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Preface

This statistical release presents information on recorded live births in South Africa, based on data from the national birth registration system at the Department of Home Affairs. The release provides estimates of the completeness of birth registration in the country for 2002–2011 and reports on birth registrations and birth occurrences for 2011. It also provides information on trends and patterns of recorded live births from 1991, highlighting provincial differences in the registration and occurrence of births.



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Key findings

1. Introduction

“Birth registration is the official recording of the birth of a child coordinated by a particular branch of government. It is a permanent and official record of a child’s existence” (UNICEF, 2002:2). Subsequent to birth registration, birth certificates, which serve as legal records of birth and identification, are issued. The data from birth registration can be used to monitor fertility trends, population growth and population composition. Such information is essential for the planning and monitoring of governments’ economic and social development programmes. Furthermore, in South Africa, for example, having a birth certificate is necessary as it is required for children to access government’s social security, poverty alleviation benefits and schooling.

The registration of births in South Africa is governed by the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1992 (Act No. 51 of 1992) and is administered by the Department of Home Affairs (Republic of South Africa, 1992). The Act was subsequently amended in 1997 (Act No. 67 of 1997); 1998 (Act No. 43 of 1998); and in 2010 (Act No. 18 of 2010). The Act states that a child must be registered within 30 days of birth. All births registered from 31 days and older, must comply with the prescribed requirements for late registration of births. The requirements include submission of a clinic card; letter from the hospital where the child was born; a letter from the first school attended by the child; and an affidavit prescribed for late registration of a birth.

The Department of Home Affairs uses DHA-24 form to register births for persons aged 30 days and below, and DHA-24/LRB form for persons aged 31 days and older. A copy of the DHA-24 form is provided in Appendix A. The DHA-24 form replaced the BI-24 form that was previously used by the department. After a birth is registered, the department captures relevant information on the South African Population Register (NPR) for those eligible for entry in the register (see page 35 for further details) and then issue an electronic birth certificate. For those who are not eligible for entry in the NPR, a hand-written birth certificate is issued and the details are not captured in the NPR.

The main purpose of this release is to present data on live births recorded in the South African birth registration system at the Department of Home Affairs in 2011, as well as updated records from the NPR as at 30 June 2012. Data for 1991 to 2010 are also presented to provide information on trends and patterns in the occurrence and registration of live births. The reporting of live births is divided into registration year (the year in which a birth was registered, regardless of when it occurred) and occurrence year (the year in which a birth actually occurred). This release also provides estimates of the completeness of birth registration in the country.

2. Birth registrations

2.1 Completeness of birth registration

The estimation of completeness of the South African civil registration system for recording vital events and other characteristics is an important undertaking that provides an indication of the efficiency of the Department of Home Affairs. Furthermore, the number of births and deaths adjusted for incompleteness of registration can be used in the analysis of birth and death statistics and for estimating the overall population size of the country.

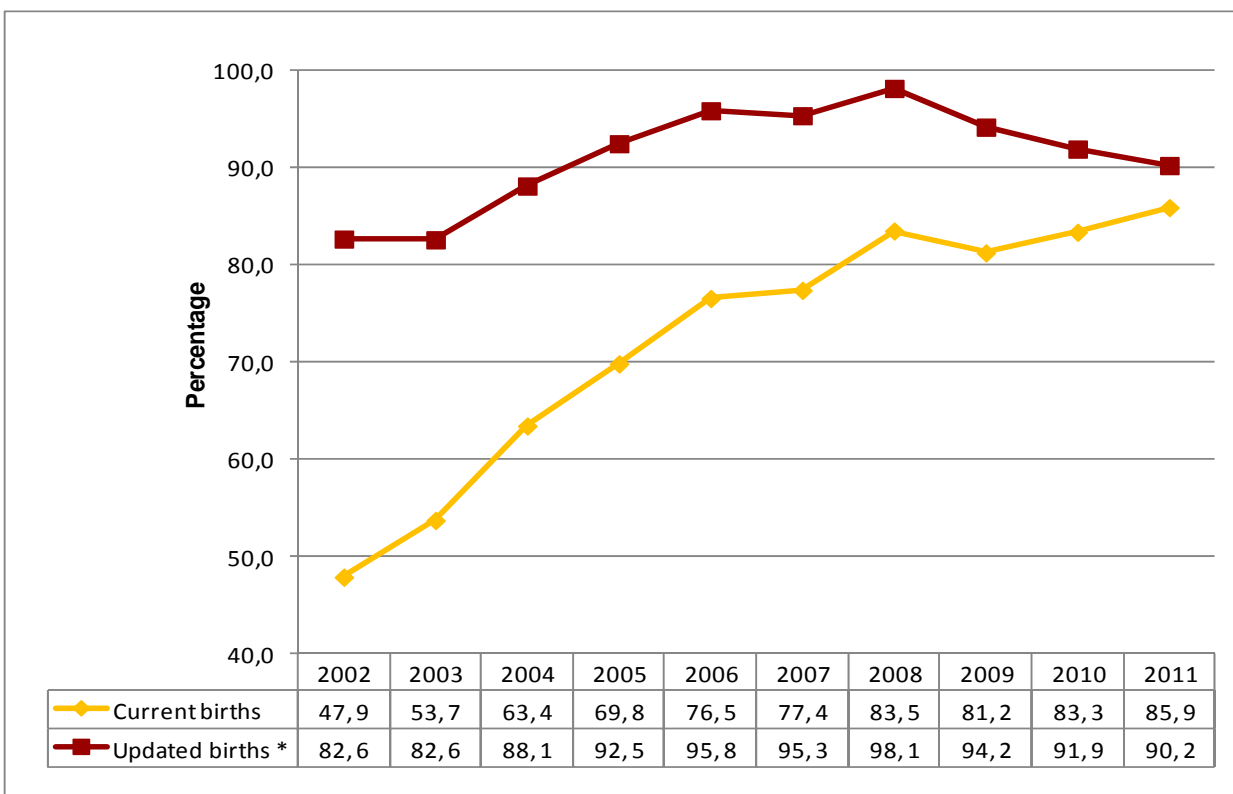
This release provides estimates of the level of completeness of birth registration in South Africa from 2002 to 2011. The estimation of the completeness of birth registration is based on the comparison of recorded live births from the birth registration system to expected number of births estimated with the mid-year population estimates (Stats SA, 2011). Cohort-component methodology was used to estimate the 2011 mid-year population of South Africa, from which the number of births at mid-year for the period 2002 to 2011 were also estimated.

The number of births reported in this release is based on a calendar year, that is, from January to December. As such, proportions of 50,4% for the first half of the year of interest and 49,6% for the second half of the following year were used to adjust the number of births at mid-year to estimate the number of births occurring to the calendar years of interest. It should be noted that since the estimates of completeness are dependent on population projections that are continuously revised when new information about the population dynamics becomes available, the completeness of birth registration will also be revised accordingly on an annual basis. As we move further away from the enumeration point, the estimated population indicators become unstable.

Figure 1 provides estimates of completeness of the number of births covered by the South African birth registration system from 2002 to 2011. These are provided for current births (births registered within the year of birth in the birth registration system) and for updated births (recorded births as at 30 June 2012 in the NPR). The results show that the level of completeness of birth registration for births registered within the year of birth increased consistently in the past 10 years – from 47,9% in 2002 to 85,9% in 2011.

As expected, completeness of birth registration is higher when late registrations are taken into consideration. The completeness of birth registrations for updated births increased from 82,6% in 2002 and reached a high of 98,1% in 2008. The completeness levels of birth registration for the updated births in 2010 and 2011 are lower since the 2010 and 2011 births are still to be updated with relatively more late registrations compared to the other years. In recent years, the differences in the completeness of birth registration for current and late registrations are not wide, which indicates that there has been an improvement in timely birth registrations in the country.

Figure 1: Estimated completeness levels of birth registrations, South Africa: 2002–2011*



*Updated births as at 30 June 2012.

2.2 Trends in birth registration

Total birth registrations are all births registered at the Department of Home Affairs during a specific year, regardless of when they occurred. In other words, for any given year, the total number of registrations consists of both current registrations (live births registered in the year in which they occurred) and late registrations (live births registered later than the year of birth).

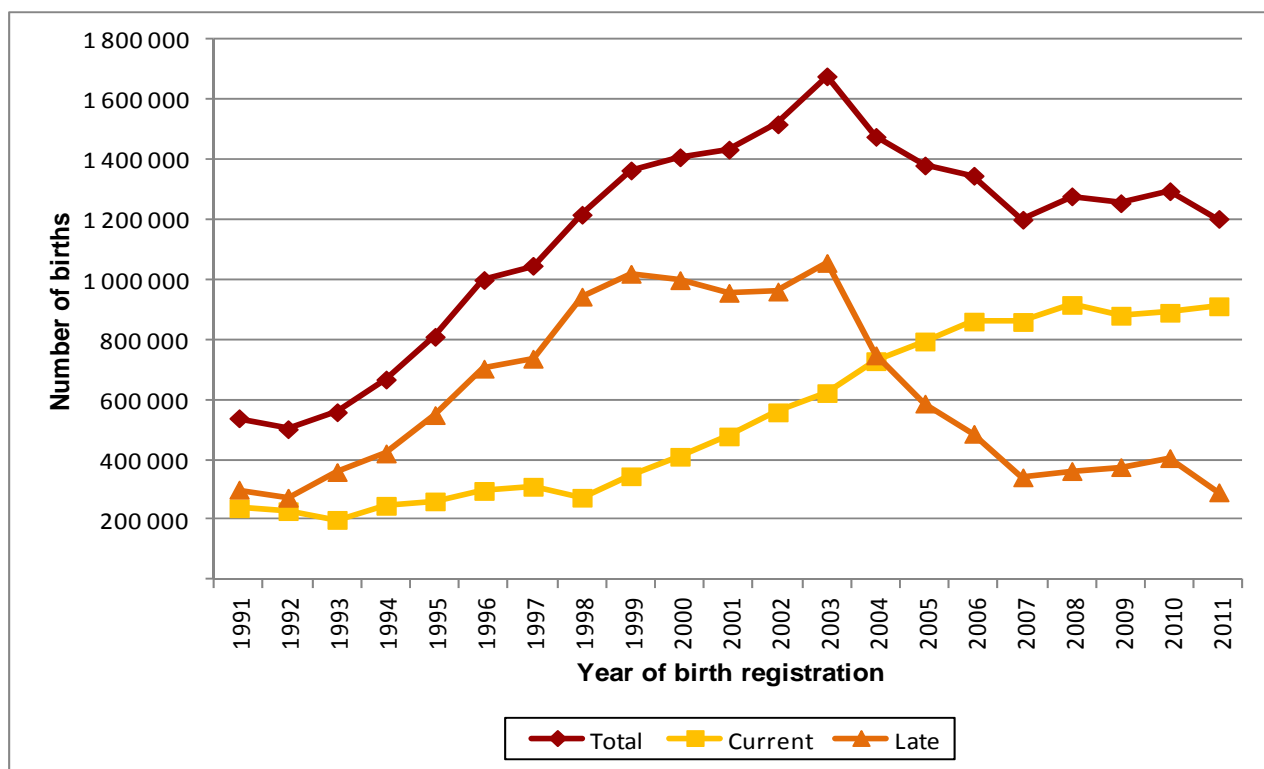
Table 1 and Figure 2 provide information on birth registrations for two decades (1991 to 2011), classified by status of registration (current or late). In 2011, a total of 1 202 377 births were registered. This is a decrease of 7,1% from the 1 294 694 births registered in 2010. Over time, total birth registrations have varied. There was a consistent increase between 1992 and 2003, when births increased consistently from 501 461 to 1 677 415. Between 2004 and 2007 there was a decline from 1 475 809 to 1 199 712; and since 2008, the number of births has fluctuated. From 1991 to 2004, the number of late birth registrations was higher than the number of current registrations. Since 2005, current registrations have been higher than late registrations, indicating that most births were registered during the year of birth occurrence rather than later.

Further analysis of the two decades shows that the number of births registered within the year of occurrence showed some gains between 1999 and 2006, after which there were some fluctuations between 2007 and 2011. A total of 911 353 births that occurred in 2011 were registered within the same year. Late birth registrations rose steadily between 1992 and 1999, changed slightly between 1999 and 2003 after which they decreased markedly up to 2007. There was an increase in late birth registration again between 2008 and 2010. In 2011, a decrease in late registration was noted again, showing a decline of 28,1% from 2010.

