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## Introduction

A wide range of interventions aimed at addressing the challenges faced by various sectors of the country's population necessitates adequate monitoring as well as information on key indicators that can be used to track progress.

Marginalised groups are one of the most affected sectors of the population. Marginalised groups 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 a 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 – aged 17 years and younger;
- The youth – persons aged between 15 and 34 years;
- Women – the female population;
- Older persons – persons aged 60 years and older; 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 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 “Marginalised Groups Indicator Report: 2022” 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 ninth report in the series and focuses on data collected during 2022. 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 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 cover approximately 30 000 households that are representative of all nine provinces. Disability statistics were tabulated using Census 2022. 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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## Definitions

- **Sex Parity Ratio (GPR):** The ratio of males to females in a given population, usually expressed as the number of males for every 100 females.
- **Graduates:** Student who have satisfied all requirements of the full qualification for which he/she was registered for at Department of Higher Education and Training.
- **Head of the household:** Main decision-maker, or the person who owns or rents the dwelling, or the person who is the breadwinner.
- **Labour force participation rate:** The proportion of the working-age population that is either employed or unemployed.
- **Employed persons:** are 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 (i.e. were 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.
- **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** consist of spouses living alone, or with their children.
- **Extended households** include other relatives in addition to the nucleus.
- **Complex households** consist of a nuclear or extended household core and non-related individuals.

**Intergenerational households:**

- 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** consists of family members from at least two generations, i.e. parents and children.
- **Triple generations households**, contains three generations of families (grandparents, parents and grandchildren) in the same household.
- **Skip generation household** comprises of grandchildren living with one or more grandparents in the absence of any biological parents.
- **Formal dwelling** refers to a structure built according to an approved plan i.e. house, flat, apartment, townhouse, flat let, duplex, second dwelling, etc.

- **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.

#### **Type of diseases:**

- A **chronic disease** is a disease that persists over a long duration, generally of slow progression and requires ongoing medical attention.

#### **Access to basic household services:**

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

#### **Derived Concepts:**

**Metro-** Geographical area consisting of districts of Cape Town, Johannesburg, Ekurhuleni, eThekweni, Nelson Mandela, Tshwane, Mangaung and Buffalo.

**Non-Metro-** Geographical areas other than metro.

**Notes to data users:**

- The household survey program at Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) uses the Master Sample frame, which has been developed as a general-purpose household survey frame that can be used by all other Stats SA household-based surveys based on information collected during the 2011 Census conducted by Stats SA. In addition, all the household-based surveys at Stats SA are benchmarked to population estimates series preceding the 2022 Census and hence do not reflect the demographics of Census 2022. Future surveys from Stats SA will be reflective of the Census as soon as these estimates are available.
- Since the analysis largely relies on household surveys and a weighting process to extrapolate sample estimates to population estimates, the absolute number of cases does not always correspond with census or administrative data sources.

## INDICATORS: CHILDREN

Children are defined as persons aged 17 years and younger.

### 1.1 Demography of children

**Table 1.1.1: Distribution of children by province and sex, 2022**

Province	N ('000)			Percent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
WC	1 047	1 078	<b>2 125</b>	49,3	50,7	<b>100,0</b>
EC	1 288	1 242	<b>2 530</b>	50,9	49,1	<b>100,0</b>
NC	209	229	<b>438</b>	47,7	52,3	<b>100,0</b>
FS	516	519	<b>1 035</b>	49,9	50,1	<b>100,0</b>
KZN	2 224	2 128	<b>4 352</b>	51,1	48,9	<b>100,0</b>
NW	714	766	<b>1 480</b>	48,2	51,8	<b>100,0</b>
GP	2 347	2 275	<b>4 621</b>	50,8	49,2	<b>100,0</b>
MP	891	878	<b>1 769</b>	50,4	49,6	<b>100,0</b>
LP	1 218	1 299	<b>2 516</b>	48,4	51,6	<b>100,0</b>
<b>RSA</b>	<b>10 454</b>	<b>10 413</b>	<b>20 867</b>	<b>50,1</b>	<b>49,9</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 1.1.2: Distribution of children by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)			Percent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
Metro	3 685	3 679	<b>7 364</b>	50,0	50,0	<b>100,0</b>
Non-metro	6 768	6 734	<b>13 503</b>	50,1	49,9	<b>100,0</b>
<b>RSA</b>	<b>10 454</b>	<b>10 413</b>	<b>20 867</b>	<b>50,1</b>	<b>49,9</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 1.1.3: Distribution of children by population group and sex, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)			Percent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
Black African	8 999	8 992	<b>17 991</b>	50,0	50,0	<b>100,0</b>
Coloured	848	841	<b>1 690</b>	50,2	49,8	<b>100,0</b>
Indian/ Asian	178	168	<b>345</b>	51,4	48,6	<b>100,0</b>
White	429	412	<b>841</b>	51,0	49,0	<b>100,0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 454</b>	<b>10 413</b>	<b>20 867</b>	<b>50,1</b>	<b>49,9</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 1.1.4: Children as a proportion of the overall population by province and sex, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Children	Total	Children	Total	Children	Total	Children		
WC	1 047	3 465	1 078	3 765	2 125	7 231	30,2	28,6	29,4
EC	1 288	3 176	1 242	3 363	2 530	6 539	40,6	36,9	38,7
NC	209	633	229	661	438	1 294	33,0	34,7	33,9
FS	516	1 457	519	1 543	1 035	3 000	35,4	33,6	34,5
KZN	2 224	5 719	2 128	6 103	4 352	11 822	38,9	34,9	36,8
NW	714	2 032	766	2 175	1 480	4 206	35,1	35,2	35,2
GP	2 347	8 308	2 275	7 958	4 621	16 267	28,2	28,6	28,4
MP	891	2 359	878	2 498	1 769	4 857	37,8	35,1	36,4
LP	1 218	2 915	1 299	3 252	2 516	6 168	41,8	39,9	40,8
<b>RSA</b>	<b>10 454</b>	<b>30 065</b>	<b>10 413</b>	<b>31 319</b>	<b>20 867</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>34,8</b>	<b>33,2</b>	<b>34,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 1.1.5: Children as a proportion of the overall population by geographical location and sex, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Children	Total	Children	Total	Children	Total	Children		
Metro	3 685	12 829	3 679	12 874	7 364	25 703	28,7	28,6	28,7
Non-metro	6 768	17 237	6 734	18 445	13 503	35 682	39,3	36,5	37,8
<b>RSA</b>	<b>10 454</b>	<b>30 065</b>	<b>10 413</b>	<b>31 319</b>	<b>20 867</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>34,8</b>	<b>33,2</b>	<b>34,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 1.1.6: Children as a proportion of the overall population by population group and sex, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Children	Total	Children	Total	Children	Total	Children		
Black African	8 999	24 616	8 992	25 640	17 991	50 256	36,6	35,1	35,8
Coloured	848	2 548	841	2 706	1 690	5 253	33,3	31,1	32,2
Indian/ Asian	178	783	168	732	345	1 515	22,7	22,9	22,8
White	429	2 118	412	2 242	841	4 360	20,2	18,4	19,3
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 454</b>	<b>30 065</b>	<b>10 413</b>	<b>31 319</b>	<b>20 867</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>34,8</b>	<b>33,2</b>	<b>34,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

## 1.2 Children: Household characteristics

**Table 1.2.1: Distribution of children by province, sex and orphan-hood status, 2022**

Province and sex		N ('000)	Percent					
		Total	Maternal orphan	Paternal orphan	Double orphan	Not orphaned	Unspecified	Total
WC	Male	1 047	1,7	4,8	1,6	89,9	2,1	100,0
	Female	1 078	1,7	5,9	1,3	89,8	1,3	100,0
	Both	2 125	1,7	5,4	1,4	89,9	1,7	100,0
EC	Male	1 288	3,1	8,4	2,9	83,2	2,4	100,0
	Female	1 242	2,2	8,7	2,7	84,6	1,8	100,0
	Both	2 530	2,7	8,5	2,8	83,9	2,1	100,0
NC	Male	209	3,5	5,5	1,8	87,6	1,6	100,0
	Female	229	2,8	5,3	1,8	89,0	1,2	100,0
	Both	438	3,1	5,4	1,8	88,3	1,4	100,0
FS	Male	516	4,6	8,6	2,2	81,7	3,0	100,0
	Female	519	3,0	10,7	2,5	82,6	1,2	100,0
	Both	1 035	3,8	9,6	2,3	82,2	2,1	100,0
KZN	Male	2 224	2,4	8,9	2,3	84,8	1,6	100,0
	Female	2 128	2,1	8,5	2,3	85,1	2,0	100,0
	Both	4 352	2,2	8,7	2,3	84,9	1,8	100,0
NW	Male	714	2,7	8,9	2,4	82,0	4,0	100,0
	Female	766	2,6	7,9	2,0	85,1	2,5	100,0
	Both	1 480	2,6	8,4	2,2	83,6	3,2	100,0
GP	Male	2 347	2,7	7,0	1,5	87,3	1,5	100,0
	Female	2 275	1,9	6,7	2,2	87,8	1,4	100,0
	Both	4 621	2,3	6,8	1,9	87,5	1,5	100,0
MP	Male	891	3,4	8,2	1,6	86,2	0,6	100,0
	Female	878	2,9	8,2	1,6	85,6	1,7	100,0
	Both	1 769	3,1	8,2	1,6	85,9	1,2	100,0
LP	Male	1 218	2,4	7,0	1,8	86,8	2,0	100,0
	Female	1 299	2,2	6,2	1,6	87,7	2,4	100,0
	Both	2 516	2,3	6,6	1,7	87,2	2,2	100,0
RSA	Male	10 454	2,7	7,6	2,0	85,7	1,9	100,0
	Female	10 413	2,2	7,5	2,1	86,4	1,8	100,0
	Both	20 867	2,4	7,6	2,0	86,1	1,8	100,0

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 1.2.2: Distribution of children by geographical area, sex and orphan-hood status, 2022**

Metro and sex		N ('000)	Percent					
			Total	Maternal orphan	Paternal orphan	Double orphan	Not orphaned	Unspecified
Metro	Male	3 685	2,2	6,6	1,6	88,2	1,5	100,0
	Female	3 679	1,8	6,5	1,8	88,5	1,4	100,0
	Both	7 364	2,0	6,6	1,7	88,4	1,4	100,0
Non-metro	Male	6 768	3,0	8,2	2,3	84,4	2,2	100,0
	Female	6 734	2,4	8,1	2,2	85,3	2,0	100,0
	Both	13 503	2,7	8,2	2,2	84,8	2,1	100,0
RSA	Male	10 454	2,7	7,6	2,0	85,7	1,9	100,0
	Female	10 413	2,2	7,5	2,1	86,4	1,8	100,0
	Both	20 867	2,4	7,6	2,0	86,1	1,8	100,0

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 1.2.3: Distribution of children by population group, sex and orphan-hood status, 2022**

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Percent					
			Total	Maternal orphan	Paternal orphan	Double orphan	Not orphaned	Unspecified
Black African	Male	8 999	2,9	8,2	2,2	84,7	2,1	100,0
	Female	8 992	2,3	8,1	2,3	85,4	1,8	100,0
	Both	17 991	2,6	8,2	2,2	85,0	2,0	100,0
Coloured	Male	848	2,5	4,8	1,5	90,0	1,2	100,0
	Female	841	1,9	5,4	0,8	90,8	1,1	100,0
	Both	1 690	2,2	5,1	1,2	90,4	1,2	100,0
Indian/Asian	Male	178	..	..	0,7	99,3	..	100,0
	Female	168	0,4	1,3	..	97,8	0,4	100,0
	Both	345	0,2	0,6	0,3	98,6	0,2	100,0
White	Male	429	..	4,3	0,5	93,5	1,7	100,0
	Female	412	0,5	1,8	..	95,9	1,7	100,0
	Both	841	0,3	3,0	0,3	94,7	1,7	100,0
Total	Male	10 454	2,7	7,6	2,0	85,7	1,9	100,0
	Female	10 413	2,2	7,5	2,1	86,4	1,8	100,0
	Both	20 867	2,4	7,6	2,0	86,1	1,8	100,0

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 1.2.4: Children by sex and their parental living arrangements, 2022**

Sex	N ('000)	Percent				
		Lives with mother only	Lives with father only	Lives with both parents	Lives with neither parent	Total
Male	10 454	43,7	4,4	31,8	20,0	100,0
Female	10 413	44,4	3,0	33,5	19,1	100,0
Both	20 867	44,1	3,7	32,7	19,5	100,0

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 1.2.5: Distribution of children by province, sex and household composition, 2022**

Province and sex		N ('000)	Percent					Total
			Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	Unspecified	
WC	Male	1 047	..	46,6	47,7	5,6	0,1	100,0
	Female	1 078	..	48,3	47,3	4,2	0,1	100,0
	Both	2 125	..	47,5	47,5	4,9	0,1	100,0
EC	Male	1 288	..	22,8	75,4	1,8	..	100,0
	Female	1 242	0,0	24,7	73,3	2,0	..	100,0
	Both	2 530	0,0	23,7	74,3	1,9	..	100,0
NC	Male	209	..	40,9	55,0	4,1	..	100,0
	Female	229	..	32,1	63,2	4,7	..	100,0
	Both	438	..	36,3	59,3	4,4	..	100,0
FS	Male	516	0,1	44,3	51,8	3,2	0,7	100,0
	Female	519	0,1	44,1	53,8	1,6	0,3	100,0
	Both	1 035	0,1	44,2	52,8	2,4	0,5	100,0
KZN	Male	2 224	0,1	20,9	76,3	2,1	0,6	100,0
	Female	2 128	..	24,3	74,0	1,3	0,4	100,0
	Both	4 352	0,1	22,6	75,2	1,7	0,5	100,0
NW	Male	714	..	32,7	64,4	2,9	..	100,0
	Female	766	..	34,4	62,7	2,9	..	100,0
	Both	1 480	..	33,6	63,5	2,9	..	100,0
GP	Male	2 347	0,1	52,1	46,2	1,5	0,1	100,0
	Female	2 275	..	51,9	46,6	1,5	0,0	100,0
	Both	4 621	0,1	52,0	46,4	1,5	0,0	100,0
MP	Male	891	..	34,8	63,8	1,4	..	100,0
	Female	878	0,1	35,1	63,6	0,9	0,3	100,0
	Both	1 769	0,0	34,9	63,7	1,2	0,2	100,0
LP	Male	1 218	0,2	30,0	69,3	0,4	0,1	100,0
	Female	1 299	0,1	34,1	65,2	0,2	0,4	100,0
	Both	2 516	0,1	32,1	67,2	0,3	0,2	100,0
RSA	Male	10 454	0,1	35,3	62,2	2,2	0,2	100,0
	Female	10 413	0,0	36,9	61,1	1,8	0,2	100,0
	Both	20 867	0,1	36,1	61,7	2,0	0,2	100,0

Source: GHS 2022



**Table 1.2.6: Distribution of children by geographical area, sex and household composition, 2022**

Metro and sex		N ('000)	Percent					Total
			Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	Unspecified	
Metro	Male	3 685	0,1	47,5	50,0	2,3	0,1	100,0
	Female	3 679	..	48,6	49,3	2,0	0,0	100,0
	Both	7 364	0,1	48,1	49,7	2,2	0,1	100,0
Non-metro	Male	6 768	0,1	28,7	68,9	2,1	0,3	100,0
	Female	6 734	0,0	30,5	67,6	1,7	0,3	100,0
	Both	13 503	0,1	29,6	68,2	1,9	0,3	100,0
RSA	Male	10 454	0,1	35,3	62,2	2,2	0,2	100,0
	Female	10 413	0,0	36,9	61,1	1,8	0,2	100,0
	Both	20 867	0,1	36,1	61,7	2,0	0,2	100,0

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 1.2.7: Distribution of children by population group, sex and household composition, 2022**

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Percent					Total
			Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	Unspecified	
Black African	Male	8 999	0,1	32,1	65,8	1,7	0,2	100,0
	Female	8 992	0,0	34,1	64,2	1,4	0,2	100,0
	Both	17 991	0,1	33,1	65,0	1,6	0,2	100,0
Coloured	Male	848	..	42,3	50,2	7,4	0,0	100,0
	Female	841	..	38,0	56,4	5,6	..	100,0
	Both	1 690	..	40,2	53,3	6,5	0,0	100,0
Indian/Asian	Male	178	..	52,9	42,5	4,6	..	100,0
	Female	168	..	67,2	30,7	2,1	..	100,0
	Both	345	..	59,8	36,8	3,4	..	100,0
White	Male	429	..	80,8	18,5	0,7	..	100,0
	Female	412	..	83,9	15,1	1,0	..	100,0
	Both	841	..	82,3	16,9	0,8	..	100,0
Total	Male	10 454	0,1	35,3	62,2	2,2	0,2	100,0
	Female	10 413	0,0	36,9	61,1	1,8	0,2	100,0
	Both	20 867	0,1	36,1	61,7	2,0	0,2	100,0

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 1.2.8: Child-headed households by sex and intergenerational household type, 2022**

Sex	N ('000)	Percent			
		Single generation	Double generation	Other	Total
Male	33	90,1	..	9,9	100,0
Female	23	60,7	12,9	26,4	100,0
Both	56	78,1	5,3	16,6	100,0

Source: GHS 2022

Other include unspecified cases

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

**Table 1.3.1: Children who are beneficiaries of social grants by sex, 2022**

Sex	N ('000)		Percent
	Beneficiary	Total	Beneficiary
Male	7 252	10 454	69,4
Female	7 219	10 413	69,3
<b>Both</b>	<b>14 470</b>	<b>20 867</b>	<b>69,3</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 1.3.2: Children living in households without an employed adult by province and sex, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without		
WC	139	1 047	147	1 078	287	2 125	13,3	13,7	13,5
EC	606	1 288	554	1 242	1 160	2 530	47,0	44,6	45,8
NC	56	209	73	229	129	438	26,7	32,0	29,4
FS	188	516	196	519	384	1 035	36,3	37,8	37,1
KZN	843	2 224	744	2 128	1 587	4 352	37,9	35,0	36,5
NW	256	714	333	766	589	1 480	35,9	43,4	39,8
GP	467	2 347	481	2 275	947	4 621	19,9	21,1	20,5
MP	291	891	271	878	562	1 769	32,7	30,8	31,8
LP	453	1 218	530	1 299	982	2 516	37,2	40,8	39,0
<b>RSA</b>	<b>3 298</b>	<b>10 454</b>	<b>3 328</b>	<b>10 413</b>	<b>6 626</b>	<b>20 867</b>	<b>31,6</b>	<b>32,0</b>	<b>31,8</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 1.3.3: Children living in households without an employed adult by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without		
Metro	676	3685	662	3679	1338	7364	18,4	18,0	18,2
Non-metro	2622	6768	2666	6734	5288	13503	38,7	39,6	39,2
<b>RSA</b>	<b>3298</b>	<b>10454</b>	<b>3328</b>	<b>10413</b>	<b>6626</b>	<b>20867</b>	<b>31,6</b>	<b>32,0</b>	<b>31,8</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 1.3.4: Distribution of main source of income for child-headed households by geographical area, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)	Percent					
	Total	Salaries/wages/commission	Remittances	Social grants	Other non-farm income	Unspecified	Total
<b>Metro</b>	<b>19</b>	5,0	32,1	30,1	7,2	25,6	<b>100,0</b>
<b>Non-metro</b>	<b>37</b>	8,2	68,1	23,7	..	..	<b>100,0</b>
<b>RSA</b>	<b>56</b>	7,1	55,7	25,9	2,5	8,9	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 1.3.5: Distribution of main source of income for child-headed households by sex, 2022**

Sex	N ('000)	Percent					Total
	Total	Salaries/wages/commission	Remittances	Social grants	Other non-farm income	Unspecified	
Male	33	2,9	57,3	30,0	4,2	5,6	100,0
Female	23	13,1	53,3	20,0	..	13,7	100,0
<b>Both</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>7,1</b>	<b>55,7</b>	<b>25,9</b>	<b>2,5</b>	<b>8,9</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 1.3.6: Distribution of children living in households by province, sex and household income quintile, 2022**

Province and sex		N ('000)	Percent					Total
		Total	Below quintile 1 (R1 980)	Between quintiles 1 & 2 (R1 980 & R 3929)	Between quintiles 2 & 3 (R3 929 & R6 926)	Between quintiles 3 & 4 (R6 926 & R18 000)	Above quintile 4 (R18 000)	
WC	Male	1 047	6,2	9,4	20,0	35,8	28,5	100,0
	Female	1 078	6,7	9,8	19,6	37,9	26,0	100,0
	Both	2 125	6,4	9,6	19,8	36,9	27,2	100,0
EC	Male	1 288	11,2	28,3	28,5	23,4	8,5	100,0
	Female	1 242	11,5	26,6	27,4	24,8	9,7	100,0
	Both	2 530	11,3	27,5	28,0	24,1	9,1	100,0
NC	Male	209	16,3	16,5	27,1	24,0	16,1	100,0
	Female	229	15,2	20,8	23,3	26,5	14,2	100,0
	Both	438	15,7	18,7	25,1	25,3	15,1	100,0
FS	Male	516	16,8	21,8	27,6	19,6	14,2	100,0
	Female	519	17,9	23,0	28,1	17,5	13,5	100,0
	Both	1 035	17,4	22,4	27,8	18,6	13,9	100,0
KZN	Male	2 224	12,3	18,1	28,2	27,1	14,3	100,0
	Female	2 128	10,1	18,2	26,7	26,9	18,1	100,0
	Both	4 352	11,2	18,1	27,5	27,0	16,2	100,0
NW	Male	714	13,8	21,5	27,5	22,5	14,7	100,0
	Female	766	20,7	25,4	24,5	18,2	11,2	100,0
	Both	1 480	17,4	23,5	25,9	20,3	12,9	100,0
GP	Male	2 347	12,0	13,4	17,6	27,9	29,1	100,0
	Female	2 275	11,4	14,8	19,3	26,3	28,2	100,0
	Both	4 621	11,7	14,1	18,4	27,1	28,7	100,0
MP	Male	891	11,4	23,4	27,0	25,8	12,4	100,0
	Female	878	11,2	22,8	25,4	26,3	14,2	100,0
	Both	1 769	11,3	23,1	26,2	26,1	13,3	100,0
LP	Male	1 218	12,7	22,1	27,7	25,3	12,2	100,0
	Female	1 299	15,7	21,0	26,4	24,7	12,2	100,0
	Both	2 516	14,2	21,5	27,0	25,0	12,2	100,0
RSA	Male	10 454	11,8	18,7	24,8	26,6	18,0	100,0
	Female	10 413	12,3	19,2	24,1	26,2	18,2	100,0
	Both	20 867	12,1	18,9	24,5	26,4	18,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 1.3.7: Distribution of children living in households by geographical area, sex and household income quintile, 2022**

Metro and sex		N ('000) Total	Percent					Total
			Below quintile 1 (R1 980)	Between quintiles 1 & 2 (R1 980 & R3 929)	Between quintiles 2 & 3 (R3 929 & R6 926)	Between quintiles 3 & 4 (R6 926 & R18 000)	Above quintile 4 (R18 000)	
Metro	Male	3 685	10,2	11,5	20,4	29,5	28,3	100,0
	Female	3 679	9,1	12,8	19,6	29,6	28,9	100,0
	Both	7 364	9,7	12,2	20,0	29,6	28,6	100,0
Non-metro	Male	6 768	12,7	22,7	27,2	25,1	12,4	100,0
	Female	6 734	14,0	22,6	26,6	24,4	12,4	100,0
	Both	13 503	13,4	22,6	26,9	24,7	12,4	100,0
RSA	Male	10 454	11,8	18,7	24,8	26,6	18,0	100,0
	Female	10 413	12,3	19,2	24,1	26,2	18,2	100,0
	Both	20 867	12,1	18,9	24,5	26,4	18,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 1.3.8: Distribution of children living in households by population group, sex and household income quintile, 2022**

Population group and sex		N ('000) Total	Percent					Total
			Below quintile 1 (R1 980)	Between quintiles 1 & 2 (R1 980 & R3 929)	Between quintiles 2 & 3 (R3 929 & R6 926)	Between quintiles 3 & 4 (R6 926 & R18 000)	Above quintile 4 (R18 000)	
Black African	Male	8 999	12,8	20,6	26,7	26,7	13,3	100,0
	Female	8 992	13,3	20,9	25,8	25,7	14,3	100,0
	Both	17 991	13,0	20,8	26,3	26,2	13,8	100,0
Coloured	Male	848	8,8	10,6	19,6	35,5	25,5	100,0
	Female	841	8,3	11,5	18,6	39,4	22,2	100,0
	Both	1 690	8,6	11,0	19,1	37,4	23,9	100,0
Indian/Asian	Male	178	5,4	0,4	10,0	15,9	68,4	100,0
	Female	168	5,0	3,3	13,5	17,5	60,6	100,0
	Both	345	5,2	1,8	11,7	16,7	64,6	100,0
White	Male	429	0,4	3,6	1,9	12,3	81,8	100,0
	Female	412	1,1	2,6	2,3	14,3	79,7	100,0
	Both	841	0,7	3,1	2,1	13,3	80,8	100,0
Total	Male	10 454	11,8	18,7	24,8	26,6	18,0	100,0
	Female	10 413	12,3	19,2	24,1	26,2	18,2	100,0
	Both	20 867	12,1	18,9	24,5	26,4	18,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2022

## 1.4 Children: Health

**Table 1.4.1: Children with access to medical aid by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro and sex		N ('000)	Percent			
		Total	Medical aid	No medical aid	Unspecified	Total
Metro	Male	3 685	21,6	78,3	0,1	100,0
	Female	3 679	21,7	78,2	0,2	100,0
	Both	7 364	21,6	78,2	0,1	100,0
Non-metro	Male	6 768	8,0	91,9	0,1	100,0
	Female	6 734	8,1	91,9	0,0	100,0
	Both	13 503	8,0	91,9	0,1	100,0
RSA	Male	10 454	12,8	87,1	0,1	100,0
	Female	10 413	12,9	87,0	0,1	100,0
	Both	20 867	12,8	87,1	0,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 1.4.2: Distribution of main type of healthcare facility visited by children by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro and sex		N ('000)	Percent							
		Total	Public hospital	Public clinic	Public: Other	Private hospital/ clinic/ doctor	Other facilities	Traditional healer	Unspecified	Total
Metro	Male	3 685	7,0	62,7	0,0	29,1	1,0	..	0,2	100,0
	Female	3 679	6,4	62,9	0,1	29,1	1,4	0,0	0,1	100,0
	Both	7 364	6,7	62,8	0,1	29,1	1,2	0,0	0,1	100,0
Non-metro	Male	6 768	5,2	81,9	0,3	12,1	0,4	0,0	0,1	100,0
	Female	6 734	5,3	82,0	0,4	11,7	0,4	0,0	0,1	100,0
	Both	13 503	5,2	82,0	0,4	11,9	0,4	0,0	0,1	100,0
RSA	Male	10 454	5,8	75,1	0,2	18,1	0,7	0,0	0,1	100,0
	Female	10 413	5,7	75,3	0,3	17,9	0,8	0,0	0,1	100,0
	Both	20 867	5,7	75,2	0,3	18,0	0,7	0,0	0,1	100,0

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 1.4.3: Children who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population by province, 2022**

Province	N ('000)				Percent	
	Children		Total		Children	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	
WC	83	2 125	1 510	7 231	3,9	20,9
EC	54	2 530	1 079	6 539	2,1	16,5
NC	10	438	252	1 294	2,3	19,5
FS	15	1 035	514	3 000	1,4	17,1
KZN	60	4 352	1 432	11 822	1,4	12,1
NW	40	1 480	689	4 206	2,7	16,4
GP	84	4 621	2 087	16 267	1,8	12,8
MP	26	1 769	565	4 857	1,5	11,6
LP	7	2 516	437	6 168	0,3	7,1
<b>RSA</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>20 867</b>	<b>8 564</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>1,8</b>	<b>14,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 1.4.4: Children who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population by geographical area, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)				Percent	
	Children		Total		Children	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	
Metro	169	7364	3774	25703	2,3	14,7
Non-metro	212	13503	4791	35682	1,6	13,4
<b>RSA</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>20867</b>	<b>8564</b>	<b>61384</b>	<b>1,8</b>	<b>14,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 1.4.5: Children who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population by sex, 2022**

Sex	N ('000)				Percent	
	Children		Total		Children	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	
Male	196	10 454	3 131	30 065	1,9	10,4
Female	184	10 413	5 433	31 319	1,8	17,3
Both	381	20 867	8 564	61 384	1,8	14,0

Source: GHS 2022

## 1.5 Children: Vulnerability to hunger

**Table 1.5.1: Children living in households that reported hunger by province and sex, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering		
WC	211	1 047	204	1 078	416	2 125	20,2	19,0	19,6
EC	123	1 287	109	1 239	232	2 527	9,6	8,8	9,2
NC	59	209	66	229	125	438	28,3	28,7	28,5
FS	81	516	93	519	173	1 035	15,7	17,8	16,7
KZN	473	2 224	438	2 128	912	4 352	21,3	20,6	20,9
NW	148	714	153	766	301	1 480	20,7	20,0	20,3
GP	200	2 344	213	2 273	413	4 617	8,5	9,4	8,9
MP	144	891	160	875	304	1 766	16,2	18,3	17,2
LP	57	1 217	67	1 298	124	2 515	4,7	5,2	4,9
<b>RSA</b>	<b>1 497</b>	<b>10 449</b>	<b>1 503</b>	<b>10 406</b>	<b>3 000</b>	<b>20 856</b>	<b>14,3</b>	<b>14,4</b>	<b>14,4</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 1.5.2: Children living in households that reported hunger by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering		
Metro	422	3 683	432	3 677	854	7 360	11,5	11,7	11,6
Non-metro	1 074	6 767	1 071	6 730	2 146	13 496	15,9	15,9	15,9
<b>RSA</b>	<b>1 497</b>	<b>10 449</b>	<b>1 503</b>	<b>10 406</b>	<b>3 000</b>	<b>20 856</b>	<b>14,3</b>	<b>14,4</b>	<b>14,4</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 1.5.3: Children living in households that reported hunger by population group and sex, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering		
Black African	1 360	8 996	1 383	8 987	2 743	17 983	15,1	15,4	15,3
Coloured	128	848	115	841	242	1 690	15,1	13,6	14,4
Indian/ Asian	7	178	5	168	12	345	3,9	2,7	3,4
White	2	427	1	410	3	837	0,4	0,2	0,3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 497</b>	<b>10 449</b>	<b>1 503</b>	<b>10 406</b>	<b>3 000</b>	<b>20 856</b>	<b>14,3</b>	<b>14,4</b>	<b>14,4</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 1.5.4: Child-inclusive households that reported hunger by province, 2022**

