

Finland Hate Crime Report 2009

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Summary

Finland regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Finland has conducted victimization surveys to measure unreported hate crimes. The Finnish police closely co-operates with the Finnish Human Rights League, the Finnish Red Cross and Finnish Victim Support to develop a co-ordinated response to combat hate crimes. These organizations, along with the national police and other key authorities, form a network tasked by Finland's Ministry of Justice with monitoring hate crimes in Finland and developing adequate measures to prevent such crimes. Finland implemented ODIHR's Training Against Hate Crimes for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) programme in 2017 and went on to train over 1,000 police officers on hate crimes before integrating the programme's hate crime modules into pre- and in-service training for police.

[Hate crime data collection in Finland](#)

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Official Data

Police figures include crimes of defamation, other hate speech crimes and crimes of discrimination. These are, however, not included in the breakdowns below. Prosecution figures only include crimes of ethnic agitation, aggravated ethnic agitation, discrimination, work discrimination and extortionate discrimination.

| Year | Hate crimes recorded by police | Prosecuted | Sentenced |
|------|--------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| 2009 | 1,580 | 41 | not available |

Police data by bias motivation

1,041

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

Official figures record 1,041 racist and xenophobic hate crimes: 645 physical assaults including two attempted murders, 152 cases of damage to property/vandalism, 61 cases of disturbance of the peace, 183 cases of threats.

79

Hate crime against Christians and members of other religions

Official figures record 79 anti-religious crimes, including 30 physical assaults, 20 cases of damage to property/vandalism, one desecration of graves, four disturbance of domestic peace and 24 threats.

28

Disability hate crime

Official figures record 28 cases of crimes based on bias towards people with disabilities including 19 physical assaults, two cases of disturbance of the peace, six cases of threats and one case of damage to property.

19

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

Official figures recorded 20 hate crimes, including 13 physical assaults based on bias against LGBT, three cases of disturbance of the peace, two cases of damage to property and two cases of threats.

Police data by type of crime

707

Physical assault

215

Threats/ threatening behaviour

175

Damage to property

Category 'damage to property' includes 'vandalism'

69

Unspecified

1

Desecration of graves

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

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