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The Netherlands, population 17 million, in dark green. Credit: Wikimedia Commons.



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An estimated 0.2 percent of the Dutch population are Jews, out of a total population of 17 million.

Of 60-plus criminal cases of anti-Semitism in 2017, including intimidation, assault, incitement to violence and vandalism, more than two-thirds revolved around soccer, and Amsterdam's Ajax team specifically, which rival fans and supporters call "Jews."

Among 117 cases of vandalism, 28 incidents involved anti-Semitism, representing a 20-year high and a 40 percent increase over 2016.

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