

Netherlands Hate Crime Report 2019

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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](#).

The Netherlands' Criminal Code contains no hate crime provisions, and hate crimes are addressed as "criminal offences with a discriminatory aspect". The Public Prosecution Service provides guidance on investigating and prosecuting such offences ([Aanwijzing Discriminatie](#)), including on prioritising discrimination offences.

In October 2021, the Netherlands appointed a National Coordinator against Discrimination and Racism to ensure a comprehensive approach to countering discrimination and hate crime, including with the involvement of civil society.

In May 2022, a new State Commission against Discrimination and Racism (State Commission) was tasked with conducting research into discrimination and racism, including hate crimes.

The Ministry of the Interior (Mol) regularly consults civil society organizations (CSOs) on anti-discrimination policies. In particular, the Mol 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 have not reported on cases of hate crimes separately from cases of hate speech or discrimination.

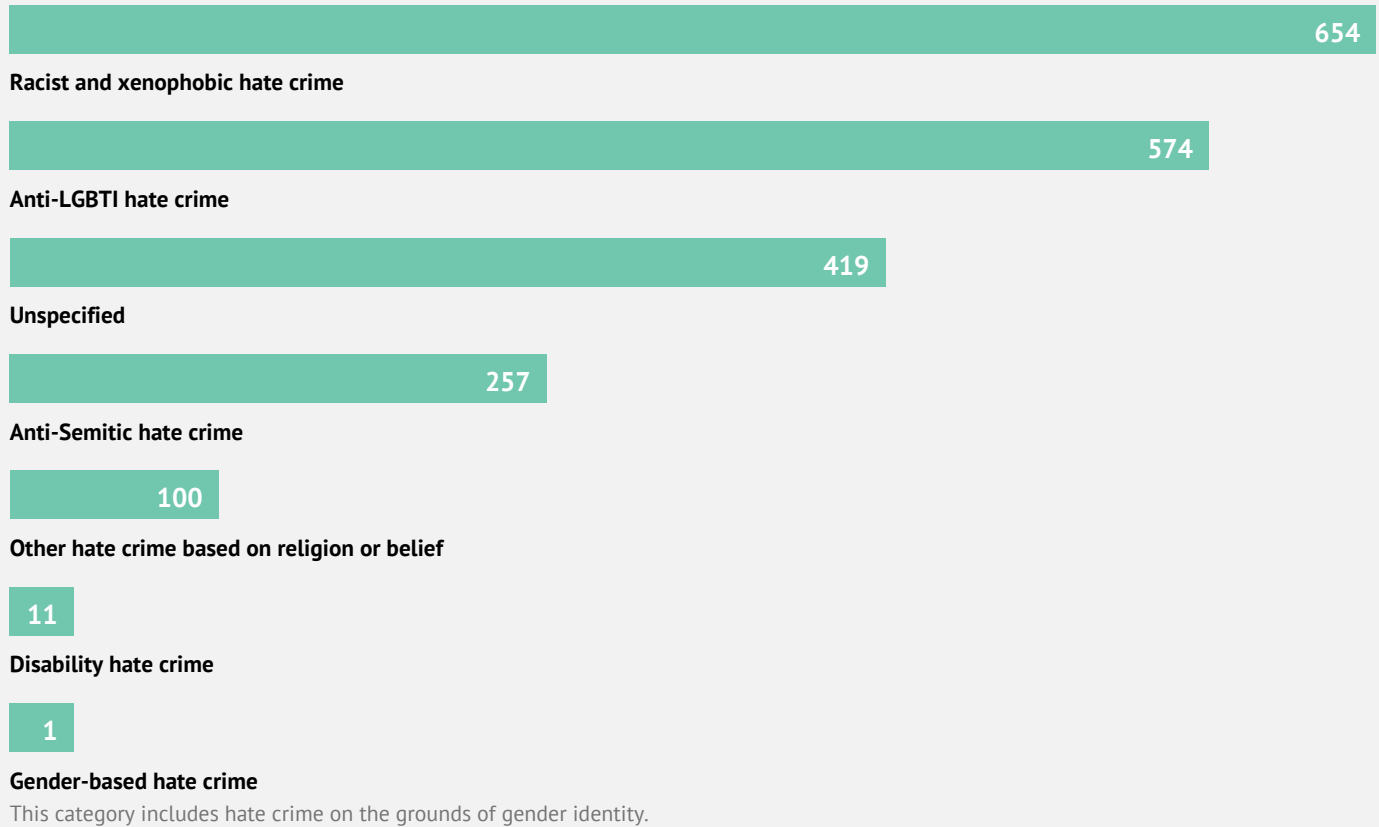
Official Data

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. Data from prosecutors and courts refer to the "discriminatory facts" found in incidents, rather than the number of incidents.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2019	2,016	343	not available

