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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Austria 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

Austria regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Implemented in 2021, Austria's new hate crime recording system represents a good practice in the region. The Austrian Ministry of Interior is also a member of the civil society network "Hate Crime Kontern", which strengthens hate crime co-ordination and victim support, and co-operates directly with civil society organizations. Hate crime statistics collected by the Ministry are published online each year.

In January 2023, Austria implemented ODIHR's Diagnostic Workshop to Assess National Structures and Services for Hate Crime Victim Support.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that Austria has not reported on hate crimes separately from cases of hate speech.

Official Data

Figures include the crime of incitement to hatred, which falls largely outside the OSCE's definition of hate crime.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2016	425	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation

	356

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

	41

Anti-Semitic hate crime

	28

Anti-Muslim hate crime

Police data by type of crime
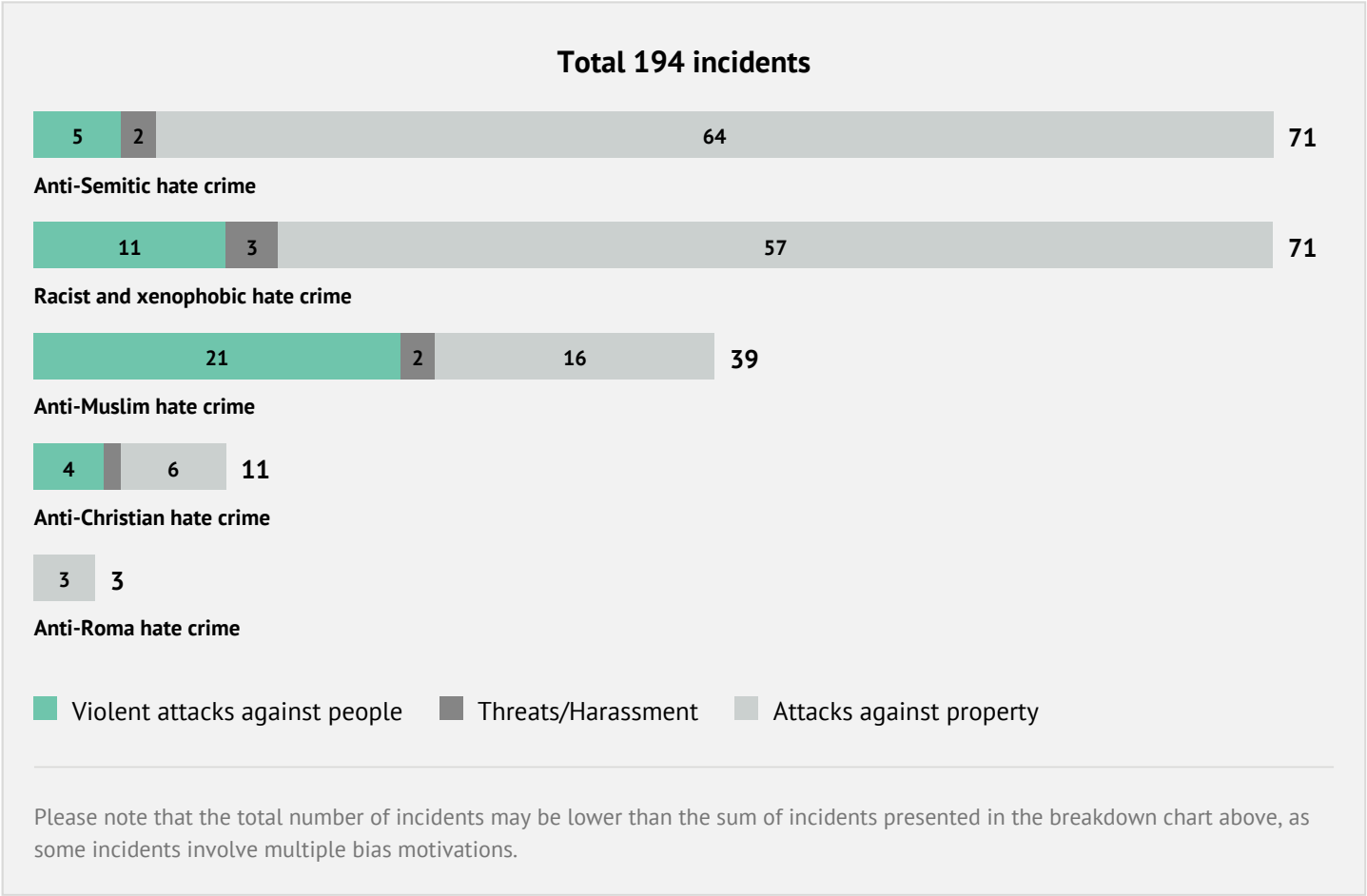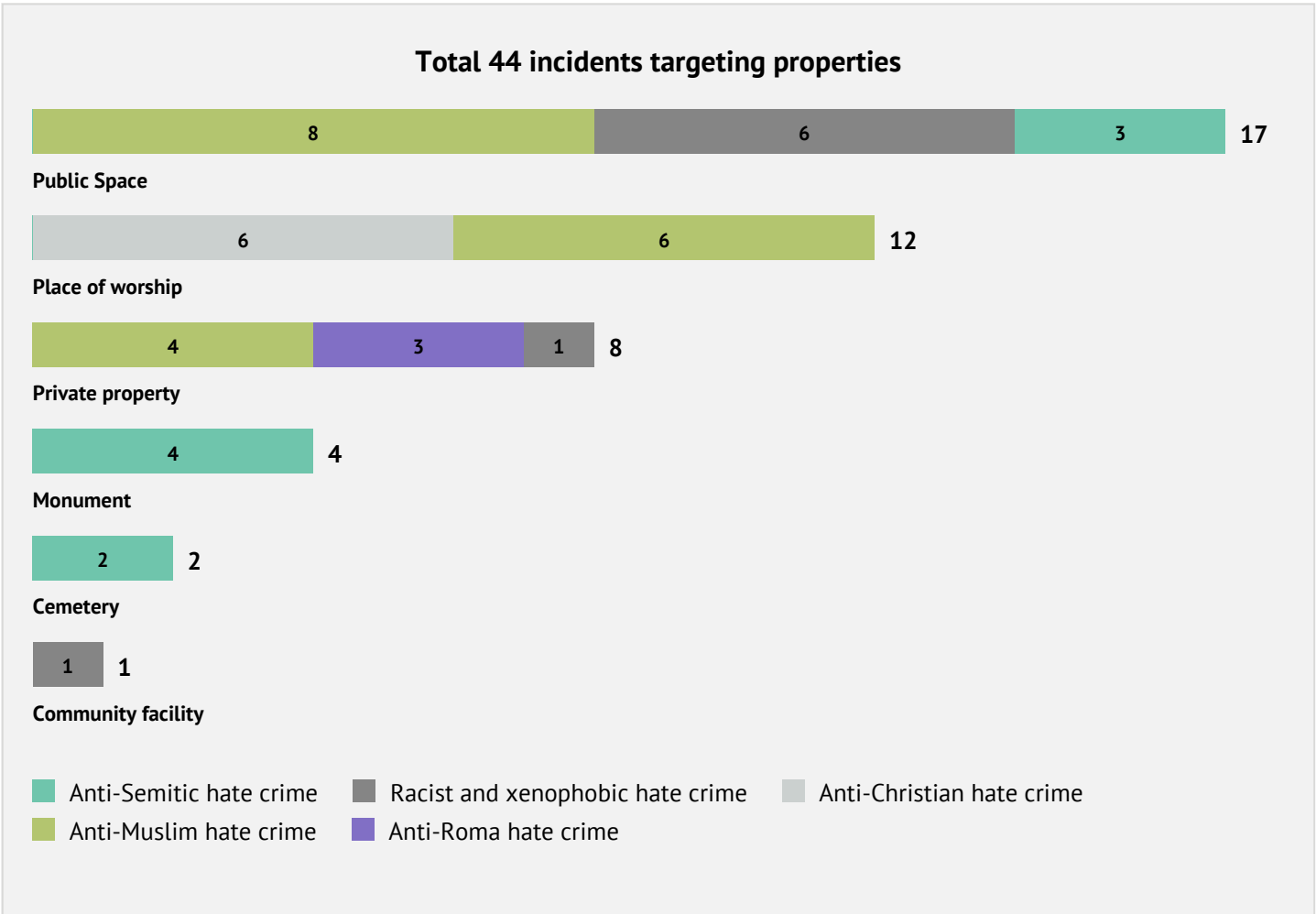
	425

Unspecified

National Developments

Police officers participated in a workshop on prevention and sensitization.

