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Introduction

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

Children – those aged 17 years and below;

The youth – persons aged between 15-34 years;

Women – the female population;

Older persons – persons aged 60 years and above; and

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

One of the most effective ways of tracking progress made towards improving the lives of Marginalised Groups in South Africa is through the monitoring of key indicators. This should ideally be done at a national, provincial and local level and should be reflected in various reports. The present report “Marginalised Groups Indicator Report: 2020” is such a report. Its purpose is to present information on key Marginalised groups’ indicators by providing data relating to the socio-economic and demographic profile of marginalised groups in South Africa using mainly secondary data from Stats SA. This report is the Seventh report in the series and focuses on data collected during the year, 2020. It is envisaged that the data presented in this report will be useful in providing government, researchers, other sector key stakeholders and the general public as a whole with information required to inform policy, research and debate.

The current report focuses mainly on presenting data collected in 2020. The main sources of statistics reported on household, demographic and social indicators in this report are largely based on the General Household Survey (GHS). Economic indicators on the labour market were tabulated using the Quarterly Labour Force Survey (QLFS), while crime related indicators were calculated using data from the Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GPSJS). GHS, QLFS and GPSJS household surveys each covering approximately 30 000 households that are representative of all nine provinces. All data from the above-mentioned Stats SA surveys are weighted so as to make the results representative of the overall population of the country.

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

Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Intergenerational households (Wolf and Folbre, 2012)⁶.

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

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

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

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

Type of diseases:

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

Access to basic household services:

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

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Children are defined as persons aged 17 years and below.

1.1 Demography of children

Table 1.1.1: Distribution of children by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex	N ('000)			Percent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
WC	1 123	974	2 097	53,5	46,5	100,0
EC	1 299	1 256	2 556	50,8	49,2	100,0
NC	206	236	442	46,6	53,4	100,0
FS	489	567	1 056	46,3	53,7	100,0
KZN	2 144	2 088	4 232	50,7	49,3	100,0
NW	662	778	1 441	46,0	54,0	100,0
GP	2 233	2 164	4 397	50,8	49,2	100,0
MP	812	905	1 717	47,3	52,7	100,0
LP	1 221	1 237	2 458	49,7	50,3	100,0
RSA	10 189	10 206	20 395	50,0	50,0	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 1.1.2: Distribution of children by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)			Percent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
Urban	5 727	5 866	11 593	49,4	50,6	100,0
Rural	4 462	4 340	8 802	50,7	49,3	100,0
RSA	10 189	10 206	20 395	50,0	50,0	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 1.1.3: Distribution of children by population group and sex, 2020

Population group and sex	N ('000)			Percent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
Black African	8 737	8 811	17 548	49,8	50,2	100,0
Coloured	852	815	1 667	51,1	48,9	100,0
Indian/ Asian	174	175	349	49,9	50,1	100,0
White	426	405	831	51,2	48,8	100,0
Total	10 189	10 206	20 395	50,0	50,0	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 1.1.4: Children as a proportion of the overall population by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Children	Total	Children	Total	Children	Total	Children	Children	Children
WC	1 123	3 450	974	3 491	2 097	6 941	32,5	27,9	30,2
EC	1 299	3 138	1 256	3 391	2 556	6 530	41,4	37,0	39,1
NC	206	607	236	656	442	1 263	33,9	36,0	35,0
FS	489	1 344	567	1 600	1 056	2 945	36,4	35,4	35,9
KZN	2 144	5 564	2 088	5 955	4 232	11 519	38,5	35,1	36,7
NW	662	1 944	778	2 127	1 441	4 070	34,1	36,6	35,4
GP	2 233	7 907	2 164	7 558	4 397	15 465	28,2	28,6	28,4
MP	812	2 273	905	2 417	1 717	4 689	35,7	37,4	36,6
LP	1 221	2 863	1 237	3 152	2 458	6 015	42,7	39,2	40,9
RSA	10 189	29 090	10 206	30 347	20 395	59 437	35,0	33,6	34,3

Source: GHS 2020

Table 1.1.5: Children as a proportion of the overall population by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male Children	Female Children	Both Children
	Children	Total	Children	Total	Children	Total			
Urban	5 727	18 662	5 866	19 096	11 593	37 757	30,7	30,7	30,7
Rural	4 462	10 428	4 340	11 251	8 802	21 679	42,8	38,6	40,6
RSA	10 189	29 090	10 206	30 347	20 395	59 437	35,0	33,6	34,3

Source: GHS 2020

Table 1.1.6: Children as a proportion of the overall population by population group and sex, 2020

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male Children	Female Children	Both Children
	Children	Total	Children	Total	Children	Total			
Black African	8 737	23 688	8 811	24 719	17 548	48 407	36,9	35,6	36,3
Coloured	852	2 495	815	2 646	1 667	5 140	34,1	30,8	32,4
Indian/ Asian	174	759	175	714	349	1 473	23,0	24,5	23,7
White	426	2 148	405	2 268	831	4 416	19,8	17,9	18,8
Total	10 189	29 090	10 206	30 347	20 395	59 437	35,0	33,6	34,3

Source: GHS 2020

1.2 Children: Household characteristics

Table 1.2.1: Distribution of children by province, sex and orphan-hood status, 2020

Province and sex		N ('000)	Percent					Total
		Total	Maternal orphan	Paternal orphan	Double orphan	Not orphaned	Unspecified	
WC	Male	1 123	1,4	3,0	0,9	91,6	3,1	100,0
	Female	974	2,1	4,2	0,6	90,5	2,6	100,0
	Both	2 097	1,8	3,6	0,7	91,1	2,9	100,0
EC	Male	1 299	2,0	9,5	2,6	81,9	4,0	100,0
	Female	1 256	2,5	9,8	3,4	78,9	5,4	100,0
	Both	2 556	2,2	9,6	3,0	80,4	4,7	100,0
NC	Male	206	8,2	4,1	2,3	84,8	0,6	100,0
	Female	236	3,9	3,9	1,9	89,5	0,6	100,0
	Both	442	5,9	4,0	2,1	87,3	0,6	100,0
FS	Male	489	3,7	7,8	2,1	83,4	3,0	100,0
	Female	567	2,9	6,7	3,1	84,6	2,7	100,0
	Both	1 056	3,3	7,2	2,6	84,0	2,8	100,0
KZN	Male	2 144	4,1	8,5	2,3	84,0	1,1	100,0
	Female	2 088	3,1	8,7	2,7	84,5	1,0	100,0
	Both	4 232	3,6	8,6	2,5	84,2	1,0	100,0
NW	Male	662	4,0	8,2	2,9	83,5	1,5	100,0
	Female	778	3,7	7,8	3,7	82,2	2,7	100,0
	Both	1 441	3,8	7,9	3,3	82,8	2,1	100,0
GP	Male	2 233	1,9	7,2	2,6	86,8	1,5	100,0
	Female	2 164	1,6	5,1	3,7	87,5	2,1	100,0
	Both	4 397	1,8	6,2	3,1	87,1	1,8	100,0
MP	Male	812	2,7	8,1	1,5	86,8	1,1	100,0
	Female	905	2,4	6,9	2,9	85,6	2,2	100,0
	Both	1 717	2,5	7,5	2,2	86,2	1,6	100,0
LP	Male	1 221	1,9	5,5	2,6	87,3	2,7	100,0
	Female	1 237	0,8	5,0	1,7	90,4	2,2	100,0
	Both	2 458	1,4	5,2	2,1	88,9	2,5	100,0
RSA	Male	10 189	2,7	7,2	2,2	85,7	2,1	100,0
	Female	10 206	2,3	6,7	2,8	85,8	2,4	100,0
	Both	20 395	2,5	7,0	2,5	85,8	2,2	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Where figures differ notably from the 2019 report, it could be attributed to a smaller sample and a change in data collection methodology

Table 1.2.2: Distribution of children by geo-type, sex and orphan-hood status, 2020

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Percent					Total
		Total	Maternal orphan	Paternal orphan	Double orphan	Not orphaned	Unspecified	
Urban	Male	5 727	2,6	6,4	2,2	86,7	2,1	100,0
	Female	5 866	2,2	5,7	2,6	87,2	2,4	100,0
	Both	11 593	2,4	6,0	2,4	87,0	2,3	100,0
Rural	Male	4 462	2,9	8,3	2,4	84,5	2,0	100,0
	Female	4 340	2,6	8,1	3,0	83,8	2,4	100,0
	Both	8 802	2,7	8,2	2,7	84,2	2,2	100,0
RSA	Male	10 189	2,7	7,2	2,2	85,7	2,1	100,0
	Female	10 206	2,3	6,7	2,8	85,8	2,4	100,0
	Both	20 395	2,5	7,0	2,5	85,8	2,2	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Where figures differ notably from the 2019 report, it could be attributed to a smaller sample and a change in data collection methodology

Table 1.2.3: Distribution of children by population group, sex and orphan-hood status, 2020

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Percent					Total
		Total	Maternal orphan	Paternal orphan	Double orphan	Not orphaned	Unspecified	
Black African	Male	8 737	2,9	7,9	2,5	84,5	2,2	100,0
	Female	8 811	2,4	7,2	3,0	84,9	2,5	100,0
	Both	17 548	2,6	7,5	2,8	84,7	2,4	100,0
Coloured	Male	852	2,7	3,6	1,5	90,2	2,1	100,0
	Female	815	2,5	3,9	0,4	91,4	1,8	100,0
	Both	1 667	2,6	3,7	1,0	90,8	1,9	100,0
Indian/ Asian	Male	174	1,7	0,1	..	98,3	..	100,0
	Female	175	2,7	0,0	..	97,3	..	100,0
	Both	349	2,2	0,0	..	97,8	..	100,0
White	Male	426	..	3,2	..	96,8	..	100,0
	Female	405	1,5	5,1	2,6	89,0	1,9	100,0
	Both	831	0,7	4,1	1,3	93,0	0,9	100,0
Total	Male	10 189	2,7	7,2	2,2	85,7	2,1	100,0
	Female	10 206	2,3	6,7	2,8	85,8	2,4	100,0
	Both	20 395	2,5	7,0	2,5	85,8	2,2	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Where figures differ notably from the 2019 report, it could be attributed to a smaller sample and a change in data collection methodology

Table 1.2.4: Distribution of children by their parental living arrangements, 2020

Sex	N ('000)	Percent				Total
	Total	Lives with mother only	Lives with father only	Lives with both parents	Lives with neither parent	
Male	10 189	41,4	4,9	34,2	19,5	100,0
Female	10 206	41,9	3,9	34,2	19,9	100,0
Both	20 395	41,7	4,4	34,2	19,7	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 1.2.5: Distribution of children by province, sex and household composition, 2020

Province and sex		N ('000)	Percent				
		Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	Total
WC	Male	1 123	..	46,1	50,4	3,5	100,0
	Female	974	..	44,4	53,0	2,6	100,0
	Both	2 097	..	45,3	51,6	3,1	100,0
EC	Male	1 299	0,1	27,2	71,5	1,3	100,0
	Female	1 256	..	24,3	73,5	2,2	100,0
	Both	2 556	0,0	25,8	72,5	1,7	100,0
NC	Male	206	..	36,5	60,9	2,6	100,0
	Female	236	..	42,2	54,1	3,7	100,0
	Both	442	..	39,5	57,3	3,2	100,0
FS	Male	489	..	44,6	54,3	1,0	100,0
	Female	567	..	44,9	53,7	1,4	100,0
	Both	1 056	..	44,8	54,0	1,2	100,0
KZN	Male	2 144	..	21,7	77,3	1,0	100,0
	Female	2 088	..	25,5	73,3	1,3	100,0
	Both	4 232	..	23,6	75,3	1,1	100,0
NW	Male	662	..	31,3	67,3	1,4	100,0
	Female	778	..	31,0	67,4	1,5	100,0
	Both	1 441	..	31,2	67,4	1,5	100,0
GP	Male	2 233	..	49,4	47,9	2,8	100,0
	Female	2 164	..	46,8	51,8	1,4	100,0
	Both	4 397	..	48,1	49,8	2,1	100,0
MP	Male	812	..	31,1	67,9	1,0	100,0
	Female	905	..	31,2	67,6	1,2	100,0
	Both	1 717	..	31,1	67,8	1,1	100,0
LP	Male	1 221	..	30,2	68,8	1,0	100,0
	Female	1 237	..	34,1	65,0	0,9	100,0
	Both	2 458	..	32,1	66,9	1,0	100,0
RSA	Male	10 189	0,0	34,9	63,3	1,8	100,0
	Female	10 206	..	35,1	63,3	1,6	100,0
	Both	20 395	0,0	35,0	63,3	1,7	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 1.2.6: Distribution of children by geo-type, sex and household composition, 2020

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Percent				
		Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	Total
Urban	Male	5 727	..	44,0	53,6	2,3	100,0
	Female	5 866	..	42,9	55,1	2,0	100,0
	Both	11 593	..	43,5	54,4	2,2	100,0
Rural	Male	4 462	0,0	23,2	75,7	1,0	100,0
	Female	4 340	..	24,6	74,4	1,0	100,0
	Both	8 802	0,0	23,9	75,1	1,0	100,0
RSA	Male	10 189	0,0	34,9	63,3	1,8	100,0
	Female	10 206	..	35,1	63,3	1,6	100,0
	Both	20 395	0,0	35,0	63,3	1,7	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 1.2.7: Distribution of children by population group, sex and household composition, 2020

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Percent				
		Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	Total
Black African	Male	8 737	0,0	32,0	66,4	1,6	100,0
	Female	8 811	..	32,4	66,3	1,3	100,0
	Both	17 548	0,0	32,2	66,3	1,5	100,0
Coloured	Male	852	..	43,2	53,0	3,8	100,0
	Female	815	..	38,9	58,0	3,1	100,0
	Both	1 667	..	41,1	55,5	3,4	100,0
Indian/ Asian	Male	174	..	60,3	39,7	..	100,0
	Female	175	..	63,0	37,0	..	100,0
	Both	349	..	61,6	38,4	..	100,0
White	Male	426	..	68,0	30,1	1,9	100,0
	Female	405	..	74,4	21,3	4,3	100,0
	Both	831	..	71,1	25,8	3,1	100,0
Total	Male	10 189	0,0	34,9	63,3	1,8	100,0
	Female	10 206	..	35,1	63,3	1,6	100,0
	Both	20 395	0,0	35,0	63,3	1,7	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

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

Table 1.3.1: Children who are beneficiaries of social grants, 2020

Sex	N ('000)		Percent
	Beneficiary	Total	Beneficiary
Male	6 905	10 189	67,8
Female	6 958	10 206	68,2
Both	13 863	20 395	68,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 1.3.2: Children living in households without an employed adult by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex	Male		N ('000) Female		Both		Percent		
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Male Without	Female Without	Both Without
WC	230	1 123	233	974	463	2 097	20,5	23,9	22,1
EC	642	1 299	592	1 256	1 234	2 556	49,4	47,1	48,3
NC	67	206	84	236	151	442	32,6	35,4	34,1
FS	215	489	217	567	432	1 056	44,0	38,2	40,9
KZN	881	2 144	821	2 088	1 702	4 232	41,1	39,3	40,2
NW	260	662	277	778	537	1 441	39,2	35,6	37,3
GP	518	2 233	489	2 164	1 007	4 397	23,2	22,6	22,9
MP	274	812	306	905	580	1 717	33,7	33,8	33,8
LP	595	1 221	563	1 237	1 158	2 458	48,7	45,5	47,1
RSA	3 681	10 189	3 582	10 206	7 263	20 395	36,1	35,1	35,6

Source: GHS 2020

Table 1.3.3: Children living in households without an employed adult by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex	Male		N ('000) Female		Both		Percent		
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Male Without	Female Without	Both Without
Urban	1 414	5 727	1 424	5 866	2 838	11 593	24,7	24,3	24,5
Rural	2 267	4 462	2 158	4 340	4 425	8 802	50,8	49,7	50,3
RSA	3 681	10 189	3 582	10 206	7 263	20 395	36,1	35,1	35,6

Source: GHS 2020

1.4 Children: Health

Table 1.4.1: Children with access to medical aid by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Percent			
		Total	Medical aid	No medical aid	Unspecified	Total
Urban	Male	5 727	18,2	81,6	0,2	100,0
	Female	5 866	17,2	82,7	0,1	100,0
	Both	11 593	17,7	82,1	0,1	100,0
Rural	Male	4 462	4,2	95,7	0,1	100,0
	Female	4 340	5,3	94,6	0,1	100,0
	Both	8 802	4,8	95,1	0,1	100,0
RSA	Male	10 189	12,1	87,7	0,2	100,0
	Female	10 206	12,2	87,8	0,1	100,0
	Both	20 395	12,1	87,7	0,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 1.4.2: Distribution of main type of healthcare facility visited by children, 2020

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Percent						
		Total	Public hospital	Public clinic	Public: Other	Private hospital/ clinic/ doctor	Other facilities	Traditional healer	Unspecified
Urban	Male	5 727	6,5	65,6	0,1	26,9	0,4	0,0	0,4
	Female	5 866	5,9	66,4	0,1	26,7	0,8	0,0	0,1
	Both	11 593	6,2	66,0	0,1	26,8	0,6	0,0	0,2
Rural	Male	4 462	3,9	89,6	0,2	5,8	0,4	0,1	..
	Female	4 340	3,9	88,1	0,4	7,0	0,4	0,1	0,1
	Both	8 802	3,9	88,9	0,3	6,4	0,4	0,1	0,0
RSA	Male	10 189	5,4	76,1	0,2	17,7	0,4	0,1	0,2
	Female	10 206	5,0	75,6	0,2	18,4	0,6	0,1	0,1
	Both	20 395	5,2	75,9	0,2	18,0	0,5	0,1	0,1

Source: GHS 2020

Table 1.4.3: Children who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population by province, 2020

Province	N ('000)				Percent	
	Children		Total		Children	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering
WC	38	2 097	951	6 941	1,8	13,7
EC	19	2 556	759	6 530	0,8	11,6
NC	7	442	193	1 263	1,5	15,3
FS	7	1 056	346	2 945	0,6	11,7
KZN	20	4 232	925	11 519	0,5	8,0
NW	7	1 441	456	4 070	0,5	11,2
GP	73	4 397	1 453	15 465	1,6	9,4
MP	12	1 717	371	4 689	0,7	7,9
LP	7	2 458	331	6 015	0,3	5,5
RSA	189	20 395	5 784	59 437	0,9	9,7

Source: GHS 2020

Chronic illness categories were reduced from 17 to five in 2020 due to a change in data collection methodology.

Table 1.4.4: Children who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population by geo-type, 2020

Geo-type	N ('000)				Percent	
	Children Suffering	Children Total	Total Suffering	Total Total	Children Suffering	Total Suffering
Urban	142	11 593	4 047	37 757	1,2	10,7
Rural	47	8 802	1 737	21 679	0,5	8,0
RSA	189	20 395	5 784	59 437	0,9	9,7

Source: GHS 2020

Chronic illness categories were reduced from 17 to five in 2020 due to a change in data collection methodology.

Table 1.4.5: Children who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population by sex, 2020

Sex	N ('000)				Percent	
	Children Suffering	Children Total	Total Suffering	Total Total	Children Suffering	Total Suffering
Male	96	10 189	2 106	29 090	0,9	7,2
Female	93	10 206	3 677	30 347	0,9	12,1
Both	189	20 395	5 784	59 437	0,9	9,7

Source: GHS 2020

Chronic illness categories were reduced from 17 to five in 2020 due to a change in data collection methodology.

1.5 Children: Vulnerability to hunger

Table 1.5.1: Children living in households that reported hunger by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering	Suffering
WC	196	1 121	201	972	398	2 093	17,5	20,7	19,0
EC	153	1 299	145	1 256	298	2 556	11,7	11,5	11,6
NC	39	206	53	236	92	442	18,9	22,6	20,9
FS	88	482	81	567	170	1 049	18,3	14,3	16,2
KZN	220	2 144	232	2 088	452	4 232	10,3	11,1	10,7
NW	138	662	237	776	374	1 438	20,8	30,5	26,0
GP	244	2 227	225	2 164	469	4 391	10,9	10,4	10,7
MP	139	812	167	905	306	1 717	17,1	18,5	17,8
LP	31	1 221	22	1 237	52	2 458	2,5	1,8	2,1
RSA	1 247	10 175	1 364	10 202	2 611	20 377	12,3	13,4	12,8

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 1.5.2: Children living in households that reported hunger by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering	Suffering
Urban	696	5 713	813	5 864	1 509	11 578	12,2	13,9	13,0
Rural	551	4 462	551	4 337	1 102	8 799	12,3	12,7	12,5
RSA	1 247	10 175	1 364	10 202	2 611	20 377	12,3	13,4	12,8

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 1.5.3: Children living in households that reported hunger by population group and sex, 2020

Population group and sex	Male		N ('000) Female		Both		Percent		
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Male Suffering	Female Suffering	Both Suffering
Black African	1 138	8 724	1 272	8 807	2 410	17 530	13,0	14,4	13,7
Coloured	106	852	92	815	197	1 667	12,4	11,2	11,8
Indian/ Asian	..	174	..	175	..	349	..	..	..
White	4	426	..	405	4	831	0,9	..	0,5
Total	1 247	10 175	1 364	10 202	2 611	20 377	12,3	13,4	12,8

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 1.5.4: Child-inclusive households that reported hunger by province, 2020

Province	N ('000)		Percent Suffering
	Suffering	Total	
WC	191	1 006	19,0
EC	112	974	11,5
NC	56	228	24,7
FS	82	549	14,9
KZN	135	1 697	7,9
NW	136	660	20,6
GP	283	2 665	10,6
MP	153	844	18,2
LP	30	1 112	2,7
RSA	1 178	9 736	12,1

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 1.5.5: Child-inclusive households that reported hunger by geo-type, 2020

Geo-type	N ('000)		Percent Suffering
	Suffering	Total	
Urban	754	6 299	12,0
Rural	424	3 437	12,3
RSA	1 178	9 736	12,1

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 1.5.6: Child-inclusive households that reported hunger by sex, 2020

Sex	N ('000)		Percent Suffering
	Suffering	Total	
Male	549	4 927	11,1
Female	629	4 809	13,1
Both	1 178	9 736	12,1

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases

1.6 Children: Education

Table 1.6.1: School attendance by children of compulsory school age (7-15 years), 2020

Age group and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Attending	Attending
7-13 years	3 985	4 097	3 972	4 064	7 957	8 162	97,3	97,7	97,5
14-15 years	969	986	1 104	1 147	2 073	2 133	98,3	96,2	97,2
Total	4 954	5 083	5 076	5 212	10 030	10 294	97,5	97,4	97,4

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 1.6.2: Learners in public ordinary schools (POS) benefiting from the “No Fees School” policy, 2020

Sex	N ('000) Total	Percent Beneficiary
Male	4 689	72,2
Female	4 797	72,3
Both	9 486	72,2

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 1.6.3: Children aged 0-4 years attending day care centres by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Attending	Attending
WC	68	331	58	232	126	563	20,5	25,0	22,4
EC	73	348	82	375	155	723	20,9	21,9	21,4
NC	8	53	10	84	17	137	14,7	11,4	12,7
FS	54	142	44	117	98	259	38,2	37,5	37,9
KZN	71	654	93	536	165	1 189	10,9	17,4	13,9
NW	42	160	56	196	98	356	26,1	28,6	27,5
GP	182	653	219	691	402	1 344	27,9	31,8	29,9
MP	56	257	69	277	125	533	21,7	25,0	23,4
LP	90	339	117	397	207	736	26,5	29,5	28,1
RSA	643	2 935	748	2 904	1 392	5 839	21,9	25,8	23,8

