

Reflections on the SAPS Annual Report 2015/16

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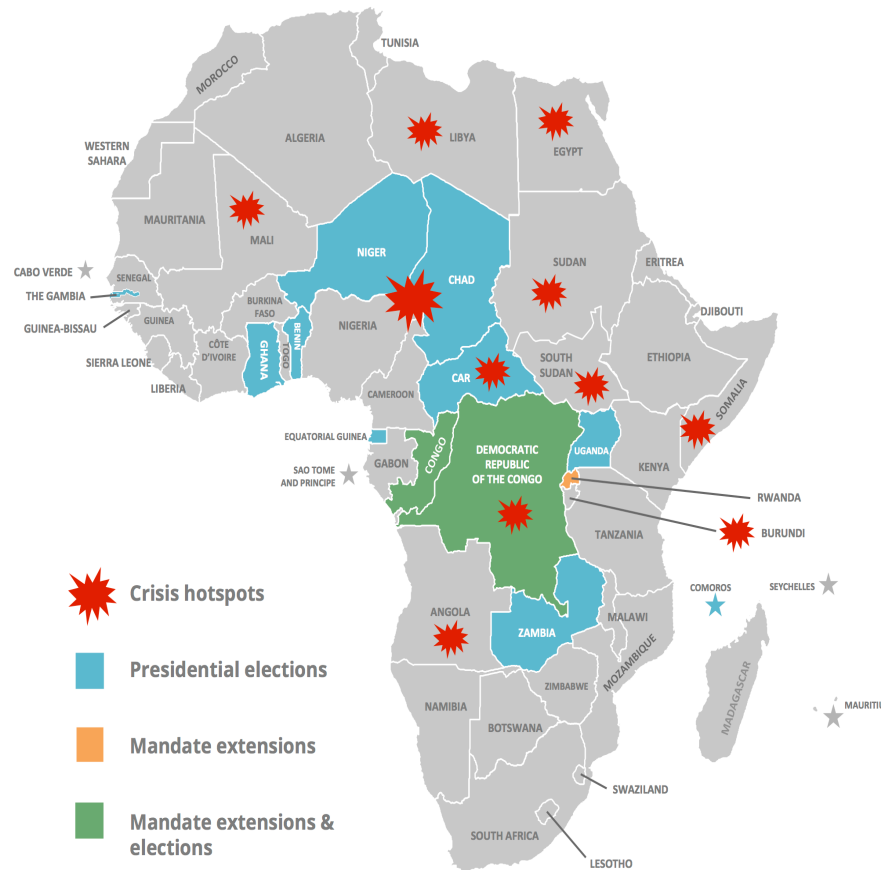
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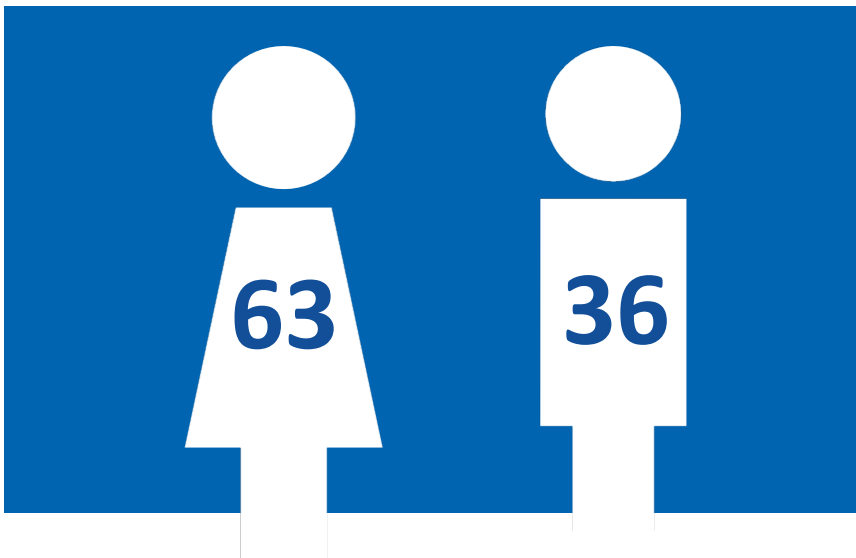
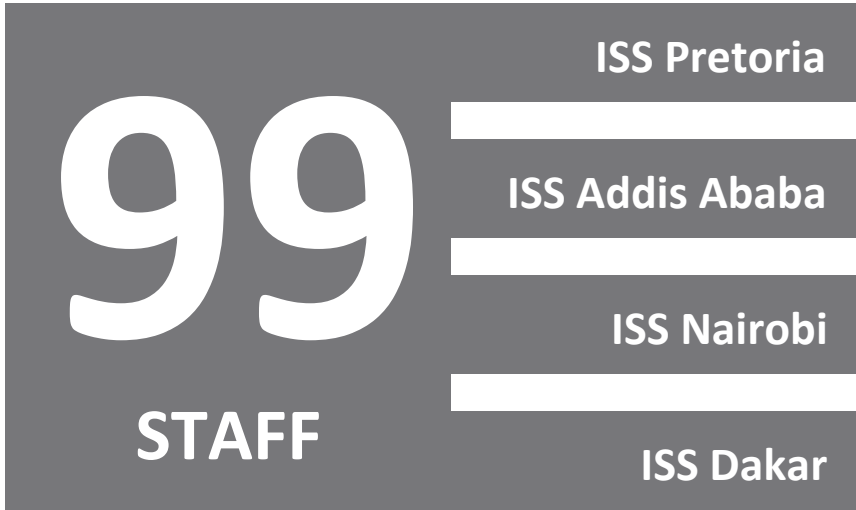
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Africa in 2016



Crisis hotspots

Angola	Growing political instability
Burundi	Instability due to political violence
Cameroon, Chad, Nigeria & Niger	Islamist insurgency
CAR	First elections after civil war & transition period
DRC	Potential term-limit extension & contentious election
Egypt	Developing insurgency
Libya	Civil war
Mali	Islamist insurgency
Niger	Attempted coup
Somalia	Ongoing civil war
South Sudan	Civil war
Sudan	War in Darfur



- General Comments
- Police Performance
- Police Conduct
- Police Well-being

- The ISS welcomes the opportunity by the Police Portfolio Committee to make a submission on the SAPS Annual report for 2015/16
- We are supportive of the “Back to Basics initiative” and subsequent restructuring under acting SAPS National Commissioner Khomotso Phahlane and are aware that improvements emanating from the and his management team are unlikely to be adequately reflected in this report.
- The SAPS Annual report is a very useful source of data and information. We welcome the additions in this edition such as:
 - Compliance with IPID recommendations
 - Number of Police Station Inspections undertaken
 - Indication of areas where strategies for improving SAPS performance will be undertaken
- Our inputs for this short presentation are aimed at promoting an engagement with the SAPS Annual report to encourage new thinking about approaches to improving policing in South Africa.
- This presentation is not a comprehensive assessment of the SAPS Annual Report given the time limitations. Omissions in this presentation do not reflect an absence of concern or interest by the ISS.