Police data by bias motivation

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Police data by type of crime

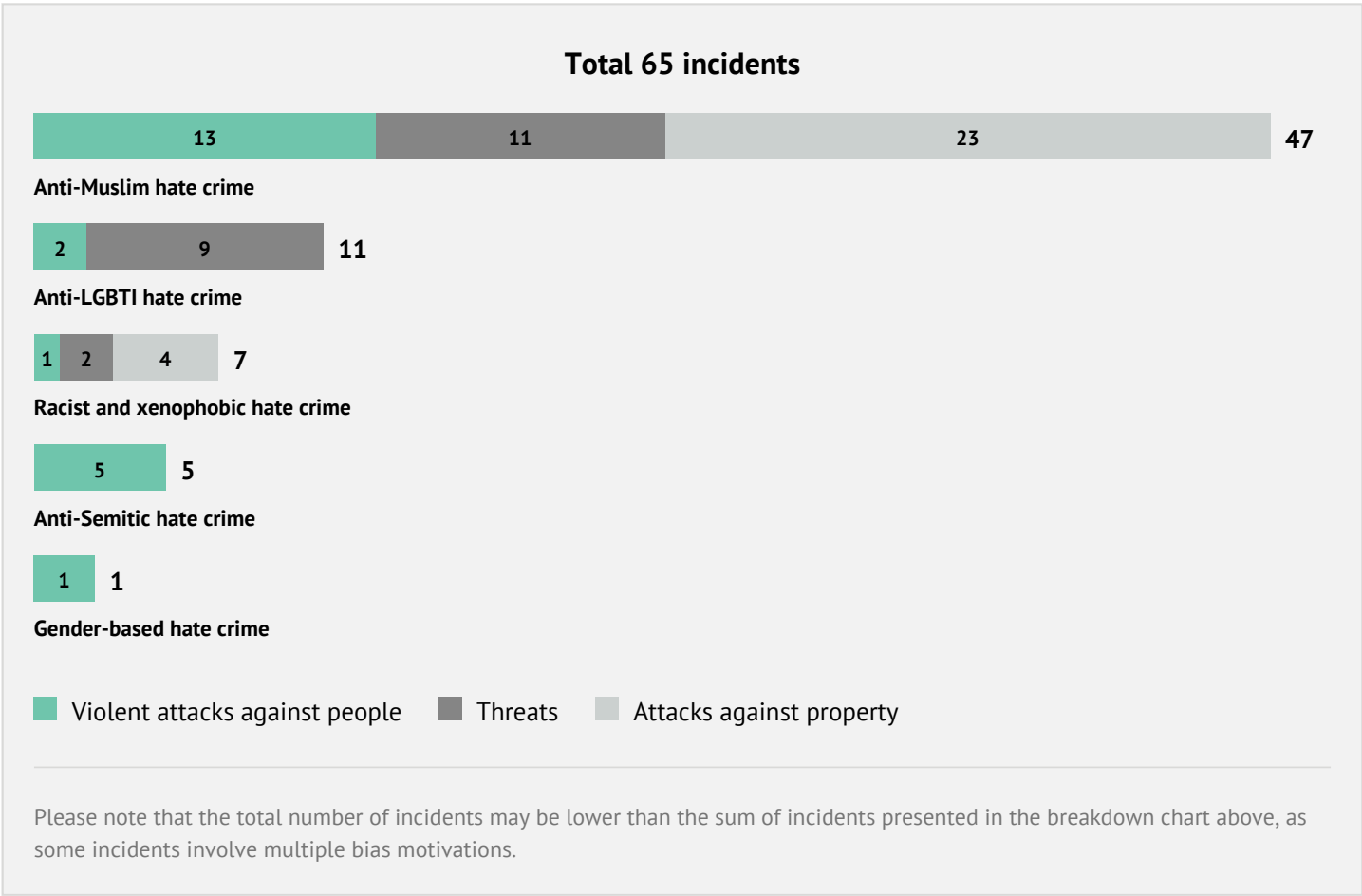
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	2,016
Unspecified	

