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- 1. With effect from the September 2020 quarter, Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) reduced the scope of the Quarterly Financial Statistics of Municipalities (statistical release P9110) from 257 municipalities to the 130 largest municipalities. Consequently, the publication name and number were changed to Quarterly Financial Statistics of Selected Municipalities and P9110.1. Please refer to notes 2 and 3 on page 14 for an explanation. For further enquiries contact Malibongwe Mhemhe on (012) 310 6928 / 082 906 8964 or Malibongwe M@statssa.gov.za
- 2. For the purpose of comparability over time, the figures for previous quarters have been revised to be for the 130 largest municipalities only.
- 3. Owing to the municipal exemption to finalise and submit annual financial statements to National Treasury on the normal due date (government gazette No. 43582) as a result of the COVID-19 regulations, Financial Census of Municipalities (FCM) figures will only be available at the end of July 2021 and not at the end of June as in previous years. Benchmarking of the P9110.1 2019/2020 figures will be performed when the FCM (statistical release P9114) figures are available.

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Key findings

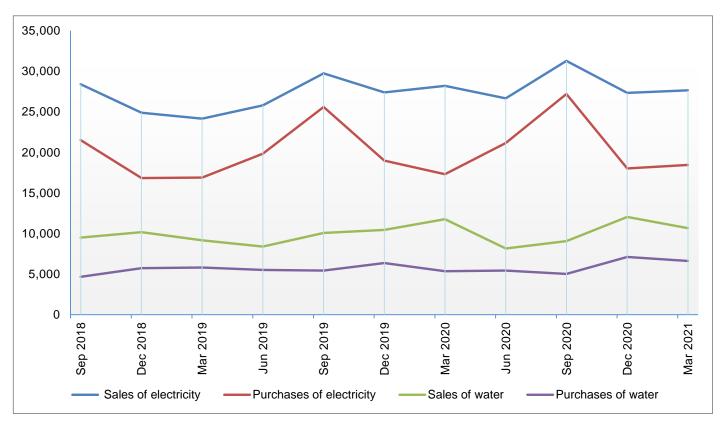
Table A - Purchases and sales of water and electricity

	Quarter ended							
Item	Dec-19	Mar-20	Jun-20	Sep-20*	Dec-20*	Mar-21		
			Year-on-yea	r % change				
Purchases of water	10,8	-7,9	-1,4	-7,6	12,0	23,8		
Sales of water	2,9	28,4	-2,8	-9,9	15,2	-9,4		
Purchases of electricity	12,7	2,5	6,7	6,3	-5,1	6,6		
Sales of electricity	10,1	16,8	3,3	5,2	-0,2	-2,0		

^{*}Some figures have been revised.

Table A shows annual growth rates in the purchases and sales of water and electricity. From the March 2020 quarter to the March 2021 quarter, purchases of water increased by 23,8% while sales of water decreased by 9,4%. Purchases of electricity increased by 6,6% while sales of electricity decreased by 2,0 over the same period.

Figure A – Purchases and sales of water and electricity from the quarter ended September 2018 to the quarter ended March 2021 – South Africa, R million



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Table 1 – Consolidated statement of financial performance of municipalities for the quarters ended March 2020, June 2020, September 2020, December 2020 and March 2021: Expenditure – South Africa

Expenditure	March 2020	June 2020	September 2020*	December 2020*	March 2021	Quarter- on-quarter difference between Dec. 2020 and Mar. 2021	Year-on- year difference between Mar. 2020 and Mar. 2021
			T	R million			
Employee-related costs	27 393	27 315	27 773	29 427	28 032	-1 395	639
Remuneration of board of directors/councillors	803	859	776	845	886	41	83
Interest paid	2 250	2 629	1 496	2 336	2 332	-4	82
Loss on the disposal of property, plant and	20	407		0.4	00	00	F.4
equipment Pad dobto	39	127	2	5 000	90	66	51
Bad debts	4 247	7 171	4 452	5 009	5 916	907	1 669
Contracted services	7 897	10 083	6 078	9 073	8 017	-1 056	120
Collection costs	152	147	112	195	177	-18	25
Depreciation and amortisation	5 877	6 568	4 619	5 380	5 947	567	70
Impairment loss (PPE)	4	4	11	12	30	18	26
Repairs and maintenance	1 194	1 497	723	870	1 105	235	-89
Bulk purchases:							
Purchases of water	5 346	5 423	5 022	7 113	6 617	-496	1 271
Purchases of electricity	17 303	21 151	27 179	18 005	18 439	434	1 136
Other bulk purchases	5	97	0	0	0	0	-5
Grants and subsidies paid to:							
Other local government institutions	18	32	56	73	51	-22	33
Tertiary institutions of higher learning	1	1	0	2	1	-1	0
Households or individuals	145	381	93	95	192	97	47
Non-profit institutions serving households	2	3	13	8	5	-3	3
Other	642	1 015	298	765	590	-175	-52
General expenditure:							
Accommodation, travelling and subsistence	150	120	70	104	100	-4	-50
Advertising, promotions and marketing	102	121	60	134	116	-18	14
Audit fees	210	134	32	154	362	208	152
Bank charges	156	237	92	135	152	17	-4
Cleaning services	128	96	35	20	21	1	-107
Consultancy and professional fees	616	564	229	684	700	16	84
Entertainment costs	7	8	5	29	14	-15	7
Fuel and oil	400	321	229	274	378	104	-22
Hiring of plant and equipment	819	713	472	755	695	-60	-124
Insurance costs	265	205	568	480	222	-258	-43
Pharmaceutical	52	58	5	0	0	0	-52
Postal and courier services	76	47	41	80	83	3	7
Printing and stationery	128	131	37	42	56	14	-72
Rebates for property rates	782	780	24	2	28	26	-754
Rebates for service charges	223	221	116	0	0	0	-223
Rental of land, buildings and other structures	1 449	407	441	311	405	94	-1 044
Rental of office equipment	149	341	85	110	148	38	-1
Security services	501	645	280	195	233	38	-268
Subscriptions and membership fees	86	144	203	116	38	-78	-48
Telecommunication services	220	242	149	197	186	-11	-34
Training and education	134	106	50	79	91	12	-43
Transport costs	131	76	50	100	46	-54	-85
Other expenditure	9 929	10 067	6 451	11 177	11 499	322	1 570
Surplus	34 620	21 645	44 800	36 737	29 026	-7 711	-5 594
Total expenditure	124 651	121 932	133 227	131 147	123 026	-8 121	-1 625

