Data Declaration

Table 12

Agency Hate Crime Reporting by State, 2016

The FBI collects these data through the Uniform Crime Reporting Program's Hate Crime Statistics Program.

General comments

- This table presents the total number of participating agencies, the population represented, the number of agencies that submitted data about hate crime incidents, and the number of incidents reported.

- Hawaii does not participate in the Hate Crime Statistics Program.

Caution to users

Valid assessments about crime, including hate crime, are possible only with careful study and analysis of the various conditions affecting each local law enforcement jurisdiction. (See *Uniform Crime Reporting Statistics: Their Proper Use.*) In addition, some data in this publication may not be comparable to those in prior editions of *Hate Crime Statistics* because of differing levels of participation from year to year. Therefore, the reader is cautioned against making simplistic comparisons between the statistical data of this program and that of others with differing methodologies or even comparing individual reporting units solely on the basis of their agency type.

Methodology

The data used in creating this table were from all law enforcement agencies that submitted either of the following: (1) at least one *Group A Incident Report*, a *Group B Arrest Report*, or a *Zero Report* for at least 1 month of the calendar year via the National Incident-Based Reporting System; or (2) at least one *Hate Crime Incident Report* and/or a *Zero Report* via the *Hate Crime Technical Specification* or the Microsoft Excel

Workbook Tool. The published data, therefore, do not necessarily represent reports from each participating agency for all 12 months (or 4 quarters) of the calendar year.

Population estimation

For the 2016 population estimates used in this table, the FBI computed individual rates of growth from one year to the next for every city/town and county using 2010 decennial population counts and 2011 through 2015 population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. Each agency's rates of growth were averaged; that average was then applied and added to its 2015 Census population estimate to derive the agency's 2016 population estimate.