

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2021 Hate Crime Report.

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Summary

Canada regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR and regularly publishes [hate crime statistics](#). Canada conducts regular [victimization surveys](#) to measure unreported hate crime.

Canada has several interrelated and co-ordinated initiatives in place to ensure a comprehensive approach to hate crimes through government and community partnerships. Canada's '[Action Plan on Combatting Hate](#)' (Action Plan) and '[Changing Systems, Transforming Lives: Canada's Anti-Racism Strategy 2024-2028](#)' are two comprehensive initiatives that fund and support a variety of government and community-led projects on addressing hate. The initiatives were developed through extensive community engagement and build on existing strategies. The Action Plan foresees the creation of a Ministerial Advisory Council on Combatting Hate, which serves as a forum for ministers and community leaders to directly engage and exchange feedback on the Action Plan's implementation, and also to discuss existing and emerging issues on addressing racism and hate.

[Hate crime data collection in Canada](#)

[Support for hate crime victims in Canada](#)

[Hate crime capacity building in Canada](#)

[Canada's hate crime legislation](#)

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes Canada's efforts to improve its hate crime recording and data collection methodology to enable the further disaggregation of data, as well as the regular submission of information on police records to ODIHR. However, based on the available information, it observes that Canada has not reported hate crime data recorded by prosecution and judiciary to ODIHR. In addition, ODIHR observes that Canada would benefit from ensuring that hate crimes are addressed in a comprehensive manner, including by introducing a co-ordination mechanism.

Official Data

In addition to the numbers presented here, the police also recorded incidents motivated by age, other factors, and those where the bias motivation was unknown. Hate crime data presented here may not match data presented elsewhere. Differences may be due to some incidents being reported through a supplemental survey that collects data in aggregate form, updates to historical incidents following police investigations, and changes to reporting and dissemination practices.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2021	3,360	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation

1,758

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

This category captures hate crimes motivated by bias on the following grounds: Aboriginal, Arab/West Asian, Black, East and Southeast Asian, South Asian, White, Multiple Races/Ethnicities, Other race/ethnicity and unknown race/ethnicity and bias against language.

487

Anti-Semitic hate crime

441

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

This category includes 259 hate crimes committed with motivation based on bias against bisexual, heterosexual, gay and lesbian, other and unknown sexual orientation; and eight hate crimes committed on grounds of "other sex" (for example transgender or gender).

253

Other hate crime based on religion or belief

This category captures hate crimes motivated by bias against Catholics, members of other religions (e.g., Baptist, Greek Orthodox, Buddhist) and unknown religions.

144

Anti-Muslim hate crime

44

Gender-based hate crime

15

Disability hate crime

Police data by type of crime

1,422

Damage to property

This category includes vandalism.

671

Threats/ threatening behaviour

632

Physical assault

130

Unspecified

This category includes other violations causing death, attempting the commission of a capital crime, sexual violations, violations resulting in the deprivation of freedom, other violations resulting in the threat of violence, possession/trafficking of stolen goods, fraud, other criminal code violations, other federal statutes, Controlled Drugs and Substances Act offences and traffic violations.

92

Incitement to violence

86

Theft/ robbery

80

Disturbance of the peace

21

Arson

8

Homicide

National Developments

In October 2021, following two years of consultations with police, academics, government and community groups and civil society, the Canadian Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey was updated to enable the further disaggregation of hate crime data. In particular, the updates allowed for:

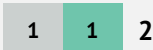
- the collection of data on more specific categories of bias, including based on religion, "race"/ethnicity, orientation, disability, and gender;
- the inclusion of new categories to record crimes targeting migrants and foreigners;
- the inclusion of an anti-Roma hate crime category, to align reporting with ODIHR's hate crime strands; and
- the inclusion of more than one bias motivation per crime, allowing for an analysis of intersectional bias motivations.

