



months of the year to 44.5 six months later.

The majority of protests are linked to unpaid wages, home ownership problems and labor disputes, CEPR said.

Protests were most common in a number of regions including Rostov, Krasnodar and Sverdlovsk and Russia's largest cities, Moscow and St. Petersburg.

The research center attributed the protests to the authorities' "destructive response tactic" — including ignoring issues altogether or only pretending to solve them.

"Protest and conflict escalation remain almost the only effective ways for employees to defend their rights," the report said.

Meanwhile, a different poll [published](#) on Tuesday by the independent Levada Center, showed Russians' satisfaction with the police had increased in the past three years, to 46 percent.

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