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HATE CRIME REPORTING

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Summary

Germany regularly reports to ODIHR.

Germany has conducted victimization surveys to measure under-reported hate crimes. A recent crime survey report is available here. 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 German government funds several organizations and projects to monitor hate incidents and assist hate crime victims, including the Competence Network Against Antisemitism (KOMPAS), and the Competence Network on Hate on the Net. The Federal Ministry of Justice and the Federal Victims' Commissioner are in regular contact with a number of victim support institutions and victims' representatives.

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.

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.

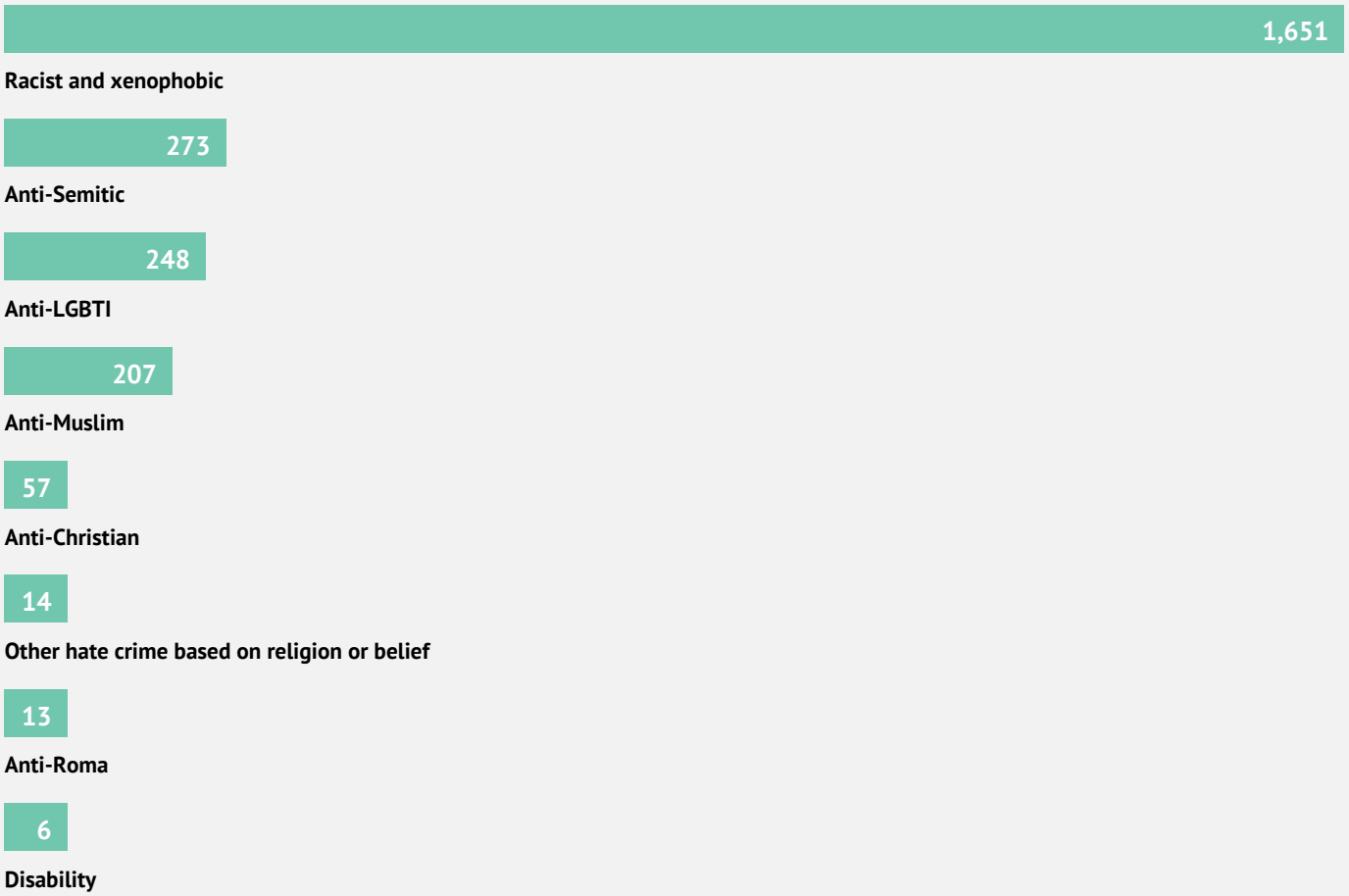
Official Data

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 with more than one bias motivation is registered under all relevant categories. Therefore, a single incident may be recorded under multiple entries in the breakdown below.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2019	8,585	0	0

