Will we be ready for 2019 elections?

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SCOPE

1. Potential for violence

2. Impact of intensified political competition

3. Key patterns/voter demographics

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PAST ELECTION VIOLENCE

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- Until 2004 peaceful = confidence in integrity and independence of IEC, transparency
- Ahead of 2009: cashes ANC vs COPE
- Ahead of 2014: 28 politically related deaths
- 2014: intimidation at several voting stations and IEC staff threatened
- Ahead of 2016: political assassinations, voter registration (Tlokwe) & Tshwane (Thoko Didiza),
- 2016: peaceful thro massive security force action

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2019: POSITIVE?

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- Local government elections (2016) more prone to violence than national/provincial elections (2019)
- Start of turnaround in state security institutions but cleanout still tentative
- Zuma no longer in power…
- By 2019 start prosecutions of key individuals may have started
- Promise of more coherent and effective government
- Reputation and capacity of IEC

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2019: NEGATIVE?

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- Low/no growth – trade war and low/no confidence?
- Violent crime is increasing
- Xenophobia has intensified
- Collapse of local government
- Rise in violent populism & emotive issues
- Deep divisions within ANC
- Resource constraints on IEC
- Impact of Zuma years on security institutions
- Fake news and social media

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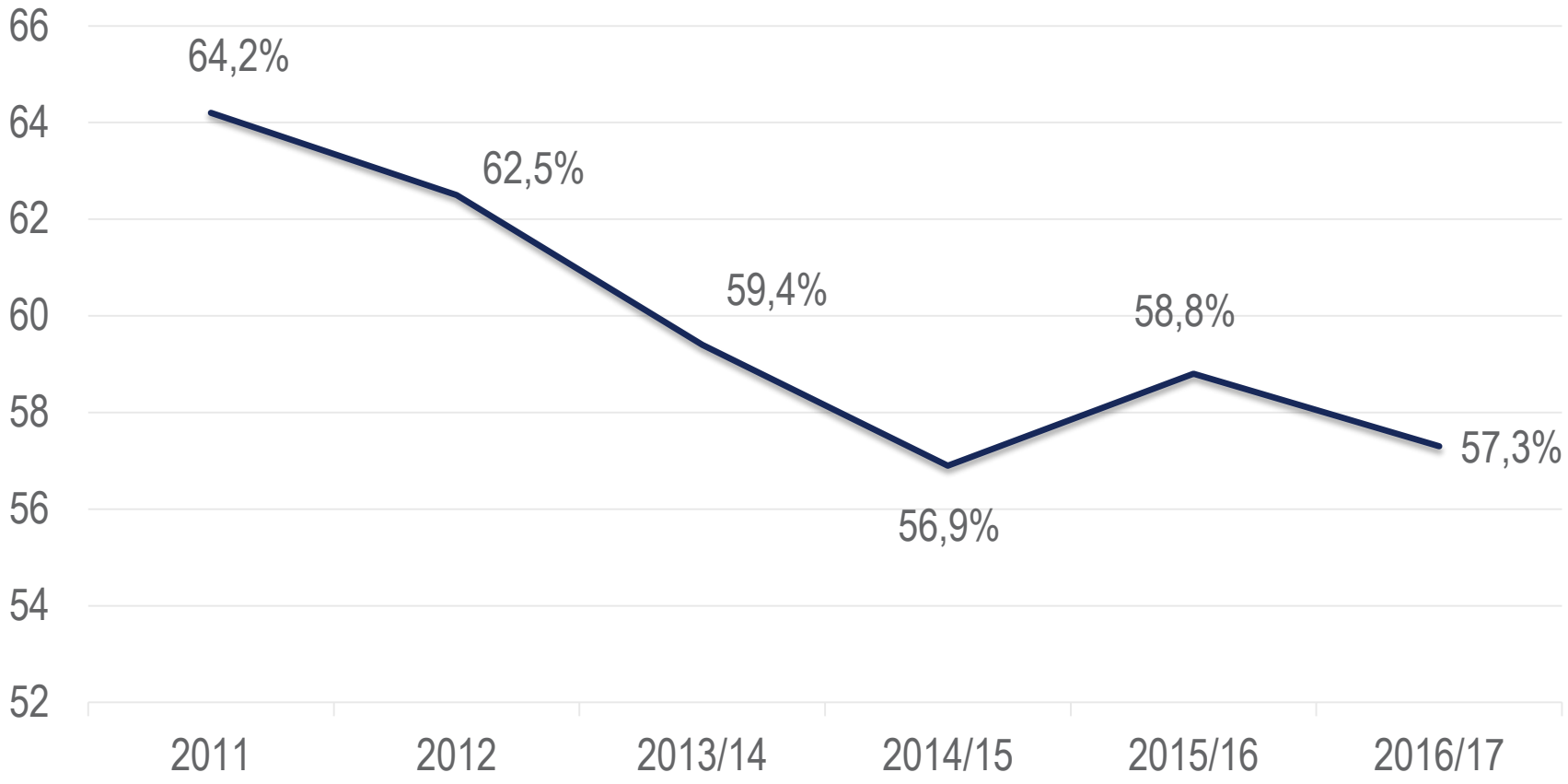
SATISFACTION IN THE SAPS

