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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2011 Hate Crime Report.
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Summary

Poland regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Several public bodies – including the Police and the Prosecutor's Office – are involved in hate crime monitoring and/or data collection. Hate crime data are regularly published.

There is a high degree of hate crime specialization in both police and prosecutor structures. More than 100 specialist hate crime prosecutors have been appointed, and a network of hate crime co-ordinators was established within the police in 2014. In 2015, following a request by the lower house of parliament, ODIHR provided a legislative review of proposed changes to the Criminal Code of Poland, including hate crime provisions.

In 2023, Polish police participated in a three-day train-the-trainer workshop as part of ODIHR's Training Against Hate Crime for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE). In 2018, the Ministry of the Interior, ODIHR and the EU Fundamental Rights Agency co-organized a workshop on understanding and improving hate crime recording and data collection based on ODIHR's Information Against Hate Crimes Toolkit (INFAHCT) programme. In 2019, ODIHR co-operated with the Commissioner for Human Rights in Poland to issue a report on the nature and scale of unreported hate crimes against members of selected communities in Poland. In 2016, Polish prosecutors participated in a three-day train-the-trainer workshop as part of ODIHR's Prosecutors and Hate Crime (PAHCT) programme.

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

Official Data

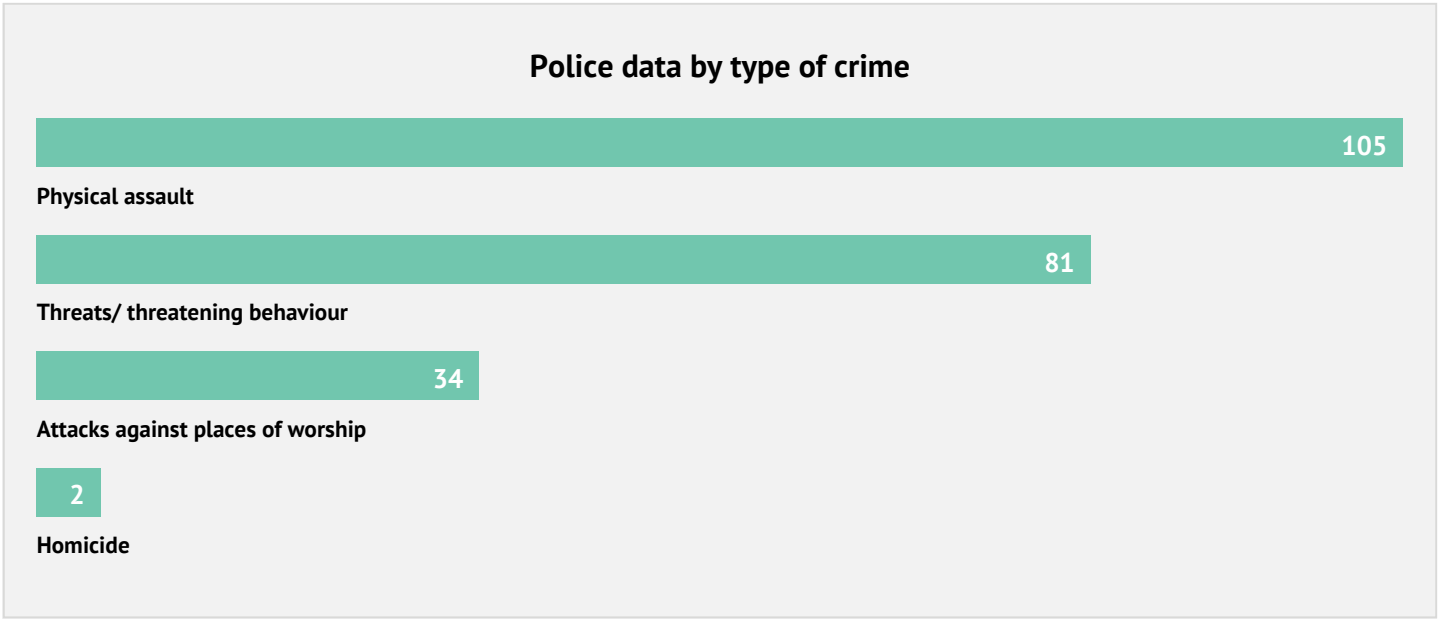
Figures include crimes of incitement to hatred.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2011	222	43	24

Police data by bias motivation

222

Unspecified


Police data by type of crime
105
Physical assault
81
Threats/ threatening behaviour
34
Attacks against places of worship
2
Homicide

National Developments

Poland continued with the implementation of ODIHR's law-enforcement training programme on hate crimes, resulting in a total of 115 expert trainers on hate crime by the end of 2011. Local training sessions on hate crimes also continued, bringing the total number of police officers trained on hate crimes to 38,000. These also included the national launch and distribution to police officers of leaflets on hate crime and common hate symbols.

On the basis of an audit review concerning criminal cases based on racism or xenophobia, the Preparatory Proceedings Office of **General Prosecutor's Office** conducted an analysis of hate crimes and outlined methodological guidelines for prosecutors who lead or supervise preparatory proceedings in hate crime cases. This analysis was sent to all appeals prosecutor's offices with a request to further distribute it to subordinate prosecution units.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

View civil society incidents for Poland, 2011