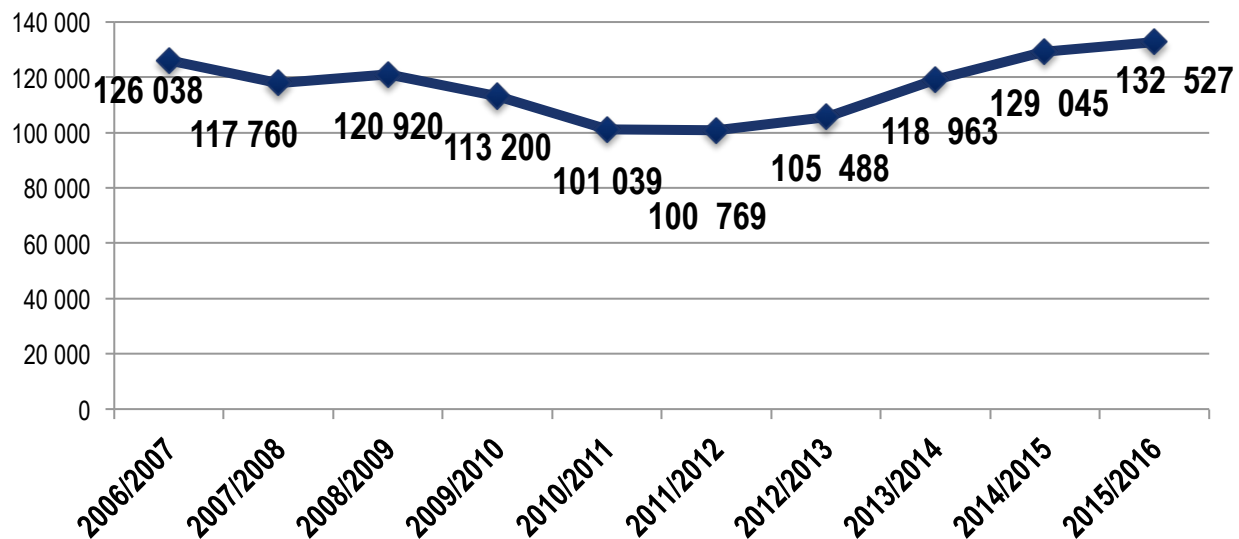
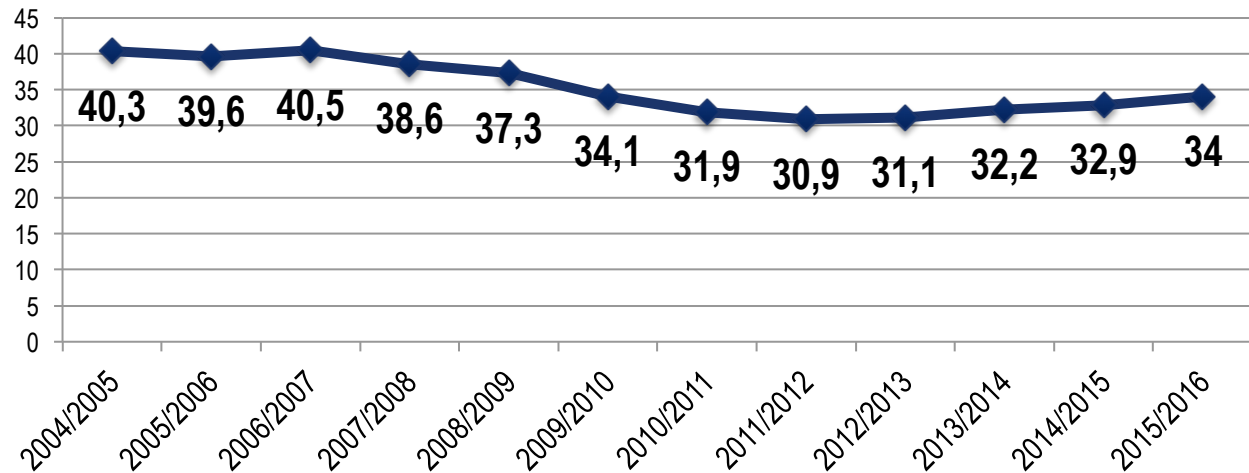
MURDER & ROBBERIES AS KEY PRIORITIES

Since 2011/12

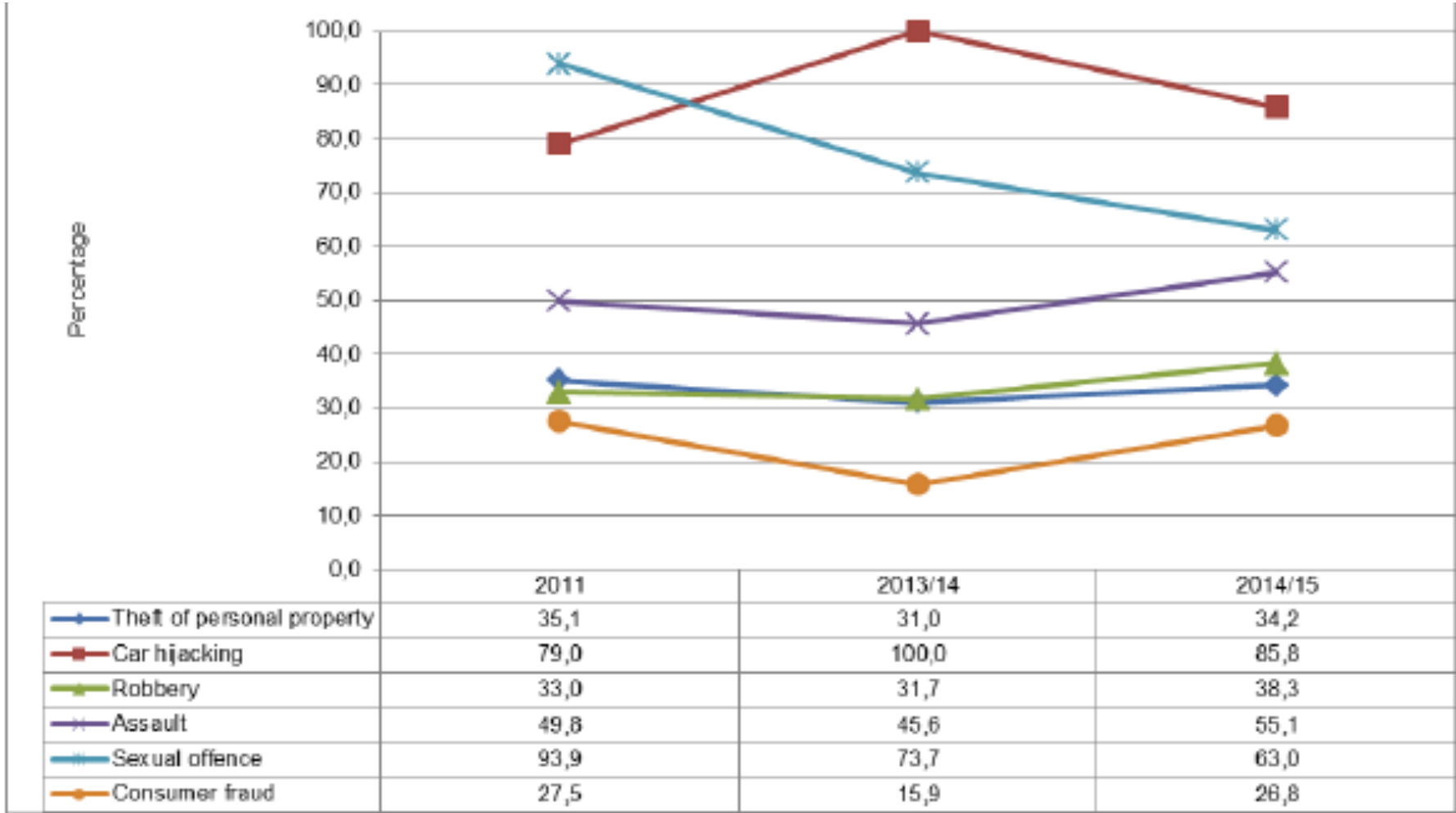
**Murder Rate
Increased by 10%
(3 119 more cases)**

How can the police
best tackle these
crimes/?

