

Italy Hate Crime Report 2015

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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 coordinates 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 41,824 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
2015	555	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation

369

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

Official figures recorded 369 racist and xenophobic crimes.

141

Disability hate crime

Official figures recorded 141 crimes motivated by bias against people with disabilities.

45

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

Official figures recorded 45 crimes based on bias against LGBT people.

Police data by type of crime

396

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.

68

Physical assault

46

Threats/ threatening behaviour

28

Damage to property

9

Theft/ robbery

4

Vandalism

3

Disturbance of the peace

1

Homicide

National Developments

Within the framework of the "LGBTI National Strategy" (which started in 2014), eight half-day training workshops were held for **National Police** and **Carabinieri** officers. In October 2015, within the framework of the PRISM European Project, a training workshop was held in Rome for police officers and legal experts, aimed at increasing awareness and skills for preventing and countering discrimination and, in particular, discrimination-based crimes. Training activities for the National Police also included seminars focusing on discrimination and hate crimes.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

[View civil society incidents for Italy, 2015](#)