

Greece Hate Crime Report 2021

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Summary

Greece regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR.

In 2017, Greece implemented ODIHR's Prosecutors and Hate Crime Training (PAHCT). In June 2018, an "Agreement on inter-agency co-operation on addressing racist crimes" was concluded by relevant state authorities and a network of civil society organizations (CSOs) as part of ODIHR's project on "Building a Comprehensive Criminal Justice Response to Hate Crimes". Consequently, the agreement has led to improved hate crime recording and data collection. On February 2022, ODIHR held an online diagnostic workshop with government representatives, criminal justice actors and CSOs to assess structures and services for hate crime victim support in Greece.

In 2022, an office within the Ministry of Justice was tasked with overseeing the systematic collection of statistical data on hate crimes.

[Hate crime data collection in Greece](#)

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

[Hate crime capacity building in Greece](#)

[Greece's hate crime legislation](#)

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes Greece's efforts to improve hate crime recording and data collection mechanisms. However, based on the available information, it observes that Greece has not made hate crime data public. In addition, ODIHR observes that Greece would benefit from raising awareness among and building the capacity of criminal justice officials to address hate crime.

Official Data

Police figures consist of cases submitted by the police to the public prosecutor in 2021. In some cases, more than one criminal offence was involved. Therefore, there is a difference between these records and the breakdown by bias motivation below. Furthermore, the police records include a number of hate speech incidents, which fall outside of the OSCE's hate crime definition and are not presented in the breakdown below.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2021	110	2	1

Police data by bias motivation

Incidents represented in this section may include more than one crime.

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Racist and xenophobic hate crime

A further 45 cases of hate speech were reported but are not presented here. The "Unspecified" category includes four incidents of breach of duty (Articles 239 and 259 of the Criminal Code), three incidents of torture (Article 137A of the Criminal Code), one incident of exercising illegal violence (Article 330 of the Criminal Code), one incident of extortion (Article 385 of the Criminal Code), and one incident of the illegal use of weapons (Article 14 of Act no. 2168/1993).

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Anti-LGBTI hate crime

This number consists of 14 homophobic and three transphobic crimes. The "Unspecified" category includes two incidents of breach of duty (Articles 239 and 259 of the Criminal Code) and one incident of exercising illegal violence (Article 330 of the Criminal Code). A further 12 cases of hate speech were reported but are not presented here.

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Anti-Muslim hate crime

The "Unspecified" category includes one incident of disturbance of a religious gathering (Article 200 of the Criminal Code). Further two cases of hate speech were reported but are not presented here.

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Anti-Christian hate crime

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Anti-Roma hate crime

One case of hate speech was reported but is not presented here.

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Anti-Semitic hate crime

One case of hate speech was reported but is not presented here.

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Disability hate crime

The "Unspecified" category includes two incidents of breach of duty (Articles 239 and 259 of the Criminal Code) and one incident of exposure to danger (article 306 of the Criminal Code). A further two cases of hate speech and one incident of discrimination were reported but are not presented here.

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Other hate crime based on religion or belief

Police data by type of crime

Incidents represented in this section may include more than one crime.



Physical assault

This category includes crimes of illegal violence.



Threats/ threatening behaviour



Unspecified

This category includes the crimes of torture, the deprivation of liberty, and the abuse of power.



Damage to property



Theft/ robbery



Sexual assault



Arson



Attacks against places of worship



Disturbance of the peace



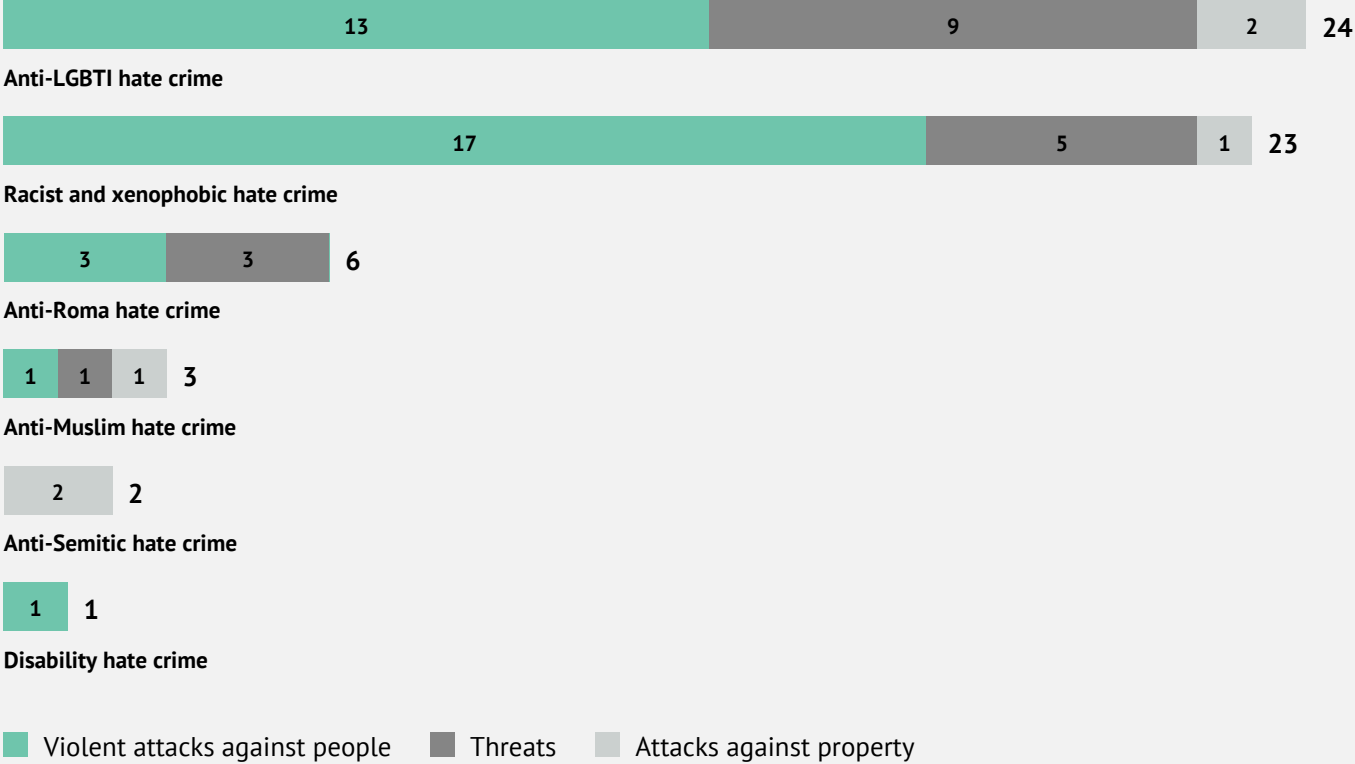
Incitement to violence

National Developments

In 2021, the **Ministry of Justice** and the **National Council Against Racism and Intolerance** produced a [guide](#) for victims of hate crimes. The guide includes information on the existing legal framework, the rights of hate crime victims, instructions on the steps they can take, as well as a list of services available to victims.

Incidents reported by civil society

Total 53 incidents



Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

[View civil society incidents for Greece, 2021](#)