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Acronyms and abbreviations

AIDS	acquired immune deficiency syndrome
AIM	AIDS impact model
ANC	antenatal care
ART	antiretroviral therapy
CBR	crude birth rate
CDR	crude death rate
DemProj	Demographic projections
HIV	human immunodeficiency syndrome
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMR	infant mortality rate
IOM	International Organisation for Migration
NSO	National Statistical Organisation
OECD	The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PMTCT	prevention of mother-to-child transmission
PLWHIV	People living with HIV
RAPID	Rapid Mortality Surveillance
RNI	rate of natural increase
SDDS	Special Data Dissemination Standards
Stats SA	Statistics South Africa
TFR	total fertility rate
U5MR	under-five mortality rate

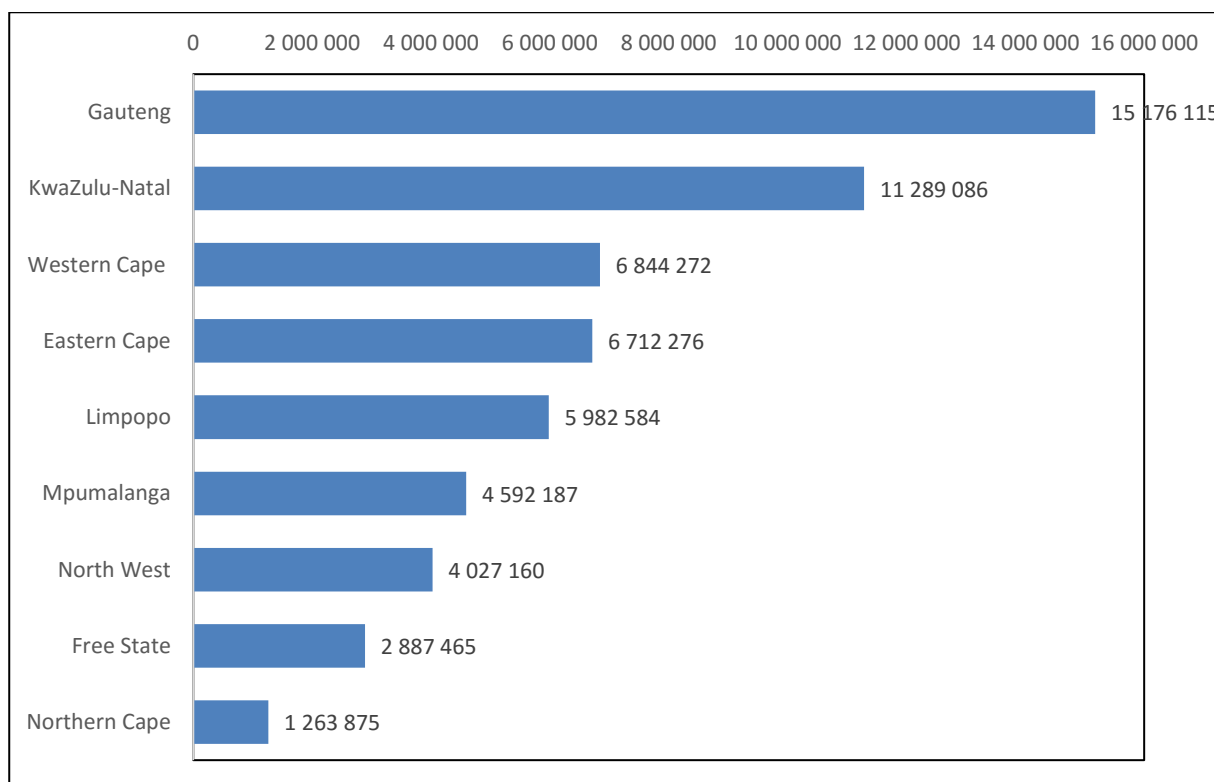
Summary

- The cohort-component methodology is used to estimate the 2019 mid-year population of South Africa.
- The estimates cover all the residents of South Africa at 2019 mid-year point, and are based on the latest available information. Estimates may change as new data become available. The new estimates are accompanied by an entire series of revised estimates for the period 2002–2019. On this basis, comparisons between this model and previous ones should not be made.
- For 2019, Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) estimates the mid-year population at 58,78 million.
- Approximately 51,2% (approximately 30 million) of the population is female.
- Gauteng comprises the largest share of the South African population, with approximately 15,2 million people (25,8%) living in this province. KwaZulu-Natal is the province with the second largest population, with an estimated 11,3 million people (19,2%) living in this province. With a population of approximately 1,26 million people (2,2%), Northern Cape remains the province with the smallest share of the South African population.
- About 28,8% of the population is aged younger than 15 years and approximately 9,0% (5,3 million) is 60 years or older. Of those younger than 15 years of age, the majority reside in Gauteng (21,5%) and KwaZulu-Natal (21,1%). Of the elderly (those aged 60 years and older), the highest percentage 23,9% (1,27 million) reside in Gauteng. The proportion of elderly persons aged 60 and older is increasing over time.
- Migration is an important demographic process, as it shapes the age structure and distribution of the provincial population. For the period 2016–2021, Gauteng and Western Cape are estimated to experience the largest inflow of migrants of approximately, 1 643 590 and 493 621 respectively (see migration stream Tables 7, 8 and 9 for net migration).
- Life expectancy at birth for 2019 is estimated at 61,5 years for males and 67,7 years for females.
- The infant mortality rate for 2019 is estimated at 22,1 per 1 000 live births.
- The estimated overall HIV prevalence rate is approximately 13,5% among the South African population. The total number of people living with HIV (PLWHIV) is estimated at approximately 7,97 million in 2019. For adults aged 15–49 years, an estimated 19,07% of the population is HIV positive.

Table 1: Mid-year population estimates for South Africa by population group and sex, 2019

Population group	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	% distribution of males	Number	% distribution of females	Number	% distribution of total
Black African	23 124 782	80,7	24 318 477	80,8	47 443 259	80,7
Coloured	2 513 221	8,8	2 663 530	8,8	5 176 750	8,8
Indian/Asian	768 594	2,7	734 413	2,4	1 503 007	2,6
White	2 266 151	7,9	2 385 855	7,9	4 652 006	7,9
Total	28 672 747	100,0	30 102 275	100,0	58 775 022	100,0

Figure 1: Mid-year population estimates for South Africa by province, 2019



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1. Introduction

In a projection, the size and composition of the future population of an entity such as South Africa is estimated. The mid-year population estimates produced by Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) uses the cohort-component method for population estimation. In the cohort-component method, a base population is estimated that is consistent with known demographic characteristics of the country. The cohort base population is projected into the future according to the projected components of change. Selected levels of fertility, mortality and migration are used as input to the cohort-component method. For the 2019 mid-year estimates, the cohort-component method is utilised within the Spectrum Policy Modelling system. Spectrum is a Windows-based system of integrated policy models (version 5.76). The DemProj module within Spectrum is used to develop the demographic projection, whilst the AIDS Impact Model (AIM) is used to incorporate the impacts of HIV and AIDS on fertility and mortality, and ultimately the population estimates.

Stats SA subscribes to the specifications of the Special Data Dissemination Standards (SDDS) of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). This standard is related to the dissemination of this report which dictates that it should be released within one month of the mid-year. The mid-year estimates are an estimate of the population as at 01 July in a given year. The estimates of stock such as population size, number infected with HIV etc. pertain to the middle of the year i.e. 01 July, whilst the estimates of flow e.g. births, deaths, Total Fertility Rates (TFRs), Infant Mortality Rates (IMRs) etc. are for a 12-month period e.g. 01 July 2019 to 30th June 2020. A stock variable is measured at a given time, and represents a quantity at each moment in time – e.g. the number of population at a certain moment whilst an estimate of flow is typically measured over a certain interval of time. The mid-year population estimates are published annually. It is misleading to compare values and rankings with those of previously published reports, due to revisions and updates of the underlying data and adjustments. Users are advised to use the complete series published along with this report on the Stats SA website.

2. Demographic and other assumptions

A cohort-component projection requires a base population distributed by age and sex. Levels of mortality, fertility and migration are estimated for the base year and projected for future years. The cohort base population is projected into the future according to the projected components of population change. The DemProj module of Spectrum is used to produce a single-year projection, thus the TFR and the life expectancy at birth must be provided in the same format i.e. single years. The time series of TFR estimates for all population groups in South Africa are derived following a detailed review of TFR estimates (1985–2019), published and unpublished, from various authors, methods and data sources. The finalised TFR assumptions can be found in Table 2 (page 5). The estimates of fertility show a fluctuation over the period 2002–2019, giving rise to a population structure indicative of that of Census 2011 population structure. Between the period 2009 and 2019, fertility has declined from an average of 2,62 children per woman to 2,32 children in 2019. Other inputs required in DemProj include the age-specific fertility rate (ASFR) trend, sex ratios at birth and net international migration.

In estimating South Africa's population, international migration is provided as an input into the model (see Table 3). If the net flow is outward, then net migration is reflected as a negative number. If the net flow is inward, then it is reflected as a positive number. Net international migration estimates are derived using not only Census 2011 migration data, but also migration numbers and proportions from various other authors, methods and data sources such as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), International Organisation for Migration (IOM), which forms part of the UN network as well as census data from National statistics offices (NSOs) of various countries. Assumptions regarding future migration patterns are based on past and current trends. Compared to other components of change, net migration rate can be volatile, as it is significantly impacted by economic and policy changes. Also current data on emigration levels are limited.

The life expectancy assumption entered into DemProj by sex is the life expectancy in the absence of AIDS (see Table 2). Each population group is also subjected to non-AIDS mortality according to the input non-AIDS life expectancy and the selected model life table. AIM will calculate the number of AIDS deaths and determine a new set of life expectancies that incorporate the impact of AIDS, (see Figure 3, page 8). Stats SA applies the country-specific UN Model Life table for South Africa in Spectrum. The age pattern of mortality is based on various sources, data and methods, these include death data from the RAPID mortality surveillance report, Mortality and causes of death report, and the Demographic and Health Survey among others. Survival rates from the selected life tables were then used to project the population forward.

