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HATE CRIME REPORTING

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Summary

Georgia regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Since 2020, Georgia has published an annual report on hate crime data following an inter-agency memorandum on co-operation. Georgia implemented ODIHR's Training Against Hate Crime for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) programme in 2019 and the Prosecutors and Hate Crime Training Programme (PAHCT) in 2017.

In 2023, Georgia introduced the National Strategy for the Protection of Human Rights 2022-2030, which covers fundamental rights and freedoms with a particular focus on protecting vulnerable groups. In October 2023, a new memorandum was signed by state institutions representing the police, prosecution and judiciary to reflect additional responsibilities on collecting and publishing statistical data on hate crime.

Hate crime data collection in Georgia
Support for hate crime victims in Georgia
Hate crime capacity building in Georgia
Georgia's hate crime legislation

ODIHR's Key Observation

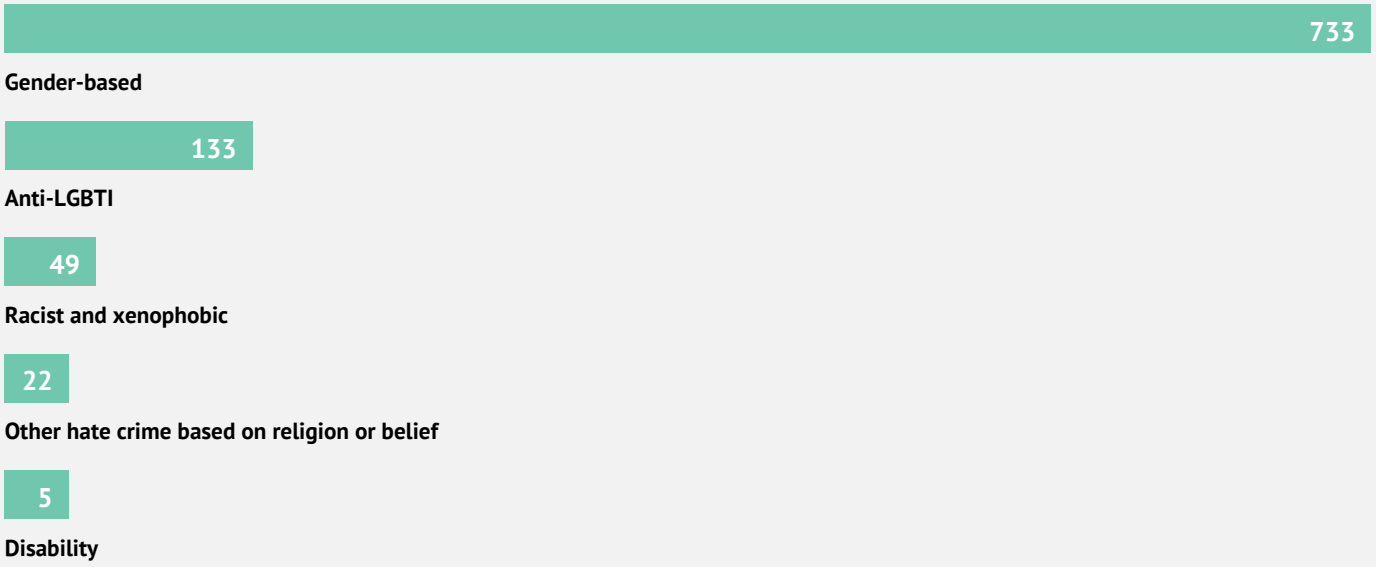
ODIHR recognizes Georgia's efforts to improve its hate crime recording and data collection as well as to make the hate crime data public. However, ODIHR observes that Georgia would benefit from strengthening the inclusion of, collaboration with, and facilitating work of, civil society working on hate crimes and with their victims.

