General Household Survey 2018

Measuring the progress of development in the country - May 2019

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Methodology

GHS 2018 calibrated to the 2017 series Mid-Year Population Estimates for 2018.

Realized sample of 20 908 households

Information about 71 137 individuals

Face-to-face interviews were conducted

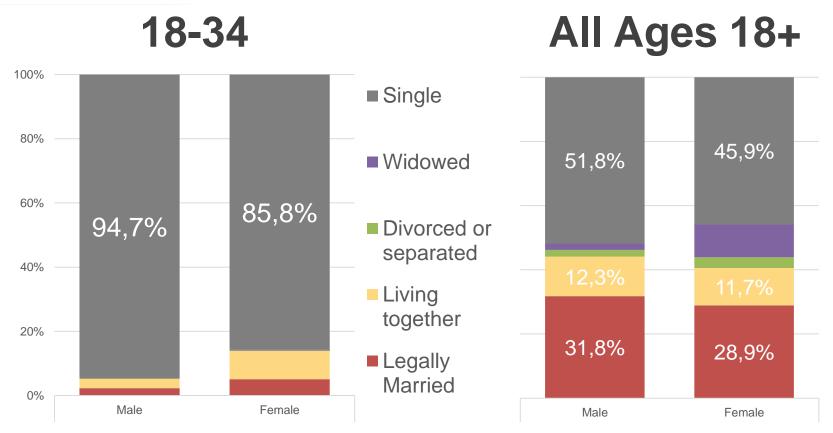
Interview household heads or, alternatively, 16 years of age or older





Nationally about half of individuals aged 18 years and older were single. The 18 to 34 year age grouping shows very high ratio of single (never married or not living together). Although marriage and cohabitation becomes more common with age, being single remains relatively common throughout all age groups.

Percentage of individuals by marital status and selected ages, 2018



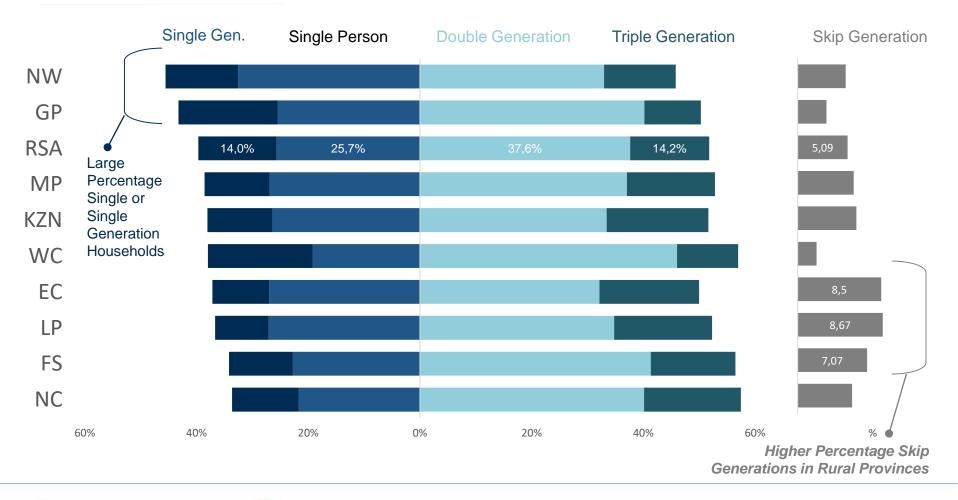




Households growing faster than population. This phenomenon is largely driven by fact that

one-quarter of households consist of one person.

Percentage of households by household composition and province, 2018







Housing and Service Delivery

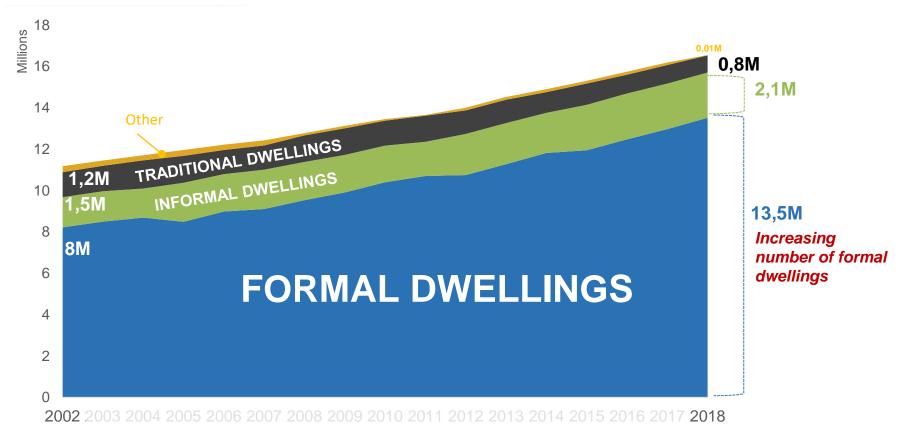






To meet the increasing need for housing, the number of formal dwellings have increased sharply over the past 17 years. The shortfall is, however, filled by an increase in informal dwellings.

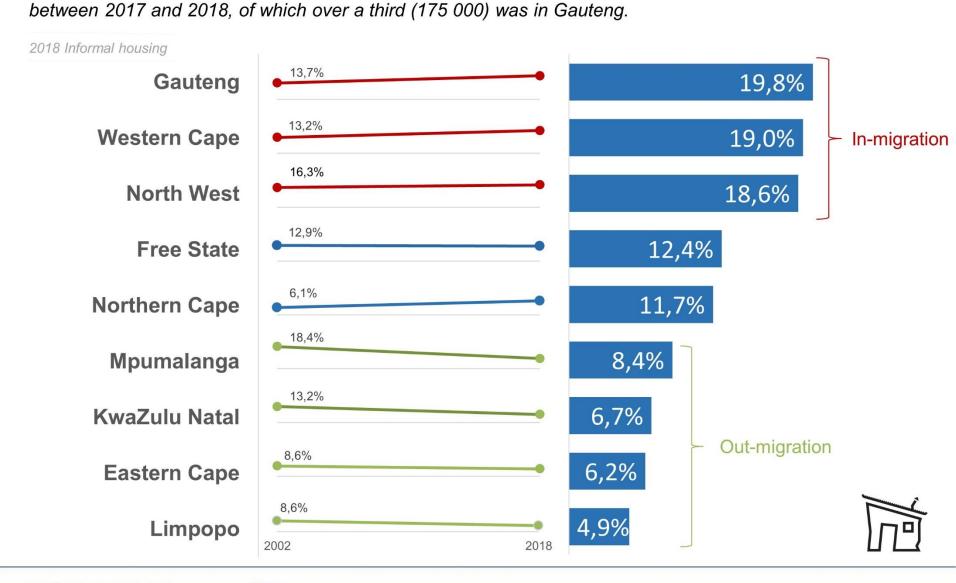
Number of households that lived in formal, informal and traditional dwellings, 2018