**Robberies
increased by 31,5%
(31 758 more cases)**

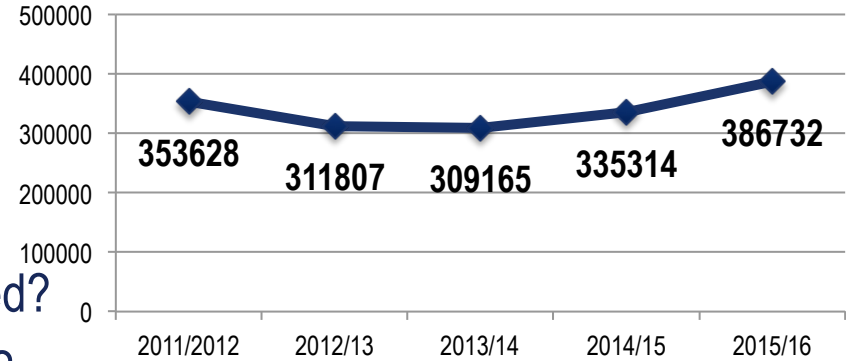


VOC SURVEY REPORTING TRENDS 2011 – 2014/15

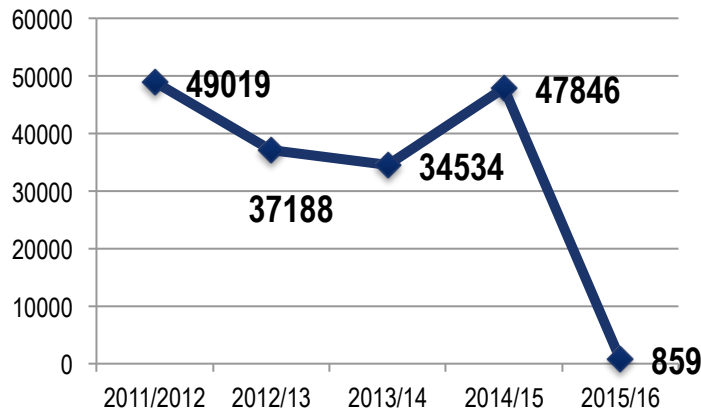


- Notable improvement in Ops Analysis Reps
- Why substantial decline in network ops?
- Why decline in station & cluster CTA's?
- How does CI prioritise the use of resources?
- Why does CI think key crimes have increased?
- What is CI doing to tackle murder & robbery?

