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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

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

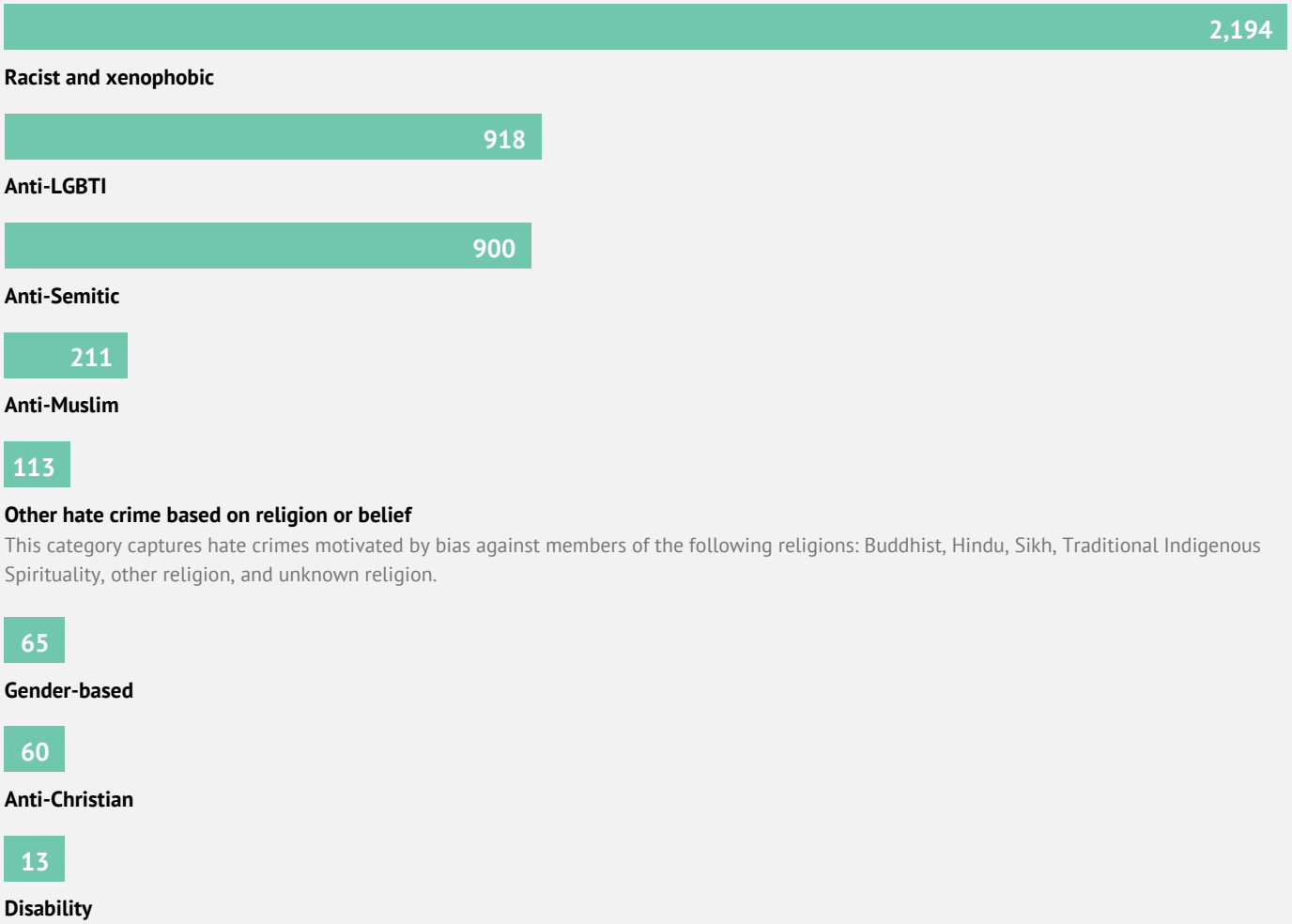
ODIHR recognizes Canada's efforts to report hate crime data and information to ODIHR. ODIHR observes that Canada would benefit from ensuring that hate crimes are addressed in a comprehensive manner, including by introducing a co-ordination mechanism.

