

Belgium Hate Crime Report 2014

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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.

[Hate crime data collection in Belgium](#)

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

[Hate crime capacity building in Belgium](#)

[Belgium's hate crime legislation](#)

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that Belgium has not reported on hate crimes separately from cases of hate speech and/or discrimination.

Official Data

Numbers reported here include – besides hate crimes – also other types of "discrimination" incidents, which can fall outside of the OSCE's definition of a hate crime. Incidents, where the suspect is a minor, are not included in the statistics.

| Year | Hate crimes recorded by police | Prosecuted | Sentenced |
|------|--------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| 2014 | 1,064 | 76 | 61 |

Police data by bias motivation

863

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

104

Unspecified

89

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

5

Gender-based hate crime

3

Disability hate crime

Police data by type of crime

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|-------------|-------|
| Unspecified | 1,064 |
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Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

[View civil society incidents for Belgium, 2014](#)