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HATE CRIME REPORTING

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Summary

Finland regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR, and has conducted victimization surveys to measure unreported hate crime incidents. The Finnish police closely co-operate with the Finnish Human Rights League, the Finnish Red Cross and Finnish Victim Support to develop a co-ordinated response to combat hate crimes. These organizations, along with the national police and other key authorities, form a network tasked by Finland's Ministry of Justice with monitoring hate crimes in Finland and developing effective preventative measures.

In 2017, Finland implemented ODIHR's Training Against Hate Crimes for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) programme, training over 1,000 police officers. The programme's hate crime modules have since been integrated into pre- and in-service training for police.

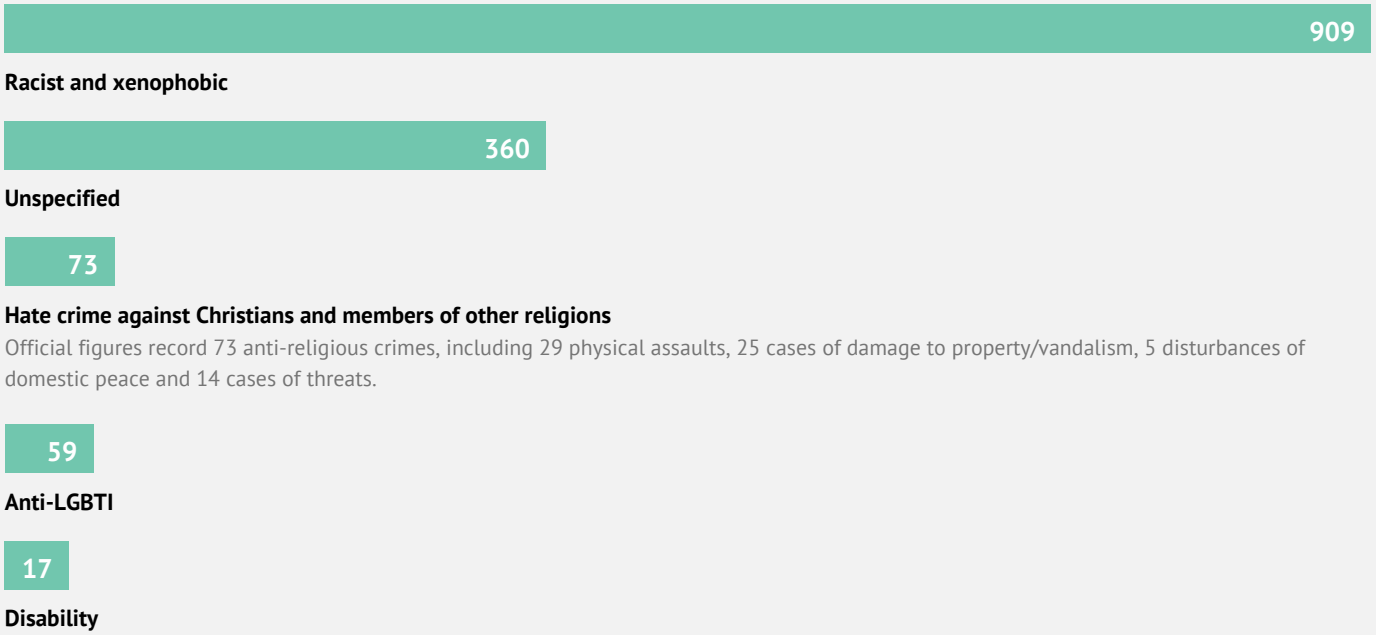
Hate crime data collection in Finland
Support for hate crime victims in Finland
Hate crime capacity building in Finland
Finland's hate crime legislation

Official Data

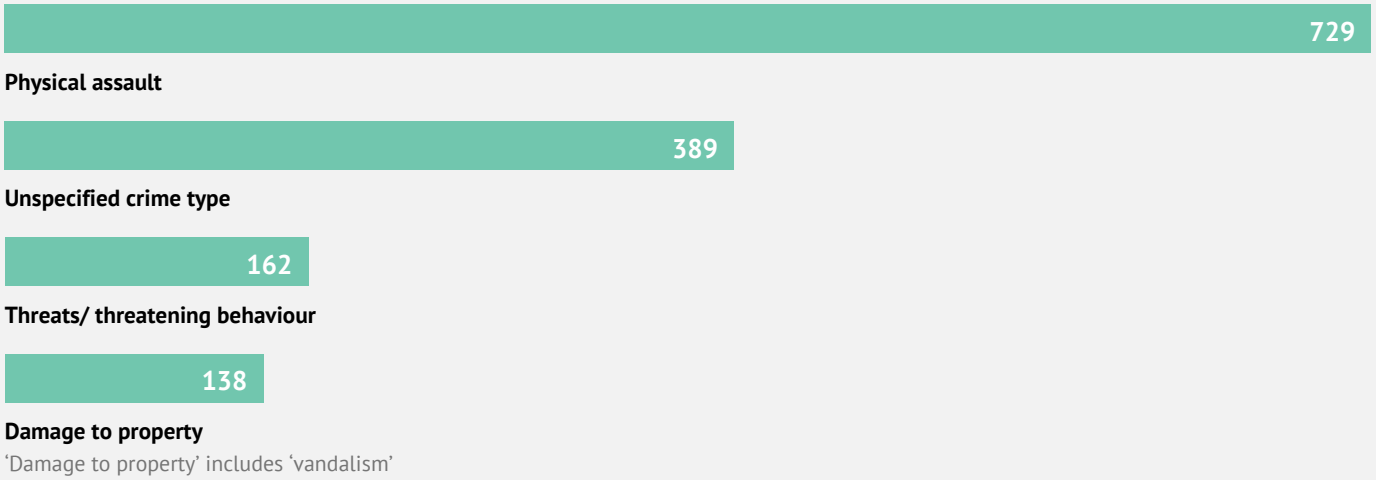
Police figures include crimes of defamation, other hate speech crimes and crimes of discrimination. These are, however, not included in the breakdowns below. Prosecution and sentencing figures only include crimes of ethnic agitation, aggravated ethnic agitation, discrimination, work discrimination and extortiate discrimination.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2011	1,418	29	12

Police data by bias motivation



Police data by type of crime



'Damage to property' includes 'vandalism'

National Developments

New hate crime amendments entered into force on 1 June 2011. These amendments increased the applicability of the general sentencing enhancement for bias-motivated crime to specifically include motivations against “race”, religion, sexual orientation and disability. Additionally, the provision no longer requires the victim to be a member of a specific group, provided that the victim or targeted property was perceived by the offender to be associated with a particular group.

The **National Police Board** issued instructions for police on recording and categorizing hate crime, which entered into force in January 2012. The categorization method aims to provide more detailed information on hate crimes, including prevalence, victims and perpetrators, in order to improve understanding of the issues around hate crime and better detect patterns of linked incidents for better informed policing responses.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

View civil society incidents for Finland, 2011