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# HATE CRIME

## 2004



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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I would like to present the 2004 Hate Crime report. This is the fourth annual report published by the TBI presenting information on reported crimes motivated by bias that occurred in Tennessee. The information contained in the report is based on crime statistics information submitted by law enforcement agencies in Tennessee to TBI's Tennessee Incident Based Reporting System (TIBRS) program. TIBRS is the state version of the FBI's National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) program.

The groups toward which bias motivated crimes may be directed are based on the national definitions and conform to the same standards used in the annual Hate Crime Report published by the FBI for the United States. Any offense may be motivated by bias. The bias motivation is an element of the offense and is not reported as a separate crime occurrence.

I am very proud of the efforts of all participating law enforcement agencies in the state to provide the data necessary to produce this report. Our combined efforts have resulted in this annual report detailing the nature of bias motivated crime occurrences in our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Gwyn".

Mark Gwyn  
Director

## **Hate Crime – Overview**

### **Definition**

A 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. Any offense can be motivated by bias. The hate crime is not a separate offense but is an element of the criminal occurrence.

### **Participation**

During 2004, 547 Tennessee agencies participated in the Hate Crime Program by submitting data to the Tennessee Incident Based Reporting System (TIBRS) Program. Of those agencies, approximately 18.6% (102 agencies) submitted hate crime incidents to the TBI through the TIBRS program. This is the fourth year that statewide Hate Crime Statistics have been reported by TBI. A four-year comparison can be found at the bottom of this page.

### **Hate Crime Data Collection**

The TIBRS program data collection guidelines stipulate that a hate crime may have multiple offenses, victims and offenders within one incident. A *victim*, according to TIBRS definition, may be a person, a business, an institution or society as a whole.

### **Hate Crime Reporting**

In 2004, 102 agencies in Tennessee reported 317 Hate Crime incidents. The percentage breakdown of those incidents by hate crime type follows this section. This represents 0.05% of the total Group A offenses reported to the TIBRS program in 2004.

### **Comparison of 2001-2004**

Hate Crime was reported by 102 agencies in 2004, 82 agencies in 2003, 79 agencies in 2002 and 92 agencies in 2001. When comparing Hate Crime to the total Group A Offense per year, there was a 2.3% decrease in Hate Crime between 2001 and 2002, a 1.2% increase between 2002 and 2003 and a 0.9% increase between 2003 and 2004. The charts on page 12-14 will show comparisons of 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004.

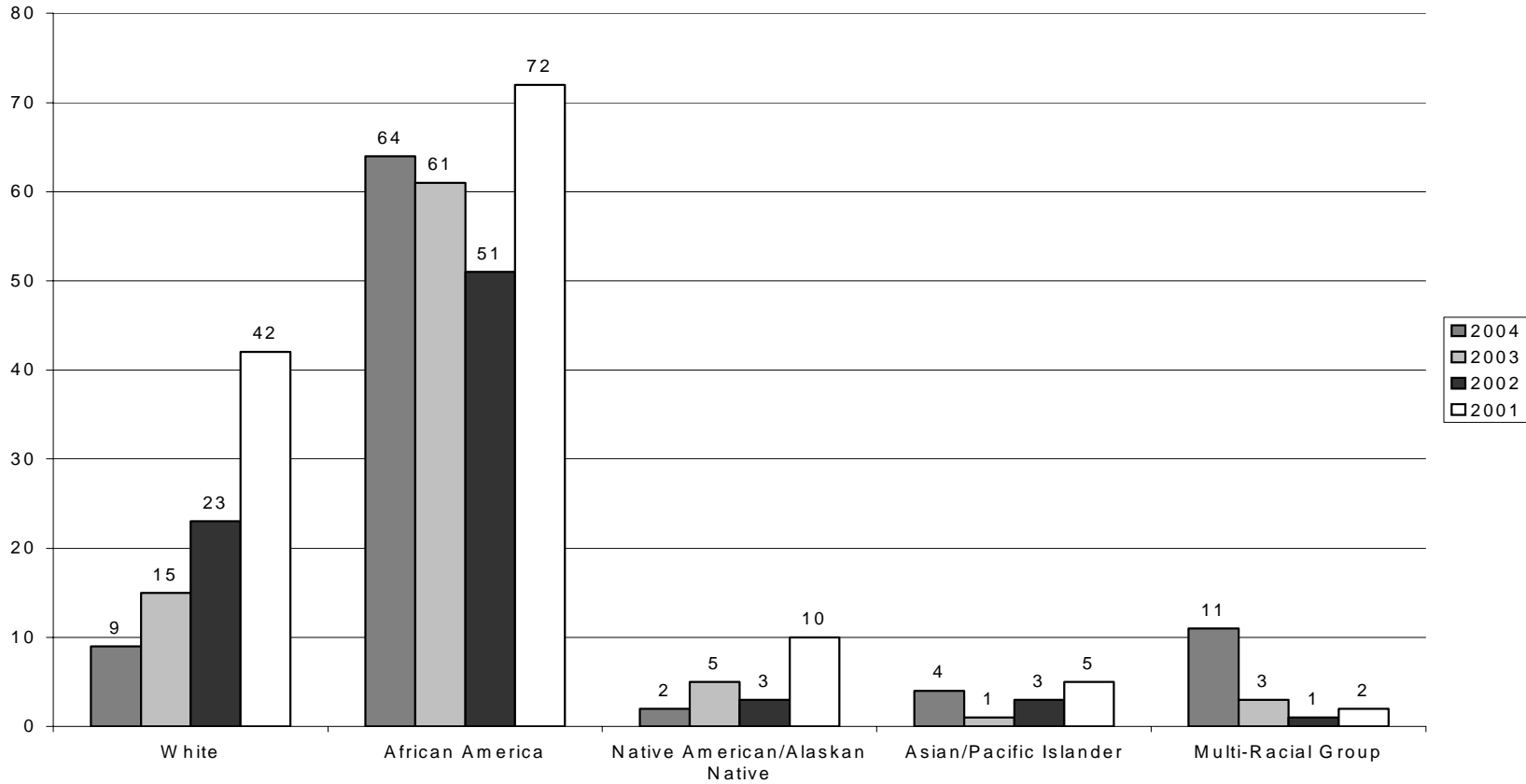


# **Statewide 2004**

**Anti-Racial Hate Crime was reported by 50 different agencies in 2004.**

Each category is listed with the percentage of the total hate crime the category represents.

