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2.1 Population of South Africa by province and gender, 1996 (numbers)

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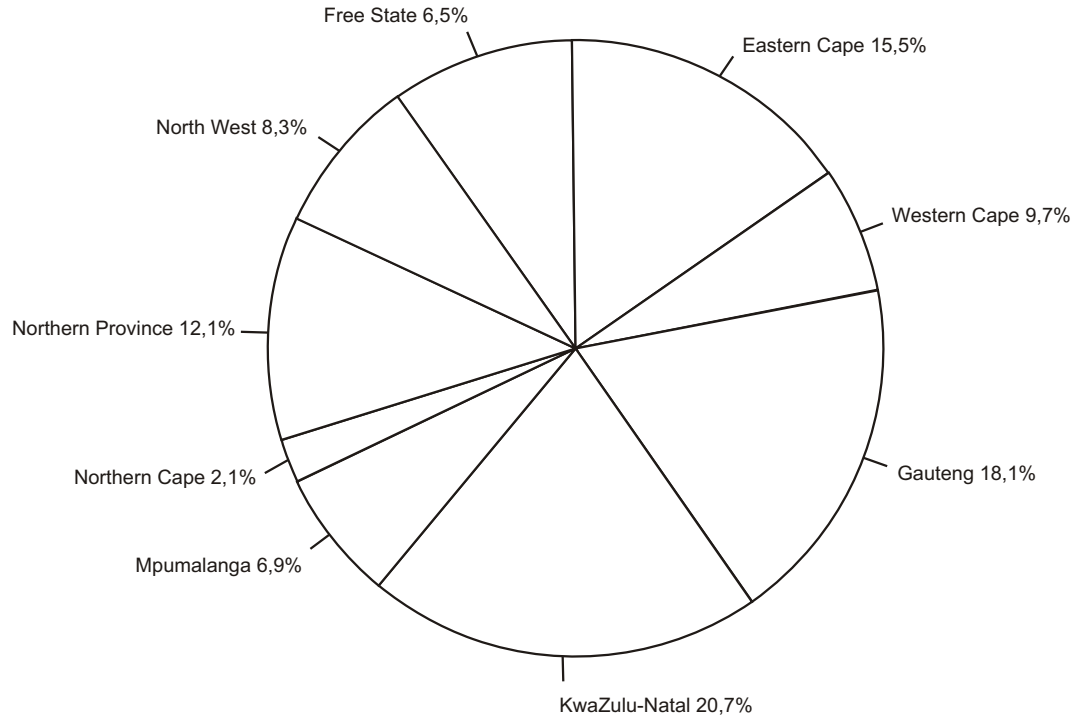
	Eastern Cape	Free State	Gauteng	KwaZulu- Natal	Mpuma- langa	Northern Cape	Northern Province	North West	Western Cape	South Africa
Male	2 908 056	1 298 348	3 750 845	3 950 527	1 362 028	412 681	2 253 072	1 649 835	1 935 494	19 520 887
Female	3 394 469	1 335 156	3 597 578	4 466 493	1 438 683	427 639	2 676 296	1 704 990	2 021 381	21 062 685
Total	6 302 525	2 633 504	7 348 423	8 417 021	2 800 711	840 321	4 929 368	3 354 825	3 956 875	40 583 573

Source: Stats SA, Census '96

Northern Cape, the largest province in the country, has the smallest population (840 000), while Gauteng, the smallest province, has the second largest population (7,3 million). KwaZulu-Natal has the largest population (8,4 million) in South Africa.

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2.2 Population of South Africa by province, 1996 (percentages)



Source: Stats SA, Census '96

	African	Coloured	Indian	White	Unspecified/ other	Total
Eastern Cape	5 448 495	468 532	19 356	330 294	35 849	6 302 525
Free State	2 223 940	79 038	2 805	316 459	11 262	2 633 504
Gauteng	5 147 444	278 692	161 289	1 702 343	58 654	7 348 423
KwaZulu-Natal	6 880 652	117 951	790 813	558 182	69 423	8 417 021
Mpumalanga	2 497 834	20 283	13 083	253 392	16 120	2 800 711
Northern Cape	278 633	435 368	2 268	111 844	12 208	840 321
Northern Province	4 765 255	7 821	5 510	117 878	32 904	4 929 368
North West	3 058 686	46 652	10 097	222 755	16 635	3 354 825
Western Cape	826 691	2 146 109	40 376	821 551	122 148	3 956 875
South Africa	31 127 631	3 600 446	1 045 596	4 434 697	375 204	40 583 573

Source: Stats SA, Census '96

The majority of people in South Africa are African (31,1 million). They constitute the vast majority of the population in seven of the nine provinces. In the Northern Cape and Western Cape, however, coloured people are in the majority. The largest percentage of the Indian population is in KwaZulu-Natal.

