

France Hate Crime Report 2012

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Summary

France regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Since 2012, DILCRAH has served as an inter-ministerial body and platform for co-operation to address hate crime, including through research and financial support to civil society organizations (CSOs). DILCRAH, along with a number of CSOs, is also involved in the training of judges and prosecutors, as well as police officers and gendarmes. The Central Office for Combating Crimes against Humanity and Hate Crimes (OCLCH) is an inter-agency body composed of police officers and gendarmes that is responsible for leading and coordinating the fight against crimes against humanity and hate crimes, assisting and supporting local units in this area, acting as the national contact point for both units and external entities, investigating, providing expertise and preparing threat assessments in its area of responsibility.

Hate crime data are regularly published by the National Institution for Human Rights. France conducts regular surveys on hate crime victimization to measure unreported hate crimes.

[Hate crime data collection in France](#)

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ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that France has not periodically reported the numbers of hate crimes recorded by police to ODIHR.

Official Data

Prosecution data include discrimination and defamation crimes.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2012	2,357	604	550

Police data by bias motivation

724

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

Official figures record 118 physical assaults and 606 cases of threats.

655

Anti-Semitic hate crime

Official figures record 177 physical assaults, 438 cases of threats and forty cases of damage to synagogues or cemeteries.

543

Hate crime against Christians and members of other religions

Official figures record 543 cases of damage to churches or cemeteries.

287

Anti-Muslim hate crime

Official figures record 54 physical assaults, 149 cases of threats and 84 cases of damage to mosques or cemeteries.

149

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

Official figures record 33 physical assaults, including 21 resulting in serious injury; one rape, 114 cases of threats and one case of incitement to violence.

Police data by type of crime

1,307

Threats/ threatening behaviour

667

Attacks against places of worship

Cases of damage to cemeteries are included within attacks on places of worship category.

383

Physical assault

Cases of rape and sexual assault are included within the physical assault category.

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Incitement to violence

National Developments

France amended all hate crime provisions contained in its criminal code to include sexual orientation.

A national action plan against racism and anti-Semitism for the period 2011-2014 was adopted in February 2012. An inter-ministerial delegation against racism and anti-Semitism has been established to monitor the implementation of this plan and to co-ordinate the ministries involved. The improvement of data collection mechanisms from both the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Interior is one of the goals of the national action plan.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

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