Province	N ('000)		Percent
	Suffering	Total	Suffering
WC	186	1 023	18,2
EC	75	916	8,2
NC	56	205	27,5
FS	95	553	17,1
KZN	298	1 652	18,0
NW	113	664	17,0
GP	245	2 639	9,3
MP	137	818	16,7
LP	36	1 006	3,6
<b>RSA</b>	<b>1 241</b>	<b>9 475</b>	<b>13,1</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 1.5.5: Child-inclusive households that reported hunger by geographical area, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)		Percent
	Suffering	Total	Suffering
Metro	458	4 027	11,4
Non-metro	783	5 448	14,4
<b>RSA</b>	<b>1 241</b>	<b>9 475</b>	<b>13,1</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 1.5.6: Child-inclusive households that reported hunger by sex, 2022**

Sex	N ('000)		Percent
	Suffering	Total	Suffering
Male	508	4 571	11,1
Female	733	4 904	15,0
<b>Both</b>	<b>1 241</b>	<b>9 475</b>	<b>13,1</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases



## 1.6 Children: Education

**Table 1.6.1: School attendance by children of compulsory school age (7-15 years) by age group and sex, 2022**

Age group	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending		
7–13 years	4 083	4 144	4 098	4 145	8 182	8 289	98,5	98,9	98,7
14–15 years	1 158	1 185	1 122	1 138	2 280	2 323	97,8	98,5	98,2
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 242</b>	<b>5 328</b>	<b>5 220</b>	<b>5 283</b>	<b>10 462</b>	<b>10 611</b>	<b>98,4</b>	<b>98,8</b>	<b>98,6</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 1.6.2: Learners aged 7-15 years in public schools benefiting from the “No Fees School” policy by sex, 2022**

Sex	N ('000)	Percent
	Total	Beneficiary
Male	3 558	97,8
Female	3 531	97,8
<b>Both</b>	<b>7 089</b>	<b>97,8</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 1.6.3: Children aged 0-4 years attending day care centres by province and sex, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending		
WC	121	302	103	310	224	612	40,1	33,2	36,6
EC	90	320	101	336	192	656	28,2	30,2	29,2
NC	17	65	16	64	33	128	26,3	24,9	25,6
FS	61	136	56	142	117	279	44,6	39,3	41,9
KZN	166	611	139	550	306	1161	27,2	25,4	26,3
NW	44	208	67	225	111	433	21,0	30,0	25,6
GP	232	663	230	646	462	1309	35,0	35,6	35,3
MP	75	263	63	242	138	506	28,5	26,1	27,3
LP	106	346	136	363	241	709	30,5	37,5	34,1
<b>RSA</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>2915</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>2877</b>	<b>1823</b>	<b>5792</b>	<b>31,3</b>	<b>31,7</b>	<b>31,5</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 1.6.4: Children aged 0-4 years attending day care centres by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending		
Metro	370	1 034	340	1 011	710	2 045	35,8	33,6	34,7
Non-metro	541	1 881	572	1 866	1 113	3 747	28,8	30,6	29,7
<b>RSA</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>2 915</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>2 877</b>	<b>1 823</b>	<b>5 792</b>	<b>31,3</b>	<b>31,7</b>	<b>31,5</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 1.6.5: Children aged 7-13 years attending educational institutions by province and sex, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending		
WC	401	413	411	417	812	829	97,3	98,6	97,9
EC	571	580	505	512	1 076	1 092	98,5	98,7	98,6
NC	72	72	87	88	159	160	99,7	98,8	99,2
FS	204	208	203	205	407	413	98,0	99,3	98,6
KZN	876	889	843	860	1 719	1 749	98,6	98,0	98,3
NW	270	273	308	310	578	583	99,0	99,3	99,2
GP	888	900	851	855	1 738	1 756	98,6	99,4	99,0
MP	334	338	349	351	684	689	98,9	99,4	99,2
LP	466	471	541	547	1 008	1 018	99,1	98,9	99,0
<b>RSA</b>	<b>4 083</b>	<b>4 144</b>	<b>4 098</b>	<b>4 145</b>	<b>8 182</b>	<b>8 289</b>	<b>98,5</b>	<b>98,9</b>	<b>98,7</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 1.6.6: Children aged 7-13 years attending educational institutions by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending		
Metro	1 426	1 451	1 375	1 389	2 801	2 840	98,3	99	98,6
Non-metro	2 657	2 692	2 723	2 756	5 380	5 448	98,7	98,8	98,7
<b>RSA</b>	<b>4 083</b>	<b>4 144</b>	<b>4 098</b>	<b>4 145</b>	<b>8 182</b>	<b>8 289</b>	<b>98,5</b>	<b>98,9</b>	<b>98,7</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 1.6.7: Children aged 14-17 years attending educational institutions by province and sex, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending		
WC	184	208	245	259	429	467	88,6	94,5	91,9
EC	253	262	246	259	499	521	96,3	95,3	95,8
NC	39	42	50	52	88	94	91,7	95,4	93,7
FS	105	111	110	114	216	226	94,6	96,6	95,6
KZN	467	484	470	494	937	978	96,5	95,2	95,9
NW	144	154	148	153	292	307	93,5	96,8	95,1
GP	496	518	498	511	994	1 030	95,6	97,4	96,5
MP	187	193	166	172	354	365	97,2	96,6	96,9
LP	254	264	247	251	501	515	96,2	98,6	97,3
<b>RSA</b>	<b>2 129</b>	<b>2 237</b>	<b>2 181</b>	<b>2 265</b>	<b>4 310</b>	<b>4 502</b>	<b>95,2</b>	<b>96,3</b>	<b>95,7</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 1.6.8: Children aged 14-17 years attending educational institutions by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending		
Metro	750	785	835	868	1 585	1 653	95,6	96,2	95,9
Non-metro	1 379	1 452	1 346	1 397	2 725	2 849	94,9	96,4	95,6
<b>RSA</b>	<b>2 129</b>	<b>2 237</b>	<b>2 181</b>	<b>2 265</b>	<b>4 310</b>	<b>4 502</b>	<b>95,2</b>	<b>96,3</b>	<b>95,7</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 1.6.9: Children aged 15 years who have not completed grade 7, by province and sex, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Total	Not completed		
WC	5	49	2	66	7	115	10,4	3,5	6,4
EC	16	73	6	67	21	140	21,4	8,5	15,2
NC	3	8	1	11	4	19	38,7	9,3	21,8
FS	5	27	4	30	10	57	18,8	15,0	16,8
KZN	13	114	4	108	17	222	11,4	3,4	7,5
NW	4	42	2	38	7	79	10,2	6,4	8,4
GP	12	149	0	112	12	261	8,1	0,4	4,8
MP	7	54	2	51	10	105	13,2	4,7	9,1
LP	7	73	..	54	7	127	9,4	..	5,4
<b>RSA</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>1 125</b>	<b>12,2</b>	<b>4,2</b>	<b>8,4</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 1.6.10: Children aged 15 years who have not completed grade 7, by geographical area and sex, 2022**

	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Total	Not completed		
Metro	19	219	4	200	23	418	8,6	2	5,4
Non-metro	53	370	18	336	72	707	14,4	5,5	10,2
<b>RSA</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>1 125</b>	<b>12,2</b>	<b>4,2</b>	<b>8,4</b>

Source: GHS 2022

Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 1.6.11: Children aged 17 years who have not completed grade 9, by province and sex, 2022**

	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Total	Not completed		
WC	10	52	11	67	21	119	19,7	15,7	17,5
EC	24	56	7	59	31	115	42,0	12,7	27,0
NC	4	11	4	13	8	24	36,2	32,1	34,0
FS	10	32	6	32	16	64	30,6	18,2	24,4
KZN	28	113	17	118	45	231	24,5	14,3	19,3
NW	12	39	2	35	15	74	31,3	7,0	19,7
GP	11	108	11	117	23	226	10,5	9,6	10,1
MP	11	41	3	39	14	80	25,9	8,3	17,3
LP	16	55	6	61	21	116	28,5	9,2	18,3
<b>RSA</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>1 049</b>	<b>24,7</b>	<b>12,5</b>	<b>18,4</b>

Source: GHS 2022

Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 1.6.12: Children aged 17 years who have not completed grade 9, by geographical area and sex, 2022**

	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Total	Not completed	Total	Not completed		
Metro	21	167	22	196	42	363	12,3	11,1	11,7
Non-metro	105	340	46	346	150	686	30,7	13,2	21,9
<b>RSA</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>1 049</b>	<b>24,7</b>	<b>12,5</b>	<b>18,4</b>

Source: GHS 2022

Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 1.6.13: Distribution of reasons for children aged 7–17 years who are not attending school by province, 2022**

Reason		WC	EC	NC	FS	KZN	NW	GP	MP	LP	RSA
<b>N ('000)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>299</b>
<b>Percent</b>	Too old/ young	..	4,4	..	3,6	21,7	3,9	13,7	9,2	11,1	<b>9,9</b>
	Has completed education/satisfied with level of education	30,2	5,7	7,8	7,4	4,4	10,3	9,3	..	..	<b>10,2</b>
	School/education institution too far	2,9	1,3	..	9,3	..	..	4,4	..	20,9	<b>3,6</b>
	Difficulties to get to school (transport)	..	2,2	..	5,0	..	..	..	..	..	<b>0,5</b>
	No money for fees	7,9	7,5	..	9,8	22,2	18,1	15,5	10,9	10,0	<b>13,5</b>
	Working, do not have time	..	..	..	..	1,2	..	2,5	8,2	1,6	<b>1,3</b>
	COVID-19	2,3	..	..	..	2,3	..	..	..	..	<b>1,0</b>
	Family commitments	..	4,6	..	11,6	4,4	..	1,9	..	5,2	<b>3,0</b>
	Education is useless	12,7	8,2	14,6	11,7	3,9	14,4	..	6,3	..	<b>6,6</b>
	Unable to perform at school	7,9	3,8	14,2	6,3	4,6	..	18,1	15,4	6,1	<b>8,3</b>
	Illness	..	15,4	1,6	2,2	5,5	..	2,5	13,6	8,2	<b>5,2</b>
	Pregnancy	1,9	2,1	1,3	..	3,0	..	3,8	..	2,8	<b>2,2</b>
	Failed exams	4,8	3,4	10,0	..	0,9	30,8	..	4,6	9,9	<b>4,8</b>
	Got married	2,2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	<b>0,4</b>
	Disability	6,7	15,2	7,1	13,9	10,8	8,8	6,3	18,6	17,3	<b>10,7</b>
	Violence in school	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,3	..	..	<b>0,4</b>
	Not accepted for enrolment	6,4	7,3	..	4,7	3,7	3,7	1,4	..	..	<b>3,7</b>
	Do not have time/too busy	..	..	..	5,0	..	..	3,9	..	4,2	<b>1,3</b>
	Other	14,0	18,8	43,4	9,5	11,4	10,0	14,4	13,4	3,0	<b>13,4</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 1.6.14: Distribution of reasons for children aged 7–17 years who are not attending school by geographical location, 2022**

Reason		Metro	Non-metro	RSA
<b>N ('000)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>299</b>
<b>Percent</b>	Too old/ young	8,5	10,8	9,9
	Has completed education/satisfied with level of education	3,9	13,7	10,2
	School/education institution too far	2,2	4,4	3,6
	Difficulties to get to school (transport)	0,7	0,4	0,5
	No money for fees	16,6	11,7	13,5
	Working, do not have time	2,0	0,9	1,3
	COVID-19	1,5	0,7	1,0
	Family commitments	2,4	3,3	3,0
	Education is useless	5,7	7,0	6,6
	Unable to perform at school	10,8	6,9	8,3
	Illness	3,6	6,1	5,2
	Pregnancy	2,4	2,1	2,2
	Failed exams	3,1	5,8	4,8
	Got married	1,2	..	0,4
	Disability	10,5	10,8	10,7
	Violence in school	1,2	..	0,4
	Not accepted for enrolment	6,1	2,4	3,7
	Do not have time/too busy	2,6	0,5	1,3
	Other	14,9	12,5	13,4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

## 1.7 Children: Housing and basic services

**Table 1.7.1: Distribution of child-headed households by type of housing, geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro and sex		N ('000)	Percent			
		Total	Formal	Traditional	Informal	Total
Metro	Male	14	27,6	..	72,4	100,0
	Female	5	60,9	..	39,1	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>36,4</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>63,6</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Non-metro	Male	19	84,3	15,7	..	100,0
	Female	18	94,3	5,7	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>89,1</b>	<b>10,9</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
RSA	Male	33	60,0	9,0	31,0	100,0
	Female	23	86,8	4,4	8,8	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>70,9</b>	<b>7,1</b>	<b>22,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 1.7.2: Living condition indicators of children compared to the overall population, 2022****Access to piped water**

	N ('000)	Percent	
	Total	Access	Unspecified
Not children	40 517	76,9	0,7
Children	20 867	69,7	0,8
<b>Total</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>74,4</b>	<b>0,7</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Access to improved sanitation**

	N ('000)	Percent
	Total	Access
Not children	40 517	84,7
Children	20 867	81,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>83,4</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Refuse/ waste removed by the municipality**

	N ('000)	Percent	
	Total	Access	Unspecified
Not children	40 517	62,6	33,9
Children	20 867	52,1	44,1
<b>Total</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>59,0</b>	<b>37,4</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Access to electricity connected to the mains**

	N ('000)	Percent	
	Total	Access	Unspecified
Not children	40 517	93,1	4,1
Children	20 867	94,4	3,6
<b>Total</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>93,6</b>	<b>3,9</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Use solid fuels for cooking**

	N ('000)	Percent
	Total	Access
Not children	40 517	9,7
Children	20 867	14,8
<b>Total</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>11,4</b>

Source: GHS 2022

## 1.8 Key findings

Children are defined as persons aged 17 years and younger. In 2022, children made up 34,0% of the South African population, with Limpopo, Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal provinces having the highest proportion of children in relation to the total population. Provinces with the lowest percentage of children were Gauteng and Western Cape. Children made up 37,8% of the overall population in the non-metro, compared to 28,7% in metro. The proportion of children in the total population was highest among black Africans (35,8%) and lowest among whites (19,3%).

About 12,0% of children were either maternal, paternal or double orphans. Paternal orphans made up 7,6% of the population of children, double orphans 2,0%, and maternal orphans 2,4%. The majority of orphans were black African children, with a high proportion of them as paternal orphans.

In 2022, about one third (32,7%) of South African children lived with both their biological parents while 19,5% lived with neither their biological parents. Approximately 61,7% of South African children lived in extended households, while 36,1% of children lived in nuclear households. Significant differences between geographical areas were observed, which showed that non-metropolitan areas had a higher percentage of children residing in extended households than those in metropolitan areas (68,2% and 49,7% respectively). In contrast, children in metropolitan areas were more likely to reside in nuclear households than those in metropolitan areas. The living arrangements of children varied by population group as children of white and Indian/Asian population groups were more likely to live in nuclear households, whilst the children of the black African and coloured population groups were more likely to be in extended households.

Nationally, 31,8% of children resided in households without an employed adult. A greater percentage of children in non-metropolitan areas (39,2%) were living in households without an employed adult, compared to 28,2% of children living in households without an employed adult in metropolitan areas. In comparison to other provinces, Eastern Cape, North West and Limpopo had a larger percentage of children living in households without an employed adult. The analysis shows that social grants play a vital role in children's welfare as 69,3% of the children were beneficiaries of social grants. In 2022, 12,8% of children had access to medical aid. Children primarily used public clinics, which accounted for 75,2% of healthcare facilities visited, followed by private hospitals (18,0%) and public hospitals (5,7%).

In 2022, 14,4% of the children lived in households that experienced hunger. Children that experienced hunger were most likely to be found in Northern Cape, Western Cape, KwaZulu Natal and Free State, while children in Limpopo were less likely to report hunger, reporting at 3,6%.

Nationally, majority of children aged 7–17 years cited other reasons, disability, no money for fees and being satisfied with their education level as reasons of not attending schools. Compared to children in metropolitan areas, children aged 7–17 in non-metropolitan areas cited no money for fees, unable to perform at school, and education is useless as their reasons for not attending school.

Nationally, 70,9% of children lived in formal housing while 22,0% lived in informal housing, and 7,1% lived in traditional housing. Geographic disparities show that children in metropolitan areas were more likely to live in informal dwellings than children in non-metropolitan areas. In terms of access to household services, children were less likely than the general population to live in households with piped water, access to improved sanitation and refuse removal.



## INDICATORS: YOUTH

Youth are defined as persons aged 15–34 years.

### 2.1 Demography of youth

**Table 2.1.1: Distribution of youth by province and sex, 2022**

Province	N ('000)			Percent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
WC	1 134	1 244	<b>2 378</b>	47,7	52,3	<b>100,0</b>
EC	1 036	1 034	<b>2 069</b>	50,0	50,0	<b>100,0</b>
NC	212	206	<b>418</b>	50,8	49,2	<b>100,0</b>
FS	503	491	<b>994</b>	50,6	49,4	<b>100,0</b>
KZN	2 049	2 102	<b>4 151</b>	49,4	50,6	<b>100,0</b>
NW	685	679	<b>1 364</b>	50,2	49,8	<b>100,0</b>
GP	3 029	2 817	<b>5 846</b>	51,8	48,2	<b>100,0</b>
MP	807	853	<b>1 660</b>	48,6	51,4	<b>100,0</b>
LP	977	1 052	<b>2 029</b>	48,2	51,8	<b>100,0</b>
<b>RSA</b>	<b>10 432</b>	<b>10 477</b>	<b>20 910</b>	<b>49,9</b>	<b>50,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.1.2: Distribution of youth by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)			Percent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
Metro	4 432	4 376	<b>8 808</b>	50,3	49,7	<b>100,0</b>
Non-metro	6 000	6 101	<b>12 101</b>	49,6	50,4	<b>100,0</b>
<b>RSA</b>	<b>10 432</b>	<b>10 477</b>	<b>20 910</b>	<b>49,9</b>	<b>50,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.1.3: Distribution of youth by population group and sex, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)			Percent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
Black African	8 857	8 940	<b>17 798</b>	49,8	50,2	<b>100,0</b>
Coloured	848	845	<b>1 692</b>	50,1	49,9	<b>100,0</b>
Indian/ Asian	236	206	<b>442</b>	53,3	46,7	<b>100,0</b>
White	492	486	<b>978</b>	50,3	49,7	<b>100,0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 432</b>	<b>10 477</b>	<b>20 910</b>	<b>49,9</b>	<b>50,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.1.4: Distribution of youth by age group and sex, 2022**

Age group	N ('000)			Percent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
15–24 years	4 939	4 974	<b>9 913</b>	49,8	50,2	<b>100,0</b>
25–34 years	5 494	5 504	<b>10 997</b>	50,0	50,0	<b>100,0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 432</b>	<b>10 477</b>	<b>20 910</b>	<b>49,9</b>	<b>50,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.1.5: Youth as a proportion of the overall population by province and sex, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Youth	Total	Youth	Total	Youth	Total	Youth		
WC	1 134	<b>3 465</b>	1 244	<b>3 765</b>	2 378	<b>7 231</b>	32,7	33,0	<b>32,9</b>
EC	1 036	<b>3 176</b>	1 034	<b>3 363</b>	2 069	<b>6 539</b>	32,6	30,7	<b>31,6</b>
NC	212	<b>633</b>	206	<b>661</b>	418	<b>1 294</b>	33,5	31,2	<b>32,3</b>
FS	503	<b>1 457</b>	491	<b>1 543</b>	994	<b>3 000</b>	34,5	31,8	<b>33,1</b>
KZN	2 049	<b>5 719</b>	2 102	<b>6 103</b>	4 151	<b>11 822</b>	35,8	34,4	<b>35,1</b>
NW	685	<b>2 032</b>	679	<b>2 175</b>	1 364	<b>4 206</b>	33,7	31,2	<b>32,4</b>
GP	3 029	<b>8 308</b>	2 817	<b>7 958</b>	5 846	<b>16 267</b>	36,5	35,4	<b>35,9</b>
MP	807	<b>2 359</b>	853	<b>2 498</b>	1 660	<b>4 857</b>	34,2	34,1	<b>34,2</b>
LP	977	<b>2 915</b>	1 052	<b>3 252</b>	2 029	<b>6 168</b>	33,5	32,3	<b>32,9</b>
<b>RSA</b>	<b>10 432</b>	<b>30 065</b>	<b>10 477</b>	<b>31 319</b>	<b>20 910</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>34,7</b>	<b>33,5</b>	<b>34,1</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.1.6: Youth as a proportion of the overall population by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Youth	Total	Youth	Total	Youth	Total	Youth		
Metro	4 432	<b>12 829</b>	4 376	<b>12 874</b>	8 808	<b>25 703</b>	34,6	34	<b>34,3</b>
Non-metro	6 000	<b>17 237</b>	6 101	<b>18 445</b>	12 101	<b>35 682</b>	34,8	33,1	<b>33,9</b>
<b>RSA</b>	<b>10 432</b>	<b>30 065</b>	<b>10 477</b>	<b>31 319</b>	<b>20 910</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>34,7</b>	<b>33,5</b>	<b>34,1</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.1.7: Youth as a proportion of the overall population by population group and sex, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Youth	Total	Youth	Total	Youth	Total	Youth		
Black African	8 857	<b>24 616</b>	8 940	<b>25 640</b>	17 798	<b>50 256</b>	36,0	34,9	<b>35,4</b>
Coloured	848	<b>2 548</b>	845	<b>2 706</b>	1 692	<b>5 253</b>	33,3	31,2	<b>32,2</b>
Indian/Asian	236	<b>783</b>	206	<b>732</b>	442	<b>1 515</b>	30,1	28,2	<b>29,2</b>
White	492	<b>2 118</b>	486	<b>2 242</b>	978	<b>4 360</b>	23,2	21,7	<b>22,4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 432</b>	<b>30 065</b>	<b>10 477</b>	<b>31 319</b>	<b>20 910</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>34,7</b>	<b>33,5</b>	<b>34,1</b>

Source: GHS 2022

## 2.2 Youth: Household characteristics

**Table 2.2.1: Distribution of youth-headed households by province, 2022**

Province	N ('000)		Percent
	Youth	Total	Youth
WC	477	2 079	23,0
EC	353	1 742	20,3
NC	80	371	21,5
FS	230	975	23,6
KZN	798	3 200	24,9
NW	326	1 349	24,2
GP	1611	5 587	28,8
MP	349	1 445	24,2
LP	432	1 729	25,0
<b>RSA</b>	<b>4 657</b>	<b>18 477</b>	<b>25,2</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.2.2: Distribution of youth-headed households by geographical area, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)		Percent
	Youth	Total	Youth
Metro	2 205	8 451	26,1
Non-metro	2 452	10 026	24,5
<b>RSA</b>	<b>4 657</b>	<b>18 477</b>	<b>25,2</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.2.3: Distribution of youth-headed households by population group, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)		Percent
	Youth	Total	Youth
Black African	4 197	15 227	27,6
Coloured	189	1 258	15,0
Indian/ Asian	70	436	16,1
White	200	1 556	12,8
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 657</b>	<b>18 477</b>	<b>25,2</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.2.4: Distribution of youth-headed households by sex, 2022**

Sex	N ('000)		Percent
	Youth	Total	Youth
Male	2 981	10 683	27,9
Female	1 676	7 794	21,5
<b>Both</b>	<b>4 657</b>	<b>18 477</b>	<b>25,2</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.2.5: Distribution of youth-headed households by province and age group, 2022**

Province	N ('000)			Percent		
	15–24 years	25–34 years	Total	15–24 years	25–34 years	Total
WC	56	421	477	11,7	88,3	100,0
EC	69	285	353	19,5	80,5	100,0
NC	12	68	80	14,5	85,5	100,0
FS	53	176	230	23,2	76,8	100,0
KZN	147	651	798	18,5	81,5	100,0
NW	66	261	326	20,1	79,9	100,0
GP	282	1329	1611	17,5	82,5	100,0
MP	73	276	349	21,0	79,0	100,0
LP	129	303	432	29,9	70,1	100,0
<b>RSA</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>3770</b>	<b>4657</b>	<b>19,0</b>	<b>81,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.2.6: Distribution of youth-headed households by geographical area and age group, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)			Percent		
	15–24 years	25–34 years	Total	15–24 years	25–34 years	Total
Metro	343	1 862	2 205	15,6	84,4	100,0
Non-metro	543	1 908	2 452	22,2	77,8	100,0
<b>RSA</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>3 770</b>	<b>4 657</b>	<b>19,0</b>	<b>81,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.2.7: Distribution of youth-headed households by population group and age group, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)			Percent		
	15–24 years	25–34 years	Total	15–24 years	25–34 years	Total
Black African	819	3 379	4 197	19,5	80,5	100,0
Coloured	22	167	189	11,6	88,4	100,0
Indian/ Asian	10	60	70	14,1	85,9	100,0
White	36	163	200	18,2	81,8	100,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>3 770</b>	<b>4 657</b>	<b>19,0</b>	<b>81,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.2.8: Distribution of youth-headed households by sex and age group, 2022**

Sex	N ('000)			Percent		
	15–24 years	25–34 years	Total	15–24 years	25–34 years	Total
Male	545	2 436	2 981	18,3	81,7	100,0
Female	342	1 334	1 676	20,4	79,6	100,0
<b>Both</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>3 770</b>	<b>4 657</b>	<b>19,0</b>	<b>81,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.2.9: Distribution of youth by province and household composition, 2022**

Province	N ('000)	Percent					
	Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	Unspecified	Total
WC	2 378	3,3	43,0	46,9	6,7	0,1	100,0
EC	2 069	5,4	22,9	68,0	3,7	..	100,0
NC	418	4,7	32,8	59,0	3,5	..	100,0
FS	994	6,3	38,5	51,0	3,4	0,8	100,0
KZN	4 151	4,7	22,0	70,0	2,8	0,5	100,0
NW	1 364	7,0	30,9	59,9	2,2	..	100,0
GP	5 846	7,1	43,9	44,7	4,1	0,2	100,0
MP	1 660	4,9	30,2	60,9	3,5	0,5	100,0
LP	2 029	7,3	29,6	62,1	0,8	0,2	100,0
<b>RSA</b>	<b>20 910</b>	<b>5,8</b>	<b>33,5</b>	<b>56,9</b>	<b>3,6</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.2.10: Distribution of youth by geographical area and household composition, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)	Percent					
	Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	Unspecified	Total
Metro	8 808	5,9	41,0	48,4	4,5	0,2	100,0
Non-metro	12 101	5,7	28,2	63,0	2,9	0,3	100,0
<b>RSA</b>	<b>20 910</b>	<b>5,8</b>	<b>33,5</b>	<b>56,9</b>	<b>3,6</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.2.11: Distribution of youth by population group and household composition, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)	Percent					
	Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	Unspecified	Total
Black African	17 798	6,5	30,6	59,7	2,9	0,3	100,0
Coloured	1 692	1,3	40,3	50,3	7,9	0,1	100,0
Indian/ Asian	442	2,3	48,2	40,1	9,1	0,3	100,0
White	978	2,5	68,7	23,2	5,6	..	100,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>20 910</b>	<b>5,8</b>	<b>33,5</b>	<b>56,9</b>	<b>3,6</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.2.12: Distribution of youth by sex and household composition, 2022**

Sex	N ('000)	Percent					
	Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	Unspecified	Total
Male	10 432	9,1	32,3	54,7	3,7	0,2	100,0
Female	10 477	2,5	34,8	59,0	3,4	0,3	100,0
<b>Both</b>	<b>20 910</b>	<b>5,8</b>	<b>33,5</b>	<b>56,9</b>	<b>3,6</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.2.13: Distribution of youth by age group and household composition, 2022**

Age group	N ('000)	Percent					
	Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	Unspecified	Total
15–24 years	9 913	2,6	33,0	60,6	3,5	0,3	100,0
25–34 years	10 997	8,7	34,0	53,5	3,6	0,2	100,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>20 910</b>	<b>5,8</b>	<b>33,5</b>	<b>56,9</b>	<b>3,6</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.2.14: Distribution of youth headed households across intergenerational household type by province, 2022**

Province	N ('000)	Percent					
	Total	Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	Other	Total
WC	477	47,0	44,7	..	0,8	7,5	100,0
EC	353	60,3	31,0	0,3	..	8,4	100,0
NC	80	44,1	50,1	..	..	5,9	100,0
FS	230	47,2	44,7	1,1	0,8	6,2	100,0
KZN	798	60,3	31,0	1,0	1,2	6,5	100,0
NW	326	60,5	31,6	..	..	7,8	100,0
GP	1 611	58,3	34,0	0,3	0,6	6,7	100,0
MP	349	54,6	37,9	..	0,3	7,2	100,0
LP	432	57,0	36,5	0,2	1,1	5,2	100,0
<b>RSA</b>	<b>4 657</b>	<b>56,6</b>	<b>35,5</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>0,7</b>	<b>6,8</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

Other include unspecified cases

**Table 2.2.15: Distribution of youth headed households across intergenerational household type by geographical area, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)	Percent					
	Total	Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	Other	Total
Metro	2 205	57,0	34,4	0,5	0,8	7,3	100,0
Non-metro	2 452	56,3	36,6	0,3	0,5	6,4	100,0
<b>RSA</b>	<b>4 657</b>	<b>56,6</b>	<b>35,5</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>0,7</b>	<b>6,8</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

Other include unspecified cases

**Table 2.2.16: Distribution of youth headed households across intergenerational household type by population group, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)	Percent					
	Total	Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	Other	Total
Black African	4 197	58,3	33,8	0,4	0,6	6,9	100,0
Coloured	189	34,1	60,8	..	1,1	4,0	100,0
Indian/ Asian	70	44,4	35,4	..	5,1	15,1	100,0
White	200	45,6	48,7	0,8	..	4,9	100,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 657</b>	<b>56,6</b>	<b>35,5</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>0,7</b>	<b>6,8</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

Other include unspecified cases

**Table 2.2.17: Distribution of youth headed households across intergenerational household type by sex, 2022**

Sex	N ('000)	Percent					Total
	Total	Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	Other	
Male	2 981	67,7	25,3	0,1	0,5	6,3	100,0
Female	1 676	36,8	53,6	0,8	0,9	7,7	100,0
<b>Both</b>	<b>4 657</b>	<b>56,6</b>	<b>35,5</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>0,7</b>	<b>6,8</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Other include unspecified cases

**Table 2.2.18: Distribution of youth headed households across intergenerational household type by age group, 2022**

Age group	N ('000)	Percent					Total
	Total	Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	Other	
15–24 years	887	72,1	15,2	0,2	0,3	12,3	100,0
25–34 years	3 770	53,0	40,3	0,4	0,8	5,5	100,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 657</b>	<b>56,6</b>	<b>35,5</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>0,7</b>	<b>6,8</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
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, 2022**

Sex	N ('000)		Percent
	Beneficiary	Total	Beneficiary
Male	2 195	10 432	21,0
Female	2 201	10 477	21,0
<b>Both</b>	<b>4 396</b>	<b>20 910</b>	<b>21,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.3.2: Youth who are beneficiaries of social grants by age group, 2022**

