



Antisemitism overview - Spain

Overview of antisemitic incidents recorded in Spain in 2014-2024

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1. Spain

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 crime statistics system registers incidents from all police bodies. The database shows 11 antisemitic incidents in 2021, 13 in 2022 (Table 1) and 23 in 2023 and 37 in 2024. Considering the period for which data are available, 2014–2024, the highest number of incidents was recorded in 2024 (37). However, the increase in 2014 was the result of improvements made to the recording system that is part of the Spanish approach to combating hate crime.

Table 1 – Number of antisemitic incidents recorded in the Spanish crime statistics system, 2013–2023

Year	Recorded antisemitic incidents
2014	24
2015	9
2016	7
2017	6

Year	Recorded antisemitic incidents
2018	8
2019	5
2020	3
2021	11
2022	13
2023	23
2024	37

Source: Ministry of the Interior (Ministerio del Interior), 2014–2024.

The Ministry of the Interior's 2021 report on hate crimes committed on the internet and social networks took evidence of two crimes classified as antisemitic out of a total of 232 crimes (roughly 1%). A total of 123 content threads were identified and reported as antisemitic hate speech to online platforms throughout the year. This figure represents 3.6% of the total content reported (3,378). (ii)

The Spanish Observatory on Racism and Xenophobia (Observatorio Español del Racismo y la Xenofobia (Oberaxe)) was established to carry out research and analysis. The observatory operates under the auspices of the Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migration. After the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, Oberaxe monitored hate speech on social media. The results of the monitoring were published in bulletins every month on the observatory's website.

In 2023, Observed hate speech towards the Jewish community represents 4.1% of the total content on social media platforms, with a notable increase in the context of the ongoing war in the Middle East. Indeed, 41.4% of the hate speech content towards the Jewish community is directly related to the situation in the Middle East. (iii)

In 2024, an important element of this analysis is the influence of geopolitical developments on trends in hate speech. The ongoing conflict in the Middle East has contributed to an increase in antisemitic content observed on social media platforms. Currently, hate speech directed toward the Jewish community accounts for 3% of such online activity. (iv)

1.1.1. Statistical data from the Hate Crimes and Discrimination Unit of the Attorney General's Office on antisemitism.

These data correspond to the number of criminal proceedings detected by the Spanish prosecutor's office in 2023 and 2024 in which the reason for discrimination has been antisemitism.

It should be considered that the collection of statistical data by the Hate Crimes and Discrimination Unit of the FGE presents multiple difficulties due to the lack of a unified computer registry. Work is currently underway on the development of a computer application that will be operational in 2026.

The figures provided are, therefore, an approximation, since the judicial computer system and that of the prosecutor's office have gaps and shortcomings that prevent us from having a global and detailed figure of this reality.

1.1.2. Investigative proceedings of the Public Prosecutor's Office

The data of the investigation proceedings reflected by the territorial specialists in their reports by virtue of the complaints received in their respective prosecutor's offices are collected here.

Investigative measures initiated in which the ground of discrimination is antisemitism.

Table 2 – Reason of discrimination in the proceedings initiated.

Reasons of discrimination in the proceedings initiated	2022	2023	2024
antisemitism	6	26	33 (v)

Source: Hate Crimes and Discrimination Unit of the Prosecutor General's Office. FRA NLO 2025

Table 3 – Number of complaints and complaints from the Public Prosecutor's Office in which the ground of discrimination is antisemitism

Reason for discrimination in complaints and complaints of the Public Prosecutor's Office	2023	2024 (vi)
Antisemitism	10	16

Source: Hate Crimes and Discrimination Unit of the Prosecutor General's Office. FRA NLO 2025

Table 4 – Indictments issued by the Public Prosecutor's Office in which the ground of discrimination is anti-Semitism

Reason for discrimination	2022	2023	2024 (vii)
Antisemitism	3	4	4

Source: Hate Crimes and Discrimination Unit of the Prosecutor General's Office. FRA NLO 2025

Table 5 – Judgments known in 2023

Discrimination ground	2023	2024 (viii)
Antisemitism	1	2

Source: Hate Crimes and Discrimination Unit of the Prosecutor General's Office. FRA NLO 2025

Table 6 – Number of government files initiated in the Hate Crimes and Discrimination Unit of the Attorney General's Office during the years 2023 and 2024.

July-December 2023	January-December 2024	July-December 2024
13	11	32

Source: Hate Crimes and Discrimination Unit of the Prosecutor General's Office. FRA NLO 2025

1.2. Unofficial data

The Observatory of Antisemitism in Spain (*Observatorio de antisemitismo en España*) records antisemitic events that occur in Spain and presents its findings in the form of a chronology. (ix) When data for this report were compiled, the chronology available on the observatory's website contained 14 incidents in 2022 compared with 9 in 2021 and

16 incidents in 2020. Earlier reports published by the observatory provided more details of the recorded incidents; the most recent of those detailed reports referred to incidents recorded in 2019. During 2024 193 antisemitic incidents were registered. This is the highest number recorded in Spain's in one year and represents an increase of 321% compared to 2023 and 567% compared to 2022. Compared to previous years, 60 incidents were recorded in 2023 and 34 incidents in 2022. The months with the highest number of incidents were October 2024 (25) and November 2024 (30), coinciding with the first anniversary of the Hamas attacks of 7 October 2023. (x)

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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.
 - (ii) Ministry of the Interior (Ministerio del Interior) (2022), '[Informe sobre evolución de los delitos de odio en España 2021](#)'.
 - (iii) [Observatorio de antisemitismo en España](#), (2023), [Annual Report on Hate Speech Monitoring on Social Networking Sites. Racist, xenophobic, Islamophobic, antisemitic and anti-Roma contents](#), p.23.
 - (iv) Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migrations, (2025), [ANNUAL REPORT. Monitoring Hate Speech on Social Media](#), Madrid.
 - (v) [Memoria de la Fiscalía General del Estado 2025](#)
 - (vi) [Memoria de la Fiscalía General del Estado 2025](#)
 - (vii) [Memoria de la Fiscalía General del Estado 2025](#)
 - (viii) [Memoria de la Fiscalía General del Estado 2025](#)
 - (ix) See [El Observatorio - Observatorio de Antisemitismo](#).
 - (x) [Observatorio de antisemitismo en España](#), (2024), [Report on Anti-Semitism in Spain for the year 2024, Informe antisemitismo 2024 FCJE](#).