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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2018 Hate Crime Report.
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Summary

Sweden regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Hate crime reports are published every second year. Since 2016, the Government has implemented a national plan against racism, similar forms of hostility and hate crime. The plan takes an integrated approach and comprises strategies and measures to prevent and combat racism and hate crime through co-ordination and monitoring, education and research, and support for and co-operation with civil society. A new Action Plan to Combat Racism and Hate Crimes was launched in December 2024.

Three different victimization surveys are conducted at one, two and three-year intervals in order to measure unreported hate crime.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

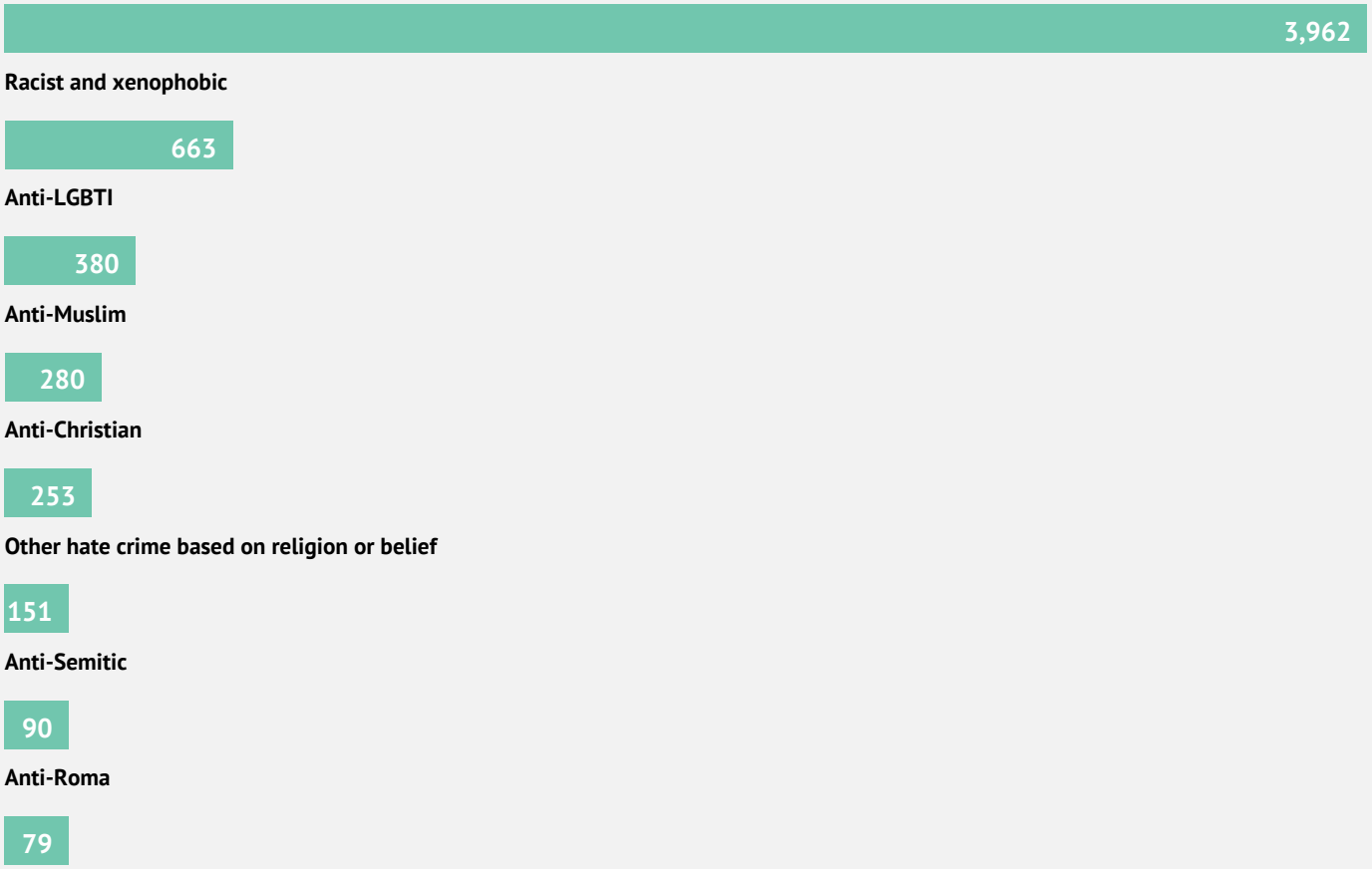
ODIHR observes that Sweden has not reported information on the sentencing of hate crime cases to ODIHR.

