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HATE CRIME REPORTING

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Summary

Bosnia and Herzegovina regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR via the Ministry of Interior. There is no formal 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 addressing hate crimes.
Bosnia and Herzegovina's Gender Action Plan, 2023-2027, includes hate crime prevention activities as part of its strategic implementation.

Hate crime data collection in Bosnia and Herzegovina
Support for hate crime victims in Bosnia and Herzegovina
Hate crime capacity building in Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bosnia and Herzegovina's hate crime legislation

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes Bosnia and Herzegovina's efforts to report hate crime information and statistics to ODIHR. However, based on the available information, ODIHR observes that the country's mechanisms for recording hate crime data and statistics do not sufficiently distinguish hate crimes from other crimes, while the numbers of officially recorded hate crimes are low. In addition, ODIHR observes that Bosnia and Herzegovina would benefit from raising awareness among and building the capacity of criminal justice officials, in particular prosecutors and judges, to address hate crimes.

Official Data

Data on recorded, prosecuted and sentenced cases include cases that fall outside the OSCE definition of a hate crime, but which could not be disaggregated from the total number.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2023	54	10	8

Police data by bias motivation

The data below include cases that fall outside the OSCE definition of a hate crime, but which could not be disaggregated from the total number.

Police data by type of crime

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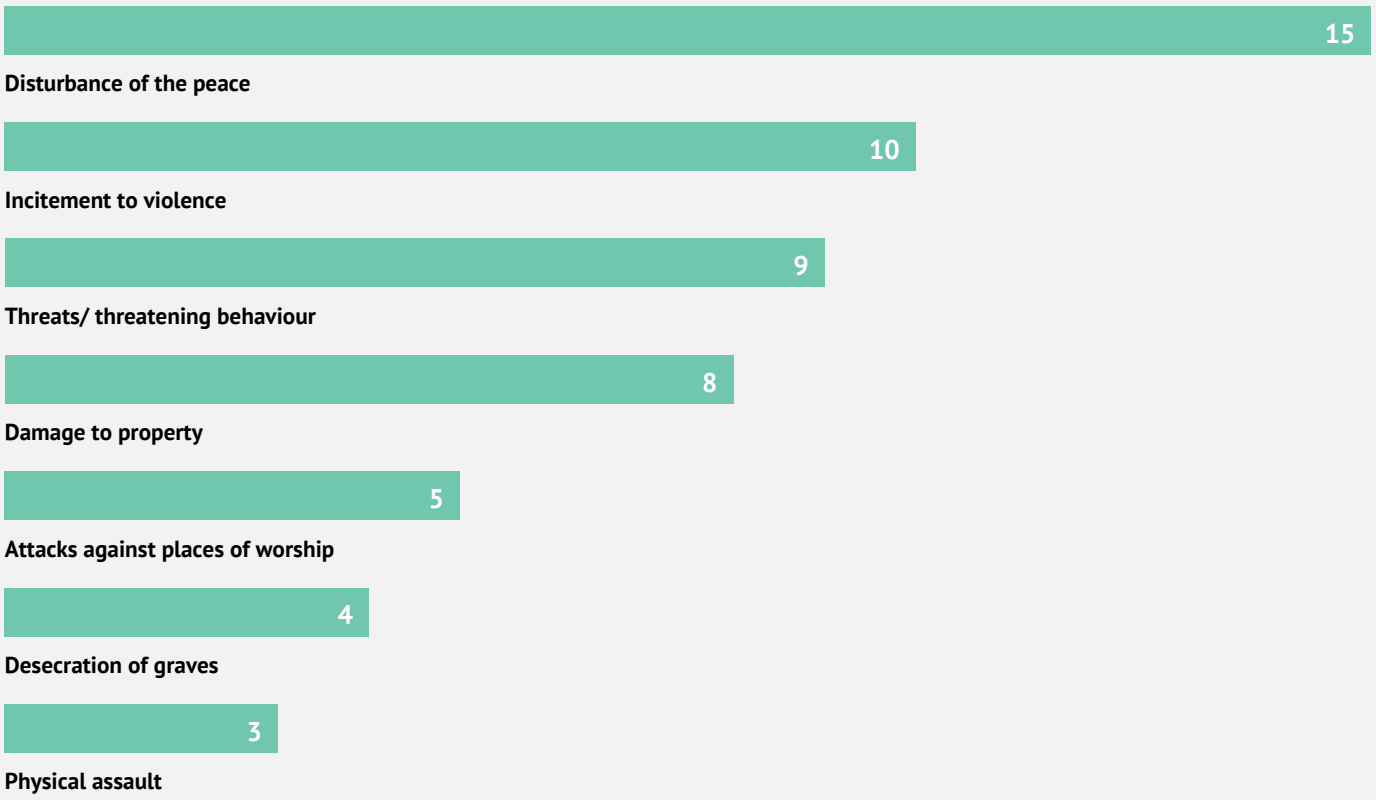


