

Ukraine Hate Crime Report 2015

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Summary

Ukraine regularly submits data on hate crimes to ODIHR. In 2019, the National Police of Ukraine and the Ministry of Internal Affairs worked with ODIHR to publish an information booklet on [Categorizing and Investigating Hate Crimes in Ukraine: A Practical Guide](#). Ukraine's National Human Rights Strategy includes an objective to "create a system for preventing, combating, documenting and investigating hate crimes". In 2020, a working group co-ordinated by the Human Rights Commissioner of the Ukrainian Parliament was created to improve hate crime recording procedures.

[Hate crime data collection in Ukraine](#)

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ODIHR's Key Observation

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

Official Data

Reported figures include number of cases of violation of equality (art. 161 of the Criminal Code), which may have included violence.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2015	157	79	3

Police data by bias motivation

94

Hate crime against Christians and members of other religions

Official figures recorded 94 crimes motivated by anti-religious bias.

31

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

Official figures recorded 31 racist hate crimes.

18

Anti-Semitic hate crime

Official figures recorded 18 anti-Semitic hate crimes.

9

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

Official figures recorded nine crimes based on bias against LGBT people.

3

Anti-Roma hate crime

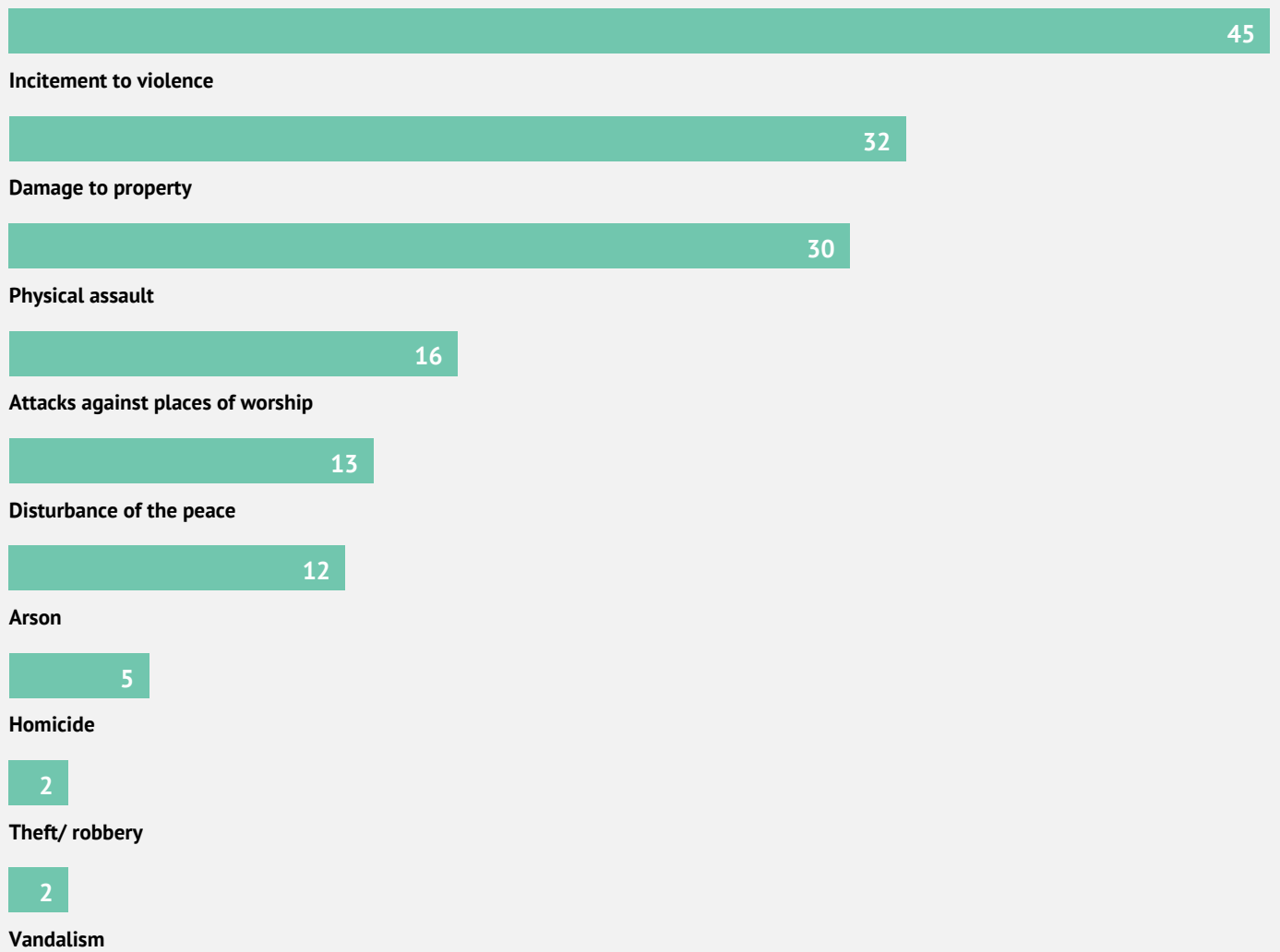
Official figures recorded three crimes motivated by bias against Roma and Sinti.

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Disability hate crime

Official figures recorded two crimes motivated by disability bias.

Police data by type of crime



National Developments

The **National Police of Ukraine** instituted a number of measures to improve efficiency in recording and investigating hate crimes in 2015. The main investigation department of the **National Police** issued an instruction, "on the provision of information concerning the investigation of criminal offenses committed on the grounds of racial, ethnic or religious intolerance." According to this instruction, individual employees who supervise the investigation of these criminal cases were assigned to the investigation departments of the National Police at the regional level, and are also to inform the main investigation department of the results of their investigations.

An employee of the main investigation department of the **National Police** was assigned to monitor the unified register of pre-trial investigations on the progress and results of investigations of criminal proceedings initiated on the basis of racial, ethnic or religious intolerance, as well as the analysis and verification of information on hate crimes which appear in mass media.

Specialists from the main investigation department of the **National Police**, in co-operation with representatives from the **Lviv State University of Internal Affairs**, developed recommendations on the "peculiarities of investigating crimes committed by bias motive," aimed at improving the skills of investigative units addressing these crimes.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

[View civil society incidents for Ukraine, 2015](#)