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Introduction

A variety of interventions that seek to address challenges faced by different sectors of the population in the country require adequate monitoring as well as information on key indicators that can be used for monitoring. The Vulnerable Groups sector is one of the most affected sectors of the population. Vulnerable Groups¹ are defined as a part of the South African population that experience a higher risk of poverty and social exclusion than the general population. This sector requires particular effort to be made at all levels of policy planning and implementation to inform amongst other things resource allocation. Vulnerable Groups in this report are grouped as follows:

Children – those aged 17 years and below;

The youth – people aged between 15-34 years;

Women – the female population;

Older persons – people aged 60 years and above; and

Persons with disabilities – those experiencing various levels of difficulties in functional domains such as seeing, hearing, walking, remembering and concentrating, self-care, communicating and social interaction.

One of the most effective ways of tracking progress made towards improving the lives of Vulnerable Groups in South Africa is through the monitoring of key indicators. This should ideally be done at a national, provincial and local level and should be reflected in various reports. The present report “Marginalized Groups Indicator Report: 2019” is such a report. Its purpose is to present information on key vulnerable groups’ indicators by providing data relating to the socio-economic and demographic profile of vulnerable groups in South Africa using mainly secondary data from Stats SA. This report is the Sixth report in the series and focuses on data collected during the year, 2019. It is envisaged that the data presented in this report will be useful in providing government, researchers, other sector key stakeholders and the general public as a whole with information required to inform policy, research and debate.

The current report focuses mainly on presenting data collected in 2019. The main sources of statistics reported on household, demographic and social indicators in this report are largely based on the General Household Survey (GHS). Economic indicators on the labour market were tabulated using the Quarterly Labour Force Survey (QLFS), while crime related indicators were calculated using data from the Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GPSJS). GHS, QLFS and GPSJS household surveys each covering approximately 30 000 households that are representative of all nine provinces. All data from the above-mentioned Stats SA surveys are weighted so as to make the results representative of the overall population of the country.

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¹ SOURCE: Social protection and Social inclusion Glossary. DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Definitions

- **Sex Parity Ratio (GPR):** Is calculated as the percentage/number of females divided by the percentage/number of males with a particular characteristic. Although these ratios are usually designed to measure the relative access to education of males and females, the ratios can also be generally applied to calculate sex disparities or gaps on different socio-economic indicators (Koronkiewicz, 2008²).
- **Graduates:** Individuals who have completed a university degree.
- **Geo-type:** Census 2011 definitions for urban and rural have been applied. According to Stats SA, an urban area is defined as a continuously built-up area with characteristics such as type of economic activity and land use. Cities, towns, townships, suburbs, etc. are typical urban areas.
 - An **urban area** is one which was proclaimed or classified as such (i.e. in an urban municipality under the old demarcation), or classified as such during census demarcation by Stats SA, based on its observation of aerial photographs or on other information.
 - A **rural area** is defined as any area that is not classified as urban. Rural areas may comprise one or more of the following: tribal areas, commercial farms and rural formal areas.
- **Head of the household:** There are many debates on what constitutes the term '**household head**'. Arguments and discussions around the definition usually deal with the subjective assumptions carried by its interpretation, its implication and influence in socially constructed Sex roles (Hedman et al., 1996³; Rosenhouse, 1989⁴). Taking into account arguments for and against, Stats SA loosely defines the **head of the household** as the person (male or female) who assumes responsibility for the household. This person can be the chief economic provider, the chief decision-maker or the person designated by other members as the head. Survey officers are instructed to record this person as person '01', in the first column of the questionnaire during data collection. However, given that the definition used for households is based on the four-by-four rule⁵, some individuals, especially migrant workers, who may be considered the head of the household by the household, are often excluded from the data as a result of their limited presence within the household. In those cases the acting household head from the household perspective is indicated in the dataset as the household head.
- **Labour force participation rate:** The proportion of the working-age population that is either employed or unemployed.
- **Employed persons:** Those aged 15–64 years who, during the reference week, did any work for at least one hour, or had a job or business but were not at work (temporarily absent).
- **Employment-to-population ratio (labour absorption rate):** The proportion of the working-age population that is employed.
- **Not economically active:** Persons aged 15–64 years who are neither employed nor unemployed in the reference week.
- **Unemployment rate:** The proportion of the labour force that is unemployed.

² Koronkiewicz, M. 2008. Sex Parity Index, UNESCO, Bangkok.

³ Hedman, B., Perucci, F. and Sundstrom, P. 1996. EnSexing Statistics: A Tool for Change. Statistics Sweden: Orebro.

⁴ Rosenhouse, S. 1989. Identifying the Poor: Is 'Headship' a Useful Concept? LSMS Working Paper No 58, World Bank, Washington DC.

⁵ The person should have been present in the household for at least four nights per week for the past four weeks.

- **Discouraged job-seeker:** A person who was not employed during the reference period, wanted to work, was available to work/start a business but did not take active steps to find work during the last four weeks, provided that the main reason given for not seeking work was any of the following: No jobs available in the area; Unable to find work requiring his/her skills; Lost hope of finding any kind of work.

Household composition: Households have been categorised into the following household types:

- A **single household** is a one-person household
- **Nuclear households** are defined as ‘households consisting of household heads, their spouses and offspring’
- **Extended households** include other relatives in addition to the nucleus.
- **Complex households** are all households with members who are not related to the household head

Intergenerational households (Wolf and Folbre, 2012)⁶.

- A **single generation** household consists of people of the same age group: a married or cohabiting couple, a single person, siblings, or roommates.
- A **double generation family household** includes a parent or parents and their child or children under age 25.
- In **more than three-generations households**, the ages in the household can range from infancy to extreme old age.
- When grandparents and grandchildren whose parents are dead or unable to care for them form a household, this is defined as a **skipped-generation household**.
- **Formal dwelling** refers to a structure built according to approved plans, i.e. house on a separate stand, flat or apartment, townhouse, room in backyard, rooms or flatlet elsewhere.
- **Informal dwelling** is a makeshift structure not erected according to approved architectural plans, for example shacks or shanties in informal settlements or in backyards.
- **Traditional dwelling** is a category of architecture based on local needs, construction materials and reflecting local traditions. Traditional dwellings tend to evolve over time to reflect the environmental, cultural, technological, economic, and historical context in which it exists.

An orphan is defined as a child whose mother, father or both biological parents have died:

- A **maternal orphan** is a child whose mother has died but whose father is alive.
- A **paternal orphan** is a child whose father has died but whose mother is alive;
- A **double orphan** is a child whose biological mother and father have both passed away.

⁶ Wolf, D. & Folbre, N. 2012. *Universal Coverage of Long Term care in the United States*, Russel Sage Foundation: ISBN-13 / ISBN-10 978-1-61044-799-7

Type of diseases:

- In medicine, an **acute disease** is a disease, a short course, or both. Acute may be used to distinguish a disease from a chronic form, such as acute leukemia and chronic leukemia, or to highlight the sudden onset of a disease, such as acute myocardial infarction.
- A **chronic disease** is one lasting 3 months or more. Chronic diseases generally cannot be prevented by vaccines or cured by medication, nor do they just disappear.

Access to basic household services:

- **Access to piped water** - Refers to dwellings access to piped water source in house or in the yard
- **Improved Sanitation** – Refers to dwellings with flushing toilets connected to a sewage system or a septic tank, pit toilet with ventilation pipe
- **Refuse/ Waste** -refers to dwellings with rubbish removed by municipality
- **Electricity**- refers to dwellings which are connected to main electricity suppliers
- **Solid fuels for cooking**- refers to dwelling that use wood, coal, and animal dung as source of energy for cooking

INDICATORS: CHILDREN

Children are defined as people aged 17 years and below.

1.1 Demography of children

Table 1.1.1: Distribution of children by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)			Per cent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
WC	1 028	978	2 006	51,3	48,7	100,0
EC	1 299	1 262	2 561	50,7	49,3	100,0
NC	219	211	430	51,0	49,0	100,0
FS	509	505	1 014	50,2	49,8	100,0
KZN	2 141	2 064	4 205	50,9	49,1	100,0
NW	672	750	1 422	47,3	52,7	100,0
GP	2 197	2 134	4 330	50,7	49,3	100,0
MP	787	895	1 682	46,8	53,2	100,0
LP	1 227	1 198	2 425	50,6	49,4	100,0
RSA	10 079	9 996	20 075	50,2	49,8	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 1.1.2: Distribution of children by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)			Per cent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
Urban	5 743	5 720	11 462	50,1	49,9	100,0
Rural	4 336	4 276	8 612	50,3	49,7	100,0
RSA	10 079	9 996	20 075	50,2	49,8	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 1.1.3: Distribution of children by population group and sex, 2019

Population group and sex	N ('000)			Per cent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
Black African	8 631	8 597	17 228	50,1	49,9	100,0
Coloured	829	805	1 634	50,7	49,3	100,0
Indian/ Asian	174	161	334	52,0	48,0	100,0
White	445	433	879	50,7	49,3	100,0
Total	10 079	9 996	20 075	50,2	49,8	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 1.1.4: Children as a proportion of the overall population by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Children	Total	Children	Total	Children	Total	Children	Children	Children
WC	1 028	3 331	978	3 463	2 006	6 794	30,9	28,2	29,5
EC	1 299	3 096	1 262	3 423	2 561	6 519	42,0	36,9	39,3
NC	219	616	211	630	430	1 246	35,5	33,4	34,5
FS	509	1 394	505	1 523	1 014	2 917	36,5	33,1	34,7
KZN	2 141	5 446	2 064	5 917	4 205	11 363	39,3	34,9	37,0
NW	672	1 905	750	2 091	1 422	3 997	35,3	35,8	35,6
GP	2 197	7 709	2 134	7 346	4 330	15 055	28,5	29,0	28,8
MP	787	2 250	895	2 355	1 682	4 605	35,0	38,0	36,5
LP	1 227	2 834	1 198	3 099	2 425	5 933	43,3	38,7	40,9
RSA	10 079	28 582	9 996	29 847	20 075	58 429	35,3	33,5	34,4

Source: GHS 2019

Table 1.1.5: Children as a proportion of the overall population by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Children	Total	Children	Total	Children	Total	Children	Children	Children
Urban	5 743	18 655	5 720	18 871	11 462	37 526	30,8	30,3	30,5
Rural	4 336	9 927	4 276	10 976	8 612	20 903	43,7	39,0	41,2
RSA	10 079	28 582	9 996	29 847	20 075	58 429	35,3	33,5	34,4

Source: GHS 2019

Table 1.1.6: Children as a proportion of the overall population by population group and sex, 2019

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Children	Total	Children	Total	Children	Total	Children	Children	Children
Black African	8 631	23 215	8 597	24 239	17 228	47 454	37,2	35,5	36,3
Coloured	829	2 462	805	2 619	1 634	5 080	33,7	30,7	32,2
Indian/ Asian	174	745	161	706	334	1 451	23,3	22,7	23,0
White	445	2 161	433	2 283	879	4 444	20,6	19,0	19,8
Total	10 079	28 582	9 996	29 847	20 075	58 429	35,3	33,5	34,4

Source: GHS 2019

1.2 Children: Household characteristics

Table 1.2.1: Distribution of children by province, sex and orphan-hood status, 2019

Province and sex		N ('000)	Per cent					
			Total	Maternal orphan	Paternal orphan	Double orphan	Not orphaned	Unspecified
WC	Male	1 028	1,7	5,6	1,3	89,3	2,1	100,0
	Female	978	1,1	5,8	0,7	91,4	1,0	100,0
	Both	2 006	1,4	5,7	1,0	90,3	1,5	100,0
EC	Male	1 299	3,6	10,4	3,9	79,0	3,2	100,0
	Female	1 262	3,0	11,1	4,3	78,6	2,9	100,0
	Both	2 561	3,3	10,7	4,1	78,8	3,1	100,0
NC	Male	219	2,1	7,3	1,9	86,3	2,4	100,0
	Female	211	3,8	5,5	2,3	85,9	2,6	100,0
	Both	430	2,9	6,4	2,1	86,1	2,5	100,0
FS	Male	509	2,5	9,1	3,2	80,2	4,9	100,0
	Female	505	4,2	9,7	2,0	81,8	2,2	100,0
	Both	1 014	3,4	9,4	2,6	81,0	3,5	100,0
KZN	Male	2 141	4,0	11,1	3,0	80,2	1,8	100,0
	Female	2 064	4,0	11,6	3,2	79,8	1,4	100,0
	Both	4 205	4,0	11,3	3,1	80,0	1,6	100,0
NW	Male	672	3,3	8,8	3,2	79,5	5,1	100,0
	Female	750	3,0	7,0	1,7	82,8	5,5	100,0
	Both	1 422	3,2	7,8	2,4	81,3	5,3	100,0
GP	Male	2 197	2,4	8,0	1,4	86,3	2,0	100,0
	Female	2 134	2,4	8,0	1,3	86,1	2,3	100,0
	Both	4 330	2,4	8,0	1,3	86,2	2,1	100,0
MP	Male	787	3,8	9,4	1,6	82,1	3,1	100,0
	Female	895	4,4	8,4	2,4	81,7	3,1	100,0
	Both	1 682	4,1	8,9	2,0	81,9	3,1	100,0
LP	Male	1 227	2,5	6,2	2,5	86,4	2,3	100,0
	Female	1 198	2,1	7,0	1,3	87,6	2,0	100,0
	Both	2 425	2,3	6,6	1,9	87,0	2,2	100,0
RSA	Male	10 079	3,0	8,7	2,4	83,3	2,6	100,0
	Female	9 996	3,0	8,8	2,2	83,7	2,3	100,0
	Both	20 075	3,0	8,8	2,3	83,5	2,5	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 1.2.2: Distribution of children by geo-type, sex and orphan-hood status, 2019

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Per cent					
			Total	Maternal orphan	Paternal orphan	Double orphan	Not orphaned	Unspecified
Urban	Male	5 743	2,5	8,2	2,0	84,9	2,5	100,0
	Female	5 720	2,7	8,0	1,8	85,4	2,1	100,0
	Both	11 462	2,6	8,1	1,9	85,2	2,3	100,0
Rural	Male	4 336	3,7	9,4	3,1	81,2	2,8	100,0
	Female	4 276	3,4	10,0	2,7	81,4	2,6	100,0
	Both	8 612	3,5	9,7	2,9	81,3	2,7	100,0
RSA	Male	10 079	3,0	8,7	2,4	83,3	2,6	100,0
	Female	9 996	3,0	8,8	2,2	83,7	2,3	100,0
	Both	20 075	3,0	8,8	2,3	83,5	2,5	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 1.2.3: Distribution of children by population group, sex and orphan-hood status, 2019

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Per cent					
			Total	Maternal orphan	Paternal orphan	Double orphan	Not orphaned	Unspecified
Black African	Male	8 631	3,3	9,1	2,7	82,1	2,8	100,0
	Female	8 597	3,2	9,4	2,4	82,4	2,6	100,0
	Both	17 228	3,3	9,3	2,5	82,3	2,7	100,0
Coloured	Male	829	1,5	7,0	1,3	88,3	1,9	100,0
	Female	805	1,3	5,7	1,1	91,4	0,5	100,0
	Both	1 634	1,4	6,4	1,2	89,8	1,2	100,0
Indian/ Asian	Male	174	1,1	4,7	0,6	93,6	..	100,0
	Female	161	..	1,9	1,4	95,1	1,7	100,0
	Both	334	0,6	3,3	1,0	94,3	0,8	100,0
White	Male	445	0,9	4,8	0,5	92,3	1,4	100,0
	Female	433	2,3	5,1	0,3	90,7	1,6	100,0
	Both	879	1,6	5,0	0,4	91,5	1,5	100,0
Total	Male	10 079	3,0	8,7	2,4	83,3	2,6	100,0
	Female	9 996	3,0	8,8	2,2	83,7	2,3	100,0
	Both	20 075	3,0	8,8	2,3	83,5	2,5	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 1.2.4: Children by sex and their parental living arrangements, 2019

Sex	N ('000)	Per cent				
		Total	Lives with mother only	Lives with father only	Lives with both parents	Total
Male	10 079	41,5	4,3	32,5	21,7	100,0
Female	9 996	42,4	3,6	33,0	21,0	100,0
Both	20 075	42,0	4,0	32,7	21,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 1.2.5: Distribution of children by province, sex and household composition, 2019

Province and sex		N ('000)	Per cent				
			Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex
WC	Male	1 028	..	44,5	49,3	6,2	100,0
	Female	978	..	42,4	50,5	7,1	100,0
	Both	2 006	..	43,5	49,9	6,7	100,0
EC	Male	1 299	0,1	21,5	76,6	1,8	100,0
	Female	1 262	0,0	23,1	74,7	2,1	100,0
	Both	2 561	0,1	22,3	75,7	2,0	100,0
NC	Male	219	..	32,6	59,3	8,1	100,0
	Female	211	..	34,3	58,4	7,3	100,0
	Both	430	..	33,4	58,8	7,7	100,0
FS	Male	509	0,1	44,3	53,7	1,9	100,0
	Female	505	..	41,1	56,8	2,1	100,0
	Both	1 014	0,0	42,7	55,2	2,0	100,0
KZN	Male	2 141	0,1	19,9	75,8	4,3	100,0
	Female	2 064	0,0	23,3	73,2	3,5	100,0
	Both	4 205	0,1	21,5	74,5	3,9	100,0
NW	Male	672	..	34,1	61,1	4,8	100,0
	Female	750	0,1	34,9	60,5	4,5	100,0
	Both	1 422	0,1	34,5	60,8	4,6	100,0
GP	Male	2 197	..	49,2	48,0	2,7	100,0
	Female	2 134	..	49,1	47,4	3,5	100,0
	Both	4 330	..	49,2	47,7	3,1	100,0
MP	Male	787	0,1	29,8	69,4	0,7	100,0
	Female	895	..	31,8	67,8	0,3	100,0
	Both	1 682	0,0	30,9	68,6	0,5	100,0
LP	Male	1 227	0,4	30,4	68,3	1,0	100,0
	Female	1 198	0,1	31,7	67,1	1,1	100,0
	Both	2 425	0,2	31,0	67,7	1,0	100,0
RSA	Male	10 079	0,1	33,5	63,3	3,1	100,0
	Female	9 996	0,0	34,4	62,4	3,2	100,0
	Both	20 075	0,1	34,0	62,8	3,2	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 1.2.6: Distribution of children by geo-type, sex and household composition, 2019

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Per cent				
			Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex
Urban	Male	5 743	0,0	41,9	54,3	3,8	100,0
	Female	5 720	0,0	42,5	53,3	4,1	100,0
	Both	11 462	0,0	42,2	53,8	3,9	100,0
Rural	Male	4 336	0,2	22,3	75,2	2,3	100,0
	Female	4 276	0,0	23,6	74,4	2,0	100,0
	Both	8 612	0,1	22,9	74,8	2,2	100,0
RSA	Male	10 079	0,1	33,5	63,3	3,1	100,0
	Female	9 996	0,0	34,4	62,4	3,2	100,0
	Both	20 075	0,1	34,0	62,8	3,2	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 1.2.7: Distribution of children by population group, sex and household composition, 2019

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Per cent				
			Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex
Black African	Male	8 631	0,1	30,7	66,5	2,7	100,0
	Female	8 597	0,0	32,1	65,4	2,5	100,0
	Both	17 228	0,1	31,4	66,0	2,6	100,0
Coloured	Male	829	..	37,5	55,2	7,3	100,0
	Female	805	..	35,1	56,7	8,2	100,0
	Both	1 634	..	36,3	56,0	7,7	100,0
Indian/ Asian	Male	174	..	49,3	48,8	1,9	100,0
	Female	161	..	54,4	38,1	7,5	100,0
	Both	334	..	51,7	43,7	4,6	100,0
White	Male	445	..	75,1	21,2	3,8	100,0
	Female	433	..	72,2	21,4	6,4	100,0
	Both	879	..	73,7	21,3	5,1	100,0
Total	Male	10 079	0,1	33,5	63,3	3,1	100,0
	Female	9 996	0,0	34,4	62,4	3,2	100,0
	Both	20 075	0,1	34,0	62,8	3,2	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 1.2.8: Child-headed households across intergenerational household type, 2019

Sex	N ('000)	Per cent			
		Total	Single generation	Double generation	Other
Male	24	90,0	..	..	10,0
Female	12	83,4	7,6	..	9,0
Both	36	87,8	2,5	..	9,7

Source: GHS 2019.

Other include unspecified cases.

1.3 Children: Income, poverty, economic activity and social grants

Table 1.3.1: Children who are beneficiaries of social grants, 2019

Sex	N ('000)		Per cent Beneficiary
	Beneficiary	Total	
Male	6 854	10 079	68,0
Female	6 794	9 996	68,0
Both	13 648	20 075	68,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 1.3.2: Children living in households without an employed adult by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Without	Without
WC	128	1 028	122	978	251	2 006	12,5	12,5	12,5
EC	578	1 299	558	1 262	1 136	2 561	44,5	44,2	44,4
NC	54	219	56	211	111	430	24,9	26,6	25,7
FS	166	509	144	505	310	1 014	32,6	28,6	30,6
KZN	779	2 141	760	2 064	1 539	4 205	36,4	36,8	36,6
NW	242	672	234	750	476	1 422	36,0	31,2	33,5
GP	303	2 197	320	2 134	623	4 330	13,8	15,0	14,4
MP	220	787	259	895	478	1 682	27,9	28,9	28,4
LP	488	1 227	499	1 198	987	2 425	39,8	41,6	40,7
RSA	2 958	10 079	2 952	9 996	5 910	20 075	29,4	29,5	29,4

Source: GHS 2019

Table 1.3.3: Children living in households without an employed adult by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Without	Without
Urban	1 022	5 743	1 035	5 720	2 056	11 462	17,8	18,1	17,9
Rural	1 937	4 336	1 917	4 276	3 854	8 612	44,7	44,8	44,8
RSA	2 958	10 079	2 952	9 996	5 910	20 075	29,4	29,5	29,4

Source: GHS 2019

Table 1.3.4: Distribution of main source of income for child-headed households, 2019

Geo-type	N ('000)	Per cent		
	Total	Remittances	Social grants	Total
Urban	8	82,4	17,6	100,0
Rural	28	67,4	32,6	100,0
RSA	36	70,7	29,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 1.3.5: Distribution of main source of income for child-headed households, 2019

Sex	N ('000)	Per cent		
	Total	Remittances	Social grants	Total
Male	24	75,5	24,5	100,0
Female	12	61,2	38,8	100,0
Both	36	70,7	29,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 1.3.6: Distribution of children living in households by province, sex and household income quintile, 2019

Province and sex		N ('000)	Per cent					
			Total	Below quintile 1 (R2000)	Between quintiles 1 & 2 (R2000 & R5000)	Between quintiles 2 & 3 (R5000 & R7500)	Between quintiles 3 & 4 (R7500 & R15000)	Above quintile 4 (R15000)
WC	Male	1 028	6,4	31,9	9,2	23,2	29,3	100,0
	Female	978	6,7	28,1	11,1	25,4	28,7	100,0
	Both	2 006	6,5	30,0	10,1	24,3	29,0	100,0
EC	Male	1 299	10,5	40,9	13,5	26,8	8,2	100,0
	Female	1 262	10,2	41,6	12,6	26,9	8,7	100,0
	Both	2 561	10,4	41,3	13,1	26,9	8,5	100,0
NC	Male	219	15,9	36,4	7,6	25,4	14,7	100,0
	Female	211	15,4	32,8	11,0	25,3	15,5	100,0
	Both	430	15,7	34,6	9,3	25,4	15,1	100,0
FS	Male	509	18,8	35,2	6,6	20,1	19,3	100,0
	Female	505	21,9	33,2	9,3	20,8	14,8	100,0
	Both	1 014	20,4	34,2	7,9	20,4	17,0	100,0
KZN	Male	2 141	24,1	36,4	9,3	21,5	8,7	100,0
	Female	2 064	23,8	35,3	11,5	19,9	9,5	100,0
	Both	4 205	23,9	35,9	10,4	20,7	9,1	100,0
NW	Male	672	22,7	32,3	6,3	24,0	14,6	100,0
	Female	750	19,3	31,6	7,9	24,5	16,7	100,0
	Both	1 422	20,9	32,0	7,1	24,3	15,7	100,0
GP	Male	2 197	13,2	23,6	7,8	22,5	32,9	100,0
	Female	2 134	14,2	23,3	8,4	23,2	30,9	100,0
	Both	4 330	13,7	23,4	8,1	22,8	31,9	100,0
MP	Male	787	21,1	25,8	7,2	27,6	18,3	100,0
	Female	895	22,3	28,3	6,0	22,1	21,3	100,0
	Both	1 682	21,7	27,2	6,5	24,7	19,9	100,0
LP	Male	1 227	30,4	32,4	7,5	18,4	11,2	100,0
	Female	1 198	33,4	33,8	7,8	15,6	9,4	100,0
	Both	2 425	31,9	33,0	7,7	17,1	10,3	100,0
RSA	Male	10 079	18,2	32,1	8,8	22,9	18,1	100,0
	Female	9 996	18,8	31,6	9,6	22,2	17,8	100,0
	Both	20 075	18,5	31,8	9,2	22,5	18,0	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 1.3.7: Distribution of children living in households by geo-type, sex and household income quintile, 2019

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Per cent					
			Total	Below quintile 1 (R2000)	Between quintiles 1 & 2 (R2000 & R5000)	Between quintiles 2 & 3 (R5000 & R7500)	Between quintiles 3 & 4 (R7500 & R15000)	Above quintile 4 (R15000)
Urban	Male	5 743	12,9	29,4	7,9	24,1	25,7	100,0
	Female	5 720	13,4	29,4	8,9	23,6	24,7	100,0
	Both	11 462	13,1	29,4	8,4	23,8	25,2	100,0
Rural	Male	4 336	25,2	35,6	9,9	21,2	8,1	100,0
	Female	4 276	25,9	34,5	10,5	20,4	8,6	100,0
	Both	8 612	25,6	35,0	10,2	20,8	8,4	100,0
RSA	Male	10 079	18,2	32,1	8,8	22,9	18,1	100,0
	Female	9 996	18,8	31,6	9,6	22,2	17,8	100,0
	Both	20 075	18,5	31,8	9,2	22,5	18,0	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 1.3.8: Distribution of children living in households by population group, sex and household income quintile, 2019

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Per cent					
			Total	Below quintile 1 (R2000)	Between quintiles 1 & 2 (R2000 & R5000)	Between quintiles 2 & 3 (R5000 & R7500)	Between quintiles 3 & 4 (R7500 & R15000)	Above quintile 4 (R15000)
Black African	Male	8 631	20,4	34,0	9,2	22,8	13,6	100,0
	Female	8 597	21,0	33,5	9,9	22,0	13,5	100,0
	Both	17 228	20,7	33,8	9,6	22,4	13,6	100,0
Coloured	Male	829	7,8	30,9	9,9	24,5	26,9	100,0
	Female	805	7,2	30,0	11,2	23,1	28,5	100,0
	Both	1 634	7,5	30,5	10,5	23,8	27,7	100,0
Indian/ Asian	Male	174	2,1	9,8	3,0	27,3	57,7	100,0
	Female	161	4,8	11,4	7,8	28,0	48,0	100,0
	Both	334	3,4	10,6	5,3	27,7	53,0	100,0
White	Male	445	0,4	5,6	0,3	19,4	74,3	100,0
	Female	433	1,0	4,0	1,2	22,2	71,7	100,0
	Both	879	0,7	4,8	0,7	20,8	73,0	100,0
Total	Male	10 079	18,2	32,1	8,8	22,9	18,1	100,0
	Female	9 996	18,8	31,6	9,6	22,2	17,8	100,0
	Both	20 075	18,5	31,8	9,2	22,5	18,0	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

1.4 Children: Health

Table 1.4.1: Children with access to medical aid, 2019

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Per cent				Total
			Total	Medical aid	No medical aid	Unspecified	
Urban	Male	5 743	21,4	78,5	0,1	100,0	
	Female	5 720	20,2	79,7	0,1	100,0	
	Both	11 462	20,8	79,1	0,1	100,0	
Rural	Male	4 336	6,4	93,4	0,2	100,0	
	Female	4 276	6,4	93,5	0,1	100,0	
	Both	8 612	6,4	93,4	0,1	100,0	
RSA	Male	10 079	14,9	84,9	0,1	100,0	
	Female	9 996	14,3	85,6	0,1	100,0	
	Both	20 075	14,6	85,3	0,1	100,0	

