

# Farm Murders in the Republic of South Africa for the period April 2017 to March 2023

Statistical period	Total murders in SA	Farm Murders	Farm murders as a percentage of total murders
2017/2018	20336	62	0,305%
2018/2019	21022	47	0,224%
2019/2020	21325	49	0,230%
2020/2021	19846	60	0,302%
2021/2022	24865	53	0,213%
2022/2023	21272	59	0,277%

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1. There was no 4<sup>th</sup> quarter figures available for the 2022/2023 period. I accordingly used the highest single-quarter murder incidents recorded in the previous 3 years (22 in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2020/2021) for the 2022/2023 4<sup>th</sup> quarter in order to obtain the figure of 59 murders for the 2022/2023 period.
  - a. The 2022/2023 figures are accordingly an estimate, and it is probable that the figures are not accurate, although they may nevertheless fall within a reasonable range.
2. The figures do not identify the demographic of the murder victims nor the perpetrators.
  - a. It is therefore possible that some of the victims are non-white, and similarly that some of the perpetrators are white.
3. The figures sporadically distinguish between farmers, dwellers (possibly family of the farmer or employees who live on the farm), employees and security, and due to this inconsistency, I have included all farm murders in the table above.
  - a. It is therefore possible that included in the above numbers are the murder of employees and farm security.