Household satisfaction with the police, 2011-2016/17 – Statistics SA



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FRUSTRATED EXPECTATIONS

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- After rapid roll-out of various services until mid-2000, now reverse as efficiency and capacity of local government has declined
- Result is increase in service delivery protests
- Large numbers or unemployed = time and motivation for protest
- South Africa becoming more turbulent and increasingly violent whilst police only recently halted decline in public order policing

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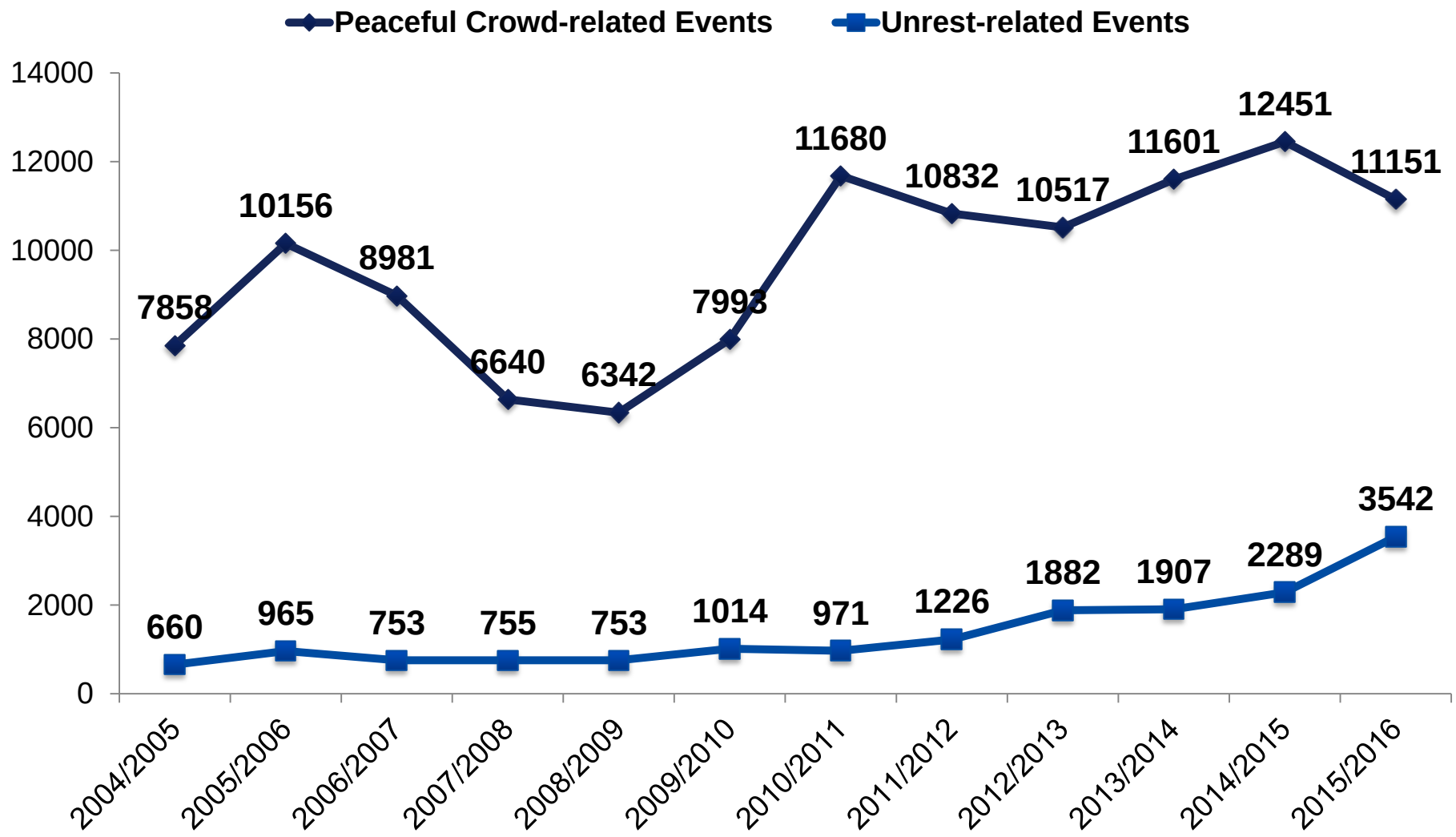
INCREASE IN PUBLIC VIOLENCE = LOSS OF CONFIDENCE IN THE STATE



