

Albania Hate Crime Report 2023

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Summary

Albania last reported information on hate crimes to ODIHR for the 2021 Hate Crime Report. In co-operation with the OSCE presence in Albania, Albania has trained law enforcement officers on hate crimes. Following an ODIHR workshop held in 2017, Albania made improvements to its hate crime data recording system, including by enabling the bias motivation to be identified in recorded cases.

In 2021, Albania introduced the National Gender Equality Strategy 2021-2030, which includes specific measures to combat discrimination and hate crimes and promote equality and social inclusion.

[Hate crime data collection in Albania](#)

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ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes Albania's efforts to report information and statistics on hate crimes to ODIHR. Based on the official information, ODIHR observes that Albania's hate crime recording and statistics do not sufficiently distinguish hate crimes from other crimes, while the numbers of officially recorded hate crimes are low. ODIHR also observes that Albania has not reported data on hate crimes recorded by the prosecution and the judiciary to ODIHR. In addition, ODIHR observes that Albania would benefit from raising awareness among and building the capacity of law enforcement and criminal justice officials to address hate crime.

Official Data

An additional 11 cases of insults, the dissemination of racist or xenophobic material, and incitement to hatred recorded by police have been excluded from the total number as they constitute hate speech and thus fall outside the OSCE hate crime definition.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2023	2	not available	not available

National Developments

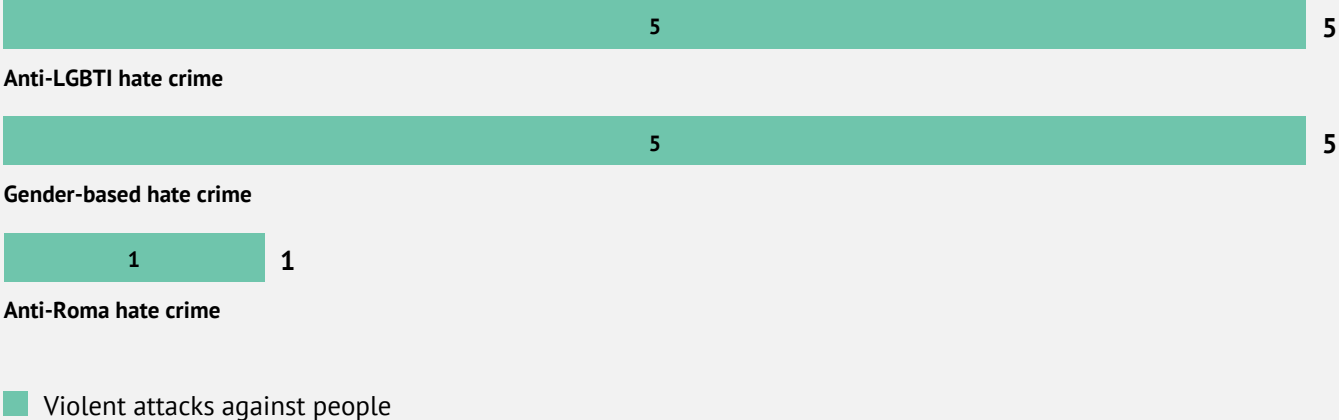
In 2023, Albania hosted the Annual OSCE Conference on Hate Crimes in Southeast Europe, in which representatives of the State Police participated.

The Albanian police have created specialized units to deal with hate crimes, and have trained officers to identify and investigate these crimes more effectively. Albania's Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination provides an institutional mechanism to handle complaints of discrimination and hatred, while also offers counselling and legal assistance to victims.

In 2023, collaborative contact has also been established with organizations representing vulnerable groups, such as the LGBTI, Roma and Egyptian communities, to support the exchange of information about criminality targeting vulnerable groups, as well as about the human rights situation and protection from discrimination of these communities.

Incidents reported by civil society

Total 6 incidents



Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

[View civil society incidents for Albania, 2023](#)