

## Belgium Hate Crime Report 2009

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### Summary

Belgium regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Recent initiatives to improve hate crime identification, recording and data collection have been implemented through ODIHR's Information Against Hate Crimes Toolkit (INFAHCT) programme. In particular, Belgium has implemented the programme's recommendations on the operational practice of police, prosecutors, and equality bodies.

Crime victimization surveys and research are frequently conducted in Belgium. "Safe.brussels", the Brussels public service responsible for crime prevention and security within the Brussels-Capital Region, conducts surveys on the perception of security and crime victimization among the general public every two years.

[Hate crime data collection in Belgium](#)

[Support for hate crime victims in Belgium](#)

[Hate crime capacity building in Belgium](#)

[Belgium's hate crime legislation](#)

## Official Data

Figures refer to crimes with a racist/xenophobic motive and include incitement to hatred crimes and discrimination crimes.

| Year | Hate crimes recorded by police | Prosecuted | Sentenced     |
|------|--------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| 2009 | 1,198                          | 974        | not available |

## Police data by bias motivation

1,193

### Unspecified

3

#### Anti-Semitic hate crime

Official figures record three assaults against four Jewish people, in a neighbourhood primarily inhabited by Orthodox Jews.

1

#### Anti-LGBTI hate crime

Belgium reported an incident in which two men were assaulted by five individuals in an attack allegedly motivated by homophobia.

1

#### Disability hate crime

Belgium reported the abuse and mistreatment of a man with mental disabilities. The alleged perpetrators were arrested and the case is under investigation.

## Police data by type of crime

1,193

Unspecified

5

Physical assault

# Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

[View civil society incidents for Belgium, 2009](#)