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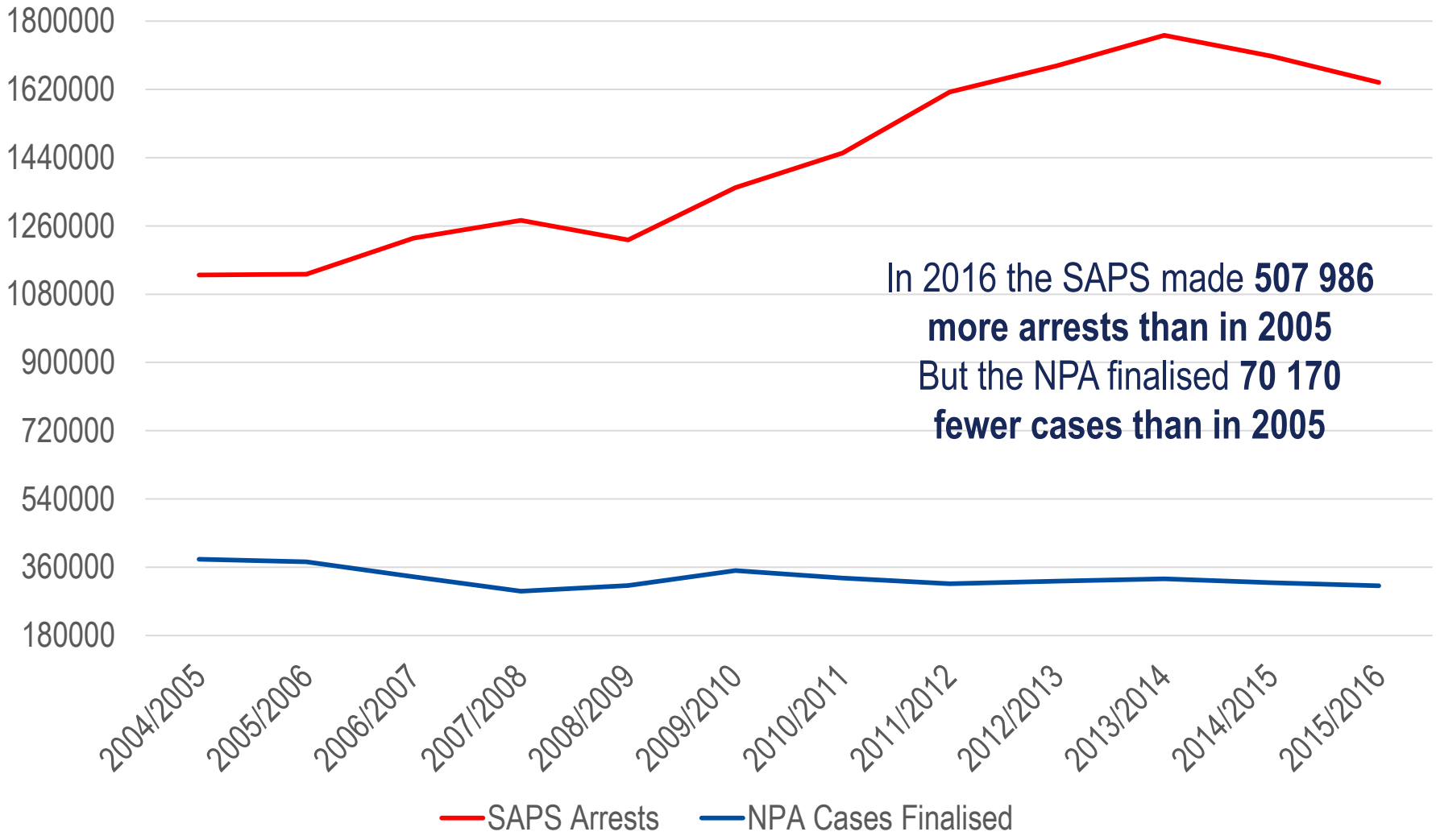
CRIMINAL JUSTICE DOESN'T WORK AS A SYSTEM



In 2016 the SAPS made **507 986 more arrests than in 2005**
But the NPA finalised **70 170 fewer cases than in 2005**

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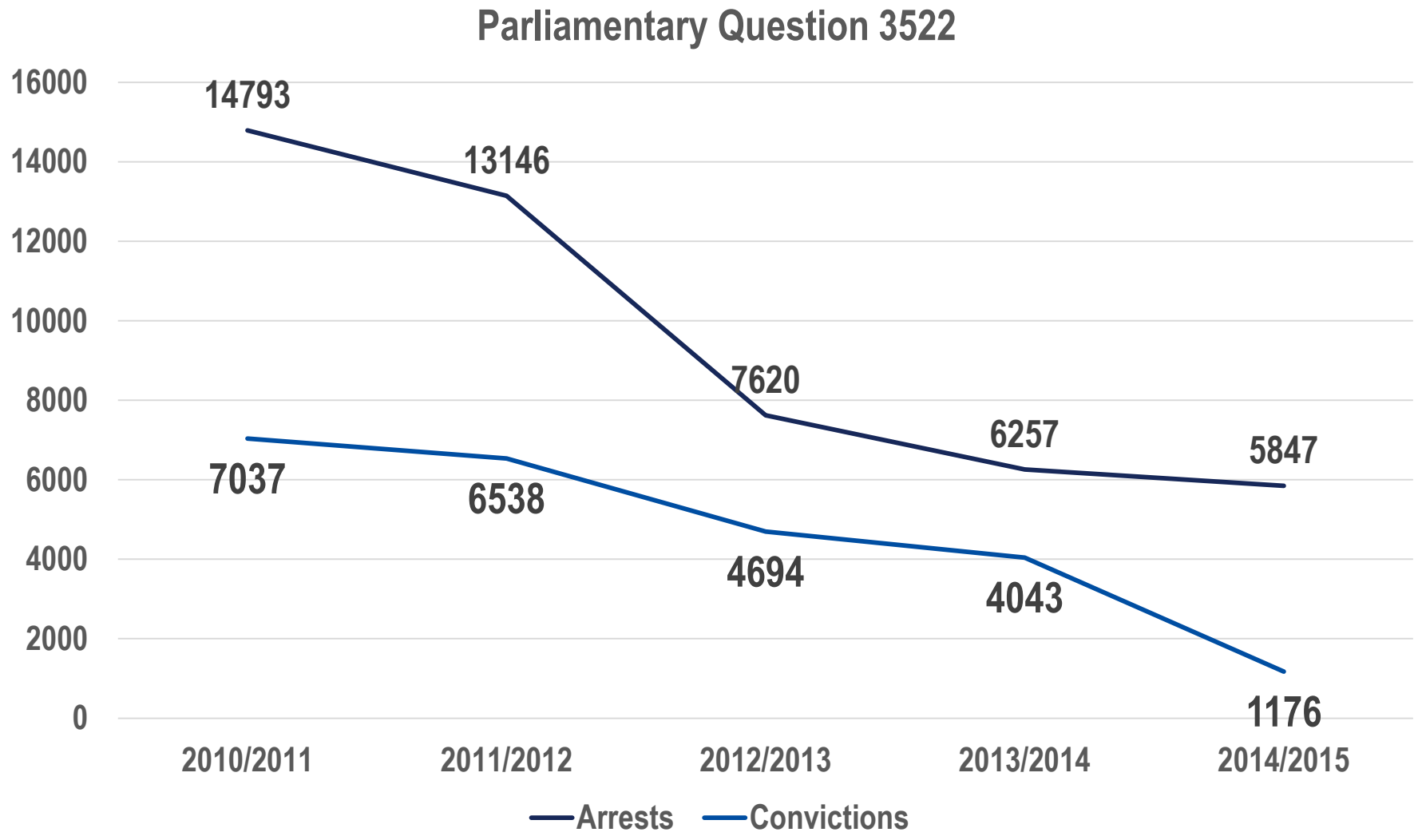
HAWKS PERFORMANCE TRENDS



