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HATE CRIME REPORTING

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Summary

Spain regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Spain publishes annual reports on hate crimes.

The Ministry of Interior has a dedicated protocol that regulates how law enforcement handles hate crime cases and sets out the specific rights of hate crime victims. Within the Ministry, the Spanish National Office Against Hate Crimes (ONDOD) is responsible for the Hate Crime Action Plan (adopted for 2019-2021, 2022-2024 and 2025-2028). Currently, the Action Plan covers the areas of victim support, hate crime prevention, training and awareness raising, co-ordination among state authorities, civil society and the private sector, development of a monitoring and co-ordination system for hate crime investigation, and the allocation of adequate human resources for the National Police and the Civil Guard.

In 2023, Spain implemented a new national Strategic Framework against racism and xenophobia.

In 2019, Spain implemented ODIHR's Training Against Hate Crime for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) programme, and the Prosecutor General's Office has established a network of dedicated hate crime prosecutors across the country. A regional TAHCLE was implemented in Valencia in 2016.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

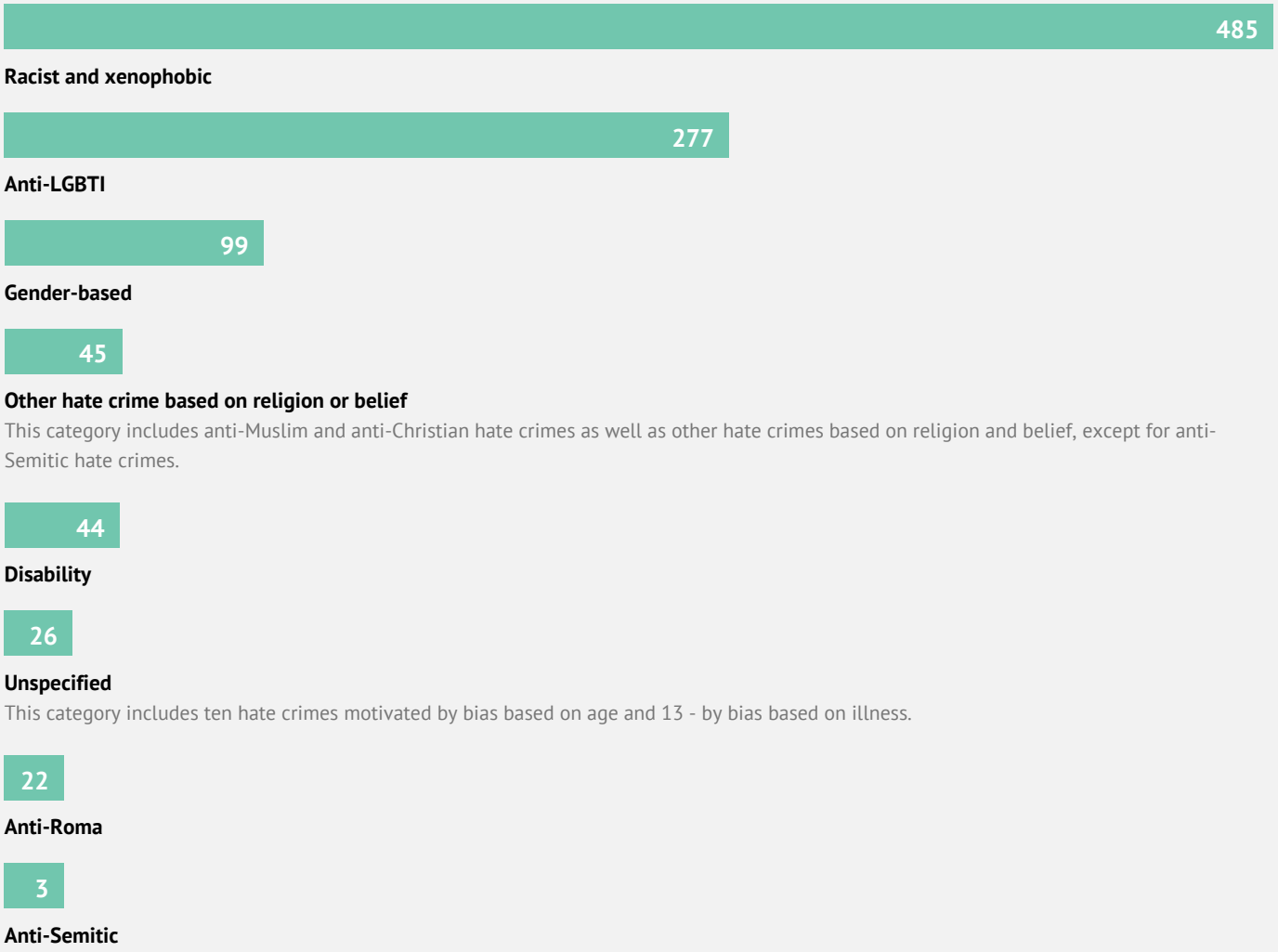
ODIHR recognizes Spain's efforts in conducting the recent hate crime victimization survey. However, based on the available information, it observes that Spain would benefit from strengthening the inclusion of, collaboration with, and facilitating work of civil society working on hate crimes and with their victims.

