

Iceland Hate Crime Report 2021

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Summary

Iceland regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. In 2017, Iceland implemented ODIHR's Training Against Hate Crime for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) and Prosecutors and Hate Crimes Training (PAHCT) programmes. Refresher TAHCLE and PAHCT train the trainer workshops were delivered by ODIHR in 2024.

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ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes Iceland's efforts to report hate crimes regularly to ODIHR. However, based on the available information, it observes that Iceland's hate crime recording and statistics do not sufficiently distinguish hate crimes from other crimes. In addition, ODIHR observes that Iceland would benefit from ensuring that hate crimes are addressed in a comprehensive manner, including by introducing a co-ordination mechanism.

Official Data

In addition, the prosecution reported one case of hate speech, which falls outside of the OSCE's definition of a hate crime.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2021	15	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation

12

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

3

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

Police data by type of crime

10

Physical assault

4

Threats/ threatening behaviour

1

Vandalism

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

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