Approximately one-fifth of households lived in informal dwellings in North West, Western Cape and Gauteng. Nationally, overlall household growth of 472 000 was estimated

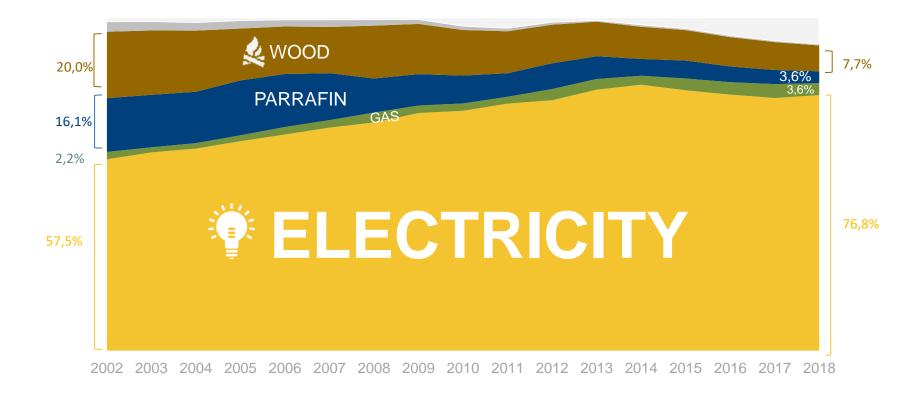






Paraffin and wood as a source of *energy for cooking* continues to decline as electricity becomes more accessible.

Energy used for cooking, 2002-2018

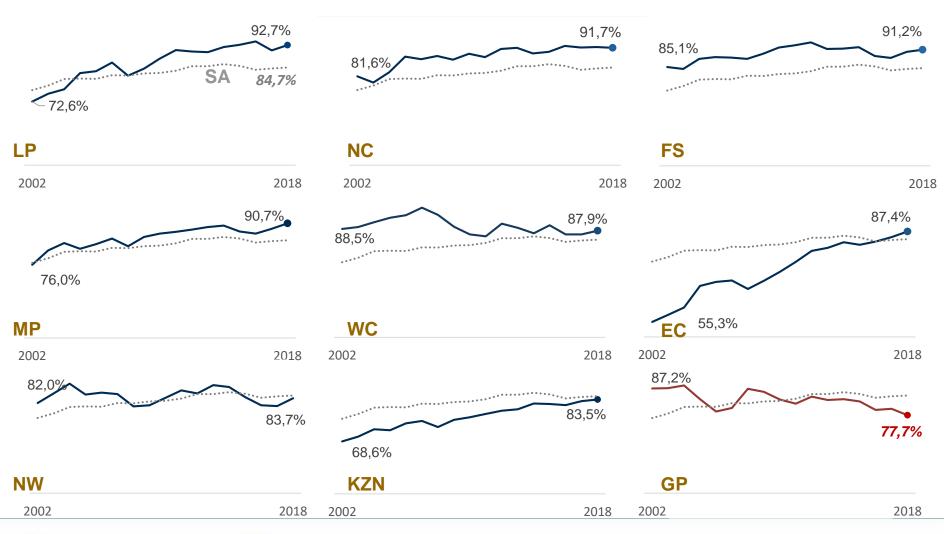






Declines in connection to electricity in Gauteng can be associated with the rapid inmigration experienced by the province. Household growth in Gauteng can be attributed to inmigration.

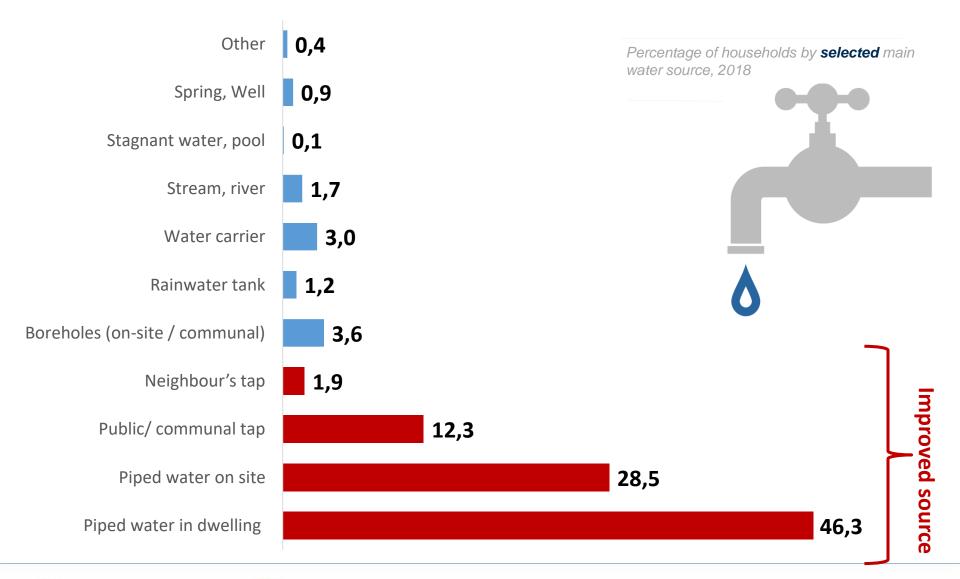
Percentage of households connected to the mains electricity supply by province, 2002–2018







