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## HATE CRIME REPORTING

**Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2019 Hate Crime Report. For more information, including on previous years' reporting, please visit: hatecrime.osce.org/lithuania**

**For more information about ODIHR's Hate Crime Report, visit: hatecrime.osce.org/our-methodology**

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## Summary

Lithuania regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Data are collected by the Police Department under the Ministry of the Interior and the Prosecutor General's Office. Lithuania's annual hate crime report is published here.

Lithuania began implementing ODIHR's Training Against Hate Crime for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) programme in 2015 and continues to train police officers using ODIHR's training curriculum. In 2018, Lithuania co-organized a workshop on hate crime recording and data collection with ODIHR and the EU Fundamental Rights Agency. The workshop was based on ODIHR's Information Against Hate Crimes Toolkit (INFAHCT) and resulted in a set of recommendations for relevant state authorities.

In February 2020, the Lithuanian Ministry of Interior established a working group to promote an effective response to hate crimes and hate speech in Lithuania. The working group consists of representatives of eight national authorities and 12 civil society organizations. The working group proposes measures to strengthen the effectiveness of efforts to address hate crime and hate speech, monitors the implementation of international obligations, considers relevant legislation, and prepares annual reports on the situation of hate crimes and hate speech in Lithuania, among other roles.

In 2023, the Action Plan for the Implementation of Equal Opportunities, 2024-2026, was approved, and includes measures to prevent hate speech and hate crimes. Amendments were also made to recommendations for the pre-trial investigation of hate crime and hate speech, drafted with support from ODIHR, to include a definition of hate crime and bias indicators.

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

## ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that Lithuania has not made public reliable data and statistics on hate crimes.

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# Official Data

| Year | Hate crimes recorded by police | Prosecuted | Sentenced |
|------|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| 2019 | 9 | 1 | 0 |

## Police data by bias motivation

Anti-Semitic hate crime **4**

Anti-LGBTI hate crime **2**

Racist and xenophobic hate crime **2**
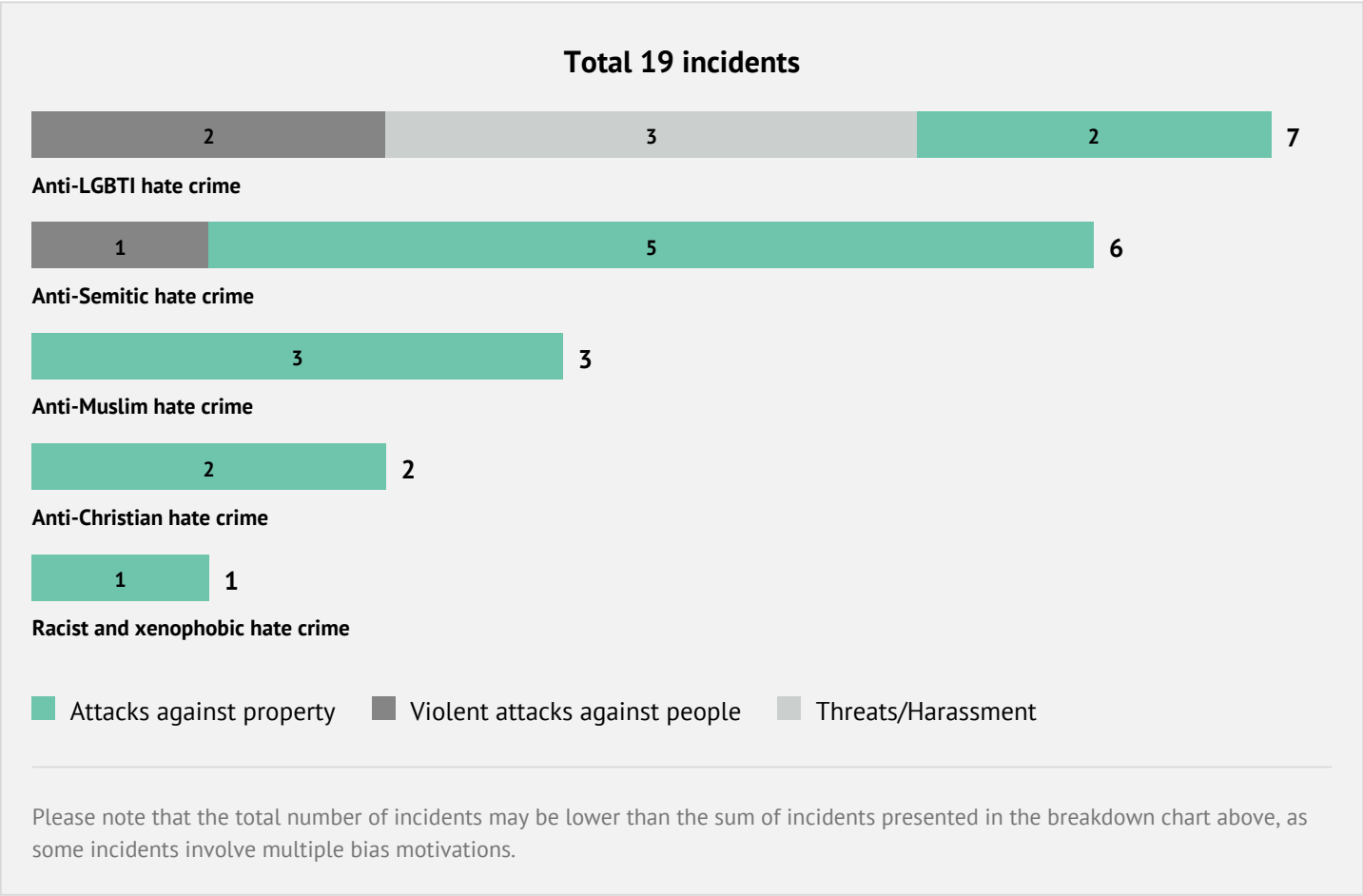
Anti-Roma hate crime **1**

