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HATE CRIME REPORTING

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Summary

The United States regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. The United States publishes hate crime data annually.

Following a 2021 review by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), hate crimes were included in the top-level category of priorities (Band 1 National Threat Priority), resulting in an increase in resources allocated to tackling hate crimes. By partnering with the national Hate Crime Coalition, the FBI consults closely with civil society organizations (CSOs), including to develop and update the FBI Hate Crime Data Collection Guidelines and training materials.

In 2020, the Department of Justice issued a comprehensive "Law Enforcement Roundtable Report on Hate Crimes", setting forth key recommendations and action steps to combat hate crime.

Hate crime data collection in the United States
Hate crime victim support in the United States
Hate crime capacity building in the United States
The United States's hate crime legislation

ODIHR's Key Observation

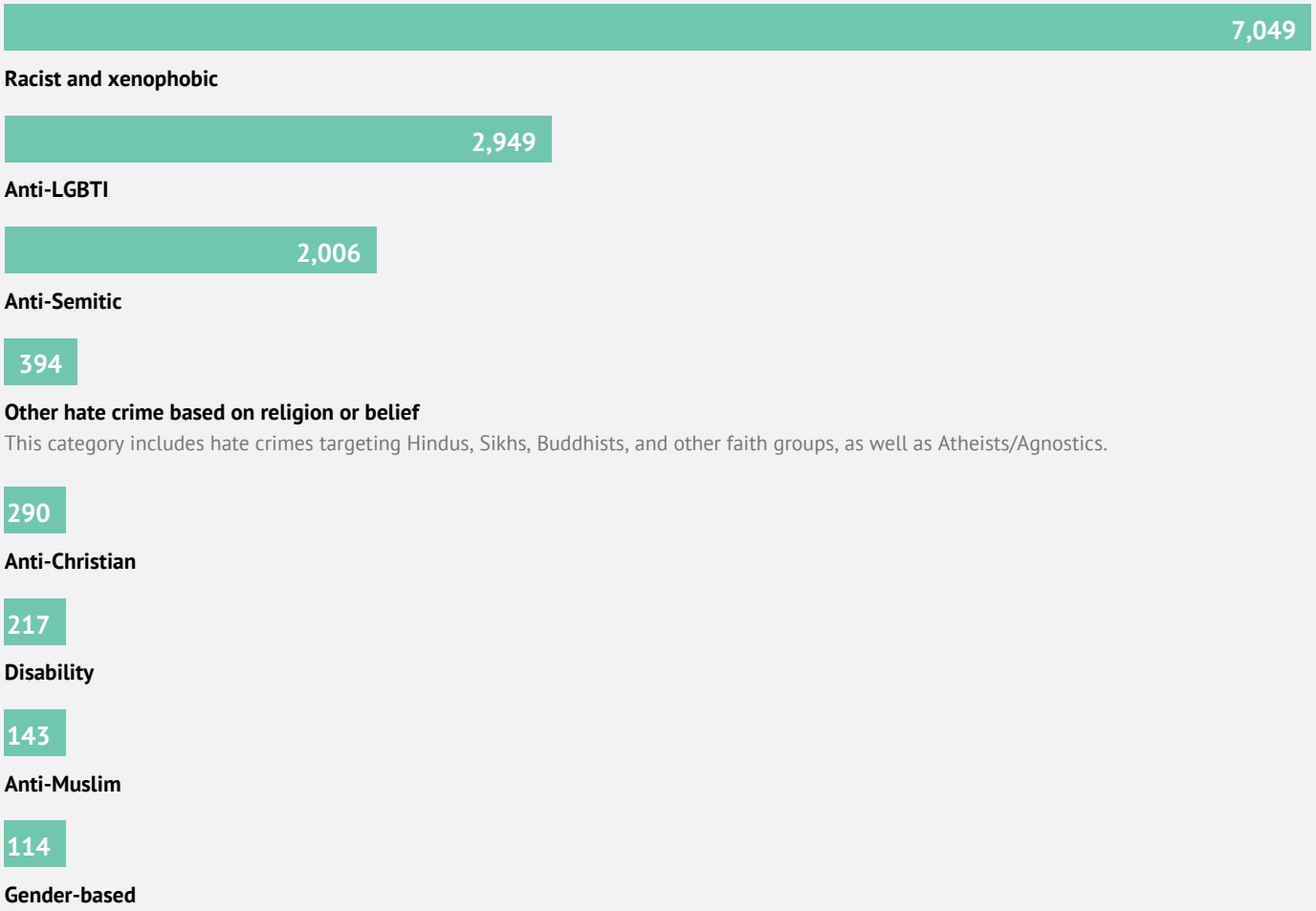
ODIHR recognizes the United States' efforts in addressing hate crime through targeted outreach, programming and funding, and through strengthening connections between law enforcement and communities. However, based on the available information, it observes that since 2018, the United States has not reported data on hate crimes recorded by the prosecution and judiciary to ODIHR. In addition, ODIHR observes that the United States would benefit from ensuring that hate crimes are addressed in a comprehensive manner, including by introducing a co-ordination mechanism.

