

South Africa - Rape Statistics

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I recently reviewed the latest SAPS crime statistics. Though it might be sobering to the government that rape has decreased since 2001 - to me even if 1 rape is reported, that is 1 too many. Their stats also do not take into account the incidents that go unreported.

These are the stats and my summation :

Between April and September 2007 - 22 887 people who were raped reported it.

From April 2006 - September 2007 - Just under 55 000 rapes were reported.

This would equate to : 62 reported rapes a day in 5 months in 2007.

Since 2001 - over 150 000 rapes occurred. In April-September 2007 , 8 925 murders occurred.

It's important to note again that these are only the reported rapes. From this website alone, the majority of rape survivors have not reported it.

Sad.

If you wish to view the full statistics - you can find the link here:
http://www.saps.gov.za/statistics/reports/crimestats/2007/crime_stats.htm

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<http://www.rapecrisis.org.za/>