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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

Croatia regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR.

Since 2006, Croatia has implemented ODIHR's Law Enforcement Outreach Programme (LEOP) followed by the updated Training Against Hate Crime for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) programme.

In 2021, the government adopted an updated inter-agency "Protocol for Procedure in Cases of Hate Crime", establishing state authorities' responsibilities in addressing hate crime and revising the responsibilities of the dedicated Working Group for monitoring hate crimes. In 2021, the Working Group participated in ODIHR's diagnostic workshop to assess national structures and services for hate crime victim support, resulting in a set of ODIHR recommendations to the relevant state authorities. Data on hate crimes are regularly published by the Office for Human Rights and the Rights of National Minorities.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes Croatia's efforts to regularly report hate crime information and data to ODIHR. However, based on the available information, it observes that Croatia's hate crime recording and statistics do not sufficiently distinguish hate crimes from other crimes. In addition, ODIHR observes that Croatia would benefit from raising awareness among and building the capacity of criminal justice officials to address hate crime.

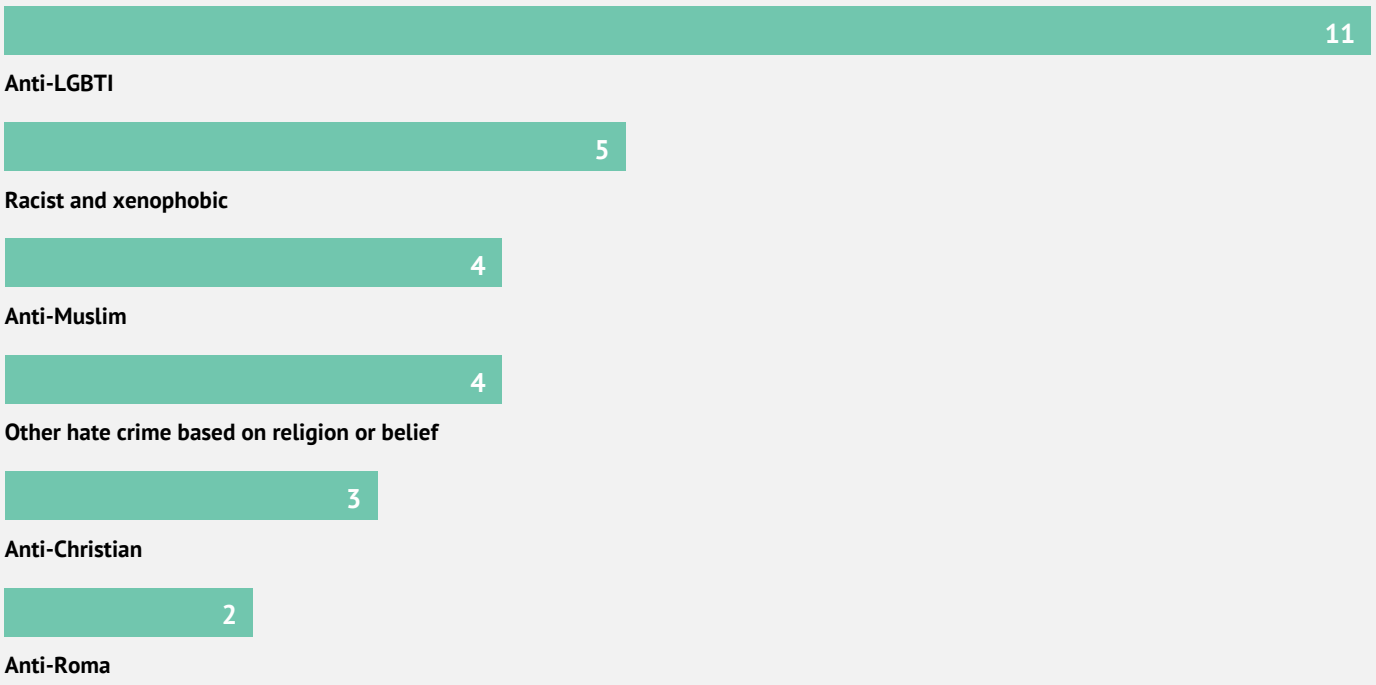
Official Data

These data refer only to hate crimes pursuant to Article 87 paragraph 21 of the Criminal Code of Croatia (aggravating circumstance).

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2023	85	33	9

Police data by bias motivation

Cases of public incitement to terrorism and violation of the rights of a child were excluded from the numbers presented below as they fall outside the OSCE hate crime definition.



