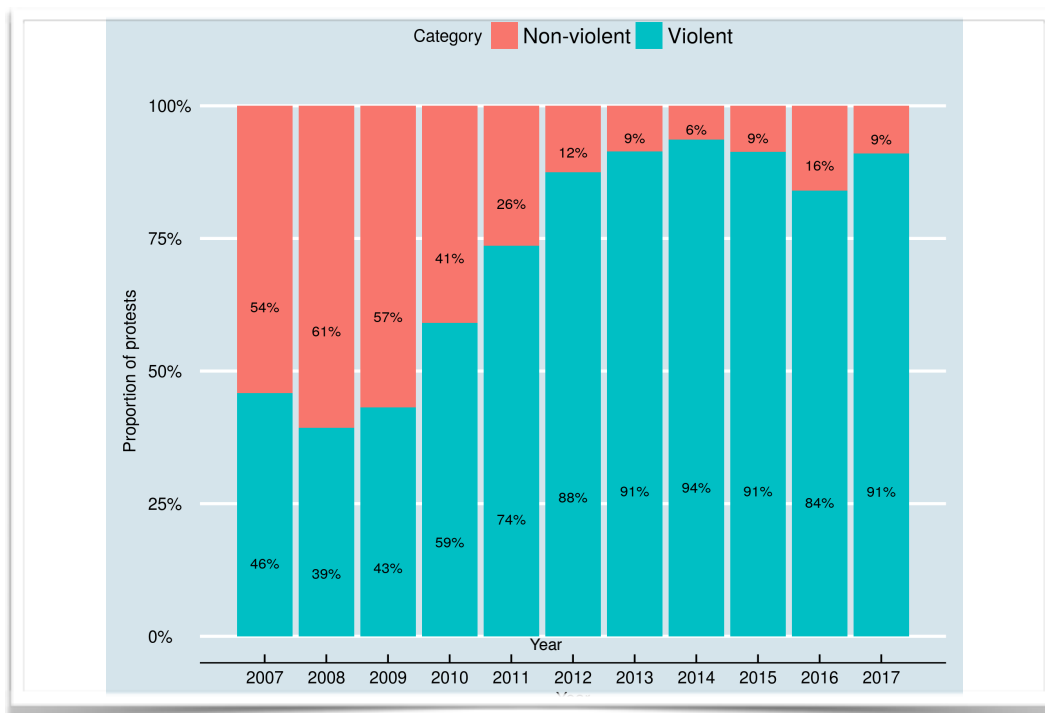


# Fewer, but more violent, protests in 2017

## Civic Protest Barometer 2018



Prevalence of violence in protest: 2012:2017

Source: Civic Protest Barometer 2018 (Forthcoming)

### South Africa's leading monitor of civic protests

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The Civic Protest Barometer (CPB) 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 \(no. of protests\)](#)), the majority of civic protests can be classified as [violent protests](#).

The Barometer shows

- After 2013 90% of protests have involved some element of violence.
- This is a significant increase in the presence of violence compared to 2007 (41%).
- Intimidation accounts for over one-third (35%) of all references to violence.
- Almost two-thirds of the types of violence recorded at protests went beyond intimidation and involved assault, looting, destruction of property and even death.

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