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 1.6.4: Children aged 0-4 years attending day care centres by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Attending	Attending
Urban	394	1 588	478	1 694	871	3 283	24,8	28,2	26,5
Rural	249	1 347	271	1 210	520	2 557	18,5	22,4	20,3
RSA	643	2 935	748	2 904	1 392	5 839	21,9	25,8	23,8

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 1.6.5: Children aged 7-13 years attending educational institutions by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex	Male		N ('000) Female		Both		Percent		
	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Male Attending	Female Attending	Both Attending
WC	418	448	397	411	815	859	93,4	96,6	94,9
EC	522	528	509	517	1 031	1 045	98,9	98,5	98,7
NC	85	87	74	75	160	162	98,1	98,5	98,3
FS	193	198	262	266	455	463	97,5	98,6	98,1
KZN	812	847	827	860	1 639	1 707	95,9	96,2	96,0
NW	297	301	317	321	614	622	98,7	98,7	98,7
GP	853	866	764	780	1 617	1 646	98,5	98,0	98,3
MP	314	327	349	352	663	678	96,2	99,3	97,8
LP	490	496	472	483	962	979	98,8	97,8	98,3
RSA	3 985	4 097	3 972	4 064	7 957	8 162	97,3	97,7	97,5

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 1.6.6: Children aged 7-13 years attending educational institutions by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex	Male		N ('000) Female		Both		Percent		
	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Male Attending	Female Attending	Both Attending
Urban	2 327	2 388	2 263	2 300	4 591	4 688	97,5	98,4	97,9
Rural	1 658	1 709	1 708	1 764	3 366	3 474	97,0	96,8	96,9
RSA	3 985	4 097	3 972	4 064	7 957	8 162	97,3	97,7	97,5

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 1.6.7: Children aged 14-17 years attending educational institutions by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex	Male		N ('000) Female		Both		Percent		
	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Male Attending	Female Attending	Both Attending
WC	209	229	187	192	396	421	91,1	97,3	94,0
EC	254	265	241	262	495	527	95,8	92,1	94,0
NC	46	47	49	50	95	97	97,1	98,6	97,9
FS	111	115	112	123	224	238	96,8	91,2	93,9
KZN	406	425	374	388	780	813	95,5	96,6	96,0
NW	117	119	152	156	269	275	98,9	97,4	98,1
GP	403	412	466	482	869	894	97,7	96,7	97,2
MP	145	146	186	188	330	334	98,9	98,6	98,7
LP	225	232	218	232	443	464	97,1	93,9	95,5
RSA	1 915	1 990	1 986	2 073	3 901	4 063	96,2	95,8	96,0

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 1.6.8: Children aged 14-17 years attending educational institutions by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex	Male		N ('000) Female		Both		Percent		
	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Male Attending	Female Attending	Both Attending
Urban	1 069	1 107	1 156	1 203	2 225	2 311	96,6	96,0	96,3
Rural	846	883	830	870	1 676	1 753	95,8	95,5	95,6
RSA	1 915	1 990	1 986	2 073	3 901	4 063	96,2	95,8	96,0

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 1.6.9: Children aged 15 years who have not completed grade 7 by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Not completed	Not completed
WC	14	59	5	61	19	120	22,8	8,7	15,6
EC	11	40	8	64	19	105	27,0	13,0	18,4
NC	2	12	0	18	2	30	13,7	2,0	6,7
FS	7	33	1	36	9	69	21,7	3,8	12,5
KZN	18	97	3	121	21	218	18,2	2,5	9,5
NW	3	21	1	43	4	64	14,5	3,3	6,9
GP	11	95	8	139	19	234	11,3	5,9	8,1
MP	4	48	5	53	9	101	8,0	9,0	8,5
LP	10	58	7	79	16	138	16,5	8,6	11,9
RSA	78	463	39	614	118	1 078	16,8	6,4	10,9

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 1.6.10: Children aged 15 years who have not completed grade 7 by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Not completed	Not completed
Urban	44	255	24	354	68	609	17,2	6,7	11,1
Rural	34	209	16	260	50	469	16,3	6,0	10,6
RSA	78	463	39	614	118	1 078	16,8	6,4	10,9

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 1.6.11: Children aged 17 years who have not completed grade 9 by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Not completed	Not completed
WC	4	49	5	49	9	99	7,6	10,4	9,0
EC	29	76	8	47	37	122	38,7	17,4	30,6
NC	2	8	..	8	2	16	25,7	..	12,9
FS	2	12	5	39	8	51	19,0	14,0	15,2
KZN	27	102	4	75	30	178	26,0	4,8	17,0
NW	6	29	2	36	8	64	21,2	5,2	12,3
GP	23	99	18	111	40	210	22,7	16,1	19,2
MP	5	27	7	49	12	76	16,5	14,9	15,5
LP	13	42	6	48	19	89	30,9	13,6	21,6
RSA	110	444	56	461	166	905	24,8	12,1	18,3

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 1.6.12: Children aged 17 years who have not completed grade 9 by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Not completed	Not completed
Urban	48	253	31	270	79	522	18,9	11,6	15,1
Rural	62	191	25	191	87	382	32,6	12,8	22,7
RSA	110	444	56	461	166	905	24,8	12,1	18,3

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases

1.7 Children: Housing and basic services

Table 1.7.1: Distribution of children by type of housing, 2020

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Percent				
		Total	Formal	Traditional	Informal	Other	Total
Urban	Male	5 727	88,4	0,5	10,7	0,5	100,0
	Female	5 866	86,3	1,0	12,6	0,1	100,0
	Both	11 593	87,3	0,8	11,6	0,3	100,0
Rural	Male	4 462	80,2	16,9	2,9	..	100,0
	Female	4 340	81,2	16,5	2,3	0,0	100,0
	Both	8 802	80,7	16,7	2,6	0,0	100,0
RSA	Male	10 189	84,8	7,7	7,3	0,3	100,0
	Female	10 206	84,1	7,6	8,2	0,1	100,0
	Both	20 395	84,5	7,6	7,7	0,2	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 1.7.2 Living condition indicators of children compared to the overall population, 2020

Access to piped water

Age group	N ('000) Total	Percent	
		Access	Unspecified
Not children	39 042	76,2	0,3
Children	20 395	68,0	0,3
Total	59 437	73,4	0,3

Source: GHS 2020

Access to improved sanitation

Age group	N ('000) Total	Percent
		Access
Not children	39 042	83,7
Children	20 395	80,2
Total	59 437	82,5

Source: GHS 2020

Refuse/ waste removed by the municipality

Age group	N ('000) Total	Percent	
		Access	Unspecified
Not children	39 042	65,3	0,1
Children	20 395	55,4	0,1
Total	59 437	61,9	0,1

Source: GHS 2020

Access to electricity connected to the mains

Age group	N ('000) Total	Percent	
		Access	Unspecified
Not children	39 042	92,9	4,8
Children	20 395	93,0	4,6
Total	59 437	92,9	4,7

Source: GHS 2020

Use solid fuels for cooking

Age group	N ('000) Total	Percent
		Access
Not children	39 042	9,7
Children	20 395	15,0
Total	59 437	11,5

Source: GHS 2020

INDICATORS: YOUTH

Youth are defined as persons aged 15 to 34 years.

2.1 Demography of youth

Table 2.1.1: Distribution of youth by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex	N ('000)			Percent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
WC	1 168	1 165	2 333	50,1	49,9	100,0
EC	1 116	992	2 108	52,9	47,1	100,0
NC	205	211	416	49,3	50,7	100,0
FS	488	504	992	49,2	50,8	100,0
KZN	2 092	2 041	4 134	50,6	49,4	100,0
NW	664	676	1 339	49,5	50,5	100,0
GP	2 834	2 803	5 637	50,3	49,7	100,0
MP	785	858	1 643	47,8	52,2	100,0
LP	951	1 077	2 028	46,9	53,1	100,0
RSA	10 303	10 327	20 630	49,9	50,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.1.2: Distribution of youth by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)			Percent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
Urban	6 563	6 526	13 089	50,1	49,9	100,0
Rural	3 740	3 801	7 542	49,6	50,4	100,0
RSA	10 303	10 327	20 630	49,9	50,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.1.3: Distribution of youth by population group and sex, 2020

Population group and sex	N ('000)			Percent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
Black African	8 706	8 769	17 476	49,8	50,2	100,0
Coloured	845	842	1 687	50,1	49,9	100,0
Indian/ Asian	238	208	446	53,4	46,6	100,0
White	514	508	1 022	50,3	49,7	100,0
Total	10 303	10 327	20 630	49,9	50,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.1.4: Distribution of youth by age group and sex, 2020

Age group and sex	N ('000)			Percent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
15-24 years	4 780	4 802	9 582	49,9	50,1	100,0
25-34 years	5 524	5 525	11 049	50,0	50,0	100,0
Total	10 303	10 327	20 630	49,9	50,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.1.5: Youth as a proportion of the overall population by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex	Male		N ('000) Female		Both		Male Youth	Percent Female Youth	Both Youth
	Youth	Total	Youth	Total	Youth	Total			
WC	1 168	3 450	1 165	3 491	2 333	6 941	33,9	33,4	33,6
EC	1 116	3 138	992	3 391	2 108	6 530	35,5	29,3	32,3
NC	205	607	211	656	416	1 263	33,8	32,2	33,0
FS	488	1 344	504	1 600	992	2 945	36,3	31,5	33,7
KZN	2 092	5 564	2 041	5 955	4 134	11 519	37,6	34,3	35,9
NW	664	1 944	676	2 127	1 339	4 070	34,1	31,8	32,9
GP	2 834	7 907	2 803	7 558	5 637	15 465	35,8	37,1	36,4
MP	785	2 273	858	2 417	1 643	4 689	34,6	35,5	35,0
LP	951	2 863	1 077	3 152	2 028	6 015	33,2	34,2	33,7
RSA	10 303	29 090	10 327	30 347	20 630	59 437	35,4	34,0	34,7

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.1.6: Youth as a proportion of the overall population by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex	Male		N ('000) Female		Both		Male Youth	Percent Female Youth	Both Youth
	Youth	Total	Youth	Total	Youth	Total			
Urban	6 563	18 662	6 526	19 096	13 089	37 757	35,2	34,2	34,7
Rural	3 740	10 428	3 801	11 251	7 542	21 679	35,9	33,8	34,8
RSA	10 303	29 090	10 327	30 347	20 630	59 437	35,4	34,0	34,7

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.1.7: Youth as a proportion of the overall population, by population group and sex, 2020

Population group and sex	Male		N ('000) Female		Both		Male Youth	Percent Female Youth	Both Youth
	Youth	Total	Youth	Total	Youth	Total			
Black African	8 706	23 688	8 769	24 719	17 476	48 407	36,8	35,5	36,1
Coloured	845	2 495	842	2 646	1 687	5 140	33,9	31,8	32,8
Indian/ Asian	238	759	208	714	446	1 473	31,4	29,1	30,2
White	514	2 148	508	2 268	1 022	4 416	23,9	22,4	23,1
Total	10 303	29 090	10 327	30 347	20 630	59 437	35,4	34,0	34,7

Source: GHS 2020

2.2 Youth: Household characteristics

Table 2.2.1: Distribution of youth-headed households by province, 2020

Province	N ('000)		Percent Youth
	Youth	Total	
WC	477	1 962	24,3
EC	375	1 709	21,9
NC	81	354	22,8
FS	234	931	25,1
KZN	798	3 026	26,4
NW	322	1 267	25,4
GP	1 546	5 174	29,9
MP	352	1 354	26,0
LP	440	1 641	26,8
RSA	4 624	17 418	26,5

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.2.2: Distribution of youth-headed households by geo-type, 2020

Geo-type	N ('000)		Percent Youth
	Youth	Total	
Urban	3 381	12 147	27,8
Rural	1 244	5 271	23,6
RSA	4 624	17 418	26,5

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.2.3: Distribution of youth-headed households by population group, 2020

Population group	N ('000)		Percent Youth
	Youth	Total	
Black African	4 136	14 209	29,1
Coloured	199	1 219	16,3
Indian/ Asian	72	418	17,2
White	218	1 571	13,8
Total	4 624	17 418	26,5

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.2.4: Distribution of youth-headed households by sex, 2020

Sex	N ('000)		Percent Youth
	Youth	Total	
Male	2 959	10 118	29,2
Female	1 666	7 300	22,8
Both	4 624	17 418	26,5

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.2.5: Distribution of youth-headed households by province and age group, 2020

Province and age group	N ('000)			Percent		
	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
WC	57	420	477	11,9	88,1	100,0
EC	53	322	375	14,2	85,8	100,0
NC	14	67	81	17,0	83,0	100,0
FS	26	208	234	11,3	88,7	100,0
KZN	92	706	798	11,5	88,5	100,0
NW	36	286	322	11,0	89,0	100,0
GP	143	1 403	1 546	9,3	90,7	100,0
MP	50	302	352	14,3	85,7	100,0
LP	65	375	440	14,8	85,2	100,0
RSA	537	4 088	4 624	11,6	88,4	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.2.6: Distribution of youth-headed households by geo-type and age group, 2020

Geo-type and age group	N ('000)			Percent		
	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
Urban	354	3 027	3 381	10,5	89,5	100,0
Rural	183	1 061	1 244	14,7	85,3	100,0
RSA	537	4 088	4 624	11,6	88,4	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.2.7: Distribution of youth-headed households by population group and age group, 2020

Population group and age group	N ('000)			Percent		
	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
Black African	492	3 644	4 136	11,9	88,1	100,0
Coloured	9	190	199	4,3	95,7	100,0
Indian/ Asian	18	54	72	25,0	75,0	100,0
White	18	199	218	8,4	91,6	100,0
Total	537	4 088	4 624	11,6	88,4	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.2.8: Distribution of youth-headed households by sex and age group, 2020

Sex and age group	N ('000)			Percent		
	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
Male	360	2 598	2 959	12,2	87,8	100,0
Female	177	1 489	1 666	10,6	89,4	100,0
Both	537	4 088	4 624	11,6	88,4	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.2.9: Distribution of youth by province and household composition, 2020

Province	N ('000) Total	Percent				Total
		Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	
WC	2 333	2,5	43,0	50,3	4,2	100,0
EC	2 108	2,3	25,1	70,1	2,5	100,0
NC	416	2,5	33,9	61,0	2,6	100,0
FS	992	3,0	45,8	50,2	1,0	100,0
KZN	4 134	2,7	23,7	71,8	1,8	100,0
NW	1 339	4,0	30,3	63,5	2,2	100,0
GP	5 637	4,9	43,0	49,4	2,7	100,0
MP	1 643	3,4	26,3	68,7	1,6	100,0
LP	2 028	3,1	27,6	67,8	1,5	100,0
RSA	20 630	3,4	33,6	60,6	2,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.2.10: Distribution of youth by geo-type and household composition, 2020

Geo-type	N ('000) Total	Percent				Total
		Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	
Urban	13 089	4,0	39,9	53,2	2,9	100,0
Rural	7 542	2,3	22,7	73,6	1,4	100,0
RSA	20 630	3,4	33,6	60,6	2,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.2.11: Distribution of youth by population group and household composition, 2020

Population group	N ('000) Total	Percent				Total
		Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	
Black African	17 476	3,8	30,0	64,3	1,9	100,0
Coloured	1 687	0,6	44,7	51,3	3,4	100,0
Indian/ Asian	446	4,0	59,2	36,8	..	100,0
White	1 022	1,8	66,1	23,0	9,0	100,0
Total	20 630	3,4	33,6	60,6	2,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.2.12: Distribution of youth by sex and household composition, 2020

Sex	N ('000) Total	Single	Nuclear	Percent Extended	Complex	Total
Male	10 303	5,3	33,6	58,4	2,7	100,0
Female	10 327	1,5	33,6	62,9	2,0	100,0
Both	20 630	3,4	33,6	60,6	2,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.2.13: Distribution of youth by sex and household composition, 2020

Age group	N ('000) Total	Single	Nuclear	Percent Extended	Complex	Total
15-24 years	9 582	1,1	33,1	63,8	2,0	100,0
25-34 years	11 049	5,4	34,1	57,9	2,6	100,0
Total	20 630	3,4	33,6	60,6	2,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.2.14: Distribution of youth headed households across intergenerational household type by province, 2020

Province	N ('000) Total	Single generation	Double generation	Percent Triple generation	Skip generation	Other	Total
WC	477	45,1	49,5	..	1,8	3,5	100,0
EC	375	51,9	40,1	0,8	..	7,1	100,0
NC	81	25,1	73,2	..	..	1,7	100,0
FS	234	43,4	51,8	1,3	1,7	1,9	100,0
KZN	798	50,4	40,5	..	..	9,2	100,0
NW	322	53,2	37,5	..	..	9,3	100,0
GP	1 546	54,9	40,5	0,6	..	4,0	100,0
MP	352	48,9	45,1	0,9	..	5,0	100,0
LP	440	43,8	53,2	1,3	0,5	1,1	100,0
RSA	4 624	50,2	43,9	0,5	0,3	5,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2020.

Other include unspecified cases

Table 2.2.15: Distribution of youth headed households across intergenerational household type geo-type, 2020

Geo-type	N ('000) Total	Single generation	Double generation	Percent Triple generation	Skip generation	Other	Total
Urban	3 381	51,4	42,9	0,4	0,4	4,9	100,0
Rural	1 244	46,9	46,5	0,7	0,2	5,7	100,0
RSA	4 624	50,2	43,9	0,5	0,3	5,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2020.

Other include unspecified cases

Table 2.2.16: Distribution of youth headed households across intergenerational household type by population group, 2020

Population group	N ('000) Total	Single generation	Double generation	Percent Triple generation	Skip generation	Other	Total
Black African	4 136	49,8	44,1	0,5	0,2	5,4	100,0
Coloured	199	24,2	69,8	1,6	4,4	..	100,0
Indian/ Asian	72	71,6	9,0	..	..	19,4	100,0
White	218	73,4	26,6	..	..	..	100,0
Total	4 624	50,2	43,9	0,5	0,3	5,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2020.

Other include unspecified cases

Table 2.2.17: Distribution of youth headed households across intergenerational household type by sex, 2020

Sex	N ('000)	Percent					
	Total	Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	Other	Total
Male	2 959	59,7	33,4	0,5	0,2	6,1	100,0
Female	1 666	33,1	62,4	0,5	0,5	3,4	100,0
Both	4 624	50,2	43,9	0,5	0,3	5,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2020.

Other include unspecified cases

Table 2.2.18: Distribution of youth headed households across intergenerational household type by age group, 2020

Age group	N ('000)	Percent					
	Total	Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	Other	Total
15-24 years	537	69,0	20,1	..	1,2	9,7	100,0
25-34 years	4 088	47,7	47,0	0,6	0,2	4,5	100,0
Total	4 624	50,2	43,9	0,5	0,3	5,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2020.

Other include unspecified cases

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

Table 2.3.1: Youth who are beneficiaries of social grants by sex, 2020

Sex	N ('000)		Percent Beneficiary
	Beneficiary	Total	
Male	1 972	10 303	19,1
Female	1 452	10 327	14,1
Both	3 425	20 630	16,6

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.3.2: Youth who are beneficiaries of social grants by age group, 2020

Age group	N ('000)		Percent Beneficiary
	Beneficiary	Total	
15-24 years	2 530	9 582	26,4
25-34 years	895	11 049	8,1
Total	3 425	20 630	16,6

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.3.3: Youth living in households without an employed adult by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male Without	Female Without	Both Without
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total			
WC	153	1 168	203	1 165	356	2 333	13,1	17,4	15,3
EC	431	1 116	433	992	864	2 108	38,6	43,6	41,0
NC	66	205	59	211	126	416	32,3	28,2	30,2
FS	178	488	186	504	364	992	36,5	36,9	36,7
KZN	633	2 092	717	2 041	1 350	4 134	30,2	35,1	32,7
NW	240	664	232	676	472	1 339	36,2	34,3	35,3
GP	558	2 834	607	2 803	1 166	5 637	19,7	21,7	20,7
MP	259	785	267	858	527	1 643	33,0	31,2	32,1
LP	431	951	473	1 077	903	2 028	45,3	43,9	44,6
RSA	2 950	10 303	3 178	10 327	6 128	20 630	28,6	30,8	29,7

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.3.4: Youth living in households without an employed adult by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Without	Without
Urban	1 309	6 563	1 488	6 526	2 797	13 089	19,9	22,8	21,4
Rural	1 641	3 740	1 690	3 801	3 331	7 542	43,9	44,5	44,2
RSA	2 950	10 303	3 178	10 327	6 128	20 630	28,6	30,8	29,7

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.3.5: Youth living in households without an employed adult by age group and sex, 2020

Age group and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Without	Without
15-24 years	1 526	4 780	1 623	4 802	3 149	9 582	31,9	33,8	32,9
25-34 years	1 424	5 524	1 555	5 525	2 979	11 049	25,8	28,1	27,0
Total	2 950	10 303	3 178	10 327	6 128	20 630	28,6	30,8	29,7

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.3.6: Youth-headed households without an employed adult by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Without	Without
WC	40	272	67	204	107	477	14,8	32,8	22,5
EC	66	227	89	148	155	375	29,2	60,1	41,4
NC	18	44	14	36	33	81	40,9	39,7	40,4
FS	56	127	65	106	122	234	44,3	61,5	52,1
KZN	115	455	149	343	264	798	25,2	43,4	33,0
NW	89	214	74	108	163	322	41,7	67,9	50,6
GP	200	1 151	178	395	378	1 546	17,4	45,1	24,4
MP	75	194	81	158	156	352	38,6	51,2	44,3
LP	109	274	113	166	223	440	40,0	68,2	50,6
RSA	769	2 959	831	1 666	1 600	4 624	26,0	49,9	34,6

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.3.7: Youth-headed households without an employed adult by province and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Without	Without
Urban	455	2 247	471	1 134	926	3 381	20,3	41,5	27,4
Rural	314	712	360	532	674	1 244	44,1	67,7	54,2
RSA	769	2 959	831	1 666	1 600	4 624	26,0	49,9	34,6

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.3.8: Distribution of main sources of income for youth-headed households by geo-type, 2020

Geo-type	N ('000)	Percent						
	Total	Salaries/ wages/ commission	Remit- tances	Social grants	Other non- farm income	No income	Unspecified	Total
Urban	3 381	58,7	11,4	12,6	5,4	5,9	6,0	100,0
Rural	1 244	28,0	22,0	35,3	6,2	4,1	4,4	100,0
RSA	4 624	50,4	14,3	18,7	5,6	5,4	5,6	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.3.9: Distribution of main sources of income for youth-headed households by sex, 2020

Sex	N ('000) Total	Salaries/ wages/ commission	Remit- tances	Social grants	Percent Other non- farm income	No income	Unspecified	Total
Male	2 959	57,8	12,7	11,4	6,8	5,4	5,8	100,0
Female	1 666	37,3	17,0	31,5	3,5	5,5	5,2	100,0
Both	4 624	50,4	14,3	18,7	5,6	5,4	5,6	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.3.10: Employed youth by province and age group, 2020

Province and age group	N ('000)			Percent		
	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
WC	170	619	790	21,6	78,4	100,0
EC	63	368	431	14,7	85,3	100,0
NC	22	82	104	20,7	79,3	100,0
FS	52	210	262	19,7	80,3	100,0
KZN	120	758	877	13,7	86,3	100,0
NW	43	286	329	13,0	87,0	100,0
GP	182	1 241	1 423	12,8	87,2	100,0
MP	84	346	429	19,5	80,5	100,0
LP	61	370	432	14,2	85,8	100,0
RSA	796	4 280	5 076	15,7	84,3	100,0

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 2.3.11: Employed youth by geo-type and age group, 2020