Police data by type of crime

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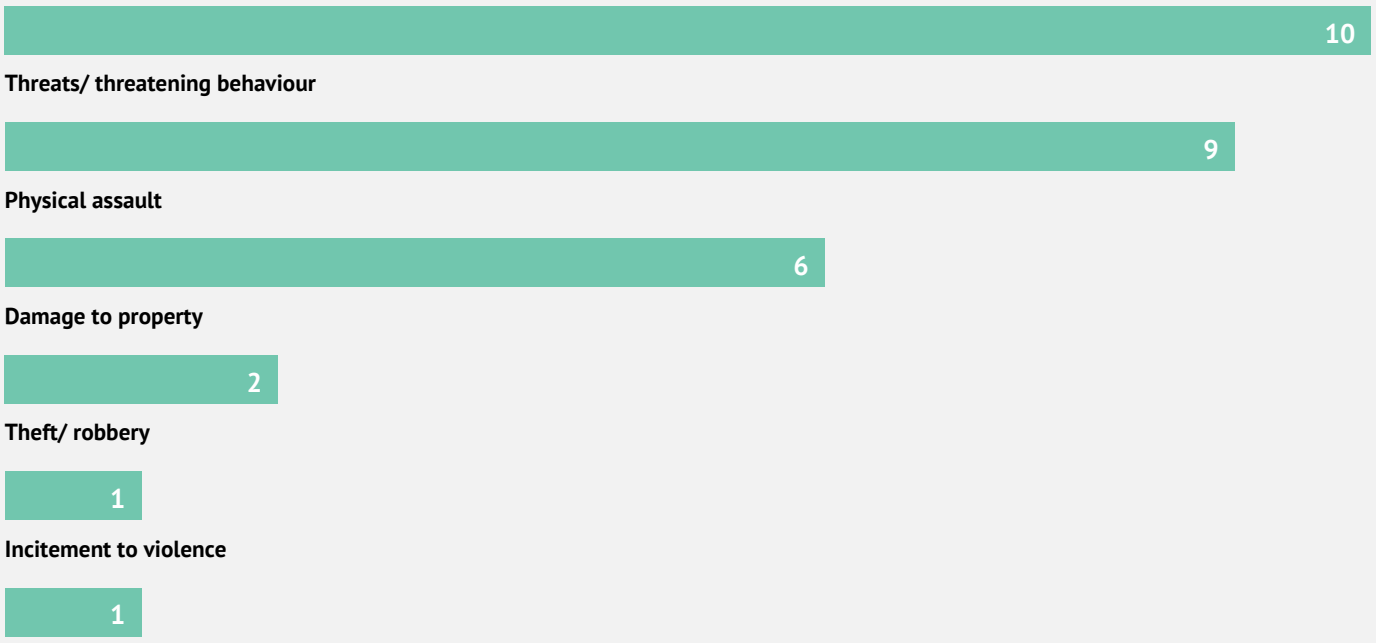


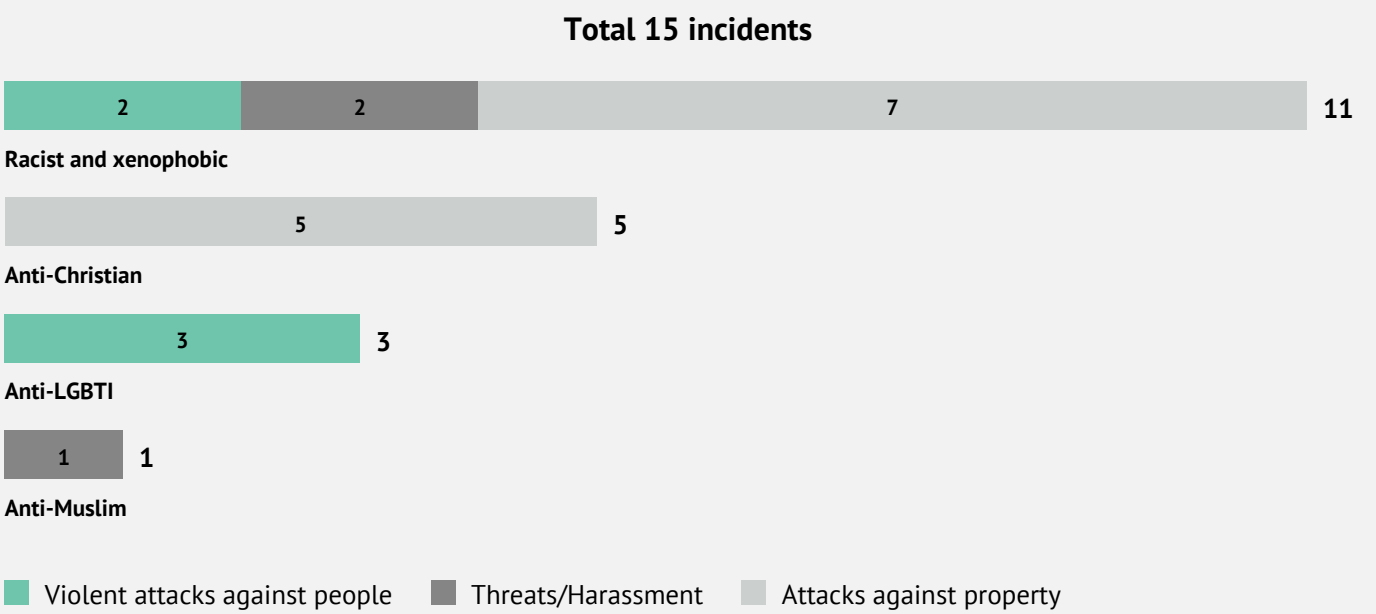
This category covers the offence of endangering life and property through generally dangerous actions or means.

