

## Report Data - Sweden - 2015

13 April 2016

### 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**

**ILGA-Europe** and **RFSL Crime Victim Support** reported five physical assaults, including two carried out by groups and one in which a transgender woman was beaten and sexually assaulted.

**Organization Name** [ILGA-Europe](#) [2]

**Bias Motivation** [Bias against other groups - Sexual orientation or gender identity](#) [3]

**Description Type** Reports

**Organization Report**

The **Anti-Defamation League (ADL)**, **Human Rights First** and **SETA** reported the murder of two students with a sword with anti-Muslim and racist motivations, and three arson attacks on housing for asylum seekers. The **Kantor Center** reported 43 arson attacks on centres for asylum seekers.

**Organization Name** [Anti-Defamation League](#) [4]

**Bias Motivation** [Racism and xenophobia](#) [5]

**Description Type** Reports

**Organization Report**

The **Kantor Center** reported two physical assaults and one incident in which a Jewish family was threatened.

**Organization Name** [Kantor Center](#) [6]

**Bias Motivation** [Anti-Semitism](#) [7]

**Description Type** Reports

**Organization Report**

The **Anti-Defamation League (ADL)**, **Human Rights First** and **SETA** reported the murder of two students with a sword with of anti-Muslim and racist motivations. **SETA** also reported an arson attack on a mosque, a case of threatening through mail, and vandalism involving desecration of a mosque, throwing canned pork and drawing graffiti.

**Organization Name** [Human Rights First](#) [8]

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

**Description Type** Reports

**Organization Report**

**Transgender Europe** reported a sexual assault on a transgender woman, and one incident of vandalism targeting the home of a transgender person and their partner.

**Organization Name** [Transgender Europe \(TGEU\)](#) [10]

**Bias Motivation** [Bias against other groups - Sexual orientation or gender identity](#) [3]

**Description Type** Reports

**IGO Reports**   **Organization Name** [UN High Commissioner for Refugees \(UNHCR\)](#) [11]

**Organization Report**

The **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)** reported a racist murder committed at a school, in which two other victims were injured; a physical assault on an unaccompanied refugee minor; an incident of threats targeting inhabitants of an asylum centre; and two arson attacks on facilities accommodating refugees.

**Bias Motivation** [Racism and xenophobia](#) [5]

**Description Type** Reports

**Organization Name** [UN High Commissioner for Refugees \(UNHCR\)](#) [11]

**Organization Report**

The **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)** reported an arson attack on a mosque attended by refugees, resulting in injuries to five people.

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

**Description Type** Reports

**Organization Name** [United Nations Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent](#) [12]

**Organization Report**

Following its mission to Sweden, the **United Nations Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent** recommended that more resources be allocated to police and prosecution authorities to investigate and prosecute hate crimes against people of African descent. It also recommended the collection and publishing of data on hate crimes against Afro-Swedes as a distinct category, and not as a subcategory of racist hate crimes.

**Bias Motivation** [Racism and xenophobia](#) [5]

**Description Type** Developments

**Organization Name** [United Nations Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review \(UPR\)](#) [13]

**Organization Report**

Following its **Universal Periodic Review (UPR)**, the Swedish authorities expressed support for recommendations to strengthen efforts to effectively investigate, prosecute and punish all hate crimes, and to expand training programmes on hate crimes provided for police, prosecutors and judges.

**Bias Motivation** [Racism and xenophobia](#) [5]

**Description Type** Developments

**ODIHR Recommendations**

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

**National Developments**   **Bias Motivation** [Racism and xenophobia](#) [5]

**Description Type** Reports

**Organization Report**

Official figures recorded 3,119 racist and xenophobic crimes, of which 548 were physical assaults, 691 cases of vandalism or damage to property and 1,880 threats.

**Bias Motivation** [Racism and xenophobia](#) [5]

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**Organization Report**

Figures reported to ODIHR included an estimated 4,527 hate crime reports with xenophobic or racist motives. The number presented here excludes cases of defamation, hate speech and unlawful discrimination that do not fall within the OSCE definition of hate crime.

**Bias Motivation** [Bias against Roma and Sinti](#) [14]

**Description Type** Reports

**Organization Report**

Official figures recorded 144 crimes motivated by bias against Roma and Sinti, including 40 physical assaults, 12 cases of vandalism or damage to property and 92 cases of threats.

**Bias Motivation** [Bias against Roma and Sinti](#) [14]

**Organization Report**

Figures reported to ODIHR include an estimated 238 hate crime reports. The number presented here excludes cases of defamation, hate speech and unlawful discrimination that do not fall within the OSCE definition of hate crime.

**Bias Motivation** [Anti-Semitism](#) [7]

**Description Type** Reports

**Organization Report**

Official figures recorded 149 anti-Semitic crimes, including eight assaults, 14 cases of vandalism/damage to property and 127 cases of threats.

