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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2017 Hate Crime Report.
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Summary

The United States regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. The United States publishes hate crime data annually.

Following a 2021 review by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), hate crimes were included in the top-level category of priorities (Band 1 National Threat Priority), resulting in an increase in resources allocated to tackling hate crimes. By partnering with the national Hate Crime Coalition, the FBI consults closely with civil society organizations (CSOs), including to develop and update the FBI Hate Crime Data Collection Guidelines and training materials.

In 2020, the Department of Justice issued a comprehensive "Law Enforcement Roundtable Report on Hate Crimes", setting forth key recommendations and action steps to combat hate crime.

Hate crime data collection in the United States
Hate crime victim support in the United States
Hate crime capacity building in the United States
The United States's hate crime legislation

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that the United States has not reported information on prosecuted and sentenced hate crime cases to ODIHR.

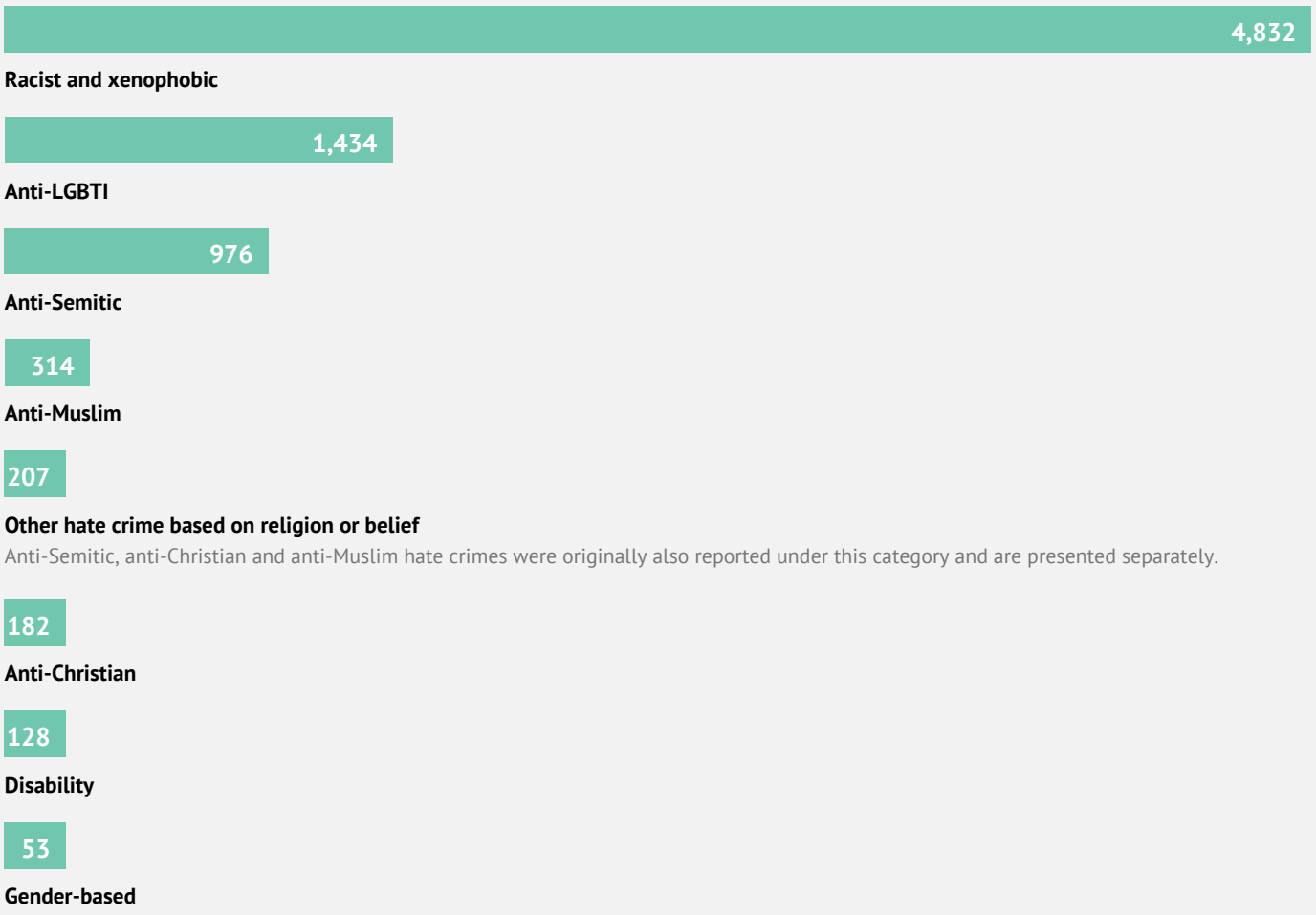
Official Data

The FBI reports data based on 'offences'. This number can include multiple biases, but only offences with one recorded bias are shown in the bias motivation breakdown. The vast majority of hate crimes in the United States are prosecuted at the state and local level, for which no figures are available. There were 21 instances reported in which the hate crime adjustment was applied in accordance with the sentencing guidelines issued by the US Sentencing Commission.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2017	8,437	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation

The breakdown below refers only to offences with one recorded bias. An additional 311 offences were reported as committed with two or more biases and are not presented here.



