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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

In 2017, Greece implemented ODIHR's Prosecutors and Hate Crime Training (PAHCT). In June 2018, an "Agreement on inter-agency co-operation on addressing racist crimes" was concluded by relevant state authorities and a network of civil society organizations (CSOs) as part of ODIHR's project on "Building a Comprehensive Criminal Justice Response to Hate Crimes". Consequently, the agreement has led to improved hate crime recording and data collection. On February 2022, ODIHR held an online diagnostic workshop with government representatives, criminal justice actors and CSOs to assess structures and services for hate crime victim support in Greece.

In 2022, an office within the Ministry of Justice was tasked with overseeing the systematic collection of statistical data on hate crimes.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes Greece's efforts to report hate crime statistics to ODIHR. However, based on the available information, it observes that Greece has not made hate crime data public. In addition, ODIHR observes that Greece would benefit from raising awareness among and building the capacity of prosecutors and judges to address hate crime.

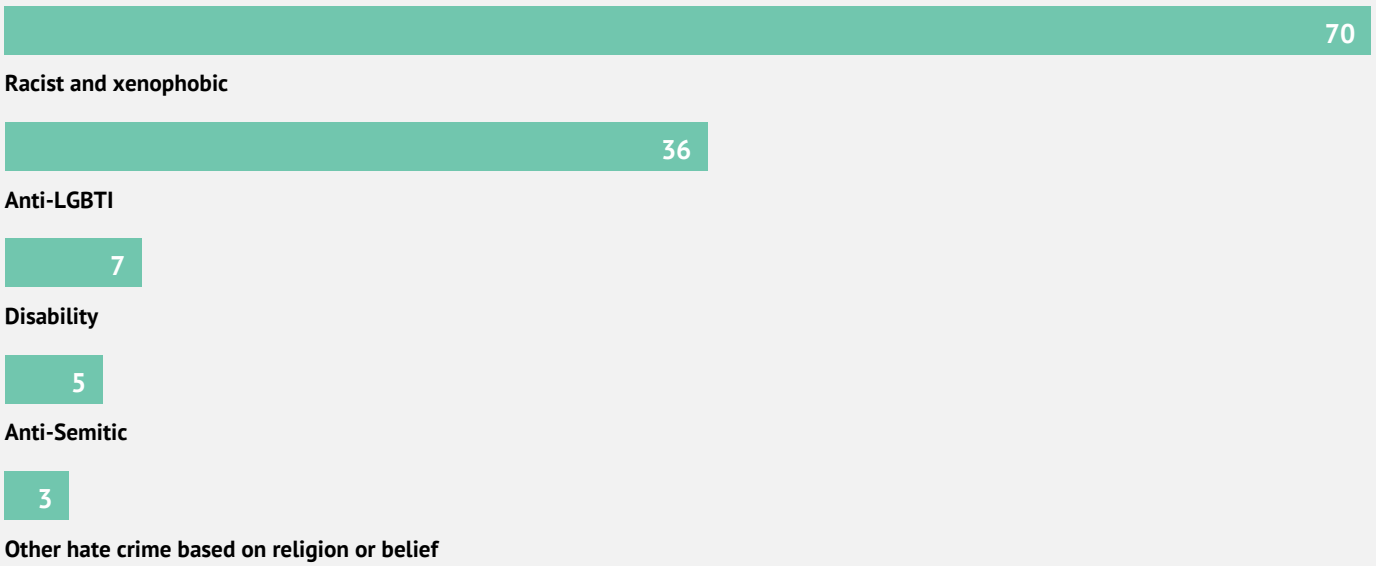
Official Data

In addition to 97 cases recorded by the police for 2023, 25 hate speech cases were recorded that fall outside the OSCE hate crime definition. In some cases, more than one criminal offence was involved. Some cases include multiple bias motivations. Therefore, there is a difference between these records and the breakdown by bias motivation below. The number of prosecuted cases refers to all hate crime cases for which article 82A of the Penal Code or Law 927/1979 were implemented by the Public Prosecutor. The same applies to the number of sentenced cases. Furthermore, the numbers of prosecuted and sentenced cases also include hate crimes committed in years other than 2023 due to the timeframe of police investigations. Data provided by the Courts and Public Prosecutors' Offices for 2023 indicate that: A. 115 new cases were opened by the Public Prosecutors' Offices; B. 26 cases were prosecuted and submitted to Courts; C. 68 cases were pending (for example, due to preliminary investigation); D. 23 cases were closed by the prosecutor; and E. Six acquittals decisions were issued by the Courts.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2023	97	115	22

Police data by bias motivation

Incidents presented in this section may involve more than one crime. Hate speech offences are excluded from the breakdown below.