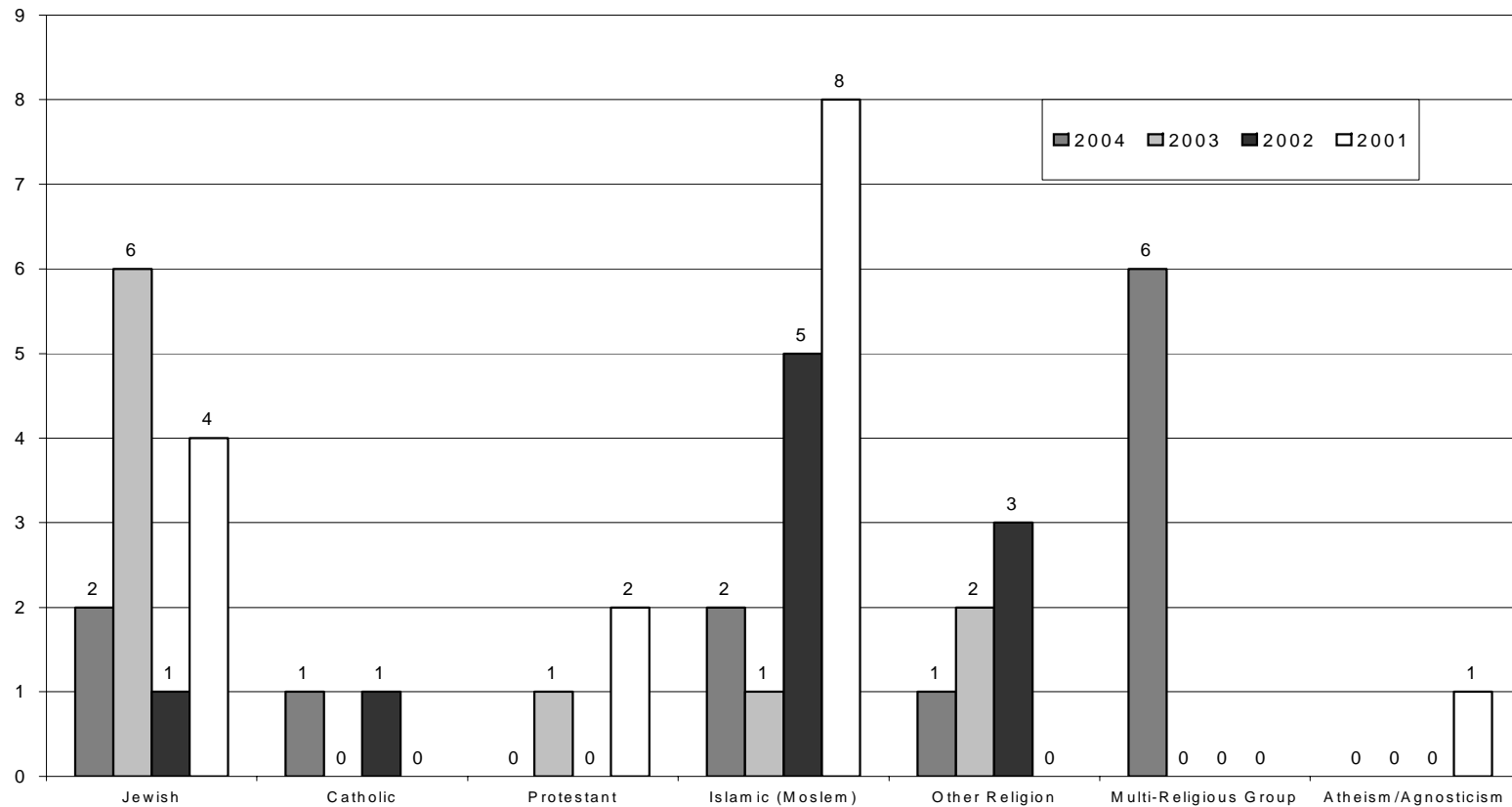
- Anti-White – 10.0%
- Anti-African American – 71.1%
- Anti-Native American/Alaskan Native – 2.2%
- Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander – 4.5%
- Anti-Multi Racial Group – 12.2%



**Anti-Religious Hate Crime was reported by 7 different agencies in 2004.**

Each category is listed with the percentage of the total hate crime the category represents.