National Developments

In 2023, representatives of the **Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA) of Republika Srpska** actively participated in the preparation of an OSCE/ODIHR Report containing recommendations on understanding and improving the recording of hate crimes. The recommendations were a result of a workshop organized in April 2022.

In 2023, police officers of the MIA of Republika Srpska participated in multiple training and professional development activities organized by international partners. In particular, more than 30 police officers participated in a series of ten training workshops on criminal offences motivated by hatred, organized by the OSCE and the Atlantic Initiative civil society organization (CSO). Police officers also participated in an ongoing project titled "Promotion of Diversity and Equality in Bosnia and Herzegovina", implemented in co-operation with the Council of Europe and funded by the EU and the Council of Europe. This project supported the development of an "Action Plan for the Equality of LGBTI Persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina", as well as a project to map responses to hate speech in the country, which are currently being monitored.

Police officers of the MIA Republika Srpska also supported a training for police in the Brčko District on hate crimes and hate speech based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

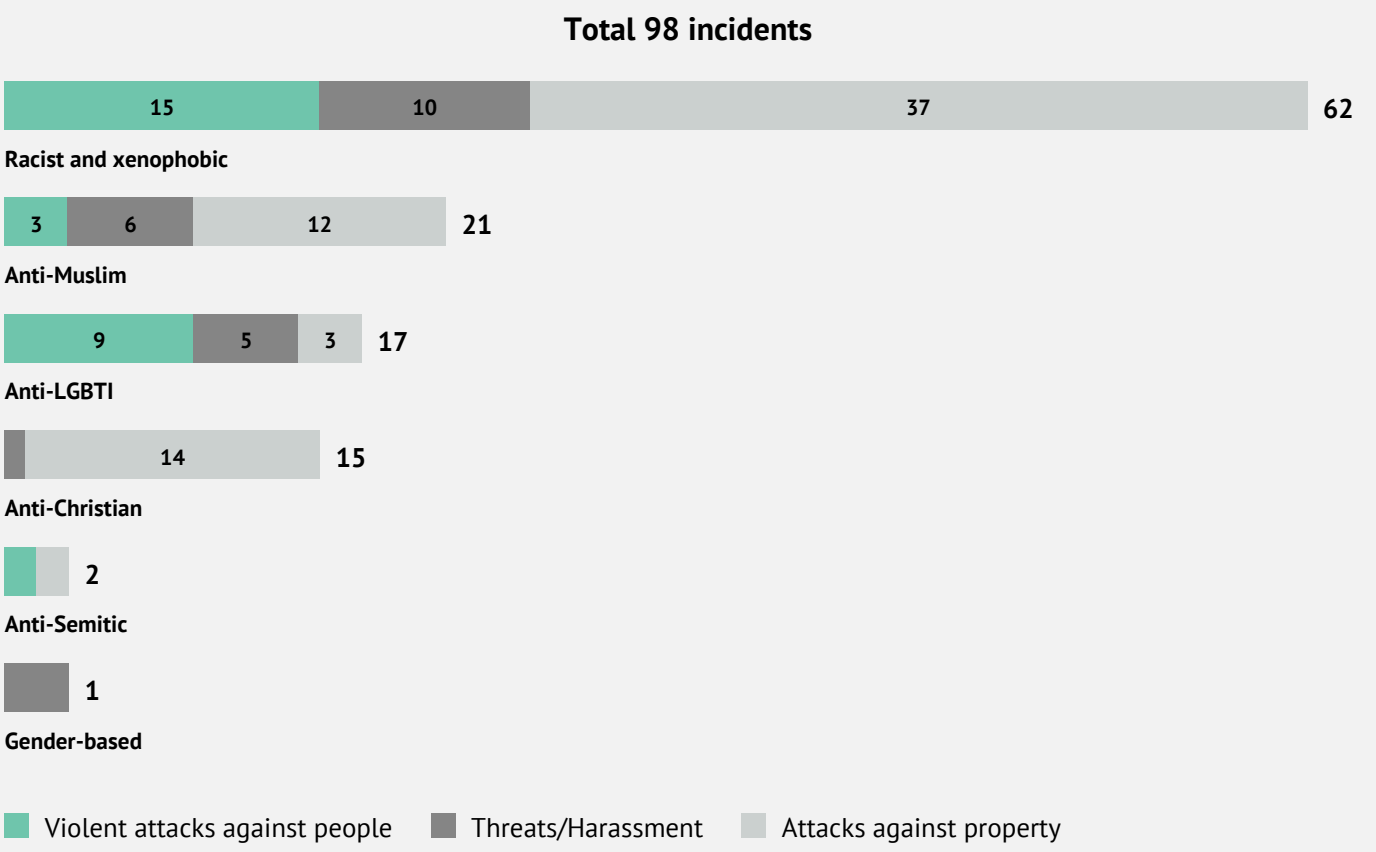
In 2023, police officers of the **Sarajevo Canton** participated in the following professional development activities on the topic of hate crime:

