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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2023 Hate Crime Report.
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Summary

Armenia regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Armenia implemented ODIHR's programmes on Prosecutors and Hate Crime Training (PAHCT) and Training Against Hate Crime for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) in 2021 and 2022, respectively.

In 2023, amendments to hate crime provisions in the Criminal Code of Armenia were developed within the framework of a parliamentary initiative in coordination with civil society. The amendments came into force in 2024.

The Government of Armenia has adopted an Action Plan stemming from the National Strategy for the Protection of Human Rights (2023-2025). The Plan contains a number of measures to counter hate crimes. Action 4.7 provides for the development of guidelines for investigating cases of hate crime, hate speech, and discrimination for the police, investigative agencies, and the prosecutor's office.

Hate crime data collection in Armenia
Support for hate crime victims in Armenia
Hate crime capacity building in Armenia
Armenia's hate crime legislation

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes Armenia's efforts to report its hate crime information and data to ODIHR. However, based on the available information, it observes that the law enforcement agencies of Armenia do not record the bias motivations of hate crimes. In addition, ODIHR observes that Armenia would benefit from strengthening collaboration with and facilitating the work of civil society on hate crimes, including on victim support.

Official Data

Police data include cases recorded by the Information Center of the Police of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Armenia. The number of prosecuted cases are provided by the General Prosecutor's Office and include 2 cases of attempted homicide, 1 case of physical assault, 2 cases of damage to property and 63 cases of incitement to violence. Some of the reported cases may fall outside the OSCE's hate crime definition.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2023	12	68	not available

Police data by bias motivation

Data reported by police are not disaggregated by bias motivation and may include cases that fall outside the OSCE's hate crime definition.

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Unspecified

This category includes crimes, motivated by hatred, intolerance or enmity by racial, national, ethnic or social origin, religion, political or other views, or other circumstances of a personal or social nature.

Police data by type of crime

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Incitement to violence

This category includes public speech aimed at inciting or promoting hatred, discrimination, intolerance or enmity, as well as distributing materials or objects for that purpose. It may therefore include crimes that fall outside the OSCE's hate crime definition.



Homicide



Damage to property



Physical assault

National Developments

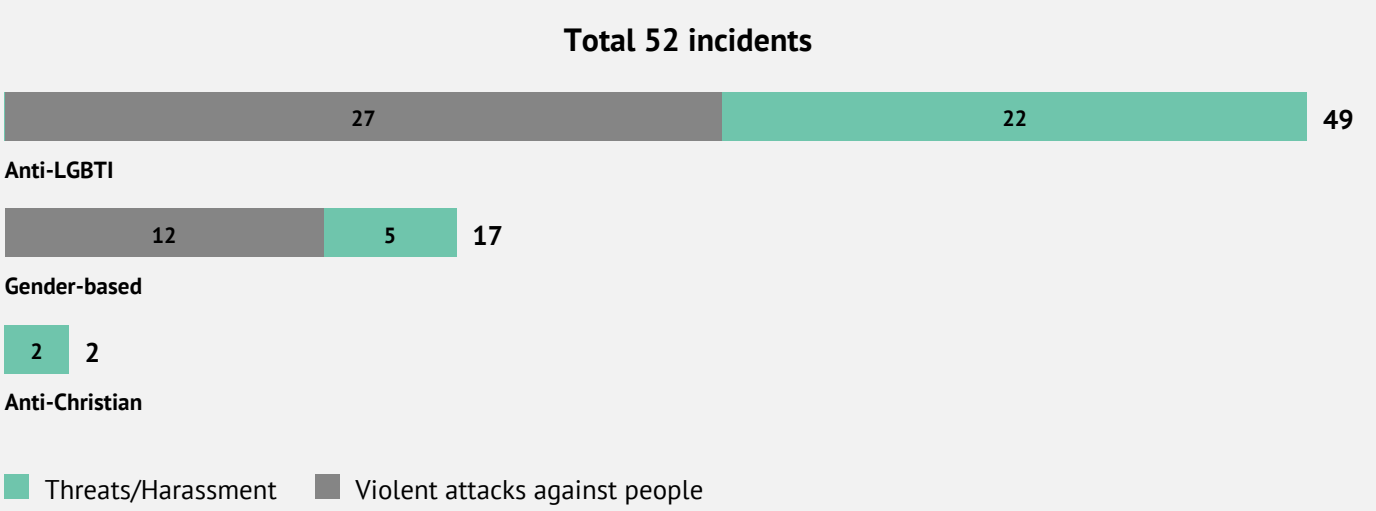
The **Government of Armenia** adopted the 2023-2025 Action Plan stemming from the National Strategy for the Protection of Human Rights. The Strategy contains a number of measures to counter hate crimes. Action 4.7 provides for the development of guidelines for investigating cases of hate crime, hate speech, and discrimination for the police, investigative agencies, and the prosecutor's office.

