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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) program. In particular, Belgium has implemented the program'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](#)

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

104

Unspecified

89

Anti-LGBTI

5

Gender-based

3

Disability

Police data by type of crime

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

No data reported to ODIHR.

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