

Germany Hate Crime Report 2012

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Summary

Germany regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Close collaboration with civil society in the area of hate crime victim support has been established at the level of federal states, namely with the Weisser Ring civil society organization (CSO) and a number of specialized CSOs. The Federal Ministry of Justice and the Federal Victims' Commissioner are in regular contact with a number of victim support institutions and victims' representatives. Germany has conducted victimization surveys to measure under-reported hate crimes. The most recent report covering 2012-2017 is available [here](#).

In 2021, ODIHR, together with Federal Ministries, organized a virtual study visit to Germany on strengthening co-operation between the Government and civil society on hate crime victim support.

The German government funds several organizations and projects to monitor hate incidents and assist hate crime victims. These include the Competence Network Against Antisemitism (KOMPAS), which consists of five experienced civil society organizations that register anti-Semitic incidents and develop measures to prevent anti-Semitism. The government also funds the Competence Network on Hate on the Net, which advises victims of hate speech, strengthens civil society networks, and develops media literacy materials.

[Hate crime data collection in Germany](#)

[Support for hate crime victims in Germany](#)

[Hate crime capacity building in Germany](#)

[Germany's hate crime legislation](#)

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that Germany has not reported on hate crimes separately from cases of hate speech and/or discrimination.

Official Data

Police figures include hate crimes, incitement to hatred and propaganda offences. Prosecution and sentencing figures only include incitement to hatred and propaganda crimes, and are therefore not included.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2012	4,514	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation

3,506

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

Official figures record 2,922 xenophobic crimes, 415 of which involved violence, and 584 racist crimes, 98 of which involved violence.

1,374

Anti-Semitic hate crime

Official figures recorded 1,374 anti-Semitic hate crimes, 41 of which involved violence.

414

Hate crime against Christians and members of other religions

Official figures recorded 414 crimes based on bias against religion, 18 of which involved violence.

186

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

Official figures recorded 186 crimes based on bias against LGBT, 42 of which involved violence.

29

Disability hate crime

Official figures recorded 29 crimes based on bias against people with disabilities, two of which involved violence.

Police data by type of crime

4,893

Unspecified

616

Physical assault

This category includes all offenses reported as violent crimes.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

[View civil society incidents for Germany, 2012](#)