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HATE CRIME REPORTING

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Summary

Finland regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR, and has conducted victimization surveys to measure unreported hate crime incidents. The Finnish police closely co-operate 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 effective preventative measures.

In 2017, Finland implemented ODIHR's Training Against Hate Crimes for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) programme, training over 1,000 police officers. The programme's hate crime modules have since been integrated into pre- and in-service training for police.

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

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



Racist and xenophobic



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.



Anti-LGBTI



Disability

Police data by type of crime



Physical assault

This category includes also attempted assaults and attempted homicides.



Damage to property

Category ‘damage to property’ includes ‘vandalism’.



Threats/ threatening behaviour



Unspecified crime type

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.

View civil society incidents for Finland, 2013