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2024

Summary

Latvia last reported hate crime data to ODIHR for the 2016 Hate Crime Report. Latvia implemented ODIHR's Training Against Hate Crime for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) programme in 2015.

[Hate crime data collection in Latvia](#)

[Latvia's hate crime legislation](#)

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that Latvia has not reported information and statistics on hate crimes to ODIHR since 2016. ODIHR observes that Latvia has not nominated a National Point of Contact on hate crimes. In addition, ODIHR observes that Latvia would benefit from reviewing its existing legal framework in order to ensure that bias motivation can be effectively acknowledged and appropriate penalties can be imposed on perpetrators.

Official Data

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2024	not available	not available	not available

No data reported to ODIHR.

Incidents reported by civil society

For 2024, ODIHR received reports of hate incidents in Latvia from the following civil society organizations:

- European Association of Jehovah's Witnesses

To learn more about these organizations, visit the [Contributors](#) page.

All incidents submitted by the above organizations have been analysed by ODIHR. Those that are broadly considered to be hate crimes within the OSCE definition (criminal offence committed with a bias motive) are listed in the tables below according to the bias motivation category. Some incidents have multiple biases and may be listed in multiple categories.

ODIHR's insights

For 2024, ODIHR received reports of 14 hate incidents in Latvia, the majority of which were motivated by bias against Christians, including several repeated incidents targeting the home of Jehovah's Witnesses.

It should be noted that ODIHR did not receive any reporting on Latvia related to anti-Semitic, anti-Muslim, anti-Roma, anti-LGBTI, gender-based or disability hate incidents. This indicates potential gaps in the information reported here.

Please note that incidents reported here are based on voluntary civil society submissions and as such might not reflect the actual number of incidents or the most targeted communities in Latvia.

To address under-reporting, ODIHR encourages any civil society organizations or groups that monitor hate incidents to report these to ODIHR at hatecrimereport@odihr.pl.

To export an Excel sheet with summaries of all incidents from Latvia click [here](#) and search by year and country.

[View civil society incidents for Latvia, 2024](#)