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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2025 Hate Crime Report.
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For more information about ODIHR's Hate Crime Report, visit: hatecrime.osce.org/our-methodology

2025

Summary

North Macedonia regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR.

North Macedonia implemented ODIHR's Training Against Hate Crimes for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) Programme in 2014. Following changes to the hate crime provisions in 2018, a refresher training-of-trainers session for police was conducted by ODIHR in December 2021.

North Macedonia implemented ODIHR's Prosecutors and Hate Crime Training (PAHCT) programme in 2019 and 2026, and in 2022 completed a training course on hate crimes for the judiciary together with the OSCE Mission to Skopje.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes North Macedonia's efforts to report hate crime information and statistics to ODIHR. However, based on the available information, it observes that North Macedonia's hate crime recording does not sufficiently distinguish hate crimes from other crimes, while the numbers of officially recorded hate crimes are low and bias motivations are not recorded. ODIHR also observes that North Macedonia has not reported data on hate crimes recorded by the prosecution and the judiciary to ODIHR. In addition, ODIHR observes that North Macedonia would benefit from further building the capacity of police, prosecutors and judges to handle hate crime cases.

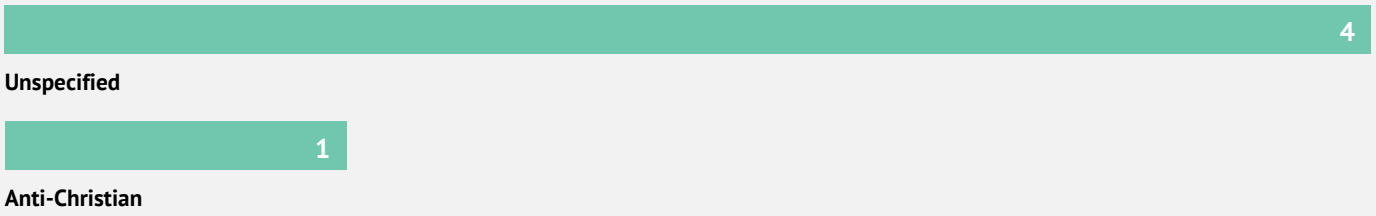
Official Data

The number of cases recorded by police does not include an additional 22 cases of incitement to hatred and the dissemination of racist or xenophobic material offences, as these cases fall outside the OSCE's hate crime definition.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2025	5	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation

The numbers below include four cases of online threats and one case of the desecration of graves.



Police data by type of crime

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Threats/ threatening behaviour

This includes offences under Article 144 paragraph 5 [Endangering security via a computer system].



Desecration of graves

This includes offences under Article 400, paragraph 2 [Desecration of a grave out of hatred].

National Developments

In 2025, the Ministry of Internal Affairs concluded several memoranda of co-operation with civil society organizations, including with the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights.

Incidents reported by civil society

For 2025, ODIHR received reports of hate incidents in North Macedonia from the following civil society organizations:

- Association Tribuna – Prilep
- Balkan Bridge
- Cultural Center Ivan Mihailov Bitola
- DELO Skopje
- Foundation EDINSTVO
- Helsinki Committee for Human Rights Skopje

To learn more about these organizations, 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 five incidents targeting three victims that took place in North Macedonia in the anti-Christian, anti-Muslim, gender-based and racist and xenophobic bias motivation categories. The low number of incidents is not an indication that hate crimes are not taking place, only that they have not been reported to civil society or to ODIHR. *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 North Macedonia.*

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 North Macedonia click here.

View civil society incidents for North Macedonia, 2025