Table 2: Assumptions of expectation of life at birth without HIV/AIDS and total fertility rate, 2002–2019

Year	TFR	Life expectancy at birth without HIV/AIDS	
		Male	Female
2002	2,45	60,8	68,6
2003	2,42	61,0	69,0
2004	2,54	61,3	69,7
2005	2,59	61,5	70,0
2006	2,63	61,6	70,0
2007	2,65	61,5	70,1
2008	2,66	61,8	70,2
2009	2,62	62,0	70,3
2010	2,58	62,5	70,5
2011	2,51	63,2	70,4
2012	2,46	63,5	70,3
2013	2,42	63,8	71,0
2014	2,39	63,9	71,1
2015	2,37	64,6	71,8
2016	2,36	65,0	72,4
2017	2,34	65,3	72,7
2018	2,33	65,4	72,8
2019	2,32	65,6	72,7

Table 3: International net-migration assumptions for the period 1985–2021

	Black African	Indian/Asian	White	Net international migration
1985–2000	588 847	36 908	-202 868	422 887
2001–2006	546 993	25 310	-99 574	472 729
2006–2011	809 780	43 222	-106 787	746 215
2011–2016	972 995	54 697	-111 346	916 346
2016–2021	1 094 864	60 791	-115 906	1 039 749

Note: The estimate refers the flow figure from 30th June of the first year in the period to 1st July of the last year of the period.

The Spectrum Policy Modelling System (Futures Group) consists of a number of components that result in the estimation of population to costing and planning of, and future health care services. For the purpose of the production of the MYPE, Stats SA uses two of the available components in this projection, namely (a) **Demproj** for population projections and (b) **AIM** in which the consequences of the AIDS epidemic were projected. In the AIM projection, several programmatic and epidemiological data inputs specific to South Africa are required. These include programme coverage of adults and children on antiretroviral treatment (ART) and Prevention of mother-to-child-transmission (PMTCT) treatment (NDoH, 2018). In addition to eligibility for treatment as per national guidelines, the epidemiological inputs include antenatal clinic data (ANC) (NDoH, 2018). The assumptions regarding the HIV epidemic in South Africa are based primarily on the prevalence data collected annually from pregnant women attending public antenatal clinics (ANC) since 1990 to the most recent estimates of 2017 (Woldesenbet, S.A, et al, 2018). However, antenatal surveillance data produce biased prevalence estimates for the general population because only a select group of people (i.e. pregnant women attending public health services) are included in the sample. The South African National HIV prevalence, incidence, behaviour and communication survey data that produces national estimates for the country are used in the model to correct for this bias (Shisana et al., 2014; HSRC, 2017). Other inputs in the AIM model include the following: Median time from HIV infection to death, and Ratio of new infections. Indicators of HIV prevalence, incidence and HIV population numbers over time show the impact of HIV on the population. HIV indicators shown in Figures 5 and 6 are based on the aforementioned assumptions.

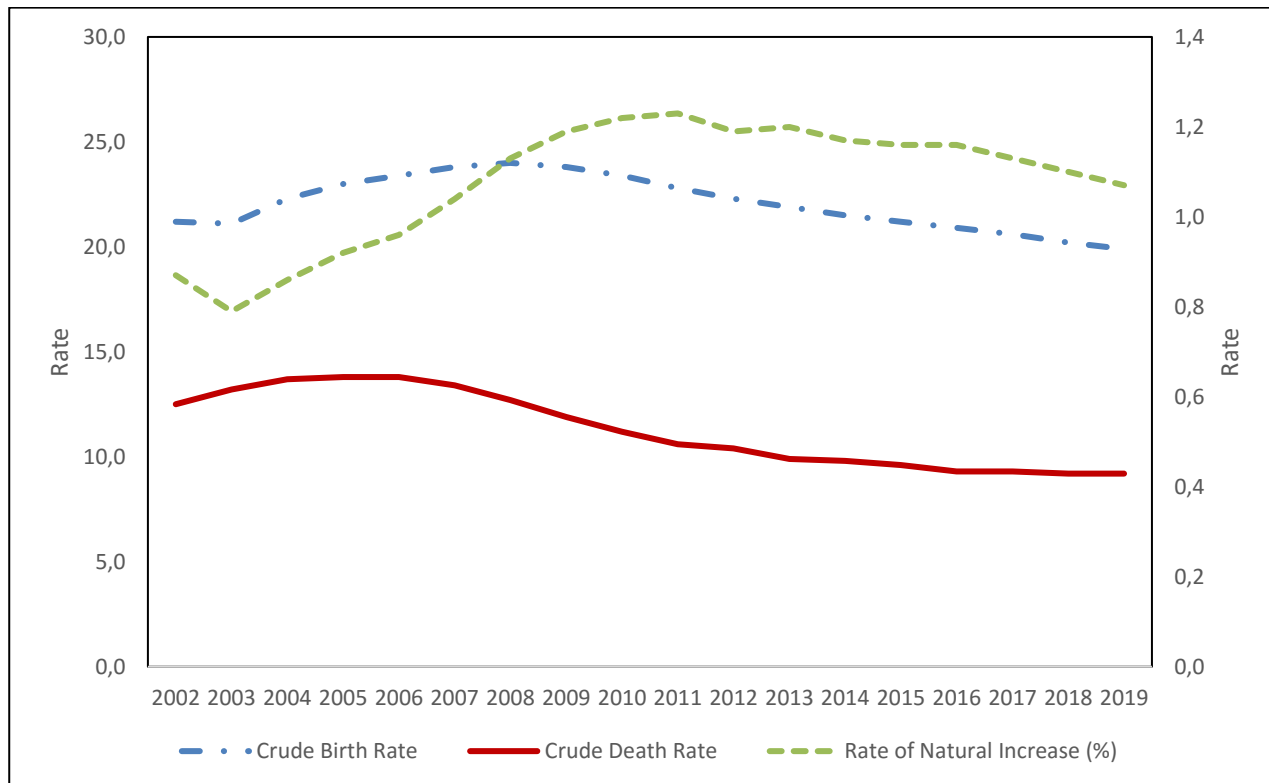
The accuracy of the estimates depends on a number of factors that may be difficult to anticipate, such as economic crisis, wars and natural disasters, all of which can potentially impact the estimates.

3. Demographic and other indicators

Figure 2 indicates that the crude birth rate (CBR) has increased between 2003 and 2008, thereafter it declines in the period 2009 to 2019. The CBR is directly related to the fluctuating TFR assumptions (Table 2, page 5). Figure 2 and Table 4 offer a glimpse into the mortality experience of South Africa, which incorporates the impact of HIV and AIDS (using the AIM model). The crude death rate (CDR) has declined from 12,5 deaths per 1 000 people in 2002 to 9,2 deaths per 1 000 people in 2019. However due to the AIDS epidemic experience, the crude death rate in South Africa did increase between 2002–2006 thereafter declining as access to HIV treatment and care became available. The rate of natural increase (RNI) is the rate of population

growth in South Africa over time, without including the impact of migration i.e. deaths subtracted from births. The RNI fluctuates over time, mirroring the CBR, indicating the great influence of births in South Africa.

Figure 2: Crude birth rate, crude death rate, and rate of natural increase over time, 2002–2019



Life expectancy at birth declined between 2002 and 2006, largely due to the impact of the HIV and AIDS epidemic experienced, but expansion of health programmes to prevent mother-to-child transmission as well as access to antiretroviral treatment has partly led to the increase in life expectancy since 2007. By 2019 life expectancy at birth is estimated at 61,5 years for males and 67,7 years for females. Figure 3 and 4 indicate that life expectancy is increasing, and this may be related to marginal gains in survival rates among infants and children under-5 post HIV interventions in 2005. The infant mortality rate (IMR) has declined from an estimated 56,5 infant deaths per 1 000 live births in 2002 to 22,1 infant deaths per 1 000 live births in 2019. Similarly the under-five mortality rate (U5MR) declined from 79,0 child deaths per 1 000 live births to 28,5 child deaths per 1 000 live births between 2002 and 2019. The IMR and U5MR shown in Figure 4 are based on the selected model life table and may differ to similar indices published elsewhere.