Police data by type of crime

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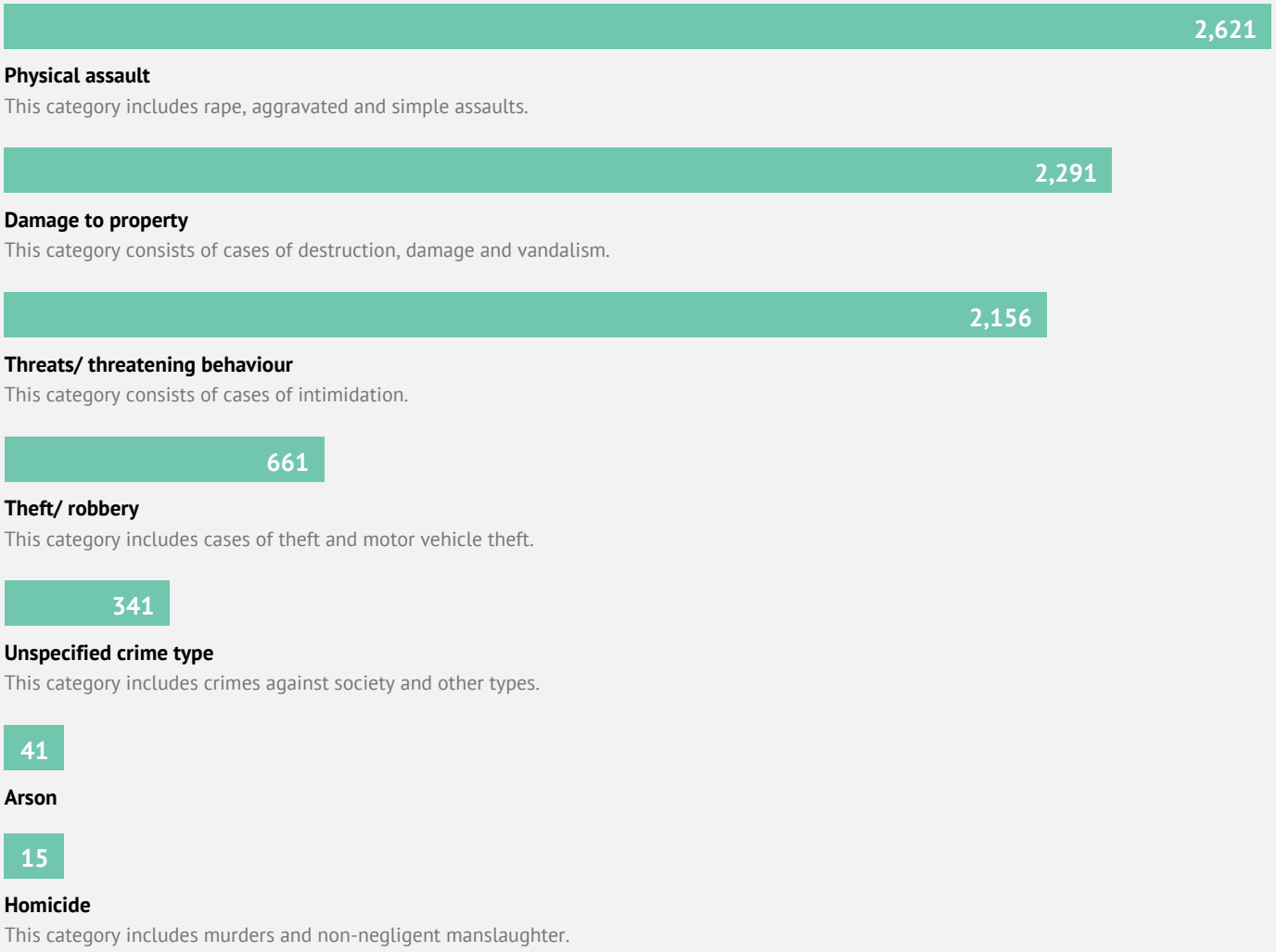
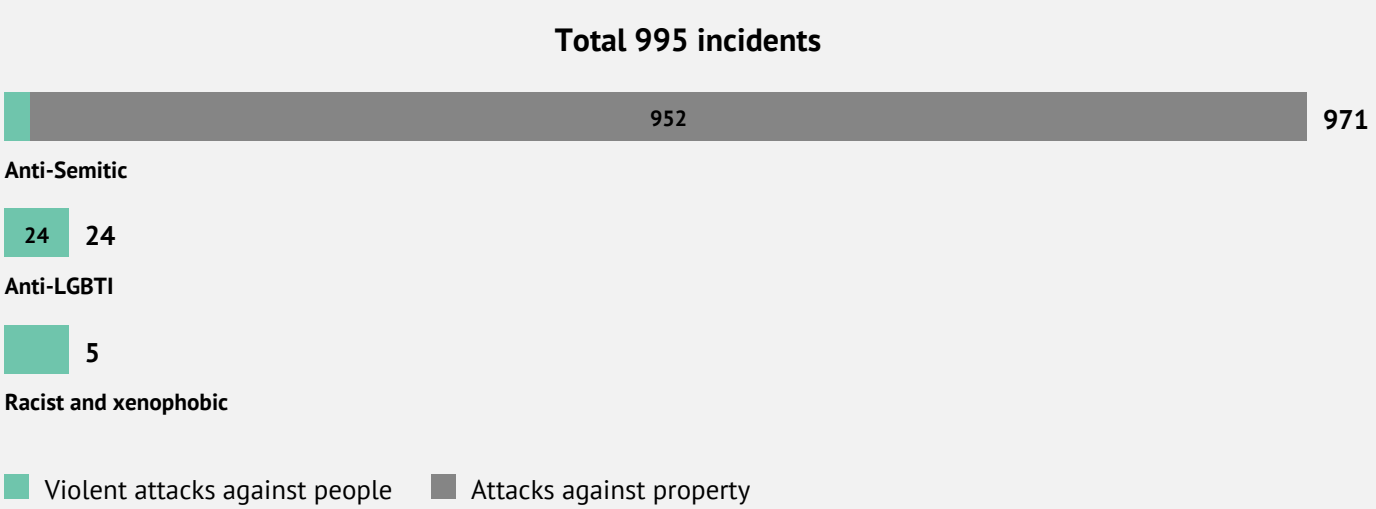


National Developments

The **Department of Justice** Office of Community Oriented Policing Services is a partner in a collaborative effort - the Police Data Initiative - that includes 54 state and local law enforcement agencies that have pledged to collect and share data on hate crimes in their communities with the public, some in real time. The data are shared through the initiative's website, which also includes practical tips, good practices and lessons learned, compiled in a recent publication from another partner, the Police Foundation, "Releasing Data on Hate Crimes: a Best Practices Guide for Law Enforcement Agencies."

