

Bosnia and Herzegovina Hate Crime Report 2009

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Summary

Bosnia and Herzegovina has reported hate crime data to ODIHR via the Ministry of Interior. There is no institutional system for recording and collecting hate crime data in the country. In co-operation with ODIHR and the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, the authorities of Republika Srpska have worked to improve hate crime recording and data collection through ODIHR's Information Against Hate Crimes Toolkit ([INFAHCT](#)) programme, including through a diagnostic workshop held in April 2022. Bosnia and Herzegovina has also co-operated with ODIHR and the OSCE Mission to train law enforcement officers and criminal justice professionals on hate crimes.

Bosnia and Herzegovina has launched a Gender Action Plan, 2023-2027. Hate crime prevention activities were included as part of the strategic implementation of the Action Plan.

[Hate crime data collection in Bosnia and Herzegovina](#)

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Official Data

Figures include crimes of incitement to hatred.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2009	15	not available	not available

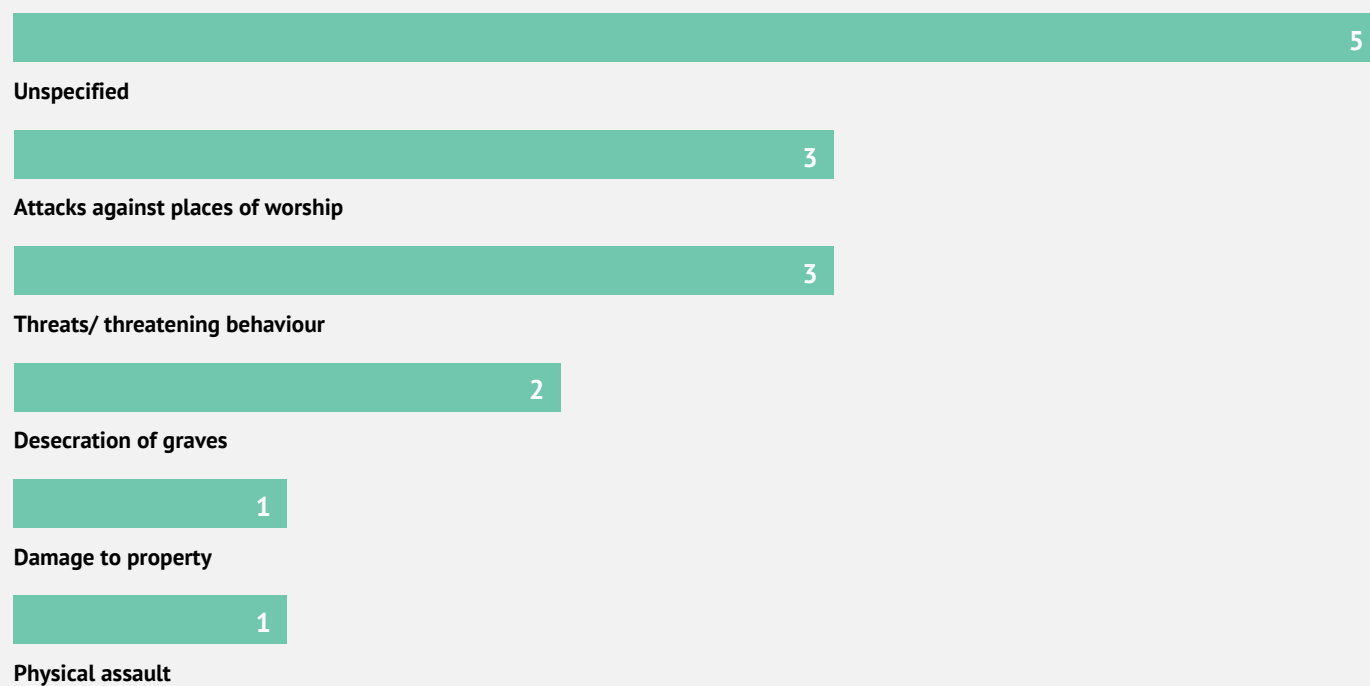
Police data by bias motivation

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Racist and xenophobic hate crime

Official figures record 15 hate crimes motivated by racism and xenophobia.

Police data by type of crime



National Developments

The **Ministry of Security** established a working group, consisting of judges at the state and entity levels, with the aim of amending the Criminal Code. The proposed amendments begin with a substantive definition of a hate crime in the Code that includes the protected characteristics of religion, sexual orientation, nationality or language. Based on that definition, bias-motivation could be considered as an aggravating circumstance during sentencing for any criminal offense. Additionally, the amendments would also include specific penalty enhancements based on bias motivation for specific offenses, including murder, physical assault and rape. **ODIHR**, in co-operation with the **OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina**, provided a commentary on the draft legislation to ensure that it is in compliance with OSCE commitments and international standards. The adoption of these amendments will be considered by the Parliament in 2010.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

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