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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2012 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

ODIHR's Key Observation

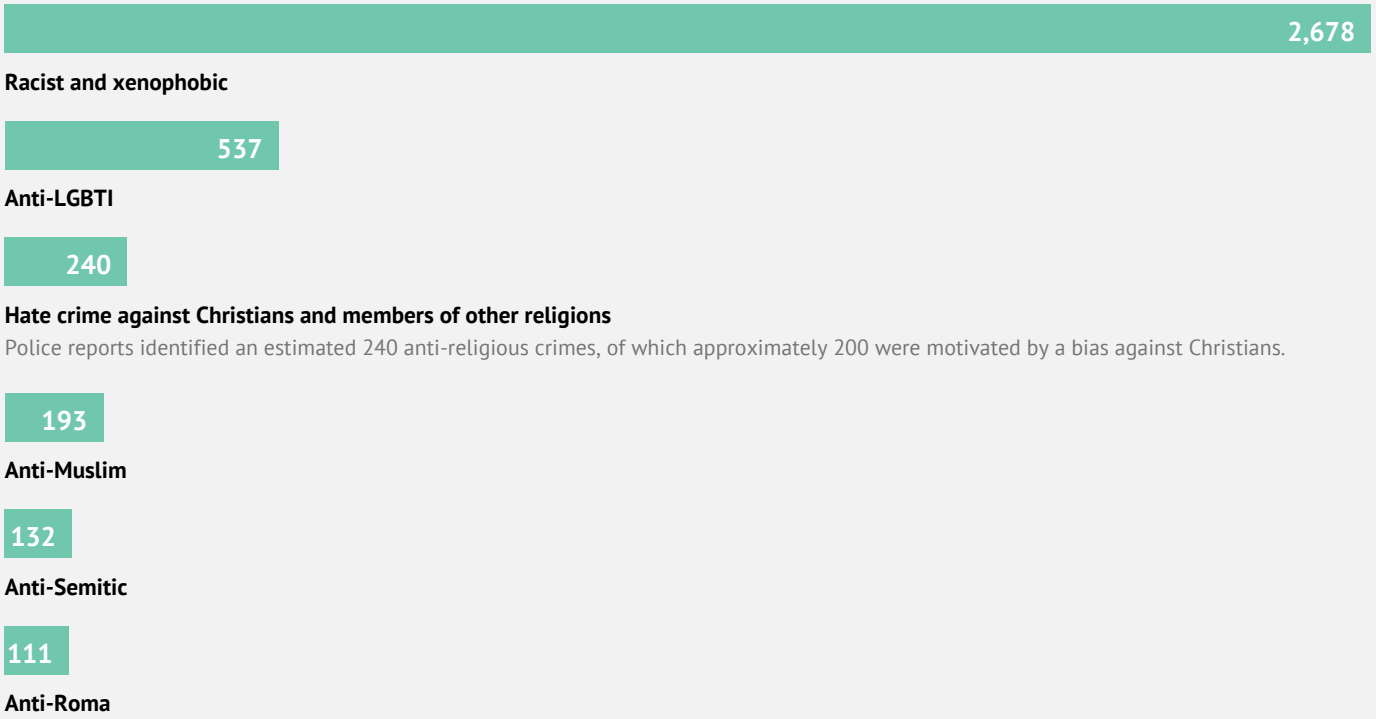
ODIHR observes that Sweden has not reported information on sentenced hate crime cases to ODIHR.

Official Data

Police figures include incidents related to defamation, hate speech and unlawful discrimination.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2012	5,518	344	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 a selection of crimes of a violent nature: homicide, assault and violence against a public servant.



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.

National Developments

Sweden instituted or continued a number of hate crime programmes. These included two projects supported by the **Victim Support Association** to help staff of local organizations better understand hate crime; a research project funded by the **Crime Victim Compensation and Support Authority** that aimed at understanding the causes, consequences and support measures for hate crime in Skåne County; a project in Norrbotten in which the crime victim co-ordinator of the police authority reviews police reports daily to follow up with victims, including potential hate crime victims, for further support; several training events held by the **Police District in Greater Gothenburg** with various level of staffs on hate crime; a train-the-trainers course on hate crime for the **Police Authority in Skåne County**; a research project of Stockholm University designed to gauge the level of potential prejudices in responding to hate crime cases in which the **Police Authority in Skåne County** participated; and a project by the **Prosecution Development Centre in Malmö** to identify and track potential hate crime cases in order to evaluate case-handling by police and prosecutors.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

View civil society incidents for Sweden, 2012