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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2022 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 North Macedonia has not reported data on hate crimes recorded by prosecution and judiciary to ODIHR, as well as that law enforcement agencies have not recorded the bias motivations behind hate crimes and that statistics do not sufficiently distinguish hate crimes from other 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 above data refers to the total number of registered crimes in accordance with the provisions of the Criminal Code of the Republic of North Macedonia. The figures may include cases of hate speech and discrimination, which fall outside of the OSCE's hate crime definition.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2022	54	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation

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

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Unspecified

The records submitted to ODIHR include the following offences, some of which may fall outside of the OSCE's hate crime definition: (i) two offences of causing hatred, discord or intolerance on national, racial, religious or any other discriminatory ground (Article 319 of the Criminal Code); (ii) 41 offences of dissemination of racist and xenophobic material via computer systems (Article 394g, par. 1 of the Criminal Code); (iii) six offences of endangering security (Article 144 §4 of the Criminal Code); (iv) one offence of abuse of personal data (Article 149 §2 of the Criminal Code); and (v) two offences of damage to object of others (Article 243 §2 of the Criminal Code).

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Anti-LGBTI

Police data by type of crime

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Unspecified crime type



Physical assault

National Developments

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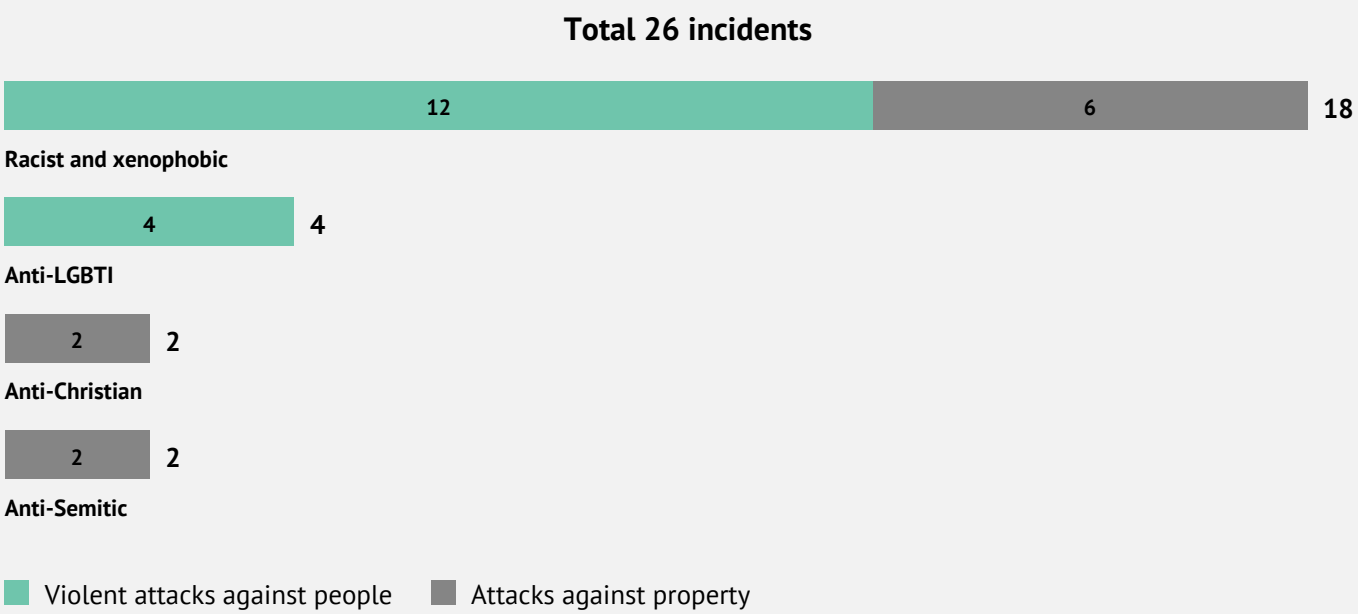
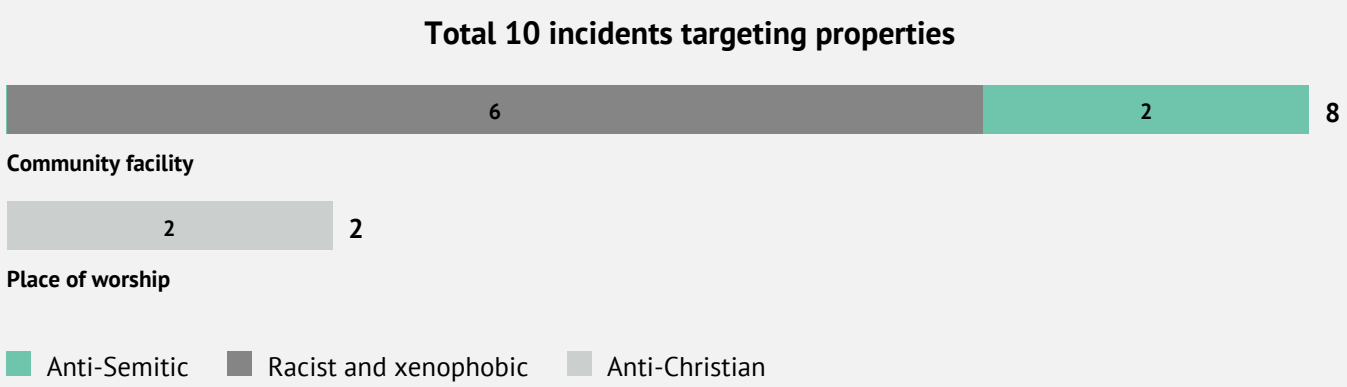
Incidents reported by civil society

