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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2020 Hate Crime Report.
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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
Support for hate crime victims in Iceland
Hate crime capacity building in Iceland
Iceland's hate crime legislation

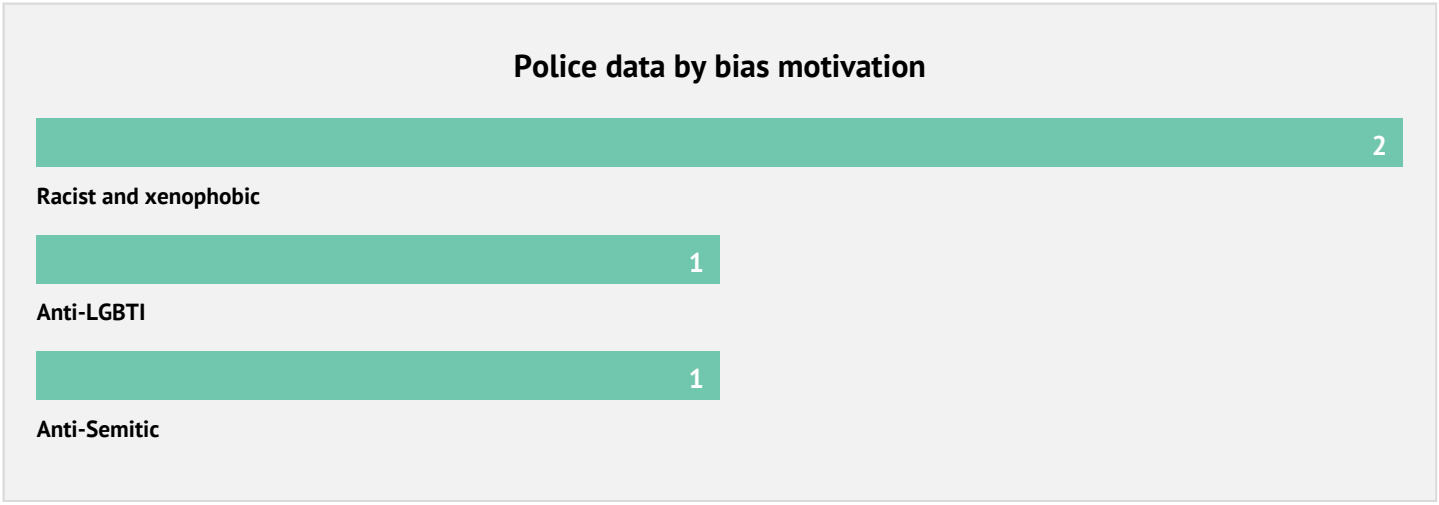
ODIHR's Key Observation

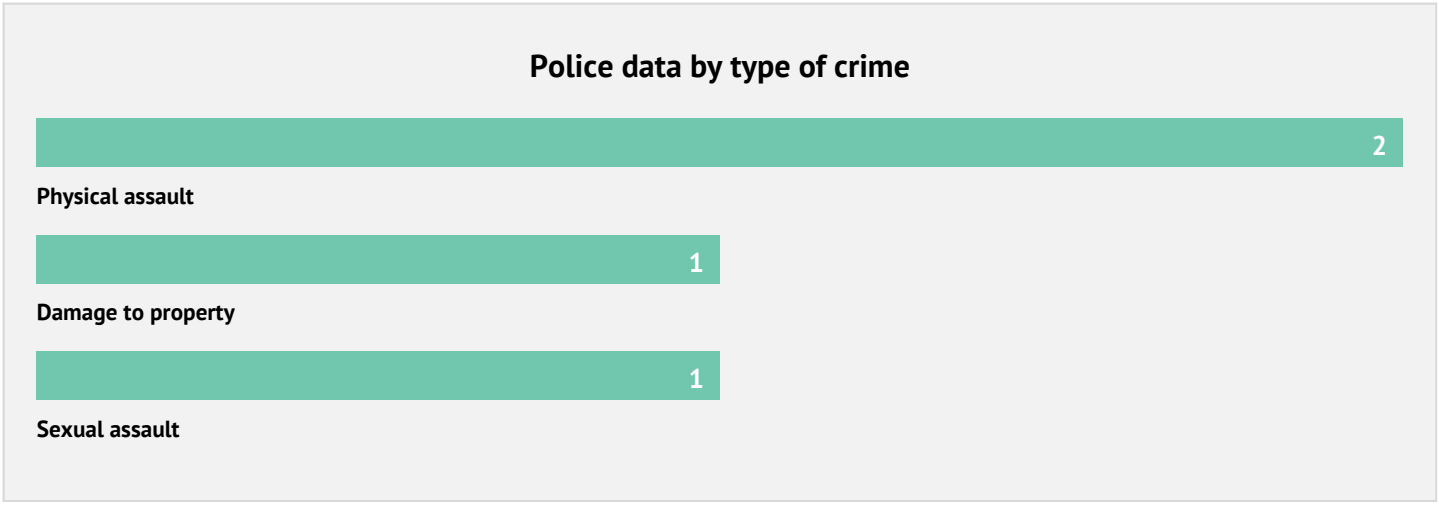
ODIHR recognizes Iceland's efforts in conducting a victimization survey addressing hate crime. However, based on the available information, it