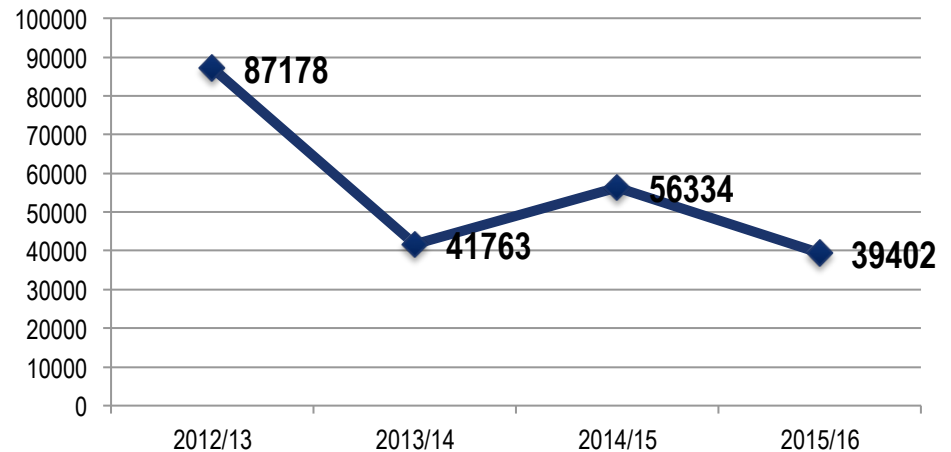
Operational Analysis Reports



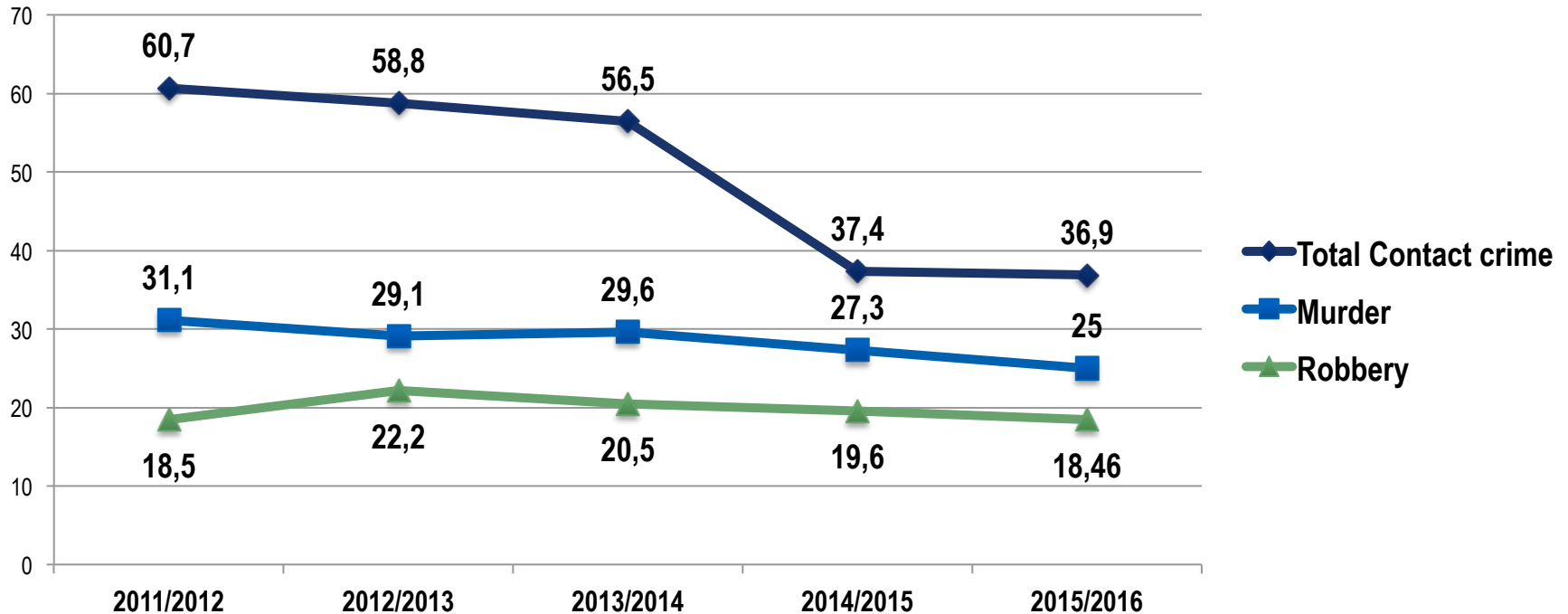
Network Operations



Station & Cluster CTA Reports

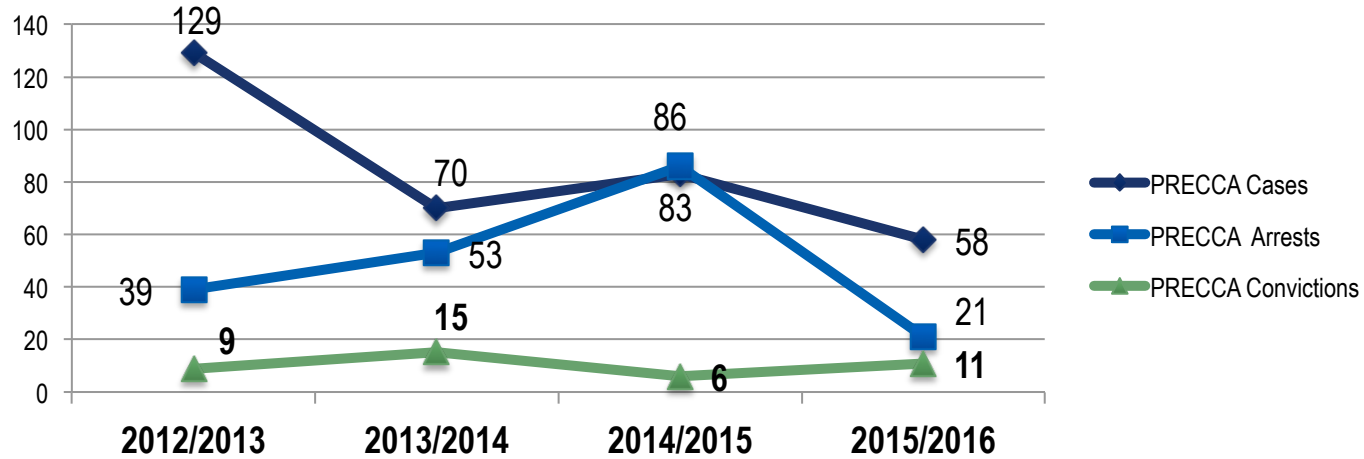


DETECTION RATE % 5 YEAR TREND

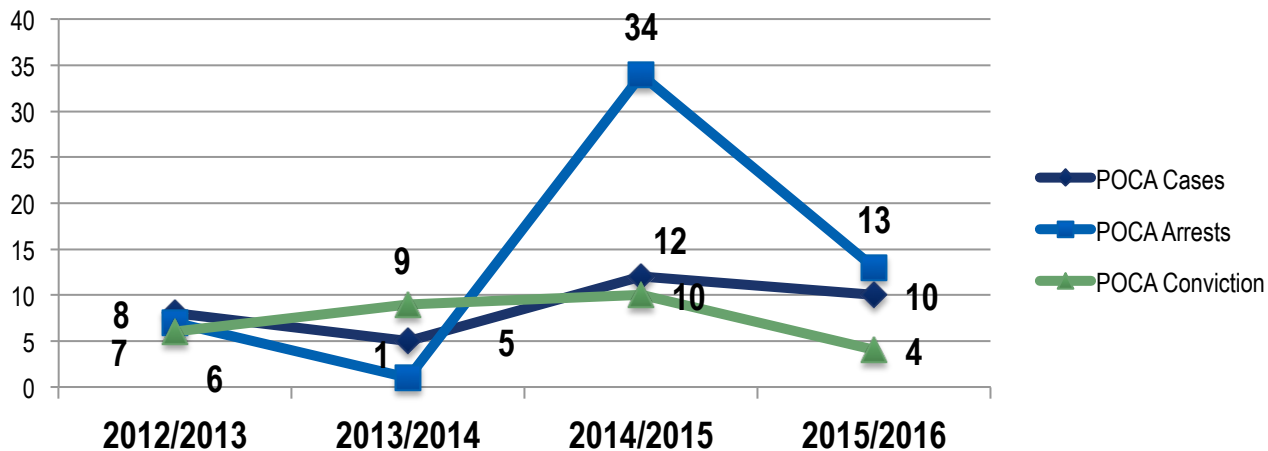


- Given the range of challenges identified in the Police Portfolio Committee Detective Dialogue undertaken in 2012, it would be useful for the Implementation Plan for the Detective ‘turn-around strategy’ to be presented as soon as possible.

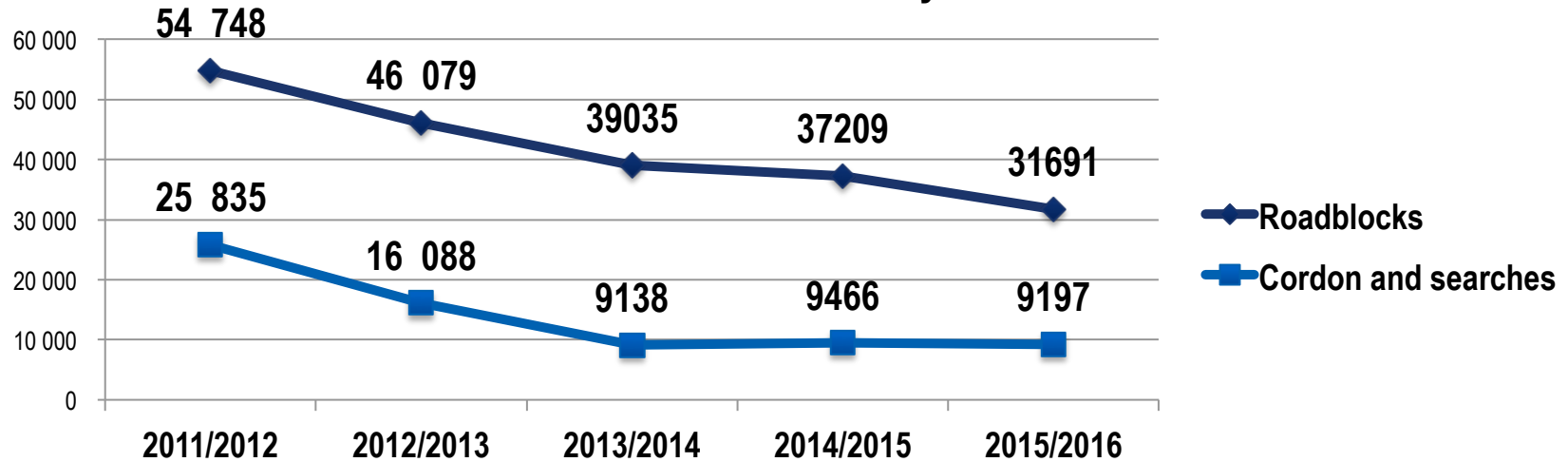
Prevention & Combatting of Corruption Act - Performance



Prevention of Organised Crime Act - Performance



Roadblocks & Cordon 5 year trend



- Overall reduction in roadblocks and ‘cordon and search’ operations.
- Concern that sector policing is being implemented at 53 fewer police stations than in the previous year (2014/15).
- This is because Sector policing is the SAPS’ workhorse for operational policing and a building block (pillar) of the Rural Safety Strategy,

- “Unrest’ cases on IRIS not always violent
- Number of public violence cases opened no longer available.
- See www.issafrica.org/crimehub for more analysis and maps of public violence in South Africa

