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HATE CRIME REPORTING

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Summary

Serbia regularly reports data on hate crimes to ODIHR. In 2018, the Office of the Prosecutor General, with the support of the OSCE Mission to Serbia and ODIHR, developed *Guidelines for the prosecution of hate crimes in the Republic of Serbia*. A network of contact persons working on hate crime within the prosecution services was established and, with the OSCE Mission's assistance, the Judicial Academy has developed, integrated and implemented a hate crime training plan and programme.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes Serbia's efforts to prosecute hate crimes effectively and to regularly report hate crime data to ODIHR. However, based on the available information, it observes that Serbia does not collect data and statistics on hate crimes. In addition, ODIHR observes that Serbia would benefit from raising awareness among and building the capacity of police to address hate crime.

Official Data

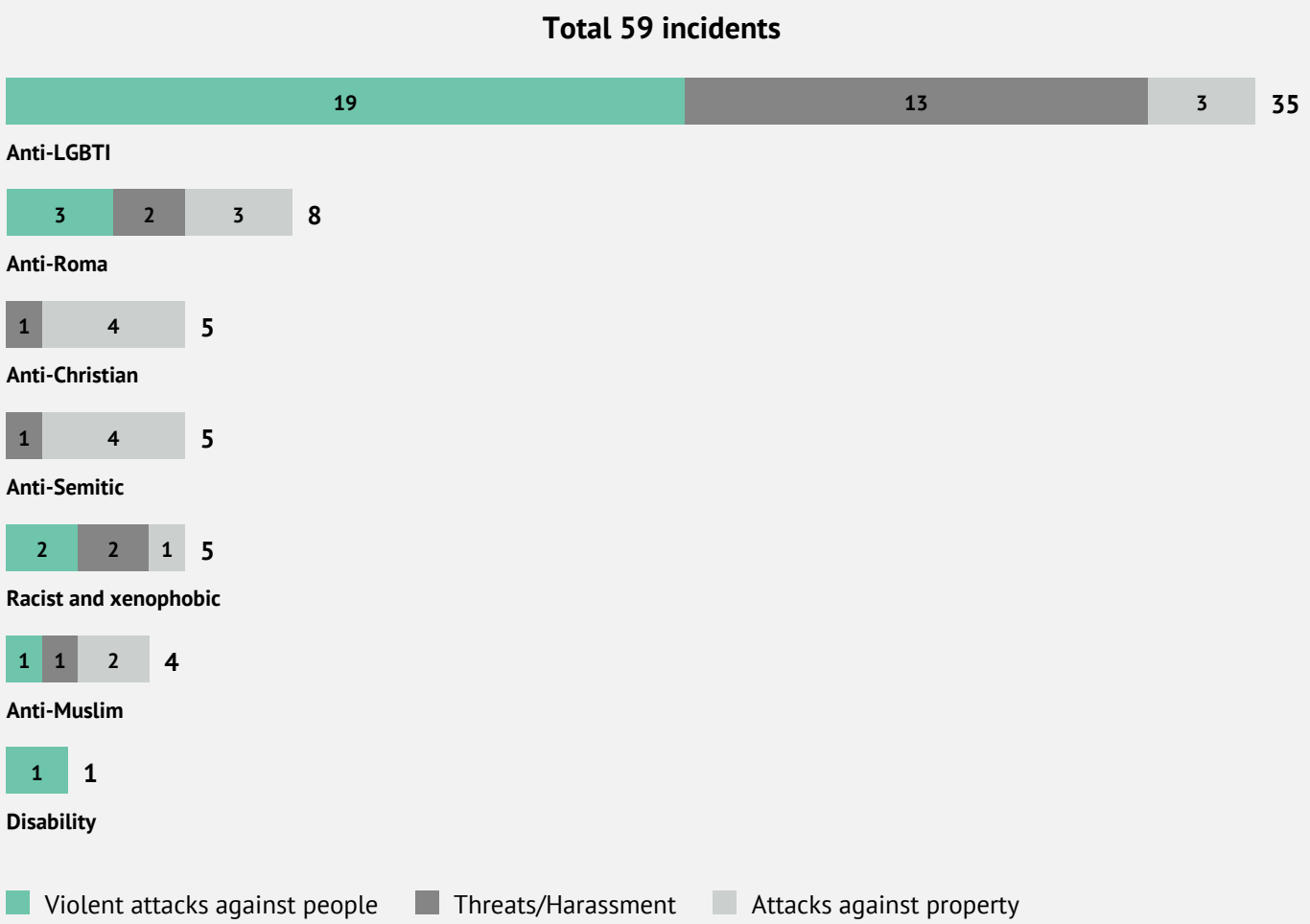
Most records reported by the police, the prosecution services, and the sentencing figures include the offences of incitement to hatred, defamation, and discrimination or violation of equality, all of which fall outside of the OSCE's definition of hate crime.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2021	109	11	11