observes that Iceland's hate crime recording and statistics do not sufficiently distinguish hate crimes from other crimes. In addition, ODIHR observes that Iceland would benefit from ensuring that hate crimes are addressed in a comprehensive manner, including by introducing a coordination mechanism.

Official Data

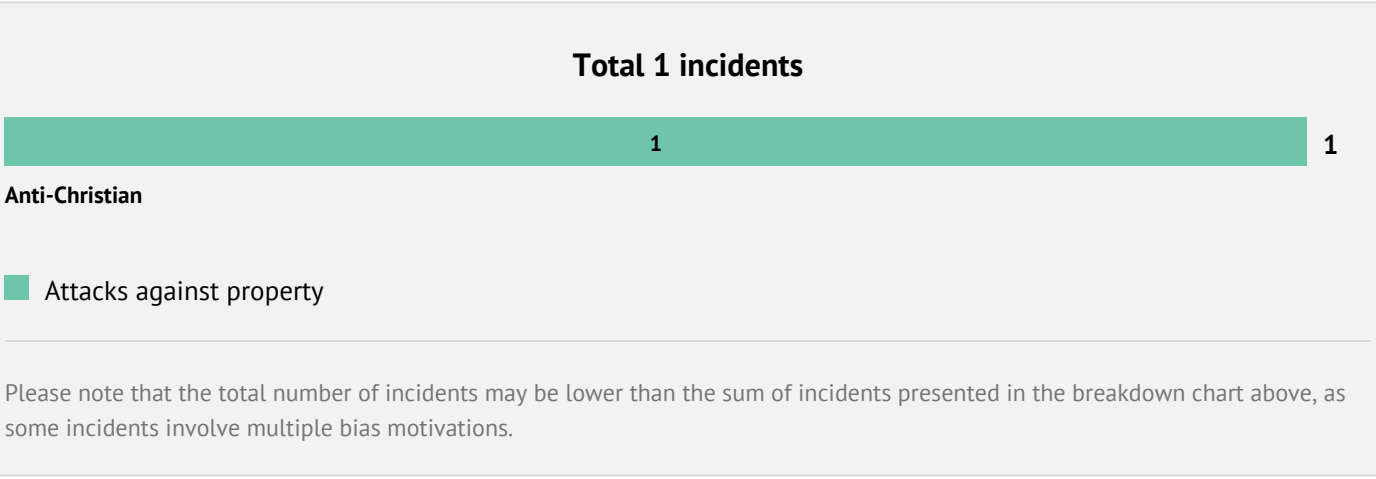
In addition, one case of hate speech was reported by the prosecution. This incident is not included here as hate speech falls outside of the OSCE's definition of a hate crime.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2020	4	0	0


