

Hate Crime 2002



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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 2002, 556 Tennessee agencies participated in the Hate Crime program. Of those agencies, approximately 14.2 percent (79 agencies) submitted hate crime incidents to the TBI. This is the second year that statewide Hate Crime statistics have been reported by TBI. A comparison will be found on the bottom of this page. 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 2002, 79 agencies in Tennessee reported 216 Hate Crime incidents. The percentage breakdown of those incidents by hate crime type follows this section. This represents 0.04% of the total Group A Offenses reported to the TIBRS program in 2002.

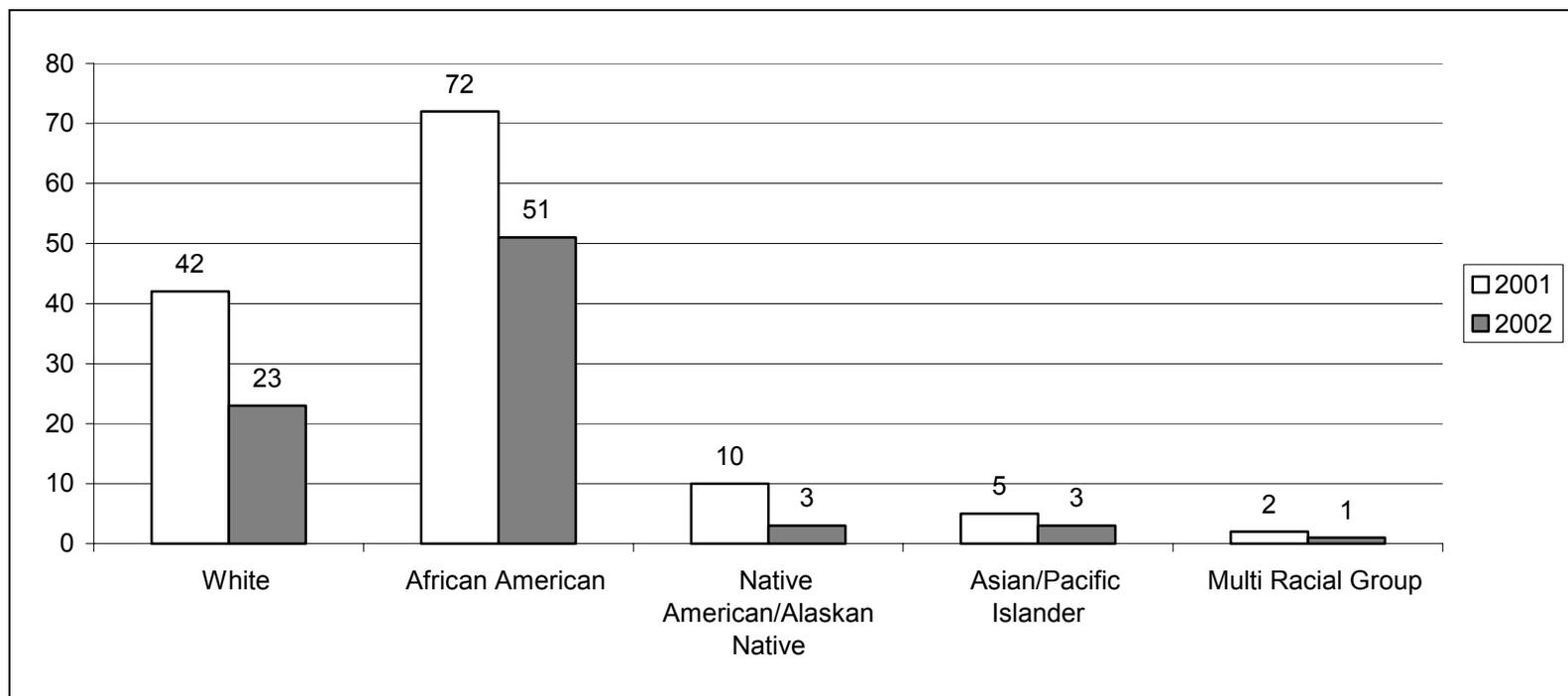
Comparing 2001 and 2002

Hate Crime was reported by 92 agencies in 2001 and 79 agencies in 2002. There was a 2.3 percent decrease in Hate Crime between 2001 and 2002. The following charts will show comparisons of 2001 and 2002.

