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HATE CRIME REPORTING

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Summary

Serbia regularly reports data on hate crimes to ODIHR. In 2018, the Office of the Prosecutor General, with the support of the OSCE Mission to Serbia and ODIHR, developed *Guidelines for the prosecution of hate crimes in the Republic of Serbia*. A network of contact persons working on hate crime within the prosecution services was established and, with the OSCE Mission's assistance, Serbia's Judicial Academy has developed, integrated and implemented a hate crime training plan and programme.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that the law enforcement agencies of Serbia have not recorded the bias motivations of hate crimes.

Official Data

Reported police, prosecution and sentencing figures include crimes of incitement to hatred and violation of equality, some of which fall outside of the OSCE's definition of hate crime.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2018	61	12	7

Police data by bias motivation

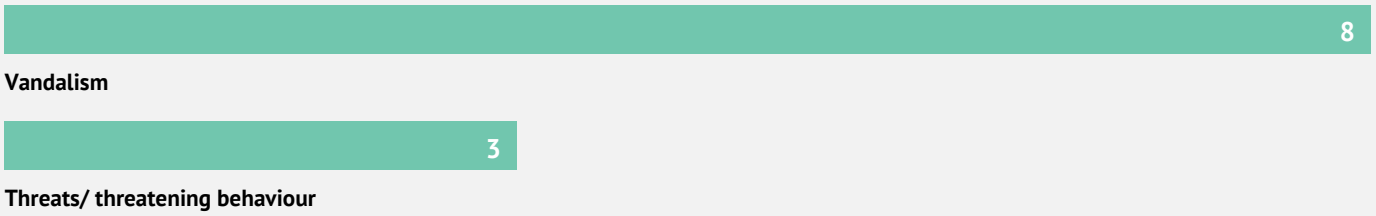
A breakdown of police recorded hate crimes by bias motivation is not available.



Unspecified

Police data by type of crime

A breakdown of police recorded hate crimes by bias motivation is not available.