**Bias Motivation** [Anti-Semitism](#) [7]

**Organization Report**

Figures reported to ODIHR include an estimated 277 hate crime reports. The number presented here excludes cases of defamation and hate speech that do not fall within the OSCE definition of hate crime.

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

**Description Type** Reports

**Organization Report**

Official figures recorded 369 crimes motivated by anti-Muslim bias, consisting of 46 assaults, 76 cases of vandalism/damage to property, and 247 cases of threats.

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

**Organization Report**

Figures reported to ODIHR include an estimated 557 hate crime reports. The number presented here excludes cases of defamation, hate speech and unlawful discrimination that do not fall within the OSCE definition of hate crime.

**Bias Motivation** [Bias against Christians and members of other religions](#) [15]

**Description Type** Reports

**Organization Report**

Official figures recorded 645 anti-religious hate crimes, of which 354 were motivated by bias against

Christians.

**Bias Motivation** [Bias against Christians and members of other religions](#) [15]

**Organization Report**

Figures reported to ODIHR include an estimated 719 hate crime reports, of which 388 were against Christians. The number presented here excludes cases of defamation and hate speech that do not fall within the OSCE definition of hate crime.

**Bias Motivation** [Bias against other groups - Sexual orientation or gender identity](#) [3]

**Description Type** Reports

**Organization Report**

Official figures recorded 433 crimes motivated by bias based on sexual orientation.

**Bias Motivation** [Bias against other groups - Sexual orientation or gender identity](#) [3]

**Organization Report**

Figures reported to ODIHR include an estimated 664 hate crime reports on crimes motivated by bias against sexual orientation and transgender identity. The number presented here excludes cases of defamation and hate speech that do not fall within the OSCE definition of hate crime.

**Description Type** Developments

**Organization Report**

The **Swedish National Police Board** continued its project aimed at increasing efforts to counter hate crimes, which was extended until May 2016. The **Swedish Police Authority** western region began preparatory work for the establishment of a special team to investigate hate crimes and started developing a regional action plan to counter hate crimes. The **Swedish Prosecution Authority** designed a study to review 300 cases of hate crime to improve the quality of legal proceedings and organized a hate crime seminar to increase the competence of hate crime prosecutors.

**Description Type** Developments

**Organization Report**

The **Red Cross** developed an [online course](#) [16] on "Preparedness to deal with xenophobic acts" that provides civil society groups (around 150 organizations) with the tools to develop a contingency plan in the event of a hate incident.

The **Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SKL)**, through its Network for Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination, which involved 25 municipalities and the Equality Ombudsman, developed a [ten-step programme](#) [17], which includes how municipalities can counter hate crimes and offer conflict management, as well as promote interreligious and intercultural dialogue.

The **Swedish Crime Victim Fund** supported the study "Swedish Crime Victim Compensation and Support Authority: Exposure and Experiences of Hate Crime - A Comparison between Student Populations in the United Kingdom and Sweden."

**Bias Motivation** [Bias against Roma and Sinti](#) [14]

**Description Type** Developments

## Organization Report

The **Commission against Antiziganism** published the report "Taking Action Against Antiziganistic Hate Crimes," which contains ODIHR's observations regarding hate crimes against Roma and Sinti People and recommended measures that were mainly aimed at law enforcement personnel.

**Bias Motivation** [Bias against other groups - Sexual orientation or gender identity](#) [3]

**Description Type** Developments

## Organization Report

The **Public Health Agency of Sweden** conducted a survey for transgender people regarding health and health determinants, including experiences of harassment and abuse. The [final report](#) [18] is publicly available. The **Swedish Crime Victim Fund** allocated funds to the **Swedish Federation for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights** in order to ensure victim support for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people who experience a hate crime.

**Bias Motivation** [Anti-Semitism](#) [7]

**Description Type** Developments

## Organization Report

The **Swedish Committee against Anti-Semitism** organized two training workshops aimed at teachers who want to offer in-depth knowledge of the Holocaust, and providing pedagogical methods to use when teaching students about the Holocaust. The workshops also addressed historical and contemporary forms of anti-Semitism and intolerance against Roma and Sinti people, including hate crimes. The workshops took place in Kalmar and Norrköping.

**Bias Motivation** [Anti-Semitism](#) [7]

**Description Type** Developments

## Organization Report

The **Swedish Committee against Anti-Semitism** developed an educational programme that involved 400 students and approximately 80 teachers from 84 different schools in 28 different municipalities. The programme aims to increasing knowledge of "Nazi crimes," contemporary racist and anti-democratic ideas and their consequences, such as hate crimes.

**Overview of incidents reported by civil society groups and organizations** **Mandated bias motivation** [Racism and xenophobia](#) [5]

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