^{*} Some figures have been revised.

Table 2 – Consolidated statement of financial performance of municipalities for the quarters ended March 2020, June 2020, September 2020, December 2020 and March 2021: Income – South Africa

Income	March 2020	June 2020	September 2020*	December 2020*	March 2021	Quarter- on- quarter difference between Dec. 2020 and Mar. 2021	Year-on- year difference between Mar. 2020 and Mar. 2021
				R million			
Property rates from:							
Residential	10 480	10 854	12 299	11 016	11 141	125	661
Commercial or business	5 002	4 413	4 702	3 879	3 969	90	-1 033
State	947	1 007	1 454	1 126	511	-615	-436
Other (includes agricultural, municipal, etc.)	1 001	877	4 177	1 252	1 487	235	486
Property rates - penalties imposed and collection charges	227	88	73	95	92	-3	-135
Service charges							
Sales of water	11 767	8 150	9 067	12 040	10 662	-1 378	-1 105
Sales of electricity	28 193	26 642	31 301	27 319	27 622	303	-571
Refuse removal charges	3 006	2 885	3 209	3 384	3 388	4	382
Sewerage and sanitation charges	4 542	3 937	4 354	3 731	4 031	300	-511
Other service charges (e.g. fresh produce market)	0	0	93	55	75	20	75
Interest earned from:							
External investments	1 026	1 359	648	1 067	794	-273	-232
Outstanding debtors	2 271	1 868	1 507	1 828	2 184	356	-87
Dividends received	42	23	0	0	0	0	-42
Fines	1 183	1 660	696	1 137	1 462	325	279
Licences and permits	157	159	214	280	260	-20	103
Income for agency services	990	567	502	601	653	52	-337
Rental of facilities and equipment	890	532	564	440	506	66	-384
Bad debts recovered	6	7	1	7	4	-3	-2
Public contributions and donations (including PPE)	102	88	40	623	314	-309	212
Gains on the disposal of property, plant and equipment	37	101	60	34	168	134	131
Grants and subsidies from:							
National government	23 413	11 154	27 149	31 526	23 672	-7 854	259
Provincial government	478	473	99	367	499	132	21
Local government	1	1	0	0	0	0	-1
Other	81	20	5	83	103	20	22
Spent conditional grant	6 664	13 668	3 054	4 946	5 471	525	-1 193
Other income	3 871	9 439	3 939	6 453	5 132	-1 321	1 261
Deficit	18 274	21 960	24 020	17 858	18 826	968	552
Total income	124 651	121 932	133 227	131 147	123 026	-8 121	-1 625

^{*} Some figures have been revised.

Table 3 – Consolidated statement of financial performance of municipalities for rates and general services for the quarters ended March 2020, June 2020, September 2020, December 2020 and March 2021: Expenditure – South Africa