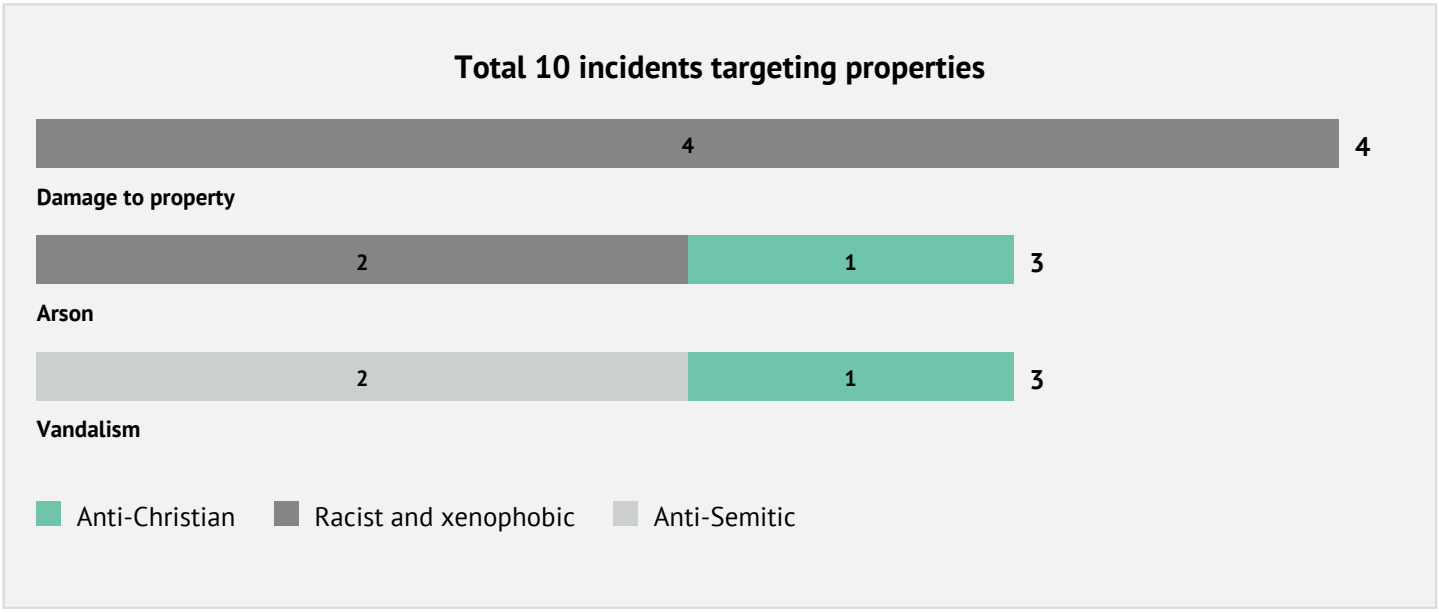


Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

Targeted properties



Type of property attack



View civil society incidents for North Macedonia, 2022