

Hate Crimes Against Catholics Show 33% Increase in 2006

According to *USA Today*, the latest FBI data shows that in 2006, there was an increase in the number of hate crimes motivated by bias against religion. While hate crime against people of faith in general shot up 19% from 2005, the increase in hate crimes against Catholics increased by approximately 33%. (The increase for crimes against Muslims and Jews was 22% and 14%, respectively.)

Anyone wishing to read the full report may do so by visiting the FBI's website at <http://www.fbi.gov/page2/nov07/hatecrime111907.html>