Expenditure	March 2020	June 2020	September 2020*	December 2020*	March 2021	Quarter- on-quarter difference between Dec. 2020 and Mar. 2021	Year-on- year difference between Mar. 2020 and Mar. 2021
			II.	R million		1	
Employee-related costs	17 740	17 543	17 566	18 643	18 215	-428	475
Remuneration of board of directors/councillors	803	859	776	845	886	41	83
Interest paid	1 631	1 727	1 152	1 597	1 934	337	303
Loss on the disposal of property, plant and equipment	2	18	1	21	75	54	73
Bad debts	1 786	3 662	1 631	3 048	3 082	34	1 296
Contracted services	3 219	3 750	2 105	3 858	3 353	-505	134
Collection costs	149	144	89	167	154	-13	5
Depreciation and amortisation	2 062	2 269	1 433	1 872	1 946	74	-116
Impairment loss (PPE)	4	1	10	12	7	-5	3
Repairs and maintenance	228	329	100	149	235	86	7
Grants and subsidies paid to:							
Other local government institutions	18	32	20	18	12	-6	-6
Tertiary institutions of higher learning	1	1	0	2	1	-1	0
Households or individuals	45	243	20	21	36	15	-9
Non-profit institutions serving households	2	3	12	6	4	-2	2
Other	347	595	126	548	413	-135	66
General expenditure:							
Accommodation, travelling and subsistence	118	82	50	64	72	8	-46
Advertising, promotions and marketing	87	104	43	87	81	-6	-6
Audit fees	195	119	27	140	333	193	138
Bank charges	150	233	89	131	147	16	-3
Cleaning services	62	37	8	13	9	-4	-53
Consultancy and professional fees	442	372	142	414	503	89	61
Entertainment costs	6	8	5	28	13	-15	7
Fuel and oil	243	190	93	142	250	108	7
Hiring of plant and equipment	292	214	99	196	253	57	-39
Insurance costs	204	149	482	392	170	-222	-34
Pharmaceutical	47	56	5	0	0	0	-47
Postal and courier services	73	44	39	79	82	3	9
Printing and stationery	108	94	31	35	49	14	-59
Rebates for property rates	782	780	24	2	28	26	-754
Rental of land, buildings and other structures	521	145	167	159	220	61	-301
Rental of office equipment	86	181	45	53	99	46	13
Security services	325	417	164	140	193	53	-132
Subscriptions and membership fees	79	127	196	112	35	-77	-44
Telecommunication services	181	199	119	166	164	-2	-17
Training and education	117	84	40	68	85	17	-32
Transport costs	122	68	24	76	30	-46	-92
Other expenditure	3 685	4 433	2 384	5 928	3 801	-2 127	116
Surplus	20 477	9 772	31 610	25 503	18 578	-6 925	-1 899
Total expenditure	56 439	49 084	60 927	64 735	55 548	-9 187	-891

^{*} Some figures have been revised.

Table 4 – Consolidated statement of financial performance of municipalities for rates and general services for the quarters ended March 2020, June 2020, September 2020, December 2020 and March 2021: Income – South Africa

Income	March 2020	June 2020	September 2020*	December 2020*	March 2021	Quarter- on-quarter difference between Dec. 2020 and Mar. 2021	Year-on- year difference between Mar. 2020 and Mar. 2021
				R million			
Taxes on property							
Property rates from:							
Residential	10 480	10 854	12 299	11 016	11 141	125	661
Commercial or business	5 002	4 413	4 702	3 879	3 969	90	-1 033
State	947	1 007	1 454	1 126	511	-615	-436
Other (includes agricultural, municipal, etc.)	1 001	877	4 177	1 252	1 487	235	486
Property rates – penalties imposed and collection charges	227	88	73	95	92	-3	-135
Interest earned from:							
External investments	1 005	1 337	616	969	735	-234	-270
Outstanding debtors	1 078	966	762	1 176	1 044	-132	-34
Dividends received	7	8	0	0	0	0	-7
Fines	1 137	1 495	670	1 095	1 428	333	291
Licences and permits	52	57	57	109	49	-60	-3
Income for agency services	257	153	190	174	310	136	53
Rental of facilities and equipment	511	230	276	221	247	26	-264
Bad debts recovered	6	6	0	0	0	0	-6
Public contributions and donations (including property, plant and equipment)	5	4	5	497	262	-235	257
Gains on the disposal of property, plant and equipment	36	24	60	27	124	97	88
Grants and subsidies from:							<u> </u>
National government	16 494	8 180	20 128	23 606	17 412	-6 194	918
Provincial government	190	192	0	4	4	0	-186
Local government	1	1	0	0	0	0	-1
Other	12	5	2	0	17	17	5
Spent conditional grants	2 936	4 072	1 507	1 947	2 807	860	-129
Other income	2 501	2 249	2 554	4 878	3 411	-1 467	910
Deficit	12 554	12 866	11 395	12 664	10 498	-2 166	-2 056
Total income	56 439	49 084	60 927	64 735	55 548	-9 187	-891

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Table 5 – Consolidated statement of financial performance of municipalities for housing and trading services for the quarters ended March 2020, June 2020, September 2020, December 2020 and March 2021: Expenditure – South Africa

