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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2025 Hate Crime Report.
For more information, including on previous years' reporting, please visit: hatecrime.osce.org/norway

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

2025

Summary

Norway regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. In 2021, the Norway Police established a National Expertise Group on Hate Crime. The Group is part of the Oslo Police District and is a reinforcement of the Oslo Police District's Hate Crime Unit. The mandate of the Group is to build the capacities of the regional police districts through training and guidance and, if necessary, to provide assistance in specific cases.

The Attorney General's Annual Circular, which sets out the annual goals and priorities for the police and prosecution services, has consistently included hate crime as a priority area for more than 20 years. This means that hate crime cases, regardless of the severity, are given priority and cannot be dismissed due to capacity or other reasons within police districts.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes Norway's efforts to analyse the collected hate crime data, including in relation to online hate crimes. In addition, ODIHR observes that Norway would benefit from ensuring that hate crimes are addressed in a comprehensive manner, including by introducing an inter-agency co-ordination mechanism.

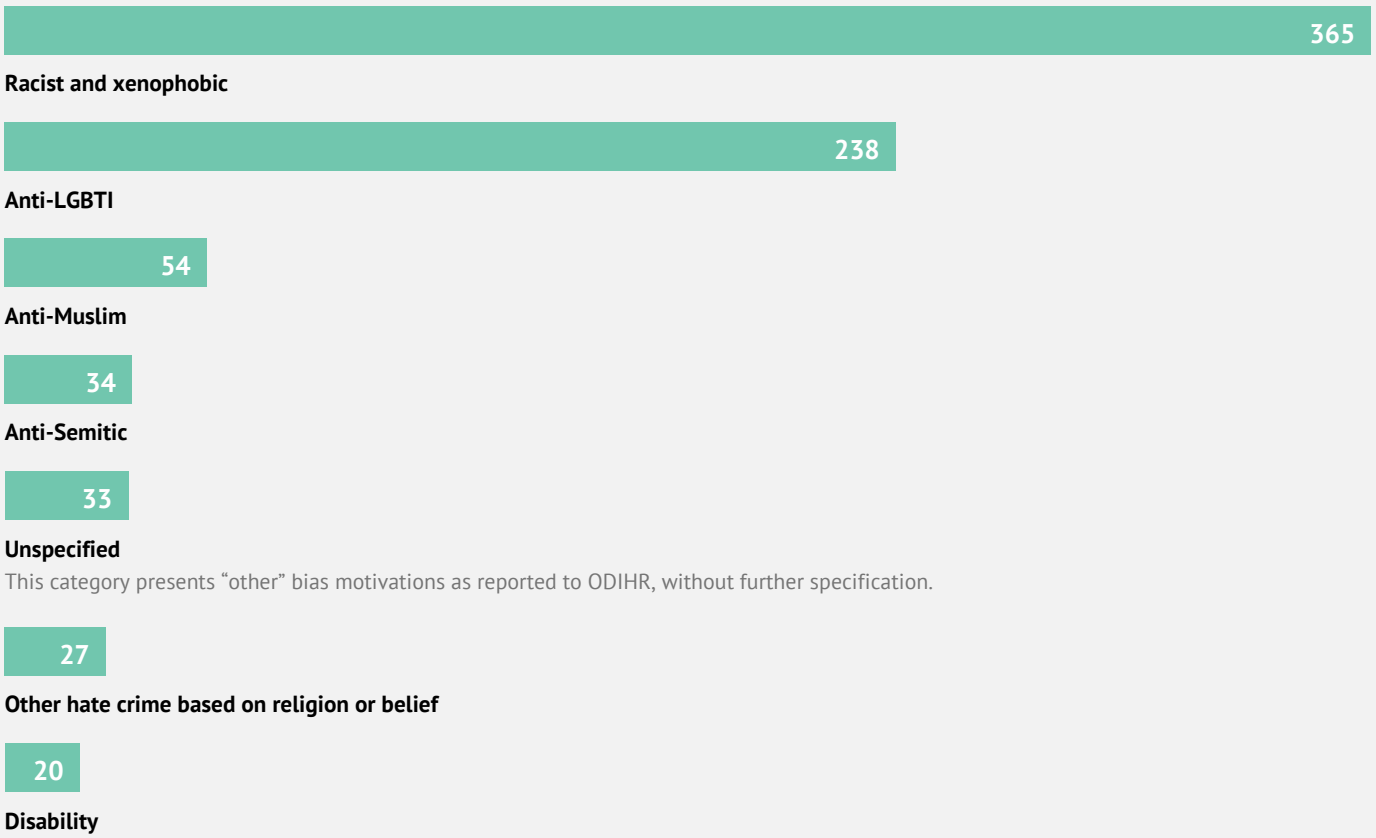
Official Data

The figures presented above exclude incidents of hate speech and discrimination, which were also reported but fall outside the OSCE hate crime definition. The prosecution figure is based on the numbers of cases in which suspects were charged with an offence. The sentencing figure includes all types of resolutions, excluding cases of acquittal and where the charges were dismissed.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2025	662	268	160

