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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2018 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 the 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

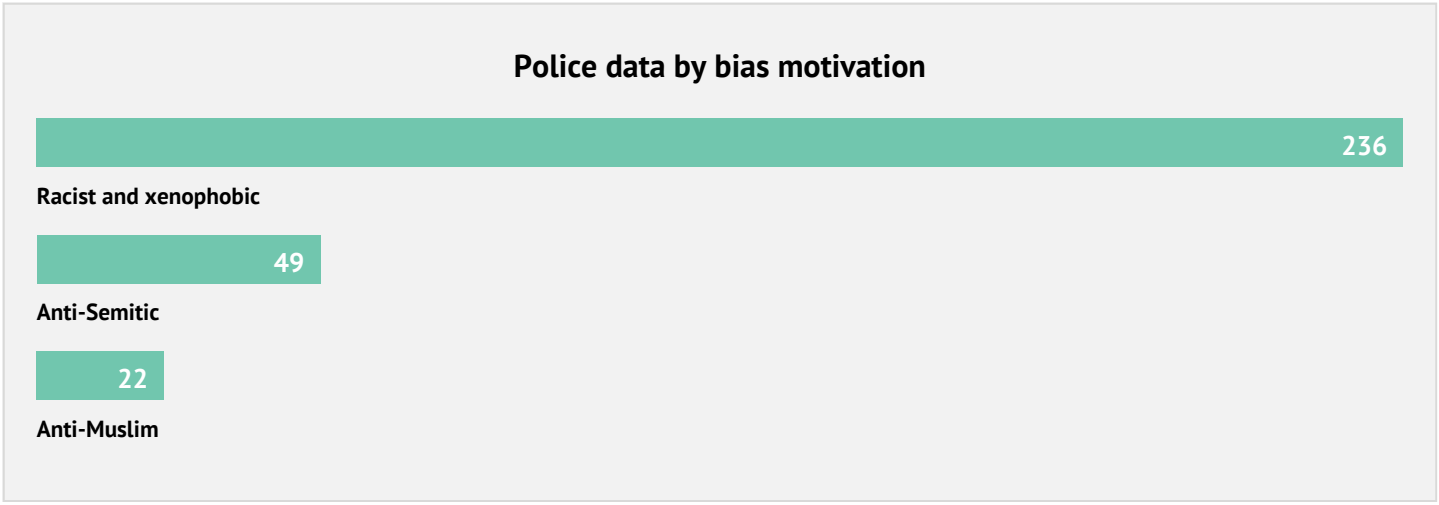
ODIHR's Key Observation

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

Official Data

Police-recorded hate crime is registered as "right-wing extremism". As such, police figures include the crime of incitement to hatred, which largely falls outside of the OSCE's definition of hate crime. Prosecution and sentencing figures consist of incitement to hatred and "Neo-Nazi crimes".

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2018	307	407	208


Police data by bias motivation
236
Racist and xenophobic
49
Anti-Semitic
22
Anti-Muslim