National Developments

In March 2023, the Government of the Republic of Croatia adopted a **National Plan for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights and Suppression of Discrimination, 2023-2027**, along with an accompanying Action Plan for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights (2023) and an Action Plan for Suppression of Discrimination (2023). The Plans define and set out special goals related to the exercise of human rights and preventing discrimination in Croatia.

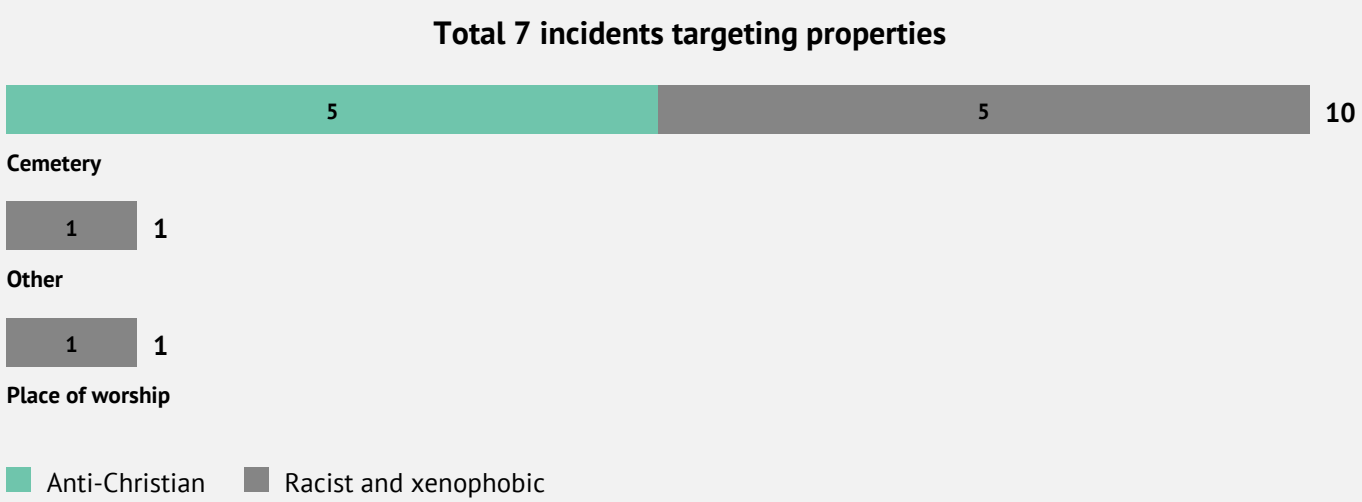
The Action Plans include activities to preserve a culture of genocide remembrance and strengthen awareness of racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance.
OHRRNM, in co-operation with the Judicial Academy, organized seminars on hate crimes and hate speech in Zagreb and Opatija. The seminars were attended by approximately 60 persons from across Croatia, including representatives of the police, the state attorney's office and the courts.

Incidents reported by civil society

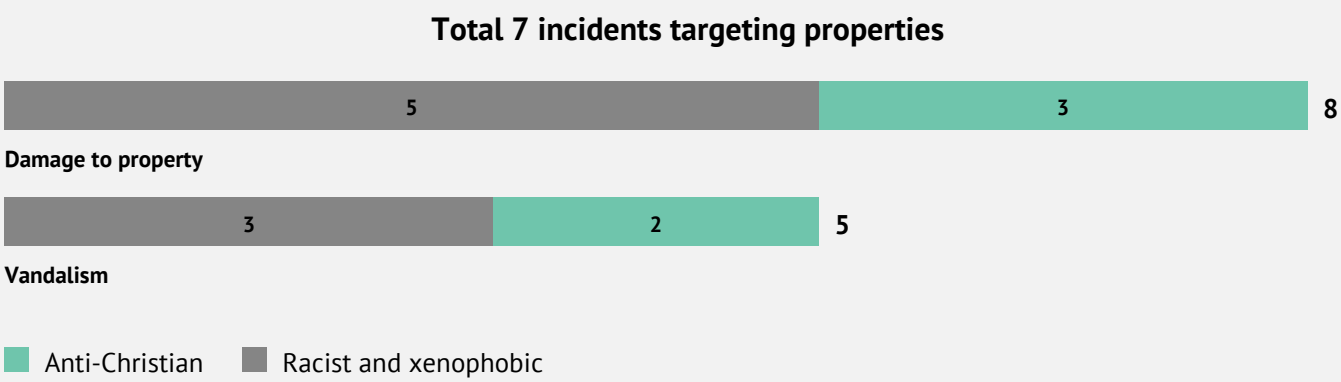


Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

Targeted properties



Type of property attack



View civil society incidents for Croatia, 2023