Anti-Racial Hate Crime was reported by 41 different agencies in 2002.

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

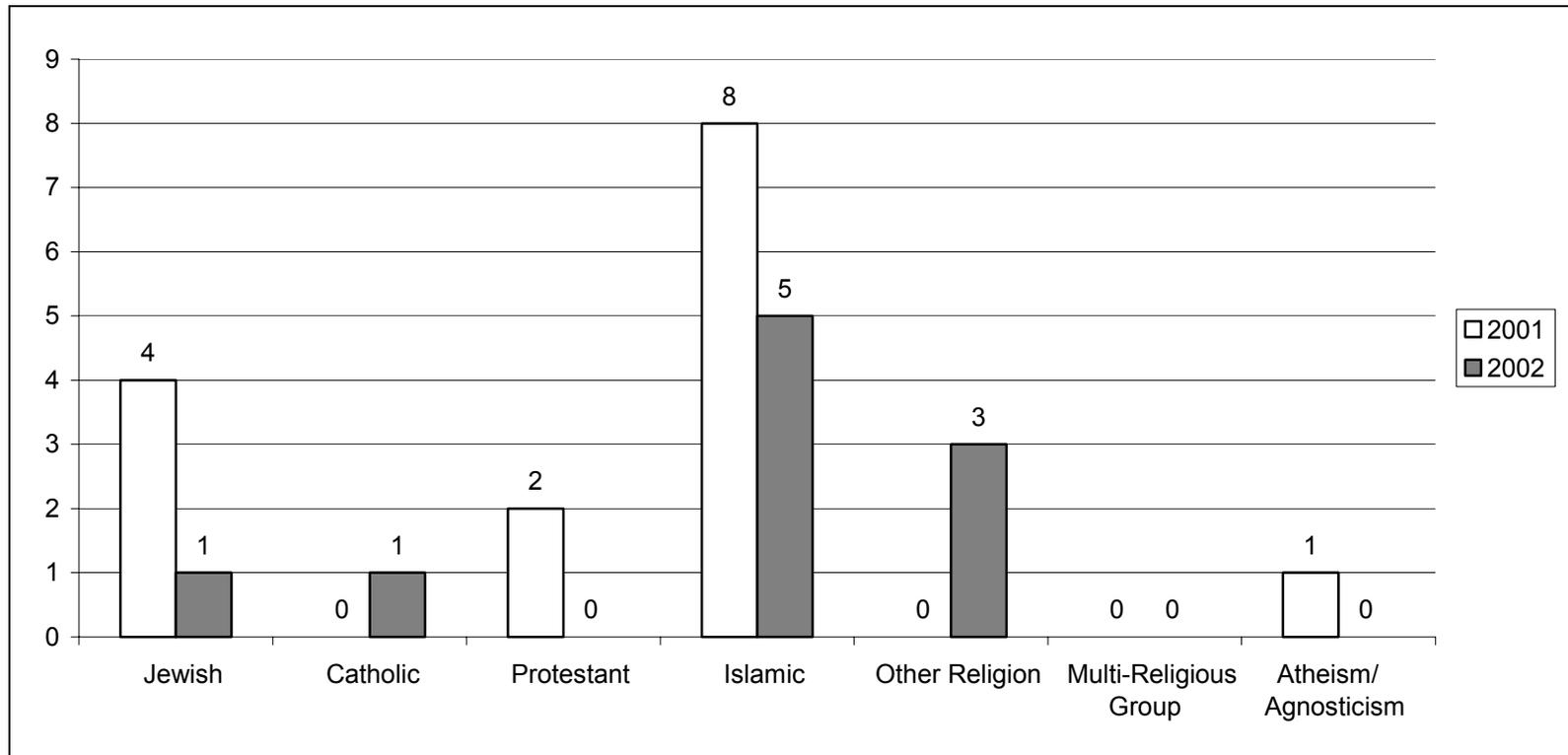
- Anti-White – 10.6%
- Anti-African American – 23.6%
- Anti-Native American/Alaskan Native – 1.4%
- Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander – 1.4%
- Anti-Multi Racial Group – 0.5%



Anti-Religious Hate Crime was reported by 7 different agencies in 2002.