Age group	N ('000)		Percent
	Beneficiary	Total	Beneficiary
15–24 years	3 021	9 913	30,5
25–34 years	1 375	10 997	12,5
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 396</b>	<b>20 910</b>	<b>21,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.3.3: Youth living in households without an employed adult by province and sex, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without		
WC	118	1 134	176	1 244	294	2 378	10,4	14,1	12,3
EC	420	1 036	422	1 034	842	2 069	40,6	40,8	40,7
NC	57	212	54	206	112	418	27,0	26,4	26,7
FS	162	503	177	491	339	994	32,3	36,0	34,1
KZN	603	2 049	664	2 102	1 267	4 151	29,4	31,6	30,5
NW	243	685	243	679	486	1 364	35,4	35,8	35,6
GP	589	3 029	589	2 817	1 178	5 846	19,4	20,9	20,2
MP	217	807	245	853	462	1 660	26,8	28,7	27,8
LP	358	977	372	1 052	729	2 029	36,6	35,3	36,0
<b>RSA</b>	<b>2 767</b>	<b>10 432</b>	<b>2 942</b>	<b>10 477</b>	<b>5 709</b>	<b>20 910</b>	<b>26,5</b>	<b>28,1</b>	<b>27,3</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.3.4: Youth living in households without an employed adult by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without		
Metro	768	4 432	812	4 376	1 580	8 808	17,3	18,5	17,9
Non-metro	1 999	6 000	2 131	6 101	4 130	12 101	33,3	34,9	34,1
<b>RSA</b>	<b>2 767</b>	<b>10 432</b>	<b>2 942</b>	<b>10 477</b>	<b>5 709</b>	<b>20 910</b>	<b>26,5</b>	<b>28,1</b>	<b>27,3</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.3.5: Youth living in households without an employed adult by age group and sex, 2022**

Age group	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without		
15–24 years	1 515	4 939	1 566	4 974	3 081	9 913	30,7	31,5	31,1
25–34 years	1 252	5 494	1 376	5 504	2 628	10 997	22,8	25,0	23,9
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 767</b>	<b>10 432</b>	<b>2 942</b>	<b>10 477</b>	<b>5 709</b>	<b>20 910</b>	<b>26,5</b>	<b>28,1</b>	<b>27,3</b>

Source: GHS 2022



**Table 2.3.6: Youth-headed households without an employed adult by province and sex, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without		
WC	30	291	58	187	88	477	10,4	30,9	18,5
EC	75	209	76	144	151	353	35,6	52,9	42,7
NC	14	46	13	34	27	80	30,1	39,4	34,0
FS	45	145	56	85	100	230	30,9	65,4	43,7
KZN	149	495	170	303	319	798	30,0	56,2	40,0
NW	75	216	66	111	141	326	34,8	59,8	43,2
GP	218	1 101	210	509	428	1 611	19,8	41,3	26,6
MP	59	215	64	135	123	349	27,7	47,4	35,3
LP	120	264	99	168	218	432	45,3	58,7	50,5
<b>RSA</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>2 981</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>1 676</b>	<b>1 596</b>	<b>4 657</b>	<b>26,3</b>	<b>48,5</b>	<b>34,3</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.3.7: Youth-headed households without an employed adult by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without		
Metro	251	1 464	283	741	534	2 205	17,1	38,2	24,2
Non-metro	533	1 517	529	935	1 062	2 452	35,1	56,6	43,3
<b>RSA</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>2 981</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>1 676</b>	<b>1 596</b>	<b>4 657</b>	<b>26,3</b>	<b>48,5</b>	<b>34,3</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 3.8: Distribution of main sources of income for youth-headed households by geographical area, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)	Percent						
	Total	Salaries/ wages/ commission	Remittances	Social grants	Sales of farming products and services	Other non- farm income	Unspecified	Total
Metro	2 205	65,7	11,3	7,9	..	11,0	4,1	100,0
Non-metro	2 452	46,3	24,9	17,4	0,1	8,6	2,7	100,0
<b>RSA</b>	<b>4 657</b>	<b>55,5</b>	<b>18,5</b>	<b>12,9</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>9,8</b>	<b>3,4</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.3.9: Distribution of main sources of income for youth-headed households by sex, 2022**

Sex	N ('000)	Percent						
	Total	Salaries/ wages/ commission	Remittances	Social grants	Sales of farming products and services	Other non- farm income	Unspecified	Total
Male	2 981	61,7	15,1	7,5	0,0	12,1	3,6	100,0
Female	1 676	44,5	24,4	22,4	..	5,6	3,1	100,0
<b>Both</b>	<b>4 657</b>	<b>55,5</b>	<b>18,5</b>	<b>12,9</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>9,8</b>	<b>3,4</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.3.10: Employed youth by province and age group, 2022**

Province	N ('000)			Percent		
	15–24 years	25–34 years	Total	15–24 years	25–34 years	Total
WC	215	657	872	24,7	75,3	100,0
EC	112	416	527	21,2	78,8	100,0
NC	27	99	126	21,7	78,3	100,0
FS	41	255	295	13,8	86,2	100,0
KZN	169	774	943	17,9	82,1	100,0
NW	44	228	272	16,2	83,8	100,0
GP	287	1 238	1 525	18,8	81,2	100,0
MP	91	357	448	20,3	79,7	100,0
LP	79	417	496	15,9	84,1	100,0
<b>RSA</b>	<b>1 065</b>	<b>4 440</b>	<b>5 505</b>	<b>19,3</b>	<b>80,7</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 2.3.11: Employed youth by geographical area and age group, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)			Percent		
	15–24 years	25–34 years	Total	15–24 years	25–34 years	Total
Metro	463	2101	2564	18,1	81,9	100,0
Non-metro	602	2339	2941	20,5	79,5	100,0
<b>RSA</b>	<b>1 065</b>	<b>4 440</b>	<b>5 505</b>	<b>19,3</b>	<b>80,7</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 2.3.12: Employed youth by population group and age group, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)			Percent		
	15–24 years	25–34 years	Total	15–24 years	25–34 years	Total
Black African	717	3 467	4 184	17,1	82,9	100,0
Coloured	182	453	635	28,7	71,3	100,0
Indian/ Asian	38	143	181	21,0	79,0	100,0
White	128	378	506	25,3	74,7	100,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 065</b>	<b>4 440</b>	<b>5 505</b>	<b>19,3</b>	<b>80,7</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 2.3.13: Unemployed youth by province and age group, 2022**

Province	N ('000)			Percent		
	15–24 years	25–34 years	Total	15–24 years	25–34 years	Total
WC	167	292	458	36,3	63,7	100,0
EC	187	422	609	30,8	69,2	100,0
NC	23	48	71	32,5	67,5	100,0
FS	72	158	230	31,3	68,7	100,0
KZN	258	459	717	35,9	64,1	100,0
NW	126	220	346	36,5	63,5	100,0
GP	508	883	1 390	36,5	63,5	100,0
MP	122	267	389	31,4	68,6	100,0
LP	109	271	380	28,7	71,3	100,0
<b>RSA</b>	<b>1 572</b>	<b>3 019</b>	<b>4 590</b>	<b>34,2</b>	<b>65,8</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 2.3.14: Unemployed youth by geographical area and age group, 2022**

Metro and age group	N ('000)			Percent		
	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
Metro	655	1 279	1 934	33,8	66,2	100,0
Non-metro	917	1 739	2 656	34,5	65,5	100,0
<b>RSA</b>	<b>1 572</b>	<b>3 019</b>	<b>4 590</b>	<b>34,2</b>	<b>65,8</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 2.3.15: Unemployed youth by population group and age group, 2022**

Population group and age group	N ('000)			Percent		
	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
Black African	1 366	2 765	4 130	33,1	66,9	100,0
Coloured	147	186	332	44,1	55,9	100,0
Indian/ Asian	19	23	42	45,2	54,8	100,0
White	40	45	85	47,4	52,6	100,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 572</b>	<b>3 019</b>	<b>4 590</b>	<b>34,2</b>	<b>65,8</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 2.3.16: Not economically active youth by province and age group, 2022**

Province	N ('000)			Percent		
	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
WC	742	224	966	76,8	23,2	100,0
EC	1 024	352	1 376	74,4	25,6	100,0
NC	151	80	231	65,2	34,8	100,0
FS	354	119	474	74,8	25,2	100,0
KZN	1 618	863	2 481	65,2	34,8	100,0
NW	580	198	778	74,6	25,4	100,0
GP	1 628	547	2 175	74,9	25,1	100,0
MP	614	216	830	74,0	26,0	100,0
LP	878	420	1 298	67,7	32,3	100,0
<b>RSA</b>	<b>7 590</b>	<b>3 019</b>	<b>10 609</b>	<b>71,5</b>	<b>28,5</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 2.3.17: Not economically active youth by geographical area and age group, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)			Percent		
	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total	15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
Metro	2 562	945	3 506	73,1	26,9	100,0
Non-metro	5 029	2 074	7 102	70,8	29,2	100,0
<b>RSA</b>	<b>7 590</b>	<b>3 019</b>	<b>10 609</b>	<b>71,5</b>	<b>28,5</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 2.3.18: Not economically active youth by population group and age group, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)			Percent		
	15–24 years	25–34 years	Total	15–24 years	25–34 years	Total
Black African	6 541	2 630	9 171	71,3	28,7	100,0
Coloured	547	190	737	74,2	25,8	100,0
Indian/ Asian	137	74	212	64,9	35,1	100,0
White	365	124	489	74,6	25,4	100,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 59</b>	<b>3 019</b>	<b>10 609</b>	<b>71,5</b>	<b>28,5</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 2.3.19: Youth labour force participation rate by province and age group, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	15–24 years		25–34 years		Total		15–24 years	25–34 years	Total
	Labour force	Working-age population	Labour force	Working-age population	Labour force	Working-age population	Labour force participation rate		
WC	382	1 124	948	1 173	1 330	2 296	34,0	80,9	57,9
EC	299	1 323	837	1 189	1 136	2 512	22,6	70,4	45,2
NC	50	201	146	227	197	427	25,0	64,6	46,0
FS	113	467	413	532	526	999	24,1	77,6	52,6
KZN	427	2 045	1 233	2 095	1 660	4 140	20,9	58,8	40,1
NW	170	751	448	646	618	1 397	22,7	69,4	44,3
GP	794	2 423	2 121	2 668	2 916	5 091	32,8	79,5	57,3
MP	213	827	624	840	837	1 667	25,8	74,3	50,2
LP	188	1 067	688	1 107	876	2 174	17,7	62,1	40,3
<b>RSA</b>	<b>2 637</b>	<b>10 227</b>	<b>7 459</b>	<b>10 478</b>	<b>10 096</b>	<b>20 705</b>	<b>25,8</b>	<b>71,2</b>	<b>48,8</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 2.3.20: Youth labour force participation rate by geographical area and age group, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	15–24 years		25–34 years		Total		15–24 years	25–34 years	Total
	Labour force	Working-age population	Labour force	Working-age population	Labour force	Working-age population	Labour force participation rate		
Metro	1 118	3 679	3 380	4 325	4 498	8 005	30,4	78,2	56,2
Non-metro	1 519	6 547	4 079	6 152	5 598	12 700	23,2	66,3	44,1
<b>RSA</b>	<b>2 637</b>	<b>10 227</b>	<b>7 459</b>	<b>10 478</b>	<b>10 096</b>	<b>20 705</b>	<b>25,8</b>	<b>71,2</b>	<b>48,8</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 2.3.21: Youth labour force participation rate by population group and age group, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)						Percent		
	15–24 years		25–34 years		Total		15–24 years	25–34 years	Total
	Labour force	Working-age population	Labour force	Working-age population	Labour force	Working-age population	Labour force participation rate		
Black African	2 083	8 624	6 231	8 861	8 314	17 485	24,2	70,3	47,5
Coloured	329	876	639	829	968	1 705	37,6	77,0	56,8
Indian/ Asian	57	194	166	240	223	434	29,3	69,1	51,3
White	168	533	423	547	591	1 080	31,6	77,3	54,7
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 637</b>	<b>10 227</b>	<b>7 459</b>	<b>10 478</b>	<b>10 096</b>	<b>20 705</b>	<b>25,8</b>	<b>71,2</b>	<b>48,8</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 2.3.22: Youth unemployment rate by province and age group, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	15–24 years		25–34 years		Total		15–24 years	25–34 years	Total
	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate		
WC	167	382	292	948	458	1 330	43,6	30,8	34,5
EC	187	299	422	837	609	1 136	62,7	50,3	53,6
NC	23	50	48	146	71	197	45,6	32,6	35,9
FS	72	113	158	413	230	526	63,9	38,3	43,8
KZN	258	427	459	1 233	717	1 660	60,4	37,3	43,2
NW	126	170	220	448	346	618	74,1	49,1	56,0
GP	508	794	883	2 121	1 390	2 916	63,9	41,6	47,7
MP	122	213	267	624	389	837	57,3	42,8	46,5
LP	109	188	271	688	380	876	58,0	39,4	43,4
<b>RSA</b>	<b>1 572</b>	<b>2 637</b>	<b>3 019</b>	<b>7 459</b>	<b>4 590</b>	<b>10 096</b>	<b>59,6</b>	<b>40,5</b>	<b>45,5</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 2.3.23: Youth unemployment rate by geographical area and age group, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	15-24 years		25-34 years		Total		15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate		
Metro	655	1 118	1 279	3 380	1 934	4 498	58,6	37,8	43,0
Non-metro	917	1 519	1 739	4 079	2 656	5 598	60,4	42,6	47,5
<b>RSA</b>	<b>1 572</b>	<b>2 637</b>	<b>3 019</b>	<b>7 459</b>	<b>4 590</b>	<b>10 096</b>	<b>59,6</b>	<b>40,5</b>	<b>45,5</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 2.3.24: Youth unemployment rate by population group and age group, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)						Percent		
	15–24 years		25–34 years		Total		15–24 years	25–34 years	Total
	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate		
Black African	1 366	2 083	2 765	6 231	4 130	8 314	65,6	44,4	49,7
Coloured	147	329	186	639	332	968	44,6	29,1	34,3
Indian/ Asian	19	57	23	166	42	223	33,5	14,0	19,0
White	40	168	45	423	85	591	24,1	10,6	14,5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 572</b>	<b>2 637</b>	<b>3 019</b>	<b>7 459</b>	<b>4 590</b>	<b>10 096</b>	<b>59,6</b>	<b>40,5</b>	<b>45,5</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 2.3.25: Youth labour absorption rate by province and age group, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	15–24 years		25–34 years		Total		15–24 years	25–34 years	Total
	Employed	Working-age population	Employed	Working-age population	Employed	Working-age population	Absorption rate		
WC	215	1 124	657	1 173	872	2 296	19,2	56,0	38,0
EC	112	1 323	416	1 189	527	2 512	8,4	35,0	21,0
NC	27	201	99	227	126	427	13,6	43,5	29,5
FS	41	467	255	532	295	999	8,7	47,9	29,6
KZN	169	2 045	774	2 095	943	4 140	8,3	36,9	22,8
NW	44	751	228	646	272	1 397	5,9	35,3	19,5
GP	287	2 423	1 238	2 668	1 525	5 091	11,8	46,4	30,0
MP	91	827	357	840	448	1 667	11,0	42,5	26,9
LP	79	1 067	417	1 107	496	2 174	7,4	37,6	22,8
<b>RSA</b>	<b>1 065</b>	<b>10 227</b>	<b>4 440</b>	<b>10 478</b>	<b>5 505</b>	<b>20 705</b>	<b>10,4</b>	<b>42,4</b>	<b>26,6</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 2.3.26: Youth labour absorption rate by geographical area and age group, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	15-24 years		25-34 years		Total		15-24 years	25-34 years	Total
	Employed	Working-age population	Employed	Working-age population	Employed	Working-age population	Absorption rate		
Metro	463	3 679	2 101	4 325	2 564	8 005	12,6	48,6	32,0
Non-metro	602	6 547	2 339	6 152	2 941	12 700	9,2	38,0	23,2
<b>RSA</b>	<b>1 065</b>	<b>10 227</b>	<b>4 440</b>	<b>10 478</b>	<b>5 505</b>	<b>20 705</b>	<b>10,4</b>	<b>42,4</b>	<b>26,6</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 2.3.27: Youth labour absorption rate by population group and age group, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)						Percent		
	15–24 years		25–34 years		Total		15–24 years	25–34 years	Total
	Employed	Working-age population	Employed	Working-age population	Employed	Working-age population	Absorption rate		
Black African	717	8 624	3 467	8 861	4 184	17 485	8,3	39,1	23,9
Coloured	182	876	453	829	635	1 705	20,8	54,6	37,3
Indian/Asian	38	194	143	240	181	434	19,5	59,4	41,6
White	128	533	378	547	506	1 080	24,0	69,1	46,8
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 065</b>	<b>10 227</b>	<b>4 440</b>	<b>10 478</b>	<b>5 505</b>	<b>20 705</b>	<b>10,4</b>	<b>42,4</b>	<b>26,6</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 2.3.28: Youth economic inactivity rate by province and age group, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	15–24 years		25–34 years		Total		15–24 years	25–34 years	Total
	Inactive	Working-age population	Inactive	Working-age population	Inactive	Working-age population	Inactivity rate		
WC	742	1 124	224	1 173	966	2 296	66,0	19,1	42,1
EC	1 024	1 323	352	1 189	1 376	2 512	77,4	29,6	54,8
NC	151	201	80	227	231	427	75,0	35,4	54,0
FS	354	467	119	532	474	999	75,9	22,4	47,4
KZN	1 618	2 045	863	2 095	2 481	4 140	79,1	41,2	59,9
NW	580	751	198	646	778	1 397	77,3	30,6	55,7
GP	1 628	2 423	547	2 668	2 175	5 091	67,2	20,5	42,7
MP	614	827	216	840	830	1 667	74,2	25,7	49,8
LP	878	1 067	420	1 107	1 298	2 174	82,3	37,9	59,7
<b>RSA</b>	<b>7 590</b>	<b>10 227</b>	<b>3 019</b>	<b>10 478</b>	<b>10 609</b>	<b>20 705</b>	<b>74,2</b>	<b>28,8</b>	<b>51,2</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 2.3.29: Youth economic inactivity rate by geographical area and age group, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	15–24 years		25–34 years		Total		15–24 years	25–34 years	Total
	Inactive	Working-age population	Inactive	Working-age population	Inactive	Working-age population	Inactivity rate		
Metro	2 562	3 679	945	4 325	3 506	8 005	69,6	21,8	43,8
Non-metro	5 029	6 547	2 074	6 152	7 102	12 700	76,8	33,7	55,9
<b>RSA</b>	<b>7 590</b>	<b>10 227</b>	<b>3 019</b>	<b>10 478</b>	<b>10 609</b>	<b>20 705</b>	<b>74,2</b>	<b>28,8</b>	<b>51,2</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 2.3.30: Youth economic inactivity rate by population group and age group, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)						Percent		
	15–24 years		25–34 years		Total		15–24 years	25–34 years	Total
	Inactive	Working-age population	Inactive	Working-age population	Inactive	Working-age population	Inactivity rate		
Black African	6 541	8 624	2 630	8 861	9 171	17 485	75,8	29,7	52,5
Coloured	547	876	190	829	737	1 705	62,4	23,0	43,2
Indian/ Asian	137	194	74	240	212	434	70,7	30,9	48,7
White	365	533	124	547	489	1 080	68,4	22,7	45,3
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 590</b>	<b>10 227</b>	<b>3 019</b>	<b>10 478</b>	<b>10 609</b>	<b>20 705</b>	<b>74,2</b>	<b>28,8</b>	<b>51,2</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

## 2.4 Youth: Health

**Table 2.4.1: Youth who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population by province, 2022**

Province	N ('000)				Percent	
	Youth		Total		Youth	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	
WC	192	2 378	1 510	7 231	8,1	20,9
EC	131	2 069	1 079	6 539	6,3	16,5
NC	31	418	252	1 294	7,3	19,5
FS	61	994	514	3 000	6,2	17,1
KZN	192	4 151	1 432	11 822	4,6	12,1
NW	80	1 364	689	4 206	5,9	16,4
GP	234	5 846	2 087	16 267	4,0	12,8
MP	68	1 660	565	4 857	4,1	11,6
LP	37	2 029	437	6 168	1,8	7,1
<b>RSA</b>	<b>1 025</b>	<b>20 910</b>	<b>8 564</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>4,9</b>	<b>14,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.4.2: Youth who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population by geographical area, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)				Percent	
	Youth		Total		Youth	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	
Metro	441	8 808	3 774	25 703	5,0	14,7
Non-metro	585	12 101	4 791	35 682	4,8	13,4
<b>RSA</b>	<b>1 025</b>	<b>20 910</b>	<b>8 564</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>4,9</b>	<b>14,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022



**Table 2.4.3: Youth who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population by sex, 2022**

Sex	N ('000)				Percent	
	Youth		Total		Youth	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	
Male	372	10 432	3 131	30 065	3,6	10,4
Female	653	10 477	5 433	31 319	6,2	17,3
<b>Both</b>	<b>1 025</b>	<b>20 910</b>	<b>8 564</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>4,9</b>	<b>14,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.4.4: Youth who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population by age group, 2022**

Age group	N ('000)				Percent	
	Youth		Total		Youth	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	
Not youth	..	..	7 539	40 474	..	18,6
15–24 years	299	9 913	299	9 913	3,0	3,0
25–34 years	727	10 997	727	10 997	6,6	6,6
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 025</b>	<b>20 910</b>	<b>8 564</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>4,9</b>	<b>14,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

## 2.5 Youth: Vulnerability to hunger

**Table 2.5.1: Youth living in households that reported hunger by province and sex, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering		
WC	192	1 132	224	1 244	416	2 376	16,9	18,0	17,5
EC	90	1 035	89	1 029	179	2 064	8,7	8,6	8,6
NC	65	212	52	205	117	417	30,5	25,4	28,0
FS	81	503	83	491	165	993	16,1	17,0	16,6
KZN	409	2 048	415	2 100	824	4 148	20,0	19,7	19,9
NW	165	684	133	679	298	1 363	24,1	19,6	21,9
GP	276	3 019	222	2 813	498	5 833	9,1	7,9	8,5
MP	141	805	152	851	293	1 656	17,5	17,8	17,7
LP	51	976	59	1 051	110	2 027	5,2	5,6	5,4
<b>RSA</b>	<b>1 470</b>	<b>10 414</b>	<b>1 430</b>	<b>10 465</b>	<b>2 899</b>	<b>20 879</b>	<b>14,1</b>	<b>13,7</b>	<b>13,9</b>

Source: GHS 2022

Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 2.5.2: Youth living in households that reported hunger by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering		
Metro	476	4 419	472	4 370	948	8 790	10,8	10,8	10,8
Non-metro	993	5 995	958	6 095	1 951	12 089	16,6	15,7	16,1
<b>RSA</b>	<b>1 470</b>	<b>10 414</b>	<b>1 430</b>	<b>10 465</b>	<b>2 899</b>	<b>20 879</b>	<b>14,1</b>	<b>13,7</b>	<b>13,9</b>

Source: GHS 2022

Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 2.5.3: Youth living in households that reported hunger by population group and sex, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering		
Black African	1 340	8 847	1 325	8 928	2 664	17 775	15,1	14,8	15,0
Coloured	109	847	92	844	201	1 691	12,9	10,9	11,9
Indian/ Asian	15	232	12	206	27	438	6,4	5,7	6,0
White	6	488	2	486	7	974	1,2	0,3	0,8
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 470</b>	<b>10 414</b>	<b>1 430</b>	<b>10 465</b>	<b>2 899</b>	<b>20 879</b>	<b>14,1</b>	<b>13,7</b>	<b>13,9</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 2.5.4: Youth living in households that reported hunger by age group and sex, 2022**

Age group	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering		
15–24 years	726	4 936	743	4 969	1 469	9 905	14,7	15	14,8
25–34 years	743	5 477	687	5 497	1 430	10 974	13,6	12,5	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 470</b>	<b>10 414</b>	<b>1 430</b>	<b>10 465</b>	<b>2 899</b>	<b>20 879</b>	<b>14,1</b>	<b>13,7</b>	<b>13,9</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 2.5.5: Youth-headed households that reported hunger by province and sex, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering		
WC	52	286	37	187	89	473	18,2	20,0	18,9
EC	15	209	16	144	31	353	7,1	11,2	8,8
NC	14	46	8	34	22	80	29,9	25,1	27,8
FS	21	145	18	84	39	229	14,6	21,3	17,1
KZN	81	495	62	303	143	798	16,4	20,3	17,9
NW	57	214	19	111	76	325	26,6	16,9	23,3
GP	111	1 095	34	507	145	1 602	10,1	6,8	9,1
MP	36	213	31	134	67	347	16,8	23,1	19,2
LP	15	263	4	168	19	431	5,5	2,4	4,3
<b>RSA</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>2 967</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>1 672</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>4 638</b>	<b>13,5</b>	<b>13,7</b>	<b>13,6</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 2.5.6: Youth-headed households that reported hunger by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering		
Metro	152	1 453	83	739	235	2 192	10,4	11,3	10,7
Non-metro	249	1 513	146	933	396	2 446	16,5	15,7	16,2
<b>RSA</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>2 967</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>1 672</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>4 638</b>	<b>13,5</b>	<b>13,7</b>	<b>13,6</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

## 2.6 Youth: Education

**Table 2.6.1: Youth who attend educational institutions by population group and sex, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending		
Black African	2 550	8 855	2 631	8 938	5 181	17 794	28,8	29,4	29,1
Coloured	186	847	202	844	387	1 691	21,9	23,9	22,9
Indian/Asian	58	236	65	206	123	442	24,7	31,3	27,8
White	159	492	173	486	332	978	32,3	35,6	33,9
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 952</b>	<b>10 430</b>	<b>3 071</b>	<b>10 475</b>	<b>6 023</b>	<b>20 905</b>	<b>28,3</b>	<b>29,3</b>	<b>28,8</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 2.6.2: Youth who attend educational institutions by age group and sex, 2022**

Age group	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending	Total	Attending		
15–24 years	2 725	4 937	2 768	4 972	5 493	9 909	55,2	55,7	55,4
25–34 years	227	5 492	303	5 504	530	10 996	4,1	5,5	4,8
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 952</b>	<b>10 430</b>	<b>3 071</b>	<b>10 475</b>	<b>6 023</b>	<b>20 905</b>	<b>28,3</b>	<b>29,3</b>	<b>28,8</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 2.6.3: Distribution of the types of educational institutions attended by the youth by population group and sex, 2022**

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Per cent						
			Total	School	ABET/ literacy classes	Higher education institution	Further education and training college	Other college	Other
Black African	Male	2 550	80,0	0,0	11,2	5,2	2,7	0,9	100,0
	Female	2 631	73,2	0,1	13,9	7,1	4,7	0,9	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>5 181</b>	<b>76,6</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>12,5</b>	<b>6,2</b>	<b>3,7</b>	<b>0,9</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Coloured	Male	186	73,4	..	12,8	4,1	4,0	5,6	100,0
	Female	202	72,5	..	18,0	4,3	2,2	3,0	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>72,9</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>15,5</b>	<b>4,2</b>	<b>3,1</b>	<b>4,3</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Indian/ Asian	Male	58	59,2	..	39,2	1,6	..	..	100,0
	Female	65	52,1	..	42,3	2,1	3,5	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>55,5</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>40,8</b>	<b>1,9</b>	<b>1,8</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
White	Male	159	57,0	..	28,4	4,1	5,5	5,0	100,0
	Female	173	55,2	..	36,2	0,7	5,2	2,6	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>56,1</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>32,5</b>	<b>2,3</b>	<b>5,3</b>	<b>3,8</b>	<b>100,0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>2 952</b>	<b>77,9</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>12,7</b>	<b>5,0</b>	<b>2,9</b>	<b>1,4</b>	<b>100,0</b>
	<b>Female</b>	<b>3 071</b>	<b>71,7</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>16,0</b>	<b>6,5</b>	<b>4,5</b>	<b>1,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
	<b>Both</b>	<b>6 023</b>	<b>74,8</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>14,4</b>	<b>5,7</b>	<b>3,7</b>	<b>1,3</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.6.4: Youth who are not attending any educational institution and who are not employed, by population group and sex, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	NEET	Total	NEET	Total	NEET	Total	NEET		
Black African	3 532	8 857	4 407	8 940	7 939	17 798	39,9	49,3	44,6
Coloured	322	848	350	845	671	1 692	38,0	41,4	39,7
Indian/ Asian	37	236	56	206	93	442	15,6	27,3	21,1
White	62	492	91	486	153	978	12,6	18,6	15,6
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 953</b>	<b>10 432</b>	<b>4 903</b>	<b>10 477</b>	<b>8 856</b>	<b>20 910</b>	<b>37,9</b>	<b>46,8</b>	<b>42,4</b>

Source: GHS 2022

Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 2.6.5: Distribution of the highest levels of education attained by the youth, by population group and age group, 2022**

Population group and age group		N ('000)	Percent						
		Total	Less than matric	Matric	Other tertiary	Graduates	Other	Unspecified	Total
Black African	15–24 years	8 423	66,6	28,8	2,4	1,4	0,8	0,1	100,0
	25–34 years	9 374	43,1	40,7	8,8	6,0	1,4	0,0	100,0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>17 798</b>	<b>54,2</b>	<b>35,1</b>	<b>5,8</b>	<b>3,8</b>	<b>1,1</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Coloured	15–24 years	834	64,4	29,9	2,8	1,1	1,6	0,2	100,0
	25–34 years	858	45,4	39,0	8,4	5,8	1,1	0,2	100,0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1 692</b>	<b>54,8</b>	<b>34,5</b>	<b>5,6</b>	<b>3,5</b>	<b>1,3</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Indian/Asian	15–24 years	182	49,1	37,8	3,6	9,6	..	..	100,0
	25–34 years	260	15,9	49,8	12,5	20,3	1,4	..	100,0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>29,6</b>	<b>44,9</b>	<b>8,8</b>	<b>15,9</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
White	15–24 years	473	50,8	39,8	3,7	5,0	0,1	0,5	100,0
	25–34 years	505	9,3	41,7	14,2	34,6	0,3	..	100,0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>29,4</b>	<b>40,8</b>	<b>9,1</b>	<b>20,2</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>15–24 years</b>	<b>9 913</b>	<b>65,3</b>	<b>29,6</b>	<b>2,5</b>	<b>1,7</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
	<b>25–34 years</b>	<b>10 997</b>	<b>41,1</b>	<b>40,9</b>	<b>9,1</b>	<b>7,6</b>	<b>1,4</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>20 910</b>	<b>52,6</b>	<b>35,5</b>	<b>6,0</b>	<b>4,8</b>	<b>1,1</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.6.6: Distribution of the highest levels of education attained by the youth, by sex and age group, 2022**

