

Sweden Hate Crime Report 2009

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Summary

Sweden regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Hate crime reports are [published](#) every second year. Since 2016, the Government has implemented a national plan against racism, similar forms of hostility and hate crime. The plan takes an integrated approach and comprises strategies and measures to prevent and combat racism and hate crime through co-ordination and monitoring, education and research, and support for and co-operation with civil society. Three different victimization surveys are conducted at one, two and three-year intervals in order to measure unreported hate crime.

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Official Data

Police figures include incidents related to defamation, hate speech and unlawful discrimination.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2009	5,797	450	not available

Police data by bias motivation

2,941

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

The government has included the issue of hate crimes as part of the compulsory human rights and equality training for all judges. The mandatory training course is arranged by the **Swedish National Courts Administration** and is taken by all those training to be judges. In addition, Sweden reported a new initiative that is aimed at improving the recording of hate crimes by police in Skåne County. As part of the initiative, special hate crimes officers will be trained and designated to follow up on cases. The development of joint guidelines with prosecutors and courts is envisaged in order to increase the number of cases prosecuted.

893

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

Official figures record 893 crimes motivated by bias based on sexual orientation, and further 30 hate crimes targeting transgender persons.

155

Anti-Semitic hate crime

Official figures record 155 anti-Semitic hate crimes.

142

Hate crime against Christians and members of other religions

Police reports identified 142 anti-religious crimes, of which approximately 134 were motivated by a bias against Christians.

134

Anti-Muslim hate crime

Official figures record 134 crimes motivated by intolerance against Muslims.

105

Anti-Roma hate crime

Official data included 163 anti-Roma hate crimes. The overall figure presented here (105) excludes the following incidents that do not fall within the OSCE definition of hate crime: 21 defamation; 13 hate speech; and 24 unlawful discrimination cases.

Police data by type of crime

2,496

Threats/ threatening behaviour

Includes crimes that are officially categorized as 'unlawful threats and non-sexual molestation.'

1,220

Physical assault

Includes crimes that for the purpose of the hate crime statistics are categorized as "violent crimes": homicide, assault, violence against a public servant and, although not included in the initial selection process, a further few cases of mugging, gross violation of integrity, gross violation of a woman's integrity and rape.

542

Vandalism

Includes crimes that are officially categorized as 'criminal damage/graffiti.'

112

Unspecified

This category includes a selection of other hate crimes besides those mentioned above. For example: Malpractice, crimes against the Personal Data Act, unlawful deprivation of liberty and interference in a judicial matter.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.