

Switzerland Hate Crime Report 2021

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2021 Hate Crime Report.

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

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.

[Hate crime data collection in Switzerland](#)

[Support for hate crime victims in Switzerland](#)

[Hate crime capacity building in Switzerland](#)

[Switzerland's hate crime legislation](#)

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes Switzerland's efforts to report on hate crime regularly to ODIHR. However, based on the available information, it observes that law enforcement agencies have not recorded the bias motivations of hate crimes. In addition, ODIHR observes that Switzerland would benefit from reviewing the existing legal framework to ensure that bias motivations are effectively acknowledged, and appropriate penalties can be imposed on the perpetrators.

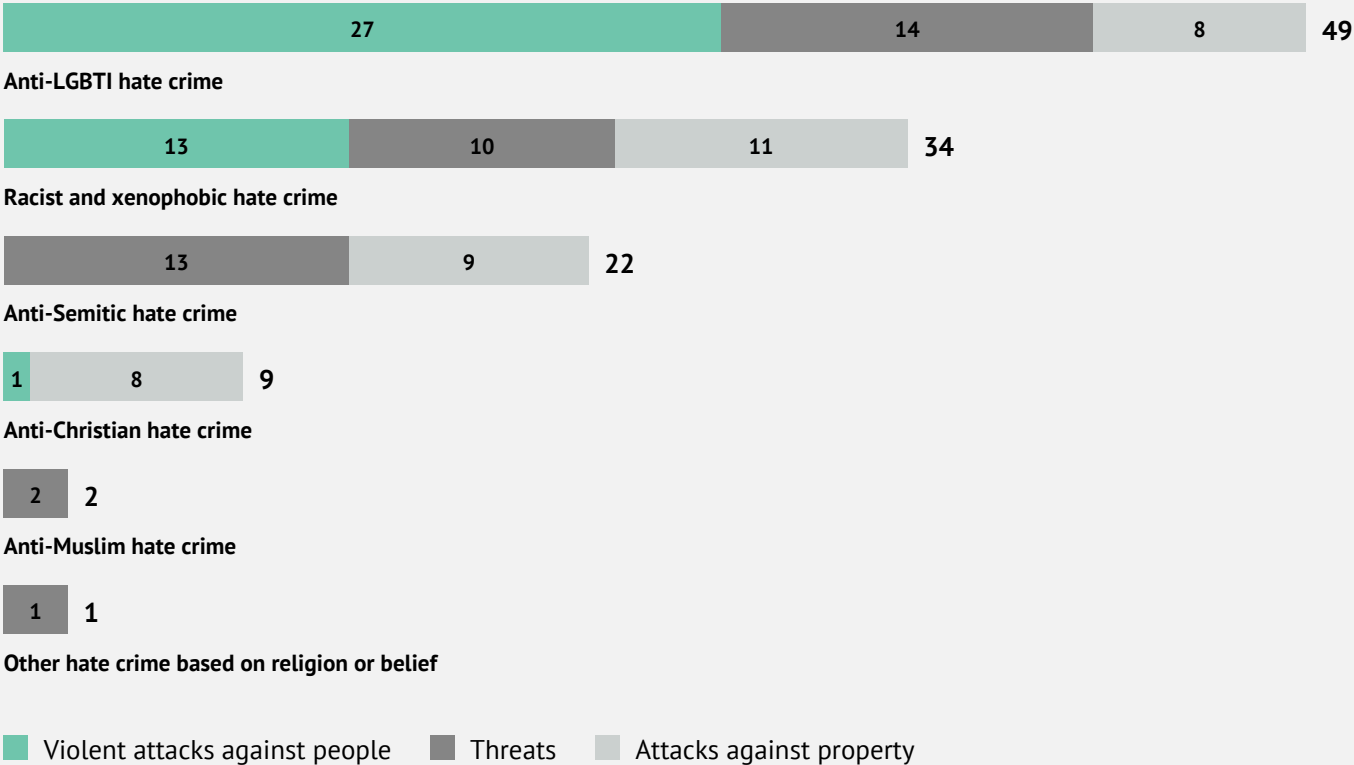
Official Data

The above figures consist of hate crimes committed in public, crimes of incitement to hatred and crimes involving discrimination. As such, many of the incidents listed here fall outside of the OSCE's hate crime definition. A breakdown of sentencing judgements by bias motivation was reported to ODIHR. Disaggregated police data were not available and are therefore not presented below. The figure for sentenced cases was updated in October 2024 as per the official request to reflect the changes in the official statistics due to more cases added once judgements became legally binding.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2021	312	not available	86

Incidents reported by civil society

Total 112 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 40 incidents targeting properties



Public Space



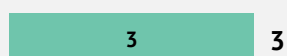
Place of worship



Private property



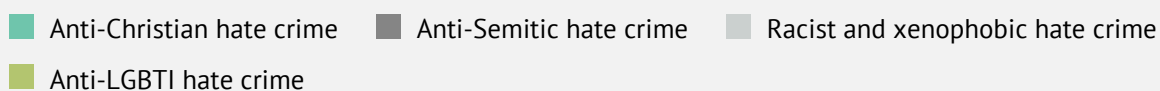
Other



Community facility



School



Type of property attack

Total 40 incidents targeting properties



Vandalism



Theft



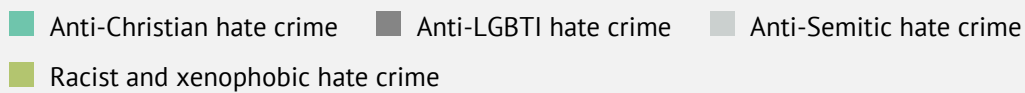
Arson



Damage to property



Burglary



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