Source: GHS 2019

Table 1.4.2: Distribution of main type of healthcare facility visited by children, 2019

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Per cent								Total
			Total	Public hospital	Public clinic	Public: Other	Private hospital/ clinic/ doctor	Other facilities	Traditional healer	Unspecified	
Urban	Male	5 743	7,2	64,0	0,4	27,7	0,6	0,1	0,0	100,0	
	Female	5 720	7,6	63,5	0,3	27,9	0,6	0,2	0,0	100,0	
	Both	11 462	7,4	63,7	0,3	27,8	0,6	0,2	0,0	100,0	
Rural	Male	4 336	6,0	87,4	0,1	5,8	0,5	0,2	..	100,0	
	Female	4 276	5,9	87,4	0,0	6,0	0,5	0,2	..	100,0	
	Both	8 612	6,0	87,4	0,1	5,9	0,5	0,2	..	100,0	
RSA	Male	10 079	6,7	74,1	0,2	18,3	0,6	0,1	0,0	100,0	
	Female	9 996	6,9	73,7	0,2	18,5	0,5	0,2	0,0	100,0	
	Both	20 075	6,8	73,9	0,2	18,4	0,5	0,2	0,0	100,0	

Source: GHS 2019

Table 1.4.3: Children living less than 30 minutes from the nearest health care facility by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	< 30 mins away	Total	< 30 mins away	Total	< 30 mins away	Total	< 30 mins away	< 30 mins away	< 30 mins away
WC	957	1 027	903	978	1 860	2 005	93,1	92,4	92,8
EC	973	1 299	960	1 262	1 933	2 561	74,9	76,1	75,5
NC	159	219	165	211	324	430	72,5	78,3	75,3
FS	418	509	391	505	809	1 014	82,2	77,5	79,8
KZN	1 631	2 141	1 534	2 064	3 165	4 205	76,2	74,3	75,3
NW	501	672	573	750	1 074	1 422	74,6	76,4	75,5
GP	2 061	2 197	1 976	2 134	4 037	4 330	93,8	92,6	93,2
MP	601	787	688	895	1 290	1 682	76,4	77,0	76,7
LP	913	1 227	911	1 198	1 824	2 425	74,4	76,1	75,2
RSA	8 215	10 078	8 101	9 996	16 316	20 074	81,5	81,0	81,3

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 1.4.4: Children living less than 30 minutes from the nearest health care facility by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	< 30 mins away	Total	< 30 mins away	Total	< 30 mins away	Total	< 30 mins away	< 30 mins away	< 30 mins away
Urban	5 233	5 742	5 158	5 720	10 391	11 462	91,1	90,2	90,7
Rural	2 982	4 336	2 943	4 276	5 925	8 612	68,8	68,8	68,8
RSA	8 215	10 078	8 101	9 996	16 316	20 074	81,5	81,0	81,3

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 1.4.5: Children who suffered from acute diseases compared to the overall population by province, 2019

Province	N ('000)				Per cent	
	Children		Total		Children	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering
WC	180	2 006	677	6 794	9,0	10,0
EC	336	2 561	914	6 519	13,1	14,0
NC	82	430	220	1 246	19,1	17,7
FS	151	1 014	380	2 917	14,9	13,0
KZN	493	4 205	1 158	11 363	11,7	10,2
NW	182	1 422	451	3 997	12,8	11,3
GP	766	4 330	2 390	15 055	17,7	15,9
MP	298	1 682	697	4 605	17,7	15,1
LP	265	2 425	521	5 933	10,9	8,8
RSA	2 754	20 075	7 408	58 429	13,7	12,7

Source: GHS 2019

Table 1.4.6: Children who suffered from acute diseases compared to the overall population by geo-type, 2019

Geo-type	N ('000)				Per cent	
	Children		Total		Children	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering
Urban	1 717	11 462	5 164	37 526	15,0	13,8
Rural	1 037	8 612	2 244	20 903	12,0	10,7
RSA	2 754	20 075	7 408	58 429	13,7	12,7

Source: GHS 2019

Table 1.4.7: Children who suffered from acute diseases compared to the overall population by sex, 2019

Sex	N ('000)				Per cent	
	Children		Total		Children	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering
Male	1 346	10 079	3 456	28 582	13,4	12,1
Female	1 408	9 996	3 952	29 847	14,1	13,2
Both	2 754	20 075	7 408	58 429	13,7	12,7

Source: GHS 2019

Table 1.4.8: Children who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population by province, 2019

Province	N ('000)				Per cent	
	Children		Total		Children	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering
WC	72	2 006	1 314	6 794	3,6	19,3
EC	112	2 561	1 268	6 519	4,4	19,5
NC	16	430	249	1 246	3,7	20,0
FS	24	1 014	568	2 917	2,4	19,5
KZN	117	4 205	1 760	11 363	2,8	15,5
NW	40	1 422	685	3 997	2,8	17,1
GP	133	4 330	2 292	15 055	3,1	15,2
MP	61	1 682	723	4 605	3,6	15,7
LP	30	2 425	543	5 933	1,2	9,2
RSA	605	20 075	9 404	58 429	3,0	16,1

Source: GHS 2019

Table 1.4.9: Children who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population geo-type, 2019

Geo-type	N ('000)				Per cent	
	Children		Total		Children	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering
Urban	368	11 462	6 381	37 526	3,2	17,0
Rural	236	8 612	3 022	20 903	2,7	14,5
RSA	605	20 075	9 404	58 429	3,0	16,1

Source: GHS 2019

Table 1.4.10: Children who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population by sex, 2019

Sex	N ('000)				Per cent	
	Children		Total		Children	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering
Male	313	10 079	3 698	28 582	3,1	12,9
Female	292	9 996	5 705	29 847	2,9	19,1
Both	605	20 075	9 404	58 429	3,0	16,1

Source: GHS 2019

1.5 Children: Vulnerability to hunger

Table 1.5.1: Children living in households that reported hunger by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering	Suffering
WC	163	1 027	126	978	290	2 005	15,9	12,9	14,4
EC	102	1 299	92	1 262	193	2 561	7,8	7,3	7,5
NC	52	218	40	210	93	428	24,0	19,3	21,7
FS	73	506	84	505	158	1 011	14,5	16,7	15,6
KZN	349	2 141	329	2 064	678	4 205	16,3	15,9	16,1
NW	121	671	142	750	263	1 421	18,0	18,9	18,5
GP	193	2 196	230	2 134	423	4 329	8,8	10,8	9,8
MP	115	787	124	895	239	1 682	14,6	13,8	14,2
LP	65	1 227	50	1 198	115	2 425	5,3	4,2	4,7
RSA	1 234	10 073	1 217	9 995	2 451	20 068	12,2	12,2	12,2

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 1.5.2: Children living in households that reported hunger by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering	Suffering
Urban	661	5 737	684	5 719	1 345	11 456	11,5	12,0	11,7
Rural	573	4 336	533	4 276	1 106	8 612	13,2	12,5	12,8
RSA	1 234	10 073	1 217	9 995	2 451	20 068	12,2	12,2	12,2

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 1.5.3: Children living in households that reported hunger by population group and sex, 2019

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering	Suffering
Black African	1 112	8 627	1 128	8 596	2 241	17 223	12,9	13,1	13,0
Coloured	118	829	86	805	204	1 634	14,3	10,6	12,5
Indian/ Asian	2	174	1	161	3	334	1,3	0,7	1,0
White	1	443	2	433	3	877	0,2	0,5	0,4
Total	1 234	10 073	1 217	9 995	2 451	20 068	12,2	12,2	12,2

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 1.5.4: Child-inclusive households that reported hunger by province, 2019

Province	N ('000)		Per cent
	Suffering	Total	
WC	128	924	13,8
EC	67	960	7,0
NC	40	199	20,3
FS	80	523	15,3
KZN	208	1 541	13,5
NW	98	637	15,4
GP	218	2 361	9,2
MP	107	765	14,0
LP	49	1 017	4,8
RSA	995	8 927	11,1

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 1.5.5: Child-inclusive households that reported hunger by geo-type, 2019

Geo-type	N ('000)		Per cent
	Suffering	Total	Suffering
Urban	593	5 671	10,5
Rural	402	3 256	12,4
RSA	995	8 927	11,1

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 1.5.6: Child-inclusive households that reported hunger by sex, 2019

Sex	N ('000)		Per cent
	Suffering	Total	Suffering
Male	414	4 314	9,6
Female	581	4 613	12,6
Both	995	8 927	11,1

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

1.6 Children: Education

Table 1.6.1: School attendance by children of compulsory school age (7-15 years), 2019

Age group and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Attending	Attending
7-13 years	3 938	3 993	3 967	4 003	7 906	7 996	98,6	99,1	98,9
14-15 years	1 027	1 058	957	980	1 985	2 039	97,1	97,6	97,4
Total	4 966	5 051	4 925	4 984	9 890	10 035	98,3	98,8	98,6

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 1.6.2: Learners in public ordinary schools (POS) benefiting from the “No Fees School” policy, 2019

Sex	N ('000)		Per cent
	Total	Beneficiary	
Male	3 265	97,0	
Female	3 247	97,3	
Both	6 512	97,1	

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 1.6.3: Children (5 years and older) who experienced corporal punishment in schools by province, 2019

Province	N ('000)		Per cent
	Total	Victim	
WC	62	52,1	
EC	215	95,7	
NC	18	58,5	
FS	80	87,5	
KZN	417	97,1	
NW	117	90,6	
GP	131	42,0	
MP	72	73,2	
LP	54	90,0	
RSA	1 168	84,5	

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 1.6.4: Children (5 years and older) who experienced corporal punishment in schools by population group, 2019

Population group	N ('000)	Per cent
	Total	Victim
Black African	1 107	87,9
Coloured	40	29,8
Indian/ Asian	3	..
White	18	11,2
Total	1 168	84,5

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 1.6.5: Children (5 years and older) who experienced corporal punishment in schools by sex, 2019

Sex	N ('000)	Per cent
	Total	Victim
Male	575	82,9
Female	593	86,1
Both	1 168	84,5

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 1.6.6: Children aged 0-4 years attending day care centres by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Attending	Attending
WC	124	309	103	297	227	605	40,2	34,6	37,4
EC	112	334	110	335	223	669	33,7	33,0	33,3
NC	18	73	16	65	35	138	25,2	25,1	25,2
FS	58	139	71	138	130	277	41,9	51,7	46,8
KZN	161	590	154	574	314	1 163	27,3	26,8	27,0
NW	75	203	64	224	138	427	36,7	28,4	32,3
GP	300	693	312	635	612	1 328	43,3	49,1	46,1
MP	83	236	90	250	173	486	35,3	35,8	35,6
LP	143	354	140	375	283	729	40,3	37,4	38,8
RSA	1 075	2 931	1 060	2 893	2 135	5 824	36,7	36,6	36,7

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 1.6.7: Children aged 0-4 years attending day care centres by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Attending	Attending
Urban	682	1 684	693	1 656	1 375	3 339	40,5	41,8	41,2
Rural	393	1 247	367	1 237	760	2 484	31,5	29,7	30,6
RSA	1 075	2 931	1 060	2 893	2 135	5 824	36,7	36,6	36,7

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 1.6.8: Children aged 7-13 years attending educational institutions by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Attending	Attending
WC	396	408	392	395	788	803	97,0	99,2	98,1
EC	518	526	537	542	1 055	1 068	98,6	99,0	98,8
NC	73	74	83	84	156	159	98,5	98,7	98,6
FS	209	212	201	201	410	413	98,6	100,0	99,3
KZN	860	864	824	833	1 684	1 697	99,5	98,9	99,2
NW	250	252	306	308	555	560	99,0	99,4	99,2
GP	826	837	817	827	1 643	1 665	98,6	98,8	98,7
MP	305	306	358	361	663	667	99,5	99,1	99,3
LP	501	512	451	453	951	965	97,8	99,5	98,6
RSA	3 938	3 993	3 967	4 003	7 906	7 996	98,6	99,1	98,9

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 1.6.9: Children aged 7-13 years attending educational institutions by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Attending	Attending
Urban	2 249	2 285	2 271	2 299	4 520	4 583	98,4	98,8	98,6
Rural	1 689	1 708	1 696	1 705	3 385	3 413	98,9	99,5	99,2
RSA	3 938	3 993	3 967	4 003	7 906	7 996	98,6	99,1	98,9

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 1.6.10: Children aged 14-17 years attending educational institutions by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Attending	Attending
WC	177	195	175	190	351	384	90,7	92,0	91,3
EC	241	264	226	238	468	502	91,5	95,0	93,2
NC	43	49	35	38	78	87	88,3	92,6	90,2
FS	98	103	96	99	194	202	95,2	96,9	96,0
KZN	424	441	375	398	799	839	96,1	94,2	95,2
NW	132	136	126	138	258	274	96,7	91,4	94,0
GP	406	421	402	422	808	843	96,5	95,2	95,9
MP	143	151	164	173	307	325	94,3	94,8	94,6
LP	212	220	213	221	425	441	96,3	96,3	96,3
RSA	1 875	1 979	1 812	1 917	3 688	3 897	94,7	94,5	94,6

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 1.6.11: Children aged 14-17 years attending educational institutions by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Attending	Attending
Urban	1 068	1 129	1 034	1 094	2 102	2 223	94,6	94,5	94,6
Rural	807	851	778	823	1 585	1 674	94,9	94,5	94,7
RSA	1 875	1 979	1 812	1 917	3 688	3 897	94,7	94,5	94,6

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 1.6.12: Children aged 15 years who have not completed grade 7 by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Not completed	Not completed
WC	12	55	4	41	16	96	21,4	9,3	16,2
EC	23	76	5	62	28	138	30,2	7,8	20,2
NC	3	15	1	9	4	25	19,5	8,3	15,2
FS	7	24	3	27	10	51	29,3	9,4	18,8
KZN	17	109	5	104	22	213	15,5	5,0	10,4
NW	10	39	1	34	12	73	26,7	3,2	15,8
GP	8	120	5	100	13	219	6,7	5,0	5,9
MP	10	32	0	45	10	77	30,0	1,0	13,1
LP	5	58	2	59	7	117	8,5	2,9	5,7
RSA	95	528	25	480	120	1 009	17,9	5,3	11,9

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 1.6.13: Children aged 15 years who have not completed grade 7 by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Not completed	Not completed
Urban	48	312	12	258	60	570	15,4	4,7	10,6
Rural	47	216	13	222	60	438	21,5	6,0	13,6
RSA	95	528	25	480	120	1 009	17,9	5,3	11,9

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 1.6.14: Children aged 17 years who have not completed grade 9 by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Not completed	Not completed
WC	5	46	1	42	6	88	10,2	2,5	6,5
EC	25	60	13	53	38	113	42,4	23,8	33,7
NC	4	13	0	8	4	21	30,8	0,6	18,9
FS	11	23	2	19	13	42	46,4	10,9	30,4
KZN	29	97	11	89	40	187	29,8	11,8	21,2
NW	10	29	5	32	16	61	35,3	17,2	25,9
GP	8	88	5	116	13	204	9,2	3,9	6,2
MP	16	40	3	39	19	79	39,2	7,9	23,7
LP	14	58	6	46	20	105	23,5	13,2	18,9
RSA	122	455	46	445	167	900	26,7	10,3	18,6

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 1.6.15: Children aged 17 years who have not completed grade 9 by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Not completed	Not completed
Urban	41	253	20	269	61	522	16,3	7,5	11,7
Rural	80	202	26	176	106	378	39,9	14,5	28,1
RSA	122	455	46	445	167	900	26,7	10,3	18,6

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 1.6.16: Children living more than 30 minutes away from the nearest school by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	More than 30 mins	Total	More than 30 mins	Total	More than 30 mins	Total	More than 30 mins	More than 30 mins	More than 30 mins
WC	16	518	15	479	31	997	3,0	3,1	3,1
EC	64	775	65	738	129	1 513	8,2	8,8	8,5
NC	8	107	9	107	17	214	7,5	8,1	7,8
FS	23	281	33	281	56	561	8,2	11,8	10,0
KZN	226	1 267	218	1 181	443	2 448	17,8	18,4	18,1
NW	26	370	28	418	54	787	7,0	6,7	6,8
GP	48	1 131	49	1 088	97	2 218	4,2	4,5	4,4
MP	43	457	57	517	100	974	9,5	11,1	10,3
LP	56	717	59	687	114	1 404	7,8	8,6	8,2
RSA	508	5 621	532	5 495	1 041	11 116	9,0	9,7	9,4

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 1.6.17: Children living more than 30 minutes away from the nearest school by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	More than 30 mins	Total	More than 30 mins	Total	More than 30 mins	Total	More than 30 mins	More than 30 mins	More than 30 mins
Urban	152	3 027	146	2 972	298	5 999	5,0	4,9	5,0
Rural	356	2 595	387	2 523	743	5 117	13,7	15,3	14,5
RSA	508	5 621	532	5 495	1 041	11 116	9,0	9,7	9,4

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 1.6.18: Distribution of reasons for children aged 7–17 years who are not attending school by province, 2019

Province	WC	EC	NC	FS	KZN	NW	GP	MP	LP	RSA	
N ('000)	Total	48	47	11	11	54	21	56	22	30	300
Per cent	Too old/ young	2,4	4,2	6,2	..	8,2	..	9,7	5,6	5,8	5,5
	Has completed school/ education	4,2	11,4	10,8	..	7,9	8,0	12,3	2,6	3,8	7,7
	Transport difficulties	1,9	1,8	9,0	..	1,5	..	3,6	..	1,0	2,0
	No money for fees	2,7	4,3	7,8	12,2	17,9	2,8	28,9	25,6	8,3	13,4
	Working, do not have time	2,3	1,3	2,8	..	..	..	9,4	5,5	6,8	3,5
	Family commitments	6,4	1,7	3,3	..	1,5	10,2	5,5	4,8	5,9	4,4
	Education not useful	23,1	12,1	10,0	10,6	5,3	12,7	..	6,8	..	8,7
	Poor academic performance	21,6	22,8	13,8	35,5	12,3	44,5	14,9	5,9	16,2	19,0
	Illness	..	5,0	0,9	8,2	11,9	2,9	3,0	14,1	12,8	6,3
	Disability	9,7	19,2	12,9	10,1	14,1	3,8	3,0	..	17,1	10,5
	Pregnancy	2,0	..	0,5	6,1	10,2	3,5	..	2,4	..	2,8
	Other	23,7	16,1	22,0	17,3	9,1	11,5	9,7	26,7	22,2	16,2
	Total	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 1.6.19: Distribution of reasons for children aged 7–17 years who are not attending school by geo-type, 2019

Geo-type		Urban	Rural	RSA
N ('000)	Total	184	116	300
Per cent	Too old/ young	5,9	5,0	5,5
	Has completed school/ education	8,1	7,0	7,7
	Transport difficulties	1,9	2,0	2,0
	No money for fees	15,7	9,8	13,4
	Working, do not have time	4,7	1,8	3,5
	Family commitments	2,9	6,7	4,4
	Education not useful	10,9	5,3	8,7
	Poor academic performance	20,4	16,8	19,0
	Illness	3,5	10,8	6,3
	Disability	10,3	10,8	10,5
	Pregnancy	1,4	5,0	2,8
	Other	14,4	19,1	16,2
	Total	100,0	100,0	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 1.6.20: Experience of violence/ punishment/ abuse at school by learners, aged 5 years and above, attending school and geo-type, 2019

Geo-type	N ('000)		Per cent
	Victim	Total	Victim
Urban	552	8 028	6,9
Rural	616	6 477	9,5
RSA	1 168	14 504	8,1

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 1.6.21: Experience of violence/ punishment/ abuse at school by learners, aged 5 years and above, attending school and population group, 2019

Population group	N ('000)		Per cent
	Victim	Total	Victim
Black African	1 107	12 625	8,8
Coloured	40	1 058	3,8
Indian/ Asian	3	202	1,5
White	18	619	2,9
Total	1 168	14 504	8,1

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 1.6.22: Experience of violence/ punishment/ abuse at school by learners, aged 5 years and above, attending school and sex, 2019

Sex	N ('000)		Per cent
	Victim	Total	Victim
Male	575	7 291	7,9
Female	593	7 213	8,2
Both	1 168	14 504	8,1

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

1.7 Children: Housing and basic services

Table 1.7.1: Distribution of child-headed households by type of housing, 2019

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Per cent			
			Total	Formal	Traditional	Informal	Total
Urban	Male	4	45,5	..	54,5	100,0
	Female	3	100,0	..	..	100,0
	Both	8	69,5	..	30,5	100,0
Rural	Male	19	64,2	30,6	5,2	100,0
	Female	9	58,0	42,0	..	100,0
	Both	28	62,3	34,1	3,6	100,0
RSA	Male	24	60,8	25,0	14,2	100,0
	Female	12	69,9	30,1	..	100,0
	Both	36	63,9	26,7	9,4	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 1.7.2: Distribution of children by type of housing, 2019

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Per cent				
			Total	Formal	Traditional	Informal	Other	Total
Urban	Male	5 743	88,9	0,7	10,2	0,3	100,0
	Female	5 720	87,7	0,7	11,4	0,2	100,0
	Both	11 462	88,3	0,7	10,8	0,2	100,0
Rural	Male	4 336	78,0	19,0	3,0	0,0	100,0
	Female	4 276	78,3	18,7	3,0	0,0	100,0
	Both	8 612	78,2	18,8	3,0	0,0	100,0
RSA	Male	10 079	84,2	8,5	7,1	0,2	100,0
	Female	9 996	83,7	8,4	7,8	0,1	100,0
	Both	20 075	83,9	8,5	7,4	0,2	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 1.7.3: Living condition indicators of children compared to the overall population, 2019

Access to piped water

Age group	N ('000)	Per cent	
		Total	Access
Not children	38 354	75,3	0,4
Children	20 075	67,5	0,4
Total	58 429	72,6	0,4

Source: GHS 2019

Access to improved sanitation

Age group	N ('000)	Per cent	
		Total	Access
Not children	38 354	83,7	
Children	20 075	80,5	
Total	58 429	82,6	

Source: GHS 2019

Refuse/ waste removed by the municipality

Age group	N ('000)	Per cent	
		Total	Access
Not children	38 354	64,2	0,0
Children	20 075	53,9	..
Total	58 429	60,7	0,0

Source: GHS 2019

Access to electricity connected to the mains

Age group	N ('000)	Per cent	
		Access	Unspecified
Not children	38 354	90,1	9,5
Children	20 075	91,7	8,1
Total	58 429	90,7	9,0

Source: GHS 2019

Use solid fuels for cooking

Age group	N ('000)	Per cent	
		Access	
Not children	38 354	9,1	
Children	20 075	14,4	
Total	58 429	11,0	

Source: GHS 2019

INDICATORS: YOUTH

Youth are defined as people aged 15 to 34 years.

2.1 Demography of youth

Table 2.1.1: Distribution of youth by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)			Per cent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
WC	1 138	1 167	2 304	49,4	50,6	100,0
EC	1 073	1 060	2 132	50,3	49,7	100,0
NC	219	196	415	52,9	47,1	100,0
FS	495	499	995	49,8	50,2	100,0
KZN	2 041	2 089	4 130	49,4	50,6	100,0
NW	640	690	1 330	48,1	51,9	100,0
GP	2 847	2 686	5 533	51,5	48,5	100,0
MP	816	823	1 639	49,8	50,2	100,0
LP	967	1 069	2 035	47,5	52,5	100,0
RSA	10 235	10 278	20 514	49,9	50,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.1.2: Distribution of youth by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)			Per cent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
Urban	6 713	6 592	13 305	50,5	49,5	100,0
Rural	3 522	3 687	7 209	48,9	51,1	100,0
RSA	10 235	10 278	20 514	49,9	50,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.1.3: Distribution of youth by population group and sex, 2019

Population group and sex	N ('000)			Per cent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
Black African	8 630	8 708	17 338	49,8	50,2	100,0
Coloured	840	839	1 680	50,0	50,0	100,0
Indian/ Asian	238	210	448	53,1	46,9	100,0
White	527	521	1 048	50,3	49,7	100,0
Total	10 235	10 278	20 514	49,9	50,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.1.4: Distribution of youth by age group and sex, 2019

Age group and sex	N ('000)			Per cent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
15-24 years	4 747	4 780	9 527	49,8	50,2	100,0
25-34 years	5 489	5 498	10 987	50,0	50,0	100,0
Total	10 235	10 278	20 514	49,9	50,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.1.5: Youth as a proportion of the overall population by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Youth	Total	Youth	Total	Youth	Total	Youth	Youth	Youth
WC	1 138	3 331	1 167	3 463	2 304	6 794	34,1	33,7	33,9
EC	1 073	3 096	1 060	3 423	2 132	6 519	34,6	31,0	32,7
NC	219	616	196	630	415	1 246	35,6	31,1	33,3
FS	495	1 394	499	1 523	995	2 917	35,5	32,8	34,1
KZN	2 041	5 446	2 089	5 917	4 130	11 363	37,5	35,3	36,3
NW	640	1 905	690	2 091	1 330	3 997	33,6	33,0	33,3
GP	2 847	7 709	2 686	7 346	5 533	15 055	36,9	36,6	36,8
MP	816	2 250	823	2 355	1 639	4 605	36,3	34,9	35,6
LP	967	2 834	1 069	3 099	2 035	5 933	34,1	34,5	34,3
RSA	10 235	28 582	10 278	29 847	20 514	58 429	35,8	34,4	35,1

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.1.6: Youth as a proportion of the overall population by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Youth	Total	Youth	Total	Youth	Total	Youth	Youth	Youth
Urban	6 713	18 655	6 592	18 871	13 305	37 526	36,0	34,9	35,5
Rural	3 522	9 927	3 687	10 976	7 209	20 903	35,5	33,6	34,5
RSA	10 235	28 582	10 278	29 847	20 514	58 429	35,8	34,4	35,1

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.1.7: Youth as a proportion of the overall population by population group and sex, 2019

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Youth	Total	Youth	Total	Youth	Total	Youth	Youth	Youth
Black African	8 630	23 215	8 708	24 239	17 338	47 454	37,2	35,9	36,5
Coloured	840	2 462	839	2 619	1 680	5 080	34,1	32,1	33,1
Indian/ Asian	238	745	210	706	448	1 451	32,0	29,8	30,9
White	527	2 161	521	2 283	1 048	4 444	24,4	22,8	23,6
Total	10 235	28 582	10 278	29 847	20 514	58 429	35,8	34,4	35,1

Source: GHS 2019

2.2 Youth: Household characteristics

Table 2.2.1: Distribution of youth-headed households by province, 2019

Province	N ('000)		Per cent
	Youth	Total	
WC	476	1 933	24,6
EC	380	1 702	22,3
NC	81	350	23,1
FS	234	921	25,5
KZN	797	2 985	26,7
NW	319	1 248	25,5
GP	1 526	5 072	30,1
MP	352	1 332	26,5
LP	443	1 621	27,4
RSA	4 609	17 163	26,9

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.2.2: Distribution of youth-headed households by geo-type, 2019

Geo-type	N ('000)		Per cent
	Youth	Total	Youth
Urban	3 333	11 865	28,1
Rural	1 276	5 298	24,1
RSA	4 609	17 163	26,9

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.2.3: Distribution of youth-headed households by population group, 2019

Population group	N ('000)		Per cent
	Youth	Total	Youth
Black African	4 113	13 964	29,5
Coloured	201	1 210	16,6
Indian/ Asian	73	414	17,5
White	222	1 575	14,1
Total	4 609	17 163	26,9

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.2.4: Distribution of youth-headed households by sex, 2019

Sex	N ('000)		Per cent
	Youth	Total	Youth
Male	2 950	9 982	29,6
Female	1 659	7 181	23,1
Both	4 609	17 163	26,9

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.2.5: Distribution of youth-headed households by province and age group, 2019

Province and age group	N ('000)			Per cent		
	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
WC	46	430	476	9,6	90,4	100,0
EC	90	290	380	23,8	76,2	100,0
NC	17	64	81	20,5	79,5	100,0
FS	49	185	234	21,0	79,0	100,0
KZN	152	645	797	19,0	81,0	100,0
NW	57	262	319	17,8	82,2	100,0
GP	261	1 265	1 526	17,1	82,9	100,0
MP	63	289	352	18,0	82,0	100,0
LP	120	323	443	27,1	72,9	100,0
RSA	855	3 754	4 609	18,6	81,4	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.2.6: Distribution of youth-headed households by geo-type and age group, 2019

Geo-type and age group	N ('000)			Per cent		
	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
Urban	553	2 780	3 333	16,6	83,4	100,0
Rural	302	974	1 276	23,6	76,4	100,0
RSA	855	3 754	4 609	18,6	81,4	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.2.7: Distribution of youth-headed households by population group and age group, 2019

Population group and age group	N ('000)			Per cent		
	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
Black African	791	3 322	4 113	19,2	80,8	100,0
Coloured	27	174	201	13,2	86,8	100,0
Indian/ Asian	4	68	73	6,2	93,8	100,0
White	33	190	222	14,6	85,4	100,0
Total	855	3 754	4 609	18,6	81,4	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.2.8: Distribution of youth-headed households by sex and age group, 2019

Sex and age group	N ('000)			Per cent		
	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
Male	544	2 406	2 950	18,5	81,5	100,0
Female	311	1 348	1 659	18,7	81,3	100,0
Both	855	3 754	4 609	18,6	81,4	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.2.9: Distribution of youth by household composition and province, 2019

Province	N ('000)	Per cent				
		Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Total
WC	2 304	3,3	39,0	49,5	8,2	100,0
EC	2 132	4,3	21,5	70,9	3,3	100,0
NC	415	5,0	29,1	56,3	9,6	100,0
FS	995	6,1	38,1	53,0	2,9	100,0
KZN	4 130	4,5	22,2	68,8	4,5	100,0
NW	1 330	7,0	32,4	55,9	4,8	100,0
GP	5 533	7,4	41,3	46,8	4,5	100,0
MP	1 639	5,4	26,7	66,2	1,7	100,0
LP	2 035	6,0	28,0	65,0	1,1	100,0
RSA	20 514	5,6	31,7	58,5	4,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.2.10: Distribution of youth by household composition and geo-type, 2019

Geo-type	N ('000)	Per cent				
		Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Total
Urban	13 305	6,3	37,0	51,4	5,2	100,0
Rural	7 209	4,3	21,7	71,5	2,5	100,0
RSA	20 514	5,6	31,7	58,5	4,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.2.11: Distribution of youth by household composition and population group, 2019

Population group	N ('000)	Per cent				
		Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Total
Black African	17 338	6,2	28,6	61,7	3,5	100,0
Coloured	1 680	1,6	35,9	53,6	8,9	100,0
Indian/ Asian	448	3,2	54,9	36,2	5,6	100,0
White	1 048	2,7	66,2	21,8	9,3	100,0
Total	20 514	5,6	31,7	58,5	4,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.2.12: Distribution of youth by household composition and sex, 2019

Sex	N ('000)	Per cent				
		Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	Total
Male	10 235	8,9	30,6	56,0	4,4	100,0
Female	10 278	2,3	32,7	60,9	4,1	100,0
Both	20 514	5,6	31,7	58,5	4,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.2.13: Distribution of youth by household composition and age group, 2019

Age group	N ('000)	Per cent				
		Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	Total
15-24 years	9 527	2,7	30,3	62,8	4,1	100,0
25-34 years	10 987	8,1	32,8	54,7	4,4	100,0
Total	20 514	5,6	31,7	58,5	4,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.2.14: Distribution of youth headed households across intergenerational household type by province, 2019

Province	N ('000)	Per cent					
		Total	Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	Other	Total
WC	476	50,3	45,2	0,3	0,2	3,9	100,0
EC	380	53,4	37,8	..	..	8,7	100,0
NC	81	44,0	49,3	..	0,5	6,2	100,0
FS	234	50,4	42,0	1,9	1,5	4,2	100,0
KZN	797	58,6	32,2	0,9	0,5	7,8	100,0
NW	319	59,7	34,8	0,4	0,3	4,8	100,0
GP	1 526	59,1	33,7	0,4	0,3	6,5	100,0
MP	352	51,6	39,4	0,5	..	8,5	100,0
LP	443	53,7	40,6	0,7	0,9	4,0	100,0
RSA	4 609	55,9	36,8	0,5	0,4	6,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2019.

