

Sweden Hate Crime Report 2011

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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
2011	5,493	347	not available

Police data by bias motivation

2,648

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

Official figures record 2,648 racist and xenophobic crimes.

682

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

There were several projects to address LGBT hate crime. The **Police Authority of Vasta Götaland County** participated in the local LGBTQ festival with a mobile police office and conducted seminars about the importance of reporting hate crimes to police. The **Crime Victim Compensation and Support Authority** similarly organized a seminar on hate crime at Stockholm Pride 2011. The **Crime Victim Support Unit** also continued to work on outreach to support LGBT victims of hate crime, including launching a website specifically targeting young LGBT people who have been the target of hate crime (aldrigokej.se).

189

Anti-Muslim hate crime

Official figures record 189 crimes motivated by intolerance against Muslims.

168

Hate crime against Christians and members of other religions

Official data included an estimated 179 anti-Semitic hate crimes. The overall figure presented here (168) excludes cases of defamation and hate speech which do not fall within the OSCE definition of hate crime.

126

Anti-Semitic hate crime

The **Swedish Committee Against Anti-Semitism (SCAA)**, has several ongoing projects in the educational field to address of anti-Semitic hate crime, including two different educational programmes targeting students in secondary schools. The first programme focuses on the life story of a person who survived Auschwitz-Birkenau and includes exercises to encourage students to reflect upon modern-day Sweden and a "hate crime quiz". The second programme uses interactive materials addressing anti-Semitism and other modern forms of intolerance, including anti-Muslim bias and racism against different types of ethnic groups. The latter programme was developed and published by **SCAA** and the **Living History Forum**, together with the **Anne Frank House** and **ODIHR**. A third educational programme is aimed primarily at teachers and day-care providers and explores anti-Semitism and anti-Muslim bias in the educational setting, including how to respond and counter prejudices, while also discussing issues around hate crime.

103

Anti-Roma hate crime

Official figures record 103 hate crimes as motivated by bias against Roma and Sinti.

Police data by type of crime

2,322

Threats/ threatening behaviour

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

970

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.

474

Vandalism

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

150

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 .

National Developments

The **Police Authority of Skane County** continued to develop and implement the training of specialized police officers in each district on registering and recording hate crimes. The **Crime Victim Compensation and Support Authority** funded several projects on hate crimes, aimed to increase knowledge of victims. The Authority funded a research project in 2011 to explore the causes and consequences of hate crime, and to examine possible means of prevention, with a focus on identifying strategies to improve the situation for victims. Other awareness-raising and capacity-building initiatives targeting specific groups are included in this report under the relevant sections.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.