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HATE CRIME REPORTING

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Summary

Poland regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Several public bodies – including the Police and the Prosecutor's Office – are involved in hate crime monitoring and/or data collection. Hate crime data are regularly published.

There is a high degree of hate crime specialization in both police and prosecutor structures. More than 100 specialist hate crime prosecutors have been appointed, and a network of hate crime co-ordinators was established within the police in 2014. In 2015, following a request by the lower house of parliament, ODIHR provided a legislative review of proposed changes to the Criminal Code of Poland, including hate crime provisions.

In 2023, Polish police participated in a three-day train-the-trainer workshop as part of ODIHR's Training Against Hate Crime for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE). In 2018, the Ministry of the Interior, ODIHR and the EU Fundamental Rights Agency co-organized a workshop on understanding and improving hate crime recording and data collection based on ODIHR's Information Against Hate Crimes Toolkit (INFAHCT) programme. In 2019, ODIHR co-operated with the Commissioner for Human Rights in Poland to issue a report on the nature and scale of unreported hate crimes against members of selected communities in Poland. In 2016, Polish prosecutors participated in a three-day train-the-trainer workshop as part of ODIHR's Prosecutors and Hate Crime (PAHCT) programme.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

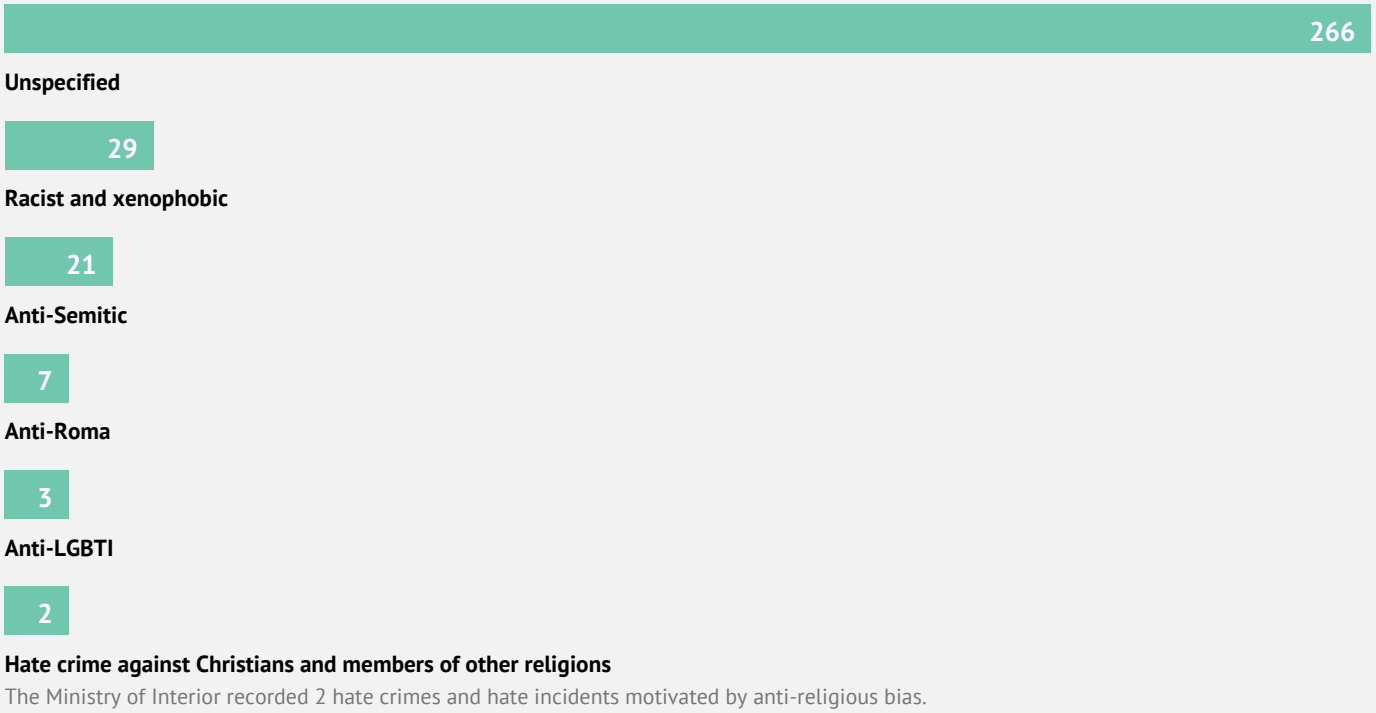
ODIHR observes that Poland has not reported on hate crimes separately from cases of hate speech.

