

# Hate Crimes in Florida

# January 1 – December 31, 2010

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Fellow Floridians:

Hate crimes are horrific and senseless crimes. They are based on hatred and bias towards other individuals or groups because of race, religion, sexual orientation or other personal characteristics. Floridians deserve to feel safe, and our office is committed to preventing these attacks against our friends, family members and neighbors.

All Floridians have an important role in preventing hate crimes. Understanding the prevalence of these crimes is an important part of prevention. In this annual Hate Crimes Report, you will find overall trends regarding hate crimes, as well as detailed information on the types of crimes being committed and the motivation behind those crimes.

The Attorney General's Office is committed to reducing hate crimes in Florida by partnering with law enforcement. Our law enforcement community is dedicated to patrolling our streets and stopping hate crimes, and I thank them for their tireless efforts.

Floridians also have a role in preventing hate crimes. We must all be accepting and tolerant of people's personal characteristics. If anyone suspects a hate crime, please report it to law enforcement. By working together, we can prevent hate crimes in Florida.

Sincerely,

Pam Bondi Attorney General

# NOTE

The responsiveness of law enforcement and the success of community initiatives to identify hate crime incidents cannot be measured solely through statistics. Attempts to rank or categorize any agency, county or region based on the number of reported hate crime incidents would be misleading. Such a ranking or comparison would unfairly penalize those agencies that have vigorous reporting policies by making it appear their jurisdictions are more prone to incidents of hate crimes when, in fact, they are providing a more accurate report of qualifying incidents.

### Introduction

In 1989, the Florida Legislature passed laws designed to address the issue of hate crimes. Section 775.085, Florida Statutes, was created to increase penalties for convictions of crimes where there was evidence of certain prejudice. Additionally, the Hate Crimes Reporting Act, Section 877.19, Florida Statutes, was passed to require law enforcement agencies to report hate crimes to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and required the Attorney General's Office to publish an annual summary of data collected by FDLE.

Through its Hate Crime Program, Florida collects data on hate-related offenses for each incident reported. Because each reported crime may have more than one victim, these multiple victims are reflected in Florida's hate crime offense totals. For example, if two individuals are victims of a single hate crime, Florida will count two offenses for that particular incident. The National Hate Crime Program does not reflect multiple victims in its offense count; therefore, Florida's hate crime offense totals may differ from figures included in reports on the national level.

This 2010 Hate Crimes in Florida Report covers the period from January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010. The information was collected from local law enforcement agencies by FDLE's Division of Criminal Information Systems, Special Services Bureau. The data was tabulated by FDLE and provided to the Attorney General's Office for summary and distribution.

Included with this report are excerpts from FDLE's Hate Crime Report Manual and sources of information regarding hate crimes (see Appendices). The information is provided as a reference with respect to what constitutes various criminal offenses and when those offenses are deemed to be motivated by hate.

## **Executive Summary**

The 2010 Hate Crimes in Florida Report, contains data reported by individual local law enforcement agencies throughout Florida. These agencies reported the occurrence of hate crime incidents in 2010 under the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) information system. Currently, 367 agencies participate in the UCR system and this report is based solely on the information provided to FDLE by the reporting agencies. Of the 367 participating agencies, 65 agencies reported hate crimes in 2010, compared to 64 agencies that reported hate crimes the previous year. This year's total represents 17.7 percent of the agencies that participate in the UCR reporting system.

The report shows the number of hate crimes committed, and the nature of the alleged motivation behind the offenses. During 2010, there were 149 reported hate crimes in Florida. Hate crimes motivated by the victim's race represented 46.3 percent of all reported hate crimes, followed by sexual orientation at 21.5 percent; religion at 19.5 percent; and ethnicity/national origin at 12.7 percent. No hate crimes were reported under the categories of physical disability, mental disability or advanced age.

There are two categories of hate crime offenses: crimes against persons and crimes against property. Crimes against persons accounted for 66.4 percent of all incidents reported in 2010, down from 71.6 percent in 2009, while crimes against property accounted for the remaining 33.6 percent, up from 28.4 percent in 2009.

As variations may exist among law enforcement agencies in how hate crime data is gathered and reported, it is important to note that this report does not include unreported crimes or crimes that may be hate-related but are not classified as such by the local reporting agencies.

## 2010 Florida Hate Crimes Statute

775.085 Evidencing prejudice while committing offense; reclassification-(1)(a) The penalty for any felony or misdemeanor shall be reclassified as provided in this subsection if the commission of such felony or misdemeanor evidences prejudice based on the race, color, ancestry, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, mental or physical disability, or advanced age of the victim:

1. A misdemeanor of the second degree is reclassified to a misdemeanor of the first degree.

 A misdemeanor of the first degree is reclassified to a felony of the third degree.
 A felony of the third degree is reclassified to a felony of the second degree.
 A felony of the second degree is reclassified to a felony of the first degree.
 A felony of the first degree is reclassified to a life felony.