Geo-type and age group	N ('000)			Percent		
	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
Urban	590	3 220	3 810	15,5	84,5	100,0
Rural	206	1 060	1 266	16,3	83,7	100,0
RSA	796	4 280	5 076	15,7	84,3	100,0

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 2.3.12: Employed youth by population group and age group, 2020

Population group and age group	N ('000)			Percent		
	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
Black African	529	3 336	3 864	13,7	86,3	100,0
Coloured	139	379	518	26,9	73,1	100,0
Indian/ Asian	27	139	166	16,3	83,7	100,0
White	101	426	528	19,2	80,8	100,0
Total	796	4 280	5 076	15,7	84,3	100,0

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 2.3.13: Unemployed youth by province and age group, 2020

Province and age group	N ('000)			Percent		
	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
WC	148	224	372	39,7	60,3	100,0
EC	209	442	651	32,2	67,8	100,0
NC	24	28	52	45,7	54,3	100,0
FS	72	164	236	30,7	69,3	100,0
KZN	172	375	547	31,5	68,5	100,0
NW	69	143	212	32,4	67,6	100,0
GP	369	835	1 204	30,7	69,3	100,0
MP	96	188	284	33,7	66,3	100,0
LP	102	199	301	33,8	66,2	100,0
RSA	1 261	2 598	3 859	32,7	67,3	100,0

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 2.3.14: Unemployed youth by geo-type and age group, 2020

Geo-type and age group	N ('000)			Percent		
	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
Urban	810	1 710	2 520	32,1	67,9	100,0
Rural	451	888	1 339	33,7	66,3	100,0
RSA	1 261	2 598	3 859	32,7	67,3	100,0

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 2.3.15: Unemployed youth by population group and age group, 2020

Population group and age group	N ('000)			Percent		
	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
Black African	1 110	2 345	3 455	32,1	67,9	100,0
Coloured	101	161	262	38,6	61,4	100,0
Indian/ Asian	20	43	62	31,4	68,6	100,0
White	30	50	80	37,6	62,4	100,0
Total	1 261	2 598	3 859	32,7	67,3	100,0

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 2.3.16: Not economically active youth by province and age group, 2020

Province and age group	N ('000)			Percent		
	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
WC	787	301	1 088	72,3	27,7	100,0
EC	1 073	349	1 422	75,5	24,5	100,0
NC	194	75	270	72,0	28,0	100,0
FS	392	122	514	76,3	23,7	100,0
KZN	1 766	899	2 665	66,3	33,7	100,0
NW	595	244	838	70,9	29,1	100,0
GP	1 737	624	2 361	73,6	26,4	100,0
MP	668	280	947	70,5	29,5	100,0
LP	990	470	1 459	67,8	32,2	100,0
RSA	8 202	3 363	11 565	70,9	29,1	100,0

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 2.3.17: Not economically active youth by geo-type and age group, 2020

Geo-type and age group	N ('000)			Percent		
	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
Urban	4 914	1 943	6 857	71,7	28,3	100,0
Rural	3 288	1 419	4 708	69,9	30,1	100,0
RSA	8 202	3 363	11 565	70,9	29,1	100,0

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 2.3.18: Not economically active youth by population group and age group, 2020

Population group and age group	N ('000)			Percent		
	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
Black African	6 986	2 956	9 943	70,3	29,7	100,0
Coloured	646	267	913	70,8	29,2	100,0
Indian/ Asian	150	61	211	71,1	28,9	100,0
White	420	79	499	84,2	15,8	100,0
Total	8 202	3 363	11 565	70,9	29,1	100,0

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 2.3.19: Youth labour force participation rate by province and age group, 2020

Province and age group	N ('000)						Percent		
	15-24 years		25-34 years		Total		15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Participated	Participated
WC	318	1 105	843	1 144	1 161	2 249	28,8	73,7	51,6
EC	273	1 346	809	1 158	1 082	2 505	20,3	69,9	43,2
NC	45	240	111	186	156	426	18,9	59,4	36,6
FS	124	516	374	496	499	1 012	24,1	75,4	49,3
KZN	292	2 058	1 132	2 031	1 424	4 089	14,2	55,7	34,8
NW	112	706	429	673	541	1 379	15,8	63,8	39,2
GP	551	2 289	2 075	2 699	2 627	4 988	24,1	76,9	52,7
MP	180	847	534	814	714	1 661	21,2	65,6	43,0
LP	163	1 152	570	1 039	732	2 192	14,1	54,8	33,4
RSA	2 057	10 259	6 878	10 241	8 935	20 500	20,1	67,2	43,6

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 2.3.20: Youth labour force participation rate by geo-type and age group, 2020

Geo-type and age group	N ('000)						Percent		
	15-24 years		25-34 years		Total		15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Participated	Participated
Urban	1 400	6 314	4 931	6 874	6 331	13 188	22,2	71,7	48,0
Rural	657	3 946	1 948	3 367	2 605	7 313	16,7	57,8	35,6
RSA	2 057	10 259	6 878	10 241	8 935	20 500	20,1	67,2	43,6

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 2.3.21: Youth labour force participation rate by population group and age group, 2020

Population group and age group	N ('000)						Percent		
	15-24 years		25-34 years		Total		15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Participated	Participated
Black African	1 639	8 625	5 680	8 636	7 319	17 261	19,0	65,8	42,4
Coloured	241	887	540	806	780	1 693	27,1	66,9	46,1
Indian/ Asian	47	196	182	243	228	439	23,7	74,9	52,0
White	131	551	477	556	608	1 107	23,8	85,8	54,9
Total	2 057	10 259	6 878	10 241	8 935	20 500	20,1	67,2	43,6

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 2.3.22: Youth unemployment rate by province and age group, 2020

Province and age group	N ('000)						Percent		
	15-24 years		25-34 years		Total		15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Unemployed	Unemployed
WC	148	318	224	843	372	1 161	46,5	26,6	32,0
EC	209	273	442	809	651	1 082	76,8	54,6	60,2
NC	24	45	28	111	52	156	52,4	25,5	33,3
FS	72	124	164	374	236	499	58,3	43,8	47,4
KZN	172	292	375	1 132	547	1 424	59,0	33,1	38,4
NW	69	112	143	429	212	541	61,6	33,4	39,2
GP	369	551	835	2 075	1 204	2 627	67,0	40,2	45,8
MP	96	180	188	534	284	714	53,4	35,3	39,8
LP	102	163	199	570	301	732	62,5	35,0	41,1
RSA	1 261	2 057	2 598	6 878	3 859	8 935	61,3	37,8	43,2

Table 2.3.23: Youth unemployment rate by geo-type and age group, 2020

Geo-type and age group	N ('000)						Percent		
	15-24 years		25-34 years		Total		15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Unemployed	Unemployed
Urban	810	1 400	1 710	4 931	2 520	6 331	57,9	34,7	39,8
Rural	451	657	888	1 948	1 339	2 605	68,6	45,6	51,4
RSA	1 261	2 057	2 598	6 878	3 859	8 935	61,3	37,8	43,2

Table 2.3.24: Youth unemployment rate by population group and age group, 2020

Population group and age group	N ('000)						Percent		
	15-24 years		25-34 years		Total		15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Unemployed	Unemployed
Black African	1 110	1 639	2 345	5 680	3 455	7 319	67,7	41,3	47,2
Coloured	101	241	161	540	262	780	42,1	29,8	33,6
Indian/ Asian	20	47	43	182	62	228	41,8	23,5	27,2
White	30	131	50	477	80	608	23,0	10,5	13,2
Total	1 261	2 057	2 598	6 878	3 859	8 935	61,3	37,8	43,2

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 2.3.25: Youth labour absorption rate by province and age group, 2020

Province and age group	N ('000)						Percent		
	15-24 years		25-34 years		Total		15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Absorbed	Absorbed
WC	170	1 105	619	1 144	790	2 249	15,4	54,1	35,1
EC	63	1 346	368	1 158	431	2 505	4,7	31,7	17,2
NC	22	240	82	186	104	426	9,0	44,3	24,4
FS	52	516	210	496	262	1 012	10,0	42,4	25,9
KZN	120	2 058	758	2 031	877	4 089	5,8	37,3	21,5
NW	43	706	286	673	329	1 379	6,1	42,5	23,8
GP	182	2 289	1 241	2 699	1 423	4 988	8,0	46,0	28,5
MP	84	847	346	814	429	1 661	9,9	42,5	25,8
LP	61	1 152	370	1 039	432	2 192	5,3	35,6	19,7
RSA	796	10 259	4 280	10 241	5 076	20 500	7,8	41,8	24,8

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 2.3.26: Youth labour absorption rate by geo-type and age group, 2020

Geo-type and age group	N ('000)						Percent		
	15-24 years		25-34 years		Total		15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Absorbed	Absorbed
Urban	590	6 314	3 220	6 874	3 810	13 188	9,3	46,8	28,9
Rural	206	3 946	1 060	3 367	1 266	7 313	5,2	31,5	17,3
RSA	796	10 259	4 280	10 241	5 076	20 500	7,8	41,8	24,8

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 2.3.27: Youth labour absorption rate by population group and age group, 2020

Population group and age group	N ('000)						Percent		
	15-24 years		25-34 years		Total		15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Absorbed	Absorbed
Black African	529	8 625	3 336	8 636	3 864	17 261	6,1	38,6	22,4
Coloured	139	887	379	806	518	1 693	15,7	47,0	30,6
Indian/ Asian	27	196	139	243	166	439	13,8	57,3	37,8
White	101	551	426	556	528	1 107	18,3	76,8	47,7
Total	796	10 259	4 280	10 241	5 076	20 500	7,8	41,8	24,8

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 2.3.28: Youth economic inactivity rate by province and age group, 2020

Province and age group	N ('000)						Percent		
	15-24 years		25-34 years		Total		15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive
WC	787	1 105	301	1 144	1 088	2 249	71,2	26,3	48,4
EC	1 073	1 346	349	1 158	1 422	2 505	79,7	30,1	56,8
NC	194	240	75	186	270	426	81,1	40,6	63,4
FS	392	516	122	496	514	1 012	75,9	24,6	50,7
KZN	1 766	2 058	899	2 031	2 665	4 089	85,8	44,3	65,2
NW	595	706	244	673	838	1 379	84,2	36,2	60,8
GP	1 737	2 289	624	2 699	2 361	4 988	75,9	23,1	47,3
MP	668	847	280	814	947	1 661	78,8	34,4	57,0
LP	990	1 152	470	1 039	1 459	2 192	85,9	45,2	66,6
RSA	8 202	10 259	3 363	10 241	11 565	20 500	79,9	32,8	56,4

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 2.3.29: Youth economic inactivity rate by geo-type and age group, 2020

Geo-type and age group	N ('000)						Percent		
	15-24 years		25-34 years		Total		15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive
Urban	4 914	6 314	1 943	6 874	6 857	13 188	77,8	28,3	52,0
Rural	3 288	3 946	1 419	3 367	4 708	7 313	83,3	42,2	64,4
RSA	8 202	10 259	3 363	10 241	11 565	20 500	79,9	32,8	56,4

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 2.3.30: Youth economic inactivity rate by population group and age group, 2020

Population group and age group	N ('000)						Percent		
	15-24 years		25-34 years		Total		15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive
Black African	6 986	8 625	2 956	8 636	9 943	17 261	81,0	34,2	57,6
Coloured	646	887	267	806	913	1 693	72,9	33,1	53,9
Indian/ Asian	150	196	61	243	211	439	76,3	25,1	48,0
White	420	551	79	556	499	1 107	76,2	14,2	45,1
Total	8 202	10 259	3 363	10 241	11 565	20 500	79,9	32,8	56,4

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

2.4 Youth: Health

Table 2.4.1: Youth who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population by province, 2020

Province	N ('000)				Percent	
	Youth		Total		Youth Suffering	Total Suffering
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total		
WC	46	2 333	951	6 941	2,0	13,7
EC	63	2 108	759	6 530	3,0	11,6
NC	12	416	193	1 263	2,9	15,3
FS	15	992	346	2 945	1,5	11,7
KZN	44	4 134	925	11 519	1,1	8,0
NW	47	1 339	456	4 070	3,5	11,2
GP	136	5 637	1 453	15 465	2,4	9,4
MP	35	1 643	371	4 689	2,1	7,9
LP	13	2 028	331	6 015	0,6	5,5
RSA	411	20 630	5 784	59 437	2,0	9,7

Source: GHS 2020

Chronic illness categories were reduced from 17 to five in 2020 due to a change in data collection methodology

Table 2.4.2: Youth who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population by geo-type, 2020

Geo-type	N ('000)				Percent	
	Youth		Total		Youth Suffering	Total Suffering
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total		
Urban	304	13 089	4 047	37 757	2,3	10,7
Rural	106	7 542	1 737	21 679	1,4	8,0
RSA	411	20 630	5 784	59 437	2,0	9,7

Source: GHS 2020

Chronic illness categories were reduced from 17 to five in 2020 due to a change in data collection methodology.

Table 2.4.3: Youth who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population by sex, 2020

Sex	N ('000)				Percent	
	Youth		Total		Youth Suffering	Total Suffering
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total		
Male	153	10 303	2 106	29 090	1,5	7,2
Female	258	10 327	3 677	30 347	2,5	12,1
Both	411	20 630	5 784	59 437	2,0	9,7

Source: GHS 2020

Chronic illness categories were reduced from 17 to five in 2020 due to a change in data collection methodology.

Table 2.4.4: Youth who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population by age group, 2020

Age group	N ('000)				Percent	
	Youth		Total		Youth Suffering	Total Suffering
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total		
Not youth	..	..	5 373	38 806	..	13,8
15-24 years	128	9 582	128	9 582	1,3	1,3
25-34 years	282	11 049	282	11 049	2,6	2,6
Total	411	20 630	5 784	59 437	2,0	9,7

Source: GHS 2020

Chronic illness categories were reduced from 17 to five in 2020 due to a change in data collection methodology.

2.5 Youth: Vulnerability to hunger

Table 2.5.1: Youth living in households that reported hunger by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex	Male		N ('000) Female		Both		Percent		
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Male Suffering	Female Suffering	Both Suffering
WC	263	1 168	236	1 165	499	2 333	22,5	20,2	21,4
EC	91	1 111	139	992	229	2 104	8,1	14,0	10,9
NC	41	205	45	211	86	416	19,9	21,4	20,7
FS	86	479	56	499	142	978	18,0	11,2	14,5
KZN	146	2 092	235	2 041	381	4 134	7,0	11,5	9,2
NW	145	659	206	673	351	1 332	22,0	30,6	26,3
GP	308	2 830	275	2 799	582	5 628	10,9	9,8	10,3
MP	151	778	163	857	314	1 635	19,4	19,0	19,2
LP	29	951	30	1 077	60	2 028	3,1	2,8	2,9
RSA	1 260	10 274	1 384	10 314	2 645	20 588	12,3	13,4	12,8

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 2.5.2: Youth living in households that reported hunger by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex	Male		N ('000) Female		Both		Percent		
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Male Suffering	Female Suffering	Both Suffering
Urban	844	6 536	830	6 515	1 675	13 051	12,9	12,7	12,8
Rural	416	3 738	554	3 799	970	7 536	11,1	14,6	12,9
RSA	1 260	10 274	1 384	10 314	2 645	20 588	12,3	13,4	12,8

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 2.5.3: Youth living in households that reported hunger by population group and sex, 2020

Population group and sex	Male		N ('000) Female		Both		Percent		
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Male Suffering	Female Suffering	Both Suffering
Black African	1 142	8 677	1 296	8 756	2 437	17 433	13,2	14,8	14,0
Coloured	116	845	89	842	205	1 687	13,7	10,5	12,1
Indian/ Asian	..	238	..	208	..	446	..	..	..
White	3	514	..	508	3	1 022	0,5	..	0,3
Total	1 260	10 274	1 384	10 314	2 645	20 588	12,3	13,4	12,8

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 2.5.4: Youth living in households that reported hunger by age group and sex, 2020

Age group and sex	Male		N ('000) Female		Both		Percent		
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Male Suffering	Female Suffering	Both Suffering
15-24 years	528	4 770	685	4 794	1 213	9 564	11,1	14,3	12,7
25-34 years	732	5 504	699	5 520	1 431	11 024	13,3	12,7	13,0
Total	1 260	10 274	1 384	10 314	2 645	20 588	12,3	13,4	12,8

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 2.5.5: Youth-headed households that reported hunger by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex	Male		N ('000) Female		Both		Percent		
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Male Suffering	Female Suffering	Both Suffering
WC	76	272	79	204	154	477	27,7	38,5	32,3
EC	26	223	18	148	43	371	11,5	12,0	11,7
NC	12	44	17	36	29	81	26,9	46,4	35,7
FS	25	119	12	106	37	225	21,5	11,3	16,7
KZN	30	455	24	343	54	798	6,7	6,9	6,8
NW	63	209	18	104	82	313	30,4	17,5	26,1
GP	100	1 148	36	390	137	1 538	8,7	9,3	8,9
MP	47	189	23	158	70	347	24,7	14,7	20,1
LP	14	274	2	166	16	440	5,2	1,4	3,7
RSA	393	2 933	229	1 657	623	4 590	13,4	13,8	13,6

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 2.5.6: Youth-headed households that reported hunger by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex	Male		N ('000) Female		Both		Percent		
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Male Suffering	Female Suffering	Both Suffering
Urban	286	2 221	144	1 129	430	3 350	12,9	12,7	12,8
Rural	107	712	86	528	193	1 240	15,0	16,2	15,5
RSA	393	2 933	229	1 657	623	4 590	13,4	13,8	13,6

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases

2.6 Youth: Education

Table 2.6.1: Youth who attend educational institutions by population group and sex, 2020

Population group and sex	Male		N ('000) Female		Both		Percent		
	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Male Attending	Female Attending	Both Attending
Black African	2 546	8 700	2 560	8 765	5 106	17 464	29,3	29,2	29,2
Coloured	191	845	201	842	392	1 687	22,6	23,9	23,2
Indian/ Asian	55	238	67	208	122	446	23,3	32,3	27,5
White	138	514	166	508	304	1 022	26,8	32,7	29,8
Total	2 930	10 296	2 995	10 323	5 925	20 619	28,5	29,0	28,7

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 2.6.2: Youth who attend educational institutions by age group and sex, 2020

Age group and sex	Male		N ('000) Female		Both		Percent		
	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Male Attending	Female Attending	Both Attending
15-24 years	2 709	4 775	2 693	4 800	5 403	9 576	56,7	56,1	56,4
25-34 years	221	5 521	302	5 522	522	11 044	4,0	5,5	4,7
Total	2 930	10 296	2 995	10 323	5 925	20 619	28,5	29,0	28,7

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 2.6.3: Distribution of the types of educational institutions attended by the youth, 2020

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Percent						
		Total	School/ pre-school	ABET/ literacy classes	Higher education institution	Further education and training college	Other college	Other	Total
Black African	Male	2 546	79,0	0,1	12,4	5,4	1,9	1,3	100,0
	Female	2 560	75,0	0,1	13,5	6,4	3,6	1,4	100,0
	Both	5 106	77,0	0,1	12,9	5,9	2,7	1,4	100,0
Coloured	Male	191	79,3	..	14,0	1,9	3,4	1,4	100,0
	Female	201	71,3	..	17,6	6,3	3,5	1,3	100,0
	Both	392	75,2	..	15,8	4,2	3,5	1,4	100,0
Indian/ Asian	Male	55	42,4	..	50,2	..	..	7,4	100,0
	Female	67	40,1	..	42,8	2,3	..	14,8	100,0
	Both	122	41,2	..	46,1	1,2	..	11,4	100,0
White	Male	138	61,4	..	38,6	..	..	..	100,0
	Female	166	40,0	..	52,4	..	5,4	2,2	100,0
	Both	304	49,7	..	46,1	..	2,9	1,2	100,0
Total	Male	2 930	77,5	0,1	14,4	4,8	1,8	1,4	100,0
	Female	2 995	72,0	0,1	16,6	6,0	3,6	1,7	100,0
	Both	5 925	74,7	0,1	15,5	5,4	2,7	1,6	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.6.4: Youth who are not attending any educational institution and who are not employed by population group and sex, 2020

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	NEET	Total	NEET	Total	NEET	Total	NEET	NEET	NEET
Black African	3 937	8 706	4 683	8 769	8 620	17 476	45,2	53,4	49,3
Coloured	342	845	339	842	681	1 687	40,4	40,2	40,3
Indian/ Asian	53	238	76	208	129	446	22,4	36,7	29,0
White	62	514	89	508	151	1 022	12,1	17,5	14,8
Total	4 394	10 303	5 187	10 327	9 581	20 630	42,6	50,2	46,4

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 2.6.5: Distribution of youth by population group, age group and the highest level of education attained, 2020

Population group and age group		N ('000)	Percent						
		Total	Less than matric	Matric	Other tertiary	Graduates	Other	Unspecified	Total
Black African	15-24 years	8 088	68,4	27,5	2,2	0,9	0,9	0,1	100,0
	25-34 years	9 388	44,6	41,0	7,7	5,5	1,1	0,1	100,0
	Total	17 476	55,6	34,7	5,2	3,4	1,0	0,1	100,0
Coloured	15-24 years	828	59,4	35,0	2,0	1,5	2,1	..	100,0
	25-34 years	860	37,0	51,2	7,4	3,1	1,3	..	100,0
	Total	1 687	48,0	43,2	4,7	2,3	1,7	..	100,0
Indian/ Asian	15-24 years	184	31,1	65,8	..	3,1	..	..	100,0
	25-34 years	262	23,3	50,5	15,1	11,2	..	..	100,0
	Total	446	26,5	56,8	8,9	7,8	..	..	100,0
White	15-24 years	482	40,5	46,8	5,4	7,3	..	..	100,0
	25-34 years	540	14,0	49,6	9,0	27,4	..	..	100,0
	Total	1 022	26,5	48,3	7,3	17,9	..	..	100,0
Total	15-24 years	9 582	65,5	29,8	2,3	1,4	1,0	0,1	100,0
	25-34 years	11 049	42,0	42,4	7,9	6,5	1,1	0,0	100,0
	Total	20 630	52,9	36,6	5,3	4,1	1,0	0,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.6.6: Distribution of youth by sex, age group and the highest level of education attained, 2020

Sex and age group		N ('000)	Percent						Total
		Total	Less than matric	Matric	Other tertiary	Graduates	Other	Unspecified	
Male	15-24 years	4 780	67,0	28,6	2,0	1,3	1,2	0,1	100,0
	25-34 years	5 524	43,4	43,1	6,8	5,4	1,3	0,0	100,0
	Total	10 303	54,3	36,4	4,5	3,5	1,2	0,1	100,0
Female	15-24 years	4 802	64,0	31,0	2,6	1,5	0,8	0,0	100,0
	25-34 years	5 525	40,7	41,7	9,1	7,6	0,8	0,0	100,0
	Total	10 327	51,5	36,7	6,1	4,8	0,8	0,0	100,0
Both	15-24 years	9 582	65,5	29,8	2,3	1,4	1,0	0,1	100,0
	25-34 years	11 049	42,0	42,4	7,9	6,5	1,1	0,0	100,0
	Total	20 630	52,9	36,6	5,3	4,1	1,0	0,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

2.7 Youth: Housing and basic services

Table 2.7.1: Distribution of youth headed households by geo-type, sex and type of housing, 2020

