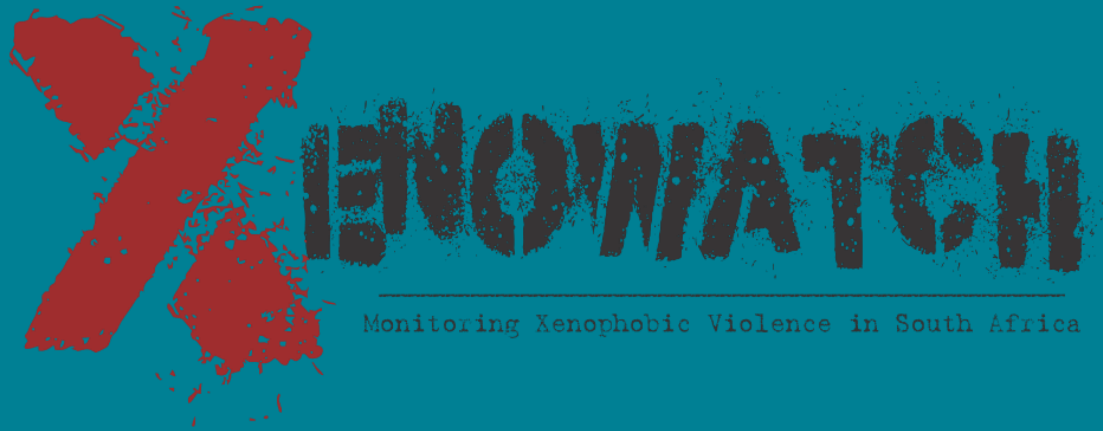


# Drivers of Xenophobic Violence in South Africa



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# Conceptual clarification

## • Xenophobia vs Xenophobic Violence

- **Xenophobia:** feelings, attitudes, prejudices that reject, exclude and vilify outsiders
  - A reality in SA and a global phenomenon
  - Causes: social and political scapegoating particularly in a context of socio-economic deprivation (real or perceived)
- **Xenophobic violence:** the most visible/dangerous manifestation

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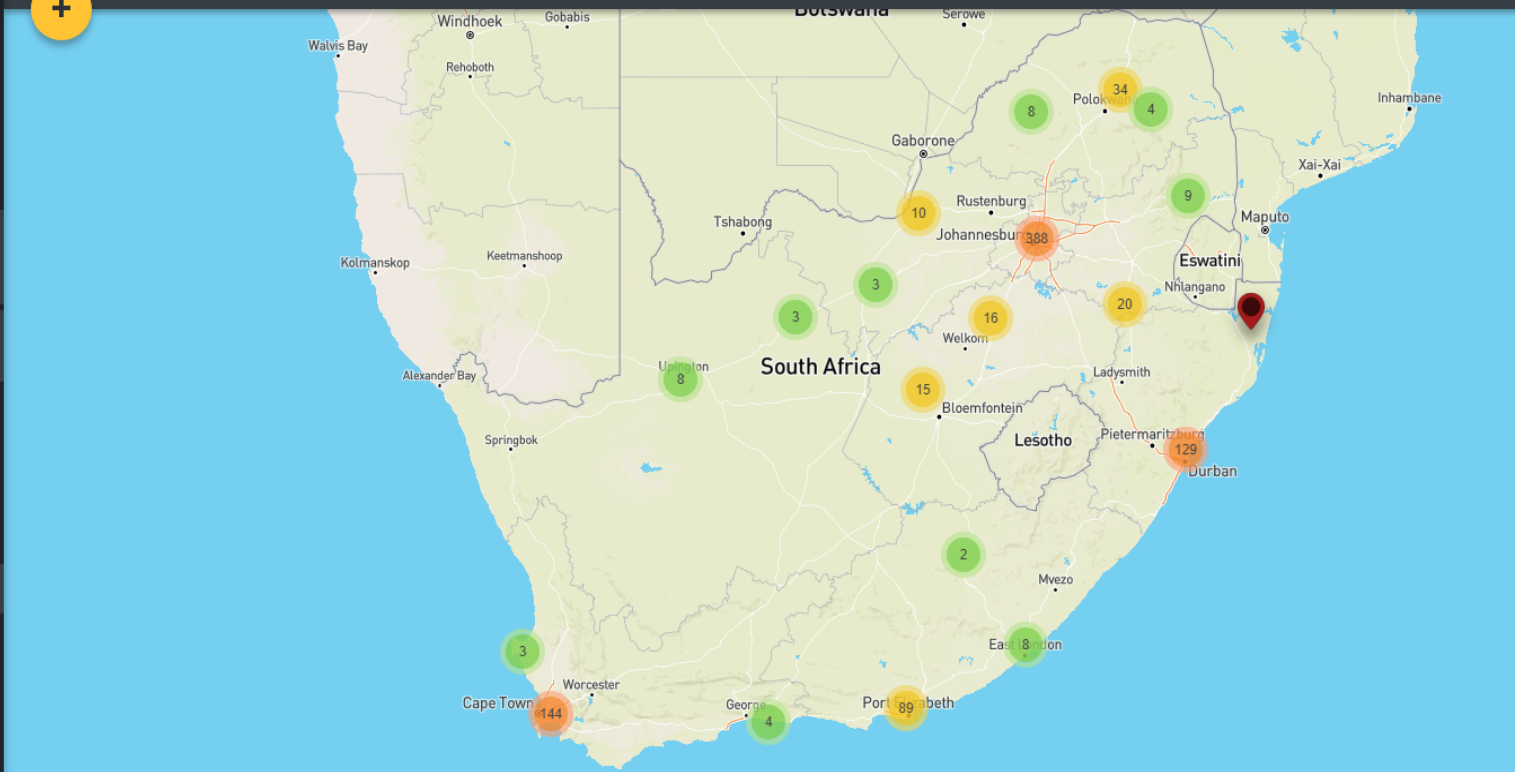
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## Xenowatch Dashboard: Incidents of Xenophobic Violence in South Africa: 1994 - 1 April 2022

