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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2021 Hate Crime Report.
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Summary

Denmark regularly reports hate crime data and information to ODIHR. Hate crime statistics are regularly published on the Danish National Police website.

The Ministry of Justice conducts annual victimization surveys to measure unreported hate crimes. The Danish National Police has previously engaged in dialogue on hate crime with a number of community stakeholders.

Hate crime data collection in Denmark
Support for hate crime victims in Denmark
Hate crime capacity building in Denmark
Denmark's hate crime legislation

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes Denmark's efforts in conducting a victimization survey addressing hate crimes and, in particular, submitting police data. However, based on the available information, it observes that Denmark has not reported data on hate crimes recorded by the prosecution and judiciary to ODIHR. In addition, ODIHR observes that Denmark would benefit from ensuring that hate crimes are addressed in a comprehensive manner, including by introducing a co-ordination mechanism.

Official Data

Police records include hate speech cases, which fall outside of the OSCE's definition of hate crime. These incidents were disaggregated and are therefore not reflected in these figures. Police records also include cases of criminalized discrimination and disturbance of peace offences, which fall outside of the OSCE's definition of hate crime. These incidents were not disaggregated and are therefore included in these figures.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2021	409	14	33

Police data by bias motivation

In addition to hate crime figures presented below, in 2021 the police recorded 215 hate incidents (incidents of a non-criminal nature or where the criminal nature is unclear) motivated by bias. These incidents are excluded from the numbers below. The category “Unspecified” also may include cases that fall outside of the OSCE’s definition of hate crime, such as hate speech.



Racist and xenophobic



Other hate crime based on religion or belief

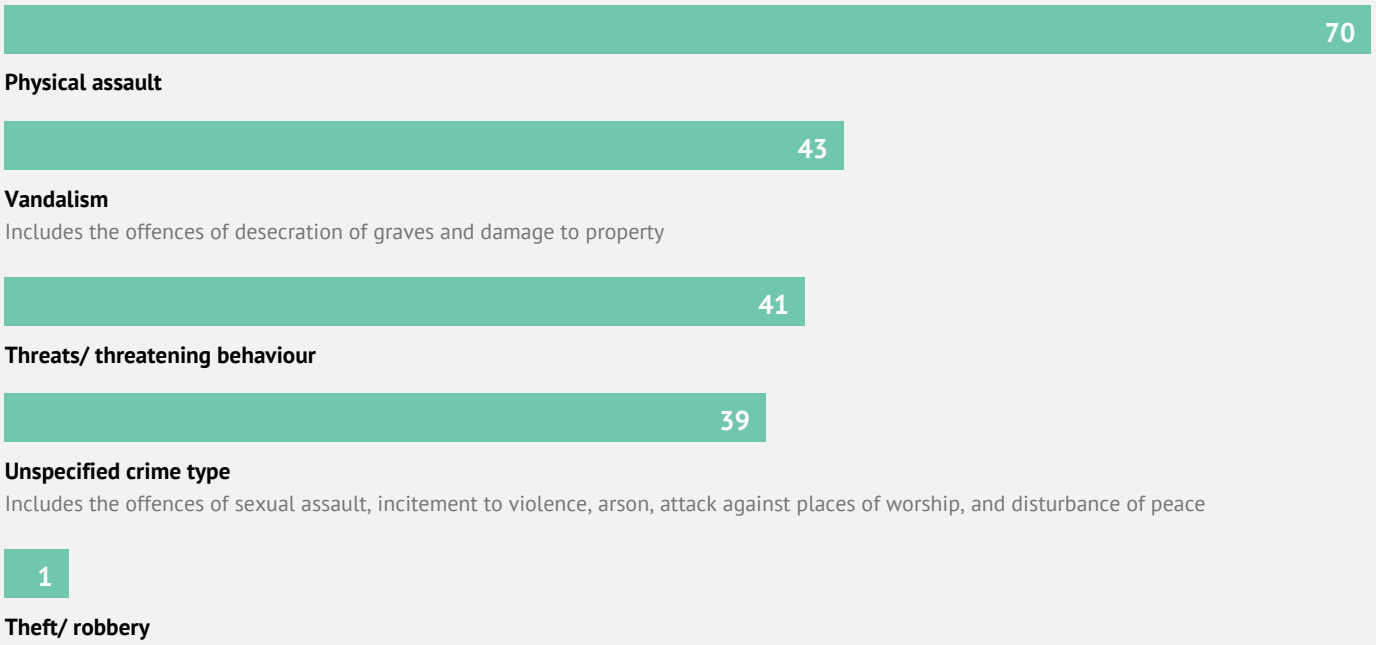
Includes all cases of hate crimes based on religion or belief (anti-Semitic, anti-Muslim, anti-Christian, and bias against other religions or beliefs).