(b) As used in paragraph (a), the term: 1. "Mental or physical disability" means that the victim suffers from a condition of physical or mental incapacitation due to a developmental disability, organic brain damage, or mental illness, and has one or more physical or mental limitations that restrict the victim's ability to perform the normal activities of daily living.

2. "Advanced age" means that the victim is older than 65 years of age.

(2) A person of organization which establishes by clear and convincing evidence that it has been coerced, intimidated, or threatened in violation of this section has a civil cause of action for treble damages, an injunction, or any other appropriate relief in law or in equity. Upon prevailing in such civil action, the plaintiff may recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs. (3) It is an essential element of this section that the record reflect that the defendant perceived, knew, or had reasonable grounds to know or perceive that the victim was within the class delineated in this section. History. - s. 1, ch. 89-133; s. 1, ch. 91-83; s. 1, ch. 98-83; s. 1, ch. 99-172.

877.19 Hate Crimes Reporting Act.--

(1) SHORT TITLE.- This section may be cited as the "Hate Crimes Reporting Act." (2) ACQUISITION AND PUBLICATION OF DATA.- The Governor, through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, shall collect and disseminate data on incidents of criminal acts that evidence prejudice based on race, religion, ethnicity, color, ancestry, sexual orientation, or national origin. All law enforcement agencies shall report monthly to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement concerning such offenses in such form and in such manner as prescribed by rules adopted by the department. Such information shall be complied by the department and disseminated upon request to any local law enforcement agency, unit of local government, or state agency. (3) LIMITATION ON USE AND CONTENT OF DATA. - Such information is confidential and exempt form s. 119.07(1). Data required pursuant to this section shall be used only for research or statistical purposes and shall not include any information that may reveal the identity of an individual victim of a crime.

(4) ANNUAL SUMMARY.- The Attorney General shall publish an annual summary of the data required pursuant to this section. History. - s. 1, ch. 89-132; s. 2, ch. 91-83; s. 1, ch. 94-125; s. 432, ch. 96-406.

### What is a Hate Crime?

A hate crime is an act committed or attempted by one person or group against another - or that person's property - that in any way constitutes an expression of hatred toward the victim based on his or her personal characteristics. It is a crime in which the perpetrator intentionally selects the victim based on one of the following characteristics: race, color, religion, ethnicity, ancestry, national origin, sexual orientation, advanced age or mental/physical disability.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement notes in its Hate Crime Report Manual, that the motivation behind the act is the key element in determining whether an incident is hate-related. Ultimately, it is up to the judgment of individual law enforcement officers and agencies to determine whether a particular incident constitutes a hate crime and is therefore reported as such to the state. Since hate crime reporting began in 1990, Florida law enforcement agencies have reported 5,381 such crimes to the state.

Year	Total Reported Hate Crimes	Change from Previous Year
1990	306	_
1991	309	+ 1.0%
1992	395	+27.8%
1993	313	-20.8%
1994	283	-9.6%
1995	183	-35.3%
1996	212	+15.8%
1997	160	-24.5%
1998	203	+26.9%
1999	307	+51.2%
2000	269	-12.4%
2001	335	+24.5%
2002	306	-8.7%
2003	275	-10.1%
2004	334	+21.5%
2005	260	-22.2%
2006	259	-0.3%
2007	193	-25.5%
2008	182	-5.7%
2009	148	-18.7%
2010	149	+.7%

### Table 1. Hate Crimes Reported by Year

### Types of Offenses

Reported hate crime offenses in 2010 included simple and aggravated assault, while intimidation and vandalism were other frequent forms of hate crimes.

Offenses	Race/ Color	Religion	Ethnicity/ National Origin	Sexual Orientation	Disability	Mental Disability	Advanced Age	Totals
Robbery	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	4
Aggravated Assault	15	1	9	7	0	0	0	32
Burglary/ Breaking & Entering	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Simple Assault	8	3	3	12	0	0	0	26
Intimidation	22	8	3	4	0	0	0	37
Destruction/ Damage/ Vandalism of Property	20	17	4	7	0	0	0	48
Larceny/ Theft Offenses	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTALS	69	29	19	32	0	0	0	149

# Table 2. Offense Totals by Motivation TypeJanuary 1 – December 31, 2010

### Crimes Against Persons vs. Crimes Against Property

Hate crimes are classified as crimes against persons or crimes against property. In 2010, there were 99 reported hate crimes committed against persons. These offenses against persons included simple and aggravated assault, robbery and intimidation. The remaining 50 offenses were committed against property, including larceny/theft offenses, vandalism and burglary.