In 2024, the Criminal Code of Armenia was amended to cover aggravating circumstances for sentencing, including for crimes motivated by hatred, intolerance, or hostility based on several protected characteristics.

In 2023, the Academy of Justice held a training on "Current issues regarding equality and prohibition of discrimination" for 94 judges, 13 candidate judges, and 25 prosecutors. In 2024, 129 judges, 16 candidate judges and 34 prosecutors were trained in the same course.

In 2023, a HELP training on Combating Hate Speech (in line with ECRI GPR 15) was conducted and attended by 24 judges and 7 prosecutors, and again in 2024 and attended by 6 judges.

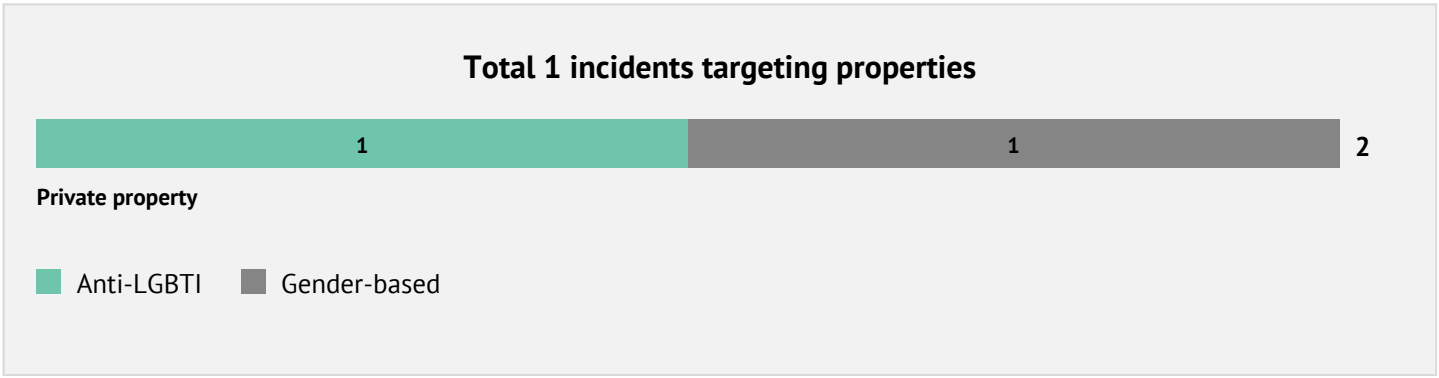
Incidents reported by civil society



Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

The assessment of incidents reported by ODIHR is without prejudice to the applicability and relevance of other branches of public international law, particularly international humanitarian law and international criminal law. In addition to the hate incidents displayed on Armenia's country page, ODIHR received information on a number of hate incidents that were not included as they go beyond the scope of ODIHR's Hate Crime Report.

Targeted properties



View civil society incidents for Armenia, 2023