

Report Data - Bulgaria - 2019

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Official Data

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced	About these data
2019	22	432	155	
2018	46	6	158	
2017	22	9	9	
2016	28	299	71	
2015	704	752	135	

National developments

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IGO Reports **Organization Name** [Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe](#) [1]
Organization Report

The **Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe** published relevant recommendations in her "[Report following a visit to Bulgaria](#) [2].

Bias Motivation [Racism and xenophobia](#) [3]

[Bias against Roma and Sinti](#) [4]

[Bias against other groups - Sexual orientation or gender identity](#) [5]

Description Type Developments

Organization Name [United Nations Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review \(UPR\)](#) [6]
Organization Report

The **United Nations Human Rights Council Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR)** published relevant recommendations in its "[Report from the Thirty-sixth session: Compilation on Bulgaria](#) [7]."

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[Bias against members of other religions or beliefs](#) [8]

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ODIHR Recommendations

ODIHR observes that the law enforcement agencies of Bulgaria have not recorded the bias motivations of hate crimes.

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