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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2025 Hate Crime Report.
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2025

Summary

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 observes that Greece has not reported information and statistics on hate crimes to ODIHR. In addition, ODIHR observes that Greece would benefit from building the capacity of prosecutors and judges to address hate crime.

Official Data

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2025	not available	not available	not available

No data reported to ODIHR.

Incidents reported by civil society

For 2025, ODIHR received reports of hate incidents in Greece from the following civil society organizations:

- Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece (KIS)
- European Association of Jehovah's Witnesses
- Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe (ABTTF)
- International Institute for Religious Freedom (IIRF)
- Observatory on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians in Europe (OIDAC)
- Racist Violence Recording Network (RVRN)
- Western Thrace Minority Graduates Association (WTMUGA)

To learn more about these organizations, visit the Contributors page.

Individual incidents submitted by CSOs have been analysed by ODIHR. Those that are broadly considered to be hate crimes within the OSCE definition (criminal offence committed with a bias motive) are listed in the tables below according to the bias motivation category. Some incidents involved multiple biases and may be listed in multiple categories.

ODIHR's insights

For 2025, ODIHR received reports of 49 hate incidents that took place in Greece targeting a total of 89 victims in the anti-Christian, anti-Semitic, and racist and xenophobic bias motivation categories. Several incidents were reported as involving multiple bias motivations, such as both anti-Semitic *and* racist and xenophobic, and disability *and* racist and xenophobic.

ODIHR observes that the majority of incidents reported were motivated by racism and xenophobia, mostly comprising violent attacks against male migrants and asylum seekers, and in particular unaccompanied minors. Several of these incidents were perpetrated police, including in police custody. A number of racist and xenophobic incidents were also motivated by anti-Semitism, and involved violent attacks and threats against Israeli Jewish and British Jewish tourists, including references to the conflict in the Middle East. Other anti-Semitic incidents involved vandalism targeting Holocaust memorials, synagogues, and Jewish cemeteries.

Several anti-Christian incidents were also reported to ODIHR, including a few property attacks targeting Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Halls, and one physical assault against a Greek Orthodox priest.

It should be noted that ODIHR did **not** receive any reporting on Greece relating to anti-LGBTI, anti-Muslim, anti-Roma, gender-based, and other religion or belief hate incidents, and received a low level of reporting on disability hate incidents. This indicates potential gaps in the information reported here.
Please note that incidents reported here are based on voluntary civil society submissions and as such do not reflect the actual number of incidents or the most targeted communities in Greece.

To address under-reporting, ODIHR encourages any civil society organizations or groups that monitor hate incidents to report these to ODIHR at hatecrimereport@odihr.pl.

To export an Excel sheet with summaries of all incidents from Greece click here.

View civil society incidents for Greece, 2025