Other include unspecified cases.

Table 2.2.15: Distribution of youth headed households across intergenerational household type by geo-type, 2019

Geo-type	N ('000)	Per cent					
		Total	Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	Other	Total
Urban	3 333	57,3	35,5	0,5	0,3	6,3	100,0
Rural	1 276	52,1	40,2	0,6	0,7	6,3	100,0
RSA	4 609	55,9	36,8	0,5	0,4	6,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2019.

Other include unspecified cases.

Table 2.2.16: Distribution of youth headed households across intergenerational household type by population group, 2019

Population group	N ('000)	Per cent					
		Total	Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	Other	Total
Black African	4 113	57,0	35,6	0,6	0,4	6,4	100,0
Coloured	201	37,9	57,8	..	0,5	3,8	100,0
Indian/ Asian	73	52,3	45,2	..	..	2,5	100,0
White	222	52,7	38,5	0,5	0,5	7,8	100,0
Total	4 609	55,9	36,8	0,5	0,4	6,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2019.

Other include unspecified cases.

Table 2.2.17: Distribution of youth headed households across intergenerational household type by sex, 2019

Sex	N ('000)	Per cent					
		Total	Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	Other
Male	2 950	67,4	26,1	0,2	0,4	5,9	100,0
Female	1 659	35,5	55,9	1,1	0,5	7,0	100,0
Both	4 609	55,9	36,8	0,5	0,4	6,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2019.

Other include unspecified cases.

Table 2.2.18: Distribution of youth headed households across intergenerational household type by age group, 2019

Age group	N ('000)	Per cent					
		Total	Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	Other
15-24 years	855	70,6	16,8	0,3	0,4	11,9	100,0
25-34 years	3 754	52,5	41,4	0,6	0,4	5,0	100,0
Total	4 609	55,9	36,8	0,5	0,4	6,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2019.

Other include unspecified cases.

2.3 Youth: Income, poverty, economic activity and social grants

Table 2.3.1: Youth who are beneficiaries of social grants by sex, 2019

Sex	N ('000)		Per cent
	Beneficiary	Total	Beneficiary
Male	1 087	10 235	10,6
Female	941	10 278	9,2
Both	2 028	20 514	9,9

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.3.2: Youth who are beneficiaries of social grants and age group, 2019

Age group	N ('000)		Per cent
	Beneficiary	Total	Beneficiary
15-24 years	1 849	9 527	19,4
25-34 years	179	10 987	1,6
Total	2 028	20 514	9,9

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.3.3: Youth living in households without an employed adult by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Without	Without
WC	117	1 138	105	1 167	222	2 304	10,2	9,0	9,6
EC	396	1 073	387	1 060	783	2 132	36,9	36,5	36,7
NC	48	219	50	196	98	415	21,8	25,6	23,6
FS	140	495	150	499	290	995	28,3	30,0	29,1
KZN	540	2 041	679	2 089	1 219	4 130	26,5	32,5	29,5
NW	176	640	201	690	377	1 330	27,5	29,1	28,3
GP	449	2 847	386	2 686	835	5 533	15,8	14,4	15,1
MP	201	816	217	823	418	1 639	24,6	26,4	25,5
LP	334	967	397	1 069	731	2 035	34,5	37,1	35,9
RSA	2 401	10 235	2 571	10 278	4 972	20 514	23,5	25,0	24,2

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.3.4: Youth living in households without an employed adult by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Without	Without
Urban	1 135	6 713	1 113	6 592	2 248	13 305	16,9	16,9	16,9
Rural	1 266	3 522	1 458	3 687	2 724	7 209	35,9	39,6	37,8
RSA	2 401	10 235	2 571	10 278	4 972	20 514	23,5	25,0	24,2

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.3.5: Youth living in households without an employed adult by age group and sex, 2019

Age group and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Without	Without
15-24 years	1 363	4 747	1 389	4 780	2 751	9 527	28,7	29,0	28,9
25-34 years	1 038	5 489	1 183	5 498	2 221	10 987	18,9	21,5	20,2
Total	2 401	10 235	2 571	10 278	4 972	20 514	23,5	25,0	24,2

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.3.6: Youth-headed households without an employed adult by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Without	Without
WC	46	311	28	164	74	476	14,8	17,0	15,6
EC	73	223	84	157	157	380	32,5	53,7	41,2
NC	11	48	15	33	26	81	22,9	46,1	32,5
FS	40	149	54	85	94	234	26,8	62,8	39,9
KZN	113	467	150	330	263	797	24,2	45,4	33,0
NW	57	204	62	115	118	319	27,9	53,6	37,2
GP	177	1 080	150	446	327	1 526	16,4	33,6	21,4
MP	49	217	70	135	119	352	22,6	51,9	33,8
LP	91	251	116	192	207	443	36,1	60,4	46,6
RSA	655	2 950	729	1 659	1 384	4 609	22,2	43,9	30,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.3.7: Youth-headed households without an employed adult by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Without	Without
Urban	393	2 188	406	1 145	800	3 333	18,0	35,5	24,0
Rural	262	762	323	514	585	1 276	34,4	62,8	45,8
RSA	655	2 950	729	1 659	1 384	4 609	22,2	43,9	30,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.3.8: Youth-headed households classified as low income households (at most a household income of quintile 1) by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Low income	Total	Low income	Total	Low income	Total	Low income	Low income	Low income
WC	54	311	30	164	85	476	17,4	18,5	17,8
EC	76	223	37	157	113	380	34,0	23,8	29,8
NC	9	48	8	33	17	81	19,6	23,5	21,2
FS	32	149	31	85	63	234	21,6	35,8	26,8
KZN	177	467	137	330	314	797	37,9	41,4	39,3
NW	66	204	39	115	106	319	32,5	34,3	33,1
GP	221	1 080	97	446	318	1 526	20,5	21,7	20,8
MP	44	217	37	135	81	352	20,3	27,2	22,9
LP	94	251	83	192	177	443	37,3	43,3	39,9
RSA	774	2 950	499	1 659	1 273	4 609	26,2	30,1	27,6

Source: GHS 2019.

Household income quintile 1 is less or equal to R2000.

Table 2.3.9: Youth-headed households classified as low income households (at most a household income of quintile 1) by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Low income	Total	Low income	Total	Low income	Total	Low income	Low income	Low income
Urban	488	2 188	291	1 145	778	3 333	22,3	25,4	23,3
Rural	286	762	209	514	495	1 276	37,5	40,6	38,8
RSA	774	2 950	499	1 659	1 273	4 609	26,2	30,1	27,6

Source: GHS 2019.

Household income quintile 1 is less or equal to R2000.

Table 2.3.10: Youth-headed households classified as low income households (at most a household income of quintile 1) by population group and sex, 2019

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Low income	Total	Low income	Total	Low income	Total	Low income	Low income	Low income
Black African	754	2 631	487	1 483	1 241	4 113	28,7	32,8	30,2
Coloured	12	115	12	85	25	201	10,8	14,6	12,4
Indian/ Asian	7	53	..	20	7	73	13,5	..	9,9
White	..	151	..	71	..	222	..	..	..
Total	774	2 950	499	1 659	1 273	4 609	26,2	30,1	27,6

Source: GHS 2019.

Household income quintile 1 is less or equal to R2000.

Table 2.3.11: Distribution of main sources of income for youth-headed households by geo-type, 2019

Geo-type	N ('000)	Per cent							
		Total	Salaries/ wages/ commission	Remittances	Social grants	Sales of farming products and services	Other non-farm income	No income	Unspecified	Total
Urban	3 333	64,4	16,0	6,3	..	10,8	2,0	0,4	100,0
Rural	1 276	41,3	29,7	19,1	0,3	7,4	1,6	0,6	100,0
RSA	4 609	58,0	19,8	9,8	0,1	9,9	1,9	0,5	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.3.12: Distribution of main sources of income for youth-headed households by sex, 2019

Sex	N ('000)	Per cent								Total
		Total	Salaries/ wages/ commission	Remit- tances	Social grants	Sales of farming products and services	Other non- farm income	No income	Unspecified	
Male	2 950	64,8	15,4	4,7	0,1	12,0	2,5	0,5	100,0	
Female	1 659	46,0	27,7	19,0	..	6,0	0,9	0,4	100,0	
Both	4 609	58,0	19,8	9,8	0,1	9,9	1,9	0,5	100,0	

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.3.13: Employed youth by age group by province and age group, 2019

Province and age group	N ('000)			Per cent			Total
	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	
WC	217	689	906	24,0	76,0	100,0	
EC	105	419	524	20,0	80,0	100,0	
NC	30	91	121	24,8	75,2	100,0	
FS	55	248	302	18,1	81,9	100,0	
KZN	176	862	1 037	16,9	83,1	100,0	
NW	50	296	345	14,4	85,6	100,0	
GP	293	1 352	1 644	17,8	82,2	100,0	
MP	89	388	477	18,6	81,4	100,0	
LP	94	457	551	17,0	83,0	100,0	
RSA	1 108	4 801	5 909	18,7	81,3	100,0	

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 2.3.14: Employed youth by age group by geo-type and age group, 2019

Geo-type and age group	N ('000)			Per cent			Total
	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	
Urban	840	3 581	4 421	19,0	81,0	100,0	
Rural	267	1 221	1 488	18,0	82,0	100,0	
RSA	1 108	4 801	5 909	18,7	81,3	100,0	

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 2.3.15: Employed youth by age group by population group and age group, 2019

Population group and age group	N ('000)			Per cent			Total
	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	
Black African	741	3 752	4 493	16,5	83,5	100,0	
Coloured	198	463	661	30,0	70,0	100,0	
Indian/ Asian	38	158	195	19,3	80,7	100,0	
White	131	429	560	23,4	76,6	100,0	
Total	1 108	4 801	5 909	18,7	81,3	100,0	

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 2.3.16: Unemployed youth by province and age group, 2019

Province and age group	N ('000)			Per cent			Total
	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	
WC	192	264	456	42,1	57,9	100,0	
EC	201	350	551	36,5	63,5	100,0	
NC	37	52	89	41,7	58,3	100,0	
FS	80	186	265	30,0	70,0	100,0	
KZN	226	397	622	36,3	63,7	100,0	
NW	97	171	268	36,3	63,7	100,0	
GP	449	839	1 288	34,9	65,1	100,0	
MP	162	283	445	36,4	63,6	100,0	
LP	93	169	261	35,5	64,5	100,0	
RSA	1 537	2 710	4 247	36,2	63,8	100,0	

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 2.3.17: Unemployed youth by geo-type and age group, 2019

Geo-type and age group	N ('000)			Percent		
	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
Urban	1 116	1 910	3 026	36,9	63,1	100,0
Rural	421	800	1 221	34,5	65,5	100,0
RSA	1 537	2 710	4 247	36,2	63,8	100,0

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 2.3.18: Unemployed youth by population group and age group, 2019

Population group and age group	N ('000)			Per cent		
	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
Black African	1 327	2 454	3 781	35,1	64,9	100,0
Coloured	161	183	344	46,8	53,2	100,0
Indian/ Asian	20	30	50	39,6	60,4	100,0
White	30	44	73	40,8	59,2	100,0
Total	1 537	2 710	4 247	36,2	63,8	100,0

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 2.3.19: Not economically active youth by province and age group, 2019

Province and age group	N ('000)			Per cent		
	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
WC	677	182	859	78,9	21,1	100,0
EC	1 096	332	1 429	76,7	23,3	100,0
NC	160	54	214	74,6	25,4	100,0
FS	343	109	453	75,8	24,2	100,0
KZN	1 711	698	2 409	71,0	29,0	100,0
NW	560	199	758	73,8	26,2	100,0
GP	1 577	411	1 988	79,3	20,7	100,0
MP	575	161	737	78,1	21,9	100,0
LP	955	436	1 391	68,7	31,3	100,0
RSA	7 654	2 583	10 237	74,8	25,2	100,0

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 2.3.20: Not economically active youth by geo-type and age group, 2019

Geo-type and age group	N ('000)			Per cent		
	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
Urban	4 449	1 322	5 771	77,1	22,9	100,0
Rural	3 206	1 261	4 466	71,8	28,2	100,0
RSA	7 654	2 583	10 237	74,8	25,2	100,0

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 2.3.21: Not economically active youth by population group and age group, 2019

Population group and age group	N ('000)			Per cent		
	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
Black African	6 581	2 294	8 875	74,2	25,8	100,0
Coloured	531	146	676	78,4	21,6	100,0
Indian/ Asian	141	56	197	71,7	28,3	100,0
White	402	87	489	82,2	17,8	100,0
Total	7 654	2 583	10 237	74,8	25,2	100,0

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 2.3.22: Youth labour force participation rate by province and age group, 2019

Province and age group	N ('000)						Per cent		
	15-24 years		25-34 years		Total		15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Participated	Participated
WC	409	1 087	953	1 134	1 362	2 221	37,7	84,0	61,3
EC	306	1 403	769	1 101	1 075	2 503	21,8	69,8	42,9
NC	67	227	143	198	211	425	29,7	72,5	49,6
FS	134	477	433	543	568	1 020	28,1	79,8	55,6
KZN	401	2 113	1 258	1 956	1 659	4 068	19,0	64,3	40,8
NW	147	707	467	665	614	1 372	20,8	70,2	44,7
GP	742	2 318	2 191	2 602	2 932	4 920	32,0	84,2	59,6
MP	251	826	672	833	922	1 659	30,4	80,6	55,6
LP	187	1 142	626	1 062	813	2 204	16,4	58,9	36,9
RSA	2 645	10 299	7 511	10 094	10 156	20 393	25,7	74,4	49,8

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 2.3.23: Youth labour force participation rate by geo-type and age group, 2019

Geo-type and age group	N ('000)						Per cent		
	15-24 years		25-34 years		Total		15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Participated	Participated
Urban	1 957	6 405	5 491	6 813	7 447	13 218	30,5	80,6	56,3
Rural	688	3 894	2 021	3 281	2 709	7 175	17,7	61,6	37,8
RSA	2 645	10 299	7 511	10 094	10 156	20 393	25,7	74,4	49,8

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 2.3.24: Youth labour force participation rate by population group and age group, 2019

Population group and age group	N ('000)						Per cent		
	15-24 years		25-34 years		Total		15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Participated	Participated
Black African	2 068	8 648	6 206	8 500	8 274	17 148	23,9	73,0	48,2
Coloured	359	889	645	791	1 004	1 681	40,3	81,6	59,7
Indian/ Asian	57	198	188	243	245	442	29,0	77,1	55,5
White	161	563	472	559	634	1 123	28,6	84,4	56,4
Total	2 645	10 299	7 511	10 094	10 156	20 393	25,7	74,4	49,8

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 2.3.25: Youth unemployment rate by province and age group, 2019

Province and age group	N ('000)						Per cent		
	15-24 years		25-34 years		Total		15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Unemployed	Unemployed
WC	192	409	264	953	456	1 362	47,0	27,7	33,5
EC	201	306	350	769	551	1 075	65,7	45,5	51,2
NC	37	67	52	143	89	211	55,3	36,4	42,4
FS	80	134	186	433	265	568	59,3	42,9	46,8
KZN	226	401	397	1 258	622	1 659	56,3	31,5	37,5
NW	97	147	171	467	268	614	66,2	36,6	43,7
GP	449	742	839	2 191	1 288	2 932	60,5	38,3	43,9
MP	162	251	283	672	445	922	64,6	42,2	48,3
LP	93	187	169	626	261	813	49,7	26,9	32,2
RSA	1 537	2 645	2 710	7 511	4 247	10 156	58,1	36,1	41,8

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 2.3.26: Youth unemployment rate by geo-type and age group, 2019

Geo-type and age group	N ('000)						Per cent		
	15-24 years		25-34 years		Total		15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Unemployed	Unemployed
Urban	1 116	1 957	1 910	5 491	3 026	7 447	57,1	34,8	40,6
Rural	421	688	800	2 021	1 221	2 709	61,1	39,6	45,1
RSA	1 537	2 645	2 710	7 511	4 247	10 156	58,1	36,1	41,8

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 2.3.27: Youth unemployment rate by population group and age group, 2019

Population group and age group	N ('000)						Per cent		
	15-24 years		25-34 years		Total		15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Unemployed	Unemployed
Black African	1 327	2 068	2 454	6 206	3 781	8 274	64,2	39,5	45,7
Coloured	161	359	183	645	344	1 004	44,8	28,3	34,2
Indian/ Asian	20	57	30	188	50	245	34,2	16,0	20,3
White	30	161	44	472	73	634	18,6	9,2	11,6
Total	1 537	2 645	2 710	7 511	4 247	10 156	58,1	36,1	41,8

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 2.3.28: Youth labour absorption rate by province and age group, 2019

Province and age group	N ('000)						Per cent		
	15-24 years		25-34 years		Total		15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Absorbed	Absorbed
WC	217	1 087	689	1 134	906	2 221	20,0	60,7	40,8
EC	105	1 403	419	1 101	524	2 503	7,5	38,1	20,9
NC	30	227	91	198	121	425	13,3	46,1	28,6
FS	55	477	248	543	302	1 020	11,4	45,6	29,6
KZN	176	2 113	862	1 956	1 037	4 068	8,3	44,1	25,5
NW	50	707	296	665	345	1 372	7,0	44,5	25,2
GP	293	2 318	1 352	2 602	1 644	4 920	12,6	51,9	33,4
MP	89	826	388	833	477	1 659	10,8	46,6	28,8
LP	94	1 142	457	1 062	551	2 204	8,2	43,1	25,0
RSA	1 108	10 299	4 801	10 094	5 909	20 393	10,8	47,6	29,0

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 2.3.29: Youth labour absorption rate by geo-type and age group, 2019

Geo-type and age group	N ('000)						Per cent		
	15-24 years		25-34 years		Total		15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Absorbed	Absorbed
Urban	840	6 405	3 581	6 813	4 421	13 218	13,1	52,6	33,4
Rural	267	3 894	1 221	3 281	1 488	7 175	6,9	37,2	20,7
RSA	1 108	10 299	4 801	10 094	5 909	20 393	10,8	47,6	29,0

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 2.3.30: Youth labour absorption rate by population group and age group, 2019

Population group and age group	N ('000)						Per cent		
	15-24 years		25-34 years		Total		15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Absorbed	Absorbed
Black African	741	8 648	3 752	8 500	4 493	17 148	8,6	44,1	26,2
Coloured	198	889	463	791	661	1 681	22,3	58,5	39,3
Indian/ Asian	38	198	158	243	195	442	19,0	64,8	44,3
White	131	563	429	559	560	1 123	23,3	76,6	49,9
Total	1 108	10 299	4 801	10 094	5 909	20 393	10,8	47,6	29,0

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 2.3.31: Youth economic inactivity rate by province and age group, 2019

Province and age group	N ('000)						Per cent		
	15-24 years		25-34 years		Total		15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive
WC	677	1 087	182	1 134	859	2 221	62,3	16,0	38,7
EC	1 096	1 403	332	1 101	1 429	2 503	78,2	30,2	57,1
NC	160	227	54	198	214	425	70,3	27,5	50,4
FS	343	477	109	543	453	1 020	71,9	20,2	44,4
KZN	1 711	2 113	698	1 956	2 409	4 068	81,0	35,7	59,2
NW	560	707	199	665	758	1 372	79,2	29,8	55,3
GP	1 577	2 318	411	2 602	1 988	4 920	68,0	15,8	40,4
MP	575	826	161	833	737	1 659	69,6	19,4	44,4
LP	955	1 142	436	1 062	1 391	2 204	83,6	41,1	63,1
RSA	7 654	10 299	2 583	10 094	10 237	20 393	74,3	25,6	50,2

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 2.3.32: Youth economic inactivity rate by geo-type and age group, 2019

Geo-type and age group	N ('000)						Per cent		
	15-24 years		25-34 years		Total		15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive
Urban	4 449	6 405	1 322	6 813	5 771	13 218	69,5	19,4	43,7
Rural	3 206	3 894	1 261	3 281	4 466	7 175	82,3	38,4	62,2
RSA	7 654	10 299	2 583	10 094	10 237	20 393	74,3	25,6	50,2

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 2.3.33: Youth economic inactivity rate by population group and age group, 2019

Population group and age group	N ('000)						Per cent		
	15-24 years		25-34 years		Total		15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive
Black African	6 581	8 648	2 294	8 500	8 875	17 148	76,1	27,0	51,8
Coloured	531	889	146	791	676	1 681	59,7	18,4	40,3
Indian/ Asian	141	198	56	243	197	442	71,0	22,9	44,5
White	402	563	87	559	489	1 123	71,4	15,6	43,6
Total	7 654	10 299	2 583	10 094	10 237	20 393	74,3	25,6	50,2

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

2.4 Youth: Health

Table 2.4.1: Youth who suffered from acute diseases compared to the overall population by province, 2019

Province	N ('000)				Per cent		
	Youth		Total		Youth	Total	
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering	
WC	185	2 304	677	6 794	8,0	10,0	
EC	200	2 132	914	6 519	9,4	14,0	
NC	58	415	220	1 246	13,9	17,7	
FS	123	995	380	2 917	12,4	13,0	
KZN	281	4 130	1 158	11 363	6,8	10,2	
NW	112	1 330	451	3 997	8,4	11,3	
GP	683	5 533	2 390	15 055	12,3	15,9	
MP	197	1 639	697	4 605	12,0	15,1	
LP	132	2 035	521	5 933	6,5	8,8	
RSA	1 970	20 514	7 408	58 429	9,6	12,7	

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.4.2: Youth who suffered from acute diseases compared to the overall population by geo-type, 2019

Geo-type	N ('000)				Per cent	
	Youth		Total		Youth	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering
Urban	1 426	13 305	5 164	37 526	10,7	13,8
Rural	544	7 209	2 244	20 903	7,6	10,7
RSA	1 970	20 514	7 408	58 429	9,6	12,7

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.4.3: Youth who suffered from acute diseases compared to the overall population by sex, 2019

Sex	N ('000)				Per cent	
	Youth		Total		Youth	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering
Male	930	10 235	3 456	28 582	9,1	12,1
Female	1 040	10 278	3 952	29 847	10,1	13,2
Both	1 970	20 514	7 408	58 429	9,6	12,7

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.4.4: Youth who suffered from acute diseases compared to the overall population by age group, 2019

Age group	N ('000)				Per cent	
	Youth		Total		Youth	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering
Not youth	..	..	5 438	37 915	..	14,3
15-24 years	792	9 527	792	9 527	8,3	8,3
25-34 years	1 178	10 987	1 178	10 987	10,7	10,7
Total	1 970	20 514	7 408	58 429	9,6	12,7

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.4.5: Youth who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population by province, 2019

Province	N ('000)				Per cent	
	Youth		Total		Youth	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering
WC	187	2 304	1 314	6 794	8,1	19,3
EC	220	2 132	1 268	6 519	10,3	19,5
NC	37	415	249	1 246	9,0	20,0
FS	97	995	568	2 917	9,7	19,5
KZN	309	4 130	1 760	11 363	7,5	15,5
NW	108	1 330	685	3 997	8,1	17,1
GP	324	5 533	2 292	15 055	5,8	15,2
MP	127	1 639	723	4 605	7,7	15,7
LP	70	2 035	543	5 933	3,4	9,2
RSA	1 479	20 514	9 404	58 429	7,2	16,1

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.4.6: Youth who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population by geo-type, 2019

Geo-type	N ('000)				Per cent	
	Youth		Total		Youth	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering
Urban	966	13 305	6 381	37 526	7,3	17,0
Rural	513	7 209	3 022	20 903	7,1	14,5
RSA	1 479	20 514	9 404	58 429	7,2	16,1

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.4.7: Youth who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population by sex, 2019

Sex	N ('000)				Per cent	
	Youth		Total		Youth	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering
Male	595	10 235	3 698	28 582	5,8	12,9
Female	884	10 278	5 705	29 847	8,6	19,1
Both	1 479	20 514	9 404	58 429	7,2	16,1

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.4.8: Youth who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population by age group, 2019

Age group	N ('000)				Per cent	
	Youth		Total		Youth	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering
Not youth	..	..	7 925	37 915	..	20,9
15-24 years	464	9 527	464	9 527	4,9	4,9
25-34 years	1 015	10 987	1 015	10 987	9,2	9,2
Total	1 479	20 514	9 404	58 429	7,2	16,1