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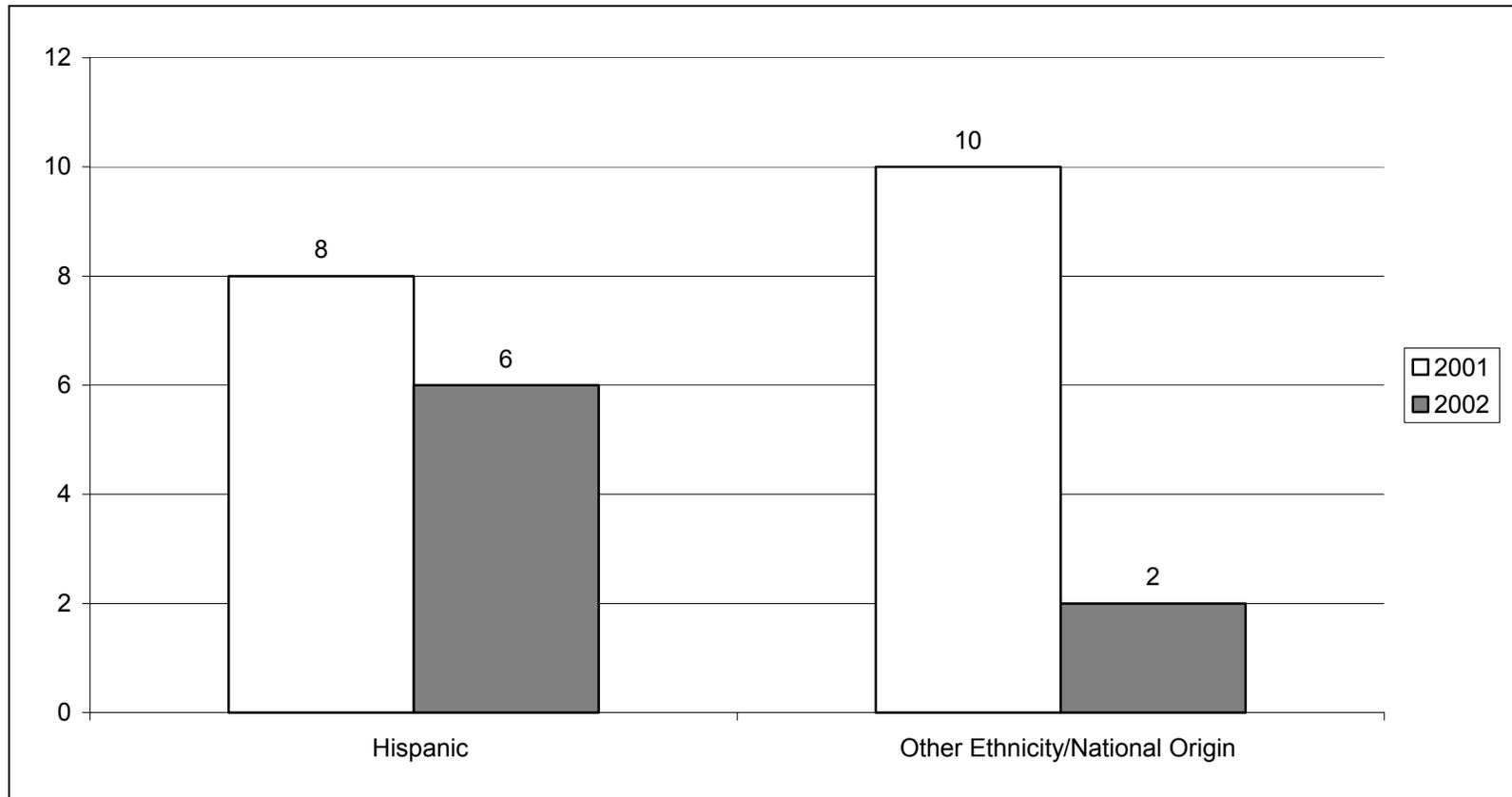
- Anti-Jewish – 0.5%
- Anti-Catholic – 0.5%
- Anti-Protestant – 0.0%
- Anti-Islamic – 1.4%
- Anti-Other Religion – 2.3%
- Anti-Multi Religious Group – 0.0%
- Anti-Atheism/Agnosticism/Etc. – 0.0%



Anti-Ethnicity/National Origin was reported by 8 different agencies in 2002.

