

North Macedonia Hate Crime Report 2020

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Summary

North Macedonia regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. North Macedonia implemented ODIHR's Training Against Hate Crimes for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) Programme in 2014, training more than 2,000 police officers under the programme by 2018. Following changes to the hate crime provisions in 2018, a refresher training-of-trainers session for police was conducted by ODIHR in December 2021. North Macedonia implemented ODIHR's Prosecutors and Hate Crime Training (PAHCT) programme in 2019, and in 2022 completed a training on hate crimes for the judiciary together with the OSCE Mission to Skopje.

[Hate crime data collection in North Macedonia](#)

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ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes North Macedonia's efforts in building the capacities of prosecutors in prosecuting hate crimes effectively. However, based on the available information, it observes that the law enforcement agencies of North Macedonia have not recorded the bias motivations behind hate crimes. In addition, ODIHR observes that North Macedonia would benefit from raising the awareness and building the capacity of its police in relation to hate crimes.

Official Data

Figures include cases of incitement to hatred, threats and attacks due to political affiliation, which may fall outside of the OSCE's hate crime definition.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2020	29	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation

The records below may include hate speech cases that fall outside of the OSCE's definition of hate crime. Detailed data on bias motivations are not available.

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Racist and xenophobic hate crime

The records under "unspecified" represent offences of Endangering security (Article 144 § 2 of the Criminal Code).

Police data by type of crime

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11

Unspecified

1

Damage to property

1

Incitement to violence

Incidents reported by civil society

Total 103 incidents



Racist and xenophobic hate crime



Anti-Roma hate crime



Anti-LGBTI hate crime



Anti-Christian hate crime



Disability hate crime



Other hate crime based on religion or belief

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.