Official Data

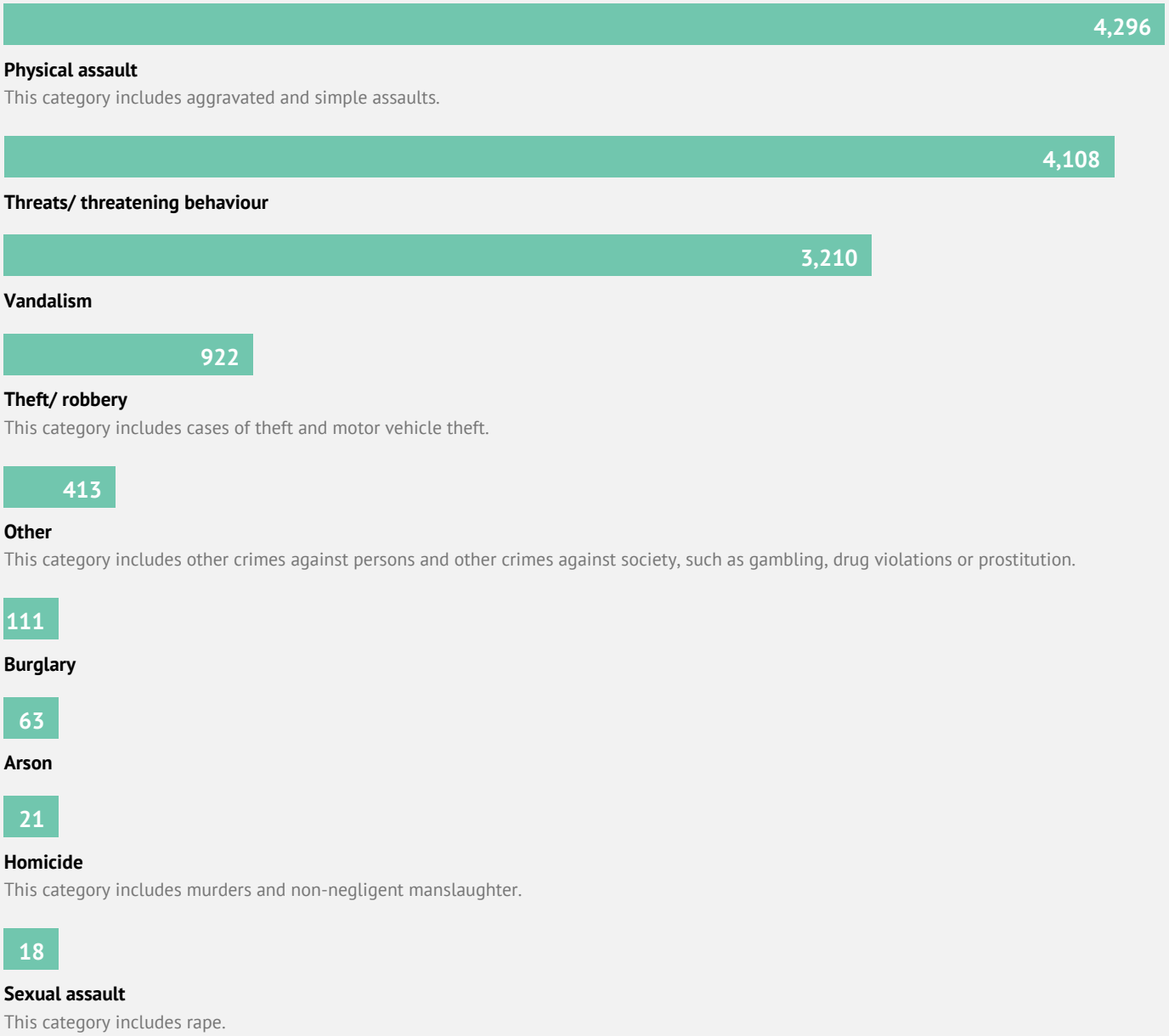
The police-recorded figure above consists of data from all law enforcement agencies that submitted one or more hate crime incidents for at least one month of the calendar year. As a result, the figure may not represent data included in reports from each participating agency for all 12 months of the calendar year. The vast majority of hate crimes in the United States are prosecuted at the state and local levels, for which no figures are available. Prosecution and sentencing records were not reported to ODIHR.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2023	13,829	not available	not available

Police data by bias motivation



Police data by type of crime



National Developments

In September 2022, the Attorney General announced that the Justice Department's United Against Hate community outreach and engagement programme would be launched in every U.S. Attorneys' Office (USAO). In 2023, USAOs engaged thousands of people across the country, providing education about hate crimes and bias-motivated incidents and strengthening connections between communities and law enforcement through dialogue at more than 300 events reaching more than 10,000 participants.

