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1.1 Area by province (km²)

Eastern Cape	Free State	Gauteng	KwaZulu- Natal	Mpuma- langa	Northern Cape	Northern Province	North West	Western Cape	South Africa
169 580	129 480	17 010	92 100	79 490	361 830	123 910	116 320	129 370	1 219 090

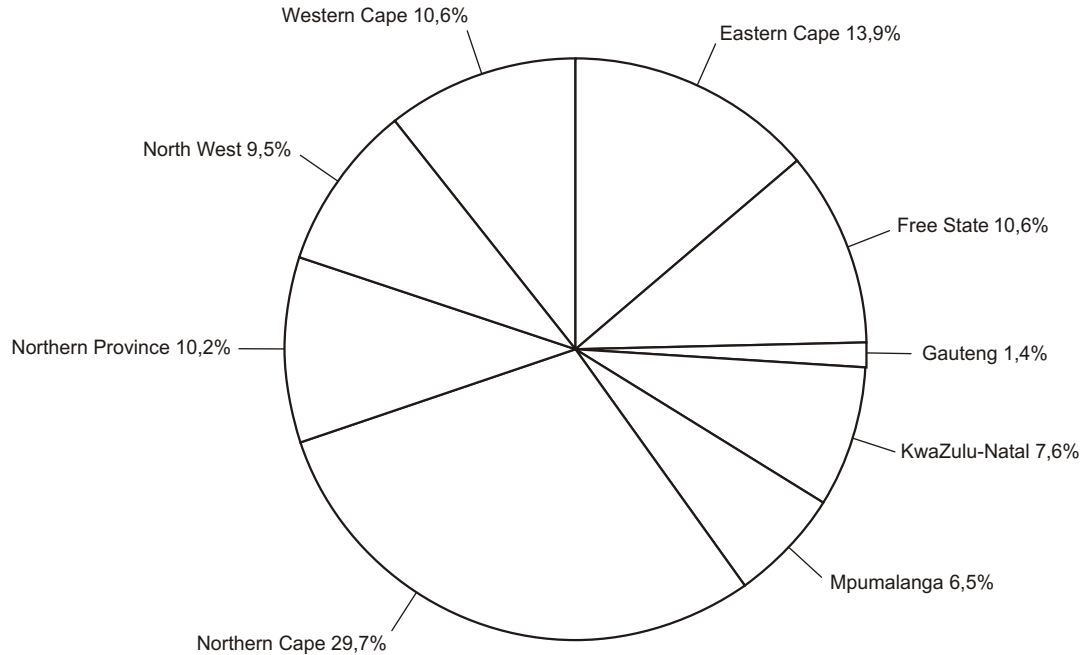
Source: Department of Land Affairs

Northern Cape, the largest province, covers 29,7% of the total land area of South Africa, while Gauteng, the smallest province, comprises only 1,4% of the total area.

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1.2 Area by province in South Africa (percentages)

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1.3 Climate of provincial capitals

Climate	Eastern Cape	Free State	Gauteng	KwaZulu- Natal	Mpuma- langa	Northern Cape	Northern Province	North West	Western Cape
	Bisho	Bloem- fontein	Johannes- burg	Pieterma- ritzburg*	Nelspruit	Kimberley	Pietersburg	Mafikeng	Cape Town
Average temperature (°C)									
January	22,1	23,0	20,1	22,9	24,0	25,3	22,6	24,1	20,9
July	13,8	7,7	10,4	12,9	14,8	10,8	12,2	12,0	12,2
Average hours of sunshine									
January	..	296	250	185	216	307	253	280	338
July	..	273	284	251	265	287	279	285	193
Average rainfall (mm)									
January	62	83	125	141	127	57	82	117	15
July	31	8	4	11	10	7	3	3	82
Average number of rain days									
January	13	11	16	18	14	10	10	13	6
July	5	2	1	3	2	2	1	1	12
Average annual rainfall (mm)	606	559	713	844	767	414	478	539	515

Source: Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, Weather Services

*Information on Cedara used for Pietermaritzburg

.. Data not available

As a winter rainfall area, the Western Cape is the only province in the country with a Mediterranean climate.