Incidents reported by civil society

Total 24 incidents



Anti-Christian hate crime



Anti-Muslim hate crime

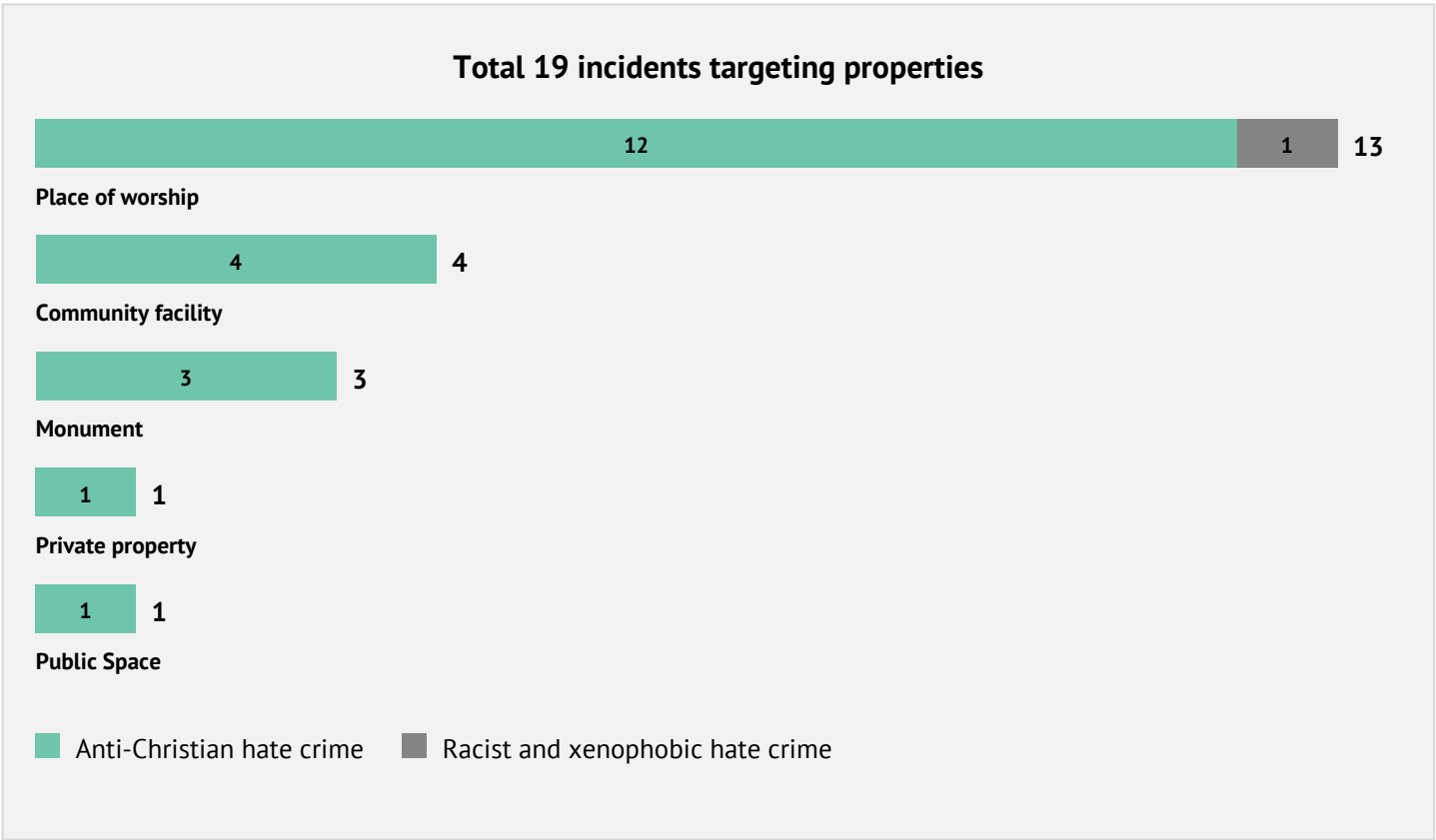


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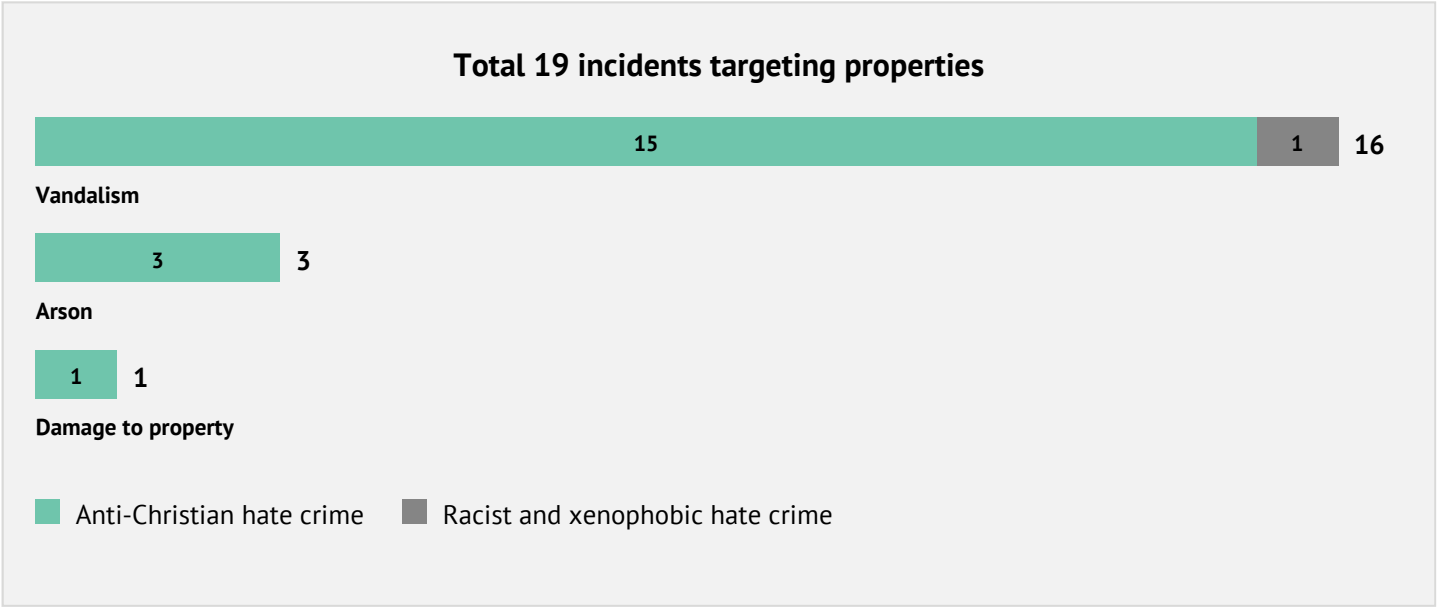
Threats/Harassment Attacks against property Violent attacks against people

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



[View civil society incidents for Canada, 2021](#)