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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2025 Hate Crime Report.
For more information, including on previous years' reporting, please visit: hatecrime.osce.org/latvia

For more information about ODIHR's Hate Crime Report, visit: hatecrime.osce.org/our-methodology

2025

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
2025	not available	not available	not available

No data reported to ODIHR.

Incidents reported by civil society

For 2025, ODIHR received reports of hate incidents in Latvia from the European Association of Jehovah's Witnesses.

To learn more about the organizations that report hate incidents to ODIHR, visit the Contributors page.

Individual incidents submitted by CSOs 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 involved multiple biases and may be listed in multiple categories.

ODIHR's insights

For 2025, ODIHR received reports of three anti-Christian hate incidents targeting five members of the Jehovah's Witness community in Latvia. ODIHR observes that a low number of incidents were reported in Latvia for 2025.

All three incidents reported to ODIHR involved harassing and threatening behaviour towards Jehovah's Witness victims engaged in public witnessing in the street.

It should be noted that ODIHR did **not** receive any reporting on Latvia related to anti-LGBTI, anti-Muslim, anti-Roma, anti-Semitic, disability, gender-based, racist and xenophobic, or other hate incidents based on religion or belief. 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 do 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.

View civil society incidents for Latvia, 2025