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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2020 Hate Crime Report.
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Summary

The Russian Federation last reported hate crime data to ODIHR for the 2020 Hate Crime Report.

Hate crime data collection in Russia
Support for hate crime victims in Russia
Russia's hate crime legislation

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes the Russian Federation's efforts in reporting on hate crimes to ODIHR regularly. However, based on the available information, it observes that the law enforcement agencies of the Russian Federation have not been recording the bias motivations behind hate crimes. In addition, ODIHR observes that the Russian Federation would benefit from reviewing its existing legal framework in order to ensure that bias motivations can be effectively acknowledged and appropriate penalties can be imposed on the perpetrators.

Official Data

The police, prosecution and sentencing numbers include "extremism" offences, which include hate speech offences and other crimes falling outside of the OSCE's definition of hate crimes.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2020	833	590	379

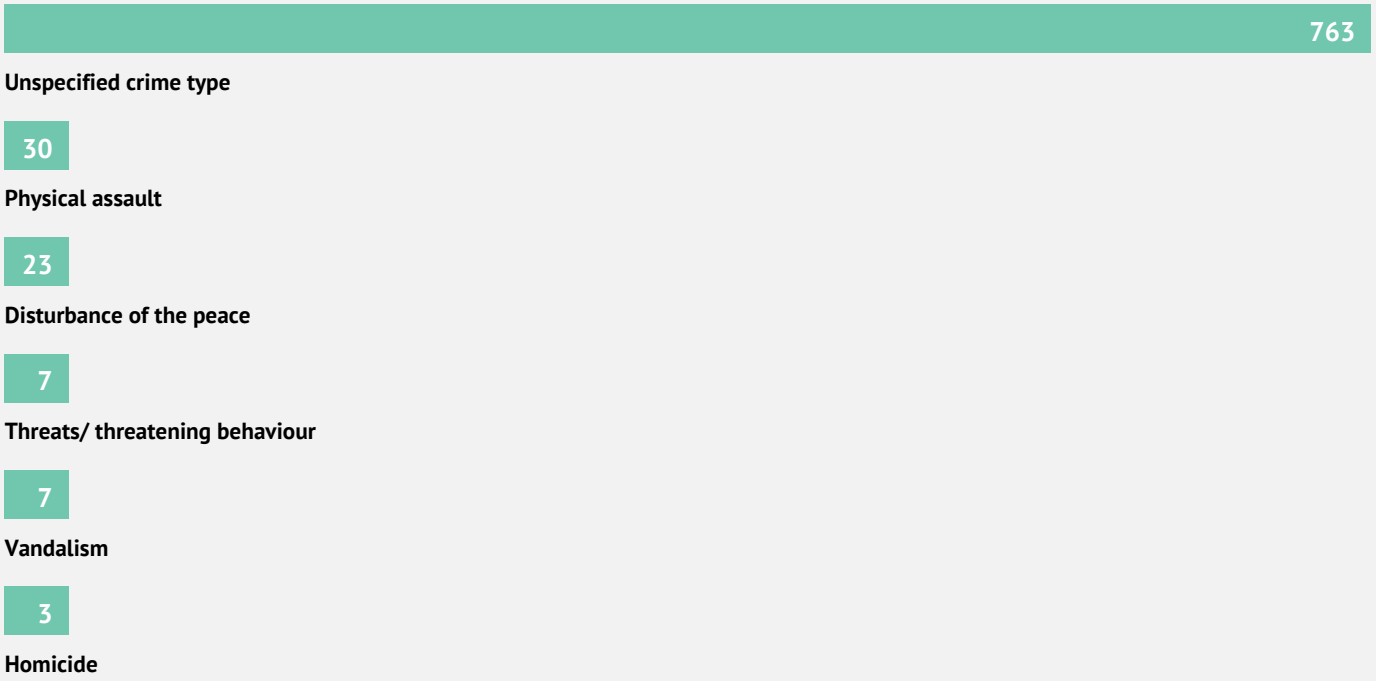
Police data by bias motivation

833

Unspecified

The "Unspecified" section includes extremist crimes of a non-violent nature, which may fall outside of the OSCE's definition of hate crime

