HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Annual Hate Crime Report

HATE CRIMES

A hate crime is defined as a criminal offense against a person or property motivated in whole or in part by an offender's bias against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity.

IMPACT OF HATE CRIMES

Hate crimes victimize not only the individuals or institutions who are targeted, but also the entire community or group they represent. Violent hate crimes may lead to cycles of retaliation and vigilantism that can engulf communities and perpetuate hatred and prejudice.

DEPARTMENT POLICY

The Houston Police Department views all hate crimes as major, and possibly organized, acts, which are given the highest investigation priority possible to ensure rapid apprehension of all persons, involved. HPD's Major Offenders Division investigates all reported hate crimes and has the ultimate responsibility for determining whether a crime is reported to federal or state record keeping agencies as a hate crime.

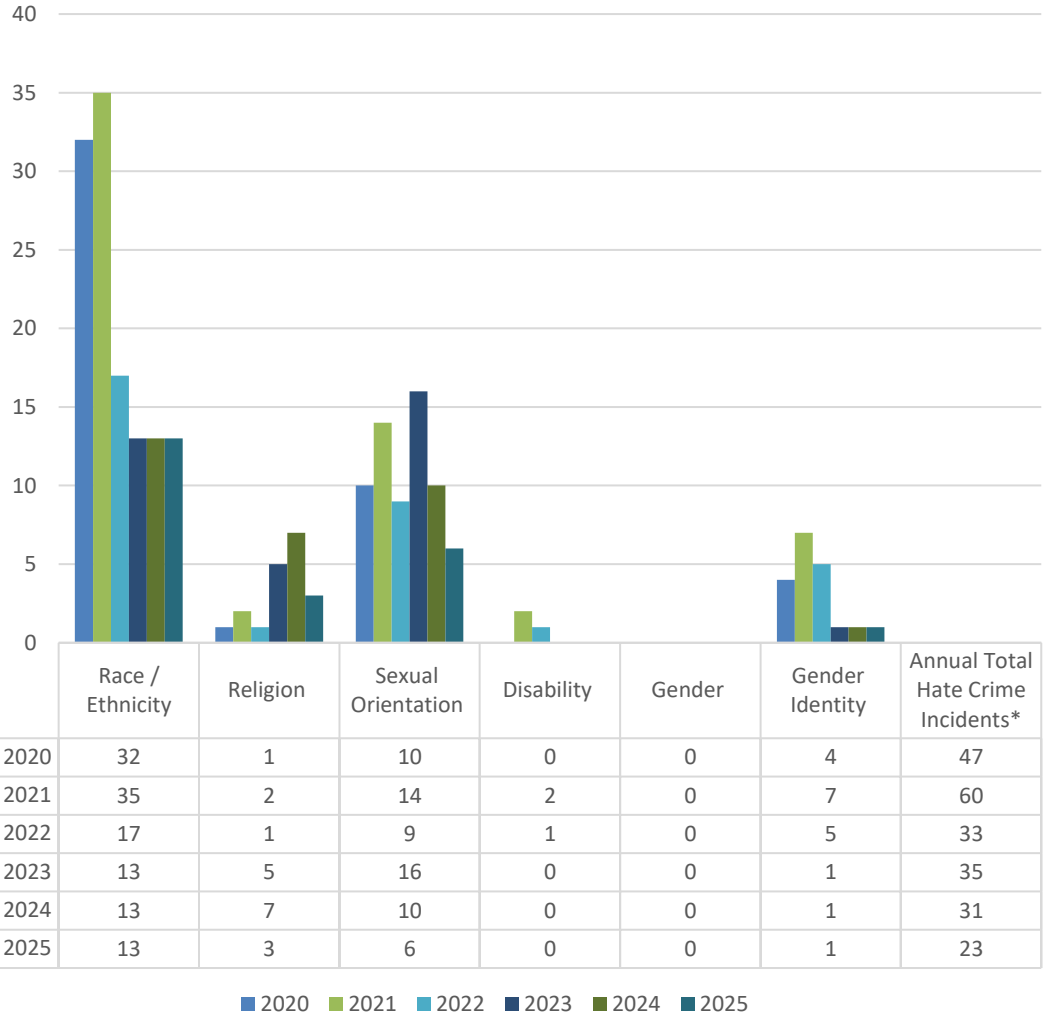
HOW TO REPORT

If you are a victim or a witness to a crime, please report the incident as soon as possible. If the incident is happening now or just happened, call 911 immediately.

For additional resources, please contact:

Houston Police Hate Crimes Hotline	713.308.8737
Houston Police Victim Services Division	713.308.0800
Anti-Defamation League	713.627.3490
LGBT Switchboard 24 hour helpline	713.529.3211
The Montrose Counseling Center	713.529.0037

HATE CRIMES: BIAS TYPE BY YEAR



	Race / Ethnicity	Religion	Sexual Orientation	Disability	Gender	Gender Identity	Annual Total Hate Crime Incidents*
2020	32	1	10	0	0	4	47
2021	35	2	14	2	0	7	60
2022	17	1	9	1	0	5	33
2023	13	5	16	0	0	1	35
2024	13	7	10	0	0	1	31
2025	13	3	6	0	0	1	23

*Please Note: Each hate crime incident may contain more than one bias type. Counts and annual totals are subject to change pending further reporting and/or case review.

For more information and statistics, visit www.houstonpolice.org and www.houstonagaisnthate.org