

Poland Hate Crime Report 2011

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Summary

Poland regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Several public bodies are involved in monitoring and/or collecting data on hate crimes, primarily the police and the Prosecutor's Office. Hate crime data are regularly published.

There is a high degree of hate crime specialization in both police and prosecutor structures. More than 100 specialist hate crime prosecutors have been appointed, and a network of hate crime co-ordinators was established in the police in 2014. In 2015, following a request by the lower house of parliament, ODIHR provided a [legislative review](#) of proposed changes to the Criminal Code of Poland, including on hate crime provisions.

In 2023, Polish police participated in a three-day train-the-trainer workshop as part of ODIHR's Training Against Hate Crime for Law Enforcement ([TAHCLE](#)). In 2018, the Ministry of the Interior, ODIHR and the EU Fundamental Rights Agency co-organized a workshop on understanding and improving hate crime recording and data collection based on ODIHR's Information Against Hate Crimes Toolkit ([INFAHCT](#)) programme. In 2019, ODIHR co-operated with the Commissioner for Human Rights in Poland to issue a [report](#) on the nature and scale of unreported hate crimes against members of selected communities in Poland.

A draft bill is being developed to amend the Penal Code to strengthen criminal law protection against criminal discriminatory grounds for conduct on the basis of disability, age, gender, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

[Hate crime data collection in Poland](#)

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

[Hate crime capacity building in Poland](#)

[Poland's hate crime legislation](#)

Official Data

Figures include crimes of incitement to hatred.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2011	222	43	24

Police data by bias motivation

222

Unspecified

Police data by type of crime

105

Physical assault

81

Threats/ threatening behaviour

34

Attacks against places of worship

2

Homicide

National Developments

Poland continued with the implementation of ODIHR's law-enforcement training programme on hate crimes, resulting in a total of 115 expert trainers on hate crime by the end of 2011. Local training sessions on hate crimes also continued, bringing the total number of police officers trained on hate crimes to 38,000. These also included the national launch and distribution to police officers of leaflets on hate crime and common hate symbols.

On the basis of an audit review concerning criminal cases based on racism or xenophobia, the Preparatory Proceedings Office of **General Prosecutor's Office** conducted an analysis of hate crimes and outlined methodological guidelines for prosecutors who lead or supervise preparatory proceedings in hate crime cases. This analysis was sent to all appeals prosecutor's offices with a request to further distribute it to subordinate prosecution units.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

[View civil society incidents for Poland, 2011](#)