Table 1: Birth registrations by status of registration, South Africa: 1991–2011

Year of registration	Number of birth registrations			Percentages		
	Total	Current	Late	Total	Current	Late
1991	537 999	238 053	299 946	100,0	44,2	55,8
1992	501 461	228 445	273 016	100,0	45,6	54,4
1993	557 995	199 460	358 535	100,0	35,7	64,3
1994	667 107	246 345	420 762	100,0	36,9	63,1
1995	809 439	260 880	548 559	100,0	32,2	67,8
1996	998 798	295 719	703 079	100,0	29,6	70,4
1997	1 046 095	309 723	736 372	100,0	29,6	70,4
1998	1 216 337	273 180	943 157	100,0	22,5	77,5
1999	1 363 800	344 700	1 019 100	100,0	25,3	74,7
2000	1 407 833	409 707	998 126	100,0	29,1	70,9
2001	1 433 432	477 489	955 943	100,0	33,3	66,7
2002	1 517 671	557 573	960 098	100,0	36,7	63,3
2003	1 677 415	621 887	1 055 528	100,0	37,1	62,9
2004	1 475 809	728 283	747 526	100,0	49,3	50,7
2005	1 380 496	793 788	586 708	100,0	57,5	42,5
2006	1 346 119	860 263	485 856	100,0	63,9	36,1
2007	1 199 712	858 866	340 846	100,0	71,6	28,4
2008	1 277 763	915 674	362 089	100,0	71,7	28,3
2009	1 254 707	879 707	375 000	100,0	70,1	29,9
2010	1 294 694	889 691	405 003	100,0	68,7	31,3
2011	1 202 377	911 353	291 024	100,0	75,8	24,2

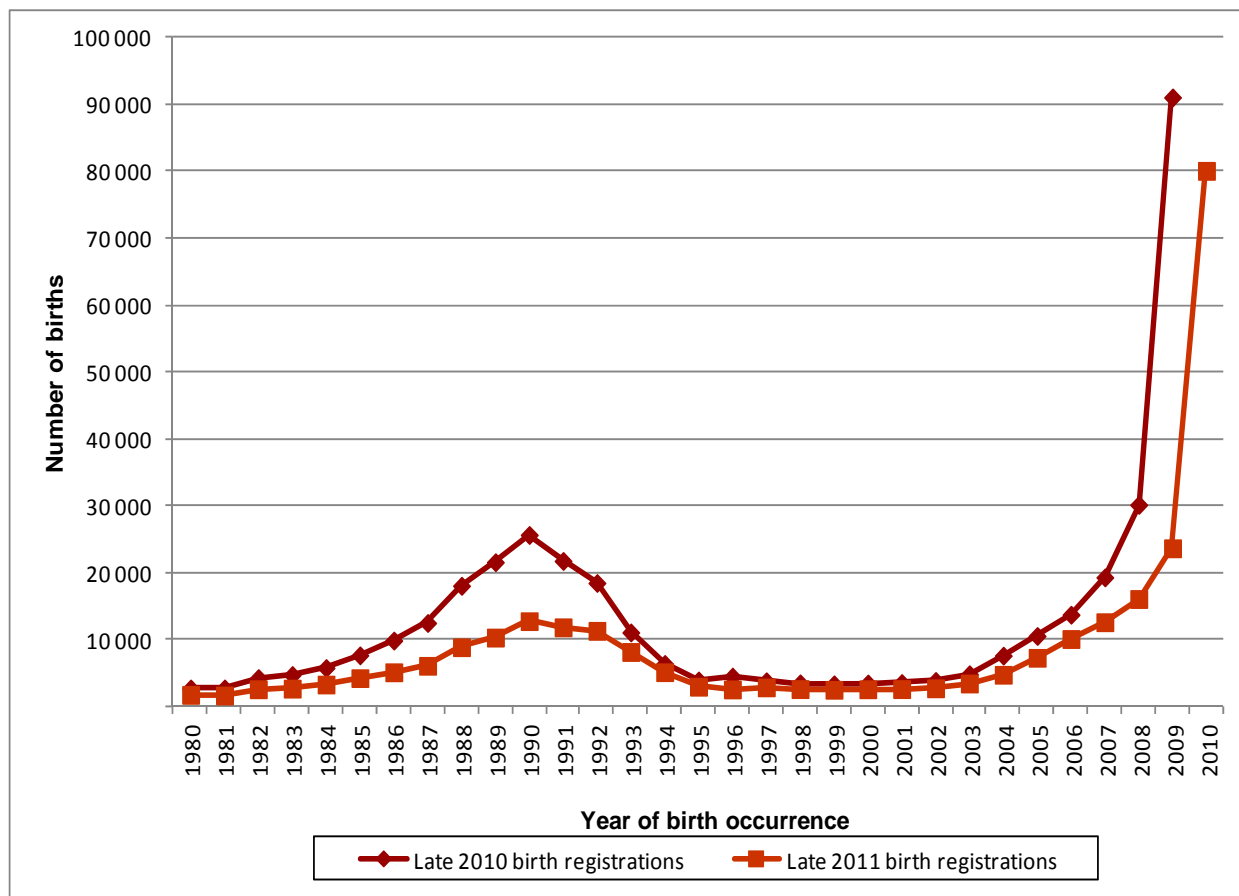
Figure 2: Birth registrations by status of registration, South Africa: 1991–2011



Additional information on late registrations for births that were registered in 2010 and 2011 but had occurred in the previous years is provided in Figure 3. As indicated in the last figure, there were more late registrations in 2010 as compared to 2011. This trend is observed for all the years of birth occurrence, although the differences between the 2010 and 2011 years of birth registration were more marked for some years than for others. For example, there are no marked differences in the number of births registered in 2010 and 2011 for births that occurred between 1980 and 1984 and between 1994 and 2003. However, there were noticeable differences for the other years.

Focusing on the 2011 birth registrations, it is observed that most late birth registrations were for births that occurred in 2010, which comprised 29,0% of the 2011 late registrations; followed by those born in 2009 and then 2008. Other late registrations are noted for births that occurred between 1988 and 1992 (aged between 19 and 23 years at the time of registration). From the age of 16 years, all South African citizens and permanent residents can register to acquire identity documents, and the uptake of this is notable between 19 and 23 years, particularly at age 21 years.

Figure 3: Late birth registrations by year of birth, South Africa: 1980–2010



2.3 Birth registrations by selected variables

Age of the mother

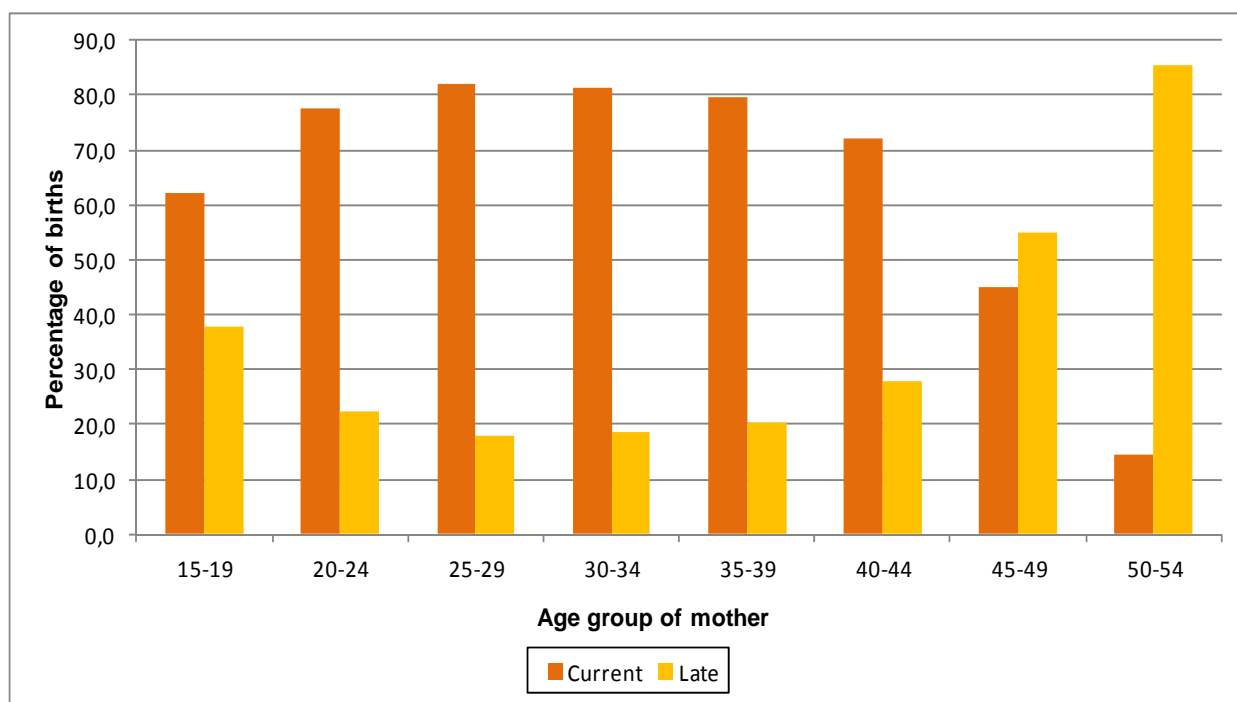
The Notice of Birth form (DHA–24) makes provision for the inclusion of the details of the natural father and natural mother of a child. However, more than two-thirds (67,5%) of the births registered in 2011 did not have the details of the father. This finding is similar to the previous years. As such, only information pertaining to the mothers will be reported on in this section.

Table 2 and Figure 4 show the distribution of births registered in 2011 by the age of the mother and status of registration. Overall, higher percentages of late registrations were observed among mothers aged 45 and above, where over half of births in these ages were registered later than the year in which they occurred. Much older women (aged 50–54) had particularly higher proportions of late registrations (85,5%). Conversely, younger mothers mostly registered their births within the year of birth. Percentages of births registered within the year of birth were particularly higher for women aged between 25 and 39 years, where around 80% or more of births occurring in this age group were registered within the year of birth. Among the younger women, those aged 15–19 had the lowest proportions of births registered within the year of birth (62,3%).

Table 2: Birth registrations by age of mother and status of registration, South Africa: 2011

Age of mother	Number of birth registrations			Percentages		
	Total	Current	Late	Total	Current	Late
15-19	181 717	113 240	68 477	100,0	62,3	37,7
20-24	323 313	251 202	72 111	100,0	77,7	22,3
25-29	297 034	244 062	52 972	100,0	82,2	17,8
30-34	208 196	169 427	38 769	100,0	81,4	18,6
35-39	125 368	99 725	25 643	100,0	79,5	20,5
40-44	40 892	29 453	11 439	100,0	72,0	28,0
45-49	6 422	2 896	3 526	100,0	45,1	54,9
50-54	1 784	258	1 526	100,0	14,5	85,5
Unspecified / outside the 15-54 age range	17 651	1 090	16 561	100,0	6,2	93,8
Total	1 202 377	911 353	291 024	100,0	75,8	24,2

Figure 4: Birth registrations by age of mother and status of registration, South Africa: 2011*



*Excluding 17 651 births whose mothers' ages were not stated or were outside the age range of 15-54 years.

Province of birth

The Department of Home Affairs captures data on registered births by magisterial districts, from which Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) derives the distribution of births by district councils (DCs), metropolitan areas (Metros) as well as provinces. For this release, DCs, Metros and provinces are classified based on the 2011 municipal boundaries. It should, however, be noted that the distribution of births by DCs, Metros and provinces are approximate figures as there was no perfect match of magisterial districts to all DCs, Metros and provinces since some magisterial districts are situated in more than one DC, Metro or province (see page 36 for further details).

Before the 2010 statistical release was published, magisterial districts captured were interpreted to be the districts of birth registration. However, engagements with the Department of Home Affairs in 2011 indicated that the district code variable in the data set refers to the district of birth occurrence for births registered before 15 years of age. For those that occur from 15 years of age, district refers to the district of birth registration, which is usually Pretoria, where late registrations of birth are centralised for processing.

Analysis of information on late registrations by province will take into consideration births registered before 15 years of age and births registered from 15 years of age. Figure 5 presents the distribution of all births registered in 2011 by province of occurrence/registration and status of registration using three categories:

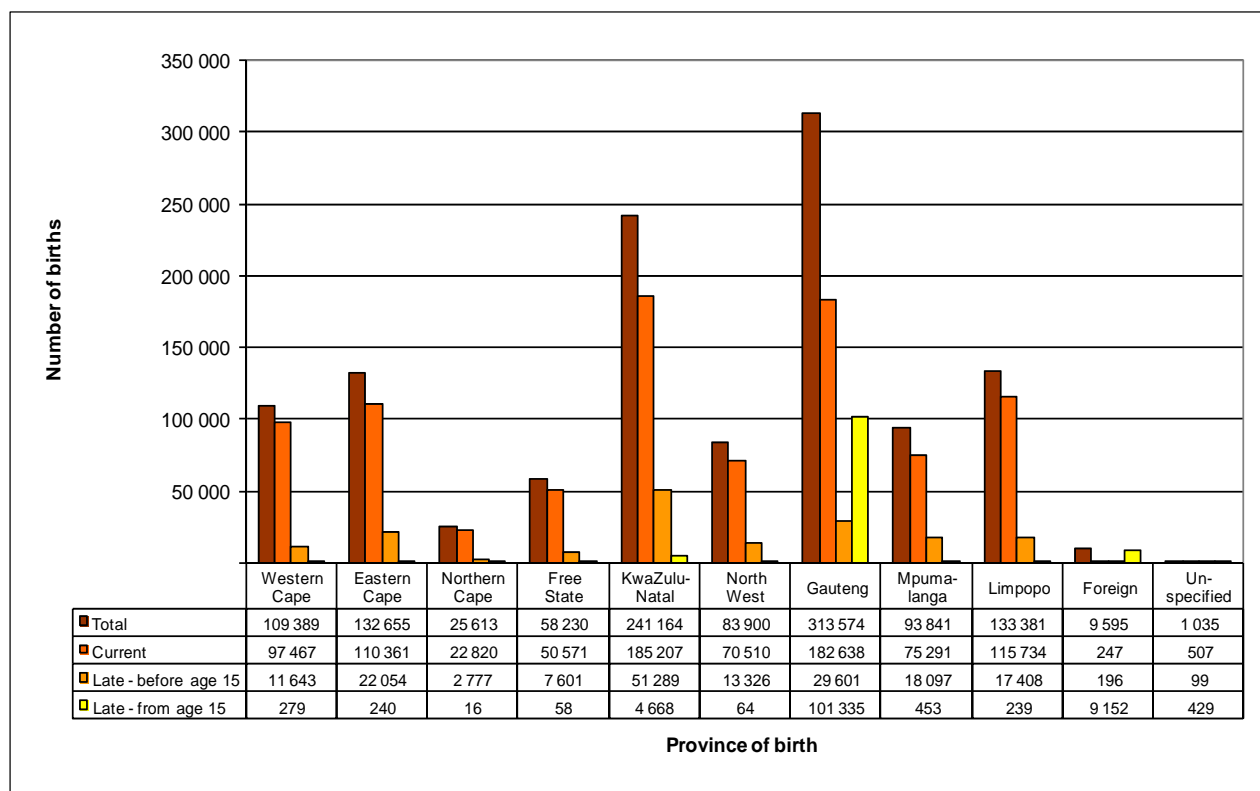
- i. Current – registered within the year of birth;
- ii. Late – registered after the year of birth but before age 15; and
- iii. Late – registered from 15 years of age.

