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HATE CRIME REPORTING

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Summary

Azerbaijan regularly reports hate crime data and information to ODIHR.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes Azerbaijan's efforts to report hate crime information and data to ODIHR. However, based on the available information, it observes that Azerbaijan's hate crime recording and statistics do not sufficiently distinguish hate crimes from other crimes. In addition, ODIHR observes that Azerbaijan would benefit from reviewing the existing legal framework in order to ensure that bias motivation can be effectively acknowledged and appropriate penalties imposed on the perpetrators .

Official Data

Police figures exclude three cases of inciting national hatred and insulting national symbols as they fall outside the OSCE definition of hate crime. Data reported by the police may include other acts that fall outside the OSCE definition of hate crime. In the number of prosecuted cases, three cases of inciting national hatred and insulting national symbols were excluded from the statistics on prosecuted and sentenced cases as they fall outside the OSCE definition of hate crime. In the number of sentenced cases, one case of inciting national hatred was excluded as it falls outside the OSCE definition of hate crime.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2023	16	16	0

Police data by bias motivation

Data reported by police may include acts that fall outside the OSCE definition of hate crime

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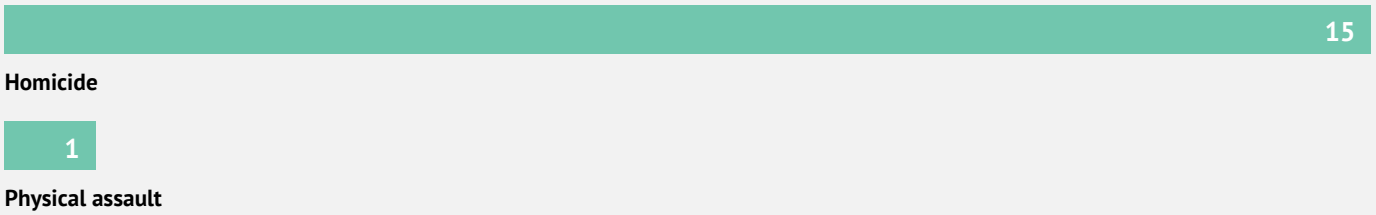
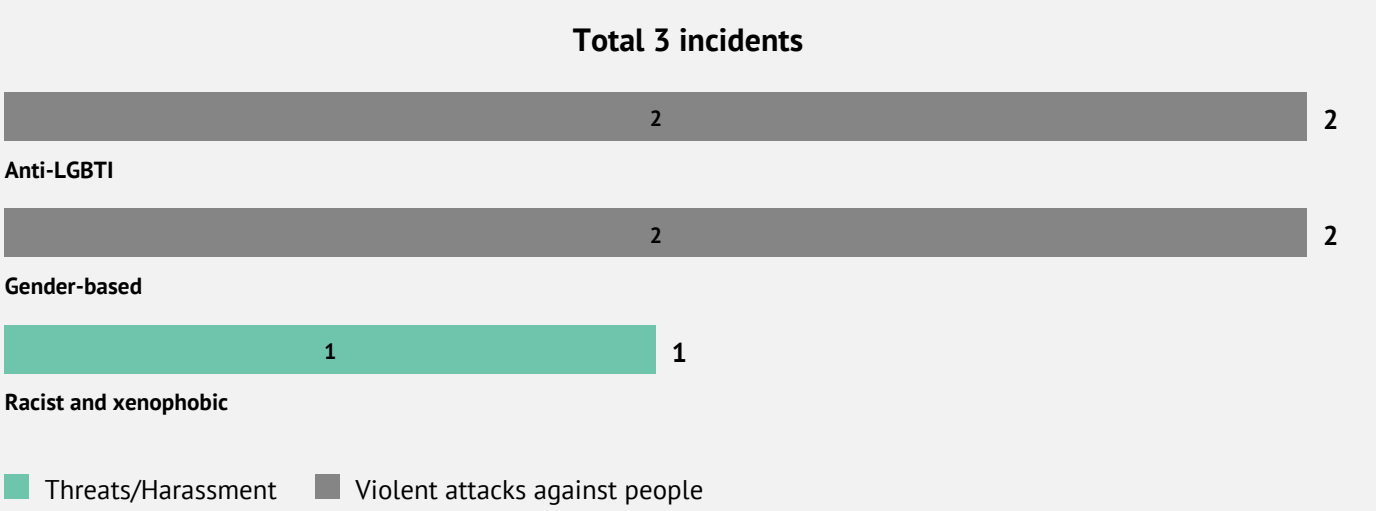
Racist and xenophobic

Police data by type of crime

Data reported by police may include acts that fall outside the OSCE definition of hate crime



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 Azerbaijan'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.

View civil society incidents for Azerbaijan, 2023