# Police data by type of crime

**Incitement to violence**
3

**Damage to property**
2

**Vandalism**
2

**Desecration of graves**
1

**Physical assault**
1
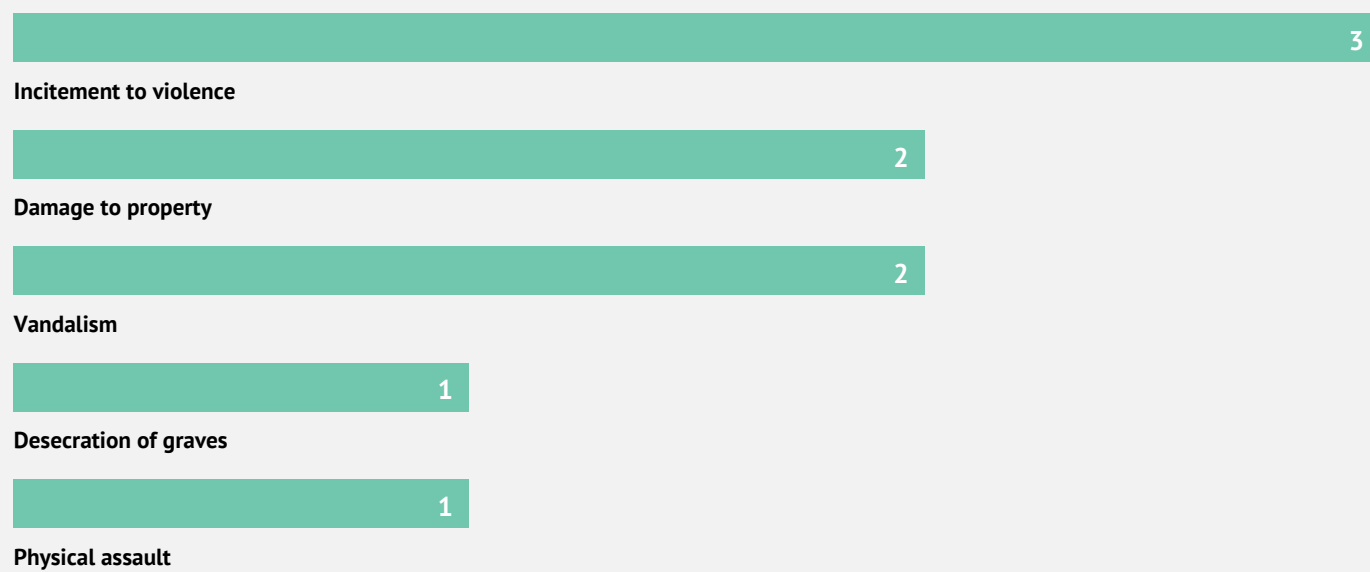
# Incidents reported by civil society

## Total 19 incidents

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Anti-LGBTI hate crime** | 2 | 3 | 2 | 7 |

