

Table 1 – Population of South Africa by population group¹⁾

	Total	White	Coloured	Indian/ Asian	Black	Unspecified/ Other
	1 000					
1965	19 607	3 408	1 782	548	13 869	*
1966	20 162	3 493	1 844	566	14 259	*
1967	20 725	3 577	1 905	584	14 659	*
1968	20 292	3 655	1 966	601	14 070	*
1969	21 881	3 746	2 020	622	15 493	*
1970	19 211	3 864	2 170	652	12 525	*
1971	19 640	3 925	2 217	668	12 830	*
1972	20 080	3 987	2 266	683	13 144	*
1973	20 524	4 050	2 315	699	13 460	*
1974	20 980	4 114	2 366	715	13 785	*
1975	21 447	4 179	2 418	732	14 118	*
1976	21 921	4 245	2 470	749	14 457	*
1977	22 410	4 312	2 524	768	14 806	*
1978	22 907	4 380	2 579	786	15 162	*
1979	23 434	4 449	2 636	803	15 546	*
1980	23 994	4 522	2 695	819	15 958	*
1981	24 591	4 598	2 757	836	16 400	*
1982	25 215	4 675	2 816	851	16 873	*
1983	25 887	4 747	2 872	869	17 399	*
1984	26 564	4 812	2 929	886	17 937	*
1985	27 241	4 867	2 986	902	18 486	*
1986	27 916	4 908	3 042	918	19 048	*
1987	28 587	4 938	3 095	932	19 622	*
1988	29 249	4 969	3 146	947	20 187	*
1989	29 908	5 006	3 199	961	20 742	*
1990	30 575	5 044	3 251	976	21 304	*
1991	36 199	4 238	3 254	960	27 400	347
1992	36 992	4 275	3 317	976	28 072	352
1993	37 802	4 312	3 381	992	28 760	357
1994	38 631	4 349	3 447	1 008	29 464	363
1995	39 477	4 387	3 514	1 024	30 184	368
1996	40 584	4 435	3 600	1 046	31 128	375
1997	41 227	4 462	3 651	1 058	31 677	379
1998	42 131	4 501	3 721	1 075	32 449	385
1999	43 054	4 539	3 792	1 092	33 240	391
2000	43 686	4 522	3 797	1 092	33 880	395
2001	44 561	4 533	3 869	1 109	34 669	381
2002 ²⁾	45 454	4 555	3 918	1 122	35 474	385
2003	46 429	4 244	4 131	1 140	36 914	–

Source: Mid-year estimates by Statistics South Africa, News release P0302

- 1) The de facto population of former Transkei has been excluded as from 1977, Bophuthatswana as from 1978, Venda as from 1980 and Ciskei as from 1982 and has again been included as from 1991
- 2) Without taking into account additional deaths due to HIV/AIDS

Census figures:	
06 September 1960	16 002 797
06 May 1970	21 794 328
06 May 1980	25 016 525
05 March 1985	23 385 645
07 March 1991	41 733 424 (excluding TBVC states)
10 October 1996	40 583 573
10 October 2001	44 819 778

Table 2 – Estimated population by population group per province – 2001

Province	Population group					Estimated total population
	Unspecified/ Other	White	Coloured	Indian/Asian	Black	
	1 000					
Western Cape	-	833	2 439	45	1 207	4 524
Eastern Cape	-	305	479	18	5 535	6 437
Northern Cape	-	102	425	2	294	823
Free State	-	239	83	4	2 381	2 707
KwaZulu-Natal	-	484	142	798	8 002	9 426
North-West	-	244	57	10	3 358	3 669
Gauteng	-	1 758	338	218	6 523	8 837
Mpumalanga	-	203	22	11	2 887	3 123
Northern Province	-	126	10	9	5 129	5 274
Total RSA	-	4 294	3 995	1 115	35 416	44 820