Expenditure	March 2020	June 2020	September 2020*	December 2020*	March 2021	Quarter- on-quarter difference between Dec. 2020 and Mar. 2021	Year-on- year difference between Mar. 2020 and Mar. 2021
			T	R million		Т	
Employee-related costs	9 653	9 772	10 207	10 784	9 817	-967	164
Interest paid	619	902	344	739	398	-341	-221
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	37	109	1	3	15	12	-22
Bad debts	2 461	3 509	2 821	1 961	2 834	873	373
Contracted services	4 678	6 333	3 973	5 215	4 664	-551	-14
Collection costs	3	3	23	28	23	-5	20
Depreciation and amortisation	3 815	4 299	3 186	3 508	4 001	493	186
Impairment loss (PPE)	0	3	1		23	23	23
Repairs and maintenance	966	1 168	623	721	870	149	-96
Bulk purchases:					-	-	
Purchases of water	5 346	5 423	5 022	7 113	6 617	-496	1 271
Purchases of electricity	17 303	21 151	27 179	18 005	18 439	434	1 136
Other bulk purchases	5	97				0	-5
Grants and subsidies paid to:	0	0				0	0
Other local government institutions	0	0	36	55	39	-16	39
Tertiary institutions of higher learning	0	0				0	0
Households or individuals	100	138	73	74	156	82	56
Non-profit institutions serving households	0	0	1	2	1	-1	1
Other	295	420	172	217	177	-40	-118
General expenditure:							
Accommodation, travelling and subsistence	32	38	20	40	28	-12	-4
Advertising, promotions and marketing	15	17	17	47	35	-12	20
Audit fees	15	15	5	14	29	15	14
Bank charges	6	4	3	4	5	1	-1
Cleaning services	66	59	27	7	12	5	-54
Consultancy and professional fees	174	192	87	270	197	-73	23
Entertainment costs	1	0		1	1	0	0
Fuel and oil	157	131	136	132	128	-4	-29
Hiring of plant and equipment	527	499	373	559	442	-117	-85
Insurance costs	61	56	86	88	52	-36	-9
Pharmaceutical	5	2				0	-5
Postal and courier services	3	3	2	1	1	0	-2
Printing and stationery	20	37	6	7	7	0	-13
Rebates for service charges	223	221	116			0	-223
Rental of land, buildings and other structures	928	262	274	152	185	33	-743
Rental of office equipment	63	160	40	57	49	-8	-14
Security services	176	228	116	55	40	-15	-136
Subscriptions and membership fees	7	17	7	4	3	-1	-4
Telecommunication services	39	43	30	31	22	-9	-17
Training and education	17	22	10	11	6	-5	-11
Transport costs	9	8	26	24	16	-8	7
Other expenditure	6 244	5 634	4 067	5 249	7 698	2 449	1 454
Surplus	14 143	11 873	13 190	11 234	10 448	-786	-3 695
Total expenditure	68 212	72 848	72 300	66 412	67 478	1 066	-734

^{*} Some figures have been revised.

Table 6 – Consolidated statement of financial performance of municipalities for housing and trading services for the quarters ended March 2020, June 2020, September 2020, December 2020 and March 2021: Income – South Africa

Income	March 2020	June 2020	September 2020*	December 2020*	March 2021	Quarter- on-quarter difference between Dec. 2020 and Mar. 2021	Year-on- year difference between Mar. 2020 and Mar. 2021
				R million			
Interest earned from:							
External investments	21	22	32	98	59	-39	38
Outstanding debtors	1 193	902	745	652	1 140	488	-53
Dividends received	35	15				0	-35
Fines	46	165	26	42	34	-8	-12
Licences and permits	105	102	157	171	211	40	106
Income for agency services	733	414	312	427	343	-84	-390
Rental of facilities and equipment	379	302	288	219	259	40	-120
Bad debts recovered	0	1	1	7	4	-3	4
Public contributions and donations (including property, plant and equipment)	97	84	35	126	52	-74	-45
Gains on the disposal of property, plant and equipment	1	77		7	44	37	43
Service charges:							
Sales of water	11 767	8 150	9 067	12 040	10 662	-1 378	-1 105
Sales of electricity	28 193	26 642	31 301	27 319	27 622	303	-571
Refuse removal charges	3 006	2 885	3 209	3 384	3 388	4	382
Sewerage and sanitation charges	4 542	3 937	4 354	3 731	4 031	300	-511
Other service charges (e.g. fresh produce market)	0	0	93	55	75	20	75
Grants and subsidies from:							
National government	6 919	2 974	7 021	7 920	6 260	-1 660	-659
Provincial government	288	281	99	363	495	132	207
Local government	0	0				0	0
Other	69	15	3	83	86	3	17
Spent conditional grants	3 728	9 596	1 547	2 999	2 664	-335	-1 064
Other income	1 370	7 190	1 385	1 575	1 721	146	351
Deficit	5 720	9 094	12 625	5 194	8 328	3 134	2 608
Total income	68 212	72 848	72 300	66 412	67 478	1 066	-734

^{*} Some figures have been revised.