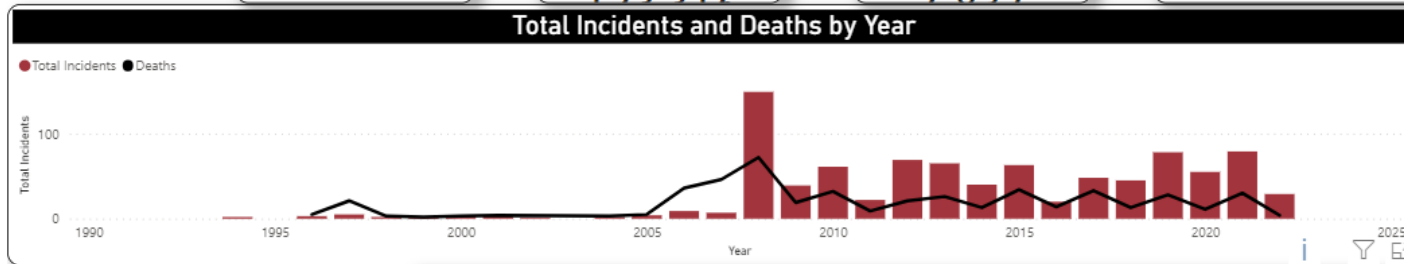


Total Incidents  
**908**

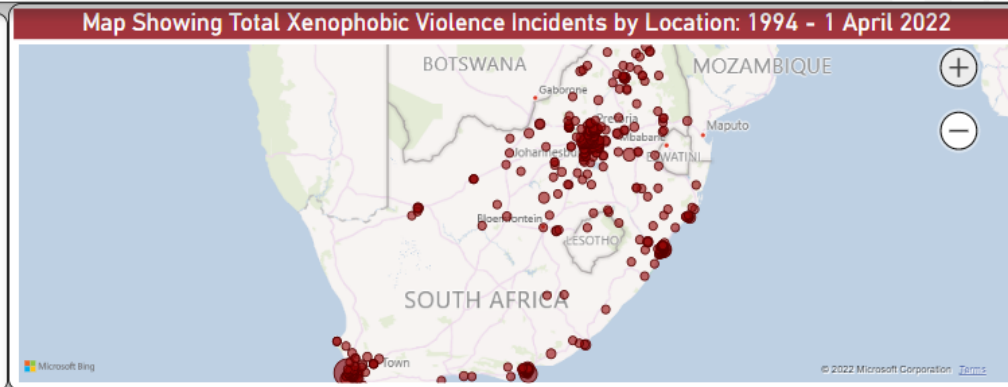
Total Displacements  
**1,154**

Total Shops Looted  
**1,054**

Total Deaths  
**621**

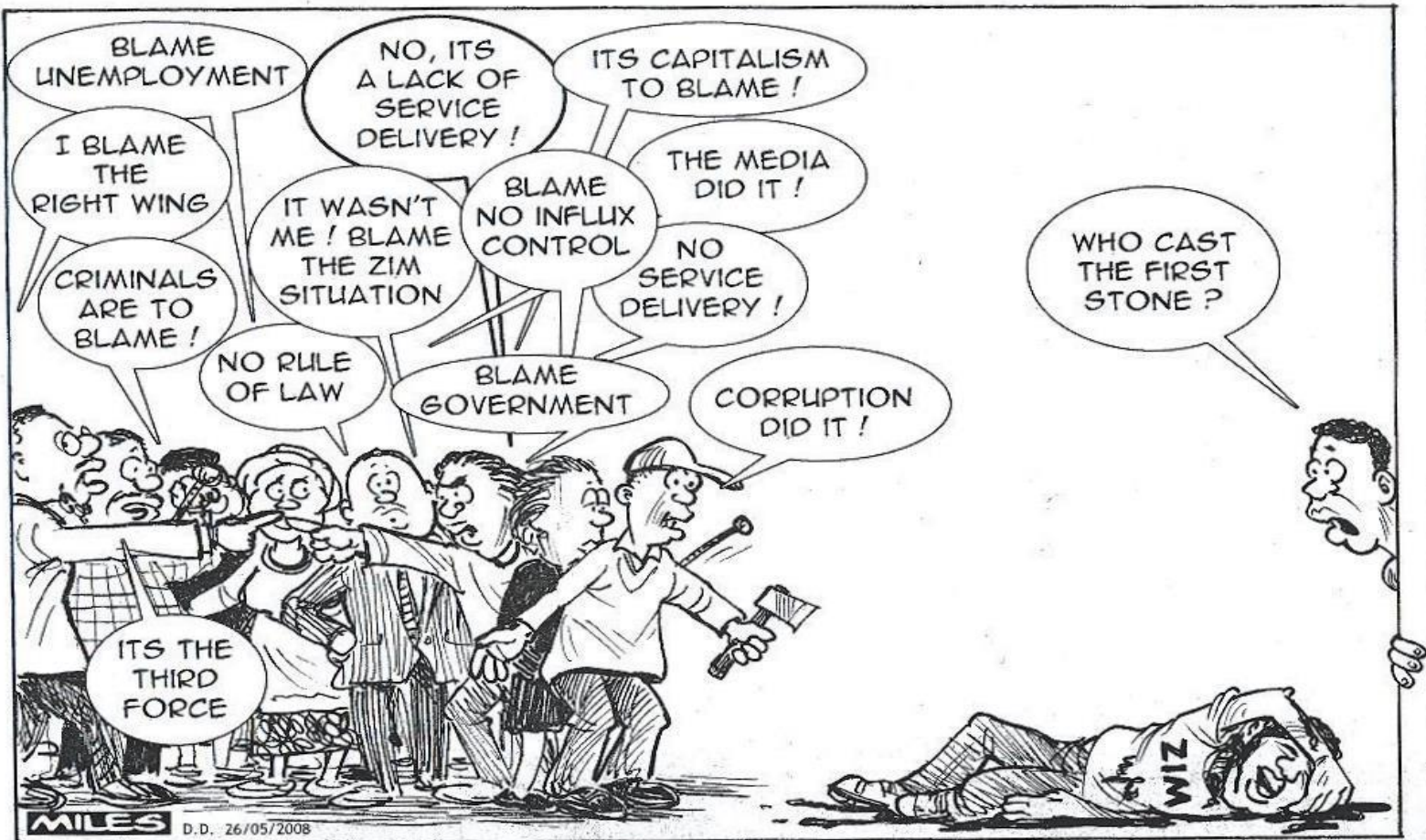


Province	Total Incidents
Gauteng	355
Western Cape	151
Kwazulu Natal	135
Eastern Cape	99
Limpopo	46
Mpumalanga	38
Free State	30
North West	28
Northern Cape	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>908</b>



