

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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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](#)

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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

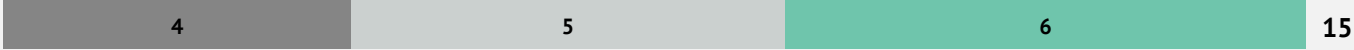
Police data by type of crime

845

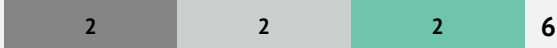
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Incidents reported by civil society

Total 28 incidents



Anti-Semitic hate crime



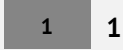
Anti-Muslim hate crime



Anti-Christian hate crime



Racist and xenophobic hate crime



Anti-LGBTI hate crime

■ Attacks against property
 ■ Violent attacks against people
 ■ Threats

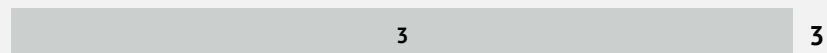
Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

Targeted properties

Total 14 incidents targeting properties



Private property



School



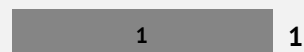
Place of worship



Public Space



Cemetery



Community facility

- Anti-Christian hate crime
- Anti-Muslim hate crime
- Anti-Semitic hate crime
- Racist and xenophobic hate crime

Type of property attack

Total 14 incidents targeting properties



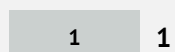
Vandalism



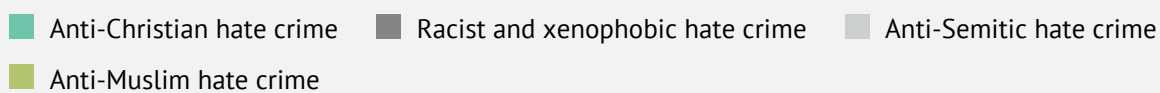
Damage to property



Arson



Theft



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