Police data by type of crime

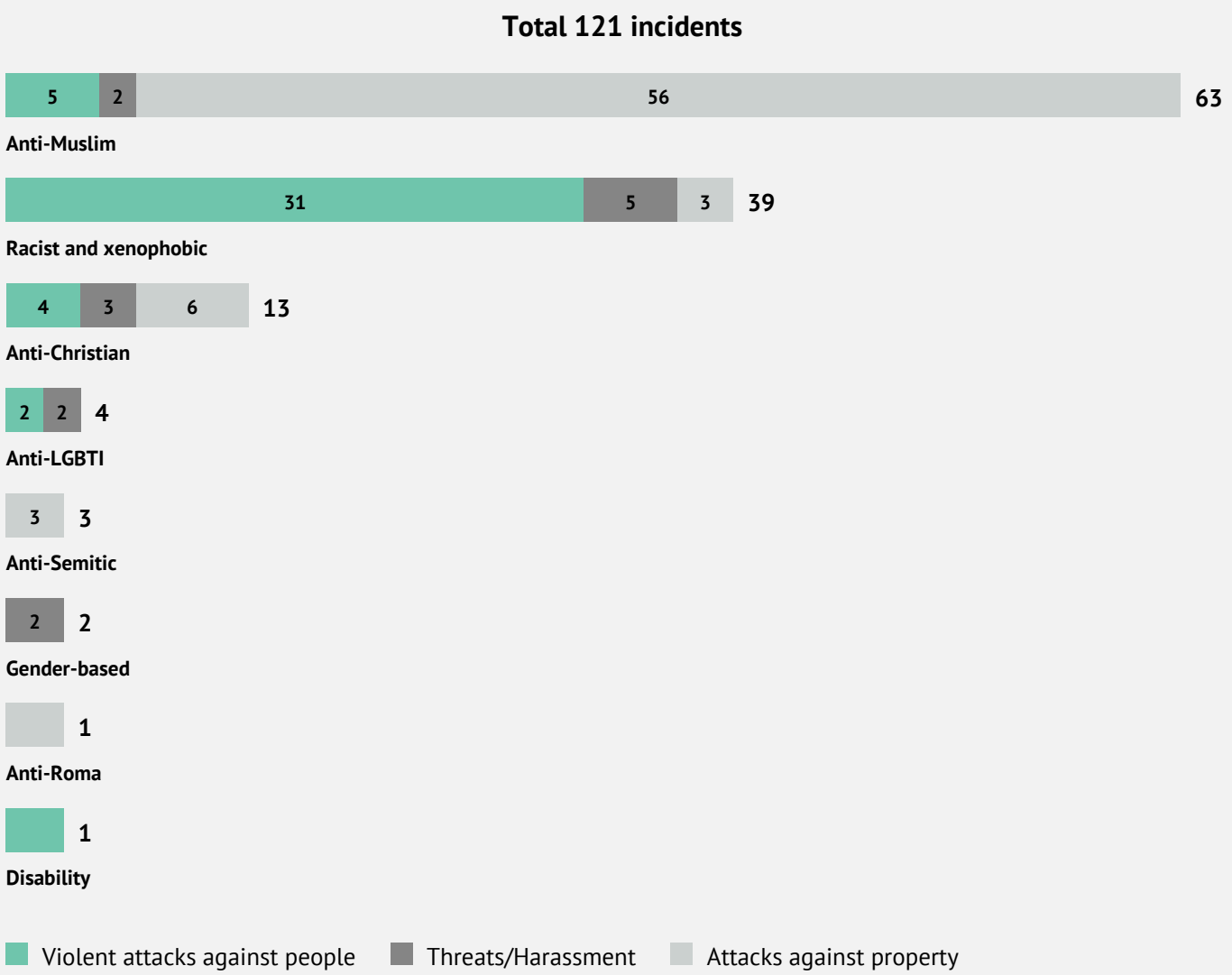
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National Developments

