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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

Slovenia regularly reports on hate crimes to ODIHR.

In 2023, a workshop on hate crime data collection was delivered to police, the Ministry of Justice, and state prosecution services on hate crime data collection, facilitated by ODIHR and the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes Slovenia's efforts to strengthen its national hate crime data recording and collection system. However, based on the available information, ODIHR observes that Slovenia's hate crime recording and statistics do not record the bias motivations of hate crimes. In addition, ODIHR observes that Slovenia would benefit from building the capacity of criminal justice officials to address hate crime.

Official Data

Police figures include cases of physical assault, damage to property and threats. Prosecution figures consist of one case of abuse of official position, one case of endangerment, one case of threats, and two cases of damage to property, for which the indictment was filed. The sentencing figure refers to decisions in the former three cases.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2025	145	5	3

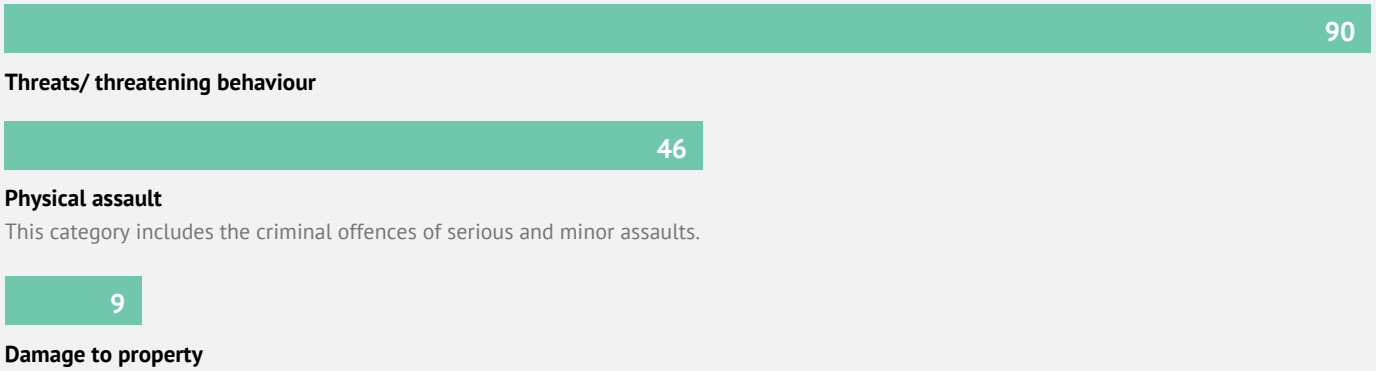
Police data by bias motivation

145

Unspecified

The 'Other/unspecified' bias motivation category includes the following bias motives, as applicable to the 'SOV' flag in the internal recording system: 'Racial and ethnic intolerance', 'Hatred', and 'Religious intolerance'.

Police data by type of crime



National Developments

In 2025, a representative of the Supreme State Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Slovenia participated in the 13th meeting of the High-Level Group on Combating Hate Speech and Hate Crime, held in Brussels, as well as in two online meetings of the newly established Network of Prosecutors specialized in hate offences.

As part of the Prosecutorial Training Days held in December 2025 in Postojna, Slovenia's Supreme State Prosecutor's Office organized a lecture on hate crimes. The lecture was delivered by the current constitutional Judge Neža Kogovšek Šalamon, who had previously studied the issue in-depth during her tenure at the Office of the Advocate of the Principle of Equality.

In November 2025, a lecture on hate speech and the police response to such incidents was organized for police officers by the police academy and the Centre for Research and Social skills, together with Slovenia's national equality institution, the Advocate of the Principle of Equality, and three Slovenian civil society organizations: the Peace Institute, Legebitra, and the *Vigevage knjige - Knjigarna Mariborka* bookshop.

Notable case:

In early June 2025, employees of a bookstore in Maribor were repeatedly subjected to homophobic insults and threats by groups of young men. The perpetrators also stole an LGBTI rainbow flag displayed above the entrance. The State Prosecutor determined that the suspect's actions met all the legal criteria for the criminal offence of theft under the second paragraph in connection with the first paragraph of Article 204 of the Criminal Code. As a result, an indictment was submitted to the competent court, with a recommendation that the identified discriminatory motive be considered as an aggravating circumstance.

Incidents reported by civil society

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

- Advocacy for LGBTI Rights 'Legebitra'
- Holy See

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 11 incidents that took place in Slovenia targeting four victims in the anti-Christian and anti-LGBTI bias motivation categories, including one incident involving both anti-LGBTI *and* gender-based bias motivations. ODIHR observes that a low number of incidents were reported in Slovenia for 2025.

ODIHR observes that most incidents involved property attacks against targets associated with the LGBTI or Christian communities, including Catholic churches. A few physical assaults against LGBTI persons were also reported, including in the context of LGBTI pride events.

It should be noted that ODIHR did **not** receive any reporting related to anti-Muslim, anti-Semitic, anti-Roma, disability, racist and xenophobic and other religion or belief hate incidents in Slovenia, and a low level of reporting overall. 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 Slovenia.

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 Slovenia click here.

View civil society incidents for Slovenia, 2025