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|---|---|---|
| **Anti-Semitic hate crime** | 1 | 5 | 6 |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Anti-Muslim hate crime** | 3 | 3 |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Anti-Christian hate crime** | 2 | 2 |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Racist and xenophobic hate crime** | 1 | 1 |

■ Attacks against property  ■ Violent attacks against people  ■ Threats/Harassment

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.
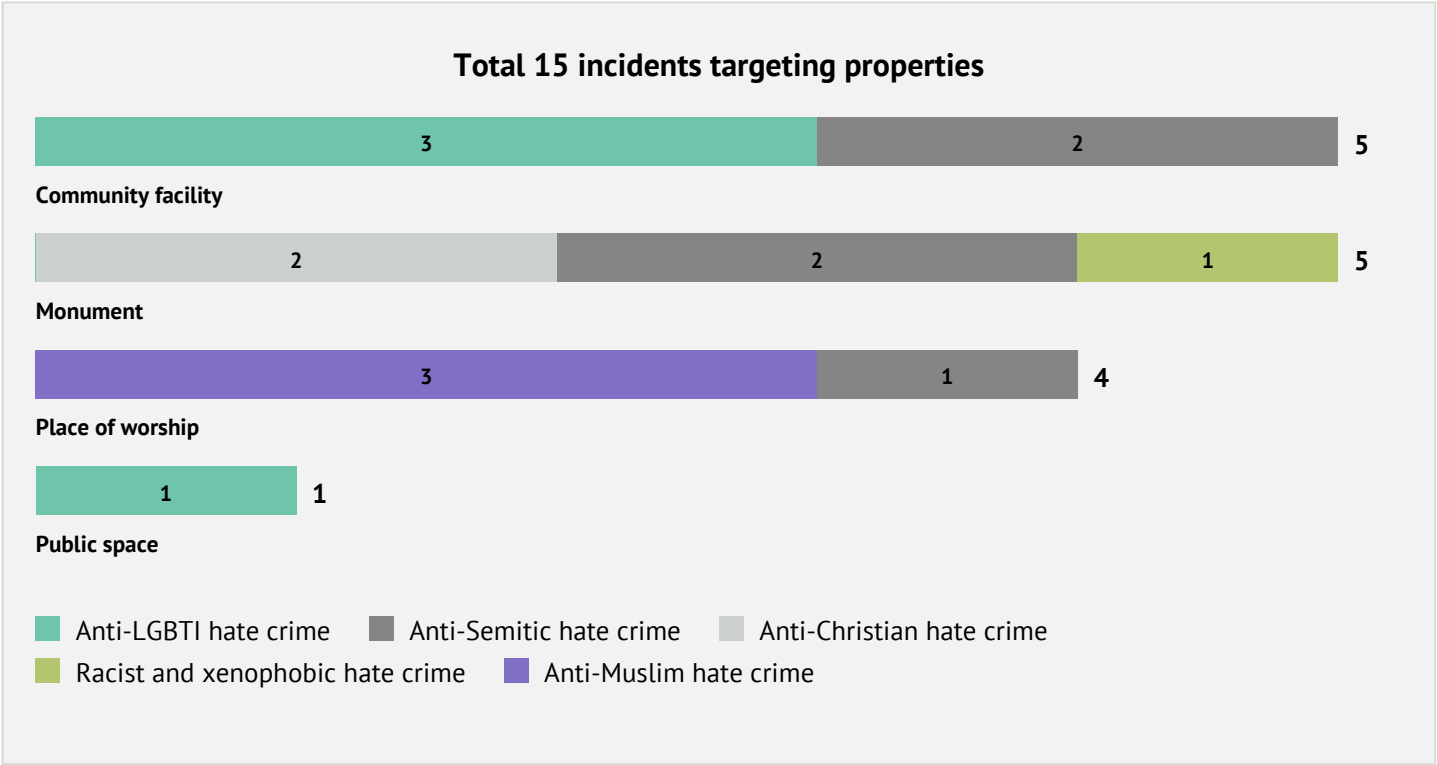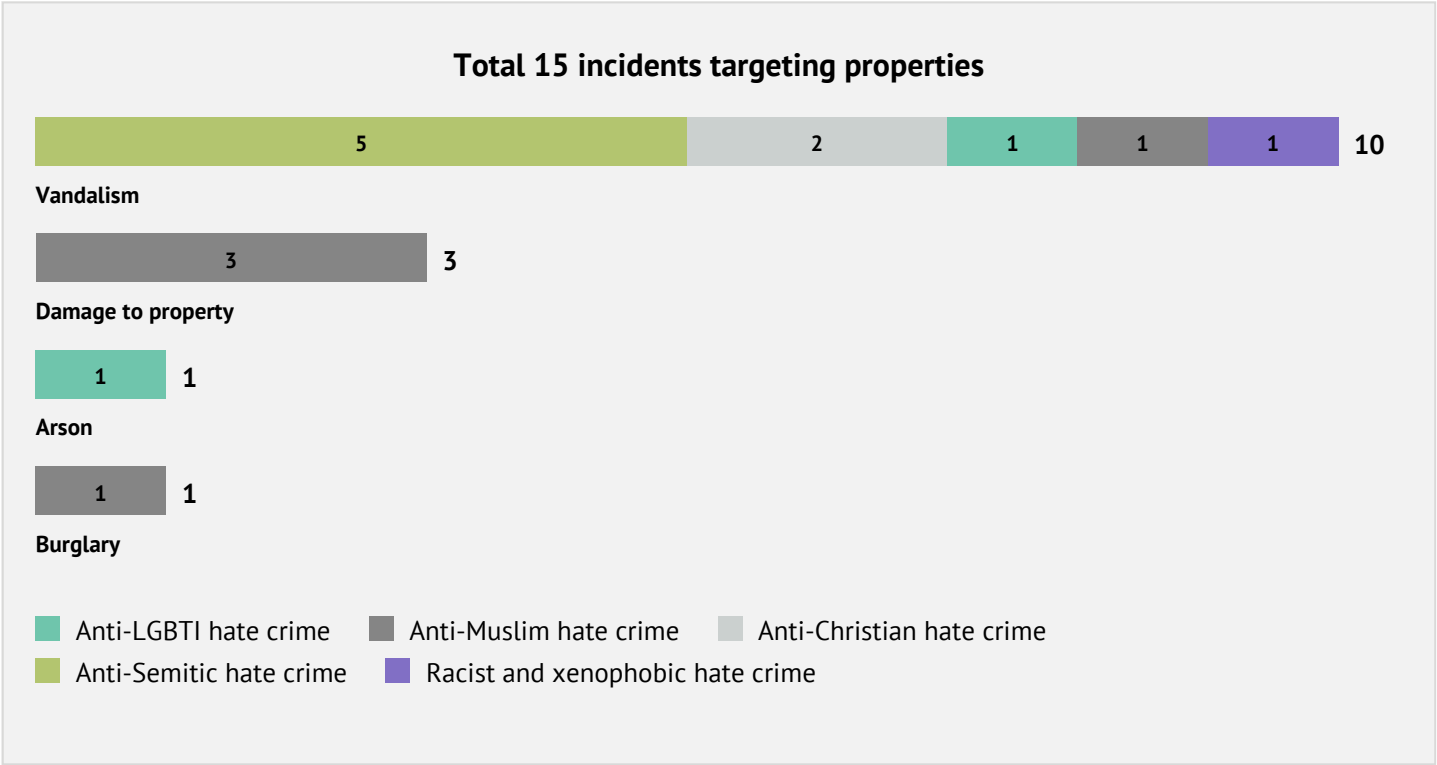
Kantor Center reported descriptive incidents as well as statistical data. This explains the discrepancy between the graphic above and the incidents included below.

# Targeted properties

## Total 15 incidents targeting properties

**Community facility**
| Anti-LGBTI: 3 | Anti-Semitic: 2 | **5** |

**Monument**
| Anti-Christian: 2 | Anti-Semitic: 2 | Racist and xenophobic: 1 | **5** |

**Place of worship**
| Anti-Muslim: 3 | Anti-Semitic: 1 | **4** |

**Public space**
| Anti-LGBTI: 1 | **1** |

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

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# Type of property attack

## Total 15 incidents targeting properties

| Vandalism | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 |

**Vandalism**

| Damage to property |
|---|
| 3 | 3 |

**Damage to property**

| Arson |
|---|
| 1 | 1 |

**Arson**

| Burglary |
|---|
| 1 | 1 |

**Burglary**

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

View civil society incidents for Lithuania, 2019

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