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HATE CRIME REPORTING

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Summary

Türkiye regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Türkiye implemented ODIHR's Training against Hate Crime for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) programme following a memorandum of understanding signed in 2016.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes Turkey's efforts in raising awareness of the police in the area of addressing hate crime. However, based on available information, it observes that the law enforcement agencies of Turkey have not recorded the bias motivations of hate crimes. In addition, ODIHR observes that Turkey would benefit from reviewing the existing legal framework in order to ensure that bias motivation can be effectively acknowledged and appropriate penalties imposed on the perpetrators.

Official Data

The discrepancy between the number of offences in police and prosecutorial records is due to the fact that most crimes are registered by prosecutors, and not by the police. It should also be noted that the numbers in this table relate only to the criminal offences constituting threats and damaging places of worship and cemeteries (Articles 115 and 153 of Turkey's Criminal Code). Turkey also reported a further 1286 cases recorded by police of discrimination and hate speech offence, such as incitement to hatred (Articles 122, 135 and 216 of Turkey's Criminal Code), which fall outside of the OSCE's definition of hate crime.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2020	70	213	258

Police data by bias motivation

The breakdown below consists of police records related to the offences of "Prevention of the Exercise of Freedom of Belief, Thought and Conviction", and "Damaging Places of Worship and Cemeteries" (Articles 115 and 153 of Turkey's Criminal Code). The offences of "Hatred and Discrimination", "Recording of Personal Data", and "Provoking the Public to Hatred, Hostility or Degrading the Public" (Articles 122, 135 and 216 of the Criminal Code of Turkey) were not included since they fall outside of the OSCE's definition of hate crime.



Unspecified

The record under the category "Attack against places of worship" includes also attacks against cemeteries.

Police data by type of crime

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Attacks against places of worship

