

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

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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 recognizes Canada's efforts in regularly submitting information on police records. However, based on the available information, it observes that Canada has not reported data on hate crimes recorded by, respectively, prosecution and judiciary, respectively, to ODIHR. In, addition, ODIHR observes that Canada would benefit from ensuring that hate crimes are addressed in a comprehensive manner, including by introducing a coordination mechanism.

Official Data

In addition to the numbers presented here, the police recorded hate crime incidents motivated by age, other factors and unknown motivations.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2020	2,669	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation

1,632

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

This category captures hate crimes motivated by bias on the following grounds: Aboriginal, Arab/West Asian, Black, East and Southeast Asian, South Asian, White, Multiple Races/Ethnicities, Other race/ethnicity and unknown race/ethnicity and bias against language.

314

Anti-Semitic hate crime

267

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

This category includes 259 hate crimes committed with motivation based on bias against bisexual, heterosexual, gay and lesbian, other and unknown sexual orientation; and eight hate crimes committed on grounds of "other sex" (for example transgender or gender).

112

Other hate crime based on religion or belief

This category captures hate crimes motivated by bias against Catholics, members of other religions (e.g., Baptist, Greek Orthodox, Buddhist) and unknown religions.

82

Anti-Muslim hate crime

38

Gender-based hate crime

Includes hate crimes motivated by bias against male, female and unknown sex.

10

Unspecified

9

Disability hate crime

Police data by type of crime

1,099

Damage to property

This category includes vandalism.

514

Physical assault

506

Threats/ threatening behaviour

102

Unspecified

This category includes other violations causing death, attempting the commission of a capital crime, sexual violations, violations resulting in the deprivation of freedom, other violations resulting in the threat of violence, possession/trafficking of stolen goods, fraud, other criminal code violations, other federal statutes, Controlled Drugs and Substances Act offences and traffic violations.