Source: GHS 2019

2.5 Youth: Vulnerability to hunger

Table 2.5.1: Youth living in households that reported hunger by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering	Suffering
WC	179	1 132	142	1 165	321	2 298	15,8	12,2	14,0
EC	98	1 070	94	1 060	192	2 130	9,1	8,8	9,0
NC	56	217	41	194	97	411	26,0	21,0	23,7
FS	98	494	75	497	173	991	19,8	15,1	17,4
KZN	296	2 039	317	2 087	613	4 125	14,5	15,2	14,9
NW	118	620	121	685	238	1 305	19,0	17,6	18,3
GP	240	2 828	223	2 679	463	5 507	8,5	8,3	8,4
MP	115	802	133	811	248	1 613	14,3	16,4	15,4
LP	49	962	52	1 067	101	2 030	5,1	4,9	5,0
RSA	1 249	10 164	1 197	10 246	2 446	20 410	12,3	11,7	12,0

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 2.5.2: Youth living in households that reported hunger by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering	Suffering
Urban	775	6 655	692	6 561	1 467	13 217	11,6	10,5	11,1
Rural	474	3 509	505	3 684	979	7 193	13,5	13,7	13,6
RSA	1 249	10 164	1 197	10 246	2 446	20 410	12,3	11,7	12,0

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 2.5.3: Youth living in households that reported hunger by population group and sex, 2019

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering	Suffering
Black African	1 117	8 569	1 102	8 679	2 220	17 248	13,0	12,7	12,9
Coloured	125	838	90	839	214	1 676	14,9	10,7	12,8
Indian/ Asian	2	237	1	209	3	447	0,8	0,5	0,7
White	5	520	4	519	9	1 038	1,0	0,8	0,9
Total	1 249	10 164	1 197	10 246	2 446	20 410	12,3	11,7	12,0

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 2.5.4: Youth living in households that reported hunger by age group and sex, 2019

Age group and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering	Suffering
15-24 years	607	4 723	642	4 772	1 249	9 494	12,9	13,5	13,2
25-34 years	642	5 441	555	5 474	1 197	10 915	11,8	10,1	11,0
Total	1 249	10 164	1 197	10 246	2 446	20 410	12,3	11,7	12,0

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 2.5.5: Youth-headed households that reported hunger by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering	Suffering
WC	54	310	18	163	72	473	17,5	10,8	15,2
EC	28	221	9	157	38	377	12,8	6,0	10,0
NC	8	48	8	33	16	81	17,9	23,5	20,2
FS	27	149	13	85	39	234	17,9	14,8	16,8
KZN	48	464	30	330	78	794	10,4	9,1	9,8
NW	42	200	27	115	69	315	21,3	23,1	21,9
GP	83	1 072	46	442	129	1 514	7,8	10,3	8,5
MP	27	213	28	134	55	348	12,5	20,8	15,7
LP	9	249	8	192	18	441	3,7	4,4	4,0
RSA	327	2 925	186	1 653	513	4 577	11,2	11,3	11,2

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 2.5.6: Youth-headed households that reported hunger by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering	Suffering
Urban	225	2 171	119	1 139	344	3 310	10,4	10,5	10,4
Rural	102	754	66	514	169	1 268	13,6	12,9	13,3
RSA	327	2 925	186	1 653	513	4 577	11,2	11,3	11,2

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

2.6 Youth: Education

Table 2.6.1: Youth who attend educational institutions by population group and sex, 2019

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Attending	Attending
Black African	2 379	8 617	2 478	8 696	4 857	17 312	27,6	28,5	28,1
Coloured	162	840	194	839	356	1 680	19,2	23,1	21,2
Indian/ Asian	54	238	56	210	110	448	22,8	26,7	24,6
White	185	527	165	520	351	1 047	35,1	31,8	33,5
Total	2 780	10 222	2 894	10 266	5 674	20 488	27,2	28,2	27,7

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 2.6.2: Youth who attend educational institutions by age group and sex, 2019

Age group and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Attending	Attending
15-24 years	2 568	4 740	2 537	4 777	5 105	9 516	54,2	53,1	53,6
25-34 years	212	5 483	357	5 489	569	10 971	3,9	6,5	5,2
Total	2 780	10 222	2 894	10 266	5 674	20 488	27,2	28,2	27,7

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 2.6.3: Distribution of the types of educational institutions attended by the youth, 2019

Population group and sex	N ('000)	Per cent							
		Total	School/ pre-school	ABET/ literacy classes	Higher education institution	Further education and training college	Other college	Other	
Black African	Male	2 379	78,7	0,1	8,9	7,5	3,5	1,4	100,0
	Female	2 478	70,9	0,1	13,8	9,6	4,4	1,3	100,0
	Both	4 857	74,7	0,1	11,4	8,5	3,9	1,4	100,0
Coloured	Male	162	72,3	..	9,9	7,6	6,2	4,0	100,0
	Female	194	65,1	..	19,8	3,9	6,9	4,3	100,0
	Both	356	68,4	..	15,3	5,6	6,6	4,2	100,0
Indian/ Asian	Male	54	58,9	..	31,1	4,7	1,7	3,6	100,0
	Female	56	25,7	..	56,4	4,2	3,9	9,9	100,0
	Both	110	42,0	..	44,0	4,4	2,8	6,8	100,0
White	Male	185	49,4	..	33,9	4,0	10,0	2,8	100,0
	Female	165	49,9	..	40,0	0,7	4,7	4,7	100,0
	Both	351	49,6	..	36,8	2,5	7,5	3,7	100,0
Total	Male	2 780	76,0	0,0	11,0	7,2	4,1	1,7	100,0
	Female	2 894	68,4	0,0	16,5	8,6	4,5	1,9	100,0
	Both	5 674	72,1	0,0	13,8	7,9	4,3	1,8	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.6.4: Youth who are not attending any educational institution and who are not employed, 2019

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	NEET	Total	NEET	Total	NEET	Total	NEET	NEET	NEET
Black African	3 204	8 630	4 241	8 708	7 445	17 338	37,1	48,7	42,9
Coloured	306	840	312	839	619	1 680	36,5	37,2	36,8
Indian/ Asian	38	238	91	210	128	448	15,9	43,1	28,6
White	53	527	101	521	154	1 048	10,1	19,3	14,7
Total	3 601	10 235	4 745	10 278	8 346	20 514	35,2	46,2	40,7

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 2.6.5: Distribution of the highest levels of education attained by the youth, by population group and age group, 2019

Population group and age group	N ('000)	Per cent							Total
		Total	Less than matric	Matric	Other tertiary	Graduates	Other	Unspecified	
Black African	15-24 years	8 022	69,5	25,7	3,0	0,9	0,8	0,0	100,0
	25-34 years	9 316	49,4	35,4	8,8	5,2	1,2	0,0	100,0
	Total	17 338	58,7	30,9	6,1	3,2	1,1	0,0	100,0
Coloured	15-24 years	828	61,7	32,3	2,9	1,4	1,7	..	100,0
	25-34 years	851	49,9	36,9	6,6	5,0	1,6	..	100,0
	Total	1 680	55,7	34,6	4,8	3,2	1,6	..	100,0
Indian/ Asian	15-24 years	187	36,1	48,4	4,1	9,4	2,0	..	100,0
	25-34 years	262	23,2	40,6	10,2	24,0	2,0	..	100,0
	Total	448	28,6	43,8	7,7	17,9	2,0	..	100,0
White	15-24 years	490	44,1	42,5	5,4	8,0	..	..	100,0
	25-34 years	558	16,6	40,0	11,0	31,4	0,8	0,3	100,0
	Total	1 048	29,4	41,2	8,4	20,4	0,4	0,1	100,0
Total	15-24 years	9 527	66,9	27,6	3,2	1,5	0,9	0,0	100,0
	25-34 years	10 987	47,2	35,8	8,8	6,9	1,3	0,0	100,0
	Total	20 514	56,3	32,0	6,2	4,4	1,1	0,0	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.6.6: Distribution of the highest levels of education attained by the youth, by sex and age group, 2019

Sex and age group	N ('000)	Per cent							Total
		Total	Less than matric	Matric	Other tertiary	Graduates	Other	Unspecified	
Male	15-24 years	4 747	69,9	25,2	2,5	1,4	1,1	0,0	100,0
	25-34 years	5 489	49,8	35,0	7,5	5,9	1,6	0,0	100,0
	Total	10 235	59,1	30,4	5,2	3,8	1,4	0,0	100,0
Female	15-24 years	4 780	63,8	30,0	3,9	1,6	0,7	0,0	100,0
	25-34 years	5 498	44,5	36,7	10,0	7,9	0,9	0,0	100,0
	Total	10 278	53,5	33,6	7,1	5,0	0,8	0,0	100,0
Both	15-24 years	9 527	66,9	27,6	3,2	1,5	0,9	0,0	100,0
	25-34 years	10 987	47,2	35,8	8,8	6,9	1,3	0,0	100,0
	Total	20 514	56,3	32,0	6,2	4,4	1,1	0,0	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

2.7 Youth: Housing and basic services

Table 2.7.1: Distribution of youth headed households by geo-type, sex and type of housing, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)	Per cent					Total
		Total	Formal	Traditional	Informal	Other	
Urban	Male	2 188	71,3	1,0	27,0	0,7	100,0
	Female	1 145	77,4	1,0	21,2	0,4	100,0
	Both	3 333	73,4	1,0	25,0	0,6	100,0
Rural	Male	762	76,5	14,0	9,2	0,4	100,0
	Female	514	76,9	16,7	6,4	..	100,0
	Both	1 276	76,6	15,1	8,1	0,2	100,0
RSA	Male	2 950	72,6	4,4	22,4	0,6	100,0
	Female	1 659	77,3	5,9	16,6	0,3	100,0
	Both	4 609	74,3	4,9	20,3	0,5	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.7.2: Distribution of youth headed households by age group, sex and type of housing, 2019

Age group and sex		N ('000)	Per cent				
			Total	Formal	Traditional	Informal	Other
15-24 years	Male	544	73,2	5,6	21,2	..	100,0
	Female	311	78,2	7,4	14,1	0,3	100,0
	Both	855	75,0	6,3	18,6	0,1	100,0
25-34 years	Male	2 406	72,5	4,1	22,7	0,7	100,0
	Female	1 348	77,1	5,5	17,2	0,3	100,0
	Both	3 754	74,1	4,6	20,7	0,6	100,0
Total	Male	2 950	72,6	4,4	22,4	0,6	100,0
	Female	1 659	77,3	5,9	16,6	0,3	100,0
	Both	4 609	74,3	4,9	20,3	0,5	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.7.3: Distribution of youth living in formal, informal and traditional housing by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Per cent				
			Total	Formal	Traditional	Informal	Other
Urban	Male	6 713	85,8	0,6	13,1	0,6	100,0
	Female	6 592	86,5	0,7	12,5	0,3	100,0
	Both	13 305	86,2	0,6	12,8	0,4	100,0
Rural	Male	3 522	79,0	17,0	3,9	0,1	100,0
	Female	3 687	79,8	16,5	3,7	0,0	100,0
	Both	7 209	79,4	16,7	3,8	0,1	100,0
RSA	Male	10 235	83,4	6,2	9,9	0,4	100,0
	Female	10 278	84,1	6,3	9,3	0,2	100,0
	Both	20 514	83,8	6,3	9,6	0,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.7.4: Distribution of youth living in formal, informal and traditional housing by age group and sex, 2019

Age group and sex		N ('000)	Per cent				
			Total	Formal	Traditional	Informal	Other
15-24 years	Male	4 747	85,3	7,2	7,3	0,2	100,0
	Female	4 780	84,3	7,5	8,0	0,2	100,0
	Both	9 527	84,8	7,4	7,6	0,2	100,0
25-34 years	Male	5 489	81,8	5,4	12,2	0,6	100,0
	Female	5 498	84,0	5,3	10,5	0,2	100,0
	Both	10 987	82,9	5,4	11,4	0,4	100,0
Total	Male	10 235	83,4	6,2	9,9	0,4	100,0
	Female	10 278	84,1	6,3	9,3	0,2	100,0
	Both	20 514	83,8	6,3	9,6	0,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 2.7.5: Living condition indicators of the youth compared to the overall population, 2019**Access to piped water**

Age group	N ('000)	Per cent		
		Total	Access	Unspecified
Not youth	37 915	72,7	0,4	
15-24 years	9 527	70,6	0,5	
25-34 years	10 987	73,8	0,4	
15-34 years	20 514	72,4	0,4	
Total	58 429	72,6	0,4	

Source: GHS 2019

Access to improved sanitation

Age group	N ('000)	Per cent
	Total	Access
Not youth	37 915	82,8
15-24 years	9 527	81,6
25-34 years	10 987	82,9
15-34 years	20 514	82,3
Total	58 429	82,6

Source: GHS 2019

Refuse/ waste removed by the municipality

Age group	N ('000)	Per cent	
	Total	Access	Unspecified
Not youth	37 915	60,6	0,0
15-24 years	9 527	58,0	..
25-34 years	10 987	63,2	0,0
15-34 years	20 514	60,8	0,0
Total	58 429	60,7	0,0

Source: GHS 2019

Access to electricity connected to the mains

Age group	N ('000)	Per cent	
	Total	Access	Unspecified
Not youth	37 915	91,4	8,4
15-24 years	9 527	91,6	8,1
25-34 years	10 987	87,5	11,9
15-34 years	20 514	89,4	10,1
Total	58 429	90,7	9,0

Source: GHS 2019

Use solid fuels for cooking

Age group	N ('000)	Per cent
	Total	Access
Not youth	37 915	11,2
15-24 years	9 527	12,7
25-34 years	10 987	8,5
15-34 years	20 514	10,5
Total	58 429	11,0

Source: GHS 2019

2.8 Youth: Violence and crime victims

Table 2.8.1: Youth who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area during the day by province, 2018_19

Province	N ('000)		Per cent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
WC	685	2 184	31,3
EC	296	2 009	14,7
NC	49	390	12,4
FS	170	980	17,3
KZN	560	3 953	14,1
NW	158	1 264	12,4
GP	1 070	5 296	20,2
MP	160	1 562	10,2
LP	177	1 959	9,0
RSA	3 324	19 598	16,9

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GSJS) 2018/19.

Table 2.8.2: Youth who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area during the day by sex, 2018_19

Sex	N ('000)		Per cent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
Male	1 573	9 818	16,0
Female	1 751	9 780	17,9
Both	3 324	19 598	16,9

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GSJS) 2018/19.

Table 2.8.3: Youth who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area during the day by age group, 2018_19

Age group	N ('000)		Per cent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
15-24 years	1 660	9 588	17,3
25-34 years	1 664	10 010	16,6
Total	3 324	19 598	16,9

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GSJS) 2018/19.

Table 2.8.4: Youth who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area at night by province, 2018_19

Province	N ('000)		Per cent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
WC	1 435	2 184	65,6
EC	1 294	2 009	64,3
NC	232	390	59,6
FS	779	980	79,4
KZN	2 411	3 953	60,9
NW	862	1 264	68,1
GP	3 719	5 296	70,2
MP	1 035	1 562	66,2
LP	989	1 959,4	50,4
RSA	12 756	19 598	65,0

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GSJS) 2018/19

Table 2.8.5: Youth who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area at night by sex, 2018_19

Sex	N ('000)		Per cent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
Male	6 151	9 818	62,6
Female	6 605	9 780	67,5
Both	12 756	19 598	65,0

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GSJS) 2018/19

Table 2.8.6: Youth who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area at night by age group, 2018_19

Age group	N ('000)		Per cent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
15-24 years	6 212	9 588	64,7
25-34 years	6 544	10 010	65,3
Total	12 756	19 598	65,0

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GSJS) 2018/19.

Table 2.8.7: Youth who have been victims of property crime during the past 5 years by sex, 2018_19

Sex	N ('000)		Per cent
	Suffering	Total responded	Suffering
Male	664	9 814	6,7
Female	642	9 780	6,5
Both	1 306	19 594	6,6

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GSJS) 2018/19.

Table 2.8.8: Youth who have been victims of property crime during the past 5 years by age group, 2018_19

Age group	N ('000)		Per cent
	Suffering	Total responded	Suffering
15-24 years	665	9 584	6,9
25-34 years	641	10 010	6,4
Total	1 306	19 594	6,6

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GSJS) 2018/19.

Table 2.8.9: Youth who have been victims of assault during the past 5 years by sex, 2018_19

Sex	N ('000)		Per cent
	Suffering	Total responded	Suffering
Male	262	9 814	2,6
Female	149	9 780	1,5
Both	411	19 594	2,0

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GSJS) 2018/19.

Table 2.8.10: Youth who have been victims of assault during the past 5 years by age group, 2018_19

Age group	N ('000)		Per cent
	Suffering	Total responded	Suffering
15-24 years	175	9 584	1,8
25-34 years	236	10 010	2,3
Total	411	19 594	2,0

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GSJS) 2018/19.

INDICATORS: WOMEN

Women are defined as the female population.

3.1 Demography of women

Table 3.1.1: Distribution of the female population by province, 2019

Province	N ('000)	Per cent
WC	3 463	11,6
EC	3 423	11,5
NC	630	2,1
FS	1 523	5,1
KZN	5 917	19,8
NW	2 091	7,0
GP	7 346	24,6
MP	2 355	7,9
LP	3 099	10,4
RSA	29 847	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 3.1.2: Distribution of the female population by geo-type, 2019

Geo-type	N ('000)	Per cent
Urban	18 871	63,2
Rural	10 976	36,8
RSA	29 847	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 3.1.3: Distribution of the female population by population group, 2019

Population group	N ('000)	Per cent
Black African	24 239	81,2
Coloured	2 619	8,8
Indian/ Asian	706	2,4
White	2 283	7,6
Total	29 847	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 3.1.4: Distribution of the female population by age group, 2019

Age group	N ('000)	Per cent
0-4 years	2 909	9,7
5-14 years	5 666	19,0
15-24 years	4 780	16,0
25-34 years	5 498	18,4
35-44 years	4 104	13,8
45-54 years	2 814	9,4
55-64 years	2 102	7,0
65-74 years	1 264	4,2
75+ years	709	2,4
Total	29 847	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 3.1.5: Distribution of women (18 years and above) by province and marital status, 2019

Province	N ('000)	Per cent			
		Total	Married/ cohabiting	Widow/ widower/ divorced	Never married
WC	2 485	51,4	12,8	35,8	100,0
EC	2 161	33,4	19,1	47,5	100,0
NC	419	45,2	13,7	41,1	100,0
FS	1 018	43,3	19,4	37,3	100,0
KZN	3 852	30,1	12,0	57,9	100,0
NW	1 342	43,6	13,2	43,2	100,0
GP	5 212	48,4	12,0	39,7	100,0
MP	1 460	40,9	13,2	45,9	100,0
LP	1 901	42,3	16,3	41,4	100,0
RSA	19 851	41,8	13,9	44,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 3.1.6: Distribution of women (18 years and above) by geo-type and marital status, 2019

Geo-type	N ('000)	Per cent			
		Total	Married/ cohabiting	Widow/ widower/ divorced	Never married
Urban	13 151	45,7	12,8	41,5	100,0
Rural	6 700	34,1	16,0	49,9	100,0
RSA	19 851	41,8	13,9	44,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 3.1.7: Distribution of women (18 years and above) by population group and marital status, 2019

Population group	N ('000)	Per cent			
		Total	Married/ cohabiting	Widow/ widower/ divorced	Never married
Black African	15 642	37,2	13,0	49,8	100,0
Coloured	1 814	49,5	14,9	35,7	100,0
Indian/ Asian	546	63,9	16,0	20,1	100,0
White	1 849	66,8	19,7	13,5	100,0
Total	19 851	41,8	13,9	44,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 3.1.8: Distribution of women (18 years and above) by age group and marital status, 2019

Age group	N ('000)	Per cent			
		Total	Married/ cohabiting	Widow/ widower/ divorced	Never married
15-24 years	3 359	12,7	0,1	87,2	100,0
25-34 years	5 498	40,1	1,6	58,3	100,0
35-44 years	4 104	57,3	5,9	36,8	100,0
45-54 years	2 814	60,3	16,9	22,8	100,0
55-64 years	2 102	48,1	36,2	15,7	100,0
65-74 years	1 264	38,2	50,5	11,3	100,0
75+ years	709	17,8	76,5	5,7	100,0
Total	19 851	41,8	13,9	44,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

3.2 Women: Household characteristics

Table 3.2.1: Households headed by females aged 15 years and above by province, 2019

Province	N ('000)		Per cent Female
	Female	Total	
WC	727	1 933	37,6
EC	850	1 702	50,0
NC	156	350	44,5
FS	415	921	45,0
KZN	1 429	2 985	47,9
NW	527	1 246	42,3
GP	1 718	5 072	33,9
MP	568	1 332	42,6
LP	791	1 620	48,8
RSA	7 180	17 160	41,8

Source: GHS 2019

Table 3.2.2: Households headed by females aged 15 years and above by geo-type, 2019

Geo-type	N ('000)		Per cent Female
	Female	Total	
Urban	4 550	11 864	38,3
Rural	2 630	5 297	49,7
RSA	7 180	17 160	41,8

Source: GHS 2019

Table 3.2.3: Households headed by females aged 15 years and above by population group, 2019

Population group	N ('000)		Per cent Female
	Female	Total	
Black African	6 050	13 962	43,3
Coloured	523	1 210	43,3
Indian/ Asian	120	414	28,9
White	487	1 575	30,9
Total	7 180	17 160	41,8

Source: GHS 2019

Table 3.2.4: Households headed by females aged 15 years and above by age group, 2019

Age group	N ('000)		Per cent Female
	Female	Total	
15-24 years	311	855	36,3
25-34 years	1 348	3 754	35,9
35-44 years	1 580	4 203	37,6
45-54 years	1 422	3 507	40,5
55-64 years	1 275	2 631	48,5
65+ years	1 244	2 211	56,3
Total	7 180	17 160	41,8

Source: GHS 2019

Table 3.2.5: Distribution of male and female-headed households by province, sex and household composition, 2019

Province and sex		N ('000)	Per cent				
			Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex
WC	Male	1 205	17,0	59,0	20,6	3,4	100,0
	Female	727	22,3	38,5	36,1	3,2	100,0
	Both	1 933	19,0	51,3	26,4	3,3	100,0
EC	Male	852	27,7	39,3	31,1	1,9	100,0
	Female	850	16,4	25,0	56,3	2,3	100,0
	Both	1 702	22,1	32,1	43,7	2,1	100,0
NC	Male	194	24,4	42,9	28,6	4,1	100,0
	Female	156	14,6	31,1	50,6	3,7	100,0
	Both	350	20,1	37,7	38,4	3,9	100,0
FS	Male	507	26,3	48,3	23,0	2,4	100,0
	Female	415	15,9	37,7	44,5	1,9	100,0
	Both	921	21,6	43,5	32,7	2,2	100,0
KZN	Male	1 556	33,0	38,6	25,6	2,8	100,0
	Female	1 429	14,5	27,3	55,0	3,1	100,0
	Both	2 985	24,2	33,2	39,6	3,0	100,0
NW	Male	719	36,2	39,3	22,6	1,9	100,0
	Female	527	17,3	33,0	46,4	3,3	100,0
	Both	1 246	28,2	36,6	32,7	2,5	100,0
GP	Male	3 354	27,7	50,7	19,4	2,1	100,0
	Female	1 718	20,0	35,8	41,1	3,1	100,0
	Both	5 072	25,1	45,7	26,8	2,4	100,0
MP	Male	764	28,2	38,8	31,8	1,2	100,0
	Female	568	12,9	30,4	55,2	1,5	100,0
	Both	1 332	21,6	35,2	41,8	1,3	100,0
LP	Male	829	32,4	36,8	30,2	0,5	100,0
	Female	791	13,2	30,6	54,4	1,7	100,0
	Both	1 620	23,0	33,8	42,0	1,1	100,0
RSA	Male	9 981	28,1	45,7	24,0	2,2	100,0
	Female	7 180	16,8	31,9	48,5	2,7	100,0
	Both	17 160	23,4	39,9	34,2	2,4	100,0

Source: GHS 2019.

Only households headed by a person of age 15 years or older are included

Table 3.2.6: Distribution of male and female-headed households by geo-type, sex and household composition, 2019

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Per cent				
			Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex
Urban	Male	7 314	26,5	49,8	21,2	2,4	100,0
	Female	4 550	19,9	34,6	42,3	3,2	100,0
	Both	11 864	24,0	44,0	29,3	2,7	100,0
Rural	Male	2 667	32,6	34,3	31,5	1,5	100,0
	Female	2 630	11,5	27,3	59,4	1,8	100,0
	Both	5 297	22,2	30,8	45,4	1,6	100,0
RSA	Male	9 981	28,1	45,7	24,0	2,2	100,0
	Female	7 180	16,8	31,9	48,5	2,7	100,0
	Both	17 160	23,4	39,9	34,2	2,4	100,0

Source: GHS 2019.

Only households headed by a person of age 15 years or older are included

Table 3.2.7: Distribution of male and female-headed households by population group, sex and household composition, 2019

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Per cent				
			Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex
Black African	Male	7 911	32,5	40,0	25,6	2,0	100,0
	Female	6 050	15,2	30,6	51,8	2,4	100,0
	Both	13 962	25,0	35,9	37,0	2,2	100,0
Coloured	Male	686	8,9	56,3	29,7	5,0	100,0
	Female	523	11,7	40,7	43,8	3,9	100,0
	Both	1 210	10,1	49,6	35,8	4,6	100,0
Indian/ Asian	Male	294	11,7	68,9	17,6	1,7	100,0
	Female	120	15,5	41,1	41,9	1,5	100,0
	Both	414	12,8	60,9	24,6	1,7	100,0
White	Male	1 088	13,1	74,5	10,4	2,1	100,0
	Female	487	43,7	37,0	14,1	5,3	100,0
	Both	1 575	22,5	62,9	11,6	3,1	100,0
Total	Male	9 981	28,1	45,7	24,0	2,2	100,0
	Female	7 180	16,8	31,9	48,5	2,7	100,0
	Both	17 160	23,4	39,9	34,2	2,4	100,0

Source: GHS 2019.

Only households headed by a person of age 15 years or older are included

Table 3.2.8: Distribution of male and female-headed households by age group, sex and household composition, 2019

Age group and sex		N ('000)	Per cent				
			Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex
15-24 years	Male	544	62,6	12,7	19,5	5,2	100,0
	Female	311	39,0	18,6	31,9	10,5	100,0
	Both	855	54,0	14,9	24,0	7,1	100,0
25-34 years	Male	2 406	40,4	37,5	19,5	2,6	100,0
	Female	1 348	20,3	38,3	38,1	3,2	100,0
	Both	3 754	33,1	37,8	26,2	2,8	100,0
35-44 years	Male	2 623	27,4	53,3	17,8	1,5	100,0
	Female	1 580	15,4	48,7	33,9	2,0	100,0
	Both	4 203	22,9	51,6	23,8	1,7	100,0
45-54 years	Male	2 085	19,7	55,8	22,2	2,2	100,0
	Female	1 422	10,4	36,5	50,8	2,3	100,0
	Both	3 507	15,9	48,0	33,8	2,3	100,0
55-64 years	Male	1 356	16,9	44,6	36,6	1,9	100,0
	Female	1 275	13,5	19,9	64,4	2,1	100,0
	Both	2 631	15,3	32,6	50,1	2,0	100,0
65+ years	Male	967	14,4	43,6	40,4	1,6	100,0
	Female	1 244	20,2	14,0	63,7	2,1	100,0
	Both	2 211	17,7	26,9	53,5	1,9	100,0
Total	Male	9 981	28,1	45,7	24,0	2,2	100,0
	Female	7 180	16,8	31,9	48,5	2,7	100,0
	Both	17 160	23,4	39,9	34,2	2,4	100,0

Source: GHS 2019.

Only households headed by a person of age 15 years or older are included.