Source: Statistics SA

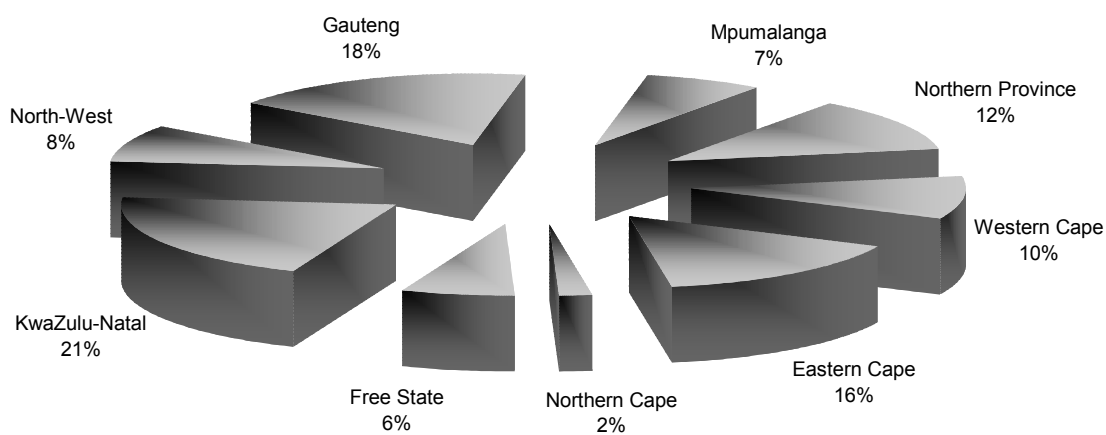


Table 3 – Economically active population for 1985¹⁾, 1991¹⁾, 1996²⁾³⁾⁴⁾ and 2001²⁾³⁾⁴⁾

Economic Sector	Census Year	Total	White	Coloured	Indian/ Asian	Black	Unspecified/ Other
	1 000						
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	2001	960	85	195	4	676	*
	1996	814	73	176	3	558	4
	1991	1 224	107	202	5	910	*
	1985	1 181	89	178	6	908	*
Mining and quarrying	2001	384	57	10	2	315	*
	1996	542	66	12	2	459	3
	1991	841	105	14	2	720	*
	1985	744	88	12	2	642	*
Manufacturing	2001	1 207	235	190	90	692	*
	1996	1 120	215	208	97	588	12
	1991	1 417	349	236	102	730	*
	1985	1 380	362	250	97	671	*
Electricity, gas and water supply	2001	72	16	6	3	47	*
	1996	109	36	9	3	60	1
	1991	103	35	7	1	60	*
	1985	94	33	8	1	52	*
Construction	2001	520	79	76	13	352	*
	1996	555	71	79	12	388	5
	1991	527	103	85	13	326	*
	1985	557	105	107	14	331	*
Wholesale , retail trade , catering and accommodation	2001	1 454	302	190	100	862	*
	1996	1 098	251	146	75	615	11
	1991	1 358	408	167	96	687	*
	1985	942	304	129	70	439	*
Transport, storage and communication	2001	443	104	46	25	268	*
	1996	484	119	49	20	292	4
	1991	497	180	45	17	254	*
	1985	419	182	42	14	181	*
Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	2001	905	360	97	51	397	*
	1996	680	328	70	35	240	7
	1991	504	338	44	24	97	*
	1985	339	240	24	13	62	*
Community, social and personal services	2001	1 842	424	200	71	1 147	*
	1996	1 581	449	268	64	1 830	16
	1991	2 641	593	278	54	1 716	*
	1985	1 965	507	235	39	1 184	*
Private households ⁵⁾	2001	940	11	76	2	851	*
	1996	1 053	24	85	5	933	6
	1991	#	#	#	#	#	#
	1985	#	#	#	#	#	#
Unspecified	2001	857	190	122	37	508	*
	1996	1 078	247	114	52	652	13
	1991	2 513	170	280	67	1 997	*
	1985	1 076	65	137	38	836	*
Economically active population	2001	16 408	1 988	1 655	478	12 287	*
	1996	13 785	1 945	1 429	414	9 888	109
	1991	11 624	2 388	1 359	380	7 497	*
	1985	8 693	1 973	1 122	293	5 305	*
Not economically active population	2001	12 019	1 046	966	330	9 677	*
	1996	10 201	975	774	294	8 074	84
	1991	19 363	2 680	1 927	607	14 149	*
	1985	14 694	2 596	1 711	529	9 858	*
Total population	2001	44 820	4 294	3 995	1 115	35 416	*
	1996	40 584	4 435	3 600	1 046	31 128	375
	1991	30 987	5 068	3 286	987	21 646	*
	1985	23 386	4 569	2 833	821	15 163	*

Source: Statistics SA – Population Censuses

- 1) 1985 and 1991 figures exclude Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Venda and Ciskei
- 2) 1996 and 2001 include the former TBVC states
- 3) Except for the total population, the 1996 and 2001 figures apply to the age group 15 to 65 only
- 4) 1996 and 2001 figures per economic sector exclude the unemployed
- 5) Up to 1991, included in “Community, social and personal services”