86

Incitement to violence

77

Disturbance of the peace

63

Theft/ robbery

13

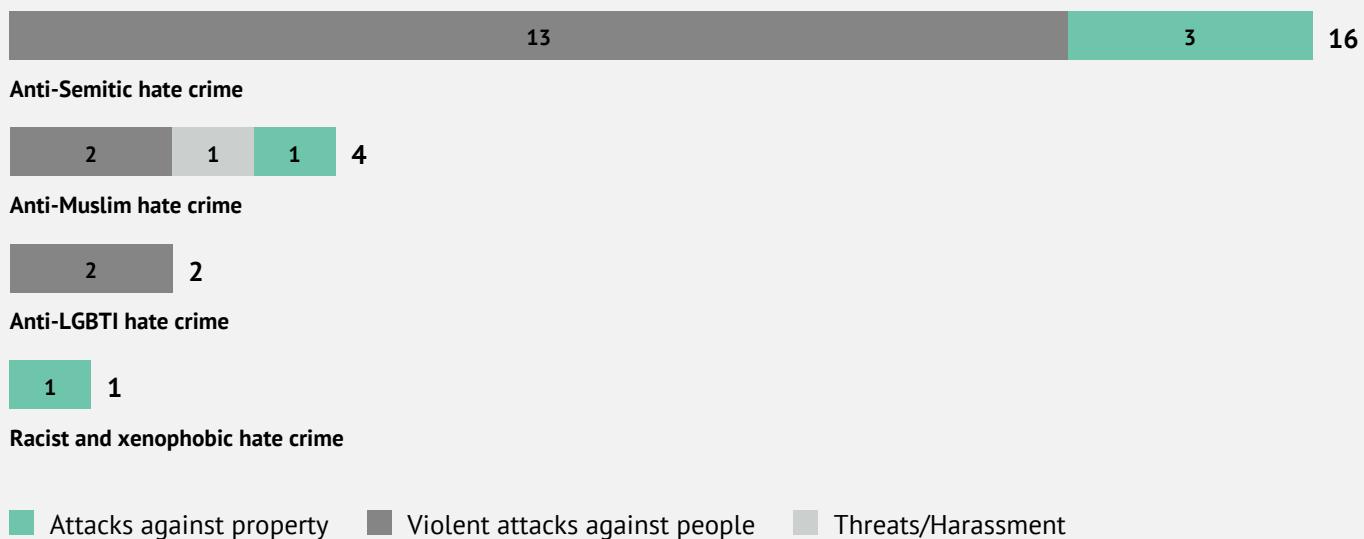
Arson

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Homicide

Incidents reported by civil society

Total 23 incidents

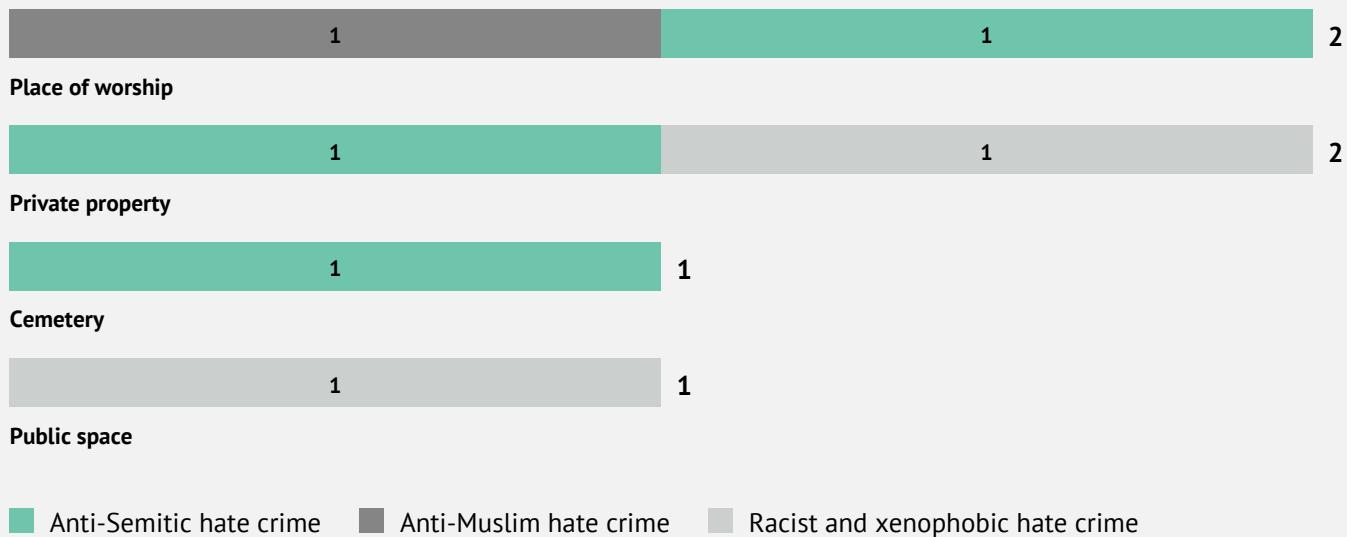


Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

In addition to incidents summarized below, this graph includes 12 hate incidents reported by Kantor Center as statistics.

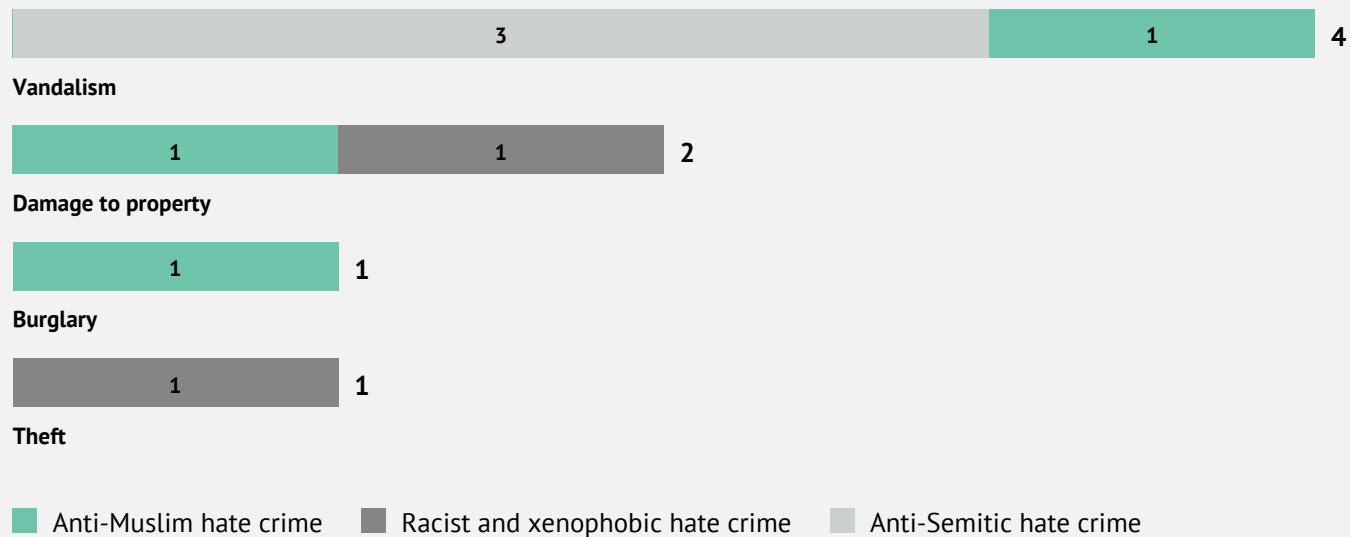
Targeted properties

Total 5 incidents targeting properties



Type of property attack

Total 5 incidents targeting properties



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