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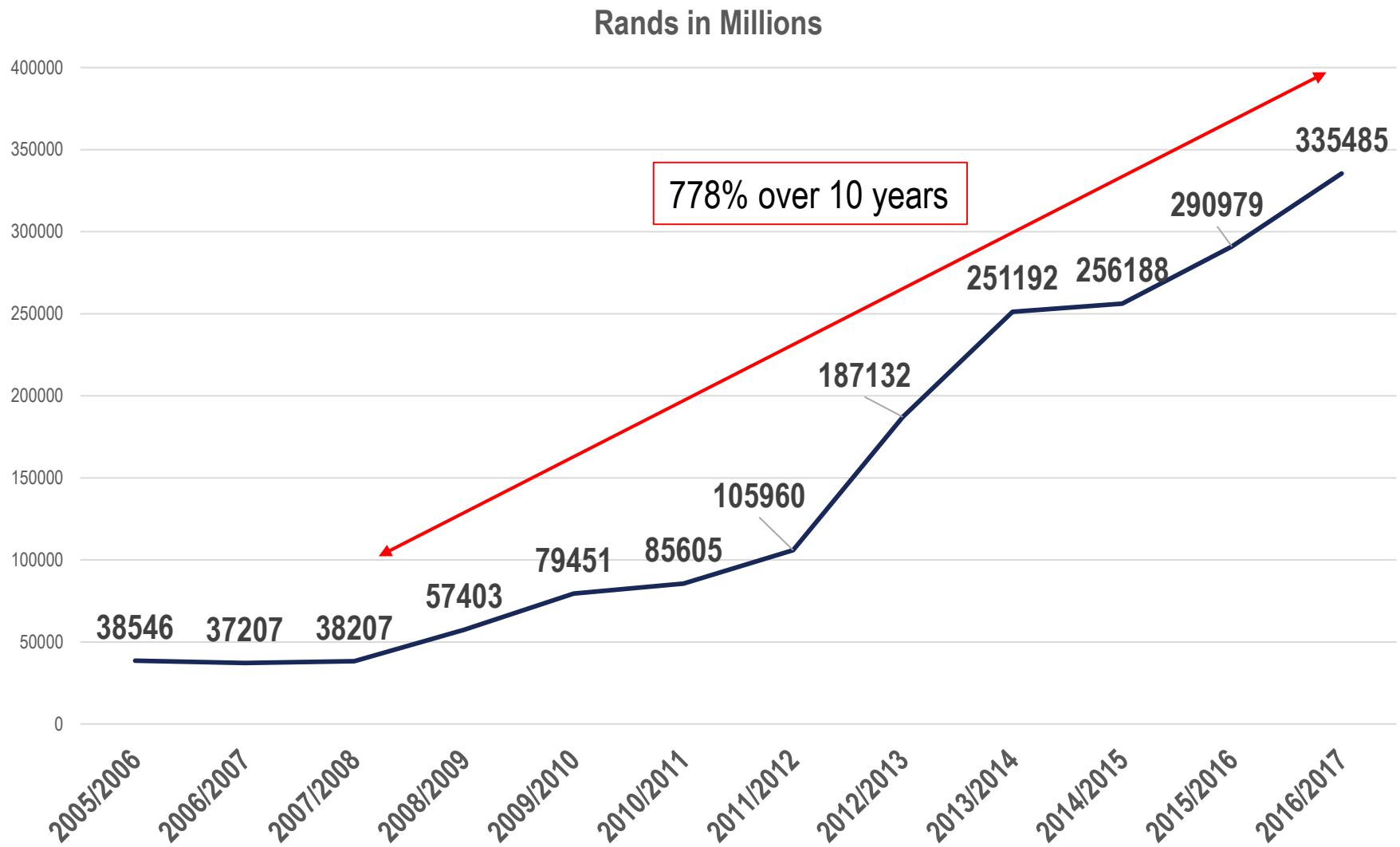
POLICE CONDUCT: CIVIL CLAIMS PAID OUT



