

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
Census 2011	Mid year pop estimates 2012 Statistics SA	Mid year pop estimates 2013 Statistics SA	Mid year pop estimates 2016 Statistics SA

SEX

Male	25188791	25823300	25823270	26 720 575
Female	26581769	27158700	27158721	28 456 722

AGE (groups)

0 - 4	5685452	5292512	5292512	5866573
5 - 9	4819751	5091234	5091234	5764576
10 - 14	4594886	5070996	5070996	5014202
15 - 19	5003477	5168797	5168797	4510094
20 - 24	5374542	5034532	5034532	4936568.
25 - 29	5059317	4765661	4765661	5409971
30 - 34	4029010	4399533	4399533	5127031
35 - 39	3467767	3913292	3913292	41128423
40 - 44	2948618	3324142	3324142	3244084
45 - 49	2620283	2612522	2612522	2628197
50 - 54	2218289	2309967	2309967	2344409
55 - 59	1797408	1851893	1851893	1988314
60 - 64	1385768	1409490	1409490	1596640
65 - 69	957805	1129301	1129301	1197118
70 - 74	748331	778259	778259	831874
75 - 79	481267	482762	482762	590442
80 +	578589	347098	347098	587768

YEARS OF SCHOOLING (groups)

No schooling	NA	6 389 647	NA	NA
Grade 1		2157573		
Grade 2		1471450		
Grade 3		1905255		
Grade 4		2131342		
Grade 5		2113047		

Grade 6		2305682		
Grade 7		2 809 832		
Grade 8		3 119 831		
Grade 9		2 514 309		
Grade 10		3 181 169		
Grade 11		2 295 460		
Grade 12		5 621 591		
Certificate with less than grade 12		93 646		
Diploma with less than grade 12		71 672		
Certificate with grade 12		441 551		
Diploma with grade 12		977 450		
Bachelors		341 140		
Bachelor's degree and diploma		165 754		
Honours		130 542		
Higher degree		132 020		
Not Applicable		4 449 816		
Total		44 819 778		

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

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		

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