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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2016 Hate Crime Report.
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Summary

Latvia last reported hate crime data to ODIHR for the 2016 Hate Crime Report. Latvia implemented ODIHR's Training Against Hate Crime for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) programme in 2015.

Hate crime data collection in Latvia
Latvia's hate crime legislation

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that Latvia has not reported on hate crimes separately from cases of hate speech.

Official Data

Reported police and prosecution figures consist of incitement of hatred cases. Three of the cases recorded by police may have involved violence or threats.

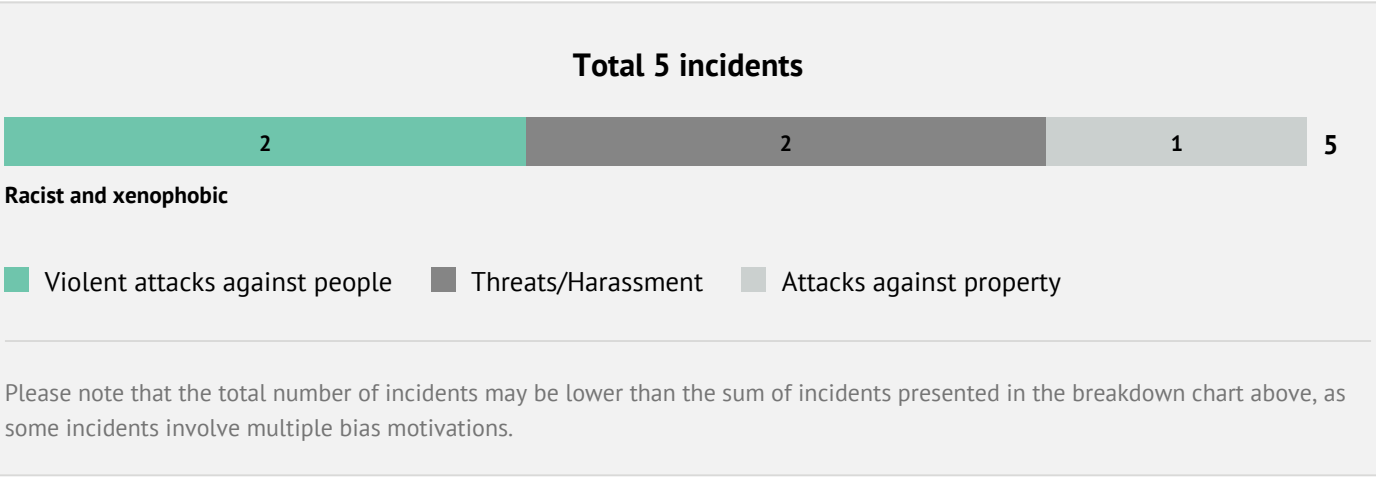
Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2016	11	7	0

National Developments

In 2016, the Ombudsman's Office published a study on the "Issues of Investigating Hate Crimes and Hate Speech in the Republic of Latvia". The study recommended a more strategic approach to addressing hate crimes, strengthening the implementation of criminal law and conduct prevention activities. The study further noted that law enforcement agencies do not have a uniform understanding of the concept of hate crime and recommended the development of a methodology for recognizing, identifying and investigating hate crimes. Improvements to hate crime recording and data collection were also suggested.

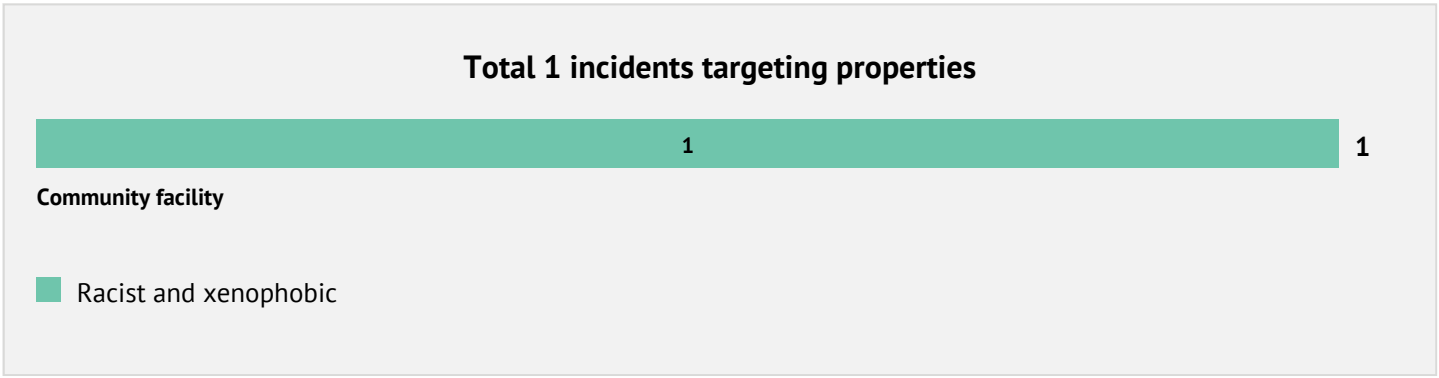
The Ombudsman's Office also organized its annual conference on hate crime and hate speech.

Incidents reported by civil society

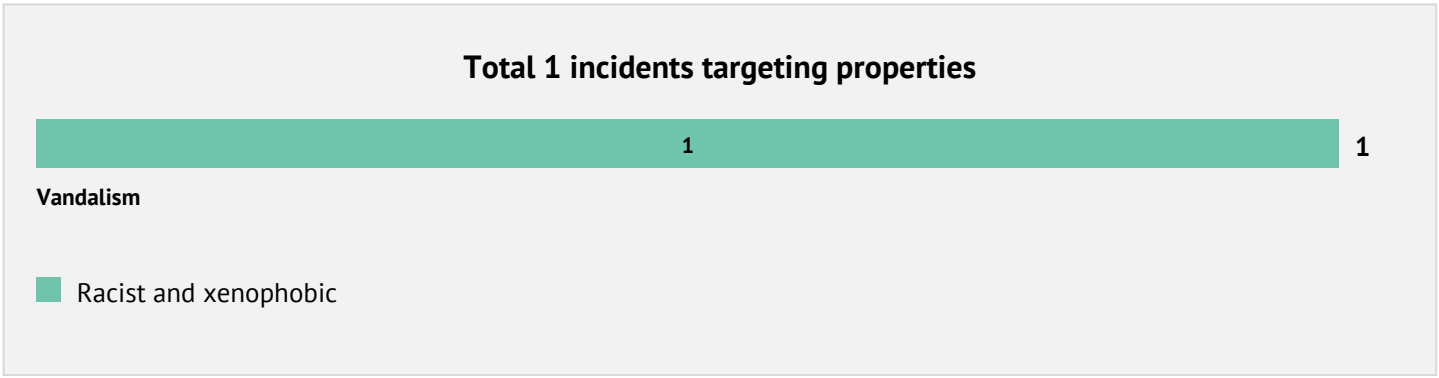


Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

Targeted properties



Type of property attack



View civil society incidents for Latvia, 2016