In Millions

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POLITICAL ATTACKS AND KILLINGS

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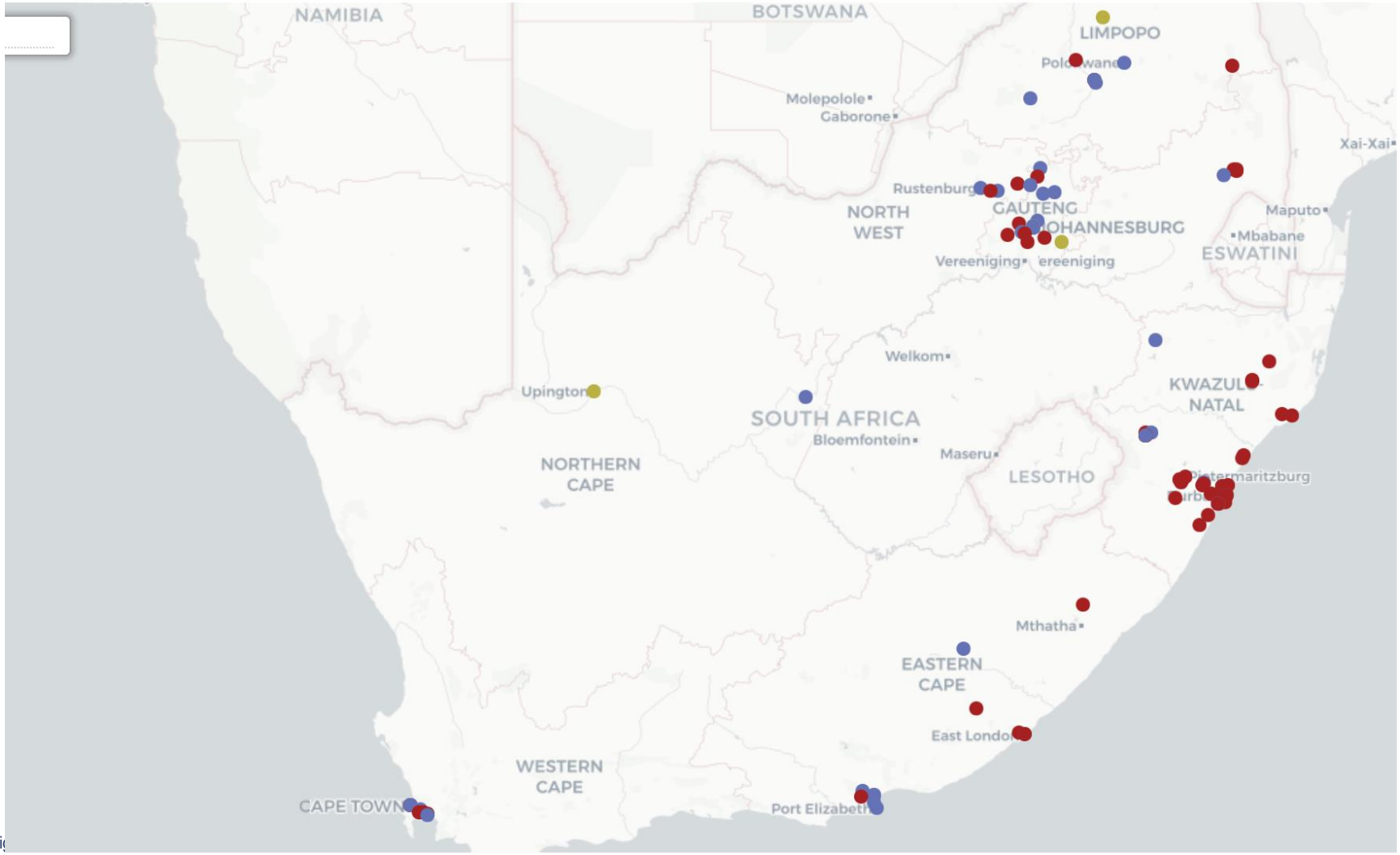
Political attacks and killings

This map shows fatal and non-fatal attacks of political, government or labour union office bearers since 2013.