Police data by bias motivation

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



Police data by type of crime

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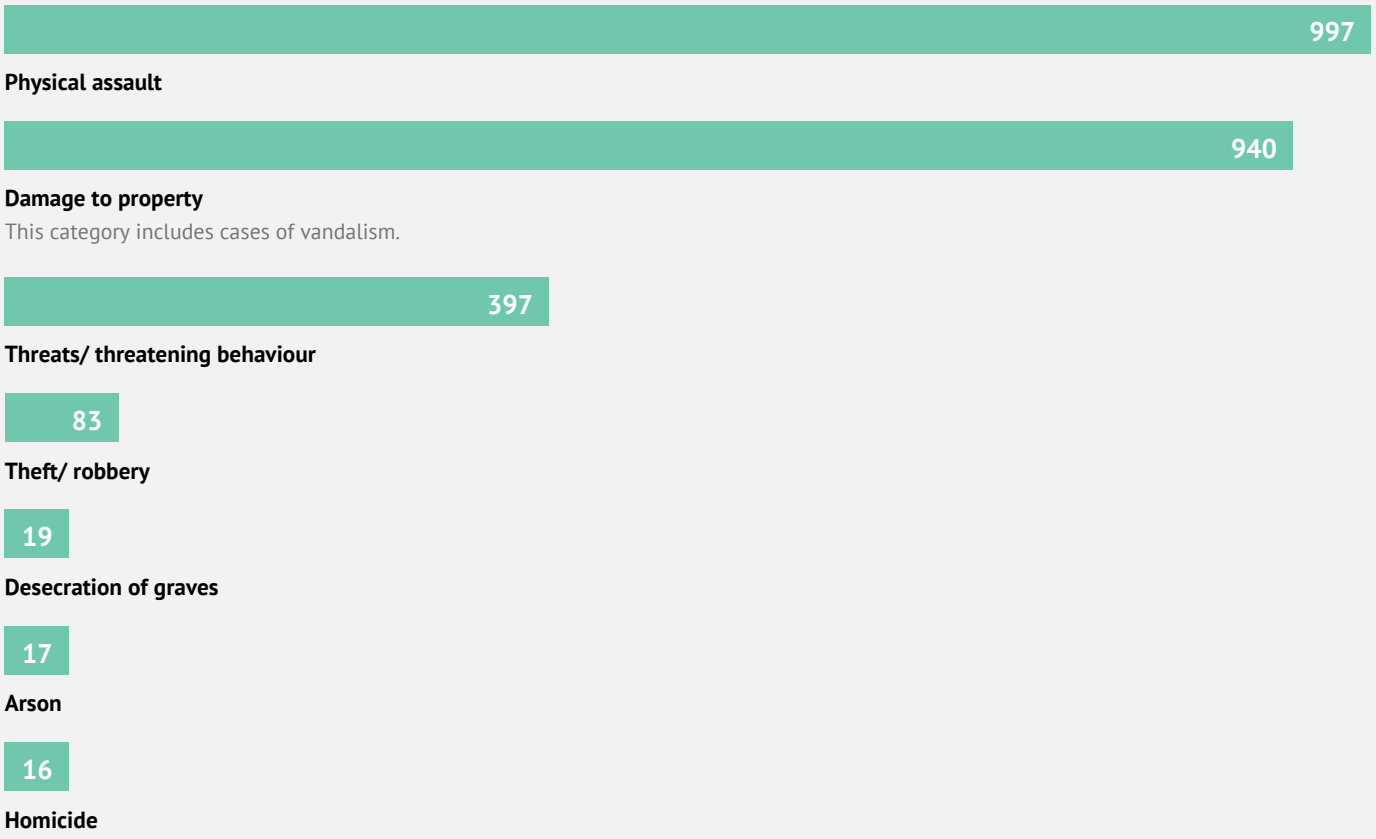
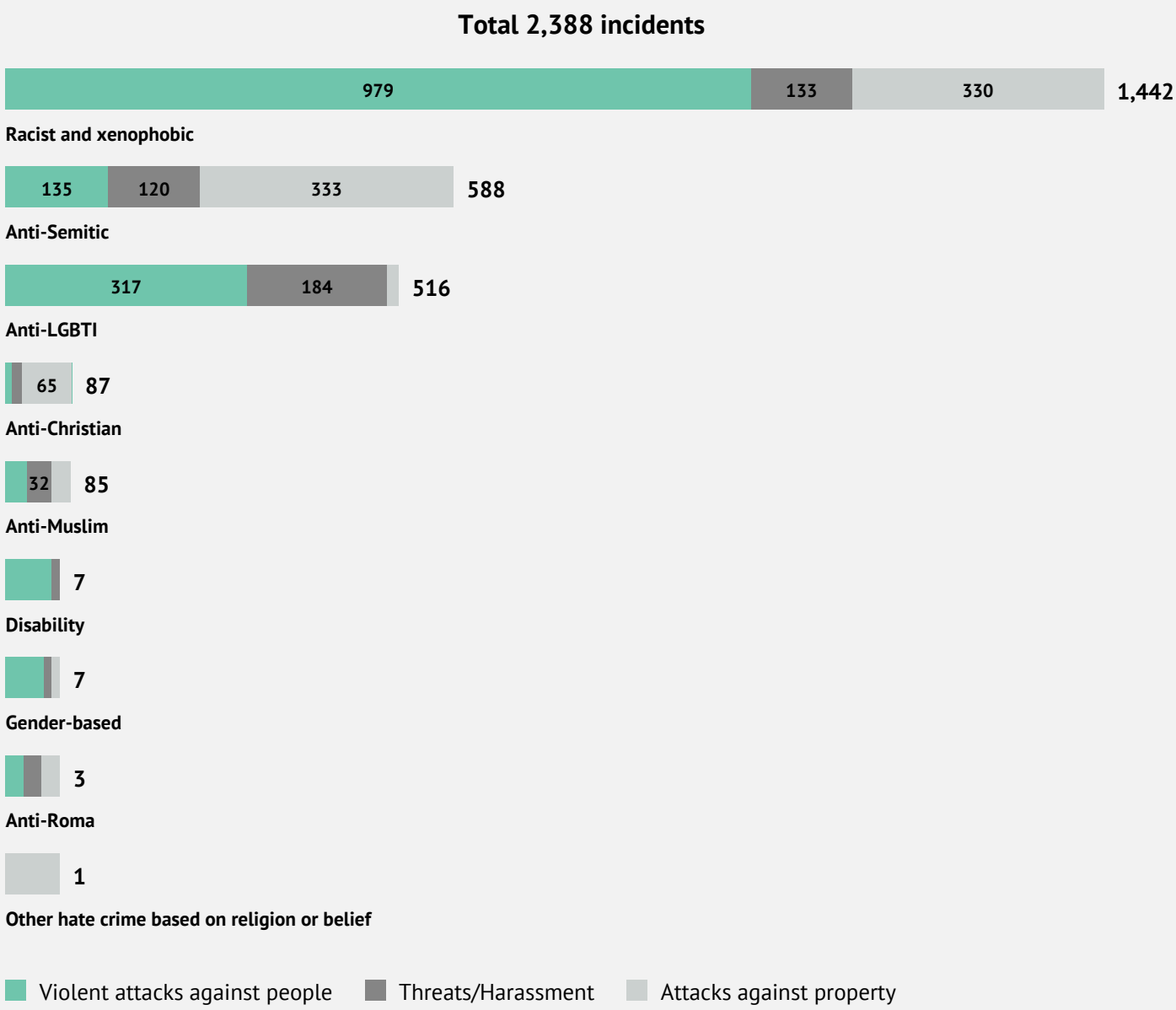


National Developments

In autumn 2019, the results of a two-year research project on "Best practices of co-operation between safety authorities and civil society concerning the avoidance of crime guided by prejudices" were presented at a number of regional conferences and discussed with law enforcement agencies and civil society organizations. The project – which incorporated ODIHR's expertise and international good practices – should lead to improved collaboration between police and civil society organizations.

