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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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2025

Summary

The Russian Federation last reported hate crime data to ODIHR for the 2020 Hate Crime Report.

Hate crime data collection in Russia
Support for hate crime victims in Russia
Russia's hate crime legislation

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that the Russian Federation has not reported data and information on hate crime to ODIHR. ODIHR observes that the Russian Federation has not nominated a National Point of Contact on hate crimes. In addition, ODIHR observes that the Russian Federation would benefit from raising awareness and building capacity of criminal justice officials about hate crimes.

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 the Russian Federation from the following civil society organizations:

- "Coming Out" LGBT group
- Dataout Foundation
- Eastern European Coalition for LGBT+ Equality
- European Association of Jehovah's Witnesses
- Federation of the Jewish Organizations and Communities, Vaad of Russia
- International Institute for Religious Freedom (IIRF)
- Northern Caucasus SOS Crisis Group
- SOVA Center
- Sphere Foundation

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 184 incidents that took place in the Russian Federation targeting a total of 244 victims in the anti-Christian, anti-LGBTI, anti-Muslim, anti-Roma, anti-Semitic, gender-based and racist and xenophobic bias motivation categories. A large number of incidents involved both anti-LGBTI *and* gender-based bias motivations.

ODIHR observes that the majority of incidents reported to ODIHR were motivated by anti-LGBTI bias and targeted victims' sexual orientation, gender identity and/or gender expression. Half of the anti-LGBTI incidents reported involved violent attacks, including physical assaults, sexual assaults, abductions, and homicides. A significant number of incidents involved LGBTI young persons – many of them minors – being beaten, abducted and/or threatened by close family members due to their sexual orientation or gender identity. A large number of incidents were perpetrated by state authorities following raids on LGBTI events and homes, and involved physical assaults, abductions, blackmail and threats, including in relation to laws that discriminate against LGBTI persons. Many anti-LGBTI incidents – including two homicides – targeted victims based on their perceived sexual orientation or gender identity.

Anti-Christian incidents reported to ODIHR involved physical assaults and one homicide targeting Jehovah's Witnesses, mostly perpetrated by police and security officers while the victims were held in detention or following raids on their homes. Several anti-Muslim and anti-Semitic incidents were also reported, most of which involved property attacks against places of worship, cemeteries and other property. The racist incidents reported to ODIHR include two homicides against young children from Central Asia, as well as physical assaults targeting victims based on their skin colour or perceived non-Slavic ethnicity. Finally, ODIHR received a few reports of gender-based incidents, most of which involved threats and abduction of women for non-compliance with gender norms, as well as one homicide and a physical assault motivated by misogyny.

It should be noted that ODIHR did **not** receive any reporting related to disability and other religion or belief hate incidents in the Russian Federation, and a low level of reporting on anti-Muslim, anti-Roma, anti-Semitic and racist and xenophobic hate incidents. This indicates potential gaps in the information reported here.

In addition, two reporting organizations submitted 202 statistical incidents for which descriptions are not available in the tables below, including 158 racist and xenophobic, 15 anti-Muslim, 14 anti-Semitic incidents, 7 anti-Christian, 7 anti-LGBTI incidents, and 1 anti-Roma hate incidents.
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 the Russian Federation.

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 the Russian Federation click here.

View civil society incidents for Russian Federation, 2025