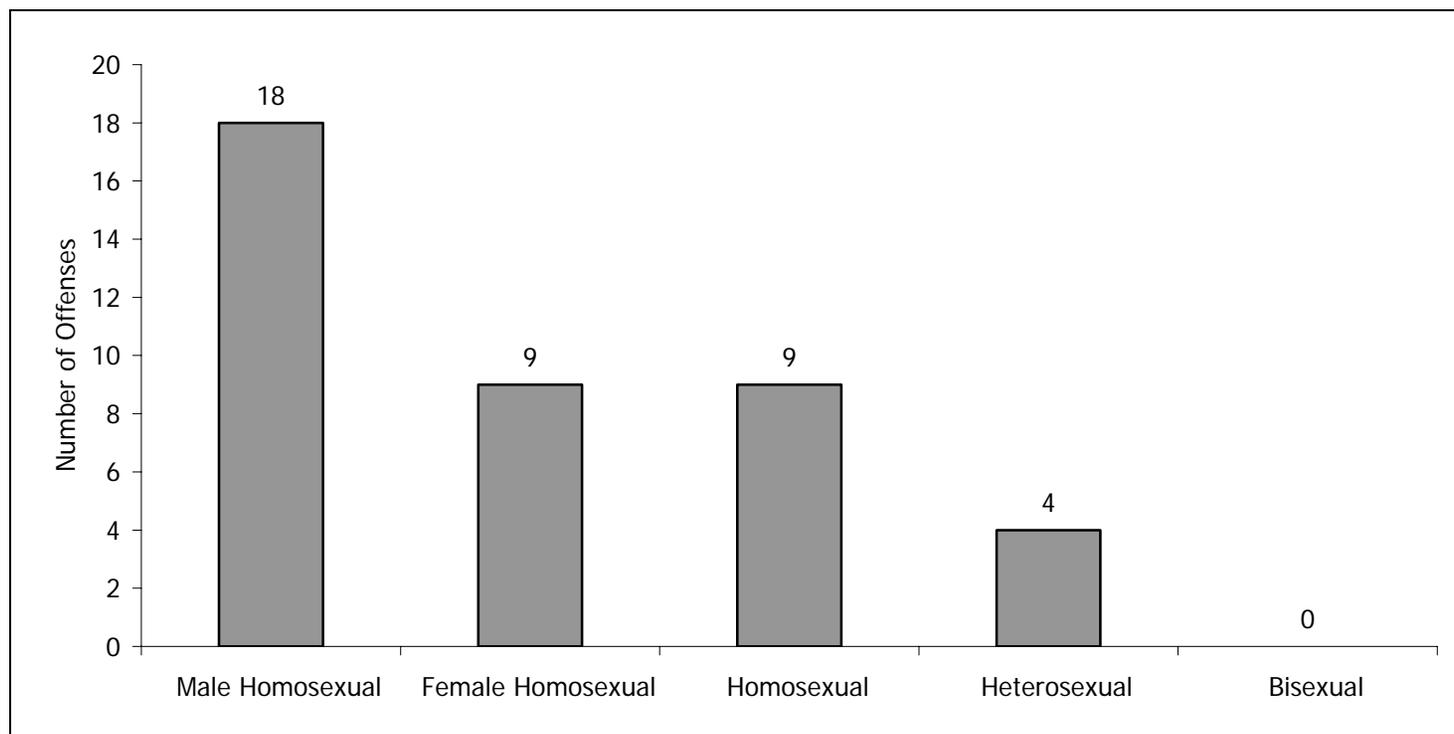
- Anti-Hispanic – 2.4%
- Anti-Other Ethnicity/National Origin – 3.0%



**Anti-Sexual Hate Crimes were reported by 22 different agencies.**

Each category is listed with the percentage of the total hate crime the category represents.

