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Belgium Hate Crime Report 2016

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2016 Hate Crime Report. For more information, including on previous years' reporting, please visit: hatecrime.osce.org/belgium

For more information about ODIHR's Hate Crime Report, visit: hatecrime.osce.org/our-methodology

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that Belgium has not periodically reported reliable information and statistics on hate crimes to ODIHR.

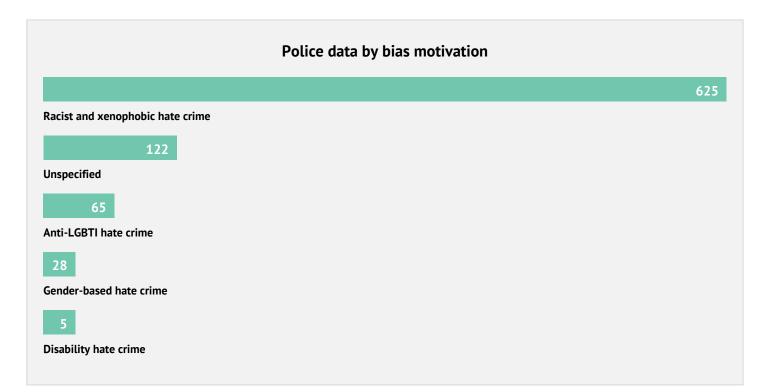


Official Data

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 |
|------|--------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| 2016 | 845 | 70 | 59 |





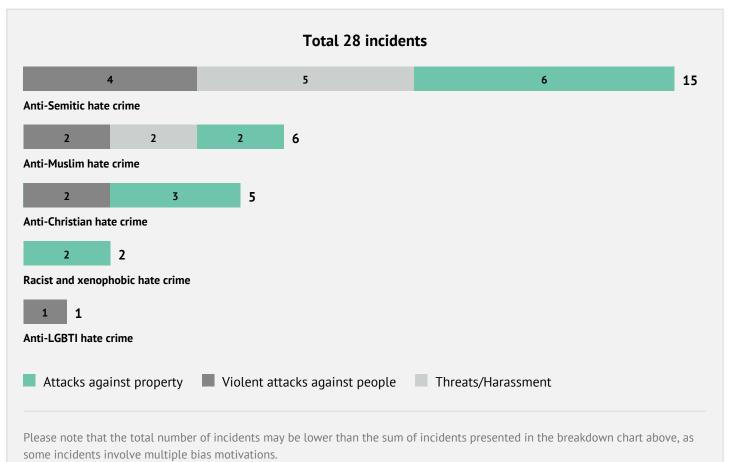


Police data by type of crime

Unspecified

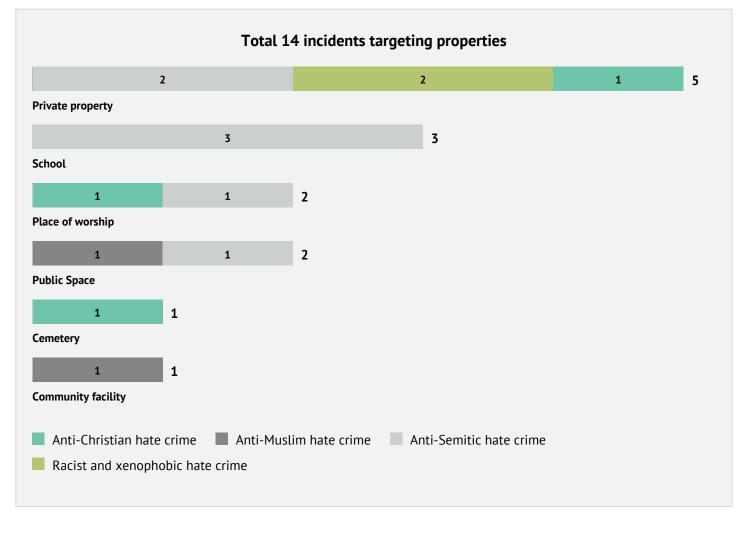
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Incidents reported by civil society



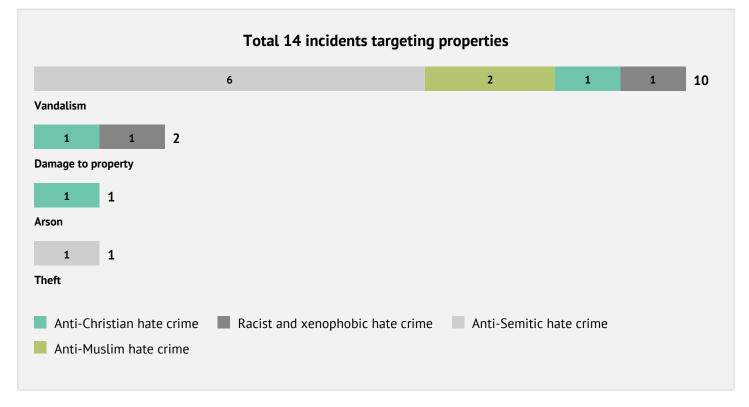


Targeted properties





Type of property attack



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