Official Data

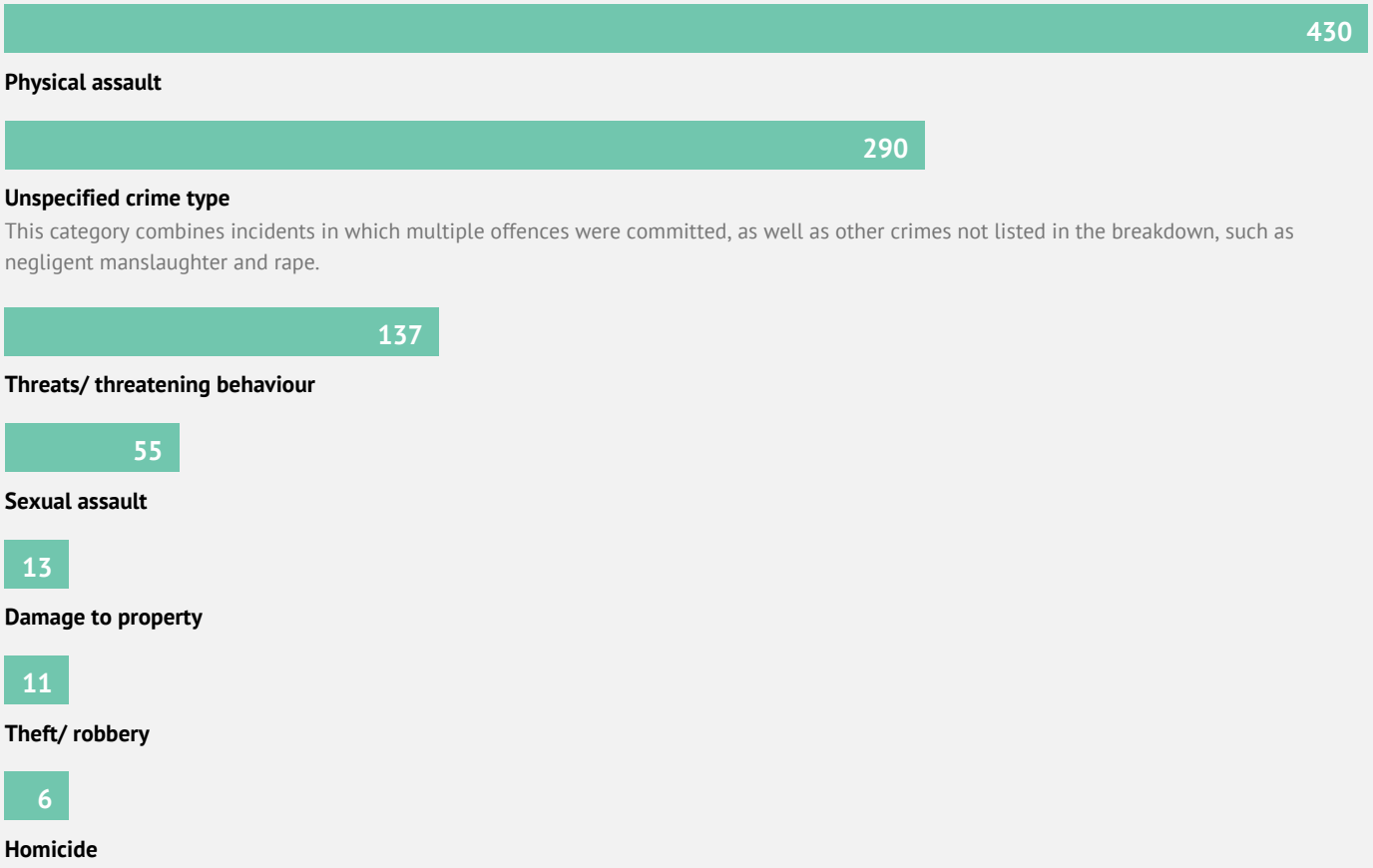
The police number indicates investigations into incidents where an alleged bias motivation was detected. The prosecution figure indicates the number of prosecuted individuals.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2020	989	253	109

