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## 2003 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 2003 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. Eleven incidents of hate crimes were reported from seven agencies. Following is the breakdown of these crimes:

Location	
3	Residence/Home
2	Highway/Road/Alley/Street
2	Jail/Prison
1	Bar/Night Club
1	Church/Synagogue/Temple
1	Other/Unknown
1	School/College

Bias	
3	Anti-White (Racial)
2	Anti-Black (Racial)
2	Anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native (Racial)
1	Anti-Homosexual [Gay & Lesbian] (Sexual)
1	Anti-Male Homosexual (Sexual)
1	Anti-Gay (Sexual)
1	Anti-Other Ethnic/Nat'l Origin (Ethnicity/Nat'l Origin)

Suspected Offender's Race	
6	American Indian/Alaskan Native
3	White
1	Black
1	Unknown

Victim Type	
10	Individual
1	Other