National Developments

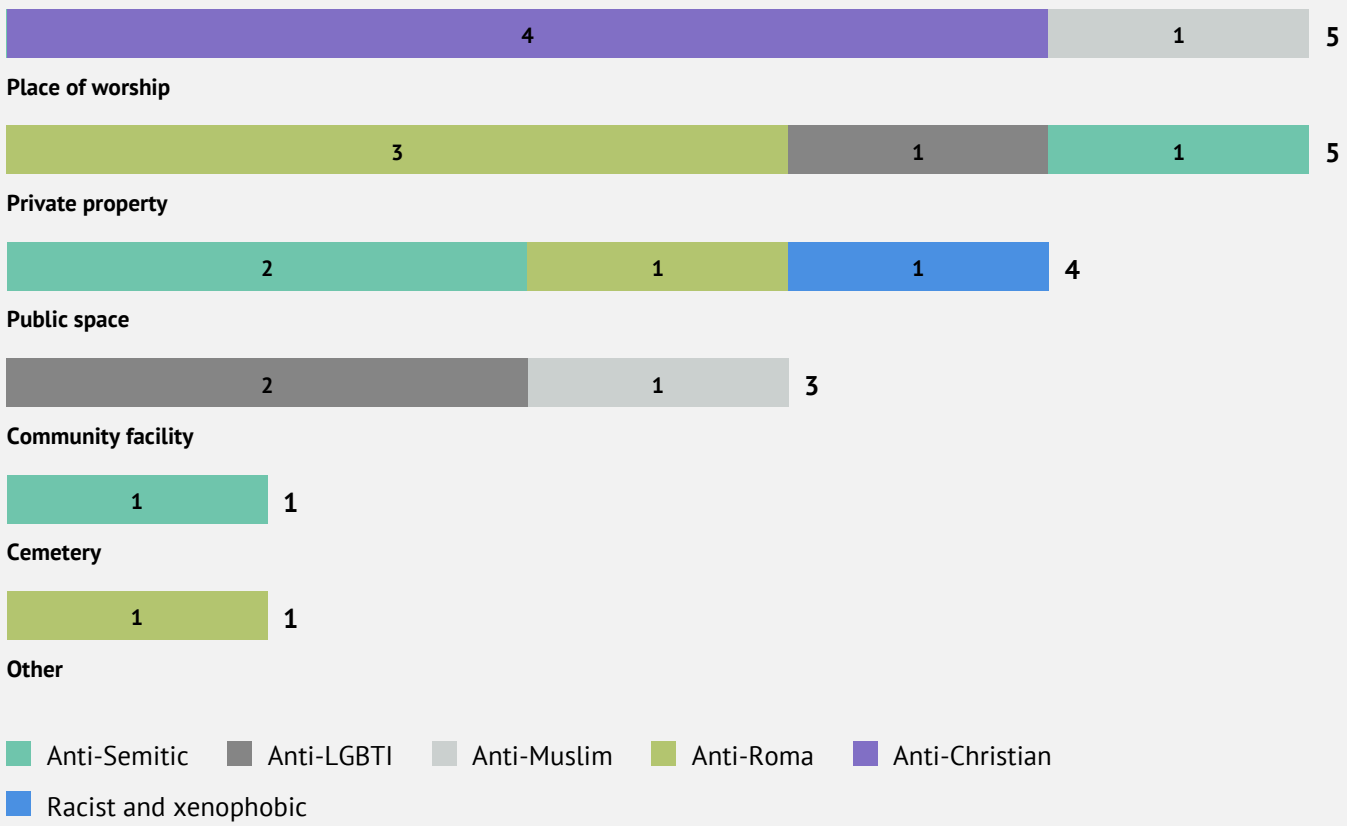
In 2021, the **Judicial Academy**, in co-operation with the OSCE Mission to Serbia, developed a training plan and programme on prosecuting hate crime for contact persons within the prosecution for 2022 to 2024.

Incidents reported by civil society

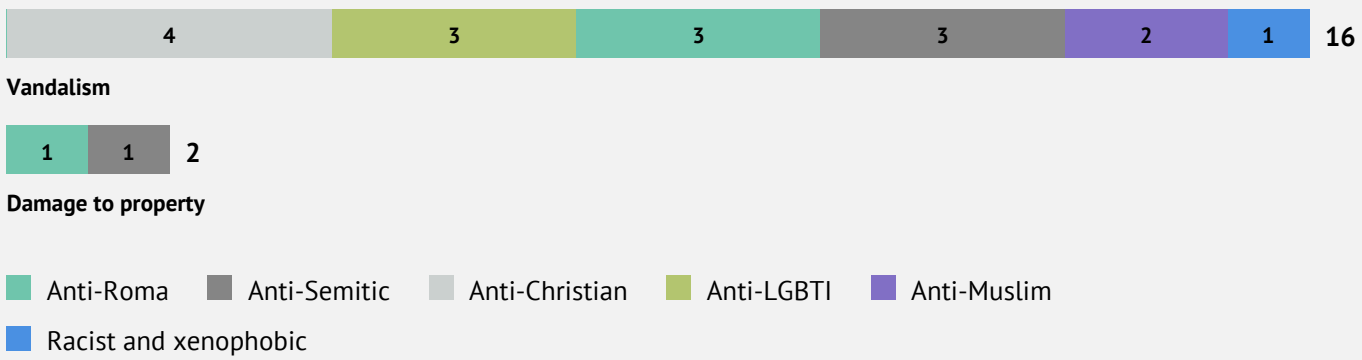


Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

Targeted properties



Type of property attack



View civil society incidents for Serbia, 2021