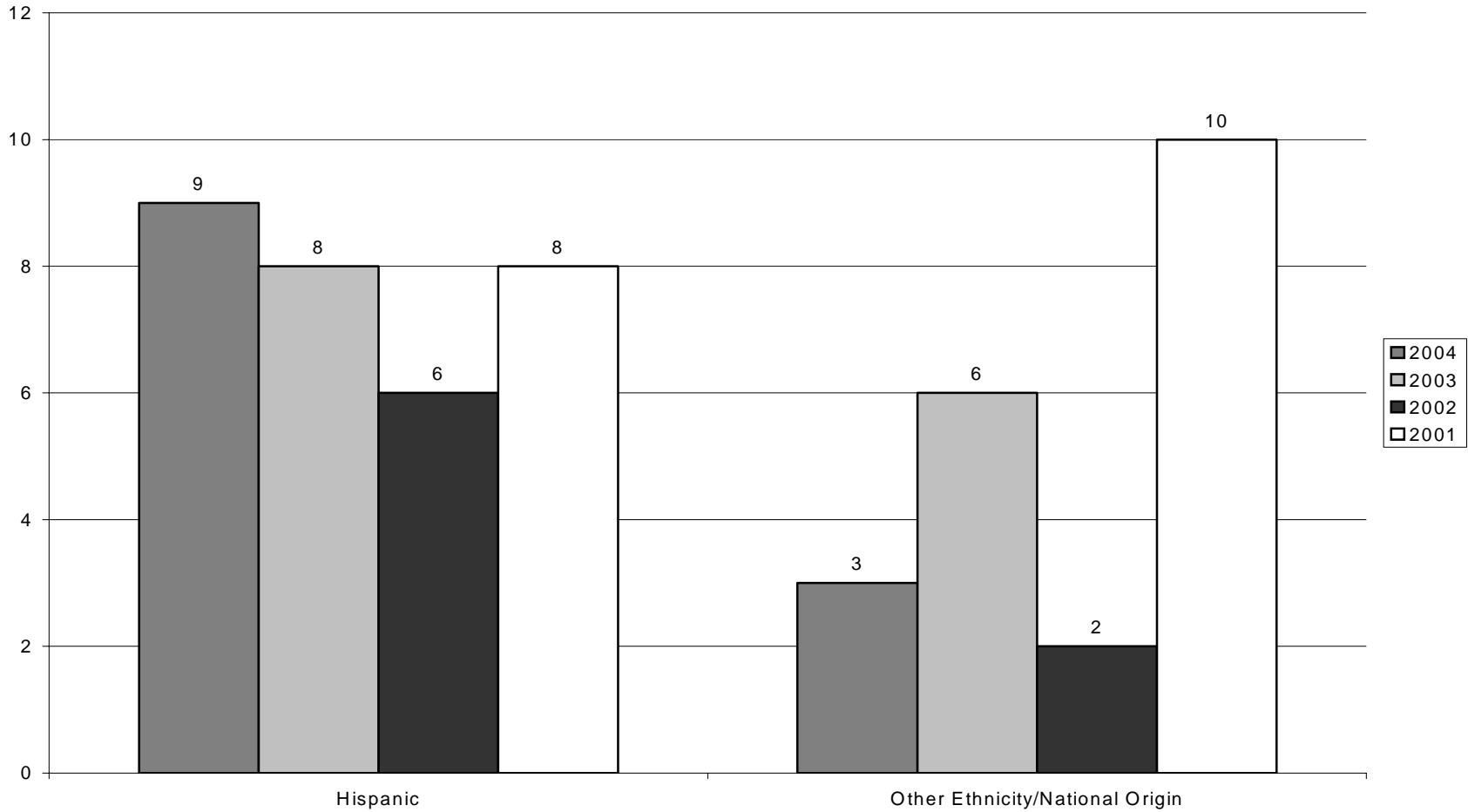
- Anti-Jewish – 16.7%
- Anti-Catholic – 8.3%
- Anti-Protestant – 0.0%
- Anti-Islamic – 16.7%
- Anti-Other Religion – 8.3%
- Anti-Multi Religious Group – 50.0%
- Anti-Atheism/Agnosticism – 0.0%



**Anti-Ethnicity/National Origin was reported by 10 different agencies in 2004.**

Each category is listed with the percentage of the total hate crime the category represents.

- Anti-Hispanic – 75.0%
- Anti-Other Ethnicity/National Origin – 25.0%

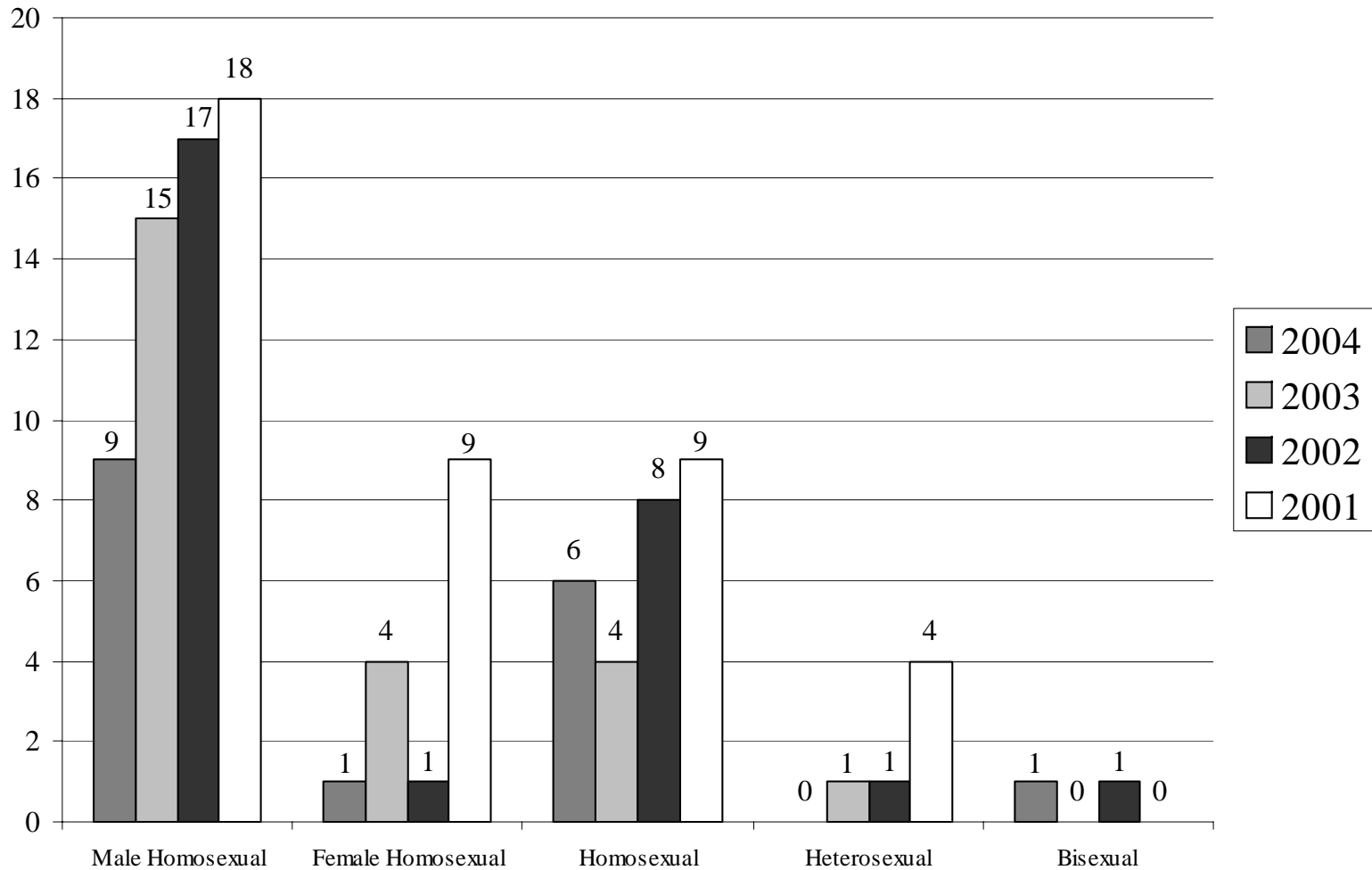




**Anti-Sexual Hate Crime was reported by 12 different agencies in 2004.**

Each category is listed with the percentage of the total hate crime the category represents.