As part of an ongoing commitment to improve hate crimes reporting and data collection, the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Service (CJIS) convened a symposium at its headquarters in Clarksburg, West Virginia, with state and local law enforcement partners responsible for crime data collection, including hate crimes data. The symposium featured discussions and presentations addressing various aspects of hate crime data, including its collection, analysis, and interpretation. Participants also explored ways to improve reporting mechanisms, better support victims, and implement preventive measures to counter hate-motivated actions.

The Department of Justice committed $1.5 million to finance the programmes that support community-based organizations and civil rights groups in implementing comprehensive approaches to promote community awareness and preparedness, increase victim reporting, strengthen community resiliency, and improve responses to hate crimes. In 2023, $8 million was also awarded in Community-based Approaches to Prevent and Address Hate Crimes grants across the country.

Additionally, DOJ's Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), in collaboration with the CSO Futures Without Violence, provided funding to 12 local community-based groups to serve and support victims of hate crimes in their communities. The grants, ranging from $50,000 to $125,000, are aimed at promoting awareness, healing, and access to resources and services for people affected by hate crimes. The 'In The Streets' project continues to provide therapeutic mentorship to victims of hate crime. They have also recruited and begun screening for an LGBTQ+ support group led by a representative mental health professional.

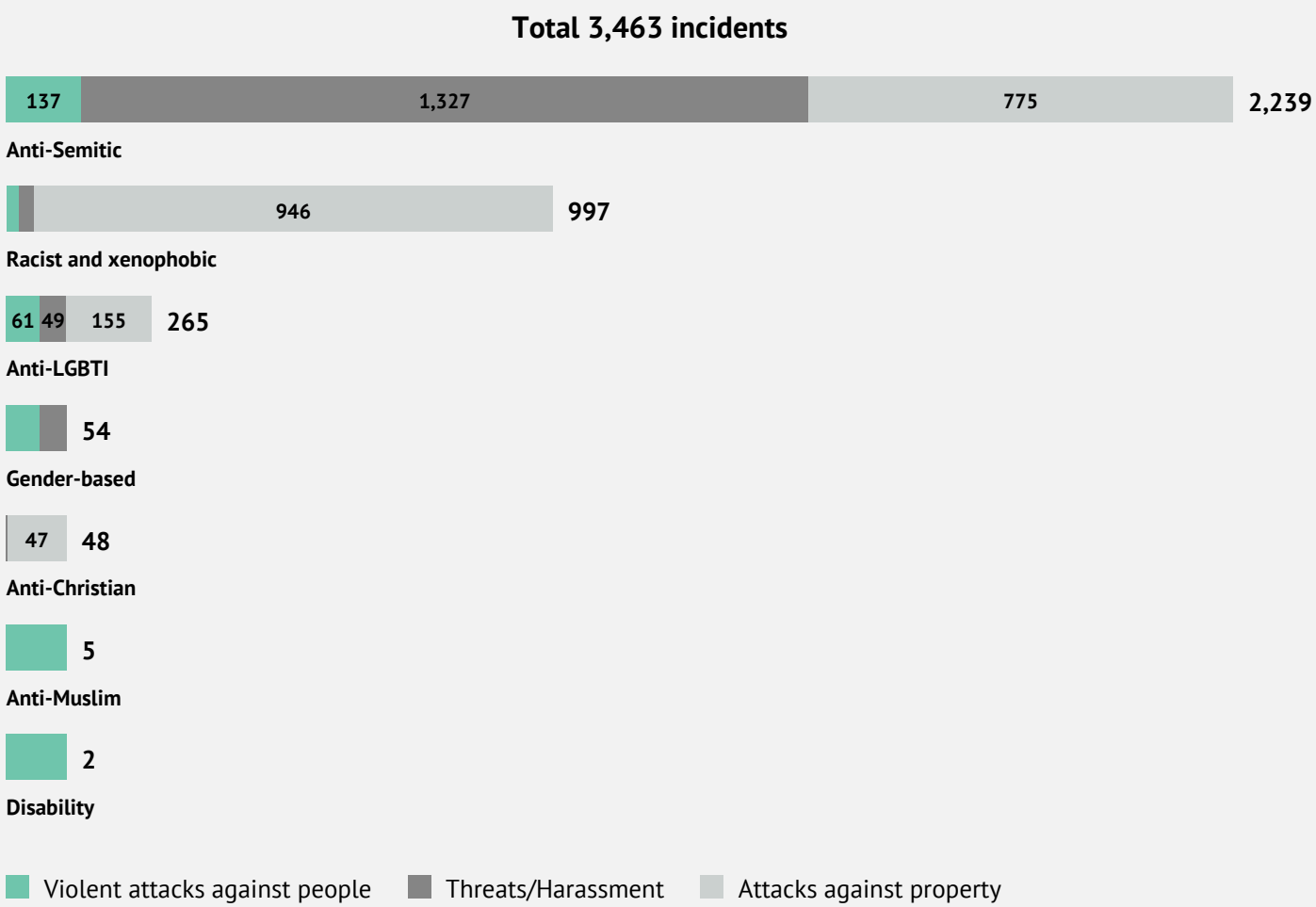
Notable cases in 2023:

