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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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For more information about ODIHR's Hate Crime Report, visit: hatecrime.osce.org/our-methodology

2025

Summary

Albania last reported information on hate crimes to ODIHR for the 2025 Hate Crime Report. In co-operation with the OSCE Presence in Albania, Albania has trained law enforcement officers on addressing hate crimes. ODIHR organized a hate crime data workshop in Albania in 2017.

In 2021, Albania introduced the National Strategy for Gender Equality, 2021-2030, which includes specific measures to combat discrimination and hate crimes and promote equality and social inclusion. In 2024, Albania introduced the Intersectoral Strategy for the Protection of Crime Victims, 2024-2030.

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

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 number of officially recorded hate crimes is 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

The total number of cases recorded by police does not include an additional 20 cases of insults, the dissemination of racist or xenophobic material, discrimination and incitement to hatred, as these cases fall outside the OSCE hate crime definition.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2025	4	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation

Altogether 24 criminal offences committed with a bias motive were recorded by police. However, of these, 20 constituted criminal forms of hate speech and/or discrimination, and as such were excluded from the bias motivation breakdown chart below.



Racist and xenophobic

Police data by type of crime

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Threats/ threatening behaviour

This category captures crimes falling under article 84/a (online threats motivated by racism or xenophobia).

National Developments

In September 2025, Albania's Ministry of Justice, together with ODIHR and the EU Fundamental Rights Agency, organized a workshop aimed at understanding and improving the registration and collection of hate crime data in Albania. The workshop brought together all the main national actors involved in hate crime recording and data collection, and proposed possible improvements to the current system.

Throughout 2025, representatives of the State Police met and maintained contact with community leaders and associations representing groups that are vulnerable to hate crime, such as the Roma, Egyptian, LGBTI communities. The State Police continued to participate in a working group set up under Action Plan "LGBTI+ PKV 2021-2027", which focuses on protecting the rights of LGBTI persons in Albania, including by providing quality services and reducing discrimination against LGBTI persons.

The State Police has improved the computer system for processing statistical data, increasing its ability to identify homophobic motives in hate crimes recorded under articles 74, 74/a, 84/a, 119/a, 253, 265 and 266 of the Criminal Code (some of which are hate speech provisions per the OSCE definition).

Incidents reported by civil society

For 2025, ODIHR did not receive any reports of hate incidents in Albania from civil society organizations. This is not an indication that hate crimes are not taking place, only that they have not been reported to civil society or to ODIHR.

To address under-reporting, ODIHR encourages any civil society organizations or groups that monitor hate incidents in Albania to report these to ODIHR at hatecrimereport@odihr.pl.

View civil society incidents for Albania, 2025