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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2021 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

North Macedonia regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR.

North Macedonia implemented ODIHR's Training Against Hate Crimes for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) Programme in 2014. Following changes to the hate crime provisions in 2018, a refresher training-of-trainers session for police was conducted by ODIHR in December 2021.

North Macedonia implemented ODIHR's Prosecutors and Hate Crime Training (PAHCT) programme in 2019 and 2026, and in 2022 completed a training course on hate crimes for the judiciary together with the OSCE Mission to Skopje.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes North Macedonia's efforts to build the capacity of police and prosecutors to address hate crimes effectively. However, based on the available information, it observes that law enforcement agencies have not recorded the bias motivations behind hate crimes. In addition, ODIHR observes that North Macedonia would benefit from continuing to raise awareness among and build the capacity of criminal justice officials to address hate crime.

Official Data

The 22 cases reported by police involved 21 perpetrators. The figures may include cases of hate speech and discrimination, which fall outside of the OSCE's hate crime definition. The records on prosecuted cases represent cases pending before Basic Courts; of the total number, 118 cases are pending before the Basic Criminal Court in Skopje.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2021	22	125	not available

Police data by bias motivation

The records below may include cases of hate speech, which fall outside of the OSCE's definition of hate crime. Detailed data on bias motivations are not available.

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Racist and xenophobic

Police data by type of crime

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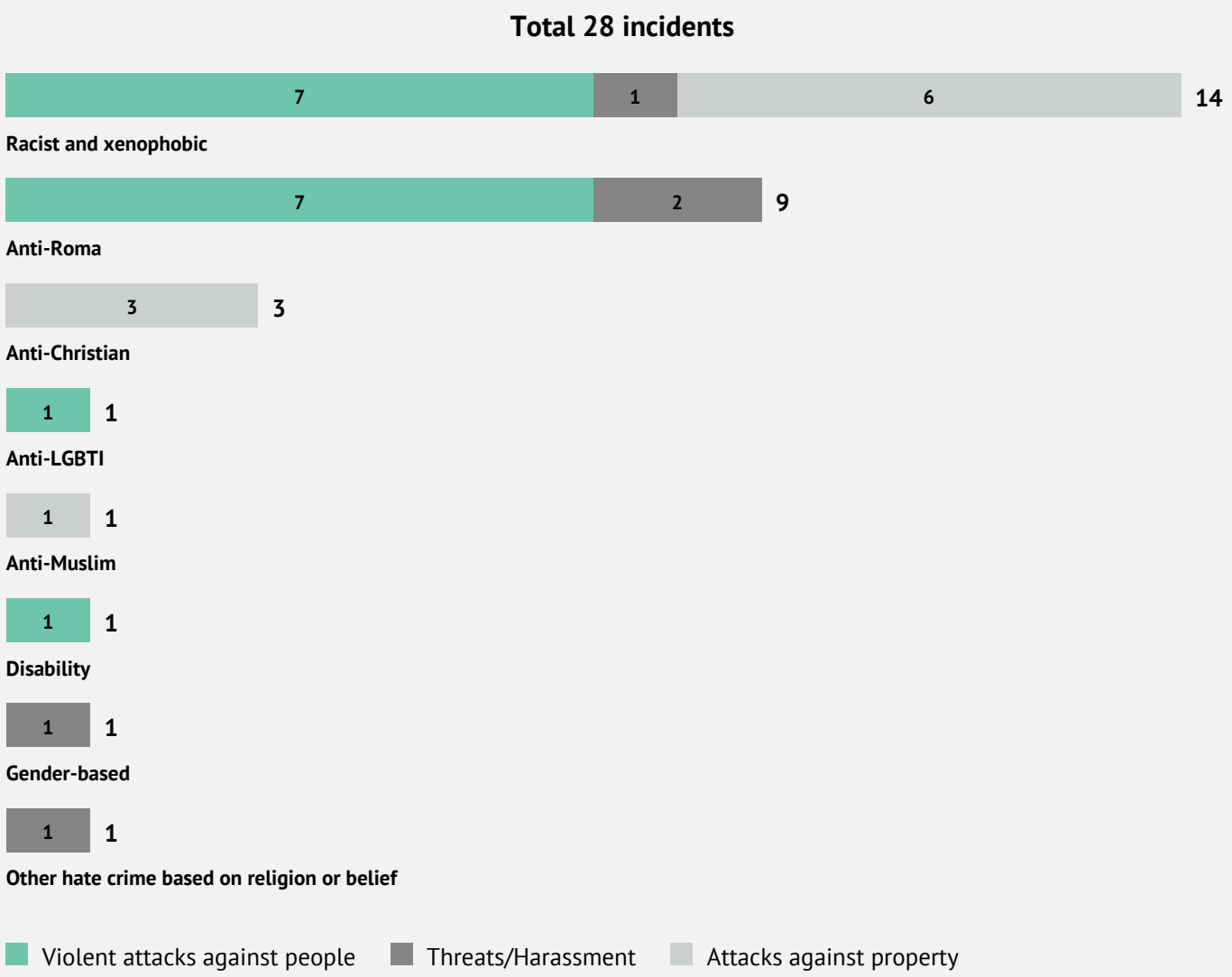
Unspecified crime type

