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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 and sentenced hate crimes to ODIHR.

Official Data

The police also recorded 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. The Prosecutor's Office and the courts only record by crime type and that is why statistics on prosecuted and sentenced hate crimes are not available.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2016	1,311	0	0

Police data by bias motivation

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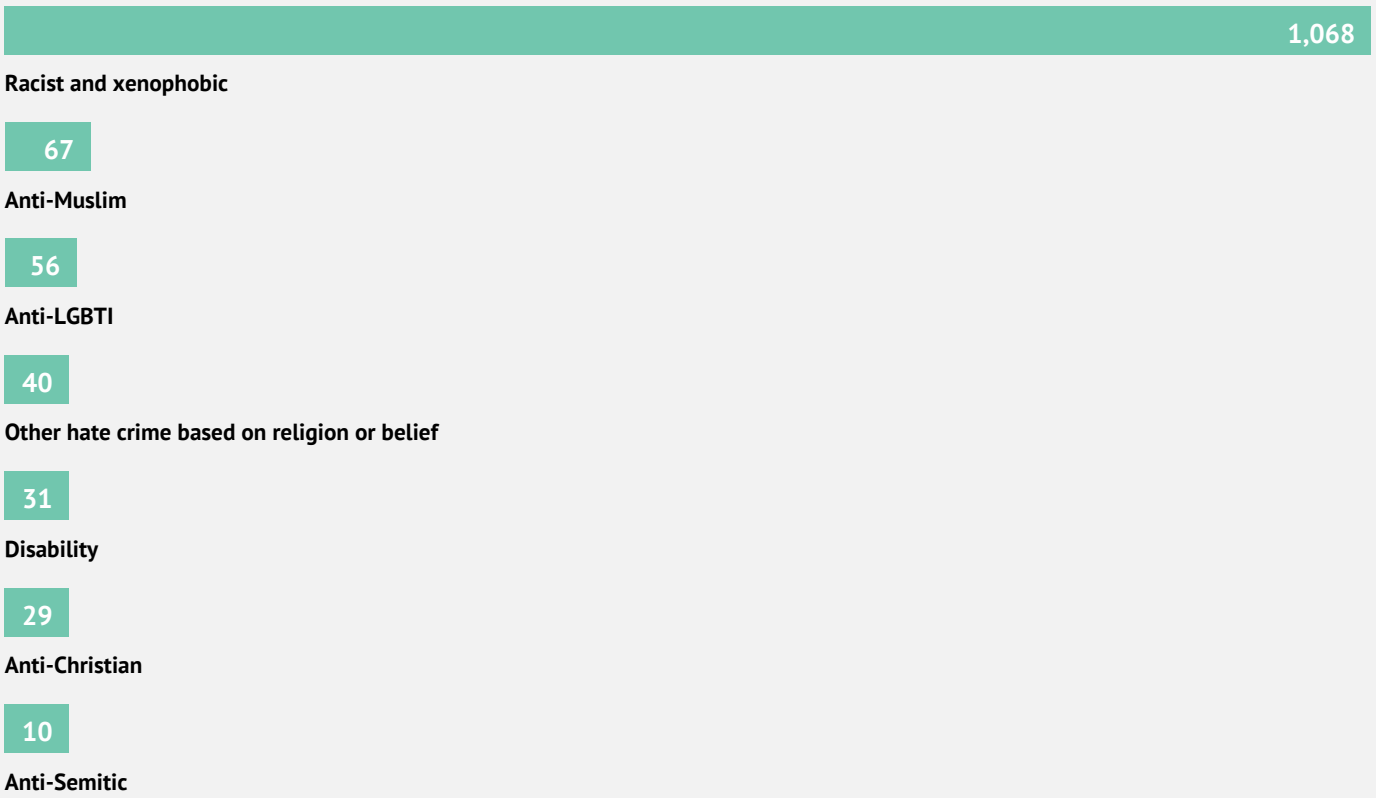

Police data by type of crime

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Physical assault

This category also includes attempted assaults and attempted homicides.



Threats/ threatening behaviour



Damage to property

This category includes "vandalism".



Unspecified crime type

This category includes various uncategorized offences, incl. crime committed after a verbal provocation.



Disturbance of the peace

This category includes "disturbance of domestic peace".

