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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2020 Hate Crime Report.
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Summary

Bosnia and Herzegovina regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR via the Ministry of Interior. There is no formal system for recording and collecting hate crime data in the country. In co-operation with ODIHR and the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, the authorities of Republika Srpska have worked to improve hate crime recording and data collection through ODIHR's Information Against Hate Crimes Toolkit (INFAHCT) programme, including through a diagnostic workshop held in April 2022. Bosnia and Herzegovina has also co-operated with ODIHR and the OSCE Mission to train law enforcement officers and criminal justice professionals on addressing hate crimes.

Bosnia and Herzegovina's Gender Action Plan, 2023-2027, includes hate crime prevention activities as part of its strategic implementation.

Hate crime data collection in Bosnia and Herzegovina
Support for hate crime victims in Bosnia and Herzegovina
Hate crime capacity building in Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bosnia and Herzegovina's hate crime legislation

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes Bosnia and Herzegovina's efforts in reporting information on hate crime to ODIHR. However, based on the available information, it observes the low numbers of officially recorded hate crimes. In addition, ODIHR observes that Bosnia and Herzegovina would benefit from raising awareness and building the capacity of criminal justice officials to address hate crimes.

Official Data

Police records include criminal offences that may fall outside of the OSCE's definition of a hate crime. The data do not include data from the Federal Police Administration. In some cases, hate speech provisions were also applied to incidents that would fall under this definition. One incident involved two separate criminal offences and is, therefore, counted twice under the police records.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2020	8	8	5

Police data by bias motivation

The data below consists of records reported by the State Investigation and Protection Agency (SIPA) and the Ministries of the Interior of the Republika Srpska, Central Bosnia Canton, Zenica-Doboj Canton and Sarajevo Canton.

