

Switzerland Hate Crime Report 2023

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2023 Hate Crime Report.

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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.

[Hate crime data collection in Switzerland](#)

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[Hate crime capacity building in Switzerland](#)

[Switzerland's hate crime legislation](#)

ODIHR's Key Observation

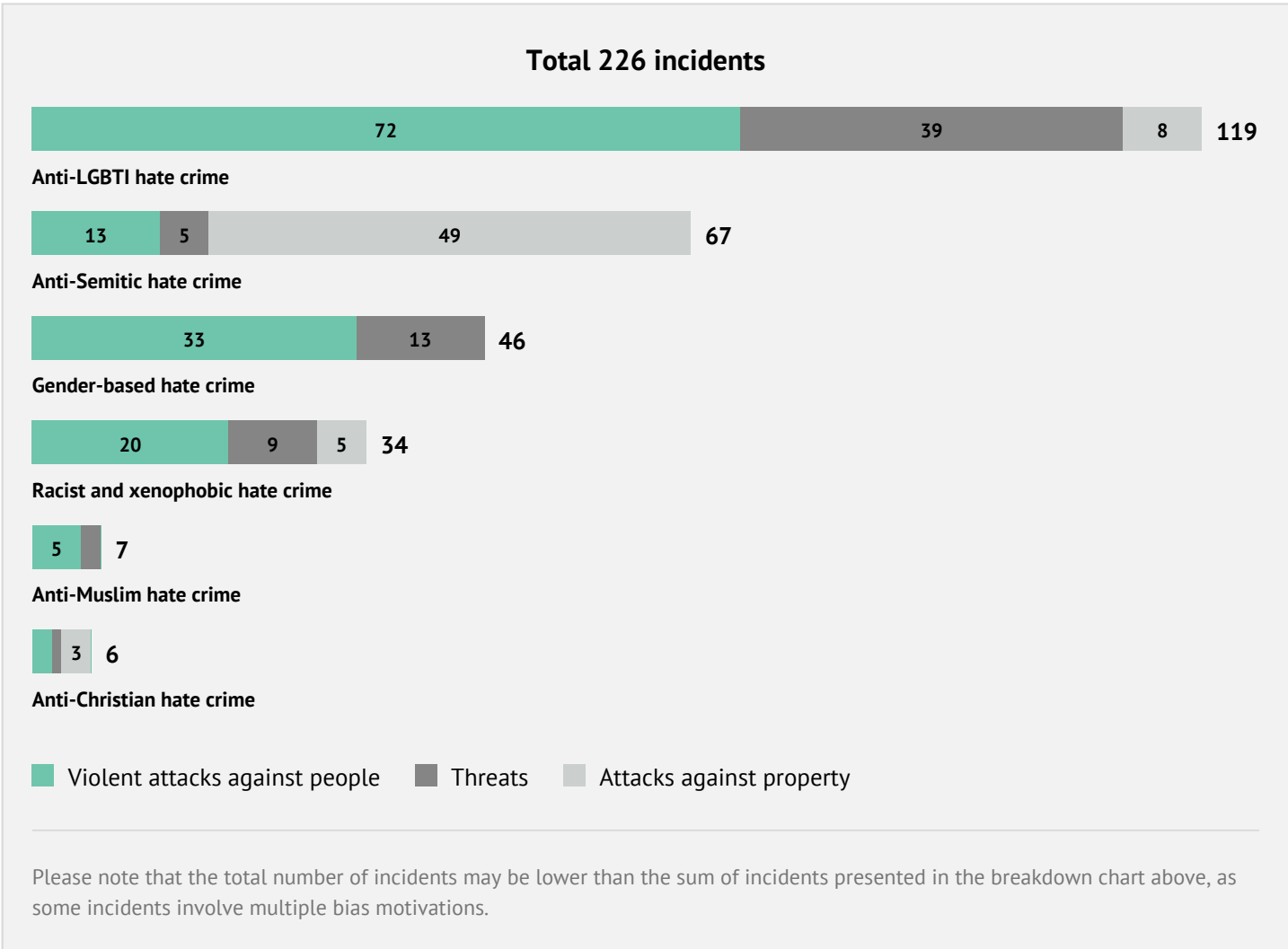
ODIHR recognizes Switzerland's efforts to report hate crime information and data to ODIHR. However, based on the available information, it observes that Switzerland's recording does not sufficiently distinguish hate crimes from other crimes, and that law enforcement agencies do not record the bias motivations 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 offences registered by police as well as sentences relating to Article 261bis of the Swiss Criminal Code (Discrimination and Incitement to Hatred). Therefore, the numbers include offences that fall outside the OSCE's hate crime definition. A breakdown of sentencing judgments by bias motivation was reported to ODIHR. Disaggregation of police data is not available.

| Year | Hate crimes recorded by police | Prosecuted | Sentenced |
|------|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| 2023 | 401 | not available | 88 |

Incidents reported by civil society



In addition to incidents submitted with detailed descriptions, this chart includes 42 anti-Semitics incidents reported as statistics by the Swiss Federation of Jewish Communities (SIG).

Targeted properties

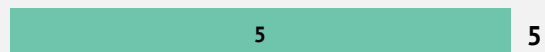
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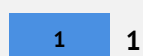
Private property



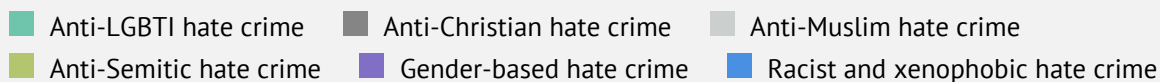
Community facility



Place of worship



School



Type of property attack

Total 31 incidents targeting properties



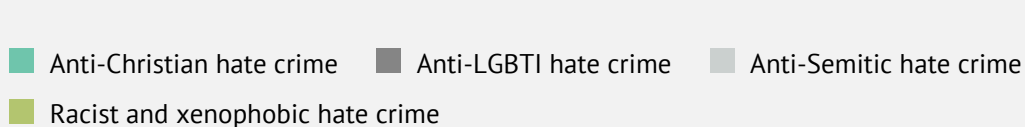
Vandalism



Damage to property



Arson



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