A man was arrested and charged in 2023 for attempting to burn down a church because of its support for the LGBTQ+ community. On 23 October 2023, he pleaded guilty to the church arson hate crime and using fire and explosives to commit a felony. On 30 January 2024, he was sentenced to 216 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release.

A California resident who shot and wounded two Jewish men as they left religious services in Los Angeles in 2023 agreed to plead guilty to hate crimes and firearms offences in May 2024. Under the plea agreement, the perpetrator would receive a prison sentence of between 35 years and 40 years.

In October 2023, an Illinois man was charged with first degree murder, aggravated battery, and two counts of hate crimes for stabbing and killing a six-year-old Palestinian American child and injuring his mother outside on 14 October 2023. The defendant owned the home where the family lived. The charges allege that the victims were targeted because they were Muslim and because of the war between Israel and Hamas. The defendant has pleaded not guilty. The Department of Justice opened a federal hate crimes investigation into the events which is ongoing.

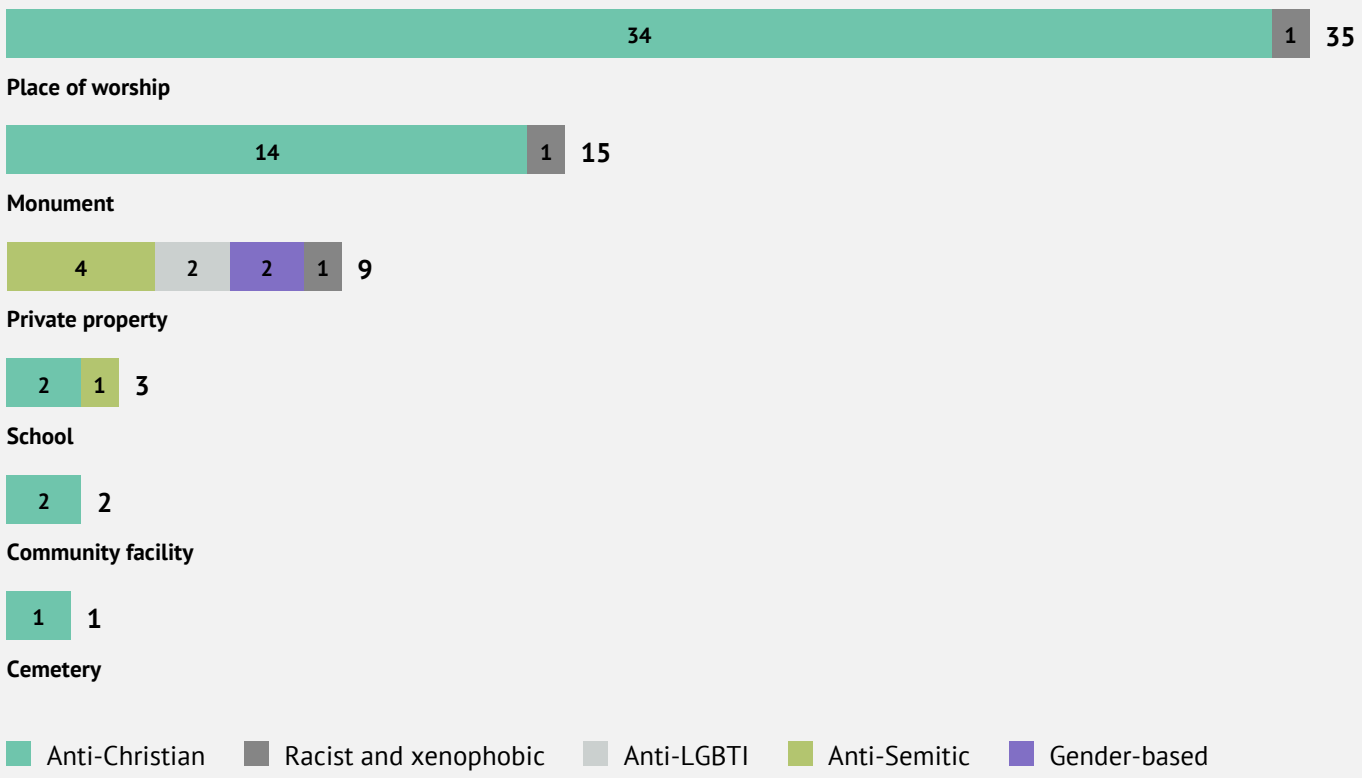
Incidents reported by civil society



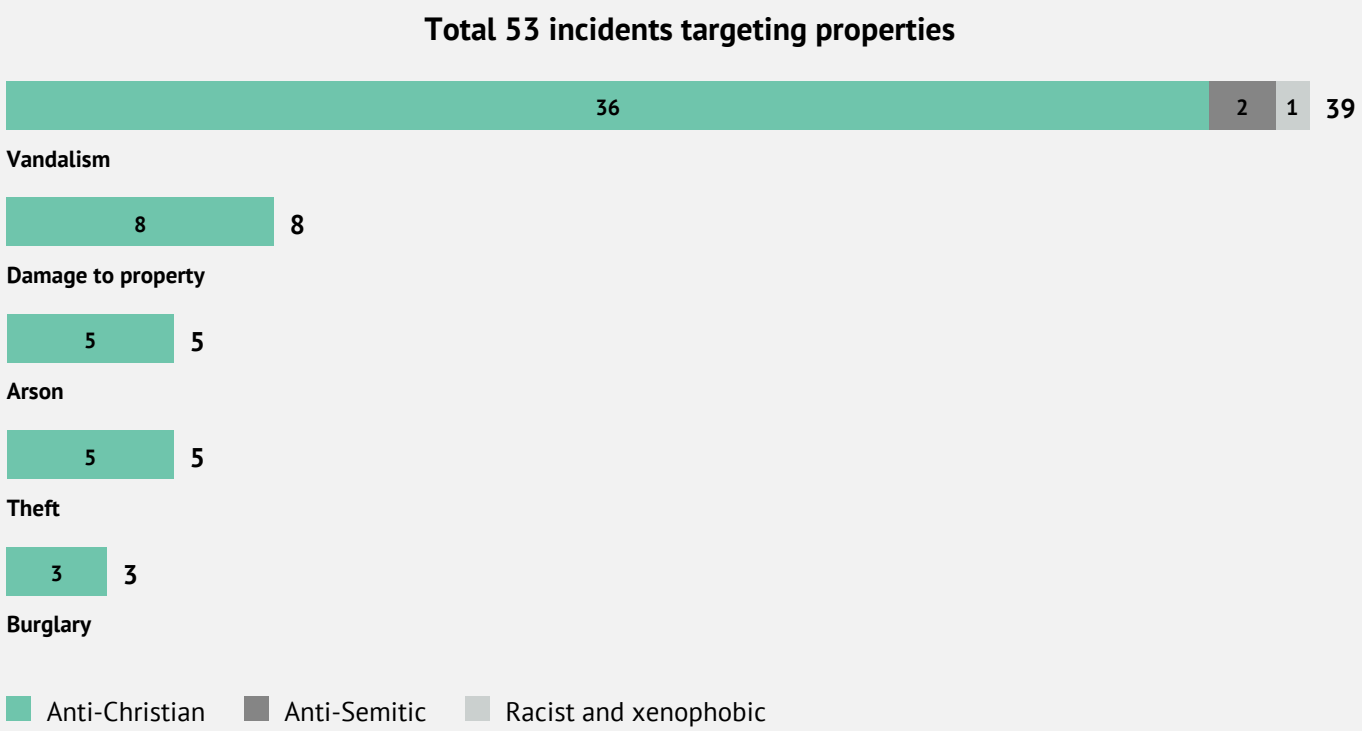
Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

In addition to incidents submitted with detailed descriptions, this chart includes the following incidents reported as statistics by the Anti-Defamation League: 929 racist and xenophobic incidents, 745 anti-Semitic incidents, 127 anti-LGBTI incidents, and 28 incidents with multiple bias motives.

Targeted properties



Type of property attack



View civil society incidents for United States of America, 2023