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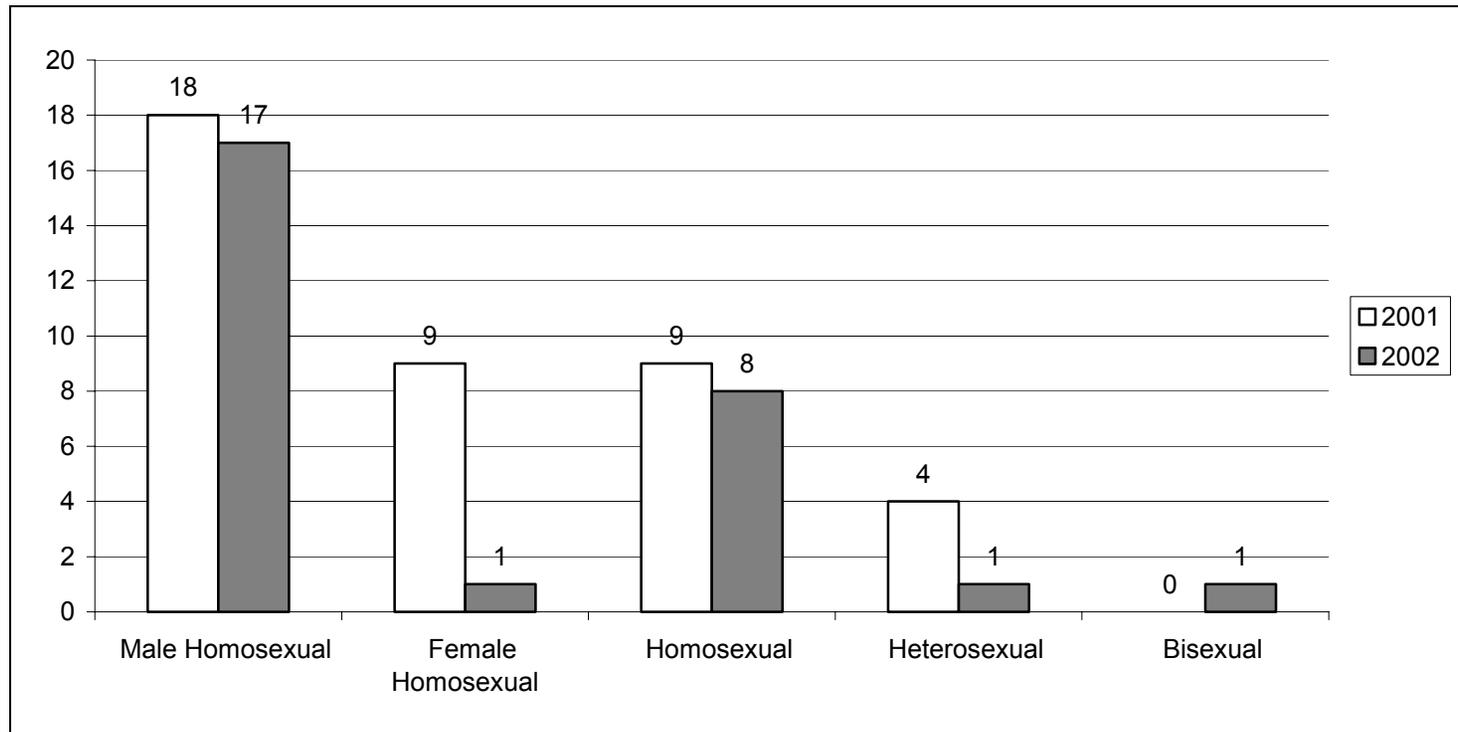
- Anti-Hispanic – 2.8%
- Anti-Other Ethnicity/National Origin – 0.9%



Anti-Sexual Hate Crimes were reported by 15 different agencies in 2002.

