

Netherlands Hate Crime Report 2015

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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.

The Ministry of the Interior (Mol) regularly consults civil society organizations (CSOs) on anti-discrimination policies. In particular, the Mol has entered into a formal co-operation agreement with the CSO Discriminatie.nl, which monitors discrimination in the Netherlands.

[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](#)

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that the Netherlands have not reported on cases of hate crimes separately from cases of hate speech and/or discrimination.

Official Data

Figures reported to ODIHR and presented here include hate speech and discrimination offences (or "basic forms of discrimination") as well as hate crimes ("common offences with a discriminatory motive"). Where multiple biases are registered in an offence, each of them is reported individually in the breakdown below.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2015	5,288	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation

2,215

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

Official figures recorded 2,215 racist and xenophobic incidents. Figures include cases of hate speech and discrimination.

1,574

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

Official figures recorded 1,574 crimes motivated by bias against LGBT people. The figures include cases of hate speech and discrimination.

462

Hate crime against Christians and members of other religions

Official figures recorded 462 anti-religious hate crimes. The figures include cases of hate speech and discrimination.

439

Anti-Muslim hate crime

Official figures recorded 439 hate crimes motivated by intolerance against Muslims. The figures include cases of hate speech and discrimination.

428

Anti-Semitic hate crime

Official figures recorded 428 anti-Semitic hate crimes. The figures include cases of hate speech and discrimination.

109

Unspecified

Official figures recorded 109 crimes based on gender. The figures include cases of hate speech and discrimination.

61

Disability hate crime

Official figures recorded 61 crimes based on bias against people with disabilities. The figures include cases of hate speech and discrimination.

Police data by type of crime

5,288

Unspecified

National Developments

Official figures recorded 109 crimes based on gender. The figures include cases of hate speech and discrimination.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

[View civil society incidents for Netherlands, 2015](#)