Year	Total Crimes Against Persons	Percent Of Total	Total Crimes Against Property	Percent Of Total
1991	217	70%	92	30%
1992	278	71%	117	29%
1993	238	76%	74	24%
1994	206	73%	77	27%
1995	119	65%	65	35%
1996	148	70%	64	30%
1997	119	74%	41	26%
1998	125	62%	78	38%
1999	212	69%	95	31%
2000	174	65%	95	35%
2001	207	62%	128	38%
2002	220	72%	86	28%
2003	186	68%	89	32%
2004	254	76%	80	24%
2005	185	71%	75	29%
2006	171	66%	88	34%
2007	129	66.8%	64	33.2%
2008	120	65.9%	62	34.1%
2009	106	71.6%	42	28.4%
2010	99	66.4%	50	33.6%

### Table 3. Crimes Against Persons vs. Crimes Against Property (1991–2010)

Out of the 149 hate crimes committed in 2010 in Florida, 58 were in the form of assaults (aggravated or simple assault).

Report Year	Total Offenses	Number Of Assaults	Percent Of Total
1991	309	165	53.4%
1992	395	222	56.2%
1993	313	175	55.9%
1994	283	153	54.1%
1995	183	91	49.7%
1996	212	105	49.5%
1997	160	84	52.0%
1998	203	88	43.3%
1999	307	104	34.1%
2000	269	131	48.7%
2001	335	124	37.0%
2002	306	156	51.0%
2003	275	134	48.7%
2004	334	177	53.0%
2005	260	106	40.8%
2006	259	115	44.4%
2007	193	96	49.7%
2008	182	82	45.1%
2009	148	65	43.9%
2010	149	58	38.9%

Table 4. Assaults as Share of All Hate Crimes (1991–2010)

### Motivation

The victim's race has usually been the most common motivating factor in hate crimes reported in Florida. Last year, race accounted for 54.0 percent of all reported hate crimes. In 2010, race related crimes accounted for 46.3 percent of all reported hate crimes. The victim's ethnicity/national origin, sexual orientation and religion comprised the remaining 53.7 percent of all reported hate crimes.

Table 5 provides a year-by-year breakdown of reported hate crimes by the five most common motivating factors.

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	RACE/COLOR	OLOR	RELI	RELIGION	ETHNICITY/NA ORIGIN	ETHNICITY/NATIONAL ORIGIN	SEXUAL ORIENTATION	UAL TATION	Mental I	Mental Disability
Year	Number of Offenses	Percent of Total	Number of Offenses	Percent of Total	Number of Offenses	Percent of Total	Number of Offenses	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Number of Offenses
1991	221	71.5%	46	14.9%	32	10.4%	10	* 3.2%	ı	I
1992	245	62.0%	48	12.2%	44	11.1%	58	14.7%		ı
1993	227	72.5%	31	9.9%	29	9.3%	26	8.3%		ı
1994	198	70.0%	29	10.2%	28	9.9%	28	9.9%		ı
1995	128	69.9%	23	12.6%	17	9.3%	15	8.2%	·	I
1996	156	73.6%	26	12.3%	24	11.3%	9	2.8%		ı
1997	113	70.6%	18	11.3%	7	4.4%	22	13.8%		I
1998	127	62.6%	27	13.3%	21	10.3%	28	13.8%		I
1999	180	58.6%	48	15.6%	31	10.1%	48	15.6%	·	I
2000	155	57.8%	44	16.4%	28	10.4%	41	15.2%	·	I
2001	129	39.0%	68	21.0%	95	27.0%	42	13.0%	ı	I
2002	161	52.6%	41	13.4%	44	14.4%	56	18.3%	ı	I
2003	135	49.1%	34	12.4%	51	18.6%	55	20.0%		I
2004	190	56.9%	41	12.3%	51	15.3%	52	15.6%	ı	I
2005	130	50.0%	36	13.8%	58	22.3%	34	13.1%	ı	I
2006	143	55.2%	35	13.5%	29	11.2%	52	20.1%	I	I
2007	104	53.9%	28	14.5%	33	17.1%	28	14.5%	I	I
2008	86	47.3%	38	20.9%	22	12.1%	35	19.2%	0.5%	1
2009	80	54.0%	21	14.2%	14	9.5%	33	22.3%		
2010	69	46.3%	29	19.5%	19	12.7%	32	21.5%		

\* Collection of data on sexual orientation began on October 1, 1991

### Hate Crime Offenses by County and Agency

Basic information regarding the reported occurrences of hate crimes is provided in two separate tables: Offenses by County and Agency (Table 6) and, for each reporting county and agency, Hate Crimes by Offenses and Motivation Type (Table 7).

Hate crimes were reported in 26 Florida counties in 2010, compared to 29 the previous year. 5 counties reported hate crimes in 2010 after reporting none the previous year. Additionally, 8 counties reported hate crimes in 2009, but did not report any in 2010.

Broward County, Orange County and Alachua County law enforcement agencies submitted the largest number of hate crime reports in 2010; however, both Broward County and Alachua County reported fewer hate crime offenses than in 2009. Broward submitted 19 hate crime related offenses compared to 22 in 2009. Alachua County reported 14 hate crime related offenses in 2010 compared to 20 the previous year. Orange County reported 15 hate crime related offenses in 2010, an increase from 2009's total of 9 hate crime related offenses.