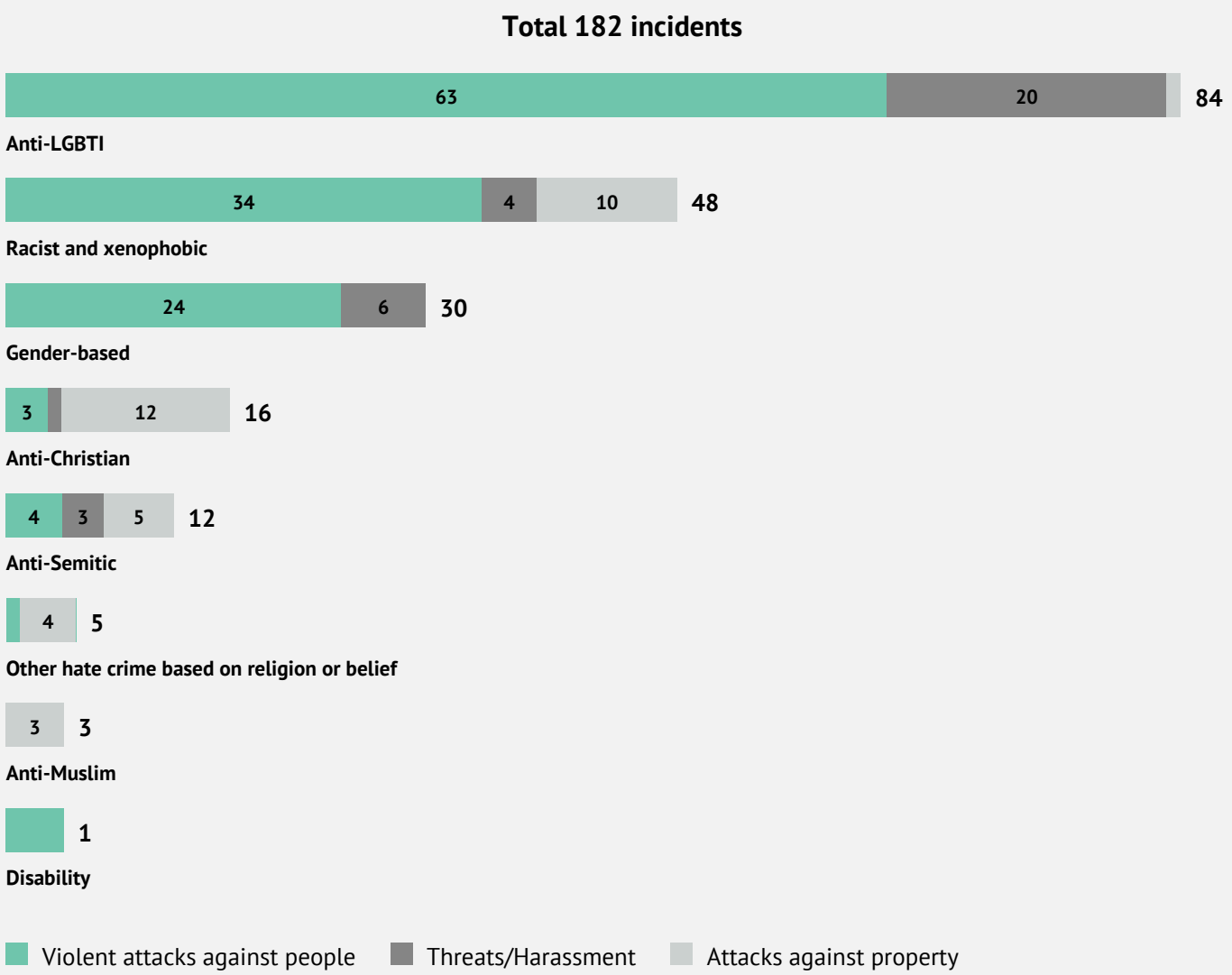
Police data by type of crime



National Developments

In 2020, specific criminal liability was introduced for the destruction or damage of military graves, as well as monuments to the "defenders of the country", memorial museums, or memorial signs at the sites of hostilities, as well as monuments, other memorial structures or objects dedicated to persons who defended "the Fatherland" or its interests, in order to damage the historical and cultural significance of such objects. At the same time, these acts were exempt from Article 244 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (Desecration of corpses and burial places); the mentioned offences are covered by Article 243.4 of the Criminal Code.