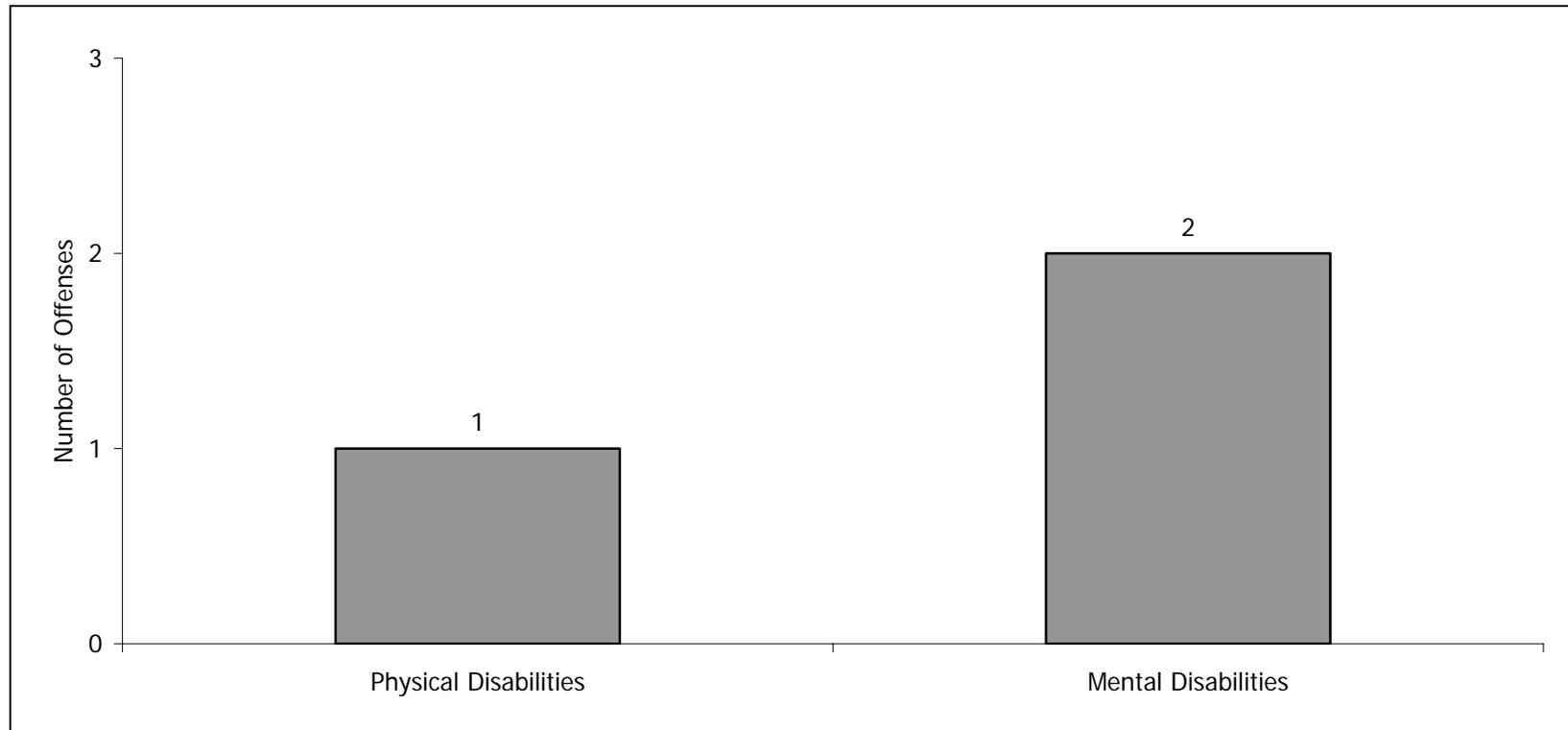
- Anti-Male Homosexual – 5.5%
- Anti-Female Homosexual – 2.7%
- Anti-Homosexual – 2.7%
- Anti-Heterosexual – 1.2%
- Anti-Bisexual – 0.0%



**Anti Disabilities Hate Crime was reported by 3 different agencies.**

Each category is listed with the percentage of the total hate crime the category represents.

- Anti-Physical Disabilities Hate Crimes – 0.3%
- Anti-Mental Disabilities Hate Crimes – 0.6%



## **Bias Motivated Offenses**

### **Crimes Against Person**

- Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter – 2
- Kidnapping – 2
- Forcible Rape – 1
- Forcible Sodomy – 2
- Forcible Fondling – 2
- Statutory Rape – 1
- Aggravated Assault – 31
- Simple Assault – 59
- Intimidation – 71