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Percent				Total
		Total	Formal	Traditional	Informal	Other	
Urban	Male	2 247	73,9	0,1	24,2	1,8	100,0
	Female	1 134	79,3	0,5	20,0	0,2	100,0
	Both	3 381	75,7	0,3	22,8	1,3	100,0
Rural	Male	712	83,3	12,2	4,5	..	100,0
	Female	532	78,6	16,2	5,2	..	100,0
	Both	1 244	81,3	13,9	4,8	..	100,0
RSA	Male	2 959	76,1	3,0	19,5	1,4	100,0
	Female	1 666	79,1	5,5	15,3	0,1	100,0
	Both	4 624	77,2	3,9	17,9	0,9	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.7.2: Distribution of youth headed households by age group, sex and type of housing, 2020

Age group and sex		N ('000)	Percent				Total
		Total	Formal	Traditional	Informal	Other	
15-24 years	Male	360	72,4	1,8	25,8	..	100,0
	Female	177	86,6	7,6	5,8	..	100,0
	Both	537	77,1	3,7	19,2	..	100,0
25-34 years	Male	2 598	76,6	3,2	18,6	1,6	100,0
	Female	1 489	78,2	5,3	16,4	0,1	100,0
	Both	4 088	77,2	4,0	17,8	1,1	100,0
Total	Male	2 959	76,1	3,0	19,5	1,4	100,0
	Female	1 666	79,1	5,5	15,3	0,1	100,0
	Both	4 624	77,2	3,9	17,9	0,9	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.7.3: Distribution of youth living in formal, informal and traditional housing by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Percent				Total
		Total	Formal	Traditional	Informal	Other	
Urban	Male	6 563	86,4	0,3	12,5	0,8	100,0
	Female	6 526	86,2	0,4	13,3	0,2	100,0
	Both	13 089	86,3	0,4	12,9	0,5	100,0
Rural	Male	3 740	81,7	14,4	3,8	..	100,0
	Female	3 801	83,3	13,4	3,3	..	100,0
	Both	7 542	82,5	13,9	3,5	..	100,0
RSA	Male	10 303	84,7	5,5	9,3	0,5	100,0
	Female	10 327	85,1	5,2	9,6	0,1	100,0
	Both	20 630	84,9	5,3	9,5	0,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.7.4: Distribution of youth living in formal, informal and traditional housing by age group and sex, 2020

Age group and sex		N ('000) Total	Formal	Traditional	Percent Informal	Other	Total
15-24 years	Male	4 780	86,3	6,0	7,5	0,2	100,0
	Female	4 802	86,0	5,8	8,2	0,0	100,0
	Both	9 582	86,1	5,9	7,9	0,1	100,0
25-34 years	Male	5 524	83,3	5,0	10,9	0,8	100,0
	Female	5 525	84,4	4,6	10,8	0,2	100,0
	Both	11 049	83,9	4,8	10,8	0,5	100,0
Total	Male	10 303	84,7	5,5	9,3	0,5	100,0
	Female	10 327	85,1	5,2	9,6	0,1	100,0
	Both	20 630	84,9	5,3	9,5	0,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 2.7.5: Living condition indicators of the youth compared to the overall population, 2020**Access to piped water**

Age group	N ('000) Total	Percent	
		Access	Unspecified
Not youth	38 806	73,7	0,3
15-24 years	9 582	71,0	0,4
25-34 years	11 049	74,5	0,2
15-34 years	20 630	72,9	0,3
Total	59 437	73,4	0,3

Source: GHS 2020

Access to improved sanitation

Age group	N ('000) Total	Percent
		Access
Not youth	38 806	82,9
15-24 years	9 582	81,5
25-34 years	11 049	82,2
15-34 years	20 630	81,9
Total	59 437	82,5

Source: GHS 2020

Refuse/ waste removed by the municipality

Age group	N ('000) Total	Percent	
		Access	Unspecified
Not youth	38 806	62,1	0,1
15-24 years	9 582	59,1	0,1
25-34 years	11 049	63,8	0,1
15-34 years	20 630	61,6	0,1
Total	59 437	61,9	0,1

Source: GHS 2020

Access to electricity connected to the mains

Age group	N ('000) Total	Percent	
		Access	Unspecified
Not youth	38 806	93,1	4,6
15-24 years	9 582	94,0	4,4
25-34 years	11 049	91,4	5,5
15-34 years	20 630	92,6	5,0
Total	59 437	92,9	4,7

Source: GHS 2020

Use solid fuels for cooking

Age group	N ('000)	Percent
	Total	Access
Not youth	38 806	11,5
15-24 years	9 582	13,0
25-34 years	11 049	10,4
15-34 years	20 630	11,6
Total	59 437	11,5

Source: GHS 2020

2.8 Youth: Violence and crime victims**Table 2.8.1: Youth who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area during the day by province, 2019_20**

Province	N ('000)		Percent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
WC	662	2 181	30,3
EC	194	1 975	9,8
NC	56	381	14,7
FS	167	953	17,4
KZN	483	3 939	12,2
NW	142	1 245	11,3
GP	686	5 360	12,8
MP	125	1 558	8,0
LP	134	1 947	6,8
RSA	2 649	19 539	13,5

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (PSJS) 2019/20

Table 2.8.2: Youth who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area during the day by sex, 2019_20

Sex	N ('000)		Percent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
Male	1 222	9 772	12,5
Female	1 427	9 767	14,6
Both	2 649	19 539	13,5

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (PSJS) 2019/20

Table 2.8.3: Youth who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area during the day by age group, 2019_20

Age group	N ('000)		Percent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
16-24 years	1 179	9 308	12,6
25-34 years	1 470	10 231	14,3
Total	2 649	19 539	13,5

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (PSJS) 2019/20

Table 2.8.4: Youth who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area at night by province, 2019_20

Province	N ('000)		Percent Unsafe
	Unsafe	Total responded	
WC	1 373	2 181	62,9
EC	1 000	1 975	50,6
NC	224	381	58,6
FS	613	953	64,3
KZN	2 231	3 939	56,6
NW	739	1 245	59,4
GP	3 521	5 360	65,6
MP	985	1 558	63,1
LP	760	1 947	39,0
RSA	11 446	19 539	58,5

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (PSJS) 2019/20

Table 2.8.5: Youth who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area at night by sex, 2019_20

Sex	N ('000)		Percent Unsafe
	Unsafe	Total responded	
Male	5 545	9 772	56,7
Female	5 901	9 767	60,4
Both	11 446	19 539	58,5

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (PSJS) 2019/20

Table 2.8.6: Youth who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area at night by age group, 2019_20

Age group	N ('000)		Percent Unsafe
	Unsafe	Total responded	
16-24 years	5 407	9 308	58,0
25-34 years	6 039	10 231	59,0
Total	11 446	19 539	58,5

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (PSJS) 2019/20

Table 2.8.7: Youth who have been victims of property crime during the past 5 years by sex, 2019_20

Sex	N ('000)		Percent Suffering
	Suffering	Total responded	
Male	709	9 772	7,2
Female	618	9 767	6,3
Both	1 328	19 539	6,7

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (PSJS) 2019/20

Table 2.8.8: Youth who have been victims of property crime during the past 5 years by age group, 2019_20

Age group	N ('000)		Percent Suffering
	Suffering	Total responded	
16-24 years	665	9 308	7,1
25-34 years	663	10 231	6,4
Total	1 328	19 539	6,7

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (PSJS) 2019/20

Table 2.8.9: Youth who have been victims of assault during the past 5 years by sex, 2019_20

Sex	N ('000)		Percent
	Suffering	Total responded	Suffering
Male	213	9 772	2,1
Female	107	9 767	1,0
Both	321	19 539	1,6

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (PSJS) 2019/20

Table 2.8.10: Youth who have been victims of assault during the past 5 years by age group, 2019_20

Age group	N ('000)		Percent
	Suffering	Total responded	Suffering
16-24 years	169	9 308	1,8
25-34 years	152	10 231	1,4
Total	321	19 539	1,6

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (PSJS) 2019/20

INDICATORS: WOMEN

Women are defined as the female population.

3.1 Demography of women

Table 3.1.1: Distribution of the female population by province, 2020

Province	N ('000)	Percent
WC	3 491	11,5
EC	3 391	11,2
NC	656	2,2
FS	1 600	5,3
KZN	5 955	19,6
NW	2 127	7,0
GP	7 558	24,9
MP	2 417	8,0
LP	3 152	10,4
RSA	30 347	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 3.1.2: Distribution of the female population by geo-type, 2020

Geo-type	N ('000)	Percent
Urban	19 096	62,9
Rural	11 251	37,1
RSA	30 347	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 3.1.3: Distribution of the female population by population group, 2020

Population group	N ('000)	Percent
Black African	24 719	81,5
Coloured	2 646	8,7
Indian/ Asian	714	2,4
White	2 268	7,5
Total	30 347	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 3.1.4: Distribution of the female population by age group, 2020

Age group	N ('000)	Percent
0-4 years	2 910	9,6
5-14 years	5 755	19,0
15-24 years	4 802	15,8
25-34 years	5 525	18,2
35-44 years	4 293	14,1
45-54 years	2 864	9,4
55-64 years	2 155	7,1
65-74 years	1 313	4,3
75+ years	730	2,4
Total	30 347	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 3.1.5: Distribution of women (18 years and above) by province and marital status, 2020

Province	N ('000) Total	Percent			Total
		Married/ cohabiting	Widow/ widower/ divorced	Never married	
WC	2 517	54,0	12,7	33,3	100,0
EC	2 135	33,9	19,2	47,0	100,0
NC	420	43,5	14,0	42,5	100,0
FS	1 033	43,8	18,2	38,0	100,0
KZN	3 867	27,9	13,5	58,6	100,0
NW	1 348	42,3	12,3	45,4	100,0
GP	5 394	46,5	10,7	42,7	100,0
MP	1 512	38,4	12,5	49,0	100,0
LP	1 915	40,6	16,1	43,3	100,0
RSA	20 141	40,9	13,6	45,5	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 3.1.6: Distribution of women (18 years and above) by geo-type and marital status, 2020

Geo-type	N ('000) Total	Percent			Total
		Married/ cohabiting	Widow/ widower/ divorced	Never married	
Urban	13 230	45,0	12,3	42,7	100,0
Rural	6 911	32,9	16,1	51,0	100,0
RSA	20 141	40,9	13,6	45,5	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 3.1.7: Distribution of women (18 years and above) by population group and marital status, 2020

Population group	N ('000) Total	Percent			Total
		Married/ cohabiting	Widow/ widower/ divorced	Never married	
Black African	15 908	36,4	12,5	51,2	100,0
Coloured	1 830	48,8	15,2	36,0	100,0
Indian/ Asian	540	64,2	15,9	19,9	100,0
White	1 863	64,8	21,1	14,0	100,0
Total	20 141	40,9	13,6	45,5	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 3.1.8: Distribution of women (18 years and above) by age group and marital status, 2020

Age group	N ('000) Total	Percent			Total
		Married/ cohabiting	Widow/ widower/ divorced	Never married	
15-24 years	3 261	8,9	..	91,1	100,0
25-34 years	5 525	38,1	1,2	60,7	100,0
35-44 years	4 293	57,4	4,3	38,3	100,0
45-54 years	2 864	60,5	15,7	23,9	100,0
55-64 years	2 155	48,3	36,1	15,5	100,0
65-74 years	1 313	36,6	52,7	10,7	100,0
75+ years	730	16,9	78,0	5,1	100,0
Total	20 141	40,9	13,6	45,5	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

3.2 Women: Household characteristics

Table 3.2.1: Households headed by females aged 15 years and above by province, 2020

Province	N ('000)		Percent
	Female	Total	Female
WC	769	1 962	39,2
EC	871	1 709	51,0
NC	171	354	48,3
FS	449	931	48,2
KZN	1 476	3 026	48,8
NW	511	1 267	40,3
GP	1 661	5 174	32,1
MP	620	1 354	45,8
LP	771	1 639	47,1
RSA	7 300	17 416	41,9

Source: GHS 2020

Table 3.2.2: Households headed by females aged 15 years and above by geo-type, 2020

Geo-type	N ('000)		Percent
	Female	Total	Female
Urban	4 666	12 147	38,4
Rural	2 635	5 269	50,0
RSA	7 300	17 416	41,9

Source: GHS 2020

Table 3.2.3: Households headed by females aged 15 years and above by population group, 2020

Population group	N ('000)		Percent
	Female	Total	Female
Black African	6 157	14 207	43,3
Coloured	533	1 219	43,7
Indian/ Asian	122	418	29,1
White	488	1 571	31,1
Total	7 300	17 416	41,9

Source: GHS 2020

Table 3.2.4: Households headed by females aged 15 years and above by age group, 2020

Age group	N ('000)		Percent
	Female	Total	Female
15-24 years	177	537	32,9
25-34 years	1 489	4 088	36,4
35-44 years	1 587	4 174	38,0
45-54 years	1 520	3 727	40,8
55-64 years	1 256	2 635	47,7
65+ years	1 271	2 255	56,4
Total	7 300	17 416	41,9

Source: GHS 2020

Table 3.2.5: Distribution of male and female-headed households by province, sex and household composition, 2020

Province and sex		N ('000)	Percent				
		Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	Total
WC	Male	1 193	13,9	63,7	19,4	2,9	100,0
	Female	769	17,6	39,6	41,4	1,4	100,0
	Both	1 962	15,4	54,3	28,1	2,3	100,0
EC	Male	838	20,6	44,7	34,2	0,6	100,0
	Female	871	17,3	28,1	53,5	1,2	100,0
	Both	1 709	18,9	36,2	44,0	0,9	100,0
NC	Male	183	24,3	45,3	28,7	1,7	100,0
	Female	171	8,5	38,5	52,0	1,0	100,0
	Both	354	16,7	42,0	40,0	1,3	100,0
FS	Male	483	15,6	60,4	24,1	..	100,0
	Female	449	19,2	36,4	43,4	0,9	100,0
	Both	931	17,3	48,8	33,4	0,4	100,0
KZN	Male	1 549	25,9	39,9	31,0	3,2	100,0
	Female	1 476	13,6	31,5	54,5	0,4	100,0
	Both	3 026	19,9	35,8	42,5	1,9	100,0
NW	Male	756	32,6	38,0	28,6	0,8	100,0
	Female	511	17,3	32,7	47,4	2,5	100,0
	Both	1 267	26,4	35,9	36,2	1,5	100,0
GP	Male	3 513	22,9	55,8	19,2	2,1	100,0
	Female	1 661	15,8	36,9	46,1	1,3	100,0
	Both	5 174	20,6	49,7	27,8	1,8	100,0
MP	Male	733	21,2	43,7	34,2	0,8	100,0
	Female	620	14,8	29,3	54,7	1,2	100,0
	Both	1 354	18,3	37,1	43,6	1,0	100,0
LP	Male	867	26,3	40,0	31,9	1,8	100,0
	Female	771	8,4	32,3	59,3	..	100,0
	Both	1 639	17,9	36,4	44,8	0,9	100,0
RSA	Male	10 116	22,7	49,8	25,6	1,9	100,0
	Female	7 300	15,0	33,6	50,4	1,0	100,0
	Both	17 416	19,5	43,0	36,0	1,5	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

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

Table 3.2.6: Distribution of male and female-headed households by geo-type, sex and household composition, 2020

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Percent				
		Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	Total
Urban	Male	7 481	21,8	54,4	21,6	2,2	100,0
	Female	4 666	18,4	36,0	44,5	1,1	100,0
	Both	12 147	20,5	47,3	30,4	1,7	100,0
Rural	Male	2 634	25,1	36,8	36,9	1,2	100,0
	Female	2 635	8,9	29,4	60,8	0,9	100,0
	Both	5 269	17,0	33,1	48,8	1,0	100,0
RSA	Male	10 116	22,7	49,8	25,6	1,9	100,0
	Female	7 300	15,0	33,6	50,4	1,0	100,0
	Both	17 416	19,5	43,0	36,0	1,5	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

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

Table 3.2.7: Distribution of male and female-headed households by population group, sex and household composition, 2020

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Percent				
		Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	Total
Black African	Male	8 050	26,5	44,0	27,7	1,7	100,0
	Female	6 157	12,9	33,4	52,8	1,0	100,0
	Both	14 207	20,6	39,4	38,5	1,4	100,0
Coloured	Male	686	5,4	65,4	27,0	2,2	100,0
	Female	533	8,7	36,4	52,8	2,1	100,0
	Both	1 219	6,8	52,7	38,3	2,2	100,0
Indian/ Asian	Male	297	13,5	64,1	21,4	1,0	100,0
	Female	122	44,1	22,3	33,6	..	100,0
	Both	418	22,4	51,9	25,0	0,7	100,0
White	Male	1 083	7,5	79,2	10,0	3,3	100,0
	Female	488	40,8	36,5	21,9	0,8	100,0
	Both	1 571	17,8	66,0	13,7	2,5	100,0
Total	Male	10 116	22,7	49,8	25,6	1,9	100,0
	Female	7 300	15,0	33,6	50,4	1,0	100,0
	Both	17 416	19,5	43,0	36,0	1,5	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

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

Table 3.2.8: Distribution of male and female-headed households by age group, sex and household composition, 2020

Age group and sex		N ('000)	Percent				
		Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	Total
15-24 years	Male	360	50,3	13,7	34,2	1,9	100,0
	Female	177	47,8	14,8	37,4	..	100,0
	Both	537	49,5	14,0	35,2	1,2	100,0
25-34 years	Male	2 598	35,7	39,8	21,8	2,7	100,0
	Female	1 489	18,6	39,4	40,9	1,1	100,0
	Both	4 088	29,5	39,6	28,8	2,1	100,0
35-44 years	Male	2 587	22,5	58,5	17,2	1,8	100,0
	Female	1 587	13,3	48,3	37,5	0,9	100,0
	Both	4 174	19,0	54,7	24,9	1,4	100,0
45-54 years	Male	2 208	14,2	62,0	22,3	1,4	100,0
	Female	1 520	10,2	41,6	47,7	0,5	100,0
	Both	3 727	12,6	53,7	32,7	1,0	100,0
55-64 years	Male	1 379	12,3	44,9	40,4	2,3	100,0
	Female	1 256	10,5	21,2	67,2	1,1	100,0
	Both	2 635	11,5	33,6	53,2	1,8	100,0
65+ years	Male	984	12,3	46,4	40,7	0,6	100,0
	Female	1 271	18,3	13,9	66,0	1,8	100,0
	Both	2 255	15,7	28,1	55,0	1,2	100,0
Total	Male	10 116	22,7	49,8	25,6	1,9	100,0
	Female	7 300	15,0	33,6	50,4	1,0	100,0
	Both	17 416	19,5	43,0	36,0	1,5	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

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

Table 3.2.9: Male and female-headed households across intergenerational household type by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex		N ('000)	Percent					Total
		Total	Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	Other	
WC	Male	1 193	36,9	52,0	7,3	1,5	2,2	100,0
	Female	769	28,1	48,4	17,7	4,5	1,4	100,0
	Both	1 962	33,4	50,6	11,4	2,7	1,9	100,0
EC	Male	838	42,3	38,2	12,2	3,7	3,6	100,0
	Female	871	22,5	40,3	23,4	12,0	1,9	100,0
	Both	1 709	32,2	39,3	17,9	7,9	2,7	100,0
NC	Male	183	36,2	43,0	15,5	2,9	2,4	100,0
	Female	171	10,9	55,9	23,9	7,6	1,7	100,0
	Both	354	24,0	49,2	19,6	5,1	2,1	100,0
FS	Male	483	35,2	48,8	9,9	4,2	1,9	100,0
	Female	449	22,2	47,3	18,9	9,6	2,0	100,0
	Both	931	28,9	48,1	14,2	6,8	1,9	100,0
KZN	Male	1 549	46,8	36,5	8,4	3,3	4,9	100,0
	Female	1 476	16,8	47,8	25,6	7,7	2,2	100,0
	Both	3 026	32,2	42,0	16,8	5,5	3,6	100,0
NW	Male	756	49,7	35,2	8,2	2,9	4,0	100,0
	Female	511	20,4	45,0	24,2	5,5	4,9	100,0
	Both	1 267	37,9	39,2	14,7	3,9	4,3	100,0
GP	Male	3 513	43,6	46,2	6,3	1,1	2,9	100,0
	Female	1 661	21,8	50,2	21,2	5,2	1,7	100,0
	Both	5 174	36,6	47,5	11,1	2,4	2,5	100,0
MP	Male	733	37,6	42,8	13,0	2,6	4,1	100,0
	Female	620	17,5	45,5	28,2	8,0	0,9	100,0
	Both	1 354	28,4	44,0	20,0	5,1	2,6	100,0
LP	Male	867	39,9	42,6	12,0	3,9	1,6	100,0
	Female	771	12,1	48,2	29,2	9,1	1,3	100,0
	Both	1 639	26,8	45,2	20,1	6,4	1,4	100,0
RSA	Male	10 116	42,4	43,4	8,7	2,3	3,2	100,0
	Female	7 300	19,8	47,3	23,6	7,4	1,9	100,0
	Both	17 416	32,9	45,1	14,9	4,5	2,7	100,0

Source: GHS 2020.

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

Other include unspecified cases.

Table 3.2.10: Male and female-headed households across intergenerational household type by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Percent					Total
		Total	Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	Other	
Urban	Male	7 481	42,6	45,4	6,9	1,8	3,3	100,0
	Female	4 666	24,3	48,6	20,1	5,5	1,5	100,0
	Both	12 147	35,6	46,6	11,9	3,2	2,6	100,0
Rural	Male	2 634	41,6	37,7	13,9	4,0	2,8	100,0
	Female	2 635	11,8	45,1	29,7	10,9	2,6	100,0
	Both	5 269	26,7	41,4	21,8	7,4	2,7	100,0
RSA	Male	10 116	42,4	43,4	8,7	2,3	3,2	100,0
	Female	7 300	19,8	47,3	23,6	7,4	1,9	100,0
	Both	17 416	32,9	45,1	14,9	4,5	2,7	100,0

Source: GHS 2020.

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

Other include unspecified cases.

Table 3.2.11: Male and female-headed households across intergenerational household type by population group and sex, 2020

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Percent					Total
		Total	Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	Other	
Black African	Male	8 050	43,1	41,7	9,2	2,5	3,5	100,0
	Female	6 157	17,0	48,2	24,6	8,2	2,1	100,0
	Both	14 207	31,8	44,5	15,9	4,9	2,9	100,0
Coloured	Male	686	23,0	58,0	14,5	3,7	0,8	100,0
	Female	533	14,2	49,9	29,5	5,9	0,6	100,0
	Both	1 219	19,1	54,5	21,0	4,7	0,7	100,0
Indian/ Asian	Male	297	38,9	49,1	5,5	0,9	5,7	100,0
	Female	122	44,1	41,4	13,0	1,5	..	100,0
	Both	418	40,4	46,8	7,6	1,1	4,0	100,0
White	Male	1 083	50,0	45,5	1,9	0,9	1,7	100,0
	Female	488	55,1	35,0	7,0	1,3	1,7	100,0
	Both	1 571	51,6	42,3	3,4	1,0	1,7	100,0
Total	Male	10 116	42,4	43,4	8,7	2,3	3,2	100,0
	Female	7 300	19,8	47,3	23,6	7,4	1,9	100,0
	Both	17 416	32,9	45,1	14,9	4,5	2,7	100,0

Source: GHS 2020.

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

Other include unspecified cases.

