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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

Ireland regularly submits hate crime data to ODIHR. Ireland's annual hate crime statistics can be accessed here.

The Criminal Justice (Hate Offences) Act 2024, which came into force on 31 December 2024, provides for increased prison sentences for certain crimes, where proven to be motivated by hatred, or where hatred is demonstrated.

In February 2020, Ireland co-organized a workshop with ODIHR and the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights to enhance the understanding and recording of hate crimes. Based on ODIHR's Information Against Hate Crimes Toolkit (INFAHCT) programme, the workshop produced a number of recommendations for relevant state authorities. In July 2021, An Garda Síochána (Ireland's National Police and Security Service) launched an online hate crime reporting system.

In April 2022, representatives of An Garda Síochána took part in ODIHR's Online Training on Sensitive and Respectful Treatment of Hate Crime Victims. Also in 2022, a comprehensive and mandatory Online Hate Crime Training Programme for Gardaí (police officers) was launched.

In 2023, An Garda Síochána formalized the reporting process between civil society and the Garda National Diversity Unit to facilitate reporting and reduce the under-reporting of hate crimes.

Hate crime data collection in Ireland
Support for hate crime victims in Ireland
Hate crime capacity building in Ireland
Ireland's hate crime legislation

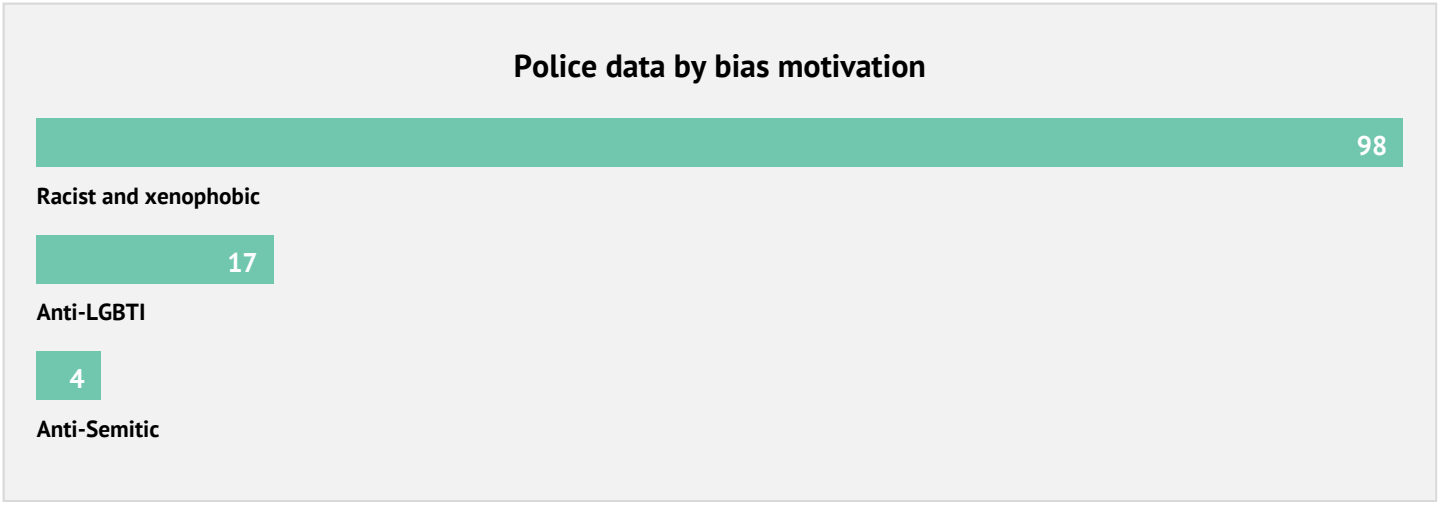
ODIHR's Key Observation

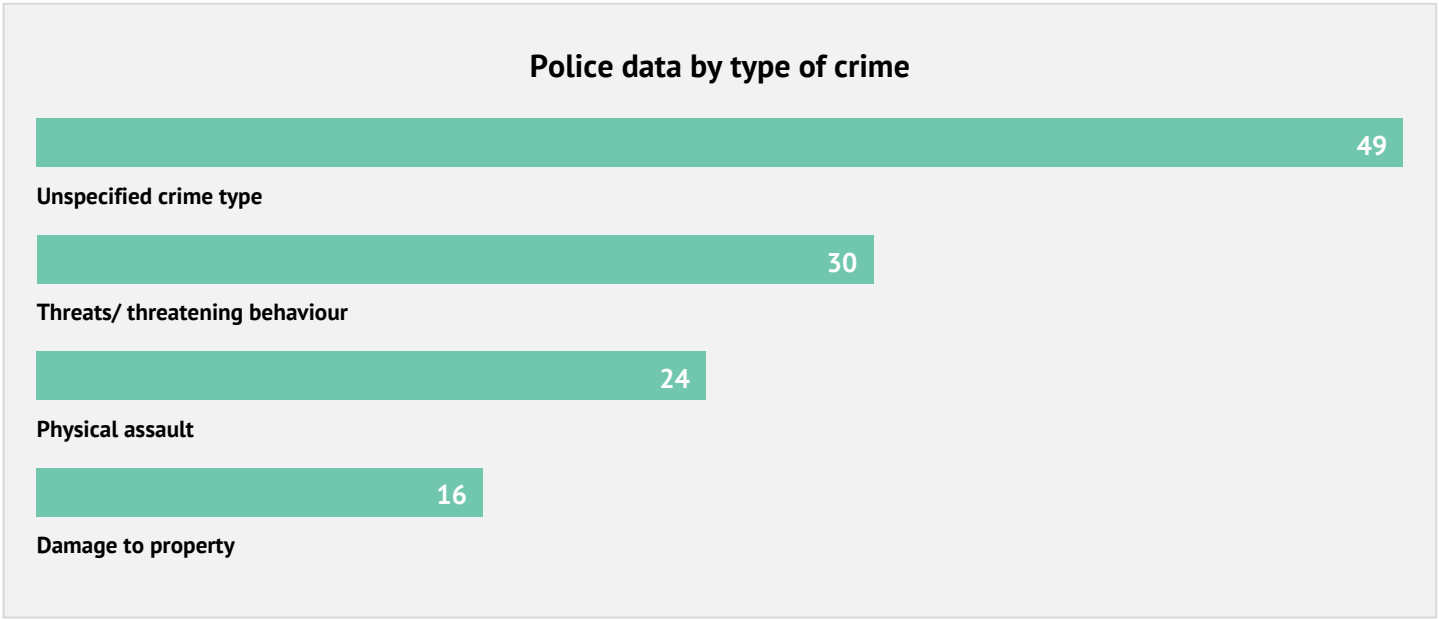
ODIHR observes that Ireland has not reported on the numbers of prosecuted cases or information on sentenced hate crime cases to ODIHR.

Official Data

Figures include incitement to hatred offences.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2012	119	not available	not available


Police data by bias motivation
98
Racist and xenophobic
17
Anti-LGBTI
4
Anti-Semitic


Police data by type of crime
49
Unspecified crime type
30
Threats/ threatening behaviour
24
Physical assault
16
Damage to property

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

View civil society incidents for Ireland, 2012