### **Crimes Against Property**

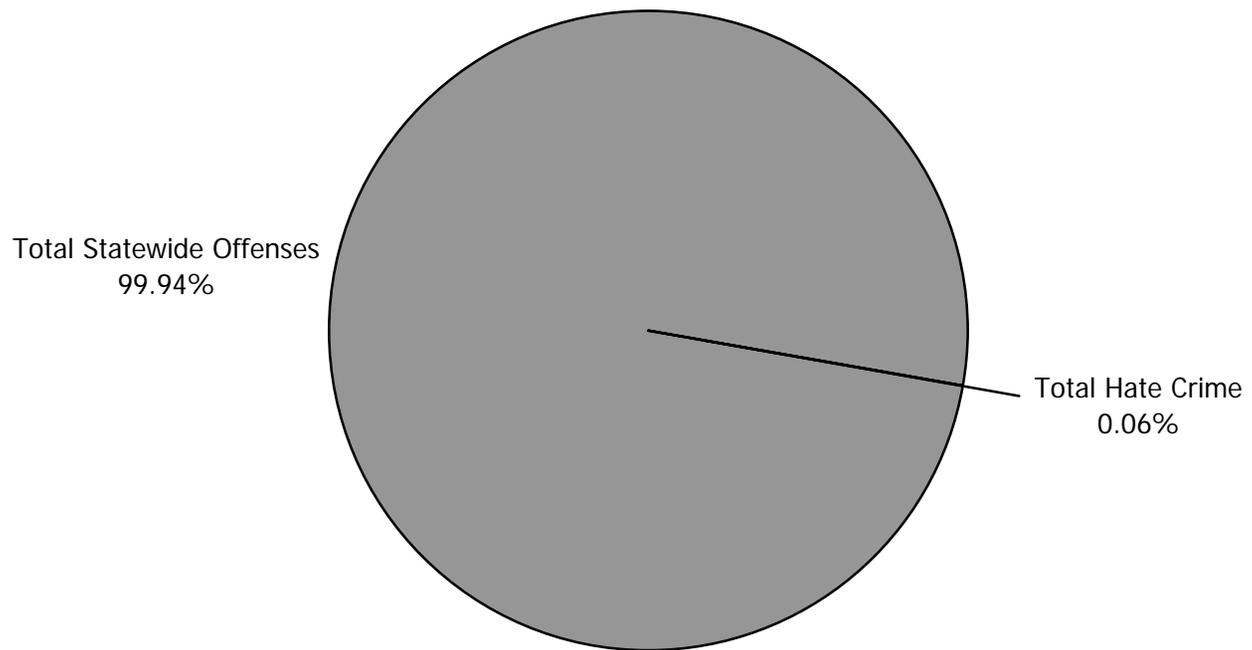
- Arson – 4
- Burglary – 10
- Counterfeiting/Forgery – 1
- Destruction/Damage/Vandalism – 78
- Embezzlement – 2
- Fraud Offenses\* – 3
- Motor Vehicle Theft – 4
- Robbery – 5
- Larceny Offenses\*\* – 35

### **Crimes Against Society – 16**

\* Fraud Offenses can include – False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game, Credit Card/ATM, Impersonation, Welfare Fraud and Wire Fraud.

\*\* Larceny Offenses can include – Pocket Picking, Purse Snatching, Shoplifting, Theft from Building, Theft from Coin Operated Machine, Theft from Motor Vehicle, Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories and All Other Larceny.

**Hate Crime as a Percentage of Total Crime for 2001  
Group A Offenses**



**Unknown Hate Crime was reported by 37 different agencies.**

An Unknown Hate Crime is believed to be motivated by a hate bias for which the target group has yet to be determined. Unknown Hate Crime was 36.2% of the total hate crime reported in Tennessee for 2001.

The following agencies reported Unknown Hate Crimes in 2001:

18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Drug Task Force  
Anderson County Sheriff's Department  
Big Sandy Police Department  
Bells Police Department  
Blount County Sheriff's Department  
Brentwood Police Department  
Chattanooga Police Department  
Cowan Police Department  
Dickson County Sheriff's Department  
Dickson Police Department  
Elizabethton Police Department  
Franklin Police Department  
Gainesboro Police Department  
Hamilton County Sheriff's Department  
Hawkins County Sheriff's Department  
Jefferson City Police Department  
Jefferson County Sheriff's Department  
Johnsonville State Park

Kingsport Police Department  
Knoxville Police Department  
Macon County Sheriff's Department  
Marshall County Sheriff's Department  
McEwen Police Department  
McNairy County Sheriff's Department  
Memphis Police Department  
Metro Park Rangers Office  
Monroe County Sheriff's Department  
Montgomery County Sheriff's Department  
Munford Police Department  
Nashville Metro Police Department  
Newport Police Department  
Polk County Sheriff's Department  
Pulaski Police Department  
Rutherford County Sheriff's Department  
Scott County Sheriff's Department  
Tellico Plains Police Department  
Winchester Police Department

The following is a breakdown of the Hate Crime reported by law enforcement departments in Tennessee for the calendar year of 2001. Unknown Hate Crime is not included in this breakdown.