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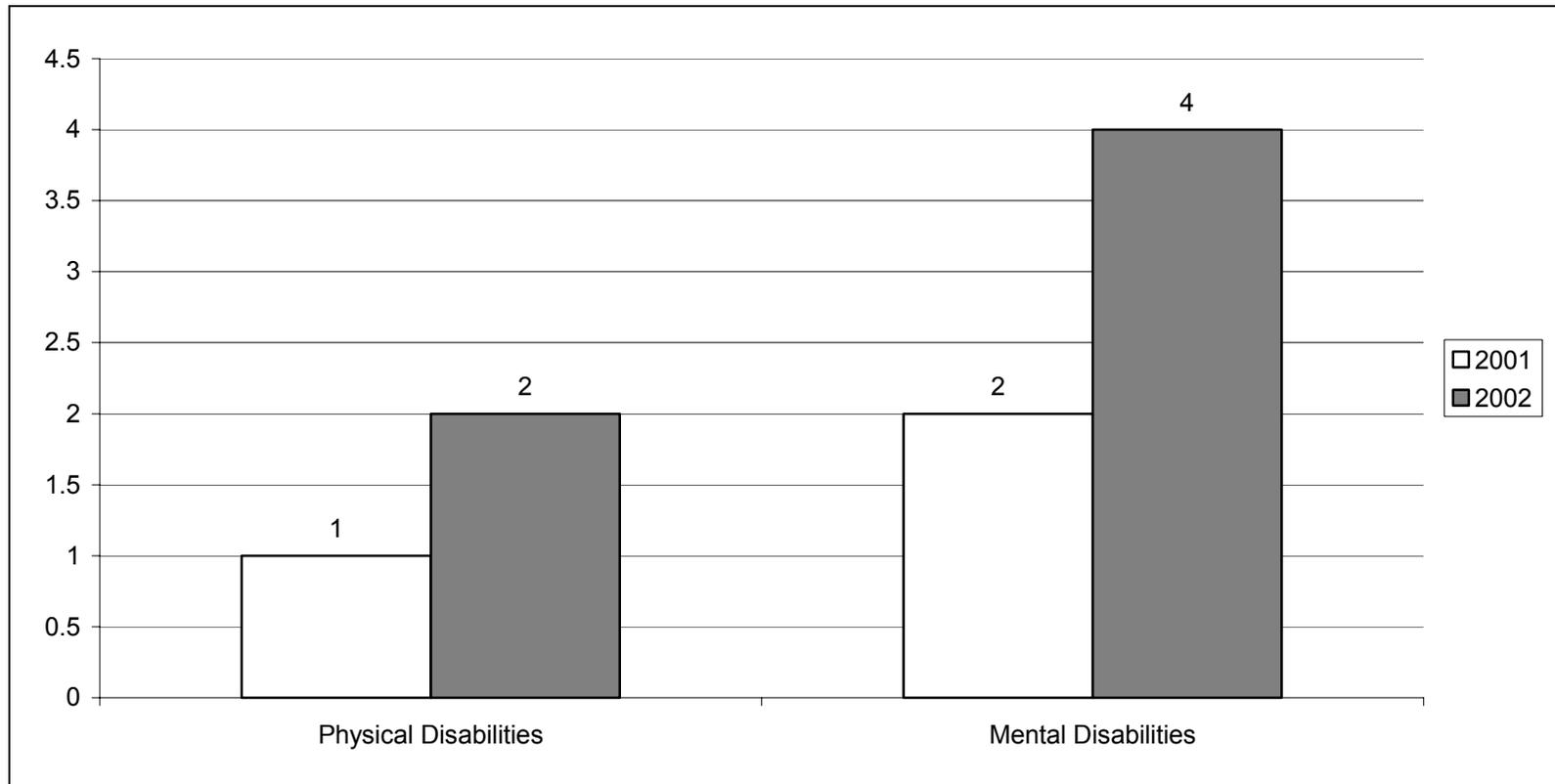
- Anti-Male Homosexual – 7.9%
- Anti-Female Homosexual – 0.5%
- Anti-Homosexual – 3.7%
- Anti-Heterosexual – 0.5%
- Anti-Bisexual – 0.5%



Anti Disabilities Hate Crime was reported by 5 different agencies in 2002.