Table 3.2.12: Male and female-headed households across intergenerational household type by age group and sex, 2020

Age group and sex		N ('000)	Percent					Total
		Total	Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	Other	
15-24 years	Male	360	75,4	10,2	..	1,8	12,6	100,0
	Female	177	55,8	40,3	..	..	3,9	100,0
	Both	537	69,0	20,1	..	1,2	9,7	100,0
25-34 years	Male	2 598	57,6	36,7	0,6	..	5,2	100,0
	Female	1 489	30,4	65,0	0,6	0,6	3,4	100,0
	Both	4 088	47,7	47,0	0,6	0,2	4,5	100,0
35-44 years	Male	2 587	39,4	55,9	1,6	0,3	2,8	100,0
	Female	1 587	17,4	70,2	10,7	0,7	1,0	100,0
	Both	4 174	31,0	61,3	5,0	0,5	2,1	100,0
45-54 years	Male	2 208	28,8	58,8	9,4	1,0	2,0	100,0
	Female	1 520	13,4	52,0	29,3	3,6	1,8	100,0
	Both	3 727	22,5	56,0	17,5	2,1	1,9	100,0
55-64 years	Male	1 379	32,2	33,4	26,9	6,0	1,5	100,0
	Female	1 256	12,1	25,1	46,5	14,2	2,1	100,0
	Both	2 635	22,6	29,4	36,2	9,9	1,8	100,0
65+ years	Male	984	42,5	20,2	24,8	12,0	0,5	100,0
	Female	1 271	20,6	15,4	40,3	22,7	1,0	100,0
	Both	2 255	30,2	17,5	33,5	18,0	0,8	100,0
Total	Male	10 116	42,4	43,4	8,7	2,3	3,2	100,0
	Female	7 300	19,8	47,3	23,6	7,4	1,9	100,0
	Both	17 416	32,9	45,1	14,9	4,5	2,7	100,0

Source: GHS 2020.

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

Other include unspecified cases.

Table 3.2.13: Mean household size by gender of the household head by province, 2020

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

Source: GHS 2020.

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

Table 3.2.14: Mean household size by gender of the household head by geo-type, 2020

Geo-type and sex	Male	Female	Both
Urban	3,1	3,5	3,3
Rural	3,7	4,5	4,1
RSA	3,3	3,8	3,5

Source: GHS 2020.

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

Table 3.2.15: Mean household size by gender of the household head by population group, 2020

Population group and sex	Male	Female	Both
Black African	3,3	4,0	3,6
Coloured	4,1	3,9	4,0
Indian/ Asian	3,4	2,3	3,1
White	2,8	2,1	2,5
Total	3,3	3,8	3,5

Source: GHS 2020.

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

Table 3.2.16: Mean household size by gender of the household head by age group, 2020

Age group and sex	Male	Female	Both
15-24 years	2,0	2,4	2,1
25-34 years	2,5	3,4	2,8
35-44 years	3,3	3,7	3,5
45-54 years	3,8	4,0	3,9
55-64 years	4,0	4,3	4,1
65+ years	3,6	4,0	3,8
Total	3,3	3,8	3,5

Source: GHS 2020.

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

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

Table 3.3.1: Dependency ratios by province and sex of the household head, 2020

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

Source: GHS 2020

Table 3.3.2: Dependency ratios by geo-type and sex of the household head, 2020

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

Source: GHS 2020

Table 3.3.3: Households without an employed household member by province and sex of the household head, 2020

Province and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Without	Without
WC	231	1 193	238	769	469	1 962	19,4	30,9	23,9
EC	302	838	501	871	802	1 709	36,0	57,4	46,9
NC	60	183	62	171	122	354	32,7	36,1	34,3
FS	173	483	252	449	425	931	35,8	56,2	45,6
KZN	378	1 549	626	1 476	1 004	3 026	24,4	42,4	33,2
NW	238	756	299	511	537	1 267	31,5	58,5	42,4
GP	683	3 513	570	1 661	1 253	5 174	19,4	34,3	24,2
MP	223	733	296	620	519	1 354	30,4	47,8	38,4
LP	314	870	463	771	776	1 641	36,0	60,0	47,3
RSA	2 601	10 118	3 306	7 300	5 907	17 418	25,7	45,3	33,9

Source: GHS 2020

Table 3.3.4: Households without an employed household member by geo-type and sex of the household head, 2020

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Without	Without
Urban	1 588	7 481	1 699	4 666	3 287	12 147	21,2	36,4	27,1
Rural	1 013	2 637	1 607	2 635	2 620	5 271	38,4	61,0	49,7
RSA	2 601	10 118	3 306	7 300	5 907	17 418	25,7	45,3	33,9

Source: GHS 2020

Table 3.3.5: Households without an employed household member by population group and sex of the household head, 2020

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Without	Without
Black African	2 169	8 052	2 986	6 157	5 155	14 209	26,9	48,5	36,3
Coloured	159	686	138	533	297	1 219	23,1	25,9	24,3
Indian/ Asian	50	297	21	122	70	418	16,7	16,9	16,8
White	223	1 083	161	488	385	1 571	20,6	33,0	24,5
Total	2 601	10 118	3 306	7 300	5 907	17 418	25,7	45,3	33,9

Source: GHS 2020

Table 3.3.6: Employed who are employers as a proportion of the overall employed by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Employer	Total	Employer	Total	Employer	Total	Employer	Employer	Employer
WC	84	1 202	22	1 015	106	2 216	7,0	2,2	4,8
EC	56	614	16	599	73	1 212	9,2	2,7	6,0
NC	8	175	2	112	10	287	4,5	1,4	3,3
FS	21	399	5	324	26	723	5,4	1,5	3,6
KZN	130	1 310	20	1 079	150	2 389	9,9	1,9	6,3
NW	27	569	2	361	29	930	4,7	0,5	3,1
GP	210	2 622	75	1 884	285	4 506	8,0	4,0	6,3
MP	48	660	20	501	68	1 161	7,3	3,9	5,8
LP	71	731	6	535	77	1 266	9,6	1,2	6,1
RSA	655	8 281	168	6 410	823	14 691	7,9	2,6	5,6

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 3.3.7: Employed who are employers as a proportion of the overall employed by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex	Male		N ('000) Female		Both		Percent		
	Employer	Total	Employer	Total	Employer	Total	Male Employer	Female Employer	Both Employer
Urban	484	6 258	137	4 910	620	11 169	7,7	2,8	5,6
Rural	171	2 022	31	1 500	202	3 522	8,5	2,1	5,7
RSA	655	8 281	168	6 410	823	14 691	7,9	2,6	5,6

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 3.3.8: Employed who are employers as a proportion of the overall employed by population group and sex, 2020

Population group and sex	Male		N ('000) Female		Both		Percent		
	Employer	Total	Employer	Total	Employer	Total	Male Employer	Female Employer	Both Employer
Black African	396	6 217	95	4 798	491	11 015	6,4	2,0	4,5
Coloured	28	772	5	676	34	1 448	3,7	0,8	2,3
Indian/ Asian	54	310	7	168	61	478	17,4	4,1	12,8
White	177	982	60	768	237	1 750	18,0	7,9	13,5
Total	655	8 281	168	6 410	823	14 691	7,9	2,6	5,6

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 3.3.9: Employed who are employers as a proportion of the overall employed by age group and sex, 2020

Age group and sex	Male		N ('000) Female		Both		Percent		
	Employer	Total	Employer	Total	Employer	Total	Male Employer	Female Employer	Both Employer
15-34 years	152	2 949	32	2 127	184	5 076	5,2	1,5	3,6
35-64 years	502	5 331	136	4 283	638	9 615	9,4	3,2	6,6
Total	655	8 281	168	6 410	823	14 691	7,9	2,6	5,6

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 3.3.10: Employed who are own-account workers as a proportion the employed by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex	Male		N ('000) Female		Both		Percent		
	Own-account	Total	Own-account	Total	Own-account	Total	Male Own-account	Female Own-account	Both Own-account
WC	88	1 202	58	1 015	147	2 216	7,4	5,7	6,6
EC	82	614	72	599	154	1 212	13,4	12,0	12,7
NC	3	175	3	112	6	287	1,8	2,2	2,0
FS	37	399	40	324	77	723	9,4	12,3	10,7
KZN	150	1 310	99	1 079	250	2 389	11,5	9,2	10,5
NW	31	569	17	361	48	930	5,4	4,8	5,2
GP	297	2 622	168	1 884	464	4 506	11,3	8,9	10,3
MP	56	660	81	501	137	1 161	8,5	16,2	11,8
LP	94	731	63	535	157	1 266	12,8	11,8	12,4
RSA	838	8 281	601	6 410	1 439	14 691	10,1	9,4	9,8

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 3.3.11: Employed who are own-account workers as a proportion the employed by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex	Male		N ('000) Female		Both		Percent		
	Own-account	Total	Own-account	Total	Own-account	Total	Male Own-account	Female Own-account	Both Own-account
Urban	603	6 258	405	4 910	1 007	11 169	9,6	8,2	9,0
Rural	235	2 022	196	1 500	432	3 522	11,6	13,1	12,3
RSA	838	8 281	601	6 410	1 439	14 691	10,1	9,4	9,8

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 3.3.12: Employed who are own-account workers as a proportion the employed by population group and sex, 2020

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Own-account	Total	Own-account	Total	Own-account	Total	Own-account	Own-account	Own-account
Black African	712	6 217	523	4 798	1 235	11 015	11,5	10,9	11,2
Coloured	42	772	11	676	53	1 448	5,5	1,6	3,7
Indian/ Asian	20	310	4	168	24	478	6,3	2,5	5,0
White	64	982	62	768	127	1 750	6,6	8,1	7,2
Total	838	8 281	601	6 410	1 439	14 691	10,1	9,4	9,8

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 3.3.13: Employed who are own-account workers as a proportion the employed by age group and sex, 2020

Age group and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Own-account	Total	Own-account	Total	Own-account	Total	Own-account	Own-account	Own-account
15-34 years	267	2 949	149	2 127	417	5 076	9,1	7,0	8,2
35-64 years	571	5 331	451	4 283	1 022	9 615	10,7	10,5	10,6
Total	838	8 281	601	6 410	1 439	14 691	10,1	9,4	9,8

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 3.3.14: Employed who are working as contributing family members as a proportion of the employed province and sex, 2020

Province and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Contributing member	Contributing member
WC	4	1 202	4	1 015	8	2 216	0,3	0,4	0,4
EC	4	614	5	599	9	1 212	0,7	0,8	0,8
NC	2	175	1	112	3	287	0,9	1,3	1,1
FS	5	399	3	324	8	723	1,2	0,9	1,1
KZN	2	1 310	12	1 079	14	2 389	0,2	1,1	0,6
NW	4	569	..	361	4	930	0,7	..	0,4
GP	20	2 622	12	1 884	32	4 506	0,7	0,6	0,7
MP	10	660	7	501	16	1 161	1,5	1,3	1,4
LP	7	731	5	535	12	1 266	0,9	1,0	0,9
RSA	57	8 281	50	6 410	106	14 691	0,7	0,8	0,7

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 3.3.15: Employed who are working as contributing family members as a proportion of the employed geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Contributing member	Contributing member
Urban	33	6 258	25	4 910	58	11 169	0,5	0,5	0,5
Rural	23	2 022	25	1 500	49	3 522	1,2	1,7	1,4
RSA	57	8 281	50	6 410	106	14 691	0,7	0,8	0,7

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 3.3.16: Employed who are working as contributing family members as a proportion of the employed population group and sex, 2020

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Contributing member	Contributing member
Black African	48	6 217	37	4 798	85	11 015	0,8	0,8	0,8
Coloured	3	772	..	676	3	1 448	0,3	..	0,2
Indian/ Asian	1	310	..	168	1	478	0,4	..	0,3
White	5	982	13	768	17	1 750	0,5	1,7	1,0
Total	57	8 281	50	6 410	106	14 691	0,7	0,8	0,7

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 3.3.17: Employed who are working as contributing family members as a proportion of the employed age group and sex, 2020

Age group and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Contributing member	Contributing member
15-34 years	47	2 949	24	2 127	71	5 076	1,6	1,1	1,4
35-64 years	9	5 331	25	4 283	35	9 615	0,2	0,6	0,4
Total	57	8 281	50	6 410	106	14 691	0,7	0,8	0,7

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 3.3.18: Distribution of employed persons by province, sex and working sector, 2020

Province and sex		N ('000)	Percent				
		Total	Formal	Informal	Agriculture	Domestic worker	Total
WC	Male	1 202	78,2	11,9	8,1	1,8	100,0
	Female	1 015	77,4	8,5	3,9	10,2	100,0
	Both	2 216	77,8	10,3	6,2	5,7	100,0
EC	Male	614	55,5	29,8	10,5	4,3	100,0
	Female	599	63,6	19,2	5,6	11,5	100,0
	Both	1 212	59,5	24,6	8,1	7,9	100,0
NC	Male	175	78,7	6,8	11,6	2,9	100,0
	Female	112	78,2	5,7	7,2	8,9	100,0
	Both	287	78,5	6,4	9,9	5,2	100,0
FS	Male	399	60,8	22,7	11,1	5,4	100,0
	Female	324	65,5	14,9	1,4	18,2	100,0
	Both	723	62,9	19,2	6,7	11,2	100,0
KZN	Male	1 310	67,0	22,7	7,2	3,1	100,0
	Female	1 079	69,7	13,6	3,4	13,3	100,0
	Both	2 389	68,2	18,6	5,5	7,7	100,0
NW	Male	569	75,6	11,3	9,3	3,8	100,0
	Female	361	75,4	10,1	3,6	10,9	100,0
	Both	930	75,5	10,9	7,1	6,5	100,0
GP	Male	2 622	78,7	17,0	1,1	3,2	100,0
	Female	1 884	74,8	10,3	0,6	14,2	100,0
	Both	4 506	77,1	14,2	0,9	7,8	100,0
MP	Male	660	63,5	20,6	13,7	2,2	100,0
	Female	501	53,0	25,8	5,3	16,0	100,0
	Both	1 161	59,0	22,9	10,0	8,1	100,0
LP	Male	731	54,9	30,8	11,6	2,7	100,0
	Female	535	54,1	17,8	10,6	17,5	100,0
	Both	1 266	54,5	25,3	11,2	9,0	100,0
RSA	Male	8 281	70,7	19,3	7,0	3,1	100,0
	Female	6 410	69,5	13,4	3,6	13,5	100,0
	Both	14 691	70,2	16,7	5,5	7,6	100,0

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 3.3.19: Distribution of employed persons by geo-type, sex and working sector, 2020

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Percent				
		Total	Formal	Informal	Agriculture	Domestic worker	Total
Urban	Male	6 258	77,6	17,5	2,1	2,8	100,0
	Female	4 910	74,3	11,2	1,3	13,2	100,0
	Both	11 169	76,2	14,7	1,7	7,4	100,0
Rural	Male	2 022	49,1	24,8	22,2	3,9	100,0
	Female	1 500	53,8	20,7	10,9	14,6	100,0
	Both	3 522	51,1	23,0	17,4	8,5	100,0
RSA	Male	8 281	70,7	19,3	7,0	3,1	100,0
	Female	6 410	69,5	13,4	3,6	13,5	100,0
	Both	14 691	70,2	16,7	5,5	7,6	100,0

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 3.3.20: Distribution of employed persons by population group, sex and working sector, 2020

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Percent				
		Total	Formal	Informal	Agriculture	Domestic worker	Total
Black African	Male	6 217	66,1	23,1	7,0	3,8	100,0
	Female	4 798	63,4	16,1	3,7	16,8	100,0
	Both	11 015	64,9	20,1	5,6	9,5	100,0
Coloured	Male	772	75,7	12,4	10,0	2,0	100,0
	Female	676	82,3	4,7	6,5	6,5	100,0
	Both	1 448	78,8	8,8	8,4	4,1	100,0
Indian/ Asian	Male	310	88,4	11,6	..	..	100,0
	Female	168	94,8	2,9	1,5	0,8	100,0
	Both	478	90,6	8,6	0,5	0,3	100,0
White	Male	982	90,0	3,3	6,5	0,2	100,0
	Female	768	91,1	6,1	0,8	2,0	100,0
	Both	1 750	90,4	4,5	4,0	1,0	100,0
Total	Male	8 281	70,7	19,3	7,0	3,1	100,0
	Female	6 410	69,5	13,4	3,6	13,5	100,0
	Both	14 691	70,2	16,7	5,5	7,6	100,0

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 3.3.21: Distribution of employed persons by age group, sex and working sector, 2020

Age group and sex		N ('000)	Percent				
		Total	Formal	Informal	Agriculture	Domestic worker	Total
15-34 years	Male	2 949	68,4	22,2	6,7	2,6	100,0
	Female	2 127	74,4	12,9	4,1	8,5	100,0
	Both	5 076	70,9	18,3	5,6	5,1	100,0
35-64 years	Male	5 331	71,9	17,7	7,1	3,3	100,0
	Female	4 283	67,1	13,6	3,3	16,0	100,0
	Both	9 615	69,7	15,9	5,4	9,0	100,0
Total	Male	8 281	70,7	19,3	7,0	3,1	100,0
	Female	6 410	69,5	13,4	3,6	13,5	100,0
	Both	14 691	70,2	16,7	5,5	7,6	100,0

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 3.3.22: Labour force participation rates for women aged 15-64 years by province and age group, 2020

Province and age group	15-34 years		N ('000)		Total		Percent		
							15-34 years	35-64 years	Total
	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Participated	Participated
WC	561	1 160	741	1 297	1 302	2 457	48,4	57,1	53,0
EC	486	1 268	574	1 036	1 060	2 304	38,3	55,4	46,0
NC	66	213	80	192	146	405	31,1	41,4	36,0
FS	219	499	294	479	513	978	43,9	61,4	52,5
KZN	615	2 038	877	1 724	1 492	3 761	30,2	50,9	39,7
NW	223	665	300	643	523	1 308	33,6	46,7	40,0
GP	1 152	2 390	1 793	2 677	2 945	5 066	48,2	67,0	58,1
MP	320	798	416	704	735	1 502	40,1	59,0	49,0
LP	316	1 101	431	884	747	1 984	28,7	48,8	37,6
RSA	3 958	10 130	5 505	9 637	9 463	19 767	39,1	57,1	47,9

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 3.3.23: Labour force participation rates for women aged 15-64 years by geo-type and age group, 2020

Geo-type and age group	15-34 years		N ('000)		Total		Percent		
							15-34 years	35-64 years	Total
	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Participated	Participated
Urban	2 847	6 554	4 157	6 735	7 004	13 290	43,4	61,7	52,7
Rural	1 111	3 576	1 348	2 901	2 459	6 477	31,1	46,5	38,0
RSA	3 958	10 130	5 505	9 637	9 463	19 767	39,1	57,1	47,9

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 3.3.24: Labour force participation rates for women aged 15-64 years by population group and age group, 2020

Population group and age group	15-34 years		N ('000)		Total		Percent		
							15-34 years	35-64 years	Total
	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Participated	Participated
Black African	3 236	8 536	4 311	7 467	7 548	16 003	37,9	57,7	47,2
Coloured	373	843	501	977	874	1 820	44,2	51,2	48,0
Indian/ Asian	82	210	130	280	212	491	38,8	46,5	43,2
White	267	541	563	912	830	1 453	49,3	61,7	57,1
Total	3 958	10 130	5 505	9 637	9 463	19 767	39,1	57,1	47,9

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 3.3.25: Female unemployment rate by province and age group, 2020

Province and age group	15-34 years		N ('000)		Total		Percent		
							15-34 years	35-64 years	Total
	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Unemployed	Unemployed
WC	184	561	103	741	287	1 302	32,8	13,9	22,0
EC	292	486	169	574	461	1 060	60,0	29,5	43,5
NC	22	66	12	80	34	146	33,2	14,9	23,2
FS	112	219	77	294	189	513	51,3	26,0	36,8
KZN	252	615	161	877	413	1 492	41,0	18,4	27,7
NW	94	223	68	300	162	523	42,2	22,7	31,0
GP	592	1 152	469	1 793	1 061	2 945	51,4	26,2	36,0
MP	145	320	89	416	234	735	45,5	21,4	31,8
LP	137	316	74	431	211	747	43,5	17,2	28,3
RSA	1 831	3 958	1 222	5 505	3 053	9 463	46,3	22,2	32,3

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 3.3.26: Female unemployment rate by geo-type and age group, 2020

Geo-type and age group	N ('000)						Percent		
	15-34 years		35-64 years		Total		15-34 years	35-64 years	Total
	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Unemployed	Unemployed
Urban	1 216	2 847	877	4 157	2 094	7 004	42,7	21,1	29,9
Rural	615	1 111	344	1 348	959	2 459	55,3	25,5	39,0
RSA	1 831	3 958	1 222	5 505	3 053	9 463	46,3	22,2	32,3

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 3.3.27: Female unemployment rate by population group and age group, 2020

Population group and age group	N ('000)						Percent		
	15-34 years		35-64 years		Total		15-34 years	35-64 years	Total
	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Unemployed	Unemployed
Black African	1 645	3 236	1 105	4 311	2 749	7 548	50,8	25,6	36,4
Coloured	127	373	70	501	198	874	34,1	14,1	22,6
Indian/ Asian	24	82	20	130	44	212	29,8	15,1	20,8
White	35	267	27	563	62	830	13,0	4,8	7,4
Total	1 831	3 958	1 222	5 505	3 053	9 463	46,3	22,2	32,3

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 3.3.28: Female absorption rate by province and age group, 2020

Province and age group	N ('000)						Percent		
	15-34 years		35-64 years		Total		15-34 years	35-64 years	Total
	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Absorbed	Absorbed
WC	377	1 160	638	1 297	1 015	2 457	32,5	49,2	41,3
EC	194	1 268	405	1 036	599	2 304	15,3	39,0	26,0
NC	44	213	68	192	112	405	20,8	35,2	27,6
FS	107	499	218	479	324	978	21,4	45,4	33,1
KZN	363	2 038	715	1 724	1 079	3 761	17,8	41,5	28,7
NW	129	665	232	643	361	1 308	19,4	36,1	27,6
GP	560	2 390	1 324	2 677	1 884	5 066	23,4	49,5	37,2
MP	174	798	327	704	501	1 502	21,9	46,4	33,4
LP	178	1 101	357	884	535	1 984	16,2	40,4	27,0
RSA	2 127	10 130	4 283	9 637	6 410	19 767	21,0	44,4	32,4

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 3.3.29: Female absorption rate by geo-type and age group, 2020

Geo-type and age group	N ('000)						Percent		
	15-34 years		35-64 years		Total		15-34 years	35-64 years	Total
	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Absorbed	Absorbed
Urban	1 631	6 554	3 280	6 735	4 910	13 290	24,9	48,7	36,9
Rural	496	3 576	1 004	2 901	1 500	6 477	13,9	34,6	23,2
RSA	2 127	10 130	4 283	9 637	6 410	19 767	21,0	44,4	32,4

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 3.3.30: Female absorption rate by population group and age group, 2020

Population group and age group	N ('000)						Percent		
	15-34 years		35-64 years		Total		15-34 years	35-64 years	Total
	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Absorbed	Absorbed
Black African	1 592	8 536	3 207	7 467	4 798	16 003	18,6	42,9	30,0
Coloured	246	843	430	977	676	1 820	29,1	44,0	37,1
Indian/ Asian	57	210	111	280	168	491	27,2	39,4	34,2
White	232	541	536	912	768	1 453	42,9	58,8	52,8
Total	2 127	10 130	4 283	9 637	6 410	19 767	21,0	44,4	32,4

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 3.3.31: Female inactivity rate by province and age group, 2020

Province and age group	N ('000)						Percent		
	15-34 years		35-64 years		Total		15-34 years	35-64 years	Total
	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive
WC	599	1 160	556	1 297	1 155	2 457	51,6	42,9	47,0
EC	782	1 268	462	1 036	1 245	2 304	61,7	44,6	54,0
NC	147	213	113	192	259	405	68,9	58,6	64,0
FS	280	499	185	479	465	978	56,1	38,6	47,5
KZN	1 422	2 038	847	1 724	2 270	3 761	69,8	49,1	60,3
NW	442	665	343	643	784	1 308	66,4	53,3	60,0
GP	1 238	2 390	884	2 677	2 121	5 066	51,8	33,0	41,9
MP	478	798	289	704	767	1 502	59,9	41,0	51,0
LP	785	1 101	453	884	1 238	1 984	71,3	51,2	62,4
RSA	6 173	10 130	4 132	9 637	10 304	19 767	60,9	42,9	52,1

