

Czech Republic Hate Crime Report 2015

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Summary

The Czech Republic regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Hate crime data are published annually in the government's Report on "Extremism and Prejudicial Hatred". In 2023, the Czech Republic introduced Actions Plans on Combating Extremism and Prejudicial Hatred, which were developed in close co-operation with civil society.

The Czech Republic has been implementing ODIHR's Prosecutors and Hate Crime Training (PAHCT) program since 2020.

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ODIHR's Key Observation

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

Official Data

The authorities monitor and report on "offences with extremist context," a category that also includes other criminal forms of intolerance. Due to improved identification of hate crimes by the authorities, the numbers presented here only represents hate crimes. The reported number of prosecuted hate crimes consists of the number of people charged.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2015	64	20	29

Police data by bias motivation

26

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

Official figures recorded 26 racist and xenophobic hate crimes, including five physical assaults, seven cases of incitement to violence, three instances of disturbance of the peace, three cases of vandalism, seven cases of threats, and one other crime.

22

Anti-Roma hate crime

Official figures recorded 22 hate crimes motivated by bias against Roma. These included one physical assault, one case of damage to property, 12 cases of threats, one case of disturbance of the peace and six cases of incitement to violence.

7

Unspecified

6

Anti-Muslim hate crime

Official figures recorded three cases of threats motivated by bias against Muslims and three cases of incitement to violence against Muslims.

2

Hate crime against Christians and members of other religions

The authorities recorded one physical assault motivated by bias against religion and one case of incitement to violence against Christians.

1

Anti-Semitic hate crime

Official figures recorded one case of anti-Semitic threats.

Police data by type of crime

25

Threats/ threatening behaviour

18

Incitement to violence

7

Physical assault

5

Disturbance of the peace

4

Vandalism

3

Damage to property

2

Unspecified

This category includes violence against police officers, and illegal entry into a building.

National Developments

An amendment to the hate crime provisions of the criminal code was drafted and discussed at the ministerial level. The amendments would include sexual orientation among protected characteristics for the purposes of sentence enhancement.

The European Union's Victims Directive, an Act on the Victims of Crime came into effect, providing for assistance to hate crime victims. Subsequently, a new training programme for the police on specific victim needs has been developed and is being implemented. The authorities also supported the work of a civil society organization providing services to hate crime victims.

The **Hate Free Culture campaign**, which began in 2014, continued with the creation of hate free zones – cafes, clubs and other facilities, which declare their space as a place without hatred and violence.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

[View civil society incidents for Czech Republic, 2015](#)