Table 4 – Number of farm employees and domestic servants on farms

Date	Total	White		Coloured and Asian		Black	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1 000							
Aug.1965 ¹⁾	967,9	11,8	1,0	99,1	33,7	592,7	229,6
Aug.1968	1 640,3	14,3	1,8	172,5	64,5	880,9	506,3
Aug.1969 ¹⁾	959,4	13,7	1,1	99,1	27,6	606,8	211,2
Aug.1971	1 638,8		14,0		233,5		1 391,3
Aug.1972	1 505,7		12,5		218,1		1 275,1
Aug.1973	1 468,1		12,6		216,1		1 239,4
Aug.1974	1 454,2		13,3		219,4		1 221,5
Aug.1975	1 433,5		13,7		223,9		1 195,9
Aug.1976	1 280,0		14,7		204,2		1 061,1
Aug.1977	1 247,0		*		*		*
Aug.1978	1 292,9		14,8		213,6		1 064,5
Aug.1979	1 320,0		15,3		221,6		1 083,1
Aug.1980	1 235,2		14,2		210,3		1 010,7
Aug.1981	1 146,3		13,6		202,3		930,4
Aug.1983	1 131,6		13,8		206,1		911,7
Aug.1985	1 323,7		17,3		229,9		1 076,5
Aug.1986	1 351,6		18,7		251,1		1 081,8
Aug.1987	1 354,6		17,8		254,7		1 082,1
Aug.1988	1 219,6		16,7		221,4		981,5
Feb.1990	1 184,7		16,8		255,3		912,6
Feb.1991	1 115,3		16,1		216,8		882,4
Feb.1992	1 051,2		14,9		210,9		825,4
Feb.1993	1 093,3		16,0		236,5		840,8
Feb.1994	921,7		20,2		209,4		692,1
Feb.1995	891,0		19,7		197,4		673,9
Feb.1996	914,5		20,3		205,2		689,0

Source: Statistics SA: Agricultural Censuses and Surveys

1) For 1965 and 1969, casual employees are excluded

Table 5 – Land utilisation in South Africa, 1991¹⁾

Province	Total area ²⁾	Farm land ³⁾	% of total area	Potentially arable land	% of total area	Arable land utilised	Grazing land	% of total area	Nature conservation	% of total area	Forestry	% of total area	Other ⁴⁾	% of total area
	Ha	ha	%	ha	%	Ha	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%	Ha	%
Total RSA														
Western Cape	12 938 600	11 560 609	89,3	2 454 788	19,0	–	9 105 821	70,4	730 731	5,6	198 938	1,5	448 322	3,5
Northern Cape	36 338 900	29 543 832	81,3	454 465	1,3	–	29 089 367	80,1	4 295 068	11,8	–	–	2 500 000	6,9
Free State	12 943 700	11 760 100	90,9	4 221 423	32,6	*	7 538 677	58,2	272 500	2,1	400	–	910 700	7,0
Eastern Cape	17 061 600	14 817 723	86,8	1 172 901	6,9	*	13 644 822	80,0	623 400	3,7	133 520	0,8	1 486 957	8,7
KwaZulu-Natal	9 148 100	6 529 315	71,4	1 199 675	13,1	*	5 329 640	58,3	1 377 900	15,1	465 688	5,1	775 197	8,5
Mpumalanga	8 181 600	4 978 827	60,9	1 734 896	21,2	*	3 243 931	39,6	2 331 900	28,5	549 818	6,7	321 055	3,9
Northern Province	11 960 600	10 548 290	88,2	1 700 442	14,2	*	8 847 848	74,0	1 161 600	9,7	65 410	0,5	185 300	1,5
Gauteng	1 876 000	828 623	44,2	438 623	23,4	–	390 000	20,8	228 400	12,2	20 190	1,1	798 787	42,6
North-West	11 871 000	10 098 473	85,1	3 360 459	28,3	*	6 738 014	56,8	764 500	6,4	–	0,0	1 008 027	8,5
Total	122 320 100	100 665 792	82,3	16 737 672	13,7	*	83 928 120	68,6	11 785 999	9,6	1 433 964	1,2	8 434 345	6,9
Developing Agriculture in former homelands														
Western Cape	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Northern Cape	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Free State	232 200	188 100	81,0	34 900	15,0	*	153 200	66,0	33 000	14,2	400	0,2	10 700	4,6
Eastern Cape	5 175 400	4 001 856	77,3	529 400	10,2	*	3 472 456	67,1	100 400	1,9	86 187	1,7	986 957	19,1
KwaZulu-Natal	3 607 400	3 089 912	85,7	360 700	10,0	*	2 729 212	75,7	75 800	2,1	140 491	3,9	301 197	8,3
Mpumalanga	677 500	492 507	72,7	137 898	20,4	*	354 609	52,3	56 800	8,4	23 130	3,4	105 063	15,5
Northern Province	3 612 400	3 394 518	94,0	530 700	14,7	*	2 863 818	79,3	127 200	3,5	6 060	0,2	84 622	2,3
Gauteng	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
North-West	3 807 900	3 312 873	87,0	951 975	25,0	*	2 360 898	62,0	387 000	10,2	–	0,0	108 027	2,8
Total	17 112 800	14 479 766	84,6	2 545 573	14,9	*	11 934 193	69,7	780 200	4,6	256 268	1,5	1 596 566	9,3
Commercial Agriculture														
Western Cape	12 938 600	11 560 609	89,3	2 454 788	19,0	2 126 342	9 105 821	70,4	730 731	5,6	198 938	1,5	448 322	3,5
Northern Cape	36 338 900	29 543 832	81,3	454 465	1,3	218 247	29 089 367	80,1	4 295 068	11,8	–	0,0	2 500 000	6,9
Free State	12 711 500	11 572 000	91,0	4 186 523	32,9	3 995 948	7 385 477	58,1	239 500	1,9	–	0,0	900 000	7,1
Eastern Cape	11 886 200	10 815 867	91,0	643 501	5,4	601 651	10 172 366	85,6	523 000	4,4	47 333	0,4	500 000	4,2
KwaZulu-Natal	5 540 700	3 439 403	62,1	838 975	15,1	834 637	2 600 428	46,9	1 302 100	23,5	325 197	5,9	474 000	8,6
Mpumalanga	7 504 100	4 486 320	59,8	1 596 998	21,3	1 742 601	2 889 322	38,5	2 275 100	30,3	526 688	7,0	215 992	2,9
Northern Province	8 348 200	7 153 772	85,7	1 169 742	14,0	660 090	5 984 030	71,7	1 034 400	12,4	59 350	0,7	100 678	1,2
Gauteng	1 876 000	828 623	44,2	438 623	23,4	405 773	390 000	20,8	228 400	12,2	20 190	1,1	798 787	42,6
North-West	8 063 100	6 785 600	84,2	2 408 484	29,9	2 314 833	4 377 116	54,3	377 500	4,7	–	0,0	900 000	11,2
Total	105 207 300	86 186 026	81,9	14 192 099	13,5	12 900 122	71 993 927	68,4	11 005 799	10,5	1 177 696	1,1	6 837 779	6,5

