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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2024 Hate Crime Report.
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For more information about ODIHR's Hate Crime Report, visit: hatecrime.osce.org/our-methodology

2024

Summary

Belarus last reported hate crime data to ODIHR for the 2015 Hate Crime Report.

Hate crime data collection in Belarus
Support for hate crime victims in Belarus
Belarus's hate crime legislation

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that Belarus has not reported data and information on hate crime to ODIHR since 2015. ODIHR observes that Belarus has not nominated a National Point of Contact on hate crimes. In addition, ODIHR observes that Belarus would benefit from raising awareness among and building the capacity of criminal justice officials to address hate crime.

Official Data

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2024	not available	not available	not available

No data reported to ODIHR.

Incidents reported by civil society

For 2024, ODIHR received reports of hate incidents in Belarus from the following civil society organizations:

- Human Constanta
- International Institute for Religious Freedom (IIRF)
- The Observatory on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians in Europe (OIDAC)

To learn more about these organizations, visit the Contributors page.

All incidents submitted by the above organizations have been analysed by ODIHR. Those that are broadly considered to be hate crimes within the OSCE definition (criminal offence committed with a bias motive) are listed in the tables below according to the bias motivation category. Some incidents involved multiple biases and may be listed in multiple categories.

ODIHR's insights

For 2024, ODIHR received reports of 14 incidents that took place in Belarus in the following bias motivation categories: anti-Christian, anti-LGBTI, and both gender-based *and* anti-LGBTI.

ODIHR observes that the majority of the reported incidents targeted trans persons, who were subjected to physical assaults, threats, abductions, humiliation, and coerced confessions related to their gender identity by law enforcement officers. Many of these incidents formed part of a broader campaign in which victims were systematically targeted, with several forced to leave the country. ODIHR also noted anti-Christian incidents involving arson and damage to Catholic cemeteries.

It should be noted that ODIHR did not receive any reporting relating to racist and xenophobic, anti-Roma, anti-Semitic, anti-Muslim, other religion or belief, or disability hate incidents in Belarus. This indicates potential gaps in the information reported here.
Please note that incidents reported here are based on voluntary civil society submissions and as such might not reflect the actual number of incidents or the most targeted communities in Belarus.

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

To export an Excel sheet with summaries of all incidents from Belarus click here and search by year and country.

View civil society incidents for Belarus, 2024