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HATE CRIME REPORTING

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Summary

Bulgaria regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Bulgaria implemented ODIHR's Training Against Hate Crime for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) programme from 2012 until 2017. Bulgaria also took part in ODIHR's project on "Building a Comprehensive Criminal Justice Response to Hate Crime", helping to develop a joint training programme for police and prosecutors that was piloted in the country. Bulgaria has also made efforts to improve hate crime identification, recording and data collection systems through ODIHR's Information Against Hate Crimes Toolkit (INFAHCT) programme. ODIHR completed a review of Bulgaria's hate crime legislation in 2018.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that the law enforcement agencies of Bulgaria have not recorded the bias motivations of hate crimes.

Official Data

Prosecution figure includes crimes committed with "hooligan" motive in addition to bias motivation.

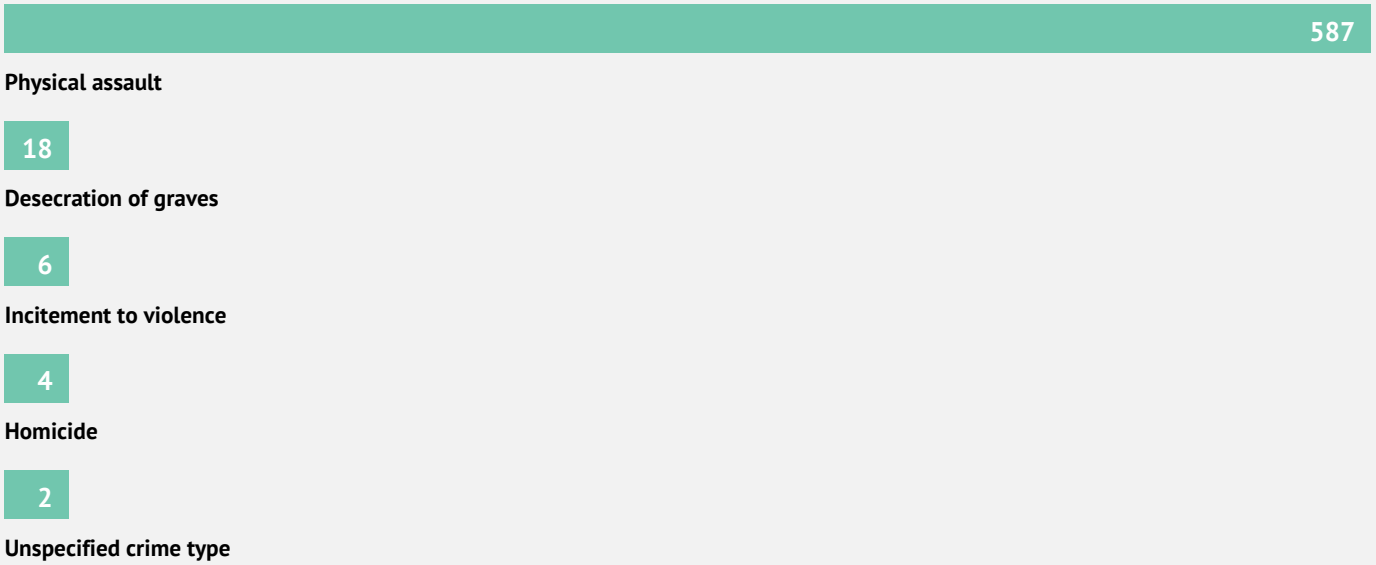
Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2014	617	750	117

Police data by bias motivation

617

Unspecified

Police data by type of crime



National Developments

In 2014, the **National Institute of Justice** began discussions with ODIHR which will lead to implementation of the PAHCT programme in Bulgaria. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed in 2015.

ODIHR and the **Bulgarian Commission for Protection against Discrimination (CPD)** began discussing possible improvements to hate crime recording in Bulgaria, with a view to organizing a series of workshops on the issue in 2015.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

View civil society incidents for Bulgaria, 2014