

## Report Data - Sweden - 2019

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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

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**IGO Reports** Organization Name [United Nations Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review \(UPR\)](#) [1]

#### Organization Report

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](#) [2]."

**Bias Motivation** [Racism and xenophobia](#) [3]

[Bias against Muslims](#) [4]

**Description Type** Developments

**Organization Name** [European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights \(FRA\)](#) [5]

#### **Organization Report**

The **EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)** published relevant recommendations in its 2019 Roma and Travellers Survey findings, "[Roma and Travellers in six countries](#) [6]."

**Bias Motivation** [Bias against Roma and Sinti](#) [7]

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#### **ODIHR Recommendations**

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

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