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WE HAVE BEEN PARTIALLY BLINDED

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"President Zuma typically selected dishonest, corrupt or incompetent people to head various government and state-owned agencies. It started with the country's security agencies …"

Dr Johan Burger & Gareth Newham, ISS Today, 17 April 2018

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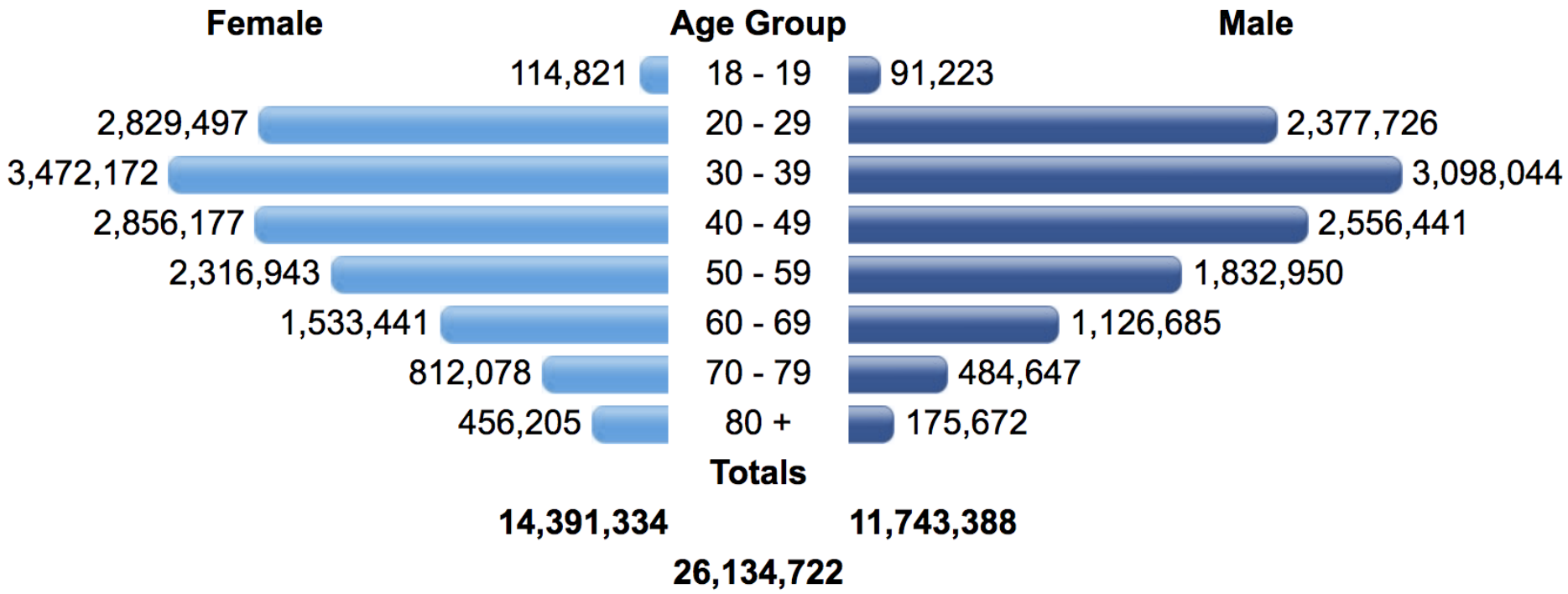
NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION

- 26.4 million voters registered of which 55.1% woman and 44.9% men



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MIGRATION

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- SA continues to attract Africans from elsewhere in continent but white voters are emigrating …

Years	African	Indian/Asian	White	Net
1985-2000	516 886	33 166	-184 430	365 622
2001-2005	481 842	22 719	-97 113	407 448
2006-2010	773 946	39 406	-105 964	707 388
2010-2015	940 352	53 444	-110 434	883 362
2016-2020	1 072 557	59 432	-114 995	1 016 994

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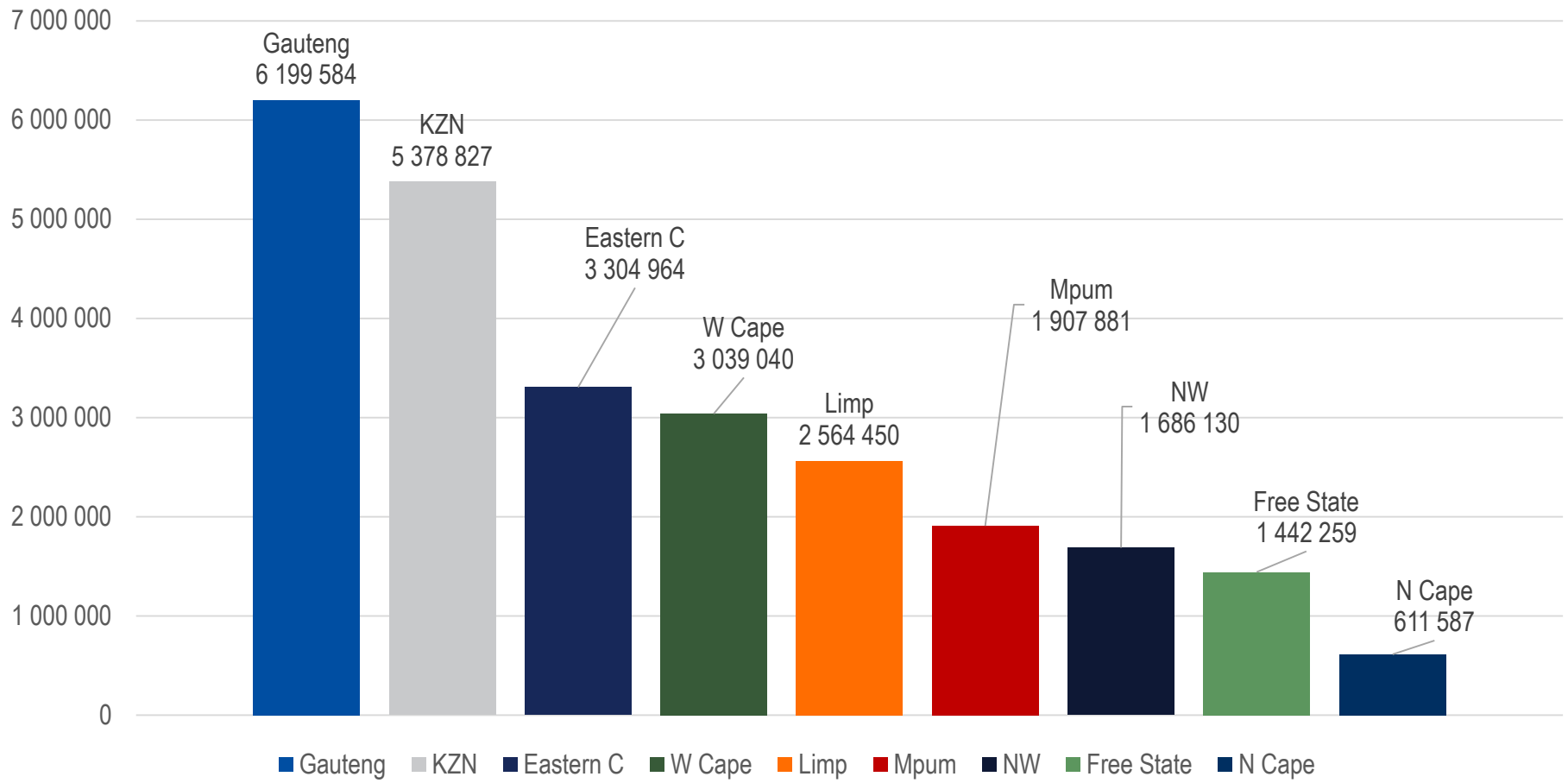
REGISTRATIONS BY PROVINCE