National Developments

The **National Police Board of Finland** signed an agreement with ODIHR to implement the Training Against Hate Crime for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) programme.

A three-day training programme was created by the **Police University College** and carried out in November 2016. Prosecutors and judges also participated in hate crime trainings.

A working group was created within the **Ministry of Interior** to develop a holistic programme against hate crime.

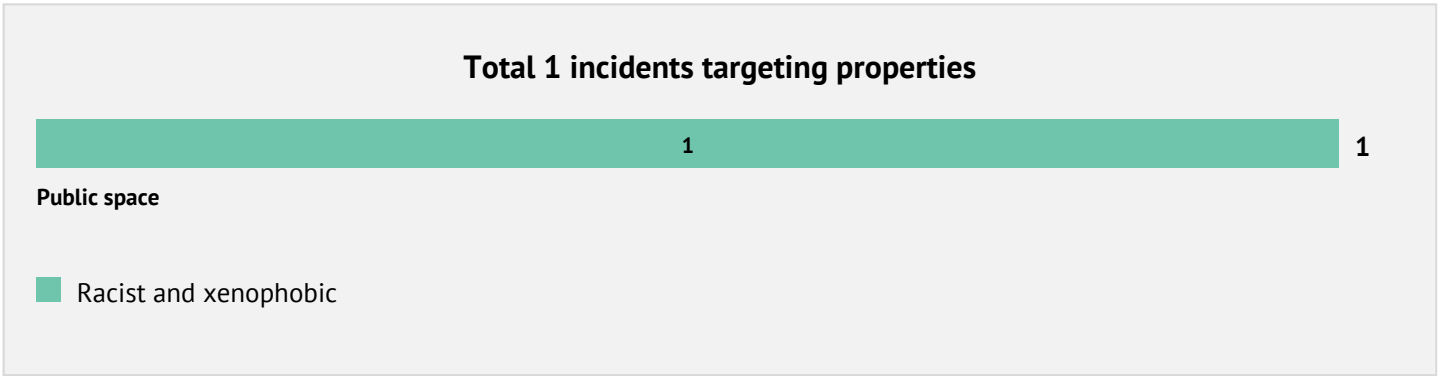
In 2016, a working group within the **National Police Board** issued a report on combating hate crime. One of its recommendations was to create a special unit within the police force on countering hate crimes online, which would be supported by a nationwide network of dedicated police officers.

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.

Targeted properties



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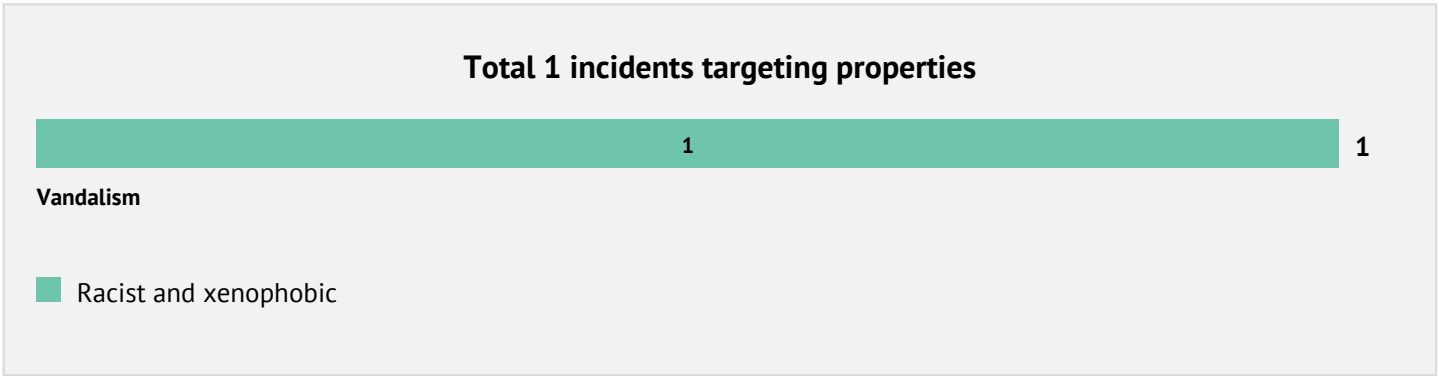

View civil society incidents for Finland, 2016