



## SOUTH AFRICA AT A GLANCE

### Land surface area

1 219 090 km<sup>2</sup>

### Key economic sectors

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

### Population

Total	50 586 757
Male	24 515 036
Female	26 071 721

### 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). Public transport in major cities include the Gautrain between Johannesburg and Pretoria and the Bus Rapid Transport System in Cape Town, Johannesburg and Pretoria.

### **Telecommunications**

World-class infrastructure. Internet access is widely available. There are four 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*  
*Mid-year Population Estimates, 2011 (Stats SA)*

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