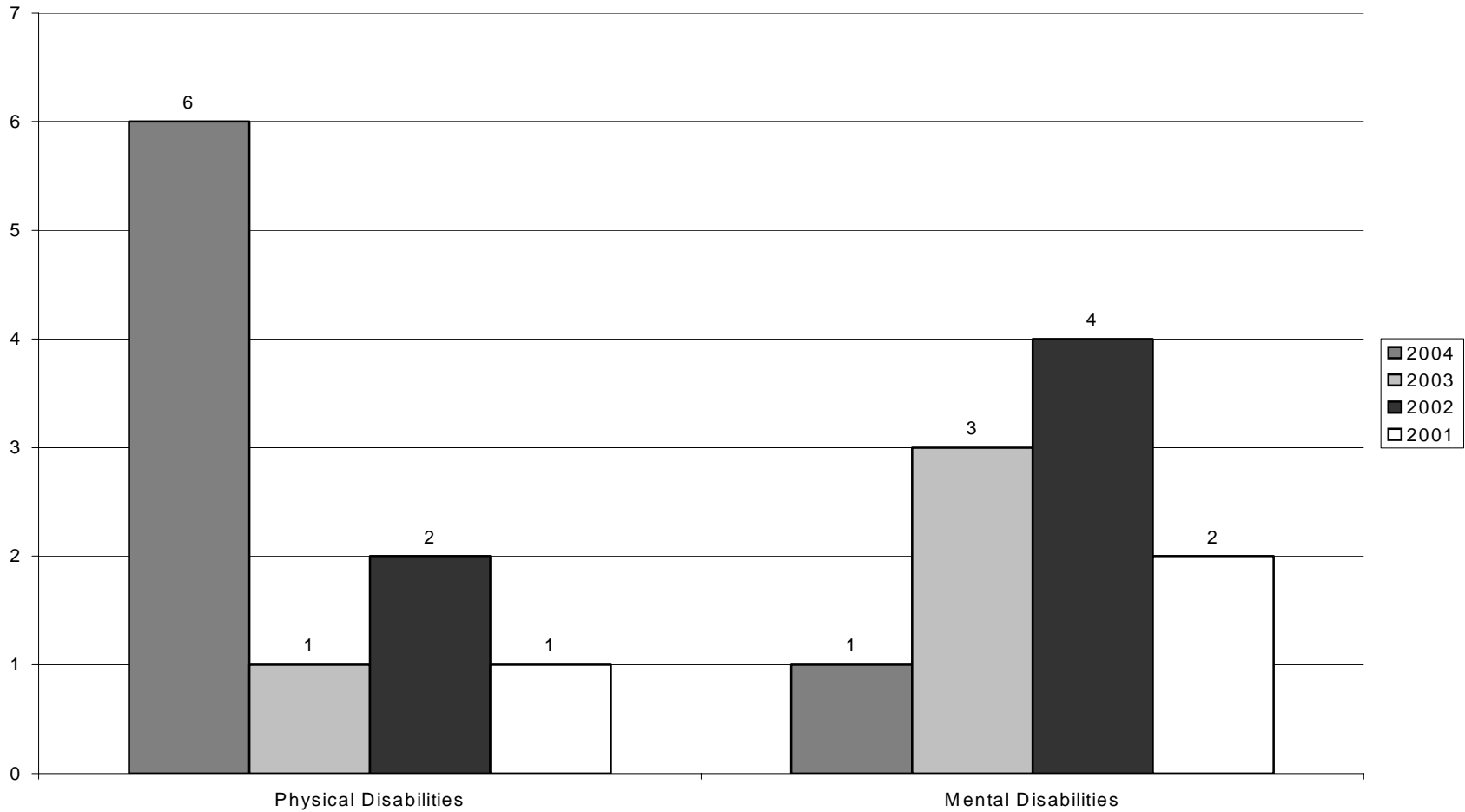
- Anti-Male Homosexual – 52.9%
- Anti-Female Homosexual – 5.9%
- Anti-Homosexual – 35.3%
- Anti-Heterosexual – 0.0%
- Anti-Bisexual – 5.9%



**Anti-Disabilities Hate Crime was reported by 5 different agencies in 2004.**

Each category is listed with the percentage of the total hate crime the category represents.

- Anti-Physical Disabilities – 85.7%
- Anti-Mental Disabilities – 14.3%



## **Bias Motivated Offenses – 2004**

### **Crimes Against Person**

- Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter – 3
- Forcible Rape – 2
- Forcible Sodomy – 1
- Aggravated Assault – 29
- Simple Assault – 33
- Intimidation – 46

### **Crimes Against Property**

- Arson – 6
- Burglary – 36
- Destruction/Damage/Vandalism – 85
- Fraud Offenses\* – 9
- Motor Vehicle Theft – 6
- Robbery – 2
- Larceny Offenses\*\* – 66

