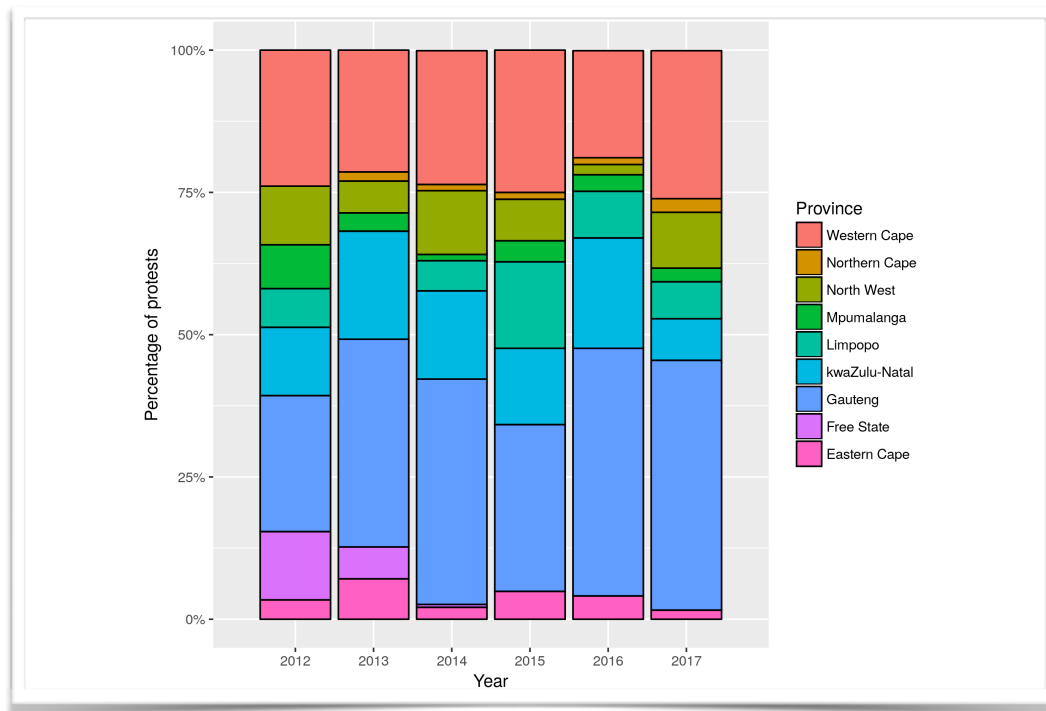


Metros and highly urbanized provinces are most prone to civic protests

Civic Protest Barometer 2018



Provincial share of civic protests over time:2012:2017

Source: Civic Protest Barometer 2018 (Forthcoming)

South Africa's leading monitor of civic protests

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The Civic Protest Barometer tracks **civic protests** across South Africa, which are a specific form of protest, directed at municipalities.

While nationally the number of civic protests in 2017 reached the lowest level in three years (*CPB 2018 Fact Sheet #1 (no. of protests)*), there has been a fair degree of fluctuation in the number of protests in each province.

The Barometer shows

- Gauteng's share of civic protests increased from 24% in 2012 to 44% in 2017, making it the most protest-prone province.
- The decline in protest activity in the Free State is particularly noticeable. That province has had a negligible share of protest since 2015.
- The metropolitan municipalities account for 61% of all protests recorded in the country since 2012.
- In 2017 Johannesburg surpassed Cape Town as the most protest-prone metro, followed by Tshwane, eThekweni and Ekurhuleni.

The 2018 edition of the **Civic Protest Barometer (CPB)** will be published in February with further detailed analysis of these and other findings.