Table 3.2.9: Male and female-headed households across intergenerational household type by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex		N ('000)	Per cent					Total
			Total	Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	
WC	Male	1 205	40,4	48,8	7,2	1,0	2,5	100,0
	Female	727	31,4	46,9	16,2	3,0	2,5	100,0
	Both	1 933	37,0	48,1	10,6	1,8	2,5	100,0
EC	Male	852	48,7	33,0	11,2	3,8	3,3	100,0
	Female	850	20,1	35,9	25,5	13,2	5,3	100,0
	Both	1 702	34,4	34,5	18,4	8,5	4,3	100,0
NC	Male	194	42,8	36,5	12,2	4,4	4,2	100,0
	Female	156	18,7	46,7	24,5	7,4	2,6	100,0
	Both	350	32,1	41,0	17,7	5,7	3,5	100,0
FS	Male	507	44,9	40,4	8,6	4,2	1,9	100,0
	Female	415	19,7	44,9	23,3	9,5	2,6	100,0
	Both	921	33,6	42,4	15,2	6,6	2,2	100,0
KZN	Male	1 556	53,7	30,7	8,8	2,6	4,2	100,0
	Female	1 429	19,4	40,0	28,7	8,4	3,5	100,0
	Both	2 985	37,3	35,2	18,4	5,4	3,8	100,0
NW	Male	719	53,5	32,6	8,4	2,3	3,2	100,0
	Female	527	22,2	43,0	24,1	8,0	2,8	100,0
	Both	1 246	40,3	37,0	15,1	4,7	3,0	100,0
GP	Male	3 354	48,7	41,2	5,7	1,2	3,3	100,0
	Female	1 718	27,3	44,5	20,0	4,4	3,8	100,0
	Both	5 072	41,4	42,3	10,6	2,2	3,5	100,0
MP	Male	764	47,0	36,1	10,1	1,9	5,0	100,0
	Female	568	15,6	45,2	27,4	8,7	3,0	100,0
	Both	1 332	33,6	40,0	17,5	4,8	4,2	100,0
LP	Male	829	47,9	33,4	11,6	4,5	2,6	100,0
	Female	791	16,2	45,6	26,8	9,1	2,2	100,0
	Both	1 620	32,4	39,3	19,0	6,8	2,4	100,0
RSA	Male	9 981	48,3	38,0	8,1	2,2	3,3	100,0
	Female	7 180	22,1	43,0	23,9	7,6	3,4	100,0
	Both	17 160	37,4	40,1	14,7	4,5	3,4	100,0

Source: GHS 2019.

Only households headed by a person of age 15 years or older are included.

Other include unspecified cases.

Table 3.2.10: Male and female-headed households across intergenerational household type by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Per cent					Total
			Total	Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	
Urban	Male	7 314	48,0	40,5	6,6	1,5	3,3	100,0
	Female	4 550	26,7	44,3	20,6	5,0	3,5	100,0
	Both	11 864	39,8	42,0	12,0	2,9	3,4	100,0
Rural	Male	2 667	49,1	31,0	12,2	4,2	3,5	100,0
	Female	2 630	14,3	40,7	29,8	12,0	3,2	100,0
	Both	5 297	31,8	35,8	21,0	8,1	3,3	100,0
RSA	Male	9 981	48,3	38,0	8,1	2,2	3,3	100,0
	Female	7 180	22,1	43,0	23,9	7,6	3,4	100,0
	Both	17 160	37,4	40,1	14,7	4,5	3,4	100,0

Source: GHS 2019.

Only households headed by a person of age 15 years or older are included.

Other include unspecified cases.

Table 3.2.11: Male and female-headed households across intergenerational household type by population group and sex, 2019

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Per cent					
		Total	Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	Other	Total
Black African	Male	7 911	49,8	35,4	8,5	2,4	3,9	100,0
	Female	6 050	19,8	42,6	25,7	8,5	3,4	100,0
	Both	13 962	36,8	38,5	16,0	5,0	3,7	100,0
Coloured	Male	686	24,3	55,8	15,1	2,7	2,0	100,0
	Female	523	18,1	50,2	24,6	4,7	2,5	100,0
	Both	1 210	21,6	53,3	19,2	3,6	2,2	100,0
Indian/ Asian	Male	294	40,5	53,0	4,4	1,3	0,8	100,0
	Female	120	23,7	58,1	15,8	2,5	..	100,0
	Both	414	35,6	54,5	7,7	1,7	0,6	100,0
White	Male	1 088	54,5	42,0	2,0	0,7	0,8	100,0
	Female	487	55,6	36,2	2,9	0,6	4,6	100,0
	Both	1 575	54,8	40,2	2,3	0,7	2,0	100,0
Total	Male	9 981	48,3	38,0	8,1	2,2	3,3	100,0
	Female	7 180	22,1	43,0	23,9	7,6	3,4	100,0
	Both	17 160	37,4	40,1	14,7	4,5	3,4	100,0

Source: GHS 2019.

Only households headed by a person of age 15 years or older are included.

Other include unspecified cases.

Table 3.2.12: Male and female-headed households across intergenerational household type by age group and sex, 2019

Age group and sex		N ('000)	Per cent					
		Total	Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	Other	Total
15-24 years	Male	544	80,5	9,1	0,2	0,4	9,8	100,0
	Female	311	53,1	30,4	0,5	0,3	15,7	100,0
	Both	855	70,6	16,8	0,3	0,4	11,9	100,0
25-34 years	Male	2 406	64,4	30,0	0,2	0,4	5,1	100,0
	Female	1 348	31,4	61,8	1,2	0,5	5,0	100,0
	Both	3 754	52,5	41,4	0,6	0,4	5,0	100,0
35-44 years	Male	2 623	44,9	50,1	1,6	0,5	3,0	100,0
	Female	1 580	20,2	66,4	10,4	1,0	2,1	100,0
	Both	4 203	35,6	56,2	4,9	0,6	2,6	100,0
45-54 years	Male	2 085	34,5	52,8	9,4	1,3	2,0	100,0
	Female	1 422	13,8	44,2	35,1	4,3	2,6	100,0
	Both	3 507	26,1	49,3	19,8	2,5	2,3	100,0
55-64 years	Male	1 356	37,2	32,9	23,7	4,3	1,9	100,0
	Female	1 275	16,4	23,4	43,7	14,1	2,4	100,0
	Both	2 631	27,1	28,3	33,4	9,0	2,2	100,0
65+ years	Male	967	44,7	16,6	25,6	11,9	1,2	100,0
	Female	1 244	22,4	14,4	38,6	22,5	2,1	100,0
	Both	2 211	32,1	15,4	32,9	17,9	1,7	100,0
Total	Male	9 981	48,3	38,0	8,1	2,2	3,3	100,0
	Female	7 180	22,1	43,0	23,9	7,6	3,4	100,0
	Both	17 160	37,4	40,1	14,7	4,5	3,4	100,0

Source: GHS 2019.

Only households headed by a person of age 15 years or older are included.

Other include unspecified cases.

Table 3.2.13: Mean household size by sex of the household head and province, 2019

Province and sex	Male	Female	Both
WC	3,3	3,2	3,2
EC	3,2	3,7	3,5
NC	3,3	3,8	3,5
FS	3,0	3,4	3,2
KZN	3,0	4,2	3,6
NW	2,9	3,6	3,1
GP	2,9	3,3	3,0
MP	3,3	4,0	3,6
LP	3,2	3,9	3,6
RSA	3,1	3,7	3,3

Source: GHS 2019.

Only households headed by a person of age 15 years or older are included.

Table 3.2.14: Mean household size by sex of the household head and geo-type, 2019

Geo-type and sex	Male	Female	Both
Urban	3,0	3,4	3,1
Rural	3,3	4,2	3,7
RSA	3,1	3,7	3,3

Source: GHS 2019.

Only households headed by a person of age 15 years or older are included.

Table 3.2.15: Mean household size by sex of the household head and population group, 2019

Population group and sex	Male	Female	Both
Black African	3,0	3,8	3,4
Coloured	3,9	3,7	3,8
Indian/ Asian	3,2	3,0	3,1
White	2,7	2,0	2,5
Total	3,1	3,7	3,3

Source: GHS 2019.

Only households headed by a person of age 15 years or older are included.

Table 3.2.16: Mean household size by sex of the household head and age group, 2019

Age group and sex	Male	Female	Both
15-24 years	1,6	2,2	1,8
25-34 years	2,3	3,1	2,6
35-44 years	3,1	3,6	3,2
45-54 years	3,6	4,0	3,7
55-64 years	3,8	4,1	3,9
65+ years	3,6	3,9	3,8
Total	3,1	3,7	3,3

Source: GHS 2019.

Only households headed by a person of age 15 years or older are included.

3.3 Women: Income, poverty, economic activity and social grants

Table 3.3.1: Dependency ratios by sex of the household head and province, 2019

Province and sex		Total dependency ratio	Old-age dependency ratio	Child dependency ratio	Mean proportion of children per household
WC	Male	0,6	0,2	0,4	0,2
	Female	0,8	0,2	0,6	0,2
	Both	0,7	0,2	0,5	0,2
EC	Male	0,8	0,2	0,5	0,2
	Female	1,4	0,2	1,1	0,4
	Both	1,1	0,2	0,8	0,3
NC	Male	0,7	0,2	0,6	0,2
	Female	1,1	0,2	0,9	0,3
	Both	0,9	0,2	0,7	0,3
FS	Male	0,6	0,2	0,5	0,2
	Female	1,2	0,2	1,0	0,3
	Both	0,9	0,2	0,7	0,3
KZN	Male	0,6	0,2	0,4	0,2
	Female	1,2	0,2	1,0	0,3
	Both	0,9	0,2	0,7	0,3
NW	Male	0,6	0,2	0,4	0,2
	Female	1,2	0,2	0,9	0,3
	Both	0,8	0,2	0,7	0,2
GP	Male	0,5	0,1	0,4	0,2
	Female	0,9	0,2	0,7	0,3
	Both	0,6	0,1	0,5	0,2
MP	Male	0,6	0,1	0,5	0,2
	Female	1,3	0,2	1,1	0,4
	Both	0,9	0,1	0,7	0,3
LP	Male	0,8	0,2	0,6	0,2
	Female	1,4	0,2	1,2	0,4
	Both	1,1	0,2	0,9	0,3
RSA	Male	0,6	0,1	0,5	0,2
	Female	1,2	0,2	1,0	0,3
	Both	0,8	0,2	0,7	0,3

Table 3.3.2: Dependency ratios by sex of the household head and geo-type, 2019

Geo-type and sex		Total dependency ratio	Old-age dependency ratio	Child dependency ratio	Mean proportion of children per household
Urban	Male	0,5	0,1	0,4	0,2
	Female	1,0	0,2	0,8	0,3
	Both	0,7	0,1	0,5	0,2
Rural	Male	0,8	0,2	0,6	0,2
	Female	1,4	0,2	1,2	0,4
	Both	1,1	0,2	0,9	0,3
RSA	Male	0,6	0,1	0,5	0,2
	Female	1,2	0,2	1,0	0,3
	Both	0,8	0,2	0,7	0,3

Source: GHS 2019

Table 3.3.3: Households without an employed household member by sex of household head and province, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Without	Without
WC	212	1 205	150	727	362	1 933	17,6	20,6	18,7
EC	293	852	463	850	756	1 702	34,4	54,4	44,4
NC	52	194	60	156	112	350	26,9	38,4	32,0
FS	144	507	206	415	350	921	28,5	49,6	38,0
KZN	363	1 556	580	1 429	943	2 985	23,4	40,6	31,6
NW	194	719	256	528	450	1 248	27,0	48,4	36,1
GP	519	3 354	544	1 718	1 064	5 072	15,5	31,7	21,0
MP	174	764	238	568	411	1 332	22,7	41,9	30,9
LP	247	830	424	791	670	1 621	29,7	53,6	41,3
RSA	2 199	9 982	2 919	7 181	5 119	17 163	22,0	40,6	29,8

Source: GHS 2019

Table 3.3.4: Households without an employed household member by sex of household head and geo-type, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Without	Without
Urban	1 312	7 314	1 465	4 551	2 777	11 865	17,9	32,2	23,4
Rural	888	2 668	1 454	2 630	2 342	5 298	33,3	55,3	44,2
RSA	2 199	9 982	2 919	7 181	5 119	17 163	22,0	40,6	29,8

Source: GHS 2019

Table 3.3.5: Households without an employed household member by sex of household head and population group, 2019

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Without	Without
Black African	1 819	7 913	2 612	6 052	4 431	13 964	23,0	43,2	31,7
Coloured	113	686	130	523	243	1 210	16,5	24,8	20,1
Indian/ Asian	29	294	21	120	50	414	9,9	17,7	12,2
White	237	1 088	156	487	394	1 575	21,8	32,1	25,0
Total	2 199	9 982	2 919	7 181	5 119	17 163	22,0	40,6	29,8

Source: GHS 2019

Table 3.3.6: Employed who are employers as a proportion of the overall employed by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Employer	Total	Employer	Total	Employer	Total	Employer	Employer	Employer
WC	105	1 365	35	1 128	140	2 493	7,7	3,1	5,6
EC	55	708	13	693	68	1 401	7,8	1,8	4,9
NC	5	184	0	137	5	322	2,6	0,2	1,6
FS	28	439	10	356	39	796	6,4	2,9	4,8
KZN	120	1 382	30	1 292	150	2 674	8,6	2,4	5,6
NW	36	571	6	389	42	960	6,3	1,6	4,4
GP	256	2 937	80	2 124	335	5 061	8,7	3,7	6,6
MP	51	729	20	505	71	1 234	7,0	3,9	5,8
LP	75	816	14	619	89	1 435	9,2	2,3	6,2
RSA	731	9 132	209	7 244	940	16 376	8,0	2,9	5,7

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 3.3.7: Employed who are employers as a proportion of the overall employed by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Employer	Total	Employer	Total	Employer	Total	Employer	Employer	Employer
Urban	574	6 995	182	5 495	756	12 490	8,2	3,3	6,1
Rural	157	2 137	27	1 749	184	3 886	7,3	1,6	4,7
RSA	731	9 132	209	7 244	940	16 376	8,0	2,9	5,7

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 3.3.8: Employed who are employers as a proportion of the overall employed by population group and sex, 2019

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Employer	Total	Employer	Total	Employer	Total	Employer	Employer	Employer
Black African	426	6 788	122	5 478	548	12 266	6,3	2,2	4,5
Coloured	43	938	7	779	51	1 718	4,6	1,0	2,9
Indian/ Asian	63	355	12	180	75	535	17,9	6,4	14,0
White	198	1 051	68	807	266	1 858	18,8	8,5	14,3
Total	731	9 132	209	7 244	940	16 376	8,0	2,9	5,7

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 3.3.9: Employed who are employers as a proportion of the overall employed by age group and sex, 2019

Age group and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Employer	Total	Employer	Total	Employer	Total	Employer	Employer	Employer
15-34 years	172	3 430	62	2 479	234	5 909	5,0	2,5	4,0
35-64 years	559	5 702	147	4 765	706	10 467	9,8	3,1	6,7
Total	731	9 132	209	7 244	940	16 376	8,0	2,9	5,7

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 3.3.10: Employed who are own-account workers as a proportion the employed by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Own-account	Total	Own-account	Total	Own-account	Total	Own-account	Own-account	Own-account
WC	123	1 365	85	1 128	208	2 493	9,0	7,6	8,4
EC	87	708	73	693	161	1 401	12,3	10,6	11,5
NC	8	184	3	137	11	322	4,5	2,2	3,5
FS	27	439	37	356	64	796	6,1	10,5	8,1
KZN	127	1 382	125	1 292	252	2 674	9,2	9,7	9,4
NW	39	571	28	389	67	960	6,8	7,1	6,9
GP	315	2 937	182	2 124	496	5 061	10,7	8,5	9,8
MP	74	729	74	505	148	1 234	10,1	14,6	12,0
LP	106	816	96	619	201	1 435	12,9	15,5	14,0
RSA	906	9 132	703	7 244	1 609	16 376	9,9	9,7	9,8

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 3.3.11: Employed who are own-account workers as a proportion the employed by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Own-account	Total	Own-account	Total	Own-account	Total	Own-account	Own-account	Own-account
Urban	663	6 995	466	5 495	1 128	12 490	9,5	8,5	9,0
Rural	243	2 137	237	1 749	481	3 886	11,4	13,6	12,4
RSA	906	9 132	703	7 244	1 609	16 376	9,9	9,7	9,8

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 3.3.12: Employed who are own-account workers as a proportion the employed by population group and sex, 2019

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Own-account	Total	Own-account	Total	Own-account	Total	Own-account	Own-account	Own-account
Black African	724	6 788	604	5 478	1 328	12 266	10,7	11,0	10,8
Coloured	61	938	30	779	90	1 718	6,5	3,8	5,2
Indian/ Asian	41	355	8	180	50	535	11,7	4,6	9,3
White	80	1 051	62	807	141	1 858	7,6	7,6	7,6
Total	906	9 132	703	7 244	1 609	16 376	9,9	9,7	9,8

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 3.3.13: Employed who are own-account workers as a proportion the employed by age group and sex, 2019

Age group and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Own-account	Total	Own-account	Total	Own-account	Total	Own-account	Own-account	Own-account
15-34 years	262	3 430	167	2 479	429	5 909	7,6	6,8	7,3
35-64 years	644	5 702	536	4 765	1 180	10 467	11,3	11,2	11,3
Total	906	9 132	703	7 244	1 609	16 376	9,9	9,7	9,8

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 3.3.14: Employed who are working as contributing family members as a proportion of the employed by province an sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Contributing member	Contributing member
WC	1	1 365	11	1 128	12	2 493	0,1	1,0	0,5
EC	3	708	11	693	13	1 401	0,4	1,5	0,9
NC	..	184	..	137	..	322	..	..	..
FS	2	439	5	356	7	796	0,5	1,3	0,9
KZN	4	1 382	11	1 292	15	2 674	0,3	0,8	0,5
NW	..	571	2	389	2	960	..	0,5	0,2
GP	10	2 937	16	2 124	26	5 061	0,4	0,8	0,5
MP	2	729	0	505	2	1 234	0,2	0,1	0,2
LP	3	816	6	619	9	1 435	0,3	1,0	0,6
RSA	24	9 132	61	7 244	86	16 376	0,3	0,8	0,5

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 3.3.15: Employed who are working as contributing family members as a proportion of the employed by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Contributing member	Contributing member
Urban	20	6 995	47	5 495	67	12 490	0,3	0,9	0,5
Rural	4	2 137	14	1 749	19	3 886	0,2	0,8	0,5
RSA	24	9 132	61	7 244	86	16 376	0,3	0,8	0,5

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 3.3.16: Employed who are working as contributing family members as a proportion of the employed by population group and sex, 2019

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Contributing member	Contributing member
Black African	16	6 788	39	5 478	55	12 266	0,2	0,7	0,4
Coloured	1	938	5	779	6	1 718	0,1	0,6	0,4
Indian/ Asian	3	355	8	180	11	535	1,0	4,2	2,1
White	4	1 051	9	807	13	1 858	0,4	1,2	0,7
Total	24	9 132	61	7 244	86	16 376	0,3	0,8	0,5

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 3.3.17: Employed who are working as contributing family members as a proportion of the employed by age group and sex, 2019

Age group and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Contributing member	Contributing member
15-34 years	18	3 430	33	2 479	51	5 909	0,5	1,3	0,9
35-64 years	6	5 702	28	4 765	34	10 467	0,1	0,6	0,3
Total	24	9 132	61	7 244	86	16 376	0,3	0,8	0,5

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 3.3.18: Distribution of employed persons by province, sex and working sector, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)		Per cent				
	Total		Formal	Informal	Agriculture	Domestic worker	Total
WC	Male	1 365	74,5	13,3	10,4	1,9	100,0
	Female	1 128	70,9	12,0	6,5	10,5	100,0
	Both	2 493	72,9	12,7	8,6	5,8	100,0
EC	Male	708	57,9	29,4	9,3	3,4	100,0
	Female	693	60,6	20,3	4,3	14,8	100,0
	Both	1 401	59,2	24,9	6,8	9,1	100,0
NC	Male	184	68,3	12,8	13,8	5,1	100,0
	Female	137	71,6	8,0	5,3	15,1	100,0
	Both	322	69,7	10,7	10,1	9,4	100,0
FS	Male	439	67,5	13,9	10,5	8,1	100,0
	Female	356	60,1	18,8	2,7	18,3	100,0
	Both	796	64,2	16,1	7,0	12,7	100,0
KZN	Male	1 382	68,8	20,9	7,2	3,2	100,0
	Female	1 292	66,1	16,0	3,4	14,5	100,0
	Both	2 674	67,5	18,5	5,3	8,6	100,0
NW	Male	571	70,7	17,4	8,2	3,7	100,0
	Female	389	71,2	12,2	3,2	13,5	100,0
	Both	960	70,9	15,3	6,2	7,7	100,0
GP	Male	2 937	77,3	18,8	0,9	3,0	100,0
	Female	2 124	73,4	12,9	0,6	13,1	100,0
	Both	5 061	75,6	16,3	0,8	7,2	100,0
MP	Male	729	62,5	24,4	10,4	2,7	100,0
	Female	505	55,1	23,4	4,5	17,1	100,0
	Both	1 234	59,5	24,0	8,0	8,6	100,0
LP	Male	816	54,9	31,3	10,9	2,9	100,0
	Female	619	54,6	23,6	8,2	13,6	100,0
	Both	1 435	54,8	27,9	9,8	7,5	100,0
RSA	Male	9 132	69,8	20,2	6,8	3,2	100,0
	Female	7 244	66,8	15,8	3,6	13,7	100,0
	Both	16 376	68,5	18,3	5,4	7,9	100,0

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 3.3.19: Distribution of employed persons by geo-type, sex and working sector, 2019

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Per cent				
			Total	Formal	Informal	Agriculture	Domestic worker
Urban	Male	6 995	76,7	17,9	2,3	3,1	100,0
	Female	5 495	71,8	13,9	1,4	13,0	100,0
	Both	12 490	74,5	16,1	1,9	7,4	100,0
Rural	Male	2 137	47,3	27,8	21,3	3,6	100,0
	Female	1 749	51,1	22,0	10,8	16,1	100,0
	Both	3 886	49,0	25,2	16,6	9,2	100,0
RSA	Male	9 132	69,8	20,2	6,8	3,2	100,0
	Female	7 244	66,8	15,8	3,6	13,7	100,0
	Both	16 376	68,5	18,3	5,4	7,9	100,0

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 3.3.20: Distribution of employed persons by population group, sex and working sector, 2019

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Per cent				
			Total	Formal	Informal	Agriculture	Domestic worker
Black African	Male	6 788	65,4	24,0	6,5	4,0	100,0
	Female	5 478	61,6	18,1	3,5	16,9	100,0
	Both	12 266	63,7	21,4	5,2	9,7	100,0
Coloured	Male	938	73,7	10,8	13,6	2,0	100,0
	Female	779	74,8	8,2	8,2	8,9	100,0
	Both	1 718	74,2	9,6	11,1	5,1	100,0
Indian/ Asian	Male	355	82,6	16,5	0,7	0,2	100,0
	Female	180	81,7	17,9	0,4	..	100,0
	Both	535	82,3	16,9	0,6	0,1	100,0
White	Male	1 051	90,3	5,2	4,4	0,1	100,0
	Female	807	91,1	7,7	0,9	0,3	100,0
	Both	1 858	90,7	6,3	2,9	0,1	100,0
Total	Male	9 132	69,8	20,2	6,8	3,2	100,0
	Female	7 244	66,8	15,8	3,6	13,7	100,0
	Both	16 376	68,5	18,3	5,4	7,9	100,0

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 3.3.21: Distribution of employed persons by age group, sex and working sector, 2019

Age group and sex		N ('000)	Per cent				
			Total	Formal	Informal	Agriculture	Domestic worker
15-34 years	Male	3 430	67,5	22,3	7,3	2,9	100,0
	Female	2 479	71,0	16,1	4,2	8,6	100,0
	Both	5 909	69,0	19,7	6,0	5,3	100,0
35-64 years	Male	5 702	71,2	19,0	6,4	3,4	100,0
	Female	4 765	64,6	15,7	3,3	16,4	100,0
	Both	10 467	68,2	17,5	5,0	9,3	100,0
Total	Male	9 132	69,8	20,2	6,8	3,2	100,0
	Female	7 244	66,8	15,8	3,6	13,7	100,0
	Both	16 376	68,5	18,3	5,4	7,9	100,0

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 3.3.22: Labour force participation rates for women aged 15-64 years by province and age group, 2019

Province and age group	N ('000)						Per cent		
	15-34 years		35-64 years		Total		15-34 years	35-64 years	Total
	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Participated	Participated
WC	656	1 150	809	1 265	1 465	2 414	57,0	64,0	60,7
EC	492	1 265	582	997	1 074	2 262	38,9	58,4	47,5
NC	86	212	108	191	194	403	40,8	56,3	48,2
FS	240	498	299	466	540	964	48,2	64,2	56,0
KZN	792	2 055	963	1 718	1 754	3 773	38,5	56,0	46,5
NW	241	645	328	638	569	1 282	37,4	51,4	44,3
GP	1 328	2 396	1 914	2 608	3 242	5 004	55,4	73,4	64,8
MP	394	787	443	665	837	1 451	50,1	66,6	57,7
LP	338	1 075	475	860	813	1 935	31,4	55,2	42,0
RSA	4 567	10 082	5 920	9 408	10 487	19 490	45,3	62,9	53,8

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 3.3.23: Labour force participation rates for women aged 15-64 years by geo-type and age group, 2019

Geo-type and age group	N ('000)						Per cent		
	15-34 years		35-64 years		Total		15-34 years	35-64 years	Total
	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Participated	Participated
Urban	3 387	6 614	4 506	6 590	7 892	13 204	51,2	68,4	59,8
Rural	1 181	3 468	1 414	2 817	2 595	6 286	34,0	50,2	41,3
RSA	4 567	10 082	5 920	9 408	10 487	19 490	45,3	62,9	53,8

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 3.3.24: Labour force participation rates for women aged 15-64 years by population group and age group, 2019

Population group and age group	N ('000)						Per cent		
	15-34 years		35-64 years		Total		15-34 years	35-64 years	Total
	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Participated	Participated
Black African	3 730	8 480	4 637	7 240	8 367	15 719	44,0	64,0	53,2
Coloured	453	837	569	963	1 022	1 800	54,1	59,1	56,8
Indian/ Asian	98	213	122	278	220	491	46,2	43,8	44,8
White	286	552	592	927	878	1 479	51,7	63,9	59,4
Total	4 567	10 082	5 920	9 408	10 487	19 490	45,3	62,9	53,8

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 3.3.25: Female unemployment rate by province and age group, 2019

Province and age group	N ('000)						Per cent		
	15-34 years		35-64 years		Total		15-34 years	35-64 years	Total
	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Unemployed	Unemployed
WC	223	656	114	809	337	1 465	33,9	14,1	23,0
EC	264	492	116	582	381	1 074	53,7	20,0	35,5
NC	40	86	17	108	57	194	46,6	15,4	29,2
FS	115	240	68	299	183	540	47,8	22,9	34,0
KZN	311	792	152	963	463	1 754	39,3	15,8	26,4
NW	114	241	65	328	179	569	47,4	19,9	31,5
GP	669	1 328	449	1 914	1 118	3 242	50,4	23,4	34,5
MP	222	394	110	443	332	837	56,3	24,8	39,7
LP	130	338	63	475	194	813	38,6	13,3	23,8
RSA	2 089	4 567	1 155	5 920	3 243	10 487	45,7	19,5	30,9

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 3.3.26: Female unemployment rate by geo-type and age group, 2019

Geo-type and age group	N ('000)						Per cent		
	15-34 years		35-64 years		Total		15-34 years	35-64 years	Total
	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Unemployed	Unemployed
Urban	1 518	3 387	879	4 506	2 397	7 892	44,8	19,5	30,4
Rural	571	1 181	275	1 414	846	2 595	48,3	19,5	32,6
RSA	2 089	4 567	1 155	5 920	3 243	10 487	45,7	19,5	30,9

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 3.3.27: Female unemployment rate by population group and age group, 2019

Population group and age group	N ('000)						Per cent		
	15-34 years		35-64 years		Total		15-34 years	35-64 years	Total
	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Unemployed	Unemployed
Black African	1 871	3 730	1 018	4 637	2 889	8 367	50,2	22,0	34,5
Coloured	158	453	85	569	243	1 022	34,8	15,0	23,7
Indian/ Asian	23	98	17	122	40	220	23,5	14,0	18,2
White	37	286	34	592	71	878	12,8	5,8	8,1
Total	2 089	4 567	1 155	5 920	3 243	10 487	45,7	19,5	30,9

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 3.3.28: Female absorption rate by province and age group, 2019

