

Bosnia and Herzegovina Hate Crime Report 2020

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Summary

Bosnia and Herzegovina has reported hate crime data to ODIHR via the Ministry of Interior. There is no institutional system for recording and collecting hate crime data in the country. In co-operation with ODIHR and the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, the authorities of Republika Srpska have worked to improve hate crime recording and data collection through ODIHR's Information Against Hate Crimes Toolkit (INFAHCT) programme, including through a diagnostic workshop held in April 2022. Bosnia and Herzegovina has also co-operated with ODIHR and the OSCE Mission to train law enforcement officers and criminal justice professionals on hate crimes.

Bosnia and Herzegovina has launched a Gender Action Plan, 2023-2027. Hate crime prevention activities were included as part of the strategic implementation of the Action Plan.

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ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes Bosnia and Herzegovina's efforts in reporting information on hate crime to ODIHR. However, based on the available information, it observes the low numbers of officially recorded hate crimes. In addition, ODIHR observes that Bosnia and Herzegovina would benefit from raising awareness and building the capacity of criminal justice officials to address hate crimes.

Official Data

Police records include criminal offences that may fall outside of the OSCE's definition of a hate crime. The data do not include data from the Federal Police Administration. In some cases, hate speech provisions were also applied to incidents that would fall under this definition. One incident involved two separate criminal offences and is, therefore, counted twice under the police records.

| Year | Hate crimes recorded by police | Prosecuted | Sentenced |
|------|--------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| 2020 | 8 | 8 | 5 |

Police data by bias motivation

The data below consists of records reported by the State Investigation and Protection Agency (SIPA) and the Ministries of the Interior of the Republika Srpska, Central Bosnia Canton, Zenica-Doboj Canton and Sarajevo Canton.

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Racist and xenophobic hate crime

The three incidents under the category of "Threats" were classified as the criminal offence of incitement of ethnic, racial and religious hatred, discord and hostility

Police data by type of crime

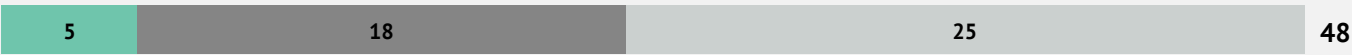
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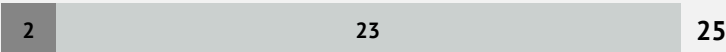
Threats/ threatening behaviour