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2.4 Urban and non-urban population by province, 1996 (percentages)

	Eastern Cape	Free State	Gauteng	KwaZulu- Natal	Mpuma- langa	Northern Cape	Northern Province	North West	Western Cape	South Africa
Urban population	36,6	68,6	97,0	43,1	39,1	70,1	11,0	34,9	88,9	53,7
Non-urban population	63,4	31,4	3,0	56,9	60,9	29,9	89,0	65,1	11,1	46,3
Total	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0

Source: Stats SA, Census '96

Urban refers to all areas legally proclaimed as urban at the time of Census '96 (towns, cities and metropolitan areas).

Non-urban refers to all other areas (such as commercial farms, small settlements and rural villages). Informal settlements adjacent to the boundaries of a town, and densely populated homeland areas, are therefore included with non-urban.



Gauteng and Western Cape are highly urbanised provinces with the vast majority of people living in urban areas. Four provinces (Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga and North West) are less urbanised, while Northern Province is predominantly rural with about one tenth of the population living in urban areas.

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2.5 Gender ratios by province, 1996 (percentages)

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	Eastern Cape	Free State	Gauteng	KwaZulu- Natal	Mpuma- langa	Northern Cape	Northern Province	North West	Western Cape	South Africa
Male	46,1	49,3	51,0	46,9	48,6	49,1	45,7	49,2	48,9	48,1
Female	53,9	50,7	49,0	53,1	51,4	50,9	54,3	50,8	51,1	51,9
Total	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0

Source: Stats SA, Census '96

Gender ratio is the percentage distribution of males and females within a province.

Gauteng, the most urbanised province, has a male to female ratio of 51,0 : 49,0, which is the reverse of the national ratio of 48,1 : 51,9.

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2.6 Distribution and growth rates of the population of South Africa by population group, 1996-2001 (percentages)

	Percentages ¹ 1996	Percentage growth per annum ² 1996-2001
African	76,7	2,4
Coloured	8,9	1,9
Indian	2,6	1,6
White	10,9	0,9
Unspecified/other	0,9	1,5
Total	100,0	2,2

Source: Stats SA, Census '96

¹ The general indication is that over the past two decades the proportion of Africans has slowly been increasing and that of whites has slowly been decreasing. The proportion of Indians and coloureds has remained largely constant. The proportions obtained from previous censuses are not reported here because of their lack of comprehensiveness.

² These average annual growth rates are based on information derived from a single census instead of two censuses. The estimates of fertility and mortality are derived from the 1996 census. The 1996 population figures have been projected to 2001 without taking into account additional deaths due to HIV/AIDS. The growth rates per annum have been computed from these two sets of figures. These growth rates are 'inferred' growth rates, and not actual growth rates. They are provisional and may change if the estimates of fertility and mortality are modified, or if non-zero estimates of international migration are used in the projection.

The African population group in South Africa is growing more rapidly than the other groups.

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2.7 Mid-year population estimates (revised figures) without taking into account deaths due to HIV/AIDS, 1993-2001 (thousands)

1993	1994	1995	1996	1996*	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
38 049	38 805	39 576	40 364	40 584	41 169	41 990	42 829	43 686	44 561

Source: Stats SA, *Mid-year estimates* (Release P0302)

* 1996 population census figures. Note that the census was conducted in October.

The impact of HIV/AIDS on deaths in South Africa is not yet clear, but an analysis of causes of death between 1997 and 2001 is currently underway.