3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Drug Task Force

- Anti-White – 1

Alcoa Police Department

- Anti-Other Ethnicity/National Origin – 2

Ashland City Police Department

- Anti-Hispanic – 1

Belle Meade Police Department

- Anti-Jewish – 1

Brentwood Police Department

- Anti-Black – 1

Bristol Police Department

- Anti-Black – 2

Carthage Police Department

- Anti-Black – 1

Chattanooga Police Department

- Anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native – 1

Chester County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native – 1

Clarksville Police Department

- Anti-Black – 2
- Anti-Male Homosexual – 1

Collegedale Police Department

- Anti-Black – 1
- Anti-Multi Racial Group – 1

Crossville Police Department

- Anti-Hispanic – 1
- Anti-Homosexual – 1

Dickson County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-White – 5
- Anti-Female Homosexual – 1
- Anti-Physical Disabilities – 1

Dyersburg Police Department

- Anti-White – 1
- Anti-Black – 2

East Ridge Police Department

- Anti-Black – 1
- Anti-Male Homosexual – 1

East Tennessee State University

- Anti-Male Homosexual – 1

Elizabethton Police Department

- Anti-Black – 1
- Anti-Male Homosexual – 1

Fayetteville Police Department

- Anti-Islamic – 1

Franklin Police Department

- Anti-White – 2
- Anti-Black – 1
- Anti-Islamic – 1
- Anti-Female Homosexual – 1

Gatlinburg Police Department

- Anti-Multi Racial Group – 1

Hamilton County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-Black – 2

Hendersonville Police Department

- Anti-Black – 1
- Anti-Homosexual – 1

Henning Police Department

- Anti-White – 2
- Anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native – 1

Jackson Police Department

- Anti-Black – 4
- Anti-Other Ethnicity/National Origin – 2

Jefferson City Police Department

- Anti-White – 1
- Anti-Islamic – 1

Johnson City Police Department

- Anti-Black – 2
- Anti-Hispanic – 1
- Anti-Male Homosexual – 4
- Anti-Homosexual – 2

Kingsport Police Department

- Anti-White – 1
- Anti-Black – 3
- Anti-Homosexual – 1

Knox County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-White – 1
- Anti-Black – 8
- Anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native – 1
- Anti-Jewish – 1
- Anti-Male Homosexual – 1
- Anti-Female Homosexual – 1

Knoxville Police Department

- Anti-White – 1
- Anti-Black – 2
- Anti-Jewish – 1
- Anti-Hispanic – 1
- Anti-Other Ethnicity/National Origin – 5
- Anti-Homosexual – 1

Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-Heterosexual – 1

Lawrenceburg Police Department

- Anti-White – 1
- Anti-Black – 2

Loudon Police Department

- Anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native – 1

Madison County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-Mental Disabilities – 1

Marion County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-Black – 1

Mason Police Department

- Anti-Black – 1

McMinnville Police Department

- Anti-Hispanic – 1

McNairy County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-Black – 2

Memphis Police Department

- Anti-White – 4
- Anti-Black – 12
- Anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native – 1
- Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander – 3
- Anti-Islamic – 2
- Anti-Hispanic – 1
- Anti-Male Homosexual – 5
- Anti-Female Homosexual – 2
- Anti-Homosexual – 1

Milan Police Department

- Anti-Black – 1
- Anti-Hispanic – 1

Millington Police Department

- Anti-Black – 1

Monroe County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-Female Homosexual – 1

Montgomery County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-Black – 1
- Anti-Atheism/Agnosticism/Etc. – 1

Morristown Police Department

- Anti-Black – 1
- Anti-Protestant – 1

Mousetail Landing State Park

- Anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native – 1

Oak Ridge Police Department

- Anti-White – 1
- Anti-Black – 1

Oakland Police Department

- Anti-White – 14
- Anti-Black – 3

Paris Police Department

- Anti-White – 1
- Anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native – 2
- Anti-Jewish – 1

Parsons Police Department

- Anti-Female Homosexual – 1

Pittman Center Police Department

- Anti-Mental Disabilities – 1

Rutherford County Sheriff's Department

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

Selmer Police Department

- Anti-Islamic – 1

Sequatchie County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-Male Homosexual – 1

Sevierville Police Department

- Anti-Black – 2
- Anti-Islamic – 1

Shelby County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-White – 2
- Anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native – 1
- Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander – 1
- Anti-Hispanic – 1
- Anti-Homosexual – 1

Smyrna Police Department

- Anti-White – 3

South Carthage Police Department

- Anti-Female Homosexual – 2
- Anti-Heterosexual – 3

Sullivan County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-Black – 4
- Anti-Protestant – 1
- Anti-Male Homosexual – 2

Tennessee Bureau of Investigation

- Anti-Male Homosexual – 1

Tennessee Department of Safety

- Anti-Black – 1

Union City Police Department

- Anti-Black – 1

Union County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-Black – 1

University of Memphis

- Anti-Islamic – 1

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

- Anti-Other Ethnicity/National Origin – 1

Washington County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-White – 1

Waverly Police Department

- Anti-Black – 2

Williamson County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-Homosexual



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