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 3.3.32: Female inactivity rate by geo-type and age group, 2020

Geo-type and age group	N ('000)						Percent		
	15-34 years		35-64 years		Total		15-34 years	35-64 years	Total
	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive
Urban	3 707	6 554	2 578	6 735	6 286	13 290	56,6	38,3	47,3
Rural	2 465	3 576	1 553	2 901	4 019	6 477	68,9	53,5	62,0
RSA	6 173	10 130	4 132	9 637	10 304	19 767	60,9	42,9	52,1

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 3.3.33: Female inactivity rate by population group and age group, 2020

Population group and age group	N ('000)						Percent		
	15-34 years		35-64 years		Total		15-34 years	35-64 years	Total
	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive
Black African	5 299	8 536	3 156	7 467	8 455	16 003	62,1	42,3	52,8
Coloured	470	843	476	977	947	1 820	55,8	48,8	52,0
Indian/ Asian	129	210	150	280	279	491	61,2	53,5	56,8
White	275	541	349	912	624	1 453	50,7	38,3	42,9
Total	6 173	10 130	4 132	9 637	10 304	19 767	60,9	42,9	52,1

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 3.3.34: Sex parity ratios in income earnings by province, 2020

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

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 3.3.35: Sex parity ratios in income earnings by geo-type, 2020

Geo-type	R1-R1500	R1501-R2500	R2501-R3500	R3501-R5500	R5501-R7500	R7501-R11500	R11501+
Urban	1,7	1,2	1,0	0,7	0,7	0,5	0,5
Rural	1,4	0,9	0,8	0,7	0,5	0,6	0,5
RSA	1,6	1,1	0,9	0,7	0,6	0,6	0,5

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 3.3.36: Sex parity ratios in income earnings by population group, 2020

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

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

3.4 Women: Health

Table 3.4.1: Persons with access to medical aid by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex		N ('000)	Percent			
		Total	Medical aid	No medical aid	Unspecified	Total
WC	Male	3 450	24,5	75,2	0,3	100,0
	Female	3 491	25,6	74,3	0,1	100,0
	Both	6 941	25,1	74,8	0,2	100,0
EC	Male	3 138	9,3	90,7	0,0	100,0
	Female	3 391	11,5	88,4	0,0	100,0
	Both	6 530	10,5	89,5	0,0	100,0
NC	Male	607	18,4	81,6	..	100,0
	Female	656	18,8	81,1	0,2	100,0
	Both	1 263	18,6	81,3	0,1	100,0
FS	Male	1 344	11,9	88,1	0,0	100,0
	Female	1 600	12,5	87,5	..	100,0
	Both	2 945	12,2	87,8	0,0	100,0
KZN	Male	5 564	9,6	90,4	0,0	100,0
	Female	5 955	9,9	90,0	0,1	100,0
	Both	11 519	9,8	90,2	0,1	100,0
NW	Male	1 944	17,2	82,7	0,1	100,0
	Female	2 127	18,1	81,5	0,4	100,0
	Both	4 070	17,7	82,1	0,3	100,0
GP	Male	7 907	21,1	78,5	0,4	100,0
	Female	7 558	21,3	78,5	0,2	100,0
	Both	15 465	21,2	78,5	0,3	100,0
MP	Male	2 273	8,1	91,9	..	100,0
	Female	2 417	9,2	90,6	0,2	100,0
	Both	4 689	8,6	91,3	0,1	100,0
LP	Male	2 863	8,0	91,9	0,1	100,0
	Female	3 152	7,7	92,3	0,1	100,0
	Both	6 015	7,8	92,1	0,1	100,0
RSA	Male	29 090	15,0	84,9	0,2	100,0
	Female	30 347	15,4	84,5	0,1	100,0
	Both	59 437	15,2	84,7	0,2	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 3.4.2: Persons with access to medical aid by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex		N ('000) Total	Percent			Total
			Medical aid	No medical aid	Unspecified	
Urban	Male	18 662	20,2	79,5	0,2	100,0
	Female	19 096	21,0	78,9	0,1	100,0
	Both	37 757	20,6	79,2	0,2	100,0
Rural	Male	10 428	5,6	94,3	0,1	100,0
	Female	11 251	5,9	94,0	0,2	100,0
	Both	21 679	5,7	94,2	0,1	100,0
RSA	Male	29 090	15,0	84,9	0,2	100,0
	Female	30 347	15,4	84,5	0,1	100,0
	Both	59 437	15,2	84,7	0,2	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 3.4.3: Persons with access to medical aid by population group and sex, 2020

Population group and sex		N ('000) Total	Percent			Total
			Medical aid	No medical aid	Unspecified	
Black African	Male	23 688	8,9	91,0	0,2	100,0
	Female	24 719	9,0	90,9	0,1	100,0
	Both	48 407	8,9	90,9	0,2	100,0
Coloured	Male	2 495	18,7	81,2	0,0	100,0
	Female	2 646	19,5	80,5	0,0	100,0
	Both	5 140	19,1	80,8	0,0	100,0
Indian/ Asian	Male	759	35,0	65,0	..	100,0
	Female	714	36,9	63,1	..	100,0
	Both	1 473	35,9	64,1	..	100,0
White	Male	2 148	71,1	28,7	0,2	100,0
	Female	2 268	73,3	26,4	0,3	100,0
	Both	4 416	72,2	27,5	0,3	100,0
Total	Male	29 090	15,0	84,9	0,2	100,0
	Female	30 347	15,4	84,5	0,1	100,0
	Both	59 437	15,2	84,7	0,2	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

3.5 Women: Vulnerability to hunger

Table 3.5.1: Households that reported hunger by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex	Male		N ('000) Female		Both		Percent		
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Male Suffering	Female Suffering	Both Suffering
WC	184	1 189	153	769	337	1 958	15,4	19,9	17,2
EC	76	829	88	869	164	1 698	9,2	10,1	9,7
NC	26	182	39	171	65	353	14,4	22,6	18,4
FS	66	458	63	438	130	896	14,5	14,4	14,5
KZN	96	1 548	100	1 476	195	3 023	6,2	6,7	6,5
NW	169	743	92	501	261	1 244	22,7	18,4	21,0
GP	266	3 503	160	1 656	427	5 159	7,6	9,7	8,3
MP	131	709	104	609	236	1 318	18,5	17,1	17,9
LP	30	870	15	771	45	1 641	3,4	2,0	2,7
RSA	1 044	10 030	814	7 261	1 858	17 292	10,4	11,2	10,7

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 3.5.2: Households that reported hunger by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex	Male		N ('000) Female		Both		Percent		
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Male Suffering	Female Suffering	Both Suffering
Urban	688	7 405	502	4 633	1 190	12 037	9,3	10,8	9,9
Rural	356	2 626	312	2 629	668	5 254	13,6	11,9	12,7
RSA	1 044	10 030	814	7 261	1 858	17 292	10,4	11,2	10,7

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases.

3.6 Women: Education

Table 3.6.1: Persons aged 20 and above who are functionally literate by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex	Male		N ('000) Female		Both		Percent		
	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Male Literate	Female Literate	Both Literate
WC	2 095	2 236	2 330	2 429	4 425	4 665	93,7	95,9	94,9
EC	1 457	1 723	1 734	2 041	3 191	3 764	84,6	85,0	84,8
NC	330	374	340	394	671	768	88,3	86,4	87,4
FS	717	808	885	987	1 602	1 794	88,8	89,7	89,3
KZN	2 894	3 207	3 154	3 710	6 047	6 918	90,2	85,0	87,4
NW	1 048	1 202	1 091	1 273	2 139	2 475	87,1	85,7	86,4
GP	5 198	5 488	4 917	5 160	10 114	10 648	94,7	95,3	95,0
MP	1 209	1 398	1 224	1 454	2 432	2 853	86,4	84,2	85,3
LP	1 367	1 549	1 544	1 840	2 910	3 389	88,2	83,9	85,9
RSA	16 315	17 986	17 218	19 288	33 533	37 274	90,7	89,3	90,0

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 3.6.2: Persons aged 20 and above who are functionally literate by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex	Male		N ('000) Female		Both		Percent		
	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Male Literate	Female Literate	Both Literate
Urban	11 634	12 383	11 869	12 678	23 503	25 061	94,0	93,6	93,8
Rural	4 681	5 603	5 349	6 609	10 030	12 212	83,5	80,9	82,1
RSA	16 315	17 986	17 218	19 288	33 533	37 274	90,7	89,3	90,0

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 3.6.3: Persons aged 20 and above who are functionally literate by population group and sex, 2020

Population group and sex	Male		N ('000) Female		Both		Percent		
	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Male Literate	Female Literate	Both Literate
Black African	12 639	14 186	13 319	15 219	25 958	29 405	89,1	87,5	88,3
Coloured	1 460	1 576	1 614	1 740	3 074	3 316	92,6	92,8	92,7
Indian/ Asian	559	567	490	533	1 049	1 100	98,5	91,9	95,3
White	1 657	1 657	1 795	1 795	3 452	3 452	100,0	100,0	100,0
Total	16 315	17 986	17 218	19 288	33 533	37 274	90,7	89,3	90,0

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 3.6.4: Persons aged 20 and above who are functionally literate by age group and sex, 2020

Age group and sex	Male		N ('000) Female		Both		Percent		
	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Male Literate	Female Literate	Both Literate
20-39 years	10 006	10 397	10 159	10 382	20 166	20 779	96,2	97,9	97,0
40-59 years	4 899	5 567	5 151	5 894	10 050	11 461	88,0	87,4	87,7
60+ years	1 409	2 022	1 908	3 012	3 317	5 034	69,7	63,3	65,9
Total	16 315	17 986	17 218	19 288	33 533	37 274	90,7	89,3	90,0

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 3.6.5: Distribution of persons aged 25 years and above by province, sex and the highest level of education attained, 2020

Province and sex		N ('000) Total	Less than matric	Matric	Other tertiary	Percent Graduates	Other	Unspecified	Total
WC	Male	1 963	42,4	34,1	9,1	11,1	3,2	..	100,0
	Female	2 146	45,3	33,8	9,2	9,4	2,4	..	100,0
	Both	4 109	43,9	34,0	9,2	10,2	2,8	..	100,0
EC	Male	1 479	63,0	25,3	7,3	3,4	1,1	..	100,0
	Female	1 807	62,2	22,7	11,1	3,5	0,5	..	100,0
	Both	3 286	62,6	23,9	9,4	3,4	0,8	..	100,0
NC	Male	328	58,1	29,9	8,0	3,0	0,9	..	100,0
	Female	343	59,9	26,2	7,0	6,0	0,9	..	100,0
	Both	671	59,0	28,0	7,5	4,6	0,9	..	100,0
FS	Male	704	55,3	33,3	6,4	3,4	1,6	..	100,0
	Female	875	52,8	34,3	7,2	4,5	1,2	..	100,0
	Both	1 579	53,9	33,9	6,9	4,0	1,4	..	100,0
KZN	Male	2 696	46,6	40,7	6,6	5,0	1,0	..	100,0
	Female	3 173	53,5	34,1	5,5	6,2	0,7	..	100,0
	Both	5 869	50,3	37,2	6,0	5,6	0,9	..	100,0
NW	Male	1 055	52,2	33,3	6,2	3,8	4,3	0,2	100,0
	Female	1 131	54,9	26,9	8,4	6,3	3,3	0,2	100,0
	Both	2 187	53,6	30,0	7,4	5,1	3,8	0,2	100,0
GP	Male	4 864	38,9	39,8	7,2	10,0	4,0	0,1	100,0
	Female	4 564	39,9	37,5	8,7	11,3	2,4	0,1	100,0
	Both	9 428	39,4	38,7	7,9	10,6	3,2	0,1	100,0
MP	Male	1 196	58,3	29,8	7,2	3,4	1,3	..	100,0
	Female	1 245	57,4	30,4	7,4	4,4	0,4	..	100,0
	Both	2 442	57,8	30,1	7,3	3,9	0,8	..	100,0
LP	Male	1 305	57,0	26,2	9,2	4,4	3,2	..	100,0
	Female	1 595	62,9	22,3	8,0	5,4	1,4	..	100,0
	Both	2 901	60,2	24,0	8,6	5,0	2,2	..	100,0
RSA	Male	15 592	48,0	35,0	7,4	6,8	2,7	0,0	100,0
	Female	16 880	51,1	31,8	8,1	7,4	1,6	0,0	100,0
	Both	32 472	49,6	33,3	7,8	7,1	2,1	0,0	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 3.6.6: Distribution of persons aged 25 years and above by geo-type, sex and the highest level of education attained, 2020

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Percent						Total
		Total	Less than matric	Matric	Other tertiary	Graduates	Other	Unspecified	
Urban	Male	10 919	41,9	38,2	8,4	8,6	2,9	0,0	100,0
	Female	11 227	43,6	35,8	9,4	9,6	1,6	0,0	100,0
	Both	22 146	42,8	37,0	8,9	9,1	2,2	0,0	100,0
Rural	Male	4 672	62,3	27,5	5,2	2,7	2,3	0,1	100,0
	Female	5 653	65,8	23,8	5,6	3,1	1,6	0,0	100,0
	Both	10 326	64,2	25,4	5,5	2,9	1,9	0,0	100,0
RSA	Male	15 592	48,0	35,0	7,4	6,8	2,7	0,0	100,0
	Female	16 880	51,1	31,8	8,1	7,4	1,6	0,0	100,0
	Both	32 472	49,6	33,3	7,8	7,1	2,1	0,0	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 3.6.7: Distribution of persons aged 25 years and above by population group, sex and the highest level of education attained, 2020

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Percent						Total
		Total	Less than matric	Matric	Other tertiary	Graduates	Other	Unspecified	
Black African	Male	12 172	53,0	33,3	6,1	4,6	3,0	0,0	100,0
	Female	13 185	55,7	29,6	7,8	5,2	1,7	0,0	100,0
	Both	25 357	54,4	31,4	6,9	4,9	2,3	0,0	100,0
Coloured	Male	1 366	47,8	36,8	8,4	3,4	3,6	..	100,0
	Female	1 530	53,8	34,5	6,6	2,5	2,6	..	100,0
	Both	2 896	50,9	35,6	7,5	3,0	3,1	..	100,0
Indian/ Asian	Male	516	29,6	49,3	13,9	7,3	..	..	100,0
	Female	487	35,8	43,2	9,6	11,3	0,0	..	100,0
	Both	1 003	32,6	46,3	11,8	9,3	0,0	..	100,0
White	Male	1 538	14,7	42,4	15,4	26,8	0,2	0,3	100,0
	Female	1 678	16,4	42,8	11,9	27,9	0,6	0,3	100,0
	Both	3 216	15,6	42,6	13,6	27,4	0,4	0,3	100,0
Total	Male	15 592	48,0	35,0	7,4	6,8	2,7	0,0	100,0
	Female	16 880	51,1	31,8	8,1	7,4	1,6	0,0	100,0
	Both	32 472	49,6	33,3	7,8	7,1	2,1	0,0	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

3.7 Women: Housing and basic services

Table 3.7.1: Distribution of the type of housing by geo-type and the sex of the household head, 2020

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Percent				Total
		Total	Formal	Traditional	Informal	Other	
Urban	Male	7 481	82,9	0,4	15,8	0,9	100,0
	Female	4 666	87,1	0,7	12,1	0,2	100,0
	Both	12 147	84,5	0,5	14,4	0,6	100,0
Rural	Male	2 637	83,5	10,6	5,8	..	100,0
	Female	2 635	81,8	15,2	3,0	0,0	100,0
	Both	5 271	82,6	12,9	4,4	0,0	100,0
RSA	Male	10 118	83,1	3,0	13,2	0,7	100,0
	Female	7 300	85,2	5,9	8,8	0,1	100,0
	Both	17 418	83,9	4,2	11,4	0,4	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 3.7.2 Distribution of the living condition indicators of male- and female-headed households, 2020

Access to piped water

Sex	N ('000) Total	Percent	
		Access	Unspecified
Male	34 068	77,3	0,2
Female	25 368	68,1	0,3
Both	59 437	73,4	0,3

Source: GHS 2020

Access to improved sanitation

Sex	N ('000) Total	Percent
		Access
Male	34 068	84,5
Female	25 368	79,8
Both	59 437	82,5

Source: GHS 2020

Refuse/ waste removed by the municipality

Sex	N ('000) Total	Percent	
		Access	Unspecified
Male	34 068	67,8	0,1
Female	25 368	54,0	0,0
Both	59 437	61,9	0,1

Source: GHS 2020

Access to electricity connected to the mains

Sex	N ('000) Total	Percent	
		Access	Unspecified
Male	34 068	91,4	5,7
Female	25 368	94,9	3,4
Both	59 437	92,9	4,7

Source: GHS 2020

Use solid fuels for cooking

Sex	N ('000) Total	Percent
		Access
Male	34 068	8,7
Female	25 368	15,3
Both	59 437	11,5

Source: GHS 2020

3.8 Women: Violence and crime victims

Table 3.8.1: Women who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area during the day by province, 2019_20

Province	N ('000)		Percent Unsafe
	Unsafe	Total responded	
WC	756	2 631	28,7
EC	292	2 213	13,1
NC	61	405	15,1
FS	169	1 048	16,1
KZN	489	4 079	11,9
NW	153	1 302	11,7
GP	772	5 573	13,8
MP	127	1 634	7,7
LP	160	1 967	8,1
RSA	2 980	20 853	14,2

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (PSJS) 2019/20

Table 3.8.2: Women who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area during the day by age group, 2019_20

Age group	N ('000)		Percent Unsafe
	Unsafe	Total responded	
15-24 years	606	4 605	13,1
25-34 years	821	5 162	15,9
35+ years	1 553	11 086	14,0
Total	2 980	20 853	14,2

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (PSJS) 2019/20

Table 3.8.3: Women who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area at night by province, 2019_20

Province	N ('000)		Percent Unsafe
	Unsafe	Total responded	
WC	1 653	2 631	62,8
EC	1 296	2 213	58,5
NC	260	405	64,3
FS	672	1 048	64,1
KZN	2 168	4 079	53,1
NW	837	1 302	64,3
GP	3 695	5 573	66,3
MP	1 097	1 634	67,1
LP	891	1 967	45,3
RSA	12 571	20 853	60,2

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (PSJS) 2019/20

Table 3.8.4: Women who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area at night by age group, 2019_20

Age group	N ('000)		Percent Unsafe
	Unsafe	Total responded	
15-24 years	2 738	4 605	59,4
25-34 years	3 163	5 162	61,2
35+ years	6 670	11 086	60,1
Total	12 571	20 853	60,2

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (PSJS) 2019/20

Table 3.8.5: Women who have been victims of property crime during the past 5 years by province, 2019_20

Province	N ('000)		Percent Unsafe
	Unsafe	Total responded	
WC	188	2 631	7,1
EC	64	2 213	2,9
NC	18	405	4,4
FS	54	1 048	5,1
KZN	138	4 079	3,3
NW	27	1 302	2,0
GP	582	5 573	10,4
MP	61	1 634	3,7
LP	46	1 967	2,3
RSA	1 177	20 853	5,6

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (PSJS) 2019/20

Table 3.8.6: Women who have been victims of property crime during the past 5 years by population group, 2019_20

Population group	N ('000)		Percent Suffering
	Suffering	Total responded	
Black African	791	16 448	4,8
Coloured	90	1 905	4,7
Indian/ Asian	32	573	5,6
White	263	1 928	13,6
Total	1 177	20 853	5,6

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (PSJS) 2019/20

Table 3.8.7: Women who have been victims of assault during the past 5 years by province, 2019_20

Province	N ('000)		Percent Unsafe
	Unsafe	Total responded	
WC	36	2 631	1,3
EC	13	2 213	0,5
NC	8	405	2,0
FS	9	1 048	0,8
KZN	31	4 079	0,7
NW	8	1 302	0,6
GP	42	5 573	0,7
MP	15	1 634	0,8
LP	13	1 967	0,6
RSA	175	20 853	0,8

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (PSJS) 2019/20

Table 3.8.8: Women who have been victims of assault during the past 5 years by population group, 2019_20

Population group	N ('000)		Percent Suffering
	Suffering	Total responded	
Black African	128	16 448	0,7
Coloured	34	1 905	1,8
Indian/ Asian	..	573	..
White	13	1 928	0,6
Total	175	20 853	0,8

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (PSJS) 2019/20

INDICATORS: OLDER PERSONS

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

4.1 Demography of older persons

Table 4.1.1: Distribution of older persons by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex	N ('000)			Percent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
WC	288	420	708	40,6	59,4	100,0
EC	271	426	697	38,9	61,1	100,0
NC	53	76	128	40,9	59,1	100,0
FS	94	176	270	34,8	65,2	100,0
KZN	332	567	899	37,0	63,0	100,0
NW	139	211	350	39,7	60,3	100,0
GP	547	664	1 211	45,2	54,8	100,0
MP	134	203	337	39,9	60,1	100,0
LP	169	274	443	38,2	61,8	100,0
RSA	2 027	3 017	5 044	40,2	59,8	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 4.1.2: Distribution of older persons by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)			Percent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
Urban	1 408	1 902	3 310	42,5	57,5	100,0
Rural	619	1 115	1 734	35,7	64,3	100,0
RSA	2 027	3 017	5 044	40,2	59,8	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 4.1.3: Distribution of older persons by population group and sex, 2020

Population group and sex	N ('000)			Percent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
Black African	1 238	1 986	3 225	38,4	61,6	100,0
Coloured	208	307	515	40,4	59,6	100,0
Indian/ Asian	83	112	196	42,6	57,4	100,0
White	498	611	1 110	44,9	55,1	100,0
Total	2 027	3 017	5 044	40,2	59,8	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 4.1.4: Older persons as a proportion of the overall population by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Elderly	Total	Elderly	Total	Elderly	Total	Elderly	Elderly	Elderly
WC	288	3 450	420	3 491	708	6 941	8,3	12,0	10,2
EC	271	3 138	426	3 391	697	6 530	8,6	12,6	10,7
NC	53	607	76	656	128	1 263	8,7	11,6	10,2
FS	94	1 344	176	1 600	270	2 945	7,0	11,0	9,2
KZN	332	5 564	567	5 955	899	11 519	6,0	9,5	7,8
NW	139	1 944	211	2 127	350	4 070	7,1	9,9	8,6
GP	547	7 907	664	7 558	1 211	15 465	6,9	8,8	7,8
MP	134	2 273	203	2 417	337	4 689	5,9	8,4	7,2
LP	169	2 863	274	3 152	443	6 015	5,9	8,7	7,4
RSA	2 027	29 090	3 017	30 347	5 044	59 437	7,0	9,9	8,5

Source: GHS 2020

Table 4.1.5: Older persons as a proportion of the overall population by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex	Male		N ('000) Female		Both		Percent		
	Elderly	Total	Elderly	Total	Elderly	Total	Male Elderly	Female Elderly	Both Elderly
Urban	1 408	18 662	1 902	19 096	3 310	37 757	7,5	10,0	8,8
Rural	619	10 428	1 115	11 251	1 734	21 679	5,9	9,9	8,0
RSA	2 027	29 090	3 017	30 347	5 044	59 437	7,0	9,9	8,5

Source: GHS 2020

Table 4.1.6: Older persons as a proportion of the overall population by population group and sex, 2020

