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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2023 Hate Crime Report.
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Summary

Ukraine regularly submits information on hate crimes to ODIHR.

Ukraine's National Human Rights Strategy includes an objective to "create a system for preventing, combating, documenting and investigating hate crimes".

In 2020, a working group co-ordinated by the Human Rights Commissioner of the Ukrainian Parliament was established to improve hate crime recording procedures.

In 2019, the National Police of Ukraine and the Ministry of Internal Affairs worked with ODIHR to publish an information booklet on *Categorizing and Investigating Hate Crimes in Ukraine: A Practical Guide*.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes Ukraine's efforts to report its hate crime information to ODIHR. In the absence of official statistics, ODIHR is not able to provide further observations on hate crime data collection in Ukraine. In addition, ODIHR observes that Ukraine would benefit from raising awareness among and building the capacity of criminal justice officials to address hate crime.

Official Data

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2023	not available	not available	not available

No data reported to ODIHR.

National Developments

In 2023, the National Police of Ukraine organized and held a series of trainings, webinars, conferences, roundtables and other events aimed at preventing and responding to unlawful actions committed on the grounds of racial, national, or religious hatred, or on the grounds of sexual orientation, disability and other characteristics, and at ensuring human rights and freedoms. In particular, the National Police organized the following events with the support of public and international organizations:

- a three-day event for employees of the Human Rights Division of the Inspectorate General in Ukraine to establish co-operation and improve efforts to prevent and respond to hate crimes in Ukraine (held with the support of the NGO "Gender Stream");
- an online seminar on "General principles of gender equality and the formation of zero tolerance for gender-based violence and discrimination";
- a series of online webinars covering the basic concepts of gender equality and discrimination;
- a series of training events on identifying, responding to and documenting conflict-related sexual violence through a victim-centred approach;
- a training of trainers on the topic of "Gender equality and the prohibition of discrimination through the prism of Article 14 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and Protocol 12 to the Convention"; and
- a training event on combating discrimination and hate speech against vulnerable groups.

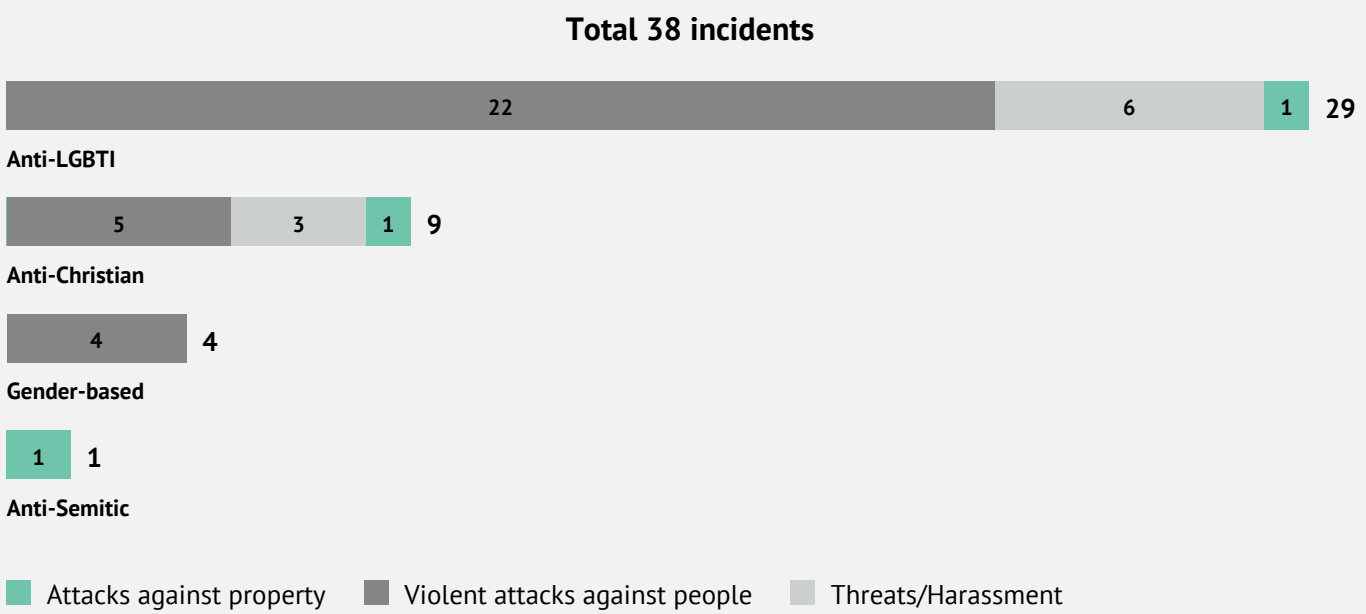
The National Police also co-operated with the Council of Europe (CoE) to organize a series of CoE and European Union-funded roundtables as part of the CoE project on "Supporting the implementation of European standards on combating discrimination and the rights of national minorities in Ukraine". The initiative included a visit of Ukrainian police officers to Poland, where they participated in a conference on "Ensuring the implementation of reforms in the field of combating discrimination in Ukraine". The event examined the work of the National Police of Ukraine and the results of the anti-discrimination reforms, culminating in proposals for further co-operation and agreements to tackle discrimination.

