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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 hate crimes or information on the sentencing of hate crime cases to ODIHR.

Official Data

The total number presented here includes some hate speech offences, which fall outside of the OSCE's hate crime definition, and are not included in the breakdown below. A criminal incident can be recorded with more than one bias motivation and may therefore appear in the breakdown more than once.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2018	8,113	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation

One criminal incident can be recorded with more than one bias motivation in the breakdown below.

1,955

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

307

Anti-Semitic hate crime

A separate category of "attacks against Jewish cemeteries" is also monitored. There were 27 such incidents in 2018, which are not included in this statistic.

241

Anti-Muslim hate crime

139

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

45

Anti-Christian hate crime

14

Anti-Roma hate crime

13

Other hate crime based on religion or belief

2

Disability hate crime

Police data by type of crime

One criminal incident can be recorded with more than one bias motivation in the breakdown below.

1,140

Physical assault

1,071

Damage to property

This category also includes cases of vandalism.

430

Threats/ threatening behaviour

33

Theft/ robbery

14

Desecration of graves

13

Arson

13

Homicide

2

Unspecified

National Developments

The authorities continued implementing a National Action Plan against Racism, updated and re-issued in 2017, which includes the topics of “homophobia and transphobia”.

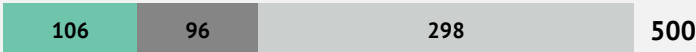
Following a tasking from the Federal Ministry of the Interior, the Criminological Research Institute of Lower Saxony and the German Police University have undertaken a study of “Best practices of co-operation between safety authorities and civil society concerning the avoidance of crime guided by prejudices”. The two-year project, to which ODIHR contributed expertise, should lead to police learning from good international practice and to improved collaboration with civil society organizations. The results are expected in autumn 2019.

