

Italy Hate Crime Report 2014

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Summary

Italy regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Annual reports on hate crime have been published since 2010 and can be accessed [here](#).

The Observatory for Security against Discriminatory Acts (OSCAD) carries out activities to prevent, counter and monitor hate crimes. OSCAD works closely with the National Office against Racial Discrimination (UNAR), which deals with non-criminal hate incidents and co-ordinates a permanent consultation group to promote LGBTI rights and protection.

Italy implemented ODIHR's [TAHCLE](#) (Training Against Hate Crime for Law Enforcement) programme in 2014. Italy also participated in ODIHR's project on "[Building a Comprehensive Criminal Justice Response to Hate Crime](#)", which included the training of police, civil society, and lawyers on hate crime investigation and victim support, and the mapping of available hate crime data in the Lombardy region.

[Hate crime data collection in Italy](#)

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ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that Italy has not reported the numbers of prosecuted and information on sentenced hate crime cases to ODIHR.

Official Data

An additional 41,843 cases of violence against women were recorded by police and reported to ODIHR as hate crimes. These are not presented here. The reported numbers include some cases of hate speech and discrimination.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2014	596	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation

413

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

Official figures recorded 413 racist and xenophobic crimes, including one murder, 34 assaults, 11 property damage crimes, nine cases of theft or robbery, four cases of vandalism, 52 threats, three cases of disturbance of the peace and 299 other unspecified crimes.

153

Hate crime against Christians and members of other religions

Official figures recorded 153 anti-religious crimes, including six assaults, 16 property damage crimes, 44 cases of theft or robbery, 20 cases of threats and 67 other crimes.

27

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

Official figures recorded 27 crimes against LGBT people, including one homicide, one assault, five cases of threats, five vandalism cases and 27 other crimes.

3

Disability hate crime

Official figures recorded three anti-disability hate crimes.

Police data by type of crime

384

Unspecified

This category includes weapons and drug related crimes, hate crimes committed online, other unspecified offences with bias motive, as well as others, which do not fall within the OSCE definition of hate crimes.

77

Threats/ threatening behaviour

53

Theft/ robbery

41

Physical assault

27

Damage to property

9

Vandalism

3

Disturbance of the peace

2

Homicide

National Developments

The **Ministry of Interior's Department of Public Security** continued implementing the ODIHR-sponsored TAHCLE programme. Selected public security officials and 15 Carabinieri officers were trained as trainers and an additional 100 police superintendents and 60 Carabinieri officers were directly trained by ODIHR.

In follow-up to TAHCLE, and as part of a large-scale training campaign, a number of trainings courses for law enforcement and Carabinieri were organized, addressing issues of discrimination and hate crimes. The courses are five teaching hours long and address operational aspects of police work. About 1,850 police officers, including border police officers, were trained.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

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