Around 1,8% of Households relied on streams, rivers, dams or stagnant water, for main sources of drinking water. 89,0% of SA households have access to improved water sources







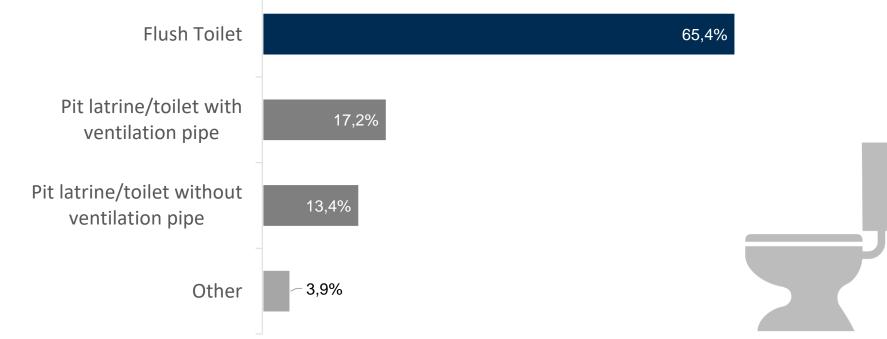
Sanitation





Almost two-thirds of South African households have access to flush toilets while 82,6% had access to improved sanitation. 1,4% no access to sanitation facilities.





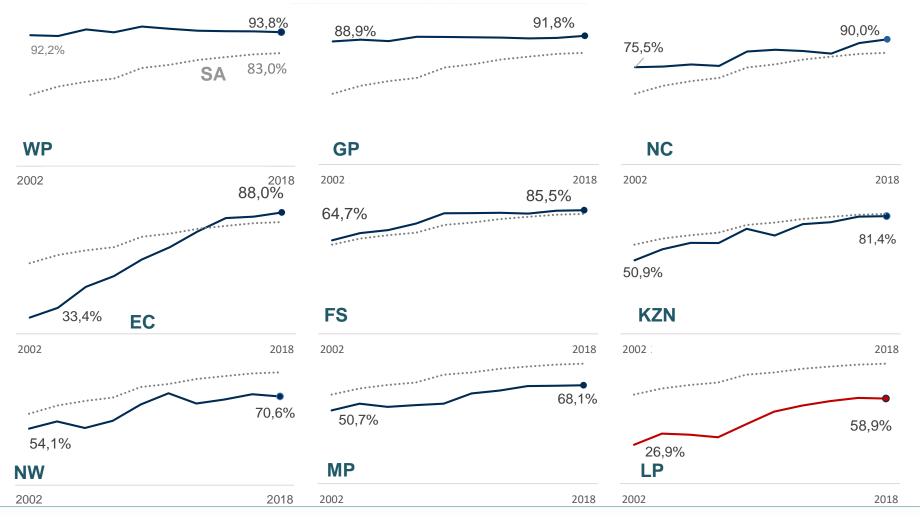
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Despite nearly doubling access to improved sanitation since 2002, access remains the most limited in Limpopo. EC had large improvements in ventilated toilets

Percentage of households that have access to improved sanitation per province, 2002–2018



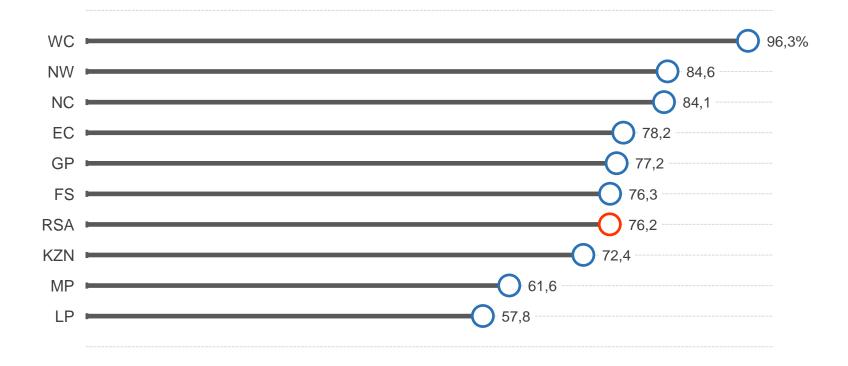




More than three-quarters (76,2%) of households indicated that their members usually wash their hands with soap and water after they had used the toilet.

However only two-thirds (67,5%) said that they had easy access to hand washing facilities with soap.

Percentage of households who wash their hands with soap after using the toilet by Province, 2018



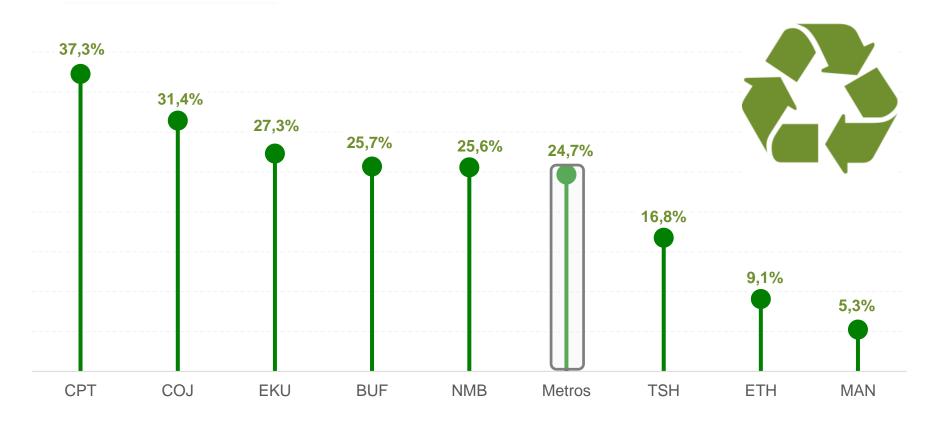




A quarter of households across all metros separated waste for recycling.