National Developments

In 2019, the police changed their registration of discrimination incidents, discontinuing the previously used distinction between regular acts of discrimination and those targeting employees with public duties (such as police officers). As a result, data from 2018 and 2019 cannot be compared. In addition, in 2019, the subcategories of race and religion were no longer registered, meaning that data regarding bias against Roma and Sinti and Muslims are not available for 2019.

Incidents reported by civil society



Kantor Center reported only statistical data. This explains the discrepancy between the graphic above and the incidents included below.

Targeted properties

Total 31 incidents targeting properties



Place of worship

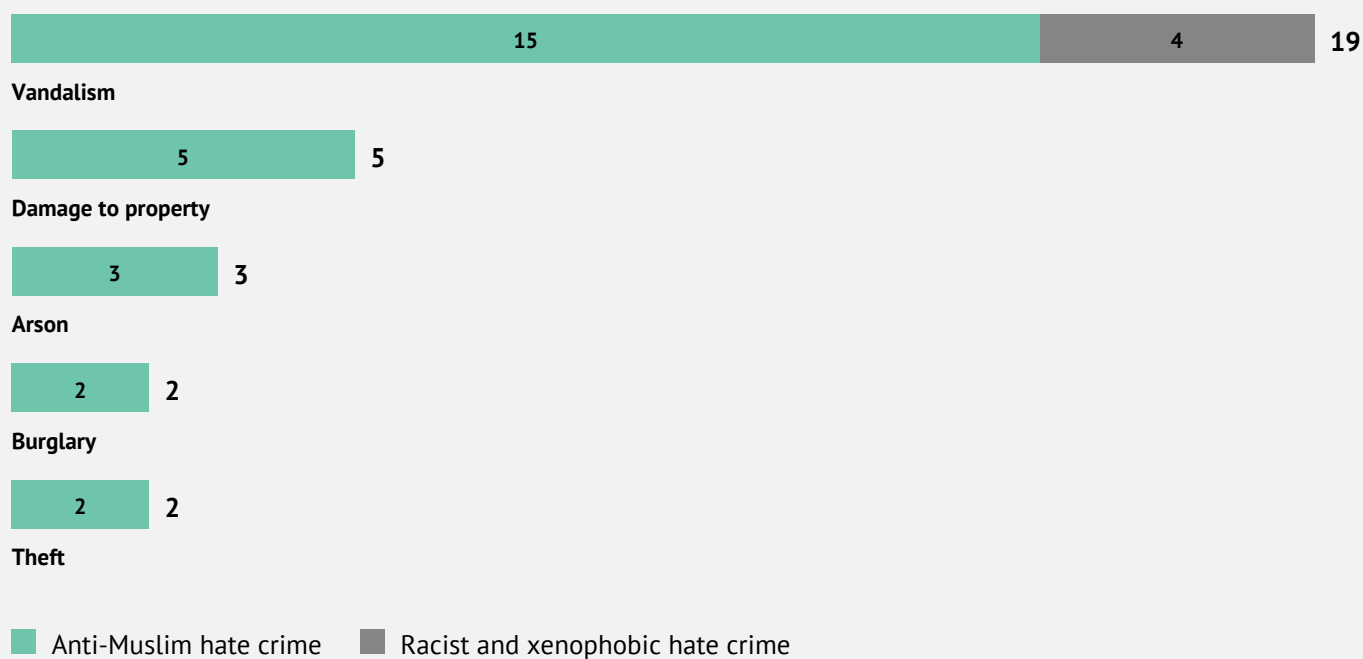


Public Space

■ Anti-Muslim hate crime ■ Racist and xenophobic hate crime

Type of property attack

Total 31 incidents targeting properties



[View civil society incidents for Netherlands, 2019](#)