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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

Türkiye regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Türkiye implemented ODIHR's Training against Hate Crime for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) programme following a memorandum of understanding signed in 2016.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes Türkiye's efforts to report hate crime data and information to ODIHR. However, based on the available information, ODIHR observes that Türkiye's law enforcement agencies have not recorded the bias motivations of hate crimes. In addition, ODIHR also observes that Türkiye would benefit from reviewing the existing legal framework to ensure that bias motivations can be effectively acknowledged and appropriate penalties imposed on the perpetrators.

Official Data

The numbers in this table relate only to criminal offences constituting threats on religious grounds and damage to places of worship and cemeteries (Articles 115 and 153 of the Criminal Code).

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2025	83	530	221

Police data by bias motivation

The breakdown below consists of police records related to the offences of "Prevention of the Exercise of Freedom of Belief, Thought and Conviction", and "Damaging Places of Worship and Cemeteries" (Articles 115 and 153 of Turkey's Criminal Code). These records may include incidents that fall outside the OSCE's hate crime definition.

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Other hate crime based on religion or belief

Police data by type of crime

The breakdown below consists of police records related to the offences of "Prevention of the Exercise of Freedom of Belief, Thought and Conviction", and "Damaging Places of Worship and Cemeteries" (Articles 115 and 153 of Turkey's Criminal Code). These records may include incidents that fall outside the OSCE's hate crime definition.



Attacks against places of worship

Cases recorded under this category also include attacks on cemeteries.



Threats/ threatening behaviour

This category includes offences under Article 115 (Prevention of the Exercise of Freedom of Belief, Thought and Conviction).

National Developments

The Directorate General for Criminal Records and Statistics at the Ministry of Justice is responsible for developing a database for collecting statistics on "criminal offences and misdemeanours involving hate and discrimination" and to offer related training courses to law enforcement and prosecution staff (per Goal 4.4.h of the Action Plan on Human Rights, 2021-2023). A needs analysis was subsequently carried out in relation to the statistics, and can be requested from the relevant units of the Ministry of Justice.

In 2025, a total of 476 hate crime training sessions were organized for police, including two train-the-trainer sessions, as part of Türkiye's cascaded implementation of ODIHR's Training Against Hate Crime for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) programme. Through these training sessions, a total of 22,509 police officers received TAHCLE training, while a total of 41 police officers completed the TAHCLE train-the-trainer programme.

In 2025, a total of 8,105 cadets participated in training activities on the topic of hate crimes.

Between 16 October and 7 November 2025, an online training on hate crime was delivered to 178 directors from the Directorates of Judicial Support and Victim Services assigned to the support offices for seven vulnerable groups.

Incidents reported by civil society

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

- Association of Protestant Churches
- Freedom of Belief Initiative (Norwegian Helsinki Committee)
- Human Rights Association
- Kaos GL Association
- Observatory on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians in Europe (OIDAC)
- Solidarity with Others
- Trans Europe and Central Asia (TGEU)

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 43 hate incidents that took place in Türkiye targeting 115 victims in the anti-Christian, anti-LGBTI, anti-Muslim, anti-Semitic, gender-based and racist bias motivation categories. In addition, several incidents involved multiple bias motivations, mainly anti-LGBTI and gender-based, but also racist and xenophobic *and* anti-Christian, and racist and xenophobic *and* anti-Semitic.

ODIHR observes a significant number of anti-LGBTI incidents, most of which targeted transgender women due to their gender identity, including two homicides in which transgender women were murdered in their homes. ODIHR also received several reports in which university students carrying LGBTI flags were physically assaulted by private security guards and/or police officers. A few incidents involved violent attacks against transgender sex workers, including by police.

ODIHR also observes that the majority of racist incidents in Türkiye were motivated by anti-Kurdish bias, and included a large-scale shooting attack against 24 Kurdish seasonal workers, as well as incidents in which Kurdish families were physically assaulted for speaking Kurdish or listening to Kurdish music, including by police. ODIHR also received several reports of anti-Christian incidents, including a series of phone calls threatening to kill pastors and burn down churches across the country, as well as a limited number of anti-Muslim and anti-Semitic incidents.

It should be noted that ODIHR did **not** receive any reporting on Türkiye related to anti-Roma, disability, and other 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 Türkiye.

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 Türkiye click here.

View civil society incidents for Türkiye, 2025

