

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

Gender	Source no. 1	Source no.2	Source no.3	Source no.4
	Mid year pop estimates 2009 Statistics SA	Census 2011	Mid year pop estimates 2012 Statistics SA	Mid year pop estimates 2014 Statistics SA
Male	23 868 700	25 188 791	25 823 300	26 366 000
Female	25 451 800	26 581 769	27 158 700	27 635 900

Age	Source no. 1	Source no.2	Source no.3	Source no.4
	Mid year pop estimates 2009 Statistics SA	Census 2011	Mid year pop estimates 2012 Statistics SA	Mid year pop estimates 2014 Statistics SA
0 – 4				
5 – 9	5 184 600	4 819 751	5 091 234	5 336 710
10 – 14	5 247 200	4 594 886	5 070 996	5 123 726
15 – 19	5 214 300	5 003 477	5 168 797	5 217 560
20 – 24	4 920 900	5 374 542	5 034 532	5 267 117
25 – 29	4 423 500	5 059 317	4 765 661	4 954 531
30 – 34	3 888 300	4 029 010	4 399 533	4 090 282
35 – 39	3 282 300	3 467 767	3 913 292	3 503 217
40 – 44	2 443 200	2 948 618	3 324 142	3 121 822
45 – 49	2 260 000	2 620 283	2 612 522	2 753 470
50 – 54	2 038 700	2 218 289	2 309 967	2 377 731
55 – 59	1 645 100	1 797 408	1 851 893	1 994 390
60 – 64	1 299 100	1 385 768	1 409 490	1 570 178
65 – 69	961 800	957 805	1 129 301	1 176 466
70 – 74	674 700	748 331	778 259	831 263
75 – 79	426 600	481 267	482 762	530 877
80 +	341 300	578 589	347 098	433 281

Education

No schooling (0)	Mid year pop estimates 2009 Statistics SA	Census 2011	Mid year pop estimates 2012 Statistics SA	Mid year pop estimates 2014 Statistics SA
Some primary (1-6)		3 790 134	-	
Completed primary (7)		1 413 895	-	
Some secondary (8-11)		10 481 577	-	
Grade 12/Std 10 (12)		8 814 113	-	
Higher		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

Labour force survey

	Apr-Jun 2013 (Thousands)	Jan-Mar 2014 (Thousands)	Apr-Jun 2014 (Thousands)
Population aged 15–64 yrs	34 712	35 177	35 332
Labour force	19 663	20 122	20 248
Employed	14 692	15 055	15 094
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	10 374	10 780	10 755
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	2 360	2 336	2 379
Agriculture	742	709	670
Private households	1 215	1 231	1 290
Unemployed	4 972	5 067	5 154
Discouraged job-seekers	2 425	2 355	2 419
Not economically active	15 049	15 055	15 084
Other (not economically active)	12 624	12 700	12 665