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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2015 Hate Crime Report.
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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 a 'hooliganism' motive in addition to the bias motivation.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2015	704	752	135

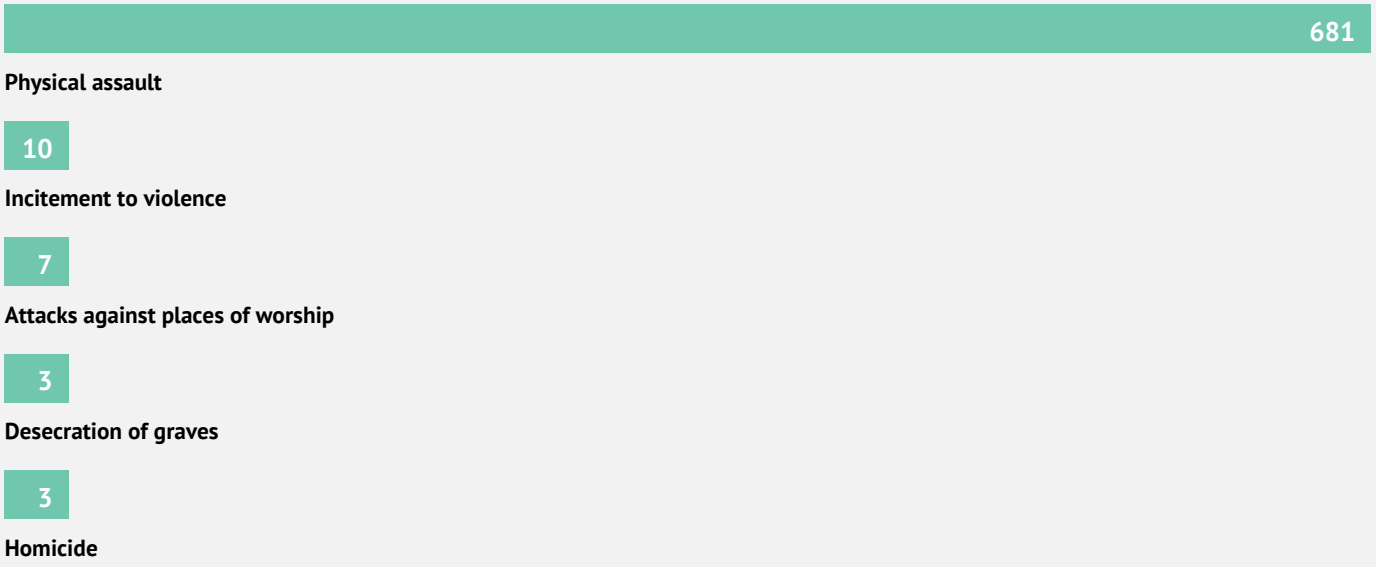
Police data by bias motivation

704

Unspecified

Official figures recorded 704 crimes, of which three were homicides, 681 were physical assaults, ten were incitement to violence, three were desecration of graves and seven were attacks against places of worship

Police data by type of crime



National Developments

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Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

View civil society incidents for Bulgaria, 2015