

ISSP Characteristics of National Population – South Africa

Each ISSP member is asked to include to the documentation the following information about known characteristics of its national population, from census or the best available estimates from government surveys or other high-quality data-sources:

- sex distribution of the population
- age distribution of the population
- education (years of schooling) of the population
- employment rate of the population

Source no. 1	Source no. 2	Source no. 3	Source no. 4
		Mid year pop estimates 2005	Mid year pop estimates 2007
Census 1996	Census 2001	Statistics SA	Statistics SA

SEX

Male	19 520 887	21 434 040	23 070 300	23 412 064
Female	21 062 685	23 385 737	28 817 900	25 089 999

AGE (groups)

0 - 4	4 443 621	4 449 816	5 063 900	4 985 176
5 - 9	4 668 722	4 853 555	5 031 100	5 116 814
10 - 14	4 654 100	5 061 917	5 099 300	4 947 002
15 - 19	4 180 716	4 981 721	4 898 100	5 093 139
20 - 24	3 982 353	4 294 523	4 621 200	4 791 808
25 - 29	3 455 728	3 934 939	4 211 100	4 064 793
30 - 34	3 074 201	3 340 901	3 762 000	3 738 488
35 - 39	2 653 755	3 071 770	2 780 200	3 217 631
40 - 44	2 138 626	2 619 465	2 483 200	2 835 298
45 - 49	1 677 525	2 087 380	2 187 200	2 408 282
50 - 54	1 268 895	1 638 020	1 757 100	1 967 385
55 - 59	1 069 936	1 205 266	1 422 200	1 566 153
60 - 64	890 536	1 065 294	1 244 200	1 157 685
65 - 69	758 887	787 927	955 900	962 196
70 - 74	482 163	631 469	654 500	665 095
75 - 79	377 428	367 537	392 300	480 086

80 - 84	316 186	428 278	324 700	263 796
85 +	NA	NA	NA	241 237

YEARS OF SCHOOLING (groups)

No schooling (0)	4 044 105	4 567 497	NA	2 850 829
Some primary (1-6)	3 491 753	4 083 742	NA	4 419 042
Completed primary (7)	1 560 880	1 467 623	NA	1 632 938
Some secondary (8-11)	7 071 963	7 846 125	NA	11 037 676
Grade 12/Std 10 (12)	3 428 630	5 200 602	NA	5 117 065
Higher	1 495 784	2 151 336	NA	2 501 020

****EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

**Employed	7 913 796	11 565 000	NA	NA
**Unemployed	15 381 174	5 250 000	NA	NA
**Not in labor force	17 288 603	12 740 000	NA	NA

**Definition of employment changed in SA therefore discrepancy in 2 census reportings.