Reporting agencies in 2010 included, among others, county sheriffs' offices, municipal police departments, school police departments, and the Seminole Indian Reservation. This report does not determine whether these statistics reflect an absence of hate crimes in certain counties or whether the differing figures are the result of how and whether such crimes are reported by victims to law enforcement agencies.

COUNTY	REPORTING AGENCY	TOTALS
ALACHUA	Alachua County Sheriff's Office Gainesville Police Department	3 11
	TOTAL	14
DAY	Panama City Police Department	2
BAY	TOTAL	2
BREVARD	Brevard County Sheriff's Office Melbourne Police Department Palm Bay Police Department	1 2 2
	TOTAL	5

# Table 6. Offense Totals by County and AgencyJanuary 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010

COUNTY	REPORTING AGENCY	TOTALS
	Broward County Sheriff's Office Hallandale Police Department	4
	Pompano Beach Police Department	1
	Wilton Manors Police Department	3
	Coconut Creek Police Department	1
BROWARD	Davie Police Department	1
	Miramar Police Department Coral Springs Police Department	1
	Ft Lauderdale Police Department	2
	Seminole Indian Reservation	1
	ΤΟΤΑΙ	. 19
CLAY	Clay County Sheriff's Office	5
	ΤΟΤΑΙ	. 5
COLLIER	Collier County Sheriff's Office	8
	ΤΟΤΑΙ	. 8
ESCAMBIA	Escambia County Sheriff's Office	4
	ΤΟΤΑΙ	- 4
FLAGLER	Flagler County Sheriff's Office	3
	ΤΟΤΑΙ	. 3
HIGHLANDS	Highlands County Sheriff's Office	3
	ΤΟΤΑΙ	. 3
	Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office	2
HILLSBOROUGH	Temple Terrace Police Department	1
	ΤΟΤΑΙ	. 3
	Fort Myers Police Department	1
LEE	Cape Coral Police Department	1
	ΤΟΤΑΙ	2
LEON	Tallahassee Police Department	2
	ΤΟΤΑΙ	. 2
MARTIN	Martin County Sheriff's Office	3
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TOTAL	15
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TOTAL	6
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COUNTY	REPORTING AGENCY	TOTALS
	Polk County Sheriff's Office	2
POLK	Winter Haven Police Department TOTAL	2
	Fort Pierce Police Department	1
ST. LUCIE	Port St. Lucie Police Department TOTAL	2
	Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office	4
SANTA ROSA	TOTAL	4
	North Port Police Department	4
SARASOTA	TOTAL	4
	Volusia County Sheriff's Office	1
	Daytona Beach Police Department	1
VOLUSIA	Deland Police Department	2
	TOTAL	4
GRAND TOTAL		149

### Hate Crimes by Offense and Motivation Type

Table 7 provides a breakdown of the offenses and the motivation type for each offense, for all agencies that reported hate crimes for 2010. Based on the information provided to the Attorney General's Office, the figures provide the most complete picture of reported hate crimes in individual communities, as well as entire counties.

Any attempt to rank or categorize an agency, county or region based solely on this information may be misleading, as it may unfairly penalize those jurisdictions that have a more vigorous policy of identifying and reporting such incidents. These jurisdictions may not actually experience a greater number of hate crime incidents, but may do a more thorough job of reporting them. As with other crime data, this report does not include unreported crimes or crimes that may be hate-related but are not classified as hate crimes or that are not reported by victims.

County	Agency	Offenses	Race/ Color	Religion	Ethnicity/ Nat'l Origin	Sexual Orientation	Physical Disability	Mental Disability	Advanced Age	Total
	Alachua County Sheriff's Office	Aggravated Assault Simple Assault	0	00	0 0	0 1	00	0 0	0 0	1 5
		Aggravated Assault Intimidation	1 0	0 1	0 0	1	0 0	0 0	0 0	7 7
ALACHUA	Gainesville Police Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	2	2	-	0	0	0	0	Ð
		Simple Assault	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	3
	County Total		5	4	2	3	0	0	0	14
ВАҮ	Panama City Police Department	Intimidation	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
	County Total		2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Brevard County Sheriff's Office	Aggravated Assault	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Molhon Dolloo	Intimidation	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
BREVARD	Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
		Simple Assault	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	County Total		3	2	0	0	0	0	0	5