Official Data

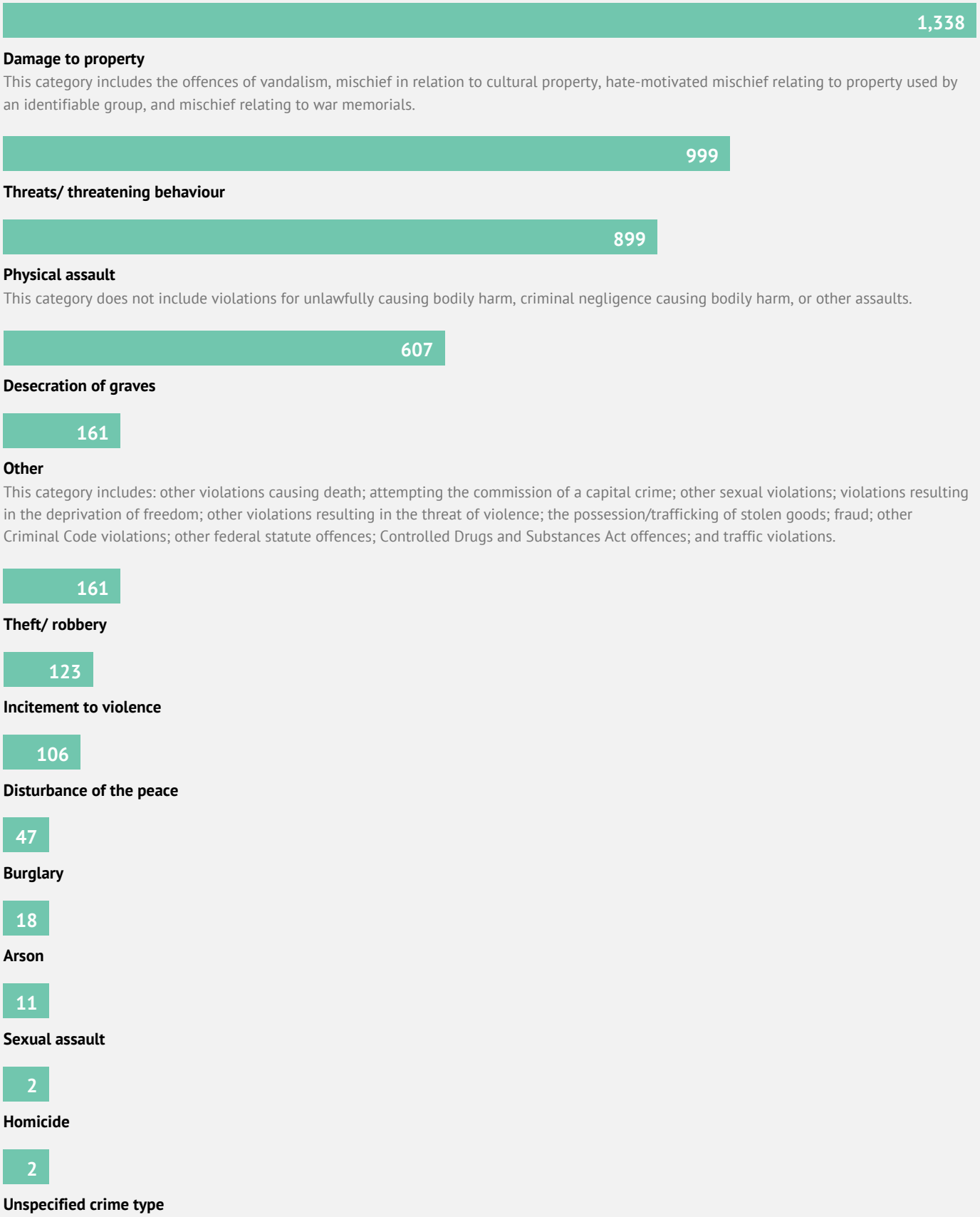
Hate crime data presented here may not match data presented elsewhere. Differences may be due to some incidents being reported through a supplemental survey that collects data in aggregate form, updates to historical incidents following police investigations, and changes to reporting and dissemination practices. Data on prosecuted and sentenced cases will be available in November 2024.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2023	4,777	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation



