

## Report Data - Bosnia and Herzegovina - 2013

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### Official Data

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced	About these data
2018	Not available	Not available	Not available	
2017	Not available	Not available	Not available	
2016	Not available	Not available	Not available	
2015	24	12	3	
2014	200	36	23	

#### NGO reports Organization Report

The **Interreligious Council** reported one incident of the desecration of a cemetery in Tuzla.

**Organization Name** [Interreligious Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina](#) [1]

**Bias Motivation** [Anti-Semitism](#) [2]

**Description Type** Reports

#### Organization Report

The **Interreligious Council** reported 16 attacks against property, including mosques, and against people, including Imams and those attending mosques.

**Organization Name** [Interreligious Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina](#) [1]

**Bias Motivation** [Bias against Muslims](#) [3]

**Description Type** Reports

#### Organization Report

**Sarajevo Open Centre** reported four physical assaults, including one resulting in serious injuries and three carried out by groups; one armed robbery; five threats; and one incident of graffiti.

**Organization Name** [Sarajevo Open Centre](#) [4]

**Bias Motivation** [Bias against other groups - Sexual orientation or gender identity](#) [5]

**Description Type** Reports

#### Organization Report

The **Interreligious Council** reported 13 incidents of the desecration of places of worship.

**Organization Name** [Interreligious Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina](#) [1]

**Bias Motivation** [Bias against Christians and members of other religions](#) [6]

**Description Type** Reports

**IGO Reports Organization Name** [OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina](#) [7]

**Organization Report**

The **OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina** reported 71 incidents of racism and xenophobia. These included the following: one physical assault by a group of people against two Bosniac returnees in Zvornik, causing serious injuries to one of the victims; one attack on property owned by two Serb minority returnee families in Sanski Most, when an improvised explosive device was thrown into the yard causing damage to the houses; one case of racist graffiti on a wall in Banja Luka; four cases of threats, including against a Serb in Zenica, against a Serb near the town of Gradiska, one serious case of threats in the Gracanica area, in which Serb families were threatened with having their house set on fire, their children killed and women raped, and a threat against a Croat man; an attempted physical assault; and the rape of a 74-year-old Croat woman returnee.

**Bias Motivation** [Racism and xenophobia](#) [8]

**Description Type** Reports

**Organization Name** [OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina](#) [7]

**Organization Report**

The **OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina** reported six hate incidents against Muslims, including one case of damage to a Muslim gravestone in Bijeljina, one case of damage to a Muslim graveyard by a group of people, involving the removal of 13 wooden tombstones, some of which were used to make the shape of a cross.

**Bias Motivation** [Bias against Muslims](#) [3]

**Description Type** Reports

**Organization Name** [OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina](#) [7]

**Organization Report**

The **OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina** reported 15 hate incidents against Christians and members of other religions, including the desecration of three tombstones in an Orthodox graveyard in Bratunac and one case of damage to property involving damage to windows and the notice board of a Catholic church in Zenica.

**Bias Motivation** [Bias against Christians and members of other religions](#) [6]

**Description Type** Reports

**Organization Name** [OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina](#) [7]

**Organization Report**

The **OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina** reported one case of threats against an LGBT activist during the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, as well as two incidents of serious assault of a gay man by a group of people.

**Bias Motivation** [Bias against other groups - Sexual orientation or gender identity](#) [5]

**Description Type** Reports

**Organization Name** [UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination \(CERD\)](#) [9]

**Organization Report**

The **United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)** recommended that Bosnia and Herzegovina strengthen its application of existing criminal provisions on hate speech and hate crimes.

**Bias Motivation** [Racism and xenophobia](#) [8]

**Description Type** Developments

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**ODIHR Recommendations**

ODIHR observes that Bosnia and Herzegovina has not reported on cases of hate crimes separately from cases of hate speech and/or discrimination.

**National Developments**    **Description Type** Developments**Organization Report**

In 2013, the **Association of Prosecutors of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina** published a "Guide for the Prosecution of Hate Crimes in Bosnia and Herzegovina." The guide builds on OSCE/ODIHR training and publications and equips prosecutors with knowledge about hate crimes, hate crime laws and skills to prosecute hate crimes in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

**Holy See Reports**    **Bias Motivation** [Bias against Christians and members of other religions](#) [6]**Description Type** Reports**Organization Report**

The **Holy See** reported six cases of damage to church buildings. In five of these cases, windows were smashed, and in one case, which took place during Easter, the door to the church was set on fire. The **Holy See** also reported the desecration of a cemetery and a bomb threat to a Catholic school.

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