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Racist and xenophobic

Police data by type of crime

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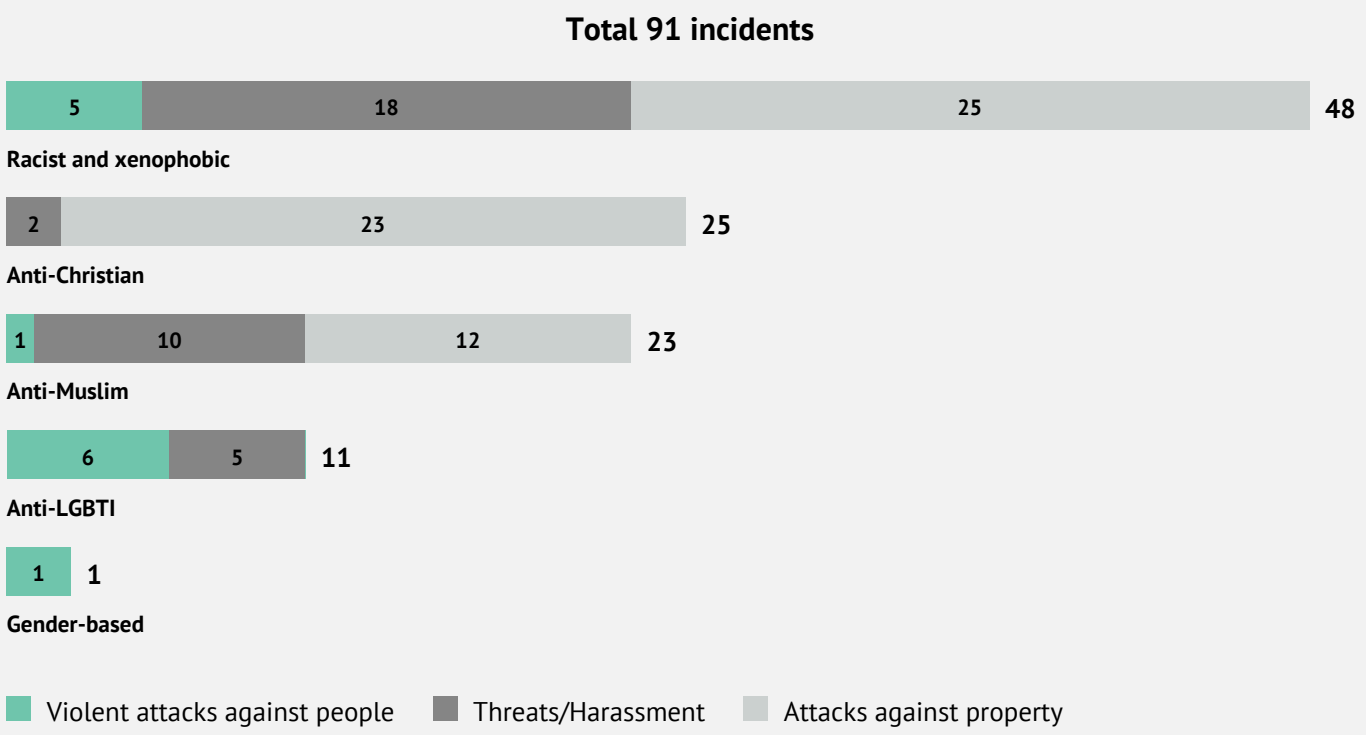
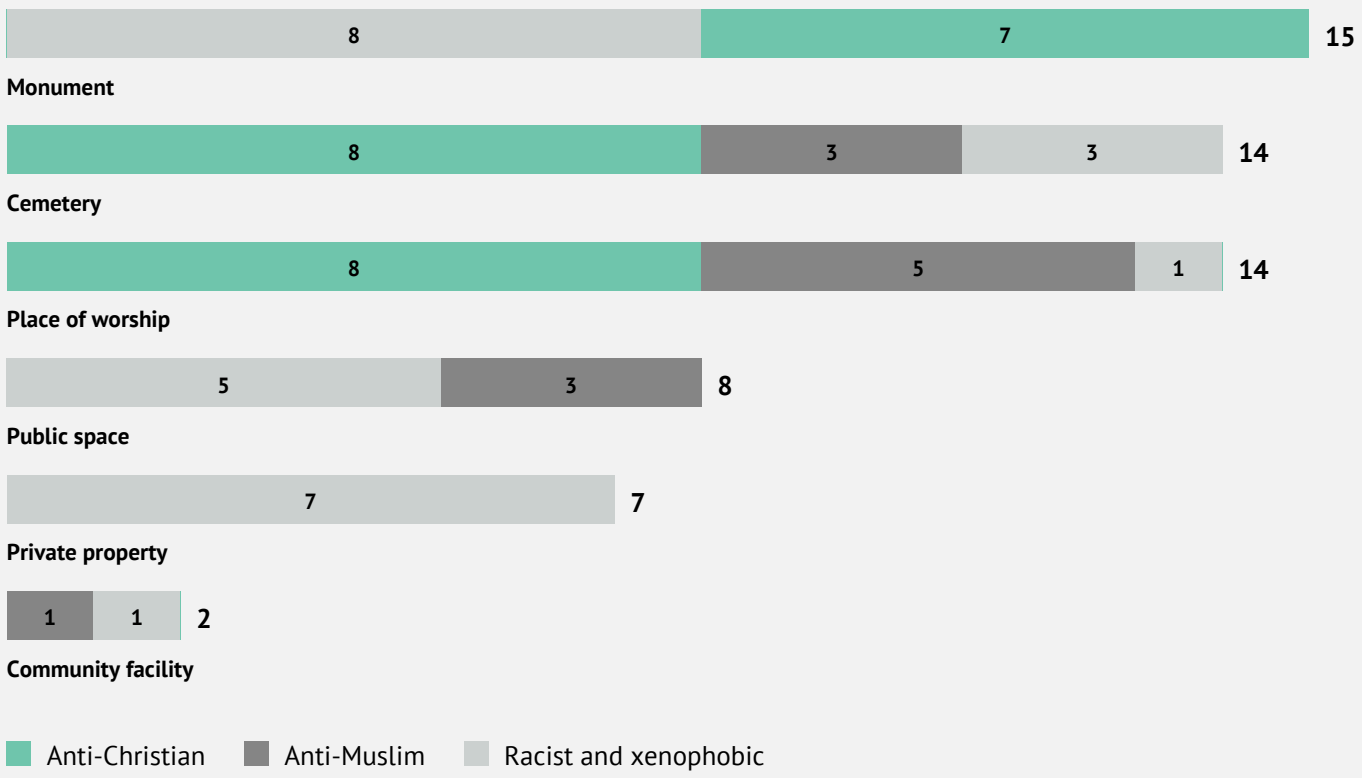
Threats/ threatening behaviour