National Developments

In June and December 2021, the **Academy for Judges and Public Prosecutors** (Academy) conducted two one-day online training sessions on hate crime attended by 14 judges and 12 prosecutors from across the country. The training sessions were delivered based on a Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Academy, the **Office of the State Public Prosecutor** and ODIHR in 2019.

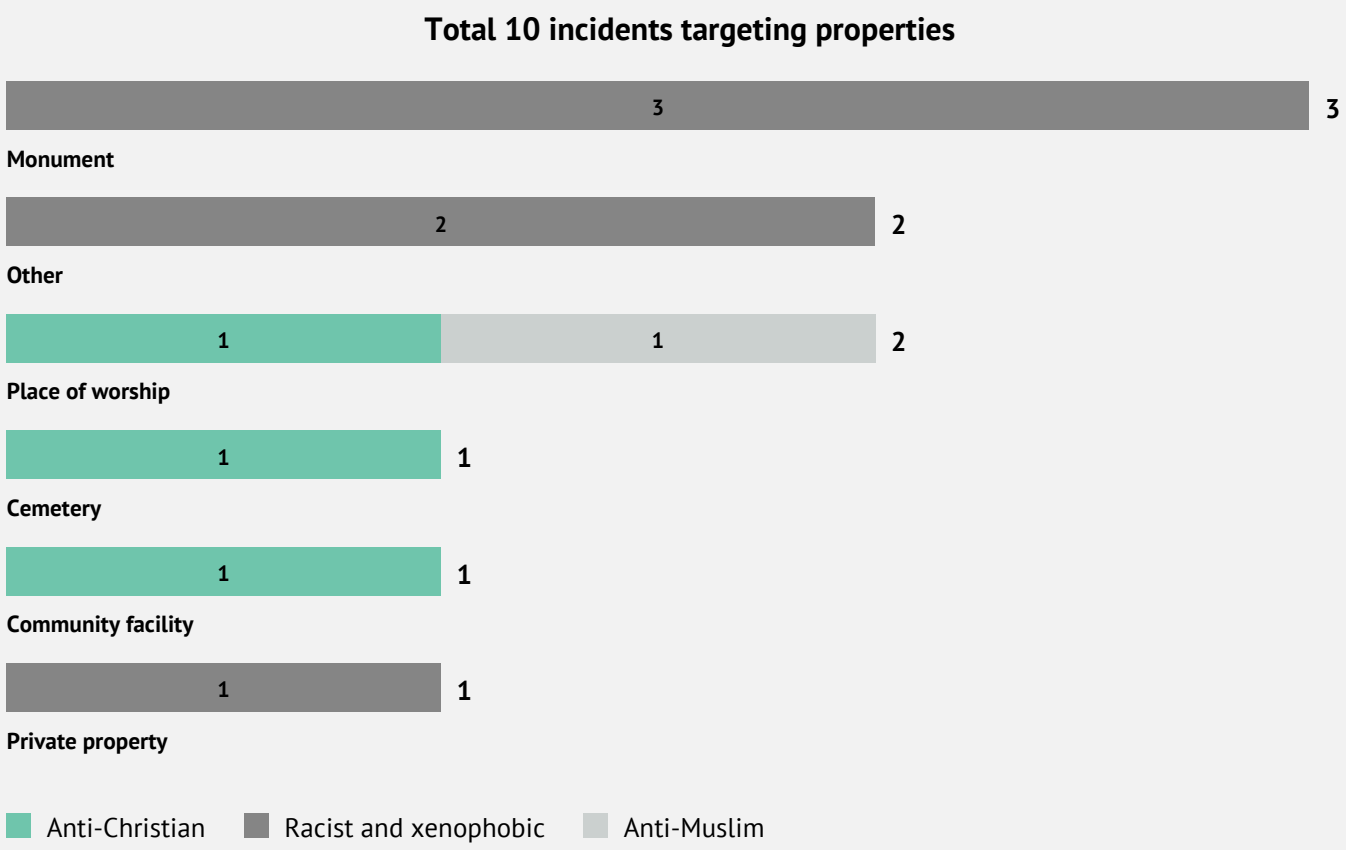
In December 2021, as part of ODIHR's Training Against Hate Crimes for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) programme, a re-fresher training-of-trainers session (ToT) on hate crimes was held for police of in Ohrid. In total, 22 participants (7 women and 15 men) from across the country participated in the training. The trainers shall further deliver the TAHCLE training on hate crimes during the cascaded phase of the programme.