POP IRIS Data

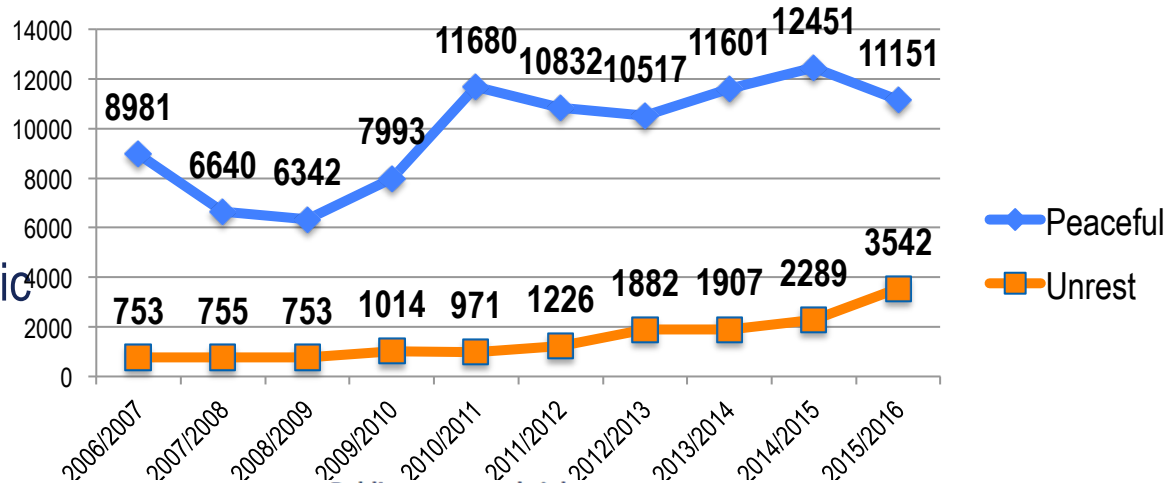
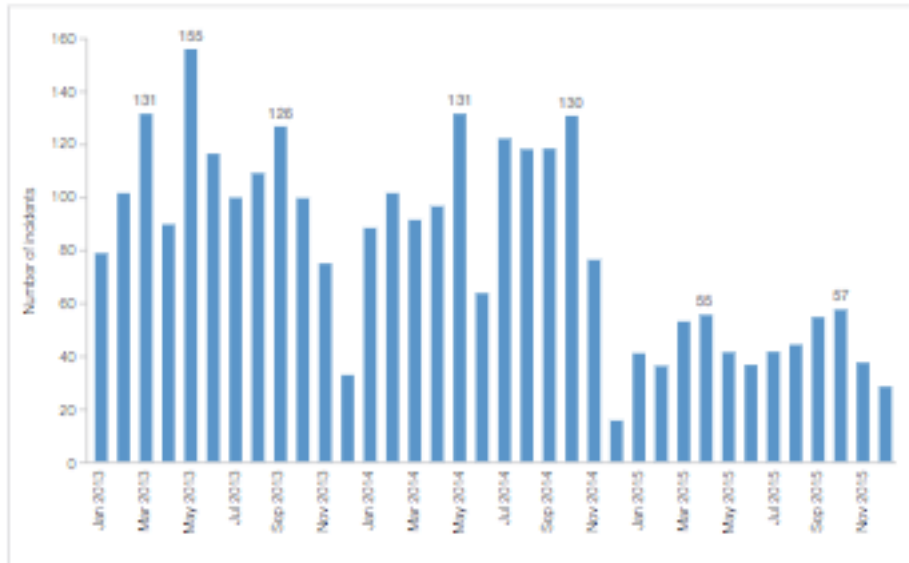


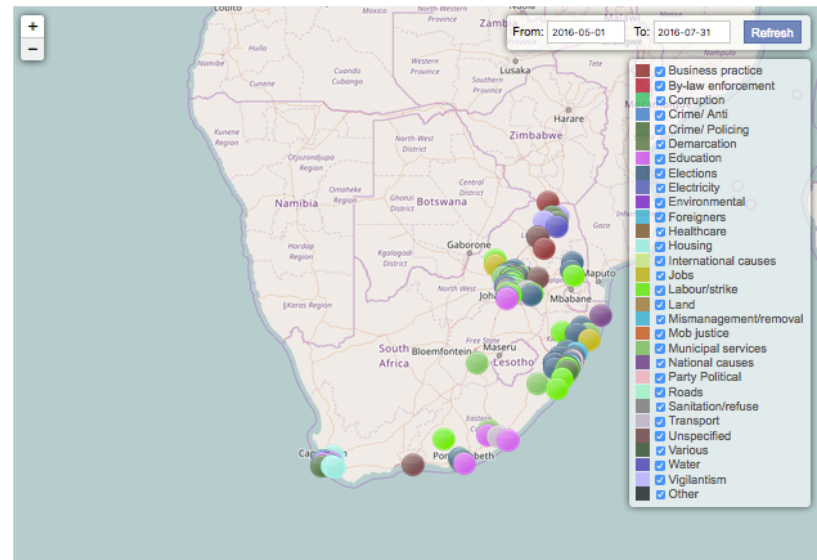
Figure 7: Seasonality of incidents, 2013 to 2015



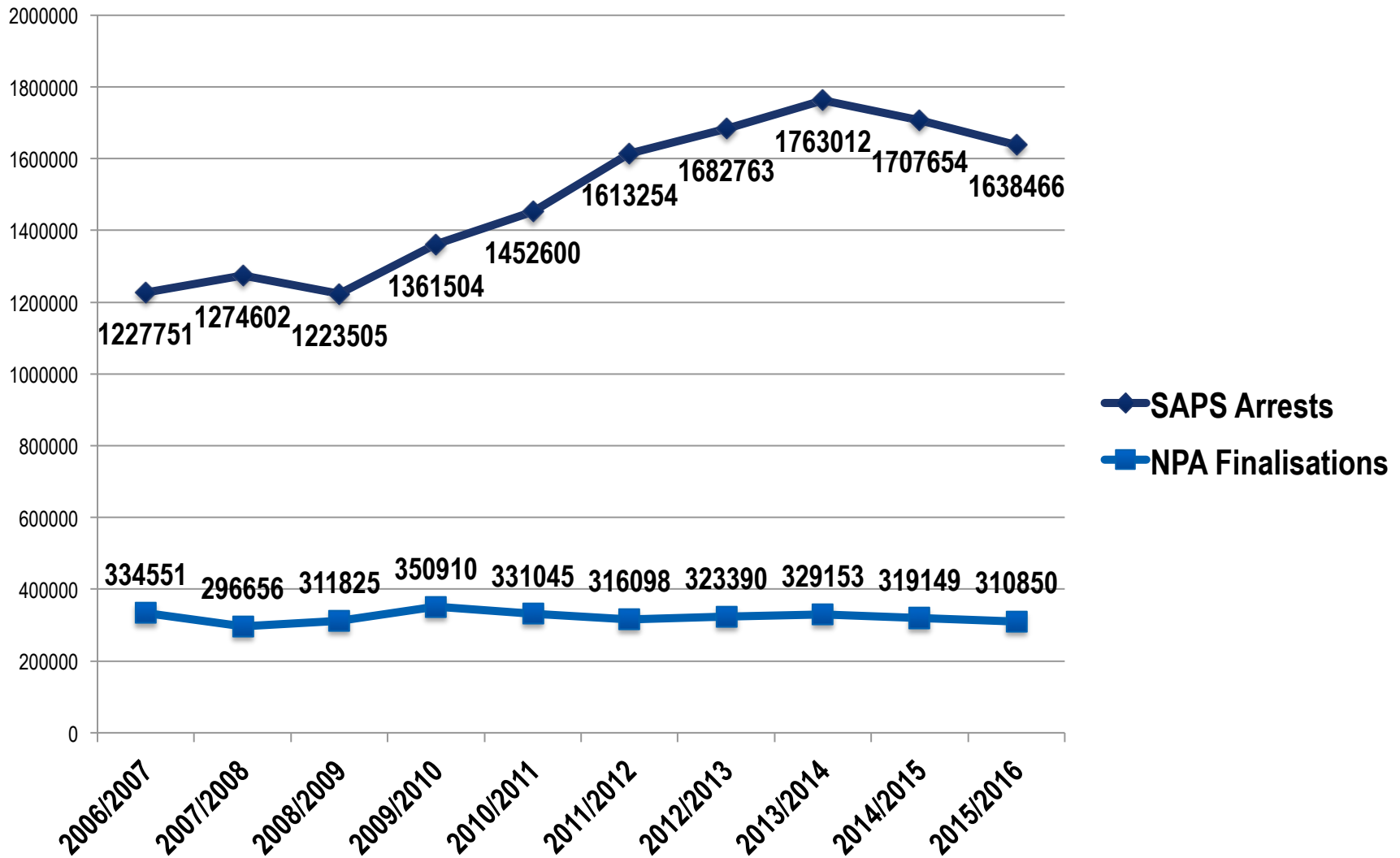
Source: Data from ISS' Public Violence Monitoring project.