Sex and age group		N ('000)	Percent						
		Total	Less than matric	Matric	Other tertiary	Graduates	Other	Unspecified	Total
Male	15–24 years	4 939	68,6	27,4	1,7	1,2	0,9	0,2	100,0
	25–34 years	5 494	43,2	40,6	8,2	6,3	1,7	0,0	100,0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10 432</b>	<b>55,2</b>	<b>34,4</b>	<b>5,1</b>	<b>3,9</b>	<b>1,4</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Female	15–24 years	4 974	62,0	31,7	3,4	2,1	0,7	0,1	100,0
	25–34 years	5 504	38,9	41,1	10,0	9,0	1,0	0,0	100,0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10 477</b>	<b>49,9</b>	<b>36,6</b>	<b>6,9</b>	<b>5,7</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
<b>Both</b>	15–24 years	9 913	65,3	29,6	2,5	1,7	0,8	0,1	100,0
	25–34 years	10 997	41,1	40,9	9,1	7,6	1,4	0,0	100,0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>20 910</b>	<b>52,6</b>	<b>35,5</b>	<b>6,0</b>	<b>4,8</b>	<b>1,1</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

## 2.7 Youth: Housing and basic services

**Table 2.7.1: Distribution of youth headed households by geographical area, sex and type of housing, 2022**

Metro and sex		N ('000)	Per cent				
		Total	Formal	Traditional	Informal	Other	Total
Metro	Male	1 464	73,1	0,1	26,2	0,6	100,0
	Female	741	78,3	..	21,3	0,5	100,0
	Both	2 205	74,8	0,1	24,6	0,6	100,0
Non-metro	Male	1 517	77,3	6,5	16,0	0,3	100,0
	Female	935	80,2	7,5	12,0	0,3	100,0
	Both	2 452	78,4	6,9	14,4	0,3	100,0
RSA	Male	2 981	75,2	3,3	21,0	0,5	100,0
	Female	1 676	79,3	4,2	16,1	0,4	100,0
	Both	4 657	76,7	3,6	19,2	0,4	100,0

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.7.2: Distribution of youth headed households by age group, sex and type of housing, 2022**

Age group and sex		N ('000)	Percent				
		Total	Formal	Traditional	Informal	Other	Total
15–24 years	Male	545	73,8	3,5	22,7	0,1	100,0
	Female	342	79,6	4,9	15,2	0,3	100,0
	Both	887	76,0	4,0	19,8	0,1	100,0
25–34 years	Male	2 436	75,5	3,3	20,6	0,5	100,0
	Female	1 334	79,3	4,0	16,3	0,4	100,0
	Both	3 770	76,9	3,5	19,1	0,5	100,0
Total	Male	2 981	75,2	3,3	21,0	0,5	100,0
	Female	1 676	79,3	4,2	16,1	0,4	100,0
	Both	4 657	76,7	3,6	19,2	0,4	100,0

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.7.3: Distribution of youth living in formal, informal and traditional housing by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro and sex		N ('000)	Percent				
		Total	Formal	Traditional	Informal	Other	Total
Metro	Male	4 432	86,7	0,7	12,2	0,4	100,0
	Female	4 376	88,1	0,6	11,2	0,1	100,0
	Both	8 808	87,4	0,6	11,7	0,2	100,0
Non-metro	Male	6 000	83,0	9,3	7,6	0,1	100,0
	Female	6 101	84,3	9,0	6,6	0,1	100,0
	Both	12 101	83,6	9,1	7,1	0,1	100,0
RSA	Male	10 432	84,5	5,6	9,6	0,2	100,0
	Female	10 477	85,9	5,5	8,5	0,1	100,0
	Both	20 910	85,2	5,5	9,1	0,2	100,0

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.7.4: Distribution of youth living in formal, informal and traditional housing by age group and sex, 2022**

Age group and sex		N ('000)	Percent				Total
			Formal	Traditional	Informal	Other	
15–24 years	Male	4 939	85,8	6,1	7,9	0,2	100,0
	Female	4 974	86,0	6,1	7,9	0,1	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>9 913</b>	<b>85,9</b>	<b>6,1</b>	<b>7,9</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
25–34 years	Male	5 494	83,4	5,2	11,1	0,3	100,0
	Female	5 504	85,8	4,9	9,2	0,1	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>10 997</b>	<b>84,6</b>	<b>5,0</b>	<b>10,1</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>10 432</b>	<b>84,5</b>	<b>5,6</b>	<b>9,6</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
	<b>Female</b>	<b>10 477</b>	<b>85,9</b>	<b>5,5</b>	<b>8,5</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
	<b>Both</b>	<b>20 910</b>	<b>85,2</b>	<b>5,5</b>	<b>9,1</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 2.7.5: Living condition indicators of the youth compared to the overall population, by age group, 2022****Access to piped water**

Age group	N ('000)	Percent	
		Access	Unspecified
Not youth	40 474	74,2	0,8
15–24 years	9 913	73,7	0,6
25–34 years	10 997	75,8	0,7
15–34 years	20 910	74,8	0,6
<b>Total</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>74,4</b>	<b>0,7</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Access to improved sanitation**

Age group	N ('000)	Percent
		Access
Not youth	40 474	83,6
15–24 years	9 913	82,6
25–34 years	10 997	83,7
15–34 years	20 910	83,2
<b>Total</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>83,4</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Refuse/ waste removed by the municipality**

Age group	N ('000)	Percent	
		Access	Unspecified
Not youth	40 474	58,9	37,5
15–24 years	9 913	57,5	39,3
25–34 years	10 997	60,7	35,1
15–34 years	20 910	59,2	37,1
<b>Total</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>59,0</b>	<b>37,4</b>

Source: GHS 2022

### Access to electricity connected to the mains

Age group	N ('000)	Percent	
	Total	Access	Unspecified
Not youth	40 474	93,7	3,9
15–24 years	9 913	94,5	3,4
25–34 years	10 997	92,2	4,3
15–34 years	20 910	93,3	3,9
<b>Total</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>93,6</b>	<b>3,9</b>

Source: GHS 2022

### Use solid fuels for cooking

Age group	N ('000)	Percent
	Total	Access
Not youth	40 474	11,6
15–24 years	9 913	12,7
25–34 years	10 997	9,4
15–34 years	20 910	11,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>11,4</b>

Source: GHS 2022

## 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, 2022/23**

Province	N ('000)		Percent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
WC	742	2 251	32,9
EC	229	1 910	11,9
NC	39	397	9,9
FS	92	960	9,6
KZN	886	3 896	22,7
NW	154	1 313	11,7
GP	1 302	5 617	23,1
MP	190	1 567	12,1
LP	88	1 910	4,6
<b>RSA</b>	<b>3 723</b>	<b>19 821</b>	<b>18,7</b>

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GPSJS) 2022/23

**Table 2.8.2: Youth who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area during the day by sex, 2022/23**

Sex	N ('000)		Percent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
Male	1 813	9 922	18,2
Female	1 910	9 899	19,2
<b>Both</b>	<b>3 723</b>	<b>19 821</b>	<b>18,7</b>

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GPSJS) 2022/23



**Table 2.8.3: Youth who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area during the day by age group, 2022/23**

Age group	N ('000)		Percent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
15–24 years	1 750	9 607	18,2
25–34 years	1 973	10 214	19,3
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 723</b>	<b>19 821</b>	<b>18,7</b>

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GPSJS) 2022/23

**Table 2.8.4: Youth who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area at night by province, 2022/23**

Province	N ('000)		Percent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
WC	1 456	2 251	64,7
EC	1 096	1 910	57,3
NC	245	397	61,7
FS	630	960	65,6
KZN	2 474	3 896	63,5
NW	770	1 313	58,6
GP	3 897	5 617	69,3
MP	1 119	1 567	71,4
LP	661	1 910	34,6
<b>RSA</b>	<b>12 349</b>	<b>19 821</b>	<b>62,3</b>

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GPSJS) 2022/23

**Table 2.8.5: Youth who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area at night by sex, 2022/23**

Sex	N ('000)		Percent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
Male	5 926	9 922	59,7
Female	6 423	9 899	64,8
<b>Both</b>	<b>12 349</b>	<b>19 821</b>	<b>62,3</b>

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GPSJS) 2022/23

**Table 2.8.6: Youth who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area at night by age group, 2022/23**

Age group	N ('000)		Percent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
15–24 years	5 930	9 607	61,7
25–34 years	6 419	10 214	62,8
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 349</b>	<b>19 821</b>	<b>62,3</b>

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GPSJS) 2022/23

**Table 2.8.7: Youth who have been victims of property crime during the past 5 years by sex, 2022/23**

Sex	N ('000)		Percent
	Suffering	Total responded	Suffering
Male	698	9 922	7
Female	586	9 899	5,9
<b>Both</b>	<b>1 284</b>	<b>19 821</b>	<b>6,4</b>

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GPSJS) 2022/23

**Table 2.8.8: Youth who have been victims of property crime during the past 5 years by age group, 2022/23**

Age group	N ('000)		Percent
	Suffering	Total responded	Suffering
15–24 years	579	9 607	6,0
25–34 years	705	10 214	6,9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 284</b>	<b>19 821</b>	<b>6,4</b>

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GPSJS) 2022/23

## 2.9 Key findings

This chapter focuses on the population dynamics of young people aged 15–34 years during 2022. Youth are defined as persons aged 15–34 years. Nationally among the young population, 49,9% were males and 50,1% females.

The provincial distribution showed that Gauteng had the highest share of males (51,8%), while Western Cape had the highest share of females (52,3%). The analysis showed that males reported the highest percentage share of youth to the overall population compared to their female counterparts. Gauteng reported the highest share of youth to the overall population for both sexes, males at 36,5% and females at 35,4%. The smallest proportion of the youth population was in Eastern Cape (31,6%). Black African population group recorded the largest proportions of youth for both males and females.

Other aspects of the South African youth population's basic demographic profile revealed that most youth-headed households were concentrated in Gauteng. Males were more likely to lead youth households (27,9%) than females (21,5%). The youth population's household living arrangement revealed that a significant proportion of the youth (56,9%) lived in extended households, with 54,7% for males and 59,0% for females. Intergenerational household types showed that more than half (56,6%) of youth-headed households were of a single generation.

The labour participation rate for youth was reported at 48,8%, and the older group had higher rates at 71,2%. Data indicates that majority of young people aged 15–34 (42,7%) in Eastern Cape lived in households without an employed adult. When examining the extent to which youth participated in the labour market, results showed that majority of employed youth were aged 25–34 years and resided in the metros. The analysis of unemployment also indicated that youth unemployment rates were higher among the younger youth and mostly prevalent in non-metro areas.

Overall, 13,9% of youth lived in households that reported hunger. Northern Cape had the highest rates (28,0%), followed by North West (21,9%) and KwaZulu Natal (19,9%). A high level of youth in the 15–24 age range attended educational institutions, particularly among white and black African population groups. A higher percentage of young females (46,8%) were not in employment, education, and training (NEET) when compared to their male counterparts (37,9%).

One of government's priorities is to increase social cohesion and a feeling of safety in communities. Data revealed that 18,7% of youth felt unsafe walking alone in their area during the day, with Western Cape (32,9%) and Gauteng (23,1%) reporting higher proportions. A provincial analysis found that a higher proportion of young people felt unsafe walking alone in their neighbourhoods at night, with the highest proportions in Mpumalanga (71,4%) and Gauteng (69,3%).

## 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, 2022**

Province	N ('000)	Percent
WC	3 765	12,0
EC	3 363	10,7
NC	661	2,1
FS	1 543	4,9
KZN	6 103	19,5
NW	2 175	6,9
GP	7 958	25,4
MP	2 498	8,0
LP	3 252	10,4
<b>RSA</b>	<b>31 319</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 3.1.2: Distribution of the female population by geographical area, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)	Percent
Metro	12 874	41,1
Non-metro	18 445	58,9
<b>RSA</b>	<b>31 319</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 3.1.3: Distribution of the female population by population group, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)	Percent
Black African	25 640	81,9
Coloured	2 706	8,6
Indian/ Asian	732	2,3
White	2 242	7,2
<b>Total</b>	<b>31 319</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 3.1.4: Distribution of the female population by age group, 2022**

Age group	N ('000)	Percent
0–4 years	2 889	9,2
5–14 years	5 857	18,7
15–24 years	4 974	15,9
25–34 years	5 504	17,6
35–44 years	4 686	15,0
45–54 years	2 984	9,5
55–64 years	2 245	7,2
65–74 years	1 405	4,5
75+ years	775	2,5
<b>Total</b>	<b>31 319</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 3.1.5: Distribution of women (18 years and above) by province and marital status, 2022**

Province	N ('000)	Percent			Total
	Total	Married/ cohabiting	Widow/ widower/ divorced	Never married	
WC	2 688	49,2	14,6	36,3	100,0
EC	2 121	32,6	17,8	49,5	100,0
NC	431	43,1	14,1	42,8	100,0
FS	1 024	43,0	19,2	37,8	100,0
KZN	3 976	29,8	11,3	58,9	100,0
NW	1 408	42,3	13,1	44,5	100,0
GP	5 683	46,3	10,8	42,9	100,0
MP	1 620	35,3	12,8	51,9	100,0
LP	1 954	40,6	15,6	43,8	100,0
<b>RSA</b>	<b>20 906</b>	<b>40,3</b>	<b>13,3</b>	<b>46,4</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 3.1.6: Distribution of women (18 years and above) by geographical area and marital status, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)	Percent			Total
	Total	Married/ cohabiting	Widow/ widower/ divorced	Never married	
Metro	9 195	45,4	12,0	42,6	100,0
Non-metro	11 711	36,2	14,4	49,4	100,0
<b>RSA</b>	<b>20 906</b>	<b>40,3</b>	<b>13,3</b>	<b>46,4</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 3.1.7: Distribution of women (18 years and above) by population group and marital status, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)	Percent			Total
	Total	Married/ cohabiting	Widow/ widower/ divorced	Never married	
Black African	16 647	36,1	12,1	51,7	100,0
Coloured	1 864	46,4	16,5	37,1	100,0
Indian/ Asian	564	60,2	19,8	20,0	100,0
White	1 830	65,7	19,0	15,3	100,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>20 906</b>	<b>40,3</b>	<b>13,3</b>	<b>46,4</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 3.1.8: Distribution of women (18 years and above) by age group and marital status, 2022**

Age group	N ('000)	Percent			
	Total	Married/ cohabiting	Widow/ widower/ divorced	Never married	Total
15–24 years	3 307	12,3	0,1	87,7	100,0
25–34 years	5 504	37,5	0,9	61,7	100,0
35–44 years	4 686	55,3	4,4	40,3	100,0
45–54 years	2 984	57,2	15,8	26,9	100,0
55–64 years	2 245	46,1	34,0	19,8	100,0
65–74 years	1 405	34,2	51,0	14,8	100,0
75+ years	775	17,7	74,9	7,4	100,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>20 906</b>	<b>40,3</b>	<b>13,3</b>	<b>46,4</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

### 3.2 Women: Household characteristics

**Table 3.2.1: Households headed by females aged 15 years and above by province, 2022**

Province	N ('000)		Percent
	Female	Total	Female
WC	842	2 079	40,5
EC	863	1 741	49,6
NC	170	371	45,7
FS	442	974	45,4
KZN	1462	3 200	45,7
NW	570	1 349	42,2
GP	1972	5 583	35,3
MP	656	1 445	45,4
LP	814	1 729	47,1
<b>RSA</b>	<b>7791</b>	<b>18 472</b>	<b>42,2</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 3.2.2: Households headed by females aged 15 years and above by geographical area, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)		Percent
	Female	Total	Female
Metro	3 200	8 447	37,9
Non-metro	4 592	10 024	45,8
<b>RSA</b>	<b>7 791</b>	<b>18 472</b>	<b>42,2</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 3.2.3: Households headed by females aged 15 years and above by population group, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)		Percent
	Female	Total	Female
Black African	6 604	15 222	43,4
Coloured	562	1 258	44,7
Indian/ Asian	130	436	29,7
White	496	1 556	31,9
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 791</b>	<b>18 472</b>	<b>42,2</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 3.2.4: Households headed by females aged 15 years and above by age group, 2022**

Age group	N ('000)		Percent
	Female	Total	Female
15–24 years	342	887	38,6
25–34 years	1 334	3 770	35,4
35–44 years	1 749	4 653	37,6
45–54 years	1 653	3 982	41,5
55–64 years	1 328	2 740	48,5
65+ years	1 386	2 440	56,8
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 791</b>	<b>18 472</b>	<b>42,2</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 3.2.5: Distribution of male and female-headed households by province, sex and household composition, 2022**

Province and sex		N ('000)	Percent					Total
		Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	Unspecified	
WC	Male	1 237	16,4	62,1	19,7	1,9	..	100,0
	Female	842	20,1	38,8	36,1	4,7	0,3	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>2 079</b>	<b>17,9</b>	<b>52,7</b>	<b>26,3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
EC	Male	878	33,6	37,1	27,9	1,4	..	100,0
	Female	863	19,3	25,8	52,8	2,1	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>1 741</b>	<b>26,5</b>	<b>31,5</b>	<b>40,2</b>	<b>1,7</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
NC	Male	202	27,7	44,6	25,4	2,3	..	100,0
	Female	170	13,4	37,1	49	0,5	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>21,2</b>	<b>41,2</b>	<b>36,2</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
FS	Male	532	26,8	47,5	22,9	2,6	0,2	100,0
	Female	442	17,4	32,7	47,2	2	0,7	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>22,5</b>	<b>40,8</b>	<b>33,9</b>	<b>2,3</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>100,0</b>
KZN	Male	1 738	34,7	36,1	27,9	1,2	0,2	100,0
	Female	1 462	17	25,8	54,5	2,4	0,3	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>3 200</b>	<b>26,6</b>	<b>31,4</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1,7</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
NW	Male	779	42,6	34,4	20,6	2,4	..	100,0
	Female	570	16,5	33,6	48,6	1,3	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>1 349</b>	<b>31,6</b>	<b>34,1</b>	<b>32,4</b>	<b>1,9</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
GP	Male	3 612	28	51,3	18,9	1,6	0,2	100,0
	Female	1 972	20,8	38,2	38,3	2,5	0,2	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>5 583</b>	<b>25,5</b>	<b>46,7</b>	<b>25,7</b>	<b>1,9</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
MP	Male	789	30,9	40,9	26,8	1	0,4	100,0
	Female	656	11,7	34	52,2	2,1	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>1 445</b>	<b>22,2</b>	<b>37,7</b>	<b>38,3</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
LP	Male	914	38,2	34,3	27	0,4	0,2	100,0
	Female	814	15,7	34,4	49,3	0,4	0,2	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>1 729</b>	<b>27,6</b>	<b>34,4</b>	<b>37,5</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
RSA	<b>Male</b>	<b>10 681</b>	<b>30,3</b>	<b>45,2</b>	<b>22,9</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
	<b>Female</b>	<b>7 791</b>	<b>17,9</b>	<b>33,1</b>	<b>46,5</b>	<b>2,2</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
	<b>Both</b>	<b>18 472</b>	<b>25,1</b>	<b>40,1</b>	<b>32,9</b>	<b>1,8</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

\*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 geographical area, sex and household composition, 2022**

Metro and sex		N ('000)	Percent					Total
			Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	Unspecified	
Metro	Male	5 248	26,0	52,2	20,0	1,6	0,2	100,0
	Female	3 200	21,1	35,5	40,3	2,9	0,3	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>8 447</b>	<b>24,1</b>	<b>45,9</b>	<b>27,7</b>	<b>2,1</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Non-metro	Male	5 433	34,4	38,4	25,7	1,4	0,1	100,0
	Female	4 592	15,7	31,5	50,8	1,8	0,2	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>10 024</b>	<b>25,8</b>	<b>35,2</b>	<b>37,2</b>	<b>1,6</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
RSA	Male	10 681	30,3	45,2	22,9	1,5	0,1	100,0
	Female	7 791	17,9	33,1	46,5	2,2	0,2	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>18 472</b>	<b>25,1</b>	<b>40,1</b>	<b>32,9</b>	<b>1,8</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

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, 2022**

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Percent					Total
			Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	Unspecified	
Black African	Male	8 618	34,8	39,5	24,0	1,5	0,2	100,0
	Female	6 604	16,7	32,4	48,9	1,8	0,2	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>15 222</b>	<b>27,0</b>	<b>36,4</b>	<b>34,8</b>	<b>1,6</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Coloured	Male	696	9,3	62,2	26,2	2,1	0,2	100,0
	Female	562	10,0	39,1	45,5	5,4	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>1 258</b>	<b>9,6</b>	<b>51,9</b>	<b>34,8</b>	<b>3,6</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Indian/Asian	Male	306	13,4	59,3	24,3	3,0	..	100,0
	Female	130	38,9	29,1	27,7	4,3	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>20,9</b>	<b>50,4</b>	<b>25,3</b>	<b>3,4</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
White	Male	1 060	12,0	75,8	11,0	1,1	..	100,0
	Female	496	37,8	37,9	20,5	3,9	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>1 556</b>	<b>20,2</b>	<b>63,7</b>	<b>14,0</b>	<b>2,0</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Total	Male	10 681	30,3	45,2	22,9	1,5	0,1	100,0
	Female	7 791	17,9	33,1	46,5	2,2	0,2	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>18 472</b>	<b>25,1</b>	<b>40,1</b>	<b>32,9</b>	<b>1,8</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

\*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, 2022**

Age group and sex		N ('000)	Percent					Total
			Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	
15–24 years	Male	545	61,7	10,1	24,3	3,6	0,3	100,0
	Female	342	40,0	12,7	36,8	10,2	0,3	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>53,4</b>	<b>11,1</b>	<b>29,1</b>	<b>6,1</b>	<b>0,3</b>	<b>100,0</b>
25–34 years	Male	2 436	42,8	37,3	17,7	2,1	..	100,0
	Female	1 334	23,5	39,0	33,9	3,3	0,3	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>3 770</b>	<b>36,0</b>	<b>37,9</b>	<b>23,4</b>	<b>2,5</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
35–44 years	Male	2 904	30,2	53,0	15,7	1,0	0,2	100,0
	Female	1 749	15,2	52,0	31,7	1,0	0,1	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>4 653</b>	<b>24,6</b>	<b>52,6</b>	<b>21,7</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
45–54 years	Male	2 329	22,9	54,2	21,3	1,3	0,3	100,0
	Female	1 653	12,4	38,2	47,1	2,0	0,3	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>3 982</b>	<b>18,5</b>	<b>47,5</b>	<b>32,0</b>	<b>1,6</b>	<b>0,3</b>	<b>100,0</b>
55–64 years	Male	1 412	19,7	43,3	35,5	1,5	..	100,0
	Female	1 328	13,5	21,5	63,1	1,9	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>2 740</b>	<b>16,7</b>	<b>32,8</b>	<b>48,9</b>	<b>1,7</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
65+ years	Male	1 054	16,0	42,3	40,5	0,9	0,2	100,0
	Female	1 386	21,2	14,0	63,1	1,5	0,2	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>2 440</b>	<b>18,9</b>	<b>26,2</b>	<b>53,4</b>	<b>1,3</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>10 681</b>	<b>30,3</b>	<b>45,2</b>	<b>22,9</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
	<b>Female</b>	<b>7 791</b>	<b>17,9</b>	<b>33,1</b>	<b>46,5</b>	<b>2,2</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
	<b>Both</b>	<b>18 472</b>	<b>25,1</b>	<b>40,1</b>	<b>32,9</b>	<b>1,8</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

\*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, 2022**

Province and sex		N ('000)	Percent					Total
			Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	Other	
WC	Male	1 237	40,6	48,8	6,3	1,5	2,7	100,0
	Female	842	30,8	46,3	15,4	3,9	3,6	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>2 079</b>	<b>36,6</b>	<b>47,8</b>	<b>10,0</b>	<b>2,5</b>	<b>3,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
EC	Male	878	51,9	30,2	11,3	3,6	3,0	100,0
	Female	863	23,5	37,8	23,9	10,8	4,0	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>1 741</b>	<b>37,9</b>	<b>34,0</b>	<b>17,5</b>	<b>7,2</b>	<b>3,5</b>	<b>100,0</b>
NC	Male	202	45,7	38,4	11,8	2,5	1,5	100,0
	Female	170	19,1	51,8	19,9	5,7	3,5	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>33,5</b>	<b>44,5</b>	<b>15,5</b>	<b>4,0</b>	<b>2,4</b>	<b>100,0</b>
FS	Male	532	42,9	42,4	7,4	3,9	3,4	100,0
	Female	442	20,5	43,9	21,6	10,7	3,4	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>32,7</b>	<b>43,1</b>	<b>13,8</b>	<b>7,0</b>	<b>3,4</b>	<b>100,0</b>
KZN	Male	1 738	54,7	30,9	8,3	2,8	3,3	100,0
	Female	1 462	21,2	40,8	27,7	7,5	2,9	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>3 200</b>	<b>39,4</b>	<b>35,4</b>	<b>17,1</b>	<b>4,9</b>	<b>3,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
NW	Male	779	57,9	29,1	7,3	2,5	3,3	100,0
	Female	570	18,6	44,2	25,4	7,3	4,5	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>1 349</b>	<b>41,3</b>	<b>35,4</b>	<b>15,0</b>	<b>4,5</b>	<b>3,8</b>	<b>100,0</b>
GP	Male	3 612	48,2	41,3	5,4	1,9	3,2	100,0
	Female	1 972	27,1	45,7	18,4	5,0	3,8	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>5 583</b>	<b>40,8</b>	<b>42,9</b>	<b>10,0</b>	<b>3,0</b>	<b>3,4</b>	<b>100,0</b>
MP	Male	789	50,6	33,9	9,4	1,9	4,2	100,0
	Female	656	15,7	46,3	26,8	7,1	4,1	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>1 445</b>	<b>34,8</b>	<b>39,5</b>	<b>17,3</b>	<b>4,2</b>	<b>4,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
LP	Male	914	50,6	31,9	11,3	3,2	3,0	100,0
	Female	814	17,9	46,3	23,6	10,5	1,8	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>1 729</b>	<b>35,2</b>	<b>38,7</b>	<b>17,1</b>	<b>6,6</b>	<b>2,4</b>	<b>100,0</b>
RSA	Male	10 681	49,5	37,3	7,6	2,4	3,2	100,0
	Female	7 791	22,9	44,0	22,4	7,2	3,5	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>18 472</b>	<b>38,3</b>	<b>40,1</b>	<b>13,9</b>	<b>4,4</b>	<b>3,3</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

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 geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro and sex		N ('000)	Per cent					Total
			Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	Other	
Metro	Male	5 248	46,8	42,5	5,7	1,7	3,3	100,0
	Female	3 200	28,1	44,2	19,3	4,7	3,6	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>8 447</b>	<b>39,7</b>	<b>43,2</b>	<b>10,8</b>	<b>2,8</b>	<b>3,4</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Non-metro	Male	5 433	52,1	32,3	9,5	3,1	3,0	100,0
	Female	4 592	19,3	43,8	24,6	9,0	3,3	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>10 024</b>	<b>37,1</b>	<b>37,6</b>	<b>16,4</b>	<b>5,8</b>	<b>3,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
RSA	Male	10 681	49,5	37,3	7,6	2,4	3,2	100,0
	Female	7 791	22,9	44,0	22,4	7,2	3,5	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>18 472</b>	<b>38,3</b>	<b>40,1</b>	<b>13,9</b>	<b>4,4</b>	<b>3,3</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

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, 2022**

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Percent					Total
			Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	Other	
Black African	Male	8 618	51,5	34,3	8,1	2,5	3,6	100,0
	Female	6 604	21,0	43,8	23,9	7,9	3,5	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>15 222</b>	<b>38,2</b>	<b>38,4</b>	<b>14,9</b>	<b>4,9</b>	<b>3,5</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Coloured	Male	696	28,8	55,4	12,0	3,1	0,7	100,0
	Female	562	15,7	53,1	23,1	4,9	3,2	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>1 258</b>	<b>22,9</b>	<b>54,4</b>	<b>17,0</b>	<b>3,9</b>	<b>1,8</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Indian/Asian	Male	306	35,0	55,1	3,7	1,3	4,9	100,0
	Female	130	45,0	34,2	14,0	4,9	1,9	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>38,0</b>	<b>48,9</b>	<b>6,8</b>	<b>2,4</b>	<b>4,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>
White	Male	1 060	50,9	44,8	1,8	1,3	1,1	100,0
	Female	496	50,9	39,1	4,6	1,3	4,2	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>1 556</b>	<b>50,9</b>	<b>43,0</b>	<b>2,7</b>	<b>1,3</b>	<b>2,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Total	Male	10 681	49,5	37,3	7,6	2,4	3,2	100,0
	Female	7 791	22,9	44,0	22,4	7,2	3,5	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>18 472</b>	<b>38,3</b>	<b>40,1</b>	<b>13,9</b>	<b>4,4</b>	<b>3,3</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

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, 2022**

Age group and sex		N ('000)	Percent					Total
			Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	Other	
15–24 years	Male	545	80,7	7,9	..	0,2	11,3	100,0
	Female	342	58,3	26,8	0,5	0,5	13,9	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>72,1</b>	<b>15,2</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>0,3</b>	<b>12,3</b>	<b>100,0</b>
25–34 years	Male	2 436	64,8	29,3	0,2	0,6	5,2	100,0
	Female	1 334	31,3	60,5	0,9	1,0	6,2	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>3 770</b>	<b>53,0</b>	<b>40,3</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>5,5</b>	<b>100,0</b>
35–44 years	Male	2 904	46,6	49,2	1,4	0,5	2,3	100,0
	Female	1 749	20,4	68,7	8,5	0,6	1,9	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>4 653</b>	<b>36,8</b>	<b>56,5</b>	<b>4,1</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>2,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
45–54 years	Male	2 329	37,1	51,1	8,0	1,7	2,0	100,0
	Female	1 653	15,8	48,3	29,4	3,7	2,8	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>3 982</b>	<b>28,3</b>	<b>49,9</b>	<b>16,9</b>	<b>2,6</b>	<b>2,4</b>	<b>100,0</b>
55–64 years	Male	1 412	39,1	31,5	23,0	4,6	1,9	100,0
	Female	1 328	17,3	24,1	43,4	12,8	2,4	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>2 740</b>	<b>28,5</b>	<b>27,9</b>	<b>32,9</b>	<b>8,6</b>	<b>2,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
65+ years	Male	1 054	47,0	16,0	24,4	11,5	1,1	100,0
	Female	1 386	23,2	15,2	37,6	22,0	2,0	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>2 440</b>	<b>33,4</b>	<b>15,6</b>	<b>31,9</b>	<b>17,5</b>	<b>1,6</b>	<b>100,0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>10 681</b>	<b>49,5</b>	<b>37,3</b>	<b>7,6</b>	<b>2,4</b>	<b>3,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
	<b>Female</b>	<b>7 791</b>	<b>22,9</b>	<b>44,0</b>	<b>22,4</b>	<b>7,2</b>	<b>3,5</b>	<b>100,0</b>
	<b>Both</b>	<b>18 472</b>	<b>38,3</b>	<b>40,1</b>	<b>13,9</b>	<b>4,4</b>	<b>3,3</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

