

1994	1995	1996	1997	1998*
133 309	148 148	146 732	146 729	146 741

Source: Stats SA, *Marriages and divorces 1998* (Report 03-07-01)

\*Includes unspecified and marriages not solemnised in South Africa.

Only recorded marriages are included. Certain types of marriages, for example traditional and Muslim, were not officially recognised until recently, and were therefore not recorded. A breakdown of customary, traditional and other types of marriages will be available by the end of 2002.

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## 3.2 Recorded marriages by province, 1998 (numbers)

Eastern Cape	Free State	Gauteng	KwaZulu- Natal	Mpuma- langa	Northern Cape	Northern Province	North West	Western Cape	Total*
15 815	12 133	37 776	20 267	7 149	3 686	13 031	10 648	24 086	144 591

Source: Stats SA, *Marriages and divorces 1998* (Report 03-07-01)

\* Total excludes unspecified and marriages not solemnised in South Africa.

Recorded marriages of all population groups are included. Certain types of marriages, for example, traditional and Muslim, were not officially recognised until recently, and were therefore not recorded. A breakdown of customary, traditional and other types of marriages will be available by the end of 2002.



Eastern Cape	Free State	Gauteng	KwaZulu- Natal	Mpuma- langa	Northern Cape	Northern Province	North West	Western Cape	Total*
2 755	2 556	13 681	5 078	1 444	831	994	1 510	6 893	35 792

Source: Stats SA, *Marriages and divorces 1998* (Report 03-07-01)

\* Total includes foreign divorces.

In some instances separations are not reflected in the figures unless they are legalised.

Figures include all population groups.

## 3.4 Number of minor children affected by recorded divorces by population group, 1998

	Number of minor children
African	8 969
Coloured	6 027
Indian	2 620
White	15 848
Mixed	276
Unspecified	11 383
<b>Total</b>	<b>45 123</b>

Source: Stats SA, *Marriages and divorces 1998* (Report 03-07-01)

Figures include minor children of all population groups as recorded in the law courts. The age of a minor child is defined as 0-16 years.

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## 3.5 Marriages and divorces, 1994-1998 (numbers)

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Marriages	133 309	148 148	146 732	146 729	146 741
Divorces*	29 878	31 592	28 753	28 788	26 659

Source: Stats SA, *Marriages and divorces 1998* (Report 03-07-01)

\* Numbers exclude foreign and unspecified divorces.

Recorded marriages of all population groups are included in the totals. Certain types of marriages, for example, traditional and Muslim, were not officially recognised until recently, and were therefore not recorded. A breakdown of customary, traditional and other types of marriages will be available by the end of 2002.

In some instances separations are not reflected in the figures unless they are legalised.

Figures include all population groups.



Eastern Cape	Free State	Gauteng	KwaZulu- Natal	Mpuma- langa	Northern Cape	Northern Province	North West	Western Cape	Foreign	South Africa
219	70	192	348	108	19	217	122	98	15	1 408

Source: Stats SA, *Recorded live births 1998-2000* (Release P0305)

The total number of birth registrations for any given year comprises both current registrations (for births registered in the year of birth) and late registrations (for births registered later than the year of birth). In South Africa many births are not registered in the year they occur; instead the pattern is to register some births only before school-going age. In recent years more births are being registered in the year in which they occur, but that process still needs to be improved.

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## 3.7 Recorded deaths and infant deaths, 1991-2000

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Percentage of infant deaths	10,3%	9,9%	8,9%	8,1%	8,5%	7,5%	..	..	..	..
Infant deaths	18 185	17 576	17 851	17 332	22 865	24 606	..	..	..	..
<b>Total deaths*</b>	<b>176 475</b>	<b>177 841</b>	<b>201 273</b>	<b>213 279</b>	<b>268 025</b>	<b>327 253</b>	<b>260 373</b>	<b>299 077</b>	<b>326 618</b>	<b>362 450</b>

Sources: Stats SA, *Recorded deaths 1996* (Release 03-09-01); *Advance release of recorded deaths 1997* (Release P0309.1)

.. Data not available

\* The total includes all the deaths in the country; a report on the latest statistics on deaths is being compiled and will be available by the end of 2002.

## 3.8 Causes of death, 1996

	Natural causes	Unnatural causes	Total	Percentage of unnatural causes
Male	139 694	46 844	186 538	25,1%
Female	126 108	14 422	140 530	10,3%
Unspecified	148	37	185	20,0%
<b>Total*</b>	<b>265 950</b>	<b>61 303</b>	<b>327 253</b>	<b>18,7%</b>

Source: Stats SA, *Recorded deaths 1996* (Report 03-09-01)