



SOUTH AFRICA AT A GLANCE

Land surface area

1 220 813 km²

Key economic sectors

Mining services and transport, energy, manufacturing, tourism and agriculture.

Population

Total	49 320 500
Male	23 868 700
Female	25 451 800
0 – 14 years	15 500 700
15 – 34 years	18 447 000
Households	13,8 million
Household size	Average 3,6 persons

Official languages

English, isiZulu, isiXhosa, isiNdebele, Afrikaans, siSwati, Sesotho sa Leboa, Sesotho, Setswana, Tshivenda and Xitsonga.

Government

Constitutional multiparty democracy, three spheres (local, provincial and national).

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Capitals

Pretoria (administrative); Cape Town (legislative); Bloemfontein (judicial). The Constitutional Court is located in Johannesburg.

Currency

Rand (ZAR) – 100 cents equals one rand.

Time

GMT +2 hours

Provinces

Eastern Cape, Free State, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape, North West, Western Cape.

Transportation

Excellent roads, rail and air facilities (both domestic and international).

Telecommunications

World-class infrastructure. Internet access is widely available. There are five mobile (cellular) networks.

Health

Top-quality care is available throughout the country, although basic in rural areas. Inoculations are only required for those travelling from yellow-fever areas. Malaria precautions are necessary in some areas.

Source: *Millennium Development Goals Country Report 2010*

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