Official Data

Two sets of data are reported to ODIHR: The overall number of hate crimes is provided by the police and broken down by type of crime but not by bias motivation (it is presented as “unspecified” bias motivation below). Ministry of Interior reports a number of hate crimes disaggregated by bias motivation, but not by crime type. Most of the cases reported by the Ministry of Interior are included in the overall figure (although due to technical limitation, they are also displayed separately below). Reported data include crimes of incitement to hatred.

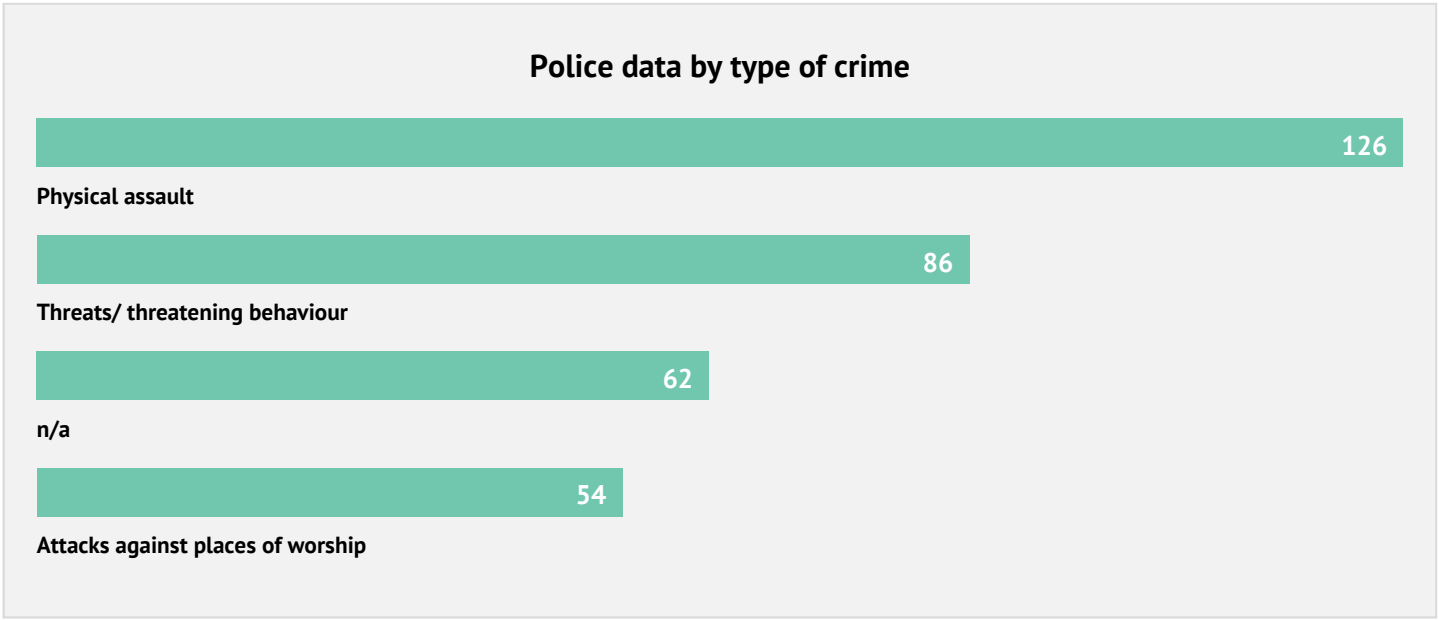
Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2012	266	76	39

Police data by bias motivation



Hate crime against Christians and members of other religions

The Ministry of Interior recorded 2 hate crimes and hate incidents motivated by anti-religious bias.


Police data by type of crime
126
Physical assault
86
Threats/ threatening behaviour
62
n/a
54
Attacks against places of worship

National Developments

Official law-enforcement figures record 266 hate crimes without specifying underlying bias.

The 62 cases reported by the Ministry of Interior, which are displayed above by bias motivation, are mostly included in this overall figure, although for technical reasons they are also presented separately above.

The figure includes 126 physical assaults, 54 cases of attacks against places of worship and 86 cases of threats or threatening behaviour.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

View civil society incidents for Poland, 2012