# Causal explanations: Common hypotheses

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# Causal explanations: Research findings

## – Underlying conditions

- Deprivation: socio-economic hardships
- Deprivation + scapegoating → collective discontent against outsiders

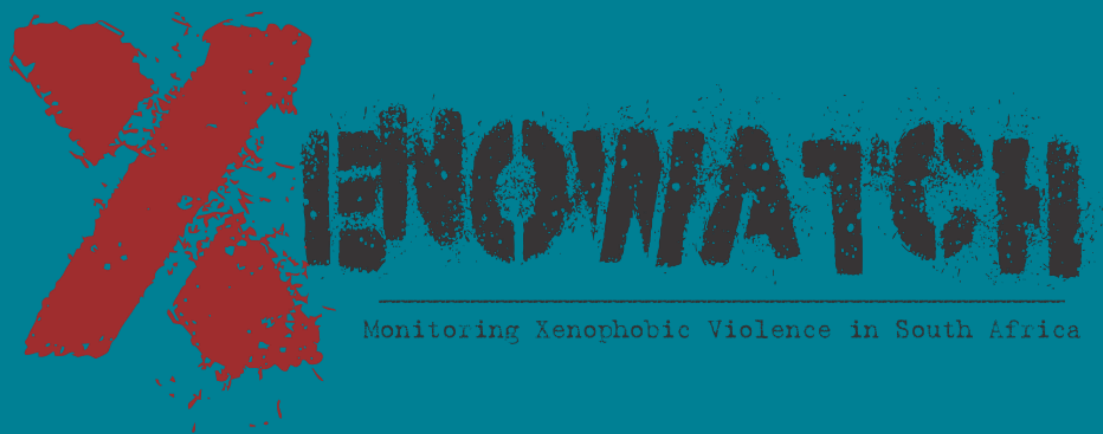
## – Proximate causes

- Deficit in local governance and community leadership
- Violence entrepreneurship

## – Triggers

- Mobilization of collective discontent
- Service delivery protests

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