Annexure A – Purchases and sales of water

	Purchas	ses	Sales	
Quarter ended	R million	Year-on-year % change	R million	Year-on-year % change
Jun 2016	3 928		7 430	
Sep 2016	4 202		8 082	
Dec 2016	3 088		5 746	
Mar 2017	5 000		9 837	
Jun 2017	4 544	15,7	8 459	13,8
Sep 2017	4 184	-0,4	8 284	2,5
Dec 2017	4 722	52,9	8 828	53,6
Mar 2018	4 625	-7,5	8 923	-9,3
Jun 2018	5 035	10,8	8 916	5,4
Sep 2018	4 667	11,5	9 493	14,6
Dec 2018	5 732	21,4	10 156	15,0
Mar 2019	5 806	25,5	9 167	2,7
Jun 2019	5 502	9,3	8 385	-6,0
Sep 2019	5 437	16,5	10 067	6,0
Dec 2019	6 352	10,8	10 449	2,9
Mar 2020	5 346	-7,9	11 767	28,4
Jun 2020	5 423	-1,4	8 150	-2,8
Sep 2020	5 022	-7,6	9 067	-9,9
Dec 2020	7 113	12,0	12 040	15,2
Mar 2021	6 617	23,8	10 662	-9,4

Annexure B - Purchases and sales of electricity

	Purchas	es	Sales	
Quarter ended	R million	Year-on-year % change	R million	Year-on-year % change
Jun 2016	16 985		22 437	
Sep 2016	19 681		28 397	
Dec 2016	11 179		16 797	
Mar 2017	19 781		28 334	
Jun 2017	16 915	-0,4	23 772	5,
Sep 2017	20 156	2,4	27 880	-1,
Dec 2017	15 687	40,3	23 566	40,
Mar 2018	15 496	-21,7	22 738	-19,
Jun 2018	17 637	4,3	24 178	1,
Sep 2018	21 493	6,6	28 378	1,
Dec 2018	16 835	7,3	24 875	5,
Mar 2019	16 886	9,0	24 137	6,
Jun 2019	19 827	12,4	25 785	6,
Sep 2019	25 579	19,0	29 730	4,
Dec 2019	18 969	12,7	27 375	10,
Mar 2020	17 303	2,5	28 193	16,
Jun 2020	21 151	6,7	26 642	3,
Sep 2020	27 179	6,3	31 301	5
Dec 2020	18 005	-5,1	27 319	-0
Mar 2021	18 439	6,6	27 622	-2,

Annexure C - Top 130 municipalities in terms of total expenditure

Rank based on total expenditure	Municipality	Туре	Category	Province
1	City of Johannesburg MM	Metro	А	Gauteng
2	City of Cape Town MM	Metro	А	Western Cape
3	eThekwini MM	Metro	А	KwaZulu-Natal
4	Ekurhuleni MM	Metro	А	Gauteng
5	City of Tshwane MM	Metro	А	Gauteng
6	Nelson Mandela Bay MM	Metro	А	Eastern Cape
7	Mangaung MM	Metro	А	Free State
8	Emfuleni LM	Secondary City / Top 19	В	Gauteng
9	Buffalo City MM	Metro	А	Eastern Cape
10	The Msunduzi LM	Secondary City / Top 19	В	KwaZulu-Natal
11	Rustenburg LM	Secondary City / Top 19	В	North West
12	Polokwane LM	Secondary City / Top 19	В	Limpopo
13	City of Mbombela LM	Secondary City / Top 19	В	Mpumalanga
14	Emalahleni (MP) LM	Secondary City / Top 19	В	Mpumalanga
15	Matjhabeng LM	Secondary City / Top 19	В	Free State
16	Mogale City LM	Secondary City / Top 19	В	Gauteng
17	City of Matlosana LM	Secondary City / Top 19	В	North West
18	City of uMhlathuze LM	Secondary City / Top 19	В	KwaZulu-Natal
19	Newcastle LM	Secondary City / Top 19	В	KwaZulu-Natal
20	Madibeng LM	Secondary City / Top 19	В	North West
21	Drakenstein LM	Secondary City / Top 19	В	Western Cape
22	Rand West LM	Non-metro	В	Gauteng
23	Govan Mbeki LM	Secondary City / Top 19	В	Mpumalanga
24	Sol Plaatje LM	Secondary City / Top 19	В	Northern Cape
25	George LM	Secondary City / Top 19	В	Western Cape
26	JB Marks LM	Secondary City / Top 19	В	North West
27	Merafong City LM	Non-metro	В	Gauteng
28	O.R. Tambo DM	District	С	Eastern Cape
29	Amathole DM	District	С	Eastern Cape
30	Steve Tshwete LM	Secondary City / Top 19	В	Mpumalanga
31	Vhembe DM	District	С	Limpopo
32	Stellenbosch LM	Secondary City / Top 19	В	Western Cape
33	KwaDukuza LM	Non-metro	В	KwaZulu-Natal
34	King Sabata Dalindyebo LM	Non-metro	В	Eastern Cape
35	Mopani DM	District	С	Limpopo
36	Greater Tzaneen LM	Non-metro	В	Limpopo
37	Chris Hani DM	District	С	Eastern Cape
38	Bushbuckridge LM	Non-metro	В	Mpumalanga
39	Midvaal LM	Non-metro	В	Gauteng
40	Ugu DM	District	С	KwaZulu-Natal
41	Mogalakwena LM	Non-metro	В	Limpopo
42	Ray Nkonyeni LM	Non-metro	В	KwaZulu-Natal
43	Metsimaholo LM	Non-metro	В	Free State
44	Saldanha Bay LM	Non-metro	В	Western Cape

