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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2024 Hate Crime Report.
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Summary

Portugal regularly reports information on hate crimes to ODIHR. Hate crime data is collected by Portugal's Ministry of Justice and the Prosecutor's Office.

Portugal has launched a series of action plans in recent years to combat discrimination, including a plan to combat racism (PNCRD 2021-2025), the National Strategy to Combat Poverty and Social Exclusion, the National Strategy for Equality and Non-Discrimination (2018-2030), the National Implementation Plan of the Global Compact for Migration, the National Roma Communities Integration Strategy (2013-2022), and the National Programme on Holocaust Remembrance.

In 2018, the Ministry of Justice, ODIHR and the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights co-organized a workshop to improve hate crime recording and data collection, based on ODIHR's Information Against Hate Crimes Toolkit (INFAHCT). The workshop resulted in a set of recommendations for relevant state authorities.

Hate crime data collection in Portugal
Support for hate crime victims in Portugal
Hate crime capacity building in Portugal
Portugal's hate crime legislation

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes Portugal's efforts to report hate crime information and statistics to ODIHR. However, based on the available information, ODIHR observes that law enforcement agencies have not recorded the bias motivations behind hate crimes and that Portugal's hate crime statistics do not sufficiently distinguish hate crimes from other crimes. In addition, ODIHR observes that Portugal would benefit from building the capacity of criminal justice officials to address hate crime.

Official Data

Police-recorded figures mainly consist of incidents of discrimination and incitement to hatred and violence, which fall outside the OSCE hate crime definition. While hate crimes may be included, they could not be identified in these statistics. Records on prosecuted and sentenced cases were not available at the time of publishing ODIHR's 2024 Hate Crime Report.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2024	421	not available	not available

National Developments

The Ministry of Justice is currently considering the implementation of new solutions in the field of criminal mediation and restorative justice.

Incidents reported by civil society

For 2024, ODIHR received reports of hate incidents in Portugal from the following civil society organizations:

- The Observatory on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians in Europe (OIDAC)

To learn more about this organization, visit the Contributors page.

All incidents submitted by the above organizations have been analysed by ODIHR. Those that were 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

In 2024, ODIHR received two reports of anti-Christian incidents that took place in Portugal.

ODIHR observes that there is a lack of reporting from civil society on Portugal.

It should be noted that ODIHR did not receive any reporting on Portugal relating to racist and xenophobic, anti-Roma, anti-Semitic, anti-Muslim, anti-LGBTI, gender-based, or disability 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 Portugal.

To address under-reporting, ODIHR encourages any civil society organizations or groups that monitor hate incidents in Portugal to report these to ODIHR at hatecrimereport@odihr.pl.

To export an Excel sheet with summaries of all incidents from Portugal click here and search by year and country.

View civil society incidents for Portugal, 2024