

Hate Crime Prosecution Survey

Data Set Overview and History

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Criminal Justice Statistics Center (CJSC) collects information on the prosecution of hate crimes. The Hate Crime Prosecution Survey (HCPS) data are submitted to the DOJ annually by district attorneys and elected city attorneys. Hate crime acts involve the intent to cause physical injury, emotional suffering, or property damage where there is a reasonable cause to believe that the crime was motivated by the victim's race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or physical or mental disability.

The HCPS electronic file dates from 2004 to the present.

Statutory Authority

The DOJ has the statutory authority to collect HCPS data pursuant to Penal Code section 13023(a).

Data Elements and Values Defined

Hate Crime Convictions

Cell Location	Data Element	Definition	Value
A	YEAR	The year the data was reported for.	A four digit number (YYYY)
B	AGENCY TYPE	Describes the type of agency submitting the data.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County DA • Elected City Attorney
C	AGENCY NAME	The County or City name the DA or City Attorney has jurisdiction over.	All 58 County name and some City names (changes over time).
D	TOTAL HATE CRIME CASES REFERRED	The total number of hate crime cases referred to the County DA or City Attorney.	Numeric count
E	TOTAL CASES FILED AS HATE CRIMES	The total number of referred cases that were filed as hate crimes.	Numeric count
F	TOTAL CASES FILED AS NON-BIAS MOTIVATED CRIMES	The total number of referred cases that were filed, but not as hate crimes.	Numeric count
G	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	The total number of dispositions.	Numeric count

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H	NOT CONVICTED	The number of cases not resulting in a conviction.	Numeric count
I	TOTAL CONVICTIONS	The total number of convictions (hate and non-hate).	Numeric count
J	TOTAL HATE CRIME CONVICTIONS	The total number of hate crime convictions.	Numeric count
K	GUILTY PLEA/NOLO CONTENDERE	The total number of hate crime convictions resulting in a guilty or nolo contendere plea.	Numeric count
L	TRIAL VERDICT	The total number of hate crime convictions resulting from a trial verdict.	Numeric count
M	ALL OTHER CONVICTIONS	The total number of all non-hate convictions.	Numeric count