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Brazil: On Crime In Sao Paulo

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According to a report by the Sao Paulo municipal government published April 28, an average 15 people are killed per day in the nation's largest city. Every hour an average of 6.7 persons are assaulted on the street, and 7.5 cars are stolen. In the past four years, 1 million people in the city of 17 million were assaulted or had a car stolen. Next, the report said each hour an average 13.7 pedestrians or homes are robbed. Car theft has increased dramatically, from 40,740 in 1987 to 64,969 last year. The report stated that 91.6% of the crimes are committed by males between the ages of 16 and 25 who reside in slums surrounding the city. (Basic data from AFP, 04/28/91)