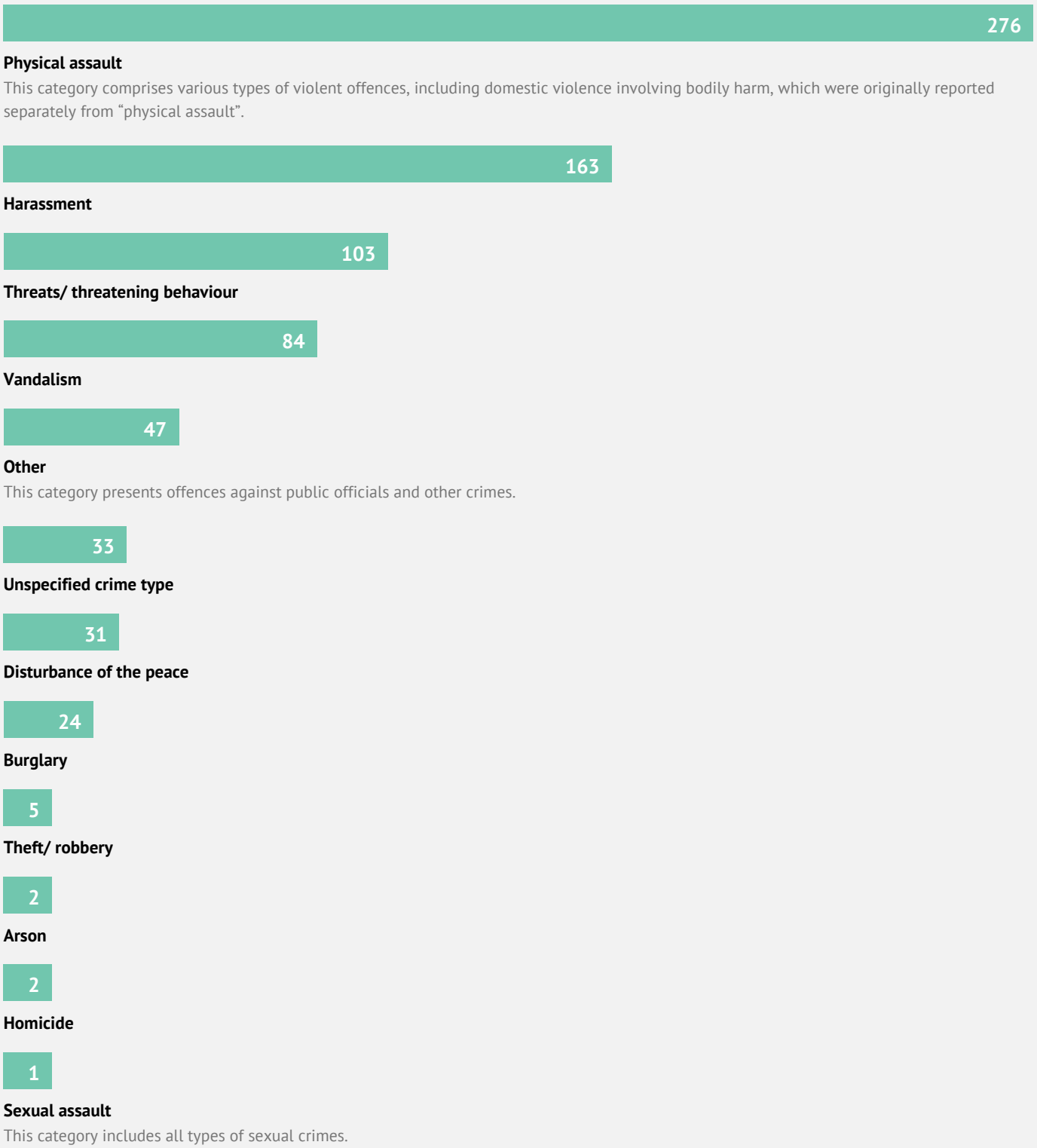
Police data by bias motivation

The breakdown below excludes offences of discrimination and hate speech, which fall outside the OSCE hate crime definition.



Police data by type of crime

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National Developments

This category presents “other” bias motivations as reported to ODIHR, without further specification.

Incidents reported by civil society

For 2025, ODIHR received reports of hate incidents in Norway from the European Association of Jehovah's Witnesses.

To learn more about the organizations that report hate incidents to ODIHR, visit the Contributors page.

Individual incidents submitted by CSOs have been analysed by ODIHR. Those that are broadly considered to be hate crimes within the OSCE definition (criminal offence committed with a bias motive) are listed in the tables below according to the bias motivation category. Some incidents involved multiple biases and may be listed in multiple categories.

ODIHR's insights

For 2025, ODIHR received reports of nine hate incidents in Norway targeting 19 victims in the anti-Christian bias motivation category. ODIHR observes that a low number of incidents were reported in Norway for 2025.

ODIHR observes that all reports involved incidents targeting the Jehovah's Witness community in Norway, with the majority of incidents involving threats against Jehovah's Witnesses engaged in door-to-door preaching, as well as acts of vandalism targeting Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Halls.

It should be noted that ODIHR did **not** receive any reporting on Norway related to anti-LGBTI, anti-Muslim, anti-Roma, anti-Semitic, disability, gender-based, racist and xenophobic, or other hate incidents based on religion or belief. This indicates potential gaps in the information reported here.
Please note that incidents reported here are based on voluntary civil society submissions and as such do not reflect the actual number of incidents or the most targeted communities in Norway.

To address under-reporting, ODIHR encourages any civil society organizations or groups that monitor hate incidents to report these to ODIHR at hatecrimereport@odihr.pl.

To export an Excel sheet with summaries of all incidents from Norway click here.

View civil society incidents for Norway, 2025