2.8 Mid-year population estimates by population group and gender (revised figures) without taking into account deaths due to HIV/AIDS, 2001 (thousands)

	African	Coloured	Indian	White	Other/ unsp.	South Africa
Male	16 629	1 878	543	2 204	185	21 439
Female	18 040	1 991	566	2 330	195	23 122
Total	34 669	3 869	1 109	4 533	381	44 561

Source: Stats SA, *Mid-year estimates 2001* (Release P0302)

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2.9 Mid-year population estimates by province and gender (revised figures) without taking into account deaths due to HIV/AIDS, 1993-2001 (thousands)

	Mid-year population estimates				Popula- tion census	Mid-year population estimates				
	1993	1994	1995	1996	1996*	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Eastern Cape										
Male	2 690	2 754	2 821	2 889	2 908	2 959	3 030	3 103	3 178	3 255
Female	3 170	3 237	3 305	3 375	3 394	3 446	3 519	3 593	3 669	3 746
Total	5 860	5 991	6 126	6 264	6 303	6 405	6 549	6 696	6 847	7 001
Free State										
Male	1 236	1 255	1 274	1 293	1 298	1 313	1 333	1 353	1 373	1 394
Female	1 267	1 287	1 308	1 329	1 335	1 351	1 373	1 395	1 418	1 441
Total	2 503	2 542	2 582	2 622	2 634	2 664	2 706	2 748	2 791	2 835
Gauteng										
Male	3 549	3 609	3 671	3 733	3 751	3 797	3 862	3 928	3 995	4 063
Female	3 368	3 436	3 506	3 578	3 598	3 651	3 725	3 800	3 878	3 957
Total	6 917	7 045	7 177	7 311	7 348	7 448	7 587	7 728	7 873	8 020
KwaZulu-Natal										
Male	3 729	3 795	3 863	3 931	3 951	4 001	4 073	4 145	4 219	4 294
Female	4 217	4 292	4 368	4 445	4 466	4 524	4 604	4 685	4 768	4 852
Total	7 946	8 087	8 231	8 376	8 417	8 525	8 677	8 830	8 987	9 146
Mpumalanga										
Male	1 267	1 295	1 324	1 354	1 362	1 384	1 415	1 447	1 479	1 512
Female	1 337	1 367	1 398	1 430	1 439	1 462	1 495	1 529	1 564	1 599
Total	2 604	2 662	2 722	2 784	2 801	2 846	2 910	2 976	3 043	3 111

	Mid-year population estimates				Popula- tion census	Mid-year population estimates				
	1993	1994	1995	1996	1996*	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Northern Cape										
Male	401	404	408	412	413	415	419	423	427	431
Female	412	417	422	426	428	431	436	441	446	451
Total	813	821	830	838	840	846	855	864	873	882
Northern Province										
Male	2 020	2 088	2 159	2 233	2 253	2 308	2 387	2 468	2 551	2 638
Female	2 447	2 515	2 585	2 656	2 676	2 730	2 806	2 883	2 963	3 046
Total	4 467	4 603	4 744	4 889	4 929	5 038	5 193	5 351	5 515	5 684
North West										
Male	1 566	1 591	1 617	1 643	1 650	1 669	1 696	1 723	1 751	1 779
Female	1 613	1 641	1 669	1 697	1 705	1 726	1 755	1 785	1 816	1 847
Total	3 179	3 232	3 286	3 340	3 355	3 395	3 451	3 508	3 567	3 626
Western Cape										
Male	1 846	1 873	1 900	1 928	1 935	1 956	1 985	2 014	2 043	2 073
Female	1 917	1 948	1 980	2 013	2 021	2 045	2 079	2 113	2 148	2 183
Total	3 763	3 821	3 880	3 941	3 957	4 001	4 064	4 127	4 191	4 256
South Africa										
Male	18 301	18 665	19 036	19 415	19 521	19 803	20 199	20 603	21 017	21 439
Female	19 748	20 140	20 540	20 949	21 062	21 366	21 791	22 226	22 669	23 122
Total	38 049	38 805	39 576	40 364	40 584	41 169	41 990	42 829	43 686	44 561

Source: Stats SA, *Mid-year estimates* (Release P0302)