Incidents reported by civil society

Total 194 incidents

5	2	64	71

Anti-Semitic hate crime

11	3	57	71

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

21	2	16	39

Anti-Muslim hate crime

4		6	11

Anti-Christian hate crime

3	3

Anti-Roma hate crime

■ Violent attacks against people　■ Threats/Harassment　■ Attacks against property

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.
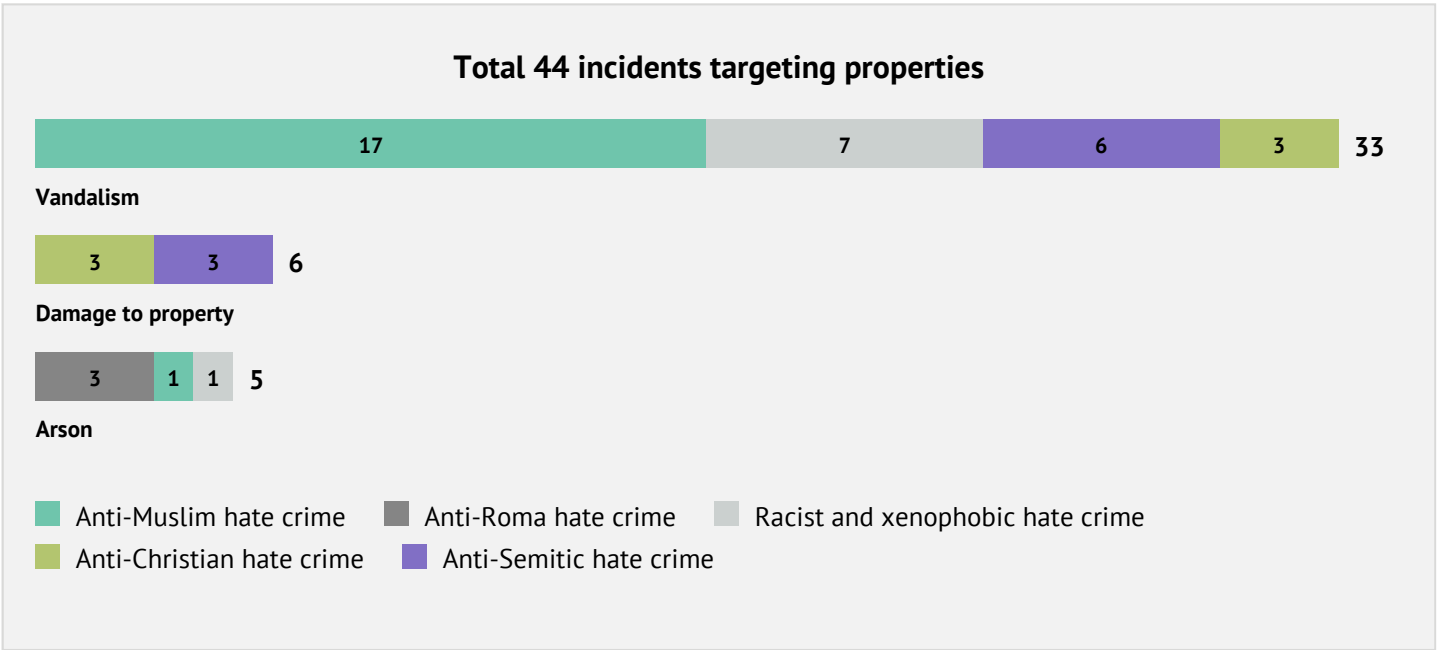
ZARA and the Forum Against Anti-Semitism reported descriptions of incidents as well as statistical data. This explains the discrepancy between the graphic above and the incidents included below.

Targeted properties

Total 44 incidents targeting properties

Public Space
| 8 | 6 | 3 | 17 |

Place of worship
| 6 | 6 | 12 |

Private property
| 4 | 3 | 1 | 8 |

Monument
| 4 | 4 |

Cemetery
| 2 | 2 |

Community facility
| 1 | 1 |

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

Type of property attack

Total 44 incidents targeting properties

| 17 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 33 |

Vandalism

| 3 | 3 | 6 |

Damage to property

| 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 |

Arson

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

View civil society incidents for Austria, 2016

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