- Gauteng and KZN have significantly more voters



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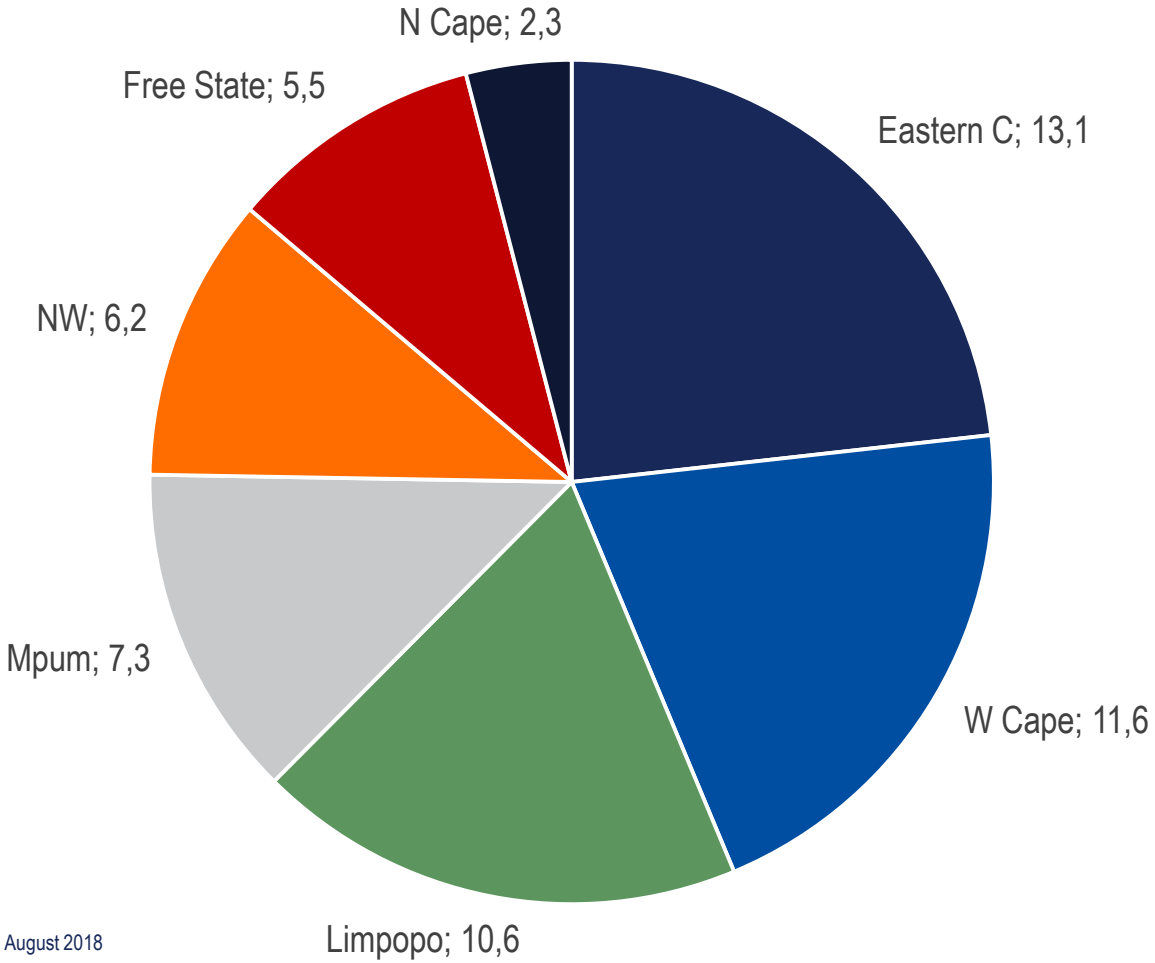
REGISTRATIONS BY PROVINCE