Figure 3: Life expectancy by sex over time, 2002–2019

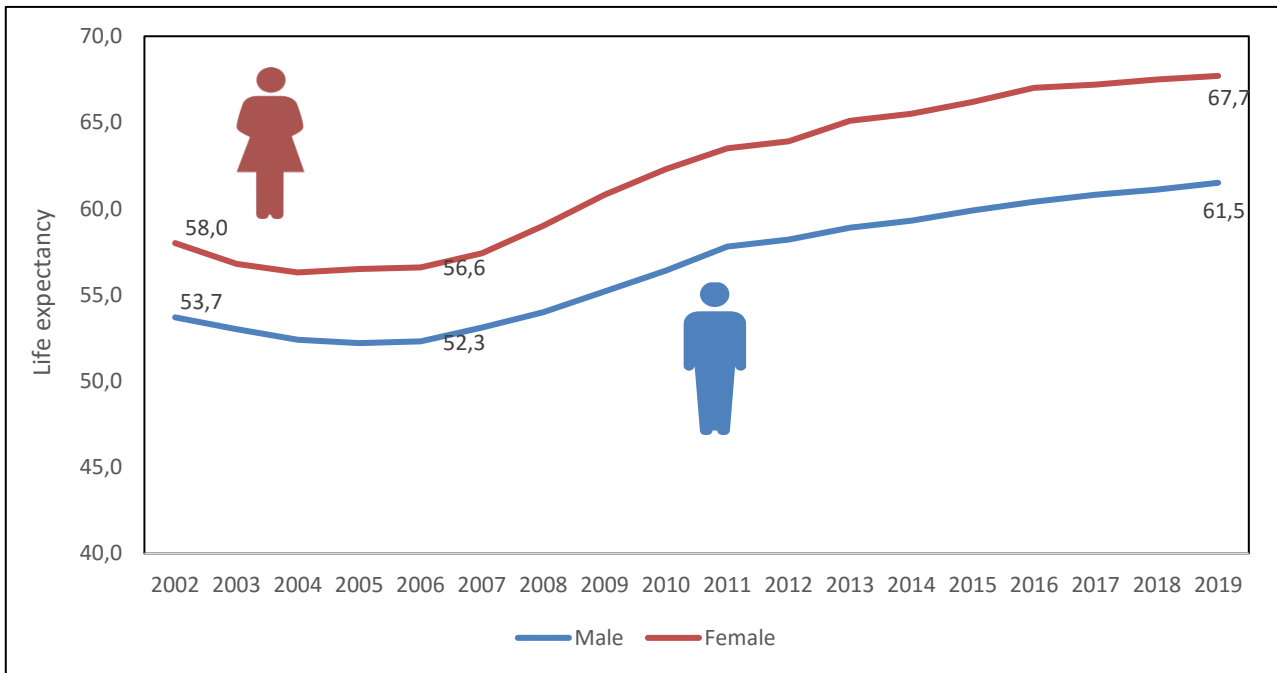


Figure 4: IMR, U5MR and Total LE over time, 2002–2019

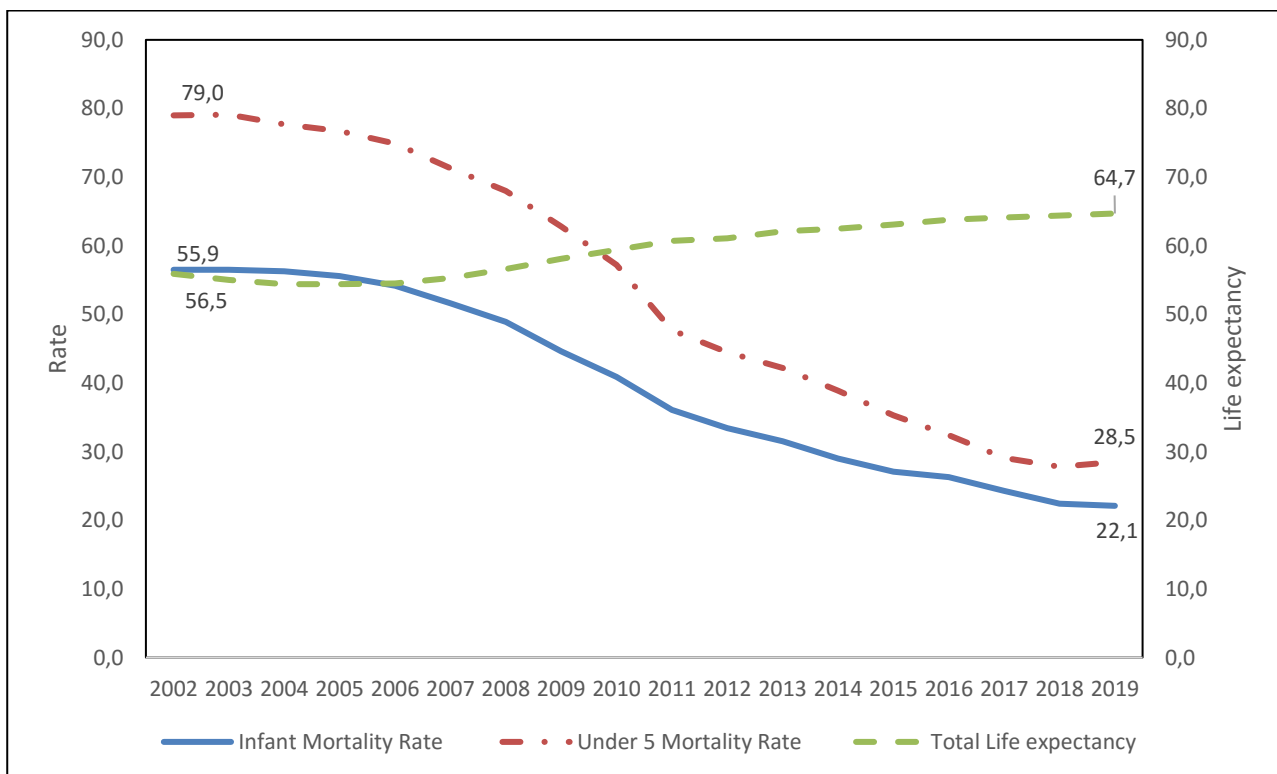


Table 4 below shows estimates for selected indicators. The highest number of deaths was estimated for the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007. The decline in the percentage of AIDS-related deaths since 2007 can be attributed to the increase in the roll-out of ART over time. The national roll-out of ART began in 2005 with a target of one (1) service point in each of the 53 districts of South Africa at the time (later reduced to 52 districts). The estimated number of AIDS-related deaths declined consistently since 2007 from 267 417 to 126 805 AIDS related deaths in 2019. Access to antiretroviral treatment has changed significantly over time, altering the pattern of mortality over time. Access to ART has extended the lifespan of many in South Africa, who would have otherwise died at an earlier age, as evidenced in the decline of AIDS deaths post-2006.

Table 4: Births and deaths for the period 2002–2019

Year	Number of births*	Number of deaths*	Number of AIDS related deaths*	Percentage of AIDS related deaths
2002	985 592	581 147	204 164	35,1
2003	992 466	619 789	241 519	39,0
2004	1 058 035	648 774	273 113	42,1
2005	1 101 649	661 940	283 905	42,9
2006	1 136 560	671 812	286 588	42,7
2007	1 170 768	660 794	267 417	40,5
2008	1 196 587	634 042	238 476	37,6
2009	1 203 938	602 288	204 120	33,9
2010	1 204 340	574 718	176 946	30,8
2011	1 192 472	551 597	153 284	27,8
2012	1 184 855	550 702	148 374	26,9
2013	1 180 634	535 958	137 542	25,7
2014	1 178 657	538 866	131 908	24,5
2015	1 177 000	532 761	133 951	25,1
2016	1 179 465	526 226	130 434	24,8
2017	1 178 754	530 210	132 544	25,0
2018	1 175 282	535 401	129 677	24,2
2019	1 171 219	541 493	126 805	23,4

*The flow data as shown above are for a 12-month period e.g. 1st July 2018 to 30th June 2019

HIV prevalence

Figures 5 and 6 show the HIV prevalence estimated for the period 2002–2019. For 2019, an estimated 13,5% of the total population is HIV positive. Over a fifth of South African women in their reproductive ages (15–49 years) are HIV positive. HIV prevalence among the youth aged 15–24 has remained fairly stable over time. The total number of persons living with HIV in South Africa increased from an estimated 4,64 million in 2002 to 7,97 million by 2019.

Figure 5: HIV prevalence by selected age groups, 2002–2019

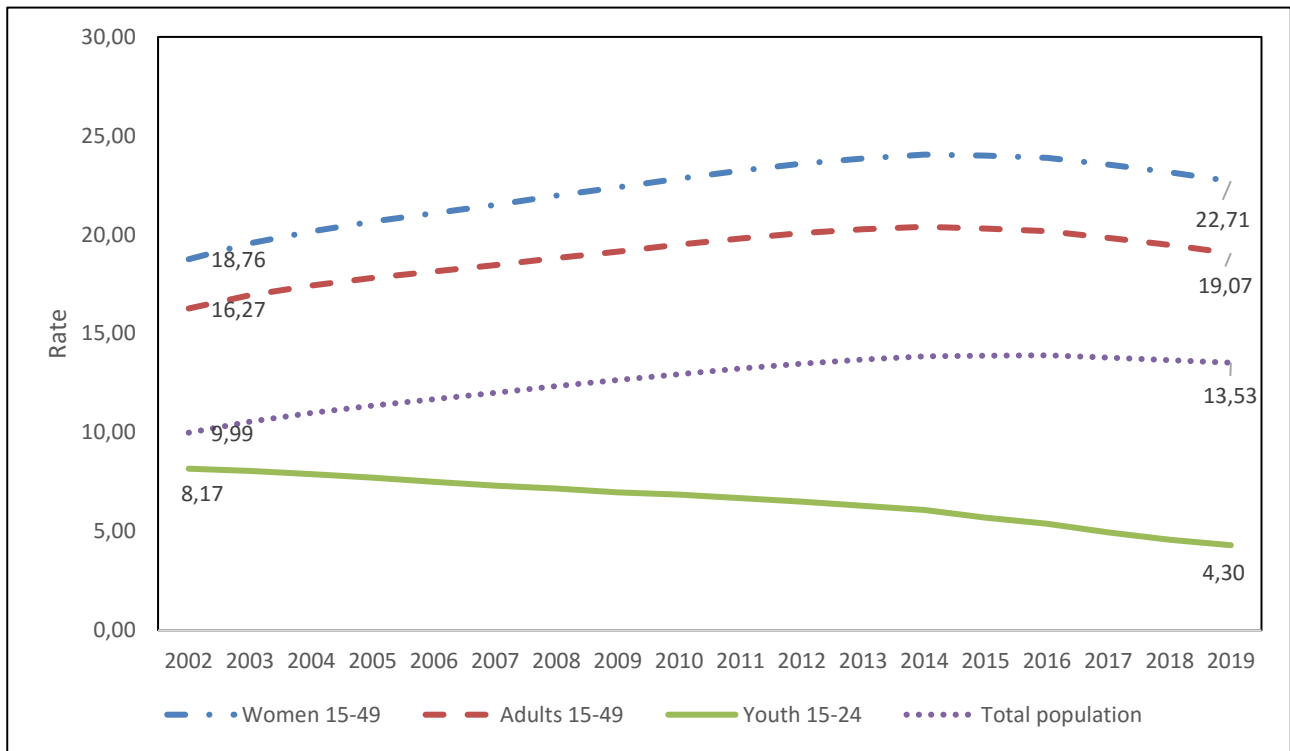
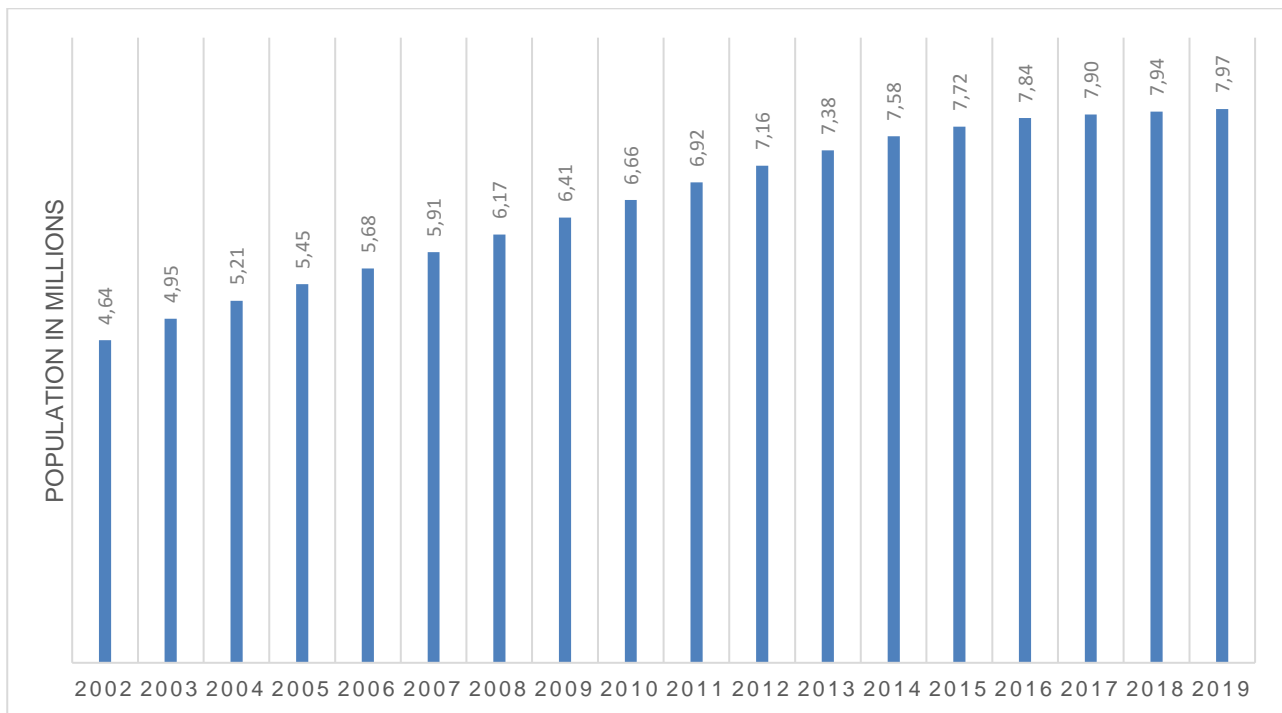


