

Reasons for Police Misreporting

Legislative Confusion

Hate crime laws can be unclear, contradictory or non-existent, leading to confusion. This can be caused by differences in state and federal hate crime laws. This also extends to how hate crimes are tallied.

For example, Utah tracks hate crimes by number of victims, while the FBI uses the number of incidents. Thus, **1 Crime with 2 Victims** will be treated as **2 Incidents** in the Utah State, but only **1 Incident** in the FBI's Federal Database.

