

South Africa

Southern Africa · Capital: Pretoria

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65,309,301

Population (live projection at time of download)

South Africa has a population of about 65,309,301, an economy worth \$378.0 billion — the 38th largest of 237, and income per person around \$6,023. Life expectancy is about 51 years, and the population is growing at 0.95% a year.

ECONOMY

GDP	\$378.0 billion	#38
GDP per Capita	\$6,023	#99
Inflation Rate	6.1%	#98
Unemployment Rate	32.1%	#237
Government Debt	72.0 % of GDP	#223
Exports	\$110.0 billion	#34
Imports	\$110.0 billion	#35

HEALTH

Life Expectancy	51.1 years	#183
Health Spending	8.3 % of GDP	#38
Fertility Rate	2.35 births/woman	#135

SOCIETY

Literacy Rate	95.0%	#77
Average Salary	\$1,300	#39
Smoking Rate	20.3%	#155

POPULATION

Population	65,309,301	#24
Population Density	53.5 /km²	#159
Median Age	28.0 years	#102
Urban Population	68.3%	#43
Birth Rate	18.9 /1,000	#67
Death Rate	9.4 /1,000	#38
Population Growth	0.95%	#84

TECHNOLOGY

Internet Users	72.3%	#47
Broadband Speed	45.0 Mbps	#101

ENVIRONMENT

CO ₂ per Capita	7.00 tonnes	#204
Renewable Energy	11.0%	#233
Forest Coverage	14.1%	#228