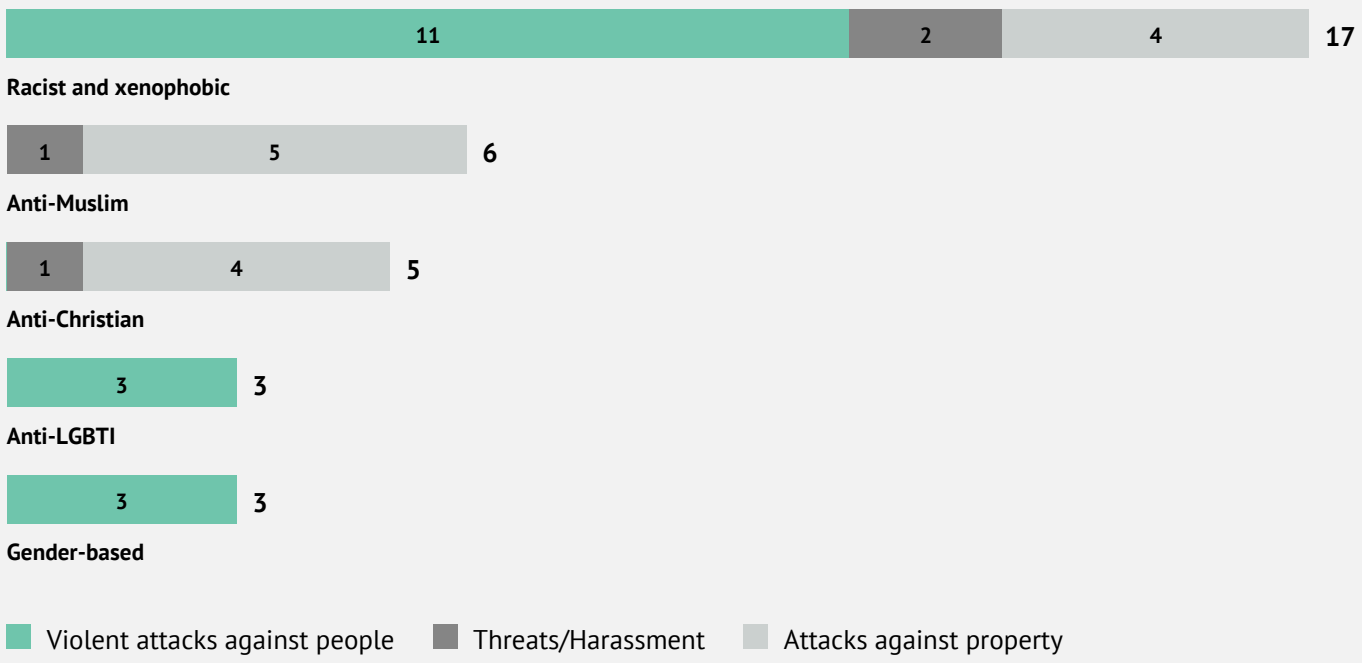


Threats/ threatening behaviour

National Developments

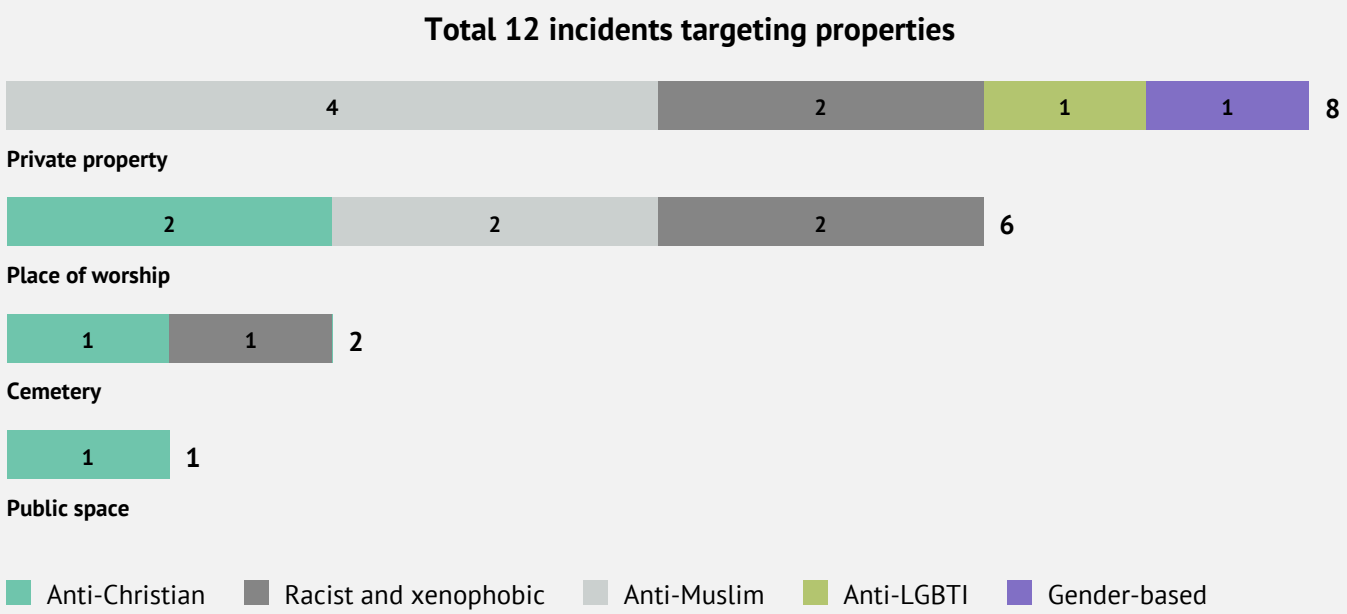
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Incidents reported by civil society

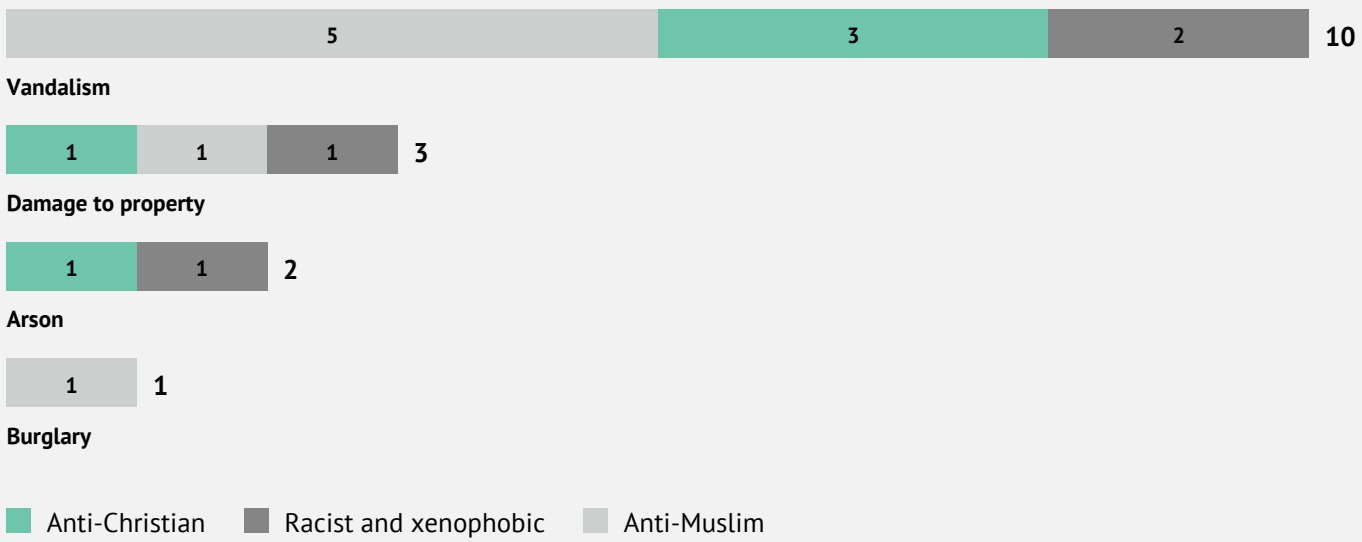


Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

Targeted properties



Type of property attack



View civil society incidents for Türkiye, 2020