Incidents reported by civil society

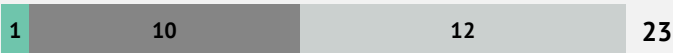
Total 91 incidents



Racist and xenophobic hate crime



Anti-Christian hate crime



Anti-Muslim hate crime



Anti-LGBTI hate crime

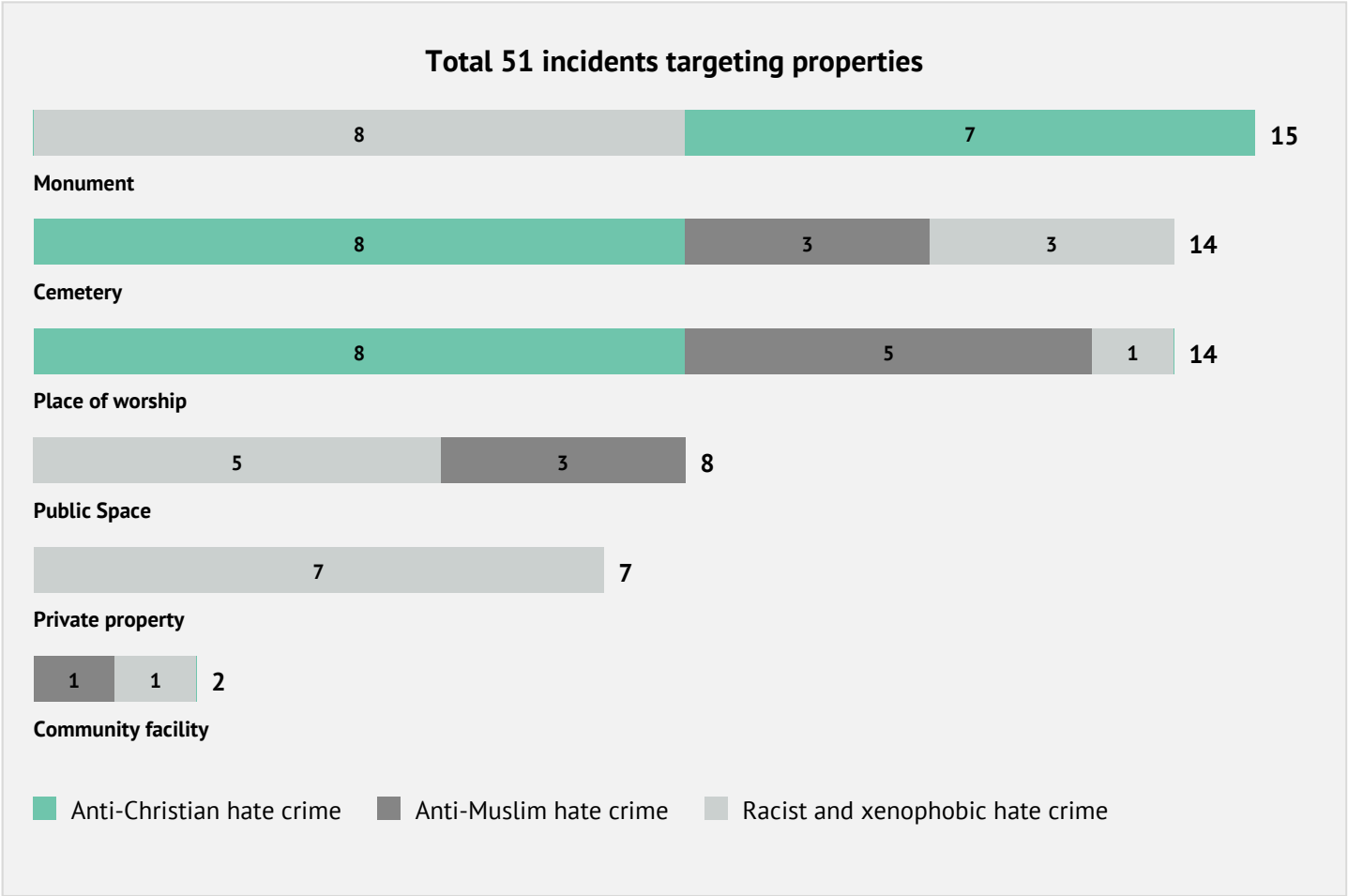


Gender-based hate crime

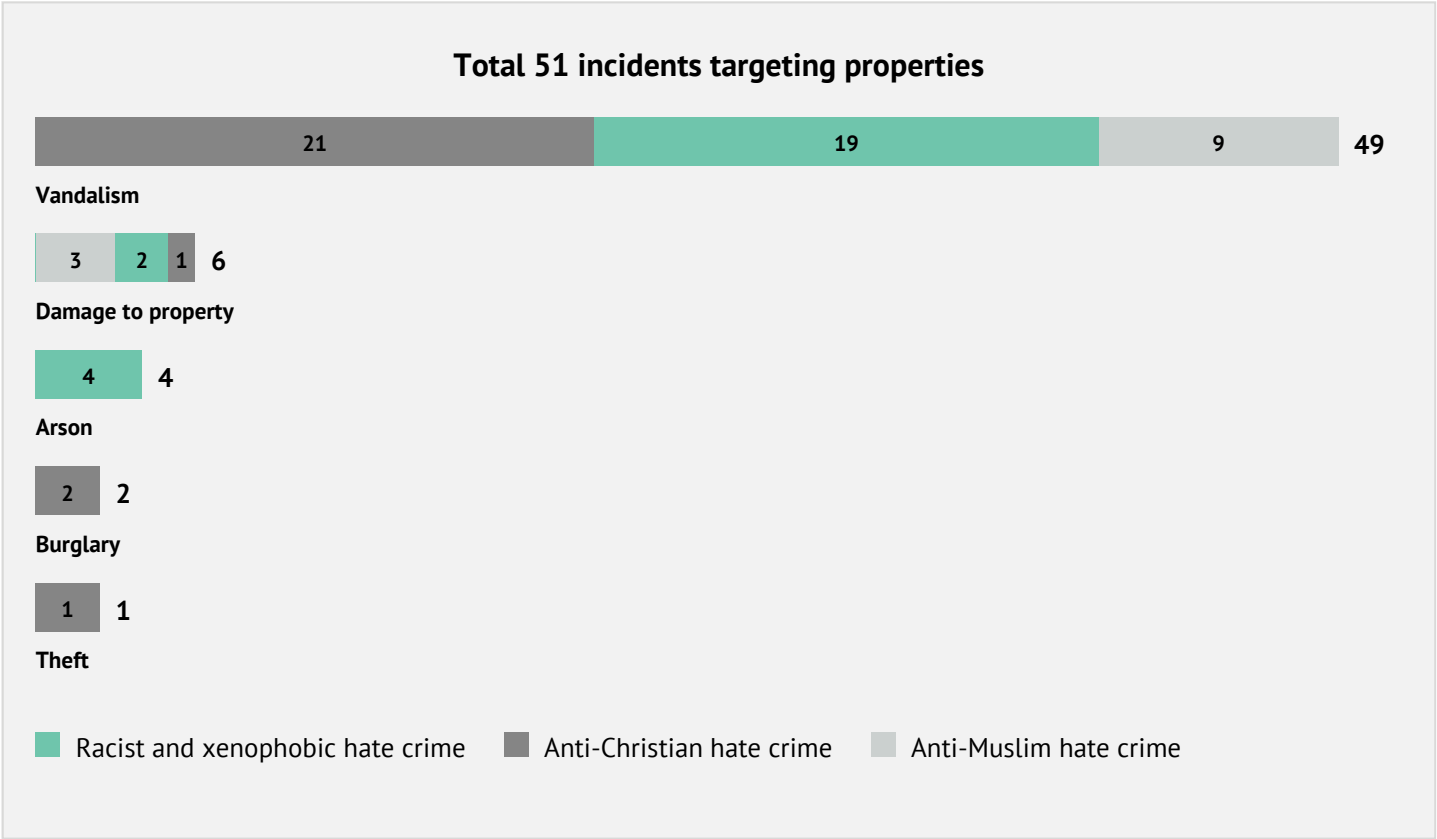
Violent attacks against people Threats/Harassment Attacks against property

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



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