Fewer households living in Mangaung, eThekwini and Tshwane reported separating waste for recycling purposes.

Households that separate waste for recycling 2018



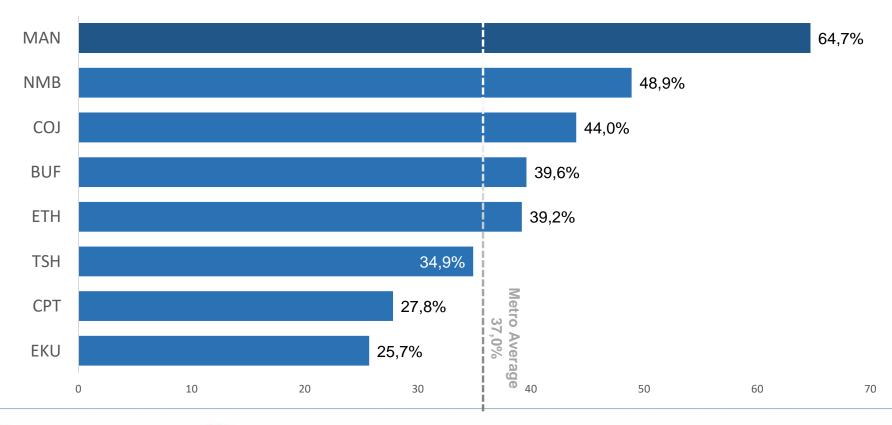




Waste removal and littering was considered most important across all metros.

Regular refuse removal for almost 90% of metro households. Satisfaction levels vary and the case of Mangaung well documented.

Percentage of households who experienced waste removal problems by metropolitan area, 2018

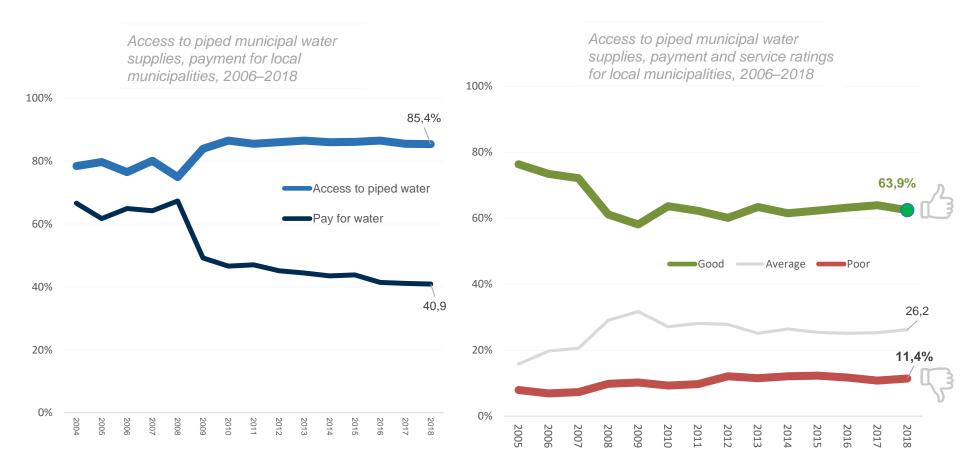






THE NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH ACCESS TO PIPED WATER HAD INCREASED

SINCE 2006. However, this coincided with a decline in the percentage of households who paid for the piped water they received.







Households livelihood

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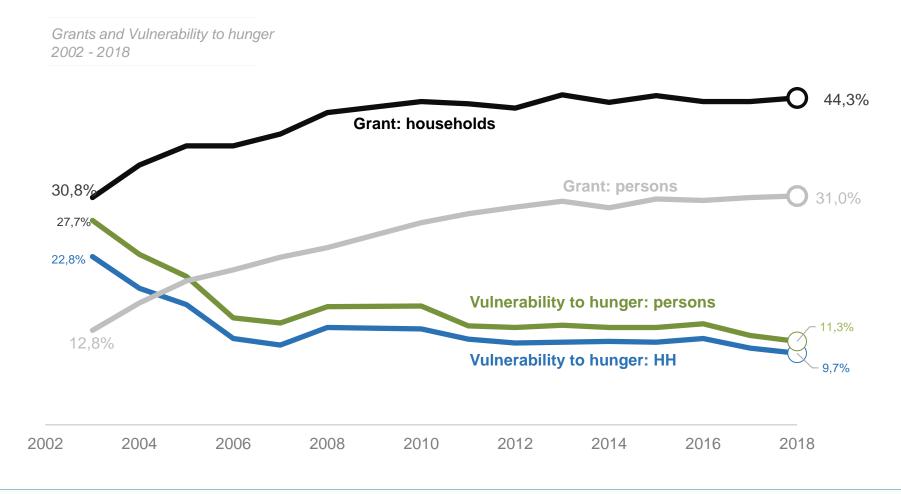




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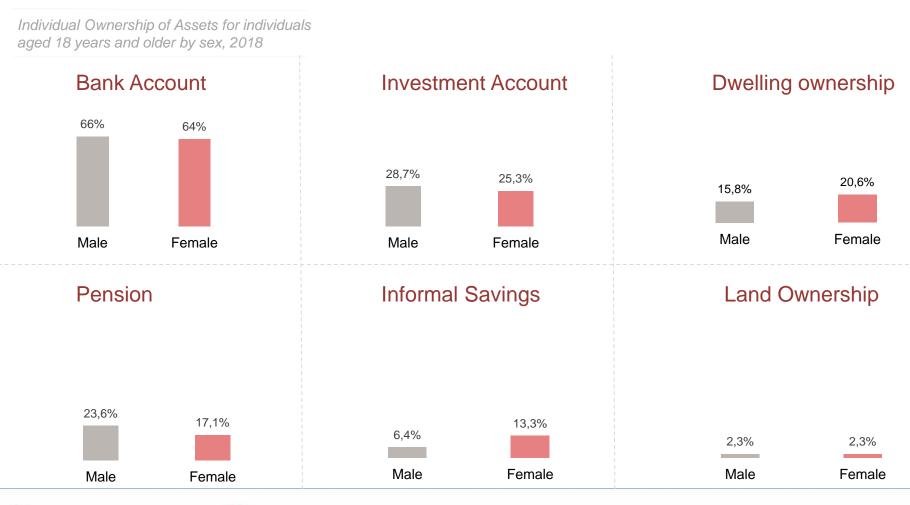
Vulnerability to hunger at an individual and household level has been declining whilst access to grants has been increasing.







