

Greece Hate Crime Report 2018

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Summary

Greece regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR.

In 2017, Greece implemented ODIHR's Prosecutors and Hate Crime Training (PAHCT). In June 2018, an "Agreement on inter-agency co-operation on addressing racist crimes" was concluded by relevant state authorities and a network of civil society organizations (CSOs) as part of ODIHR's project on "Building a Comprehensive Criminal Justice Response to Hate Crimes". Consequently, the agreement has led to improved hate crime recording and data collection. On February 2022, ODIHR held an online diagnostic workshop with government representatives, criminal justice actors and CSOs to assess structures and services for hate crime victim support in Greece.

In 2022, an office within the Ministry of Justice was tasked with overseeing the systematic collection of statistical data on hate crimes.

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ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that Greece has not reported on cases of hate crimes separately from cases of hate speech.

Official Data

The police number includes a number of hate speech incidents, which fall outside of the OSCE hate crime definition and are not presented in the breakdown below.

| Year | Hate crimes recorded by police | Prosecuted | Sentenced |
|------|--------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| 2018 | 164 | 17 | 4 |

Police data by bias motivation

Incidents represented in this section may include more than one crime.

78

Racist and xenophobic hate crime

A further 44 cases of hate speech were reported but are not presented here.

30

Anti-LGBTI hate crime

This number consists of 22 homophobic and eight transphobic crimes. A further 17 cases of hate speech were reported but are not presented here.

8

Anti-Semitic hate crime

6

Anti-Christian hate crime

6

Anti-Muslim hate crime

A further three cases of hate speech were reported but are not presented here.

6

Disability hate crime

A further seven cases of hate speech were reported but are not presented here.

3

Other hate crime based on religion or belief

One further case of hate speech was reported but is not presented here.

2

Anti-Roma hate crime

A further three cases of hate speech were reported but are not presented here.

Police data by type of crime

Incidents represented in this section may include more than one crime.

59

Physical assault

This category includes crimes of illegal violence.

45

Threats/ threatening behaviour

10

Damage to property

8

Vandalism

7

Unspecified

This category includes crimes of torture and the deprivation of liberty.

