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Summary

Finland regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR and has conducted victimization surveys to measure unreported hate crime incidents. The Finnish police closely co-operate 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 crime in Finland and developing effective preventative measures.

In 2017, Finland implemented ODIHR's Training Against Hate Crimes for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) programme, training over 1,000 police officers. The programme's hate crime modules have since been integrated into pre- and in-service training for police.

[Hate crime data collection in Finland](#)

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ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that Finland has not reported information on the numbers of prosecuted or sentenced hate crime cases to ODIHR.

Official Data

Unlike in previous years, the 2012 police figures do not include crimes of defamation, other hate speech crimes and crimes of discrimination. Prosecution and sentencing figures only include crimes of ethnic agitation, aggravated ethnic agitation, discrimination, work discrimination and extortionate discrimination.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2012	836	38	12

Police data by bias motivation

737

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

Official figures record 737 racist and xenophobic hate crimes. Of these, 510 were physical assaults, 105 cases of damage to property/vandalism, 15 cases of disturbance of the peace and 107 cases of threats.

60

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

Official law-enforcement figures recorded 60 hate crimes, including 54 physical assaults based on bias against LGBT, three cases of disturbance of the peace, two cases of damage to property and one case of threats.

31

Hate crime against Christians and members of other religions

Finland reported 31 anti-religious crimes, including one homicide, 15 physical assaults, one case of damage to property/vandalism, six cases of disturbance of domestic peace and eight cases of threats.

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Disability hate crime

Official law-enforcement figures recorded eight cases of crimes based on bias towards people with disabilities including three physical assaults, four cases of disturbance of the peace, and one case of damage to property.

Police data by type of crime

567

Physical assault

132

Threats/ threatening behaviour

108

Damage to property

Category 'damage to property' includes 'vandalism'

28

Unspecified

Disturbing the peace + other

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Homicide

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

[View civil society incidents for Finland, 2012](#)