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Elderly	Total	Elderly	Total	Elderly	Total	Elderly	Elderly	Elderly
Black African	1 238	23 688	1 986	24 719	3 225	48 407	5,2	8,0	6,7
Coloured	208	2 495	307	2 646	515	5 140	8,3	11,6	10,0
Indian/ Asian	83	759	112	714	196	1 473	11,0	15,7	13,3
White	498	2 148	611	2 268	1 110	4 416	23,2	27,0	25,1
Total	2 027	29 090	3 017	30 347	5 044	59 437	7,0	9,9	8,5

Source: GHS 2020

4.2 Older persons: Household characteristics

Table 4.2.1: Distribution of households headed by persons 60 years and older by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex	N ('000)			Percent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
WC	220	196	415	52,9	47,1	100,0
EC	230	295	524	43,8	56,2	100,0
NC	40	44	84	47,3	52,7	100,0
FS	103	114	217	47,3	52,7	100,0
KZN	262	377	639	41,0	59,0	100,0
NW	124	153	277	44,9	55,1	100,0
GP	437	372	808	54,0	46,0	100,0
MP	110	147	257	42,7	57,3	100,0
LP	150	196	346	43,4	56,6	100,0
RSA	1 675	1 893	3 568	46,9	53,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 4.2.2: Distribution of households headed by persons 60 years and older by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)			Percent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
Urban	1 123	1 106	2 230	50,4	49,6	100,0
Rural	551	787	1 338	41,2	58,8	100,0
RSA	1 675	1 893	3 568	46,9	53,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 4.2.3: Distribution of households headed by persons 60 years and older by population group and sex, 2020

Population group and sex	N ('000)			Percent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
Black African	1 075	1 480	2 554	42,1	57,9	100,0
Coloured	153	179	332	46,0	54,0	100,0
Indian/ Asian	50	43	93	53,3	46,7	100,0
White	398	191	588	67,6	32,4	100,0
Total	1 675	1 893	3 568	46,9	53,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 4.2.4: Persons aged 60 years and older living across different types of intergenerational households by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex		N ('000)	Percent					Total
		Total	Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	Other	
WC	Male	288	37,6	38,5	16,8	5,2	1,8	100,0
	Female	420	32,2	30,9	28,9	7,1	0,9	100,0
	Both	708	34,4	33,9	24,0	6,3	1,3	100,0
EC	Male	271	31,2	20,3	40,6	7,3	0,6	100,0
	Female	426	16,9	17,6	46,0	19,3	0,3	100,0
	Both	697	22,4	18,6	43,9	14,6	0,4	100,0
NC	Male	53	31,2	18,5	37,9	11,6	0,8	100,0
	Female	76	13,5	28,2	40,0	17,5	0,9	100,0
	Both	128	20,7	24,2	39,1	15,1	0,8	100,0
FS	Male	94	34,5	29,4	25,6	10,4	..	100,0
	Female	176	24,3	15,7	35,9	24,1	..	100,0
	Both	270	27,8	20,4	32,4	19,4	..	100,0
KZN	Male	332	30,5	26,4	30,0	13,1	..	100,0
	Female	567	17,2	17,4	44,0	20,9	0,5	100,0
	Both	899	22,1	20,7	38,8	18,1	0,3	100,0
NW	Male	139	30,8	25,3	31,0	11,4	1,5	100,0
	Female	211	24,9	16,6	46,1	10,4	1,9	100,0
	Both	350	27,3	20,1	40,1	10,8	1,8	100,0
GP	Male	547	36,8	35,1	22,1	6,1	..	100,0
	Female	664	27,9	30,1	34,3	7,7	..	100,0
	Both	1 211	31,9	32,3	28,8	7,0	..	100,0
MP	Male	134	28,9	17,4	42,0	11,7	..	100,0
	Female	203	11,0	20,7	47,7	19,0	1,6	100,0
	Both	337	18,1	19,4	45,4	16,1	1,0	100,0
LP	Male	169	20,6	25,1	44,6	8,9	0,8	100,0
	Female	274	8,1	18,8	51,8	19,8	1,6	100,0
	Both	443	12,9	21,2	49,0	15,6	1,3	100,0
RSA	Male	2 027	32,6	28,8	29,5	8,6	0,5	100,0
	Female	3 017	21,2	22,6	40,6	15,0	0,7	100,0
	Both	5 044	25,8	25,1	36,1	12,4	0,6	100,0

Source: GHS 2020.

Other include unspecified cases.

Table 4.2.5: Persons aged 60 years and older living across different types of intergenerational households by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Percent					Total
		Total	Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	Other	
Urban	Male	1 408	37,1	32,4	22,5	7,3	0,6	100,0
	Female	1 902	28,3	26,5	34,1	10,8	0,4	100,0
	Both	3 310	32,1	29,0	29,2	9,3	0,5	100,0
Rural	Male	619	22,3	20,5	45,3	11,6	0,3	100,0
	Female	1 115	9,1	15,9	51,7	22,2	1,2	100,0
	Both	1 734	13,8	17,5	49,4	18,4	0,9	100,0
RSA	Male	2 027	32,6	28,8	29,5	8,6	0,5	100,0
	Female	3 017	21,2	22,6	40,6	15,0	0,7	100,0
	Both	5 044	25,8	25,1	36,1	12,4	0,6	100,0

Source: GHS 2020.

Other include unspecified cases.

Table 4.2.6: Persons aged 60 years and older living across different types of intergenerational households by population group and sex, 2020

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Percent					Total
		Total	Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	Other	
Black African	Male	1 238	19,4	26,2	42,3	11,6	0,5	100,0
	Female	1 986	8,5	18,2	52,1	20,4	0,8	100,0
	Both	3 225	12,7	21,3	48,3	17,1	0,7	100,0
Coloured	Male	208	18,4	41,2	30,3	10,1	..	100,0
	Female	307	12,2	35,8	39,8	12,0	0,1	100,0
	Both	515	14,7	38,0	36,0	11,2	0,1	100,0
Indian/ Asian	Male	83	72,3	27,7	..	..	..	100,0
	Female	112	54,1	28,0	17,9	0,1	..	100,0
	Both	196	61,8	27,9	10,3	0,1	..	100,0
White	Male	498	64,7	30,2	2,2	1,8	1,1	100,0
	Female	611	60,9	29,1	7,8	1,6	0,6	100,0
	Both	1 110	62,6	29,6	5,3	1,7	0,8	100,0
Total	Male	2 027	32,6	28,8	29,5	8,6	0,5	100,0
	Female	3 017	21,2	22,6	40,6	15,0	0,7	100,0
	Both	5 044	25,8	25,1	36,1	12,4	0,6	100,0

Source: GHS 2020.

Other include unspecified cases.

Table 4.2.7: Distribution of households headed by persons aged 60 years and older by province and household composition, 2020

Province	N ('000)	Percent				
	Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	Total
WC	415	14,2	43,4	39,2	3,1	100,0
EC	524	13,9	23,6	61,4	1,0	100,0
NC	84	15,7	28,8	53,6	1,8	100,0
FS	217	13,3	31,6	53,9	1,3	100,0
KZN	639	13,2	24,3	61,6	0,9	100,0
NW	277	23,6	26,2	49,4	0,8	100,0
GP	808	13,6	36,5	48,2	1,7	100,0
MP	257	10,6	19,5	68,8	1,2	100,0
LP	346	12,1	19,0	68,9	..	100,0
RSA	3 568	14,1	29,0	55,6	1,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 4.2.8: Distribution of households headed by persons 60 years and older by geo-type and household composition, 2020

Geo-type	N ('000)	Percent				
	Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	Total
Urban	2 230	15,6	35,6	47,2	1,6	100,0
Rural	1 338	11,6	18,0	69,5	0,9	100,0
RSA	3 568	14,1	29,0	55,6	1,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 4.2.9: Distribution of households headed by persons aged 60 years and older by population group and household composition, 2020

Population group	N ('000)	Percent				
	Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	Total
Black African	2 554	12,2	20,1	66,8	0,8	100,0
Coloured	332	8,0	35,9	53,3	2,7	100,0
Indian/ Asian	93	28,0	53,1	18,9	..	100,0
White	588	23,3	59,9	13,7	3,0	100,0
Total	3 568	14,1	29,0	55,6	1,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 4.2.10: Distribution of households headed by persons aged 60 years and older by sex and household composition, 2020

Sex	N ('000)	Percent				
	Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	Total
Male	1 675	12,0	45,1	41,8	1,1	100,0
Female	1 893	15,9	14,8	67,7	1,5	100,0
Both	3 568	14,1	29,0	55,6	1,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

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

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

Source: GHS 2020

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

Table 4.3.1: Older persons who are beneficiaries of social grants by province, 2020

Province	N ('000)		Percent
	Beneficiary	Total	Beneficiary
WC	402	708	56,8
EC	557	697	79,9
NC	100	128	77,6
FS	204	270	75,7
KZN	711	899	79,1
NW	258	350	73,9
GP	749	1 211	61,8
MP	271	337	80,3
LP	395	443	89,1
RSA	3 647	5 044	72,3

Source: GHS 2020

Table 4.3.2: Older persons who are beneficiaries of social grants by geo-type, 2020

Geo-type	N ('000)		Percent
	Beneficiary	Total	Beneficiary
Urban	2 096	3 310	63,3
Rural	1 551	1 734	89,4
RSA	3 647	5 044	72,3

Source: GHS 2020

Table 4.3.3: Older persons who are beneficiaries of social grants by population group, 2020

Population group	N ('000)		Percent Beneficiary
	Beneficiary	Total	
Black African	2 791	3 225	86,6
Coloured	414	515	80,5
Indian/ Asian	113	196	57,8
White	328	1 110	29,6
Total	3 647	5 044	72,3

Source: GHS 2020

Table 4.3.4: Older persons who are beneficiaries of social grants by sex, 2020

Sex	N ('000)		Percent Beneficiary
	Beneficiary	Total	
Male	1 312	2 027	64,7
Female	2 334	3 017	77,4
Both	3 647	5 044	72,3

Source: GHS 2020

Table 4.3.5: Labour force participation rate of older persons by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Participated	Participated
WC	67	304	41	418	108	721	22,1	9,8	15,0
EC	21	236	17	415	38	651	8,8	4,1	5,8
NC	10	58	7	74	17	131	17,7	9,2	12,9
FS	25	105	19	182	44	287	23,9	10,4	15,3
KZN	56	328	54	628	110	955	17,2	8,6	11,5
NW	19	138	5	227	24	366	13,8	2,2	6,6
GP	119	611	102	814	221	1 425	19,5	12,6	15,5
MP	25	127	18	217	44	344	20,0	8,4	12,7
LP	26	184	17	313	43	498	14,1	5,3	8,6
RSA	369	2 091	280	3 288	649	5 379	17,6	8,5	12,1

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 4.3.6: Labour force participation rate of older persons by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Participated	Participated
Urban	260	1 399	208	2 066	468	3 464	18,6	10,1	13,5
Rural	109	693	72	1 222	181	1 915	15,8	5,9	9,5
RSA	369	2 091	280	3 288	649	5 379	17,6	8,5	12,1

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 4.3.7: Labour force participation rate of older persons by population group and sex, 2020

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Total	Participated	Participated	Participated
Black African	201	1 339	167	2 269	368	3 608	15,0	7,3	10,2
Coloured	30	213	25	300	55	512	14,3	8,2	10,7
Indian/ Asian	12	83	5	104	17	187	14,5	4,4	8,9
White	126	457	84	616	210	1 072	27,5	13,7	19,6
Total	369	2 091	280	3 288	649	5 379	17,6	8,5	12,1

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 4.3.8: Unemployment rate of older persons by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Unemployed	Unemployed
WC	4	67	..	41	4	108	5,5	..	3,4
EC	1	21	4	17	4	38	2,5	22,5	11,5
NC	..	10	..	7	..	17	..	..	..
FS	2	25	1	19	3	44	9,4	4,8	7,4
KZN	3	56	2	54	4	110	4,5	3,0	3,7
NW	..	19	2	5	2	24	..	36,6	7,7
GP	8	119	..	102	8	221	6,7	..	3,6
MP	0	25	..	18	0	44	1,8	..	1,1
LP	1	26	..	17	1	43	2,3	..	1,4
RSA	18	369	8	280	26	649	4,9	2,9	4,1

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 4.3.9: Unemployment rate of older persons by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Unemployed	Unemployed
Urban	17	260	8	208	25	468	6,6	3,9	5,4
Rural	1	109	0	72	1	181	1,0	0,1	0,6
RSA	18	369	8	280	26	649	4,9	2,9	4,1

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 4.3.10: Unemployment rate of older persons by population group and sex, 2020

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Total	Unemployed	Unemployed	Unemployed
Black African	9	201	7	167	16	368	4,6	4,0	4,3
Coloured	2	30	..	25	2	55	5,6	..	3,1
Indian/ Asian	..	12	2	5	2	17	..	35,0	9,7
White	7	126	..	84	7	210	5,8	..	3,4
Total	18	369	8	280	26	649	4,9	2,9	4,1

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 4.3.11: Absorption rate of older persons by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Absorbed	Absorbed
WC	63	304	41	418	104	721	20,8	9,8	14,5
EC	20	236	13	415	33	651	8,6	3,2	5,1
NC	10	58	7	74	17	131	17,7	9,2	12,9
FS	23	105	18	182	41	287	21,6	9,9	14,2
KZN	54	328	52	628	106	955	16,4	8,3	11,1
NW	19	138	3	227	22	366	13,8	1,4	6,1
GP	111	611	102	814	213	1 425	18,2	12,6	15,0
MP	25	127	18	217	43	344	19,6	8,4	12,6
LP	25	184	17	313	42	498	13,8	5,3	8,5
RSA	351	2 091	272	3 288	623	5 379	16,8	8,3	11,6

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 4.3.12: Absorption rate of older persons by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Absorbed	Absorbed
Urban	243	1 399	200	2 066	443	3 464	17,3	9,7	12,8
Rural	108	693	72	1 222	180	1 915	15,7	5,9	9,4
RSA	351	2 091	272	3 288	623	5 379	16,8	8,3	11,6

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 4.3.13: Absorption rate of older persons by population group and sex, 2020

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Total	Absorbed	Absorbed	Absorbed
Black African	192	1 339	160	2 269	352	3 608	14,3	7,1	9,8
Coloured	29	213	25	300	53	512	13,5	8,2	10,4
Indian/ Asian	12	83	3	104	15	187	14,5	2,9	8,0
White	118	457	84	616	203	1 072	25,9	13,7	18,9
Total	351	2 091	272	3 288	623	5 379	16,8	8,3	11,6

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 4.3.14: Inactivity rate of older persons by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive
WC	237	304	377	418	613	721	77,9	90,2	85,0
EC	215	236	398	415	613	651	91,2	95,9	94,2
NC	47	58	67	74	114	131	82,3	90,8	87,1
FS	80	105	163	182	243	287	76,1	89,6	84,7
KZN	271	328	574	628	845	955	82,8	91,4	88,5
NW	119	138	222	227	342	366	86,2	97,8	93,4
GP	492	611	712	814	1 204	1 425	80,5	87,4	84,5
MP	102	127	199	217	300	344	80,0	91,6	87,3
LP	158	184	297	313	455	498	85,9	94,7	91,4
RSA	1 722	2 091	3 008	3 288	4 730	5 379	82,4	91,5	87,9

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 4.3.15: Inactivity rate of older persons by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive
Urban	1 139	1 399	1 857	2 066	2 996	3 464	81,4	89,9	86,5
Rural	583	693	1 150	1 222	1 734	1 915	84,2	94,1	90,5
RSA	1 722	2 091	3 008	3 288	4 730	5 379	82,4	91,5	87,9

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 4.3.16: Inactivity rate of older persons by population group and sex, 2020

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Total	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive
Black African	1 138	1 339	2 102	2 269	3 240	3 608	85,0	92,7	89,8
Coloured	182	213	275	300	457	512	85,7	91,8	89,3
Indian/ Asian	71	83	99	104	170	187	85,5	95,6	91,1
White	331	457	531	616	862	1 072	72,5	86,3	80,4
Total	1 722	2 091	3 008	3 288	4 730	5 379	82,4	91,5	87,9

Source: QLFS Q3 2020

Table 4.3.17: Older persons living in households without an employed adult by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Without	Without
WC	140	288	191	420	331	708	48,7	45,4	46,8
EC	155	271	261	426	416	697	57,3	61,2	59,7
NC	31	53	34	76	64	128	58,1	44,5	50,0
FS	44	94	95	176	139	270	47,1	54,0	51,6
KZN	163	332	298	567	461	899	48,9	52,7	51,3
NW	77	139	135	211	212	350	55,6	63,9	60,6
GP	246	547	301	664	546	1 211	44,9	45,3	45,1
MP	71	134	117	203	188	337	52,6	57,6	55,6
LP	102	169	186	274	288	443	60,1	68,0	65,0
RSA	1 028	2 027	1 617	3 017	2 646	5 044	50,7	53,6	52,4

Source: GHS 2020

Table 4.3.18: Older persons living in households without an employed adult by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Without	Without
Urban	669	1 408	916	1 902	1 584	3 310	47,5	48,1	47,9
Rural	360	619	702	1 115	1 062	1 734	58,1	63,0	61,2
RSA	1 028	2 027	1 617	3 017	2 646	5 044	50,7	53,6	52,4

Source: GHS 2020

Table 4.3.19: Older persons living in households without an employed adult by population group and sex, 2020

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Without	Without
Black African	638	1 238	1 153	1 986	1 791	3 225	51,6	58,0	55,5
Coloured	96	208	111	307	207	515	46,4	36,2	40,3
Indian/ Asian	56	83	52	112	107	196	66,7	46,0	54,8
White	238	498	302	611	540	1 110	47,8	49,4	48,7
Total	1 028	2 027	1 617	3 017	2 646	5 044	50,7	53,6	52,4

Source: GHS 2020

Table 4.3.20: Distribution of the main sources of income in households headed by older persons by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex		N ('000) Total	Salaries/ wages/ commission	Remit- tances	Social grants	Percent		No income	Unspecified	Total
						Sales of farming products and services	Other non-farm income			
WC	Male	220	17,2	0,6	51,7	..	7,4	13,0	10,1	100,0
	Female	196	19,7	0,7	50,2	..	4,2	6,4	18,7	100,0
	Both	415	18,4	0,6	51,0	..	5,9	9,9	14,2	100,0
EC	Male	230	11,9	0,4	78,5	..	1,2	1,3	6,7	100,0
	Female	295	9,7	0,9	82,1	0,1	0,5	2,5	4,1	100,0
	Both	524	10,7	0,7	80,5	0,1	0,8	1,9	5,2	100,0
NC	Male	40	15,1	..	69,9	..	3,8	5,8	5,3	100,0
	Female	44	12,4	..	71,2	..	..	2,8	13,5	100,0
	Both	84	13,7	..	70,6	..	1,8	4,2	9,6	100,0
FS	Male	103	15,9	..	64,3	3,5	6,4	3,4	6,5	100,0
	Female	114	12,8	..	78,4	..	3,0	1,8	3,9	100,0
	Both	217	14,3	..	71,8	1,7	4,6	2,6	5,2	100,0
KZN	Male	262	22,1	1,2	55,8	..	8,0	6,2	6,6	100,0
	Female	377	17,6	7,5	62,4	..	3,1	..	9,3	100,0
	Both	639	19,5	5,0	59,7	..	5,1	2,6	8,2	100,0
NW	Male	124	16,4	..	66,3	1,9	9,1	2,0	4,3	100,0
	Female	153	13,8	1,5	74,4	0,4	1,8	..	8,1	100,0
	Both	277	15,0	0,8	70,8	1,1	5,0	0,9	6,4	100,0
GP	Male	437	29,5	2,6	47,8	..	6,8	5,4	7,9	100,0
	Female	372	27,3	3,2	52,2	0,6	3,4	0,8	12,6	100,0
	Both	808	28,5	2,9	49,8	0,3	5,2	3,3	10,0	100,0
MP	Male	110	22,3	3,5	61,6	..	6,8	3,8	2,0	100,0
	Female	147	10,8	4,8	74,2	..	3,4	2,5	4,3	100,0
	Both	257	15,7	4,2	68,8	..	4,9	3,0	3,3	100,0
LP	Male	150	14,2	0,7	75,9	..	4,3	1,1	4,0	100,0
	Female	196	8,6	1,7	82,3	0,4	1,3	0,6	5,1	100,0
	Both	346	11,0	1,3	79,5	0,2	2,6	0,8	4,6	100,0
RSA	Male	1 675	20,3	1,3	60,1	0,4	6,1	5,1	6,7	100,0
	Female	1 893	16,3	3,0	67,3	0,2	2,5	1,6	8,9	100,0
	Both	3 568	18,2	2,2	63,9	0,3	4,2	3,3	7,9	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 4.3.21: Distribution of the main sources of income in households headed by older persons by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex		N ('000) Total	Salaries/ wages/ commission	Remit- tances	Social grants	Percent		No income	Unspecified	Total
						Sales of farming products and services	Other non-farm income			
Urban	Male	1 123	24,2	1,5	52,3	..	6,7	7,5	7,7	100,0
	Female	1 106	20,9	2,7	57,6	0,2	3,7	2,7	12,3	100,0
	Both	2 230	22,5	2,1	54,9	0,1	5,2	5,1	10,0	100,0
Rural	Male	551	12,5	0,8	76,0	1,1	5,1	0,2	4,5	100,0
	Female	787	10,0	3,5	81,0	0,2	0,9	0,2	4,2	100,0
	Both	1 338	11,0	2,4	78,9	0,6	2,6	0,2	4,3	100,0
RSA	Male	1 675	20,3	1,3	60,1	0,4	6,1	5,1	6,7	100,0
	Female	1 893	16,3	3,0	67,3	0,2	2,5	1,6	8,9	100,0
	Both	3 568	18,2	2,2	63,9	0,3	4,2	3,3	7,9	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

