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Summary

Norway regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. In 2021, the Norway Police established a National Expertise Group on Hate Crime. The Group is part of the Oslo Police District and is a reinforcement of the Oslo Police District's Hate Crime Unit. The mandate of the Group is to build the capacities of the regional police districts through training and guidance and, if necessary, to provide assistance in specific cases.

The Attorney General's Annual Circular, which sets out goals and priorities for the year for police and prosecution services, has included hate crime as a priority area for over 20 years. This means that hate crime cases, whatever the severity, are given priority and cannot be dismissed due to capacity or other reasons within police districts.

[Hate crime data collection in Norway](#)
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[Hate crime capacity building in Norway](#)
[Norway's hate crime legislation](#)

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that Norway has not reported on hate crimes separately from cases of hate speech.

Official Data

Figures include crimes of incitement to hatred. There is a discrepancy between the total figure and the sum of the breakdown by bias motivations because some crimes are recorded under multiple bias motivations.

| Year | Hate crimes recorded by police | Prosecuted | Sentenced |
|------|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 2012 | 216 | not available | not available |

Police data by bias motivation

162

Racist and xenophobic

39

Hate crime against Christians and members of other religions

Official figures record 39 crimes motivated by anti-religious bias without differentiation by faith.

34

Anti-LGBTI

Police data by type of crime

235

Unspecified crime type

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

[View civil society incidents for Norway, 2012](#)