Police data by type of crime



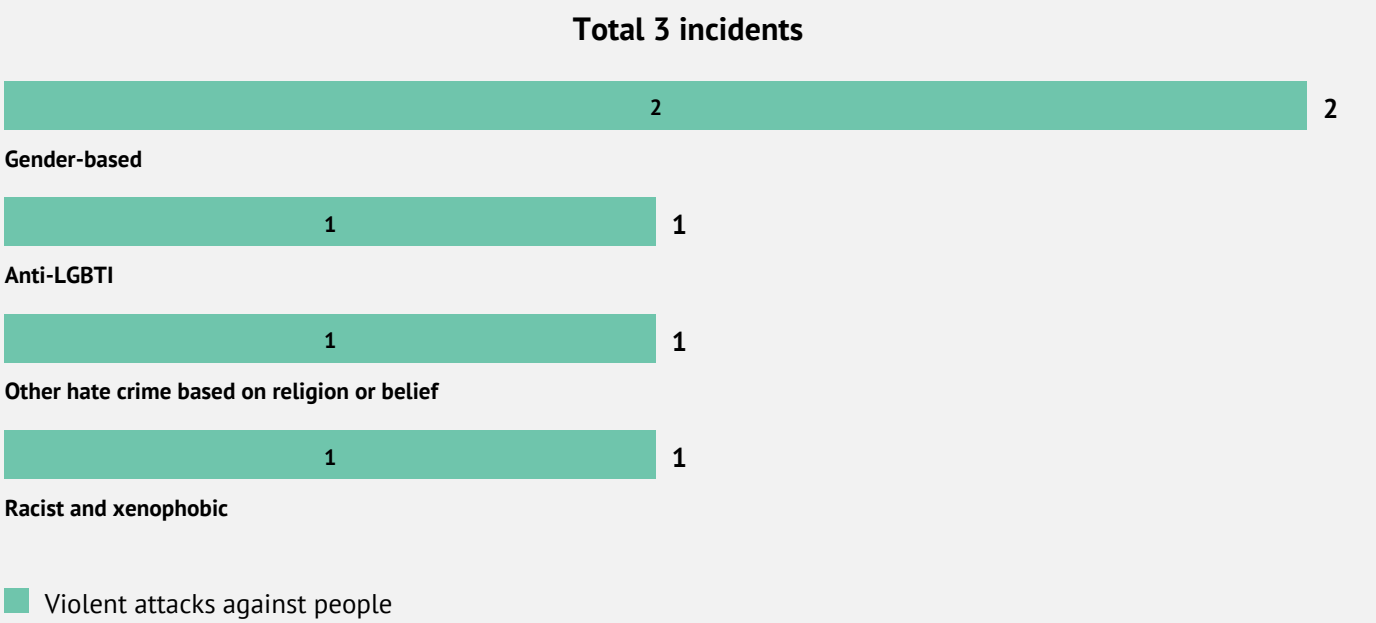
National Developments

In March 2023, the Human Rights Commissioner for British Columbia published a report following an inquiry into hate incidents that occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic. The inquiry aimed to understand the historical antecedents for hate and discrimination and respond to present and future issues related to hate during the pandemic.

In 2024, the CCJCSS started a training series for front-line officers, analysts, records staff and supervisors from police services in Canada on how to report criminal hate crime incidents to the Uniform Crime Reporting Survey. The training is scheduled to continue throughout the year.

Building on the lessons and accomplishments from the first strategy, 'Changing Systems, Transforming Lives: Canada's Anti-Racism Strategy 2024-2028' was developed based on robust evidence and input from people and communities with lived experience of racism. It aims to tackle systemic racism and make Canada's communities more inclusive and prosperous.

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.

View civil society incidents for Canada, 2023