



# Annual Crime Statistics Western Cape 2021/22 (April 2021 to March 2022)

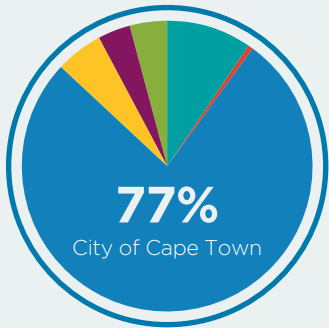


Murder rate in the Western Cape was **57.76** per 100 000. Higher than the national rate of **41.87** per 100 000.

**6.8%** increase in murders in the Western Cape and **26.1%** nationally. A 2% increase in murder was noted in the LEAP areas.



Western Cape accounted for **20%** of overall recorded crime in South Africa an increase in the majority of crime categories is noted.



Murders 2021/22 by District

Cape Winelands	394
Central Karoo	22
City of Cape Town	3165
Garden Route	212
Overberg	152
West Coast	164

77% of all murders were in Cape town where LEAP is deployed.



**8.4%** increase in contact crimes  
**11.4%** Decrease in attempted murder.  
**Assault** with the intent to inflict grievous bodily harm and common assault had the highest counts in the contact crime category



Property related crimes accounted for **18%** of the 344 196 crimes recorded in the province.  
**5.5%** decrease recorded in overall property-related crimes.  
**4.9%** increase in theft of motor vehicle and motorcycle reported

The spatial distribution of murder in the province highlights that police precincts with **the highest concentration** of reported murders are located within the City of Cape Town Metropolitan area, indicating that this area should continue to be prioritised for intervention.

**The Law Enforcement Advancement Programme (LEAP)** was introduced as a partnership with the City of Cape Town and the Western Cape Government. Its core objective is to contribute to the reduction of murder in the 13 priority areas. The number of cases in **LEAP areas** noted an overall **decrease** in the following contact crimes: **attempted murder (13% decrease)** and **robbery with aggravating circumstances (1% decrease)**. An increase was noted in sexual offences (11%), murder (2%), common assault (14%), common robberies (3%).