

ISSP Characteristics of National Population

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 2007 Statistics SA	Mid year pop estimates 2009 Statistics SA	Census 2011	Mid year pop estimates 2012 Statistics SA
Male	23 412 064	23 868 700	25 188 791	25 823 300
Female	25 089 999	25 451 800	26 581 769	27 158 700

Age

0 - 4	4 985 176	5 068 900	5 685 452	5 292 512
5 - 9	5 116 814	5 184 600	4 819 751	5 091 234
10 - 14	4 947 002	5 247 200	4 594 886	5 070 996
15 - 19	5 093 139	5 214 300	5 003 477	5 168 797
20 - 24	4 791 808	4 920 900	5 374 542	5 034 532
25 - 29	4 064 793	4 423 500	5 059 317	4 765 661
30 - 34	3 738 488	3 888 300	4 029 010	4 399 533
35 - 39	3 217 631	3 282 300	3 467 767	3 913 292
40 - 44	2 835 298	2 443 200	2 948 618	3 324 142
45 - 49	2 408 282	2 260 000	2 620 283	2 612 522
50 - 54	1 967 385	2 038 700	2 218 289	2 309 967
55 - 59	1 566 153	1 645 100	1 797 408	1 851 893
60 - 64	1 157 685	1 299 100	1 385 768	1 409 490
65 - 69	962 196	961 800	957 805	1 129 301
70 - 74	665 095	674 700	748 331	778 259
75 - 79	480 086	426 600	481 267	482 762
80 +	505 033	341 300	578 589	347 098

Schooling

No schooling (0)	2 850 829	NA	2 665 874	-
Some primary (1-6)	4 419 042	NA	3 790 134	-
Completed primary (7)	1 632 938	NA	1 413 895	-
Some secondary (8-11)	11 037 676	NA	10 481 577	-
Grade 12/Std 10 (12)	5 117 065	NA	8 814 113	-
Higher	2 501 020	NA	3 750 112	-

Employment

Labour market outcomes in Census 2011 and Labour Force Survey 2011

	LFS Q4 2011	Census 2011
Formal sector (including agriculture)	10 163 553	9 756 228
Informal sector (including agriculture)	2 216 063	1 613 078
Unspecified		311 064
Private households	1 117 678	1 499 708
Employed	13 497 294	13 180 077
Working age	32 670 416	33 238 752
Absorption rate	41.3	39.7
Official definition		
Unemployed	4 244 197	5 594 055
Not economically active	14 928 925	14 464 620
Labour force	17 741 491	18 774 132
Unemployment rate	23.9	29.8
Labour force participation rate	54.3	56.5