



Antisemitism overview - Bulgaria

Overview of antisemitic incidents recorded in Bulgaria in 2014-2024

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The country overview provides a descriptive analysis of the available official and unofficial data. ‘Official data’ refers to those collected by law enforcement agencies, authorities that are part of criminal justice systems and relevant state ministries. ‘Unofficial data’ refers to those collected by civil society organisations, including Jewish community organisations. All data presented are based on the countries and organisations’ own definitions and categorisations of antisemitism. Some of these draw on the IHRA Working definition of antisemitism, which was endorsed by all EU member states, except Malta. Albania, North Macedonia and Serbia also adopted the IHRA Working definition on antisemitism. ⁽ⁱ⁾ Where available, the country overview provides a breakdown of the data by month following 7 October 2023, showing stark increases in recorded antisemitic incidents following the Hamas attacks and the and the ensuing military intervention in Gaza.

This publication is part of a larger series of overviews of antisemitic incidents. FRA and its predecessor (the EU Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia) have monitored antisemitism since 2004.

1.1. Official data

The Ministry of Interior worked on six antisemitic incidents that came to its attention in 2022. The National Coordinator on Combating Antisemitism and the organisations of Bulgarian Jews reported four of these incidents, according to the NLO.

In 2022, according to the NLO’s input, no online antisemitic incidents were registered, and no one was convicted of an antisemitic crime in Bulgaria. However, the system for reporting antisemitic incidents remains in place (Table 1).

The Ministry of Interior worked on five antisemitic incidents that came to its attention in 2024, none of which reached the criminal threshold. The National Coordinator on Combating Antisemitism (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and the organisations of Bulgarian Jews reported the incidents, according to the NLO.

In 2024, according to the NLO’s input, no online antisemitic incidents were registered, and no one was convicted of an antisemitic crime in Bulgaria.

Table 1: People convicted of antisemitic crimes, Ministry of Justice, 2014–2024

Year	People convicted of antisemitic crimes
2014	1
2015	2
2016	1
2017	1
2018	0
2019	0
2020	0
2021	0
2022	0
2023	n.a.
2024	0

n.a.-Not available. No data for 2023 was provided when this report was compiled.

Source: Computing Centre to the Chief Directorate of Implementation of Penal Sanctions at the Ministry of Justice, 2024.

1.2. Unofficial data

No unofficial data were available when this report was compiled.

(i) See an overview of EU Member States and accession countries that adopted the [working definition of antisemitism](#) by the 2016 International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance.