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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2016 Hate Crime Report.
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For more information about ODIHR's Hate Crime Report, visit: hatecrime.osce.org/our-methodology

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Summary

Germany regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Close collaboration with civil society in the area of hate crime victim support has been established at the federal level, namely with the Weisser Ring civil society organization (CSO) and a number of specialized CSOs. The Federal Ministry of Justice and the Federal Victims' Commissioner are in regular contact with a number of victim support institutions and victims' representatives. Germany has conducted victimization surveys to measure under-reported hate crimes. The most recent report covering 2012-2017 is available here.

In 2021, ODIHR, together with Federal Ministries, organized a virtual study visit to Germany on strengthening co-operation between the Government and civil society on hate crime victim support. In 2023, the Federal Ministry of the Interior and Community of Germany, in co-operation with ODIHR and the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights, organized a hate crime data workshop to review the existing hate crime recording and data collection framework and identify gaps. Following the workshop, ODIHR and FRA prepared a report summarizing the main issues and measures to improve hate crime recording in Germany, as identified by workshop participants.

The German government funds several organizations and projects to monitor hate incidents and assist hate crime victims. These include the Competence Network Against Antisemitism (KOMPAS), which consists of five experienced civil society organizations that register anti-Semitic incidents and develop measures to prevent anti-Semitism. The government also funds the Competence Network on Hate on the Net, which advises victims of hate speech, strengthens civil society networks, and develops media literacy materials.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that Germany has not reported the numbers of prosecuted and/or information on sentenced hate crime cases to ODIHR.

Official Data

The year-to-year increase in numbers is due to a modification in the data collection method.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2016	3,598	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation

2,846

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

430

Other hate crime based on religion or belief

185

Anti-Semitic hate crime

123

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

14

Disability hate crime

Police data by type of crime

1,551

Physical assault

1,311

Damage to property

This category also includes cases of vandalism.
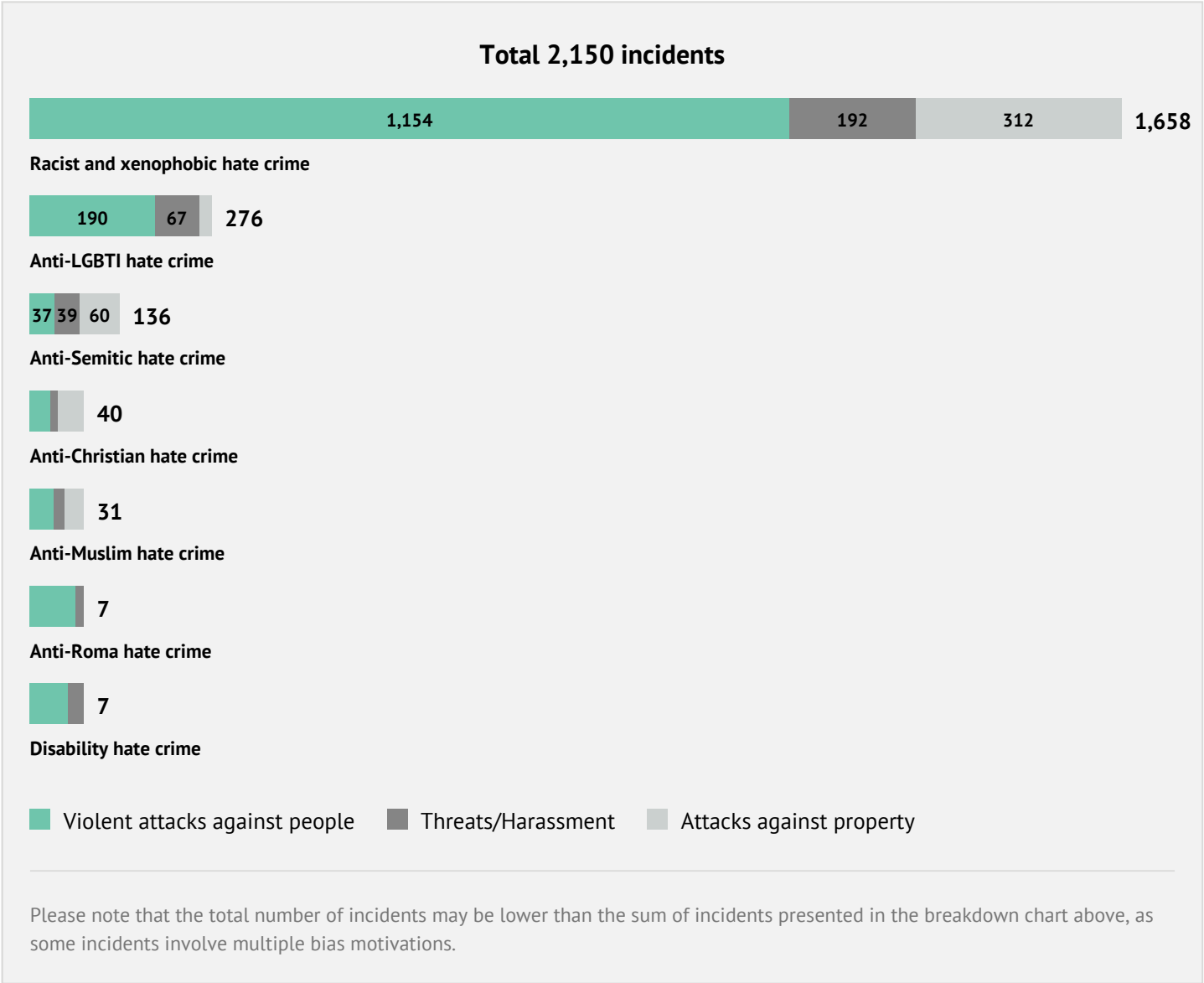
522

Threats/ threatening behaviour

102

Arson

78

Theft/ robbery

26

Homicide

8

Desecration of graves

Incidents reported by civil society

Total 2,150 incidents

Racist and xenophobic hate crime
1,154 | 192 | 312 | 1,658

Anti-LGBTI hate crime
190 | 67 | 276

Anti-Semitic hate crime
37 | 39 | 60 | 136

Anti-Christian hate crime
40

Anti-Muslim hate crime
31

Anti-Roma hate crime
7

Disability hate crime
7

Legend:
- Violent attacks against people
- Threats/Harassment
- Attacks against property

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.
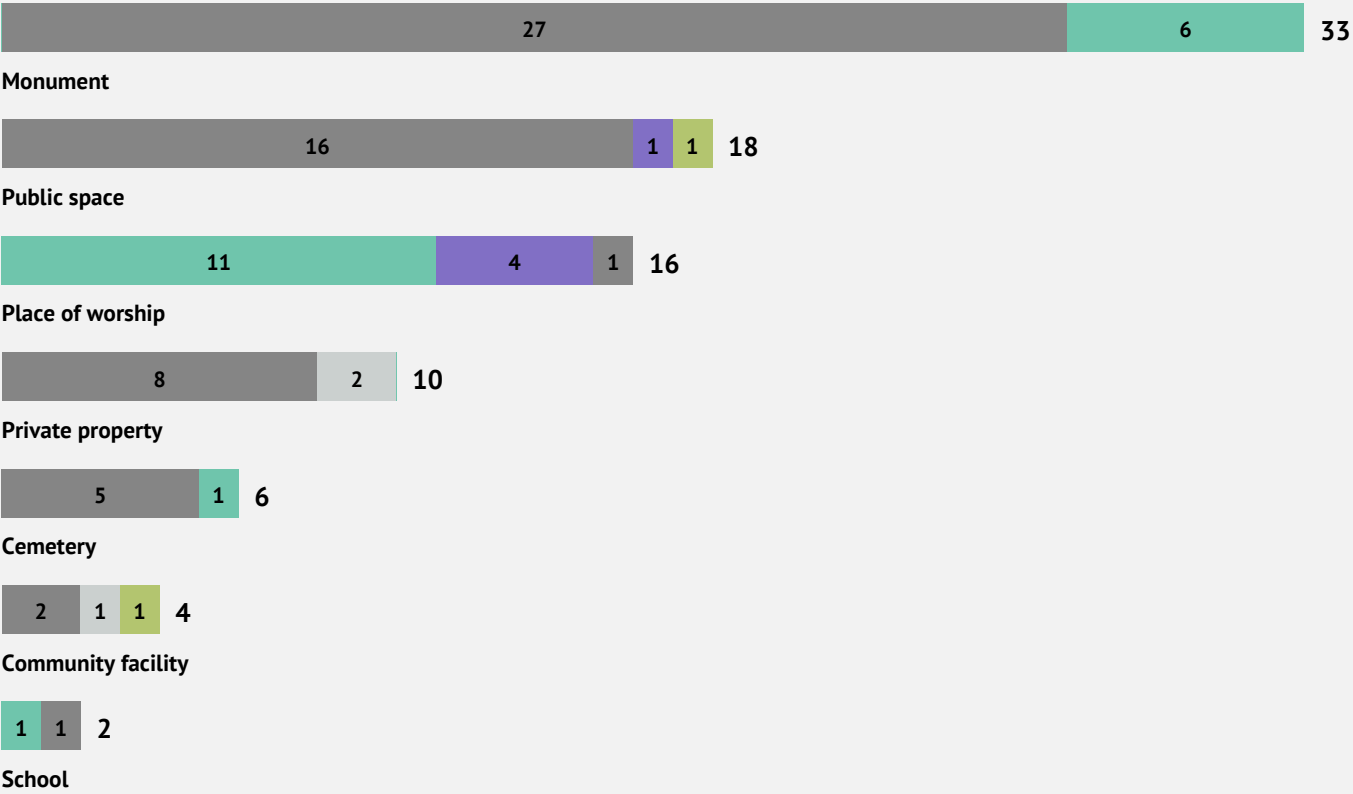
The VBRG and the Amadeu Antonio Foundation reported statistical data. To avoid duplication, only Amadeu Antonio Foundation data concerning regions that are not covered by the VBRG were included. This explains the discrepancy between the graphic above and the incidents included below.
