

Finland Hate Crime Report 2013

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Summary

Finland regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Finland has conducted victimization surveys to measure unreported hate crimes. The Finnish police closely co-operates with the Finnish Human Rights League, the Finnish Red Cross and Finnish Victim Support to develop a co-ordinated response to combat hate crimes. These organizations, along with the national police and other key authorities, form a network tasked by Finland's Ministry of Justice with monitoring hate crimes in Finland and developing adequate measures to prevent such crimes. Finland implemented ODIHR's Training Against Hate Crimes for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) programme in 2017 and went on to train over 1,000 police officers on hate crimes before integrating the programme's hate crime modules into pre- and in-service training for police.

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ODIHR's Key Observation

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

Official Data

The police also records criminal forms of intolerance other than hate crimes, such as defamation, other hate speech offences and criminal discrimination. These data are reported to ODIHR but are not included in the overall figure or in the breakdown below. Prosecution and sentencing data reported to ODIHR only consist of crimes of ethnic agitation, aggravated ethnic agitation, discrimination, work discrimination and extortionate discrimination, and are not, therefore, included in the overall figure.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2013	904	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation

806

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

Official figures record 806 racist and xenophobic hate crimes. Of these, 513 were physical assaults including three attempted murders, 110 cases of damage to property/vandalism, 96 cases of threats, 37 cases of disturbance of the peace and 50 other crimes.

58

Hate crime against Christians and members of other religions

Finland reported 58 anti-religious crimes, including 17 physical assaults, 20 cases of damage to property/vandalism, ten cases of threats, eight cases of disturbance of domestic peace and three other crimes.

35

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

Official law-enforcement figures recorded 35 hate crimes, including 26 physical assaults based on bias against LGBT, six cases of disturbance of the peace, two cases of damage to property and one case of threats.

5

Disability hate crime

Official law-enforcement figures recorded five cases of crimes based on bias towards people with disabilities including a physical assault, one case of damage to property and three cases of threats.

Police data by type of crime

557

Physical assault

This category includes also attempted assaults and attempted homicides.

133

Damage to property

Category 'damage to property' includes 'vandalism'.

110

Threats/ threatening behaviour

104

Unspecified

This category includes "disturbance of peace" and other types of crimes.

National Developments

In spring 2013 the **Ministry of the Interior's Committee for Monitoring on Discrimination** published a study on access to justice that includes data about the effectiveness of redress mechanisms in discrimination (including hate crime) cases. The study noted some difficulties faced by the persons vulnerable to discrimination when identifying and using the appropriate redress mechanisms. The victims interviewed for the study were, however, prepared to file a new complaint in case of another incident.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

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