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

- Anti-Physical Disabilities Hate Crimes – 0.9%
- Anti-Mental Disabilities Hate Crimes – 1.9%



Bias Motivated Offenses

Crimes Against Person

- Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter – 1
- Forcible Rape – 3
- Aggravated Assault – 25
- Simple Assault – 48
- Intimidation – 40

Crimes Against Society – 11

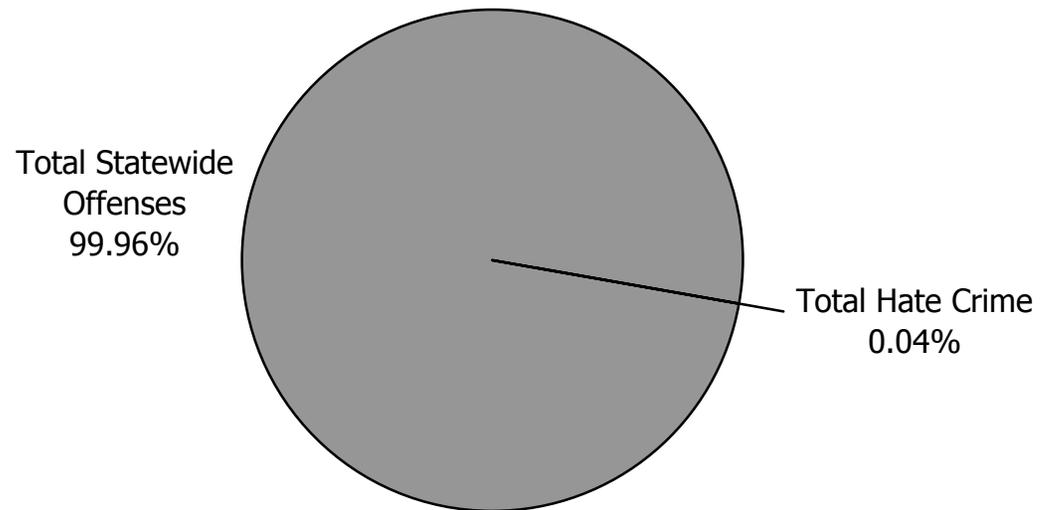
Crimes Against Property

- Arson – 2
- Burglary – 16
- Counterfeiting/Forgery – 3
- Destruction/Damage/Vandalism – 54
- Fraud Offenses* – 2
- Motor Vehicle Theft – 3
- Robbery – 2
- Larceny Offenses** – 12

* 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 2002
Group A Offenses**



Unknown Hate Crime was reported by 31 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 38.4% of the total hate crime reported in Tennessee for 2002.

The following agencies reported Unknown Hate Crimes in 2002:

Berry Hill Police Department
Blount County Sheriff's Department
Brentwood Police Department
Clarksville Police Department
Dickson County Sheriff's Department
Dickson Police Department
Elizabethton Police Department
Franklin Police Department
Germantown Police Department
Grundy County Sheriff's Department
Hardeman County Sheriff's Department
Hawkins County Sheriff's Department
Henning Police Department
Kingsport Police Department
Knoxville Police Department

Lake City Police Department
Marion County Sheriff's Department
Memphis Police Department
Monterey Police Department
Oak Ridge Police Department
Paris Police Department
Polk County Sheriff's Department
Rogersville Police Department
Scott County Sheriff's Department
Smithville Police Department
Sweetwater Police Department
Unicoi County Sheriff's Department
Walters State Community College
Westmoreland Police Department
Winfield Police Department

The following is a breakdown of the Hate Crime reported by law enforcement departments in Tennessee for the calendar year of 2002. Unknown Hate Crime is not included in this breakdown.