1) Source: Development Bank of Southern Africa

2) Farmland plus nature conservation land plus forestry land plus other

3) Potential arable land plus grazing land

4) Land use other than agriculture, nature conservation and forestry

Table 6 – Number of farming units and land utilisation by dominant branches of agriculture¹⁾ per province in the RSA²⁾

Land-use patterns ¹⁾	Western Cape	Northern Cape	Free State	Eastern Cape	KwaZulu-Natal	Mpumalanga	Northern Province	Gauteng	North-West	Total
1996:										
Total commercial farming units										
Number	9 759	6 730	11 272	6 338	5 037	4 675	7 273	2 342	7 512	60 938
Hectares	9 766 969	29 734 978	11 342 502	10 327 660	4 068 401	4 544 012	5 488 613	756 946	6 179 490	82 209 571
1993:										
Total commercial farming units										
Number	8 352	6 593	10 252	6 106	6 080	5 406	5 053	2 500	7 638	57 980
Hectares	10 249 665	29 962 349	11 321 192	10 319 563	4 064 032	4 648 309	5 335 289	674 894	6 184 009	82 759 302
Field crops										
Number	1 051	922	3 055	238	1 819	1 703	545	492	2 167	11 992
Hectares	1 286 510	587 498	3 083 422	224 266	703 893	1 339 650	477 781	251 792	1 573 497	9 528 309
Horticulture										
Number	3 336	565	214	616	708	560	1 067	423	550	8 039
Hectares	1 773 979	606 553	186 537	251 472	153 013	227 660	563 545	35 045	100 682	3 898 486
Forestry										
Number	76	–	–	33	286	256	137	3	5	796
Hectares	164 878	–	–	194 036	477 853	614 822	97 188	5 194	2 239	1 556 210
Animal production										
Number	3 114	4 705	6 065	4 640	2 611	2 336	2 644	1 192	4 135	31 442
Hectares	6 362 968	27 732 434	7 401 039	9 149 369	2 393 294	2 096 915	3 749 328	315 560	4 183 827	63 384 734
Mixed farming										
Number	775	401	918	579	656	551	660	390	781	5 711
Hectares	661 330	1 035 864	650 194	500 420	335 979	369 262	447 447	67 303	323 764	4 391 563
Small-scale farmers in former homelands³⁾										
Number	*	*	32 400	310 400	414 000	89 100	299 300	*	147 400	1 292 600
Irrigation³⁾ – hectares										
Crops and orchards	286 004	188 903	137 887	188 901	131 033	129 308	161 127	29 372	101 593	1 354 128

Source: Census of Agriculture, 1993 and Agricultural survey 1996, Statistics South Africa

- 1) Dominant branches of farming: A farming unit of which the gross income from a shown product is more than half of its gross income, is included with that product, otherwise the farming unit is included against "mixed farming". Farming units that showed dominance in specific products were combined to form totals for field crop products, horticultural products and animals and animal products
- 2) Excluding former TBVC states and self-governing territories
- 3) Development Bank of Southern Africa, 1991