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# HATE CRIME REPORTING

# Germany Hate Crime Report 2016

**Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2016 Hate Crime Report.**
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**For more information about ODIHR's Hate Crime Report, visit: hatecrime.osce.org/our-methodology**

## Summary

Germany regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Close collaboration with civil society in the area of hate crime victim support has been established at the level of federal states, namely with the Weisser Ring civil society organization (CSO) and a number of specialized CSOs. The Federal Ministry of Justice and the Federal Victims' Commissioner are in regular contact with a number of victim support institutions and victims' representatives. Germany has conducted victimization surveys to measure under-reported hate crimes. The most recent report covering 2012-2017 is available here.

In 2021, ODIHR, together with Federal Ministries, organized a virtual study visit to Germany on strengthening co-operation between the Government and civil society on hate crime victim support.

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

## ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that Germany has not reported the numbers of prosecuted and/or information on sentenced hate crime cases to ODIHR.

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# Official Data

The year-to-year increase in numbers is due to a modification in the data collection method.

| Year | Hate crimes recorded by police | Prosecuted | Sentenced |
|:----:|:------------------------------:|:----------:|:---------:|
| 2016 | 3,598 | not available | not available |

# Police data by bias motivation

**2,846**

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

**430**

Other hate crime based on religion or belief

**185**

Anti-Semitic hate crime

**123**

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

**14**

Disability hate crime

# Police data by type of crime

**1,551**

**Physical assault**

**1,311**

**Damage to property**
This category also includes cases of vandalism.

**522**

**Threats/ threatening behaviour**

**102**
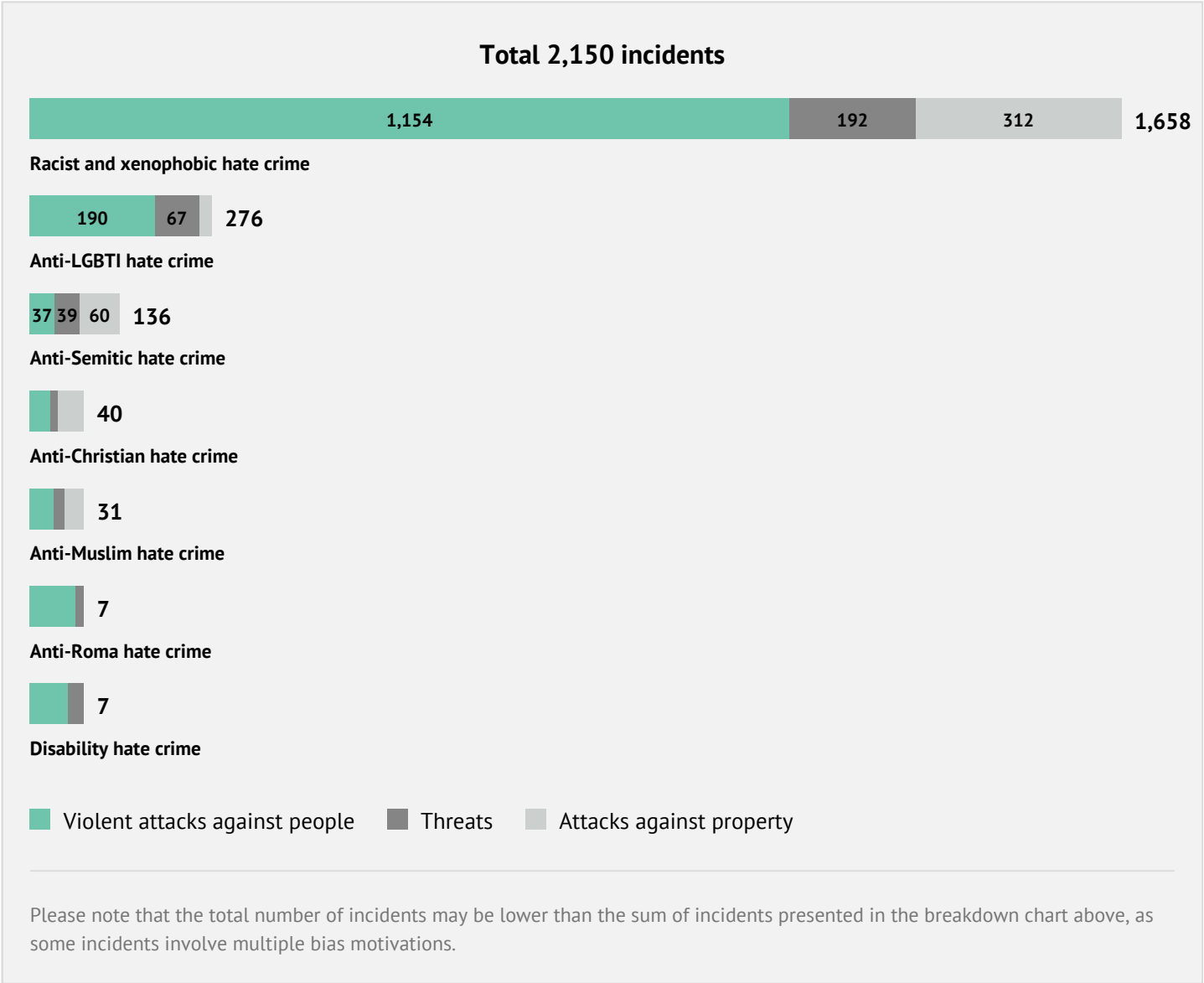
**Arson**

**78**

**Theft/ robbery**

**26**

**Homicide**

**8**

**Desecration of graves**

# Incidents reported by civil society

## Total 2,150 incidents

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1,154 | 192 | 312 | 1,658 |

**Racist and xenophobic hate crime**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 190 | 67 | | 276 |

**Anti-LGBTI hate crime**

| | | | |
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| 37 | 39 | 60 | 136 |

**Anti-Semitic hate crime**

40

**Anti-Christian hate crime**

31

**Anti-Muslim hate crime**

7

**Anti-Roma hate crime**

7

**Disability hate crime**

◼ Violent attacks against people    ◼ Threats    ◼ Attacks against property

Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

The VBRG and the Amadeu Antonio Foundation reported statistical data. To avoid duplication, only Amadeu Antonio Foundation data concerning regions that are not covered by the VBRG were included. This explains the discrepancy between the graphic above and the incidents included below.

**View civil society incidents for Germany, 2016**