Figure 6: HIV Population over time, 2002–2019



4. National population estimates

Table 5 shows the mid-year population estimates by population group and sex. The mid-year population is estimated at 58,8 million. The black African population is in the majority (47,4 million) and constitutes approximately 81% of the total South African population. The white population is estimated at 4,7 million, the coloured population at 5,2 million and the Indian/Asian population at 1,5 million. Just over fifty-one per cent (30 million) of the population is female.

Table 5: Mid-year population estimates by population group and sex, 2019

Population group	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	% of total male population	Number	% of total female population	Number	% of total population
Black African	23 124 782	80,7	24 318 477	80,8	47 443 259	80,7
Coloured	2 513 221	8,8	2 663 530	8,8	5 176 750	8,8
Indian/Asian	768 594	2,7	734 413	2,4	1 503 007	2,6
White	2 266 151	7,9	2 385 855	7,9	4 652 006	7,9
Total	28 672 747	100,0	30 102 275	100,0	58 775 022	100,0

Figure 7 below shows that the rate of growth for the South African population has increased between 2002 and 2019. The estimated overall growth rate increased from approximately 1,0% for the period 2002–2003 to 1,4% for the period 2018–2019. The proportion of the elderly in South Africa is on the increase and this is indicative of the estimated growth rate over time rising from 1,4% for the period 2002–2003 to 3,0% for the period 2018–2019. Given the fluctuation in fertility over time, the increase in the growth rate among children aged 0–14 between 2002 and 2013 is indicative of the rise in fertility between 2004 and 2008, ageing of children into the next age category, as well as the decline in infant and child mortality post-2006.

Figure 7: Population growth rates by selected age groups over time, 2002–2019

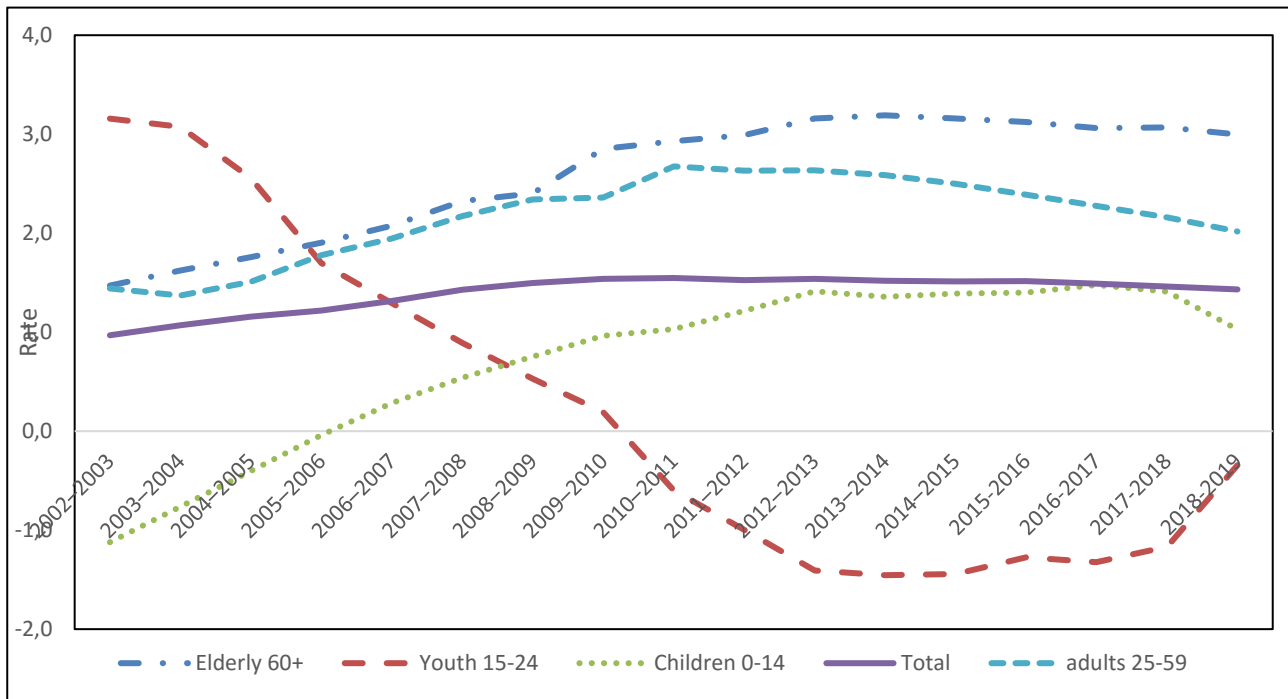


Table 6 shows the 2019 mid-year population estimates by age, sex and population group. About 28,8% of the population is aged 0–14 years and approximately 9,0% is 60 years and older.

Table 6: Mid-year population estimates by population group, age and sex, 2019

	Black African			Coloured			Indian/Asian			White			RSA		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
0-4	2 493 588	2 433 265	4 926 852	242 060	236 024	478 084	50 094	48 388	98 482	117 715	112 812	230 527	2 903 457	2 830 489	5 733 946
5-9	2 489 446	2 422 169	4 911 615	240 168	234 678	474 845	49 765	47 704	97 469	129 355	124 155	253 510	2 908 734	2 828 705	5 737 439
10-14	2 331 064	2 293 569	4 624 633	226 845	222 704	449 549	47 116	44 719	91 835	133 532	128 354	261 886	2 738 556	2 689 347	5 427 902
15-19	1 968 109	1 949 466	3 917 575	206 805	203 900	410 705	44 959	42 502	87 461	124 102	120 159	244 261	2 343 975	2 316 027	4 660 002
20-24	2 075 048	2 049 234	4 124 282	214 488	212 277	426 765	55 525	48 689	104 214	130 335	128 590	258 925	2 475 396	2 438 790	4 914 186
25-29	2 376 819	2 311 026	4 687 845	219 362	218 181	437 544	72 137	58 336	130 473	137 357	135 353	272 710	2 805 676	2 722 896	5 528 571
30-34	2 383 626	2 286 491	4 670 117	210 804	211 304	422 108	79 467	63 396	142 862	152 726	150 149	302 875	2 826 623	2 711 340	5 537 963
35-39	1 910 753	1 847 716	3 758 469	181 326	188 412	369 739	75 996	62 282	138 277	152 533	152 157	304 690	2 320 608	2 250 567	4 571 175
40-44	1 392 548	1 448 164	2 840 712	155 605	159 124	314 730	63 320	54 375	117 695	153 314	158 957	312 271	1 764 787	1 820 620	3 585 408
45-49	1 074 833	1 197 682	2 272 515	150 348	162 533	312 881	55 804	51 111	106 915	174 298	179 008	353 306	1 455 283	1 590 334	3 045 617
50-54	785 476	1 027 394	1 812 870	136 383	161 398	297 781	46 718	47 242	93 959	161 324	169 114	330 438	1 129 900	1 405 148	2 535 048
55-59	637 128	903 083	1 540 211	118 093	138 586	256 679	39 260	42 958	82 218	150 907	162 497	313 404	945 388	1 247 124	2 192 512
60-64	482 543	735 389	1 217 932	86 702	110 581	197 283	31 728	36 855	68 583	144 098	156 581	300 679	745 071	1 039 405	1 784 476
65-69	339 833	554 771	894 604	59 313	83 499	142 812	24 548	31 110	55 658	129 884	147 162	277 046	553 578	816 542	1 370 121
70-74	198 981	381 497	580 478	34 424	54 926	89 350	16 400	23 687	40 088	111 602	128 294	239 896	361 408	588 404	949 812
75-79	106 936	233 195	340 131	18 524	34 402	52 926	9 371	15 839	25 210	80 115	99 493	179 608	214 946	382 928	597 874
80+	78 052	244 365	322 416	11 971	31 001	42 971	6 385	15 223	21 608	82 954	133 019	215 973	179 361	423 608	602 969
Total	23 124 782	24 318 477	47 443 259	2 513 221	2 663 530	5 176 750	768 594	734 413	1 503 007	2 266 151	2 385 855	4 652 006	28 672 747	30 102 275	58 775 022