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

Other include unspecified cases

**Table 3.2.13: Mean household size by sex of the household head by province, 2022**

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

Source: GHS 2022

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

**Table 3.2.14: Mean household size by sex of the household head by geographical area, 2022**

<b>Metro</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Both</b>
Metro	2,9	3,3	<b>3,1</b>
Non-metro	3,0	3,8	<b>3,3</b>
<b>RSA</b>	<b>3,0</b>	<b>3,6</b>	<b>3,2</b>

Source: GHS 2022

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

**Table 3.2.15: Mean household size by sex of the household head by population group, 2022**

<b>Population group</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Both</b>
Black African	2,9	3,7	<b>3,3</b>
Coloured	3,7	3,8	<b>3,8</b>
Indian/ Asian	3,2	2,5	<b>3,0</b>
White	2,7	2,2	<b>2,6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,0</b>	<b>3,6</b>	<b>3,2</b>

Source: GHS 2022

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

**Table 3.2.16: Mean household size by sex of the household head by age group, 2022**

<b>Age group</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Both</b>
15–24 years	1,6	2,3	<b>1,9</b>
25–34 years	2,2	3,0	<b>2,5</b>
35–44 years	3,0	3,5	<b>3,2</b>
45–54 years	3,4	3,8	<b>3,5</b>
55–64 years	3,6	4,1	<b>3,8</b>
65+ years	3,5	3,8	<b>3,6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,0</b>	<b>3,6</b>	<b>3,2</b>

Source: GHS 2022

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, 2022**

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	0,5	0,2
	Female	0,8	0,2	0,5	0,2
	<b>Both</b>	<b>0,7</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>0,2</b>
EC	Male	0,8	0,2	0,5	0,2
	Female	1,4	0,3	1,1	0,3
	<b>Both</b>	<b>1,1</b>	<b>0,3</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>0,3</b>
NC	Male	0,7	0,2	0,6	0,2
	Female	1,1	0,2	0,9	0,3
	<b>Both</b>	<b>0,9</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>0,7</b>	<b>0,3</b>
FS	Male	0,6	0,1	0,5	0,2
	Female	1,1	0,2	0,9	0,3
	<b>Both</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>0,7</b>	<b>0,3</b>
KZN	Male	0,6	0,2	0,5	0,2
	Female	1,2	0,2	1,0	0,3
	<b>Both</b>	<b>0,9</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>0,7</b>	<b>0,3</b>
NW	Male	0,6	0,2	0,4	0,2
	Female	1,1	0,3	0,9	0,3
	<b>Both</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>0,2</b>
GP	Male	0,5	0,1	0,4	0,2
	Female	0,9	0,2	0,7	0,3
	<b>Both</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>0,2</b>
MP	Male	0,6	0,1	0,5	0,2
	Female	1,3	0,2	1,1	0,4
	<b>Both</b>	<b>0,9</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>0,3</b>
LP	Male	0,7	0,2	0,6	0,2
	Female	1,3	0,2	1,1	0,4
	<b>Both</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>0,3</b>
RSA	<b>Male</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>0,2</b>
	<b>Female</b>	<b>1,1</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>0,9</b>	<b>0,3</b>
	<b>Both</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>0,7</b>	<b>0,2</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 3.3.2: Dependency ratios by geographical area and sex of the household head, 2022**

Metro and sex		Total dependency ratio	Old-age dependency ratio	Child dependency ratio	Mean proportion of children per household
Metro	Male	0,5	0,1	0,4	0,2
	Female	0,9	0,2	0,7	0,3
	<b>Both</b>	<b>0,7</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>0,2</b>
Non-metro	Male	0,7	0,2	0,5	0,2
	Female	1,2	0,2	1,0	0,3
	<b>Both</b>	<b>0,9</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>0,7</b>	<b>0,3</b>
RSA	<b>Male</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>0,2</b>
	<b>Female</b>	<b>1,1</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>0,9</b>	<b>0,3</b>
	<b>Both</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>0,7</b>	<b>0,2</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 3.3.3: Households without an employed household member by province and sex of household head, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Per cent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without		
WC	197	1 237	245	842	441	2 079	15,9	29,0	21,2
EC	325	878	478	864	803	1 742	37,0	55,3	46,1
NC	58	202	68	170	127	371	28,9	40,2	34,1
FS	160	533	238	442	398	975	30,0	53,8	40,8
KZN	449	1 738	633	1 462	1 082	3 200	25,8	43,3	33,8
NW	220	779	304	570	524	1 349	28,2	53,4	38,9
GP	709	3 613	690	1 974	1 399	5 587	19,6	35,0	25,0
MP	198	789	290	656	488	1 445	25,1	44,2	33,7
LP	306	914	421	814	728	1 729	33,5	51,7	42,1
<b>RSA</b>	<b>2 622</b>	<b>10 683</b>	<b>3 368</b>	<b>7 794</b>	<b>5 990</b>	<b>18 477</b>	<b>24,5</b>	<b>43,2</b>	<b>32,4</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 3.3.4: Households without an employed household member by geographical area and sex of household head, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without		
Metro	950	5 249	1 067	3 202	2 018	8 451	18,1	33,3	23,9
Non-metro	1 672	5 434	2 301	4 593	3 973	10 026	30,8	50,1	39,6
<b>RSA</b>	<b>2 622</b>	<b>10 683</b>	<b>3 368</b>	<b>7 794</b>	<b>5 990</b>	<b>18 477</b>	<b>24,5</b>	<b>43,2</b>	<b>32,4</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 3.3.5: Households without an employed household member by population group and sex of household head, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without		
Black African	2 219	8 621	2 969	6 606	5 187	15 227	25,7	44,9	34,1
Coloured	133	696	178	562	311	1 258	19,1	31,7	24,7
Indian/Asian	37	306	39	130	77	436	12,1	30,5	17,6
White	234	1 060	182	496	416	1 556	22,1	36,6	26,7
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 622</b>	<b>10 683</b>	<b>3 368</b>	<b>7 794</b>	<b>5 990</b>	<b>18 477</b>	<b>24,5</b>	<b>43,2</b>	<b>32,4</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 3.3.6: Employed who are employers as a proportion of the overall employed by province and sex, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Employer	Total	Employer	Total	Employer	Total	Employer		
WC	89	1 317	30	1 111	119	2 428	6,7	2,7	4,9
EC	47	740	10	620	57	1 360	6,4	1,6	4,2
NC	14	186	3	138	16	324	7,3	1,9	5,0
FS	31	469	5	328	36	798	6,5	1,6	4,5
KZN	109	1 309	37	1 230	145	2 539	8,3	3,0	5,7
NW	26	520	5	338	30	858	4,9	1,3	3,5
GP	257	2 847	85	2 076	343	4 923	9,0	4,1	7,0
MP	58	675	17	524	75	1 199	8,6	3,3	6,3
LP	69	769	14	568	82	1 337	8,9	2,4	6,2
<b>RSA</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>8 831</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>6 934</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>15 765</b>	<b>7,9</b>	<b>3,0</b>	<b>5,7</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 3.3.7: Employed who are employers as a proportion of the overall employed by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Employer	Total	Employer	Total	Employer	Total	Employer		
Metro	393	4 477	124	3 513	517	7 991	8,8	3,5	6,5
Non-metro	305	4 354	82	3 421	387	7 775	7,0	2,4	5,0
<b>RSA</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>8 831</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>6 934</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>15 765</b>	<b>7,9</b>	<b>3,0</b>	<b>5,7</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 3.3.8: Employed who are employers as a proportion of the overall employed by population group and sex, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Employer	Total	Employer	Total	Employer	Total	Employer		
Black African	451	6 639	128	5 228	579	11 867	6,8	2,4	4,9
Coloured	26	858	11	751	37	1 609	3,1	1,4	2,3
Indian/ Asian	46	351	6	196	52	547	13,1	2,9	9,5
White	174	983	61	758	236	1 742	17,7	8,1	13,5
<b>Total</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>8 831</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>6 934</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>15 765</b>	<b>7,9</b>	<b>3,0</b>	<b>5,7</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 3.3.9: Employed who are employers as a proportion of the overall employed by age group and sex, 2022**

Age group	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Employer	Total	Employer	Total	Employer	Total	Employer		
15–34 years	134	3 195	57	2 310	191	5 505	4,2	2,5	3,5
35–64 years	564	5 636	148	4 624	713	10 260	10,0	3,2	6,9
<b>Total</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>8 831</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>6 934</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>15 765</b>	<b>7,9</b>	<b>3,0</b>	<b>5,7</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022



**Table 3.3.10: Employed who are own-account workers as a proportion of the employed by province and sex, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Own-account	Total	Own-account	Total	Own-account	Total	Own-account		
WC	100	1 317	77	1 111	177	2 428	7,6	6,9	7,3
EC	69	740	64	620	133	1 360	9,3	10,4	9,8
NC	12	186	2	138	14	324	6,5	1,8	4,5
FS	46	469	35	328	81	798	9,8	10,7	10,2
KZN	125	1 309	93	1 230	218	2 539	9,5	7,6	8,6
NW	65	520	33	338	98	858	12,6	9,7	11,4
GP	423	2 847	203	2 076	626	4 923	14,8	9,8	12,7
MP	64	675	78	524	142	1 199	9,5	15,0	11,9
LP	116	769	71	568	187	1 337	15,1	12,6	14,0
<b>RSA</b>	<b>1 019</b>	<b>8 831</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>6 934</b>	<b>1 677</b>	<b>15 765</b>	<b>11,5</b>	<b>9,5</b>	<b>10,6</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 3.3.11: Employed who are own-account workers as a proportion of the employed by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Own-account	Total	Own-account	Total	Own-account	Total	Own-account		
Metro	561	4 477	323	3 513	884	7 991	12,5	9,2	11,1
Non-metro	458	4 354	335	3 421	793	7 775	10,5	9,8	10,2
<b>RSA</b>	<b>1 019</b>	<b>8 831</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>6 934</b>	<b>1 677</b>	<b>15 765</b>	<b>11,5</b>	<b>9,5</b>	<b>10,6</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 3.3.12: Employed who are own-account workers as a proportion of the employed by population group and sex, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Own-account	Total	Own-account	Total	Own-account	Total	Own-account		
Black African	856	6 639	551	5 228	1 407	11 867	12,9	10,5	11,9
Coloured	50	858	20	751	71	1 609	5,9	2,7	4,4
Indian/Asian	31	351	7	196	38	547	8,8	3,5	6,9
White	83	983	79	758	162	1 742	8,4	10,5	9,3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 019</b>	<b>8 831</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>6 934</b>	<b>1 677</b>	<b>15 765</b>	<b>11,5</b>	<b>9,5</b>	<b>10,6</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 3.3.13: Employed who are own-account workers as a proportion of the employed by age group and sex, 2022**

Age group	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Own-account	Total	Own-account	Total	Own-account	Total	Own-account		
15-34 years	301	3 195	186	2 310	487	5 505	9,4	8,1	8,8
35-64 years	718	5 636	472	4 624	1 190	10 260	12,7	10,2	11,6
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 019</b>	<b>8 831</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>6 934</b>	<b>1 677</b>	<b>15 765</b>	<b>11,5</b>	<b>9,5</b>	<b>10,6</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 3.3.14: Employed who are working as contributing family members as a proportion of the employed by province and sex, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member		
WC	5	1 317	7	1 111	11	2 428	0,3	0,6	0,5
EC	5	740	7	620	12	1 360	0,7	1,1	0,9
NC	1	186	2	138	3	324	0,5	1,2	0,8
FS	2	469	5	328	6	798	0,4	1,4	0,8
KZN	6	1 309	12	1 230	18	2 539	0,4	1,0	0,7
NW	1	520	4	338	5	858	0,2	1,1	0,6
GP	13	2 847	19	2 076	31	4 923	0,4	0,9	0,6
MP	4	675	7	524	12	1 199	0,7	1,4	1,0
LP	3	769	4	568	7	1 337	0,4	0,8	0,6
<b>RSA</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>8 831</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>6 934</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>15 765</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>0,7</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 3.3.15: Employed who are working as contributing family members as a proportion of the employed by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member		
Metro	27	4 477	34	3 513	60	7 991	0,6	1,0	0,8
Non-metro	13	4 354	33	3 421	45	7 775	0,3	1,0	0,6
<b>RSA</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>8 831</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>6 934</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>15 765</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>0,7</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 3.3.16: Employed who are working as contributing family members as a proportion of the employed by population group and sex, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member		
Black African	31	6 639	54	5 228	85	11 867	0,5	1,0	0,7
Coloured	2	858	4	751	6	1 609	0,2	0,5	0,3
Indian/Asian	4	351	3	196	7	547	1,1	1,7	1,3
White	3	983	5	758	8	1 742	0,3	0,7	0,5
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>8 831</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>6 934</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>15 765</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>0,7</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 3.3.17: Employed who are working as contributing family members as a proportion of the employed by age group and sex, 2022**

Age group	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member	Total	Contributing member		
15-34 years	28	3195	24	2310	52	5505	0,9	1,0	0,9
35-64 years	11	5636	42	4624	54	10260	0,2	0,9	0,5
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>8831</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>6934</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>15765</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>0,7</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 3.3.18: Distribution of employed persons by province, sex and working sector, 2022**

Province and sex		N ('000)	Percent				
			Total	Formal	Informal	Agriculture	Private Households
WC	Male	1 317	77,3	11,1	9,4	2,3	100,0
	Female	1 111	75,4	8,9	7,1	8,5	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>2 428</b>	<b>76,4</b>	<b>10,1</b>	<b>8,4</b>	<b>5,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
EC	Male	740	57,5	27,0	12,8	2,7	100,0
	Female	620	63,2	21,6	3,7	11,5	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>1 360</b>	<b>60,1</b>	<b>24,5</b>	<b>8,7</b>	<b>6,7</b>	<b>100,0</b>
NC	Male	186	69,1	13,0	13,4	4,6	100,0
	Female	138	74,9	6,3	7,9	10,9	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>71,5</b>	<b>10,2</b>	<b>11,0</b>	<b>7,3</b>	<b>100,0</b>
FS	Male	469	59,6	20,4	16,8	3,2	100,0
	Female	328	64,0	17,5	4,4	14,1	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>61,4</b>	<b>19,2</b>	<b>11,7</b>	<b>7,7</b>	<b>100,0</b>
KZN	Male	1 309	70,1	19,9	5,6	4,4	100,0
	Female	1 230	69,1	14,3	3,7	12,9	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>2 539</b>	<b>69,6</b>	<b>17,2</b>	<b>4,7</b>	<b>8,5</b>	<b>100,0</b>
NW	Male	520	69,5	21,4	5,6	3,6	100,0
	Female	338	73,0	13,8	1,5	11,7	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>70,9</b>	<b>18,4</b>	<b>4,0</b>	<b>6,8</b>	<b>100,0</b>
GP	Male	2 847	73,7	22,6	0,8	2,9	100,0
	Female	2 076	74,0	13,7	0,7	11,6	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>4 923</b>	<b>73,8</b>	<b>18,8</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>6,6</b>	<b>100,0</b>
MP	Male	675	61,6	27,0	8,8	2,6	100,0
	Female	524	56,1	24,4	6,4	13,1	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>1 199</b>	<b>59,2</b>	<b>25,9</b>	<b>7,7</b>	<b>7,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
LP	Male	769	51,6	33,4	11,2	3,8	100,0
	Female	568	57,1	20,7	9,5	12,6	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>1 337</b>	<b>53,9</b>	<b>28,0</b>	<b>10,5</b>	<b>7,6</b>	<b>100,0</b>
RSA	Male	8 831	68,4	21,7	6,7	3,2	100,0
	Female	6 934	69,2	15,2	4,0	11,6	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>15 765</b>	<b>68,7</b>	<b>18,8</b>	<b>5,5</b>	<b>6,9</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 3.3.19: Distribution of employed persons by geographical area, sex and working sector, 2022**

Metro and sex		N ('000)	Percent				
			Total	Formal	Informal	Agriculture	Private Households
Metro	Male	4 477	76,8	19,9	0,6	2,7	100,0
	Female	3 513	75,8	12,5	0,4	11,3	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>7 991</b>	<b>76,4</b>	<b>16,7</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>6,5</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Non-metro	Male	4 354	59,8	23,6	13,0	3,6	100,0
	Female	3 421	62,3	17,9	7,8	12,0	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>7 775</b>	<b>60,9</b>	<b>21,1</b>	<b>10,7</b>	<b>7,3</b>	<b>100,0</b>
RSA	Male	8 831	68,4	21,7	6,7	3,2	100,0
	Female	6 934	69,2	15,2	4,0	11,6	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>15 765</b>	<b>68,7</b>	<b>18,8</b>	<b>5,5</b>	<b>6,9</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 3.3.20: Distribution of employed persons by population group, sex and working sector, 2022**

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Percent				
			Total	Formal	Informal	Agriculture	Private Household
Black African	Male	6 639	64,1	25,4	6,7	3,9	100,0
	Female	5 228	64,9	17,0	3,9	14,2	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>11 867</b>	<b>64,4</b>	<b>21,7</b>	<b>5,4</b>	<b>8,4</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Coloured	Male	858	74,2	10,8	12,7	2,3	100,0
	Female	751	73,6	9,1	9,0	8,3	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>1 609</b>	<b>74,0</b>	<b>10,0</b>	<b>10,9</b>	<b>5,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Indian/ Asian	Male	351	84,3	15,0	0,4	0,2	100,0
	Female	196	96,2	3,8	..	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>88,6</b>	<b>11,0</b>	<b>0,3</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
White	Male	983	86,8	9,1	4,0	0,1	100,0
	Female	758	87,4	11,3	1,2	0,2	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>1 742</b>	<b>87,0</b>	<b>10,0</b>	<b>2,8</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>8 831</b>	<b>68,4</b>	<b>21,7</b>	<b>6,7</b>	<b>3,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
	<b>Female</b>	<b>6 934</b>	<b>69,2</b>	<b>15,2</b>	<b>4,0</b>	<b>11,6</b>	<b>100,0</b>
	<b>Both</b>	<b>15 765</b>	<b>68,7</b>	<b>18,8</b>	<b>5,5</b>	<b>6,9</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 3.3.21: Distribution of employed persons by age group, sex and working sector, 2022**

Age group and sex		N ('000)	Percent				
			Total	Formal	Informal	Agriculture	Private Household
15–34 years	Male	3 195	65,8	23,6	7,8	2,8	100,0
	Female	2 310	71,0	17,2	4,6	7,2	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>5 505</b>	<b>68,0</b>	<b>20,9</b>	<b>6,5</b>	<b>4,7</b>	<b>100,0</b>
35–64 years	Male	5 636	69,9	20,7	6,1	3,4	100,0
	Female	4 624	68,3	14,2	3,7	13,8	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>10 260</b>	<b>69,1</b>	<b>17,8</b>	<b>5,0</b>	<b>8,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>8 831</b>	<b>68,4</b>	<b>21,7</b>	<b>6,7</b>	<b>3,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
	<b>Female</b>	<b>6 934</b>	<b>69,2</b>	<b>15,2</b>	<b>4,0</b>	<b>11,6</b>	<b>100,0</b>
	<b>Both</b>	<b>15 765</b>	<b>68,7</b>	<b>18,8</b>	<b>5,5</b>	<b>6,9</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 3.3.22: Labour force participation rates for women aged 15-64 years by province and age group, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	15-34 years		35-64 years		Total		15-34 years	35-64 years	Total
	Labour force	Working-age population	Labour force	Working-age population	Labour force	Working-age population	Labour force participation rate		
WC	606	1 142	881	1 374	1 488	2 516	53,1	64,1	59,1
EC	508	1 244	591	1 034	1 100	2 277	40,9	57,2	48,3
NC	77	199	100	189	177	388	38,5	53,1	45,6
FS	233	500	304	472	537	972	46,6	64,5	55,3
KZN	791	2 123	1 003	1 806	1 794	3 929	37,2	55,5	45,6
NW	266	696	316	662	582	1 358	38,2	47,8	42,9
GP	1 301	2 450	1 979	2 839	3 279	5 289	53,1	69,7	62,0
MP	368	840	465	741	833	1 581	43,8	62,8	52,7
LP	405	1 062	494	954	899	2 015	38,1	51,8	44,6
<b>RSA</b>	<b>4 555</b>	<b>10 256</b>	<b>6 135</b>	<b>10 071</b>	<b>10 690</b>	<b>20 327</b>	<b>44,4</b>	<b>60,9</b>	<b>52,6</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 3.3.23: Labour force participation rates for women aged 15-64 years by geographical area and age group, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	15-34 years		35-64 years		Total		15-34 years	35-64 years	Total
	Labour force	Working-age population	Labour force	Working-age population	Labour force	Working-age population	Labour force participation rate		
Metro	2 046	3 928	3 128	4 548	5 174	8 475	52,1	68,8	61,0
Non-metro	2 510	6 328	3 006	5 523	5 516	11 852	39,7	54,4	46,5
<b>RSA</b>	<b>4 555</b>	<b>10 256</b>	<b>6 135</b>	<b>10 071</b>	<b>10 690</b>	<b>20 327</b>	<b>44,4</b>	<b>60,9</b>	<b>52,6</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 3.3.24: Labour force participation rates for women aged 15-64 years by population group and age group, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)						Percent		
	15-34 years		35-64 years		Total		15-34 years	35-64 years	Total
	Labour force	Working-age population	Labour force	Working-age population	Labour force	Working-age population	Labour force participation rate		
Black African	3 749	8 668	4 837	7 901	8 586	16 569	43,3	61,2	51,8
Coloured	451	849	585	990	1 036	1 839	53,1	59,0	56,3
Indian/Asian	87	209	153	288	240	497	41,7	52,9	48,2
White	268	530	561	892	829	1 422	50,5	62,9	58,3
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 555</b>	<b>10 256</b>	<b>6 135</b>	<b>10 071</b>	<b>10 690</b>	<b>20 327</b>	<b>44,4</b>	<b>60,9</b>	<b>52,6</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 3.3.25: Female unemployment rate by province and age group, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	15–34 years		35–64 years		Total		15–34 years	35–64 years	Total
	Un-Employed	Labour force	Un-employed	Labour force	Un-employed	Labour force	Unemployment rate		
WC	214	606	162	881	377	1 488	35,4	18,4	25,3
EC	293	508	186	591	479	1 100	57,7	31,5	43,6
NC	28	77	11	100	39	177	36,3	11,3	22,1
FS	124	233	85	304	209	537	53,3	27,8	38,9
KZN	365	791	199	1 003	564	1 794	46,1	19,8	31,4
NW	153	266	91	316	244	582	57,5	28,9	42,0
GP	666	1 301	537	1 979	1 203	3 279	51,2	27,1	36,7
MP	190	368	119	465	310	833	51,8	25,6	37,1
LP	210	405	121	494	331	899	52,0	24,4	36,8
<b>RSA</b>	<b>2 245</b>	<b>4 555</b>	<b>1 511</b>	<b>6 135</b>	<b>3 756</b>	<b>10 690</b>	<b>49,3</b>	<b>24,6</b>	<b>35,1</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 3.3.26: Female unemployment rate by geographical area and age group, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	15-34 years		35-64 years		Total		15-34 years	35-64 years	Total
	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate		
Metro	939	2 046	722	3 128	1 661	5 174	45,9	23,1	32,1
Non-metro	1 306	2 510	789	3 006	2 095	5 516	52,1	26,2	38,0
<b>RSA</b>	<b>2 245</b>	<b>4 555</b>	<b>1 511</b>	<b>6 135</b>	<b>3 756</b>	<b>10 690</b>	<b>49,3</b>	<b>24,6</b>	<b>35,1</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 3.3.27: Female unemployment rate by population group and age group, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)						Percent		
	15–34 years		35–64 years		Total		15–34 years	35–64 years	Total
	Un-employed	Labour force	Un-employed	Labour force	Un-employed	Labour force	Unemployment rate		
Black African	2 021	3 749	1 337	4 837	3 358	8 586	53,9	27,6	39,1
Coloured	167	451	117	585	284	1 036	37,0	20,1	27,4
Indian/ Asian	22	87	22	153	44	240	25,0	14,3	18,2
White	35	268	35	561	70	829	13,1	6,3	8,5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 245</b>	<b>4 555</b>	<b>1 511</b>	<b>6 135</b>	<b>3 756</b>	<b>10 690</b>	<b>49,3</b>	<b>24,6</b>	<b>35,1</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 3.3.28: Female absorption rate by province and age group, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	15–34 years		35–64 years		Total		15–34 years	35–64 years	Total
	Employed	Working-age population	Employed	Working-age population	Employed	Working-age population	Absorption rate		
WC	392	1 142	719	1 374	1 111	2 516	34,3	52,3	44,2
EC	215	1 244	405	1 034	620	2 277	17,3	39,2	27,2
NC	49	199	89	189	138	388	24,5	47,1	35,5
FS	109	500	220	472	328	972	21,7	46,5	33,8
KZN	426	2 123	804	1 806	1 230	3 929	20,1	44,5	31,3
NW	113	696	225	662	338	1 358	16,2	34,0	24,9
GP	634	2 450	1 442	2 839	2 076	5 289	25,9	50,8	39,3
MP	178	840	346	741	524	1 581	21,1	46,7	33,1
LP	195	1 062	373	954	568	2 015	18,3	39,1	28,2
<b>RSA</b>	<b>2 310</b>	<b>10 256</b>	<b>4 624</b>	<b>10 071</b>	<b>6 934</b>	<b>20 327</b>	<b>22,5</b>	<b>45,9</b>	<b>34,1</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 3.3.29: Female absorption rate by geographical area and age group, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	15-34 years		35-64 years		Total		15-34 years	35-64 years	Total
	Employed	Working-age population	Employed	Working-age population	Employed	Working-age population	Absorption rate		
Metro	1 107	3 928	2 407	4 548	3 513	8 475	28,2	52,9	41,5
Non-metro	1 203	6 328	2 217	5 523	3 421	11 852	19,0	40,1	28,9
<b>RSA</b>	<b>2 310</b>	<b>10 256</b>	<b>4 624</b>	<b>10 071</b>	<b>6 934</b>	<b>20 327</b>	<b>22,5</b>	<b>45,9</b>	<b>34,1</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 3.3.30: Female absorption rate by population group and age group, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)						Percent		
	15–34 years		35–64 years		Total		15–34 years	35–64 years	Total
	Employed	Working-age population	Employed	Working-age population	Employed	Working-age population	Absorption rate		
Black African	1 728	8 668	3 500	7 901	5 228	16 569	19,9	44,3	31,6
Coloured	284	849	467	990	751	1 839	33,5	47,2	40,9
Indian/Asian	65	209	131	288	196	497	31,3	45,3	39,4
White	233	530	526	892	758	1 422	43,9	59,0	53,3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 310</b>	<b>10 256</b>	<b>4 624</b>	<b>10 071</b>	<b>6 934</b>	<b>20 327</b>	<b>22,5</b>	<b>45,9</b>	<b>34,1</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022



**Table 3.3.31: Female inactivity rate by province and age group, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	15–34 years		35–64 years		Total		15–34 years	35–64 years	Total
	Inactive	Working-age population	Inactive	Working-age population	Inactive	Working-age population	Inactivity rate		
WC	535	1 142	493	1 374	1 028	2 516	46,9	35,9	40,9
EC	735	1 244	442	1 034	1 177	2 277	59,1	42,8	51,7
NC	122	199	89	189	211	388	61,5	46,9	54,4
FS	267	500	168	472	435	972	53,4	35,5	44,7
KZN	1 332	2 123	803	1 806	2 136	3 929	62,8	44,5	54,4
NW	430	696	346	662	776	1 358	61,8	52,2	57,1
GP	1 150	2 450	860	2 839	2 010	5 289	46,9	30,3	38,0
MP	472	840	276	741	748	1 581	56,2	37,2	47,3
LP	657	1 062	460	954	1 116	2 015	61,9	48,2	55,4
<b>RSA</b>	<b>5 701</b>	<b>10 256</b>	<b>3 936</b>	<b>10 071</b>	<b>9 637</b>	<b>20 327</b>	<b>55,6</b>	<b>39,1</b>	<b>47,4</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 3.3.32: Female inactivity rate by geographical area and age group, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	15-34 years		35-64 years		Total		15-34 years	35-64 years	Total
	Inactive	Working-age population	Inactive	Working-age population	Inactive	Working-age population	Inactivity rate		
Metro	1 882	3 928	1 419	4 548	3 301	8 475	47,9	31,2	39,0
Non-metro	3 819	6 328	2 517	5 523	6 336	11 852	60,3	45,6	53,5
<b>RSA</b>	<b>5 701</b>	<b>10 256</b>	<b>3 936</b>	<b>10 071</b>	<b>9 637</b>	<b>20 327</b>	<b>55,6</b>	<b>39,1</b>	<b>47,4</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 3.3.33: Female inactivity rate by population group and age group, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)						Percent		
	15–34 years		35–64 years		Total		15–34 years	35–64 years	Total
	Inactive	Working-age population	Inactive	Working-age population	Inactive	Working-age population	Inactivity rate		
Black African	4 919	8 668	3 064	7 901	7 983	16 569	56,7	38,8	48,2
Coloured	398	849	406	990	804	1 839	46,9	41,0	43,7
Indian/Asian	122	209	136	288	258	497	58,3	47,1	51,8
White	262	530	331	892	593	1 422	49,5	37,1	41,7
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 701</b>	<b>10 256</b>	<b>3 936</b>	<b>10 071</b>	<b>9 637</b>	<b>20 327</b>	<b>55,6</b>	<b>39,1</b>	<b>47,4</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