Incidents reported by civil society

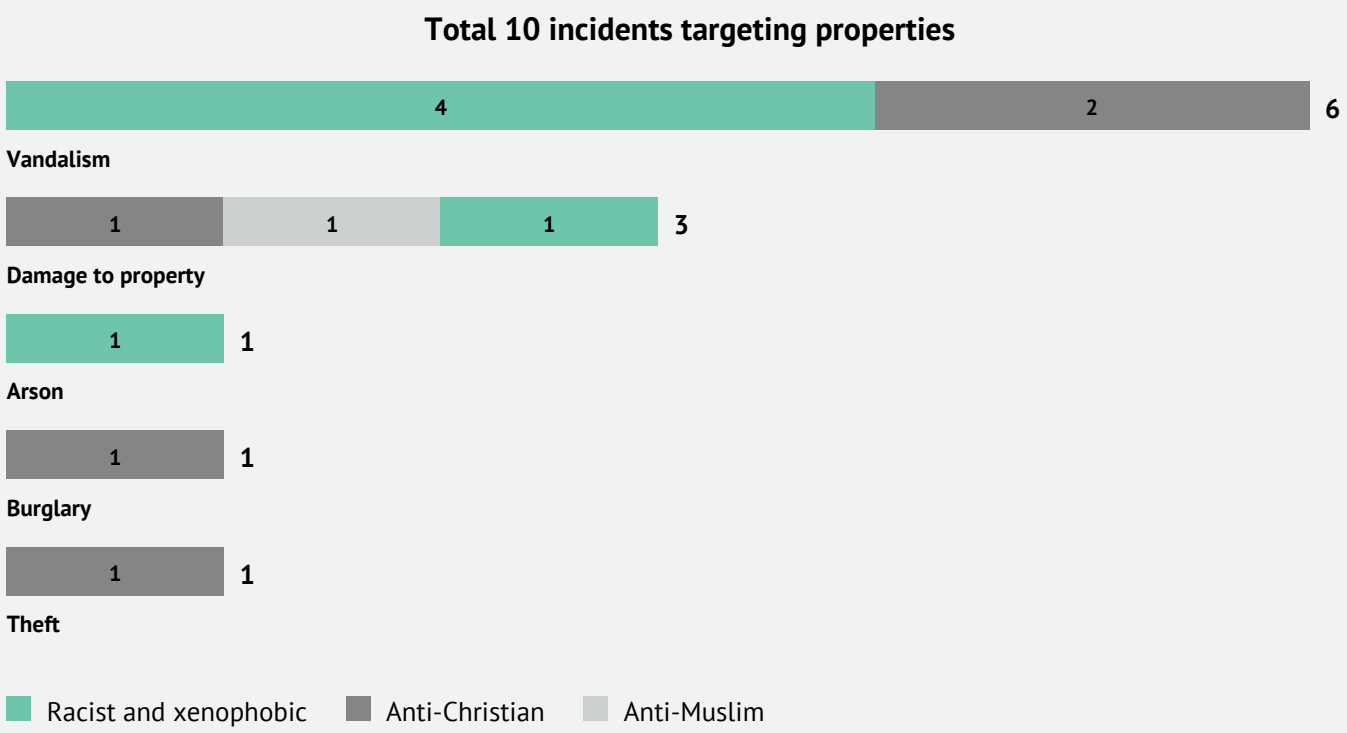


Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

Targeted properties



Type of property attack



View civil society incidents for North Macedonia, 2021