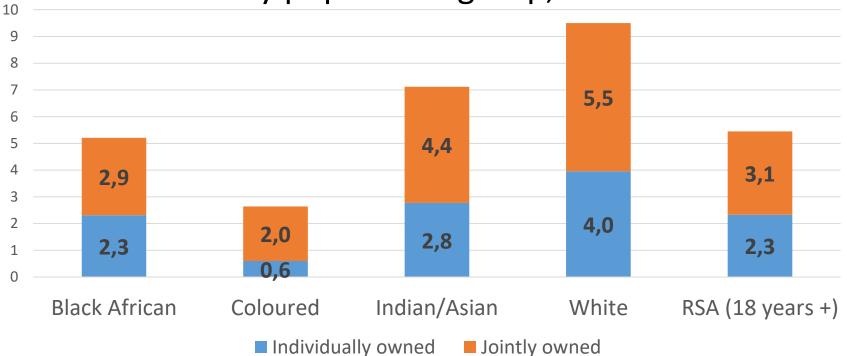
Nearly two-thirds of South Africans own a bank account. A quarter of individuals in the country indicated having an investment account. Males were more likely than females to own a pension and the opposite was true for informal savings. Dwelling and land were the two financial assets which were most likely to be owned jointly.







Ownership of land by individuals age 18 years and older by population group, 2018

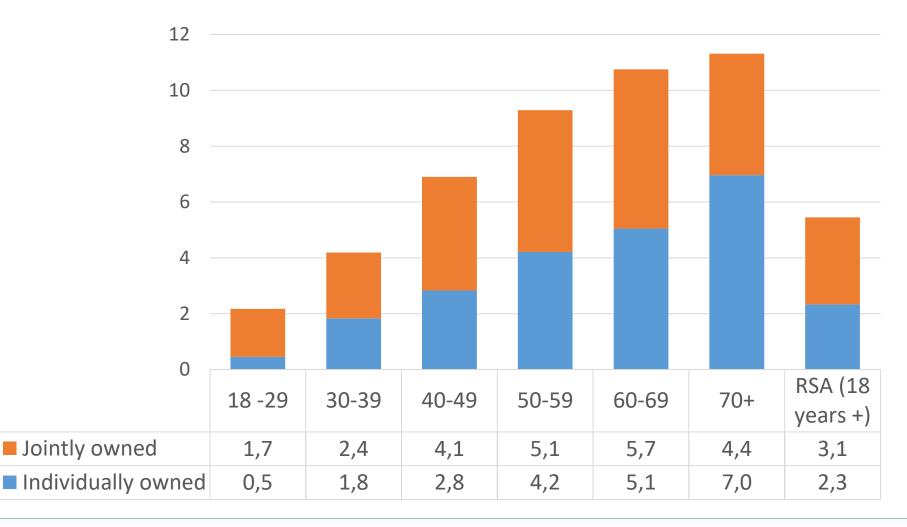


	Individually owned	Jointly owned	Not owned
Black African	681 959	855 705	27 980 000
Coloured	20 132	68 995	3 284 935
Indian/Asian	30 531	47 998	1 025 333
White	141 483	197 890	3 230 967
RSA (>17 yrs)	874 104	1 170 588	35 520 000





Ownership of land by individuals age 18 years and older by age categories, 2018







Nationally, more than three-quarters (78,5%) of households that were involved in agriculture were involved in an attempt to secure an additional source of food.

Agriculture plays an important role in the process of economic development and can contribute significantly to household food security.

Percentage distribution of the main reasons for agricultural involvement by province, 2018

Extra Source of Food Main source of income 1,9% LP 37,1% 88,7% 2,6% EC 29.3% 78,6% 2,9% MP 24,7% 76,8% 1,3% 71,5% KZN 18,2% 3,4% FS 78,7% 17,1% 50,9% NW 9,3% 49,4% NC 9,1% 2,7% 59,9% GP 4.0% 45,5% WC 2,5%

Involvement in agriculture





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9,7%

9,1%

Education

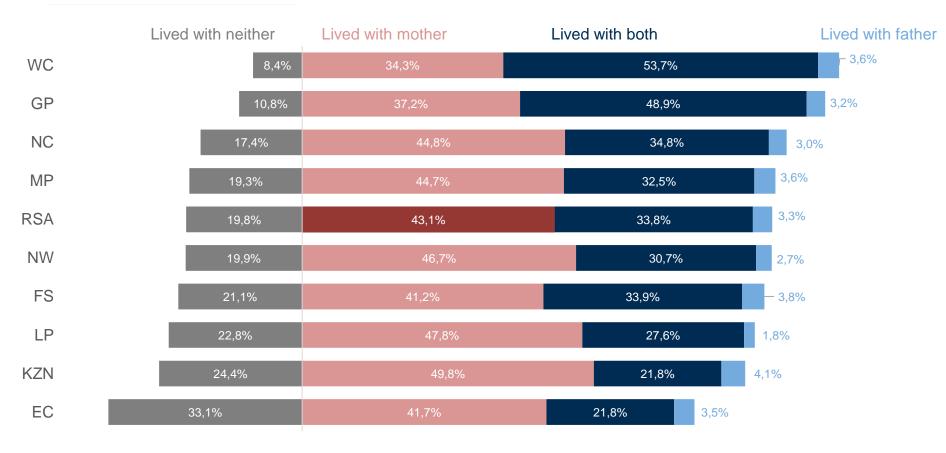




Nationally, one-third of children lived with both parents whilst 43 per cent lived with

mothers only. Children in affluent provinces were most likely to live with both parents. Children's living arrangements was likely to affect their performance at school.