County	Agency	Offenses	Race/ Color	Religion	Ethnicity/ Nat'l	Sexual Orientation	Physical Disability	Mental Disability	Advanced Age	Total
					Origin		(	(	0	
		Robbery	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	Broward County	Intimidation	Ч	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Sheriff's Office	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	0		0	1	0	0	0	2
		Intimidation	0	0	0		0	0	0	1
	Police Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	Hallandale Police Department	Aggravated Assault Simple Assault	0 5	1	0 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	n 1
	Pompano Police Department	Intimidation	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
		Simple Assault	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
вкомаки	Police Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
	Coconut Creek Police Department	Intimidation	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Davie Police Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Miramar Police Department	Simple Assault	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	Coral Springs Police Department	Simple Assault	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Seminole Indian Reservation	Aggravated Assault	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	County Total		6	5	0	80	0	0	0	19
	Clay County	Aggravated Assault	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
CLAY	Sherift's Uffice	Intimidation	m	0	0	0	0	0	0	m
	<b>County Total</b>		n	0	2	0	0	0	0	5

County	Agency	Offenses	Race/ Color	Religion	Ethnicity/ Nat'l Origin	Sexual Orientation	Physical Disability	Mental Disability	Advanced Age	Total
COLLIER	Collier County Sheriff's Office	Aggravated Assault Intimidation Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	0	3 1 0	1 1 0	0 1 0	000	000	000	4 3 1
	County Total		1	4	2	1	0	0	0	8
ESCAMBIA	Escambia County Sheriff's Office	Aggravated Assault Simple Assault	0 0	0 0	0 1	2	0 0	0 0	0 0	5 2
	County Total		0	0	1	з	0	0	0	4
FLAGLER	Flagler County Sheriff's Office	Intimidation	ε	0	0	0	0	0	0	ю
	County Total		з	0	0	0	0	0	0	З
HIGHLANDS	Highlands County Sheriff's Office	Aggravated Assault Intimidation Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	1	0 0 0	100	000	000	0 0 0	0 0 0	
	County Total		2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
	Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office	Intimidation Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property		0 0	0 0	00	00	0 0	0 0	
HILLSBOROUGH	Temple Terrace Police Department	Robbery		0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	County Total		ю	0	0	0	0	0	0	З

County	Agency	Offenses	Race/ Color	Religion	Ethnicity/ Nat'l Origin	Sexual Orientation	Physical Disability	Mental Disability	Advanced Age	Total
	Fort Myers Police Department	Aggravated Assault	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
LEE	Cape Coral Police Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	County Total		1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
LEON	Tallahassee Police Department	Aggravated Assault Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	1 0	00	00	0 1	0 0	0 0	00	1
	County Total		1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
MARTIN	Martin County Sheriff's Office	Aggravated Assault Simple Assault	0 1	1 0	0 0	0 1	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 2
	County Total		1	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
	Miami-Dade Police Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Homestead Police Department	Intimidation Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	1 0	0	0	0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 1
	Miami Beach Police Department	Intimidation	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
MIAMI-DADE	Surfside Police Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	North Miami Police Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Key Biscayne Police Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of property	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Miami Gardens Police Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	5
	County Total		5	ĸ	2	1	0	0	0	11

County	Agency	Offenses	Race/ Color	Religion	Ethnicity/ Nat'l Origin	Sexual Orientation	Physical Disability	Mental Disability	Advanced Age	Total
MONROE	Key West Police Department	Simple Assault	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	County Total		0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	Okaloosa County Shariff's Office	Simple Assault		00	0 0	00	00	00	00	
OKALOOSA		Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property		00			00		00	
	Fort Walton Police Department	Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	County Total		3	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
	Orange County	Robbery	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	Sheriff's Office	Aggravated Assault Destruction/Damage/		0 0	00	0 -		00	0 0	-1 0
		Vandalism of Property	-	þ	þ	4	þ	þ	þ	1
	Ocoee Police	Aggravated Assault	0	0	ε	0	0	0	0	ε
ORANGE	Departmentt	Simple Assault	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Orlando Police	Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	ю
	Department	Simple Assault	1	0	1		0	0	0	m
		Intimidation	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	<b>County Total</b>		7	0	4	4	0	0	0	15
	Osceola County Sheriff's Office	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
OSCEDLA	St. Cloud Police Department	Aggravated Assault	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
	Kissimmee Police	Simple Assault	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
	Department	Intimidation		0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	<b>County Total</b>		2	0	2	2	0	0	0	6

County	Agency	Offenses	Race/ Color	Religion	Ethnicity/ Nat'l Origin	Sexual Orientation	Physical Disability	Mental Disability	Advanced Age	Total
	Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	0	N	0	0	0	0	0	N
	Boca Raton Police	Simple Assault Intimidation	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	0 0	- 2	0	0	0	0	0	- 2
PALM BEACH	Lake Worth Police Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Palm Beach Gardens Police Department	Intimidation	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Palm Beach County School Police Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	County Total		2	7	0	0	0	0	0	6
	Pasco County Sherriff's Office	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
PASCO	New Port Richey Police Department	Aggravated Assault	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Port Richey Police Department	Intimidation	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	7
	County Total		1	0	2	1	0	0	0	4

