

Turkey Hate Crime Report 2023

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Summary

Türkiye regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Türkiye implemented ODIHR's Training against Hate Crime for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) programme following a memorandum of understanding signed in 2016. The government currently implements a Human Rights Action Plan launched in 2021, which includes objectives dedicated to addressing hate crime in the country, including providing support to victims.

[Hate crime data collection in Türkiye](#)

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

[Hate crime capacity building in Türkiye](#)

[Türkiye's hate crime legislation](#)

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes Türkiye's efforts to report hate crime data and information to ODIHR. However, based on the available information, ODIHR observes that Türkiye's law enforcement agencies have not recorded the bias motivations of hate crimes. In addition, ODIHR also observes that Türkiye would benefit from reviewing the existing legal framework to ensure that bias motivations can be effectively acknowledged and appropriate penalties imposed on the perpetrators.

Official Data

The numbers in this table relate only to criminal offences constituting threats and damage to places of worship and cemeteries (Articles 115 and 153 of the Criminal Code).

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2023	93	476	260

Police data by bias motivation

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93

Unspecified

Police data by type of crime

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88

Attacks against places of worship

Cases recorded under this category also include attacks on cemeteries.

5

Threats/ threatening behaviour

This category includes offences under Article 115 (Prevention of the Exercise of Freedom of Belief, Thought and Conviction).

National Developments

On 1 November 2023, the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye approved new policy measures for 2024-2028 to monitor discrimination and hatred. The measures include the creation of a database to allow for the collection of statistics on criminal offences and misdemeanours involving hate and discrimination.

The topic of "Refugees and Hate Speech" was included in the criminal module of the in-service training programmes for judges and public prosecutors. The programmes are organized within the scope of a project on "Access to Justice for Asylum Seekers and Refugees", implemented by the Turkish Justice Academy and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. In 2023, 121 judges and public prosecutors participated in the criminal law programme of the regional trainings organized as part of the project.

In January 2023, a Roma Coordination Centre was established within the Ministry of Interior to support Roma citizens' access to education, health, employment, housing, social services and assistance.

Incidents reported by civil society

Total 86 incidents



Racist and xenophobic hate crime



Anti-Christian hate crime



Anti-LGBTI hate crime



Gender-based hate crime



Anti-Roma hate crime



Anti-Semitic hate crime



Anti-Muslim hate crime

■ Violent attacks against people
 ■ Threats
 ■ Attacks against property

Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

Targeted properties

Total 21 incidents targeting properties



Place of worship



Private property



Cemetery



School



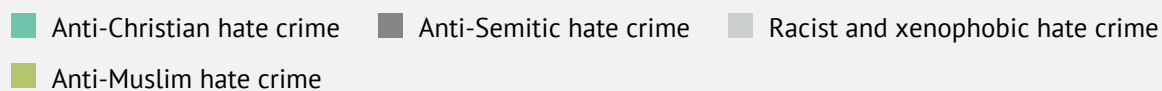
Community facility



Other



Public Space



Type of property attack

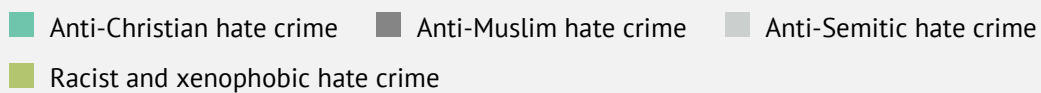
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Damage to property



Vandalism



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