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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2019 Hate Crime Report.
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Summary

Switzerland regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Switzerland's Criminal Code contains no hate crime provision, and hate crimes are addressed under anti-discrimination criminal provisions. The Federal Commission against Racism partners with the association 'humanrights.ch' in the Counselling Network for Victims of Racism, which publishes annual analytical reports on cases of racism reported to the Network.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

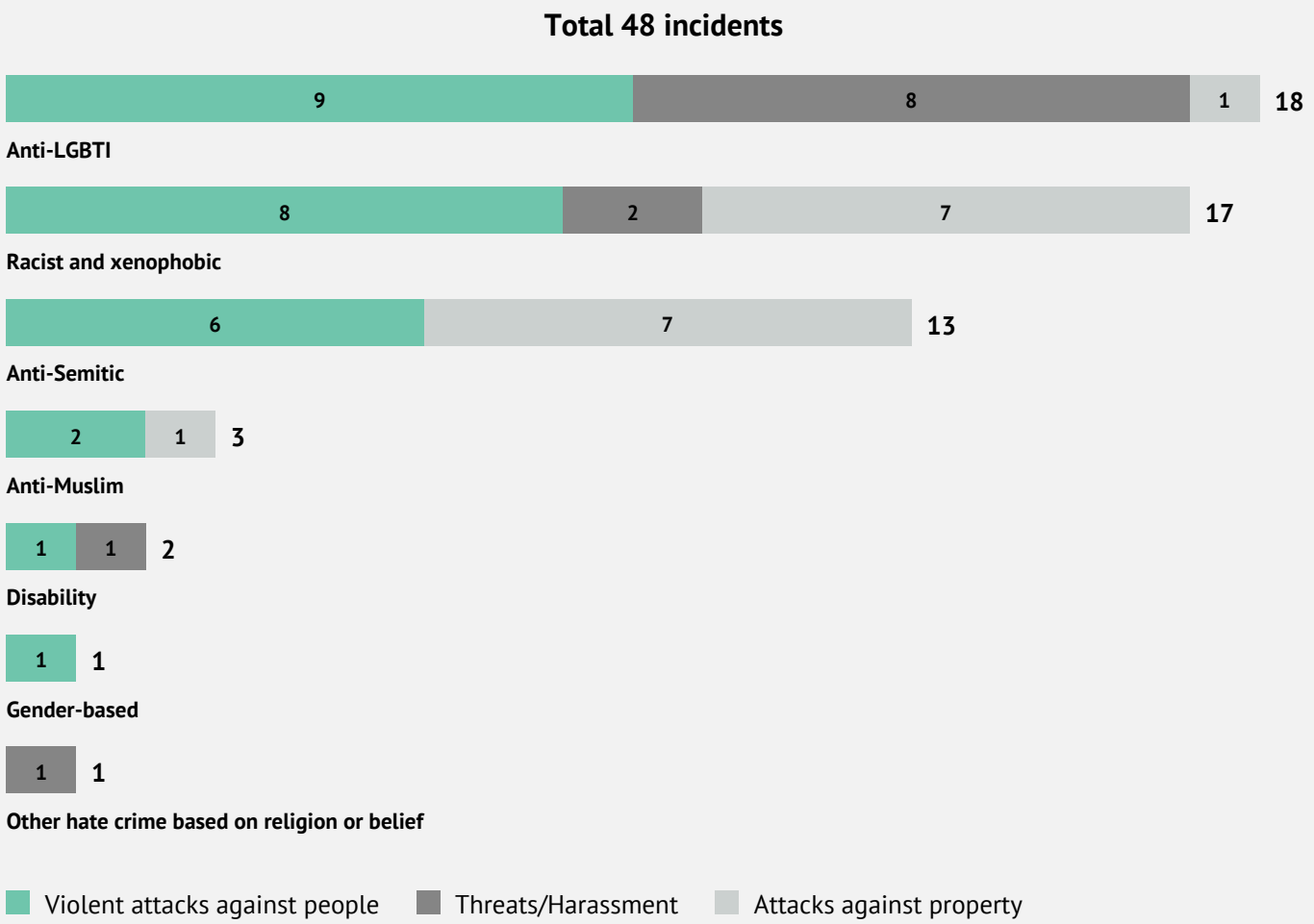
ODIHR observes that Switzerland has not reported on hate crimes separately from cases of hate speech or discrimination.