Public protest and violence map

View peaceful and violent protest action online



SAPS ARRESTS & NPA CASE FINALISATIONS TRENDS

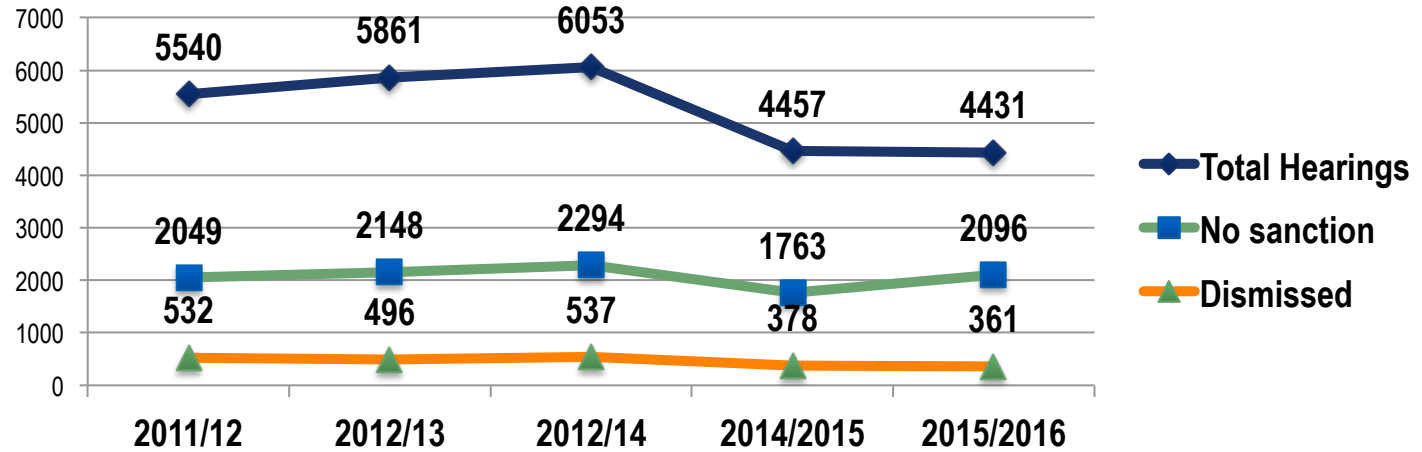


The SAPS disciplinary system is crucial for promoting and maintaining professional conduct.

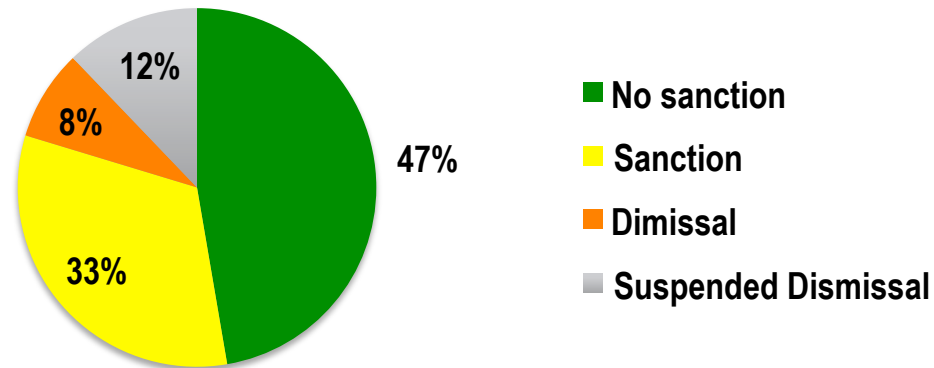
A review of the system is necessary to rectify shortcomings & improve effectiveness

Only 97 hearings related to the SAPS Code of Conduct

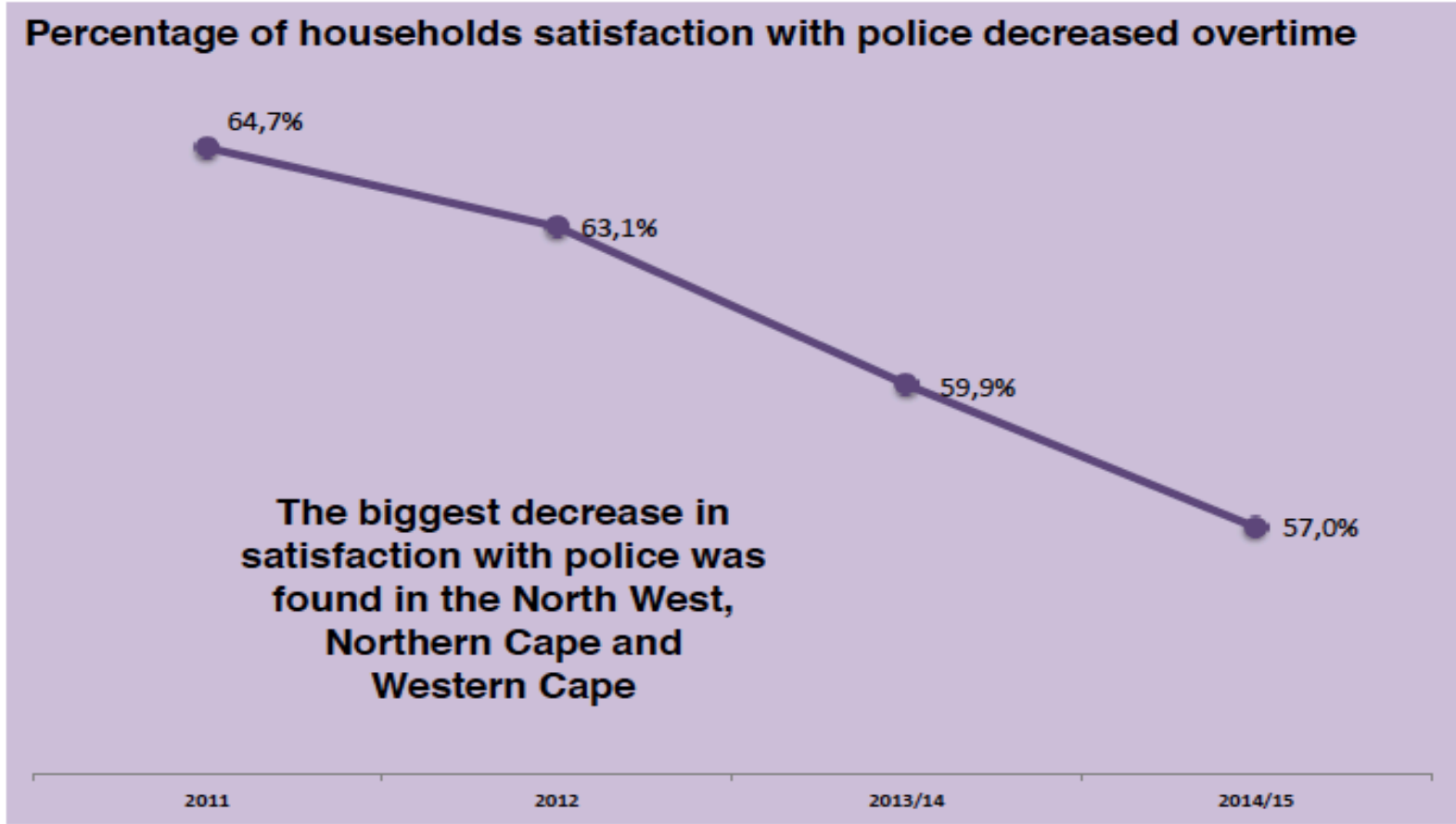
Disciplinary Hearings & Key Outcomes Trends



