

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2018 Hate Crime Report.
For more information, including on previous years' reporting, please visit: hatecrime.osce.org/ireland

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](#).

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, the Garda launched an online hate crime reporting system.

In April 2022, the Garda 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 Garda officers was launched.

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

The Criminal Justice (Hate Offences) Act 2024 came into force on 31 December 2024. The new legislation provides for increased prison sentences for certain crimes, where proven to be motivated by hatred, or where hatred is demonstrated. For example, the legislation ensures that assault aggravated by hatred, or damage to property aggravated by hatred, will attract higher prison sentences. Where hatred is not proven, a person can still be charged with assault or damage to property.

[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 to ODIHR the numbers of prosecuted hate crime cases and information on sentenced hate crime cases.

Official Data

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2018	368	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation

192

Racist and xenophobic

75

Unspecified

This category includes 36 ageist and 39 "anti-Traveller" hate crimes.

42

Anti-LGBTI

24

Gender-based

15

Anti-Muslim

11

Disability

6

Anti-Christian

2

Anti-Roma

1

Anti-Semitic

Police data by type of crime

368

n/a

National Developments

In 2018, consultation began with stakeholders from diverse and minority backgrounds, academics, civil society and government agencies to develop a new working definition of hate crime for the police. This concluded in 2019 with a new *Garda Diversity and Integration Strategy, 2019-2021*.

Incidents reported by civil society

Total 1 incidents



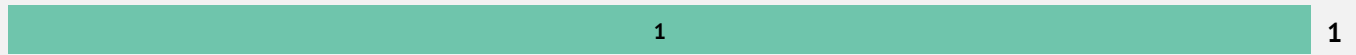
Anti-Christian

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

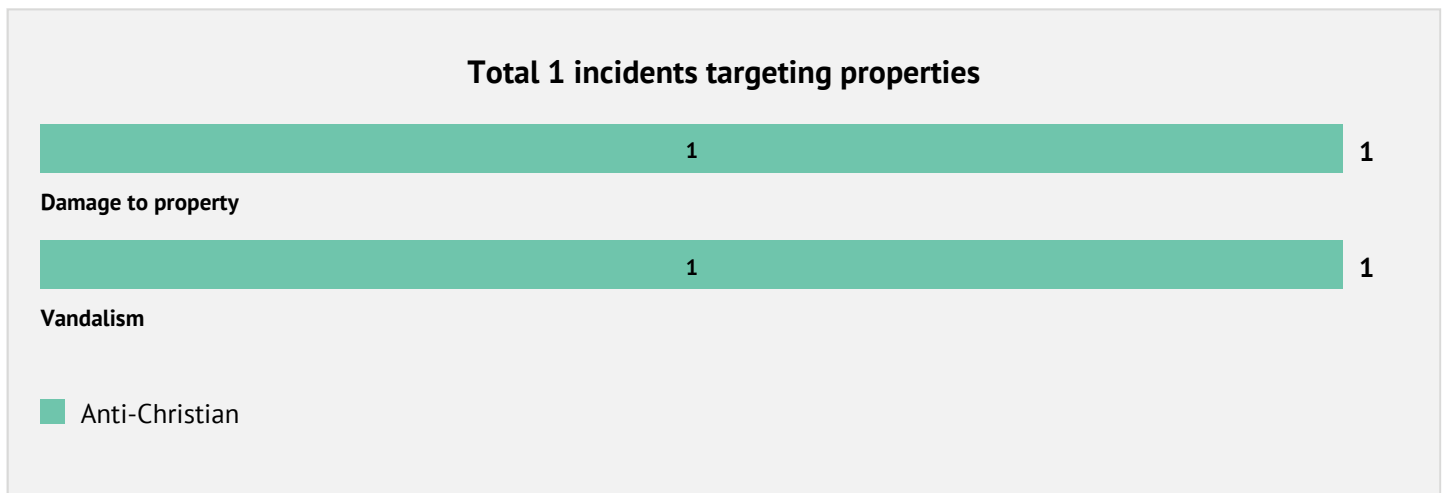
Total 1 incidents targeting properties



Place of worship

■ Anti-Christian

Type of property attack



[View civil society incidents for Ireland, 2018](#)