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2.10 Mid-year population estimates by province and gender taking into account additional deaths due to HIV/AIDS, 1996-2001 (thousands)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Eastern Cape						
Male	2 890	2 957	3 027	3 098	3 160	3 245
Female	3 376	3 444	3 514	3 586	3 651	3 733
Total	6 265	6 402	6 541	6 684	6 811	6 978
Free State						
Male	1 293	1 311	1 330	1 348	1 358	1 386
Female	1 330	1 349	1 369	1 389	1 402	1 431
Total	2 623	2 661	2 699	2 738	2 761	2 817
Gauteng						
Male	3 735	3 794	3 854	3 915	3 949	4 040
Female	3 579	3 646	3 715	3 784	3 832	3 927
Total	7 314	7 440	7 568	7 699	7 781	7 967
KwaZulu-Natal						
Male	3 933	3 997	4 061	4 127	4 154	4 261
Female	4 447	4 518	4 589	4 661	4 704	4 810
Total	8 380	8 514	8 650	8 788	8 858	9 070
Mpumalanga						
Male	1 354	1 383	1 412	1 442	1 460	1 503
Female	1 430	1 461	1 491	1 523	1 545	1 587
Total	2 785	2 843	2 903	2 965	3 005	3 091



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Northern Cape						
Male	412	415	419	422	425	430
Female	426	431	436	440	444	450
Total	838	846	854	863	869	880
Northern Province						
Male	2 233	2 308	2 385	2 465	2 542	2 633
Female	2 657	2 729	2 803	2 880	2 954	3 039
Total	4 889	5 036	5 188	5 344	5 496	5 671
North West						
Male	1 643	1 668	1 693	1 718	1 734	1 770
Female	1 698	1 724	1 751	1 778	1 799	1 834
Total	3 341	3 392	3 444	3 497	3 533	3 604
Western Cape						
Male	1 928	1 956	1 984	2 012	2 037	2 070
Female	2 013	2 045	2 078	2 111	2 142	2 179
Total	3 940	4 000	4 061	4 123	4 179	4 250
South Africa						
Male	19 421	19 788	20 164	20 547	20 819	21 338
Female	20 956	21 347	21 746	22 153	22 472	22 991
Total	40 376	41 135	41 910	42 700	43 291	44 328

Source: Stats SA, *Mid-year estimates* (Release P0302)

1996-1999 figures are unpublished; 2000-2001 figures are published.

Prior to 1996 Stats SA did not take into account deaths due to HIV/AIDS when calculating estimates.

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2.11 Distribution of the population by first home language within province, 1996 (percentages)

	Eastern Cape	Free State	Gauteng	KwaZulu- Natal	Mpuma- langa	Northern Cape	Northern Province	North West	Western Cape	South Africa
Afrikaans	9,6	14,5	16,7	1,6	8,3	69,3	2,2	7,5	59,2	14,4
English	3,7	1,3	13,0	15,8	2,0	2,4	0,4	1,0	20,3	8,6
IsiNdebele	0,0	0,2	1,6	0,0	12,5	0,0	1,5	1,3	0,1	1,5
IsiXhosa	83,8	9,4	7,5	1,6	1,3	6,3	0,2	5,4	19,1	17,9
IsiZulu	0,4	4,8	21,5	79,8	25,4	0,3	0,7	2,5	0,1	22,9
Sepedi	0,0	0,2	9,5	0,0	10,5	0,0	52,7	4,0	0,0	9,2
Sesotho	2,2	62,1	13,1	0,5	3,2	0,9	1,1	5,1	0,4	7,7
Setswana	0,0	6,5	7,9	0,0	2,7	19,9	1,4	67,2	0,1	8,2
SiSwati	0,0	0,1	1,3	0,1	30,0	0,0	1,2	0,5	0,0	2,5
Tshivenda	0,0	0,1	1,4	0,0	0,1	0,0	15,5	0,4	0,0	2,2
Xitsonga	0,0	0,5	5,3	0,0	3,5	0,0	22,6	4,7	0,0	4,4
Other	0,2	0,3	1,3	0,5	0,4	0,8	0,3	0,5	0,6	0,6
Total percentage	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0
Total population¹	6 302 525	2 633 504	7 348 423	8 417 021	2 800 711	840 321	4 929 368	3 354 825	3 956 875	40 583 573

Source: Stats SA, Census '96

¹ Excluding unspecified.

Most provinces have one predominant first home language. For example, the vast majority of people in Eastern Cape speak isiXhosa (83,8%). But in Gauteng, there is no predominant first home language, which reflects its multi-culturalism.

