

AMERICAN PUBLIC SQUARE

COMMON GOOD: INTERFAITH ACTION IN RESPONSE TO VIOLENCE & INJUSTICE

FACT SHEET

injustice (*noun*)

The fact of a situation being unfair and of people not being treated equally; an unfair act or an example of unfair treatment. [Source](#)

hate crime (*noun*)

A crime, typically one involving violence, that is motivated by prejudice on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation, or other grounds. [Source](#)

In 2016, **6,121 hate crimes** were reported in the U.S.—a 5% increase from 2015, and a 10% increase from 2014 [Source](#)

Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry bias

- *57.5 percent of total incidents*
- **50.2 percent** were anti-Black or African American
- 20.7 percent were anti-White
- 10.6 percent were anti-Hispanic or Latino

Religious bias

- *21 percent of total incidents*
- **54.2 percent** were anti-Jewish

In 2016, law enforcement reported a total of **7,615 victims** of hate crimes. Of those, 4,720 were victims of crimes against persons, and 2,813 were victims of crimes against property. [Source](#)

HATE GROUPS IN THE UNITED STATES

There are **585 hate groups** in the United States that target **religion, race, and sexual orientation**. Overall, the number of hate groups have risen **30%** since 2014. [Source](#)

- Anti-Immigrant—14
- Anti-LGBT—52 (1 KS, 1 MO)
- Ku Klux Klan—130 (4 MO)
- Skinheads—78 (1 KS, 1 MO)
- Neo-Nazi—99 (2 MO)
- White Nationalist—100
- Anti-Muslim—101 (1 KS, 2 MO)
- Anti-Semitic—21

RACE, IMMIGRATION, & DISCRIMINATION

- Overall, 61 percent of Americans say the country needs to continue making changes to give blacks equal rights with whites, compared to 35 percent who say the country has made the changes needed to give blacks equal rights with whites. Source
 - **81 percent** of Democrats and Democrat-leaning people say the country needs to continue making changes to give blacks equal rights with whites.
 - **36 percent** of Republicans and Republican-leaning people say the country needs to continue making changes to give blacks equal rights with whites.
 - **61 percent** of Democrat-leaning and **14 percent** of Republican-leaning say that racial discrimination is the main reason why many black people can't get ahead economically
- **99 percent** of Democrat-leaning and **64 percent** of Republican-leaning groups say that immigrants strengthen society and America's identity as a nation. Source
- In 2018, 74% of Americans favor granting permanent legal status to immigrants brought to the U.S. illegally when they were children, but 60% oppose a proposal to "substantially expand the wall along the U.S. border with Mexico" Source
- By 2040, Muslims will replace Jews as the nation's second-largest religious group after Christians. By 2050, the U.S. Muslim population is projected to reach **8.1 million**, or **2.1%** of the nation's total population Source
- In 2016, roughly **half of the public** believe that at least "some" U.S. Muslims are anti-American, including **11%** who say "most" or "almost all" U.S. Muslims are anti-American and **14%** who think "about half" the U.S. Muslim population is anti-American Source