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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2023 Hate Crime Report.
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Summary

Sweden regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Hate crime reports are published every second year. Since 2016, the Government has implemented a national plan against racism, similar forms of hostility and hate crime. The plan takes an integrated approach and comprises strategies and measures to prevent and combat racism and hate crime through co-ordination and monitoring, education and research, and support for and co-operation with civil society. A new Action Plan to Combat Racism and Hate Crimes was launched in December 2024.

Three different victimization surveys are conducted at one, two and three-year intervals in order to measure unreported hate crime.

Hate crime data collection in Sweden
Support for hate crime victims in Sweden
Hate crime capacity building in Sweden
Sweden's hate crime legislation

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes Sweden's efforts to report hate crime information to ODIHR. However, based on the available information, it observes that Sweden has not reported data on hate crimes recorded by the judiciary to ODIHR. Otherwise, ODIHR observes that Sweden has met most of its OSCE commitments on hate crime.

Official Data

Sweden reports hate crime statistics every second year. The next report on hate crime data (for 2024) will be published by ODIHR in autumn 2025.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2023	not available	not available	not available

No data reported to ODIHR.

National Developments

In 2023, the **Swedish Police Authority** launched an Internet Referral Unit to increase police capacity to combat terrorism and hate crimes online. The Police Authority also held a national conference on investigating hate crimes and other crimes against democracy. The Police Authority have also co-operated with the National Crime Victim Agency to produce informational materials on Islamophobic hate crime.

The **Swedish Crime Victim Authority** developed informational materials on Islamophobic hate crimes and the rights of victims, and also funded a project to provide information for victims of gender-based hate crime.

The **Public Health Agency of Sweden** (Folkhälsomyndigheten) has launched research projects related to intersectional discrimination and hate crimes targeting persons infected with HIV, bisexual people, members of the indigenous populations and national minorities.

The Living History Forum – a public agency established under the Ministry of Culture – organized educational and training events on countering racism for nearly 8,000 people.

The **National Board of Health and Welfare** (Socialstyrelsen) devoted its financial support to organizations that provide support to LGBTI people who have experienced intimate partner violence and undertake awareness-raising activities.

The **Swedish Agency for Support for Faith Communities** conducted capacity-building training with faith communities at the regional level regarding the security situation of faith communities in the country, particularly in response to Quran burnings and counter-protests that saw the destruction of property and attacks on police.

In 2023, the **Swedish Agency for Youth and Civil Society** launched projects to counter homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia among young people, as well as educational materials on gender-related violence, racism and xenophobia.

The **Swedish Agency of Education** introduced a training initiative to counter anti-Semitism and racism in schools.

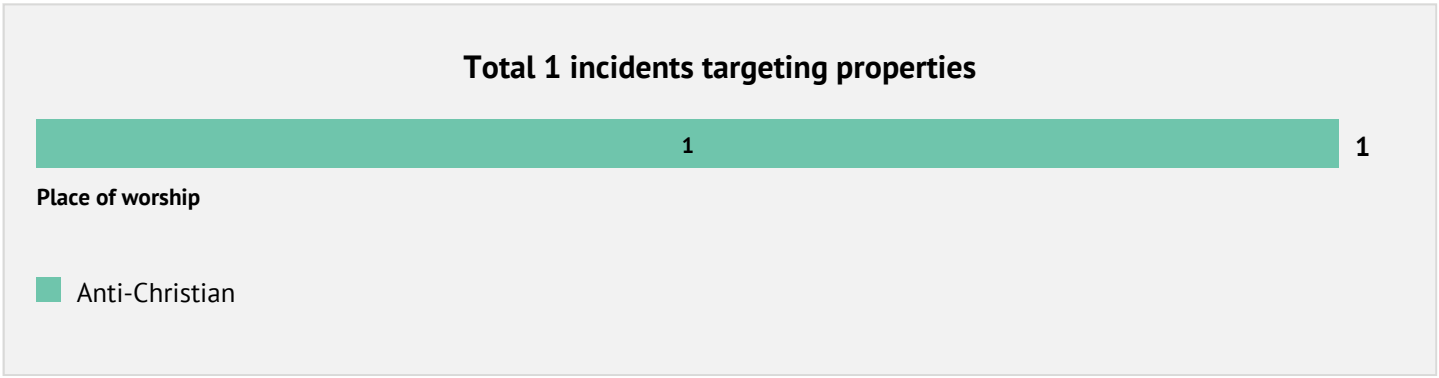
The **Stockholm County Administrative Board** facilitated the training of municipal and regional authority representatives on discrimination against vulnerable groups.

Incidents reported by civil society

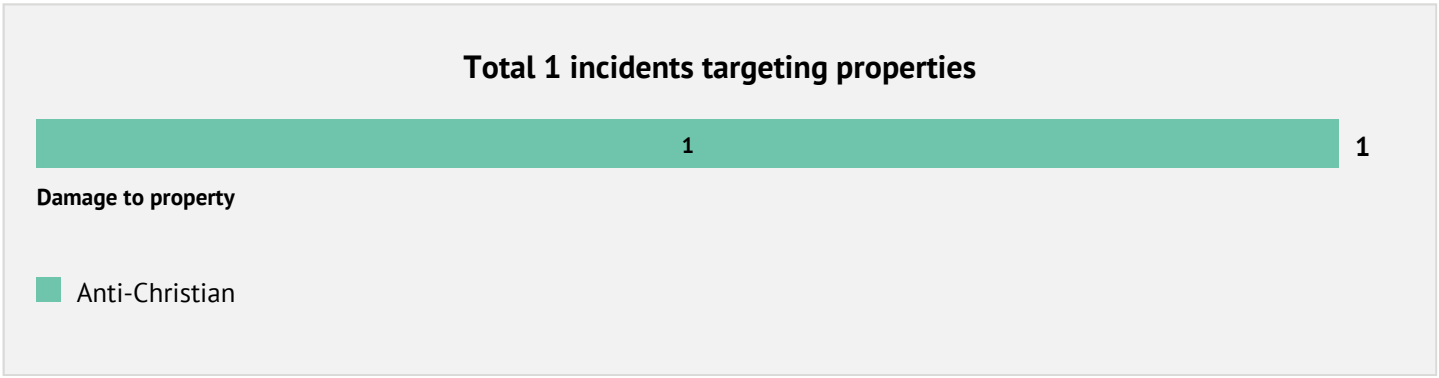


Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

Targeted properties



Type of property attack



View civil society incidents for Sweden, 2023