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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2023 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

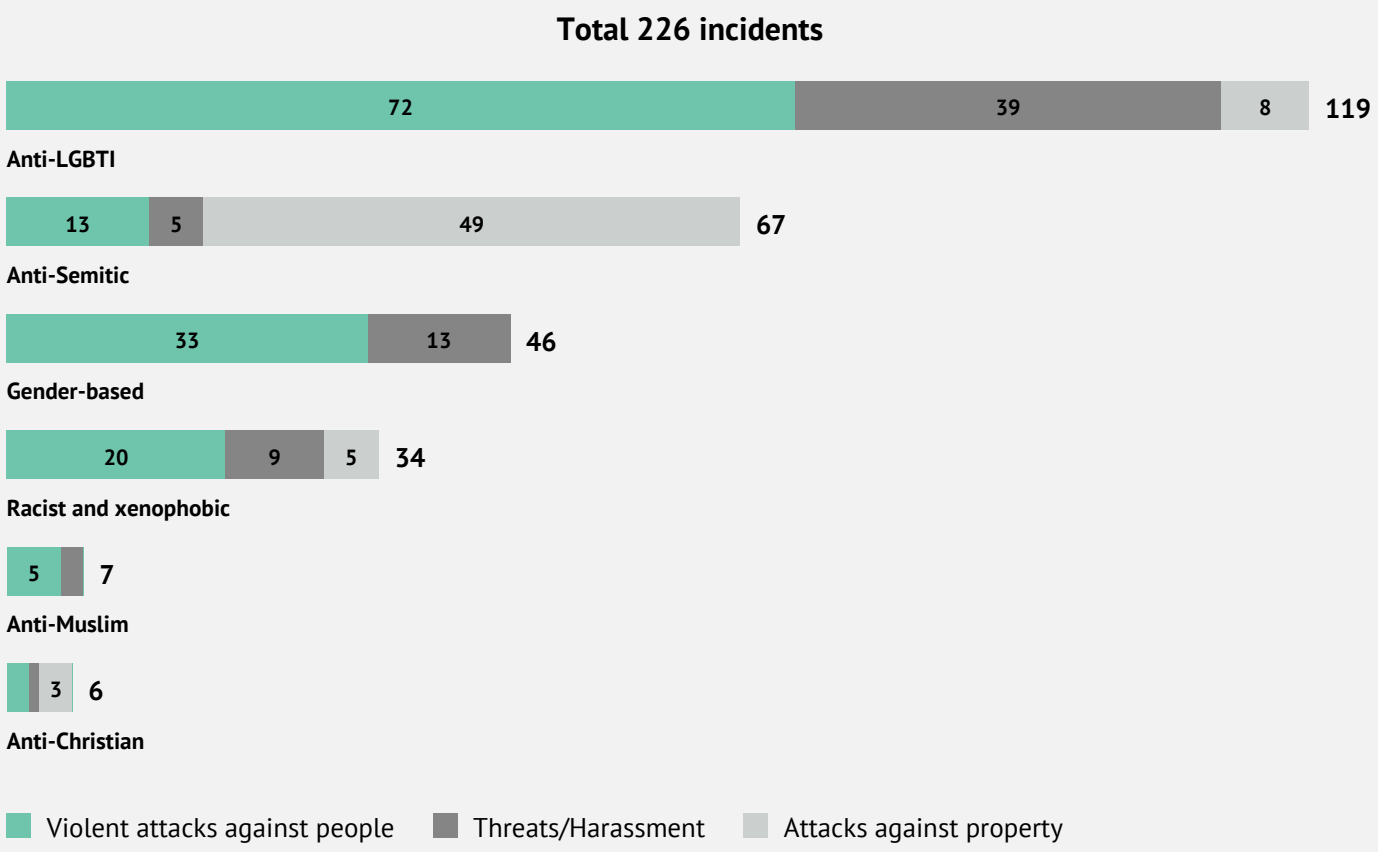
ODIHR recognizes Switzerland's efforts to report hate crime information and data to ODIHR. However, based on the available information, it observes that Switzerland's recording does not sufficiently distinguish hate crimes from other crimes, and that law enforcement agencies do not record the bias motivations 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 offences registered by police as well as sentences relating to Article 261bis of the Swiss Criminal Code (Discrimination and Incitement to Hatred). Therefore, the numbers include offences that fall outside the OSCE's hate crime definition. A breakdown of sentencing judgments by bias motivation was reported to ODIHR. Disaggregation of police data is not available. The number of sentenced cases was retrospectively updated in November 2026.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2023	401	not available	97