In 2023, a training course on addressing discrimination and hate speech was held as part of European Union and Council of Europe projects on combating hate speech and strengthening social protection in Ukraine.

In October 2023, employees of the National Police of Ukraine participated in a training course on "Policing in Diverse Societies" in Strasbourg, France, which looked at the role of law enforcement and civil society in combating racism. Participation in the training course was funded by the European Union and CoE as part of projects on combating racism and promoting equality and non-discrimination (the Horizontal Fund for the Western Balkans and Turkey III, 2023-2026).

Employees of the Department of the General Inspection and Human Rights of the National Police of Ukraine also took part in an online exchange of experiences with the Head of Portugal's Department of Public Prevention and Interaction with the Population (Public Security Police of Portugal). During the meeting, they discussed Portugal's best practices in preventing discrimination and promoting equality and diversity.

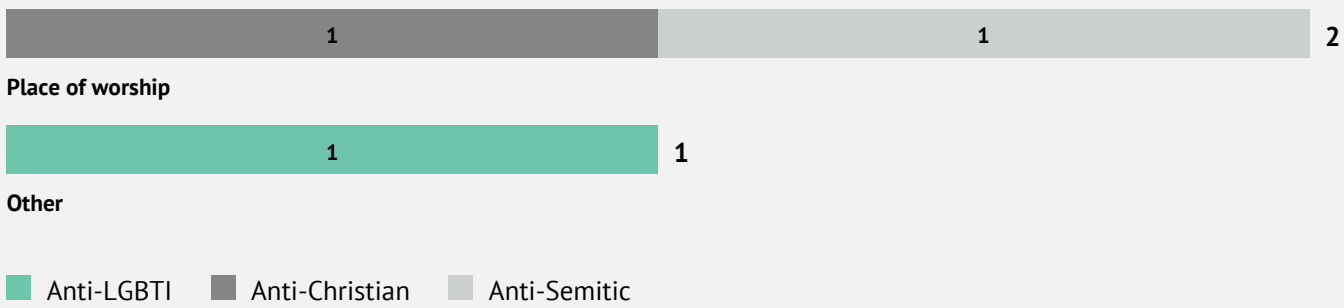
Incidents reported by civil society



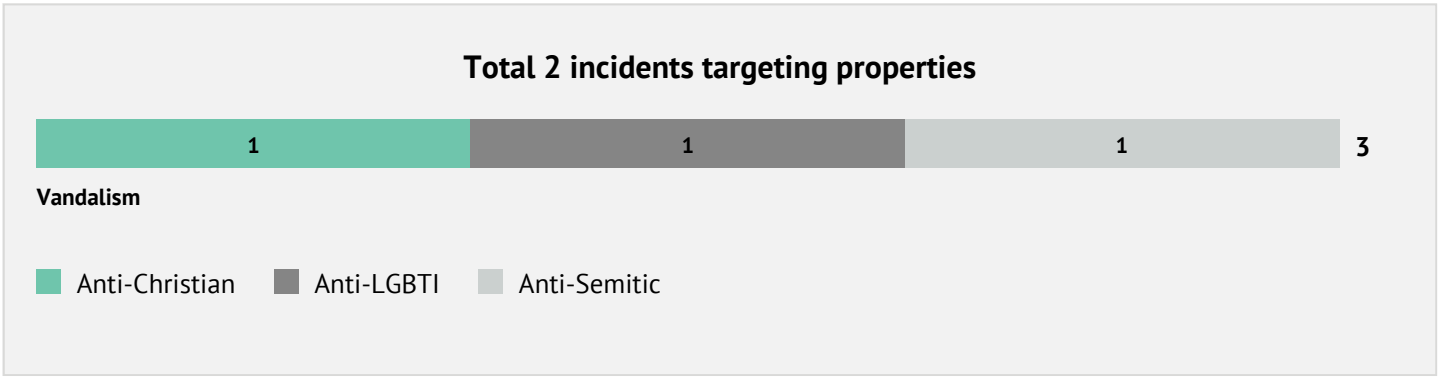
Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

The assessment of incidents reported on the territory of Ukraine, including in the occupied territories of Ukraine, is without prejudice to the applicability and relevance of other branches of public international law, particularly international humanitarian law and international criminal law. In addition to the hate incidents displayed on Ukraine's country page, ODIHR received information on a number of hate incidents that were not included as they go beyond the scope of ODIHR's Hate Crime Report.

Targeted properties



Type of property attack



View civil society incidents for Ukraine, 2023