

Switzerland Hate Crime Report 2018

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Summary

Switzerland regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Switzerland's Criminal Code contains no hate crime provision (see the link to related legislation, below) and hate crimes are addressed under anti-discrimination criminal provisions. The Federal Commission against Racism partners with the association 'humanrights.ch' in the Counselling Network for Victims of Racism, which publishes [annual analytical reports](#) on hate crime.

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ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that Switzerland has not reported on hate crimes separately from cases of hate speech or discrimination.

Official Data

Figures consist of hate crimes committed in public, of crimes of incitement to hatred and crimes involving discrimination. As such, many of incidents listed here fall outside the scope of the OSCE’s hate crime definition of a hate crime. A breakdown of sentencing judgments by bias motivation was reported to ODIHR. The figure for sentenced cases was updated in October 2024 as per the official request to reflect the changes in the official statistics.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2018	159	0	45

Incidents reported by civil society

Total 33 incidents



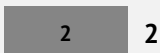
Racist and xenophobic hate crime



Anti-Semitic hate crime



Anti-Christian hate crime



Anti-Muslim hate crime



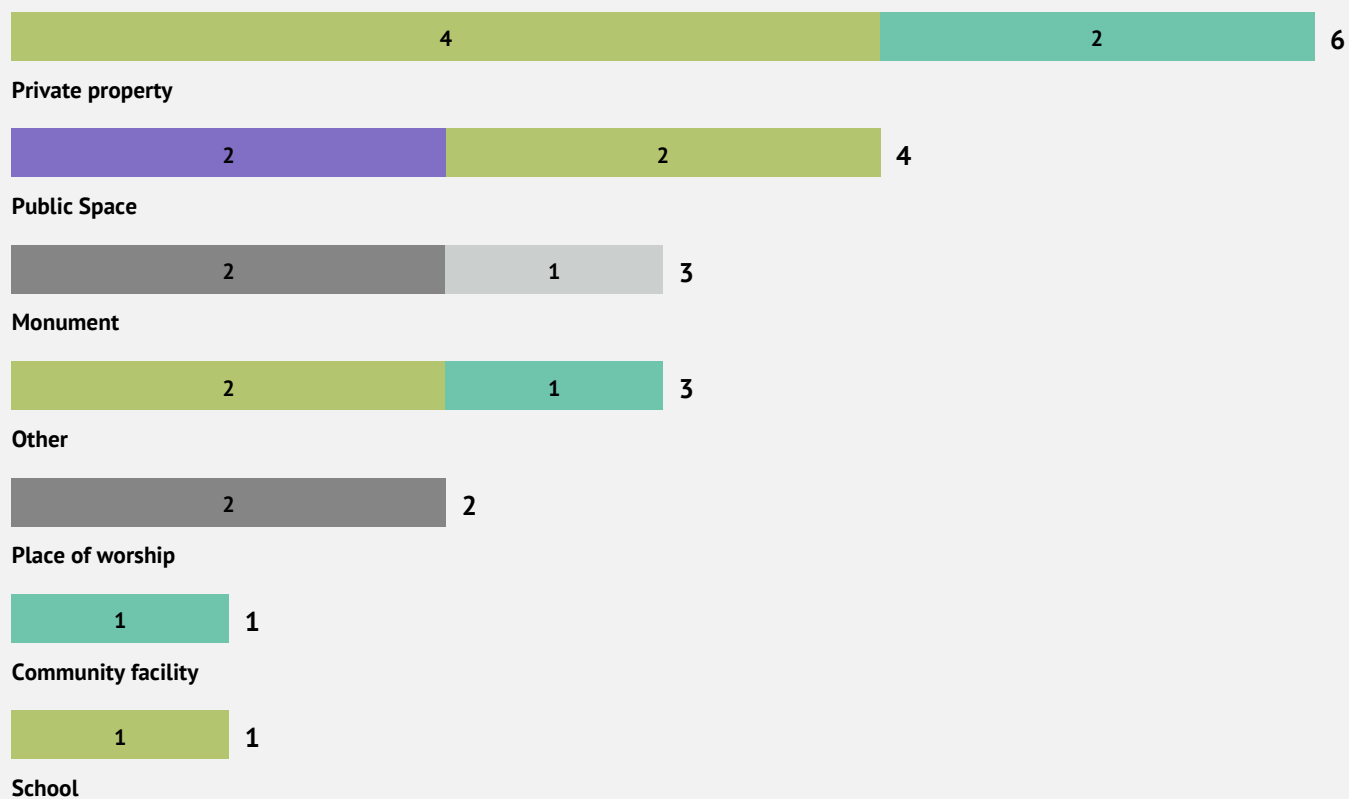
Gender-based hate crime

Violent attacks against people Attacks against property 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.

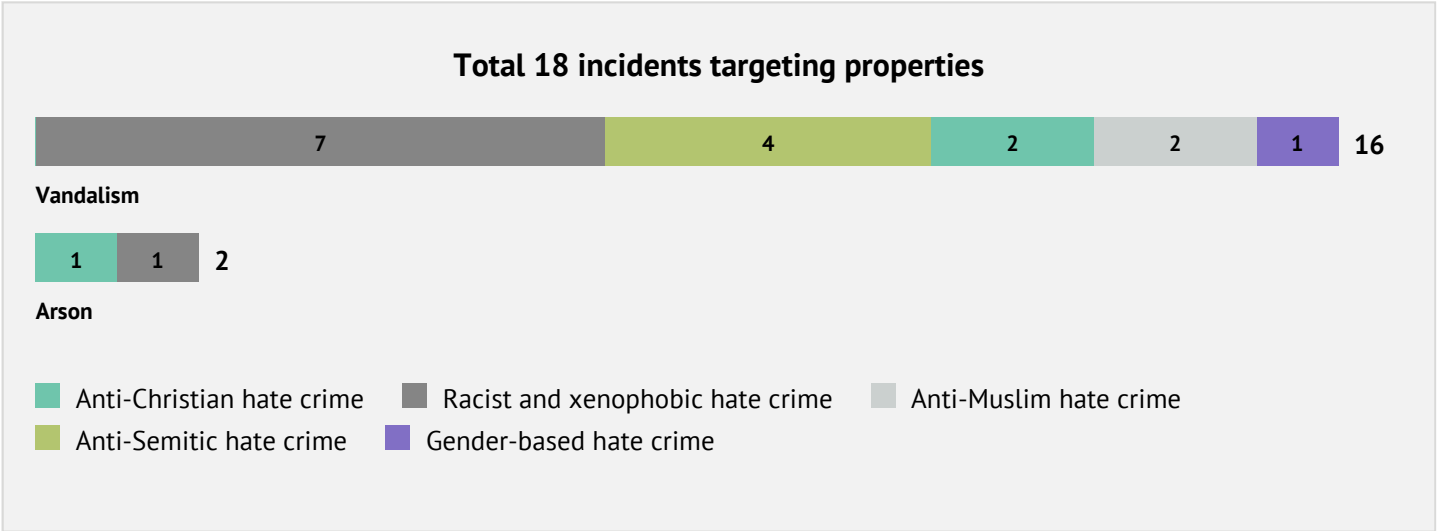
Targeted properties

Total 18 incidents targeting properties



■ Anti-Semitic hate crime
 ■ Anti-Christian hate crime
 ■ Gender-based hate crime
■ Racist and xenophobic hate crime
 ■ Anti-Muslim hate crime

Type of property attack



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