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For more information, including on previous years' reporting, please visit: hatecrime.osce.org/switzerland

For more information about ODIHR's Hate Crime Report, visit: hatecrime.osce.org/our-methodology

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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 hate crime.

[Hate crime data collection in Switzerland](#)

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ODIHR's Key Observation

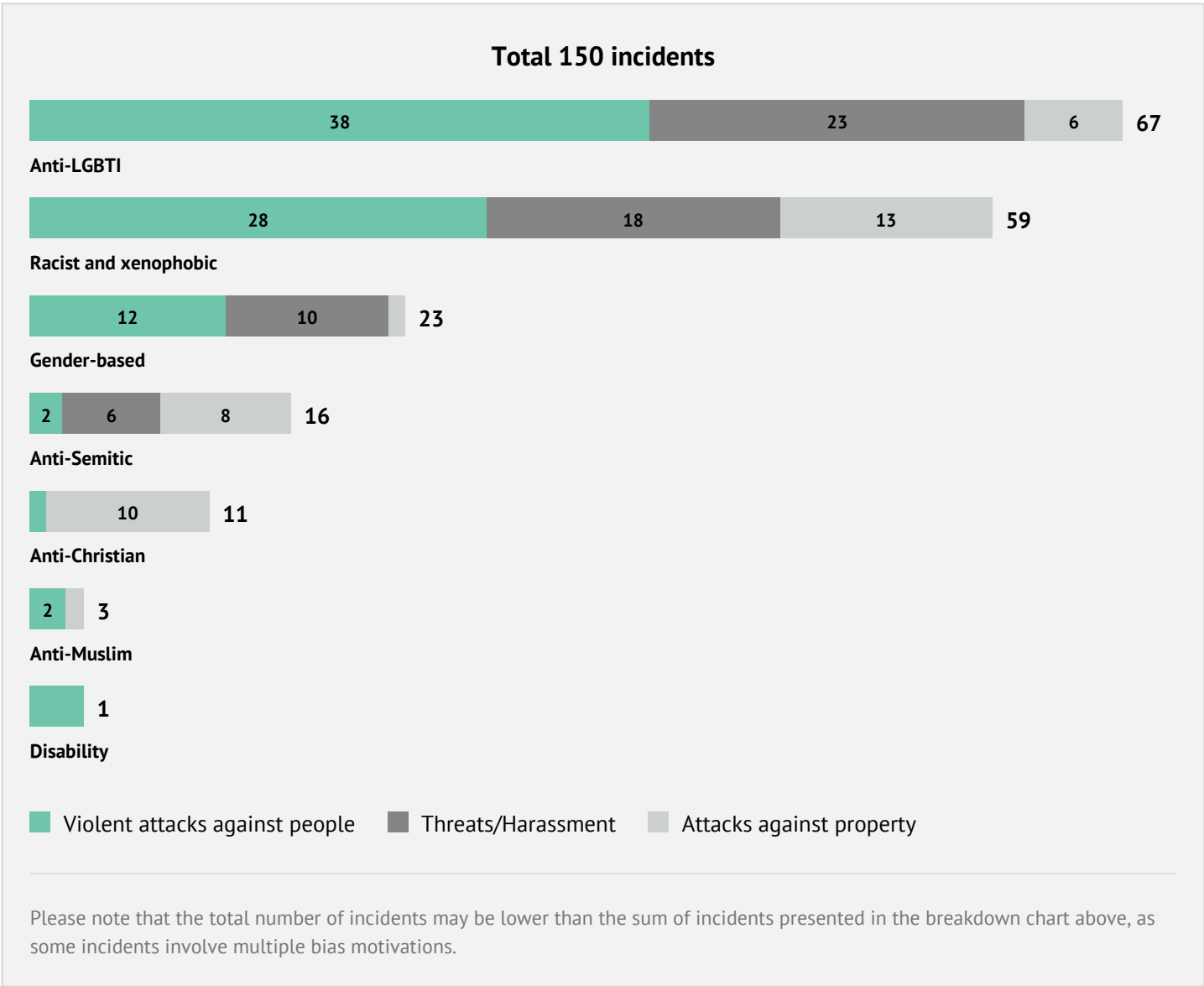
ODIHR recognizes Switzerland's efforts to report hate crime information to ODIHR. However, it observes that Switzerland has not reported statistics on hate crimes to ODIHR. In the absence of the official statistics, ODIHR is not able to provide further observations on hate crime data collection in Switzerland. 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 offences registered by police as well as sentences regarding Article 261bis of the Swiss Criminal Code (Discrimination and Incitement to Hatred); therefore, the numbers include offences that fall outside of the OSCE's hate crime definition. A breakdown of sentencing judgments by bias motivation was reported to ODIHR. Disaggregation of the police data is not available. The above data were submitted to ODIHR and added to this table in October 2024.

| Year | Hate crimes recorded by police | Prosecuted | Sentenced |
|------|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| 2022 | 346 | not available | 84 |

Incidents reported by civil society



In addition to incidents submitted with detailed descriptions, this graph includes the following incidents reported by the LGBT+ Helpline as statistics: 6 anti-LGBTI, 4 gender-based, and 1 racist and xenophobic incident.

Targeted properties

Total 37 incidents targeting properties



Public space



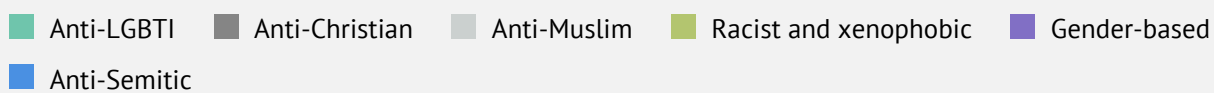
Place of worship



Private property



Community facility



Type of property attack

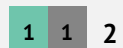
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Vandalism



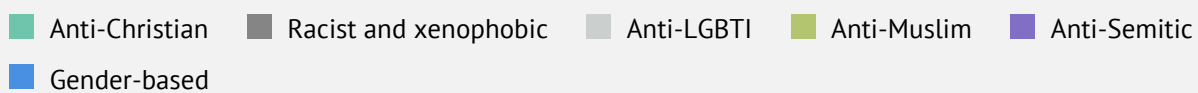
Damage to property



Arson



Theft



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