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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

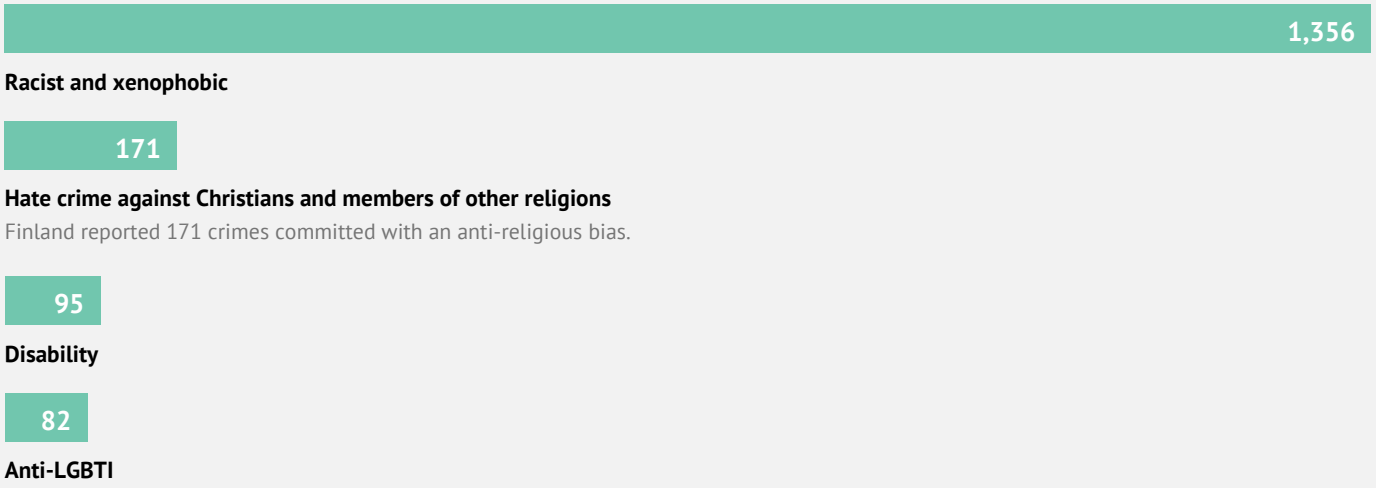
ODIHR observes that Finland has not reported information on the numbers of prosecuted hate crime cases to ODIHR.

Official Data

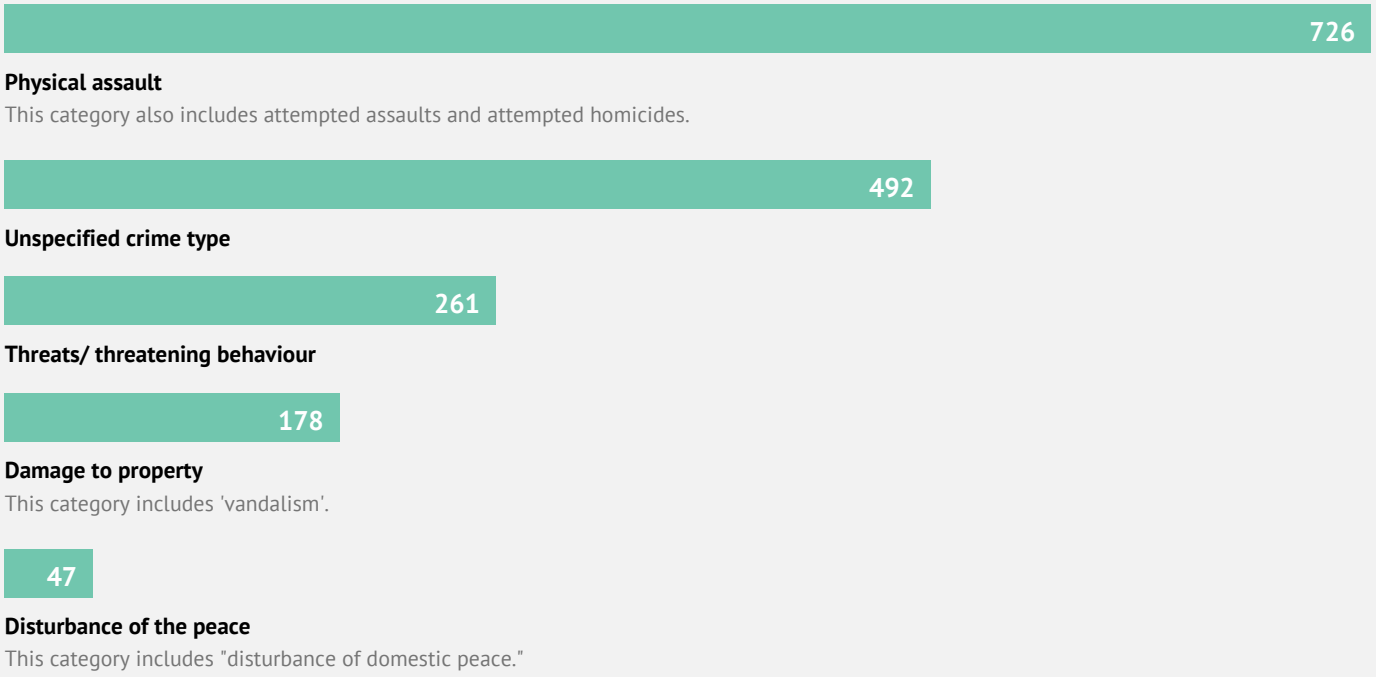
The police also record criminal forms of intolerance other than hate crimes, such as defamation, other hate speech offences and criminal discrimination. These data are reported to ODIHR but are not included in the overall figure or in the breakdown below.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2015	1,704	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation



Police data by type of crime



National Developments

In order to increase the reporting of racist crimes, various awareness raising campaigns have been conducted in the framework of the "2012-2015 Internal Security Programme." The programme also initiated surveys among people of immigrant origin in order to gain information about their sense of security in the country. Finland is also part of a European Union project that aims at developing an EU model of good practice to counter racial and religious hate crime and hate speech, and that addresses effective systems to report on hate crime through capacity building for law-enforcement and ethnic communities.

The newly published "National Action Plan for the Prevention of Violent Radicalisation and Extremism" made a connection between hate crime and extremism, and commits to develop better mechanisms to counter the problem.

Finland signed a Memorandum of Understanding with ODIHR to implement the Training against Hate Crime for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) programme.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

View civil society incidents for Finland, 2015