Annexure C – Top 130 municipalities in terms of total expenditure (continued)

Rank based on total expenditure	Municipality	Туре	Category	Province
45	Overstrand LM	Non-metro	В	Western Cape
46	Sekhukhune DM	District	С	Limpopo
47	Breede Valley LM	Non-metro	В	Western Cape
48	Lekwa LM	Non-metro	В	Mpumalanga
49	Makhado LM	Non-metro	В	Limpopo
50	Mossel Bay LM	Non-metro	В	Western Cape
51	Moses Kotane LM	Non-metro	В	North West
52	Mahikeng LM	Non-metro	В	North West
53	Fetakgomo/Greater Tubatse LM	Non-metro	В	Limpopo
54	Alfred Duma LM	Non-metro	В	KwaZulu-Natal
55	Moqhaka LM	Non-metro	В	Free State
56	Dihlabeng LM	Non-metro	В	Free State
57	Nkomazi LM	Non-metro	В	Mpumalanga
58	Msukaligwa LM	Non-metro	В	Mpumalanga
59	Ngwathe LM	Non-metro	В	Free State
60	King Cetshwayo DM	District	С	KwaZulu-Natal
61	UMgungundlovu DM	District	С	KwaZulu-Natal
62	Knysna LM	Non-metro	В	Western Cape
63	Lesedi LM	Non-metro	В	Gauteng
64	Mookgopong/Modimolle LM	Non-metro	В	Limpopo
65	Maluti-A-Phofung LM	Non-metro	В	Free State
66	Mkhondo LM	Non-metro	В	Mpumalanga
67	Kouga LM	Non-metro	В	Eastern Cape
68	Enoch Mgijima LM	Non-metro	В	Eastern Cape
69	Thembisile Hani LM	Non-metro	В	Mpumalanga
70	Capricorn DM	District	С	Limpopo
71	Dawid Kruiper LM	Non-metro	В	Northern Cape
72	Uthukela DM	District	С	KwaZulu-Natal
73	iLembe DM	District	С	KwaZulu-Natal
74	Ngaka Modiri Molema DM	District	С	North West
75	Zululand DM	District	С	KwaZulu-Natal
76	Langeberg LM	Non-metro	В	Western Cape
77	Thulamela LM	Non-metro	В	Limpopo
78	Oudtshoorn LM	Non-metro	В	Western Cape
79	Swartland LM	Non-metro	В	Western Cape
80	Bitou LM	Non-metro	В	Western Cape
81	Joe Gqabi DM	District	С	Eastern Cape
82	Setsoto LM	Non-metro	В	Free State
83	Umkhanyakude DM	District	С	KwaZulu-Natal
84	Thaba Chweu LM	Non-metro	В	Mpumalanga
85	Dr JS Moroka LM	Non-metro	В	Mpumalanga
86	Moretele LM	Non-metro	В	North West
87	Witzenberg LM	Non-metro	В	Western Cape
88	Greater Giyani LM	Non-metro	В	Limpopo
89	Ba-Phalaborwa LM	Non-metro	В	Limpopo
90	Lephalale LM	Non-metro	В	Limpopo

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Annexure C – Top 130 municipalities in terms of total expenditure (concluded)

Rank based on total expenditure	Municipality	Туре	Category	Province
91	Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati DM	District	С	North West
92	Abaqulusi LM	Non-metro	В	KwaZulu-Natal
93	Inkosi Langalibalele LM	Non-metro	В	KwaZulu-Natal
94	Elias Motsoaledi LM	Non-metro	В	Limpopo
95	Harry Gwala DM	District	С	KwaZulu-Natal
96	Makana LM	Non-metro	В	Eastern Cape
97	Alfred Nzo DM	District	С	Eastern Cape
98	Victor Khanye LM	Non-metro	В	Mpumalanga
99	Ditsobotla LM	Non-metro	В	North West
100	Theewaterskloof LM	Non-metro	В	Western Cape
101	Makhuduthamaga LM	Non-metro	В	Limpopo
102	Chief Albert Luthuli LM	Non-metro	В	Mpumalanga
103	Bela-Bela LM	Non-metro	В	Limpopo
104	Lepelle-Nkumpi LM	Non-metro	В	Limpopo
105	Sedibeng DM	District	С	Gauteng
106	uMngeni LM	Non-metro	В	KwaZulu-Natal
107	Umzinyathi DM	District	С	KwaZulu-Natal
108	Gert Sibande DM	District	С	Mpumalanga
109	Umzimvubu LM	Non-metro	В	Eastern Cape
110	Maquassi Hills LM	Non-metro	В	North West
111	Ga-Segonyana LM	Non-metro	В	Northern Cape
112	uMlalazi LM	Non-metro	В	KwaZulu-Natal
113	Dr Beyers Naude LM	Non-metro	В	Eastern Cape
114	Nala LM	Non-metro	В	Free State
115	Gamagara LM	Non-metro	В	Northern Cape
116	Nketoana LM	Non-metro	В	Free State
117	Hessequa LM	Non-metro	В	Western Cape
118	Nkangala DM	District	С	Mpumalanga
119	Mantsopa LM	Non-metro	В	Free State
120	West Rand DM	District	С	Gauteng
121	Raymond Mhlaba LM	Non-metro	В	Eastern Cape
122	Garden Route DM	District	С	Western Cape
123	Ulundi LM	Non-metro	В	KwaZulu-Natal
124	Naledi LM	Non-metro	В	North West
125	Cape Winelands DM	District	С	Western Cape
126	Musina LM	Non-metro	В	Limpopo
127	Kopanong LM	Non-metro	В	Free State
128	Matatiele LM	Non-metro	В	Eastern Cape
129	West Coast DM	District	С	Western Cape
130	Dr. Pixley Ka Isaka Seme LM	Non-metro	В	Mpumalanga

