

Belgium Hate Crime Report 2011

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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.

Crime victimization surveys and research are frequently conducted in Belgium. "Safe.brussels", the Brussels public service responsible for crime prevention and security within the Brussels-Capital Region, conducts surveys on the perception of security and crime victimization among the general public every two years.

[Hate crime data collection in Belgium](#)

[Support for hate crime victims in Belgium](#)

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[Belgium's hate crime legislation](#)

Official Data

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

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2011	1,152	865	75

Police data by bias motivation

1,150

Unspecified

2

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

Official figures record one physical assault and one case of property damage against a mixed-race couple in Schaerbeek, carried out by a group.

Police data by type of crime

1,150

Unspecified

1

Damage to property

1

Physical assault

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

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