County	Agency	Offenses	Race/ Color	Religion	Ethnicity/ Nat'l Origin	Sexual Orientation	Physical Disability	Mental Disability	Advanced Age	Total
	Pinellas County Sheriff's Office	Aggravated Assault Burglary/Breaking and Entering	1	00	0 0	0 0	00	00	00	1
	Clearwater Police Department	Aggravated Assault Simple Assault Intimidation	1	000	000	000	000	000	000	
PINELLAS	Indian Shores Police Department	Simple Assault	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	Treasure Island Police Department	Intimidation	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	Seminole Police Department	Destruction/Damage Vandalism of Property	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	County Total		6	0	0	2	0	0	0	8
	Polk County Sheriff's Office	Intimidation	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
POLK	Winter Haven Police Department	Robbery Aggravated Assault	1 1	0 0	0 0	0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1
	County Total		4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
	Fort Pierce Police Department	Simple Assault	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
ST. LUCIE	Port St. Lucie Police Department	Intimidation	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	Ч
	County Total		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2

County	Agency	Offenses	Race/ Color	Religion	Ethnicity/ Nat'l Origin	Sexual Orientation	Physical Disability	Mental Disability	Advanced Age	Total
SANTA ROSA	Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office	Larceny/Theft Offenses Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	7 1	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 I
	County Total		S	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
		Simple Assault	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	North Port Police	Intimidation	Ч	-1	0	0	0	0	0	2
SARASOTA	Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
			3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
	<b>County Total</b>									
	Volusia County Sheriff's Office	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Daytona Beach Police Department	Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
VOLUSIA	Deland Police Department	Intimidation Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property		0 0	00	00	0 0	0 0	00	
	County Total		2	0	1	1	0	0	0	4
GRAND TOTAL			69	29	19	32	0	0	0	149

# Appendices

# Appendix 1 — Hate Crimes Reporting

The Florida Department of law Enforcement's *Hate Crime Report Manual* defines "hate crime" as, "A committed or attempted act by any person or group of persons against a person or the property of another person or group, which in any way constitutes an expression of hatred toward the victim because of his/her personal characteristics. Personal characteristics include race/color, religion, ethnicity/ancestry/national origin or sexual orientation, mental or physical disability or advanced age."

The motivation behind the act is the key element in determining whether an incident is hate-related.

The mention of a prejudiced remark does not necessarily make a criminal incident hate-motivated any more than the absence of such a remark makes the criminal incident a non-hate one. Law enforcement officers must rely on their investigative judgment, as well as the use of probable cause standards, to assist them in determining whether a specific incident constitutes a hate-motivated crime. Statements of victims and witnesses, as well as physical evidence, may be used to make this determination.

The thorough and immediate reporting of hate crimes is essential. Law enforcement officials will be in a better position to process hate-related crimes more effectively only when a realistic assessment of the problem is known. There is much to gain by increasing the amount and detail of information gathered and shared about hate crimes. Law enforcement officials will be able to detect patterns and anticipate increases in tensions by compiling data and charting the geographic distribution of these crimes. Enhanced information about victims, offenders, and types of incidents will assist law enforcement and community service agencies in targeting hate crime prevention programs. Policy makers will have the basic information necessary for making decisions as to the allocation of resources for education, hate crime prevention and enforcement, and prosecutorial efforts related to hate-motivated crimes.

#### 1. Homicide Offenses

Homicide offenses include murder, non-negligent manslaughter, and negligent manslaughter.

A. Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter

Definition: The killing of one human being by another.

*General Rule:* Any death due to a fight, argument, quarrel, assault, commission of a crime, or by premeditated design.

B. Negligent Manslaughter

Definition: The killing of another person through negligence.

*General Rule:* Any death of an individual resulting from a negligent act of another individual. Negligent acts resulting in the death of the individual committing those acts and not the death of another will be considered accidental and will not be reported to the Hate Crime Data Base.

2. Sex Offenses, Forcible

*Definition:* Any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will, or not forcibly or against the person's will, where the victim is incapable of giving consent.

Forcible sex offenses include forcible rape, forcible sodomy, and forcible fondling/indecent liberties/child molesting.

*General Rule:* The element of force or threat of force is necessary before a sexual offense is reported in this category. Any sexual act or attempt accomplished by force is classified as a forcible sex offense regardless of the age of the victim or the relationship of the victim to the offender. Statutory rape is not counted in the forcible sex offense category as no force is used.

A. Forcible Rape

*Definition:* The carnal knowledge of a female by a male, forcibly and against her will or where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of her youth or because of her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

B. Forcible Sodomy

*Definition:* Oral or any sexual intercourse with another person, forcibly and/or against the person's will, or where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his /her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

C. Forcible Fondling/Indecent Liberties/Child Molesting

*Definition:* The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

### 3. Robbery

*Definition:* The taking, or attempting to take, anything of value under confrontational circumstances from the control, custody, or care of another person by force or threat of force or violence, and/or putting the property custodian in fear.

*General Rule:* Robbery differs from larceny in that it is aggravated by the element of force or threat of force to the custodian of the property. The custodian, who may be the owner or person having custody of the property, is directly confronted by the perpetrator and is threatened with force or fears that force will be used.

