

Finland Hate Crime Report 2010

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Summary

Finland regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Finland has conducted victimization surveys to measure unreported hate crimes. The Finnish police closely co-operates with the Finnish Human Rights League, the Finnish Red Cross and Finnish Victim Support to develop a co-ordinated response to combat hate crimes. These organizations, along with the national police and other key authorities, form a network tasked by Finland's Ministry of Justice with monitoring hate crimes in Finland and developing adequate measures to prevent such crimes. Finland implemented ODIHR's Training Against Hate Crimes for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) programme in 2017 and went on to train over 1,000 police officers on hate crimes before integrating the programme's hate crime modules into pre- and in-service training for police.

[Hate crime data collection in Finland](#)

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[Hate crime capacity building in Finland](#)

[Finland's hate crime legislation](#)

Official Data

Police figures include crimes of defamation, other hate speech crimes and crimes of discrimination. These are, however, not included in the breakdowns below. Prosecution figures include only crimes of ethnic agitation, aggravated ethnic agitation, discrimination, work discrimination and extortionate discrimination.

| Year | Hate crimes recorded by police | Prosecuted | Sentenced |
|------|--------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| 2010 | 1,407 | 38 | not available |

Police data by bias motivation

911

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

Official figures record 911 racist and xenophobic hate crimes: 543 physical assaults including two attempted murders, 142 cases of damage to property/vandalism, 58 cases of disturbance of the peace, and 168 cases of threats.

297

Unspecified

132

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

Official figures record 132 hate crimes, including 107 physical assaults based on bias against LGBT, one case of disturbance of the peace, 16 cases of damage to property and eight cases of threats.

57

Hate crime against Christians and members of other religions

Official figures record 41 anti-religious crimes, including 13 physical assaults, 7 cases of damage to property/vandalism, 5 of disturbance of domestic peace and 16 cases of threats.

10

Disability hate crime

Official figures record 10 cases of crimes based on bias towards people with disabilities including six physical assaults, two cases of disturbance of the peace, one case of threats and one case of damage to property.

Police data by type of crime

669

Physical assault

363

Unspecified

191

Threats/ threatening behaviour

184

Damage to property

"Damage to property" includes vandalism

National Developments

Amendments to legislation were proposed to increase the applicability of the general sentencing enhancement for bias-motivated crimes, to specifically include bias motivations of “race”, religion, sexual orientation and disability. Additionally, the provision no longer requires the victim to be a member of a specific group, as long as the victim or targeted property was perceived by the offender to be associated with a particular group. The amendments were adopted in March 2011 and entered into force on 1 June 2011.

Victim Support Finland, a national service advising victims of crime, added advisory services for hate crime victims and data collection on such crimes as part of its mandate. Staff training occurred in regional offices and 26 local areas. In addition, the **Interior Ministry** trained police officers on addressing hate crimes and increased co-operation with minority groups to improve responses.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

[View civil society incidents for Finland, 2010](#)