Of the 1 202 377 births registered in 2011, the highest number occurred in Gauteng (313 574 – 26,1%); followed by KwaZulu-Natal (227 046 – 18,9%); Limpopo (133 381 – 11,1%); and Eastern Cape (132 655 – 11,0%). Northern Cape had the lowest number (25 613), accounting for only 2,1% of the total registrations. There were more current registrations than total late registrations in all provinces, although Gauteng had the lowest percentage of current registrations compared to the other provinces. For example, 58,2% of all registrations in Gauteng were registered within the year of birth, while a comparative figure for Northern Cape was 89,1%.

In 2011, a total of 9 595 births that occurred outside the country were registered. These represent cases where at least one of the parents was a South African citizen at the time of the child's birth. The birth may be notified at the South African Embassy or Mission in the country concerned or at the Department of Home Affairs in South Africa. The majority of foreign births were registered late (after age 15).

The changes in capturing late birth registrations from age 15 at the Department of Home Affairs in Pretoria is reflective in the disproportionate number of late birth registrations for Gauteng. Out of a total of 116 933 late birth registrations, from age 15, 101 335 (86,7%) births were registered in Gauteng.

Figure 5: Birth registrations by province and status of registration, South Africa: 2011

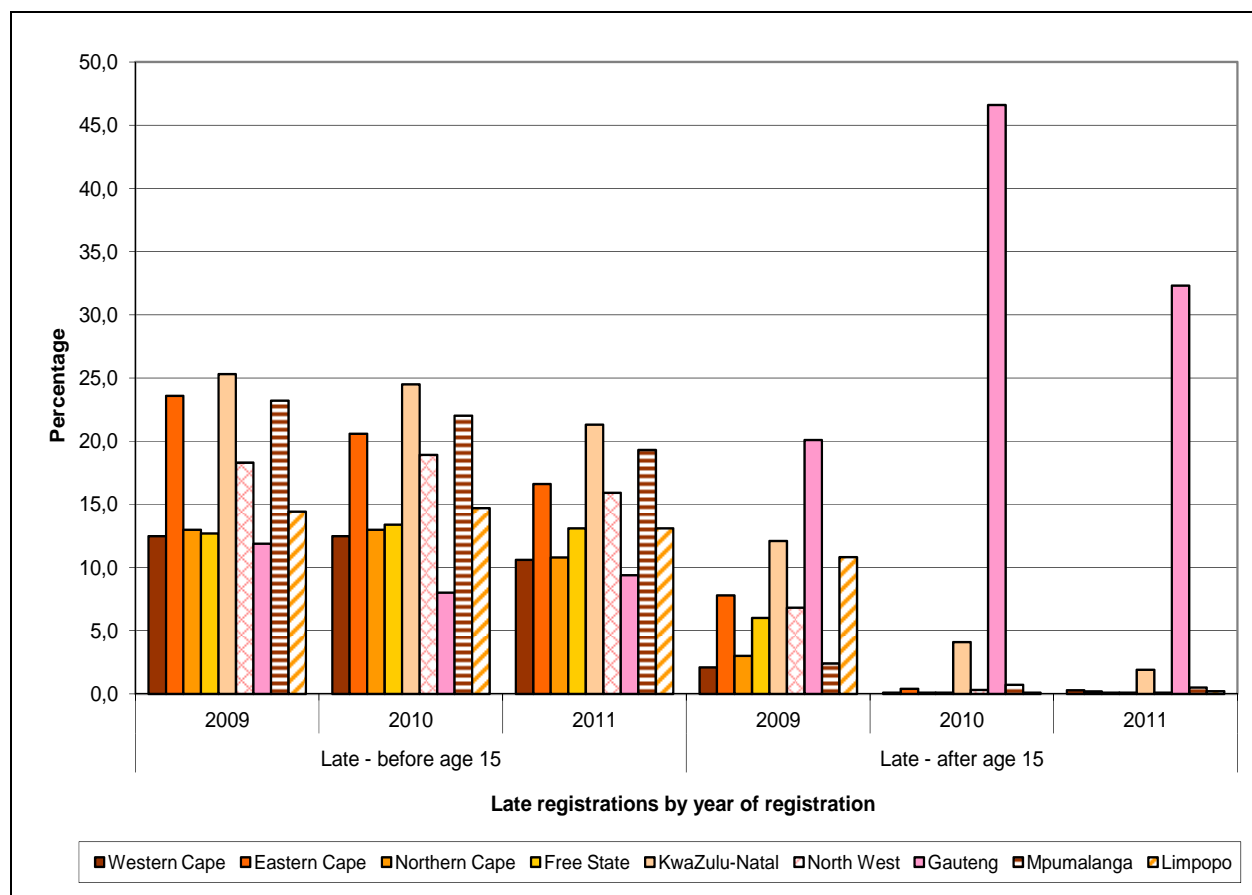


The results of further analysis of late registrations are shown in Figure 6, covering the years 2009 to 2011. Data for all years are based on revised 2011 geographic boundaries. Over the three years, the trends in late registrations before age 15 remained largely unchanged, with the highest proportions observed in KwaZulu-Natal, Eastern Cape and Mpumalanga. During the same period, Gauteng and the Western Cape had relatively low proportions of late registrations before age 15.

The proportions of late registrations from age 15 for each of the years under study, show drastic declines in late registrations from 2009 to 2010 for all provinces, with the exception of Gauteng. Proportions of late registrations in Gauteng increased from 20,1% in 2009 to 46,6% in 2010, but declined to 32,2% in 2011. It is possible that the decline observed in 2011 is indicative of the decline in overall registrations as observed in Table 1.

Detailed information on 2011 total registrations by year of birth occurrence and status of registration, province and district municipality is provided in Appendix B.

Figure 6: Percentage of late birth registrations by province, South Africa: 2009–2011*



*Excluding foreign births and births with unspecified province.

Sex of the child

Proportionally more male births were registered than female births (605 170 and 597 207 respectively). The sex ratio in 2011 was therefore 101 male births per 100 female births registered. With the exception of Free State, all provinces had sex ratios of between 100 and 104 males per 100 females. Free State had a sex ratio of 99,9 males per 100 females, indicating slightly more female than male births. Northern Cape had the highest sex ratio of 104 male per 100 female birth registrations, compared to the other provinces.

Detailed information on total registrations by sex, status of registration, province and district municipality is provided in Appendix C.

3. Birth occurrences

Birth occurrences are all births that occur within a specific year and are registered at the Department of Home Affairs (DHA). They pertain to the year in which the birth actually occurred (year of birth). Each time a birth for any particular year is registered; birth occurrences for that specific year are updated to include those registered late. Therefore, information on birth occurrences varies each time data are extracted from the population register since they get updated continuously.

This section reports on birth occurrence based on registration-based data captured in the birth registration system up to 29 February 2012 (this being the cut-off date for processing by Stats SA). It also reports on birth occurrences as extracted from the National Population Register on 30 June 2012. The end of February information is received electronically from DHA and that of the end of June is provided as a print-out from the same department.

Total birth occurrences for the period 1991 to 2011 for the two time-periods are provided in Table 3. It is observed that by 29 February 2012, 911 353 births that occurred in 2011 were registered, increasing to 957 280 births by 30 June 2012. This indicates that between 29 February 2012 and 30 June 2012, the birth register was updated by 45 927 births that occurred in 2011 (5,0% increase).

As expected, birth occurrences increased for each year between these two periods, showing the continuous update of the birth register. The highest number of birth occurrences was recorded for the 2006 birth year for both periods and the lowest in 1998. The number of birth occurrences decreased by 8,6% between 2010 and 2011 as at 29 February 2012; and by 2,4% as at 30 June 2012.

Table 3: Birth occurrences by year of birth and reference period, South Africa: 1991–2011

Year of birth occurrence	Birth occurrences	Updated birth occurrences
	(as at 29 Feb. 2012)	(as at 30 Jun. 2012)
1991	933 991	981 258
1992	961 994	979 567
1993	939 883	961 763
1994	923 753	970 768
1995	920 714	944 378
1996	964 480	971 990
1997	957 856	958 417
1998	898 543	941 955
1999	928 456	957 372
2000	926 466	968 920
2001	921 546	952 796
2002	909 538	962 905
2003	916 279	956 413
2004	1 002 587	1 011 819
2005	1 046 492	1 051 395
2006	1 070 532	1 077 415
2007	1 051 038	1 058 336
2008	1 063 672	1 076 543
2009	994 436	1 019 758
2010	969 770	981 062
2011	911 353	957 280

3.1 Birth occurrences as at 29 February 2012

Birth occurrences for different years are composed of births registered within the year in which they occurred and those registered late. Table 4 shows the number of births that occurred during the period 1992 to 2011 by year of birth and year of registration. The figures in bold indicate all births that were registered within the year in which they occurred while those not in bold are late registrations, showing when the births for a particular year were eventually registered.

The overall number of birth occurrences in the 10-year period has been fluctuating, with an average of about 962 000 births occurring per year. This average increases each year due to the updating of the birth register with late registrations, as well as registrations for the current year. For example, the average annual number of births in 2010 was about 954 000, which was an increase from an average of about 944 000 births recorded in 2009.

The number of births that got registered during the year of birth (numbers is bold) increased consistently between 1999 and 2006. However, after 2006 there have been variations. Decreases were observed between 2006 and 2007, 2008 and 2009 and 2009 and 2010, whereas increases were observed between 2007 and 2008 and 2010 and 2011. There were 911 353 births that occurred in 2011 and were registered within the same year. This represents a 2,4% increase from the 889 691 births that were registered within the year of birth in 2010.

Table 4 also shows that from 1994 occurrence year, the highest number of late birth registrations were registered the following year. In addition, there was a consistent pattern observed from 1997 occurrence year where late birth registrations by year of birth registration decreased consistently year by year. For example in 1997 occurrence year, late birth registrations decreased from 105 766 in 1998 to 104 453 in 1999 and then decreased consistently up to 2011 when 2 879 births that occurred in 1997 were registered.

Table 4: Birth occurrences (as at end of February 2012) by year of birth occurrence and year of birth registration, South Africa: 1992–2011

Year of birth registration	Year of birth occurrence																			
	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
1992	228 445																			
1993	54 584	199 460																		
1994	36 373	63 813	246 345																	
1995	40 965	43 097	73 336	260 880																
1996	48 415	48 338	51 748	89 566	295 719															
1997	62 404	50 708	50 627	54 198	93 807	309 723														
1998	82 381	77 021	61 919	59 942	70 261	105 766	273 180													
1999	59 898	84 143	84 563	80 362	92 276	104 453	146 055	344 700												
2000	60 000	85 000	58 170	78 122	92 269	102 179	114 781	178 516	409 707											
2001	36 564	36 441	43 932	65 682	79 095	87 285	96 809	116 374	192 410	477 489										
2002	36 841	34 709	34 679	36 685	58 125	73 665	86 859	98 553	118 600	218 256	557 573									
2003	53 258	53 491	63 494	73 845	69 465	68 289	69 795	72 533	77 256	94 588	194 204	621 887								
2004	35 034	49 237	58 549	44 477	41 014	38 700	41 372	42 511	43 503	48 197	63 234	165 662	728 283							
2005	57 158	48 398	36 883	28 386	25 341	23 240	23 162	24 996	24 807	23 798	27 701	43 404	150 546	793 788						
2006	19 544	20 039	20 002	18 034	18 217	17 623	19 518	21 911	26 516	24 057	26 042	34 601	54 941	154 331	860 263					
2007	7 880	11 421	10 178	9 472	9 309	9 227	9 897	10 969	14 158	15 200	16 766	20 009	26 769	42 569	126 358	858 866				
2008	2 507	10 740	11 767	7 955	7 105	6 548	6 691	6 927	8 327	8 722	11 378	14 085	17 869	23 732	40 554	128 336	915 674			
2009	9 928	4 555	6 024	6 204	5 406	4 489	4 317	4 609	5 128	5 072	6 053	8 322	11 793	14 208	19 510	31 885	101 743	879 707		
2010	18 488	11 094	6 389	3 913	4 495	3 790	3 483	3 340	3 450	3 535	3 844	4 852	7 623	10 566	13 736	19 323	30 164	91 064	889 691	
2011	11 327	8 178	5 148	2 991	2 576	2 879	2 624	2 517	2 604	2 632	2 743	3 457	4 763	7 298	10 111	12 628	16 091	23 665	80 079	911 353
TOTAL	961 994	939 883	923 753	920 714	964 480	957 856	898 543	928 456	926 466	921 546	909 538	916 279	1 002 587	1 046 492	1 070 532	1 051 038	1 063 672	994 436	969 770	911 353

Age of the mother for births occurring in 2011

Table 5 shows the distribution of births occurring in 2011 by age of the mother. Women aged 20–24 had the highest percentage of births (27,6%), followed by those aged 25–29 (26,8%), and then those aged 30–34 (18,6%). Taken together, these age groups (20–34) account for 72,9% of all births that occurred in 2011. About 12,0% of births occurred to women aged 15–19; while a total of 3,5% of births occurred to women aged 40 and older.