Official Data

The figure presented here may include offences motivated by "fear of the poor", and ideology, respectively. The number of hate crimes recorded by police may also include administrative offences.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2020	1,401	675	144

Police data by bias motivation



Police data by type of crime

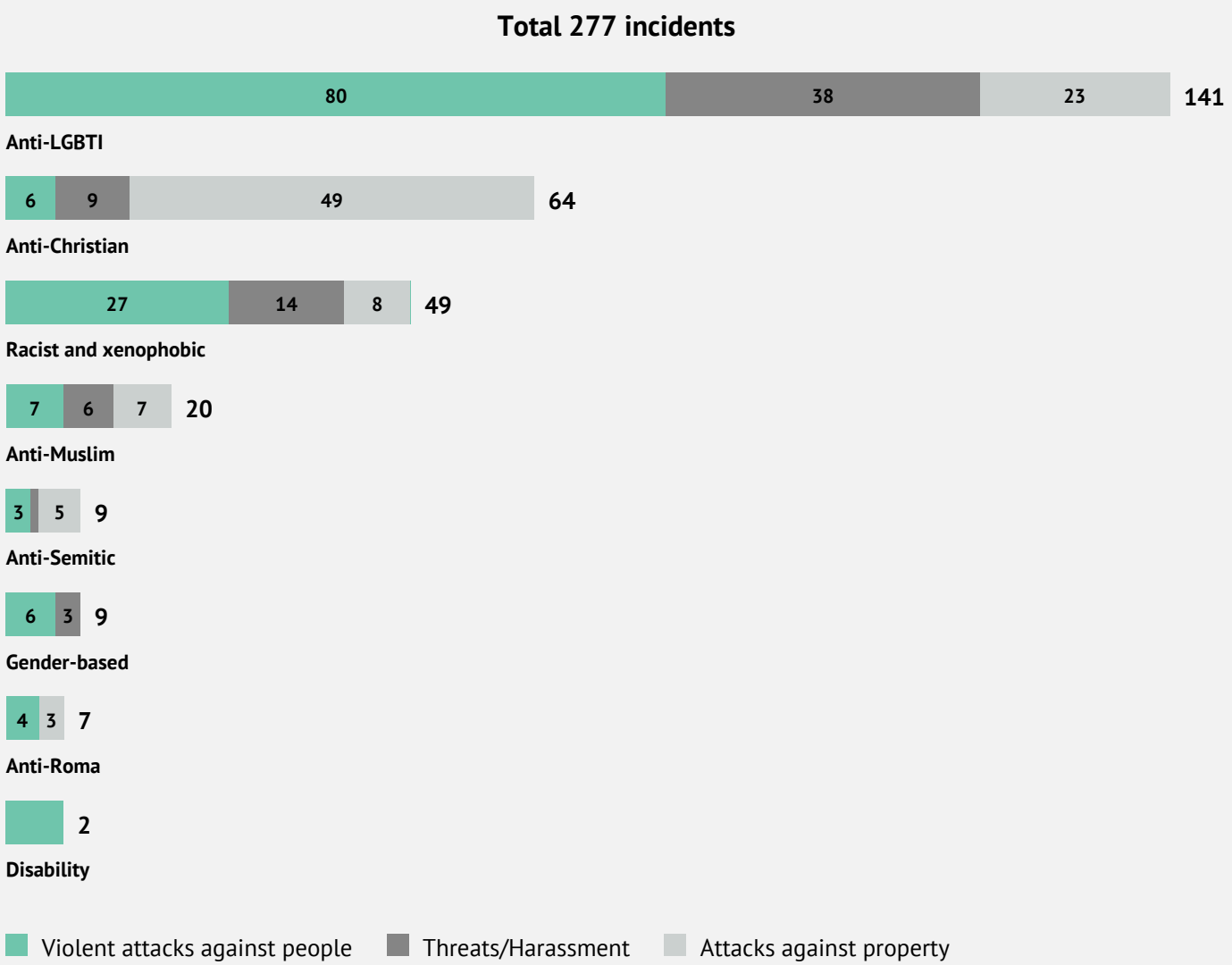


Unspecified crime type

National Developments

In 2020, the **Spanish National Office for the Fight against Hate Crimes (ONDOD) of the Ministry of Interior** carried out a hate crime victimisation survey (18 December 2020 and 31 March 2021). The aim of this research was to collect the knowledge and feelings of victims of a hate crime. More than 700 participants answered this questionnaire but we only used the data of around 400 participants to make a statistical report because these people had been a victim of a hate crime in the last five years. This selection was applied to ensure a more actualized vision of this social phenomenon. Thanks to this, possible measurements that could be implemented would be more easily adapted to reduce their victimization. Some of the most important questions asked in the survey were: Do you think the measures that have been adopted so far in Spain to combat hate crimes are adequate? What is your perception of hate crimes in the last five years? Do you avoid some places to avoid being a victim? Moreover, they were also asked if they reported the crime when it happened, how was the police treatment was, and, very importantly, why they did not report the crime to the authorities (if they did not do so). The members of the ONDOD consider that this study could help to address this social scourge more effectively.