Province and age group	N ('000)						Per cent		
	15-34 years		35-64 years		Total		15-34 years	35-64 years	Total
	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Absorbed	Absorbed
WC	433	1 150	695	1 265	1 128	2 414	37,7	54,9	46,7
EC	228	1 265	465	997	693	2 262	18,0	46,7	30,7
NC	46	212	91	191	137	403	21,8	47,7	34,1
FS	125	498	231	466	356	964	25,2	49,5	37,0
KZN	481	2 055	811	1 718	1 292	3 773	23,4	47,2	34,2
NW	127	645	263	638	389	1 282	19,7	41,2	30,4
GP	659	2 396	1 465	2 608	2 124	5 004	27,5	56,2	42,4
MP	172	787	333	665	505	1 451	21,9	50,1	34,8
LP	208	1 075	411	860	619	1 935	19,3	47,8	32,0
RSA	2 479	10 082	4 765	9 408	7 244	19 490	24,6	50,7	37,2

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 3.3.29: Female absorption rate by geo-type and age group, 2019

Geo-type and age group	N ('000)						Per cent		
	15-34 years		35-64 years		Total		15-34 years	35-64 years	Total
	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Absorbed	Absorbed
Urban	1 868	6 614	3 627	6 590	5 495	13 204	28,3	55,0	41,6
Rural	610	3 468	1 139	2 817	1 749	6 286	17,6	40,4	27,8
RSA	2 479	10 082	4 765	9 408	7 244	19 490	24,6	50,7	37,2

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 3.3.30: Female absorption rate by population group and age group, 2019

Population group and age group	N ('000)						Per cent		
	15-34 years		35-64 years		Total		15-34 years	35-64 years	Total
	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Absorbed	Absorbed
Black African	1 859	8 480	3 619	7 240	5 478	15 719	21,9	50,0	34,8
Coloured	295	837	484	963	779	1 800	35,3	50,3	43,3
Indian/ Asian	75	213	105	278	180	491	35,3	37,7	36,7
White	249	552	558	927	807	1 479	45,1	60,2	54,6
Total	2 479	10 082	4 765	9 408	7 244	19 490	24,6	50,7	37,2

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 3.3.31: Female inactivity rate by province and age group, 2019

Province and age group	N ('000)						Per cent		
	15-34 years		35-64 years		Total		15-34 years	35-64 years	Total
	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive
WC	494	1 150	455	1 265	950	2 414	43,0	36,0	39,3
EC	773	1 265	415	997	1 187	2 262	61,1	41,6	52,5
NC	125	212	84	191	209	403	59,2	43,7	51,8
FS	258	498	167	466	424	964	51,8	35,8	44,0
KZN	1 263	2 055	756	1 718	2 019	3 773	61,5	44,0	53,5
NW	404	645	310	638	714	1 282	62,6	48,6	55,7
GP	1 068	2 396	694	2 608	1 762	5 004	44,6	26,6	35,2
MP	392	787	222	665	614	1 451	49,9	33,4	42,3
LP	737	1 075	386	860	1 123	1 935	68,6	44,8	58,0
RSA	5 515	10 082	3 488	9 408	9 003	19 490	54,7	37,1	46,2

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 3.3.32: Female inactivity rate by geo-type and age group, 2019

Geo-type and age group	N ('000)						Per cent		
	15-34 years		35-64 years		Total		15-34 years	35-64 years	Total
	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive
Urban	3 227	6 614	2 084	6 590	5 312	13 204	48,8	31,6	40,2
Rural	2 288	3 468	1 403	2 817	3 691	6 286	66,0	49,8	58,7
RSA	5 515	10 082	3 488	9 408	9 003	19 490	54,7	37,1	46,2

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 3.3.33: Female inactivity rate by population group and age group, 2019

Population group and age group	N ('000)						Per cent		
	15-34 years		35-64 years		Total		15-34 years	35-64 years	Total
	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive
Black African	4 749	8 480	2 603	7 240	7 352	15 719	56,0	36,0	46,8
Coloured	384	837	394	963	778	1 800	45,9	40,9	43,2
Indian/ Asian	114	213	156	278	271	491	53,8	56,2	55,2
White	267	552	334	927	601	1 479	48,3	36,1	40,6
Total	5 515	10 082	3 488	9 408	9 003	19 490	54,7	37,1	46,2

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 3.3.34: Sex parity ratios in income earnings by province, 2019

Province	R1-R1500	R1501-R2500	R2501-R3500	R3501-R5500	R5501-R7500	R7501-R11500	R11501+
WC	1,4	1,3	0,9	0,8	0,4	0,3	0,5
EC	1,4	1,2	0,7	0,9	0,5	0,6	0,9
NC	1,6	0,6	0,7	0,7	0,6	0,5	0,3
FS	1,3	1,0	0,6	0,8	0,5	0,4	0,6
KZN	1,3	1,3	0,8	0,7	0,6	0,9	0,8
NW	1,2	0,7	0,7	0,6	0,6	0,3	0,6
GP	0,9	1,1	0,8	0,7	0,5	0,5	0,7
MP	1,1	1,0	0,9	0,6	0,6	0,3	0,5
LP	1,4	0,7	1,1	0,6	0,5	0,5	0,7
RSA	1,2	1,1	0,8	0,7	0,5	0,5	0,7

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 3.3.35: Sex parity ratios in income earnings by geo-type, 2019

Geo-type	R1-R1500	R1501-R2500	R2501-R3500	R3501-R5500	R5501-R7500	R7501-R11500	R11501+
Urban	1,0	1,1	0,8	0,8	0,5	0,5	0,7
Rural	1,5	0,9	0,8	0,5	0,6	0,5	0,6
RSA	1,2	1,1	0,8	0,7	0,5	0,5	0,7

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 3.3.36: Sex parity ratios in income earnings by population group, 2019

Population group	R1-R1500	R1501-R2500	R2501-R3500	R3501-R5500	R5501-R7500	R7501-R11500	R11501+
Black African	1,2	1,0	0,8	0,7	0,5	0,5	0,7
Coloured	1,1	1,3	0,8	0,9	0,5	0,5	0,5
Indian/ Asian	0,5	0,5	0,2	0,6	0,3	0,3	0,4
White	0,8	1,4	0,9	0,9	0,5	0,7	0,7
Total	1,2	1,1	0,8	0,7	0,5	0,5	0,7

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

3.4 Women: Health

Table 3.4.1: Persons with access to medical aid by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)		Per cent			
	Total	Medical aid	No medical aid	Unspecified	Total	
WC	Male	3 331	23,4	76,5	0,1	100,0
	Female	3 463	24,8	75,1	0,1	100,0
	Both	6 794	24,1	75,8	0,1	100,0
EC	Male	3 096	10,2	89,6	0,2	100,0
	Female	3 423	11,4	88,5	0,1	100,0
	Both	6 519	10,8	89,0	0,1	100,0
NC	Male	616	17,8	82,0	0,2	100,0
	Female	630	20,8	79,2	..	100,0
	Both	1 246	19,3	80,6	0,1	100,0
FS	Male	1 394	14,6	85,2	0,2	100,0
	Female	1 523	14,8	85,2	..	100,0
	Both	2 917	14,7	85,2	0,1	100,0
KZN	Male	5 446	13,3	86,5	0,2	100,0
	Female	5 917	12,9	86,9	0,2	100,0
	Both	11 363	13,1	86,7	0,2	100,0
NW	Male	1 905	17,5	82,4	0,2	100,0
	Female	2 091	15,2	84,6	0,1	100,0
	Both	3 997	16,3	83,6	0,1	100,0
GP	Male	7 709	23,7	76,0	0,3	100,0
	Female	7 346	26,1	73,6	0,2	100,0
	Both	15 055	24,9	74,9	0,3	100,0
MP	Male	2 250	12,3	87,6	0,0	100,0
	Female	2 355	12,8	87,0	0,2	100,0
	Both	4 605	12,6	87,3	0,1	100,0
LP	Male	2 834	10,2	89,7	0,1	100,0
	Female	3 099	9,7	90,2	0,1	100,0
	Both	5 933	9,9	89,9	0,1	100,0
RSA	Male	28 582	17,0	82,8	0,2	100,0
	Female	29 847	17,5	82,4	0,1	100,0
	Both	58 429	17,2	82,6	0,2	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 3.4.2: Persons with access to medical aid by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Per cent			
		Total	Medical aid	No medical aid	Unspecified	Total
Urban	Male	18 655	22,4	77,3	0,2	100,0
	Female	18 871	23,7	76,1	0,2	100,0
	Both	37 526	23,1	76,7	0,2	100,0
Rural	Male	9 927	6,8	93,1	0,1	100,0
	Female	10 976	6,7	93,2	0,1	100,0
	Both	20 903	6,7	93,1	0,1	100,0
RSA	Male	28 582	17,0	82,8	0,2	100,0
	Female	29 847	17,5	82,4	0,1	100,0
	Both	58 429	17,2	82,6	0,2	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 3.4.3: Persons with access to medical aid by population group and sex, 2019

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Per cent			
		Total	Medical aid	No medical aid	Unspecified	Total
Black African	Male	23 215	10,6	89,2	0,2	100,0
	Female	24 239	11,0	88,9	0,2	100,0
	Both	47 454	10,8	89,0	0,2	100,0
Coloured	Male	2 462	20,0	79,8	0,2	100,0
	Female	2 619	21,2	78,7	0,1	100,0
	Both	5 080	20,6	79,3	0,1	100,0
Indian/ Asian	Male	745	47,1	52,6	0,3	100,0
	Female	706	47,3	52,5	0,1	100,0
	Both	1 451	47,2	52,6	0,2	100,0
White	Male	2 161	71,8	28,0	0,2	100,0
	Female	2 283	72,9	27,0	0,0	100,0
	Both	4 444	72,4	27,5	0,1	100,0
Total	Male	28 582	17,0	82,8	0,2	100,0
	Female	29 847	17,5	82,4	0,1	100,0
	Both	58 429	17,2	82,6	0,2	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

3.5 Women: Vulnerability to hunger

Table 3.5.1: Households that reported hunger by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering	Suffering
WC	149	1 196	80	719	228	1 915	12,4	11,1	11,9
EC	80	845	53	848	133	1 693	9,4	6,3	7,9
NC	35	192	29	155	64	347	18,2	19,0	18,6
FS	73	504	68	414	141	918	14,6	16,4	15,4
KZN	155	1 542	196	1 426	351	2 968	10,0	13,8	11,8
NW	114	704	80	517	194	1 221	16,2	15,4	15,9
GP	225	3 338	162	1 705	387	5 042	6,8	9,5	7,7
MP	94	748	87	562	182	1 311	12,6	15,5	13,9
LP	32	828	37	789	69	1 616	3,9	4,7	4,3
RSA	958	9 897	793	7 133	1 751	17 031	9,7	11,1	10,3

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 3.5.2: Households that reported hunger by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering	Suffering
Urban	621	7 258	462	4 516	1 083	11 774	8,6	10,2	9,2
Rural	337	2 639	331	2 617	668	5 257	12,8	12,7	12,7
RSA	958	9 897	793	7 133	1 751	17 031	9,7	11,1	10,3

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

3.6 Women: Education

Table 3.6.1: Persons aged 20 years and above who are functionally literate by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate	Literate	Literate
WC	2 026	2 210	2 233	2 388	4 258	4 598	91,6	93,5	92,6
EC	1 360	1 690	1 702	2 052	3 063	3 742	80,5	83,0	81,8
NC	313	376	336	398	649	773	83,4	84,5	84,0
FS	718	848	834	975	1 552	1 823	84,7	85,5	85,1
KZN	2 728	3 117	3 062	3 653	5 790	6 770	87,5	83,8	85,5
NW	972	1 178	1 047	1 279	2 019	2 457	82,5	81,9	82,2
GP	5 019	5 327	4 740	5 011	9 759	10 338	94,2	94,6	94,4
MP	1 187	1 386	1 145	1 374	2 332	2 760	85,6	83,4	84,5
LP	1 266	1 503	1 458	1 803	2 724	3 306	84,2	80,8	82,4
RSA	15 589	17 635	16 557	18 933	32 146	36 568	88,4	87,5	87,9

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 3.6.2: Persons aged 20 years and above who are functionally literate by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate	Literate	Literate
Urban	11 444	12 393	11 652	12 595	23 096	24 988	92,3	92,5	92,4
Rural	4 145	5 243	4 905	6 337	9 050	11 580	79,1	77,4	78,2
RSA	15 589	17 635	16 557	18 933	32 146	36 568	88,4	87,5	87,9

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 3.6.3: Persons aged 20 years and above who are functionally literate by population group and sex, 2019

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate	Literate	Literate
Black African	11 992	13 862	12 711	14 879	24 703	28 740	86,5	85,4	86,0
Coloured	1 392	1 550	1 542	1 720	2 934	3 270	89,8	89,6	89,7
Indian/ Asian	543	556	503	526	1 046	1 082	97,8	95,6	96,7
White	1 661	1 668	1 802	1 808	3 464	3 476	99,6	99,7	99,7
Total	15 589	17 635	16 557	18 933	32 146	36 568	88,4	87,5	87,9

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 3.6.4: Persons aged 20 years and above who are functionally literate by age group and sex, 2019

Age group and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate	Literate	Literate
20-39 years	9 681	10 286	9 960	10 272	19 642	20 557	94,1	97,0	95,5
40-59 years	4 604	5 385	4 881	5 738	9 485	11 123	85,5	85,1	85,3
60+ years	1 304	1 964	1 715	2 923	3 019	4 887	66,4	58,7	61,8
Total	15 589	17 635	16 557	18 933	32 146	36 568	88,4	87,5	87,9

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 3.6.5: Distribution of the highest level of education obtained by persons aged 25 years and above by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)		Per cent						
	Total		Less than matric	Matric	Other tertiary	Graduates	Other	Unspecified	Total
WC	Male	1 950	50,4	28,3	7,0	11,7	2,6	..	100,0
	Female	2 099	50,4	29,7	8,6	9,5	1,8	..	100,0
	Both	4 049	50,4	29,0	7,8	10,6	2,2	..	100,0
EC	Male	1 430	67,9	20,5	6,5	4,6	0,6	..	100,0
	Female	1 814	68,8	18,5	7,8	4,6	0,4	..	100,0
	Both	3 244	68,4	19,3	7,2	4,6	0,5	..	100,0
NC	Male	323	62,6	26,7	4,9	3,8	2,0	0,1	100,0
	Female	348	61,4	27,6	6,6	4,0	0,3	..	100,0
	Both	670	62,0	27,2	5,8	3,9	1,1	0,1	100,0
FS	Male	737	60,6	26,8	5,5	5,8	1,3	..	100,0
	Female	849	61,2	25,4	6,8	5,8	0,7	..	100,0
	Both	1 586	60,9	26,0	6,2	5,8	1,0	..	100,0
KZN	Male	2 629	52,7	32,5	6,4	6,9	1,5	..	100,0
	Female	3 123	55,8	29,5	6,1	7,8	0,8	..	100,0
	Both	5 752	54,4	30,8	6,2	7,4	1,1	..	100,0
NW	Male	1 033	59,7	27,3	4,9	5,0	3,1	..	100,0
	Female	1 131	60,6	25,6	6,4	5,4	2,1	..	100,0
	Both	2 164	60,2	26,4	5,7	5,2	2,5	..	100,0
GP	Male	4 664	41,9	32,8	9,5	12,0	3,7	0,0	100,0
	Female	4 401	40,5	33,6	11,0	12,5	2,3	0,0	100,0
	Both	9 065	41,2	33,2	10,3	12,2	3,1	0,0	100,0
MP	Male	1 175	57,8	28,3	7,9	4,1	1,8	0,1	100,0
	Female	1 171	58,8	25,6	9,5	4,8	1,1	0,1	100,0
	Both	2 346	58,3	27,0	8,7	4,5	1,5	0,1	100,0
LP	Male	1 270	62,3	21,9	8,9	4,8	2,2	..	100,0
	Female	1 557	65,1	20,1	8,9	4,7	1,2	..	100,0
	Both	2 827	63,9	20,9	8,9	4,7	1,6	..	100,0
RSA	Male	15 212	52,8	29,0	7,6	8,2	2,4	0,0	100,0
	Female	16 492	54,3	27,7	8,5	8,1	1,4	0,0	100,0
	Both	31 703	53,6	28,3	8,1	8,1	1,9	0,0	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 3.6.6: Distribution of the highest level of education obtained by persons aged 25 years and above by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Per cent						Total
			Total	Less than matric	Matric	Other tertiary	Graduates	Other	
Urban	Male	10 836	46,3	31,8	8,7	10,6	2,6	0,0	100,0
	Female	11 035	46,6	31,3	9,8	10,7	1,6	0,0	100,0
	Both	21 871	46,5	31,5	9,2	10,7	2,1	0,0	100,0
Rural	Male	4 375	68,8	22,0	4,9	2,3	2,1	..	100,0
	Female	5 456	69,8	20,5	5,9	2,8	1,1	..	100,0
	Both	9 832	69,4	21,1	5,4	2,6	1,5	..	100,0
RSA	Male	15 212	52,8	29,0	7,6	8,2	2,4	0,0	100,0
	Female	16 492	54,3	27,7	8,5	8,1	1,4	0,0	100,0
	Both	31 703	53,6	28,3	8,1	8,1	1,9	0,0	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 3.6.7: Distribution of the highest level of education obtained by persons aged 25 years and above by population group and sex, 2019

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Per cent						Total
			Total	Less than matric	Matric	Other tertiary	Graduates	Other	
Black African	Male	11 826	58,0	27,5	6,6	5,2	2,6	0,0	100,0
	Female	12 822	59,4	25,7	7,8	5,5	1,5	0,0	100,0
	Both	24 648	58,7	26,6	7,3	5,4	2,0	0,0	100,0
Coloured	Male	1 339	57,5	28,8	5,9	5,2	2,6	0,0	100,0
	Female	1 509	59,3	27,6	6,9	4,6	1,7	..	100,0
	Both	2 848	58,4	28,1	6,4	4,9	2,1	0,0	100,0
Indian/ Asian	Male	503	25,4	41,6	13,1	17,6	2,5	..	100,0
	Female	478	31,1	39,1	8,7	20,1	1,0	..	100,0
	Both	981	28,1	40,4	11,0	18,8	1,7	..	100,0
White	Male	1 543	17,7	35,9	14,5	31,0	0,8	0,1	100,0
	Female	1 683	17,2	39,8	15,1	27,1	0,8	..	100,0
	Both	3 226	17,4	37,9	14,8	29,0	0,8	0,0	100,0
Total	Male	15 212	52,8	29,0	7,6	8,2	2,4	0,0	100,0
	Female	16 492	54,3	27,7	8,5	8,1	1,4	0,0	100,0
	Both	31 703	53,6	28,3	8,1	8,1	1,9	0,0	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

3.7 Women: Housing and basic services

Table 3.7.1: Distribution of the type of housing by sex of the household head, 2019

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Per cent				
		Total	Formal	Traditional	Informal	Other	Total
Urban	Male	7 314	81,2	0,7	17,6	0,5	100,0
	Female	4 551	86,1	0,8	12,9	0,2	100,0
	Both	11 865	83,1	0,7	15,8	0,4	100,0
Rural	Male	2 668	80,1	12,5	7,3	0,1	100,0
	Female	2 630	78,5	17,4	3,9	0,1	100,0
	Both	5 298	79,3	14,9	5,6	0,1	100,0
RSA	Male	9 982	80,9	3,8	14,8	0,4	100,0
	Female	7 181	83,3	6,9	9,6	0,2	100,0
	Both	17 163	81,9	5,1	12,6	0,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 3.7.2: Distribution of the living condition indicators of male- and female-headed households, 2019

Access to piped water

Sex	N ('000)	Per cent	
	Total	Access	Unspecified
Male	33 285	76,5	0,4
Female	25 144	67,4	0,4
Both	58 429	72,6	0,4

Source: GHS 2019

Access to improved sanitation

Sex	N ('000)	Per cent
	Total	Access
Male	33 285	84,1
Female	25 144	80,6
Both	58 429	82,6

Source: GHS 2019

Refuse/ waste removed by the municipality

Sex	N ('000)	Per cent	
	Total	Access	Unspecified
Male	33 285	67,2	0,0
Female	25 144	52,0	0,0
Both	58 429	60,7	0,0

Source: GHS 2019

Access to electricity connected to the mains

Sex	N ('000)	Per cent	
	Total	Access	Unspecified
Male	33 285	89,4	10,3
Female	25 144	92,4	7,4
Both	58 429	90,7	9,0

Source: GHS 2019

Use solid fuels for cooking

Sex	N ('000)	Per cent
	Total	Access
Male	33 285	8,5
Female	25 144	14,2
Both	58 429	11,0

Source: GHS 2019

3.8 Women: Violence and crime victims

Table 3.8.1: Women who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area during the day by province, 2018_19

Province	N ('000)		Per cent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
WC	778	2 485	31,3
EC	291	2 120	13,7
NC	62	463	13,3
FS	184	1 085	16,9
KZN	642	4 104	15,6
NW	180	1 357	13,2
GP	1 282	5 397	23,7
MP	175	1 570	11,1
LP	180	2 007	8,9
RSA	3 775	20 589	18,3

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GSJS) 2018/19.

Table 3.8.2: Women who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area during the day by age group, 2018_19

Age group	N ('000)		Per cent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
15-24 years	836	4 705	17,7
25-34 years	916	5 075	18,0
35+ years	2 024	10 809	18,7
Total	3 775	20 589	18,3

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GSJS) 2018/19.

Table 3.8.3: Women who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area at night by province, 2018_19

Province	N ('000)		Per cent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
WC	1 654	2 485	66,5
EC	1 426	2 120	67,2
NC	284	463	61,3
FS	853	1 085	78,6
KZN	2 603	4 104	63,4
NW	927	1 357	68,3
GP	3 897	5 397	72,2
MP	1 081	1 570	68,8
LP	1 045	2 007	52,0
RSA	13 769	20 589	66,8

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GSJS) 2018/19

Table 3.8.4: Women who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area at night by age group, 2018_19

Age group	N ('000)		Per cent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
15-24 years	3 151	4 705	66,9
25-34 years	3 454	5 075	68,0
35+ years	7 165	10 809	66,2
Total	13 769	20 589	66,8

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GSJS) 2018/19.

Table 3.8.5: Women who have been victims of property crime during the past 5 years by province, 2018_19

Province	N ('000)		Per cent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
WC	209	2 485	8,4
EC	93	2 120	4,3
NC	33	464	7,0
FS	41	1 085	3,7
KZN	162	4 104	3,9
NW	53	1 357	3,9
GP	430	5 403	7,9
MP	49	1 570	3,0
LP	84	2 007	4,1
RSA	1 153	20 596	5,5

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GSJS) 2018/19

Table 3.8.6: Women who have been victims of property crime during the past 5 years by population group, 2018_19

Population group	N ('000)		Per cent
	Suffering	Total responded	Suffering
Black African	872	16 206	5,3
Coloured	90	1 889	4,7
Indian/ Asian	18	565	3,2
White	172	1 935	8,9
Total	1 153	20 596	5,5

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GSJS) 2018/19.

Table 3.8.7: Women who have been victims of assault during the past 5 years by province, 2018_19

Province	N ('000)		Per cent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
WC	49	2 485	1,9
EC	20	2 120	0,9
NC	11	464	2,3
FS	18	1 085	1,6
KZN	19	4 104	0,4
NW	8	1 357	0,6
GP	69	5 403	1,2
MP	18	1 570	1,1
LP	12	2 007	0,5
RSA	224	20 596	1,0

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GSJS) 2018/19.

Table 3.8.8: Women who have been victims of assault during the past 5 years by population group, 2018_19

Population group	N ('000)		Per cent
	Suffering	Total responded	Suffering
Black African	147	16 206	0,9
Coloured	56	1 889	2,9
Indian/ Asian	9	565	1,5
White	12	1 935	0,6
Total	224	20 596	1,0

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GSJS) 2018/19.

INDICATORS: OLDER PERSONS

Older persons are defined as people aged 60 years and older.

4.1 Demography of older persons

Table 4.1.1: Distribution of older persons by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)			Per cent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
WC	267	368	635	42,1	57,9	100,0
EC	266	423	689	38,6	61,4	100,0
NC	47	77	125	38,0	62,0	100,0
FS	109	156	266	41,2	58,8	100,0
KZN	318	534	851	37,3	62,7	100,0
NW	139	220	359	38,8	61,2	100,0
GP	513	670	1 183	43,4	56,6	100,0
MP	136	193	330	41,4	58,6	100,0
LP	168	282	450	37,3	62,7	100,0
RSA	1 964	2 923	4 887	40,2	59,8	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.1.2: Distribution of older persons by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)			Per cent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
Urban	1 347	1 823	3 170	42,5	57,5	100,0
Rural	617	1 100	1 717	35,9	64,1	100,0
RSA	1 964	2 923	4 887	40,2	59,8	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.1.3: Distribution of older persons by population group and sex, 2019

Population group and sex	N ('000)			Per cent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
Black African	1 197	1 918	3 115	38,4	61,6	100,0
Coloured	197	295	491	40,0	60,0	100,0
Indian/ Asian	80	109	189	42,5	57,5	100,0
White	490	601	1 091	44,9	55,1	100,0
Total	1 964	2 923	4 887	40,2	59,8	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.1.4: Older persons as a proportion of the overall population by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Elderly	Total	Elderly	Total	Elderly	Total	Elderly	Elderly	Elderly
WC	267	3 331	368	3 463	635	6 794	8,0	10,6	9,3
EC	266	3 096	423	3 423	689	6 519	8,6	12,4	10,6
NC	47	616	77	630	125	1 246	7,7	12,3	10,0
FS	109	1 394	156	1 523	266	2 917	7,9	10,3	9,1
KZN	318	5 446	534	5 917	851	11 363	5,8	9,0	7,5
NW	139	1 905	220	2 091	359	3 997	7,3	10,5	9,0
GP	513	7 709	670	7 346	1 183	15 055	6,7	9,1	7,9
MP	136	2 250	193	2 355	330	4 605	6,1	8,2	7,2
LP	168	2 834	282	3 099	450	5 933	5,9	9,1	7,6
RSA	1 964	28 582	2 923	29 847	4 887	58 429	6,9	9,8	8,4

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.1.5: Older persons as a proportion of the overall population by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Elderly	Total	Elderly	Total	Elderly	Total	Elderly	Elderly	Elderly
Urban	1 347	18 655	1 823	18 871	3 170	37 526	7,2	9,7	8,4
Rural	617	9 927	1 100	10 976	1 717	20 903	6,2	10,0	8,2
RSA	1 964	28 582	2 923	29 847	4 887	58 429	6,9	9,8	8,4

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.1.6: Older persons as a proportion of the overall population by population group and sex, 2019

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Elderly	Total	Elderly	Total	Elderly	Total	Elderly	Elderly	Elderly
Black African	1 197	23 215	1 918	24 239	3 115	47 454	5,2	7,9	6,6
Coloured	197	2 462	295	2 619	491	5 080	8,0	11,3	9,7
Indian/ Asian	80	745	109	706	189	1 451	10,8	15,4	13,0
White	490	2 161	601	2 283	1 091	4 444	22,7	26,3	24,6
Total	1 964	28 582	2 923	29 847	4 887	58 429	6,9	9,8	8,4

Source: GHS 2019

4.2 Older persons: Household characteristics

Table 4.2.1: Distribution of households headed by persons 60 years and older by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)			Per cent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
WC	205	171	376	54,5	45,5	100,0
EC	225	291	516	43,6	56,4	100,0
NC	41	44	85	48,3	51,7	100,0
FS	96	110	207	46,7	53,3	100,0
KZN	262	350	612	42,7	57,3	100,0
NW	114	150	265	43,2	56,8	100,0
GP	405	391	797	50,9	49,1	100,0
MP	111	142	253	43,9	56,1	100,0
LP	147	199	346	42,5	57,5	100,0
RSA	1 607	1 850	3 456	46,5	53,5	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.2.2: Distribution of households headed by persons 60 years and older by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)			Per cent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
Urban	1 064	1 047	2 111	50,4	49,6	100,0
Rural	542	803	1 345	40,3	59,7	100,0
RSA	1 607	1 850	3 456	46,5	53,5	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.2.3: Distribution of households headed by persons 60 years and older by population group and sex, 2019

Population group and sex	N ('000)			Per cent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
Black African	1 029	1 457	2 486	41,4	58,6	100,0
Coloured	147	154	301	48,8	51,2	100,0
Indian/ Asian	49	35	85	58,5	41,5	100,0
White	381	204	585	65,2	34,8	100,0
Total	1 607	1 850	3 456	46,5	53,5	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.2.4: Persons aged 60 years and older living across different types of intergenerational households by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex		N ('000)	Per cent					
			Total	Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	Other
WC	Male	267	44,4	27,3	24,3	3,0	0,9	100,0
	Female	368	32,8	29,1	30,5	6,1	1,4	100,0
	Both	635	37,7	28,4	27,9	4,8	1,2	100,0
EC	Male	266	33,8	18,9	33,4	12,0	1,9	100,0
	Female	423	19,8	16,5	40,5	21,3	1,9	100,0
	Both	689	25,2	17,4	37,8	17,7	1,9	100,0
NC	Male	47	42,7	19,2	22,8	12,8	2,5	100,0
	Female	77	25,7	25,0	32,3	15,7	1,2	100,0
	Both	125	32,2	22,8	28,7	14,6	1,7	100,0
FS	Male	109	36,0	23,6	31,8	7,8	0,8	100,0
	Female	156	23,3	17,7	38,3	19,1	1,6	100,0
	Both	266	28,6	20,1	35,6	14,5	1,3	100,0
KZN	Male	318	30,0	20,5	38,1	10,2	1,2	100,0
	Female	534	15,5	15,3	51,2	17,1	0,7	100,0
	Both	851	20,9	17,3	46,3	14,6	0,9	100,0
NW	Male	139	35,0	22,6	29,4	9,7	3,3	100,0
	Female	220	19,0	21,3	41,9	17,1	0,6	100,0
	Both	359	25,2	21,8	37,1	14,2	1,7	100,0
GP	Male	513	37,5	33,8	23,7	3,7	1,3	100,0
	Female	670	28,0	29,7	32,3	8,7	1,2	100,0
	Both	1 183	32,1	31,5	28,6	6,6	1,2	100,0
MP	Male	136	30,8	24,0	33,8	8,9	2,6	100,0
	Female	193	16,4	18,9	46,1	17,2	1,4	100,0
	Both	330	22,3	21,0	41,0	13,8	1,9	100,0
LP	Male	168	25,6	14,0	46,5	12,1	1,8	100,0
	Female	282	12,3	18,1	48,8	19,8	1,0	100,0
	Both	450	17,3	16,6	47,9	16,9	1,3	100,0
RSA	Male	1 964	35,1	24,7	30,9	7,7	1,6	100,0
	Female	2 923	21,9	21,9	40,3	14,7	1,2	100,0
	Both	4 887	27,2	23,0	36,5	11,9	1,4	100,0

Source: GHS 2019.