An additional table, providing the number of births by age of mother for the past five years (2007–2011), updated for late registrations up to 29 February 2012, is provided in Appendix D.

Table 5: Number and percentage of births by age of the mother, South Africa: 2011

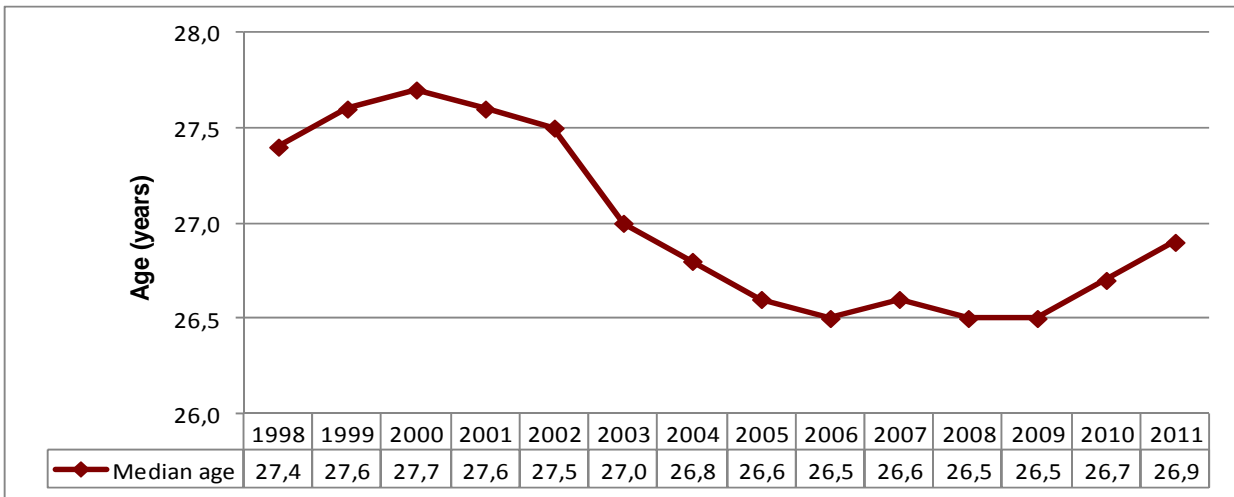
Age of mother	Number of birth occurrences	Percentage
15–19	113 240	12,4
20–24	251 202	27,6
25–29	244 062	26,8
30–34	169 427	18,6
35–39	99 725	10,9
40–44	29 453	3,2
45–49	2 896	0,3
50–54	258	0,0
Unspecified / outside the 15–54 age range	1 090	0,1
Total	911 353	100,0

Median age of the mothers from 1998 to 2011

Median age of mothers is the age that divides the mothers of children born in a specific year and were registered into two numerically equal groups, that is, half of the mothers are younger than this age and half are older. A higher median age indicates that, on average, childbearing occurs at older ages and vice versa for a lower median age.

Figure 7 shows the median ages of mothers for births occurring between 1998 and 2011 (updated with late registrations). The median age fluctuated between 26 and 28 years over the 14-year period. A high median age of 27,7 was observed in 2000, after which the median ages declined consistently until 2005, reaching a median of 26,6 years. It stabilised around 26,5 years between 2007 and 2009, after which it increased slightly to 26,7 years in 2010 and 26,9 years in 2011.

Figure 7: Median age of the mothers by year of birth, South Africa: 1998–2011

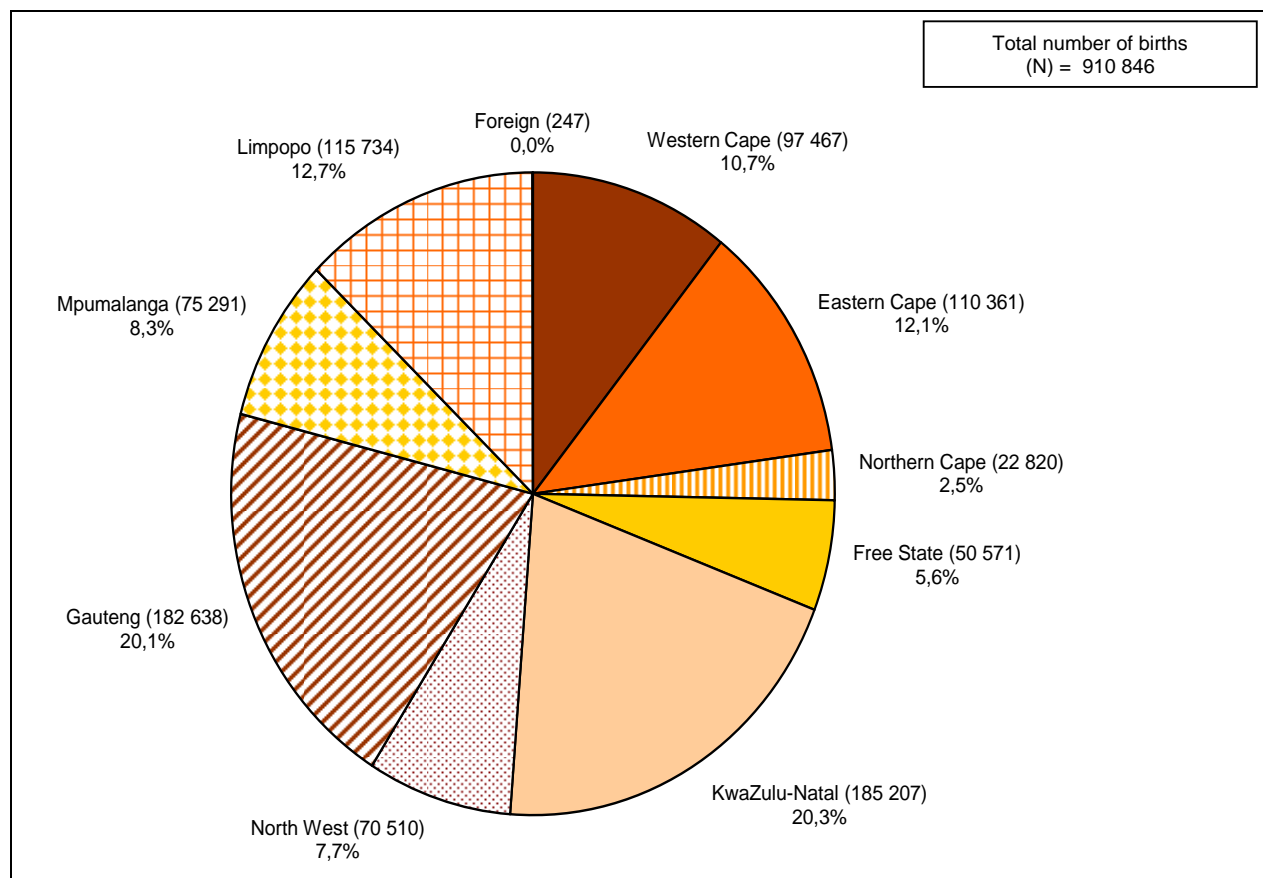


Provincial distribution of births in 2011

The distribution of births that occurred in 2011, classified by province of birth occurrence, is given in Figure 8. The highest proportion of 2011 births occurred in Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal; where about 19,0% of births occurred in each of these provinces (20,3% in Gauteng and 19,4% in KwaZulu-Natal). The lowest proportions of births occurred in Northern Cape (2,5%) and Free State (5,6%).

Birth occurrences by province and age of mother for 2011 are provided in Appendix E. The distribution of birth occurrences by province and district municipality of birth occurrences, based on revised municipal boundaries for 2006–2011, is provided in Appendix F.

Figure 8: Birth occurrences by province of registration, South Africa: 2011*



*Excluding 507 births with unspecified province

3.2 Birth occurrences as at 30 June 2012

This sub-section provides birth occurrences by sex, citizenship, and month of birth as reflected in the population register on 30 June 2012. It should be noted that the figures from the population register vary each time data are extracted. Therefore, the magnitude of change in the number of births between any two periods of extraction will depend on the number of late birth registrations for each year.

The total number of birth occurrences per year, as shown in Table 6, indicates that a total of about 20,7 million births occurred in South Africa between 1991 and 2011, with an average of about 987 720 births per year over the 21-year period. The number of birth occurrences fluctuated between 941 000 and around one million (per year) over the period 1991–2011, with the highest number occurring in 2006 and the lowest in 1998.

Sex of the child

The overall number of birth occurrences by year of birth provided in Table 6 shows that in general, there were slightly more male births than female births between 1993 and 2011. Sex ratios were between 100 and 102 males per 100 female births. There were a little more female than male births in 1992 only.

Citizenship

The majority of birth occurrences for all the years under study were for South African citizens, comprising over 99% of all births in all years. The total number of births to non-South African citizens (non-citizens with permanent residence permits) and those classified as 'other' appear to decrease over time.

Table 6: Birth occurrences (as at 30 June 2012) by sex, year of birth and citizenship, South Africa: 1991–2011

Year	Grand total			South African citizens			Non-South African citizens			Other*		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1991	981 258	490 788	490 470	979 035	489 603	489 432	1 437	732	705	786	453	333
1992	979 567	489 138	490 429	977 553	488 127	489 426	1 286	633	653	728	378	350
1993	961 763	482 114	479 649	960 023	481 226	478 797	1 132	578	554	608	310	298
1994	970 768	486 824	483 944	969 177	485 988	483 189	976	512	464	615	324	291
1995	944 378	473 423	470 955	942 756	472 641	470 115	782	388	394	840	394	446
1996	971 990	487 511	484 479	970 738	486 887	483 851	566	279	287	686	345	341
1997	958 417	479 899	478 518	957 545	479 439	478 106	336	187	149	536	273	263
1998	941 955	471 152	470 803	941 141	470 713	470 428	329	179	150	485	260	225
1999	957 372	479 024	478 348	956 584	478 630	477 954	325	160	165	463	234	229
2000	968 920	485 387	483 533	968 485	485 184	483 301	247	119	128	188	84	104
2001	952 796	477 267	475 529	952 471	477 086	475 385	225	127	98	100	54	46
2002	962 905	482 062	480 843	962 598	481 908	480 690	205	104	101	102	50	52
2003	956 413	480 256	476 157	956 149	480 111	476 038	184	100	84	80	45	35
2004	1 011 819	508 555	503 264	1 011 545	508 402	503 143	180	103	77	94	50	44
2005	1 051 395	528 810	522 585	1 051 133	528 671	522 462	159	85	74	103	54	49
2006	1 077 415	541 036	536 379	1 077 160	540 895	536 265	124	65	59	131	76	55
2007	1 058 336	532 591	525 745	1 058 116	532 479	525 637	117	70	47	103	42	61
2008	1 076 543	541 229	535 314	1 076 411	541 170	535 241	60	28	32	72	31	41
2009	1 019 758	513 355	506 403	1 019 669	513 298	506 371	39	29	10	50	28	22
2010	981 062	494 941	486 121	981 022	494 921	486 101	6	4	2	34	16	18
2011	957 280	482 590	474 690	957 257	482 575	474 682				23	15	8
Total	20 742 110	10 407 952	10 334 158	20 726 568	10 399 954	10 326 614	8 715	4 482	4 233	6 827	3 516	3 311

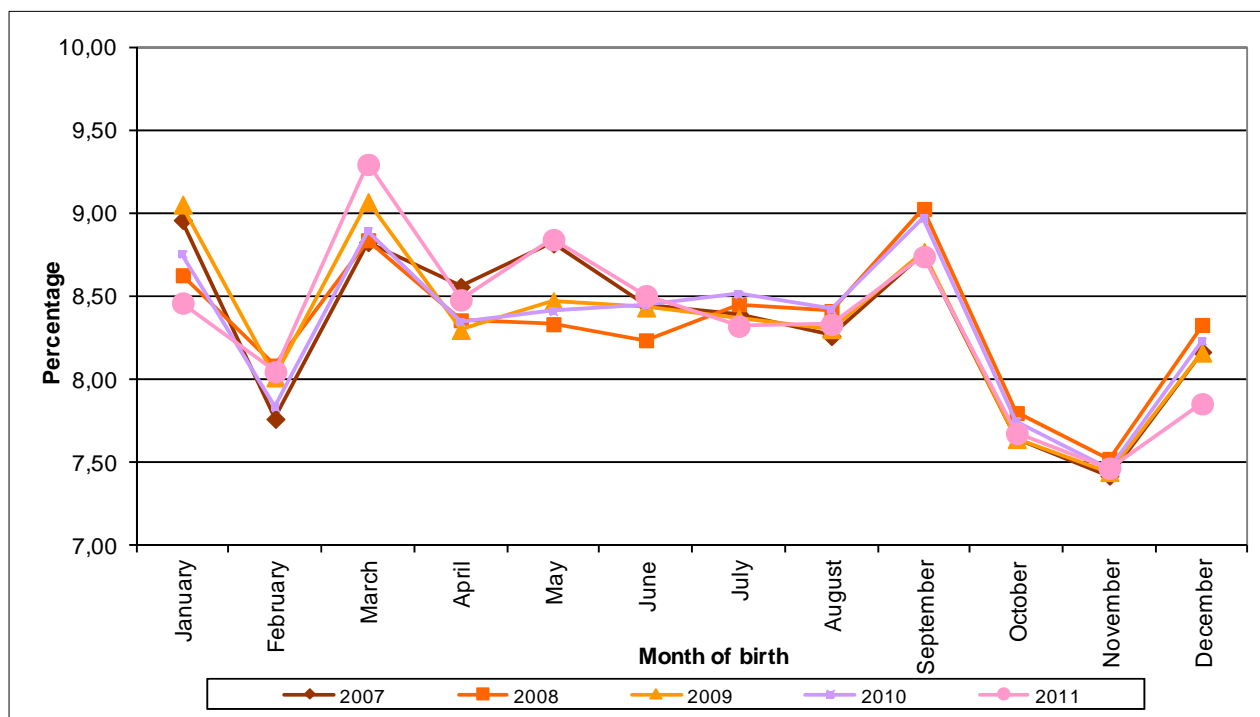
* Other refers to those people whose citizenship was under investigation and had not yet been resolved on 30 June 2012.