Police data by bias motivation



Police data by type of crime



National Developments

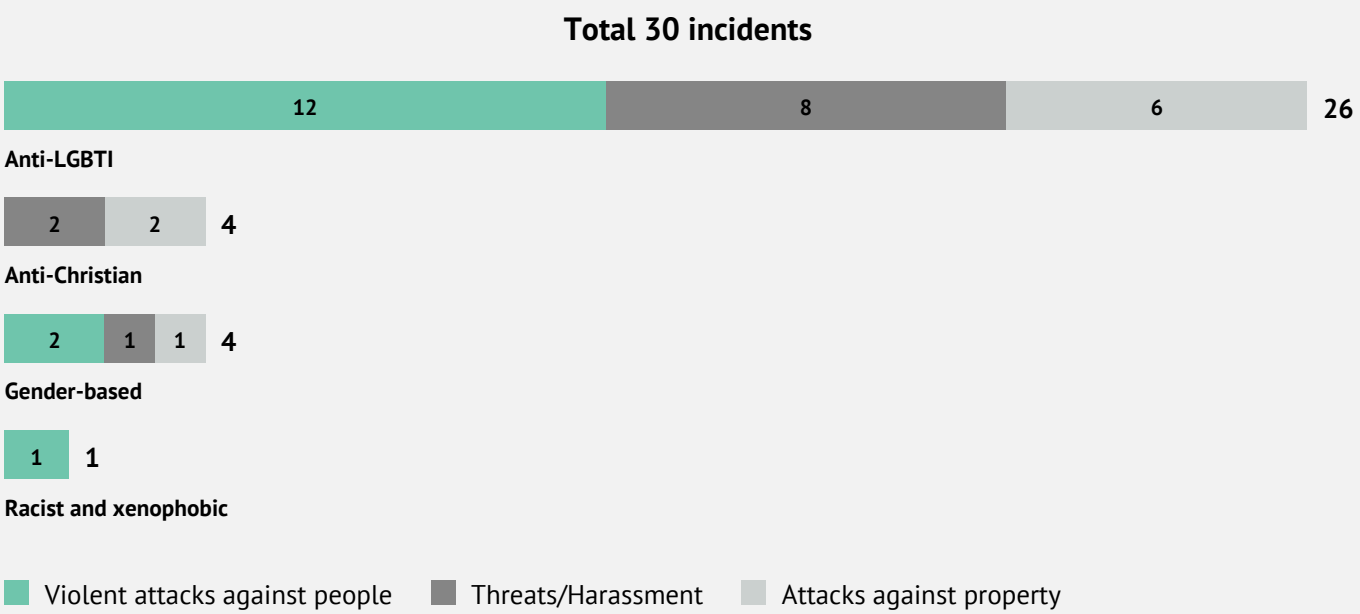
In September 2020, the "Memorandum of Understanding of Cooperation on Collection of Data on Crimes Committed on the Grounds of Intolerance with Discrimination Basis and Publishing a Joint Report", was signed by signed by the **Supreme Court of Georgia**, the **General Prosecutor's Office (GPO)**, the **Ministry of Internal Affairs**, and the **National Statistics Office of Georgia**. The memorandum specifies the data points to be recorded by each agency and published in a joint publication including data from the Supreme Court.

Furthermore, the **GPO** issued guidelines for prosecutors and investigators entitled "Effective Investigation of and Procedural Guidance over the Crimes Committed against Human Rights Defenders", which incorporates international standards for investigating crimes against human rights defenders. The document addresses issues such as the definition of a human rights defender and special terminology, as well as legal classification of an offense committed against a human rights defender and effective investigation.

Based on the **General Prosecutor**'s order of 1 September 2020, procedural supervision on hate crimes shall be conducted by specialized prosecutors. The selected prosecutors and investigators undertook an intense refresher training course. In 2020, a total of 136 specialized employees, including 77 prosecutors, 4 investigators, 36 managers, and 19 witness and victim coordinators were trained on hate crimes.

