



# Antisemitism overview - Cyprus

Overview of antisemitic incidents recorded in Cyprus in 2014-2024

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# 1. Cyprus

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. <sup>(i)</sup> 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 Cyprus Police records antisemitic incidents under the category ‘Motive in incidents and/or cases of racial nature and/or with racial motive’ (Table 1). The statistics for this category are available from 2015 onwards; in 2015–2020, no antisemitic incidents were recorded. The police recorded two antisemitic incidents in 2021, but no incidents in 2022, according to information FRA received from the Cypriot government via the NLO. However, the system for reporting antisemitic incidents remains in place, according to the latest information. In regard of 2023, two antisemitic incidents were reported and registered by the Police, which did not proceed with a criminal prosecution against any person. Additionally, during 2023, three antisemitic cases were investigated by the Police. In 2024, two antisemitic incidents were reported to and registered by the Police, which did not proceed with a criminal prosecution against any person. In addition, one antisemitic incident was investigated by the Police in 2024, with one person arrested and under trial.

**Table 1: Number of incidents registered by the Cyprus Police (2015–2024)**

Year	Registered incidents
2015	0
2016	0
2017	0
2018	0
2019	0
2020	0
2021	2
2022	0
2023	5
2024	3

## 1.2. Unofficial data

No unofficial data were available when this report was compiled.

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(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.