

Netherlands Hate Crime Report 2009

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Summary

The Netherlands regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. [Police](#) and [prosecution](#) statistics are published annually. A victimization survey is conducted by the Central Bureau of Statistics every two years and the results are published [here](#).

The Netherlands' Criminal Code contains no hate crime provisions, and hate crimes are addressed as "criminal offences with a discriminatory aspect". The Public Prosecution Service provides guidance on investigating and prosecuting such offences ([Aanwijzing Discriminatie](#)), including on prioritising discrimination offences.

In October 2021, the Netherlands appointed a National Coordinator against Discrimination and Racism to ensure a comprehensive approach to countering discrimination and hate crime, including with the involvement of civil society.

In May 2022, a new State Commission against Discrimination and Racism (State Commission) was tasked with conducting research into discrimination and racism, including hate crimes.

[Hate crime data collection in the Netherlands](#)

[Support for hate crime victims in the Netherlands](#)

[Hate crime capacity building in the Netherlands](#)

[The Netherlands's hate crime legislation](#)

Official Data

Figures include hate speech and discrimination offences. There is a discrepancy between the total figure and the sum of the breakdown by bias motivations below because some offences are categorized under multiple bias motivations.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2009	2,212	160	135

Police data by bias motivation

775

Unspecified

761

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

The **National Expertise Centre on Diversity of the Police** operates a regional online hate crime form for victims to report such crimes to police. The website includes the possibility of anonymous reporting. The **Ministry of Interior and Kingdom Relations** also introduced a campaign to raise awareness on the importance of reporting hate crimes. A conference, held every two years, on a united effort to combat hate crimes took place with relevant actors such as the government, NGOs and the police. It was decided to improve co-ordination by following agreed definitions and publishing reports during the same period, progressing towards creating a combined report.

428

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

The local police and two NGOs (**COC Leiden**, an LGBT organization, and the **Office for Discrimination Issues of the Hollands Midden and Haaglanden region**) launched a website where victims can report incidents online.

209

Anti-Semitic hate crime

Official figures record 209 anti-Semitic crimes.

96

Anti-Muslim hate crime

Official figures record three attacks on mosques and 93 unspecified crimes based on bias against Muslims.

20

Hate crime against Christians and members of other religions

Official figures record 11 crimes based on bias against Christians and 9 based on bias against non-specified religions.

5

Disability hate crime

Police figures record 5 crimes based on bias against people with disabilities.

Police data by type of crime

2,211

Unspecified

53

Threats/ threatening behaviour

23

Physical assault

4

Damage to property

3

Attacks against places of worship

National Developments

This figure includes 10 crimes based on bias against sex, three crimes based on bias against members of no religion, 113 crimes based on bias against political belief and 649 cases based on an unspecified bias.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.