

Iceland Hate Crime Report 2020

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Summary

Iceland regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. In 2017, Iceland implemented ODIHR's Training Against Hate Crime for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) and Prosecutors and Hate Crimes Training (PAHCT) programmes. Refresher TAHCLE and PAHCT train the trainer workshops were delivered by ODIHR in 2024.

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ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes Iceland's efforts in conducting a victimization survey addressing hate crime. However, based on the available information, it observes that Iceland's hate crime recording and statistics do not sufficiently distinguish hate crimes from other crimes. In addition, ODIHR observes that Iceland would benefit from ensuring that hate crimes are addressed in a comprehensive manner, including by introducing a coordination mechanism.

Official Data

In addition, one case of hate speech was reported by the prosecution. This incident is not included here as hate speech falls outside of the OSCE's definition of a hate crime.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2020	4	0	0

Police data by bias motivation

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Racist and xenophobic hate crime

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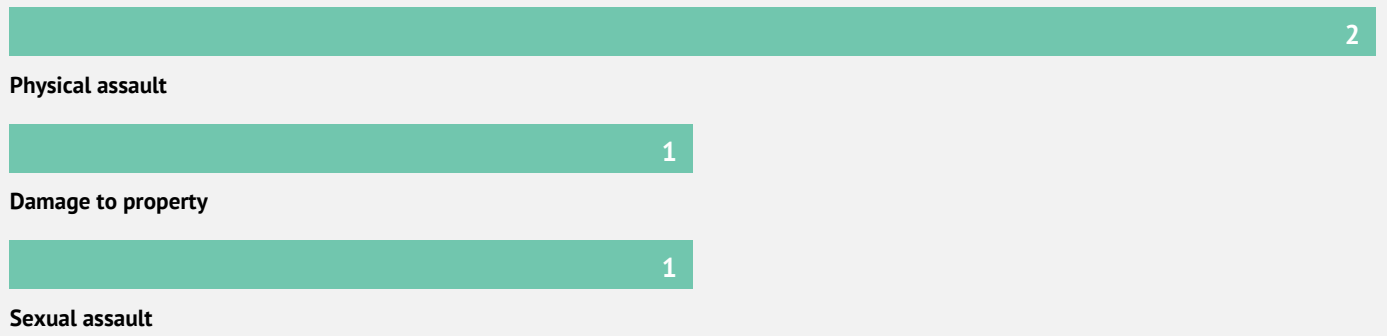
Anti-LGBTI hate crime

The one case reported under this category involves bias based on gender identity.

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Anti-Semitic hate crime

Police data by type of crime



Incidents reported by civil society

Total 1 incidents



Anti-Christian hate crime

Attacks against property

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

Total 1 incidents targeting properties



Place of worship

■ Anti-Christian hate crime

Type of property attack

Total 1 incidents targeting properties



Vandalism

■ Anti-Christian hate crime

[View civil society incidents for Iceland, 2020](#)