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Summary

Germany regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Close collaboration with civil society in the area of hate crime victim support has been established at the federal level, namely with the Weisser Ring civil society organization (CSO) and a number of specialized CSOs. The Federal Ministry of Justice and the Federal Victims' Commissioner are in regular contact with a number of victim support institutions and victims' representatives. Germany has conducted victimization surveys to measure under-reported hate crimes. The most recent report covering 2012-2017 is available here.

In 2021, ODIHR, together with Federal Ministries, organized a virtual study visit to Germany on strengthening co-operation between the Government and civil society on hate crime victim support. In 2023, the Federal Ministry of the Interior and Community of Germany, in co-operation with ODIHR and the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights, organized a hate crime data workshop to review the existing hate crime recording and data collection framework and identify gaps. Following the workshop, ODIHR and FRA prepared a report summarizing the main issues and measures to improve hate crime recording in Germany, as identified by workshop participants.

The German government funds several organizations and projects to monitor hate incidents and assist hate crime victims. These include the Competence Network Against Antisemitism (KOMPAS), which consists of five experienced civil society organizations that register anti-Semitic incidents and develop measures to prevent anti-Semitism. The government also funds the Competence Network on Hate on the Net, which advises victims of hate speech, strengthens civil society networks, and develops media literacy materials.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation



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



Official Data

Year-to-year drop in the reported figure is due to increased ability of German authorities to disaggregate data on hate crimes from those on incitement to hatred, propaganda and other similar offences. 106 Crimes motivated by bias against social status were also reported but are not presented on this page.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2014	3,059	not available	not available



Police data by bias motivation

2,039

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

Official figures record 2,053 racist and xenophobic hate crimes.

449

Hate crime against Christians and members of other religions

Official figures record 449 crimes based on bias against religion.

413

Anti-Semitic hate crime

Official figures record 413 anti-Semitic crimes.

129

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

Official figures record 129 crimes based on bias against sexual orientation.

15

Disability hate crime

Official figures record 15 crimes based on bias against people with disabilities.



Police data by type of crime

1,472

Unspecified

679

Physical assault

This category includes causing bodily injury, sexual offences, offences involving use of explosives and extortion.

586

Damage to property

244

Threats/ threatening behaviour

30

Disturbance of the peace

This category includes breaching the public peace, dangerous disruption of transport, and resisting public authority.

13

Desecration of graves

9

Arson

8

Theft/ robbery

This category consists of cases of robberies.

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Homicide

This category includes also attempted murders.



Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

View civil society incidents for Germany, 2014

