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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 the offences of hate speech, discrimination and violation of equality, which fall outside of the OSCE's definition of hate crime.

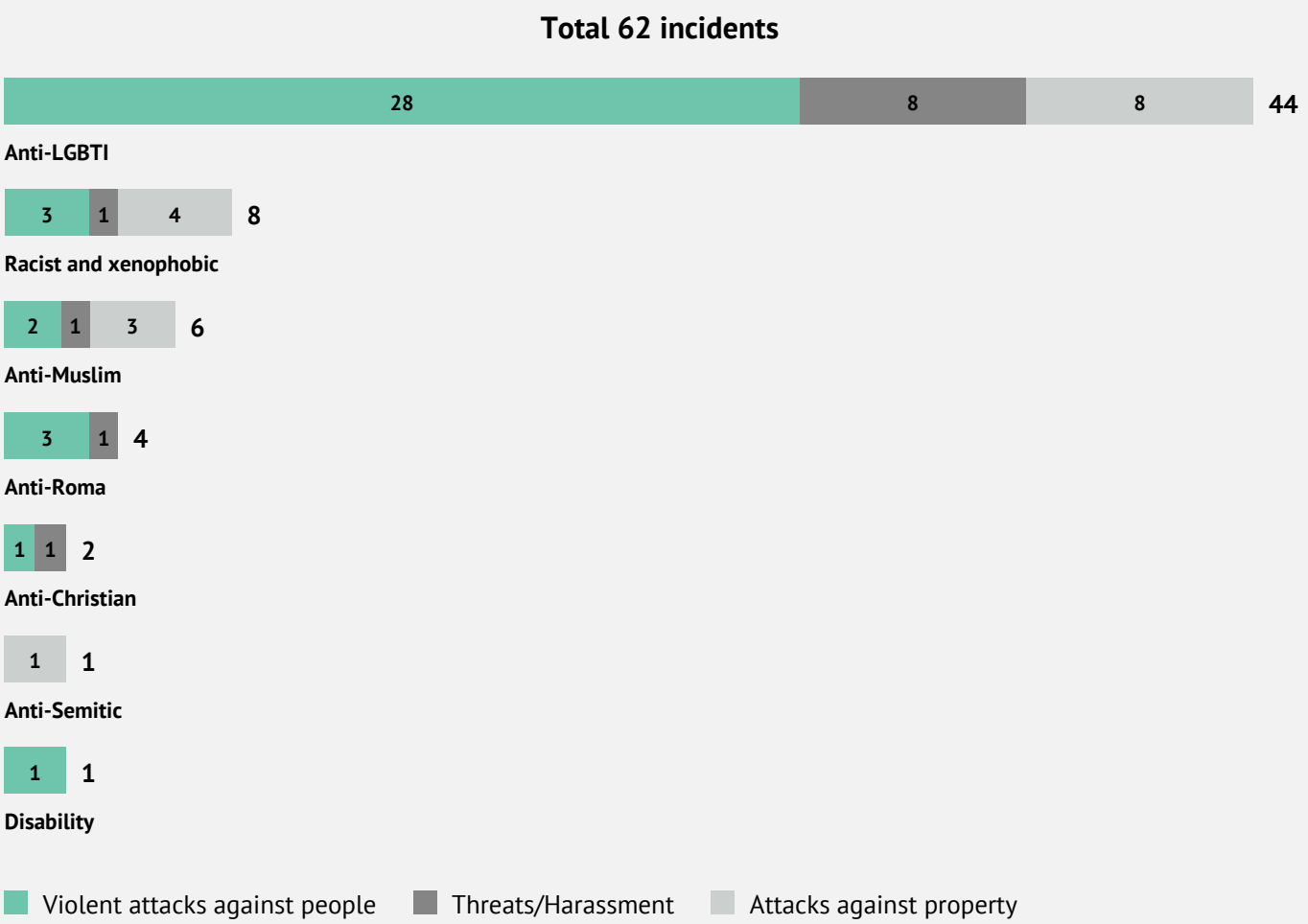
Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2019	86	14	10

National Developments

In 2019, the National Strategy for Exercising the Rights of Victims and Witnesses of Crimes, for the period 2019-2025, as well as the Action Plan for the first three years of the Strategy's implementation were drafted.

