

Finland Hate Crime Report 2014

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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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ODIHR's Key Observation

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

Official Data

The police also records criminal forms of intolerance other than hate crimes, such as defamation, other hate speech offences and criminal discrimination. These data are reported to ODIHR but are not included in the overall figure or in the breakdown below. Prosecution and sentencing data reported to ODIHR only consist of crimes of ethnic agitation, aggravated ethnic agitation, discrimination, work discrimination and extortionate discrimination, and are not, therefore, included in the overall figure.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2014	954	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation

829

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

The **Ministry of the Interior** completed a two-year project to combat racism, xenophobia, anti-Semitism and other forms of intolerance, including hate crime and hate speech. The project developed indicators for measuring inter-cultural and community relations, and tested good practices to prevent conflicts and build confidence. Partners from Sweden and Northern Ireland participated in the project. In addition to the framework of indicators, a conference was organized and three publications were drafted: "A Toolkit to Promote Good Relations", "A Report on the Prevention of Xenophobia and Social Risks" and anti-racist material prepared by Sweden. Reports are available in [Finnish](#) and [Swedish](#).

71

Hate crime against Christians and members of other religions

Finland reported 71 anti-religious crimes, including 31 physical assaults, eight cases of damage to property/vandalism, 18 cases of threats, three cases of disturbance of domestic peace, four cases of theft and seven other crimes.

40

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

Official law-enforcement figures recorded 40 hate crimes based on bias against LGBT, including 21 physical assaults, one case of disturbance of the peace, four cases of damage to property, nine cases of threats and five other crimes.

14

Disability hate crime

Official law-enforcement figures recorded 14 cases of crimes based on bias towards people with disabilities, including eight physical assaults, one case of damage to property, two thefts and three cases of threats.

Police data by type of crime

521

Physical assault

This category includes also attempted assaults and attempted homicides.

162

Threats/ threatening behaviour

96

Unspecified

93

Damage to property

This category includes 'vandalism'.

42

Disturbance of the peace

This category includes "disturbance of domestic peace" crimes.

39

Theft/ robbery

1

Homicide

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

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