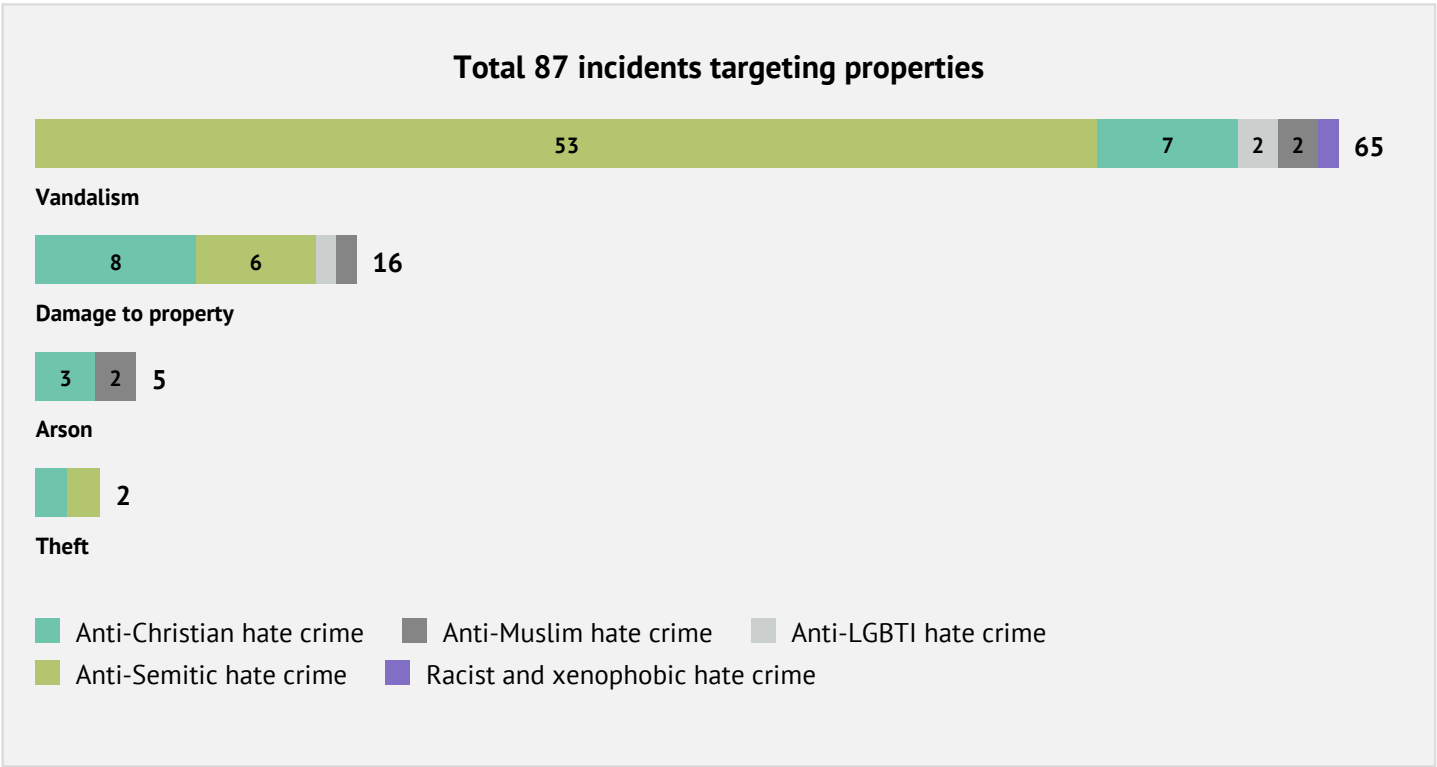
Targeted properties

Total 87 incidents targeting properties

Monument		
27	6	33

Monument

16	1	1	18

Public space

11	4	1	16

Place of worship

8	2	10

Private property

5	1	6

Cemetery

2	1	1	4

Community facility

1	1	2

School

- Anti-Christian hate crime
- Anti-Semitic hate crime
- Anti-LGBTI hate crime
- Racist and xenophobic hate crime
- Anti-Muslim hate crime

Type of property attack

Total 87 incidents targeting properties

Vandalism					
53			7	2	2	65

Vandalism

8	6		16

Damage to property

3	2	5

Arson

	2

Theft

- ▉ Anti-Christian hate crime
- ▉ Anti-Muslim hate crime
- ▉ Anti-LGBTI hate crime
- ▉ Anti-Semitic hate crime
- ▉ Racist and xenophobic hate crime

View civil society incidents for Germany, 2016