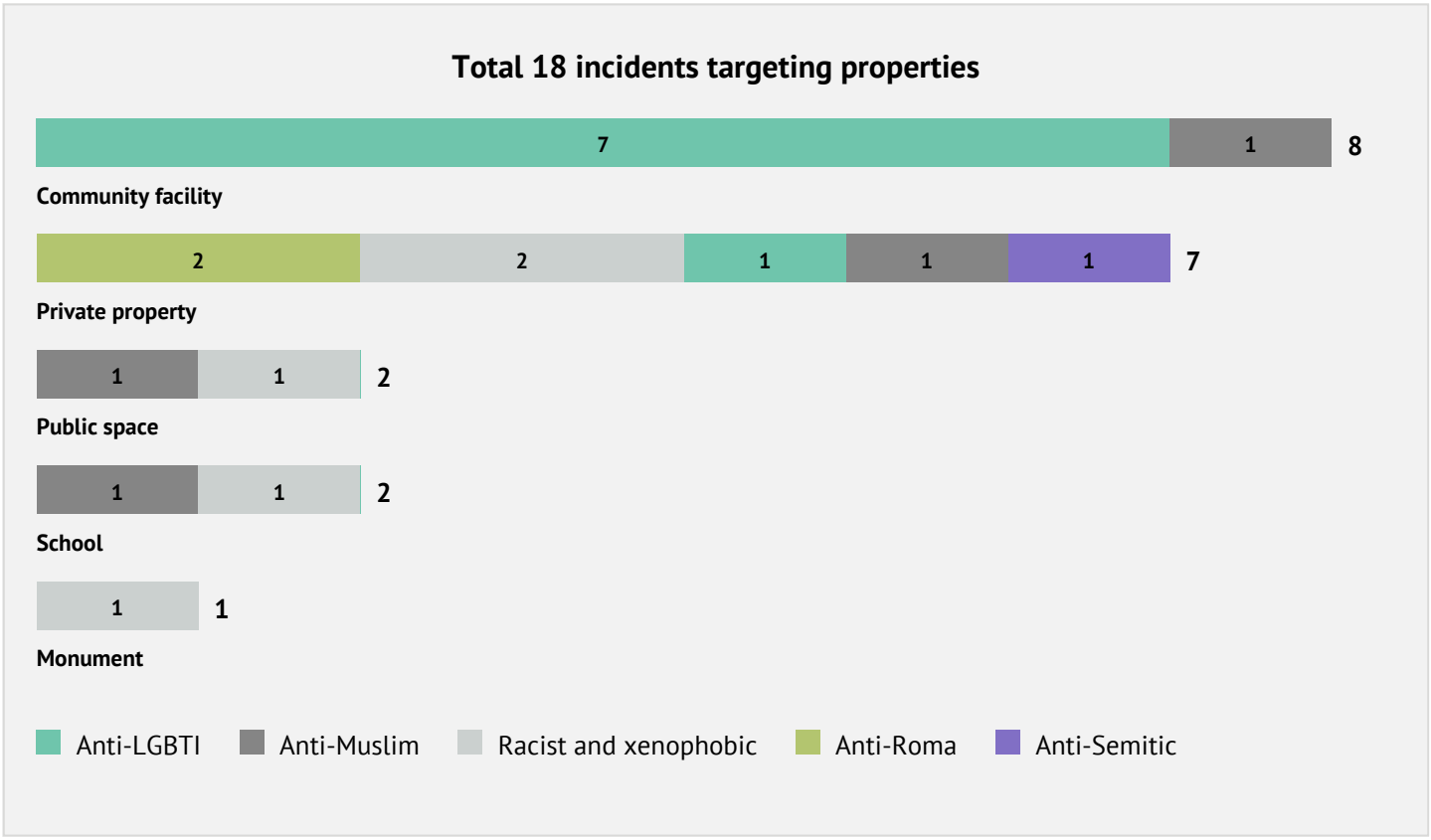
The Public Prosecutor's Office, the Judicial Academy and the OSCE Mission to Serbia continued organizing training events for public prosecutors in 2019, with the aim of improving the investigation and prosecution of hate crimes. These events included the presentation of the *Guidelines for the prosecution of hate crimes in the Republic of Serbia*, developed jointly by the Public Prosecutor's Office, the OSCE Mission to Serbia and civil society representatives, as well as examples of practical actions of the competent bodies concerning hate crimes, and the practice of the European Court of Human Rights.

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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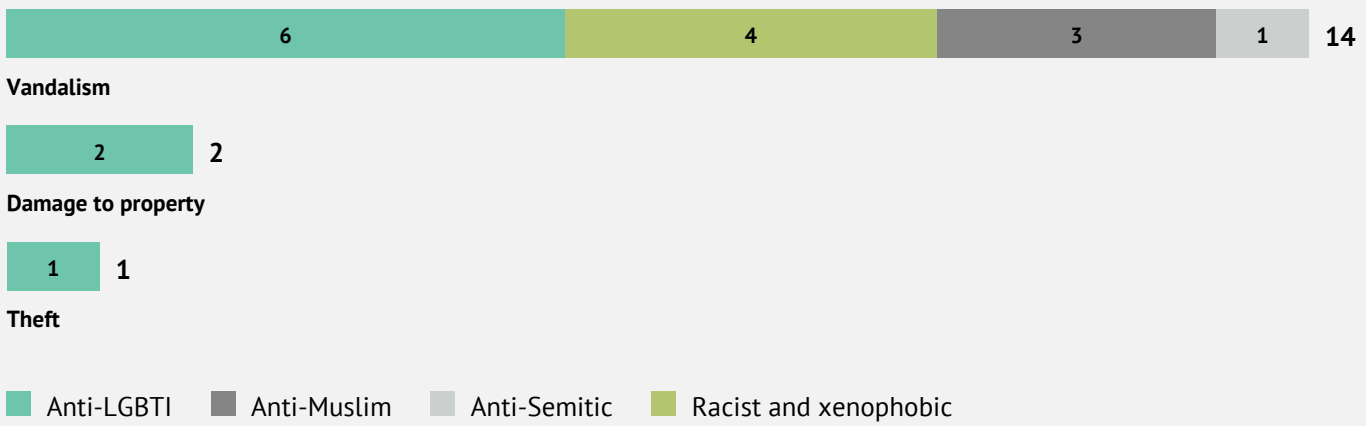

View civil society incidents for Serbia, 2019