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



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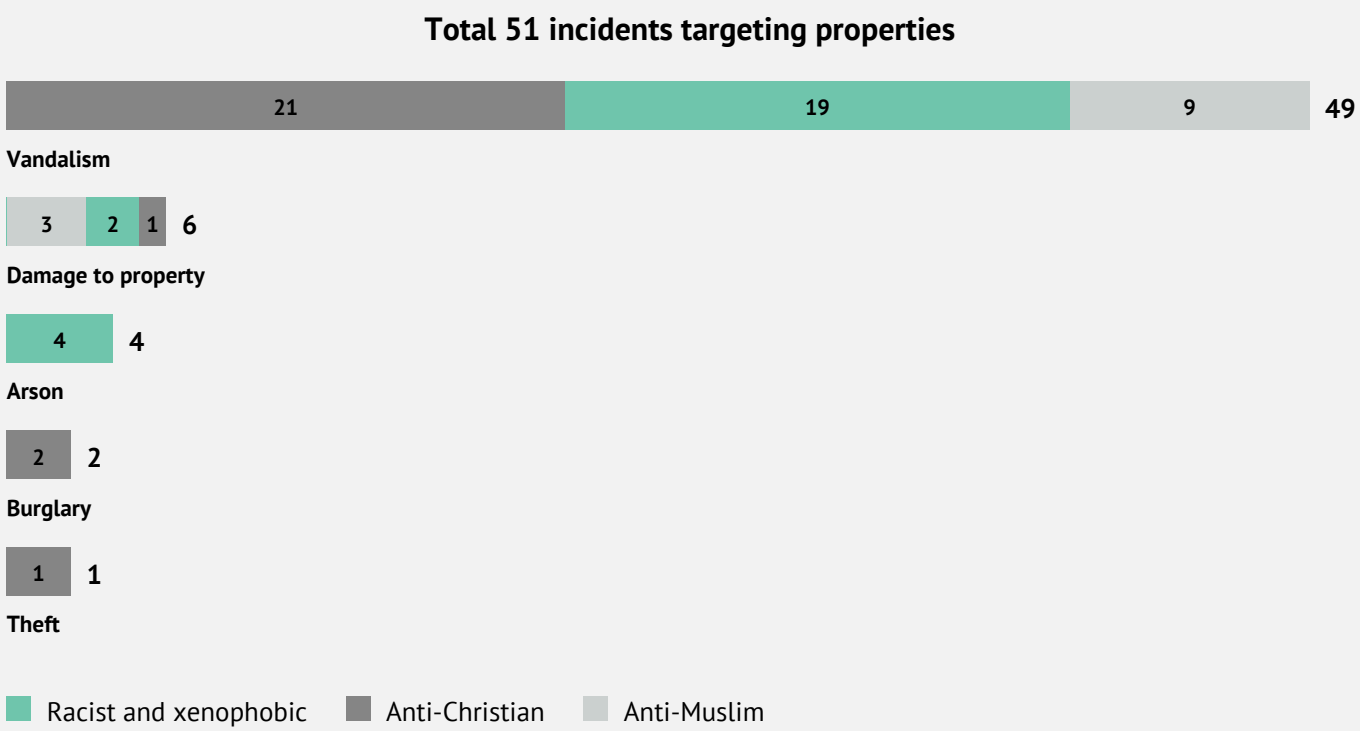

View civil society incidents for Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2020