6

Theft/ robbery

2

Arson

1

Desecration of graves

1

Homicide

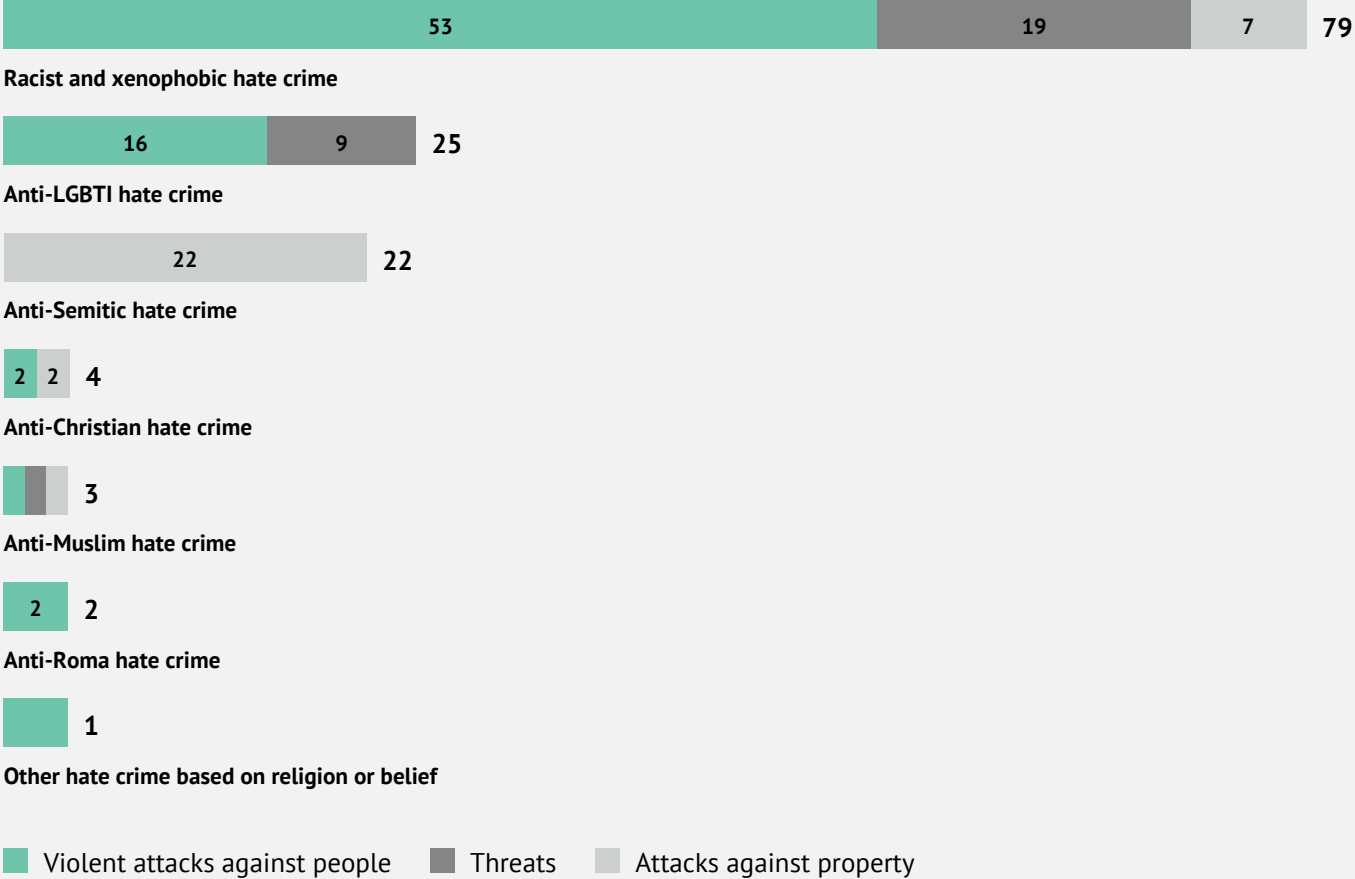
National Developments

Several government bodies and civil society organizations signed a Co-operation Agreement on Combating Racist Crime in Greece during a conference on "Building an Integrated Response to Racist Crime in the Criminal Justice." The event and negotiations on the agreement were co-ordinated by the Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights in co-operation with ODIHR.

The National Council Against Racism and Intolerance has created a brochure instructing victims of hate crimes on where and how to file a complaint. It also provides guidance to officers on dealing with hate crime cases.

Incidents reported by civil society

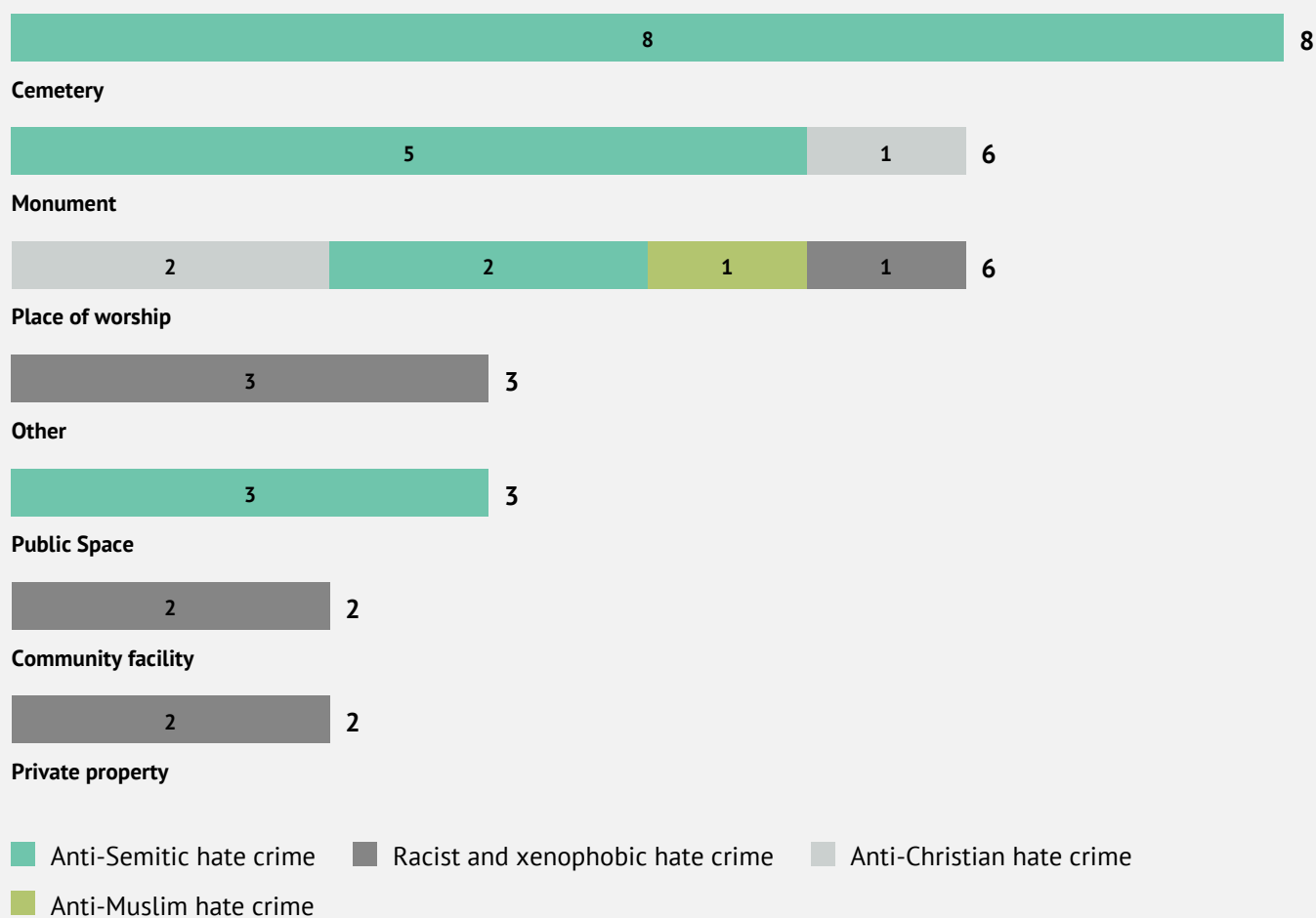
Total 130 incidents



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

Total 29 incidents targeting properties



Type of property attack

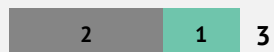
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Vandalism



Damage to property



Arson

- Anti-Christian hate crime
- Racist and xenophobic hate crime
- Anti-Semitic hate crime
- Anti-Muslim hate crime

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