OSCE ODIHR
HATE CRIME REPORTING

Belgium Hate Crime Report 2009

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2009 Hate Crime Report.
For more information, including on previous years' reporting, please visit: hatecrime.osce.org/belgium

For more information about ODIHR's Hate Crime Report, visit: hatecrime.osce.org/our-methodology

Summary

Belgium regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Recent initiatives to improve hate crime identification, recording and data collection have been implemented through ODIHR's Information Against Hate Crimes Toolkit (INFAHCT) programme. In particular, Belgium has implemented the programme's recommendations on the operational practice of police, prosecutors, and equality bodies.

Hate crime data collection in Belgium
Support for hate crime victims in Belgium
Hate crime capacity building in Belgium
Belgium's hate crime legislation

Official Data

Figures refer to crimes with a racist/xenophobic motive and include incitement to hatred crimes and discrimination crimes.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2009	1,198	974	not available

Police data by bias motivation

Unspecified

Anti-Semitic hate crime

Official figures record three assaults against four Jewish people, in a neighbourhood primarily inhabited by Orthodox Jews.

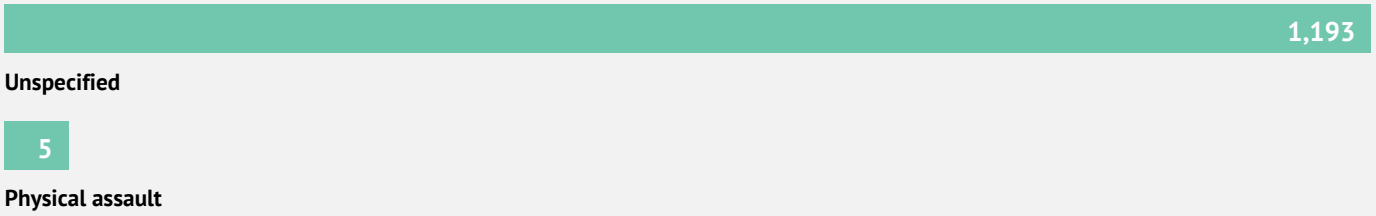
Anti-LGBTI hate crime

Belgium reported an incident in which two men were assaulted by five individuals in an attack allegedly motivated by homophobia.

Disability hate crime

Belgium reported the abuse and mistreatment of a man with mental disabilities. The alleged perpetrators were arrested and the case is under investigation.

Police data by type of crime



Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.