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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2009 Hate Crime Report.
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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. A new Action Plan to Combat Racism and Hate Crimes was launched in December 2024.

Three different victimization surveys are conducted at one, two and three-year intervals in order to measure unreported hate crime.

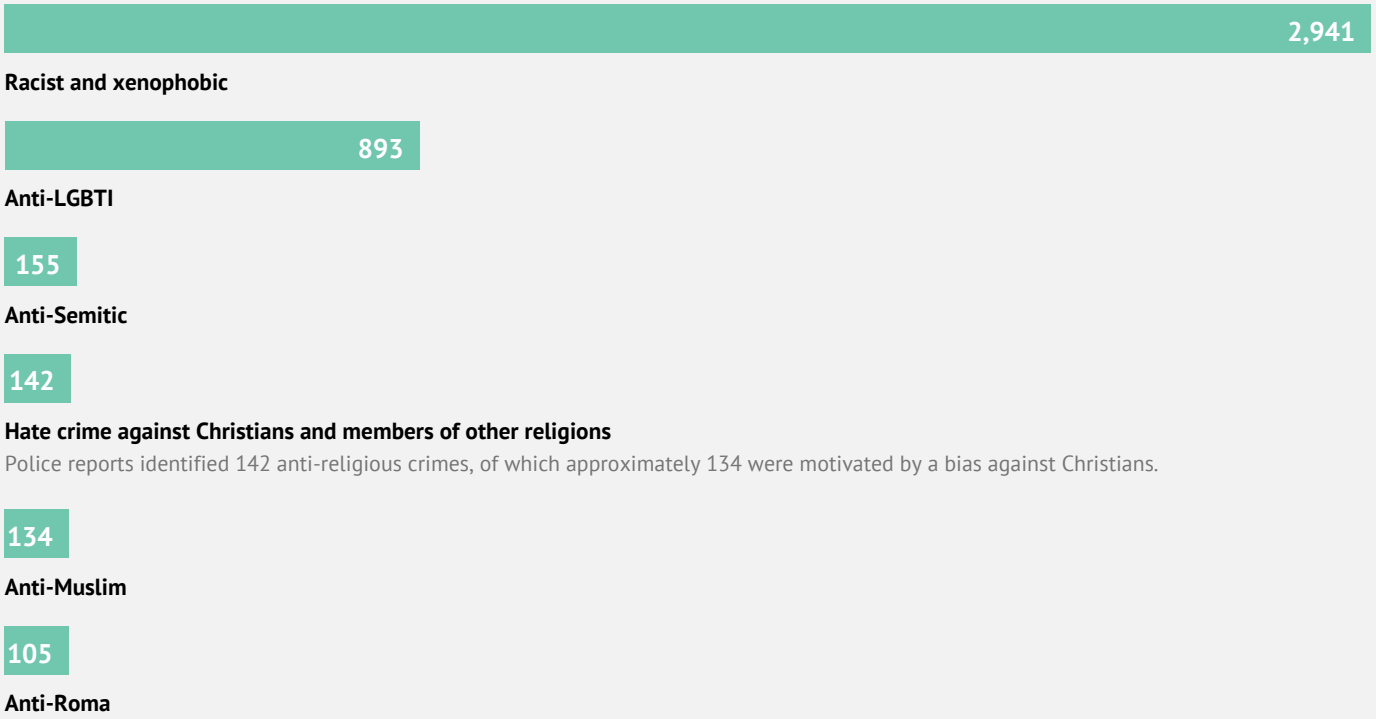
Hate crime data collection in Sweden
Support for hate crime victims in Sweden
Hate crime capacity building in Sweden
Sweden's hate crime legislation

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



Police data by type of crime



Threats/ threatening behaviour

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



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.



Vandalism

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



Unspecified crime type

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.

View civil society incidents for Sweden, 2009