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For more information about ODIHR's Hate Crime Report, visit: hatecrime.osce.org/our-methodology

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Summary

Ireland regularly submits hate crime data to ODIHR. Ireland's annual hate crime statistics can be accessed [here](#).

In February 2020, Ireland co-organized a workshop with ODIHR and the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights to enhance the understanding and recording of hate crimes. Based on ODIHR's Information Against Hate Crimes Toolkit (INFAHCT) programme, the workshop produced a number of recommendations for relevant state authorities. In July 2021, the Garda launched an online hate crime reporting system.

In April 2022, the Garda took part in ODIHR's Online [Training on Sensitive and Respectful Treatment of Hate Crime Victims](#). Also in 2022, a comprehensive and mandatory Online Hate Crime Training Programme for Garda officers was launched.

In 2023, the Garda formalized the reporting process between civil society and the Garda National Diversity Unit to facilitate reporting and reduce under-reporting of hate crimes.

The Criminal Justice (Hate Offences) Act 2024 came into force on 31 December 2024. The new legislation provides for increased prison sentences for certain crimes, where proven to be motivated by hatred, or where hatred is demonstrated. For example, the legislation ensures that assault aggravated by hatred, or damage to property aggravated by hatred, will attract higher prison sentences. Where hatred is not proven, a person can still be charged with assault or damage to property.

[Hate crime data collection in Ireland](#)

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

[Hate crime capacity building in Ireland](#)

[Ireland's hate crime legislation](#)

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that Ireland has not reported on the numbers of prosecuted cases to ODIHR.

Official Data

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2014	53	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation

43

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

Official figures recorded 43 racist offences.

8

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

Official figures recorded eight homophobic hate crimes.

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Anti-Semitic hate crime

Official figures recorded two anti-Semitic hate crimes.

Police data by type of crime

53

n/a

National Developments

At the request of the **Minister of State for New Communities, Culture and Equality**, the **Hate and Hostility Research Group (HHRG)** at the University of Limerick began research on hate crime in Ireland, aimed at developing the legislative bill heads for a potential hate crime law.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

[View civil society incidents for Ireland, 2014](#)