5. Provincial population estimates

Provincial estimates are derived using a cohort-component method as suggested by the United Nations (United Nations, 1992), incorporating changes in births, deaths as well as migration over time. When provincial population estimates are desired and the appropriate data are available, a multi-regional approach should be considered as this is the only way to guarantee that the total migration flows between regions will sum to zero (United Nations, 1992). Multi-regional methods require the estimation of separate age-specific migration rates between every region of the country and every other region and such detailed data are rarely available. Although it is possible to estimate some of the missing data (see Willekens et al., 1978) the task of preparing data can become overwhelming if there are many regions. If there are only a few streams however the multi-regional method is the best method to use. In South Africa 2 448 (9x8x17x2) migration streams are derived if the multi-regional model is applied in calculating migration streams by age group (17 in total) and sex for each of the nine provinces.

5.1 Demographic assumptions

The demographic data from the 2011 Census i.e. fertility, mortality and migration rates are incorporated in the assumptions. The population structure as per Census 2011 as well as the distribution of births and deaths from vital registrations (adjusted for late registration and completeness) are used to determine provincial estimates (Stats SA, 2017). Figure 8 shows the provincial fertility estimates for the periods 2001–2006; 2006–2011; 2011–2016 and 2016–2021. In the period 2006–2011, there is a general rise in TFR, giving shape to the Census 2011 provincial population structure. However for the period 2011–2021 there is an overall decline in TFR over time. Fertility varies from province to province as is depicted in Figure 8. The more rural provinces of the Eastern Cape and Limpopo indicate higher fertility rates whilst more urbanised provinces such as Gauteng and the Western Cape indicate lower levels of fertility.

Figure 8: Provincial average total fertility rate over time, 2001–2021

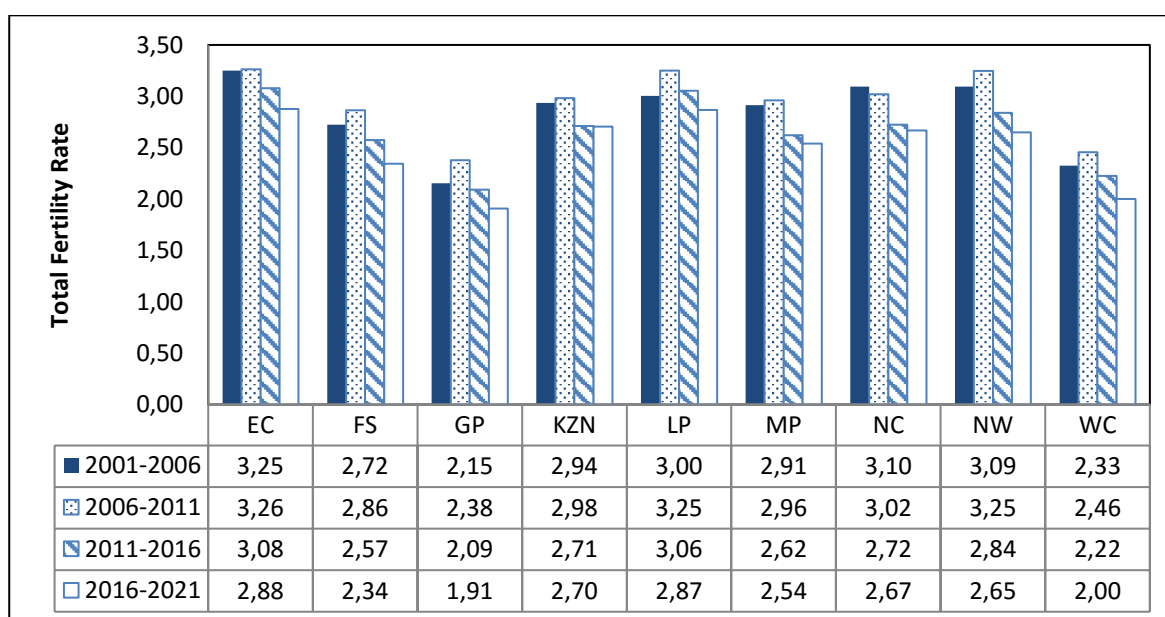
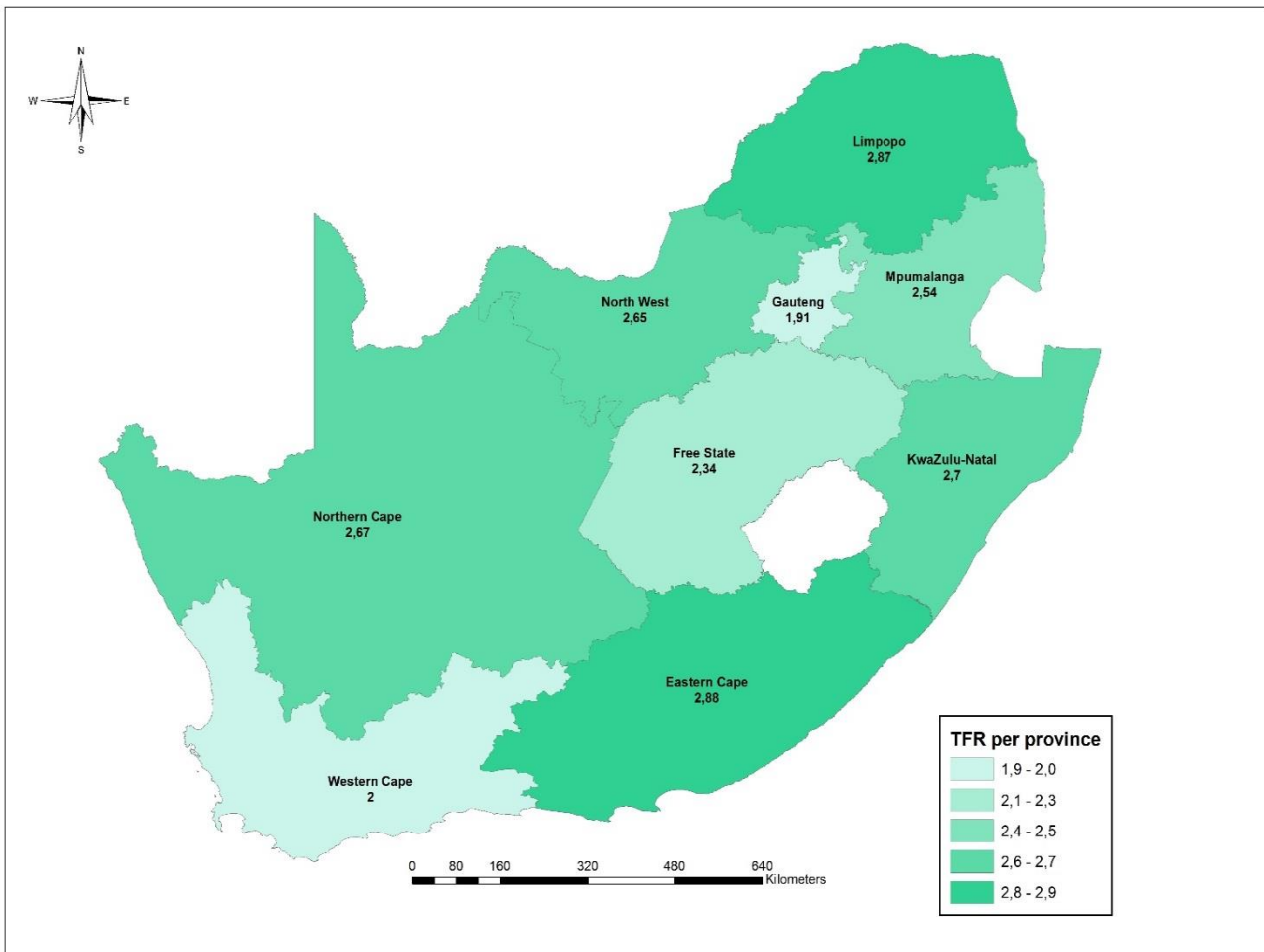


Figure 9: Provincial average total fertility rate, 2016–2021



Figures 10 and 11 show the average provincial life expectancies at birth for males and females for the periods 2001–2006; 2006–2011; 2011–2016 and 2016–2021. Life expectancy at birth reflects the overall mortality level of a population. The life expectancy increased incrementally for each period across all provinces but more significantly in the period 2011–2016 due to the uptake of antiretroviral therapy over time in South Africa. Though the life expectancy in the periods 2001–2006 and 2006–2011, depicts marginal improvement, this masks the interaction between the highest number of deaths in 2006 in combination with declining numbers of deaths between 2007 and 2010. Western Cape consistently has the highest life expectancy at birth for both males and females over time whilst the Free State has the lowest life expectancy at birth.