Percentage of children living arrangements, 2018



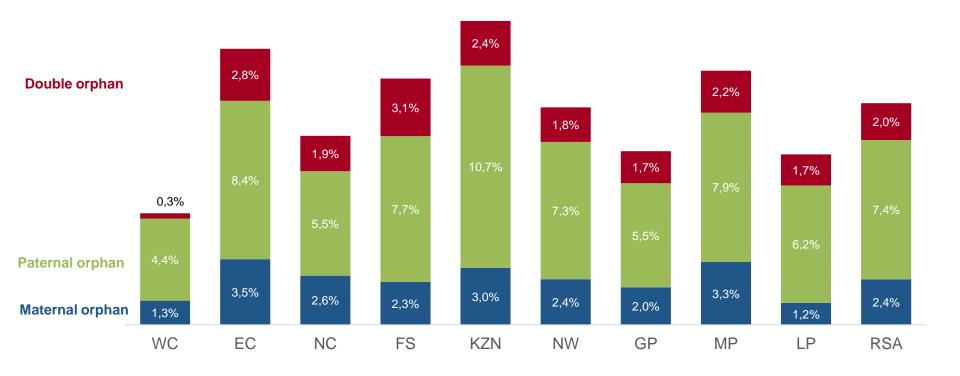




Around one-tenth of children in South Africa were orphans. Fewer children were

double orphans. One-tenth of children in Kwazulu-Natal are paternal orphans. This is in line with life expectancy as women had slightly higher life expectancy than males.

Percentage of children by orphanhood status and province, 2018

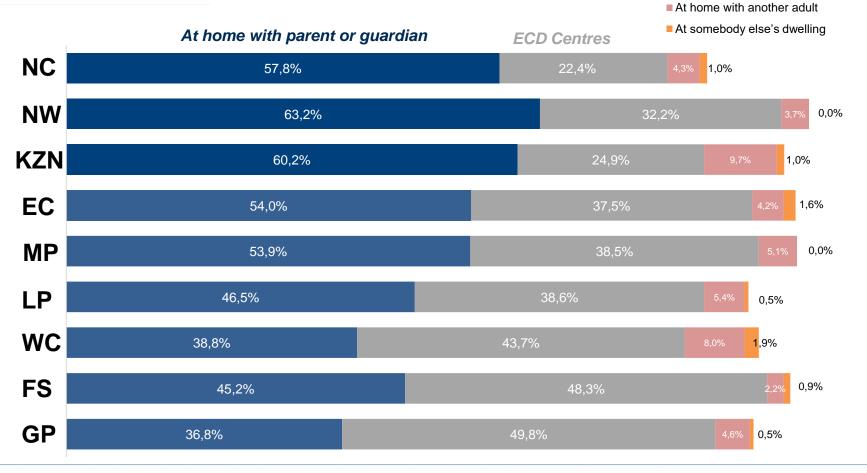






MAJORITY OF CHILDREN AGED 0-4 ARE STILL KEPT AT HOME WITH PARENTS OR OTHER GUARDIANS IN MOST PROVINCES.

Children aged 0 - 4 years using different child care arrangements (top four) by province, 2018

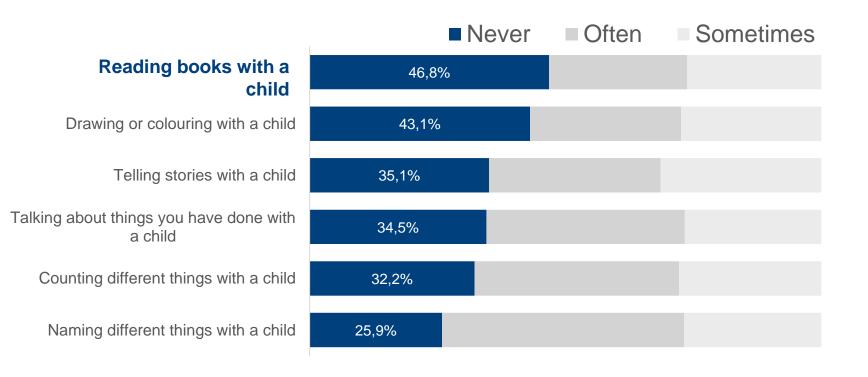






Nearly half of children have never read a book or drawn with a parent or guardian.

Type of ECD stimulation received by children 0-4, 2018

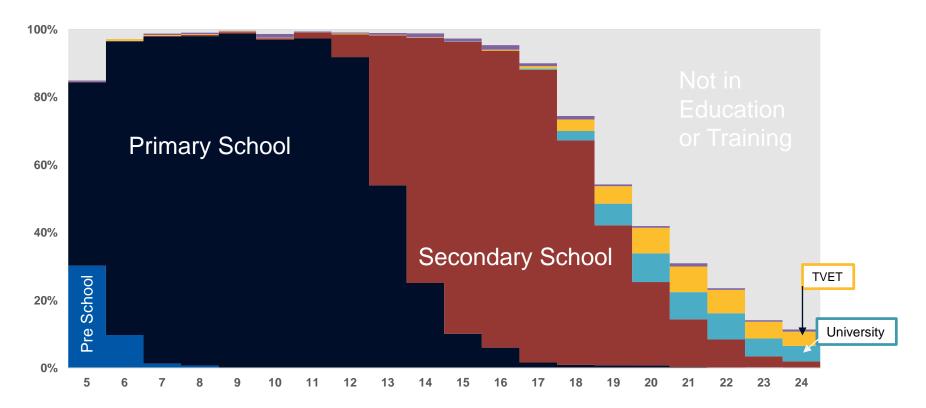






There is noticeable representation of learners who are older than the ideal graduation age in primary and secondary schools.