Notes

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Purpose of survey

The *Quarterly financial statistics of selected municipalities* (QFSSM) (statistical release P9110.1) is a quarterly survey that obtains financial information from those institutions determined to be municipalities in terms of the Local Government Municipal Structures Act 1988 (Act no. 117 of 1998). The results of the survey are used to compile estimates of national accounts in order to determine the gross domestic product (GDP) and its components; by the fiscal and monetary authorities for policy formulation; and for the analysis of local government finances.

Response rates

 March 2020 quarter:
 81% (of 130)

 June 2020 quarter:
 82% (of 130)

 September 2020 quarter:
 100% (of 130)

 December 2020 quarter:
 100% (of 130)

 March 2021 quarter:
 100% (of 130)

Imputations

No imputations were performed as all municipalities furnished usable figures.

Cautionary note

The Quarterly financial statistics of selected municipalities (QFSSM) survey provides quarterly updates based on preliminary figures from municipalities. For a more complete report please refer to the annual *Financial census of municipalities* (statistical release P9114), in which most results are based on audited figures.

Implementation of Municipal Standard Chart of Accounts (MSCOA)

The implementation of MSCOA resulted in some municipalities experiencing difficulties with their newly upgraded or acquired systems. Amongst others the following are the most common issues:

- i. Municipalities not being able to integrate their reporting systems (such as payrolls and municipal systems into the newly upgraded MSCOA-compliant system).
- ii. Municipalities struggling and being behind with the capturing of figures into the new systems this is mainly a problem for municipalities which had to move to a new system altogether.

Stats SA is working with the affected few municipalities and other stakeholders to address the issues described above. Preliminary data for the latest quarter should be treated with particular care (see explanatory note 7 below: Revised figures).

Explanatory notes

Introduction

1 The purpose of the quarterly financial statistics survey of selected municipalities is to provide stakeholders with information for allowing analysis and assessment of the state of local government finances.

This publication contains estimates for the quarters ended March 2020, June 2020, September 2020, December 2020 and March 2021. The survey is designed to obtain financial information of local government institutions relating to:

- the consolidated statement of financial performance of municipalities;
- the consolidated statement of financial performance of municipalities rates and general services; and
- the consolidated statement of financial performance of municipalities housing and trading services.

Survey methodology and design

With effect from the September 2020 quarter, Stats SA has conducted a quarterly survey which focuses on the largest 130 municipalities, which are metropolitan municipalities, secondary cities, other large local municipalities and district municipalities (see Annexure C on page 10 for a full list of these municipalities). The ranking of municipalities from largest to smallest was done in terms of total expenditure of each municipality from the 2017/2018 annual financial statements. This quarterly survey represents approximately 85 percent of the total value when the full scope of municipalities is surveyed. Data for the 130 municipalities are available with effect from September 2007. A similar survey called Financial Census of Municipalities (P9114) inclusive of the other municipalities is conducted annually.

Scope of the survey

This survey covers quarterly financial information of 130 selected municipalities as indicated above (note 2). This new scope was part of the population of 257 municipalities collected, processed, analysed and published as Quarterly Financial Statistics of Municipalities (P9110), hence the availability of comparable information for it.

Classification and accounting standards

4 For the purposes of classification of local government institutions according to activities Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) used the *Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities* (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No.09-90-02 of January 1993, Activities of local government institutions also adhere to the accounting standards and requirements in terms of the Generally Recognised Accounting Practice (GRAP).

The Municipal Standard Chart of Accounts (MSCOA) was initially rolled out (piloted-tested) in 2016 in some municipalities. MSCOA has since been implemented in all municipalities from the beginning of the 2017 municipal financial year. This is a multi-dimensional classification framework providing the method and format for recording and classifying financial transaction information in the general ledger forming part of the books of account containing a standard list of all available accounts.

Survey methodology and design

5 The statistical unit for the collection of information is the municipality.

Imputation

The historical method is used to impute for non-response. According to this method previous information is used to arrive at current figures after being appraised for its suitability.

Revised figures

7 Estimates for the current quarter are preliminary. Figures will be revised if respondents report revisions or corrections to their figures and also if the data were received late by Stats SA (after the cut-off date for submitting their questionnaires).

