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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

ODIHR's Key Observation

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

Official Data

Unlike in previous years, the 2012 police figures do not include crimes of defamation, other hate speech crimes and crimes of discrimination. 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
2012	836	38	12

Police data by bias motivation

737

Racist and xenophobic

60

Anti-LGBTI

31

Hate crime against Christians and members of other religions

Finland reported 31 anti-religious crimes, including one homicide, 15 physical assaults, one case of damage to property/vandalism, six cases of disturbance of domestic peace and eight cases of threats.

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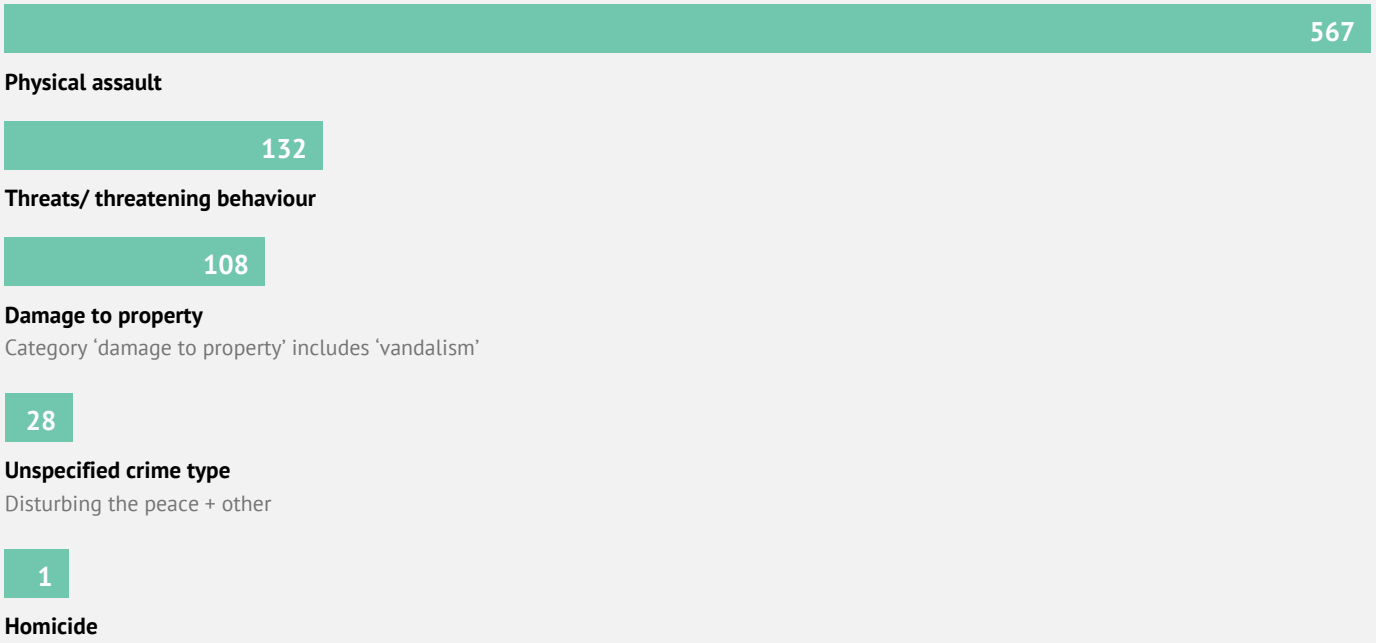
Disability

Police data by type of crime



Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

View civil society incidents for Finland, 2012