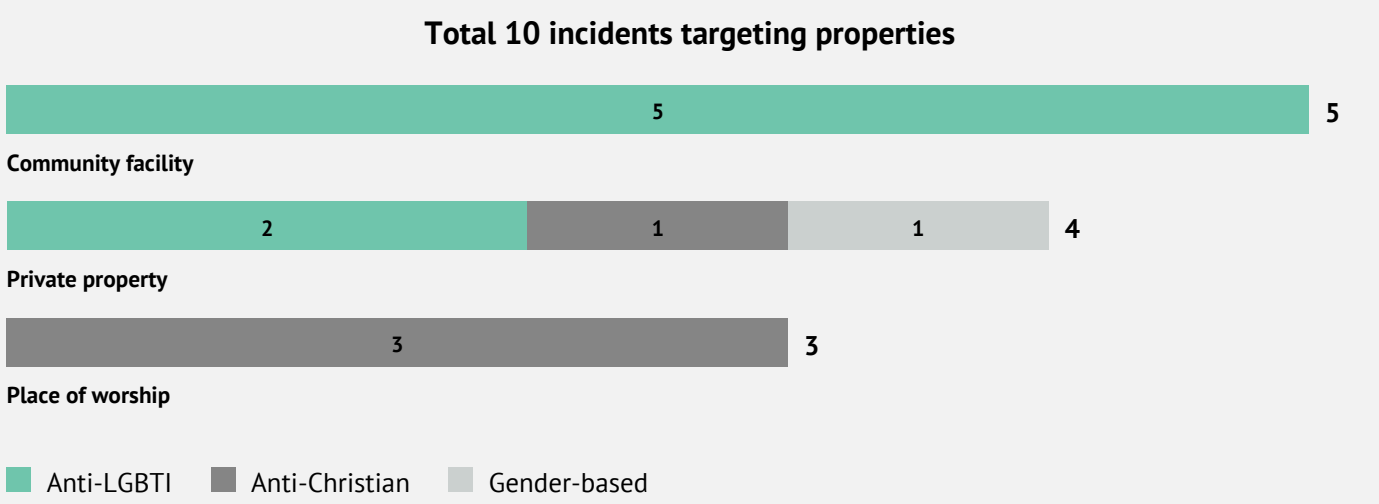
In July 2020, the prosecution charged Sh. G., among others, with the criminal offence of intentional killing committed based on gender [Article 109 §2 subparagraph d (1) of the Criminal Code]. The perpetrator had verbally and physically assaulted S. Sh., who was in an unregistered marriage with the accused, and then he poured petrol over her and set her on fire. The victim survived with the help of people gathered at the scene. Tbilisi City Court fully accepted the evidence presented by the prosecution and found Sh. G. guilty of intentional murder attempt, however charges with respect to gender-based discrimination were dismissed. Sh. G. was sentenced to 17 years in prison. The Prosecutor then lodged an appeal requesting a conviction with gender-based discrimination motivation. At the time of the publication of ODIHR's 2020 Hate Crime Report, the case was pending before Tbilisi appellate court.

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.

Targeted properties



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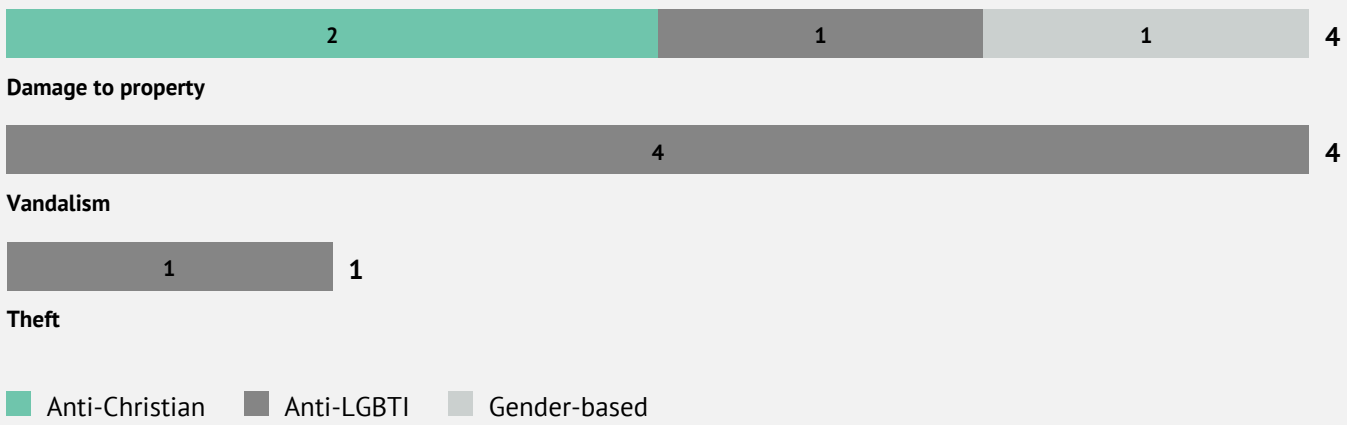

View civil society incidents for Georgia, 2020