Other include unspecified cases.

Table 4.2.5: Persons aged 60 years and older living across different types of intergenerational households by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Per cent					
			Total	Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	Other
Urban	Male	1 347	39,7	28,4	25,3	5,3	1,3	100,0
	Female	1 823	28,4	26,6	34,1	9,8	1,1	100,0
	Both	3 170	33,2	27,3	30,4	7,9	1,2	100,0
Rural	Male	617	25,1	16,6	43,1	13,0	2,1	100,0
	Female	1 100	11,1	14,1	50,5	22,9	1,5	100,0
	Both	1 717	16,1	15,0	47,8	19,4	1,7	100,0
RSA	Male	1 964	35,1	24,7	30,9	7,7	1,6	100,0
	Female	2 923	21,9	21,9	40,3	14,7	1,2	100,0
	Both	4 887	27,2	23,0	36,5	11,9	1,4	100,0

Source: GHS 2019.

Other include unspecified cases.

Table 4.2.6: Persons aged 60 years and older living across different types of intergenerational households by population group and sex, 2019

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Per cent					
			Total	Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	Other
Black African	Male	1 197	22,7	22,4	41,5	11,1	2,2	100,0
	Female	1 918	10,6	15,6	52,8	19,7	1,3	100,0
	Both	3 115	15,3	18,2	48,4	16,4	1,6	100,0
Coloured	Male	197	22,8	29,2	40,2	6,8	1,0	100,0
	Female	295	14,4	34,9	39,0	9,8	1,9	100,0
	Both	491	17,8	32,6	39,5	8,6	1,5	100,0
Indian/ Asian	Male	80	40,3	39,0	19,4	1,3	..	100,0
	Female	109	32,5	41,2	19,4	6,8	..	100,0
	Both	189	35,8	40,3	19,4	4,5	..	100,0
White	Male	490	69,3	26,0	3,2	0,9	0,6	100,0
	Female	601	59,6	31,9	4,8	2,8	0,9	100,0
	Both	1 091	64,0	29,2	4,1	2,0	0,8	100,0
Total	Male	1 964	35,1	24,7	30,9	7,7	1,6	100,0
	Female	2 923	21,9	21,9	40,3	14,7	1,2	100,0
	Both	4 887	27,2	23,0	36,5	11,9	1,4	100,0

Source: GHS 2019.

Other include unspecified cases.

Table 4.2.7: Distribution of households headed by persons 60 years and older by household composition and province, 2019

Province	N ('000)	Per cent				
		Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex
WC	376	17,6	44,0	34,4	4,0	100,0
EC	516	17,9	21,4	59,7	0,9	100,0
NC	85	14,9	27,9	54,4	2,7	100,0
FS	207	20,5	26,0	51,4	2,1	100,0
KZN	612	13,3	23,4	61,3	1,9	100,0
NW	265	21,4	25,1	50,2	3,3	100,0
GP	797	17,9	37,0	44,0	1,1	100,0
MP	253	14,1	22,4	63,3	0,2	100,0
LP	346	15,5	17,7	65,6	1,2	100,0
RSA	3 456	16,9	28,2	53,1	1,8	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.2.8: Distribution of households headed by persons 60 years and older by household composition and geo-type, 2019

Geo-type	N ('000)	Per cent				
		Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex
Urban	2 111	18,1	35,3	44,6	2,0	100,0
Rural	1 345	14,9	17,2	66,5	1,4	100,0
RSA	3 456	16,9	28,2	53,1	1,8	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.2.9: Distribution of households headed by persons 60 years and older by household composition and population group, 2019

Population group	N ('000)	Per cent				
		Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex
Black African	2 486	14,9	19,2	64,4	1,6	100,0
Coloured	301	9,6	35,5	51,4	3,5	100,0
Indian/ Asian	85	14,2	55,3	29,3	1,2	100,0
White	585	29,6	59,1	9,6	1,8	100,0
Total	3 456	16,9	28,2	53,1	1,8	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.2.10: Distribution of households headed by persons 60 years and older by household composition and sex, 2019

Sex	N ('000)	Per cent				
		Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Total
Male	1 607	14,9	43,6	39,6	1,9	100,0
Female	1 850	18,6	14,9	64,9	1,7	100,0
Both	3 456	16,9	28,2	53,1	1,8	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.2.11: Mean ratio of children to older persons in older person-headed households by province and sex of the household head

Province	Male	Female	Both
WC	0,3	0,7	0,5
EC	0,8	1,5	1,2
NC	0,8	1,2	1,0
FS	0,5	1,2	0,9
KZN	0,9	1,6	1,3
NW	0,6	1,2	1,0
GP	0,5	1,0	0,8
MP	0,9	1,8	1,4
LP	1,3	1,6	1,5
RSA	0,7	1,3	1,0

Source: GHS 2019

4.3 Older persons: Income, poverty, economic activity and social grants

Table 4.3.1: Older persons who are beneficiaries of social grants by province, 2019

Province	N ('000)		Per cent
	Beneficiary	Total	Beneficiary
WC	336	635	52,9
EC	546	689	79,3
NC	97	125	78,1
FS	196	266	73,6
KZN	670	851	78,7
NW	266	359	74,1
GP	673	1 183	56,9
MP	251	330	76,1
LP	384	450	85,3
RSA	3 419	4 887	70,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.3.2: Older persons who are beneficiaries of social grants by geo-type, 2019

Geo-type	N ('000)		Per cent
	Beneficiary	Total	Beneficiary
Urban	1 906	3 170	60,1
Rural	1 513	1 717	88,1
RSA	3 419	4 887	70,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.3.3: Older persons who are beneficiaries of social grants by population group, 2019

Population group	N ('000)		Per cent
	Beneficiary	Total	Beneficiary
Black African	2 682	3 115	86,1
Coloured	375	491	76,2
Indian/ Asian	119	189	63,1
White	243	1 091	22,3
Total	3 419	4 887	70,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.3.4: Older persons who are beneficiaries of social grants by sex, 2019

Sex	N ('000)		Per cent
	Beneficiary	Total	Beneficiary
Male	1 246	1 964	63,4
Female	2 173	2 923	74,3
Both	3 419	4 887	70,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.3.5: Labour force participation rate of older persons by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Participated	Participated
WC	72	293	36	402	108	695	24,6	8,9	15,5
EC	37	236	28	390	65	626	15,6	7,2	10,4
NC	11	49	6	76	17	125	22,7	7,4	13,4
FS	20	99	21	168	41	267	20,5	12,6	15,5
KZN	58	324	51	599	109	923	17,8	8,6	11,8
NW	22	144	17	210	39	354	15,5	8,0	11,1
GP	140	576	110	809	250	1 385	24,2	13,6	18,0
MP	28	130	21	209	49	339	21,3	10,2	14,4
LP	31	167	23	302	54	469	18,4	7,7	11,5
RSA	418	2 018	314	3 165	732	5 183	20,7	9,9	14,1

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 4.3.6: Labour force participation rate of older persons by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Participated	Participated
Urban	319	1 365	224	1 991	543	3 356	23,3	11,3	16,2
Rural	100	653	90	1 174	189	1 827	15,2	7,6	10,4
RSA	418	2 018	314	3 165	732	5 183	20,7	9,9	14,1

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 4.3.7: Labour force participation rate of older persons by population group and sex, 2019

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Participated	Participated
Black African	234	1 280	205	2 172	439	3 453	18,3	9,4	12,7
Coloured	34	206	20	285	54	491	16,4	6,9	10,9
Indian/ Asian	15	81	7	100	23	181	19,0	7,3	12,5
White	135	451	82	607	217	1 058	29,8	13,5	20,5
Total	418	2 018	314	3 165	732	5 183	20,7	9,9	14,1

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 4.3.8: Unemployment rate of older persons by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Unemployed	Unemployed
WC	..	72	1	36	1	108	..	3,2	1,1
EC	2	37	1	28	3	65	5,6	2,7	4,4
NC	1	11	..	6	1	17	5,5	..	3,6
FS	2	20	1	21	2	41	9,0	2,8	5,8
KZN	2	58	2	51	4	109	3,5	3,3	3,4
NW	2	22	1	17	3	39	9,6	3,8	7,1
GP	9	140	5	110	14	250	6,6	4,7	5,8
MP	3	28	1	21	4	49	12,6	3,8	8,8
LP	1	31	..	23	1	54	3,8	..	2,1
RSA	23	418	11	314	33	732	5,4	3,5	4,6

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 4.3.9: Unemployment rate of older persons by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Unemployed	Unemployed
Urban	14	319	9	224	23	543	4,3	4,2	4,2
Rural	9	100	2	90	10	189	8,9	1,7	5,5
RSA	23	418	11	314	33	732	5,4	3,5	4,6

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 4.3.10: Unemployment rate of older persons by population group and sex, 2019

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Unemployed	Unemployed
Black African	20	234	7	205	27	439	8,6	3,3	6,1
Coloured	..	34	..	20	..	54	..	..	..
Indian/ Asian	..	15	1	7	1	23	..	20,1	6,5
White	2	135	3	82	5	217	1,8	3,2	2,3
Total	23	418	11	314	33	732	5,4	3,5	4,6

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 4.3.11: Absorption rate of older persons by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Absorbed	Absorbed
WC	72	293	35	402	107	695	24,6	8,6	15,4
EC	35	236	27	390	62	626	14,7	7,0	9,9
NC	11	49	6	76	16	125	21,5	7,4	12,9
FS	19	99	21	168	39	267	18,6	12,2	14,6
KZN	56	324	50	599	105	923	17,2	8,3	11,4
NW	20	144	16	210	36	354	14,0	7,7	10,3
GP	130	576	105	809	236	1 385	22,6	13,0	17,0
MP	24	130	20	209	44	339	18,6	9,8	13,1
LP	30	167	23	302	53	469	17,7	7,7	11,3
RSA	396	2 018	303	3 165	699	5 183	19,6	9,6	13,5

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 4.3.12: Absorption rate of older persons by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Absorbed	Absorbed
Urban	305	1 365	215	1 991	520	3 356	22,3	10,8	15,5
Rural	91	653	88	1 174	179	1 827	13,9	7,5	9,8
RSA	396	2 018	303	3 165	699	5 183	19,6	9,6	13,5

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 4.3.13: Absorption rate of older persons by population group and sex, 2019

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Absorbed	Absorbed
Black African	214	1 280	198	2 172	412	3 453	16,7	9,1	11,9
Coloured	34	206	20	285	54	491	16,4	6,9	10,9
Indian/ Asian	15	81	6	100	21	181	19,0	5,8	11,7
White	132	451	79	607	212	1 058	29,3	13,1	20,0
Total	396	2 018	303	3 165	699	5 183	19,6	9,6	13,5

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 4.3.14: Inactivity rate of older persons by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive
WC	221	293	366	402	587	695	75,4	91,1	84,5
EC	199	236	362	390	561	626	84,4	92,8	89,6
NC	38	49	70	76	108	125	77,3	92,6	86,6
FS	79	99	147	168	226	267	79,5	87,4	84,5
KZN	266	324	548	599	814	923	82,2	91,4	88,2
NW	122	144	193	210	315	354	84,5	92,0	88,9
GP	437	576	699	809	1 135	1 385	75,8	86,4	82,0
MP	102	130	188	209	290	339	78,7	89,8	85,6
LP	136	167	279	302	415	469	81,6	92,3	88,5
RSA	1 600	2 018	2 851	3 165	4 451	5 183	79,3	90,1	85,9

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 4.3.15: Inactivity rate of older persons by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive
Urban	1 046	1 365	1 766	1 991	2 813	3 356	76,7	88,7	83,8
Rural	554	653	1 084	1 174	1 638	1 827	84,8	92,4	89,6
RSA	1 600	2 018	2 851	3 165	4 451	5 183	79,3	90,1	85,9

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 4.3.16: Inactivity rate of older persons by population group and sex, 2019

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive
Black African	1 046	1 280	1 967	2 172	3 013	3 453	81,7	90,6	87,3
Coloured	172	206	266	285	438	491	83,6	93,1	89,1
Indian/ Asian	65	81	93	100	159	181	81,0	92,7	87,5
White	316	451	525	607	841	1 058	70,2	86,5	79,5
Total	1 600	2 018	2 851	3 165	4 451	5 183	79,3	90,1	85,9

Source: QLFS Q3 2019

Table 4.3.17: Older persons living in households without an employed adult by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Without	Without
WC	117	267	143	368	260	635	43,7	38,9	40,9
EC	170	266	273	423	442	689	63,8	64,5	64,2
NC	23	47	34	77	57	125	48,8	44,5	46,1
FS	59	109	93	156	152	266	53,9	59,8	57,4
KZN	137	318	245	534	383	851	43,3	46,0	45,0
NW	67	139	113	220	180	359	48,2	51,5	50,2
GP	203	513	271	670	475	1 183	39,6	40,5	40,1
MP	58	136	105	193	163	330	42,4	54,3	49,4
LP	92	168	162	282	254	450	54,6	57,4	56,3
RSA	926	1 964	1 441	2 923	2 367	4 887	47,1	49,3	48,4

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.3.18: Older persons living in households without an employed adult by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Without	Without
Urban	589	1 347	795	1 823	1 385	3 170	43,8	43,6	43,7
Rural	336	617	645	1 100	982	1 717	54,5	58,7	57,2
RSA	926	1 964	1 441	2 923	2 367	4 887	47,1	49,3	48,4

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.3.19: Older persons living in households without an employed adult by population group and sex, 2019

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Without	Without
Black African	592	1 197	1 018	1 918	1 610	3 115	49,4	53,1	51,7
Coloured	74	197	105	295	179	491	37,5	35,8	36,5
Indian/ Asian	28	80	31	109	59	189	34,9	28,1	31,0
White	232	490	287	601	519	1 091	47,4	47,7	47,6
Total	926	1 964	1 441	2 923	2 367	4 887	47,1	49,3	48,4

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.3.20: Distribution of the main source of income for households headed by older persons by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex		N ('000)	Per cent							Total
			Salaries/ wages/ commission	Remit- tances	Social grants	Sales of farming products and services	Other non-farm income	No income	Unspecified	
WC	Male	205	29,6	0,4	60,1	..	8,9	..	0,9	100,0
	Female	171	41,1	3,1	48,7	..	6,0	0,5	0,6	100,0
	Both	376	34,9	1,6	54,9	..	7,6	0,2	0,8	100,0
EC	Male	225	15,2	2,1	79,5	..	1,7	0,5	1,1	100,0
	Female	291	8,1	2,5	87,3	0,3	0,5	..	1,2	100,0
	Both	516	11,2	2,3	83,9	0,2	1,0	0,2	1,1	100,0
NC	Male	41	22,6	1,0	66,9	0,9	5,3	..	3,3	100,0
	Female	44	18,4	0,8	78,4	..	2,4	..	..	100,0
	Both	85	20,4	0,9	72,8	0,5	3,8	..	1,6	100,0
FS	Male	96	21,6	1,9	67,3	1,4	7,1	..	0,7	100,0
	Female	110	13,6	5,5	75,7	..	2,6	0,6	2,0	100,0
	Both	207	17,3	3,8	71,8	0,6	4,7	0,3	1,4	100,0
KZN	Male	262	23,6	3,9	59,9	0,2	10,3	0,3	1,7	100,0
	Female	350	24,7	7,1	63,6	..	2,6	0,3	1,7	100,0
	Both	612	24,2	5,7	62,0	0,1	5,9	0,3	1,7	100,0
NW	Male	114	23,6	2,5	63,4	5,2	4,3	..	1,0	100,0
	Female	150	20,4	2,1	73,5	..	2,8	..	1,2	100,0
	Both	265	21,8	2,3	69,2	2,3	3,4	..	1,1	100,0
GP	Male	405	31,7	1,4	52,0	..	12,7	1,0	1,3	100,0
	Female	391	33,7	3,6	55,0	..	6,3	0,6	0,8	100,0
	Both	797	32,7	2,5	53,5	..	9,5	0,8	1,0	100,0
MP	Male	111	23,2	3,7	61,9	0,6	9,8	0,8	..	100,0
	Female	142	11,4	10,0	77,2	..	0,9	..	0,6	100,0
	Both	253	16,6	7,2	70,5	0,3	4,8	0,4	0,3	100,0
LP	Male	147	18,0	3,0	72,6	..	5,0	..	1,3	100,0
	Female	199	13,0	4,6	78,8	..	2,0	0,2	1,3	100,0
	Both	346	15,2	3,9	76,2	..	3,3	0,1	1,3	100,0
RSA	Male	1 607	24,6	2,2	62,8	0,6	8,3	0,4	1,2	100,0
	Female	1 850	22,1	4,6	68,7	0,1	3,2	0,3	1,1	100,0
	Both	3 456	23,2	3,5	66,0	0,3	5,5	0,4	1,2	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.3.21: Distribution of the main source of income for households headed by older persons by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Per cent							Total
			Total	Salaries/ wages/ commission	Remit- tances	Social grants	Sales of farming products and services	Other non-farm income	No income	
Urban	Male	1 064	29,0	1,9	56,7	0,4	10,3	0,6	1,1	100,0
	Female	1 047	29,8	4,1	60,2	0,0	4,7	0,4	0,8	100,0
	Both	2 111	29,4	3,0	58,4	0,2	7,5	0,5	0,9	100,0
Rural	Male	542	15,9	2,7	74,8	0,9	4,2	0,1	1,4	100,0
	Female	803	12,0	5,2	79,8	0,1	1,2	0,1	1,6	100,0
	Both	1 345	13,6	4,2	77,8	0,4	2,4	0,1	1,5	100,0
RSA	Male	1 607	24,6	2,2	62,8	0,6	8,3	0,4	1,2	100,0
	Female	1 850	22,1	4,6	68,7	0,1	3,2	0,3	1,1	100,0
	Both	3 456	23,2	3,5	66,0	0,3	5,5	0,4	1,2	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.3.22: Households headed by older persons that are classified as low income households (at most a household income of quintile 1) by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Low income	Total	Low income	Total	Low income	Total	Low income	Low income	Low income
WC	13	205	16	171	29	376	6,3	9,6	7,8
EC	33	225	52	291	84	516	14,5	17,7	16,3
NC	7	41	12	44	19	85	17,2	28,0	22,7
FS	15	96	18	110	33	207	15,7	16,5	16,2
KZN	58	262	97	350	155	612	22,1	27,7	25,3
NW	19	114	34	150	54	265	17,0	22,9	20,4
GP	60	405	70	391	130	797	14,8	17,9	16,3
MP	21	111	47	142	68	253	18,8	32,8	26,7
LP	48	147	82	199	130	346	32,7	41,2	37,6
RSA	274	1 607	428	1 850	702	3 456	17,0	23,2	20,3

Source: GHS 2019.

Household income quintile 1 is less or equal to R2000.

Table 4.3.23: Households headed by older persons that are classified as low income households (at most a household income of quintile 1) by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Low income	Total	Low income	Total	Low income	Total	Low income	Low income	Low income
Urban	144	1 064	180	1 047	323	2 111	13,5	17,2	15,3
Rural	130	542	249	803	379	1 345	24,0	31,0	28,2
RSA	274	1 607	428	1 850	702	3 456	17,0	23,2	20,3

Source: GHS 2019.

Household income quintile 1 is less or equal to R2000.

Table 4.3.24: Households headed by older persons that are classified as low income households (at most a household income of quintile 1) by population group and sex, 2019

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Low income	Total	Low income	Total	Low income	Total	Low income	Low income	Low income
Black African	243	1 029	396	1 457	639	2 486	23,6	27,2	25,7
Coloured	15	147	22	154	37	301	10,2	14,0	12,2
Indian/ Asian	1	49	3	35	4	85	2,9	7,9	5,0
White	14	381	8	204	23	585	3,7	4,1	3,9
Total	274	1 607	428	1 850	702	3 456	17,0	23,2	20,3

Source: GHS 2019.

Household income quintile 1 is less or equal to R2000.

4.4 Older persons: Health

Table 4.4.1: Distribution of types of healthcare facilities visited by older persons by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex		N ('000)	Per cent							Total
			Total	Public hospital	Public clinic	Public: Other	Private hospital/ clinic/ doctor	Other facilities	Traditional healer	
WC	Male	267	17,3	30,8	..	51,4	0,5	..	..	100,0
	Female	368	18,3	34,9	..	45,9	1,0	..	..	100,0
	Both	635	17,9	33,2	..	48,2	0,8	..	..	100,0
EC	Male	266	6,1	72,9	..	20,7	0,3	..	..	100,0
	Female	423	8,0	73,1	0,0	18,0	0,7	0,2	..	100,0
	Both	689	7,3	73,0	0,0	19,1	0,5	0,1	..	100,0
NC	Male	47	9,5	68,8	..	21,1	0,6	..	..	100,0
	Female	77	6,1	66,8	..	26,6	0,5	..	..	100,0
	Both	125	7,4	67,5	..	24,5	0,5	..	..	100,0
FS	Male	109	6,3	56,8	..	37,0	..	..	..	100,0
	Female	156	5,3	64,0	..	30,0	0,6	..	..	100,0
	Both	266	5,7	61,0	..	32,9	0,4	..	..	100,0
KZN	Male	318	9,6	63,2	..	27,2	..	0,1	..	100,0
	Female	534	9,2	71,0	..	19,5	0,2	..	..	100,0
	Both	851	9,4	68,1	..	22,4	0,1	0,0	..	100,0
NW	Male	139	5,5	68,7	..	25,4	0,4	..	..	100,0
	Female	220	5,7	70,2	0,2	21,7	0,9	1,4	..	100,0
	Both	359	5,6	69,6	0,1	23,1	0,7	0,9	..	100,0
GP	Male	513	5,3	44,6	0,5	48,8	0,6	..	0,2	100,0
	Female	670	5,2	45,2	0,4	48,0	0,8	0,2	0,2	100,0
	Both	1 183	5,2	45,0	0,5	48,4	0,7	0,1	0,2	100,0
MP	Male	136	9,1	64,3	..	26,1	0,4	..	..	100,0
	Female	193	10,8	71,9	..	16,3	1,1	..	..	100,0
	Both	330	10,1	68,7	..	20,4	0,8	..	..	100,0
LP	Male	168	9,3	76,7	..	12,5	0,4	1,1	..	100,0
	Female	282	6,7	83,6	..	9,6	0,1	..	..	100,0
	Both	450	7,7	81,0	..	10,7	0,2	0,4	..	100,0
RSA	Male	1 964	8,5	56,7	0,1	34,2	0,4	0,1	0,0	100,0
	Female	2 923	8,6	61,6	0,1	28,9	0,6	0,2	0,0	100,0
	Both	4 887	8,5	59,6	0,1	31,0	0,5	0,1	0,0	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.4.2: Distribution of types of healthcare facilities visited by older persons by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Per cent							Total
			Total	Public hospital	Public clinic	Public: Other	Private hospital/ clinic/ doctor	Other facilities	Traditional healer	
Urban	Male	1 347	9,4	44,4	0,2	45,5	0,4	0,1	0,1	100,0
	Female	1 823	9,7	46,8	0,2	42,5	0,7	0,2	0,1	100,0
	Both	3 170	9,6	45,8	0,2	43,7	0,6	0,1	0,1	100,0
Rural	Male	617	6,5	83,4	..	9,5	0,4	0,2	..	100,0
	Female	1 100	6,7	86,1	0,1	6,4	0,5	0,2	..	100,0
	Both	1 717	6,7	85,1	0,0	7,5	0,5	0,2	..	100,0
RSA	Male	1 964	8,5	56,7	0,1	34,2	0,4	0,1	0,0	100,0
	Female	2 923	8,6	61,6	0,1	28,9	0,6	0,2	0,0	100,0
	Both	4 887	8,5	59,6	0,1	31,0	0,5	0,1	0,0	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.4.3: Older persons with access to medical aid by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Per cent			
			Total	Medical aid	No medical aid	Unspecified	Total
Urban	Male	1 347	36,5	63,2	0,3	100,0
	Female	1 823	33,4	66,6	..	100,0
	Both	3 170	34,7	65,1	0,1	100,0
Rural	Male	617	6,6	93,4	..	100,0
	Female	1 100	4,1	95,9	0,1	100,0
	Both	1 717	5,0	95,0	0,1	100,0
RSA	Male	1 964	27,1	72,7	0,2	100,0
	Female	2 923	22,4	77,6	0,0	100,0
	Both	4 887	24,3	75,6	0,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.4.4: Older persons with access to medical aid by population group and sex, 2019

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Per cent			
			Total	Medical aid	No medical aid	Unspecified	Total
Black African	Male	1 197	8,2	91,6	0,2	100,0
	Female	1 918	5,5	94,5	0,0	100,0
	Both	3 115	6,5	93,4	0,1	100,0
Coloured	Male	197	17,8	82,2	..	100,0
	Female	295	21,2	78,8	..	100,0
	Both	491	19,9	80,1	..	100,0
Indian/ Asian	Male	80	46,6	52,0	1,4	100,0
	Female	109	37,2	62,8	..	100,0
	Both	189	41,2	58,2	0,6	100,0
White	Male	490	73,9	26,1	..	100,0
	Female	601	74,2	25,8	..	100,0
	Both	1 091	74,0	26,0	..	100,0
Total	Male	1 964	27,1	72,7	0,2	100,0
	Female	2 923	22,4	77,6	0,0	100,0
	Both	4 887	24,3	75,6	0,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.4.5: Persons 60 years and older who suffered from acute diseases compared to the overall population by province, 2019

Province	N ('000)				Per cent	
	Elderly		Total		Elderly	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering
WC	91	635	677	6 794	14,3	10,0
EC	174	689	914	6 519	25,2	14,0
NC	24	125	220	1 246	19,2	17,7
FS	36	266	380	2 917	13,4	13,0
KZN	123	851	1 158	11 363	14,4	10,2
NW	42	359	451	3 997	11,7	11,3
GP	228	1 183	2 390	15 055	19,3	15,9
MP	74	330	697	4 605	22,3	15,1
LP	40	450	521	5 933	9,0	8,8
RSA	831	4 887	7 408	58 429	17,0	12,7

