



SOUTH AFRICA AT A GLANCE

Land surface area

1 219 602 km²

Key economic sectors

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

Population

Total	51 770 560
Male	25 188 791 (48,7%)
Female	26 581 769 (51,3%)

Official languages

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

Currency

Rand (ZAR) – 100 cents equal one rand.

Time

GMT +2 hours

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According to *Census 2011*, a shift of the national boundary over the Indian Ocean in the north-east corner of KwaZulu-Natal to accommodate the Isimangaliso Wetland Park, led to the increase in South Africa's land area.

Government

South Africa has a constitutional multiparty democracy with three spheres, namely local, provincial and national.

Capitals

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

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 healthcare 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.

Sources: *Mid-year Population Estimates, 2011 (Stats SA)* and *Census 2011*.

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