Figure 10: Provincial average life expectancy at birth (males), 2001–2021

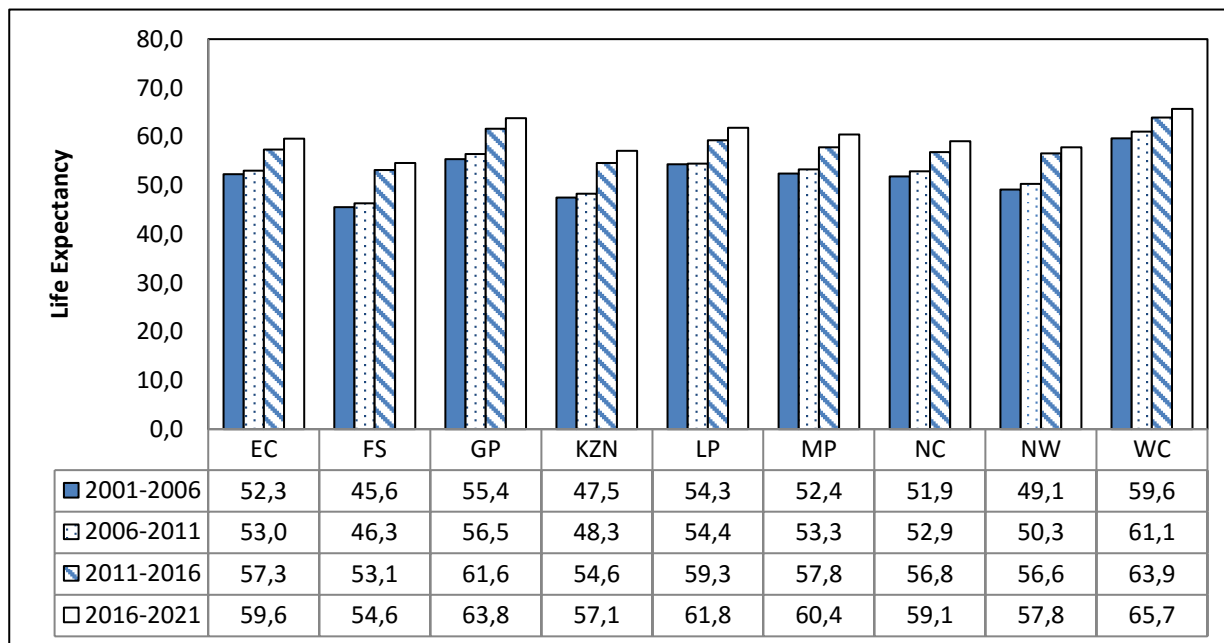
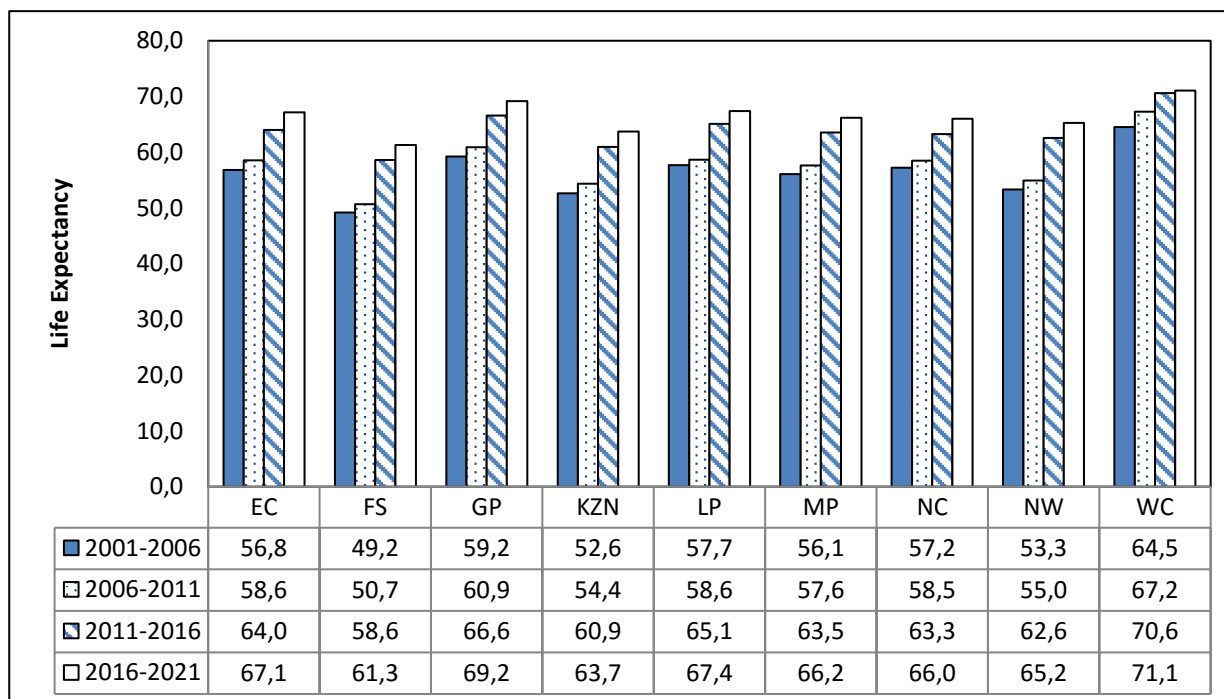


Figure 11: Provincial average life expectancy at birth (females), 2001–2021



5.2 Migration patterns

From Census 2011 it was possible to determine out-migration rates for each province. Applying these rates to the age structures of the province it was possible to establish migration streams between the provinces. The result of these analyses is shown in Tables 7, 8 and 9. The assumptions indicate that Gauteng and Western Cape received the highest number of in-migrants for all periods. The Eastern Cape and Gauteng experienced the largest number of outflow of migrants. Due to its relatively larger population size, Gauteng achieved the highest number of in- and out-flows of migration. Gauteng, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape, North West and Western Cape provinces received positive net migration over all 3 periods. For all periods, the number of international migrants entering the provinces was highest in Gauteng, with Western Cape ranking second.

Table 7: Estimated provincial migration streams 2006–2011

Province in 2006	Province in 2011									Out-migrants	In-migrants	Net migration
	EC	FS	GP	KZN	LP	MP	NC	NW	WC			
EC	0	12 808	143 539	96 615	13 748	16 532	7 938	37 086	171 941	500 207	161 405	-338 802
FS	8 119	0	78 919	7 565	6 300	10 368	8 721	22 862	11 718	154 573	114 624	-39 948
GP	40 268	31 231	0	54 110	64 147	63 687	9 739	85 606	75 362	424 150	1 382 128	957 978
KZN	23 407	11 329	205 896	0	8 787	33 704	7 290	10 708	30 618	331 737	255 187	-76 551
LP	4 274	5 552	316 191	7 847	0	45 334	2 468	30 891	10 829	423 387	220 311	-203 075
MP	4 539	4 703	120 888	11 393	21 161	0	2 086	12 088	8 828	185 685	243 960	58 274
NC	4 045	8 101	15 222	5 182	2 420	3 965	0	11 613	16 645	67 193	75 386	8 192
NW	4 537	10 334	94 832	5 349	17 474	10 436	20 645	0	7 963	171 570	275 490	103 920
WC	43 954	6 851	53 048	11 180	4 951	6 200	10 947	7 121	0	144 253	420 480	276 227
Outside SA (net migration)	28 261	23 716	353 592	55 946	81 323	53 734	5 551	57 515	86 577			

Table 8: Estimated provincial migration streams, 2011–2016

Province in 2011	Province in 2016									Out-migrants	In-migrants	Net migration
	EC	FS	GP	KZN	LP	MP	NC	NW	WC			
EC	0	12 955	145 191	97 667	13 915	16 726	8 041	37 476	173 832	505 803	181 242	-324 561
FS	8 331	0	80 931	7 765	6 471	10 645	8 951	23 467	12 041	158 603	128 327	-30 276
GP	46 172	35 833	0	62 216	91 749	73 188	11 182	98 385	86 848	505 574	1 519 244	1 013 670
KZN	24 743	11 972	217 596	0	9 314	35 649	7 714	11 344	32 433	350 766	280 614	-70 152
LP	4 467	5 794	329 721	8 206	0	47 333	2 584	32 237	11 304	441 645	271 305	-170 340
MP	4 942	5 112	131 621	12 382	22 977	0	2 273	13 146	9 596	202 050	271 962	69 913
NC	4 289	8 620	16 212	5 501	2 575	4 213	0	12 345	17 705	71 460	82 321	10 861
NW	4 975	11 306	103 754	5 856	19 102	11 413	22 611	0	8 736	187 753	306 934	119 182
WC	48 710	7 639	59 224	12 490	5 523	6 927	12 197	7 962	0	160 673	458 720	298 047
Outside SA (net migration)	34 613	29 095	434 994	68 530	99 678	65 869	6 768	70 572	106 227			

Table 9: Estimated provincial migration streams 2016–2021

Province in 2016	Province in 2021									Out-migrants	In-migrants	Net migration
	EC	FS	GP	KZN	LP	MP	NC	NW	WC			
EC	0	13 178	147 729	99 306	14 149	16 974	8 168	38 019	176 784	514 308	199 855	-314 453
FS	8 538	0	83 285	7 964	6 634	10 924	9 200	24 076	12 361	162 982	141 185	-21 797
GP	52 381	40 711	0	70 764	104 073	83 250	12 709	111 893	98 925	574 705	1 643 590	1 068 885
KZN	26 277	12 717	231 241	0	9 864	37 877	8 191	12 066	34 448	372 681	303 732	-68 949
LP	4 702	6 092	347 269	8 640	0	49 723	2 718	33 848	11 857	464 848	302 226	-162 622
MP	5 371	5 552	143 213	13 440	24 957	0	2 473	14 286	10 420	219 711	297 949	78 238
NC	4 567	9 187	17 309	5 862	2 746	4 491	0	13 162	18 869	76 193	89 252	13 059
NW	5 427	12 336	113 419	6 388	20 832	12 449	24 712	0	9 537	205 099	336 180	131 081
WC	53 435	8 435	65 554	13 826	6 105	7 669	13 464	8 824	0	177 313	493 621	316 308
Outside SA (net migration)	39 158	32 978	494 571	77 542	112 866	74 593	7 616	80 005	120 420			

5.3 Provincial distributions

Table 10 below shows the estimated percentage of the total population residing in each of the provinces from 2002 to 2019. The provincial estimates show that Gauteng has the largest share of the population followed by KwaZulu-Natal, Western Cape and Eastern Cape. Inter-provincial as well as international migration patterns significantly influence the provincial population numbers and structures in South Africa. By 2019 approximately 11,4% of South Africa's population live in Western Cape. Northern Cape has the smallest share of the population (2,2%). Free State has the second smallest share of the South African population constituting 4,9 % of the population. Figures 12 and 13 indicate that Limpopo and Eastern Cape (both 33,3% respectively) have the highest proportions of persons younger than 15 years. The highest proportions of elderly persons aged 60 years and above are found in Eastern Cape (11,3%), Northern Cape (10,2%) and Western Cape (10,0%).