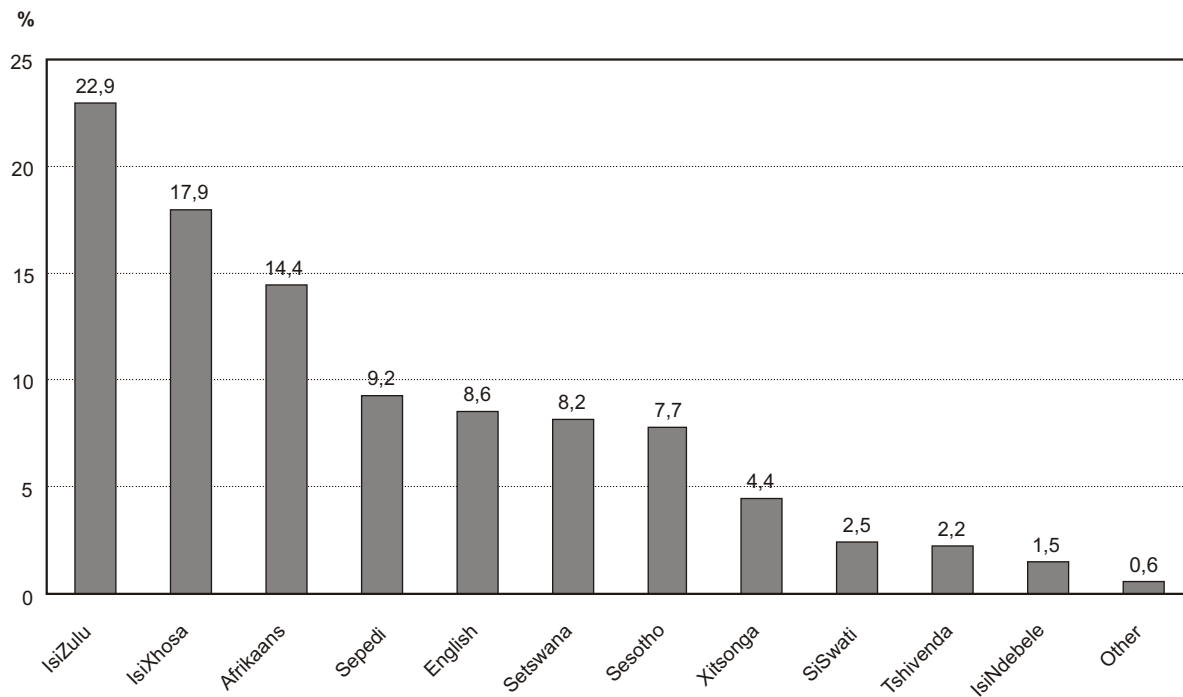
	African	Coloured	Indian	White	Unspec./ other	Total
Afrikaans	217 606	2 931 489	15 135	2 558 956	88 361	5 811 547
English	113 132	584 101	974 654	1 711 603	73 977	3 457 467
IsiNdebele	578 067	2 507	107	3 427	2 851	586 961
IsiXhosa	7 148 721	12 303	688	2 832	31 574	7 196 118
IsiZulu	9 132 569	8 502	1 787	3 448	53 838	9 200 144
Sepedi	3 674 320	2 173	319	1 316	17 718	3 695 846
Sesotho	3 083 047	6 406	267	1 737	12 740	3 104 197
Setswana	3 272 720	12 935	191	1 809	14 118	3 301 774
SiSwati	1 006 804	1 553	201	316	4 320	1 013 193
Tshivenda	871 130	302	139	177	4 661	876 409
Xitsonga	1 745 216	883	306	736	8 965	1 756 105
Other	89 494	7 094	38 605	87 621	5 462	228 275
Unspecified	194 804	30 199	13 196	60 721	56 619	355 538
Total	31 127 631	3 600 446	1 045 596	4 434 697	375 204	40 583 573

Source: Stats SA, Census '96

Among the country's official languages, isiZulu is spoken by as many as 9,1 million people as a first home language, while Tshivenda is spoken by only 876 000.

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2.13 Percentage of the population speaking each official language as their first home language, 1996



Source: Stats SA, Census '96