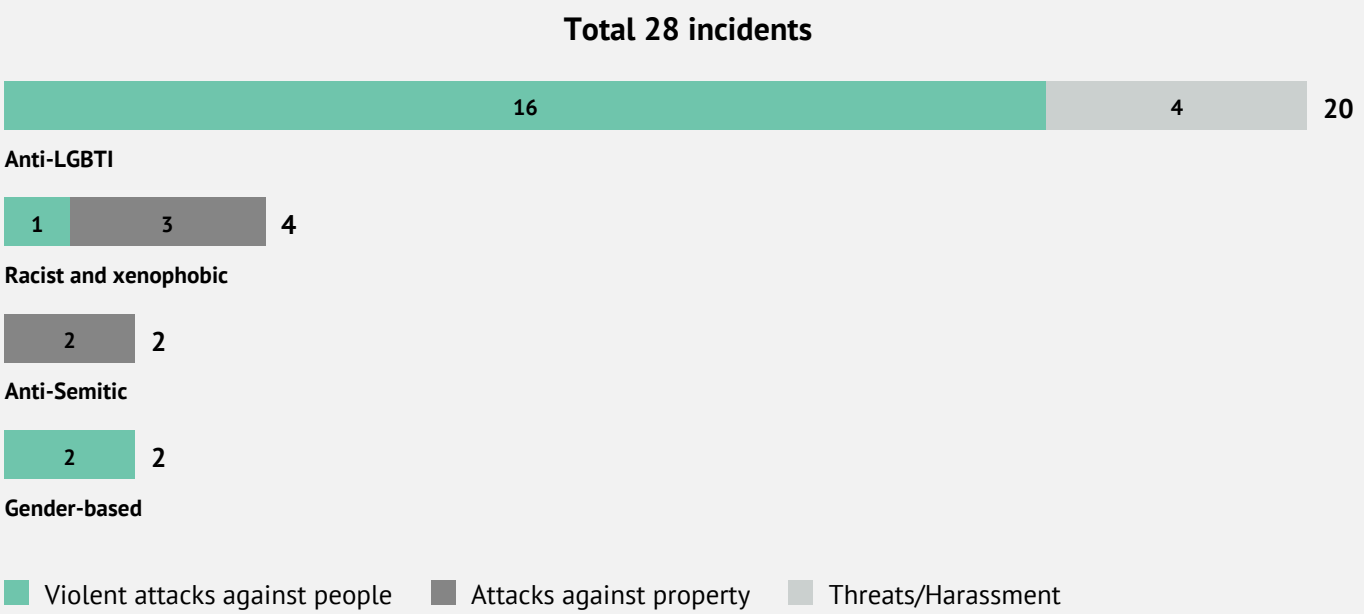
National Developments

In a first judgment expressly applying the hate crime provision in Serbian Criminal Code, a defendant received an enhanced sentence for a hate crime motivated by bias against sexual orientation, following arguments to that effect by the public prosecutor.

The **Republic Public Prosecutor's Office**, jointly with the OSCE Mission to Serbia and civil society, developed and published the *Guidelines for Criminal Prosecution of Hate Crimes*. The Guidelines, to which ODIHR contributed expert input, were disseminated and trainings for prosecutors are being conducted to solidify their principles into prosecutorial practice.

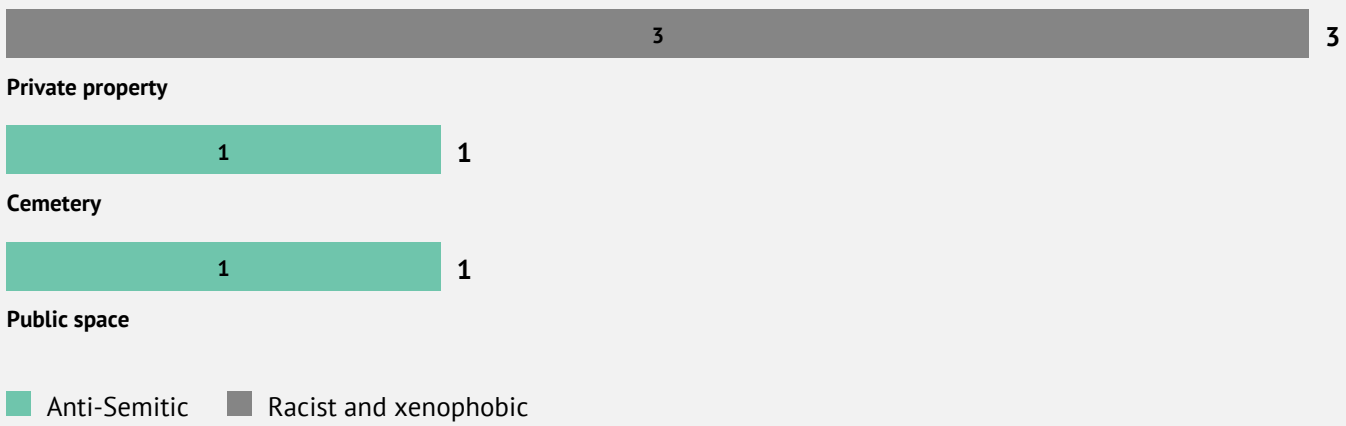
Pursuant to the *Compulsory Instruction* issued by the Republic Public Prosecutor, all Prosecutor's Offices have appointed a specialist hate crime prosecutor to monitor and record hate crime cases, liaise with case prosecutor and police officers, as well as with the victims and civil society organizations supporting them.

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



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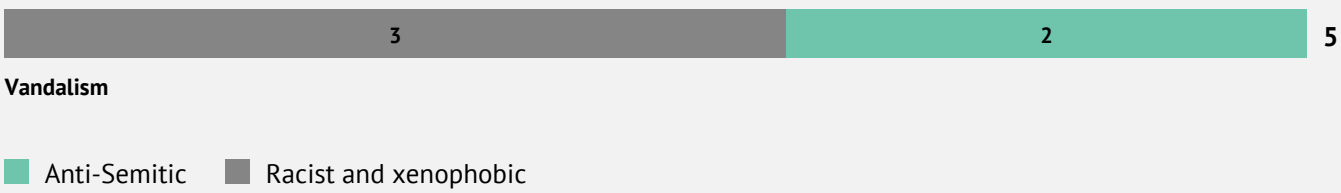

View civil society incidents for Serbia, 2018