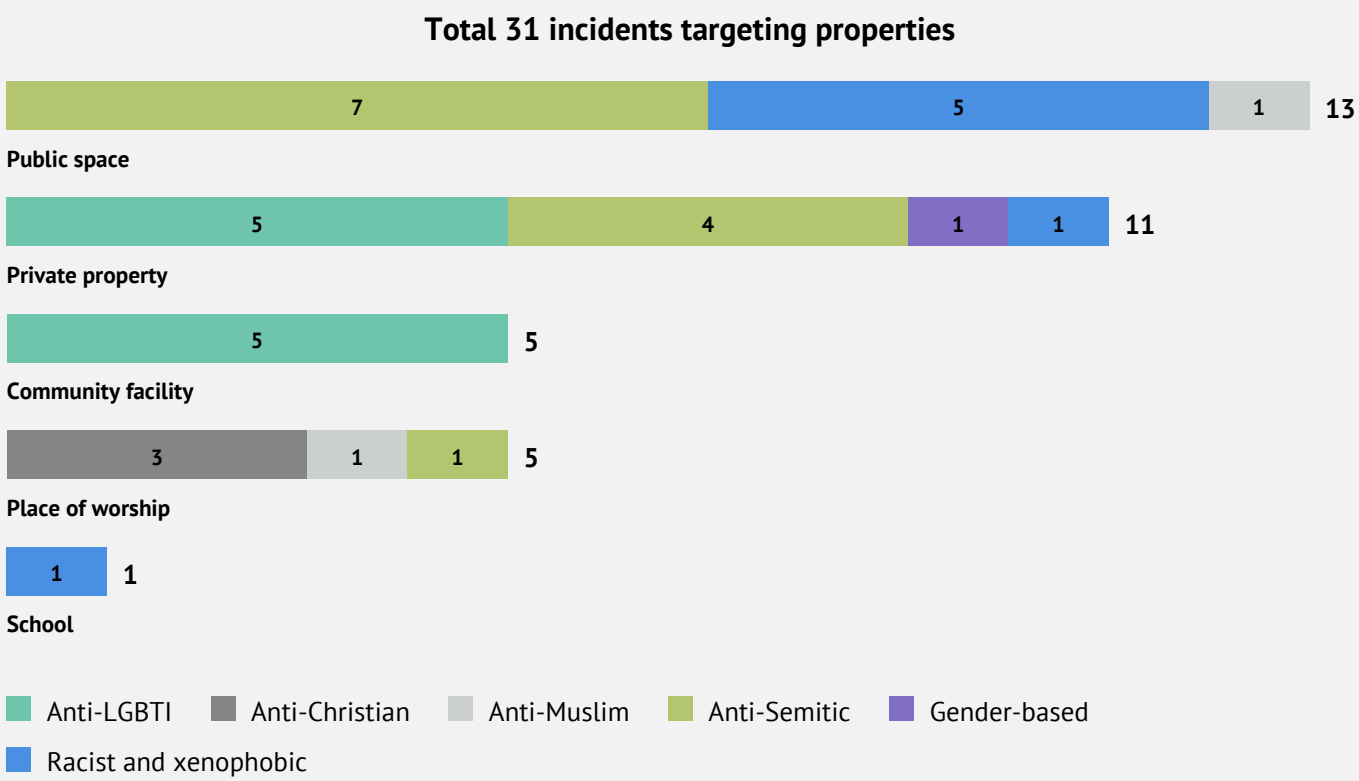
Incidents reported by civil society



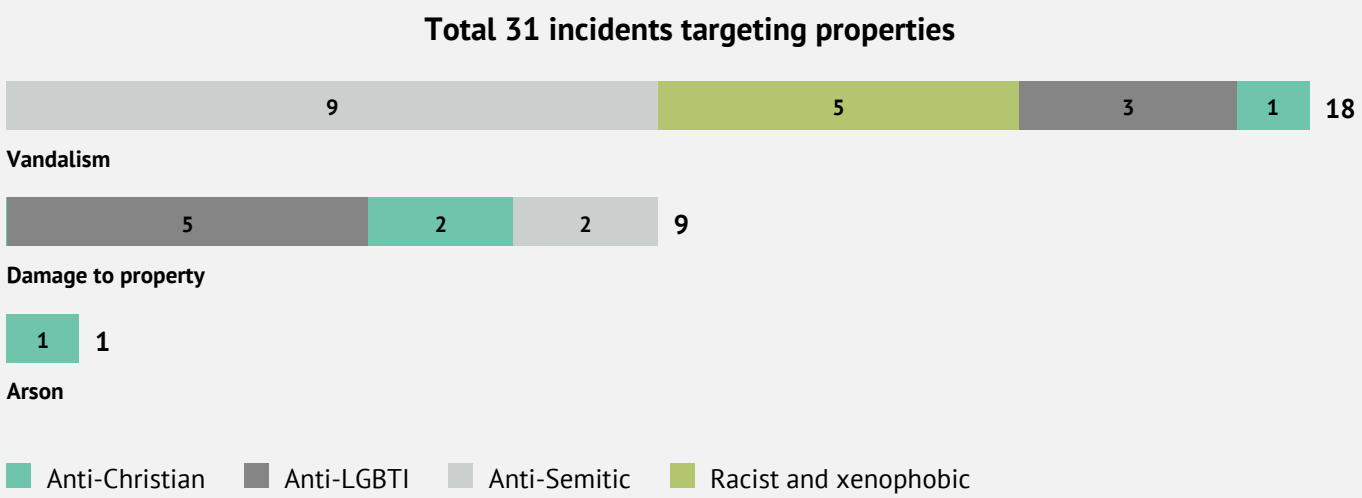
Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

In addition to incidents submitted with detailed descriptions, this chart includes 42 anti-Semitics incidents reported as statistics by the Swiss Federation of Jewish Communities (SIG).

Targeted properties



Type of property attack



View civil society incidents for Switzerland, 2023