Spain Hate Crime Report 2015

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2015 Hate Crime Report.
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For more information about ODIHR's Hate Crime Report, visit: hatecrime.osce.org/our-methodology

Summary

Spain regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Spain publishes annual reports on hate crimes.

Spain implemented ODIHR's Training Against Hate Crime for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) programme in 2019, and the Prosecutor General's Office has established a network of dedicated hate crime prosecutors across the country. A regional TAHCLE in Valencia was implemented in 2016.

The Ministry of Interior has a dedicated protocol that regulates how law enforcement handles hate crime cases and sets out the specific rights of hate crime victims. Within the Ministry, the Spanish National Office Against Hate Crimes (ONDOD) is responsible for the Hate Crime Action Plan (adopted for 2019-2021 and 2022-2024). Currently, the Action Plan covers the areas of victim support, co-ordination among state authorities, civil society and the private sector, hate crime prevention, specialization within the police, training, awareness raising, and the allocation of adequate human resources in ONDOD.

In 2023, Spain implemented a new national Strategic Framework against racism and xenophobia

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that Spain has not reported to ODIHR the numbers of prosecuted hate crime cases or information on sentenced hate crime cases.

Official Data

The figure presented here includes 17 hate crimes motivated by "fear of the poor" and 308 hate crimes motivated by ideology. These categories fall outside of the OSCE concept of hate crimes and are therefore not included in the breakdown by bias motivation below.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2015	1,328	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation

505

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

Official figures recorded 505 racist and xenophobic crimes.

226

Disability hate crime

Official figures recorded 226 hate crimes motivated by bias against disability.

169

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

Official figures recorded 169 hate crimes motivated by bias against sexual orientation.

70

Hate crime against Christians and members of other religions

Official figures recorded 70 hate crimes motivated by bias against religion.

24

Unspecified

9

Anti-Semitic hate crime

Official figures recorded 9 anti-Semitic hate crimes.

Police data by type of crime

	462

Unspecified

This category includes hate crimes committed at, around, shortly before or after a sport event, and other unspecified crimes.

212	

Physical assault

This category includes physical assaults with or without injuries, as well as sexual assaults and abuse.

162	

Threats/ threatening behaviour

This category includes threats and minor harassment.

54

Theft/ robbery

41

Damage to property

40

Desecration of graves

28

Vandalism

3

Homicide

1

Attacks against places of worship

National Developments

In 2015, Spain introduced two new categories for recorded hate incidents to include "Ideology" and "Sex and Gender". These were introduced among the other hate and discrimination incidents in the "Statistic System of Criminality."

The **Spanish Institute of Women and for Equal Opportunities (IWEO)** published a *Practical Guide: How to deal with discrimination cases and hate crimes.* This guide, available in English, comes in two versions: one for the public and one for professionals working on hate crime issues.

The **Secretary General of Immigration and Emigration of the Ministry of Employment and Social Security**, through the **Spanish Observatory on Racism and Xenophobia**, has implemented the project "Training for the Prevention and Detection of Racism, Xenophobia and Intolerance at School" (FRIDA Project).

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

View civil society incidents for Spain, 2015