### 3.4 Women: Health

**Table 3.4.1: Persons with access to medical aid by province and sex, 2022**

Province and sex		N ('000)	Percent			
		Total	Medical aid	No medical aid	Unspecified	Total
WC	Male	3 465	24,6	75,4	0,1	100,0
	Female	3 765	25,9	74,0	0,1	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>7 231</b>	<b>25,2</b>	<b>74,7</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
EC	Male	3 176	10,1	89,8	0,1	100,0
	Female	3 363	11,0	88,9	0,0	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>6 539</b>	<b>10,6</b>	<b>89,3</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
NC	Male	633	15,8	84,2	0,1	100,0
	Female	661	15,5	84,3	0,2	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>1 294</b>	<b>15,7</b>	<b>84,2</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
FS	Male	1 457	13,9	86,0	0,0	100,0
	Female	1 543	15,1	84,7	0,2	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>3 000</b>	<b>14,5</b>	<b>85,3</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
KZN	Male	5 719	10,3	89,5	0,2	100,0
	Female	6 103	11,8	87,9	0,2	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>11 822</b>	<b>11,1</b>	<b>88,7</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
NW	Male	2 032	15,0	84,8	0,2	100,0
	Female	2 175	12,3	87,6	0,0	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>4 206</b>	<b>13,6</b>	<b>86,2</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
GP	Male	8 308	21,1	78,6	0,3	100,0
	Female	7 958	23,4	76,5	0,2	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>16 267</b>	<b>22,2</b>	<b>77,5</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
MP	Male	2 359	9,8	90,1	0,1	100,0
	Female	2 498	10,5	89,4	0,0	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>4 857</b>	<b>10,2</b>	<b>89,8</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
LP	Male	2 915	8,6	91,2	0,2	100,0
	Female	3 252	9,2	90,8	0,0	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>6 168</b>	<b>8,9</b>	<b>91,0</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
RSA	<b>Male</b>	<b>30 065</b>	<b>15,3</b>	<b>84,5</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
	<b>Female</b>	<b>31 319</b>	<b>16,3</b>	<b>83,6</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
	<b>Both</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>15,8</b>	<b>84,0</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 3.4.2: Persons with access to medical aid by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro and sex		N ('000)	Percent			
		Total	Medical aid	No medical aid	Unspecified	Total
Metro	Male	12 829	22,2	77,5	0,2	100,0
	Female	12 874	25,0	74,8	0,2	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>25 703</b>	<b>23,6</b>	<b>76,2</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Non-metro	Male	17 237	10,2	89,7	0,1	100,0
	Female	18 445	10,2	89,8	0,1	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>35 682</b>	<b>10,2</b>	<b>89,7</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
RSA	Male	30 065	15,3	84,5	0,2	100,0
	Female	31 319	16,3	83,6	0,1	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>15,8</b>	<b>84,0</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 3.4.3: Persons with access to medical aid by population group and sex, 2022**

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Percent			
		Total	Medical aid	No medical aid	Unspecified	Total
Black African	Male	24 616	9,4	90,4	0,2	100,0
	Female	25 640	10,0	89,8	0,1	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>50 256</b>	<b>9,7</b>	<b>90,1</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Coloured	Male	2 548	17,4	82,4	0,1	100,0
	Female	2 706	18,8	81,1	0,1	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>5 253</b>	<b>18,2</b>	<b>81,7</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Indian/Asian	Male	783	47,3	52,7	..	100,0
	Female	732	50,3	49,6	0,1	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>1 515</b>	<b>48,7</b>	<b>51,2</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
White	Male	2 118	70,3	29,5	0,2	100,0
	Female	2 242	73,4	26,5	0,0	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>4 360</b>	<b>71,9</b>	<b>28,0</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Total	Male	30 065	15,3	84,5	0,2	100,0
	Female	31 319	16,3	83,6	0,1	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>15,8</b>	<b>84,0</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

### 3.5 Women: Vulnerability to hunger

**Table 3.5.1: Households that reported hunger by province, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering		
WC	164	1 229	129	841	293	2 071	13,3	15,4	14,2
EC	71	873	63	862	135	1 736	8,2	7,3	7,8
NC	40	202	49	170	89	371	20,1	28,9	24,1
FS	71	532	80	439	151	971	13,4	18,2	15,6
KZN	210	1 736	265	1 458	475	3 193	12,1	18,2	14,9
NW	162	776	100	570	262	1 345	20,9	17,5	19,5
GP	300	3 595	153	1 969	454	5 565	8,4	7,8	8,2
MP	109	785	100	655	210	1 440	13,9	15,3	14,6
LP	39	913	30	813	69	1 725	4,2	3,7	4,0
<b>RSA</b>	<b>1 168</b>	<b>10 640</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>7 776</b>	<b>2 138</b>	<b>18 417</b>	<b>11,0</b>	<b>12,5</b>	<b>11,6</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 3.5.2: Households that reported hunger by geographical area, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering		
Metro	463	5 225	323	3 193	785	8 418	8,9	10,1	9,3
Non-metro	705	5 415	648	4 583	1 353	9 998	13,0	14,1	13,5
<b>RSA</b>	<b>1 168</b>	<b>10 640</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>7 776</b>	<b>2 138</b>	<b>18 417</b>	<b>11,0</b>	<b>12,5</b>	<b>11,6</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

### 3.6 Women: Education

**Table 3.6.1: Persons aged 20 and above who are functionally literate by province and sex, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate		
WC	2 152	2 302	2 422	2 582	4 573	4 884	93,5	93,8	93,6
EC	1 481	1 780	1 737	2 036	3 218	3 817	83,2	85,3	84,3
NC	349	402	359	414	708	816	86,6	86,9	86,8
FS	789	891	871	983	1 660	1 874	88,6	88,6	88,6
KZN	2 972	3 327	3 288	3 801	6 260	7 127	89,3	86,5	87,8
NW	1 044	1 250	1 114	1 339	2 158	2 589	83,5	83,2	83,3
GP	5 467	5 723	5 205	5 439	10 672	11 162	95,5	95,7	95,6
MP	1 202	1 398	1 309	1 534	2 511	2 932	86,0	85,3	85,7
LP	1 390	1 609	1 574	1 859	2 964	3 467	86,4	84,7	85,5
<b>RSA</b>	<b>16 846</b>	<b>18 682</b>	<b>17 878</b>	<b>19 987</b>	<b>34 725</b>	<b>38 669</b>	<b>90,2</b>	<b>89,4</b>	<b>89,8</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 3.6.2: Persons aged 20 and above who are functionally literate by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate		
Metro	8 341	8 750	8 433	8 832	16 774	17 582	95,3	95,5	95,4
Non-metro	8 505	9 931	9 445	11 155	17 951	21 087	85,6	84,7	85,1
<b>RSA</b>	<b>16 846</b>	<b>18 682</b>	<b>17 878</b>	<b>19 987</b>	<b>34 725</b>	<b>38 669</b>	<b>90,2</b>	<b>89,4</b>	<b>89,8</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 3.6.3: Persons aged 20 and above who are functionally literate by population group and sex, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate		
Black African	13 165	14 839	13 977	15 870	27 142	30 709	88,7	88,1	88,4
Coloured	1 469	1 613	1 601	1 786	3 070	3 399	91,1	89,6	90,3
Indian/Asian	579	590	525	548	1 103	1 137	98,2	95,8	97,0
White	1 634	1 641	1 775	1 784	3 409	3 424	99,6	99,5	99,6
<b>Total</b>	<b>16 846</b>	<b>18 682</b>	<b>17 878</b>	<b>19 987</b>	<b>34 725</b>	<b>38 669</b>	<b>90,2</b>	<b>89,4</b>	<b>89,8</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 3.6.4: Persons aged 20 and above who are functionally literate by age group and sex, 2022**

Age group	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate		
20-39 years	10 008	10 502	10 264	10 517	20 272	21 019	95,3	97,6	96,4
40-59 years	5 358	6 022	5 625	6 268	10 984	12 290	89,0	89,7	89,4
60+ years	1 480	2 158	1 989	3 202	3 469	5 361	68,6	62,1	64,7
<b>Total</b>	<b>16 846</b>	<b>18 682</b>	<b>17 878</b>	<b>19 987</b>	<b>34 725</b>	<b>38 669</b>	<b>90,2</b>	<b>89,4</b>	<b>89,8</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
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, 2022**

Province and sex		N ('000)	Percent						
			Total	Less than matric	Matric	Other tertiary	Graduates	Other	Unspecified
WC	Male	2 066	43,7	31,9	8,6	12,9	2,9	0,1	100,0
	Female	2 304	47,2	30,2	9,4	11,7	1,6	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>4 369</b>	<b>45,5</b>	<b>31,0</b>	<b>9,0</b>	<b>12,3</b>	<b>2,2</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>
EC	Male	1 548	63,0	23,6	7,1	4,8	1,5	..	100,0
	Female	1 825	62,8	22,3	8,8	5,2	0,9	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>3 373</b>	<b>62,9</b>	<b>22,9</b>	<b>8,0</b>	<b>5,0</b>	<b>1,2</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
NC	Male	350	59,0	27,0	8,6	3,8	1,6	..	100,0
	Female	363	59,1	26,6	8,2	5,0	1,0	0,2	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>59,0</b>	<b>26,8</b>	<b>8,4</b>	<b>4,4</b>	<b>1,3</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
FS	Male	786	53,7	32,0	7,4	5,7	1,1	..	100,0
	Female	869	56,0	30,4	8,0	5,2	0,5	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>1 655</b>	<b>54,9</b>	<b>31,2</b>	<b>7,7</b>	<b>5,4</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
KZN	Male	2 834	47,7	37,1	6,6	7,0	1,6	..	100,0
	Female	3 313	50,4	35,0	5,8	7,3	1,5	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>6 147</b>	<b>49,2</b>	<b>36,0</b>	<b>6,1</b>	<b>7,1</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
NW	Male	1 093	58,0	26,7	7,1	4,8	3,4	..	100,0
	Female	1 171	56,0	29,0	7,4	4,7	2,8	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>2 264</b>	<b>57,0</b>	<b>27,9</b>	<b>7,3</b>	<b>4,8</b>	<b>3,1</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
GP	Male	5 044	39,5	36,6	8,3	11,5	3,9	..	100,0
	Female	4 809	37,3	36,3	10,6	12,5	3,2	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>9 854</b>	<b>38,4</b>	<b>36,5</b>	<b>9,5</b>	<b>12,0</b>	<b>3,6</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
MP	Male	1 213	53,0	33,8	8,7	3,7	0,8	..	100,0
	Female	1 322	53,1	32,7	8,6	4,7	0,8	0,1	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>2 535</b>	<b>53,1</b>	<b>33,2</b>	<b>8,6</b>	<b>4,3</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>
LP	Male	1 386	58,8	25,0	9,6	4,8	1,8	..	100,0
	Female	1 622	61,5	22,6	9,0	5,8	1,1	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>3 009</b>	<b>60,3</b>	<b>23,7</b>	<b>9,3</b>	<b>5,3</b>	<b>1,4</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
RSA	Male	16 321	48,7	32,6	8,0	8,2	2,5	0,0	100,0
	Female	17 599	49,7	31,3	8,7	8,4	1,9	0,0	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>33 919</b>	<b>49,2</b>	<b>31,9</b>	<b>8,3</b>	<b>8,3</b>	<b>2,2</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 3.6.6: Distribution of persons aged 25 years and above by geographical area, sex and the highest level of education attained, 2022**

Metro and sex		N ('000)	Percent						
			Total	Less than matric	Matric	Other tertiary	Graduates	Other	Unspecified
Metro	Male	7 759	39,5	36,7	8,7	11,8	3,2	0,0	100,0
	Female	7 866	39,4	35,4	10,4	12,3	2,5	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>15 625</b>	<b>39,5</b>	<b>36,0</b>	<b>9,6</b>	<b>12,1</b>	<b>2,9</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Non-metro	Male	8 562	57,0	28,9	7,2	5,0	1,9	..	100,0
	Female	9 732	58,1	28,0	7,3	5,3	1,3	0,0	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>18 294</b>	<b>57,6</b>	<b>28,4</b>	<b>7,3</b>	<b>5,1</b>	<b>1,6</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>
RSA	Male	16 321	48,7	32,6	8,0	8,2	2,5	0,0	100,0
	Female	17 599	49,7	31,3	8,7	8,4	1,9	0,0	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>33 919</b>	<b>49,2</b>	<b>31,9</b>	<b>8,3</b>	<b>8,3</b>	<b>2,2</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 3.6.7: Distribution of persons aged 25 years and above by population group, sex and the highest level of education attained, 2022**

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Percent						
			Total	Less than matric	Matric	Other tertiary	Graduates	Other	Unspecified
Black African	Male	12 842	53,3	31,5	6,7	5,8	2,8	..	100,0
	Female	13 844	53,9	29,9	7,9	6,3	2,0	0,0	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>26 687</b>	<b>53,6</b>	<b>30,6</b>	<b>7,3</b>	<b>6,0</b>	<b>2,4</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Coloured	Male	1 410	53,9	31,7	6,3	5,2	2,8	0,1	100,0
	Female	1 583	57,1	28,5	7,0	5,6	1,7	0,0	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>2 994</b>	<b>55,6</b>	<b>30,0</b>	<b>6,7</b>	<b>5,4</b>	<b>2,2</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Indian/Asian	Male	540	24,9	42,0	13,3	18,5	1,4	..	100,0
	Female	503	26,8	40,5	9,0	22,6	1,0	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>1 043</b>	<b>25,8</b>	<b>41,2</b>	<b>11,3</b>	<b>20,5</b>	<b>1,2</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
White	Male	1 527	13,8	39,4	18,0	27,9	0,9	..	100,0
	Female	1 668	15,1	43,0	16,3	24,7	0,9	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>3 196</b>	<b>14,5</b>	<b>41,3</b>	<b>17,1</b>	<b>26,2</b>	<b>0,9</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Total	Male	16 321	48,7	32,6	8,0	8,2	2,5	0,0	100,0
	Female	17 599	49,7	31,3	8,7	8,4	1,9	0,0	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>33 919</b>	<b>49,2</b>	<b>31,9</b>	<b>8,3</b>	<b>8,3</b>	<b>2,2</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

### 3.7 Women: Housing and basic services

**Table 3.7.1: Distribution of households by type of housing, geographical area and sex of the household head, 2022**

Metro and sex		N ('000)	Percent				
		Total	Formal	Traditional	Informal	Other	Total
Metro	Male	5 249	81,6	0,3	17,6	0,4	100,0
	Female	3 202	86,4	0,6	12,8	0,3	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>8 451</b>	<b>83,4</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>15,8</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Non-metro	Male	5 434	82,8	5,9	11,1	0,2	100,0
	Female	4 593	83,2	9,4	7,2	0,2	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>10 026</b>	<b>83,0</b>	<b>7,5</b>	<b>9,3</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
RSA	Male	10 683	82,2	3,2	14,3	0,3	100,0
	Female	7 794	84,5	5,8	9,5	0,2	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>18 477</b>	<b>83,2</b>	<b>4,3</b>	<b>12,3</b>	<b>0,3</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 3.7.2: Distribution of persons' living condition indicators by sex of the household head, 2022**

#### Access to piped water

Sex	N ('000)	Percent	
	Total	Access	Unspecified
Male	34 420	77,5	0,5
Female	26 964	70,5	1,0
<b>Both</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>74,4</b>	<b>0,7</b>

Source: GHS 2022

#### Access to improved sanitation

Sex	N ('000)	Percent
	Total	Access
Male	34 420	84,6
Female	26 964	82,0
<b>Both</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>83,4</b>

Source: GHS 2022

#### Refuse/ waste removed by the municipality

Sex	N ('000)	Percent	
	Total	Access	Unspecified
Male	34 420	63,7	32,5
Female	26 964	53,1	43,6
<b>Both</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>59,0</b>	<b>37,4</b>

Source: GHS 2022



### Access to electricity connected to the mains

Sex	N ('000)	Percent	
	Total	Access	Unspecified
Male	34 420	92,5	4,5
Female	26 964	94,9	3,2
<b>Both</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>93,6</b>	<b>3,9</b>

Source: GHS 2022

### Use solid fuels for cooking

Sex	N ('000)	Percent
	Total	Access
Male	34 420	9,0
Female	26 964	14,5
<b>Both</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>11,4</b>

Source: GHS 2022

## 3.8 Women: Violence and crime victims

**Table 3.8.1: Women aged 16 years and above, who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area during the day by province, 2022/23**

Province	N ('000)		Percent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
WC	870	2 750	31,6
EC	313	2 171	14,4
NC	52	456	11,3
FS	144	1 122	12,8
KZN	993	4 381	22,6
NW	213	1 424	14,9
GP	1 385	5 995	23,1
MP	262	1 692	15,5
LP	105	2 084	5,0
<b>RSA</b>	<b>4 337</b>	<b>22 075</b>	<b>19,6</b>

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GPSJS) 2022/23

**Table 3.8.2: Women aged 16 years and above, who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area during the day by age group, 2022/23**

Age group	N ('000)		Percent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
15–24 years	842	4 584	18,3
25–34 years	1 069	5 315	20,1
35+ years	2 426	12 176	19,9
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 337</b>	<b>22 075</b>	<b>19,6</b>

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GPSJS) 2022/23

**Table 3.8.3: Women aged 16 years and above, who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area at night by province, 2022/23**

Province	N ('000)		Percent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
WC	1 910	2 750	69,4
EC	1 389	2 171	63,9
NC	316	456	69,2
FS	793	1 122	70,6
KZN	2 726	4 381	62,2
NW	920	1 424	64,6
GP	4 183	5 995	69,7
MP	1 318	1 692	77,8
LP	803	2 084	38,5
<b>RSA</b>	<b>14 357</b>	<b>22 075</b>	<b>65,0</b>

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GPSJS) 2022/23

**Table 3.8.4: Women aged 16 years and above, who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area at night by age group, 2022/23**

Age group	N ('000)		Percent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
15–24 years	2 941	4 584	64,1
25–34 years	3 481	5 315	65,5
35+ years	7 934	12 176	65,1
<b>Total</b>	<b>14 357</b>	<b>22 075</b>	<b>65,0</b>

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GPSJS) 2022/23

**Table 3.8.5: Women aged 16 years and above, who have been victims of property crime during the past 5 years by province, 2022/23**

Province	N ('000)		Percent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
WC	185	2 750	6,7
EC	91	2 171	4,1
NC	13	456	2,9
FS	67	1 122	5,9
KZN	194	4 381	4,4
NW	73	1 424	5,1
GP	537	5 995	8,9
MP	63	1 692	3,7
LP	61	2 084	2,9
<b>RSA</b>	<b>1 284</b>	<b>22 075</b>	<b>5,8</b>

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GPSJS) 2022/23

**Table 3.8.6: Women aged 16 years and above, who have been victims of property crime during the past 5 years by population group, 2022/23**

Population group	N ('000)		Percent
	Suffering	Total responded	Suffering
Black African	1 012	17 559	5,7
Coloured	116	1 999	5,8
Indian/ Asian	23	596	3,8
White	133	1 921	6,9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 284</b>	<b>22 075</b>	<b>5,8</b>

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GPSJS) 2022/23

### 3.9 Key findings

This chapter provides a general understanding of female characteristics. The distribution of South Africa's female population showed notable provincial disparities. Gauteng had the highest proportion of females, accounting for a quarter (25,4%) of the total, followed by KwaZulu-Natal (19,5%). Northern Cape remained the province with the lowest female population share (2,1%). Looking at disaggregation by population group, 81,9% of women were black African, 8,6% coloured, whites at 7,2% and 2,3% Indian/Asian.

Other aspects of the basic demographic profile of the female population included their marital status, status in the households, and educational attainment. A higher proportion of females aged 18 years and older have never been married (46,4%) and 40,3% were married/cohabiting. Nationally, 42,2% of households were headed by females, with Eastern Cape and Limpopo having the highest proportion at 49,6% and 47,1% respectively. Looking at household composition, majority of males (45,2%) headed nuclear households while on the other hand, females (46,5%) headed extended households. There were significant gender differences in household compositions. Among males, only 49,5% lived in single generation households, while 44,0% of female-headed households lived in double generation households.

In 2022, there were more female-headed households without an employed household member compared to male-headed households (43,2% and 24,5% respectively). Among the employed, a small proportion of females were employers and Gauteng had the highest proportion of male employers in the country.

Labour force participation rate is the proportion of the working age population that is either employed or unemployed. The female labour force participation rates were reportedly higher in Gauteng, Western Cape and Free State compared to other provinces. The analysis of persons who were employed or ran a business even if it was only for an hour in the reference period showed that 68,7% were in the formal sector, 18,8% in the informal sector, 6,9% in private households and 5,5% in agriculture. Analysis by age group showed that females aged 15–34 years were mostly unemployed, with 49,3% unemployment rate compared to the 35–64 age groups.

Generally, majority of females did not have access to medical aid. However, when looking at access to basic services majority of females lived in formal dwellings (83,2%), had access to piped water (70,5%) and improved sanitation (82,0%). Females who felt unsafe walking alone in their area at night were 65,0% compared to 19,6% who reported feeling unsafe walking alone in their area during the day.

## INDICATOR: OLDER PERSONS

### 4.1 Demography of older persons

**Table 4.1.1: Distribution of older persons by province and sex, 2022**

Province	N ('000)			Percent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
WC	317	445	<b>762</b>	41,6	58,4	<b>100,0</b>
EC	267	404	<b>671</b>	39,8	60,2	<b>100,0</b>
NC	56	79	<b>135</b>	41,7	58,3	<b>100,0</b>
FS	112	171	<b>283</b>	39,6	60,4	<b>100,0</b>
KZN	351	578	<b>929</b>	37,8	62,2	<b>100,0</b>
NW	150	236	<b>386</b>	38,9	61,1	<b>100,0</b>
GP	576	796	<b>1 373</b>	42,0	58,0	<b>100,0</b>
MP	144	213	<b>356</b>	40,3	59,7	<b>100,0</b>
LP	185	281	<b>466</b>	39,7	60,3	<b>100,0</b>
<b>RSA</b>	<b>2 158</b>	<b>3 202</b>	<b>5 361</b>	<b>40,3</b>	<b>59,7</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 4.1.2: Distribution of older persons by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)			Percent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
Metro	976	1 390	<b>2 366</b>	41,2	58,8	<b>100,0</b>
Non-metro	1 182	1 812	<b>2 995</b>	39,5	60,5	<b>100,0</b>
<b>RSA</b>	<b>2 158</b>	<b>3 202</b>	<b>5 361</b>	<b>40,3</b>	<b>59,7</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 4.1.3: Distribution of older persons by population group and sex, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)			Percent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
Black African	1 330	2 118	<b>3 448</b>	38,6	61,4	<b>100,0</b>
Coloured	225	333	<b>558</b>	40,3	59,7	<b>100,0</b>
Indian/ Asian	91	120	<b>211</b>	43,0	57,0	<b>100,0</b>
White	512	632	<b>1 144</b>	44,8	55,2	<b>100,0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 158</b>	<b>3 202</b>	<b>5 361</b>	<b>40,3</b>	<b>59,7</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 4.1.4: Older persons as a proportion of the overall population by province and sex, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Older persons	Total	Older persons	Total	Older persons	Total	Older persons		
WC	317	3 465	445	3 765	762	7 231	9,2	11,8	10,5
EC	267	3 176	404	3 363	671	6 539	8,4	12,0	10,3
NC	56	633	79	661	135	1 294	8,9	11,9	10,4
FS	112	1 457	171	1 543	283	3 000	7,7	11,1	9,4
KZN	351	5 719	578	6 103	929	11 822	6,1	9,5	7,9
NW	150	2 032	236	2 175	386	4 206	7,4	10,9	9,2
GP	576	8 308	796	7 958	1 373	16 267	6,9	10,0	8,4
MP	144	2 359	213	2 498	356	4 857	6,1	8,5	7,3
LP	185	2 915	281	3 252	466	6 168	6,3	8,6	7,6
<b>RSA</b>	<b>2 158</b>	<b>30 065</b>	<b>3 202</b>	<b>31 319</b>	<b>5 361</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>7,2</b>	<b>10,2</b>	<b>8,7</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 4.1.5: Older persons as a proportion of the overall population by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Older persons	Total	Older persons	Total	Older persons	Total	Older persons		
Metro	976	12 829	1 390	12 874	2 366	25 703	7,6	10,8	9,2
Non-metro	1 182	17 237	1 812	18 445	2 995	35 682	6,9	9,8	8,4
<b>RSA</b>	<b>2 158</b>	<b>30 065</b>	<b>3 202</b>	<b>31 319</b>	<b>5 361</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>7,2</b>	<b>10,2</b>	<b>8,7</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 4.1.6: Older persons as a proportion of the overall population by population group and sex, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Older persons	Total	Older persons	Total	Older persons	Total	Older persons		
Black African	1 330	24 616	2 118	25 640	3 448	50 256	5,4	8,3	6,9
Coloured	225	2 548	333	2 706	558	5 253	8,8	12,3	10,6
Indian/Asian	91	783	120	732	211	1 515	11,6	16,4	13,9
White	512	2 118	632	2 242	1 144	4 360	24,2	28,2	26,2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 158</b>	<b>30 065</b>	<b>3 202</b>	<b>31 319</b>	<b>5 361</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>7,2</b>	<b>10,2</b>	<b>8,7</b>

Source: GHS 2022

## 4.2 Older persons: Household characteristics

**Table 4.2.1: Distribution of households headed by older persons by province and sex, 2022**

Province	N ('000)			Percent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
WC	215	218	434	49,7	50,3	100,0
EC	215	307	522	41,2	58,8	100,0
NC	44	48	93	47,7	52,3	100,0
FS	88	136	224	39,2	60,8	100,0
KZN	292	393	684	42,6	57,4	100,0
NW	119	166	285	41,8	58,2	100,0
GP	455	448	903	50,4	49,6	100,0
MP	112	145	257	43,4	56,6	100,0
LP	155	220	374	41,4	58,6	100,0
<b>RSA</b>	<b>1 695</b>	<b>2 081</b>	<b>3 777</b>	<b>44,9</b>	<b>55,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 4.2.2: Distribution of households headed by older persons by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)			Percent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
Metro	745	799	1 544	48,3	51,7	100,0
Non-metro	950	1 283	2 232	42,5	57,5	100,0
<b>RSA</b>	<b>1 695</b>	<b>2 081</b>	<b>3 777</b>	<b>44,9</b>	<b>55,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 4.2.3: Distribution of households headed by older persons by population group and sex, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)			Percent		
	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both
Black African	1 105	1 630	2 735	40,4	59,6	100,0
Coloured	154	184	338	45,5	54,5	100,0
Indian/Asian	64	55	120	53,6	46,4	100,0
White	372	212	584	63,7	36,3	100,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 695</b>	<b>2 081</b>	<b>3 777</b>	<b>44,9</b>	<b>55,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 4.2.4: Distribution of older persons across different types of intergenerational households by province and sex, 2022**

Province and sex		N ('000)	Percent					Total
			Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	Other	
WC	Male	317	42,2	26,8	24,2	5,3	1,4	100,0
	Female	445	34,6	27,3	30,9	6,0	1,2	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>37,8</b>	<b>27,1</b>	<b>28,1</b>	<b>5,7</b>	<b>1,3</b>	<b>100,0</b>
EC	Male	267	33,7	16,2	38,2	9,9	2,1	100,0
	Female	404	19,6	15,1	45,1	18,0	2,2	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>25,2</b>	<b>15,5</b>	<b>42,3</b>	<b>14,7</b>	<b>2,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
NC	Male	56	40,8	19,9	31,1	6,2	2,0	100,0
	Female	79	23,5	30,8	32,2	10,7	2,8	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>30,7</b>	<b>26,3</b>	<b>31,7</b>	<b>8,8</b>	<b>2,5</b>	<b>100,0</b>
FS	Male	112	36,8	24,0	28,5	9,6	1,1	100,0
	Female	171	25,0	17,4	36,1	19,9	1,7	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>29,6</b>	<b>20,0</b>	<b>33,1</b>	<b>15,8</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>100,0</b>
KZN	Male	351	31,6	19,6	37,4	10,5	0,9	100,0
	Female	578	15,3	18,5	49,9	14,6	1,6	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>21,4</b>	<b>18,9</b>	<b>45,2</b>	<b>13,1</b>	<b>1,3</b>	<b>100,0</b>
NW	Male	150	36,0	22,5	27,6	12,1	1,8	100,0
	Female	236	15,4	17,9	47,9	15,9	2,9	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>23,4</b>	<b>19,7</b>	<b>40,0</b>	<b>14,4</b>	<b>2,5</b>	<b>100,0</b>
GP	Male	576	40,1	30,3	20,5	7,6	1,5	100,0
	Female	796	27,9	28,7	32,0	10,1	1,3	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>1 373</b>	<b>33,0</b>	<b>29,4</b>	<b>27,2</b>	<b>9,1</b>	<b>1,4</b>	<b>100,0</b>
MP	Male	144	35,7	21,9	34,6	6,7	1,1	100,0
	Female	213	14,2	24,1	44,3	14,8	2,6	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>22,9</b>	<b>23,2</b>	<b>40,4</b>	<b>11,5</b>	<b>2,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>
LP	Male	185	24,6	17,7	46,2	10,5	1,0	100,0
	Female	281	10,3	17,1	49,7	22,6	0,4	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>16,0</b>	<b>17,3</b>	<b>48,3</b>	<b>17,8</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>100,0</b>
RSA	Male	2 158	36,2	23,5	30,3	8,6	1,4	100,0
	Female	3 202	21,9	22,3	40,5	13,7	1,7	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>5 361</b>	<b>27,6</b>	<b>22,8</b>	<b>36,4</b>	<b>11,7</b>	<b>1,6</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

Other include unspecified cases



**Table 4.2.5: Distribution of older persons living across different types of intergenerational households by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro and sex		N ('000)	Percent					Total
			Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	Other	
Metro	Male	976	40,3	29,4	21,2	7,1	2,0	100,0
	Female	1 390	29,0	28,9	31,9	8,3	1,8	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>2 366</b>	<b>33,6</b>	<b>29,1</b>	<b>27,5</b>	<b>7,8</b>	<b>1,9</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Non-metro	Male	1 182	32,7	18,7	37,8	9,8	0,9	100,0
	Female	1 812	16,4	17,1	47,1	17,8	1,5	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>2 995</b>	<b>22,9</b>	<b>17,8</b>	<b>43,4</b>	<b>14,7</b>	<b>1,3</b>	<b>100,0</b>
RSA	Male	2 158	36,2	23,5	30,3	8,6	1,4	100,0
	Female	3 202	21,9	22,3	40,5	13,7	1,7	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>5 361</b>	<b>27,6</b>	<b>22,8</b>	<b>36,4</b>	<b>11,7</b>	<b>1,6</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

Other include unspecified cases

**Table 4.2.6: Distribution of older persons living across different types of intergenerational households by population group and sex, 2022**

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Percent					Total
			Single generation	Double generation	Triple generation	Skip generation	Other	
Black African	Male	1 330	24,8	21,5	40,8	11,2	1,8	100,0
	Female	2 118	10,4	17,5	52,3	18,1	1,8	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>3 448</b>	<b>15,9</b>	<b>19,0</b>	<b>47,9</b>	<b>15,4</b>	<b>1,8</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Coloured	Male	225	27,2	29,4	36,1	7,4	..	100,0
	Female	333	17,3	30,9	41,1	9,1	1,6	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>21,2</b>	<b>30,3</b>	<b>39,1</b>	<b>8,4</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Indian/Asian	Male	91	40,3	42,0	15,7	1,6	0,3	100,0
	Female	120	24,3	47,1	22,8	4,0	1,9	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>31,2</b>	<b>44,9</b>	<b>19,7</b>	<b>3,0</b>	<b>1,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
White	Male	512	68,9	23,1	3,1	3,7	1,3	100,0
	Female	632	62,4	29,0	4,1	3,3	1,2	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>1 144</b>	<b>65,3</b>	<b>26,4</b>	<b>3,6</b>	<b>3,4</b>	<b>1,3</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Total	Male	2 158	36,2	23,5	30,3	8,6	1,4	100,0
	Female	3 202	21,9	22,3	40,5	13,7	1,7	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>5 361</b>	<b>27,6</b>	<b>22,8</b>	<b>36,4</b>	<b>11,7</b>	<b>1,6</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

