



Faith-Based Organizations: Threats to Safety and Security

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Threats against and attacks on faith-based organizations (FBOs) have been and remain an ongoing challenge to domestic security in the United States. While overall levels of hate crimes motivated by anti-religious bias decreased somewhat from 1996 until 2015, risks of physical violence resulting in harm to practitioners of virtually all identified FBOs remain a significant threat to those elements of society. The following information provides a snapshot of the threats against FBOs.

Anti-Religious Attacks, 1996 – 2015:



29,730
Victims



25,581
Incidents against
FBOs

199

Number of incidents against
houses of worship in 2015

