

Sweden Hate Crime Report 2010

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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
2010	5,139	440	not available

Police data by bias motivation

2,493

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

Official figures record 2,493 racist and xenophobic crimes.

567

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

Official figures record 567 crimes motivated by bias based on sexual orientation, and further 31 hate crimes targeting transgender persons.

151

Anti-Muslim hate crime

Official figures record 151 crimes motivated by intolerance against Muslims.

107

Anti-Semitic hate crime

Official figures record 107 anti-Semitic hate crimes.

106

Hate crime against Christians and members of other religions

Police reports identified 106 anti-religious crimes, of which approximately 97 were motivated by a bias against Christians.

80

Anti-Roma hate crime

Official figures record 80 hate crimes motivated by bias against Roma and Sinti.

Police data by type of crime

2,020

Threats/ threatening behaviour

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

958

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.

357

Vandalism

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

169

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 specialized hate crime unit within the **Stockholm City Police** organized training on addressing hate crimes for all police officers working in the field. The **Police Authority of Västernorrland County** improved its recording of hate crimes for both internal and external use, and also reviewed its associated regulations and procedures.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

[View civil society incidents for Sweden, 2010](#)