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Summary

Canada regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR and regularly publishes [hate crime statistics](#). Canada conducts regular [victimization surveys](#) to measure unreported hate crime.

Canada has several interrelated and co-ordinated initiatives in place to ensure a comprehensive approach to hate crimes through government and community partnerships. Canada's '[Action Plan on Combatting Hate](#)' (Action Plan) and '[Changing Systems, Transforming Lives: Canada's Anti-Racism Strategy 2024-2028](#)' are two comprehensive initiatives that fund and support a variety of government and community-led projects on addressing hate. The initiatives were developed through extensive community engagement and build on existing strategies. The Action Plan foresees the creation of a Ministerial Advisory Council on Combatting Hate, which serves as a forum for ministers and community leaders to directly engage and exchange feedback on the Action Plan's implementation, and also to discuss existing and emerging issues on addressing racism and hate.

[Hate crime data collection in Canada](#)

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

[Hate crime capacity building in Canada](#)

[Canada's hate crime legislation](#)

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that Canada has not reported information on prosecuted hate crime cases to ODIHR.

Official Data

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2012	1,414	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation

717

Racist and xenophobic

242

Anti-Semitic

185

Anti-LGBTI

132

Hate crime against Christians and members of other religions

Official figures record 132 crimes based on bias against religion. These include 37 anti-Catholic crimes and 95 crimes based on an unspecified anti-religion bias motivation.

75

Unspecified

45

Anti-Muslim

18

Disability

Police data by type of crime



n/a

National Developments

Official figures record 75 hate crimes based on "other" bias motivations, including 47 crimes based on "other similar factors" such as political affiliation, and 28 crimes based on "other" unspecified bias motivations.

Incidents reported by civil society

No data reported to ODIHR.

[View civil society incidents for Canada, 2012](#)