4.4 Older persons: Health

Table 4.4.1: Distribution of types of healthcare facilities visited by older persons by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex		N ('000) Total	Public hospital	Public clinic	Private hospital/ clinic/ doctor	Percent Other facilities	Traditional healer	Unspecified	Total
WC	Male	288	18,6	31,1	47,4	2,9	..	..	100,0
	Female	420	17,9	31,2	48,3	2,5	..	..	100,0
	Both	708	18,2	31,2	48,0	2,7	..	..	100,0
EC	Male	271	10,9	66,9	22,0	0,2	..	..	100,0
	Female	426	10,3	65,3	23,3	1,0	..	..	100,0
	Both	697	10,6	65,9	22,8	0,7	..	..	100,0
NC	Male	53	1,7	68,5	29,7	..	..	..	100,0
	Female	76	3,3	77,6	19,1	..	..	..	100,0
	Both	128	2,6	73,9	23,5	..	..	..	100,0
FS	Male	94	12,4	57,2	30,3	..	..	..	100,0
	Female	176	9,1	57,6	31,4	1,8	..	..	100,0
	Both	270	10,3	57,5	31,0	1,2	..	..	100,0
KZN	Male	332	6,3	73,4	20,2	..	..	..	100,0
	Female	567	7,9	77,2	14,8	..	0,1	..	100,0
	Both	899	7,3	75,8	16,8	..	0,1	..	100,0
NW	Male	139	3,3	65,4	31,2	..	..	..	100,0
	Female	211	5,6	63,8	30,6	..	..	..	100,0
	Both	350	4,7	64,5	30,9	..	..	..	100,0
GP	Male	547	6,0	55,5	34,8	2,7	..	0,9	100,0
	Female	664	4,2	55,3	37,5	1,5	0,2	1,2	100,0
	Both	1 211	5,0	55,4	36,3	2,1	0,1	1,1	100,0
MP	Male	134	3,7	74,1	21,5	0,7	..	..	100,0
	Female	203	2,9	81,7	15,4	..	..	..	100,0
	Both	337	3,2	78,6	17,8	0,3	..	..	100,0
LP	Male	169	5,8	80,2	13,2	0,8	..	..	100,0
	Female	274	4,8	83,2	11,7	0,4	..	..	100,0
	Both	443	5,2	82,0	12,3	0,5	..	..	100,0
RSA	Male	2 027	8,3	60,9	29,2	1,3	..	0,3	100,0
	Female	3 017	8,0	63,1	27,6	1,0	0,1	0,3	100,0
	Both	5 044	8,1	62,2	28,3	1,1	0,0	0,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 4.4.2: Distribution of types of healthcare facilities visited by older persons by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex		N ('000) Total	Public hospital	Public clinic	Private hospital/ clinic/ doctor	Percent Other facilities	Traditional healer	Unspecified	Total
Urban	Male	1 408	9,6	51,9	36,4	1,7	..	0,4	100,0
	Female	1 902	10,1	49,8	38,3	1,4	0,1	0,4	100,0
	Both	3 310	9,9	50,7	37,5	1,5	0,1	0,4	100,0
Rural	Male	619	5,3	81,3	13,0	0,4	..	..	100,0
	Female	1 115	4,5	85,7	9,5	0,3	..	..	100,0
	Both	1 734	4,8	84,2	10,7	0,3	..	..	100,0
RSA	Male	2 027	8,3	60,9	29,2	1,3	..	0,3	100,0
	Female	3 017	8,0	63,1	27,6	1,0	0,1	0,3	100,0
	Both	5 044	8,1	62,2	28,3	1,1	0,0	0,3	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 4.4.3: Older persons with access to medical aid by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Percent			
		Total	Medical aid	No medical aid	Unspecified	Total
Urban	Male	1 408	31,7	68,0	0,4	100,0
	Female	1 902	30,6	69,0	0,4	100,0
	Both	3 310	31,0	68,6	0,4	100,0
Rural	Male	619	7,1	92,9	..	100,0
	Female	1 115	4,4	95,6	..	100,0
	Both	1 734	5,3	94,7	..	100,0
RSA	Male	2 027	24,2	75,6	0,3	100,0
	Female	3 017	20,9	78,9	0,2	100,0
	Both	5 044	22,2	77,6	0,2	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 4.4.4: Older persons with access to medical aid by population group and sex, 2020

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Percent			
		Total	Medical aid	No medical aid	Unspecified	Total
Black African	Male	1 238	6,3	93,7	..	100,0
	Female	1 986	5,3	94,7	..	100,0
	Both	3 225	5,7	94,3	..	100,0
Coloured	Male	208	14,6	85,4	..	100,0
	Female	307	16,6	83,4	..	100,0
	Both	515	15,7	84,3	..	100,0
Indian/ Asian	Male	83	17,6	82,4	..	100,0
	Female	112	13,5	86,5	..	100,0
	Both	196	15,2	84,8	..	100,0
White	Male	498	73,6	25,4	1,0	100,0
	Female	611	75,2	23,6	1,2	100,0
	Both	1 110	74,5	24,4	1,1	100,0
Total	Male	2 027	24,2	75,6	0,3	100,0
	Female	3 017	20,9	78,9	0,2	100,0
	Both	5 044	22,2	77,6	0,2	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 4.4.5: Persons 60 years and older who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population by province, 2020

Province	N ('000)				Percent	
	Elderly		Total		Elderly	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering
WC	390	708	951	6 941	55,1	13,7
EC	435	697	759	6 530	62,5	11,6
NC	75	128	193	1 263	58,5	15,3
FS	167	270	346	2 945	61,8	11,7
KZN	527	899	925	11 519	58,6	8,0
NW	191	350	456	4 070	54,5	11,2
GP	618	1 211	1 453	15 465	51,1	9,4
MP	171	337	371	4 689	50,7	7,9
LP	179	443	331	6 015	40,3	5,5
RSA	2 753	5 044	5 784	59 437	54,6	9,7

Source: GHS 2020

Chronic illness categories were reduced from 17 to five in 2020 due to a change in data collection methodology.

Table 4.4.6: Persons 60 years and older who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population by geo-type, 2020

Geo-type	N ('000)				Percent	
	Elderly		Total		Elderly	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering
Urban	1 855	3 310	4 047	37 757	56,0	10,7
Rural	898	1 734	1 737	21 679	51,8	8,0
RSA	2 753	5 044	5 784	59 437	54,6	9,7

Source: GHS 2020

Chronic illness categories were reduced from 17 to five in 2020 due to a change in data collection methodology

Table 4.4.7: Persons 60 years and older who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population by sex, 2020

Sex	N ('000)				Percent	
	Elderly		Total		Elderly	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering
Male	987	2 027	2 106	29 090	48,7	7,2
Female	1 766	3 017	3 677	30 347	58,5	12,1
Both	2 753	5 044	5 784	59 437	54,6	9,7

Source: GHS 2020

Chronic illness categories were reduced from 17 to five in 2020 due to a change in data collection methodology.

4.5 Older persons: Vulnerability to hunger

Table 4.5.1: Older persons living in households that reported hunger by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering	Suffering
WC	23	286	29	420	52	707	7,9	6,9	7,3
EC	18	264	25	421	43	684	6,8	6,0	6,3
NC	4	51	4	74	7	125	7,2	4,8	5,8
FS	5	93	16	176	22	269	5,8	9,3	8,1
KZN	9	332	29	567	38	899	2,7	5,1	4,2
NW	20	134	22	208	42	342	14,9	10,7	12,3
GP	27	542	35	659	62	1 201	5,0	5,3	5,2
MP	1	124	19	198	20	322	0,7	9,5	6,1
LP	1	169	3	274	4	443	0,6	1,2	1,0
RSA	108	1 996	183	2 997	291	4 993	5,4	6,1	5,8

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 4.5.2: Older persons living in households that reported hunger by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering	Suffering
Urban	70	1 384	102	1 888	172	3 272	5,0	5,4	5,2
Rural	38	612	81	1 109	119	1 721	6,2	7,3	6,9
RSA	108	1 996	183	2 997	291	4 993	5,4	6,1	5,8

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 4.5.3: Older persons living in households that reported hunger by population group and sex, 2020

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering	Suffering
Black African	90	1 223	164	1 981	254	3 204	7,3	8,3	7,9
Coloured	14	208	17	307	30	515	6,7	5,4	5,9
Indian/ Asian	..	83	..	112	..	196	..	..	..
White	4	482	3	597	7	1 079	0,8	0,4	0,6
Total	108	1 996	183	2 997	291	4 993	5,4	6,1	5,8

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 4.5.4: Younger persons (less than 60 years) living in households that reported hunger by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering	Suffering
WC	602	3 159	551	3 068	1 153	6 227	19,1	17,9	18,5
EC	280	2 863	334	2 964	614	5 827	9,8	11,3	10,5
NC	94	555	116	580	210	1 134	17,0	20,1	18,6
FS	209	1 224	201	1 406	410	2 629	17,1	14,3	15,6
KZN	412	5 230	547	5 386	959	10 617	7,9	10,2	9,0
NW	393	1 796	516	1 908	909	3 703	21,9	27,0	24,5
GP	714	7 350	670	6 889	1 384	14 240	9,7	9,7	9,7
MP	408	2 119	399	2 201	806	4 320	19,2	18,1	18,7
LP	73	2 694	58	2 878	132	5 572	2,7	2,0	2,4
RSA	3 185	26 989	3 393	27 280	6 578	54 269	11,8	12,4	12,1

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 4.5.5: Younger persons (less than 60 years) living in households that reported hunger by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering	Suffering
Urban	1 984	17 185	2 100	17 149	4 084	34 334	11,5	12,2	11,9
Rural	1 201	9 804	1 293	10 131	2 493	19 935	12,2	12,8	12,5
RSA	3 185	26 989	3 393	27 280	6 578	54 269	11,8	12,4	12,1

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases

Table 4.5.6: Younger persons (less than 60 years) living in households that reported hunger by population group and sex, 2020

Population group and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Suffering	Suffering
Black African	2 890	22 380	3 129	22 690	6 018	45 070	12,9	13,8	13,4
Coloured	288	2 287	257	2 339	545	4 626	12,6	11,0	11,8
Indian/ Asian	1	676	..	600	1	1 276	0,2	..	0,1
White	6	1 647	7	1 650	13	3 297	0,4	0,4	0,4
Total	3 185	26 989	3 393	27 280	6 578	54 269	11,8	12,4	12,1

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases.

4.6 Older persons: Education

Table 4.6.1: Older persons who are functionally literate by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate	Literate	Literate
WC	235	288	359	420	595	708	81,8	85,5	84,0
EC	171	271	261	426	432	697	63,0	61,3	61,9
NC	35	53	41	76	76	128	65,8	54,7	59,2
FS	63	94	117	176	180	270	67,4	66,4	66,8
KZN	196	332	279	567	475	899	58,9	49,2	52,8
NW	90	139	136	211	226	350	64,6	64,5	64,5
GP	462	542	555	659	1 017	1 201	85,2	84,2	84,7
MP	69	134	70	203	139	337	51,6	34,5	41,3
LP	88	169	89	274	177	443	52,0	32,4	39,9
RSA	1 409	2 022	1 908	3 012	3 317	5 034	69,7	63,3	65,9

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 4.6.2: Older persons who are functionally literate by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate	Literate	Literate
Urban	1 130	1 403	1 486	1 897	2 615	3 300	80,5	78,3	79,2
Rural	279	619	422	1 115	702	1 734	45,1	37,9	40,5
RSA	1 409	2 022	1 908	3 012	3 317	5 034	69,7	63,3	65,9

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 4.6.3: Older persons who are functionally literate by population group and sex, 2020

Population group and sex	Male		Female		Both		Percent		
	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Male Literate	Female Literate	Both Literate
Black African	693	1 238	986	1 986	1 678	3 225	55,9	49,6	52,0
Coloured	148	208	225	307	373	515	71,3	73,3	72,5
Indian/ Asian	75	83	91	112	166	196	90,0	80,9	84,8
White	493	493	606	606	1 099	1 099	100,0	100,0	100,0
Total	1 409	2 022	1 908	3 012	3 317	5 034	69,7	63,3	65,9

Source: GHS 2020.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 4.6.4: Distribution of older persons by province, sex and the highest level of education attained, 2020

Province and sex		N ('000) Total	Percent						Total
			Less than matric	Matric	Other tertiary	Graduates	Other	Unspecified	
WC	Male	288	43,8	27,6	9,8	12,8	6,0	..	100,0
	Female	420	66,9	18,5	5,8	5,8	3,0	..	100,0
	Both	708	57,5	22,2	7,5	8,6	4,2	..	100,0
EC	Male	271	74,2	12,1	6,1	3,8	3,9	..	100,0
	Female	426	78,6	10,7	7,6	3,0	..	..	100,0
	Both	697	76,9	11,2	7,0	3,3	1,5	..	100,0
NC	Male	53	86,9	6,6	4,5	..	2,0	..	100,0
	Female	76	84,7	11,1	..	2,9	1,3	..	100,0
	Both	128	85,6	9,3	1,8	1,7	1,6	..	100,0
FS	Male	94	70,0	18,8	5,4	0,4	5,3	..	100,0
	Female	176	80,8	8,0	2,4	5,5	3,3	..	100,0
	Both	270	77,0	11,8	3,4	3,7	4,0	..	100,0
KZN	Male	332	70,7	16,8	5,6	5,4	1,4	..	100,0
	Female	567	82,4	7,4	5,4	2,8	1,9	..	100,0
	Both	899	78,1	10,9	5,5	3,8	1,7	..	100,0
NW	Male	139	68,6	18,8	4,2	3,1	5,3	..	100,0
	Female	211	69,5	14,6	4,8	3,9	7,2	..	100,0
	Both	350	69,1	16,2	4,6	3,6	6,5	..	100,0
GP	Male	547	47,9	22,2	5,5	17,1	6,5	0,9	100,0
	Female	664	51,5	23,3	7,4	11,7	5,4	0,8	100,0
	Both	1 211	49,9	22,8	6,5	14,1	5,9	0,8	100,0
MP	Male	134	79,3	12,7	4,9	0,8	2,2	..	100,0
	Female	203	87,5	9,3	0,5	1,1	1,6	..	100,0
	Both	337	84,2	10,7	2,3	1,0	1,8	..	100,0
LP	Male	169	74,6	5,9	3,8	2,7	12,9	..	100,0
	Female	274	92,3	2,2	1,8	1,9	1,9	..	100,0
	Both	443	85,6	3,6	2,5	2,2	6,1	..	100,0
RSA	Male	2 027	62,3	17,9	5,9	8,3	5,2	0,3	100,0
	Female	3 017	73,2	13,2	5,2	5,3	3,0	0,2	100,0
	Both	5 044	68,8	15,1	5,5	6,5	3,9	0,2	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 4.6.5: Distribution of older persons by geo-type, sex and the highest level of education attained, 2020

Geo-type and sex		N ('000) Total	Percent						Total
			Less than matric	Matric	Other tertiary	Graduates	Other	Unspecified	
Urban	Male	1 408	52,9	23,2	7,3	11,4	4,8	0,4	100,0
	Female	1 902	63,0	19,2	6,9	7,9	2,7	0,3	100,0
	Both	3 310	58,7	20,9	7,0	9,4	3,6	0,3	100,0
Rural	Male	619	83,7	5,9	2,8	1,3	6,3	..	100,0
	Female	1 115	90,6	2,9	2,4	0,7	3,4	..	100,0
	Both	1 734	88,2	4,0	2,5	0,9	4,4	..	100,0
RSA	Male	2 027	62,3	17,9	5,9	8,3	5,2	0,3	100,0
	Female	3 017	73,2	13,2	5,2	5,3	3,0	0,2	100,0
	Both	5 044	68,8	15,1	5,5	6,5	3,9	0,2	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 4.6.6: Distribution of older persons by population group, sex and the highest level of education attained, 2020

Population group and sex		N ('000) Total	Percent						Total
			Less than matric	Matric	Other tertiary	Graduates	Other	Unspecified	
Black African	Male	1 238	78,4	9,4	2,8	2,0	7,4	..	100,0
	Female	1 986	85,9	6,0	2,8	1,5	3,8	..	100,0
	Both	3 225	83,0	7,3	2,8	1,7	5,2	..	100,0
Coloured	Male	208	69,1	18,0	5,8	0,2	7,0	..	100,0
	Female	307	87,2	3,8	4,2	1,6	3,3	..	100,0
	Both	515	79,9	9,5	4,8	1,1	4,8	..	100,0
Indian/ Asian	Male	83	63,6	18,8	7,4	10,2	..	..	100,0
	Female	112	82,1	17,8	0,0	..	0,1	..	100,0
	Both	196	74,2	18,2	3,2	4,4	0,1	..	100,0
White	Male	498	19,4	39,1	13,4	27,1	..	1,0	100,0
	Female	611	23,3	40,6	14,3	20,4	0,5	0,8	100,0
	Both	1 110	21,6	39,9	13,9	23,4	0,3	0,9	100,0
Total	Male	2 027	62,3	17,9	5,9	8,3	5,2	0,3	100,0
	Female	3 017	73,2	13,2	5,2	5,3	3,0	0,2	100,0
	Both	5 044	68,8	15,1	5,5	6,5	3,9	0,2	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

4.7 Older persons: Housing and basic services

Table 4.7.1: Distribution of persons 60 years and older living in formal, informal and traditional housing by province and sex, 2020

Province and sex		N ('000) Total	Percent				Total
			Formal	Traditional	Informal	Other	
WC	Male	288	98,3	..	1,7	..	100,0
	Female	420	98,5	..	1,5	..	100,0
	Both	708	98,4	..	1,6	..	100,0
EC	Male	271	73,3	24,0	1,8	0,8	100,0
	Female	426	74,1	24,0	1,2	0,7	100,0
	Both	697	73,8	24,0	1,5	0,7	100,0
NC	Male	53	96,7	..	3,3	..	100,0
	Female	76	96,0	..	4,0	..	100,0
	Both	128	96,3	..	3,7	..	100,0
FS	Male	94	90,4	..	9,6	..	100,0
	Female	176	86,0	6,5	7,5	..	100,0
	Both	270	87,5	4,2	8,3	..	100,0
KZN	Male	332	92,2	7,3	0,5	..	100,0
	Female	567	89,0	10,7	0,3	..	100,0
	Both	899	90,2	9,4	0,4	..	100,0
NW	Male	139	94,8	..	5,2	..	100,0
	Female	211	95,1	..	4,9	..	100,0
	Both	350	95,0	..	5,0	..	100,0
GP	Male	547	96,1	..	3,9	..	100,0
	Female	664	98,1	..	1,9	..	100,0
	Both	1 211	97,2	..	2,8	..	100,0
MP	Male	134	98,5	1,5	..	..	100,0
	Female	203	94,8	3,2	2,0	..	100,0
	Both	337	96,3	2,5	1,2	..	100,0
LP	Male	169	99,4	0,6	..	..	100,0
	Female	274	99,9	0,1	..	..	100,0
	Both	443	99,7	0,3	..	..	100,0
RSA	Male	2 027	92,8	4,5	2,5	0,1	100,0
	Female	3 017	92,0	6,0	1,9	0,1	100,0
	Both	5 044	92,3	5,4	2,1	0,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 4.7.2: Distribution of persons 60 years and older living in formal, informal and traditional housing by geo-type and sex, 2020

Geo-type and sex		N ('000)	Percent				
		Total	Formal	Traditional	Informal	Other	Total
Urban	Male	1 408	96,7	0,3	2,8	0,2	100,0
	Female	1 902	97,3	0,5	2,1	0,1	100,0
	Both	3 310	97,0	0,4	2,4	0,1	100,0
Rural	Male	619	83,9	14,2	1,8	..	100,0
	Female	1 115	83,1	15,4	1,5	0,0	100,0
	Both	1 734	83,4	15,0	1,6	0,0	100,0
RSA	Male	2 027	92,8	4,5	2,5	0,1	100,0
	Female	3 017	92,0	6,0	1,9	0,1	100,0
	Both	5 044	92,3	5,4	2,1	0,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 4.7.3: Distribution of persons 60 years and older living in formal, informal and traditional housing by age group and sex, 2020

Age group and sex		N ('000)	Percent				
		Total	Formal	Traditional	Informal	Other	Total
60-69 years	Male	1 308	92,8	4,5	2,7	..	100,0
	Female	1 743	91,9	5,3	2,8	0,1	100,0
	Both	3 051	92,3	4,9	2,7	0,0	100,0
70+ years	Male	719	92,8	4,6	2,3	0,3	100,0
	Female	1 274	92,3	7,0	0,6	0,1	100,0
	Both	1 993	92,5	6,1	1,2	0,2	100,0
Total	Male	2 027	92,8	4,5	2,5	0,1	100,0
	Female	3 017	92,0	6,0	1,9	0,1	100,0
	Both	5 044	92,3	5,4	2,1	0,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2020

Table 4.7.4: Living condition indicators of persons 60 years and above compared to the overall population, 2020**Access to piped water**

Age group	N ('000)	Percent	
		Access	Unspecified
Not elderly	54 392	73,0	0,3
Elderly	5 044	77,5	0,2
Total	59 437	73,4	0,3

Source: GHS 2020

Access to improved sanitation

Age group	N ('000)	Percent
		Access
Not elderly	54 392	82,1
Elderly	5 044	87,6
Total	59 437	82,5

Source: GHS 2020

Refuse/ waste removed by the municipality

Age group	N ('000)	Percent	
		Access	Unspecified
Not elderly	54 392	61,6	0,1
Elderly	5 044	66,0	0,2
Total	59 437	61,9	0,1

Source: GHS 2020

Access to electricity connected to the mains

Age group	N ('000)	Percent	
	Total	Access	Unspecified
Not elderly	54 392	92,5	4,9
Elderly	5 044	97,2	2,3
Total	59 437	92,9	4,7

Source: GHS 2020

Use solid fuels for cooking

Age group	N ('000)	Percent
	Total	Access
Not elderly	54 392	11,7
Elderly	5 044	9,6
Total	59 437	11,5

Source: GHS 2020

4.8 Older persons: Violence and crime victims**Table 4.8.1: Older persons who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area during the day by province, 2019_20**

Province	N ('000)		Percent Unsafe
	Unsafe	Total responded	
WC	158	660	23,9
EC	91	703	12,9
NC	13	126	10,6
FS	37	275	13,4
KZN	118	1 005	11,7
NW	63	372	16,9
GP	176	1 310	13,4
MP	49	368	13,3
LP	48	475	10,0
RSA	753	5 294	14,2

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (PSJS) 2019/20

Table 4.8.2: Older persons who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area during the day by sex, 2019_20

Sex	N ('000)		Percent Unsafe
	Unsafe	Total responded	
Male	317	2 137	14,8
Female	436	3 157	13,8
Both	753	5 294	14,2

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (PSJS) 2019/20

Table 4.8.3: Older persons who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area at night by province, 2019_20

Province	N ('000)		Percent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
WC	355	660	53,8
EC	423	703	60,2
NC	75	126	59,2
FS	182	275	66,2
KZN	485	1 005	48,2
NW	231	372	62,1
GP	779	1 310	59,4
MP	246	368	66,7
LP	216	475	45,5
RSA	2 992	5 294	56,5

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (PSJS) 2019/20

Table 4.8.4: Older persons who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area at night by sex, 2019_20

Sex	N ('000)		Percent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
Male	1 156	2 137	54,1
Female	1 836	3 157	58,1
Both	2 992	5 294	56,5

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (PSJS) 2019/20

Table 4.8.5: Older persons who have been victims of property crime during the past 5 years by sex, 2019_20

Sex	N ('000)		Percent
	Suffering	Total responded	Suffering
Male	72	2 137	3,3
Female	112	3 157	3,5
Both	184	5 294	3,4

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (PSJS) 2019/20

Table 4.8.6: Older persons who have been victims of assault during the past 5 years by sex, 2019_20

Sex	N ('000)		Percent
	Suffering	Total responded	Suffering
Male	7	2 137	0,3
Female	10	3 157	0,3
Both	17	5 294	0,3

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (PSJS) 2019/20

INDICATORS: DISABLED PERSONS

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

5.1 Demography of disabled persons

Table 5.1.1: Distribution of disabled persons by province, 2016

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

Source: CS 2016.
Excluding unspecified cases.

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

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

Source: CS 2016.
Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 5.1.3: Distribution of disabled persons by sex, 2016

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

Source: CS 2016.
Excluding unspecified cases.

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

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

Source: CS 2016.
Excluding unspecified cases.

5.2 Disabled persons: Household characteristics

Table 5.2.1: Distribution of disabled households by province, 2016

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

Source: CS 2016.

Excluding unspecified cases.

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

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

Source: CS 2016.

Excluding unspecified cases.

Table 5.2.3: Distribution of disabled households by sex, 2016

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

Source: CS 2016.

Excluding unspecified cases.

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

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

Source: CS 2016.

Excluding unspecified cases.

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

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

Source: CS 2016.

Excluding unspecified cases.

5.3 Disabled persons: Education

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

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

Source: CS 2016.

Other include unspecified cases.

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

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

Source: CS 2016.

Other include unspecified cases.

5.4 Disabled persons: Housing and basic services

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

Access to piped water

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

Source: CS 2016.

Excluding unspecified cases

Access to improved sanitation

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

Source: CS 2016.

Excluding unspecified cases

Refuse/ waste removed by the municipality

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

Source: CS 2016.

Excluding unspecified cases

Access to electricity connected to the mains

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

Source: CS 2016.

Excluding unspecified cases

Use solid fuels for cooking

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

Source: CS 2016.

Excluding unspecified cases.



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