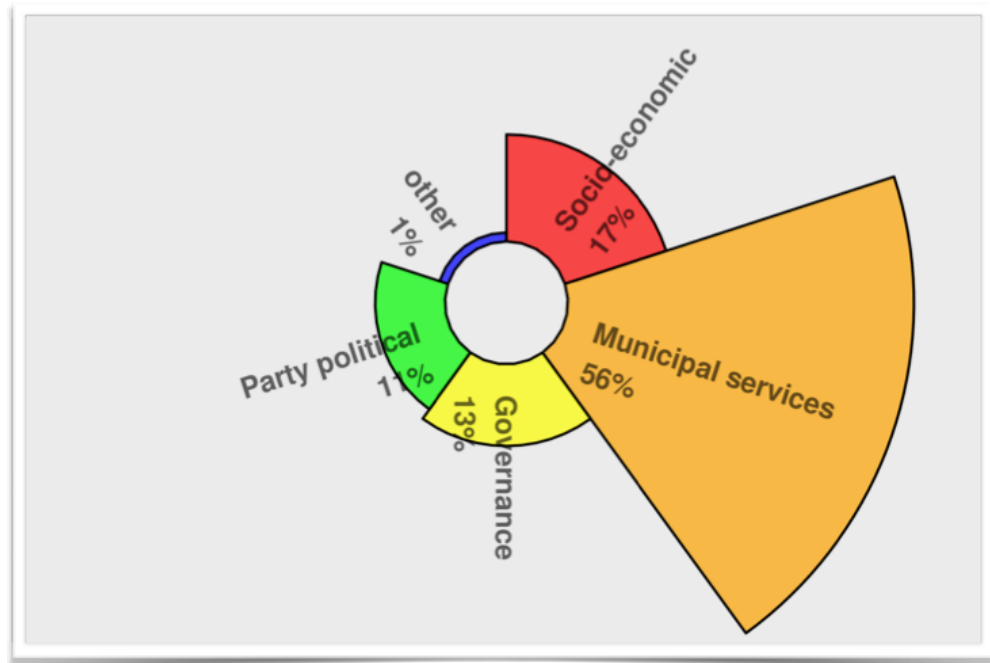


Over 60% of protests in 2017 related to municipal services and governance

Civic Protest Barometer 2018



Grievances reported in protests: 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 \(nr of protests\)](#)), the pattern shown in the type of grievances underlying the civic protests is consistent with that established in earlier [CPBs](#).

The Barometer shows

- The most prominent category of grievance cited by protesters relates to **municipal services** (56%).
- 13% per cent of grievances can be attributed to **municipal governance** issues.
- 17% of grievances relate to **socio-economic issues** like unemployment and landlessness directed at local government as a proxy of the state.

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