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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2013 Hate Crime Report.
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Summary

Denmark regularly reports hate crime data and information to ODIHR. Hate crime statistics are regularly published on the Danish National Police website.

The Ministry of Justice conducts annual victimization surveys to measure unreported hate crimes. The Danish National Police has previously engaged in dialogue on hate crime with a number of community stakeholders.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

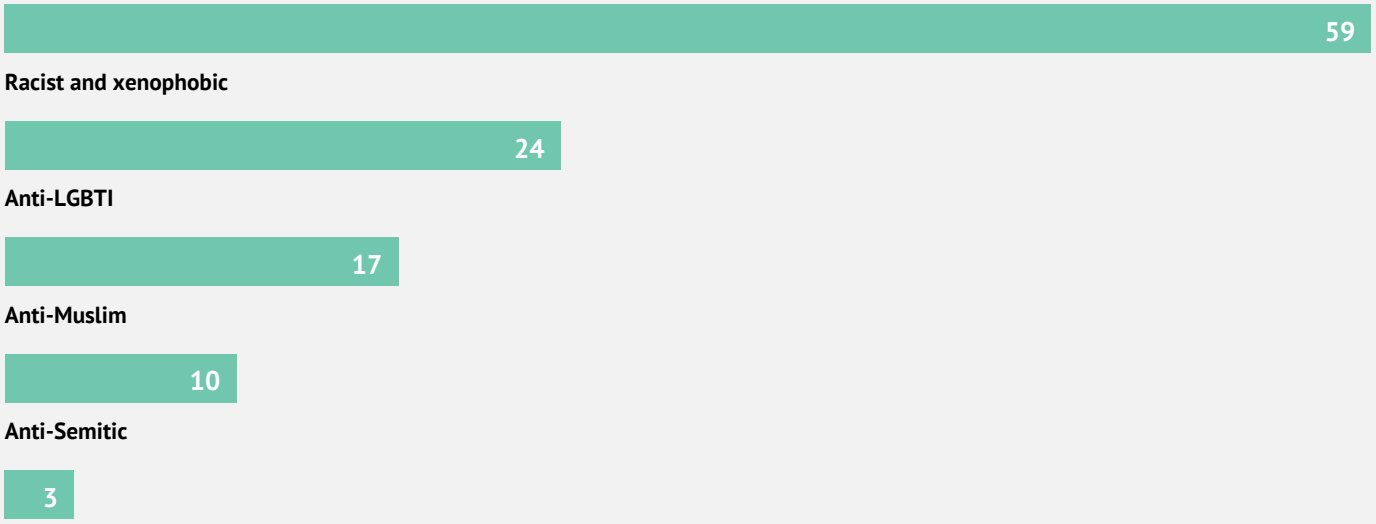
ODIHR observes that Denmark has not reported on the numbers of prosecuted cases or information on sentenced hate crime cases to ODIHR.

Official Data

A year-to-year drop in the number of reported hate crimes is caused by improved separation of hate crimes from other criminal forms of intolerance. Police records also included: 56 crimes in which the “extremist” motive could not be confirmed, 70 cases with political motivation, and additional 9 crimes of discrimination and propaganda,. These cases are not included in the overall figure presented here. The crimes of discrimination and criminal propaganda may, however, be included in the breakdown below.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2013	110	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation



Hate crime against Christians and members of other religions

Official police figures record three hate crimes motivated by anti-Christian bias.

Police data by type of crime



Threats/ threatening behaviour

This category includes cases of “harassment”. Harassment covers incidents involving personal and written contact with the victim, including shouting in a public place, throwing objects at the victim, spitting, general threatening letters and simple physical contact.



Unspecified crime type



Physical assault



Vandalism

This category includes graffiti.

National Developments

Hate crimes are an area of focus in the prosecution service's 2012-2015 strategy. Training for prosecutors, lawyers and judges on the identification and prosecution of hate crimes is conducted annually by the Director of Prosecutions. As of 2014, training on hate crimes is being introduced as a mandatory part of the curriculum for police officers.

In September 2013, the government launched a national anti-discrimination unit that is currently carrying out a comprehensive mapping of hate crimes, their victims and perpetrators. A number of key indicators are being developed to measure the current situation. The mapping results are expected to be published at the end of 2014.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

View civil society incidents for Denmark, 2013