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Summary

Canada regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR and regularly publishes [hate crime statistics](#). Canada conducts regular [victimization surveys](#) to measure unreported hate crime.

Canada has several interrelated and co-ordinated initiatives in place to ensure a comprehensive approach to hate crimes through government and community partnerships. Canada's '[Action Plan on Combatting Hate](#)' (Action Plan) and '[Changing Systems, Transforming Lives: Canada's Anti-Racism Strategy 2024-2028](#)' are two comprehensive initiatives that fund and support a variety of government and community-led projects on addressing hate. The initiatives were developed through extensive community engagement and build on existing strategies. The Action Plan foresees the creation of a Ministerial Advisory Council on Combatting Hate, which serves as a forum for ministers and community leaders to directly engage and exchange feedback on the Action Plan's implementation, and also to discuss existing and emerging issues on addressing racism and hate.

[Hate crime data collection in Canada](#)

[Support for hate crime victims in Canada](#)

[Hate crime capacity building in Canada](#)

[Canada's hate crime legislation](#)

ODIHR's Key Observation

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

Official Data

The number recorded by police includes hate crimes motivated by age, other factors, and unknown motivations, in addition to the bias motivation breakdown presented below.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2015	1,362	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation

609

Racist and xenophobic

174

Anti-Semitic

148

Anti-Muslim

135

Anti-LGBTI

127

Hate crime against Christians and members of other religions

This category captures hate crime motivated by bias on the following grounds: Catholic, Other religion (examples include: Baptist, Buddhist, Greek orthodox, etc.), and unknown religion.

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Disability

Police data by type of crime

589

Damage to property

This category includes vandalism.

239

Threats/ threatening behaviour

208

Physical assault

56

Unspecified crime type

This category includes other violations causing death, attempting the commission of a capital crime, sexual violations, violations resulting in the deprivation of freedom, other violations resulting in the threat of violence, possession / trafficking of stolen goods, fraud, other criminal code violations, other federal statutes, Controlled Drugs and Substances Act offences, and traffic violations.

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Theft/ robbery

39

Incitement to violence

16

Disturbance of the peace

4

Arson

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

[View civil society incidents for Canada, 2015](#)