Table 10: Percentage distribution of the projected provincial share of the total population, 2002–2019

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
EC	14,1	13,9	13,8	13,7	13,5	13,4	13,2	13,0	12,8	12,6	12,5	12,3	12,2	12,0	11,9	11,7	11,6	11,4
FS	5,9	5,8	5,8	5,7	5,6	5,6	5,5	5,4	5,4	5,3	5,3	5,2	5,2	5,1	5,1	5,0	5,0	4,9
GP	21,0	21,3	21,6	21,8	22,1	22,4	22,7	23,0	23,3	23,7	24,0	24,2	24,5	24,8	25,0	25,3	25,6	25,8
KZN	20,8	20,7	20,6	20,5	20,4	20,3	20,2	20,1	20,0	19,8	19,8	19,7	19,6	19,5	19,4	19,3	19,3	19,2
LP	11,4	11,3	11,2	11,1	11,0	11,0	10,9	10,8	10,7	10,7	10,6	10,5	10,5	10,4	10,4	10,3	10,2	10,2
MP	7,6	7,6	7,6	7,7	7,7	7,7	7,7	7,7	7,7	7,8	7,8	7,8	7,8	7,8	7,8	7,8	7,8	7,8
NC	2,2	2,2	2,2	2,2	2,2	2,2	2,2	2,2	2,2	2,2	2,2	2,2	2,2	2,2	2,2	2,2	2,2	2,2
NW	6,6	6,6	6,6	6,6	6,7	6,7	6,7	6,7	6,7	6,7	6,7	6,8	6,8	6,8	6,8	6,8	6,8	6,9
WC	10,4	10,5	10,6	10,7	10,7	10,8	10,9	11,0	11,1	11,2	11,2	11,3	11,4	11,4	11,5	11,6	11,6	11,6
Total	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0

Table 11 (a): Provincial mid-year population estimates by age and sex, 2019

Age	Eastern Cape			Free State			Gauteng			KwaZulu-Natal			Limpopo		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
0–4	366 330	358 650	724 979	136 294	133 271	269 566	646 704	631 382	1 278 086	624 531	606 570	1 231 101	340 626	330 518	671 145
5–9	386 340	375 040	761 380	144 196	141 022	285 218	625 578	609 549	1 235 127	607 157	589 752	1 196 909	349 044	336 445	685 489
10–14	376 879	368 010	744 889	141 172	140 166	281 338	560 699	554 552	1 115 251	573 074	563 089	1 136 163	326 621	311 593	638 214
15–19	299 385	291 583	590 967	121 277	120 753	242 030	513 427	514 346	1 027 773	492 961	487 612	980 573	267 079	254 592	521 671
20–24	252 572	246 936	499 509	118 601	117 186	235 788	666 410	669 194	1 335 604	505 198	500 833	1 006 031	249 874	241 430	491 304
25–29	263 271	258 119	521 391	128 282	124 777	253 059	830 800	826 453	1 657 254	534 838	526 234	1 061 072	255 603	250 862	506 465
30–34	257 568	255 791	513 360	130 754	126 043	256 796	851 972	822 418	1 674 390	505 101	503 472	1 008 574	245 229	249 486	494 715
35–39	210 454	217 419	427 873	107 408	106 692	214 099	699 448	658 453	1 357 901	392 259	413 146	805 406	201 109	213 356	414 464
40–44	159 263	183 106	342 369	81 233	89 539	170 772	549 909	507 925	1 057 834	282 544	330 508	613 052	148 071	182 798	330 869
45–49	131 071	173 519	304 590	69 390	82 226	151 616	458 148	412 888	871 036	226 914	290 118	517 033	115 433	159 655	275 088
50–54	103 770	163 695	267 466	56 816	74 335	131 151	348 006	354 634	702 640	168 558	255 374	423 932	88 615	137 373	225 989
55–59	92 438	159 309	251 747	48 714	64 995	113 709	287 064	306 248	593 312	143 386	233 152	376 538	71 632	123 746	195 379
60–64	79 775	144 091	223 865	39 702	55 203	94 905	222 590	251 579	474 169	114 078	192 451	306 529	56 346	103 935	160 280
65–69	62 422	114 096	176 518	29 954	45 139	75 093	159 521	189 530	349 051	89 431	155 433	244 864	44 051	86 532	130 583
70–74	43 229	85 121	128 350	19 052	32 183	51 235	100 605	129 565	230 171	60 742	118 042	178 784	29 147	61 701	90 848
75–79	33 110	67 360	100 470	11 560	20 602	32 162	52 244	74 290	126 533	34 596	71 508	106 104	18 145	43 738	61 883
80+	40 376	92 179	132 555	8 158	20 771	28 929	29 477	60 507	89 983	26 755	69 666	96 422	22 246	65 952	88 198
Total	3 158 253	3 554 023	6 712 276	1 392 563	1 494 903	2 887 465	7 602 602	7 573 514	15 176 116	5 382 124	5 906 962	11 289 086	2 828 873	3 153 712	5 982 584

Table 11 (b): Provincial mid-year population estimates by age and sex, 2019 (concluded)

Age	Mpumalanga			Northern Cape			North West			Western Cape			All provinces		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
0–4	235 459	231 177	466 635	63 157	61 733	124 890	201 889	198 721	400 609	288 467	278 467	566 934	2 903 457	2 830 489	5 733 946
5–9	234 815	230 987	465 802	61 735	59 810	121 544	204 883	200 706	405 590	294 986	285 394	580 381	2 908 734	2 828 705	5 737 439
10–14	225 726	224 004	449 730	60 117	60 075	120 192	195 368	193 895	389 264	278 900	273 962	552 862	2 738 556	2 689 347	5 427 902
15–19	193 457	193 178	386 635	50 993	52 175	103 167	159 675	157 553	317 228	245 721	244 235	489 956	2 343 975	2 316 027	4 660 002
20–24	199 715	194 788	394 503	48 351	48 927	97 278	159 700	149 445	309 145	274 974	270 050	545 024	2 475 396	2 438 790	4 914 186
25–29	224 775	206 550	431 325	55 188	52 499	107 688	188 426	165 434	353 859	324 491	311 967	636 458	2 805 676	2 722 896	5 528 571
30–34	231 703	206 382	438 085	60 367	53 395	113 762	200 937	170 184	371 120	342 992	324 170	667 162	2 826 623	2 711 340	5 537 963
35–39	189 463	171 911	361 374	52 552	44 619	97 171	172 898	144 740	317 638	295 017	280 232	575 249	2 320 608	2 250 567	4 571 175
40–44	135 504	139 761	275 265	40 087	36 630	76 718	134 756	121 177	255 934	233 420	229 175	462 595	1 764 787	1 820 620	3 585 408
45–49	105 043	122 378	227 421	33 314	33 615	66 928	110 037	107 093	217 130	205 932	208 843	414 775	1 455 283	1 590 334	3 045 617
50–54	80 460	104 665	185 125	26 380	30 475	56 856	89 246	91 479	180 725	168 049	193 117	361 166	1 129 900	1 405 148	2 535 048
55–59	66 384	87 153	153 537	21 745	26 763	48 509	77 189	78 282	155 471	136 835	167 476	304 311	945 388	1 247 124	2 192 512
60–64	51 077	68 176	119 252	17 989	23 297	41 286	59 534	64 541	124 075	103 981	136 133	240 114	745 071	1 039 405	1 784 476
65–69	38 232	53 960	92 193	13 703	19 155	32 858	39 663	49 854	89 517	76 600	102 844	179 444	553 578	816 542	1 370 121
70–74	23 525	36 180	59 706	8 936	14 208	23 144	24 612	35 850	60 462	51 560	75 554	127 114	361 408	588 404	949 812
75–79	14 077	24 528	38 606	5 670	9 768	15 439	14 722	25 777	40 499	30 822	45 356	76 179	214 946	382 928	597 874
80+	14 212	32 780	46 992	4 764	11 682	16 446	9 617	29 277	38 895	23 756	40 794	64 550	179 361	423 608	602 969
Total	2 263 628	2 328 559	4 592 187	625 049	638 826	1 263 875	2 043 152	1 984 008	4 027 160	3 376 504	3 467 769	6 844 272	28 672 747	30 102 275	58 775 022