#### 4. Aggravated Assault

*Definition:* An unlawful attack by one person upon another where either the offender displays a weapon or the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, severe laceration, or loss of consciousness.

*General Rule:* All felonies and aggravated assaults are classified in this category. Not included are assaults with intent to rob or rape. Attempts to commit these crimes are reported in the categories of robbery or rape.

An assault, or threat of an assault, with any weapon or item used as a weapon other than hands, fists, and feet, is classified as an aggravated assault. It is not necessary that injury be inflicted.

When personal weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) are used, the victim must be seriously injured by these personal weapons. Usually this involves a broken bone or injury so severe that the victim should be admitted to a hospital beyond mere emergency room treatment.

#### 5. Burglary/Breaking and Entering

*Definition:* The unlawful entry into a building or other structure with the intent to commit a felony or theft.

*General Rule:* Report as one offense any unlawful entry or attempted forcible entry of any dwelling, house, attached structure, public building, shop, office, factory, storehouse, apartment, house trailer, warehouse, mill, barn, other building, ship, or railroad car. If there is apparent unlawful entry and the offender has not completed an act or the actions or intent of the offender are unknown, it is reported as a burglary. Any time there is an uncertainty as to why entry was made to a structure, it is reported as a burglary. Any time force of a physical nature has been used in order to gain entrance to some premises, the attempted burglary is reported.

Breaking into a vehicle is not reported as burglary, but as a larceny.

6. Larceny/Theft Offenses

*Definition:* The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession, or constructive possession, of another person.

Larceny/theft offenses include pocket picking, purse-snatching, shoplifting, theft from a building, theft from a motor vehicle (including motor vehicle parts/accessories), theft of bicycles, and all other types of larcenies.

*General Rule:* Embezzlement; fraudulent conversion of entrusted property; conversion of goods lawfully possessed by bailees, lodgers, or finders of lost property; obtaining money or property by false pretenses; larceny by check; larceny after trust; and larceny by bailee, are all classified as either fraud or embezzlement.

Thefts from rented property or from property that has been rented are not classified as larceny. This type of incident is considered a fraud, i.e., defrauding an innkeeper, failure to return rented property, etc.

7. Motor Vehicle Theft

Definition: Theft of a motor vehicle.

General Rule: Any theft of a motor vehicle is reported in this category.

Joy riding should be classified as a motor vehicle theft with the vehicle being shown as stolen and recovered.

8. Kidnapping/Abduction

*Definition:* The unlawful seizure, transportation, and/or detention of a person against his/her will, or of a minor without the consent of his/her custodial parent(s) or legal guardian.

*General Rule:* The kidnapping offense should be recorded regardless of the length of time the victim was detained/held. Kidnapping or false imprisonment is a by-product of many crimes, such as rape or robbery, and as such would not normally be counted as a separate offense.

9. Arson

*Definition:* To unlawfully and intentionally damage, or attempt to damage, any real or personal property by fire or incendiary device.

Special Instructions: Suspicious fires associated with hate-motivated incidents should be classified as arson. If the investigation later proves that arson has not occurred, the Offense Code can be modified.

#### 10. Simple Assault

*Definition:* An unlawful physical attack by one person upon another where neither the offender displays a weapon, nor the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury.

*General Rule:* All physical assaults not classified in the aggravated assault category are reported as simple assault. This would include those assaults where no weapons, other than personal, were used and which resulted in only minor injuries.

#### 11. Bribery

*Definition:* The offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value (i.e., a bribe, gratuity, or kickback) to sway the judgment or action of a person in a position of trust and/or influence.

Special Instructions: The person offering or receiving a bribe will be considered the offender in these incidents. The victim will be the individual or business most affected by the bribe, or if the entity cannot be defined, the crime will be classified as a crime against society.

For example, a bank official is bribed not to qualify a Hispanic family for a home loan for a particular neighborhood.

#### 12. Embezzlement

*Definition:* The unlawful misappropriation by an offender for his/her own or purpose, money, property, or some other thing of value entrusted to his/her care, custody, or control.

*General Rule:* Any time a person entrusted with anything of value during the normal course of operations and the function assigned, misappropriates such item, it is classified in this category.

#### 13. Fraud Offenses

*Definition:* The intentional perversion of the truth for the purpose of inducing another person or entity, in reliance upon it, to part with something of value or to surrender a legal right.

Fraud offenses include false pretenses/swindle, impersonation, wire fraud, theft of rental cars (i.e., not returned or obtained by fraud), and other types of fraud.

*General Rule:* Fraudulent conversion of entrusted property; conversion of goods lawfully possessed by bailees, lodgers, or finders of lost property; obtaining money or property by false pretenses; larceny after trust; and larceny by bailee, are all reported in this category.

When a fraud is committed in which a counterfeit item is used or a forgery is committed in carrying out the fraud, the counterfeit or forgery is considered an integral part of fraud.

