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Spain Hate Crime Report 2023

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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 recognizes Spain's efforts to build the capacity of national and local police to address hate crimes. However, based on the available information, it observes that Spain's hate crime statistics do not sufficiently distinguish hate crimes from other crimes. Further, ODIHR observes that Spain would benefit from strengthening collaboration with and facilitating the efforts of civil society working to address hate crime and support hate crime victims.



Official Data

Police figures presented here include offences that fall outside the OSCE's hate crime definition, such as hate speech, but which could not be disaggregated. Prosecution figures refer to the number of indictments.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2023	2,268	210	157



Police data by bias motivation

The breakdown below does not include 352 offences motivated by ideology.





Police data by type of crime

1,916

The breakdown below does not include 352 offences motivated by ideology.

Unspecified



National Developments

In 2023, the Strategic Framework for Citizenship and Inclusion, against Racism and Xenophobia (2023-2027) was approved. The Framework aims to build a society that ensures the inclusion of all people residing in the country, ensuring respect for dignity and human rights and freedom from discrimination.

In 2023, two toll-free telephone numbers were launched and are available year-round: '021' assists victims of racism, including victims of racist discrimination, persecution and hate crimes; and '028' assists victims of homophobia and transphobia and provides comprehensive assistance in the event of anti-LGBTI discrimination and hate crime.

In 2023, the European Commission implemented a project in co-operation with civil society groups to build the capacity of Spain's national and local police forces to prevent, identify and respond to racist and xenophobic incidents, including hate crimes.

In 2023, the General Council of the Judiciary facilitated a training course on hate crime, while the Ministry of Justice trained civil servants from the Administration of Justice on equal treatment, non-discrimination, and racist/xenophobic crimes.



Incidents reported by civil society

5 13 47 Anti-Christian hate crime	7 6
Anti-Christian hate crime	
5 12 17	
Anti-Semitic hate crime	
5 7 3 15	
Racist and xenophobic hate crime	
5 3 9	
Anti-Muslim hate crime	
1	
Anti-LGBTI hate crime	
1	
Anti-Roma hate crime	
1	
Gender-based hate crime	
Violent attacks against people Threats/Harassment Attac	ks against property



Targeted properties

Total 67 incidents targeting properties					
	32		4	3	39
Place of worship					
12	12				
Monument					
5 3 8					
Community facility					
2 2 1 5					
Public Space					
2 1 1 4					
Private property					
1 1 2					
Cemetery					
1 1 2					
Other					
 Anti-Christian hate crime Racist and xenophobic hate cri 		Anti-Muslim hate crime			



Type of property attack



View civil society incidents for Spain, 2023