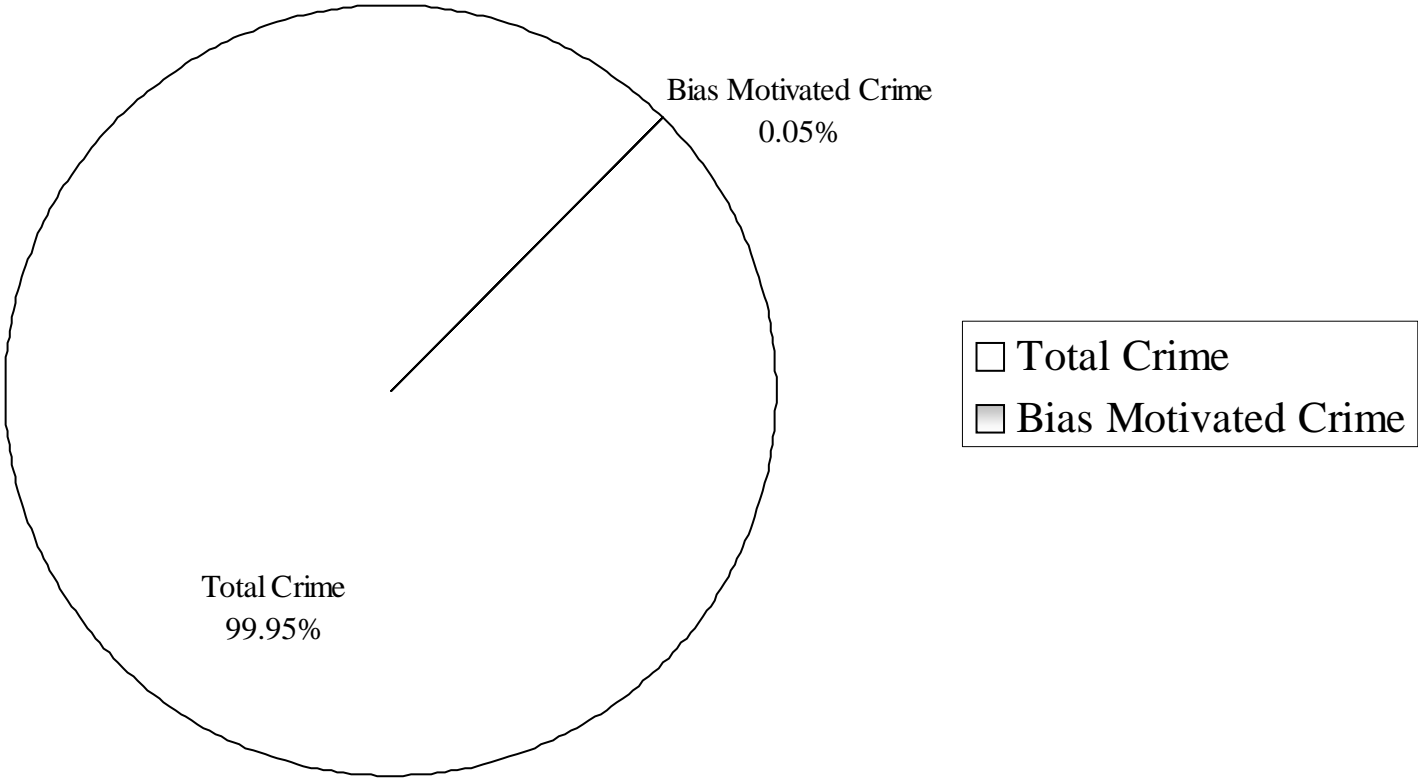
### **Crimes Against Society – 5**

\* Fraud Offenses can include – False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game, Credit Card/ATM Fraud, Impersonations, Welfare Fraud and Wire Fraud

\*\* Larceny Offense can include – Pocket Picking, Purse Snatching, Shoplifting, Theft from a Building, Theft from Coin Operated Machine, Theft from Motor Vehicle, Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories and All Other Larceny.