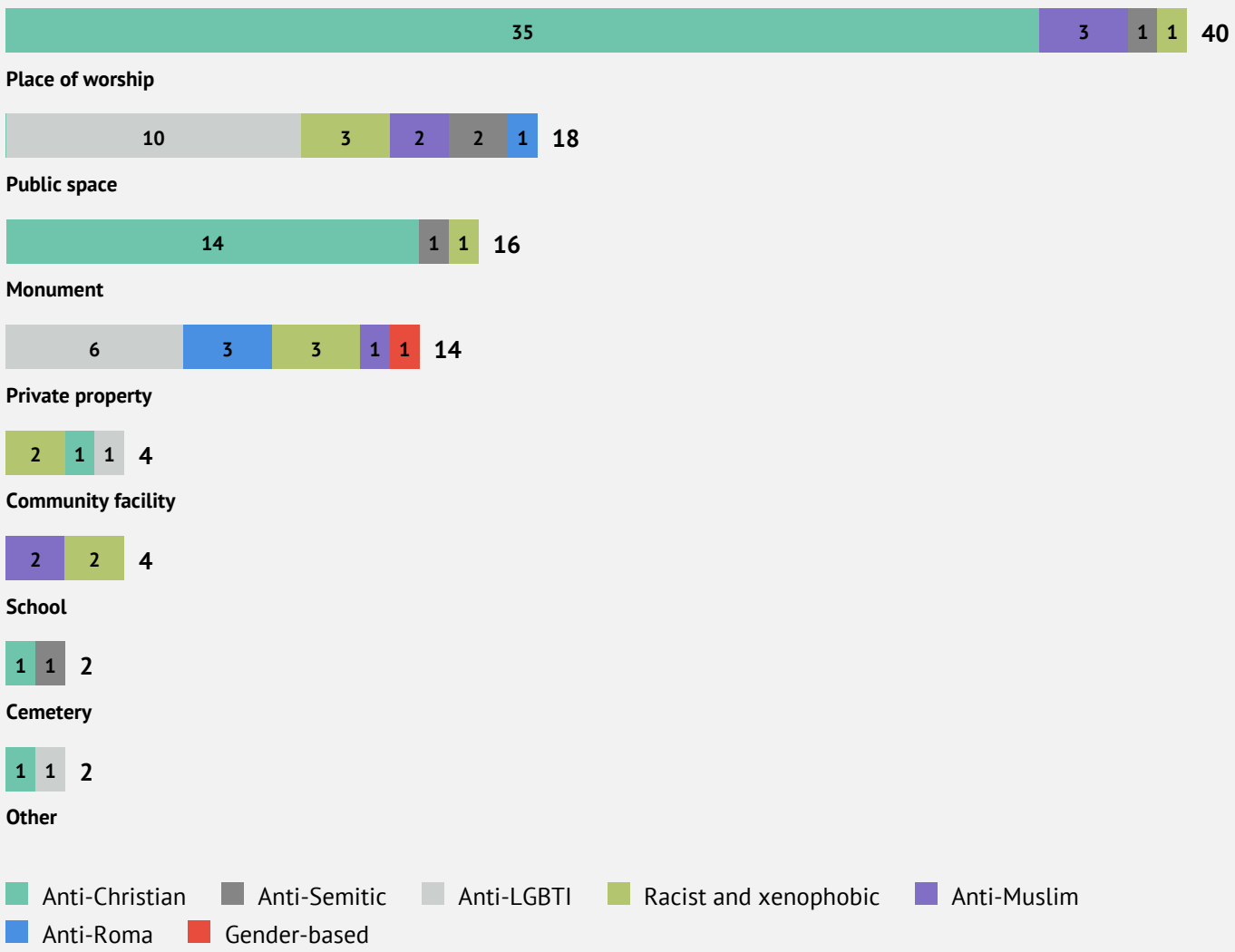
Incidents reported by civil society



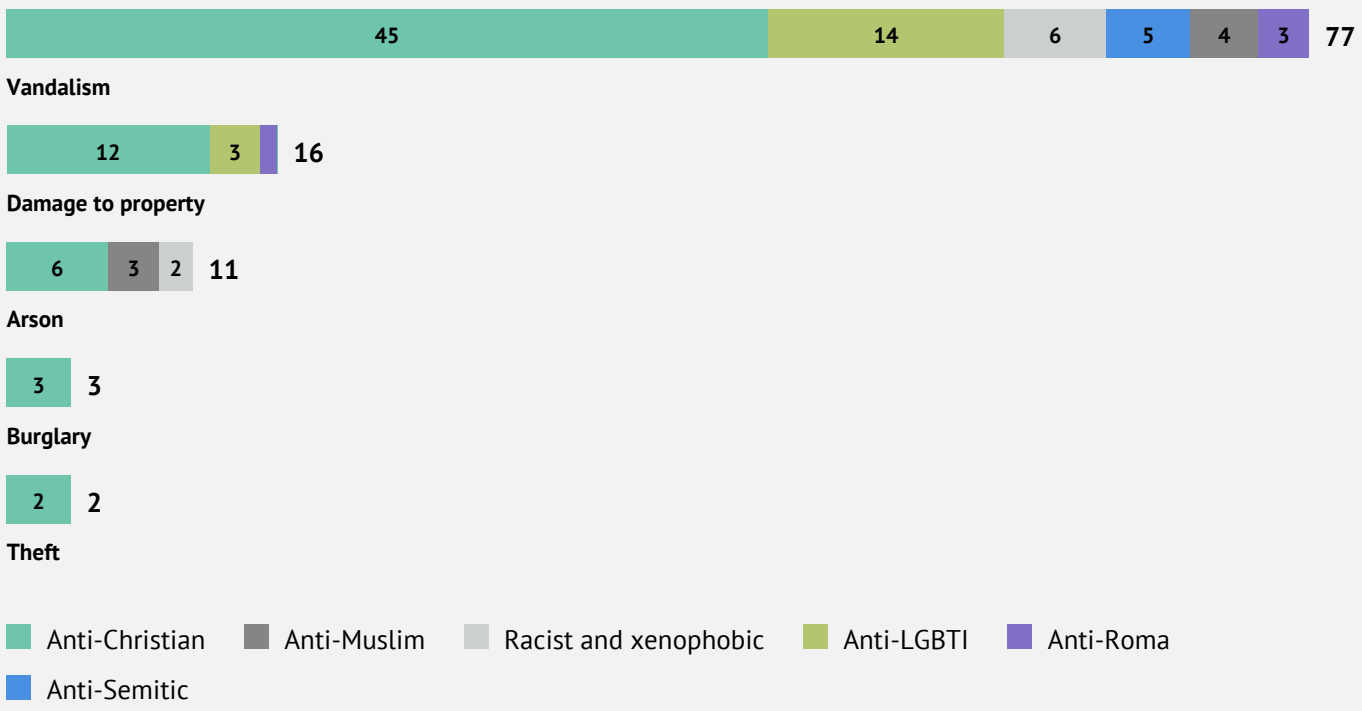
Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

In addition to incidents summarized below, this graph includes the following numbers of hate incidents reported as statistics: 56 reported by FELGBT; and 3 reported by Kantor Center.

Targeted properties



Type of property attack



View civil society incidents for Spain, 2020