Police data by type of crime

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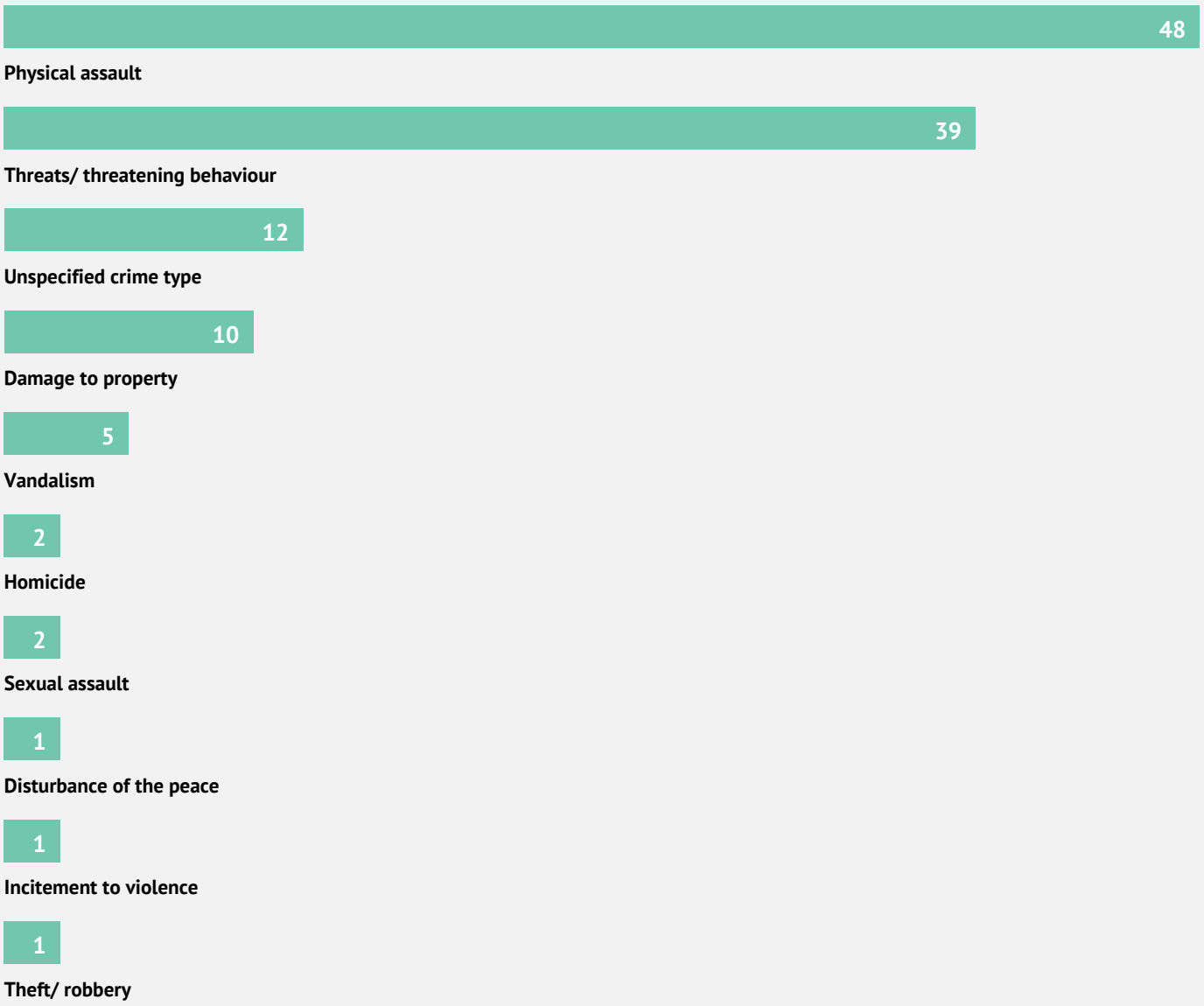