Anti-LGBTI

Police data by type of crime

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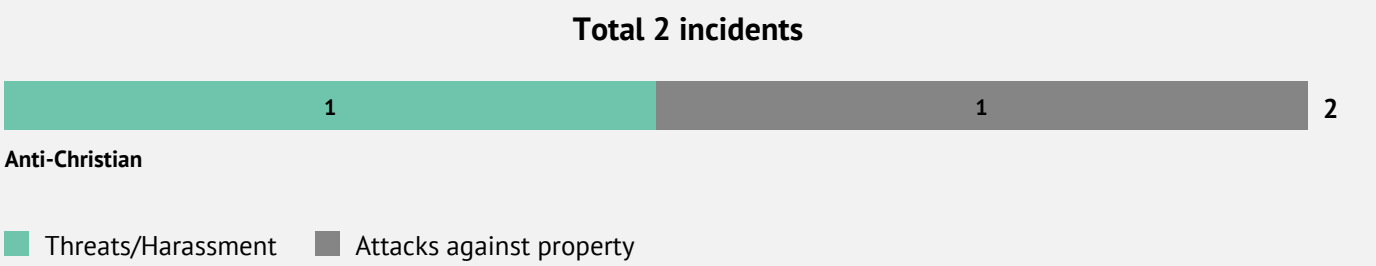
National Developments

In 1 May 2021, Section 81, paragraph 6 of the Danish Criminal Code (on the aggravating circumstances to be considered when determining a penalty for a crime) was amended to include disability as a protected characteristic. The same provision was later amended to also include gender identity, characteristics of gender, and gender expression as a protected characteristic, and to allow for the provision's application in situations with mixed motives, such as where the bias motive correlates with other motives.

A new multi-year financial agreement for 2021 to 2023 was concluded between the **Danish Police** and the **Prosecution Service**. The agreement contained initiatives to improve the response towards hate crime victims, including by training police and prosecutors on hate crimes.

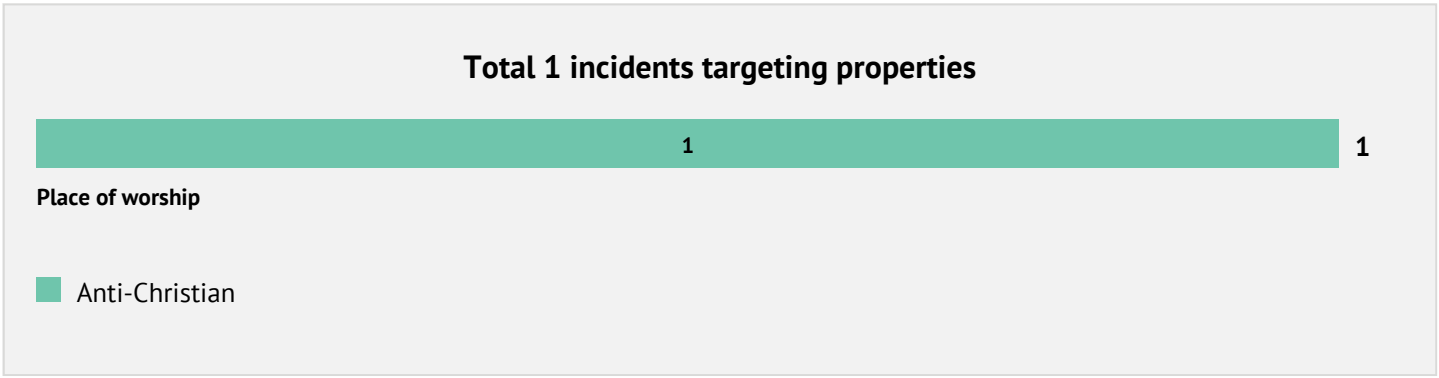
In June 2021, the **Director of Public Prosecutions** hosted a conference in which prosecutors discussed hate crimes with relevant stakeholders with the aim of better understanding the perspective of hate crime victims.

Incidents reported by civil society

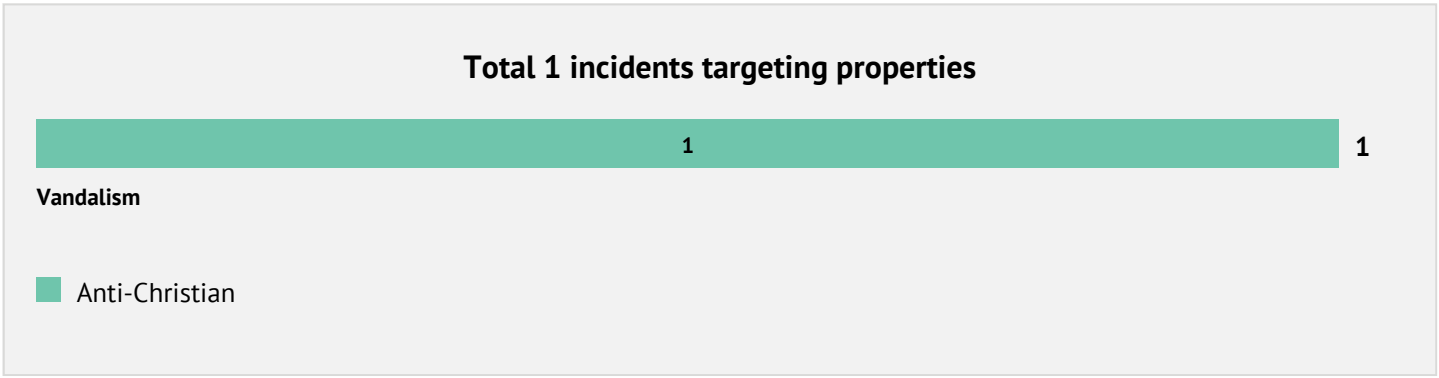


Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

Targeted properties



Type of property attack



View civil society incidents for Denmark, 2021