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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2014 Hate Crime Report.
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Summary

The Netherlands regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Police and prosecution statistics are published annually. A victimization survey is conducted by the Central Bureau of Statistics every two years and the results are published here.

A National Co-ordinator against Discrimination and Racism, appointed in October 2021, is tasked with ensuring a comprehensive approach to countering discrimination and hate crime, in co-operation with civil society organizations (CSOs). A State Commission against Discrimination and Racism is tasked with conducting research into discrimination and racism, including hate crimes.

The Ministry of the Interior (MoI) regularly consults CSOs on anti-discrimination policies. In particular, the MoI has entered into a formal co-operation agreement with the CSO Discriminatie.nl, which monitors discrimination in the Netherlands.

Hate crime data collection in the Netherlands
Support for hate crime victims in the Netherlands
Hate crime capacity building in the Netherlands
The Netherlands's hate crime legislation

ODIHR's Key Observation

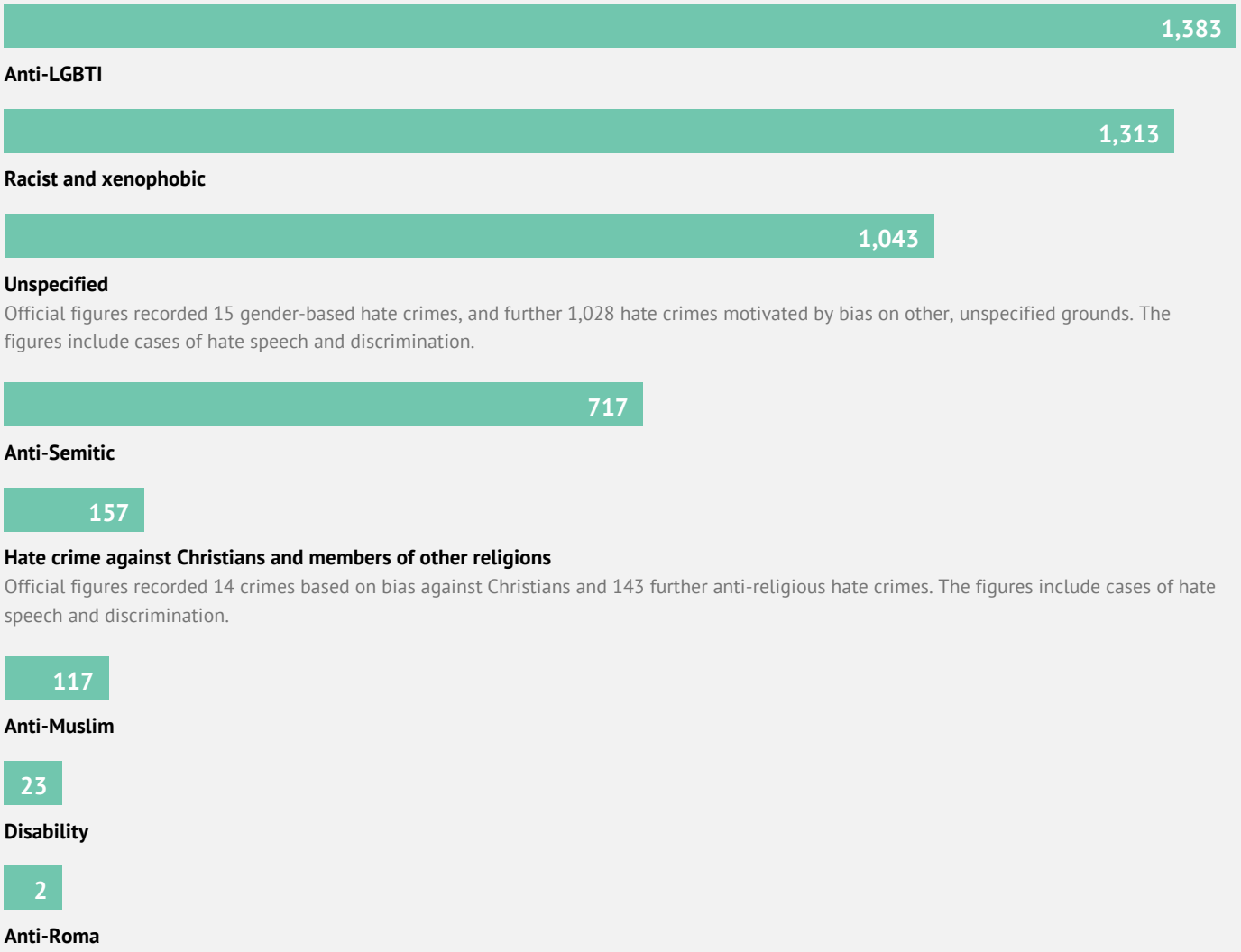
ODIHR observes that the Netherlands has not reported on cases of hate crimes separately from cases of hate speech and/or discrimination.

Official Data

Figures reported to ODIHR and presented here include hate speech and discrimination offences (or "basic forms of discrimination") as well as hate crimes ("common offences with a discriminatory motive"). Where multiple biases are registered in an offence, each of them is reported individually in the breakdown below.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2014	5,721	133	87

Police data by bias motivation



Official figures recorded 15 gender-based hate crimes, and further 1,028 hate crimes motivated by bias on other, unspecified grounds. The figures include cases of hate speech and discrimination.

Official figures recorded 14 crimes based on bias against Christians and 143 further anti-religious hate crimes. The figures include cases of hate speech and discrimination.

Police data by type of crime



n/a

National Developments

The Netherlands launched a 4-year awareness campaign to encourage victims of discrimination and hate crimes to report incidents to the authorities. As part of the campaign, the development of a tool to facilitate citizens' reporting is foreseen.

Dialogue has been launched between the local councils, police and the prosecutor's office, on the possibility to institutionalize co-operation when dealing with cases of discrimination and hate crimes. The possibility of standardizing procedures through the adoption of guidelines and the establishment of regional consultative platforms has been considered.

The NGO **Anne Frank House** has been granted direct access to the Police database of crime reports, in order to identify hate crimes and other discriminatory crimes and publicize this information. The resulting annual Monitoring Report thus provides an authoritative overview of hate crimes recorded by the Police.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

View civil society incidents for Netherlands, 2014