Figure 12: Population under 15 years of age

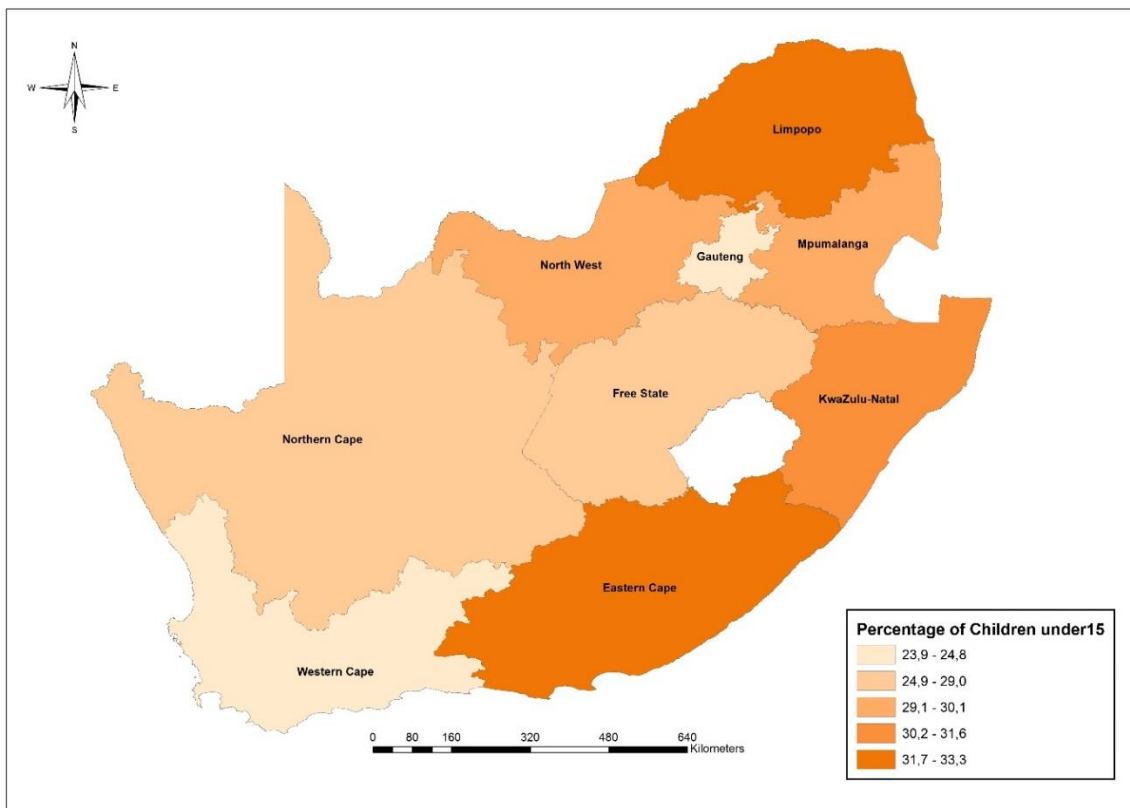
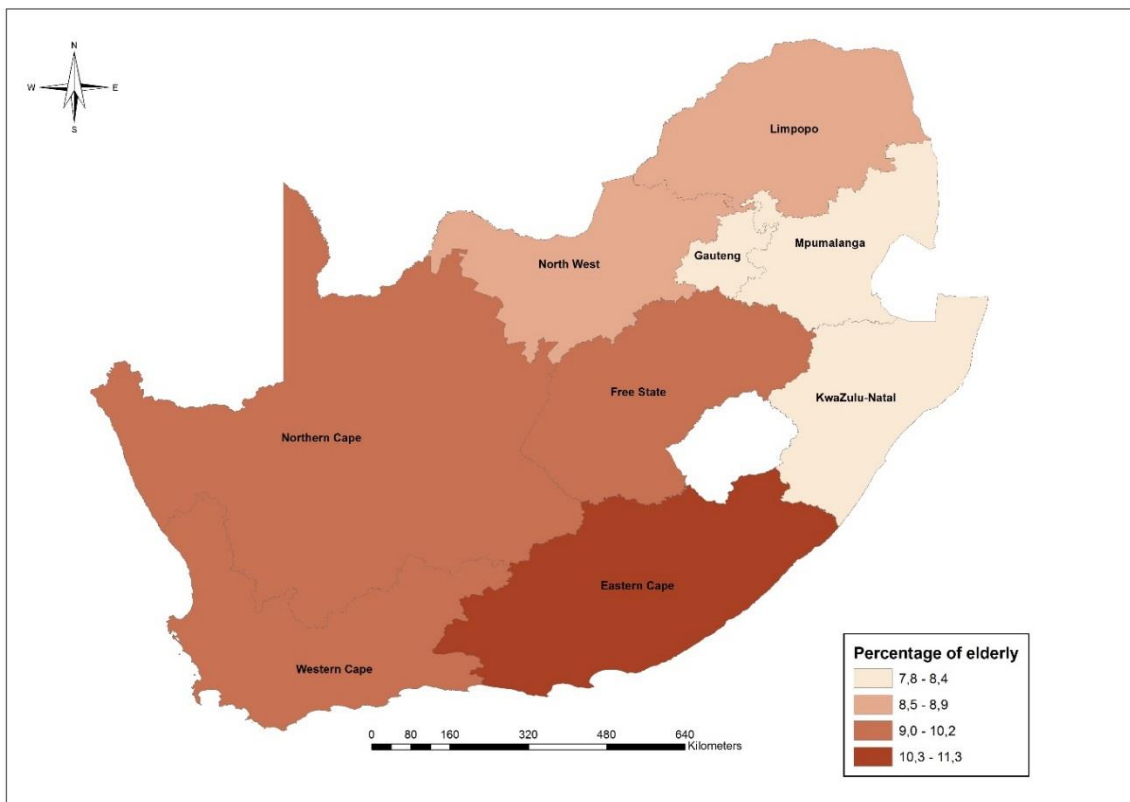


Figure 13: Proportion of elderly aged 60+



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Appendices

Appendix 1: Mid-year population estimates by province, 2019

	Population estimate	% of total population
Eastern Cape	6 712 276	11,4
Free State	2 887 465	4,9
Gauteng	15 176 116	25,8
KwaZulu-Natal	11 289 086	19,2
Limpopo	5 982 584	10,2
Mpumalanga	4 592 187	7,8
Northern Cape	1 263 875	2,2
North West	4 027 160	6,9
Western Cape	6 844 272	11,6
Total	58 775 022	100,0

Appendix 2: Demographic indicators, 2002–2019

Year	Crude birth rate	Life expectancy			Infant mortality rate	Under-5 mortality rate	Crude death rate	Rate of natural increase (%)
		Male	Female	Total				
2002	21,2	53,7	58,0	55,9	56,5	79,0	12,5	0,9
2003	21,1	53,0	56,8	55,0	56,5	79,1	13,2	0,8
2004	22,3	52,4	56,3	54,4	56,3	77,7	13,7	0,9
2005	23,0	52,2	56,5	54,4	55,6	76,7	13,8	0,9
2006	23,4	52,3	56,6	54,5	54,2	74,9	13,8	1,0
2007	23,8	53,1	57,4	55,3	51,6	71,3	13,4	1,0
2008	24,0	54,0	59,0	56,6	48,9	68,0	12,7	1,1
2009	23,8	55,2	60,8	58,1	44,6	62,8	11,9	1,2
2010	23,4	56,4	62,3	59,4	40,9	57,2	11,2	1,2
2011	22,8	57,8	63,5	60,7	36,1	47,7	10,6	1,2
2012	22,3	58,2	63,9	61,1	33,4	44,5	10,4	1,2
2013	21,9	58,9	65,1	62,1	31,5	42,2	9,9	1,2
2014	21,5	59,3	65,5	62,5	29,0	38,9	9,8	1,2
2015	21,2	59,9	66,2	63,1	27,1	35,3	9,6	1,2
2016	20,9	60,4	67,0	63,8	26,3	32,4	9,3	1,2
2017	20,6	60,8	67,2	64,1	24,3	29,1	9,3	1,1
2018	20,2	61,1	67,5	64,4	22,4	27,8	9,2	1,1
2019	19,9	61,5	67,7	64,7	22,1	28,5	9,2	1,1

Appendix 3: HIV prevalence estimates and number of people living with HIV, 2002–2019

	Prevalence (%)				Incidence (%)	HIV population (in millions)
	Women 15–49	Adults 15–49	Youth 15–24	Total population	15–49	
2002	18,76	16,27	8,17	9,99	2,40	4,64
2003	19,57	16,95	8,06	10,55	2,25	4,95
2004	20,16	17,43	7,90	10,99	2,12	5,21
2005	20,66	17,81	7,71	11,36	2,03	5,45
2006	21,09	18,14	7,50	11,69	1,95	5,68
2007	21,51	18,46	7,31	12,01	1,90	5,91
2008	21,97	18,82	7,16	12,35	1,85	6,17
2009	22,39	19,15	6,98	12,65	1,72	6,41
2010	22,84	19,50	6,86	12,94	1,69	6,66
2011	23,24	19,81	6,68	13,23	1,60	6,92
2012	23,60	20,08	6,51	13,48	1,50	7,16
2013	23,86	20,27	6,30	13,69	1,39	7,38
2014	24,05	20,40	6,08	13,86	1,31	7,58
2015	24,00	20,31	5,70	13,89	1,04	7,72
2016	23,88	20,18	5,38	13,90	0,98	7,84
2017	23,54	19,84	4,95	13,79	0,73	7,90
2018	23,15	19,48	4,58	13,66	0,68	7,94
2019	22,71	19,07	4,30	13,53	0,68	7,97

Appendix 4: Estimates of annual growth rates, 2002–2019

Period	Children 0–14	Youth 15–24	Elderly 60+	adults 25–59	Total
2002–2003	-1,12	3,16	1,47	1,44	0,97
2003–2004	-0,76	3,08	1,62	1,37	1,07
2004–2005	-0,40	2,55	1,76	1,51	1,16
2005–2006	-0,04	1,70	1,90	1,78	1,22
2006–2007	0,28	1,29	2,08	1,95	1,32
2007–2008	0,54	0,89	2,32	2,17	1,43
2008–2009	0,75	0,53	2,40	2,34	1,50
2009–2010	0,96	0,19	2,85	2,36	1,54
2010–2011	1,03	-0,60	2,93	2,67	1,55
2011–2012	1,22	-1,00	2,99	2,63	1,53
2012–2013	1,41	-1,41	3,16	2,63	1,54
2013–2014	1,36	-1,45	3,19	2,59	1,52
2014–2015	1,39	-1,44	3,16	2,50	1,51
2015–2016	1,40	-1,28	3,12	2,39	1,51
2016–2017	1,48	-1,32	3,06	2,28	1,49
2017–2018	1,41	-1,17	3,07	2,16	1,46
2018–2019	1,03	-0,34	3,00	2,02	1,43

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