Official Data

Figures consist of hate crimes committed in public, crimes of incitement to hatred and crimes involving discrimination. As such, many of incidents listed here fall outside of the OSCE's hate crime definition. A breakdown of sentencing judgments by bias motivation was reported to ODIHR. The figure for sentenced cases was updated in October 2024 as per the official request to reflect the changes in the official statistics due to more cases added once judgements became legally binding.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2019	228	not available	53

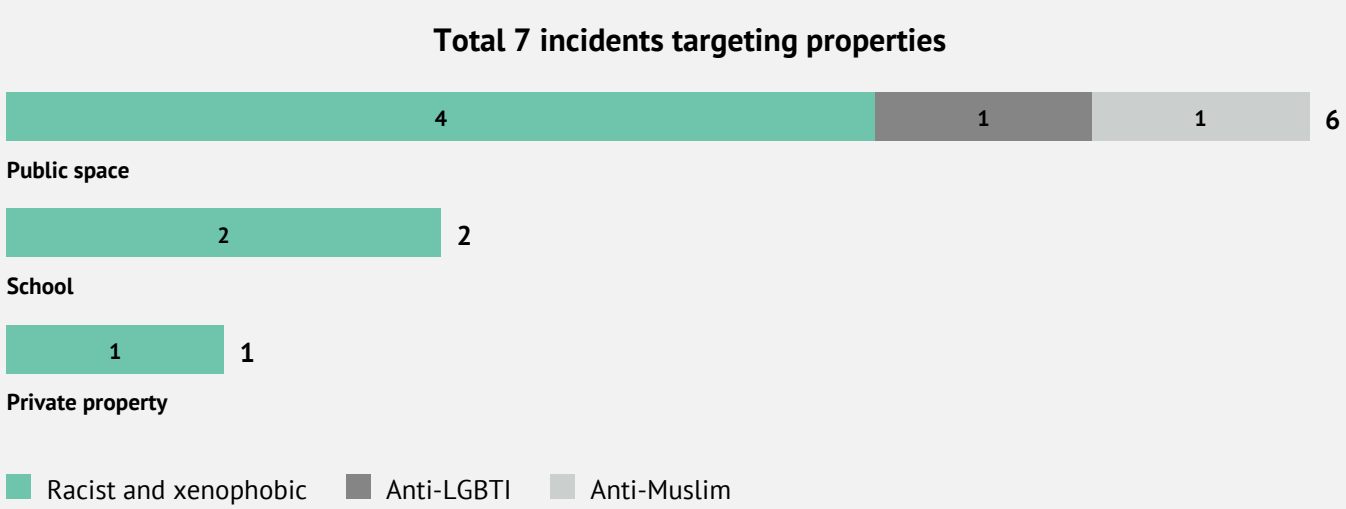
Incidents reported by civil society



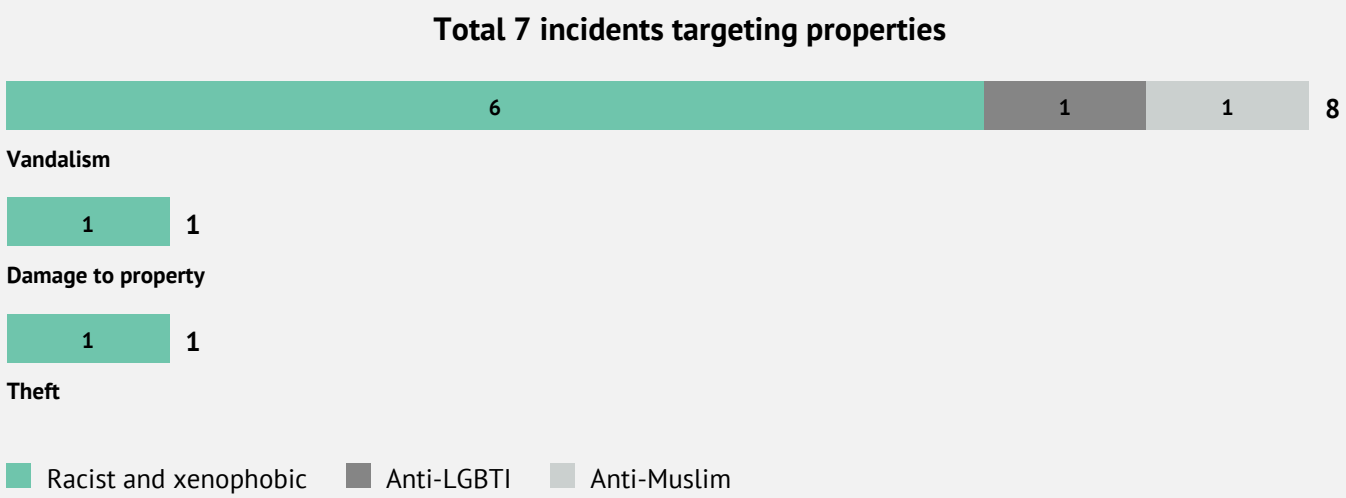
Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

Swiss Federation of Jewish Communities (SIG) and Kantor Center reported only statistical data. This explains the discrepancy between the graphic above and the incidents included below.

Targeted properties



Type of property attack



View civil society incidents for Switzerland, 2019