

Report Data - Sweden - 2010

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Official Data

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced	About these data
2019	Not available	Not available	Not available	
2018	5858	218	-	
2017	Not available	Not available	Not available	
2016	4862	257	Not available	
2015	4859	255	Not available	

National developments

Hate crime provisions in the Criminal Code have been amended to include transgender identity among the protected characteristics.

The **Swedish Police Authority** and **Victim Support Sweden** have worked to enhance the skills of police officers and victim support volunteers to identify hate crimes, with the aim of increasing public confidence in the criminal justice system and reducing the number of unreported hate crimes.

The **Police** have organized training events and conferences to improve the ability of reception police officers, regional command centre staff, Police Academy students and local police officers to recognize hate crimes, in order to ensure more accurate statistics on reported hate crimes. During the training events, the Police collaborated closely with civil society working on LGBTI issues, women's rights and anti-Semitism, and with various state authorities. Furthermore, the **Police** continued to refine and optimize investigation work, including in collaboration with the prosecution.

The **Police Advisory Board** met four times in 2019, including with Roma groups/organizations, the Swedish Federation for LGBTQI Rights, Full Personality Expression Sweden and representatives of the Muslim and Jewish communities. A key objective of the Board is to increase confidence among groups targeted by hate crime.

In June 2019, the **Swedish Prosecution Service** organized national hate crime conferences, aimed at improving practitioners' awareness and ability to respond to hate crimes. Through a collaborative project with **Victim Support Sweden**, the prosecution service addressed the issue of hate crime victim support and increasing the number of reported hate crimes.

The **Swedish Crime Victim Compensation and Support Authority** continued to sponsor several civil society organizations and provided support to victims of hate crime through its **Crime Victim Fund**.

Hate crimes recorded by police

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NGO reports Organization Report

The **Stephen Roth Institute** reported six anti-Semitic incidents.

Organization Name [Stephen Roth Institute](#) [2]

Bias Motivation [Anti-Semitism](#) [3]

Description Type Reports

Organization Report

The **Swedish Federation for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights** reported 80 hate-motivated incidents.

Organization Name [Riksförbundet för homosexuellas](#) [4]

Bias Motivation [Bias against other groups - Sexual orientation or gender identity](#) [5]

Description Type Reports

IGO Reports Organization Name [UN Human Rights Council](#) [6]

Organization Report

The **UN Human Rights Council**, in its *Universal Periodic Review*, encouraged Sweden to continue efforts to prevent, combat and prosecute hate crimes.

Bias Motivation [Racism and xenophobia](#) [7]

Description Type Developments

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Organization Report

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.

Bias Motivation [Racism and xenophobia](#) [7]

Description Type Reports

Organization Report

Official figures record 2,493 racist and xenophobic crimes.

Bias Motivation [Racism and xenophobia](#) [7]

Organization Report

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The Swedish police identified an estimated 3786 hate crime reports with xenophobic/racist motives. The overall figure presented here (2493) excludes the following incidents that do not fall within the OSCE definition of hate crime: 716 defamation; 363 hate speech; and 134 unlawful discrimination.

Anti-Roma crimes (80) were also reported under this category but are presented separately in the section below.

Bias Motivation [Bias against Roma and Sinti](#) [8]

Description Type Reports

Organization Report

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

Bias Motivation [Bias against Roma and Sinti](#) [8]

Organization Report

Official data included 145 anti-Roma hate crimes. The overall figure presented here (80) excludes the following incidents that do not fall within the OSCE definition of hate crime: 31 defamation; 13 hate speech; and 21 unlawful discrimination cases.

Bias Motivation [Anti-Semitism](#) [3]

Description Type Reports

Organization Report

Official figures record 107 anti-Semitic hate crimes.

Bias Motivation [Anti-Semitism](#) [3]

Organization Report

Official data included 161 anti-Semitic hate crimes. The overall figure presented here (107) excludes the following incidents that do not fall within the OSCE definition of hate crime: 20 defamation and 34 hate speech.

Bias Motivation [Bias against Muslims](#) [9]

Description Type Reports

Organization Report

Official figures record 151 crimes motivated by intolerance against Muslims.

Bias Motivation [Bias against Muslims](#) [9]

Organization Report

Sweden reported 272 anti-Muslim hate crimes. The overall figure presented here (151) excludes the following incidents that do not fall within the OSCE definition of hate crime: 33 cases of defamation, 80 of hate speech, and 8 unlawful discrimination cases.

Bias Motivation [Bias against Christians and members of other religions](#) [10]

Description Type Reports

Organization Report

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

Bias Motivation [Bias against Christians and members of other religions](#) [10]

Organization Report

Official data included an estimated 119 anti-Semitic hate crimes. The overall figure presented here (106) excludes cases of defamation and hate speech which do not fall within the OSCE definition of hate crime.

Bias Motivation [Bias against other groups - Sexual orientation or gender identity](#) [5]

Description Type Reports

Organization Report

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

Bias Motivation [Bias against other groups - Sexual orientation or gender identity](#) [5]

Organization Report

Sweden reported 770 crimes motivated by a sexual orientation-related bias. The overall figure presented here (567) excludes the following incidents that do not fall within the OSCE definition of hate crime: 171 cases of defamation; 25 of hate speech; and 7 cases of unlawful discrimination.

The police also recorded 31 hate crimes targeting transgender persons. This figure includes cases of defamation, hate speech and unlawful discrimination and is not included in the total figure.

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