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HATE CRIME REPORTING

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Summary

Switzerland regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Switzerland's Criminal Code contains no hate crime provision, and hate crimes are addressed under anti-discrimination criminal provisions. The Federal Commission against Racism partners with the association 'humanrights.ch' in the Counselling Network for Victims of Racism, which publishes annual analytical reports on cases of racism reported to the Network.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that Switzerland has not reported on hate crimes separately from cases of hate speech and/or discrimination.

Official Data

Figures consist predominantly of crimes of incitement to hatred and crimes involving discrimination. Only hate crimes committed in public are included in the number presented here.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2014	161	14	36

National Developments

In addition to recording crimes falling under the Swiss Penal Code provision on discrimination (Art. 261bis StGB), which only covers hate crimes committed in public, Switzerland has also begun monitoring hate crimes that are not committed in public (e.g. racially motivated offences committed in private spaces). This recording is being piloted and is currently optional. Therefore, the data gathered cannot yet be used for hate crime reporting.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

View civil society incidents for Switzerland, 2014