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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2021 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

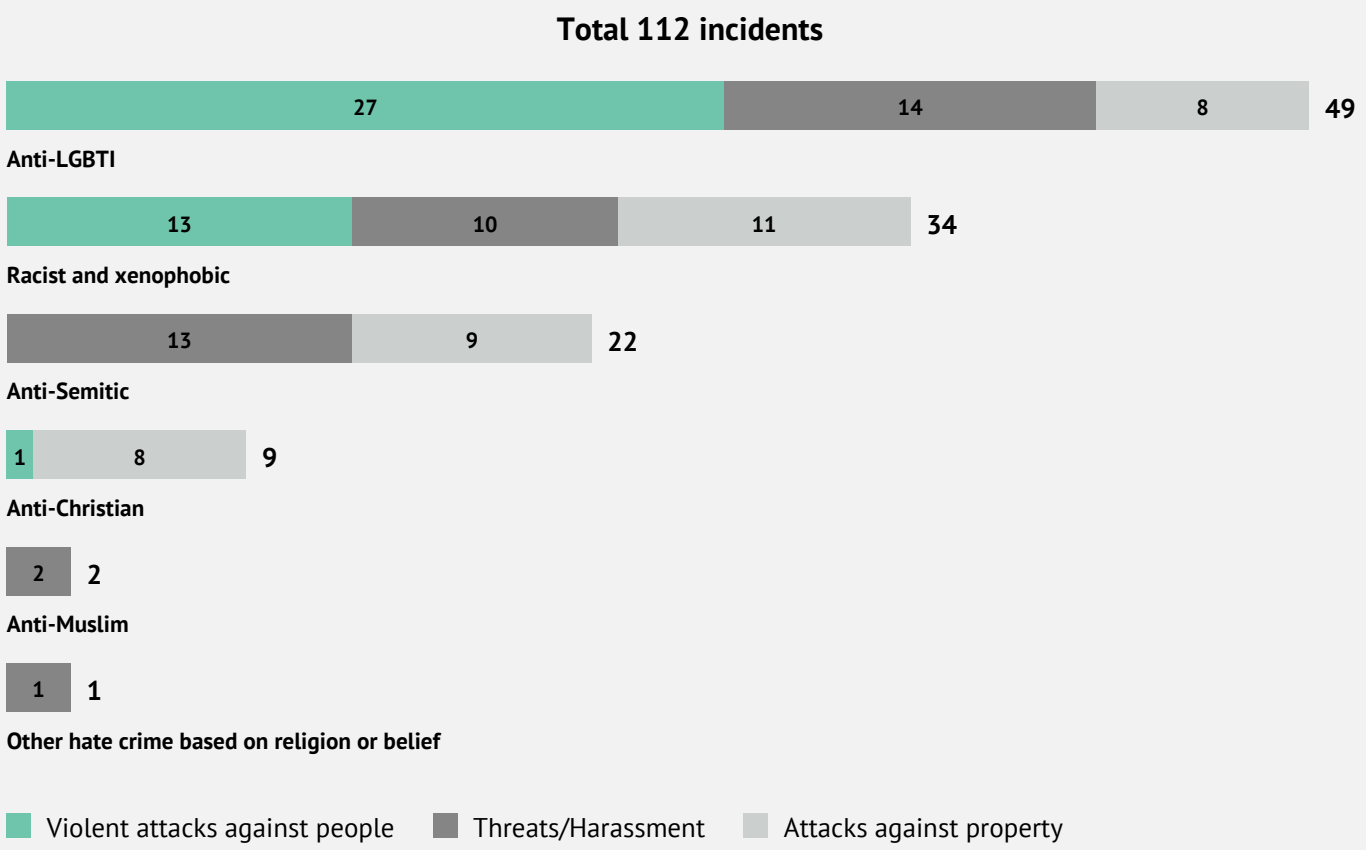
ODIHR recognizes Switzerland's efforts to report on hate crime regularly to ODIHR. However, based on the available information, it observes that law enforcement agencies have not recorded the bias motivations of hate crimes. In addition, ODIHR observes that Switzerland would benefit from reviewing the existing legal framework to ensure that bias motivations are effectively acknowledged, and appropriate penalties can be imposed on the perpetrators.

