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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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For more information about ODIHR's Hate Crime Report, visit: hatecrime.osce.org/our-methodology

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Summary

Estonia reported hate crime data to ODIHR for the 2022 Hate Crime Report.

The Ministry of Justice is responsible for collecting hate crime data. The main strategy that addresses hate crime is the "Internal security development plan 2020-2030 (*Siseturvalisuse arengukava*, 2020–2030)".

The Estonian Human Rights Centre, a major civil society organization (CSO) working on hate crimes in Estonia, is engaged in raising awareness, strengthening co-operation between CSOs and the state, and advocating for more effective laws and policies.

In 2017, ODIHR organized a workshop on understanding and improving hate crime recording and data collection and also implemented its Training against Hate Crimes for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) programme in Estonia. In 2022, ODIHR organized an online workshop to assess national structures and services for hate crime victim support in Estonia, which resulted in a number of recommendations issued to the Estonian authorities.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

Based on the available information, ODIHR observes that the law enforcement agencies and criminal justice authorities of Estonia do not record the bias motivations of hate crimes. In addition, ODIHR observes that Estonia would benefit from reviewing its existing legal framework in order to ensure that bias motivations can be effectively acknowledged and appropriate penalties can be imposed on the perpetrators.

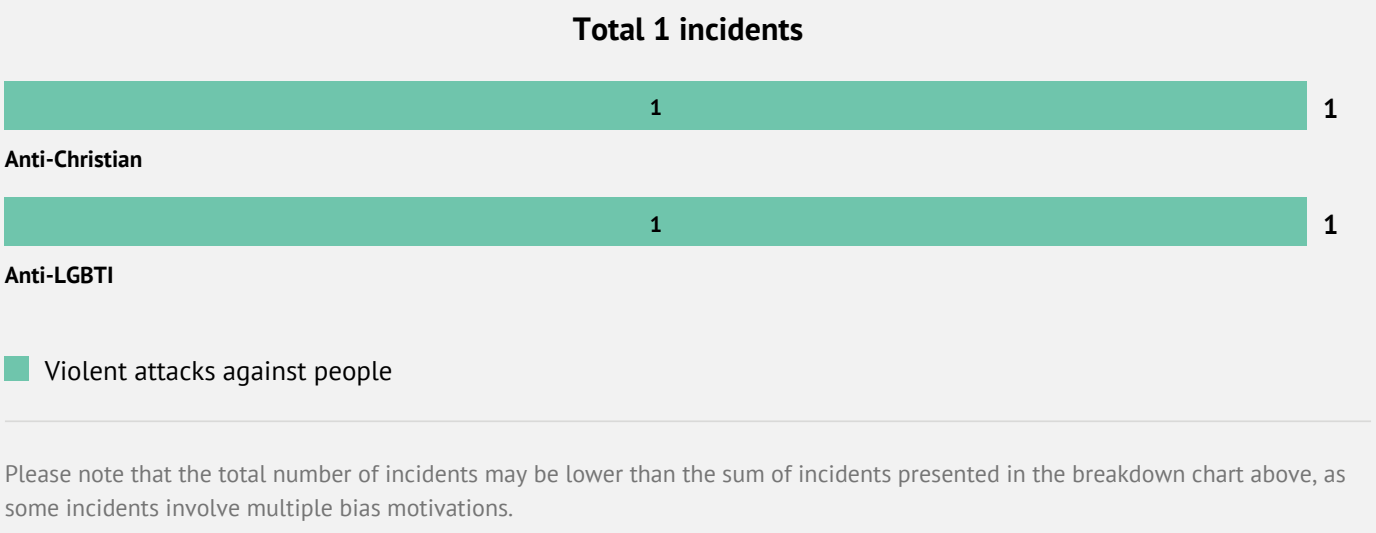
Official Data

Authorities in Estonia do not collect statistics about possible hate crime elements in criminal offences.

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

No data reported to ODIHR.

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.

View civil society incidents for Estonia, 2023