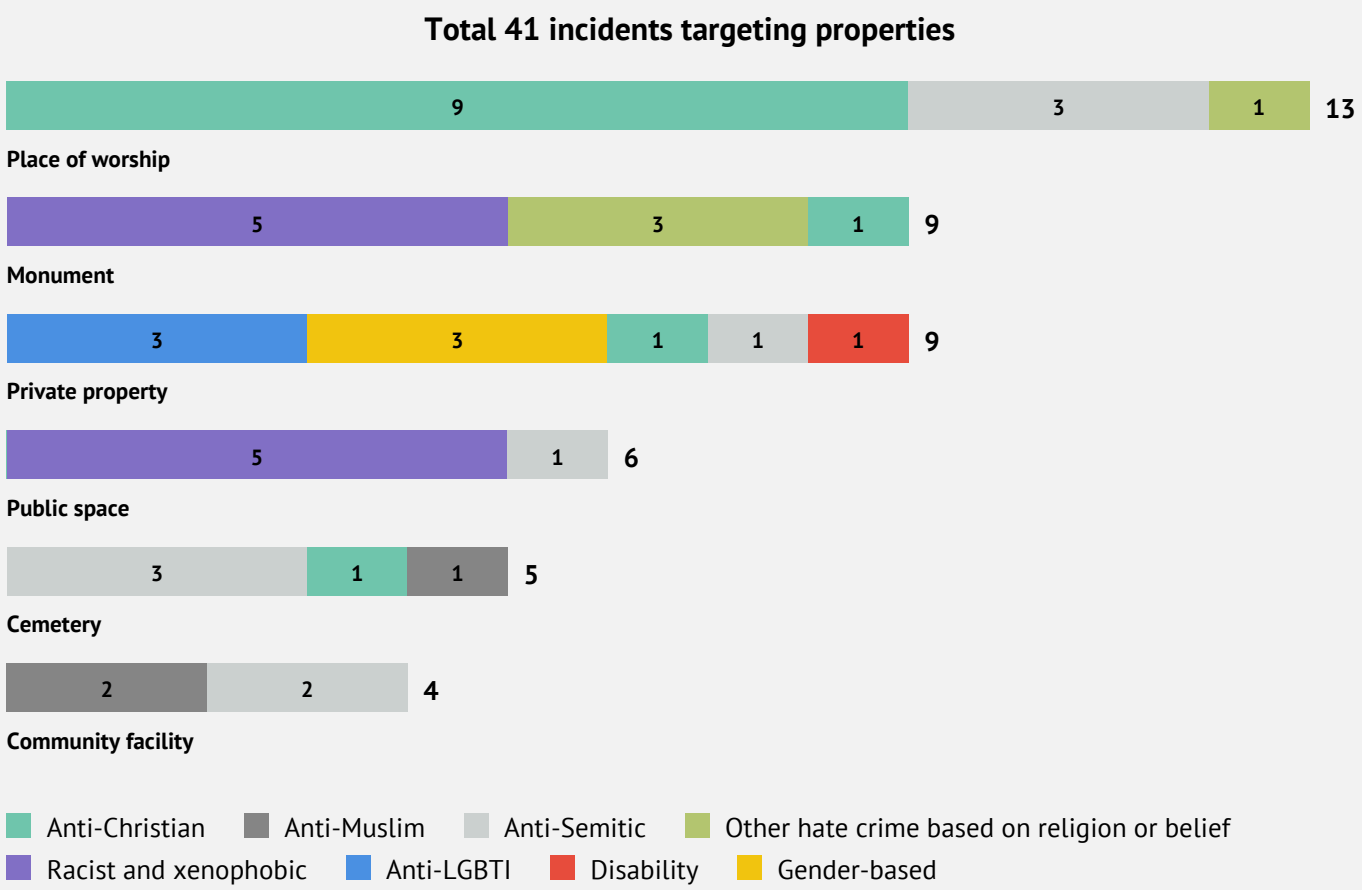
Incidents reported by civil society



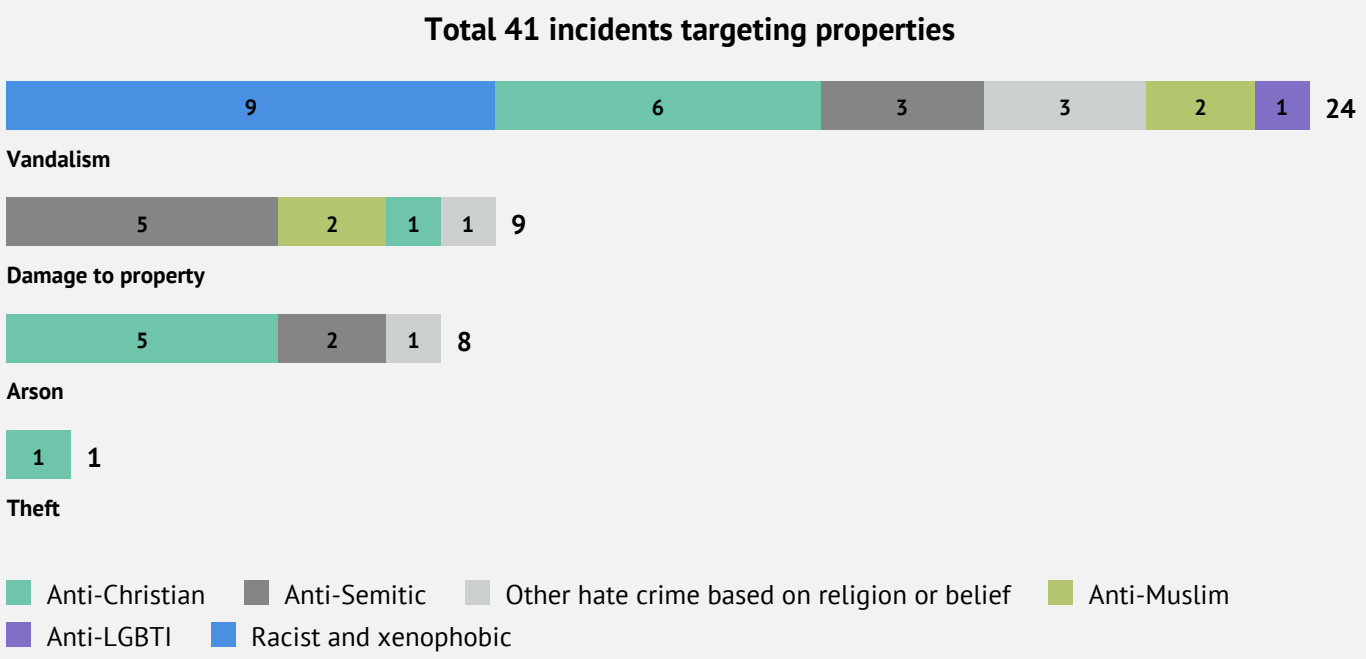
Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

In addition to incidents summarized below, this graph includes 17 hate incidents reported by SOVA as statistics.

Targeted properties



Type of property attack



View civil society incidents for Russian Federation, 2020