Other include unspecified cases

**Table 4.2.7: Distribution of households headed by older persons by province and household composition, 2022**

Province	N ('000)	Percent					
	Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	Unspecified	Total
WC	434	18,8	39,4	38,8	3,1	..	100,0
EC	522	22,2	19,7	57,0	1,1	..	100,0
NC	93	15,9	31,2	51,3	1,6	..	100,0
FS	224	22,8	21,0	53,7	2,2	0,2	100,0
KZN	684	14,5	25,4	58,9	0,8	0,3	100,0
NW	285	21,8	23,6	53,4	1,2	..	100,0
GP	903	18,1	31,8	47,8	2,0	0,3	100,0
MP	257	14,6	25,6	59,1	0,7	..	100,0
LP	374	16,3	20,6	62,4	0,6	0,1	100,0
<b>RSA</b>	<b>3 777</b>	<b>18,2</b>	<b>27,0</b>	<b>53,1</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 4.2.8: Distribution of households headed by older persons by geographical area and household composition, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)	Percent					
	Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	Unspecified	Total
Metro	1 544	19,2	32,5	45,9	2,1	0,3	100,0
Non-metro	2 232	17,5	23,2	58,1	1,1	0,1	100,0
<b>RSA</b>	<b>3 777</b>	<b>18,2</b>	<b>27,0</b>	<b>53,1</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 4.2.9: Distribution of households headed by older persons by population group and household composition, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)	Percent					
	Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	Unspecified	Total
Black African	2 735	16,5	19,6	62,5	1,2	0,2	100,0
Coloured	338	11,2	33,3	51,7	3,7	..	100,0
Indian/ Asian	120	20,0	42,3	36,2	1,6	..	100,0
White	584	29,7	55,2	13,4	1,8	..	100,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 777</b>	<b>18,2</b>	<b>27,0</b>	<b>53,1</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 4.2.10: Distribution of households headed by older persons by sex and household composition, 2022**

Sex	N ('000)	Percent					
	Total	Single	Nuclear	Extended	Complex	Unspecified	Total
Male	1 695	16,8	41,9	40,0	1,1	0,1	100,0
Female	2 081	19,3	14,9	63,8	1,8	0,2	100,0
<b>Both</b>	<b>3 777</b>	<b>18,2</b>	<b>27,0</b>	<b>53,1</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

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

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

Source: GHS 2022

**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, 2022**

Province	N ('000)		Percent
	Beneficiary	Total	Beneficiary
WC	410	<b>762</b>	53,8
EC	550	<b>671</b>	82,0
NC	97	<b>135</b>	71,9
FS	217	<b>283</b>	76,8
KZN	732	<b>929</b>	78,8
NW	325	<b>386</b>	84,2
GP	809	<b>1 373</b>	58,9
MP	278	<b>356</b>	77,8
LP	402	<b>466</b>	86,4
<b>RSA</b>	<b>3 820</b>	<b>5 361</b>	<b>71,3</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 4.3.2: Older persons who are beneficiaries of social grants by geographical area, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)		Percent
	Beneficiary	Total	Beneficiary
Metro	1 376	<b>2 366</b>	58,2
Non-metro	2 444	<b>2 995</b>	81,6
<b>RSA</b>	<b>3 820</b>	<b>5 361</b>	<b>71,3</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 4.3.3: Older persons who are beneficiaries of social grants by population group, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)		Percent
	Beneficiary	Total	Beneficiary
Black African	2 968	3 448	86,1
Coloured	438	558	78,5
Indian/ Asian	130	211	61,8
White	285	1 144	24,9
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 820</b>	<b>5 361</b>	<b>71,3</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 4.3.4: Older persons who are beneficiaries of social grants by sex, 2022**

Sex	N ('000)		Percent
	Beneficiary	Total	Beneficiary
Male	1 428	2 158	66,2
Female	2 393	3 202	74,7
<b>Both</b>	<b>3 820</b>	<b>5 361</b>	<b>71,3</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 4.3.5: Labour force participation rate of older persons by province and sex, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Labour force	Working-age population	Labour force	Working-age population	Labour force	Working-age population	Labour force participation rate		
WC	66	322	47	478	113	801	20,4	9,9	14,1
EC	19	225	24	425	43	650	8,5	5,5	6,6
NC	9	58	3	74	12	132	14,8	4,5	9,1
FS	24	108	16	183	40	291	22,8	8,6	13,8
KZN	50	363	47	679	97	1 042	13,8	6,9	9,3
NW	7	149	6	237	13	386	5,0	2,4	3,4
GP	126	658	72	899	198	1 557	19,2	8,0	12,7
MP	28	151	18	229	47	380	18,6	8,0	12,2
LP	25	210	22	336	48	546	12,0	6,7	8,7
<b>RSA</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>2 244</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>3 541</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>5 785</b>	<b>15,8</b>	<b>7,2</b>	<b>10,6</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 4.3.6: Labour force participation rate of older persons by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Labour force	Working-age population	Labour force	Working-age population	Labour force	Working-age population	Labour force participation rate		
Metro	195	999	127	1 494	322	2 493	19,5	8,5	12,9
Non-metro	160	1 245	128	2 047	289	3 292	12,9	6,3	8,8
<b>RSA</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>2 244</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>3 541</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>5 785</b>	<b>15,8</b>	<b>7,2</b>	<b>10,6</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 4.3.7: Labour force participation rate of older persons by population group and sex, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Labour force	Working-age population	Labour force	Working-age population	Labour force	Working-age population	Labour force participation rate		
Black African	181	1 458	156	2 471	337	3 928	12,4	6,3	8,6
Coloured	28	233	24	329	52	562	11,9	7,3	9,2
Indian/Asian	17	89	3	109	20	198	18,6	2,9	10,0
White	130	464	72	632	202	1 097	28,0	11,5	18,5
<b>Total</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>2 244</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>3 541</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>5 785</b>	<b>15,8</b>	<b>7,2</b>	<b>10,6</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 4.3.8: Unemployment rate of older persons by province and sex, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Un-employed	Labour force	Un-employed	Labour force	Un-employed	Labour force	Employment rate		
WC	3	66	4	47	7	113	4,7	8,2	6,1
EC	..	19	1	24	1	43	..	2,7	1,5
NC	1	9	..	3	1	12	9,2	..	6,7
FS	1	24	..	16	1	40	4,7	..	2,9
KZN	3	50	4	47	7	97	5,1	9,0	7,0
NW	..	7	..	6	..	13	..	..	..
GP	6	126	1	72	7	198	5,1	1,2	3,7
MP	1	28	1	18	2	47	3,8	6,3	4,8
LP	1	25	1	22	2	48	4,9	5,5	5,2
<b>RSA</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>4,6</b>	<b>4,7</b>	<b>4,6</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 4.3.9: Unemployment rate of older persons by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate		
Metro	10	195	5	127	16	322	5,2	4,2	4,8
Non-metro	6	160	7	128	13	289	3,9	5,2	4,4
<b>RSA</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>4,6</b>	<b>4,7</b>	<b>4,6</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 4.3.10: Unemployment rate of older persons by population group and sex, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate		
Black African	10	181	7	156	18	337	5,8	4,8	5,3
Coloured	1	28	1	24	2	52	2,9	3,7	3,3
Indian/Asian	2	17	..	3	2	20	11,0	..	9,2
White	3	130	4	72	7	202	2,6	5,0	3,4
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>4,6</b>	<b>4,7</b>	<b>4,6</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 4.3.11: Absorption rate of older persons by province and sex, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Employed	Working-age population	Employed	Working-age population	Employed	Working-age population	Absorption rate		
WC	63	322	43	478	106	801	19,5	9,1	13,3
EC	19	225	23	425	42	650	8,5	5,4	6,5
NC	8	58	3	74	11	132	13,4	4,5	8,5
FS	23	108	16	183	39	291	21,7	8,6	13,4
KZN	47	363	42	679	90	1 042	13,1	6,2	8,6
NW	7	149	6	237	13	386	5,0	2,4	3,4
GP	120	658	71	899	191	1 557	18,2	7,9	12,3
MP	27	151	17	229	44	380	17,9	7,5	11,7
LP	24	210	21	336	45	546	11,5	6,3	8,3
<b>RSA</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>2 244</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>3 541</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>5 785</b>	<b>15,1</b>	<b>6,9</b>	<b>10,1</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 4.3.12: Absorption rate of older persons by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Employed	Working-age population	Employed	Working-age population	Employed	Working-age population	Absorption rate		
Metro	185	999	122	1 494	306	2 493	18,5	8,1	12,3
Non-metro	154	1 245	122	2 047	276	3 292	12,4	5,9	8,4
<b>RSA</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>2 244</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>3 541</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>5 785</b>	<b>15,1</b>	<b>6,9</b>	<b>10,1</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 4.3.13: Absorption rate of older persons by population group and sex, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Employed	Working-age population	Employed	Working-age population	Employed	Working-age population	Absorption rate		
Black African	170	1 458	148	2 471	319	3 928	11,7	6,0	8,1
Coloured	27	233	23	329	50	562	11,5	7,0	8,9
Indian/Asian	15	89	3	109	18	198	16,6	2,9	9,1
White	127	464	69	632	196	1 097	27,3	10,9	17,8
<b>Total</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>2 244</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>3 541</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>5 785</b>	<b>15,1</b>	<b>6,9</b>	<b>10,1</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 4.3.14: Inactivity rate of older persons by province and sex, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Inactive	Working-age population	Inactive	Working-age population	Inactive	Working-age population	Inactivity rate		
WC	256	322	431	478	688	801	79,6	90,1	85,9
EC	206	225	402	425	608	650	91,5	94,5	93,4
NC	50	58	70	74	120	132	85,2	95,5	90,9
FS	83	108	167	183	250	291	77,2	91,4	86,2
KZN	313	363	632	679	946	1 042	86,2	93,1	90,7
NW	142	149	232	237	373	386	95,0	97,6	96,6
GP	532	658	827	899	1 359	1 557	80,8	92,0	87,3
MP	123	151	211	229	334	380	81,4	92,0	87,8
LP	184	210	314	336	498	546	88,0	93,3	91,3
<b>RSA</b>	<b>1 889</b>	<b>2 244</b>	<b>3 286</b>	<b>3 541</b>	<b>5 175</b>	<b>5 785</b>	<b>84,2</b>	<b>92,8</b>	<b>89,4</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 4.3.15: Inactivity rate of older persons by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Inactive	Working-age population	Inactive	Working-age population	Inactive	Working-age population	Inactivity rate		
Metro	804	999	1 367	1 494	2 171	2 493	80,5	91,5	87,1
Non-metro	1 085	1 245	1 919	2 047	3 004	3 292	87,1	93,7	91,2
<b>RSA</b>	<b>1 889</b>	<b>2 244</b>	<b>3 286</b>	<b>3 541</b>	<b>5 175</b>	<b>5 785</b>	<b>84,2</b>	<b>92,8</b>	<b>89,4</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 4.3.16: Inactivity rate of older persons by population group and sex, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Inactive	Working-age population	Inactive	Working-age population	Inactive	Working-age population	Inactivity rate		
Black African	1 277	1 458	2 315	2 471	3 592	3 928	87,6	93,7	91,4
Coloured	206	233	305	329	510	562	88,1	92,7	90,8
Indian/Asian	72	89	106	109	178	198	81,4	97,1	90,0
White	334	464	560	632	894	1 097	72,0	88,5	81,5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 889</b>	<b>2 244</b>	<b>3 286</b>	<b>3 541</b>	<b>5 175</b>	<b>5 785</b>	<b>84,2</b>	<b>92,8</b>	<b>89,4</b>

Source: QLFS Q3 2022

**Table 4.3.17: Older persons living in households without an employed adult by province and sex, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without		
WC	136	317	189	445	325	762	42,9	42,5	42,7
EC	178	267	278	404	455	671	66,5	68,8	67,9
NC	27	56	33	79	61	135	48,4	42,6	45,0
FS	59	112	106	171	165	283	52,7	61,8	58,2
KZN	163	351	275	578	438	929	46,4	47,6	47,1
NW	82	150	134	236	216	386	54,3	56,9	55,9
GP	259	576	351	796	610	1 373	44,9	44,1	44,4
MP	69	144	120	213	189	356	48,3	56,4	53,1
LP	108	185	165	281	272	466	58,2	58,6	58,4
<b>RSA</b>	<b>1 080</b>	<b>2 158</b>	<b>1 651</b>	<b>3 202</b>	<b>2 731</b>	<b>5 361</b>	<b>50,0</b>	<b>51,5</b>	<b>50,9</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 4.3.18: Older persons living in households without an employed adult by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without		
Metro	430	976	606	1 390	1 036	2 366	44,1	43,6	43,8
Non-metro	650	1 182	1 045	1 812	1 695	2 995	55,0	57,7	56,6
<b>RSA</b>	<b>1 080</b>	<b>2 158</b>	<b>1 651</b>	<b>3 202</b>	<b>2 731</b>	<b>5 361</b>	<b>50,0</b>	<b>51,5</b>	<b>50,9</b>

Source: GHS 2022



**Table 4.3.19: Older persons living in households without an employed adult by population group and sex, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without	Total	Without		
Black African	697	1 330	1 166	2 118	1 863	3 448	52,4	55,0	54,0
Coloured	93	225	125	333	218	558	41,3	37,6	39,1
Indian/ Asian	30	91	31	120	60	211	32,7	25,7	28,7
White	260	512	329	632	589	1 144	50,7	52,1	51,5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 080</b>	<b>2 158</b>	<b>1 651</b>	<b>3 202</b>	<b>2 731</b>	<b>5 361</b>	<b>50,0</b>	<b>51,5</b>	<b>50,9</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 4.3.20: Distribution of the main source of income in households headed by older persons by province and sex, 2022**

Province and sex		N ('000)	Percent						
		Total	Salaries/wages/commission	Remittances	Social grants	Sales of farming products and services	Other non-farm income	Unspecified	Total
WC	Male	215	28,5	1,4	56,9	..	9,7	3,4	100,0
	Female	218	35,8	4,3	51,8	..	7,7	0,3	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>32,2</b>	<b>2,9</b>	<b>54,4</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>8,7</b>	<b>1,9</b>	<b>100,0</b>
EC	Male	215	14,2	2,4	82,0	..	1,1	0,5	100,0
	Female	307	7,9	2,8	88,1	..	0,7	0,6	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>10,5</b>	<b>2,6</b>	<b>85,6</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>100,0</b>
NC	Male	44	19,7	1,2	64,2	1,2	13,5	..	100,0
	Female	48	24,0	0,9	75,1	..	..	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>22,0</b>	<b>1,1</b>	<b>69,9</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>6,5</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
FS	Male	88	17,4	1,6	73,6	..	6,8	0,6	100,0
	Female	136	16,0	3,3	77,5	..	1,3	2,0	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>16,5</b>	<b>2,6</b>	<b>75,9</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>3,5</b>	<b>1,4</b>	<b>100,0</b>
KZN	Male	292	24,0	3,0	62,6	0,2	10,2	..	100,0
	Female	393	22,9	7,3	66,1	0,1	3,5	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>23,4</b>	<b>5,4</b>	<b>64,6</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>6,4</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
NW	Male	119	18,0	1,2	69,3	1,9	8,8	0,8	100,0
	Female	166	12,7	2,9	81,7	..	2,7	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>14,9</b>	<b>2,2</b>	<b>76,5</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>5,3</b>	<b>0,3</b>	<b>100,0</b>
GP	Male	455	27,5	1,5	55,6	..	13,6	1,7	100,0
	Female	448	29,4	4,8	57,7	..	7,3	0,8	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>28,5</b>	<b>3,1</b>	<b>56,7</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>10,5</b>	<b>1,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
MP	Male	112	19,0	2,3	68,7	..	10,0	..	100,0
	Female	145	16,6	11,0	68,7	1,1	2,2	0,4	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>17,6</b>	<b>7,2</b>	<b>68,7</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>5,6</b>	<b>0,3</b>	<b>100,0</b>
LP	Male	155	14,5	0,8	78,6	0,5	5,1	0,6	100,0
	Female	220	12,4	3,7	80,3	0,4	2,7	0,5	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>13,2</b>	<b>2,5</b>	<b>79,6</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>3,7</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>100,0</b>
RSA	Male	1695	22,2	1,8	65,4	0,2	9,2	1,1	100,0
	Female	2081	20,6	4,9	69,9	0,1	3,9	0,5	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>3777</b>	<b>21,3</b>	<b>3,5</b>	<b>67,9</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>6,3</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 4.3.21: Distribution of the main source of income in households headed by older persons by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro and sex		N ('000)	Percent						Total
			Salaries/wages/commission	Remittances	Social grants	Sales of farming products and services	Other non-farm income	Unspecified	
Metro	Male	745	27,7	1,8	57,1	..	12,8	0,7	100,0
	Female	799	30,4	5,3	56,9	..	6,5	0,8	100,0
	Both	1 544	29,1	3,6	57,0	..	9,6	0,8	100,0
Non-metro	Male	950	17,9	1,8	72,0	0,4	6,4	1,5	100,0
	Female	1 283	14,6	4,7	78,0	0,2	2,2	0,3	100,0
	Both	2 232	16,0	3,4	75,5	0,3	4,0	0,8	100,0
RSA	Male	1 695	22,2	1,8	65,4	0,2	9,2	1,1	100,0
	Female	2 081	20,6	4,9	69,9	0,1	3,9	0,5	100,0
	Both	3 777	21,3	3,5	67,9	0,2	6,3	0,8	100,0

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 4.3.22: Households headed by older persons that are classified as low-income households (at most a household income of quintile 1) by province and sex, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Low income	Total	Low income	Total	Low income	Total	Low income		
WC	19	215	33	218	52	434	8,7	15,2	12,0
EC	43	215	76	307	119	522	19,8	24,9	22,8
NC	6	44	9	48	14	93	13,4	17,7	15,6
FS	18	88	29	136	47	224	20,6	21,5	21,2
KZN	37	292	49	393	86	684	12,7	12,5	12,6
NW	26	119	37	166	64	285	22,2	22,5	22,4
GP	75	455	79	448	154	903	16,5	17,7	17,1
MP	26	112	21	145	47	257	23,1	14,4	18,1
LP	28	155	53	220	81	374	18,2	24,2	21,7
<b>RSA</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>1 695</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>2 081</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>3 777</b>	<b>16,4</b>	<b>18,6</b>	<b>17,6</b>

Source: GHS 2022

Household income quintile 1 is less or equal to R2 000

**Table 4.3.23: Households headed by older persons that are classified as low-income households (at most a household income of quintile 1) by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Low income	Total	Low income	Total	Low income	Total	Low income		
Metro	95	745	125	799	220	1 544	12,7	15,7	14,2
Non-metro	183	950	262	1 283	445	2 232	19,3	20,4	19,9
<b>RSA</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>1 695</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>2 081</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>3 777</b>	<b>16,4</b>	<b>18,6</b>	<b>17,6</b>

Source: GHS 2022

Household income quintile 1 is less or equal to R2 000

**Table 4.3.24: Households headed by older persons that are classified as low-income households (at most a household income of quintile 1) by population group and sex, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Low income	Total	Low income	Total	Low income	Total	Low income		
Black African	231	1 105	316	1 630	547	2 735	20,9	19,4	20,0
Coloured	14	154	28	184	42	338	9,0	15,4	12,5
Indian/ Asian	5	64	7	55	12	120	7,9	12,8	10,1
White	28	372	36	212	64	584	7,5	17,0	10,9
<b>Total</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>1 695</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>2 081</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>3 777</b>	<b>16,4</b>	<b>18,6</b>	<b>17,6</b>

Source: GHS 2022

\*Household income quintile 1 is less or equal to R2 000

#### 4.4 Older persons: Health

**Table 4.4.1: Distribution of types of healthcare facilities visited by older persons by province and sex, 2022**

Province and sex		N ('000)	Percent							
		Total	Public hospital	Public clinic	Public: Other	Private hospital/ clinic/ doctor	Other facilities	Traditional healer	Unspecified	Total
WC	Male	317	16,6	27,6	0,6	54,7	0,5	..	..	100,0
	Female	445	18,7	30,1	0,4	49,2	1,5	..	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>17,9</b>	<b>29,0</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>51,5</b>	<b>1,1</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
EC	Male	267	4,5	75,1	..	20,2	0,1	..	..	100,0
	Female	404	6,4	75,3	..	17,8	0,4	0,1	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>5,7</b>	<b>75,2</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>18,8</b>	<b>0,3</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
NC	Male	56	1,5	62,3	..	36,3	..	..	..	100,0
	Female	79	1,6	60,6	..	34,9	2,8	..	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>61,3</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>35,5</b>	<b>1,7</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
FS	Male	112	8,4	61,5	..	30,2	..	..	..	100,0
	Female	171	7,1	67,4	..	23,9	1,1	0,4	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>7,6</b>	<b>65,1</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>26,4</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>0,3</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
KZN	Male	351	5,1	63,7	1,2	27,1	2,4	0,4	..	100,0
	Female	578	5,7	73,1	0,8	18,6	1,8	..	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>5,5</b>	<b>69,5</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>21,8</b>	<b>2,0</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
NW	Male	150	3,5	75,6	0,9	18,9	0,6	0,5	..	100,0
	Female	236	5,7	76,4	0,3	17,6	..	..	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>4,8</b>	<b>76,1</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>18,1</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
GP	Male	576	8,3	50,4	..	39,5	1,7	..	0,0	100,0
	Female	796	8,7	47,7	..	41,0	2,6	..	0,0	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>1 373</b>	<b>8,6</b>	<b>48,8</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>40,4</b>	<b>2,2</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>
MP	Male	144	4,4	71,9	..	22,6	1,1	..	..	100,0
	Female	213	5,1	76,5	..	18,2	0,2	..	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>4,8</b>	<b>74,7</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>20,0</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
LP	Male	185	6,7	79,3	..	13,2	0,2	0,5	..	100,0
	Female	281	6,8	86,3	..	6,8	0,1	..	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>6,8</b>	<b>83,5</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>9,3</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
RSA	Male	2 158	7,6	58,8	0,4	32,0	1,1	0,1	0,0	100,0
	Female	3 202	8,4	62,1	0,2	27,9	1,4	0,0	0,0	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>5 361</b>	<b>8,1</b>	<b>60,8</b>	<b>0,3</b>	<b>29,5</b>	<b>1,3</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 4.4.2: Distribution of types of healthcare facilities visited by older persons by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro and sex		N ('000)	Percent							
			Total	Public hospital	Public clinic	Public: Other	Private hospital/ clinic/ doctor	Other facilities	Traditional healer	Unspecified
Metro	Male	976	10,0	43,8	0,1	44,1	1,9	0,1	0,0	100,0
	Female	1390	10,4	43,9	0,1	43,0	2,6	..	0,0	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>2366</b>	<b>10,2</b>	<b>43,8</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>43,5</b>	<b>2,3</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Non-metro	Male	1182	5,7	71,3	0,6	21,9	0,4	0,2	..	100,0
	Female	1812	6,8	76,1	0,4	16,3	0,4	0,1	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>2995</b>	<b>6,4</b>	<b>74,2</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>18,5</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
RSA	Male	2158	7,6	58,8	0,4	32,0	1,1	0,1	0,0	100,0
	Female	3202	8,4	62,1	0,2	27,9	1,4	0,0	0,0	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>5361</b>	<b>8,1</b>	<b>60,8</b>	<b>0,3</b>	<b>29,5</b>	<b>1,3</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 4.4.3: Older persons with access to medical aid by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro and sex		N ('000)	Percent			
			Total	Medical aid	No medical aid	Unspecified
Metro	Male	976	37,3	62,7	..	100,0
	Female	1 390	33,9	66,0	0,0	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>2 366</b>	<b>35,3</b>	<b>64,7</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Non-metro	Male	1 182	15,1	84,7	0,2	100,0
	Female	1 812	11,9	88,1	0,0	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>2 995</b>	<b>13,2</b>	<b>86,8</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
RSA	Male	2 158	25,1	74,8	0,1	100,0
	Female	3 202	21,4	78,5	0,0	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>5 361</b>	<b>22,9</b>	<b>77,0</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 4.4.4: Older persons with access to medical aid by population group and sex, 2022**

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Percent			
			Total	Medical aid	No medical aid	Unspecified
Black African	Male	1 330	7,1	92,8	0,1	100,0
	Female	2 118	6,2	93,7	0,0	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>3 448</b>	<b>6,6</b>	<b>93,4</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Coloured	Male	225	16,0	84,0	..	100,0
	Female	333	17,0	83,0	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>16,6</b>	<b>83,4</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Indian/ Asian	Male	91	48,7	51,3	..	100,0
	Female	120	35,1	64,9	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>41,0</b>	<b>59,0</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
White	Male	512	71,9	28,1	..	100,0
	Female	632	72,2	27,8	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>1 144</b>	<b>72,1</b>	<b>27,9</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>2 158</b>	<b>25,1</b>	<b>74,8</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
	<b>Female</b>	<b>3 202</b>	<b>21,4</b>	<b>78,5</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>
	<b>Both</b>	<b>5 361</b>	<b>22,9</b>	<b>77,0</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 4.4.5: Distribution of older persons who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population by province, 2022**

Province	N ('000)				Percent	
	Older persons		Total		Older persons	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	
WC	509	762	1 510	7 231	66,8	20,9
EC	458	671	1 079	6 539	68,3	16,5
NC	81	135	252	1 294	60,4	19,5
FS	194	283	514	3 000	68,5	17,1
KZN	534	929	1 432	11 822	57,4	12,1
NW	230	386	689	4 206	59,4	16,4
GP	787	1 373	2 087	16 267	57,4	12,8
MP	207	356	565	4 857	58,0	11,6
LP	195	466	437	6 168	41,8	7,1
<b>RSA</b>	<b>3 194</b>	<b>5 361</b>	<b>8 564</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>59,6</b>	<b>14,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 4.4.6: Distribution of older persons who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population by geographical area, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)				Percent	
	Older persons		Total		Older persons	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	
Metro	1 401	2 366	3 774	25 703	59,2	14,7
Non-metro	1 793	2 995	4 791	35 682	59,9	13,4
<b>RSA</b>	<b>3 194</b>	<b>5 361</b>	<b>8 564</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>59,6</b>	<b>14,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 4.4.7: Distribution of older persons who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population by sex, 2022**

Sex	N ('000)				Percent	
	Older persons		Total		Older persons	Total
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	
Male	1 121	2 158	3 131	30 065	51,9	10,4
Female	2 073	3 202	5 433	31 319	64,7	17,3
<b>Both</b>	<b>3 194</b>	<b>5 361</b>	<b>8 564</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>59,6</b>	<b>14,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

#### 4.5 Older persons: Vulnerability to hunger

**Table 4.5.1: Older persons living in households that reported hunger by province and sex, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering		
WC	26	315	43	442	69	757	8,3	9,8	9,2
EC	21	267	20	403	41	670	7,8	4,9	6,0
NC	8	56	10	78	18	134	14,9	12,3	13,4
FS	11	112	21	169	33	281	10,2	12,6	11,6
KZN	34	351	79	578	113	929	9,7	13,7	12,2
NW	26	150	39	236	64	386	17,1	16,3	16,6
GP	35	574	49	793	84	1367	6,1	6,2	6,2
MP	13	142	21	212	34	354	8,9	9,9	9,5
LP	5	184	14	280	20	464	2,9	5,1	4,3
<b>RSA</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>2150</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>3191</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>5341</b>	<b>8,4</b>	<b>9,3</b>	<b>8,9</b>

Source: GHS 2022

Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 4.5.2: Older persons living in households that reported hunger by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering		
Metro	61	973	86	1 383	147	2 357	6,2	6,2	6,2
Non-metro	119	1 177	210	1 808	329	2 985	10,1	11,6	11,0
<b>RSA</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>2 150</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>3 191</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>5 341</b>	<b>8,4</b>	<b>9,3</b>	<b>8,9</b>

Source: GHS 2022

Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 4.5.3: Older persons living in households that reported hunger by population group and sex, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering		
Black African	150	1 326	260	2 115	410	3 441	11,3	12,3	11,9
Coloured	26	225	27	333	53	557	11,5	8,2	9,5
Indian/ Asian	..	91	1	120	1	211	..	1,1	0,7
White	4	509	7	623	11	1 132	0,8	1,1	0,9
<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>2 150</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>3 191</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>5 341</b>	<b>8,4</b>	<b>9,3</b>	<b>8,9</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 4.5.4: Younger persons (less than 60 years) living in households that reported hunger by province and sex, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering		
WC	537	3 144	571	3 321	1 107	6 464	17,1	17,2	17,1
EC	258	2 902	257	2 951	515	5 853	8,9	8,7	8,8
NC	152	577	156	581	308	1 158	26,4	26,8	26,6
FS	221	1 344	227	1 372	448	2 716	16,4	16,6	16,5
KZN	971	5 364	1 046	5 520	2 017	10 884	18,1	18,9	18,5
NW	408	1 878	376	1 938	784	3 817	21,7	19,4	20,5
GP	644	7 709	584	7 152	1 227	14 860	8,4	8,2	8,3
MP	353	2 211	362	2 280	715	4 491	16,0	15,9	15,9
LP	137	2 728	144	2 969	281	5 698	5,0	4,8	4,9
<b>RSA</b>	<b>3 681</b>	<b>27 857</b>	<b>3 721</b>	<b>28 084</b>	<b>7 402</b>	<b>55 941</b>	<b>13,2</b>	<b>13,3</b>	<b>13,2</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 4.5.5: Younger persons (less than 60 years) living in households that reported hunger by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering		
Metro	1 220	11 822	1 210	11 468	2 429	23 290	10,3	10,5	10,4
Non-metro	2 461	16 035	2 511	16 616	4 972	32 651	15,3	15,1	15,2
<b>RSA</b>	<b>3 681</b>	<b>27 857</b>	<b>3 721</b>	<b>28 084</b>	<b>7 402</b>	<b>55 941</b>	<b>13,2</b>	<b>13,3</b>	<b>13,2</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases



**Table 4.5.6: Younger persons (less than 60 years) living in households that reported hunger by population group and sex, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering	Total	Suffering		
Black African	3 338	23 249	3 409	23 495	6 748	46 744	14,4	14,5	14,4
Coloured	306	2 323	286	2 372	592	4 695	13,2	12,1	12,6
Indian/ Asian	24	689	19	612	43	1 301	3,5	3,2	3,3
White	12	1 597	7	1 605	19	3 203	0,8	0,4	0,6
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 681</b>	<b>27 857</b>	<b>3 721</b>	<b>28 084</b>	<b>7 402</b>	<b>55 941</b>	<b>13,2</b>	<b>13,3</b>	<b>13,2</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

