

Ireland Hate Crime Report 2018

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2018 Hate Crime Report.

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For more information about ODIHR's Hate Crime Report, visit: hatecrime.osce.org/our-methodology

Summary

Ireland regularly submits hate crime data to ODIHR. Ireland's annual hate crime statistics can be accessed [here](#).

The [Diversity and Integration Strategy 2019-2021](#) of the National Police Force addresses the police response to hate crime. The Strategy's implementation is monitored by the National Diversity Forum, established in 2020 and comprising civil society and community groups. The police works closely with civil society to address hate crimes targeting Roma and Travellers, migrants and LGBTI persons, as well as in relation to hate crime training and hate crime investigations.

In July 2021, the Garda launched an online hate crime reporting system. In February 2020, Ireland co-organized with ODIHR and the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights a workshop on understanding and improving hate crime recording and data collection. Based on ODIHR's Information Against Hate Crimes Toolkit ([INFAHCT](#)) programme, the workshop resulted in a number of recommendations for relevant state authorities.

In April 2022, the Garda took part in ODIHR's Online [Training on Sensitive and Respectful Treatment of Hate Crime Victims](#). Also in 2022, a comprehensive and mandatory Online Hate Crime Training Programme for Garda officers was launched.

In 2023, the Garda formalized the reporting process between civil society and the Garda National Diversity Unit to facilitate reporting and reduce under-reporting of hate crimes.

[Hate crime data collection in Ireland](#)

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

[Hate crime capacity building in Ireland](#)

[Ireland's hate crime legislation](#)

ODIHR's Key Observation

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

Official Data

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2018	368	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation

192

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

75

Unspecified

This category includes 36 ageist and 39 "anti-Traveller" hate crimes.

42

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

This category includes 37 homophobic and five transphobic hate crimes.

24

Gender-based hate crime

15

Anti-Muslim hate crime

11

Disability hate crime

6

Anti-Christian hate crime

This was reported as "sectarian" hate crime.

2

Anti-Roma hate crime

1

Anti-Semitic hate crime

Police data by type of crime

368

n/a

National Developments

In 2018, consultation began with stakeholders from diverse and minority backgrounds, academics, civil society and government agencies to develop a new working definition of hate crime for the police. This concluded in 2019 with a new *Garda Diversity and Integration Strategy, 2019-2021*.

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

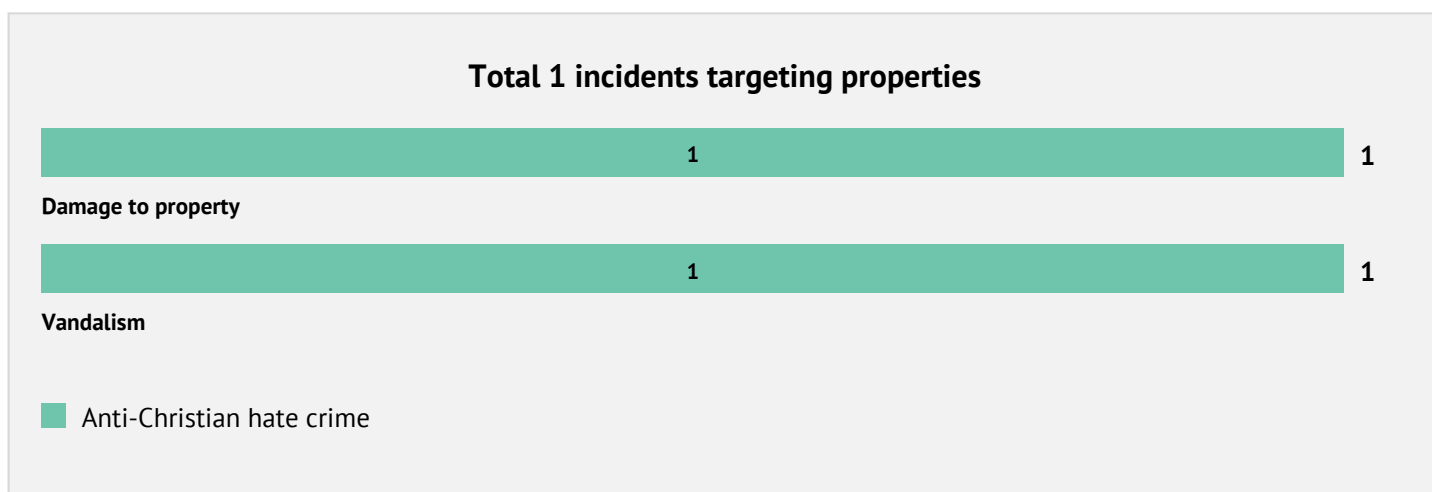
Total 1 incidents targeting properties



Place of worship

■ Anti-Christian hate crime

Type of property attack



[View civil society incidents for Ireland, 2018](#)