

Report Data - Sweden - 2018

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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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The **United Nations Human Rights Council Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR)** published relevant recommendations in its "[Report from the Thirty-fifth session: Compilation on Sweden](#) [3]."

Bias Motivation [Racism and xenophobia](#) [4]

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

Description Type Reports

ODIHR Recommendations

ODIHR observes that Sweden has not reported information on the sentencing of hate crime cases to ODIHR.

National Developments **Description Type** Developments

Organization Report

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The **Swedish Police** produced several hate crime awareness-raising films and ran chat forums on social media. The Police also formed an internal mentorship network, whereby regional police forces with experienced hate crime specialists act as mentors for those regions that do not have hate crime specialization but aspire to increase their capacity to address hate crimes.

The **Swedish Police and Prosecution Service** organized national hate crime conferences, aimed at improving practitioners' awareness and ability to respond to hate crimes.

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

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

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Organization Report

The breakdown by type of crime relates to homophobic hate crimes only. Additional 79 transphobic hate crimes were reported and are presented as "unspecified" hate crime.

Bias Motivation [Racism and xenophobia](#) [4]

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Organization Report

Anti-Roma hate crimes were reported in this category but are presented separately here.

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This category consists of 79 transphobic hate crimes, for which no breakdown by type of crime is available. For that reason, they cannot be presented alongside homophobic hate.

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[3] <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/G19/322/47/pdf/G1932247.pdf?OpenElement>

[4] <https://hatecrime.osce.org/what-hate-crime/racism-and-xenophobia>

[5] <https://hatecrime.osce.org/what-hate-crime/bias-against-other-groups-sexual-orientation-or-gender-identity>