- 19% more women than men in Limpopo but only 3.5% more women in Gauteng



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REGISTRATIONS BY PROVINCE

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- Registration in Gauteng appears to be low whilst that in KZN and Eastern Cape is high

	% voters	% pop	More or less voters?
Gauteng	22.3	25.5	↓
KZN	21.1	19.7	↑
Eastern C	13.1	11.3	↑
W Cape	11.6	11.5	→
Limpopo	10.6	10.0	→
Mpum	7.3	7.8	→
NW	6.2	6.9	→
Free State	5.5	5.1	→
N Cape	2.3	2.1	→

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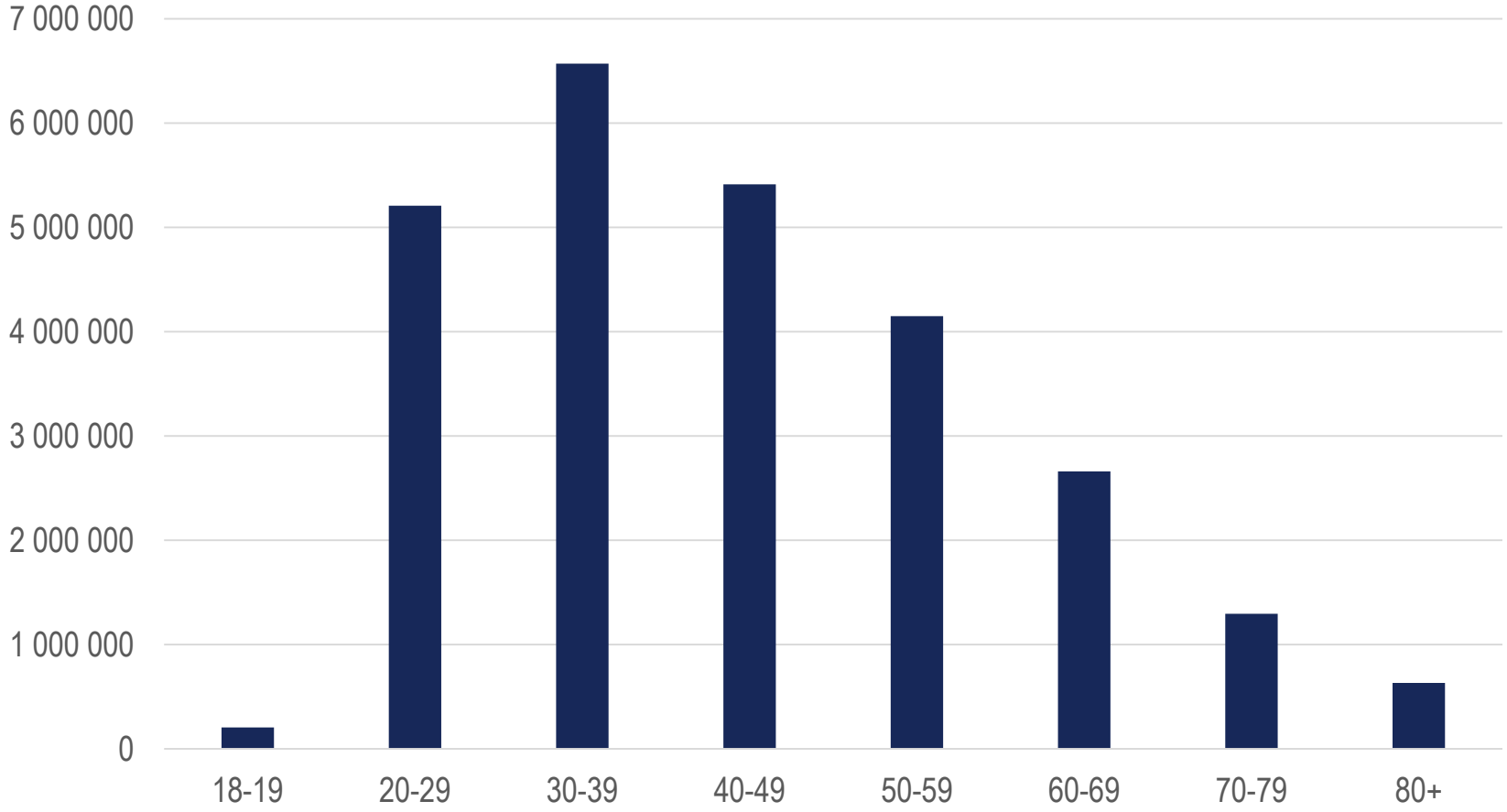
REGISTRATIONS BY AGE COHORT

- First time voter registration appears to be low (+18)
- Born free registrations appear to be low (-1995)



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MAIN PARTY ISSUES

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- Will non-voting ANC supporters in urban areas come out to vote for Ramaphosa?
- Will the DA regain its 2016 momentum or falter?
- Will the EFF find a (new) policy or violently exploit seizure of land?

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