Rounding off figures

The figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown and as a result there may be slight discrepancies between the sums of the constituent items and the totals shown.

Related publications

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Users may wish to refer to the following Stats SA publications:

P9110 Quarterly financial statistics of municipalities (discontinued);

P9101 Capital expenditure of the public sector;
 P9114 Financial census of municipalities;

• P9119.4 Financial statistics of consolidated general government;

P0441 Gross domestic product; and
 P0277 Quarterly employment statistics.

Symbols and abbreviations used

10 GRAP Generally Recognised Accounting Practice MSCOA Municipal Standard Chart of Accounts

QES Quarterly Employment Statistics

SIC Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities

Stats SA Statistics South Africa
O Nil or not applicable

Glossary of the selected terms

Consolidated statement of financial performance

The aggregate or consolidated statement of financial performance (previously referred to as income statement) reports the institution's financial performance during a specific period in time. This statement covers all the revenue and expenditure of an entity over a specific period in time.

Current expenditure

Current expenditure refers to transactions that decrease the net worth of the institution including interest paid, compensation of employees, grants and subsidies paid and depreciation but excluding the acquisition of fixed capital. It consists of the total expenditure of rates and general services (excluding the surplus) and the total expenditure of housing and trading services (excluding the surplus).

District municipality

District municipality refers to a municipality that has a municipal executive and legislative authority in an area that includes more than one municipality and which is described in section 155(1) of the Constitution as a category C municipality. Refer to the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act 1998 (Act No.117 of 1998).

Employee-related costs

Employee-related costs include payment to full-time and part-time employees irrespective of whether the remuneration is paid out of revenue capital or any other account.

Employee-related costs also include:

- basic compensation;
- allowances;
- contributions to other benefit funds of employees such as medical aid, pension fund contributions, group life, etc. (excluding unemployment insurance and workmen's compensation, etc. which may be looked upon as a form of insurance and would appear under general expenditure) and other benefits such as housing subsidies; and
- uniform and clothing allowances (clothing, boots, overalls etc. supplied to uniformed employees).

Also refer to the Quarterly employment statistics (QES – P9027), which measures employment and gross earnings of all employees on a given municipal payroll.

General expenditure

The following are included in general expenditure: accommodation, travelling and subsistence; advertising; audit fees; bank charges; cleaning services; consultancy fees; fuel and oil; hiring of plant and equipment; insurance costs; membership fees; pharmaceutical expenses; postage and stamps; printing and stationery; security fees; rental of land, buildings and other structures; rental of office equipment; telecommunication services; training and education; and transport costs.

Housing services

Housing includes all activities associated with the municipal provision of housing.

Local municipality

Local municipality refers to municipalities that share municipal executive and legislative authority in its area with a district municipality within whose area it falls that is described in section 155(1) of the Constitution as a category B municipality. Refer to the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act 1998 (Act No.117 of 1998).

Metropolitan municipality

Metropolitan municipality refers to an institution that has municipal executive and legislative authority in an area that includes more than one municipality and which is described in section 155(1) of the Constitution as a category A municipality. Refer to the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act 1998 (Act No.117 of 1998).

Municipality

Municipality is a generic term describing the 'unit' of government in the local spheres responsible for local government in a geographically demarcated area and includes district, local and metropolitan municipalities. A municipality is an institution consisting of a municipal council (elected political representatives) and the municipal administration (appointed officials). Refer to the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act 1998 (Act No.117 of 1998).

Other expenditure

The following are included in other expenditure:

- departmental charges/fees;
- books and magazines;
- consumables;
- licences and trade licences;
- workshops;
- refreshments; and
- sundries.

Rates and general services

Rates and general services refer to municipal services that are not economically self-supporting and are financed by imposing assessment and other rates the receipt of subsidies and other contributions. This includes ambulance services, fire control (or fire-fighting), health services (clinics, old-age homes), roads and storm water drainage, parks and recreation (libraries, cultural activities, museums, sport administration, community halls, swimming pools, sports grounds, nature reserves, etc.), sewerage and cleansing, traffic (licensing offices) and other services (city engineers, administration, personnel, legal services, city treasurer, etc.).

Repairs and maintenance

Repairs and maintenance include all expenditure on repairs and maintenance of the various assets of the municipality. Where considered necessary the cost of repairs in respect of the various types of assets, e.g. buildings, plant, may be subdivided. Where repairs and maintenance have been charged to a 'provision for repairs account' the actual expenditure incurred during the current year has been reflected under this subdivision and the amount chargeable to the 'provision for repairs' is reflected as a deduction from the actual cost. Any balance of expenditure still remaining is treated as a charge against the current year.

Trading services

Trading services are services for which the tariffs are determined in such a way that the provision of the service should yield a trading profit (market-related goods and services). These include waste management (refuse removal, solid waste disposal (landfill sites), street cleaning, recycling etc.), waste water management (sewerage, storm water management and public toilets), water (water distribution, water storage, etc.), electricity (electricity distribution, electricity generation, street lighting, etc.) etc.

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