



# Antisemitism overview - Lithuania

Overview of antisemitic incidents recorded in Lithuania in 2014-2024

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# 1. Lithuania

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

Seven crimes (one after 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023) related to antisemitism were registered under Article 170 of the Criminal Code of Lithuania on 'Incitement against any national, racial, ethnic, religious or other group of persons' in 2023, according to the data of the Departmental Register of Criminal Offences. In addition, one crime was recorded under Article 145 of the Criminal Code of Lithuania on 'Threatening to Murder or Cause a Severe Health Impairment to a Person or Terrorisation of a Person', after 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023. (Table 1).

In 2024, according to the data from the Register of Criminal Offences, thirteen crimes potentially related to antisemitism were recorded. Eight crimes were registered under Article 170 of the Criminal Code (CC): „Incitement against any national, racial, ethnic, religious, or other group of people, three crimes under Article 312 CC: „Desecration of a grave or other place of public respect“, one crime under Article 284 CC: „Disturbance of public order“ and one crime under Article 170 CC: „Public approval of international crimes, crimes of the USSR or Nazi Germany, denial or gross trivialization thereof“.

In 2021, the Lithuanian State Security Department (*Valstybės saugumo departamentas*) did not record any antisemitic incidents, compared with three incidents recorded in 2020 and five in 2019. The State Security Department recorded one antisemitic incident in 2018 (against an object related to the Jewish community).

**Table 1: Number of registered incidents/crimes in Lithuania, 2018–2024**

| Year | Number of registered incidents/ crimes |
|------|--|
| 2018 | 1                                      |
| 2019 | 5                                      |
| 2020 | 3                                      |
| 2021 | 0                                      |
| 2022 | 5                                      |
| 2023 | 8                                      |
| 2024 | 13                                     |

*Source:* Lithuanian State Security Department, 2019–2023; and the Departmental Register of Criminal Offences, 2023 (NLO provided the data).

## 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.