Official Data

The total number of estimated reported hate crimes was 7,092. The number presented here excludes incidents related to defamation, hate speech and unlawful discrimination.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2018	5,858	218	0

Police data by bias motivation



This category consists of 79 transphobic hate crimes, for which no breakdown by type of crime is available. For that reason, they cannot be presented alongside homophobic hate.

Police data by type of crime



Disturbance of the peace

This category also includes threats.



Damage to property

This category also includes vandalism and graffiti.



Physical assault

This category is reported as "violent crimes" and includes various assaults and homicide cases.



Unspecified crime type

This category includes arson, misconduct by a civil servant and minor crimes.

National Developments

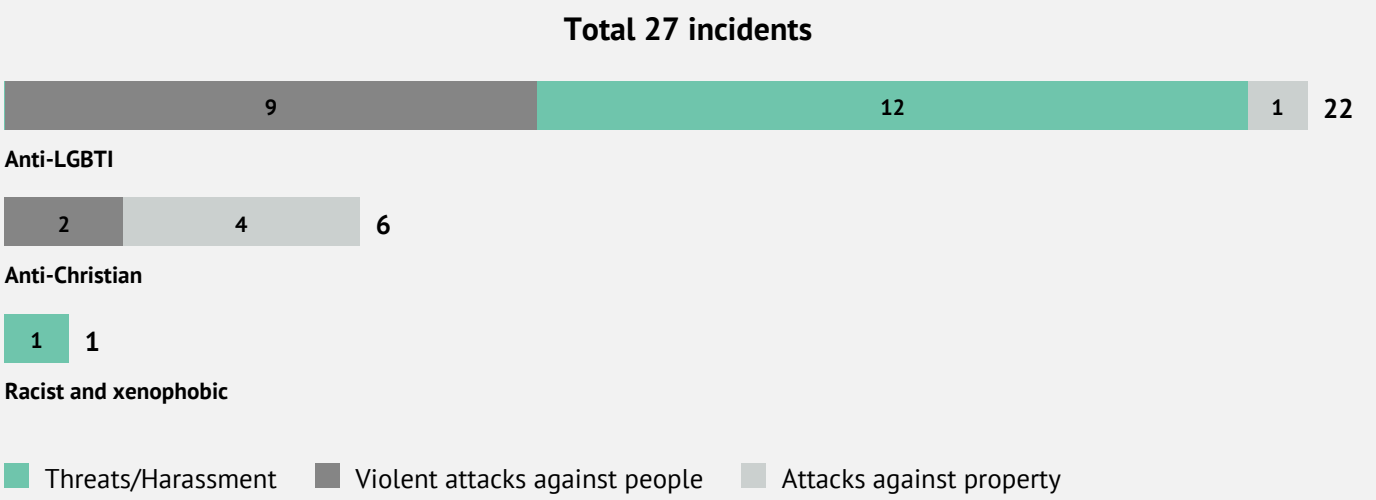
Hate crime provisions in the Criminal Code have been amended to include transgender identity among the protected characteristics.

The **Swedish Police** produced several hate crime awareness-raising films and ran chat forums on social media. The Police also formed an internal mentorship network, whereby regional police forces with experienced hate crime specialists act as mentors for those regions that do not have hate crime specialization but aspire to increase their capacity to address hate crimes.

The **Swedish Police and Prosecution Service** organized national hate crime conferences, aimed at improving practitioners' awareness and ability to respond to hate crimes.

