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2002 Hate Crime Summary Results

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.

The object of collection is to indicate whether the offender was motivated to commit the offense because of his/her bias against a racial, religious, disability, sexual-orientation group or ethnic/national origin. Because of the difficulty of ascertaining the offender's subjective motivation, bias is to be reported only if investigation reveals sufficient objective facts to lead a reasonable and prudent person to conclude that the offender's actions were motivated, in whole or in part, by bias.

The Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) at DCI has completed the compilation of 2002 hate crime data. Data was received from 168 agencies throughout South Dakota. Of the 168 reporting agencies, 101 were police departments, 66 were sheriff offices, and the Division of Criminal Investigation. Four incidents of hate crimes were reported from four agencies. The breakdowns of these crimes follow:

Location	
2	Highway/Road/Alley/Street
1	Jail/Prison
1	Grocery/Supermarket

Suspected Offender's Race	
2	American Indian/Alaskan Native
2	White

Bias	
1	Anti-Black (Racial)
1	Anti-White (Racial)
1	Anti-Other Religion (Religious)
1	Anti-Homosexual [Gay & Lesbian] (Sexual)

Victim Type	
4	Individual

In 2001, South Dakota had 165 agencies that participated in reporting hate crimes to the SAC. Of these, 100 were police departments and 65 were sheriff offices. Five hate crimes were reported from 5 agencies.

In 2000, South Dakota had 165 agencies that participated in reporting hate crimes to the SAC. Of these, 100 were police departments and 65 were sheriff offices. Seven hate crimes were reported from 4 agencies.

In 1999, South Dakota had 101 agencies that participated in reporting hate crimes to the SAC. Of these, 58 were police departments and 43 were sheriff offices. Thirteen hate crimes were reported from 6 agencies.

In 1998, South Dakota had 98 agencies that participated in reporting hate crimes to the SAC. Of these, 60 were police departments and 38 were sheriff offices. Nineteen hate crimes were reported from 7 agencies.