Month of birth

Figure 9 shows the percentage distribution of birth occurrences from 2007 to 2011 classified by month of birth. It is observed that the pattern of birth occurrences by month and year of birth was largely the same over the 5-year period. For most years, the highest proportion of births occurred during the month of September, although some years show the highest proportions in January and others in March. These three months were the first three most common months for birth occurrences as compared to other months for all years. November had the lowest proportions of birth occurrences for most years, followed by February and October. In 2011, there were more births in March and lowest in November.

Detailed information of birth occurrences from 1991 to 2011 by month of birth, sex and citizenship is given in Appendix G.

Figure 9: Percentage distribution of birth occurrences by year and month of birth, South Africa: 2007–2011



4. Concluding remarks

This statistical release provided information on birth registrations and occurrences in South Africa during the period 1991 to 2011, with specific focus on 2011. The completeness of birth registration in the country has improved over time, particularly for births registered within the year of birth. In the past four years (2008–2011), over 80% of births were registered within the year of birth. As of 30 June 2012, over 90% of births that occurred from 2005 and beyond were registered. About 90,2% of those occurring in 2011 were registered by this time.

Overall, total birth registrations decreased by 7,1% between 2010 and 2011, with current registrations increasing by 2,4 % and late registrations decreasing by 28,1% respectively between these two years. The late registrations are composed of those registering after one year of birth but less than 15 years of age and those registering from age 15. While late birth registrations before age 15 decreased (by 11,1%), late birth registrations from age 15 increased considerably (by 37,9%).

On average, around 987 966 births occurred each year between 1991 and 2011, based on registered births as at end of June 2012, with the highest number of birth occurring in 2006 and the lowest in 2011. It is expected that more births for 2011 will be registered in 2012 and others in subsequent years. The results further showed that most births occurred to women aged 20–29 years and that births mostly occurred in Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal. Overall, most births occurred during the months of March, May and September and there were slightly more male than female children for a great majority of years.

Although the completeness of birth registration has increased, coupled with more births being registered within the year of birth, there is still a need to increase efforts aimed at increasing birth registration in the country. It is important to continue to advocate for registration of births within 30 days of occurrence as stipulated in the Births and Death Registration Act (Republic of South Africa, 1992). Furthermore, details of fathers were missing in the majority of cases, a problem that has persisted over a long time. It is, therefore, important that officials at the Department of Home Affairs ensure that all the information required on the birth notification form is completed fully and accurately at the time of birth registration.

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Appendix A: Notice of birth form (DHA-24) – page 2

F. DECLARATION

I, _____, hereby declare that the information supplied is to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and correct, I understand that a false statement is punishable under section 31 of the Births and Deaths Registration Act of 1992.

Informant

Initials and surname	Signature
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Date

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Place

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Relationship to the child: Father (Parent A) Mother (Parent B) Legal guardian Social worker

G. FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY - OFFICE OF ORIGIN

NOTICE OF BIRTH RECEIVED BY:

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Office stamp - Office of origin

DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED WITH THIS APPLICATION: PLEASE TICK

Birth Registration within 30 Days:

- Confirmation of Birth
- Certified copy of Father's/Parent A's ID document (if applicable)
- Certified copy of Mother's/Parent B's ID document
- Certified copy of Legal Guardian/Social Worker's ID document
- Certified copy of Marriage Certificate of parents (if married)
- BI 1858 if married religiously i.e. Moslem, Hindu
- Medical Report: Same Sex Parents
- Certified copy of Social Worker's Registration Certificate

Birth Registration after 30 Days, additional documents:

- Proof of Paternity

If foreign birth, additional documents:

- Certified copy of the Foreign birth certificate of the child
- Citizenship determination form BI-529 (SA Parent)
- Citizenship determination form BI-529 (Child)

Online verification performed and printouts attached for following persons:

Father (Parent A) Mother (Parent B) Legal guardian Social worker

Date

Y	Y	Y	Y
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D	D
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Signature _____

H. APPLICATION VERIFIED

Date

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I hereby declare that I have verified the application and registration

Initials and surname _____

Signature _____

Identity number

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Appendix B: Total birth registrations for 2011 by year of birth occurrence, province and district municipality

Province and district municipality	Grand total	2011 (current)	Late registrations					
			Total	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006 and below
Total - South Africa	1 202 377	911 353	291 024	80 079	23 665	16 091	12 628	158 561
Western Cape								
Cape Winelands	13 805	12 603	1 202	609	160	100	77	256
Central Karoo	1 139	1 065	74	47	11	7	0	9
City of Cape Town	75 223	66 936	8 287	3 847	1 275	850	578	1 737
Eden	10 029	8 972	1 057	516	139	87	76	239
Overberg	3 051	2 568	483	229	74	34	36	110
West Coast	6 142	5 323	819	470	96	58	41	154
Total	109 389	97 467	11 922	5 718	1 755	1 136	808	2 505
Eastern Cape								
Alfred Nzo	15 483	12 138	3 345	1 409	432	276	278	950
Amatole	14 764	11 793	2 971	1 244	417	271	175	864
Buffalo city	16 234	14 766	1 468	742	218	125	95	288
Cacadu	7 132	6 044	1 088	538	133	96	72	249
Chris Hani	14 926	12 472	2 454	1 223	374	227	157	473
Joe Gqabi	6 313	4 967	1 346	547	155	128	97	419
Nelson Mandela Bay Metro	20 572	18 326	2 246	1 204	313	169	137	423
O.R. Tambo	37 231	29 855	7 376	3 444	966	645	491	1 830
Total	132 655	110 361	22 294	10 351	3 008	1 937	1 502	5 496
Northern Cape								
Frances Baard	9 291	8 423	868	332	116	72	85	263
John Taolo Gaetsewe	5 848	5 363	485	208	70	33	31	143
Namakwa	1 467	1 369	98	31	15	11	7	34
Pixley ka Seme	4 124	3 386	738	341	83	60	50	204
Siyanda	4 883	4 279	604	283	75	36	32	178
Total	25 613	22 820	2 793	1 195	359	212	205	822
Free State								
Fezile Dabi	9 141	7 569	1 572	498	209	164	165	536
Lejweleputswa	12 761	10 839	1 922	637	247	164	158	716
Mangaung	18 528	16 688	1 840	657	215	155	166	647
Thabo Mofutsanyane	16 198	14 227	1 971	706	228	198	160	679
Xhariep	1 602	1 248	354	93	52	24	24	161
Total	58 230	50 571	7 659	2 591	951	705	673	2 739

Appendix B: Total birth registrations for 2011 by year of birth occurrence, province and district municipality (concluded)

Province and district municipality	Grand total	2011 (current)	Late registrations					2006 and below
			Total	2010	2009	2008	2007	
Total - South Africa	1 202 377	911 353	291 024	80 079	23 665	16 091	12 628	158 561
KwaZulu-Natal								
Amajuba	12 819	10 164	2 655	1 290	350	219	191	605
eThekweni	77 262	59 873	17 389	5 582	1 847	1 348	1 112	7 500
iLembe	10 195	7 658	2 537	1 160	324	241	200	612
Sisonke	14 118	10 852	3 266	1 134	440	340	242	1 110
Ugu	15 483	12 949	2 534	1 053	312	225	204	740
UMgungundlovu	20 655	15 984	4 671	1 458	589	467	394	1 763
Umkhanyakude	15 659	11 107	4 552	2 081	575	432	323	1 141
Umzinyathi	13 200	9 606	3 594	1 370	461	361	280	1 122
Uthukela	15 720	12 184	3 536	1 468	481	324	298	965
Uthungulu	24 712	18 611	6 101	2 800	794	595	454	1 458
Zululand	21 341	16 219	5 122	2 253	725	515	425	1 204
Total	241 164	185 207	55 957	21 649	6 898	5 067	4 123	18 220
North West								
Bojanala	38 323	32 909	5 414	2 585	757	478	392	1 202
Dr Kenneth Kaunda Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti	15 060	12 759	2 301	1 045	333	206	154	563
Ngaka Modiri Molema	19 242	15 822	3 420	1 875	431	271	194	649
Total	83 900	70 510	13 390	6 489	1 804	1 155	884	3 058
Gauteng								
City of Johannesburg	69 320	59 642	9 678	3 929	1 477	991	775	2 506
City of Tshwane	147 935	39 659	108 276	3 222	961	635	520	102 938
Ekurhuleni	61 693	53 207	8 486	3 453	1 215	861	670	2 287
Sedibeng	18 241	16 001	2 240	929	316	212	167	616
West Rand	16 385	14 129	2 256	851	331	228	204	642
Total	313 574	182 638	130 936	12 384	4 300	2 927	2 336	108 989
Mpumalanga								
Ehlanzeni	49 134	39 862	9 272	4 759	1 102	730	545	2 136
Gert Sibande	21 026	15 980	5 046	2 490	680	444	334	1 098
Nkangala	23 681	19 449	4 232	2 128	626	379	251	848
Total	93 841	75 291	18 550	9 377	2 408	1 553	1 130	4 082
Limpopo								
Capricorn	35 152	30 858	4 294	2 488	484	347	256	719
Greater Sekhukhune	20 682	17 426	3 256	1 916	399	268	154	519
Mopani	28 802	25 387	3 415	1 781	415	256	195	768
Vhembe	31 269	26 879	4 390	2 751	551	316	202	570
Waterberg	17 476	15 184	2 292	1 288	298	185	131	390
Total	133 381	115 734	17 647	10 224	2 147	1 372	938	2 966
Foreign	9 595	247	9 348	60	30	18	21	9 219
Unspecified	1035	507	528	41	5	9	8	465

Appendix C: Birth registrations by registration status, sex, province and district municipality, 2011

Province and district municipality	Total registrations			Current registrations			Late registrations					
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Before age 15			From age 15		
							Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total - South Africa	1 202 377	605 170	597 207	911 353	459 194	452 159	174 091	87 338	86 753	116 933	58 638	58 295
Western Cape												
Cape Winelands	13 805	6 945	6 860	12 603	6 329	6 274	1 194	614	580	8	2	6
Central Karoo	1 139	619	520	1 065	578	487	74	41	33	0	0	0
City of Cape Town	75 223	38 059	37 164	66 936	33 871	33 065	8 021	4 047	3 974	266	141	125
Eden	10 029	5 040	4 989	8 972	4 498	4 474	1 055	542	513	2	0	2
Overberg	3 051	1 546	1 505	2 568	1 292	1 276	481	252	229	2	2	0
West Coast	6 142	3 077	3 065	5 323	2 667	2 656	818	410	408	1	0	1
Total	109 389	55 286	54 103	97 467	49 235	48 232	11 643	5 906	5 737	279	145	134
Eastern Cape												
Alfred Nzo	15 483	7 653	7 830	12 138	5 995	6 143	3 306	1 639	1 667	39	19	20
Amatole	14 764	7 355	7 409	11 793	5 854	5 939	2 928	1 478	1 450	43	23	20
Buffalo city	16 234	8 220	8 014	14 766	7 478	7 288	1 459	739	720	9	3	6
Cacadu	7 132	3 692	3 440	6 044	3 168	2 876	1 086	523	563	2	1	1
Chris Hani	14 926	7 481	7 445	12 472	6 261	6 211	2 424	1 201	1 223	30	19	11
Joe Gqabi	6 313	3 125	3 188	4 967	2 474	2 493	1 328	641	687	18	10	8
Nelson Mandela Bay Metro	20 572	10 417	10 155	18 326	9 291	9 035	2 237	1 120	1 117	9	6	3
O.R. Tambo	37 231	18 758	18 473	29 855	15 046	14 809	7 286	3 670	3 616	90	42	48
Total	132 655	66 701	65 954	110 361	55 567	54 794	22 054	11 011	11 043	240	123	117
Northern Cape												
Frances Baard	9 291	4 730	4 561	8 423	4 312	4 111	863	416	447	5	2	3
John Taolo Gaetsewe	5 848	3 063	2 785	5 363	2 803	2 560	481	259	222	4	1	3
Namakwa	1 467	732	735	1 369	683	686	98	49	49	0	0	0
Pixley ka Seme	4 124	2 044	2 080	3 386	1 689	1 697	735	353	382	3	2	1
Siyanda	4 883	2 470	2 413	4 279	2 184	2 095	600	283	317	4	3	1
Total	25 613	13 039	12 574	22 820	11 671	11 149	2 777	1 360	1 417	16	8	8
Free State												
Fezile Dabi	9 141	4 534	4 607	7 569	3 754	3 815	1 566	777	789	6	3	3
Lejweleputswa	12 761	6 425	6 336	10 839	5 459	5 380	1 915	960	955	7	6	1
Mangaung	18 528	9 249	9 279	16 688	8 356	8 332	1 812	878	934	18	15	13
Thabo Mofutsanyane	16 198	8 112	8 086	14 227	7 130	7 097	1 956	974	982	15	8	7
Xhariep	1 602	793	809	1 248	616	632	352	177	175	2	0	2
Total	58 230	29 113	29 117	50 571	25 315	25 256	7 601	3 766	3 835	58	32	26

