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

2025

Summary

Kazakhstan last reported information and statistics on hate crime to ODIHR for the 2018 Hate Crime Report.

Hate crime data collection in Kazakhstan
Support for hate crime victims in Kazakhstan
Kazakhstan's hate crime legislation

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that Kazakhstan has not reported data and information on hate crimes to ODIHR since 2018. ODIHR observes that Kazakhstan has not nominated a National Point of Contact on hate crimes. In addition, ODIHR observes that Kazakhstan would benefit from raising awareness and building the capacity of criminal justice officials in relation to hate crimes.

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 Kazakhstan from the following civil society organizations:

- ALMA-TQ
- Eurasian Coalition on Health, Rights, Gender and Sexual Diversity (ECOM)
- European Association of Jehovah's Witnesses
- International Institute for Religious Freedoms (IIRF)
- Kazakhstan Feminist Initiative "Feminita"

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 incidents that took place in Kazakhstan targeting a total of 89 victims in the anti-Christian, anti-LGBTI, and gender-based bias motivation categories. More than half of the incidents included both anti-LGBTI *and* gender-based bias motivations, while a single incident involved anti-LGBTI *and* disability and gender-based bias motivations, and one other involved both anti-LGBTI *and* racist and xenophobic bias motivations.

ODIHR observes that the majority of incidents reported to ODIHR involved threats, harassment and threatening behaviour targeting transgender persons, including numerous incidents where victims' personal data and media were published online without their consent. A significant number of incidents targeted transgender sex workers and involved blackmail, threats and physical or sexual assault by clients, including police officers.

In addition, ODIHR received several reports of physical assaults against active members of the Jehovah's Witness community in Kazakhstan, including incidents involving severe physical violence by police officers while the victims were held in detention.

It should be noted that ODIHR did **not** receive any reporting related to anti-Muslim, anti-Roma, anti-Semitic, and other religion or belief hate incidents in Kazakhstan, and a low level of reporting related to disability and racist and xenophobic 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 Kazakhstan.

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 Kazakhstan click here.

View civil society incidents for Kazakhstan, 2025