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Summary

Iceland regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. In 2017, Iceland implemented ODIHR's Training Against Hate Crime for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) and Prosecutors and Hate Crimes Training (PAHCT) programmes. Refresher TAHCLE and PAHCT train-the-trainer workshops were delivered by ODIHR in 2024.

[Hate crime data collection in Iceland](#)
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ODIHR's Key Observation

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

Official Data

The numbers reported to ODIHR as cases recorded by police (25) and prosecution service (8) included hate speech cases. These are not presented here.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2016	6	0	0

Police data by bias motivation

	2
Anti-LGBTI	
	2
Anti-Muslim	
	2
Racist and xenophobic	

Police data by type of crime

2

Threats/ threatening behaviour

1

Arson

1

Attacks against places of worship

1

Disturbance of the peace

1

Physical assault

National Developments

The **Reykjavik Metropolitan Police** has appointed a police officer to focus on hate crimes through active community policing and co-operation with subgroups in the metropolitan area.

Iceland has agreed to implement ODIHR's Training Against Hate Crime for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) and Prosecutors and Hate Crime Training (PAHCT) programmes. Police officers and prosecutors were trained as part of these programmes.

Incidents reported by civil society

Total 1 incidents



Anti-Christian

Attacks against property

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

Total 1 incidents targeting properties



Place of worship

■ Anti-Christian

Type of property attack

Total 1 incidents targeting properties



Vandalism

■ Anti-Christian

[View civil society incidents for Iceland, 2016](#)