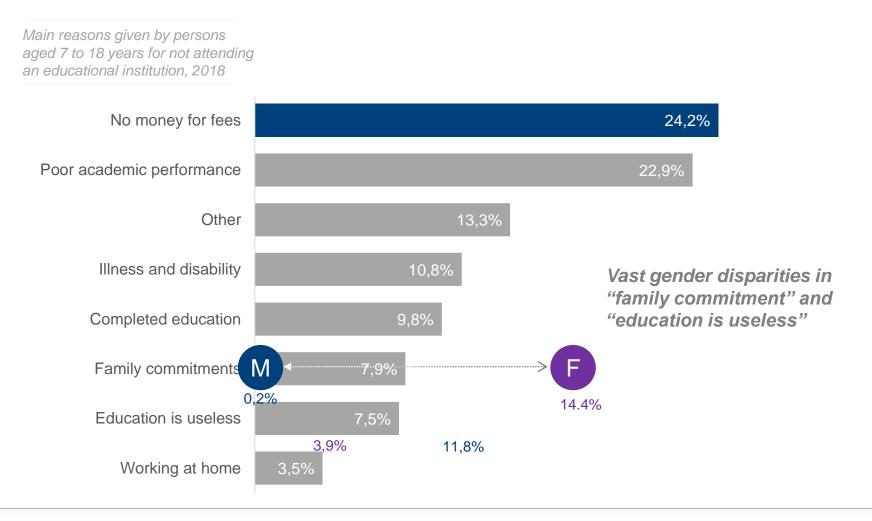
Percentage of those aged 5 – 24 years who attend educational institution, 2018







Over a fifth of learners cited a lack of money as the main reason for not attending an educational institution. Some reasons for not attending an educational institution are particularly affected by gender.

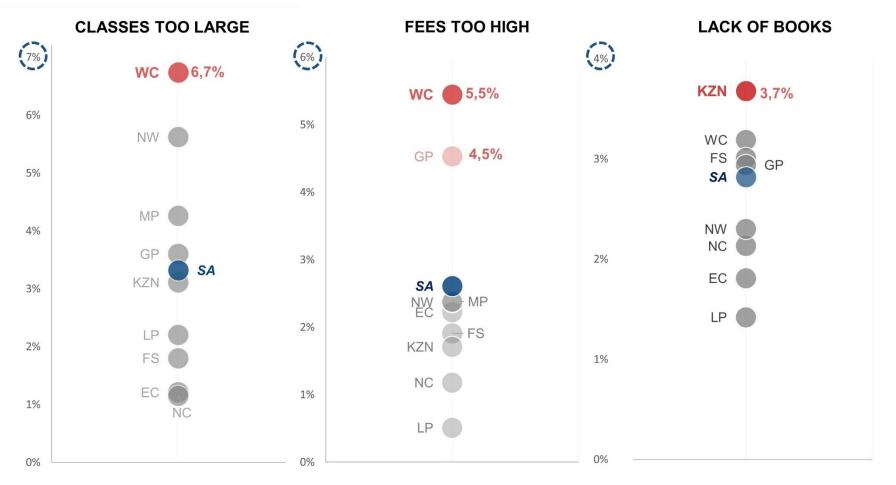






Books, class size and fees remain key concerns in schools. NW learners had issues with large class sizes, WC and GP generally had more issues than the other provinces with fees while lack of teachers was a particular concern for learners in EC.

Nature of the problems experienced by all learners who attended public schools per province, 2018

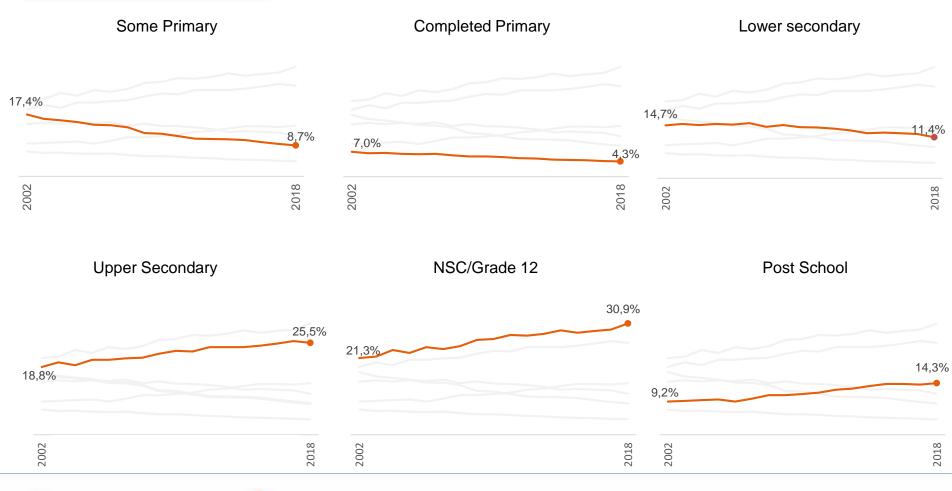






NSC/GRADE 12 CONTINUES ITS UPWARD TREND. The percentage who attained Grade 12 as their highest level of education increased from 21,3% in 2002 to 30,9% in 2018.

Educational attainment for persons aged 20 years and older , 2002 - 2018

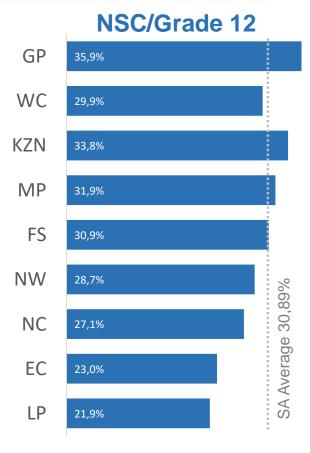


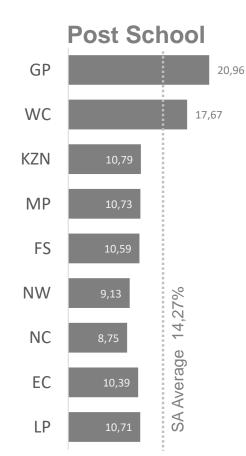




Most provinces are closer to the SA average for obtaining NSC, however still large disparity in obtaining post school qualifications by province