Appendix C: Birth registrations by registration status, sex, province and district municipality, 2011 (concluded)

Province and district municipality	Total registrations			Current registrations			Late registrations					
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Before age 15			From age 15		
							Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total- South Africa	1 202 377	605 170	597 207	911 353	459 194	452 159	174 091	87 338	86 753	116 933	58 638	58 295
KwaZulu-Natal												
Amajuba	12 819	6 466	6 353	10 164	5 128	5 036	2 622	1 317	1 305	33	21	12
eThekweni	77 262	38 998	38 264	59 873	30 234	29 639	13 107	6 570	6 537	4 282	2 194	2 088
iLembe	10 195	5 155	5 040	7 658	3 884	3 774	2 524	1 265	1 259	13	6	7
Sisonke	14 118	7 133	6 985	10 852	5 497	5 355	3 229	1 620	1 609	37	16	21
Ugu	15 483	7 756	7 727	12 949	6 470	6 479	2 484	1 262	1 222	50	24	26
UMgungundlovu	20 655	10 390	10 265	15 984	8 031	7 953	4 627	2 339	2 288	44	20	24
Umkhanyakude	15 659	7 879	7 780	11 107	5 634	5 473	4 487	2 208	2 279	65	37	28
Umzinyathi	13 200	6 611	6 589	9 606	4 823	4 783	3 556	1 766	1 790	38	22	16
Uthukela	15 720	7 889	7 831	12 184	6 115	6 069	3 507	1 759	1 748	29	15	14
Uthungulu	24 712	12 235	12 477	18 611	9 173	9 438	6 057	3 037	3 020	44	25	19
Zululand	21 341	10 355	10 986	16 219	7 773	8 446	5 089	2 561	2 528	33	21	12
Total	241 164	120 867	120 297	185 207	92 762	92 445	51 289	25 704	25 585	4 668	2 401	2 267
North West												
Bojanala	38 323	19 383	18 940	32 909	16 718	16 191	5 385	2 651	2 734	29	14	15
Dr Kenneth Kaunda	15 060	7 518	7 542	12 759	6 389	6 370	2 295	1 127	1 168	6	2	4
Dr Ruth Segomotsi	19 242	9 706	9 536	15 822	7 963	7 859	3 405	1 735	1 670	15	8	7
Ngaka Modiri Molema	11 275	5 648	5 627	9 020	4 543	4 477	2 241	1 098	1 143	14	7	7
Total	83 900	42 255	41 645	70 510	35 613	34 897	13 326	6 611	6 715	64	31	33
Gauteng												
City of Johannesburg	69 320	35 040	34 280	59 642	30 236	29 406	9 650	4 788	4 862	28	16	12
City of Tshwane	147 935	74 315	73 620	39 659	20 076	19 583	7 041	3 581	3 460	101 235	50 658	50 577
Ekurhuleni	61 693	31 046	30 647	53 207	26 728	26 479	8 434	4 287	4 147	52	31	21
Sedibeng	18 241	9 271	8 970	16 001	8 116	7 885	2 225	1 145	1 080	15	10	5
West Rand	16 385	8 295	8 090	14 129	7 151	6 978	2 251	1 141	1 110	5	3	2
Total	313 574	157 967	155 607	182 638	92 307	90 331	29 601	14 942	14 659	101 335	50 718	50 617
Mpumalanga												
Ehlanzeni	49 134	24 777	24 357	39 862	20 104	19 758	8 913	4 462	4 451	359	211	148
Gert Sibande	21 026	10 538	10 488	15 980	7 983	7 997	4 994	2 527	2 467	52	28	24
Nkangala	23 681	11 887	11 794	19 449	9 724	9 725	4 190	2 146	2 044	42	17	25
Total	93 841	47 202	46 639	75 291	37 811	37 480	18 097	9 135	8 962	453	256	197
Limpopo												
Capricorn	35 152	17 761	17 391	30 858	15 642	15 216	4 268	2 104	2 164	26	15	11
Greater Sekhukhune	20 682	10 625	10 057	17 426	8 940	8 486	3 226	1 669	1 557	30	16	14
Mopani	28 802	14 467	14 335	25 387	12 748	12 639	3 262	1 638	1 624	153	81	72
Vhembe	31 269	15 749	15 520	26 879	13 557	13 322	4 367	2 180	2 187	23	12	11
Waterberg	17 476	8 815	8 661	15 184	7 656	7 528	2 285	1 155	1 130	7	4	3
Total	133 381	67 417	65 964	115 734	58 543	57 191	17 408	8 746	8 662	239	128	111
Foreign	9 595	4 782	4 813	247	117	130	196	99	97	9 152	4 566	4 586
Unspecified	1 035	541	494	507	253	254	99	58	41	429	230	199

Appendix D: Birth occurrences by year of birth and age of mother, 2007–2011*

Age of mother	Year of birth occurrence				
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
15-19	147 962	151 002	142 125	133 067	113 240
20-24	296 148	297 256	278 118	267 025	251 202
25-29	255 289	266 139	251 777	251 818	244 062
30-34	190 360	190 671	177 834	176 666	169 427
35-39	113 914	112 295	103 593	102 731	99 725
40-44	35 824	35 917	33 214	32 997	29 453
45-49	6 536	5 925	4 708	3 416	2 896
50-54	851	656	436	321	258
Unspecified / outside the 15-54 age range	4 154	3 811	2 631	1 729	1 090
Total	1 051 038	1 063 672	994 436	969 770	911 353

*Figures include updated birth occurrences as at 29 February 2012.

Appendix E: Birth occurrences by province of birth occurrence and age of mother, 2011

Province of birth occurrence	Age of mother									Total
	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	Unsp.*	
Western Cape	11 435	23 924	26 945	20 239	11 339	3 063	208	5	294	97 452
Eastern Cape	20 170	31 250	25 665	17 161	11 134	3 798	523	18	616	110 335
Northern Cape	3 727	6 353	5 447	4 046	2 357	724	54	4	76	22 788
Free State	7 337	14 939	12 857	8 736	4 883	1 520	112	2	179	50 565
KwaZulu-Natal	32 954	55 521	45 144	27 732	16 273	5 051	797	47	1 714	185 233
North West	9 529	20 025	17 899	12 296	7 806	2 542	246	8	147	70 498
Gauteng	18 058	43 081	50 772	40 012	22 600	6 330	566	22	1 066	182 507
Mpumalanga	13 243	21 111	18 337	12 044	7 381	2 420	347	24	347	75 254
Limpopo	17 282	32 308	28 895	19 553	12 697	4 260	475	9	289	115 768
Foreign	30	50	53	38	21	11	8	0	16	227
Unspecified	98	163	187	149	77	27	4	2	19	726
Total	133 863	248 725	232 201	162 006	96 568	29 746	3 340	141	4 763	911 353

* Unspecified or outside the 15–54 age range

Appendix F: Birth occurrences by year of birth and province and district municipality of birth occurrence, 2007–2011

Province and district municipality	Year of birth				
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total- South Africa	1 051 038	1 063 672	994 436	969 770	911 353
Western Cape					
Cape Winelands	13 231	13 521	13 297	13 140	12 603
Central Karoo	1 195	1 245	1 180	1 065	1 065
City of Cape Town	74 723	76 318	72 731	70 504	66 936
Eden	10 194	10 477	9 890	9 482	8 972
Overberg	2 827	2 956	2 742	2 789	2 568
West Coast	5 844	6 096	5 945	5 621	5 323
Total	108 014	110 613	105 785	102 601	97 467
Eastern Cape					
Alfred Nzo	18 315	17 168	14 686	13 278	12 138
Amatole	15 153	14 755	13 722	12 103	11 793
Buffalo city	15 645	15 966	15 405	15 330	14 766
Cacadu	7 265	6 859	6 400	6 265	6 044
Chris Hani	17 684	16 987	14 862	13 595	12 472
Joe Gqabi	6 149	6 211	5 866	5 452	4 967
Nelson Mandela Bay Metro	23 245	23 233	21 078	19 570	18 326
O.R. Tambo	39 754	36 849	31 362	31 189	29 855
Total	143 210	138 028	123 381	116 782	110 361
Northern Cape					
Frances Baard	8 548	8 939	8 732	8 454	8 423
John Taolo Gaetsewe	5 125	5 498	4 951	5 214	5 363
Namakwa	1 507	1 525	1 552	1 492	1 369
Pixley ka Seme	4 375	4 394	4 147	3 985	3 386
Siyanda	4 717	4 461	4 582	4 588	4 279
Total	24 272	24 817	23 964	23 733	22 820
Free State					
Fezile Dabi	8 853	9 295	8 610	8 369	7 569
Lejweleputswa	11 940	12 668	11 626	11 329	10 839
Mangaung	17 599	17 508	16 763	17 407	16 688
Thabo Mofutsanyane	16 535	16 528	14 986	14 711	14 227
Xhariep	1 741	1 716	1 421	1 453	1 248
Total	56 668	57 715	53 406	53 269	50 571

* Figures include updated birth occurrences as at 29 February 2012.

Appendix F: Birth occurrences by year of birth and province and district municipality of birth occurrence, 2007–2011 (concluded)

Province and district municipality	Year of birth				
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total- South Africa	1 051 038	1 063 672	994 436	969 770	911 353
KwaZulu-Natal					
Amajuba	10 610	12 036	12 083	11 595	10 164
eThekweni	70 709	73 270	67 288	66 820	59 873
iLembe	11 692	12 505	12 175	9 287	7 658
Sisonke	13 649	11 898	11 294	11 505	10 852
Ugu	16 490	17 016	15 426	14 615	12 949
UMgungundlovu	17 018	17 895	17 330	16 936	15 984
Umkhanyakude	15 399	15 313	13 732	12 673	11 107
Umzinyathi	12 461	10 312	8 038	9 798	9 606
Uthukela	15 310	15 320	14 068	13 587	12 184
Uthungulu	26 284	24 837	22 539	20 620	18 611
Zululand	23 280	22 504	19 411	18 684	16 219
Total	232 902	232 906	213 384	206 120	185 207
North West					
Bojanala	36 601	38 218	35 752	35 440	32 909
Dr Kenneth Kaunda	14 798	15 115	14 460	13 504	12 759
Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati	18 681	18 676	17 868	17 187	15 822
Ngaka Modiri Molema	10 639	10 818	10 302	10 064	9 020
Total	80 719	82 827	78 382	76 195	70 510
Gauteng					
City of Johannesburg	68 311	68 245	64 844	62 901	59 642
City of Tshwane	38 197	39 890	40 470	42 289	39 659
Ekurhuleni	56 290	59 331	55 876	55 037	53 207
Sedibeng	15 770	16 953	17 117	17 176	16 001
West Rand	15 055	15 764	14 444	14 191	14 129
Total	193 623	200 183	192 751	191 594	182 638
Mpumalanga					
Ehlanzeni	45 109	45 949	42 812	41 271	39 862
Gert Sibande	19 465	19 292	18 456	18 117	15 980
Nkangala	20 733	21 894	21 634	20 000	19 449
Total	85 307	87 135	82 902	79 388	75 291
Limpopo					
Capricorn	30 278	31 698	29 995	31 563	30 858
Greater Sekhukhune	19 927	20 810	19 384	19 479	17 426
Mopani	24 534	26 271	25 178	25 121	25 387
Vhembe	30 256	30 510	28 262	28 022	26 879
Waterberg	16 216	15 999	15 362	15 167	15 184
Total	121 211	125 288	118 181	119 352	115 734
Foreign	4 907	4 033	2 175	594	247
Unspecified	205	127	125	142	507

* Figures include updated birth occurrences as at 29 February 2012.