Disciplinary Hearing Outcomes

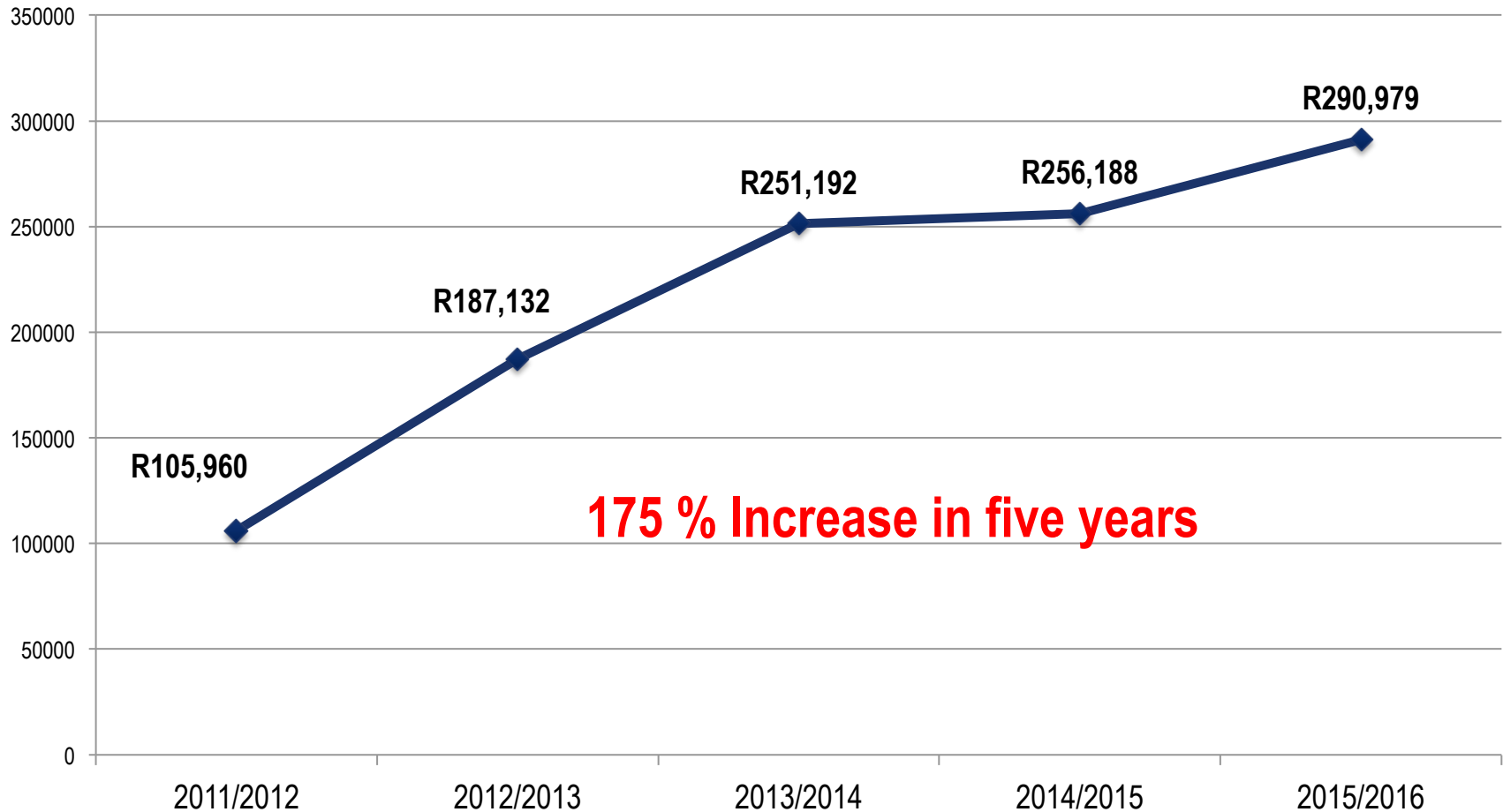


VOCS
2014/15



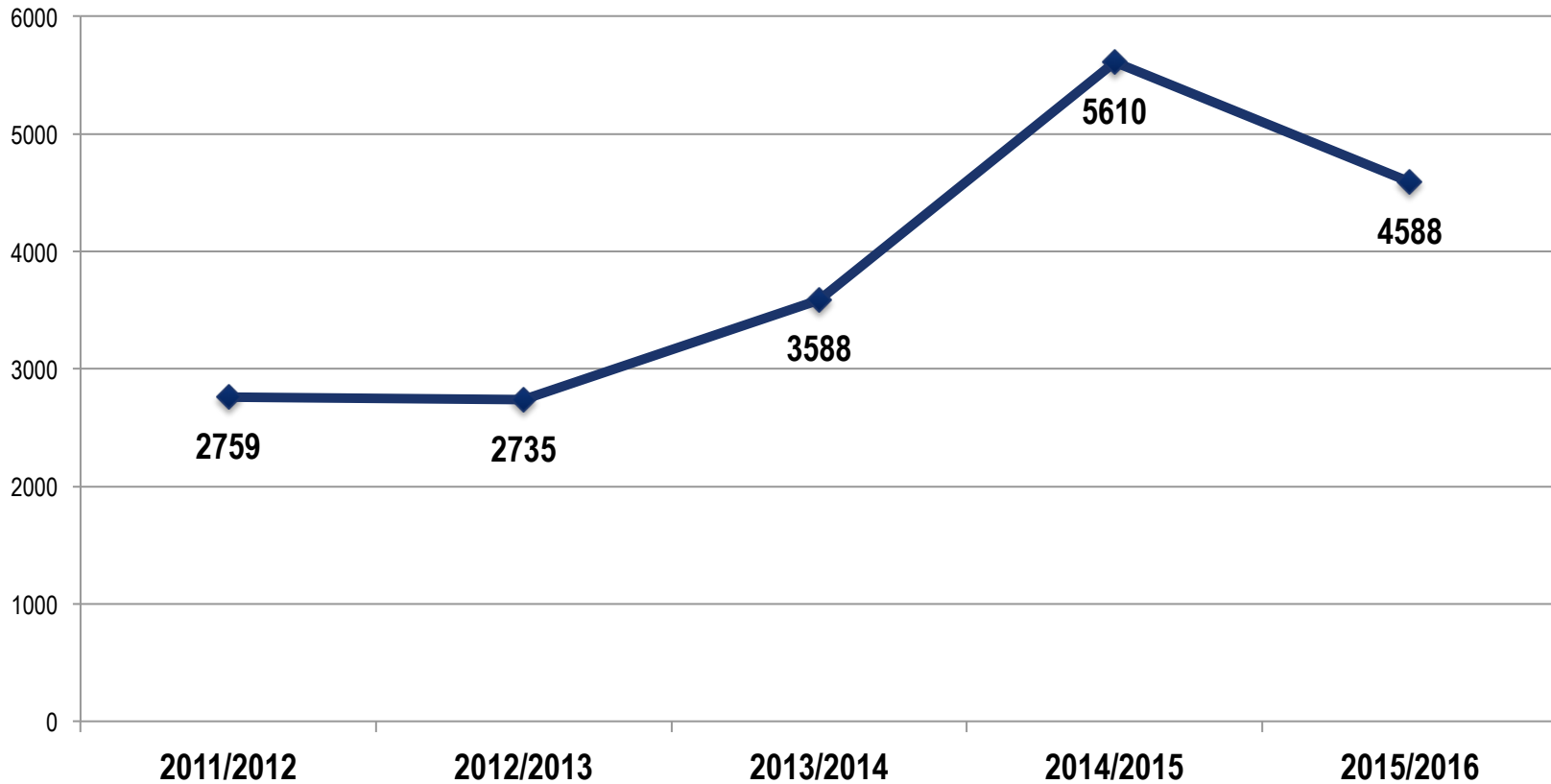
The South Africa I know, the home I understand

Civil Claims Paid Out in R Millions

