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68	Charges referred to court (Trial ready docket rate)
Access to justice: police performance	
To increase the contact crime court ready docket rate to 35% by 2014 and to also improve the effectiveness of the criminal justice system.	

5 Table

Charges referred to court							
	New charges	Total	Unfounded	Withdrawn	Undetected	Charges referred to court	%
<b>2004/5</b>							
Contact crimes	847 266	1 049 721	10,274	216,302	477,686	345 459	32.9%
Property crime	597 256	711 361	6,554	30,739	597,273	76 795	10.8%
Damage to property	158 969	180 361	3,783	35,073	96,971	44 534	24.7%
Firearms, drugs and alcohol	129 425	137 567	1,760	4,158	12,994	118 655	86.3%
Other theft and fraud	656 737	772 422	19,998	100,811	479,482	172 131	22.3%
<b>All crimes</b>	<b>2 389 653</b>	<b>2 851 432</b>	<b>42,369</b>	<b>387,083</b>	<b>1,664,406</b>	<b>757 574</b>	<b>26.6%</b>
<b>2005/06</b>							
Contact crimes	756 136	927 123	6,490	140,065	447,439	333 129	35.9%
Property crime	570 698	677 571	5,341	21,584	580,107	70 539	10.4%
Damage to property	151 887	168 644	2,786	24,472	95,245	46 141	27.4%
Firearms, drugs and alcohol	142 259	147 872	1,393	2,812	8,937	134 730	91.1%
Other theft and fraud	551 334	649 063	14,246	251,382	222,001	161 434	24.9%
<b>All crimes</b>	<b>2 172 314</b>	<b>2 570 273</b>	<b>30,256</b>	<b>440,315</b>	<b>1,353,729</b>	<b>745 973</b>	<b>29.0%</b>
<b>2006/07</b>							
Contact crimes	730 346	898 419	6,888		551,530	340 001	37.8%
Property crime	547 258	653 267	6,163	18,872	556,704	71 528	10.9%
Damage to property	151 194	167 924	2,896	21,297	94,826	48 905	29.1%
Firearms, drugs and alcohol	157 304	161 990	831	1,873	5,918	153 368	94.7%
Other theft and fraud	542 342	641 851	11,723	54,453	406,793	168 882	26.3%
<b>All crimes</b>	<b>2 128 444</b>	<b>2 523 451</b>	<b>28,501</b>	<b>96,495</b>	<b>1,615,771</b>	<b>782 684</b>	<b>31.0%</b>
<b>2007/08</b>							
Contact crimes	692 550	852 483	7,102	94,988	395,625	354 768	41.6%
Property crime	521 513	624 124	6,042	17,603	526,785	73 694	11.8%
Damage to property	144 364	160 033	2,970	18,595	88,860	49 608	31.0%
Firearms, drugs and alcohol	171 015	175 533	660	1,310	5,336	168 227	95.8%
Other theft and fraud	527 574	623 885	11,976	48,326	384,556	179 027	28.7%
<b>All crimes</b>	<b>2 057 016</b>	<b>2 436 058</b>	<b>28,750</b>	<b>180,822</b>	<b>1,401,162</b>	<b>825 324</b>	<b>33.9%</b>
<b>2008/09</b>							
Contact crimes	684 199	847 748	7,122	96,488	405,173	338 965	40.0%
Property crime	532 184	640 500	6,005	17,769	542,152	74 574	11.6%
Damage to property	141 107	157 625	3,057	18,386	87,985	48 197	30.6%
Firearms, drugs and alcohol	187 382	191 736	580	1,295	5,722	184 139	96.0%
Other theft and fraud	552 371	651 804	11,710	48,455	387,629	204 010	31.3%
<b>All crimes</b>	<b>2 097 243</b>	<b>2 489 413</b>	<b>28,474</b>	<b>182,393</b>	<b>1,428,661</b>	<b>849 885</b>	<b>34.1%</b>
<b>2009/10</b>							
Contact crimes	676 445	665 251	8,450	97,198	206,248	353 355	53.1%
Property crime	553 368	573 448	6,400	18,860	472,056	76 132	13.3%
Damage to property	138 835	135 890	3,091	18,141	64,675	49 983	36.8%
Firearms, drugs and alcohol	212 321	211 881	452	1,170	797	209 462	98.9%
Other theft and fraud	540 918	551 180	11,739	49,298	288,385	201 758	36.6%
<b>All crimes</b>	<b>2 121 887</b>	<b>2 137 650</b>	<b>30,132</b>	<b>184,667</b>	<b>1,032,161</b>	<b>890 690</b>	<b>41.7%</b>
<b>2010/11</b>							
Contact crimes	638 468	633 641	5,129	95,200	190,351	342 961	43.7%
Property crime	534 451	555 145	6,208	18,672	458,595	71 670	11.4%
Damage to property	131 860	127 392	2,723	17,506	60,839	46 324	33.4%
Trio Crimes	42 183	48 339	273	1,040	37,440	9 586	33.4%
Firearms, drugs and alcohol	231 842	232 448	367	1,132	692	230 257	98.0%
Other theft and fraud	534 866	471 941	11,303	50,072	301,026	109 540	20.0%
<b>All crimes</b>	<b>2 113 670</b>	<b>2 068 906</b>	<b>26,003</b>	<b>183,622</b>	<b>1,048,943</b>	<b>810 338</b>	<b>34.3%</b>
<b>2011/12</b>							
Contact crimes	623 486	650 613	5,966	90,868	201,038	352 741	54.2%
Property crime	536 093	574 878	6,325	20,539	472,987	75 027	13.1%
Damage to property	128 639	124 301	2,513	16,524	58,225	47 039	37.8%
Trio Crimes	42 192	47 675	254	1,270	35,073	11 078	23.2%
Firearms, drugs and alcohol	260 209	260 880	318	816	638	259 108	99.3%
Other theft and fraud	537 330	488 335	10,864	50,668	306,714	120 089	24.6%
<b>All crimes</b>	<b>2 127 949</b>	<b>2 146 682</b>	<b>25,986</b>	<b>179,415</b>	<b>1,039,602</b>	<b>854 004</b>	<b>39.8%</b>

- 7 Data format
- 8 Definition

Number
Charges referred to court by the SAPS. Charges to court refers to the number of charges where an arrest was made and that were sent to court in that specific month. Withdrawn refers to number of charges that are withdrawn by the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) before it can be referred to court in that specific month. Unfounded refers to charges that, after an investigations it was established that no crime has been committed and are thus closed as false. Charges carried forward are charges were still under investigation from the previous years and months that are now carried forward to that specific month. Incomplete refer to charges that are still under investigation and are carried over to the next month.
SAPS annual reports 2011/12 , Personal Communication on data from Crime Administration System (CAS)
Note that the published total number of new complaints (Indicator 68) are not the same as the published number of cases in court provided in indicator 69. The Department of Justice & Constitutional Development indicated that this is due to the different dates at which the data was extracted from their information system. The following categories have been changed as compared to previous reports. Ongoing investigations changed to Incomplete/Carries forward; New complaints changed to New charges and Unresolved changes to Undetected

- 9 Data source
- 10 Data note