Incidents reported by civil society

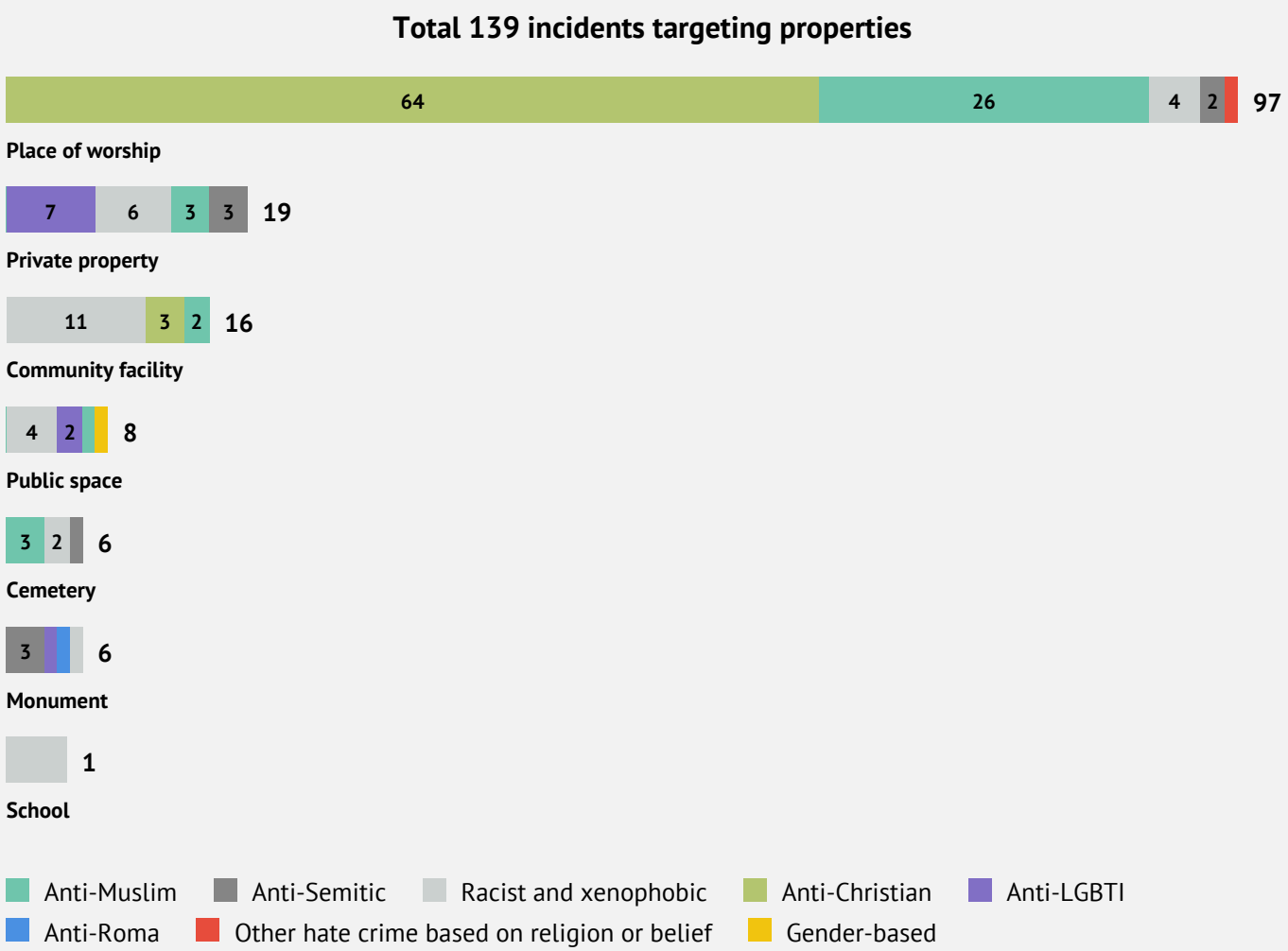


Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

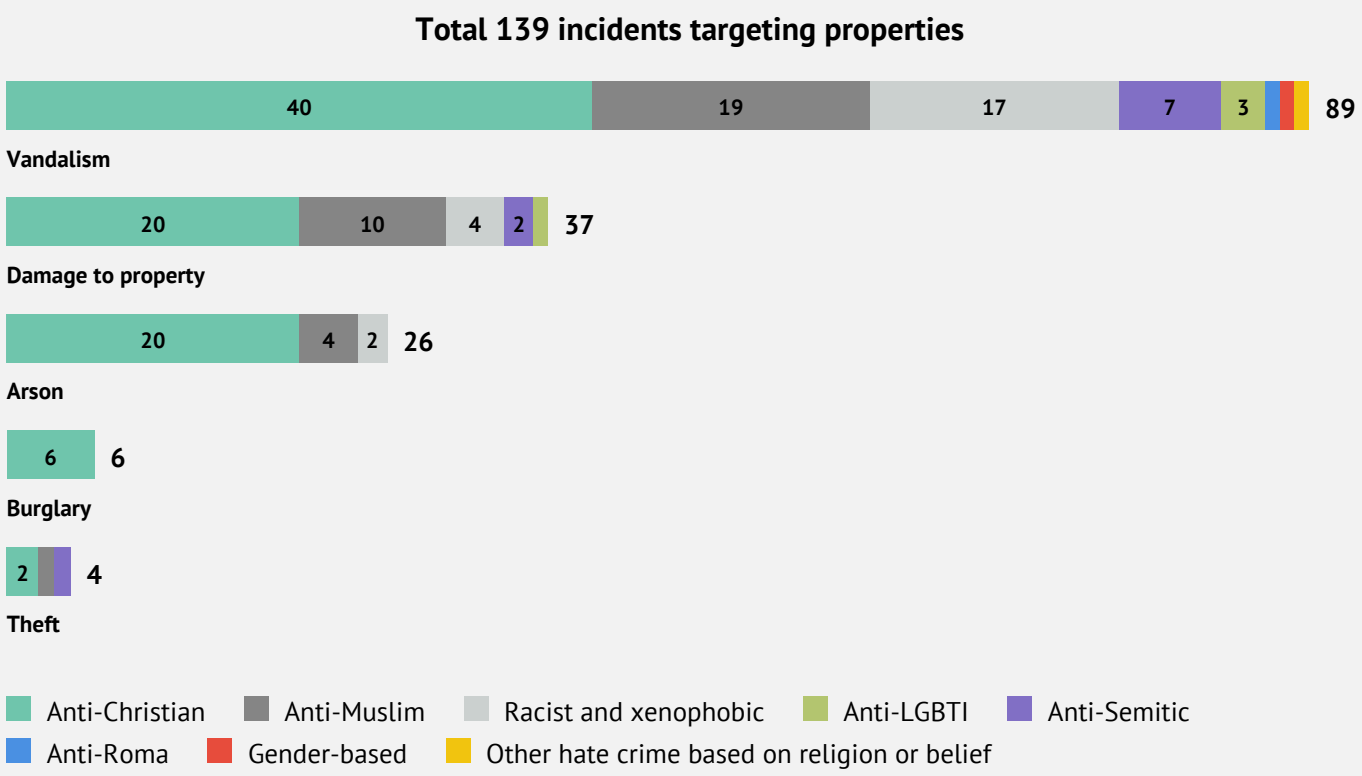
The Association of Counseling Centers for Victims of Right-wing, Racist and Anti-Semitic Violence in Germany – VBRG (on behalf of its members ReachOut, Opferperspektive e.V., LOBBI and RAA Sachsen) reported 863 statistical incidents. Amadeu Antonio Foundation reported 230 statistical incidents. Department for Research and Information on Anti-Semitism – RIAS/VDK Berlin/ZIF reported 489 statistical incidents. MANEO reported 351 statistical incidents. Jugendschutz.net reported 10 statistical incidents. EZRA reported 93 statistical incidents. This explains the discrepancy between the above graphic, which includes statistical incidents, and the descriptive incidents included below.

Kantor Center also reported descriptive incidents as well as statistical data.

Targeted properties



Type of property attack



View civil society incidents for Germany, 2019