Police data by bias motivation
2
Racist and xenophobic
1
Anti-LGBTI
1
Anti-Semitic

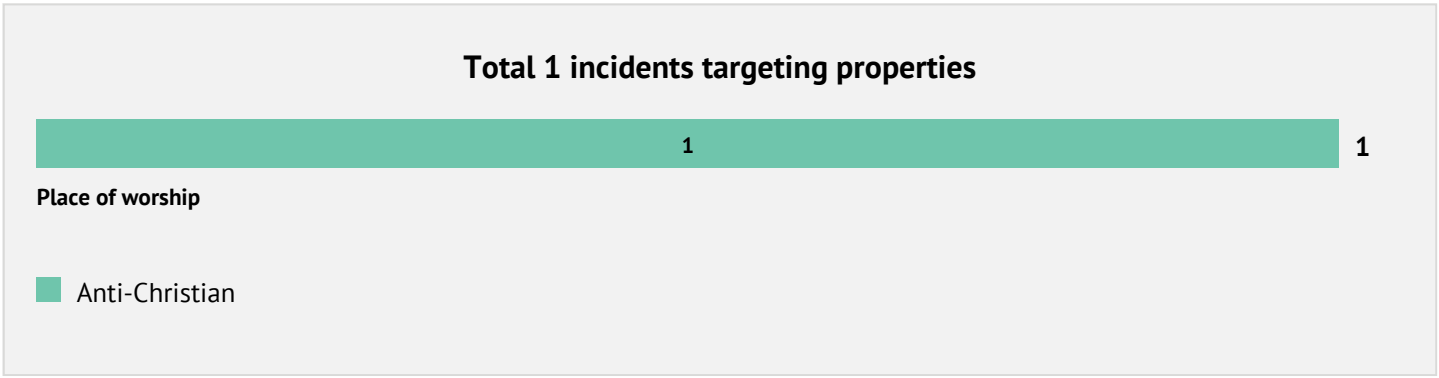

Police data by type of crime
2
Physical assault
1
Damage to property
1
Sexual assault

Incidents reported by civil society

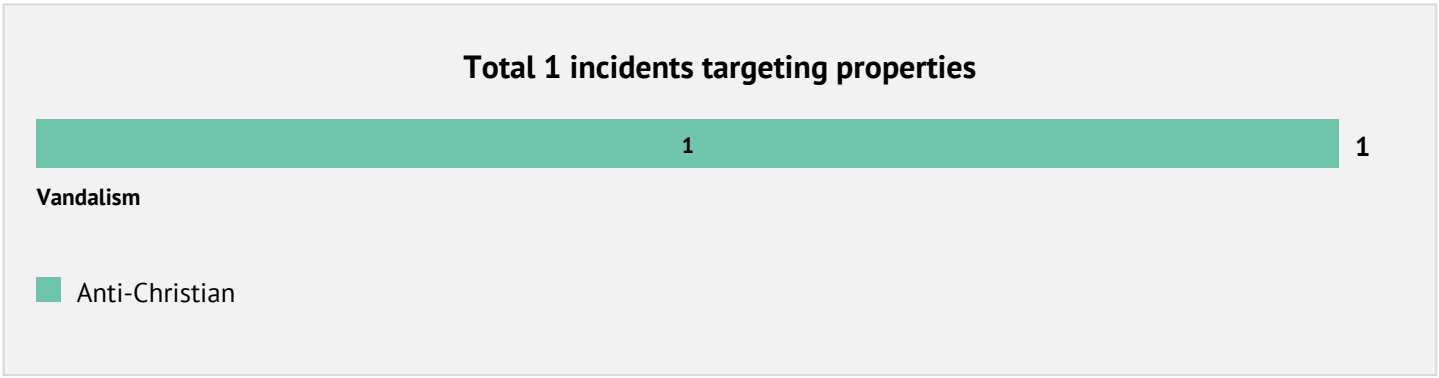


Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

Targeted properties



Type of property attack



View civil society incidents for Iceland, 2020