

Estonia Hate Crime Report 2016

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Summary

Estonia reported hate crime data to ODIHR for the 2022 Hate Crime Report.

The Ministry of Justice is responsible for collecting hate crime data. The main strategy that addresses hate crime is the "Internal security development plan 2020-2030 (Siseturvalisuse arengukava 2020–2030)."

The Estonian Human Rights Centre, a major civil society organization (CSO) working on hate crimes in Estonia, is engaged in raising awareness, co-operation between CSOs and the state, and lobbying for more effective laws and policies.

In 2017, ODIHR organized a workshop on understanding and improving hate crime recording and data collection and also implemented its Training against Hate Crimes for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) programme in Estonia. In 2022, ODIHR organized an online workshop to assess national structures and services for hate crime victim support in Estonia, which resulted in a number of recommendations issued to the Estonian authorities.

[Hate crime data collection in Estonia](#)

[Support for hate crime victims in Estonia](#)

[Hate crime capacity building in Estonia](#)

[Estonia's hate crime legislation](#)

ODIHR's Key Observation

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

Official Data

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2016	15	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation

10

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

This category includes hate crime motivated by bias on the grounds of race and origin. It also includes anti-religious hate crime.

4

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

1

Disability hate crime

Disability hate crime is monitored under "other" hate crime category, along with hate crime targeting "other social groups".

Police data by type of crime

10

Disturbance of the peace

This category includes an aggravated form of breach of public order.

3

Physical assault

1

Threats/ threatening behaviour

1

Unspecified

This category includes the crime of cruel treatment of animals.

National Developments

A non-binding instruction for police and prosecutors on hate crime investigations was issued by the Ministry of Justice.

Incidents reported by civil society

Total 1 incidents



Racist and xenophobic hate crime

Violent attacks against people

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.

[View civil society incidents for Estonia, 2016](#)