- A conference on "Improving the legal and social matrix for the prevention of femicide and gender-based violence in Bosnia and Herzegovina", organized by the Association for Development and Education Dignity.
- A project on the "Prevention of Crimes during the Global Migration Crisis", organized by the Auschwitz Institute for the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities (AIPG).

A workshop on "Gender Equality in the Police" organized by the Association Network of Police Officers.

- A workshop on "Raising Awareness of Gender-Based Discrimination in Police Structures in Bosnia and Herzegovina", as part of a project on "Reducing Gender Discrimination within Police Structures in Bosnia and Herzegovina", organized by the 'HAJDE' Association for Assistance and Development in co-operation with the 'Network of Police Officers' Association.
- A workshop on "Gender-Based Violence against Roma Women in Bosnia and Herzegovina", organized by the Atlantic Initiative CSO.
- A seminar on the topic of femicide, as part of the initial training and professional development programme of the 'Center for the Education of Judges and Prosecutors of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina' for 2023, in co-operation with the AIRE Center.

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.

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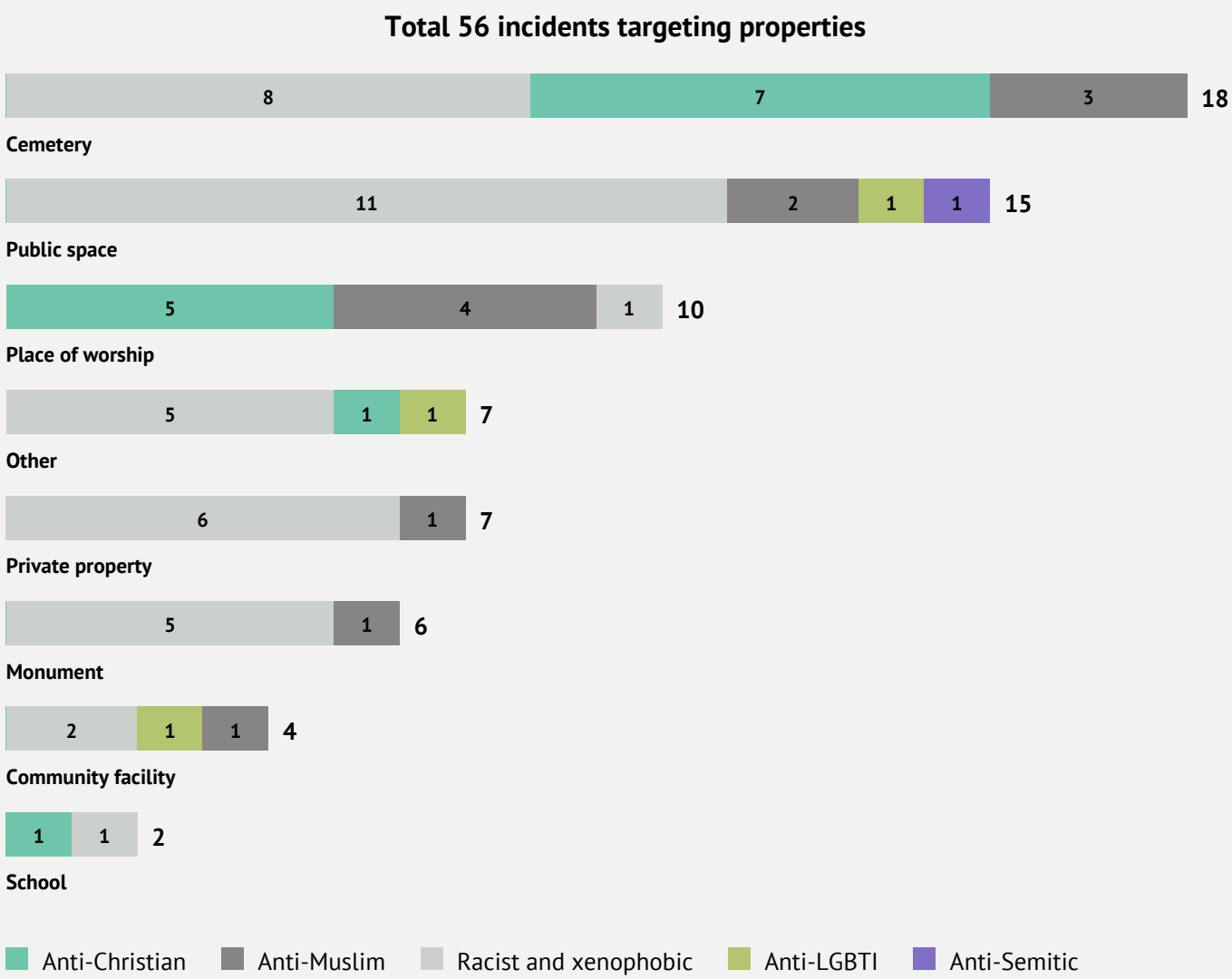

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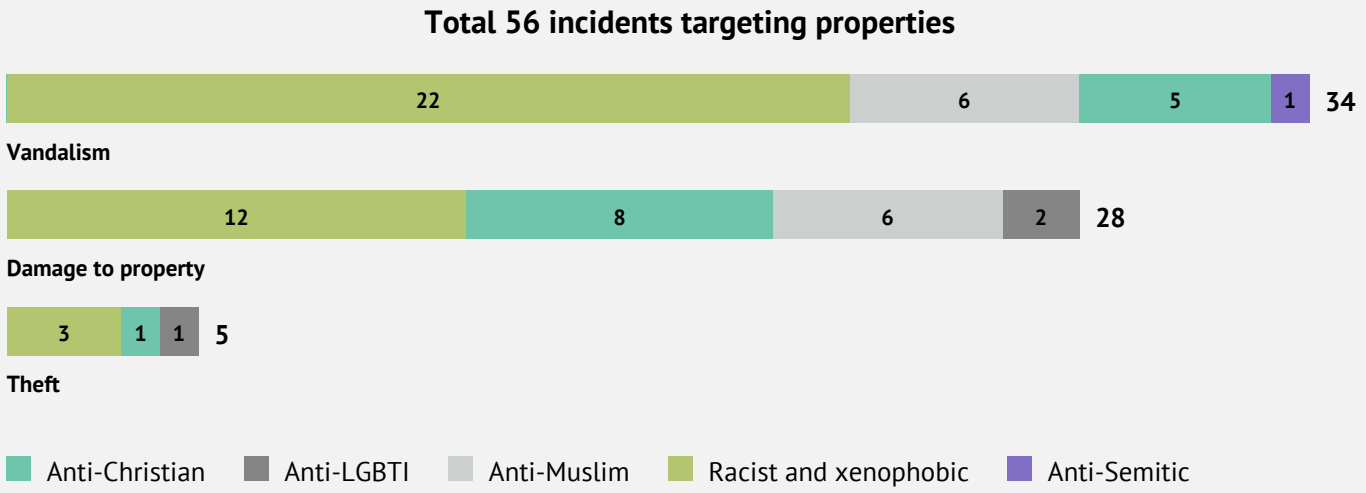

View civil society incidents for Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2023