

Serbia Hate Crime Report 2012

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Summary

Serbia regularly reports data on hate crimes to ODIHR. In 2018, the Office of the Prosecutor General, with the support of the OSCE Mission to Serbia and ODIHR, developed Guidelines for the prosecution of hate crimes in the Republic of Serbia. A network of contact persons working on hate crime within the prosecution services was established and, with the OSCE Mission's assistance, the Judicial Academy has developed, integrated and implements a hate crime training plan and programme.

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ODIHR's Key Observation

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

Official Data

Figures include crimes of incitement to hatred.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2012	36	39	37

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

Serbia introduced and passed its first hate crime law by adopting a general penalty enhancement provision that allows the judge to consider it an aggravating circumstance when the crime is “is based on hatred for another person’s race, religion, national or ethnic background, gender, sexual orientation or gender identity.”

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Anti-Muslim hate crime

Official figures record three cases of threats to Muslims – two verbal and one anonymous.

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Anti-Roma hate crime

Official figures record three cases of verbal threats against Roma.

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Anti-Semitic hate crime

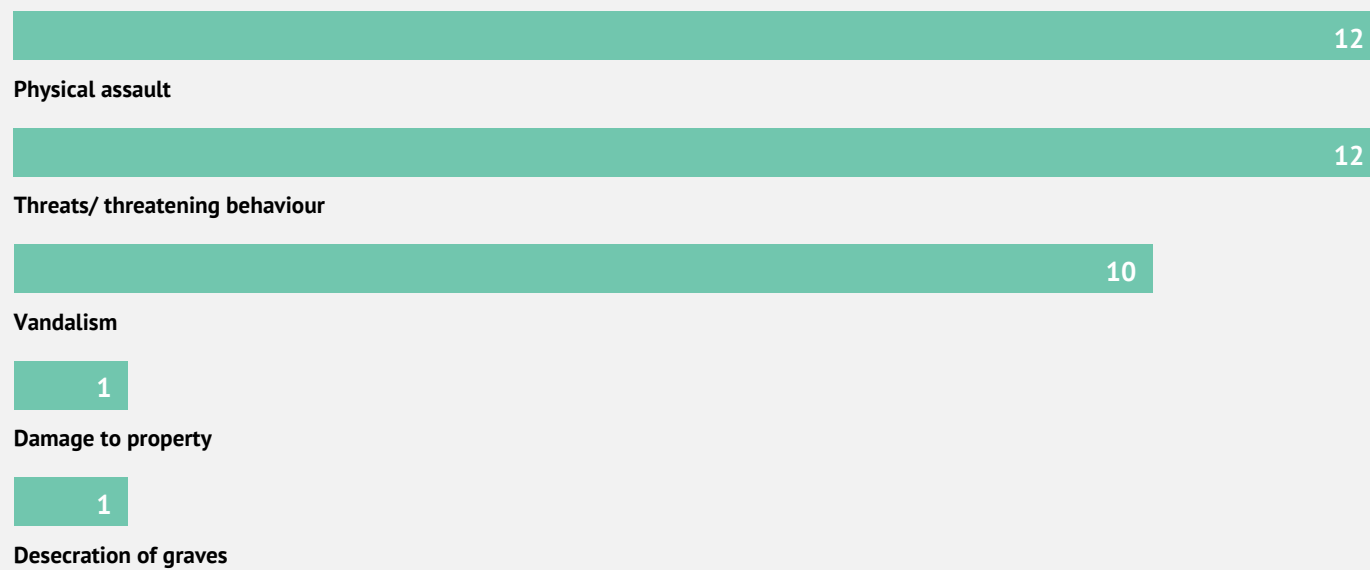
Official figures record one case of cemetery desecration, resulting in destruction of 39 tombstones.

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Hate crime against Christians and members of other religions

Serbia reported a case in which the Kingdom Hall of the Jehovah’s Witnesses was damaged and the perpetrators were apprehended and convicted, with a suspended sentence, and ordered to pay for the damage.

Police data by type of crime



Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.