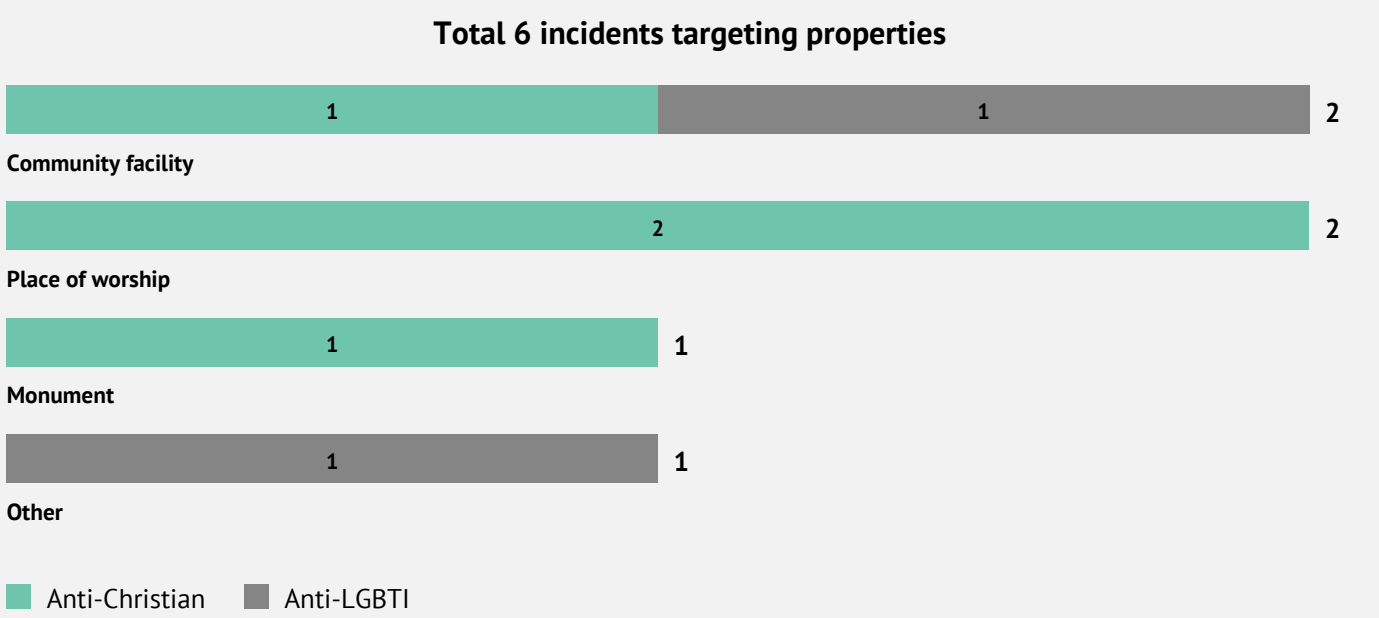
The **Swedish Crime Victim Compensation and Support Authority** continued to sponsor several civil society organizations, providing support to victims of hate crime through its **Crime Victim Fund.**

Incidents reported by civil society

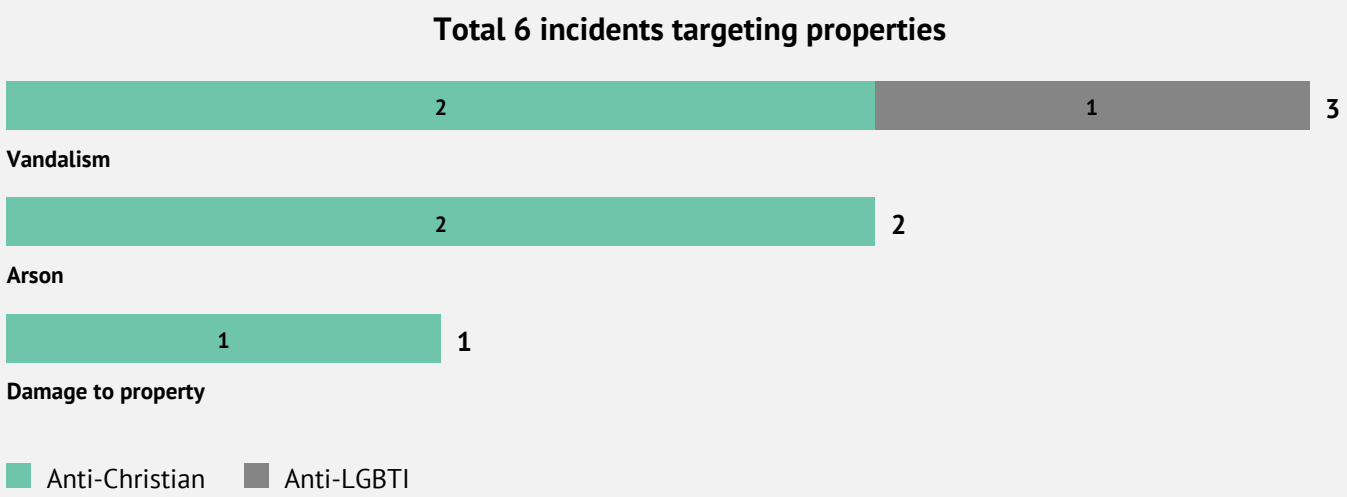


Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

Targeted properties



Type of property attack



View civil society incidents for Sweden, 2018