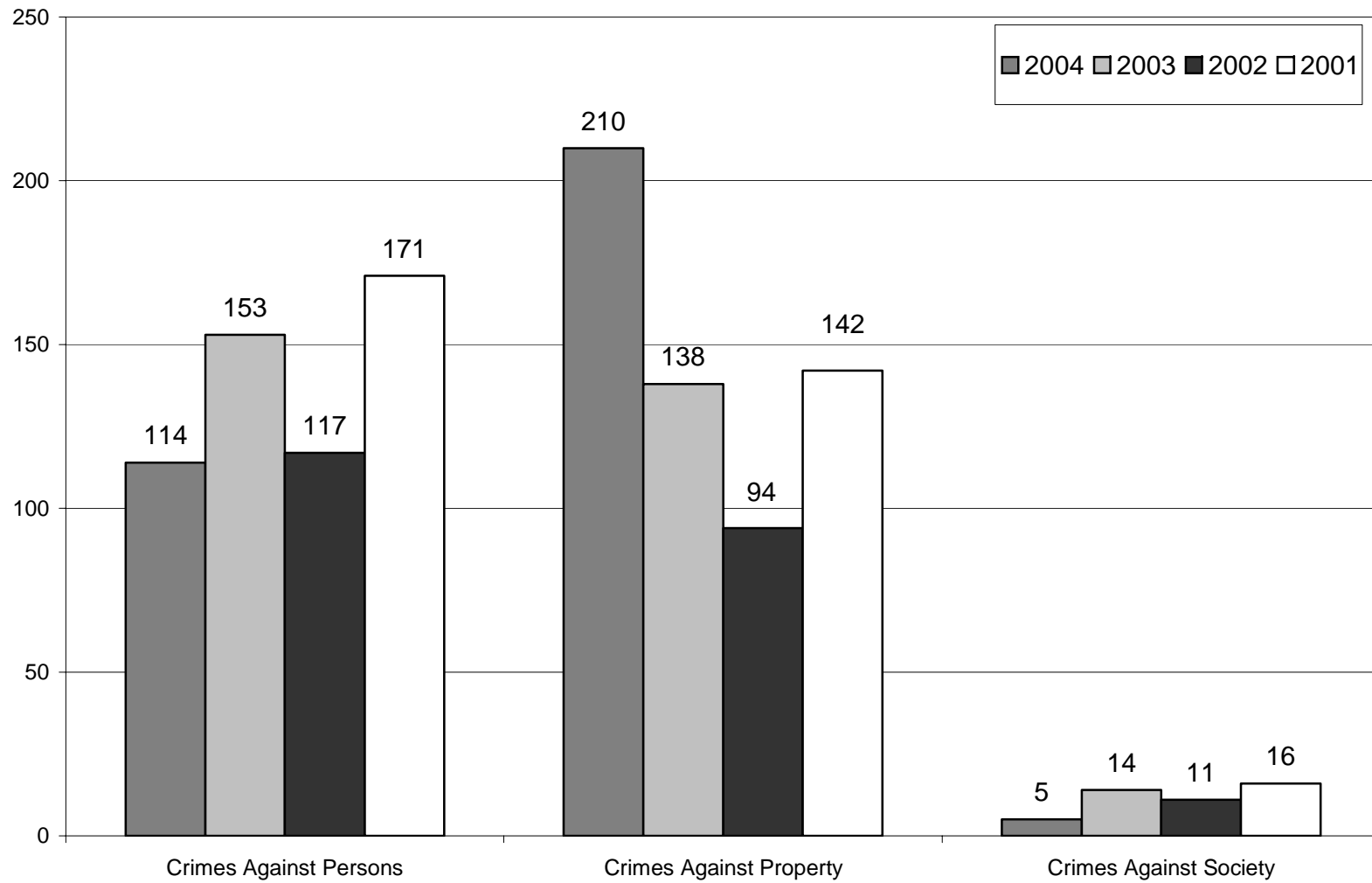


# Hate Crime as a Percentage of Total Crime for 2004

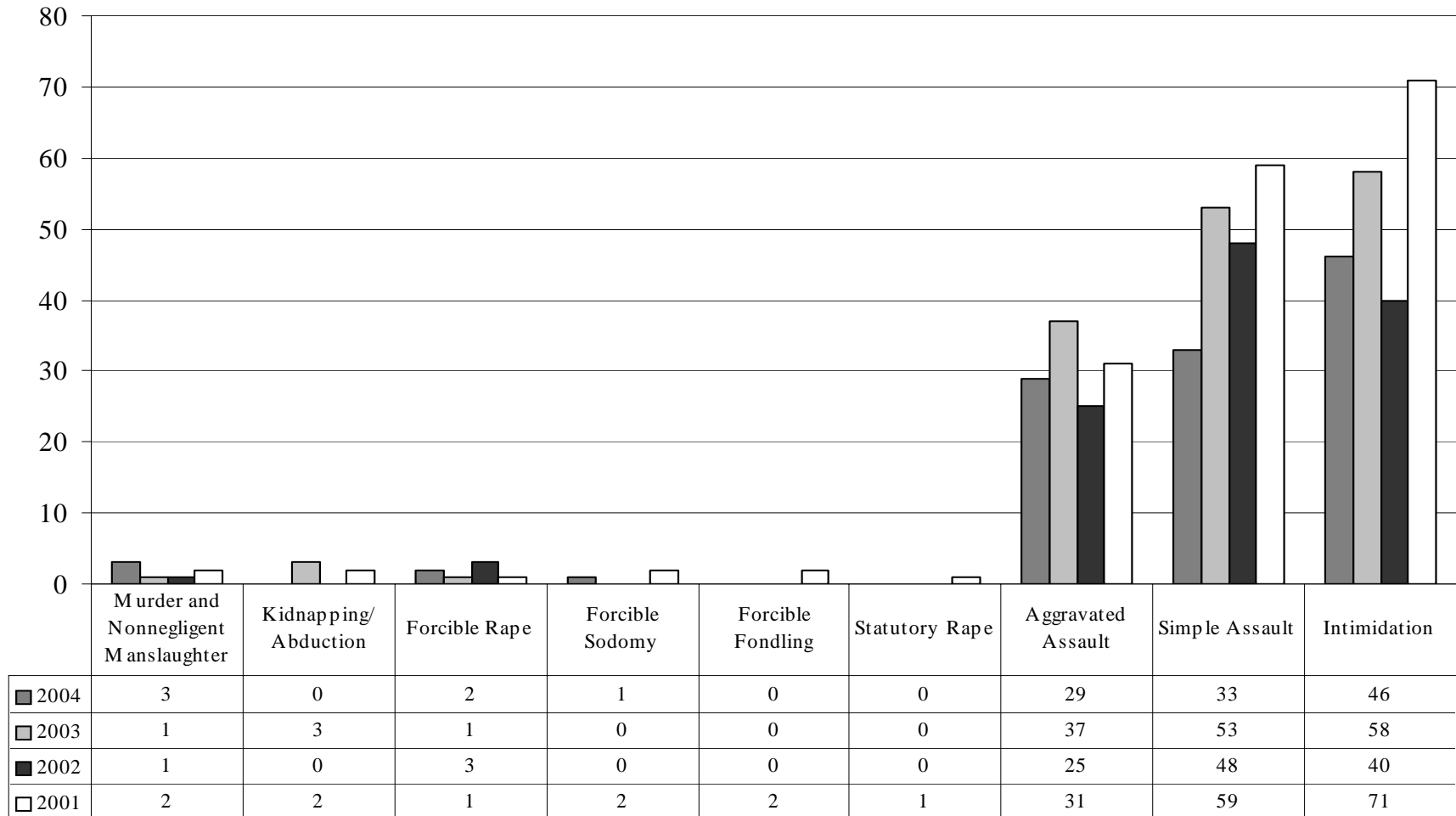


# **Statewide 4-Year Comparison**

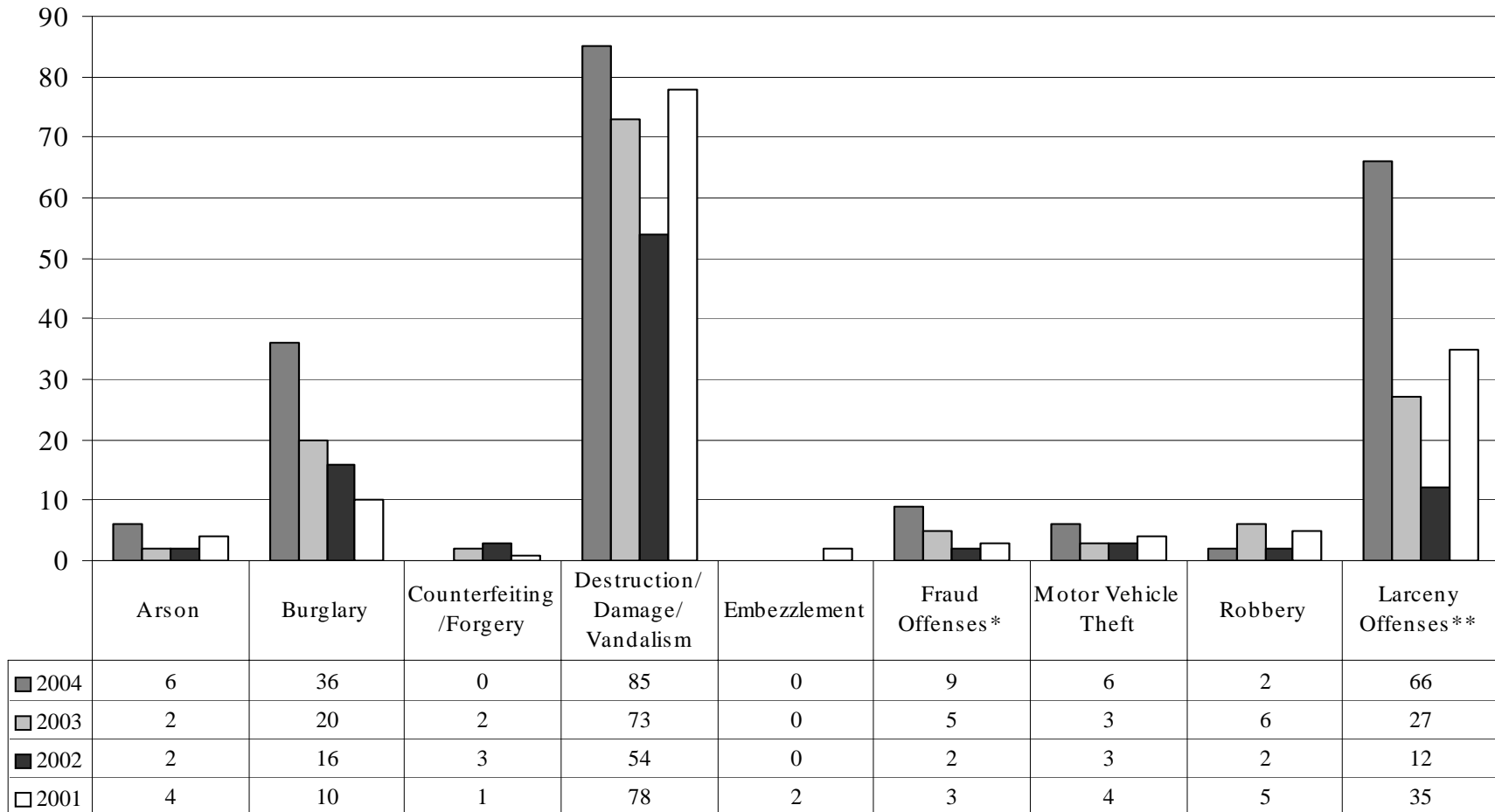
### Four Year Comparison of Offense Types



## Crimes Against Persons - Four Year Comparison



## Crimes Against Property - Four Year Comparison





**Agency  
Reports  
2004**

**Unknown Hate Crime was reported by 46 different agencies.**

An Unknown Hate Crime is believed to be motivated by a hate bias for which the target group has yet to be determined. Unknown Hate Crime was 56.5% of the total hate crime reported in Tennessee for 2004.

The following agencies reported Unknown Hate Crime in 2004:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| Alcoa Police Department – 8                | Knoxville Police Department – 1                 |
| Aquinas College – 1                        | Lincoln Memorial University – 1                 |
| Austin Peay State University – 1           | Long Hunter State Park – 1                      |
| Benton County Sheriff's Department – 6     | Macon County Sheriff's Department – 1           |
| Blount County Sheriff's Department – 1     | Marion County Sheriff's Department – 3          |
| Campbell County Sheriff's Department – 1   | McKenzie Police Department – 1                  |
| Chattanooga Police Department – 6          | Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park – 3             |
| Clay County Sheriff's Department – 2       | Meigs County Sheriff's Department – 1           |
| Cleveland Police Department – 2            | Memphis Police Department – 2                   |
| Columbia Police Department – 1             | Metro Park Rangers Office – 3                   |
| Dyersburg Police Department – 1            | Munford Police Department – 1                   |
| East Ridge Police Department – 1           | Nashville Metro Police Department – 6           |
| Edgar Evins State Park – 2                 | Nashville State Technical Community College – 3 |
| Ethridge Police Department – 5             | Rutherford County Sheriff's Department – 1      |
| Etowah Police Department – 1               | Smithville Police Department – 1                |
| Frozen Head Natural Area – 1               | Sneedville Police Department – 1                |
| Graysville Police Department – 1           | Southwest Tennessee Community College – 1       |
| Hardeman County Sheriff's Department – 1   | Tim's Ford State Park – 1                       |
