

## Report Data - Austria - 2012

18 November 2012

### Official Data

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced	About these data
2019	125	421	191	
2018	307	407	208	
2017	302	Not available	Not available	
2016	425	Not available	Not available	
2015	395	Not available	Not available	

### Hate crimes recorded by police

[By bias motivation](#) [By type of crime](#)

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### National developments

Within the framework of an EU-funded project aimed at improving hate crime recording, the **Ministry of Interior** conducted study visits to Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands and Slovakia. The Ministry also held 15 scientific field interviews with police officers and 17 meetings with various CSOs. The purpose of these meetings was to improve the system for recording hate crimes and to build trust. Furthermore, the Ministry of Interior launched an online training programme for its staff. At least 17,000 police officers had participated in the training programme by 19 October 2020. A further 200 police officers from the Federal Provinces were trained to deliver training events to front-line officers and to serve as contact points for CSOs and victim support organizations. On 1 November 2020, a new "flagging" system was introduced in the online police recording database, enabling the police to record bias motives related to age, handicap, gender, colour of skin, national or ethnic origin, religion (including subcategories), sexual orientation, social status or world view. The interfaces of the police and Ministry of Justice databases were also synchronized, so that the flagged hate crime data are also visible to prosecutors once the investigation reports are sent. Moreover, a resource for police on conducting interrogations now highlights the need to undertake a hate crime victim assessment before the interview. Information about hate crimes have been widely disseminated among the police force, and the country's first representative victimization survey on hate crime is expected to be completed by the end of February 2021.

## Hate crimes recorded by police

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### NGO reports Organization Report

The **Centre for Work against Ethnic Discrimination (ZARA)** reported two cases of threats, against an African man and a Peruvian woman; seven physical assaults, including against a man of Turkish origin by a group; a Peruvian woman who was with her daughter; a Chechen family, also involving a threat with a knife; a couple in a café; a Jamaican man; and against a man of Turkish origin, which included a threat using a dog.

**Organization Name** [ZARA](#) [3]

**Bias Motivation** [Racism and xenophobia](#) [4]

**Description Type** Reports

### Organization Report

The **Forum Against Anti-Semitism** reported 32 cases of graffiti, two cases of damage to property, six physical assaults and 38 cases of threats by email or telephone.

**Organization Name** [Forum Against Anti-Semitism](#) [5]

**Bias Motivation** [Anti-Semitism](#) [6]

**Description Type** Reports

### Organization Report

The **Centre for Work against Ethnic Discrimination (ZARA)** reported one case where six pigs' heads were left outside a mosque and the prayer area was sprayed with pig's blood.

**Organization Name** [ZARA](#) [3]

**Bias Motivation** [Bias against Muslims](#) [7]

**Description Type** Reports

**IGO Reports Organization Name** [UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination \(CERD\)](#) [8]

### Organization Report

The **UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)** recommended that Austria increase efforts to prosecute and punish forms of discrimination, including hate crime, and to intensify the training for prosecutors, judges, lawyers, other judicial and police officers in the criminal justice system on the principles of the Convention.

**Bias Motivation** [Racism and xenophobia](#) [4]

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**Description Type** Developments

**ODIHR Recommendations**

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

**National Developments** **Bias Motivation** [Racism and xenophobia](#) [4]

**Description Type** Reports

**Organization Report**

Official figures record 59 racist/xenophobic crimes.

**Bias Motivation** [Anti-Semitism](#) [6]

**Description Type** Reports

**Organization Report**

Official figures record 27 cases of anti-Semitic crimes.

**Bias Motivation** [Bias against Muslims](#) [7]

**Description Type** Reports

**Organization Report**

Official figures record five anti-Muslim hate crimes, including an attack against a mosque.

**Holy See Reports** **Bias Motivation** [Bias against Christians and members of other religions](#) [9]

**Description Type** Reports

**Organization Report**

The **Holy See** reported three arson attacks against churches that took place on the same night; 74 cases of church desecration including 55 that also involved theft of church property and collection money. Austrian authorities reported back that religious bias motivation has not been registered in those cases.

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