Official Data

The above figures consist of hate crimes committed in public, crimes of incitement to hatred and crimes involving discrimination. As such, many of the incidents listed here fall outside of the OSCE's hate crime definition. A breakdown of sentencing judgements by bias motivation was reported to ODIHR. Disaggregated police data were not available and are therefore not presented below. The number of sentenced cases was retrospectively updated in November 2026.

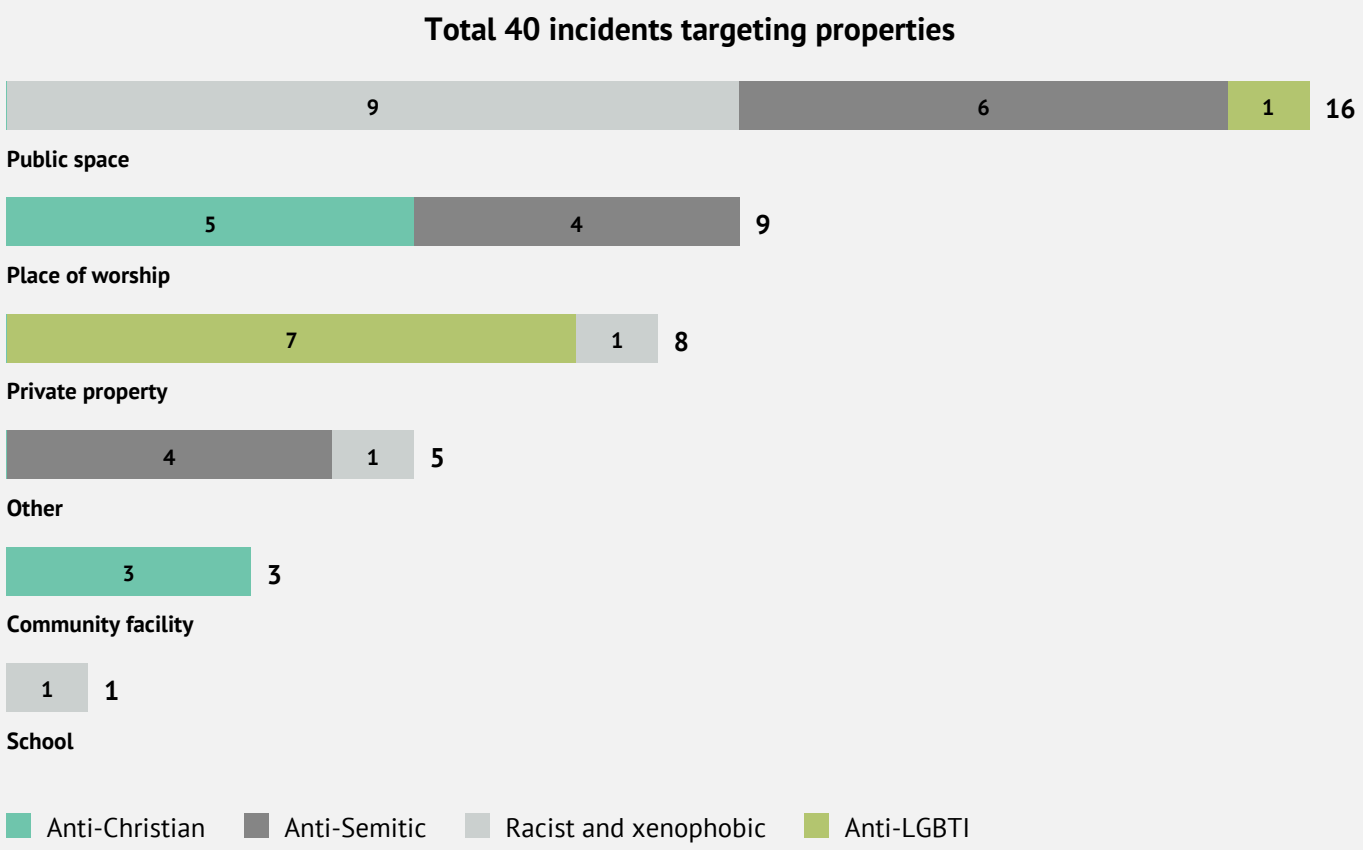
Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2021	312	not available	87