| Haywood County Sheriff's Department – 1    | Tipton County Sheriff's Department – 1          |
| Henderson County Sheriff's Department – 93 | Van Buren County Sheriff's Department – 2       |
| Hiwassee and Ocoee State Scenic Rivers – 1 | Warriors' Path State Park – 3                   |
| Humphreys County Sheriff's Department – 1  | Weakley County Sheriff's Department – 1         |
| Kingsport Police Department – 1            | Wilson County Sheriff's Department – 1          |



The following is a breakdown of the Hate Crime reported by law enforcement departments in Tennessee for the calendar year of 2004. Unknown Hate Crime is not included in this breakdown.

Alcoa Police Department

- Anti-Black – 1
  - Simple Assault

Austin Peay State University

- Anti-White – 1
  - Simple Assault

Baxter Police Department

- Anti-Black – 1
  - Intimidation

Bells Police Department

- Anti-Black – 1
  - Simple Assault

Blount County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-Black – 2
  - Aggravated Assault
  - Aggravated Assault

Bradley County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-Black – 2
  - Aggravated Assault
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property

Brighton Police Department

- Anti-White – 1
  - Simple Assault
- Anti-Black – 1
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property

Bristol Police Department

- Anti-Black – 3
  - Aggravated Assault
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property
  - Simple Assault

Chattanooga Police Department

- Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay) – 1
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property

Clarksville Police Department

- Anti-Black – 3
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property
  - Intimidation
  - Intimidation
- Anti-Multi-Racial Group – 2
  - Aggravated Assault
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property
  - Theft from Motor Vehicle



#### Cleveland Police Department

- Anti-White – 1
  - Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories
- Anti-Black – 3
  - Intimidation
  - Intimidation
  - Robbery
- Anti-Multi-Racial Group – 2
  - Intimidation
  - Intimidation

#### Clinton Police Department

- Anti-Black – 1
  - Aggravated Assault

#### Collierville Police Department

- Anti-Black – 1
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property

#### Cumberland County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-Black – 1
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property

