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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Germany Hate Crime Report 2015

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Summary

Germany regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Close collaboration with civil society in the area of hate crime victim support has been established at the level of federal states, namely with the Weisser Ring civil society organization (CSO) and a number of specialized CSOs. The Federal Ministry of Justice and the Federal Victims' Commissioner are in regular contact with a number of victim support institutions and victims' representatives. Germany has conducted victimization surveys to measure under-reported hate crimes. The most recent report covering 2012-2017 is available here.

In 2021, ODIHR, together with Federal Ministries, organized a virtual study visit to Germany on strengthening co-operation between the Government and civil society on hate crime victim support.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that Germany has not reported the numbers of prosecuted and/or information on sentenced hate crime cases to ODIHR.

Official Data

148 Crimes motivated by bias against social status were also reported but are not presented on this page. Some of the incidents can include more than one bias motivation and are therefore listed more than once in the breakdown below. Incidents broken down by bias motivation thus do not necessarily add up to the overall number of hate crimes listed here, or the number reported in other official statistics.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2015	3,046	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation

2,447

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

Official figures record 2,447 hate crimes motivated by racism and xenophobia.

339

Hate crime against Christians and members of other religions

Official figures recorded 339 crimes based on bias against religion.

192

Anti-Semitic hate crime

Official figures recorded 192 anti-Semitic crimes.

80

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

Official figures recorded 80 crimes based on bias against sexual orientation.

5

Disability hate crime

Official figures recorded 5 crimes based on bias against people with disabilities.

Police data by type of crime

1,192

Damage to property

1,150

Physical assault

This category includes causing bodily injury, sexual offences, offences involving use of explosives and extortion.

479

Threats/ threatening behaviour

106

Arson

65

Theft/ robbery

This category consists of cases of robberies and thefts.

52

Disturbance of the peace

This category includes breaching the public peace, dangerous disruption of transport, and resisting public authority.

11

Homicide

This category also includes attempted murders.

8

Desecration of graves

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

View civil society incidents for Germany, 2015