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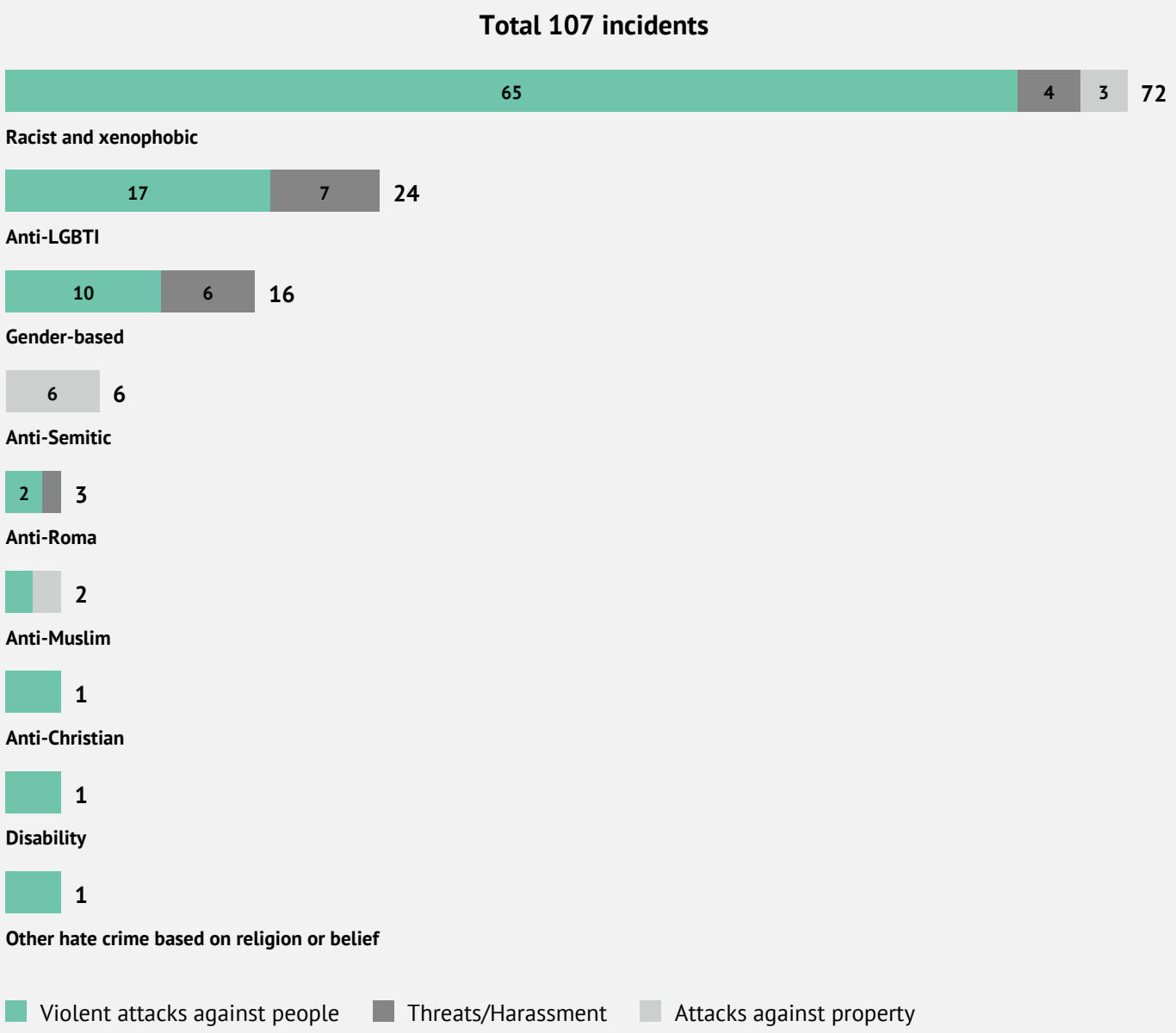

Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

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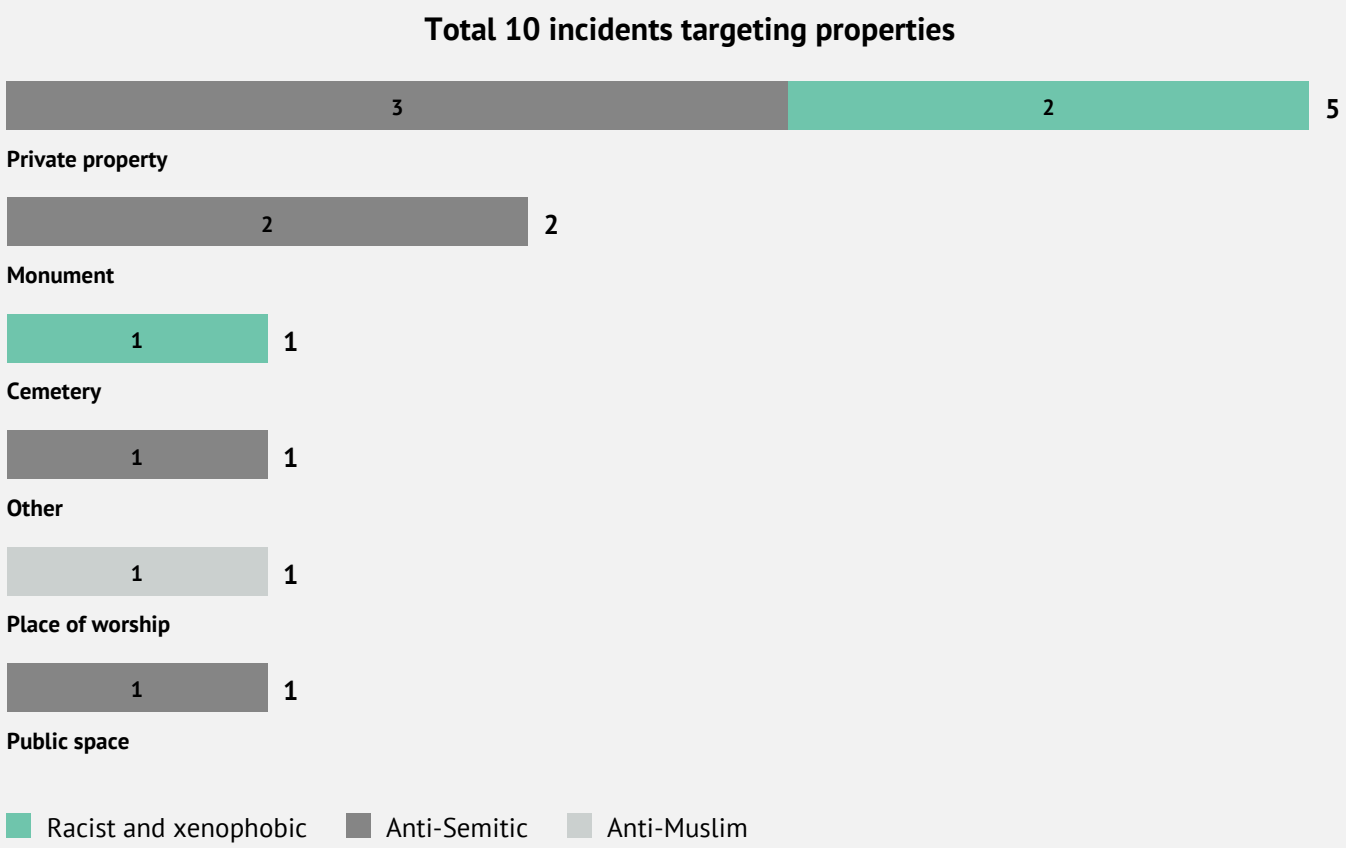
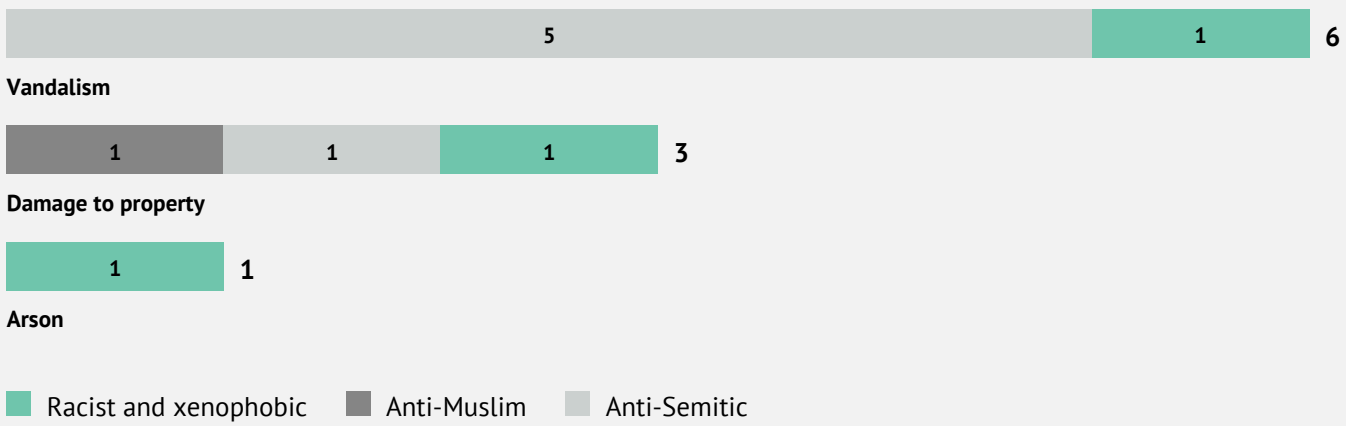


Type of property attack



View civil society incidents for Greece, 2023