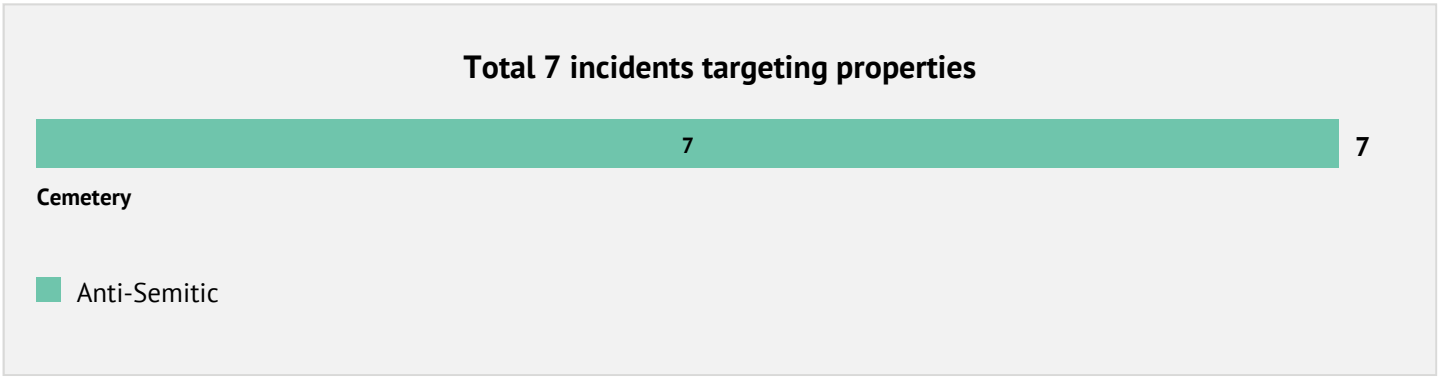
Incidents reported by civil society



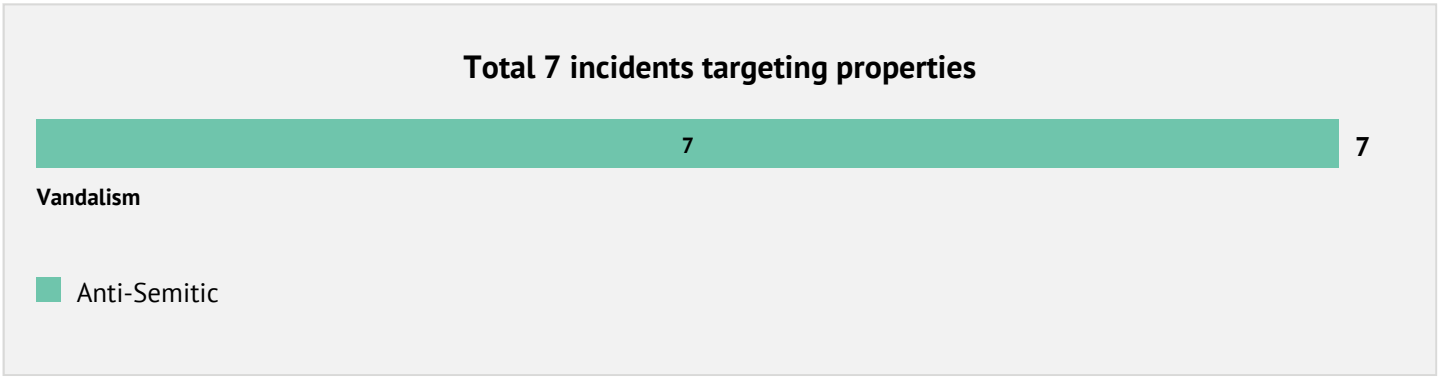
Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) reported descriptive incidents as well as 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 United States of America, 2017