Incidents reported by civil society

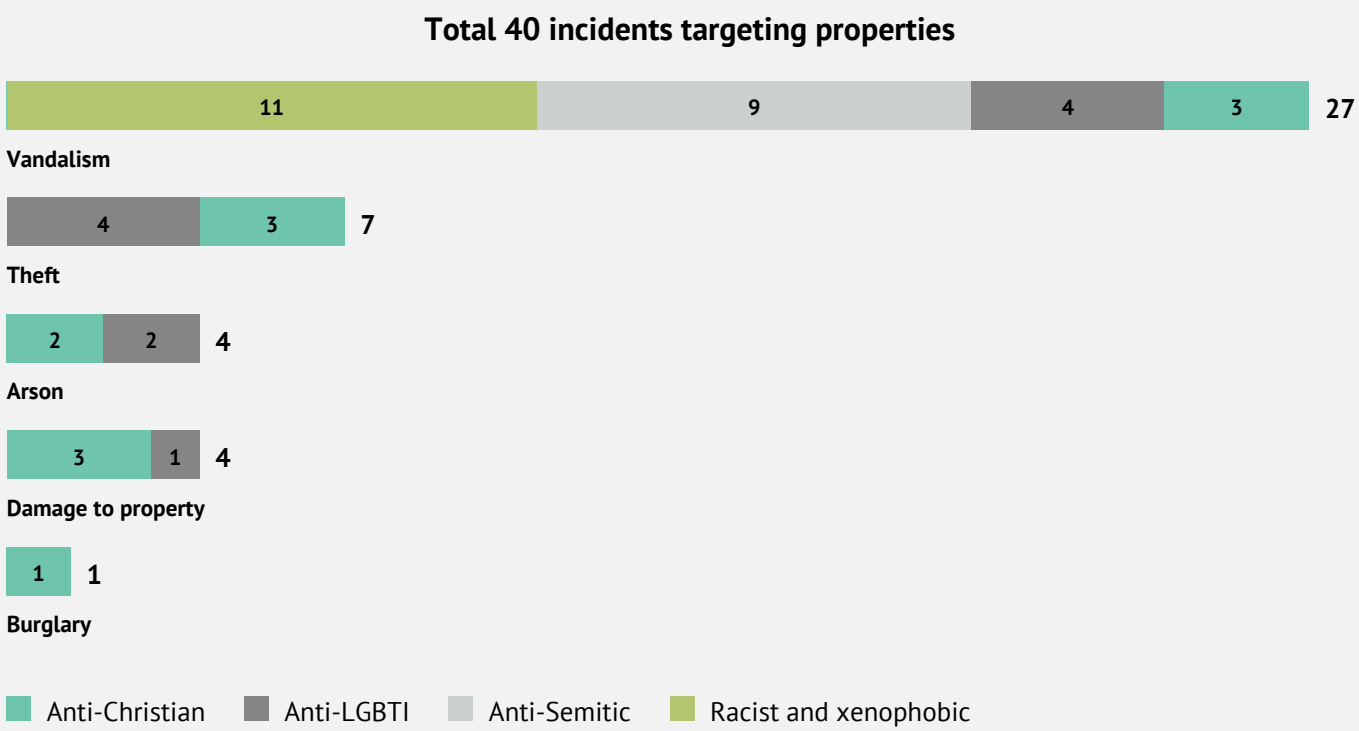


Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

Targeted properties



Type of property attack



View civil society incidents for Switzerland, 2021