

Cyprus Hate Crime Report 2019

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Summary

Cyprus has regularly reported hate crime data to ODIHR since 2018. In February 2022, the Cyprus Police and Ministry of Interior organized a workshop on understanding and improving hate crime recording and data collection in co-operation with ODIHR and the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights. The workshop was based on ODIHR's Information Against Hate Crimes Toolkit (INFAHCT), and resulted in a set of recommendations to relevant state authorities.

Hate crime data for each year are collected and [published](#) online by the Cyprus Police and its Human Rights and Combating Discrimination Office.

In 2017, the Cyprus Police signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights with 14 civil society organizations. The purpose of the Memorandum is to further improve and deepen co-operation between the parties for the protection and promotion of human rights.

[Hate crime data collection in Cyprus](#)

[Support for hate crime victims in Cyprus](#)

[Hate crime capacity building in Cyprus](#)

[Cyprus's hate crime legislation](#)

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that Cyprus has not reported on cases of hate crimes separately from cases of hate speech or discrimination.

Official Data

The numbers presented here include hate speech offences, which fall outside of the OSCE's definition of hate crime. The prosecution and sentencing figures relate to hate crimes recorded by police in 2018. Additionally, courts have processed cases recorded in previous years but these are not presented here.

| Year | Hate crimes recorded by police | Prosecuted | Sentenced |
|------|--------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| 2019 | 40 | 6 | 0 |

Police data by bias motivation

The below breakdown presents the bias motivations recorded. As more than one motivation can be recorded for a single incident, the number below exceeds that of the recorded incidents presented above.

35

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

This category consists of crimes motivated by bias against language, nationality, ethnic origin, community, race and colour.

8

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

This category consists of crimes motivated by a bias based on sexual orientation.

6

Other hate crime based on religion or belief

Police data by type of crime

The below breakdown presents the bias motivations recorded. As more than one motivation can be recorded for a single incident, the number below exceeds that of the recorded incidents presented above.

| | |
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| | 49 |
| Unspecified | |

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

[View civil society incidents for Cyprus, 2019](#)