#### 14. Counterfeiting/Forgery

*Definition:* The altering, copying, or imitation of something without authority or right, with the intent to deceive or defraud by passing the copy or thing altered or imitated as that which is original or genuine; or the selling, buying, or possession of an altered, copied, or imitated thing with the intent to deceive or defraud.

#### 15. Extortion/Blackmail

*Definition*: Obtaining money, property, or any other thing of value, either tangible or intangible, from another person through the use or threat of force, misuse of authority, threat of criminal prosecution, or the destruction of the victim's reputation or social standing, or through other coercive measures.

#### 16. Intimidation

*Definition:* To unlawfully place another person in fear of bodily harm through verbal threats without displaying a weapon or subjecting the victim to actual physical attack.

Intimidation includes, but is not limited to, the following offenses:

! Breach of peace/disorderly conduct.

! Applying unlawful standards, procedures, or intimidating a qualified voter.

! Corruptly influencing voting by bribery, menace, threat, or corruption.

17. Sex Offenses, Non-Forcible (Except Prostitution/Commercialized Sex)

*Definition:* Unlawful sexual intercourse, sexual contact, or other unlawful behavior or conduct intended to result in sexual gratification without force or threat of force and where the victim is capable of giving consent. This category may conclude obscenity offenses.

A. Sex Offenses

Indecent Exposure

*Definition:* Exposure by the offender of his/her private body parts to the sight of another person in a lewd or indecent manner in a public place.

B. Obscenity Offenses

*Definition*: Conduct which, by community standards, is deemed to corrupt public morals by its indecency and/or lewdness. This may include:

Obscene Communication/Telephone Call

*Definition:* To make or transmit a lewd, indecent, or lascivious telephone call or other communication.

Obscene Material/Pornography

*Definition*: To unlawfully manufacture, publish, sell, buy, or possess material (e.g., literature, photographs, statuettes, etc.) which, by community standards, is deemed capable of corrupting public morals.

Special Instructions: The persons willfully participating in these activities will be considered the offenders in these incidents. The victim will be the individual or business suffering the greatest embarrassment, harassment, or financial loss due to the offense.

18. Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property

*Definition:* The willful and/or malicious destruction, damage, or defacement of public or private property, real or personal, without the consent of the owner or the person having care, custody or control of the property.

19. Weapons Violations

*Definition:* The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, or use of firearms, cutting instruments, explosives, incendiary devices, or other deadly weapons.

### 20. Trespassing

*Definition:* To enter unlawfully upon the real property of another person. To enter or remain in any property, structure, or conveyance without being authorized, licensed, or invited.

### Appendix 2 — Florida Attorney General's Office of Civil Rights Hate Crimes Training Program

The Florida Attorney General's Office of Civil Rights has developed a hate crimes training program specifically designed to train law enforcement officers, detectives/investigators, supervisory personnel and command staff in the detection, investigation, processing and reporting of hate crimes. This training is available upon request without charge to any Florida law enforcement agency.

For more information, contact:

The Florida Attorney General's Office Office of Civil Rights 110 Southeast Sixth Street, Tenth Floor Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 (954) 712-4600

### Appendix 3 — Sources of Additional Information on Hate Crimes

Anti-Defamation League Florida Regional Office 621 N.W 53RD Street Suite 450 Boca Raton, Florida 33487 (561) 988-2900 E-mail: florida@adl.org www.adl.org

Education Development Center, Inc. 55 Chapel Street Newton, Massachusetts 02458-1060 (617) 969-7100 http://main.edc.org/

Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Reporting Program 100 Custer Hollow Road Clarksburg, WV 26306 (304) 625-2000 (304) 625-4995 www.fbi.gov

Japanese-American Citizens League 1828 L Street, N.W. Suite 802 Washington, D.C. 20036 (202) 223-1240 www.jacl.org

League of United Latin American Citizens 2000 L Street, N.W Suite 610 Washington, DC 20036 (202) 833-6130 www.lulac.org

NAACP, National Headquarters 4805 Mt. Hope Drive Baltimore, Maryland 21215 (410)580-5777 www.naacp.org National Gay and Lesbian Task Force 1325 Massachusetts Ave., N.W. Suite 600 Washington, D.C. 20005 (202) 393-5177 or 3510 Biscayne Boulevard Suite 206 Miami, FL 33137 (305) 571-1924 www.thetaskforce.org

Organization of Chinese Americans, Inc. 1322 18th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036 (202) 223-5500 www.ocanatl.org

The Prejudice Institute 2743 Maryland Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21218-4329 (410) 243-6987 www.prejudiceinstitute.org

Southern Poverty Law Center 400 Washington Avenue Montgomery, Alabama 36104 (334) 956-8200 www.splcenter.org

U.S. Department of Justice Community Relations Services 51 First Avenue, S.W. Suite 624 Miami, Florida 33130 (305) 536-5206 www.usdoj.gov/crs/