#### Dickson County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-Black – 1
  - Intimidation
- Anti-Physical Handicap – 2
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property
  - Intimidation

#### Dickson Police Department

- Anti-Black – 3
  - Intimidation
  - Simple Assault
  - Weapon Law Violations

#### East Ridge Police Department

- Anti-Black – 2
  - Aggravated Assault
  - Intimidation

#### Elizabethton Police Department

- Anti-Black – 1
  - Intimidation
- Anti-Multi-Racial Group – 4
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property

#### Erwin Police Department

- Anti-Bisexual – 1
  - Intimidation

#### Fayetteville Police Department

- Anti-White – 1
  - Simple Assault
- Anti-Black – 1
  - Simple Assault



Franklin Police Department

- Anti-Black – 1
  - Simple Assault

Goodlettsville Police Department

- Anti-Black – 1
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property

Hamilton County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-Other Ethnicity/National Origin – 1
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property

Hancock County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-Black – 1
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property

Hendersonville Police Department

- Anti-Black – 3
  - Intimidation
  - Intimidation
  - Simple Assault

Henning Police Department

- Anti-Black – 1
  - Aggravated Assault

Jackson County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-Physical Handicap – 1
  - Theft from Building

Jackson Police Department

- Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay) – 1
  - Simple Assault

Jefferson City Police Department

- Anti-Hispanic – 1
  - Intimidation

Johnson City Police Department

- Anti-White – 1
  - False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game
- Anti-Black – 3
  - Aggravated Assault
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property
  - Simple Assault
- Anti-Multi-Religious Group – 1
  - Intimidation

Kenton Police Department

- Anti-Hispanic – 1
  - Impersonation

Kingsport Police Department

- Anti-White – 1
  - Aggravated Assault



#### Knox County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-Black – 4
  - Aggravated Assault
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property
  - Intimidation
- Anti-Jewish – 1
  - Intimidation
- Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay) – 3
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property
  - Intimidation
  - Simple Assault

#### Knoxville Police Department

- Anti-White – 1
  - Aggravated Assault
- Anti-Black – 2
  - Simple Assault
  - Simple Assault
- Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander – 2
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property
- Anti-Jewish – 1
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property
- Anti-Catholic – 1
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property
- Anti-Multi-Religious Group – 1
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property
- Anti-Hispanic – 2
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property
- Anti-Homosexual (Gays and Lesbians) – 1
  - Aggravated Assault

#### LaVergne Police Department

- Anti-Homosexual (Gays and Lesbians) – 1
  - Forcible Sodomy

#### Lawrence County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-Physical Handicap – 2
  - Burglary/Breaking & Entering
  - Drug/Narcotic Violations

#### Lenoir City Police Department

- Anti-Female Homosexual (Lesbian) – 1
  - Intimidation

#### Loretto Police Department

- Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay) – 1
  - Intimidation

#### Manchester Police Department

- Anti-Multi-Racial Group – 1
  - Intimidation

#### Marion County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-Black – 2
  - Intimidation
  - Intimidation

#### Maryville Police Department

- Anti-Hispanic – 1
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property



#### McMinnville Police Department

- Anti-Multi-Racial Group – 1
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property

#### McNairy County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-Black – 1
  - Intimidation

#### Memphis Police Department

- Anti-Mental Handicap – 1
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property

#### Middle Tennessee State University

- Anti-Black – 1
  - Intimidation

#### Milan Police Department

- Anti-Black – 1
  - Aggravated Assault

#### Montgomery County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-Other Religion – 1
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property

#### Mountain City Police Department

- Anti-Black – 1
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property

#### Nashville Metro Police Department

- Anti-Black – 1
  - Aggravated Assault
- Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander – 1
  - Intimidation
- Anti-Hispanic – 1
  - Aggravated Assault
- Anti-Other Ethnicity/National Origin – 1
  - Intimidation
- Anti-Physical Handicap – 1
  - Simple Assault

#### Oak Ridge Police Department

- Anti-Black – 2
  - Intimidation
  - Intimidation
- Anti-Hispanic – 1
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property

#### Paris Police Department

- Anti-Black – 2
  - Simple Assault
  - Simple Assault
- Anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native – 1
  - Burglary/Breaking & Entering
- Anti-Homosexual (Gays and Lesbians) – 2
  - Aggravated Assault
  - Simple Assault



Pickwick Landing State Park

- Anti-Black – 1
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property

Portland Police Department

- Anti-Hispanic – 1
  - Simple Assault

Red Bank Police Department

- Anti-Black – 1
  - Aggravated Assault

Robertson County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-Hispanic – 1
  - Intimidation
- Anti-Homosexual (Gays and Lesbians) – 1
  - Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter

Rutherford County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native – 1
  - Drug/Narcotic Violations

Sevierville Police Department

- Anti-Other Ethnicity/National Origin – 1
  - Aggravated Assault

Shelby County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-Black – 1
  - Intimidation
- Anti-Islamic (Moslem) – 1
  - Aggravated Assault

Smyrna Police Department

- Anti-Islamic (Moslem) – 1
  - Shoplifting

Stewart County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander – 1
  - Arson

Sullivan County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-Black – 2
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property

Sweetwater Police Department

- Anti-Black – 2
  - Burglary/Breaking & Entering
  - Simple Assault

Tennessee State University

- Anti-White – 1
  - Simple Assault

Tennessee Technological University

- Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay) – 2
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property

Van Buren County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-White – 1
  - Drug/Narcotic Violations





Vanderbilt University

- Anti-Black – 1
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property

Washington County Sheriff's Department

- Anti-Black – 1
  - Intimidation
- Anti-Multi-Religious Group – 4\*
  - Burglary/Breaking & Entering
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property
  - Intimidation
  - Intimidation
  - Intimidation
  - Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories

\* There were four (4) separate incidents in this category but one incident showed three (3) separate offenses – one person was the victim of Burglary/Breaking & Entering, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property and Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories

- Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay) – 1
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property
- Anti-Homosexual (Gays and Lesbians) – 1
  - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property
  - Intimidation

White Bluff Police Department

- Anti-Black – 1
  - Simple Assault

Winchester Police Department

- Anti-Multi-Racial Group – 1
  - Intimidation





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