

Canada Hate Crime Report 2017

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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.

[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

This number includes crimes of "public incitement to hatred" and "advocating genocide", which are excluded from the breakdown below as they are outside the OSCE's definition of hate crime. The number here lists recorded offences – i.e. violations of law. One incident can have several such violations recorded. The breakdown below presents incidents - or the most severe violation per incident. That is why the numbers in the breakdown by bias motivation and type of crime do not add up to the total presented here.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2017	2,073	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation

This data indicates the number of criminal incidents recorded by police in 2017.

790

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

This category captures hate crimes motivated by bias on the following grounds: Aboriginal, Arab / West Asian, Black, East and Southeast Asian, South Asian, White, Multiple Races / Ethnicities, Other Race / Ethnicity and Unknown Race / Ethnicity.

360

Anti-Semitic hate crime

Breakdown by type of crime was not reported for this category. The number presented here can include several incidents in which more than one bias motivation was registered.

349

Anti-Muslim hate crime

Breakdown by type of crime was not reported for this category. The number presented here can include several incidents in which more than one bias motivation was registered.

195

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

This category consists of hate crimes committed with homophobic motivation.

104

Unspecified

94

Other hate crime based on religion or belief

This category captures hate crime motivated by bias against members of other religion (e.g. Sikh, Hindu, Buddhist) and unknown religion. Breakdown by type of crime was not reported for this category. The number presented here can include several incidents in which more than one bias motivation was registered.

39

Anti-Christian hate crime

This category captures hate crime motivated by bias against Catholics. Breakdown by type of crime was not reported for this category. The number presented here can include several incidents in which more than one bias motivation was registered.

Police data by type of crime

This data indicates the number of criminal incidents recorded by police in 2017.

901

Unspecified

This category was recorded as "other violent offences" and includes other crimes against persons involving violence or threat of violence such as homicide, attempted murder, robbery, harassing telephone calls or other assaults.

480

Vandalism

This category includes the crimes of "mischief in relation to religious property" and "mischief."

246

Physical assault

This category includes "common assaults", "assaults with a weapon" and "aggravated assaults."

238

Threats/ threatening behaviour

This category includes the crimes of "uttering threats" and "criminal harassment."

66

Disturbance of the peace

This category was recorded as "other non-violent offences" and includes crimes against property such as "breaking and entering" or "disturbing the peace."

National Developments

The Criminal Code's hate crime provisions were amended by including gender identity and gender expression in the list of protected characteristics.

At the Ministry of Public Safety Canada, the Communities at Risk Security Infrastructure Program (SIP) supported projects to help communities with a demonstrated history of being victimized by hate-motivated crime enhance their security infrastructure.

The Canada Centre for Community Engagement and Prevention of Violence within the Ministry of Public Safety Canada administers the Ministry's Community Resilience Fund, which has been used to support research into hate speech and hate incidents and radicalization to violence and/or to develop effective prevention methods.

Incidents reported by civil society

Total 402 incidents



Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

B'nai Brith Canada reported descriptive incidents as well as statistical data. This explains the discrepancy between the graphic above and the incidents included below.

[View civil society incidents for Canada, 2017](#)