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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 disaggregated by the type of crime, but not by bias motivation (presented in the “unspecified” bias motivation section below). The Ministry of the Interior reports a number of hate crimes disaggregated by bias motivation, but not by the type of crime. Most of the cases recorded by the Ministry of the Interior are included in the overall figure (although due to technical limitations, these are also displayed separately below). Reported data include crimes of incitement to hatred.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2013	757	116	53

Police data by bias motivation



Unspecified



Racist and xenophobic



Anti-Semitic



Hate crime against Christians and members of other religions

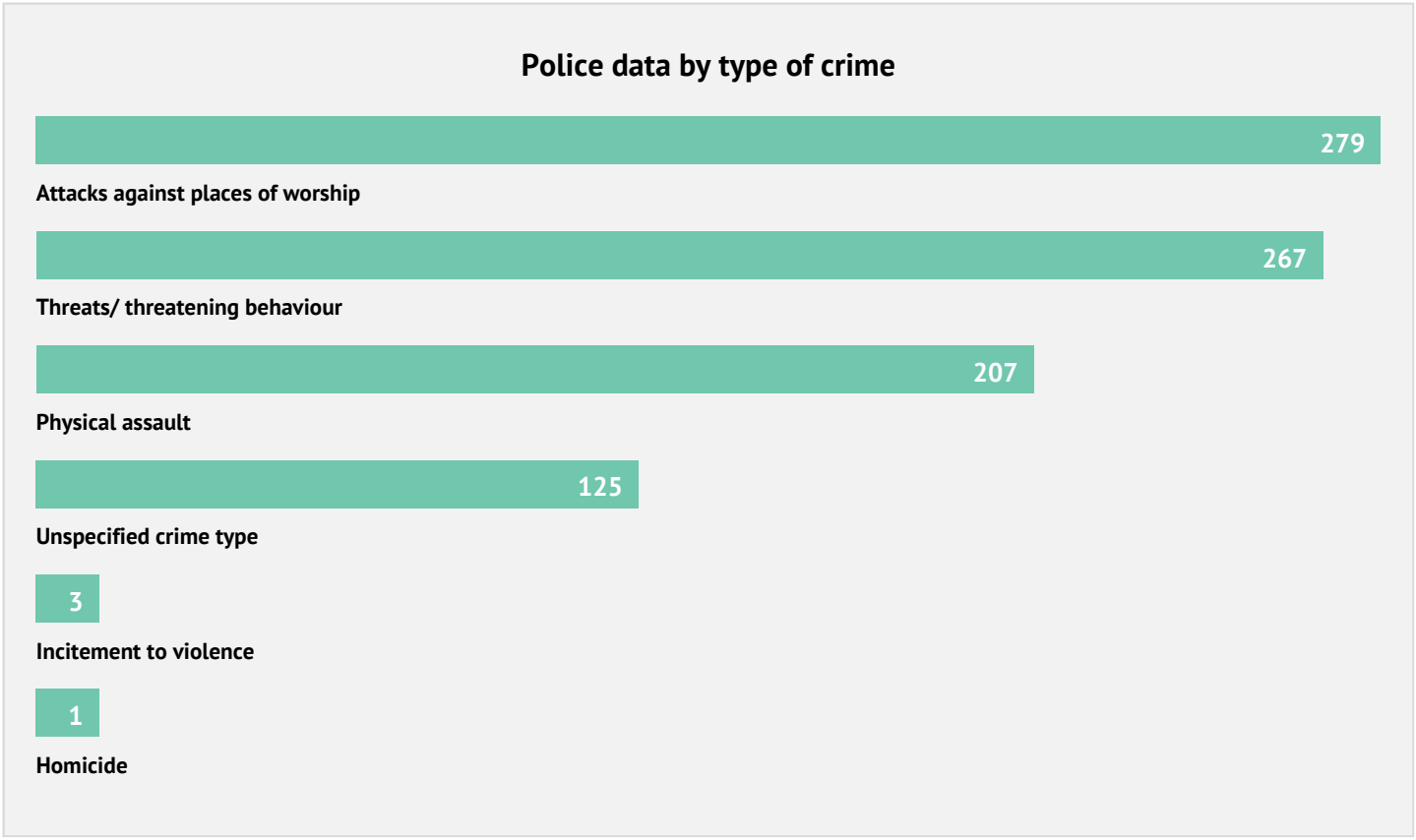
The **Ministry of the Interior** recorded 25 hate crimes and hate incidents motivated by anti-religious bias.



Anti-Roma



Anti-LGBTI


Police data by type of crime
279
Attacks against places of worship
267
Threats/ threatening behaviour
207
Physical assault
125
Unspecified crime type
3
Incitement to violence
1
Homicide

National Developments

Official law-enforcement figures record 757 hate crimes without specifying the underlying biases of these crimes.

The figure includes a homicide, 207 physical assaults, three cases of incitement to violence, 279 cases of attacks against places of worship and 267 cases of threats or threatening behaviour.

The 126 cases reported by the **Ministry of the Interior**, displayed above by bias motivation, are mostly included in this overall figure; however, for technical reasons they are also presented separately in the above sections on hate crimes recorded by bias motivation.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

View civil society incidents for Poland, 2013