Alcoa Police Department

- Anti-African American – 1
- Anti-Islamic (Moslem) – 1

Austin Peay State University

- Anti-White – 1

Bristol Police Department

- Anti-White – 2
- Anti-African American – 2
- Anti-Male Homosexual – 3

Cheatham County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-African American – 1

Clarksville Police Department

- Anti-Other Religious Group – 1
- Anti-Hispanic – 1

Collegedale Police Department

- Anti-African American – 1

Crossville Police Department

- Anti-Male Homosexual – 2

Decatur County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-African American – 1

Dickson County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-Physical Disabilities – 2

Dickson Police Department

- Anti-White – 3
- Anti-African American – 1

Dresden Police Department

- Anti-African American – 1

Dyersburg Police Department

- Anti-African American – 1
- Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander – 1
- Anti-Male Homosexual – 1
- Anti-Mental Disabilities – 1

Fayetteville Police Department

- Anti-African American – 1

Franklin County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-African American – 1

Franklin Police Department

- Anti-African American – 1

Gatlinburg Police Department

- Anti-White – 1

Greenbrier Police Department
Anti-African American – 2

Hamblen County Sheriff's Department
Anti-African American – 1

Hamilton County Sheriff's Department
Anti-African American – 2

Hardeman County Sheriff's Department
Anti-African American – 1

Humboldt Police Department
Anti-African American – 2
Anti-Other Ethnicity – 1

Huntingdon Police Department
Anti-African American – 1

Jefferson City Police Department
Anti-African American – 1

Johnson City Police Department
Anti-White – 1
Anti-African American – 3

Kenton Police Department
Anti-White – 1

Knox County Sheriff's Department
Anti-Other Religious Group – 2
Anti-Hispanic – 1
Anti-Homosexual – 1

Knoxville Police Department
Anti-White – 2
Anti-African American – 5
Anti-Multi Racial Group – 1
Anti-Jewish – 1
Anti-Male Homosexual – 1
Anti-Homosexual – 2
Anti-Bisexual – 1

LaFollette Police Department
Anti-African American – 1

Lawrenceburg Police Department
Anti-Mental Disabilities – 1

Lenoir City Police Department
Anti-Native American/Alaskan Native – 1

Marion County Sheriff's Department
Anti-African American – 1

Marshall County Sheriff's Department
Anti-African American – 2
Anti-Female Homosexual – 1

Memphis Police Department
Anti-White – 6
Anti-African American – 6
Anti-Catholic – 1
Anti-Islamic (Moslem) – 2
Anti-Male Homosexual – 2
Anti-Homosexual – 2

Middle Tennessee State University
Anti-Mental Disabilities – 1

Monroe County Sheriff's Department
Anti-Other Ethnicity – 1

Morristown Police Department
Anti-Male Homosexual – 1

Murfreesboro Police Department
Anti-White – 1
Anti-African American – 1

Nashville Metro Police Department
Anti-White – 1
Anti-African American – 2
Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander – 1
Anti-Islamic (Moslem) – 1
Anti-Male Homosexual – 2

Oakland Police Department
Anti-White – 1

Pigeon Forge Police Department
Anti-African American – 2

Red Bank Police Department
Anti-African American – 2

Red Boiling Springs Police Department
Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander – 1

Rhea County Sheriff's Department
Anti-White – 1

Ripley Police Department
Anti-Male Homosexual – 1

Sevierville Police Department
Anti-African American – 1
Anti-Hispanic – 1

Shelby County Police Department
Anti-Native American/Alaskan Native – 1

Shelby County Sheriff's Department
Anti-African American – 1
Anti-Hispanic – 1

Smyrna Police Department
Anti-Hispanic – 1
Anti-Male Homosexual – 2

South Carthage Police Department
Anti-Heterosexual – 1

Sullivan County Sheriff's Department
Anti-African American – 2
Anti-Native American/Alaskan Native – 1
Anti-Homosexual – 2

Tennessee Technological University
Anti-Male Homosexual – 1

Troy Police Department
Anti-Mental Disabilities – 1

Union City Police Department
Anti-White – 1
Anti-Islamic (Moslem) – 1
Anti-Male Homosexual – 1

Van Buren County Sheriff's Department
Anti-White – 1

Washington County Sheriff's Department
Anti-Homosexual – 1



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