Appendix G: Total birth occurrences by sex, month and citizenship, 1991–1993

Year	Month	GRAND TOTAL	SA CITIZENS*		NON-CITIZENS*		OTHER**		TOTAL	
			Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1991	January	85 602	42 726	42 621	83	72	56	44	42 865	42 737
	February	75 943	38 204	37 568	58	50	34	29	38 296	37 647
	March	84 492	42 083	42 215	64	62	41	27	42 188	42 304
	April	80 257	39 968	40 117	57	50	35	30	40 060	40 197
	May	81 643	40 663	40 774	59	59	52	36	40 774	40 869
	June	85 347	42 840	42 315	64	57	42	29	42 946	42 401
	July	78 538	39 248	39 115	63	55	32	25	39 343	39 195
	August	81 966	41 071	40 719	52	54	42	28	41 165	40 801
	September	93 953	46 572	47 193	65	71	27	25	46 664	47 289
	October	78 148	38 963	39 018	56	64	31	16	39 050	39 098
	November	73 276	36 237	36 872	61	50	32	24	36 330	36 946
	December	82 093	41 028	40 905	50	61	29	20	41 107	40 986
	Total		981 258	489 603	489 432	732	705	453	333	490 788
1992	January	82 366	41 187	40 974	59	63	42	41	41 288	41 078
	February	82 073	41 181	40 705	50	58	39	40	41 270	40 803
	March	86 799	43 082	43 569	44	47	30	27	43 156	43 643
	April	82 188	40 984	41 030	60	57	29	28	41 073	41 115
	May	80 852	40 256	40 424	58	48	32	34	40 346	40 506
	June	84 271	42 065	42 059	50	53	25	19	42 140	42 131
	July	78 788	39 156	39 452	52	58	38	32	39 246	39 542
	August	81 366	40 406	40 815	39	59	21	26	40 466	40 900
	September	91 553	45 620	45 750	72	52	34	25	45 726	45 827
	October	76 670	38 244	38 250	55	55	41	25	38 340	38 330
	November	71 945	35 599	36 197	50	49	24	26	35 673	36 272
	December	80 696	40 347	40 201	44	54	23	27	40 414	40 282
	Total		979 567	488 127	489 426	633	653	378	350	489 138
1993	January	80 030	39 980	39 881	58	57	29	25	40 067	39 963
	February	71 650	35 959	35 560	41	43	26	21	36 026	35 624
	March	82 974	41 406	41 400	50	57	34	27	41 490	41 484
	April	77 513	38 815	38 565	49	35	22	27	38 886	38 627
	May	78 070	38 983	38 933	45	49	32	28	39 060	39 010
	June	82 386	41 311	40 925	54	40	28	28	41 393	40 993
	July	77 937	38 982	38 821	52	41	21	20	39 055	38 882
	August	81 464	40 889	40 436	47	48	19	25	40 955	40 509
	September	91 376	45 651	45 580	50	39	30	26	45 731	45 645
	October	78 184	39 016	39 025	40	50	27	26	39 083	39 101
	November	75 449	37 631	37 679	54	42	17	26	37 702	37 747
	December	84 730	42 603	41 992	38	53	25	19	42 666	42 064
	Total		961 763	481 226	478 797	578	554	310	298	482 114

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Appendix G.1: Total birth occurrences by sex, month and citizenship, 1994–1996*

Year	Month	GRAND TOTAL	SA CITIZENS*		NON-CITIZENS*		OTHER**		TOTAL	
			Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1994	January	81 714	41 012	40 553	51	40	35	23	41 098	40 616
	February	74 017	37 089	36 825	44	23	24	12	37 157	36 860
	March	81 405	40 773	40 501	46	35	25	25	40 844	40 561
	April	82 634	41 195	41 302	49	36	25	27	41 269	41 365
	May	80 235	40 169	39 929	46	41	22	28	40 237	39 998
	June	83 506	41 590	41 763	46	47	32	28	41 668	41 838
	July	78 103	39 241	38 719	39	47	36	21	39 316	38 787
	August	81 832	40 959	40 741	35	41	24	32	41 018	40 814
	September	90 015	45 156	44 730	45	44	22	18	45 223	44 792
	October	78 669	39 472	39 058	42	44	22	31	39 536	39 133
	November	74 378	37 094	37 156	42	34	23	29	37 159	37 219
	December	84 260	42 238	41 912	27	32	34	17	42 299	41 961
	Total		970 768	485 988	483 189	512	464	324	291	486 824
1995	January	80 784	40 435	40 211	25	37	35	41	40 271	40 289
	February	70 905	35 538	35 242	31	25	31	38	35 304	35 305
	March	79 152	39 680	39 319	42	35	42	34	39 403	39 388
	April	75 813	37 748	37 924	33	37	37	34	37 994	37 995
	May	78 551	39 527	38 882	42	37	22	41	38 946	38 960
	June	81 271	40 832	40 314	26	37	31	31	40 371	40 382
	July	77 675	38 643	38 900	29	27	32	44	38 961	38 971
	August	80 174	40 290	39 752	34	42	23	33	39 809	39 827
	September	88 736	44 294	44 274	40	34	42	52	44 356	44 360
	October	77 145	38 392	38 620	34	35	30	34	38 684	38 689
	November	72 645	36 362	36 174	19	26	30	34	36 223	36 234
	December	81 527	40 900	40 503	33	22	39	30	40 575	40 555
	Total		944 378	472 641	470 115	388	394	394	446	470 897
1996	January	84 601	42 228	42 255	22	28	34	34	42 284	42 317
	February	74 503	37 368	37 019	30	22	40	24	37 438	37 065
	March	82 028	40 805	41 130	21	20	27	25	40 853	41 175
	April	78 696	39 655	38 960	21	24	16	20	39 692	39 004
	May	80 372	40 164	40 097	30	27	22	32	40 216	40 156
	June	84 320	42 350	41 867	25	21	28	29	42 403	41 917
	July	79 956	39 940	39 920	26	26	21	23	39 987	39 969
	August	82 397	41 320	40 957	17	28	41	34	41 378	41 019
	September	91 218	45 624	45 477	25	19	36	37	45 685	45 533
	October	77 741	39 182	38 463	20	27	25	24	39 227	38 514
	November	72 966	36 424	36 471	12	20	22	17	36 458	36 508
	December	83 192	41 827	41 235	30	25	33	42	41 890	41 302
	Total		971 990	486 887	483 851	279	287	345	341	487 511

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Appendix G.2: Total birth occurrences by sex, month and citizenship, 1997–1999*

Year	Month	GRAND TOTAL	SA CITIZENS*		NON-CITIZENS*		OTHER**		TOTAL	
			Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1997	January	82 883	41 481	41 325	12	14	20	31	41 513	41 370
	February	73 872	36 937	36 866	13	13	27	16	36 977	36 895
	March	84 445	42 268	42 078	19	15	38	27	42 325	42 120
	April	79 181	39 442	39 666	17	19	17	20	39 476	39 705
	May	79 029	39 479	39 478	21	16	16	19	39 516	39 513
	June	81 389	40 544	40 775	15	14	24	17	40 583	40 806
	July	80 252	40 184	40 003	19	10	14	22	40 217	40 035
	August	80 784	40 240	40 468	20	6	23	27	40 283	40 501
	September	88 797	44 585	44 143	13	10	23	23	44 621	44 176
	October	76 110	38 280	37 773	10	9	19	19	38 309	37 801
	November	71 080	35 712	35 292	14	10	26	26	35 752	35 328
	December	80 595	40 287	40 239	14	13	26	16	40 327	40 268
	Total		958 417	479 439	478 106	187	149	273	263	479 899
1998	January	81 618	40 583	40 945	20	11	30	29	40 633	40 985
	February	73 739	36 849	36 824	10	11	33	12	36 892	36 847
	March	83 078	41 553	41 454	14	19	24	14	41 591	41 487
	April	77 833	38 594	39 173	18	10	13	25	38 625	39 208
	May	78 762	39 563	39 127	15	15	27	15	39 605	39 157
	June	79 871	39 932	39 882	18	11	21	7	39 971	39 900
	July	77 379	38 886	38 425	8	17	21	22	38 915	38 464
	August	79 059	39 293	39 695	15	13	21	22	39 329	39 730
	September	87 389	43 856	43 464	20	13	19	17	43 895	43 494
	October	75 310	37 654	37 580	17	14	21	24	37 692	37 618
	November	69 875	35 027	34 781	12	10	19	26	35 058	34 817
	December	78 042	38 923	39 078	12	6	11	12	38 946	39 096
	Total		941 955	470 713	470 428	179	150	260	225	471 152
1999	January	79 653	39 742	39 838	10	16	29	18	39 781	39 872
	February	70 830	35 557	35 233	8	12	11	9	35 576	35 254
	March	82 315	40 984	41 256	13	13	28	21	41 025	41 290
	April	81 469	40 542	40 861	14	14	17	21	40 573	40 896
	May	82 251	41 012	41 149	18	22	32	18	41 062	41 189
	June	82 572	41 266	41 241	6	14	25	20	41 297	41 275
	July	79 209	39 647	39 487	23	11	18	23	39 688	39 521
	August	80 138	40 111	39 948	14	17	20	28	40 145	39 993
	September	88 012	44 146	43 800	13	13	18	22	44 177	43 835
	October	76 271	37 940	38 266	14	18	16	17	37 970	38 301
	November	72 953	36 844	36 069	10	6	11	13	36 865	36 088
	December	81 699	40 839	40 806	17	9	9	19	40 865	40 834
	Total		957 372	478 630	477 954	160	165	234	229	479 024

*Figures include updated birth occurrences as at 30 June 2012.

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Appendix G.3: Total birth occurrences by sex, month and citizenship, 2000–2002*

Year	Month	GRAND TOTAL	SA CITIZENS*		NON-CITIZENS*		OTHER**		TOTAL	
			Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
2000	January	84 816	42 480	42 292	7	16	7	14	42 494	42 322
	February	78 925	39 625	39 261	13	5	11	10	39 649	39 276
	March	85 202	42 616	42 531	14	15	7	19	42 637	42 565
	April	80 620	40 268	40 311	9	6	11	15	40 288	40 332
	May	82 195	40 971	41 171	9	13	11	20	40 991	41 204
	June	82 613	41 396	41 187	6	10	5	6	41 407	41 206
	July	79 766	39 886	39 853	8	11	6	3	39 900	39 866
	August	80 758	40 612	40 118	6	9	6	5	40 624	40 134
	September	86 851	43 521	43 298	12	11	7	4	43 540	43 311
	October	76 728	38 532	38 158	15	9	8	4	38 555	38 173
	November	72 578	36 263	36 292	8	8	3	3	36 274	36 304
	December	77 866	39 014	38 829	12	15	2	1	39 028	38 838
	Total		968 920	485 184	483 301	119	128	84	104	485 387
2001	January	85 892	43 059	42 804	13	8	5	3	43 077	42 815
	February	73 482	36 585	36 865	15	9	6	2	36 606	36 876
	March	83 929	42 144	41 757	9	11	2	6	42 155	41 774
	April	79 974	40 033	39 908	13	7	7	6	40 053	39 921
	May	81 147	40 450	40 672	9	6	8	2	40 467	40 680
	June	80 212	39 918	40 271	8	8	1	6	39 927	40 285
	July	78 113	39 383	38 699	13	9	5	4	39 401	38 712
	August	78 841	39 393	39 424	10	6	3	5	39 406	39 435
	September	85 378	42 901	42 458	7	8	4	0	42 912	42 466
	October	76 019	37 785	38 204	13	10	3	4	37 801	38 218
	November	71 827	36 170	35 633	10	6	5	3	36 185	35 642
	December	77 982	39 265	38 690	7	10	5	5	39 277	38 705
	Total		952 796	477 086	475 385	127	98	54	46	477 267
2002	January	85 783	43 046	42 705	11	7	6	8	43 063	42 720
	February	75 583	37 845	37 721	5	5	4	3	37 854	37 729
	March	82 277	40 924	41 323	8	7	7	8	40 939	41 338
	April	78 447	39 074	39 345	11	9	3	5	39 088	39 359
	May	80 996	40 338	40 637	8	9	1	3	40 347	40 649
	June	81 813	41 017	40 768	11	10	2	5	41 030	40 783
	July	81 261	40 510	40 732	4	6	7	2	40 521	40 740
	August	80 105	40 531	39 548	10	8	4	4	40 545	39 560
	September	87 605	44 058	43 520	8	13	3	3	44 069	43 536
	October	77 745	38 667	39 047	12	8	7	4	38 686	39 059
	November	72 003	36 152	35 830	6	7	4	4	36 162	35 841
	December	79 287	39 746	39 514	10	12	2	3	39 758	39 529
	Total		962 905	481 908	480 690	104	101	50	52	482 062

*Figures include updated birth occurrences as at 30 June 2012.

