

Belgium Hate Crime Report 2016

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2016 Hate Crime Report.

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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 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 bias motivation

625

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

122

Unspecified

65

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

28

Gender-based hate crime

5

Disability hate crime

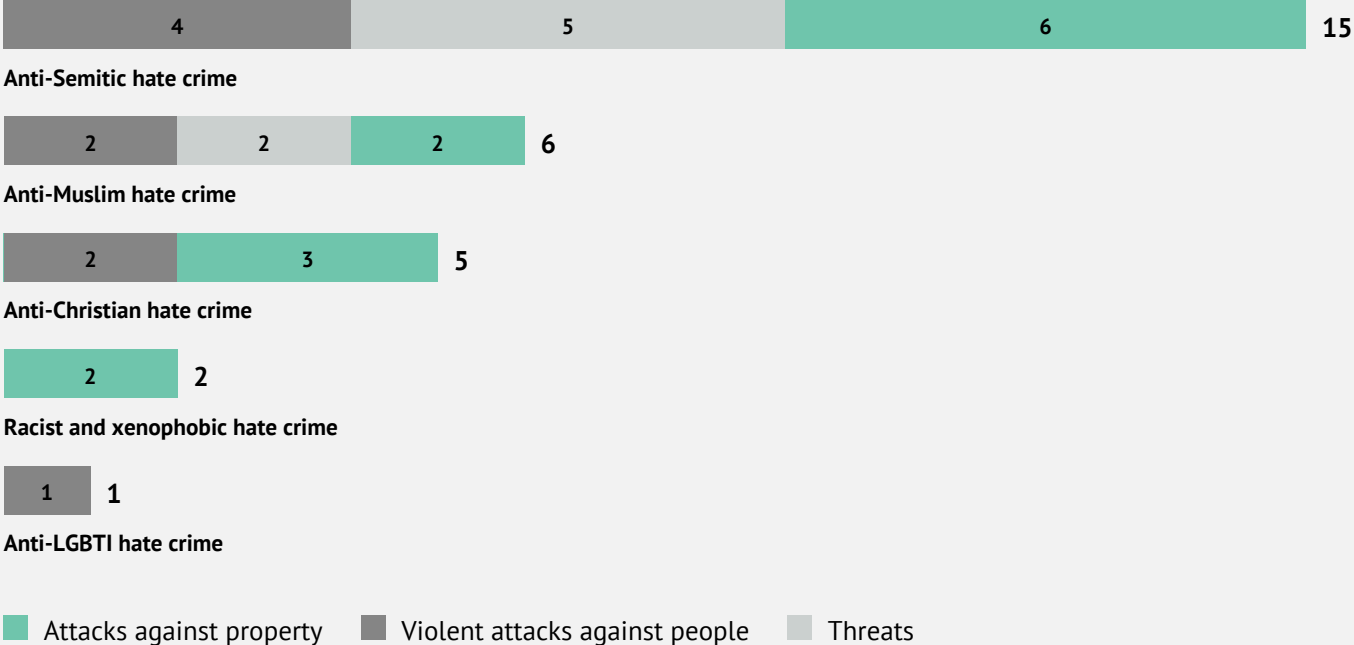
Police data by type of crime

845

Unspecified

Incidents reported by civil society

Total 28 incidents



Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

[View civil society incidents for Belgium, 2016](#)