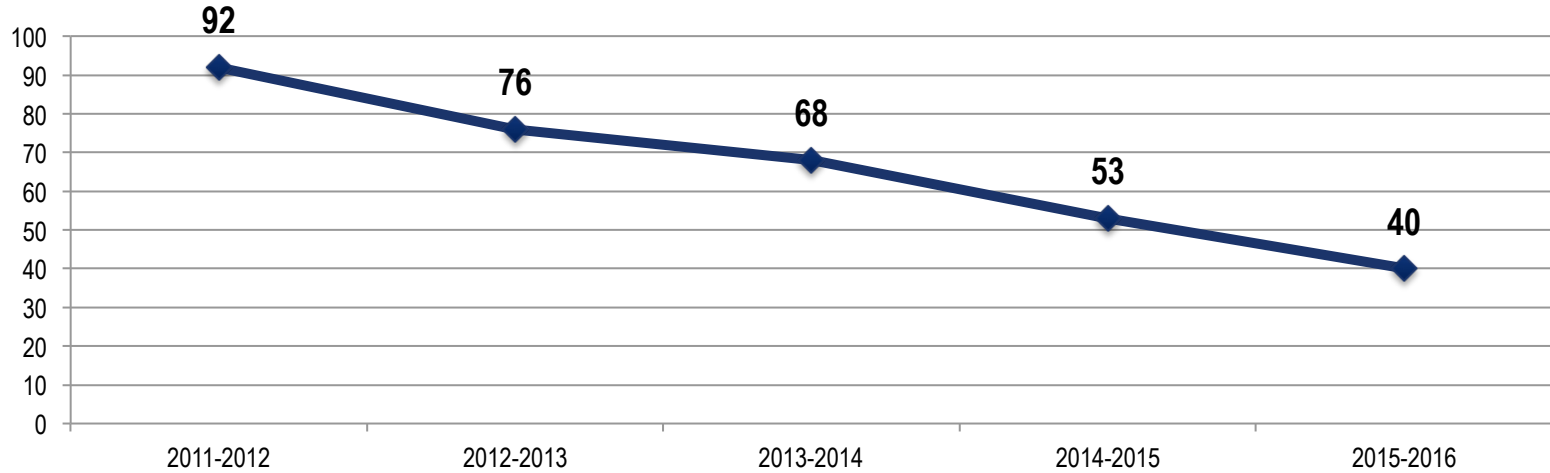


In Millions

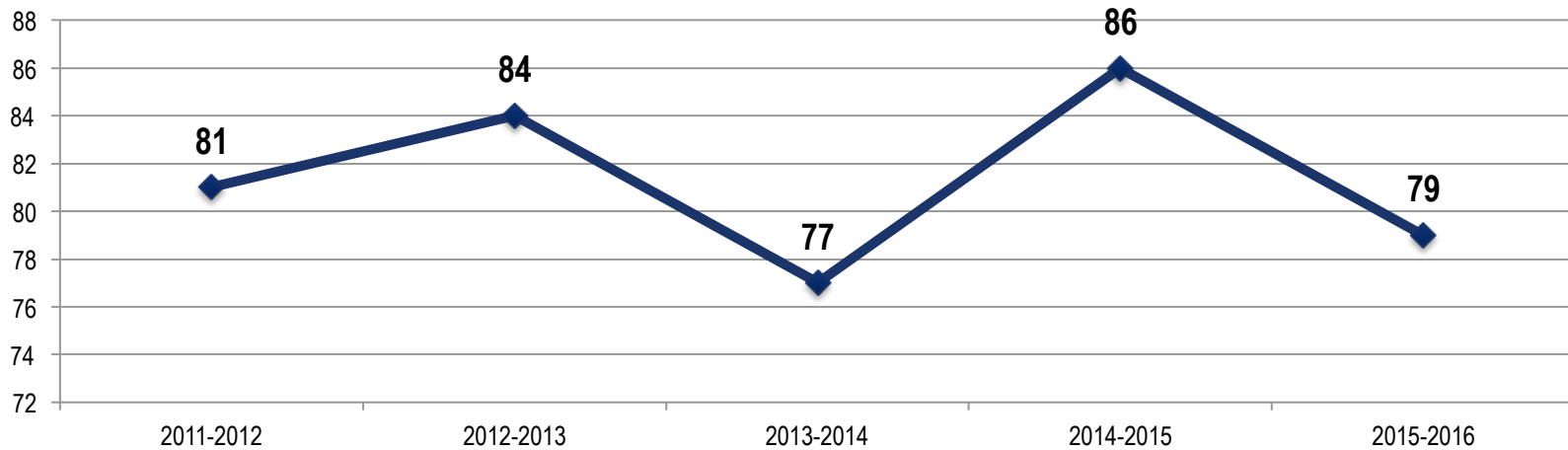
SAPS Officials Leaving Trend - 5 years



Police Officer Deaths on Duty



Police Officials Murdered





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