Incidents reported by civil society

Total 1,997 incidents



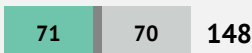
Racist and xenophobic hate crime



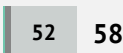
Anti-Semitic hate crime



Anti-LGBTI hate crime



Anti-Muslim hate crime



Anti-Christian hate crime



Disability hate crime

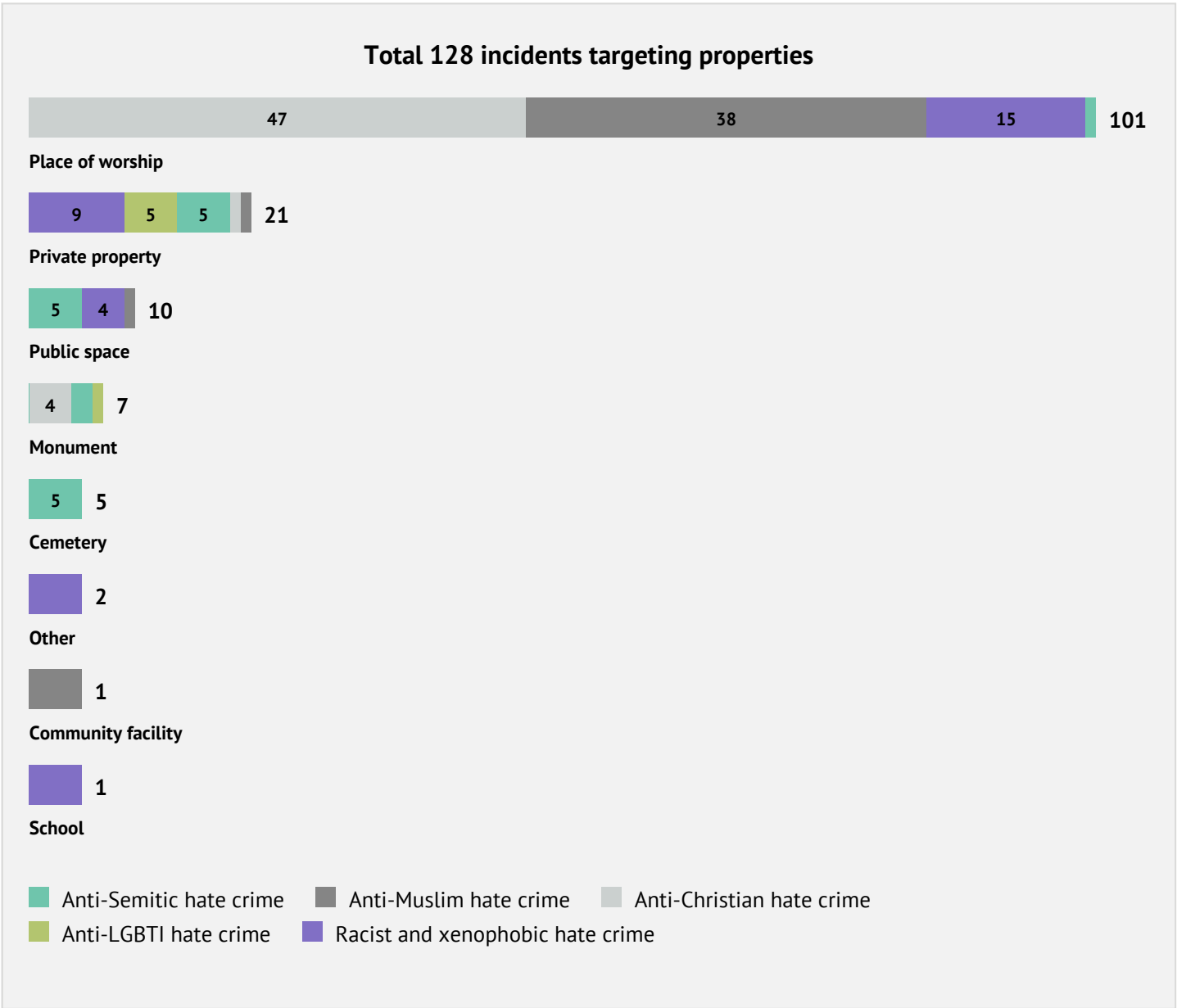


Gender-based hate crime

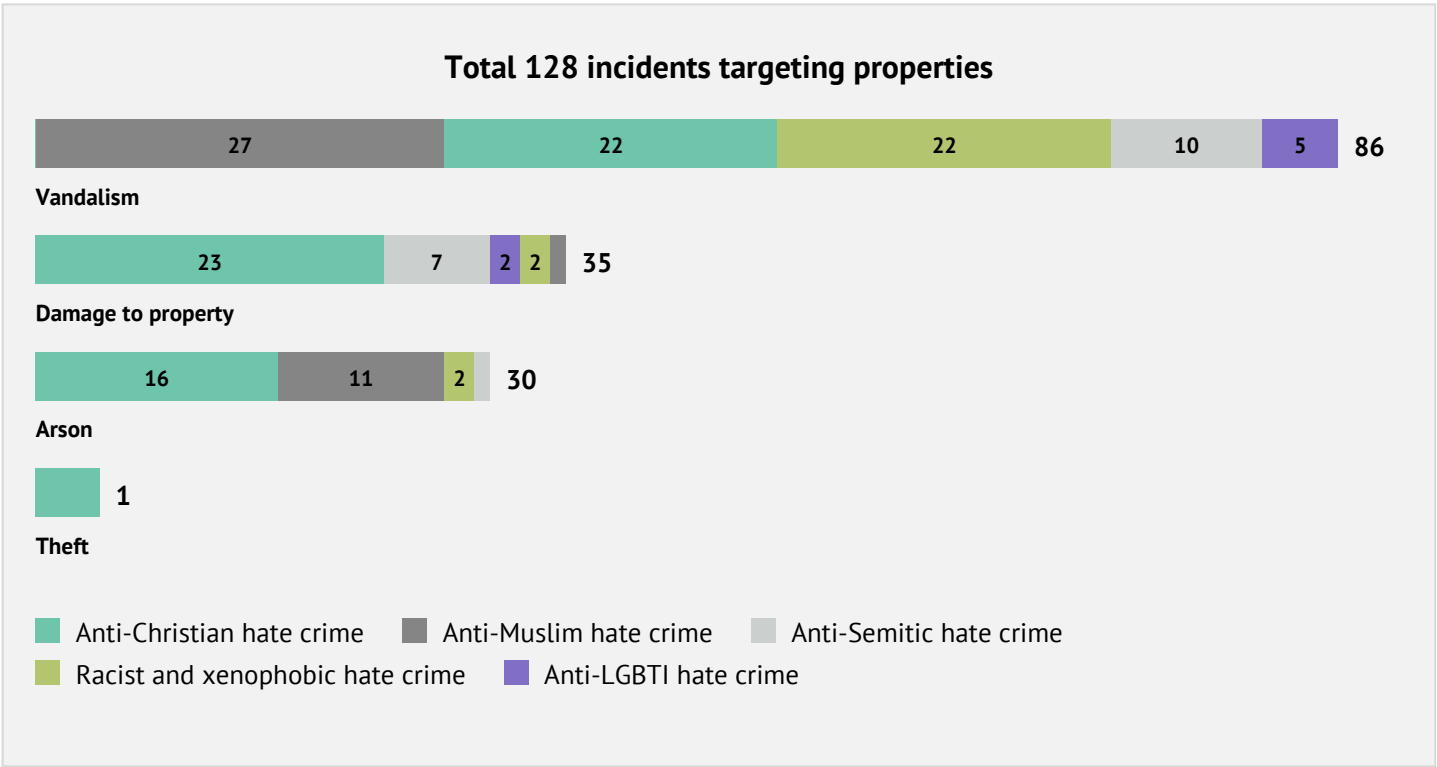
Violent attacks against people Threats/Harassment Attacks against property

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.

Targeted properties



Type of property attack



[View civil society incidents for Germany, 2018](#)