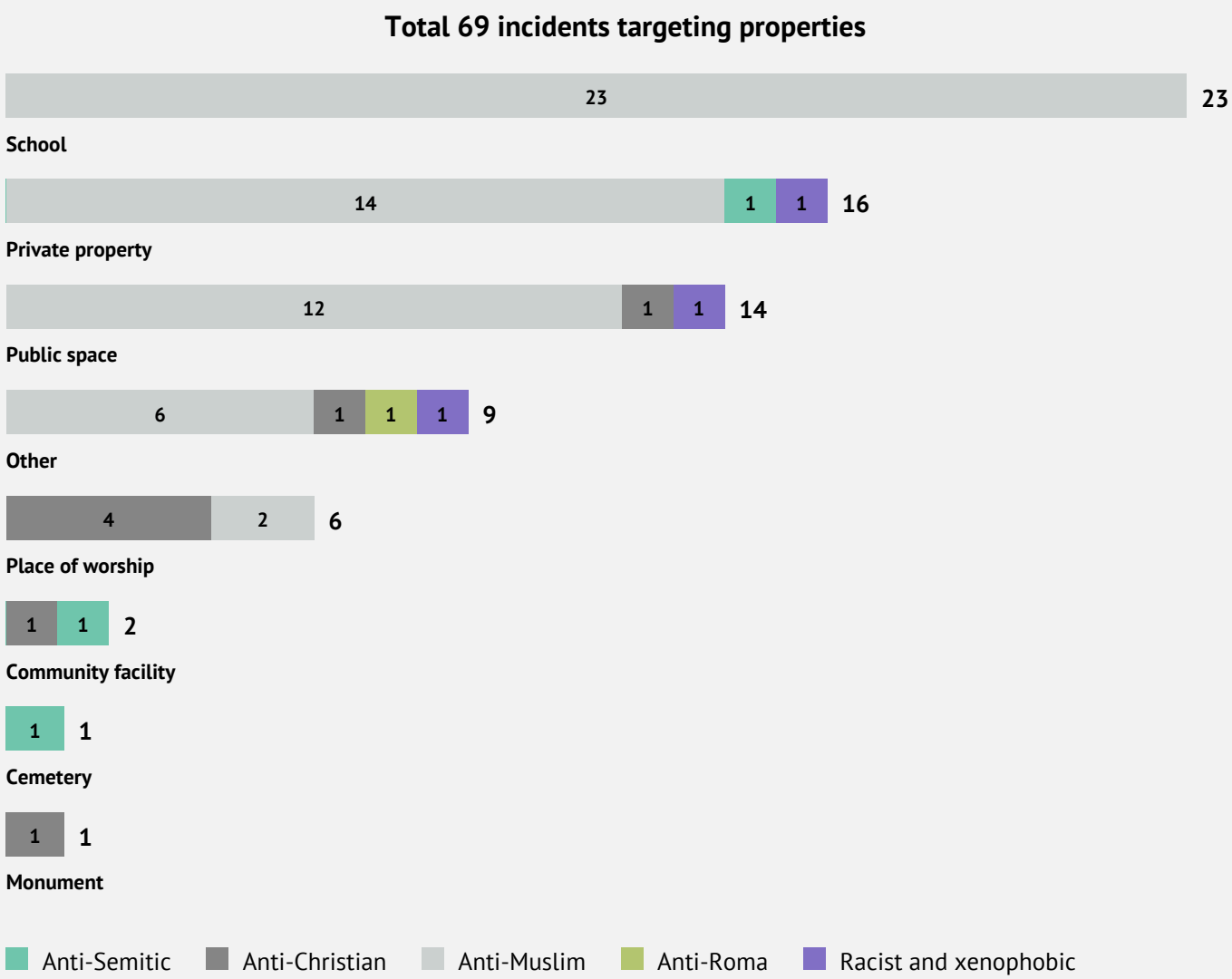
The Ministry of Interior began implementing a two-year EU-funded project to introduce systems for hate crime recording as part of the process for crime registration, which currently focuses on recording politically motivated crime, in particular right-wing extremism.

Incidents reported by civil society

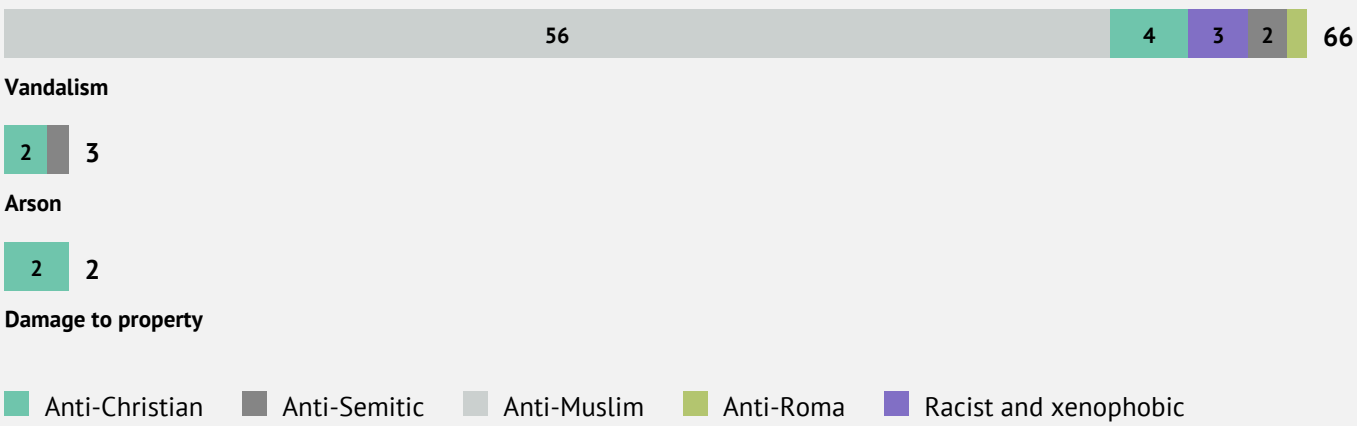


Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

Targeted properties



Type of property attack



View civil society incidents for Austria, 2018