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Appendix G.4: Total birth occurrences by sex, month and citizenship, 2003–2005*

Year	Month	GRAND TOTAL	SA CITIZENS*		NON-CITIZENS*		OTHER**		TOTAL	
			Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
2003	January	84 106	42 272	41 813	10	7	3	1	42 285	41 821
	February	74 835	37 504	37 308	11	6	3	3	37 518	37 317
	March	85 388	42 769	42 602	4	7	1	5	42 774	42 614
	April	80 297	40 301	39 973	7	11	4	1	40 312	39 985
	May	81 438	40 911	40 503	12	6	5	1	40 928	40 510
	June	80 743	40 513	40 204	4	12	5	5	40 522	40 221
	July	78 415	39 364	39 036	7	4	2	2	39 373	39 042
	August	79 417	39 794	39 606	5	5	3	4	39 802	39 615
	September	87 725	44 189	43 515	11	3	4	3	44 204	43 521
	October	75 841	37 912	37 899	13	12	4	1	37 929	37 912
	November	70 181	35 234	34 922	7	7	7	4	35 248	34 933
	December	78 027	39 348	38 657	9	4	4	5	39 361	38 666
	Total		956 413	480 111	476 038	100	84	45	35	480 256
2004	January	84 058	42 427	41 612	5	7	3	4	42 435	41 623
	February	77 021	38 957	38 042	6	10	5	1	38 968	38 053
	March	84 718	42 496	42 196	14	6	1	5	42 511	42 207
	April	81 438	40 995	40 424	8	4	3	4	41 006	40 432
	May	83 724	41 884	41 815	9	6	5	5	41 898	41 826
	June	84 943	42 532	42 392	8	5	4	2	42 544	42 399
	July	85 032	42 813	42 194	11	6	3	5	42 827	42 205
	August	87 742	44 182	43 531	9	7	7	6	44 198	43 544
	September	95 306	47 775	47 508	10	4	6	3	47 791	47 515
	October	82 186	41 181	40 983	13	7	1	1	41 195	40 991
	November	79 692	39 893	39 773	3	9	8	6	39 904	39 788
	December	85 959	43 267	42 673	7	6	4	2	43 278	42 681
	Total		1 011 819	508 402	503 143	103	77	50	44	508 555
2005	January	89 251	45 161	44 067	8	4	6	5	45 175	44 076
	February	80 831	40 663	40 145	9	7	4	3	40 676	40 155
	March	92 182	46 115	46 038	6	14	4	5	46 125	46 057
	April	88 518	44 318	44 178	6	10	4	2	44 328	44 190
	May	91 734	46 118	45 592	11	4	4	5	46 133	45 601
	June	90 033	44 992	45 024	6	6	3	2	45 001	45 032
	July	87 479	43 945	43 517	6	4	3	4	43 954	43 525
	August	87 449	44 175	43 250	7	4	7	6	44 189	43 260
	September	92 359	46 391	45 950	8	4	4	2	46 403	45 956
	October	81 542	41 158	40 361	4	6	6	7	41 168	40 374
	November	80 578	40 643	39 914	8	3	5	5	40 656	39 922
	December	89 439	44 992	44 426	6	8	4	3	45 002	44 437
	Total		1 051 395	528 671	522 462	85	74	54	49	528 810

*Figures include updated birth occurrences as at 30 June 2012.

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Appendix G.5: Total birth occurrences by sex, month and citizenship, 2006–2008*

Year	Month	GRAND TOTAL	SA CITIZENS*		NON-CITIZENS*		OTHER**		TOTAL	
			Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
2006	January	93 423	46 892	46 502	7	5	13	4	46 912	46 511
	February	84 560	42 246	42 295	8	6	3	2	42 257	42 303
	March	94 144	47 046	47 074	1	4	10	9	47 057	47 087
	April	90 074	45 078	44 970	4	7	9	6	45 091	44 983
	May	93 265	46 904	46 336	8	5	8	4	46 920	46 345
	June	91 489	45 907	45 561	7	5	6	3	45 920	45 569
	July	89 937	45 093	44 831	2	5	5	1	45 100	44 837
	August	90 169	45 172	44 975	9	5	2	6	45 183	44 986
	September	97 677	48 974	48 686	3	4	6	4	48 983	48 694
	October	84 974	42 735	42 220	6	4	5	4	42 746	42 228
	November	80 528	40 777	39 735	3	6	2	5	40 782	39 746
	December	87 175	44 071	43 080	7	3	7	7	44 085	43 090
	Total		1 077 415	540 895	536 265	65	59	76	55	541 036
2007	January	94 809	47 550	47 237	8	4	3	7	47 561	47 248
	February	82 136	41 477	40 645	6	3	2	3	41 485	40 651
	March	93 400	46 984	46 390	6	4	8	8	46 998	46 402
	April	90 553	45 362	45 176	2	4	4	5	45 368	45 185
	May	93 309	46 715	46 566	10	6	4	8	46 729	46 580
	June	89 420	45 201	44 202	7	7	0	3	45 208	44 212
	July	88 833	44 545	44 272	7	2	5	2	44 557	44 276
	August	87 413	43 897	43 503	5	1	2	5	43 904	43 509
	September	92 637	46 698	45 912	4	7	4	12	46 706	45 931
	October	80 902	40 888	39 998	4	4	4	4	40 896	40 006
	November	78 519	39 454	39 054	5	1	3	2	39 462	39 057
	December	86 405	43 708	42 682	6	4	3	2	43 717	42 688
	Total		1 058 336	532 479	525 637	70	47	42	61	532 591
2008	January	92 865	46 739	46 113	3	1	2	7	46 744	46 121
	February	87 015	43 777	43 227	3	3	2	3	43 782	43 233
	March	95 135	47 601	47 526	1	1	3	3	47 605	47 530
	April	89 947	45 106	44 828	2	3	3	5	45 111	44 836
	May	89 692	44 933	44 743	4	1	5	6	44 942	44 750
	June	88 653	44 577	44 063	2	5	2	4	44 581	44 072
	July	90 981	45 472	45 499	0	5	1	4	45 473	45 508
	August	90 552	45 722	44 821	1	2	4	2	45 727	44 825
	September	97 163	49 105	48 046	2	5	3	2	49 110	48 053
	October	83 934	41 979	41 942	6	2	3	2	41 988	41 946
	November	80 964	40 850	40 108	1	1	2	2	40 853	40 111
	December	89 642	45 309	44 325	3	3	1	1	45 313	44 329
	Total		1 076 543	541 170	535 241	28	32	31	41	541 229

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Appendix G.6: Total birth occurrences by sex, month and citizenship, 2009–2011*

Year	Month	GRAND TOTAL	SA CITIZENS*		NON-CITIZENS*		OTHER**		TOTAL	
			Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
2009	January	92 302	46 591	45 699	5	1	3	3	46 599	45 703
	February	81 689	41 052	40 628	3	2	3	1	41 058	40 631
	March	92 456	46 590	45 856	2	2	4	2	46 596	45 860
	April	84 601	42 445	42 151	2	0	2	1	42 449	42 152
	May	86 374	43 121	43 239	8	1	2	3	43 131	43 243
	June	85 977	43 386	42 586	1	1	2	1	43 389	42 588
	July	85 319	42 708	42 605	0	0	5	1	42 713	42 606
	August	84 650	42 590	42 050	5	0	2	3	42 597	42 053
	September	89 397	45 043	44 344	2	1	3	4	45 048	44 349
	October	77 906	39 458	38 444	1	2	0	1	39 459	38 447
	November	75 877	38 318	37 555	0	0	2	2	38 320	37 557
	December	83 210	41 996	41 214	0	0	0	0	41 996	41 214
	Total		1 019 758	513 298	506 371	29	10	28	22	513 355
2010	January	85 888	43 283	42 603	0	0	2	0	43 285	42 603
	February	76 810	38 688	38 119	0	0	2	1	38 690	38 120
	March	87 235	44 005	43 226	1	1	1	1	44 007	43 228
	April	81 858	41 201	40 652	0	0	3	2	41 204	40 654
	May	82 486	41 733	40 743	0	1	3	6	41 736	40 750
	June	82 842	41 734	41 107	0	0	0	1	41 734	41 108
	July	83 490	42 161	41 326	0	0	0	3	42 161	41 329
	August	82 595	41 925	40 669	0	0	1	0	41 926	40 669
	September	87 984	44 514	43 468	0	0	1	1	44 515	43 469
	October	76 010	38 171	37 838	0	0	0	1	38 171	37 839
	November	73 131	36 858	36 271	0	0	1	1	36 859	36 272
	December	80 733	40 648	40 079	3	0	2	1	40 653	40 080
	Total		981 062	494 921	486 101	4	2	16	18	494 941
2011	January	80 977	40 798	40 177	0	0	2	0	40 800	40 177
	February	77 018	39 000	38 017	0	0	1	0	39 001	38 017
	March	88 961	45 045	43 911	0	0	3	2	45 048	43 913
	April	81 158	40 598	40 560	0	0	0	0	40 598	40 560
	May	84 629	42 567	42 060	0	0	1	1	42 568	42 061
	June	81 397	41 003	40 393	0	0	0	1	41 003	40 394
	July	79 646	40 344	39 297	0	0	3	2	40 347	39 299
	August	79 751	40 130	39 620	0	0	1	0	40 131	39 620
	September	83 652	42 162	41 488	0	0	0	2	42 162	41 490
	October	73 460	36 758	36 700	0	0	2	0	36 760	36 700
	November	71 460	36 162	35 297	0	0	1	0	36 163	35 297
	December	75 171	38 008	37 162	0	0	1	0	38 009	37 162
	Total		957 280	482 575	474 682	0	0	15	8	482 590

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Explanatory Notes

Sources of data

The Department of Home Affairs (DHA) provides Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) with information on recorded live births. Two sets of birth statistics are provided: registration-based and occurrence-based data. These data sets both come from the Nucleus Bureau of the DHA. When the officials at the various offices of the Department of Home Affairs capture the information about a birth, they do so directly onto the database at Nucleus Bureau. These transactions are used to update the database of the birth register.

For the purpose of producing vital statistics, the following system is followed: each day, all the civil transactions carried out at all the Department of Home Affairs offices are written onto a cassette. At the end of every month, a combined set of cassettes is created containing all the transactions done for the month. These transactions are downloaded and the birth transactions are extracted for processing at Stats SA. The year in which the births are registered is the registration year. Using this information, Stats SA provides the breakdown of the registered births according to the year in which the births occurred.

While birth information sent to Stats SA is the same as that in the population register, there is a difference of format between the two. On one hand, Stats SA's data are based on births registered during the year (registration-based), while on the other hand, entries in the population register reflect the date of birth. The date of registration of birth is not stored on the population registration file. For this reason, the population register can only be used to obtain birth data broken down by date of birth (occurrence-based).

By continuously updating the population register for late registration, the occurrence-based data from the population register get closer and closer to the true level of births. In a situation where birth registrations are complete (with very few late registrations), the occurrence-based perspective (with births updated for late registrations) will be very similar to the registration-based perspective (with all birth registrations considered, irrespective of the year of birth). However, if there is a large number of late registrations, the two perspectives will become widely dissimilar. With improvements in birth registration, the recorded data from the two sources will gradually converge.

The South African population register

The South African population register covers births, deaths, identity, marriages, divorces and movements of all South African citizens and permanent residents. The Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1992 (Act No. 51 of 1992) guides the registration of births and deaths throughout South Africa. The Act was subsequently amended in 1997 (Act No. 67 of 1997), in 1998 (Act No. 43 of 1998) and in 2010 (Act No. 18 of 2010). Another Act pertinent to the population register is the Identification Act, 1997 (Act No. 68 of 1997). This Act repealed previous Identification Acts (Act No. 72 of 1986, Act No. 21 of 1991, Act No. 4 of 1993, and Act No. 47 of 1995). Thus, each of the Acts dealing with any aspect of civil registration has implications for the information recorded into the Population Register.

From these Acts and amendments, the following persons and particulars are eligible to be included on the population register:

- All children born of South African citizens and permanent residents when the notice of the birth is given within one year after the birth of the child.
- All children born of South African citizens and permanent residents when the notice of the birth is given one year after the birth of the child together with the prescribed requirement for a late registration of birth.
- All South African citizens and permanent residents who, upon attainment of the age of 16, applied for and were granted identification cards (or books).

- All South African citizens and permanent residents who die at any age after birth.
- All South African citizens and permanent residents who depart permanently from South Africa.
- Persons whose particulars are not eligible for inclusion on the population register are listed below:
 - Non-South African citizens who sojourn temporarily in the country.
 - All South African citizens and permanent residents who died before notice of their birth had been given.

Municipal demarcation

The Department of Home Affairs captures information on places based on magisterial districts using the Twelfth Edition of the Standard Code List of Areas (Central Statistics Services, 1995). Stats SA re-classified the magisterial districts into district councils and metropolitan areas based on the 2010 municipal boundaries. Certain magisterial districts are situated in more than one district council, in which case such magisterial districts are allocated to the district council where the majority of the land area falls. The only exception was with Nigel in Gauteng province. The majority of the land area of Nigel magisterial district is in Sedibeng district council (which is mainly farm areas and therefore sparsely populated) while the majority of the population lives in Ekurhuleni metropolitan area. As such, Nigel was classified to Ekurhuleni not Sedibeng. Maps for the old and the new classification are available from Stats SA on request.

Population group

As from 1991, no distinction is made between the different population groups on the data collected by the Department of Home Affairs. The statistics collected, therefore, refer to all population groups combined.

Definitions of concepts used

1.1 Live birth

The complete expulsion or extraction from its mother's womb of a product of conception, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy, which, after such separation, breathes or shows any other evidence of life, such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles, whether or not the umbilical cord has been cut or the placenta is attached. Each product of such a birth is considered live born (WHO, 1992).

1.2 Recorded live births

The number of births recorded (registered) in a specific year, irrespective of when the birth actually occurred. The births recorded in any given year include the births that occurred during that year plus other births that occurred in years prior to the year of registration. It should be noted that not all births are recorded (registered).

1.3 Late registration

Births occurring in a given calendar year but recorded in subsequent calendar years. In this release, late registrations are grouped into two: (i) births registered after one year of birth but less than 15 years after birth; and (ii) births registered from 15 years after birth.

1.4 Current live births

Births occurring in a specific year and registered within that same year.