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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2012 Hate Crime Report.
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For more information about ODIHR's Hate Crime Report, visit: hatecrime.osce.org/our-methodology

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Summary

Germany regularly reports to ODIHR.

Germany has conducted victimization surveys to measure under-reported hate crimes. A recent crime survey report is available here. Close collaboration with civil society in the area of hate crime victim support has been established at the federal level, namely with the Weisser Ring civil society organization (CSO) and a number of specialized CSOs. The German government funds several organizations and projects to monitor hate incidents and assist hate crime victims, including the Competence Network Against Antisemitism (KOMPAS), and the Competence Network on Hate on the Net. The Federal Ministry of Justice and the Federal Victims' Commissioner are in regular contact with a number of victim support institutions and victims' representatives.

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. In 2023, the Federal Ministry of the Interior and Community of Germany, in co-operation with ODIHR and the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights, organized a hate crime data workshop to review the existing hate crime recording and data collection framework and identify gaps. Following the workshop, ODIHR and FRA prepared a report summarizing the main issues and measures to improve hate crime recording in Germany, as identified by workshop participants.

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

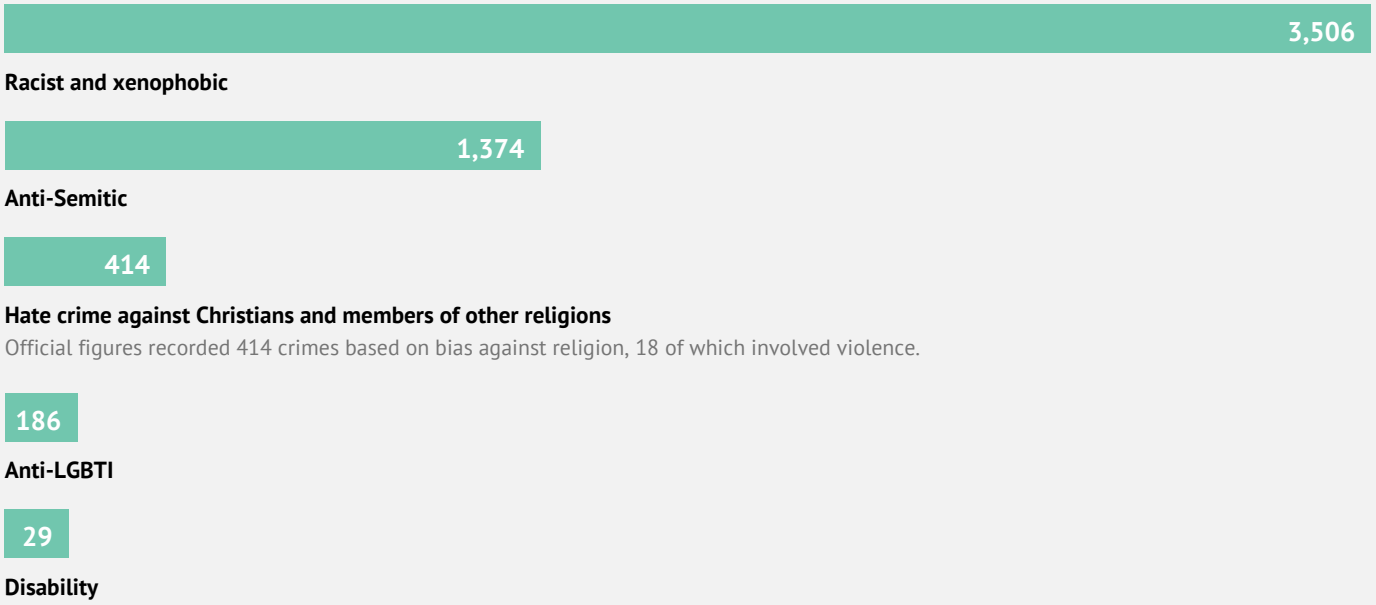
ODIHR observes that Germany has not reported on hate crimes separately from cases of hate speech and/or discrimination.

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



Police data by type of crime



Unspecified crime type



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