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.4.6: Persons 60 years and older who suffered from acute diseases compared to the overall population by geo-type, 2019

Geo-type	N ('000)				Per cent	
	Elderly		Total		Elderly	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering
Urban	568	3 170	5 164	37 526	17,9	13,8
Rural	263	1 717	2 244	20 903	15,3	10,7
RSA	831	4 887	7 408	58 429	17,0	12,7

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.4.7: Persons 60 years and older who suffered from acute diseases compared to the overall population by sex, 2019

Sex	N ('000)				Per cent	
	Elderly		Total		Elderly	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering
Male	312	1 964	3 456	28 582	15,9	12,1
Female	518	2 923	3 952	29 847	17,7	13,2
Both	831	4 887	7 408	58 429	17,0	12,7

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.4.8: Persons 60 years and older who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population by province, 2019

Province	N ('000)				Per cent	
	Elderly		Total		Elderly	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering
WC	431	635	1 314	6 794	67,9	19,3
EC	487	689	1 268	6 519	70,7	19,5
NC	78	125	249	1 246	62,5	20,0
FS	173	266	568	2 917	65,1	19,5
KZN	576	851	1 760	11 363	67,6	15,5
NW	226	359	685	3 997	62,9	17,1
GP	747	1 183	2 292	15 055	63,1	15,2
MP	205	330	723	4 605	62,3	15,7
LP	191	450	543	5 933	42,3	9,2
RSA	3 113	4 887	9 404	58 429	63,7	16,1

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.4.9: Persons 60 years and older who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population by geo-type, 2019

Geo-type	N ('000)				Per cent	
	Elderly		Total		Elderly	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering
Urban	2 091	3 170	6 381	37 526	66,0	17,0
Rural	1 021	1 717	3 022	20 903	59,5	14,5
RSA	3 113	4 887	9 404	58 429	63,7	16,1

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.4.10: Persons 60 years and older who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population by sex, 2019

Sex	N ('000)				Per cent	
	Elderly		Total		Elderly	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering
Male	1 119	1 964	3 698	28 582	57,0	12,9
Female	1 994	2 923	5 705	29 847	68,2	19,1
Both	3 113	4 887	9 404	58 429	63,7	16,1

Source: GHS 2019

4.5 Older persons: Vulnerability to hunger

Table 4.5.1: Older persons living in households that reported hunger by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering	Suffering
WC	20	266	30	364	51	630	7,7	8,3	8,0
EC	10	266	19	422	29	688	3,8	4,4	4,2
NC	7	47	10	77	18	124	15,3	13,5	14,2
FS	17	108	24	155	40	262	15,7	15,2	15,4
KZN	29	317	57	534	86	850	9,2	10,7	10,1
NW	16	135	23	214	39	349	11,9	10,7	11,2
GP	24	509	27	664	51	1 173	4,8	4,0	4,4
MP	6	126	23	187	29	314	4,8	12,3	9,3
LP	6	168	13	281	19	449	3,6	4,5	4,2
RSA	136	1 941	225	2 898	362	4 839	7,0	7,8	7,5

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 4.5.2: Older persons living in households that reported hunger by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering	Suffering
Urban	83	1 333	122	1 807	205	3 140	6,3	6,7	6,5
Rural	53	608	104	1 091	156	1 699	8,7	9,5	9,2
RSA	136	1 941	225	2 898	362	4 839	7,0	7,8	7,5

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 4.5.3: Older persons living in households that reported hunger by population group and sex, 2019

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering	Suffering
Black African	118	1 184	199	1 906	317	3 090	10,0	10,4	10,3
Coloured	16	196	23	293	39	489	8,1	7,8	8,0
Indian/ Asian	..	80	1	109	1	189	..	0,8	0,4
White	2	481	3	590	5	1 071	0,4	0,5	0,5
Total	136	1 941	225	2 898	362	4 839	7,0	7,8	7,5

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 4.5.4: Younger persons (less than 60 years) living in households that reported hunger by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering	Suffering
WC	431	3 052	367	3 085	798	6 137	14,1	11,9	13,0
EC	244	2 824	236	2 998	480	5 821	8,6	7,9	8,2
NC	131	564	105	549	236	1 113	23,3	19,2	21,2
FS	211	1 278	217	1 364	427	2 642	16,5	15,9	16,2
KZN	735	5 116	792	5 375	1 526	10 491	14,4	14,7	14,6
NW	303	1 732	318	1 858	621	3 591	17,5	17,1	17,3
GP	573	7 171	583	6 663	1 155	13 835	8,0	8,7	8,4
MP	305	2 091	299	2 138	604	4 229	14,6	14,0	14,3
LP	140	2 661	125	2 815	265	5 476	5,3	4,4	4,8
RSA	3 072	26 489	3 042	26 845	6 114	53 333	11,6	11,3	11,5

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 4.5.5: Younger persons (less than 60 years) living in households that reported hunger by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering	Suffering
Urban	1 828	17 206	1 783	16 982	3 611	34 189	10,6	10,5	10,6
Rural	1 244	9 282	1 259	9 862	2 503	19 145	13,4	12,8	13,1
RSA	3 072	26 489	3 042	26 845	6 114	53 333	11,6	11,3	11,5

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 4.5.6: Younger persons (less than 60 years) living in households that reported hunger by population group and sex, 2019

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering	Suffering
Black African	2 770	21 912	2 789	22 254	5 559	44 166	12,6	12,5	12,6
Coloured	284	2 257	240	2 319	523	4 577	12,6	10,3	11,4
Indian/ Asian	6	662	2	595	9	1 257	1,0	0,4	0,7
White	12	1 658	11	1 676	23	3 334	0,7	0,7	0,7
Total	3 072	26 489	3 042	26 845	6 114	53 333	11,6	11,3	11,5

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

4.6 Older persons: Education

Table 4.6.1: Older persons who are functionally literate by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate	Literate	Literate
WC	224	267	283	368	507	635	83,7	77,1	79,9
EC	146	266	241	423	387	689	54,9	56,9	56,2
NC	27	47	47	77	74	125	56,8	61,1	59,5
FS	59	109	80	156	140	266	54,2	51,5	52,6
KZN	196	318	259	534	455	851	61,6	48,5	53,4
NW	83	139	120	220	203	359	59,5	54,5	56,4
GP	418	513	538	670	955	1 183	81,4	80,2	80,7
MP	76	136	70	193	146	330	55,8	36,3	44,4
LP	76	168	77	282	153	450	45,0	27,3	33,9
RSA	1 304	1 964	1 715	2 923	3 019	4 887	66,4	58,7	61,8

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 4.6.2: Older persons who are functionally literate by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate	Literate	Literate
Urban	1 050	1 347	1 359	1 823	2 410	3 170	78,0	74,6	76,0
Rural	254	617	356	1 100	610	1 717	41,1	32,4	35,5
RSA	1 304	1 964	1 715	2 923	3 019	4 887	66,4	58,7	61,8

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 4.6.3: Older persons who are functionally literate by population group and sex, 2019

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate	Literate	Literate
Black African	602	1 197	830	1 918	1 431	3 115	50,2	43,2	45,9
Coloured	141	197	199	295	340	491	71,8	67,6	69,3
Indian/ Asian	75	80	89	109	164	189	93,3	82,0	86,8
White	486	490	597	601	1 084	1 091	99,2	99,4	99,3
Total	1 304	1 964	1 715	2 923	3 019	4 887	66,4	58,7	61,8

Source: GHS 2019.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 4.6.4: Distribution of the highest level of education obtained by older persons by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex	N ('000)		Per cent					
	Total	Less than matric	Matric	Other tertiary	Graduates	Other	Total	
WC	Male	267	47,9	21,3	10,3	17,0	3,5	100,0
	Female	368	65,4	16,8	8,9	7,0	2,0	100,0
	Both	635	58,0	18,7	9,5	11,2	2,6	100,0
EC	Male	266	82,8	8,3	4,2	4,1	0,6	100,0
	Female	423	85,4	7,3	3,8	3,1	0,4	100,0
	Both	689	84,4	7,7	4,0	3,5	0,5	100,0
NC	Male	47	83,3	11,3	..	4,2	1,2	100,0
	Female	77	81,9	14,8	1,1	2,3	..	100,0
	Both	125	82,4	13,4	0,7	3,0	0,5	100,0
FS	Male	109	74,6	12,3	3,9	6,8	2,5	100,0
	Female	156	81,1	7,4	4,4	5,6	1,6	100,0
	Both	266	78,4	9,4	4,2	6,0	2,0	100,0
KZN	Male	318	69,5	15,1	5,6	7,0	2,8	100,0
	Female	534	81,2	8,2	3,2	5,4	2,0	100,0
	Both	851	76,8	10,7	4,1	6,0	2,3	100,0
NW	Male	139	71,6	14,7	2,5	5,0	6,2	100,0
	Female	220	77,2	11,9	2,3	3,4	5,2	100,0
	Both	359	75,0	13,0	2,4	4,0	5,6	100,0
GP	Male	513	51,1	24,9	5,4	14,1	4,4	100,0
	Female	670	56,2	22,5	7,0	9,2	5,0	100,0
	Both	1 183	54,0	23,5	6,3	11,4	4,8	100,0
MP	Male	136	78,0	8,6	6,6	5,6	1,2	100,0
	Female	193	87,4	4,7	4,5	2,6	0,8	100,0
	Both	330	83,5	6,3	5,3	3,9	1,0	100,0
LP	Male	168	87,6	4,6	2,8	2,7	2,3	100,0
	Female	282	91,0	2,9	2,7	1,8	1,5	100,0
	Both	450	89,7	3,6	2,7	2,1	1,8	100,0
RSA	Male	1 964	66,5	16,0	5,4	9,1	3,0	100,0
	Female	2 923	75,2	12,1	4,9	5,4	2,5	100,0
	Both	4 887	71,7	13,6	5,1	6,9	2,7	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.6.5: Distribution of the highest level of education obtained by older persons by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Per cent					
			Total	Less than matric	Matric	Other tertiary	Graduates	Other
Urban	Male	1 347	56,9	21,0	6,8	12,4	2,9	100,0
	Female	1 823	65,1	17,6	6,6	7,8	2,9	100,0
	Both	3 170	61,6	19,0	6,7	9,8	2,9	100,0
Rural	Male	617	87,4	4,9	2,3	2,0	3,4	100,0
	Female	1 100	91,8	3,0	2,0	1,4	1,8	100,0
	Both	1 717	90,2	3,7	2,1	1,6	2,4	100,0
RSA	Male	1 964	66,5	16,0	5,4	9,1	3,0	100,0
	Female	2 923	75,2	12,1	4,9	5,4	2,5	100,0
	Both	4 887	71,7	13,6	5,1	6,9	2,7	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.6.6: Distribution of the highest level of education obtained by older persons by population group and sex, 2019

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Per cent					
			Total	Less than matric	Matric	Other tertiary	Graduates	Other
Black African	Male	1 197	85,5	6,4	1,9	2,4	3,9	100,0
	Female	1 918	89,4	3,6	2,1	2,0	2,9	100,0
	Both	3 115	87,9	4,6	2,0	2,2	3,3	100,0
Coloured	Male	197	76,7	12,5	2,8	4,1	4,0	100,0
	Female	295	86,6	6,7	4,1	1,4	1,3	100,0
	Both	491	82,6	9,0	3,5	2,5	2,4	100,0
Indian/ Asian	Male	80	44,6	35,4	6,4	8,3	5,4	100,0
	Female	109	66,0	22,1	4,7	5,4	1,8	100,0
	Both	189	56,9	27,8	5,4	6,6	3,3	100,0
White	Male	490	19,6	37,6	14,7	27,9	0,3	100,0
	Female	601	25,9	40,1	14,1	18,1	1,8	100,0
	Both	1 091	23,0	39,0	14,3	22,5	1,2	100,0
Total	Male	1 964	66,5	16,0	5,4	9,1	3,0	100,0
	Female	2 923	75,2	12,1	4,9	5,4	2,5	100,0
	Both	4 887	71,7	13,6	5,1	6,9	2,7	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

4.7 Older persons: Housing and basic services

Table 4.7.1: Distribution of persons 60 years and older living in formal, informal and traditional housing by province and sex, 2019

Province and sex		N ('000)	Per cent				
			Total	Formal	Traditional	Informal	Other
WC	Male	267	98,6	..	1,4	..	100,0
	Female	368	98,1	..	1,9	..	100,0
	Both	635	98,3	..	1,7	..	100,0
EC	Male	266	76,6	21,0	1,6	0,9	100,0
	Female	423	69,2	29,3	1,1	0,4	100,0
	Both	689	72,1	26,1	1,3	0,6	100,0
NC	Male	47	94,1	..	5,9	..	100,0
	Female	77	94,9	0,6	4,5	..	100,0
	Both	125	94,6	0,4	5,1	..	100,0
FS	Male	109	88,6	1,7	9,6	..	100,0
	Female	156	91,0	3,8	5,2	..	100,0
	Both	266	90,0	2,9	7,0	..	100,0
KZN	Male	318	87,9	11,1	1,0	..	100,0
	Female	534	84,3	14,8	0,9	..	100,0
	Both	851	85,7	13,4	0,9	..	100,0
NW	Male	139	89,7	1,2	9,1	..	100,0
	Female	220	92,7	1,2	6,1	..	100,0
	Both	359	91,5	1,2	7,3	..	100,0
GP	Male	513	94,9	..	4,7	0,3	100,0
	Female	670	98,1	..	1,7	0,2	100,0
	Both	1 183	96,8	..	3,0	0,2	100,0
MP	Male	136	95,8	1,6	2,6	..	100,0
	Female	193	96,1	1,5	2,4	..	100,0
	Both	330	96,0	1,5	2,5	..	100,0
LP	Male	168	98,0	1,0	1,0	..	100,0
	Female	282	99,0	1,0	..	..	100,0
	Both	450	98,6	1,0	0,4	..	100,0
RSA	Male	1 964	91,4	5,0	3,4	0,2	100,0
	Female	2 923	90,5	7,5	2,0	0,1	100,0
	Both	4 887	90,9	6,5	2,5	0,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.7.2: Distribution of persons 60 years and older living in formal, informal and traditional housing by geo-type and sex, 2019

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Per cent				
			Total	Formal	Traditional	Informal	Other
Urban	Male	1 347	95,8	0,4	3,6	0,3	100,0
	Female	1 823	97,1	0,5	2,2	0,1	100,0
	Both	3 170	96,5	0,5	2,8	0,2	100,0
Rural	Male	617	81,9	15,1	3,0	..	100,0
	Female	1 100	79,5	19,0	1,5	..	100,0
	Both	1 717	80,4	17,6	2,1	..	100,0
RSA	Male	1 964	91,4	5,0	3,4	0,2	100,0
	Female	2 923	90,5	7,5	2,0	0,1	100,0
	Both	4 887	90,9	6,5	2,5	0,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.7.3: Distribution of persons 60 years and older living in formal, informal and traditional housing by age group and sex, 2019

Age group and sex		N ('000)	Per cent				
			Total	Formal	Traditional	Informal	Other
60-69 years	Male	1 273	90,9	4,9	4,3	..	100,0
	Female	1 691	90,2	7,3	2,5	..	100,0
	Both	2 964	90,5	6,3	3,2	..	100,0
70+ years	Male	691	92,4	5,2	1,8	0,6	100,0
	Female	1 232	90,9	7,6	1,3	0,2	100,0
	Both	1 923	91,4	6,8	1,5	0,3	100,0
Total	Male	1 964	91,4	5,0	3,4	0,2	100,0
	Female	2 923	90,5	7,5	2,0	0,1	100,0
	Both	4 887	90,9	6,5	2,5	0,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2019

Table 4.7.4: Living condition indicators of persons 60 years and above compared to the overall population, 2019**Access to piped water**

Age group	N ('000)	Per cent	
		Total	Access
Not elderly	53 542	72,3	0,4
Elderly	4 887	75,8	0,5
Total	58 429	72,6	0,4

Source: GHS 2019

Access to improved sanitation

Age group	N ('000)	Per cent	
		Total	Access
Not elderly	53 542	82,3	
Elderly	4 887	86,5	
Total	58 429	82,6	

Source: GHS 2019

Refuse/ waste removed by the municipality

Age group	N ('000)	Per cent	
		Total	Access
Not elderly	53 542	60,3	0,0
Elderly	4 887	64,3	0,0
Total	58 429	60,7	0,0

Source: GHS 2019

Access to electricity connected to the mains

Age group	N ('000)	Per cent	
		Total	Access
Not elderly	53 542	90,2	9,5
Elderly	4 887	96,2	3,8
Total	58 429	90,7	9,0

Source: GHS 2019

Use solid fuels for cooking

Age group	N ('000)	Per cent	
		Total	Access
Not elderly	53 542	11,0	
Elderly	4 887	10,7	
Total	58 429	11,0	

Source: GHS 2019

4.8 Older persons: Violence and crime victims

Table 4.8.1: Older persons who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area during the day by province, 2018_19

Province	N ('000)		Per cent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
WC	154	655	23,5
EC	103	705	14,5
NC	15	125	12,1
FS	53	285	18,6
KZN	142	951	14,9
NW	31	354	8,6
GP	270	1 273	21,1
MP	43	361	11,7
LP	38	473	7,9
RSA	848	5 182	16,3

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GSJS) 2018/19

Table 4.8.2: Older persons who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area during the day by sex, 2018_19

Sex	N ('000)		Per cent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
Male	286	2 127	13,4
Female	563	3 056	18,4
Both	848	5 182	16,3

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GSJS) 2018/19.

Table 4.8.3: Older persons who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area at night by province, 2018_19

Province	N ('000)		Per cent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
WC	404	655	61,7
EC	467	705	66,2
NC	69	125	55,3
FS	225	285	78,7
KZN	584	951	61,4
NW	223	354	63,0
GP	892	1 273	70,0
MP	246	361	68,2
LP	251	473	53,0
RSA	3 362	5 182	64,8

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GSJS) 2018/19.

Table 4.8.4: Older persons who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area at night by sex, 2018_19

Sex	N ('000)		Per cent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
Male	1 326	2 127	62,3
Female	2 036	3 056	66,6
Both	3 362	5 182	64,8

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GSJS) 2018/19.

Table 4.8.5: Older persons who have been victims of property crime during the past 5 years, 2018_19

Sex	N ('000)		Per cent
	Suffering	Total responded	Suffering
Male	81	2 127	3,8
Female	106	3 057	3,4
Both	187	5 183	3,6

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GSJS) 2018/19.

Table 4.8.6: Older persons who have been victims of assault during the past 5 years, 2018_19

Sex	N ('000)		Per cent
	Suffering	Total responded	Suffering
Male	5	2 127	0,2
Female	22	3 057	0,7
Both	27	5 183	0,5

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GSJS) 2018/19.

INDICATORS: DISABLED PERSONS

Disabled persons are defined as people experiencing various levels of difficulty in functional domains such as seeing, hearing, walking, self-care, remembering and concentrating, communicating and social interaction. Only persons aged 5 years and older are included.

5.1 Demography of disabled persons

Table 5.1.1: Distribution of disabled persons by province, 2016

Province	N ('000)		Per cent Disabled
	Disabled	Total population	
WC	362	5 703	6,3
EC	529	6 179	8,6
NC	115	1 076	10,7
FS	282	2 560	11,0
KZN	837	9 718	8,6
NW	292	3 339	8,8
GP	811	12 148	6,7
MP	290	3 840	7,6
LP	325	5 082	6,4
RSA	3 843	49 644	7,7

Source: CS 2016.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 5.1.2: Distribution of disabled persons by population group, 2016

Population group	N ('000)		Per cent Disabled
	Disabled	Total population	
Black African	3 013	39 673	7,6
Coloured	331	4 439	7,5
Indian/ Asian	108	1 275	8,4
White	391	4 257	9,2
Total	3 843	49 644	7,7

Source: CS 2016.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 5.1.3: Distribution of disabled persons by sex, 2016

Sex	N ('000)		Per cent Disabled
	Disabled	Total population	
Male	1 573	24 215	6,5
Female	2 270	25 429	8,9
Both	3 843	49 644	7,7

Source: CS 2016.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 5.1.4: Distribution of disabled persons by age group, 2016

Age group	N ('000)		Per cent Disabled
	Disabled	Total population	
5-14 years	389	10 802	3,6
15-24 years	258	10 400	2,5
25-34 years	293	9 730	3,0
35-44 years	334	7 104	4,7
45-54 years	571	5 114	11,2
55-64 years	742	3 544	20,9
65-74 years	708	2 002	35,3
75+ years	550	948	58,0
Total	3 843	49 644	7,7

Source: CS 2016.

Excluding unspecified cases.

5.2 Disabled persons: Household characteristics

Table 5.2.1: Distribution of disabled households by province, 2016

Province	N ('000)	Per cent
WC	305	9,7
EC	404	12,8
NC	94	3,0
FS	237	7,5
KZN	636	20,2
NW	252	8,0
GP	724	23,0
MP	229	7,3
LP	270	8,6
RSA	3 150	100,0

Source: CS 2016.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 5.2.2: Distribution of disabled households by population group, 2016

Population group	N ('000)	Per cent
Black African	2 507	79,6
Coloured	257	8,2
Indian/ Asian	77	2,5
White	309	9,8
Total	3 150	100,0

Source: CS 2016.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 5.2.3: Distribution of disabled households by sex, 2016

Sex	N ('000)	Per cent
Male	1 459	46,3
Female	1 691	53,7
Both	3 150	100,0

Source: CS 2016.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 5.2.4: Households with disabled household heads by province, 2016

Province	N ('000)	Per cent
WC	191	9,3
EC	287	14,0
NC	61	3,0
FS	152	7,4
KZN	441	21,5
NW	154	7,5
GP	452	22,0
MP	152	7,4
LP	162	7,9
RSA	2 053	100,0

Source: CS 2016.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 5.2.5: Households with disabled household heads by province, 2016

Sex	N ('000)	Per cent
Male	829	40,4
Female	1 224	59,6
Both	2 053	100,0

Source: CS 2016.

Excluding unspecified cases.

5.3 Disabled persons: Education

Table 5.3.1: Distribution of the highest level of education obtained by disabled persons aged 25 years and above by province and sex, 2016

Province and sex		N ('000)	Per cent								Total
			No schooling	Some primary	Completed primary	Some secondary	Matric/ grade 12	Higher	Other		
WC	Male	140	8,6	19,8	7,6	30,6	17,1	11,4	4,9	100,0	
	Female	185	8,5	22,4	8,9	32,3	15,8	7,6	4,6	100,0	
	Both	324	8,5	21,3	8,3	31,6	16,3	9,2	4,7	100,0	
EC	Male	152	19,4	31,0	7,7	26,1	9,5	4,5	1,7	100,0	
	Female	282	22,4	28,0	8,0	28,3	7,5	4,3	1,5	100,0	
	Both	434	21,3	29,1	7,9	27,5	8,2	4,4	1,5	100,0	
NC	Male	41	21,5	28,2	7,5	24,8	10,5	4,1	3,5	100,0	
	Female	58	22,0	29,2	8,7	26,0	8,8	2,9	2,5	100,0	
	Both	99	21,8	28,8	8,2	25,5	9,5	3,4	2,9	100,0	
FS	Male	87	16,4	27,1	6,6	25,9	14,4	6,9	2,6	100,0	
	Female	143	15,2	29,9	7,5	28,1	12,0	5,1	2,3	100,0	
	Both	230	15,7	28,8	7,1	27,2	12,9	5,8	2,4	100,0	
KZN	Male	242	23,1	23,2	5,7	24,2	15,7	6,5	1,6	100,0	
	Female	440	28,5	27,0	5,8	21,1	11,3	5,1	1,3	100,0	
	Both	682	26,6	25,6	5,8	22,2	12,9	5,6	1,4	100,0	
NW	Male	101	25,0	26,1	5,9	24,4	11,2	3,6	3,7	100,0	
	Female	138	24,3	27,3	7,1	26,4	9,4	3,1	2,4	100,0	
	Both	239	24,6	26,8	6,6	25,6	10,2	3,3	2,9	100,0	
GP	Male	294	11,6	18,4	5,5	31,2	17,2	11,1	5,0	100,0	
	Female	409	11,2	18,5	6,6	33,9	17,6	8,2	4,1	100,0	
	Both	704	11,4	18,5	6,1	32,8	17,4	9,4	4,5	100,0	
MP	Male	91	30,4	22,4	5,1	21,5	12,2	5,2	3,2	100,0	
	Female	143	39,2	21,5	4,9	18,2	9,7	4,1	2,4	100,0	
	Both	235	35,8	21,8	5,0	19,5	10,6	4,6	2,7	100,0	
LP	Male	87	28,0	23,3	5,4	22,6	11,2	6,0	3,5	100,0	
	Female	162	46,6	18,4	4,6	16,2	8,1	3,8	2,3	100,0	
	Both	249	40,1	20,1	4,9	18,4	9,1	4,6	2,7	100,0	
RSA	Male	1 236	18,8	23,3	6,2	26,7	14,2	7,5	3,4	100,0	
	Female	1 961	23,0	24,1	6,7	26,3	11,9	5,5	2,6	100,0	
	Both	3 196	21,3	23,8	6,5	26,4	12,8	6,3	2,9	100,0	

Source: CS 2016.

Other include unspecified cases.

Table 5.3.2: Distribution of the highest level of education obtained by disabled persons aged 25 years and above by population group and sex, 2016

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Per cent							Total
			No schooling	Some primary	Completed primary	Some secondary	Matric/ grade 12	Higher	Other	
Black African	Male	916	22,7	27,1	6,6	25,7	11,0	3,9	3,0	100,0
	Female	1 518	27,3	26,6	6,8	24,7	8,8	3,8	2,1	100,0
	Both	2 435	25,6	26,8	6,7	25,1	9,6	3,8	2,4	100,0
Coloured	Male	120	11,5	24,1	9,2	34,2	12,1	4,0	5,0	100,0
	Female	174	12,1	27,4	11,1	32,3	9,4	3,2	4,5	100,0
	Both	293	11,9	26,0	10,3	33,1	10,5	3,6	4,7	100,0
Indian/ Asian	Male	41	7,6	13,1	5,6	34,7	26,6	9,2	3,2	100,0
	Female	58	11,5	23,8	7,9	32,0	17,7	4,6	2,7	100,0
	Both	99	9,9	19,4	6,9	33,1	21,4	6,5	2,9	100,0
White	Male	159	4,5	3,0	1,6	24,8	31,6	30,2	4,3	100,0
	Female	210	3,5	3,9	1,9	31,0	35,5	19,9	4,3	100,0
	Both	369	4,0	3,5	1,8	28,3	33,8	24,3	4,3	100,0
Total	Male	1 236	18,8	23,3	6,2	26,7	14,2	7,5	3,4	100,0
	Female	1 961	23,0	24,1	6,7	26,3	11,9	5,5	2,6	100,0
	Both	3 196	21,3	23,8	6,5	26,4	12,8	6,3	2,9	100,0

Source: CS 2016.

Other include unspecified cases.

5.4 Disabled persons: Housing and basic services

Table 5.4.1: Living condition indicators of disabled person's households compared to the overall population, 2016

Access to piped water

	N ('000)	Per cent	
		Total	Access
Not disabled	45 801	82,9	
Disabled	3 843	80,9	
Total	49 644	82,7	

Access to improved sanitation

	N ('000)	Per cent	
		Total	Access
Not disabled	45 801	79,4	
Disabled	3 843	78,5	
Total	49 644	79,3	

Source: CS 2016.

Excluding unspecified cases

Refuse/ waste removed by the municipality

	N ('000)	Per cent	
		Total	Access
Not disabled	45 801	60,5	
Disabled	3 843	56,5	
Total	49 644	60,1	

Source: CS 2016.

Excluding unspecified cases

Access to electricity connected to the mains

Age group	N ('000)	Per cent
	Total	Access
Not disabled	45 801	89,6
Disabled	3 843	89,9
Total	49 644	89,7

Source: CS 2016.

Excluding unspecified cases

Use solid fuels for cooking

Age group	N ('000)	Per cent
	Total	Access
Not disabled	45 801	18,8
Disabled	3 843	21,6
Total	49 644	19,0

Source: CS 2016.

Excluding unspecified cases.



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