Percentage distribution of educational attainment for persons aged 20 years and older by province, 2018









TELECOMMUNICATIONS



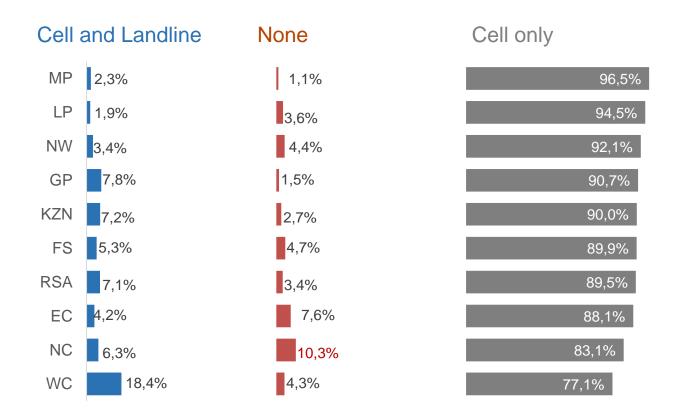


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Telecommunications access is primarily driven by widespread adoption of cellular

communication. Many households in Northern Cape still experience the digital divide with around 10% with no access at all.

Household access to landlines and cell phones by Province, 2018



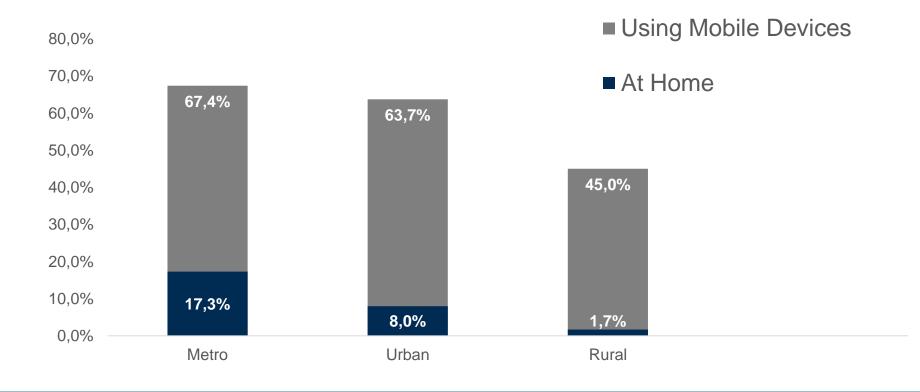




MOBILE DEVICES HAVE REVOLUTIONIZED INTERNET ACCESS. Access is generally

much higher, although still lacking in rural areas

Access to the Internet at home, or using mobile devices, 2018







Health

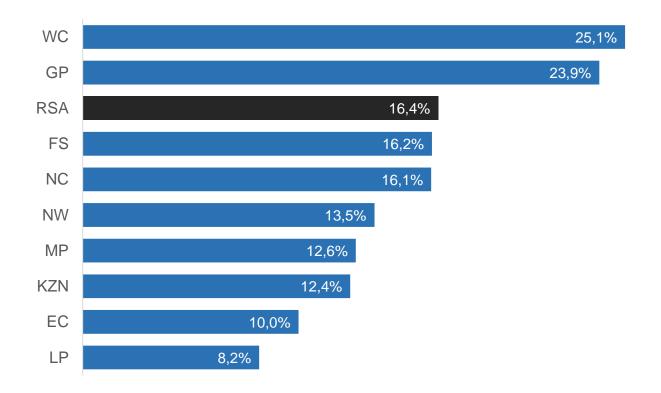
Factors such as where we live, the state of our environment, genetics, our income and education level, all have considerable impacts on health





On average, less than 17% of the population have medical aid coverage. Only highly urbanised provinces of Gauteng and WC have medical aid coverage rates higher than the average

% of individuals who are members of medical aid schemes per province, 2018

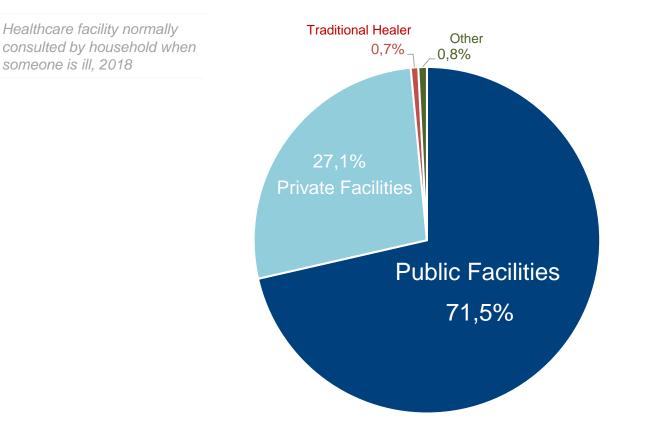






PUBLIC FACILITIES STILL FIRST PORT OF CALL FOR THE VAST MAJORITY OF

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ORPHANHOOD STATUS

HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION



One-fifth of children did not live with either their biological parents while 33,8% lived with both parents, and 43,1% lived with their mothers.

Approximately 11,7% of children were orphaned.

More than one-quarter (25,7%) of households consisted of a single person, while 62% of households contained three or less members.

Nuclear households that is comprised of parents and children made up 39,1% of all households

OWNERSHIP OF ASSETS



More than two-thirds (64,9%) of individuals aged 18 years and older owned one or more bank accounts individually or jointly with others.

Only 5,5% of adults owned any land, with virtually no difference between males and females.

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS



Marriage and cohabitation are more common among women than men in the age group 18-34 years. The situation is reversed in older age groups.

Living arrangements raises challenges of providing basic services to households, and maintaining social cohesion.







EDUCATION







About a quarter of premature school leavers charged 'lack of money' for not studying.

Family commitments cited by 14,4% of females and 0,2% of males. Attendance almost universal at ages 7-15 years, 25,5% of persons aged 5–24 not attending educational institutions

Participation rates at higher education institutions are low for black African and coloured students.





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