#### 4.6 Older persons: Education

**Table 4.6.1: Older persons who are functionally literate by province and sex, 2022**

Province	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate		
WC	264	317	352	445	616	762	83,4	79,1	80,9
EC	151	267	232	404	383	671	56,5	57,6	57,2
NC	37	56	54	79	91	135	66,1	68,7	67,6
FS	67	112	93	171	160	283	60,0	54,6	56,7
KZN	227	351	300	578	527	929	64,7	51,9	56,8
NW	87	150	121	236	207	386	57,6	51,0	53,6
GP	484	576	665	796	1148	1373	83,9	83,5	83,6
MP	77	144	89	213	166	356	53,8	41,6	46,5
LP	86	185	84	281	170	466	46,4	29,9	36,4
<b>RSA</b>	<b>1 480</b>	<b>2 158</b>	<b>1 989</b>	<b>3 202</b>	<b>3 469</b>	<b>5 361</b>	<b>68,6</b>	<b>62,1</b>	<b>64,7</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 4.6.2: Older persons who are functionally literate by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate		
Metro	819	976	1 154	1 390	1 972	2 366	83,9	83,0	83,4
Non-metro	661	1 182	836	1 812	1 497	2 995	55,9	46,1	50,0
<b>RSA</b>	<b>1 480</b>	<b>2 158</b>	<b>1 989</b>	<b>3 202</b>	<b>3 469</b>	<b>5 361</b>	<b>68,6</b>	<b>62,1</b>	<b>64,7</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 4.6.3: Older persons who are functionally literate by population group and sex, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)						Percent		
	Male		Female		Both		Male	Female	Both
	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate	Total	Literate		
Black African	720	1 330	1 032	2 118	1 752	3 448	54,1	48,7	50,8
Coloured	164	225	223	333	387	558	72,9	67,0	69,4
Indian/ Asian	85	91	105	120	191	211	94,2	87,6	90,4
White	511	512	629	632	1 140	1 144	99,7	99,6	99,6
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 480</b>	<b>2 158</b>	<b>1 989</b>	<b>3 202</b>	<b>3 469</b>	<b>5 361</b>	<b>68,6</b>	<b>62,1</b>	<b>64,7</b>

Source: GHS 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 4.6.4: Distribution of older persons by province, sex and the highest level of education attained, 2022**

Province and sex		N ('000)	Percent					
		Total	Less than matric	Matric	Other tertiary	Graduates	Other	Total
WC	Male	317	49,0	22,8	9,3	15,4	3,5	100,0
	Female	445	62,9	17,8	9,3	7,7	2,3	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>57,1</b>	<b>19,9</b>	<b>9,3</b>	<b>10,9</b>	<b>2,8</b>	<b>100,0</b>
EC	Male	267	75,3	10,4	6,6	6,0	1,7	100,0
	Female	404	82,1	7,7	4,9	3,6	1,7	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>79,4</b>	<b>8,8</b>	<b>5,6</b>	<b>4,6</b>	<b>1,7</b>	<b>100,0</b>
NC	Male	56	72,5	13,1	7,9	2,7	3,9	100,0
	Female	79	69,8	20,8	2,9	3,4	3,1	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>70,9</b>	<b>17,6</b>	<b>4,9</b>	<b>3,1</b>	<b>3,4</b>	<b>100,0</b>
FS	Male	112	72,3	19,2	3,8	3,9	0,9	100,0
	Female	171	77,6	12,2	6,3	3,3	0,6	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>75,5</b>	<b>14,9</b>	<b>5,3</b>	<b>3,5</b>	<b>0,7</b>	<b>100,0</b>
KZN	Male	351	66,2	18,2	6,3	6,4	2,9	100,0
	Female	578	78,2	12,2	3,3	3,9	2,3	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>73,7</b>	<b>14,5</b>	<b>4,4</b>	<b>4,9</b>	<b>2,5</b>	<b>100,0</b>
NW	Male	150	72,3	13,0	1,9	4,8	7,9	100,0
	Female	236	79,3	7,6	4,1	2,6	6,4	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>76,6</b>	<b>9,7</b>	<b>3,3</b>	<b>3,5</b>	<b>7,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>
GP	Male	576	50,7	22,6	8,7	12,4	5,6	100,0
	Female	796	55,3	26,4	5,0	8,1	5,2	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>1 373</b>	<b>53,4</b>	<b>24,8</b>	<b>6,5</b>	<b>9,9</b>	<b>5,4</b>	<b>100,0</b>
MP	Male	144	79,3	6,3	7,9	4,3	2,1	100,0
	Female	213	81,8	9,3	4,3	4,0	0,6	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>80,8</b>	<b>8,1</b>	<b>5,8</b>	<b>4,2</b>	<b>1,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
LP	Male	185	80,3	8,3	4,1	2,3	4,9	100,0
	Female	281	89,2	4,0	1,8	2,2	2,8	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>85,6</b>	<b>5,7</b>	<b>2,7</b>	<b>2,2</b>	<b>3,7</b>	<b>100,0</b>
RSA	Male	2 158	63,7	17,0	6,9	8,4	4,0	100,0
	Female	3 202	71,9	14,9	4,9	5,2	3,1	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>5 361</b>	<b>68,6</b>	<b>15,8</b>	<b>5,7</b>	<b>6,5</b>	<b>3,5</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 4.6.5: Distribution of older persons by geographical area, sex and the highest level of education attained, 2022**

Metro and sex		N ('000)	Percent					Total
			Less than matric	Matric	Other tertiary	Graduates	Other	
Metro	Male	976	49,5	23,9	9,5	12,8	4,3	100,0
	Female	1 390	58,4	23,5	6,3	7,8	4,0	100,0
	Both	2 366	54,7	23,7	7,6	9,9	4,1	100,0
Non-metro	Male	1 182	75,3	11,3	4,8	4,9	3,7	100,0
	Female	1 812	82,3	8,3	3,9	3,1	2,4	100,0
	Both	2 995	79,5	9,5	4,2	3,8	2,9	100,0
RSA	Male	2 158	63,7	17,0	6,9	8,4	4,0	100,0
	Female	3 202	71,9	14,9	4,9	5,2	3,1	100,0
	Both	5 361	68,6	15,8	5,7	6,5	3,5	100,0

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 4.6.6: Distribution of older persons by population group, sex and the highest level of education attained, 2022**

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Percent					Total
			Less than matric	Matric	Other tertiary	Graduates	Other	
Black African	Male	1 330	80,2	8,9	2,5	3,2	5,2	100,0
	Female	2 118	85,1	6,2	2,5	2,5	3,7	100,0
	Both	3 448	83,2	7,2	2,5	2,8	4,3	100,0
Coloured	Male	225	73,1	14,6	4,3	3,8	4,1	100,0
	Female	333	81,3	9,9	3,2	3,1	2,5	100,0
	Both	558	78,0	11,8	3,6	3,4	3,2	100,0
Indian/Asian	Male	91	47,5	29,5	15,0	7,3	0,7	100,0
	Female	120	58,7	31,4	2,8	5,3	1,8	100,0
	Both	211	53,9	30,6	8,0	6,2	1,3	100,0
White	Male	512	19,3	37,0	18,1	24,4	1,2	100,0
	Female	632	25,3	43,6	14,2	15,1	1,7	100,0
	Both	1 144	22,7	40,7	15,9	19,3	1,5	100,0
Total	Male	2 158	63,7	17,0	6,9	8,4	4,0	100,0
	Female	3 202	71,9	14,9	4,9	5,2	3,1	100,0
	Both	5 361	68,6	15,8	5,7	6,5	3,5	100,0

Source: GHS 2022

## 4.7 Older persons: Housing and basic services

**Table 4.7.1: Distribution of older persons living in formal, informal and traditional housing by province and sex, 2022**

Province and sex		N ('000)	Percent				
		Total	Formal	Traditional	Informal	Other	Total
WC	Male	317	97,1	0,1	2,8	..	100,0
	Female	445	98,1	0,2	1,7	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>97,7</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>2,2</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
EC	Male	267	80,0	17,9	2,2	..	100,0
	Female	404	76,8	22,1	0,7	0,4	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>78,1</b>	<b>20,4</b>	<b>1,3</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>100,0</b>
NC	Male	56	94,9	0,5	4,7	..	100,0
	Female	79	93,3	..	6,7	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>93,9</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>5,9</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
FS	Male	112	91,1	1,9	6,9	..	100,0
	Female	171	91,2	3,6	5,2	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>91,2</b>	<b>2,9</b>	<b>5,9</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
KZN	Male	351	88,9	11,0	0,2	..	100,0
	Female	578	84,6	14,7	0,7	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>86,2</b>	<b>13,3</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
NW	Male	150	93,2	..	6,8	..	100,0
	Female	236	92,7	0,9	6,4	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>92,9</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>6,5</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
GP	Male	576	93,5	0,1	6,2	0,2	100,0
	Female	796	98,0	..	2,0	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>1 373</b>	<b>96,1</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>3,8</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
MP	Male	144	95,6	1,1	3,2	..	100,0
	Female	213	98,0	1,4	0,6	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>97,0</b>	<b>1,3</b>	<b>1,7</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
LP	Male	185	98,9	0,3	0,8	..	100,0
	Female	281	99,9	..	0,1	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>99,5</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
RSA	<b>Male</b>	<b>2 158</b>	<b>92,1</b>	<b>4,3</b>	<b>3,6</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
	<b>Female</b>	<b>3 202</b>	<b>92,2</b>	<b>5,8</b>	<b>1,9</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>
	<b>Both</b>	<b>5 361</b>	<b>92,2</b>	<b>5,2</b>	<b>2,6</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 4.7.2: Distribution of older persons living in formal, informal and traditional housing by geographical area and sex, 2022**

Metro and sex		N ('000)	Percent				Total
			Formal	Traditional	Informal	Other	
Metro	Male	976	95,7	0,3	3,9	0,1	100,0
	Female	1390	97,6	0,5	1,9	0,1	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>2366</b>	<b>96,8</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>2,7</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Non-metro	Male	1182	89,1	7,5	3,3	0,1	100,0
	Female	1812	88,1	9,9	2,0	0,0	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>2995</b>	<b>88,5</b>	<b>9,0</b>	<b>2,5</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
RSA	Male	2158	92,1	4,3	3,6	0,1	100,0
	Female	3202	92,2	5,8	1,9	0,0	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>5361</b>	<b>92,2</b>	<b>5,2</b>	<b>2,6</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 4.7.3: Distribution of older persons living in formal, informal and traditional housing by age group and sex, 2022**

Age group and sex		N ('000)	Percent				Total
			Formal	Traditional	Informal	Other	
60–69 years	Male	1 383	91,5	4,2	4,4	..	100,0
	Female	1 835	92,3	5,4	2,3	..	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>3 217</b>	<b>91,9</b>	<b>4,9</b>	<b>3,2</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,0</b>
70+ years	Male	775	93,2	4,5	2,2	0,2	100,0
	Female	1 368	92,2	6,3	1,4	0,1	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>2 143</b>	<b>92,5</b>	<b>5,7</b>	<b>1,7</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Total	Male	2 158	92,1	4,3	3,6	0,1	100,0
	Female	3 202	92,2	5,8	1,9	0,0	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>5 361</b>	<b>92,2</b>	<b>5,2</b>	<b>2,6</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Table 4.7.4: Living condition indicators of older persons compared to the overall population, 2022****Access to piped water**

Age group	N ('000)	Percent	
		Access	Unspecified
Not older persons	56 024	74,2	0,7
Older persons	5 361	77,3	0,7
<b>Total</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>74,4</b>	<b>0,7</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Access to improved sanitation**

Age group	N ('000)	Percent
		Access
Not older persons	56 024	83,1
Older persons	5 361	87,5
<b>Total</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>83,4</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Refuse/ waste removed by the municipality**

Age group	N ('000)	Percent	
	Total	Access	Unspecified
Not older persons	56 024	58,6	37,7
Older persons	5 361	63,6	34,2
<b>Total</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>59,0</b>	<b>37,4</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Access to electricity connected to the mains**

Age group	N ('000)	Percent	
	Total	Access	Unspecified
Not older persons	56 024	93,2	4,1
Older persons	5 361	97,0	2,5
<b>Total</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>93,6</b>	<b>3,9</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**Use solid fuels for cooking**

Age group	N ('000)	Percent
	Total	Access
Not older persons	56 024	11,4
Older persons	5 361	11,2
<b>Total</b>	<b>61 384</b>	<b>11,4</b>

Source: GHS 2022

**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, 2022/23**

Province	N ('000)		Percent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
WC	200	763	26,1
EC	113	723	15,5
NC	15	136	11,2
FS	34	296	11,6
KZN	233	1 065	21,8
NW	63	423	14,8
GP	299	1 501	19,9
MP	56	368	15,1
LP	39	516	7,5
<b>RSA</b>	<b>1 051</b>	<b>5 792</b>	<b>18,1</b>

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GPSJS) 2022/23

**Table 4.8.2: Older persons who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area during the day by sex, 2022/23**

Sex	N ('000)		Percent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
Male	421	2 397	17,5
Female	630	3 395	18,5
<b>Both</b>	<b>1 051</b>	<b>5 792</b>	<b>18,1</b>

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GPSJS) 2022/23

**Table 4.8.3: Older persons who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area at night by province, 2022/23**

Province	N ('000)		Percent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
WC	514	763	67,2
EC	460	723	63,6
NC	85	136	62,5
FS	208	296	70,2
KZN	590	1 065	55,3
NW	265	423	62,6
GP	945	1 501	62,9
MP	264	368	71,5
LP	228	516	44,2
<b>RSA</b>	<b>3 559</b>	<b>5 792</b>	<b>61,4</b>

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GPSJS) 2022/23

**Table 4.8.4: Older persons who feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area at night by sex, 2022/23**

Sex	N ('000)		Percent
	Unsafe	Total responded	Unsafe
Male	1 398	2 397	58,3
Female	2 161	3 395	63,6
<b>Both</b>	<b>3 559</b>	<b>5 792</b>	<b>61,4</b>

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GPSJS) 2022/23

**Table 4.8.5: Older persons who have been victims of property crime during the past 5 years by sex, 2022/23**

Sex	N ('000)		Percent
	Suffering	Total responded	Suffering
Male	130	2 397	5,4
Female	161	3 395	4,7
<b>Both</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>5 792</b>	<b>5,0</b>

Source: Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (GPSJS) 2022/23

## 4.9 Key findings

South Africa's older persons population is defined as persons aged 60 years and older and was estimated at 5,4 million in 2022, accounting for 8,7% of the overall South African population. Among those, approximately 59,7% were females and 40,3% were males.

When compared to other provinces, Mpumalanga had the lowest percentage of older persons, representing 7.3% of the provincial population, while the Western Cape had the highest percentage of older people, representing 10.5%. Most of the older persons resided in non-metro areas, with females dominating in both geographical areas. At national level, 55,1% of older persons households were headed by females whilst their counterparts recorded 44,9%. Gauteng reported the highest proportion of older persons' male-headed households compared to other provinces.

Nationally, triple-generation households were more common amongst older persons relative to other types of intergenerational households. Provincial variations showed that older persons in triple-generation households were more prevalent in seven provinces excluding Western Cape, and Gauteng which had a higher proportion of older persons in single generation households. The black African and coloured older persons population were most likely to live in triple-generation households. White older persons were most likely to live in single-generation households, while older persons from the Indian/Asian population group were mostly likely to live in double-generation households.

Nationally, the household composition showed that households headed by older persons were most likely to live in, extended households (53,1%) followed by those in nuclear households (27,0%), with the least in complex households (1,5%). Black African and coloured older persons were most likely to live in extended households. The white and Indian/Asian older persons were most likely to live in nuclear households. Single-person households were primarily found amongst the white older persons (29,7%). The extended households were mostly observed in both metro and non-metro areas.

In South Africa, about 3,8 million older persons (71.3%) received social grants in 2022. Provinces which had the highest percentage of older persons grant recipients were Limpopo (86,4%), North West (84,2%) and Eastern Cape (82,0%). Older persons in Western Cape were least likely to receive grants. In comparison to their male counterparts, female older persons were more likely to receive social grants.

In all provinces, more older males were participating in the labour force compared to their female counterparts. Among all the population groups, the black African older persons were the least participating in the labour force. Nationally, 50,9% of older persons were living in households without an employed adult. Older females were more likely to live without an employed household member than their male counterparts, though the difference is not significant. Among all the population groups, older persons from the Indian/Asian population group were less likely to live without an employed household member. Approximately 67,9% of households headed by the older persons indicated that grants were their main source of income, followed by salaries/wages at 21,3%.

Most older persons in eight out of nine provinces made use of public clinics for their health care needs, with Western Cape being the only province more likely to utilise private hospital/clinic/doctor than any other type of health care facility. Inequalities in access to medical aid exist, both by sex and population group. When looking at gender disparities, the coverage was higher amongst older males than older females. The medical aid coverage was racially skewed amongst the older persons, with white persons accounting for 72,1% coverage and only 6,6% coverage for the black Africans. In all provinces, chronic diseases affected almost 60% of the older persons, except for Limpopo where about 42% of the older persons had chronic illness.



Older persons were less likely to suffer from hunger compared to persons younger than 60 years in all provinces. Nationally, 64,7% of the older persons were functionally literate and Western Cape had the highest percentage of older persons at 83,6% whilst Limpopo had the least percentage of functionally literate older persons.

Nationally, 68,6% of older persons had less than matric as the highest level of education attained. Just over 90% of the older persons stayed in formal dwellings. Six out of ten older persons reported feeling unsafe walking alone in their area at night, whilst 18 % of older persons reported feeling unsafe walking alone in their area during the day.

## INDICATORS: PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Persons with disabilities 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.

The results are based on the UN recommended measure of disability which defines 'persons with disabilities' as: a person who reported 'some difficulty' in at least two domains of functioning, a 'lot of difficulty' in any of the six domains of functioning, 'unable to do' in any of the six domains of functioning, 'no difficulty' in any of the six domains of functioning, 'some difficulty' in one of the six domains of functioning.

Only persons aged 5 years and older are included.

### 5.1 Demography of persons with disabilities

**Table 5.1.1: Disability prevalence by province, 2022**

Province	N ('000)		Percent
	Suffering	Total	Suffering
WC	355	6 595	5,4
EC	548	6 420	8,5
NC	90	1 176	7,6
FS	223	2 649	8,4
KZN	671	11 064	6,1
NW	234	3 353	7,0
GP	659	13 438	4,9
MP	232	4 545	5,1
LP	288	5 745	5,0
<b>RSA</b>	<b>3 300</b>	<b>54 986</b>	<b>6,0</b>

Source: Census 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 5.1.2: Disability prevalence by population group, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)		Percent
	Suffering	Total	Suffering
Black African	2 544	44 570	5,7
Coloured	254	4 535	5,6
Indian/ Asian	103	1 585	6,5
White	387	4 085	9,5
Other	12	211	5,8
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 300</b>	<b>54 986</b>	<b>6,0</b>

Source: Census 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 5.1.3: Disability prevalence by sex, 2022**

Sex	N ('000)		Percent
	Suffering	Total	Suffering
Male	1 303	26 519	4,9
Female	1 996	28 466	7,0
<b>Both</b>	<b>3 300</b>	<b>54 986</b>	<b>6,0</b>

Source: Census 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 5.1.4: Disability prevalence by age group, 2022**

Age group	N ('000)		Percent
	Suffering	Total	Suffering
5–14 years	228	10 350	2,2
15–24 years	232	10 038	2,3
25–34 years	282	11 076	2,5
35–44 years	325	9 186	3,5
45–54 years	443	5 912	7,5
55–64 years	620	4 514	13,7
65–74 years	605	2 599	23,3
75+ years	566	1 311	43,1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 300</b>	<b>54 986</b>	<b>6,0</b>

Source: Census 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

## 5.2 Household characteristics of persons with disabilities

**Table 5.2.1: Distribution of households with persons with disabilities by province, 2022**

Province	N ('000)	Percent
WC	229	10,8
EC	322	15,2
NC	59	2,8
FS	151	7,1
KZN	394	18,6
NW	166	7,8
GP	430	20,3
MP	161	7,6
LP	211	9,9
<b>RSA</b>	<b>2 123</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: Census 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 5.2.2: Distribution of households with persons with disability by population group, 2022**

Population group	N ('000)	Percent
Black African	1 745	82,2
Coloured	168	7,9
Indian/ Asian	38	1,8
White	165	7,8
Other	6	0,3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 123</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: Census 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases.

**Table 5.2.3: Distribution of households with persons with disability by sex, 2022**

Sex	N ('000)	Percent
Male	841	39,6
Female	1 282	60,4
<b>Both</b>	<b>2 123</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: Census 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 5.2.4: Distribution of household heads with disabilities by province, 2022**

Province	N ('000)	Percent
WC	145	9,8
EC	244	16,4
NC	43	2,9
FS	111	7,5
KZN	278	18,7
NW	121	8,2
GP	292	19,7
MP	110	7,4
LP	141	9,5
<b>RSA</b>	<b>1 485</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: Census 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 5.2.5: Distribution of household heads with disabilities by sex, 2022**

Sex	N ('000)	Percent
Male	543	36,6
Female	942	63,4
<b>Both</b>	<b>1 485</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: Census 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

### 5.3 Persons with disabilities: Education

**Table 5.3.1: Distribution of the highest level of education obtained by persons with disabilities aged 25 years and above by province and sex, 2022**

Province and sex		N ('000)	Percent							Total
			No schooling	Some primary	Completed primary	Some secondary	Matric/grade 12	Higher	Other	
WC	Male	127	5,5	12,0	5,1	26,0	21,4	22,5	7,4	100,0
	Female	186	5,4	13,6	6,4	29,8	21,3	16,2	7,4	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>5,5</b>	<b>13,0</b>	<b>5,9</b>	<b>28,2</b>	<b>21,3</b>	<b>18,8</b>	<b>7,4</b>	<b>100,0</b>
EC	Male	174	16,5	25,3	6,7	25,3	12,2	7,3	6,7	100,0
	Female	306	18,3	23,5	7,6	28,3	10,3	6,5	5,4	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>17,7</b>	<b>24,1</b>	<b>7,3</b>	<b>27,2</b>	<b>11,0</b>	<b>6,8</b>	<b>5,9</b>	<b>100,0</b>
NC	Male	31	18,6	21,9	6,9	25,2	13,3	6,7	7,5	100,0
	Female	48	18,2	23,8	8,2	26,8	11,8	4,8	6,3	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>18,3</b>	<b>23,1</b>	<b>7,7</b>	<b>26,2</b>	<b>12,4</b>	<b>5,5</b>	<b>6,8</b>	<b>100,0</b>
FS	Male	68	11,7	19,7	5,3	26,3	19,1	9,1	8,8	100,0
	Female	124	12,6	24,1	6,6	27,2	15,4	6,6	7,6	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>12,3</b>	<b>22,5</b>	<b>6,2</b>	<b>26,9</b>	<b>16,7</b>	<b>7,5</b>	<b>8,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>
KZN	Male	204	18,3	16,7	4,7	23,8	19,7	9,6	7,2	100,0
	Female	368	23,8	21,3	5,2	21,4	14,8	6,9	6,5	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>21,9</b>	<b>19,7</b>	<b>5,0</b>	<b>22,2</b>	<b>16,5</b>	<b>7,9</b>	<b>6,8</b>	<b>100,0</b>
NW	Male	80	21,2	21,0	5,2	23,6	14,1	6,2	8,7	100,0
	Female	121	19,8	22,1	6,2	25,8	13,4	5,5	7,2	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>20,3</b>	<b>21,7</b>	<b>5,8</b>	<b>24,9</b>	<b>13,7</b>	<b>5,8</b>	<b>7,8</b>	<b>100,0</b>
GP	Male	227	8,1	10,5	3,8	27,1	24,9	18,3	7,3	100,0
	Female	337	9,0	11,9	4,5	30,5	23,8	13,5	6,8	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>8,7</b>	<b>11,3</b>	<b>4,2</b>	<b>29,1</b>	<b>24,2</b>	<b>15,4</b>	<b>7,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>
MP	Male	74	26,8	16,0	4,6	21,0	17,1	6,9	7,4	100,0
	Female	121	35,1	16,1	4,4	18,7	14,2	5,1	6,4	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>32,0</b>	<b>16,0</b>	<b>4,5</b>	<b>19,6</b>	<b>15,3</b>	<b>5,8</b>	<b>6,8</b>	<b>100,0</b>
LP	Male	88	25,9	16,1	4,6	22,3	13,5	8,6	9,1	100,0
	Female	155	40,8	14,3	4,0	17,1	10,2	5,8	7,8	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>35,4</b>	<b>15,0</b>	<b>4,2</b>	<b>19,0</b>	<b>11,4</b>	<b>6,8</b>	<b>8,3</b>	<b>100,0</b>
RSA	<b>Male</b>	<b>1 072</b>	<b>15,3</b>	<b>16,8</b>	<b>5,0</b>	<b>24,9</b>	<b>18,5</b>	<b>12,0</b>	<b>7,6</b>	<b>100,0</b>
	<b>Female</b>	<b>1 767</b>	<b>19,2</b>	<b>18,4</b>	<b>5,7</b>	<b>25,5</b>	<b>15,8</b>	<b>8,7</b>	<b>6,7</b>	<b>100,0</b>
	<b>Both</b>	<b>2 840</b>	<b>17,7</b>	<b>17,8</b>	<b>5,4</b>	<b>25,3</b>	<b>16,8</b>	<b>9,9</b>	<b>7,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: Census 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

**Table 5.3.2: Distribution of the highest level of education obtained by persons with disabilities aged 25 years and above by population group and sex, 2022**

Population group and sex		N ('000)	Percent							Total
			No schooling	Some primary	Completed primary	Some secondary	Matric/grade 12	Higher	Other	
Black African	Male	767	19,5	20,5	5,6	25,5	15,1	5,5	8,2	100,0
	Female	1 376	23,0	20,8	6,0	25,2	12,7	5,6	6,7	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>2 143</b>	<b>21,7</b>	<b>20,7</b>	<b>5,9</b>	<b>25,3</b>	<b>13,5</b>	<b>5,6</b>	<b>7,3</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Coloured	Male	89	9,0	17,9	7,9	32,6	15,7	7,7	9,3	100,0
	Female	136	8,6	19,9	9,9	33,0	13,3	6,7	8,6	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>8,8</b>	<b>19,1</b>	<b>9,1</b>	<b>32,8</b>	<b>14,2</b>	<b>7,1</b>	<b>8,9</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Indian/Asian	Male	41	6,2	10,2	4,3	26,9	29,6	17,3	5,4	100,0
	Female	54	9,7	17,3	5,8	27,5	22,2	11,4	6,0	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>8,2</b>	<b>14,2</b>	<b>5,2</b>	<b>27,3</b>	<b>25,4</b>	<b>14,0</b>	<b>5,7</b>	<b>100,0</b>
White	Male	170	2,5	1,4	0,9	17,5	32,3	41,1	4,4	100,0
	Female	196	2,6	1,5	0,9	21,9	38,0	30,0	5,1	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>2,5</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>0,9</b>	<b>19,9</b>	<b>35,3</b>	<b>35,2</b>	<b>4,8</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Other	Male	6	5,9	5,8	2,8	20,7	21,5	36,4	6,9	100,0
	Female	5	4,0	7,6	4,0	23,4	22,8	32,1	6,0	100,0
	<b>Both</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4,9</b>	<b>6,7</b>	<b>3,4</b>	<b>22,0</b>	<b>22,2</b>	<b>34,3</b>	<b>6,5</b>	<b>100,0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>1 072</b>	<b>15,3</b>	<b>16,8</b>	<b>5,0</b>	<b>24,9</b>	<b>18,5</b>	<b>12,0</b>	<b>7,6</b>	<b>100,0</b>
	<b>Female</b>	<b>1 767</b>	<b>19,2</b>	<b>18,4</b>	<b>5,7</b>	<b>25,5</b>	<b>15,8</b>	<b>8,7</b>	<b>6,7</b>	<b>100,0</b>
	<b>Both</b>	<b>2 840</b>	<b>17,7</b>	<b>17,8</b>	<b>5,4</b>	<b>25,3</b>	<b>16,8</b>	<b>9,9</b>	<b>7,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Source: Census 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

## 5.4 Disabled persons: Housing and basic services

**Table 5.4.1: Living condition indicators of persons with disabilities compared to the overall population, 2022**

### Access to piped water

	N ('000)	Percent
	Total	Access
Without disability	47 655	49,0
With disability	3 032	47,3
<b>Total</b>	<b>50 687</b>	<b>48,9</b>

Source: Census 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

### Access to improved sanitation

	N ('000)	Percent
	Total	Access
Without disability	47 655	77,7
With disability	3 032	78,1
<b>Total</b>	<b>50 687</b>	<b>77,8</b>

Source: Census 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

### Refuse/ waste removed by the municipality

	N ('000)	Percent
	Total	Access
Without disability	47 655	58,2
With disability	3 032	54,9
<b>Total</b>	<b>50 687</b>	<b>58,0</b>

Source: Census 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

### Access to electricity connected to the mains

	N ('000)	Percent
	Total	Access
Without disability	47 655	94,8
With disability	3 032	95,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>50 687</b>	<b>94,8</b>

Source: Census 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

### Use solid fuels for cooking

	N ('000)	Percent
	Total	Access
Without disability	47 655	17,8
With disability	3 032	20,3
<b>Total</b>	<b>50 687</b>	<b>18,0</b>

Source: Census 2022  
Excluding unspecified cases

## 5.5 Key findings

Persons with disabilities 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. Nationally, 6,0% of the population reported to be living with disabilities. Provincial differences in disability prevalence revealed that Eastern Cape and Free State had the highest rates (8,5% and 8,4%, respectively), while Gauteng had the lowest at 4,9%. Females had a higher prevalence of disability compared to males (7,0% vs. 4,9%). The analysis of age groups revealed that prevalence of disability increases with age.

Older persons reported a higher disability prevalence than younger persons. The proportions reporting a disability were highest among those aged 75+. More than 43,1% of persons aged 75 years and older reportedly lived with a disability. However, this pattern is expected given the type of questions asked, in favour of older persons reporting a number of difficulties in functioning due to frailty.

Nationally, the majority of persons with disabilities aged 25 years and above reported having some secondary schooling (25,3%), followed by those with some primary (17,8%) and those with no schooling (17,7%). Gauteng and Western Cape recorded the majority of persons with disabilities who have attained some secondary as their highest level of education (29,1% and 28,2 % respectively). Limpopo (35,4%), Mpumalanga (32,0%), and KwaZulu-Natal (21,9%) reported the highest proportions of persons with disabilities with no schooling as their highest level of education.

Looking at the highest level of education by different population groups, the analysis showed that black Africans were the most disadvantaged compared to other population groups. Persons with disabilities in all the other population groups recorded the highest proportion of those with some secondary education, while black Africans recorded the highest proportion of those with some primary education.

Nationally, 25,4% of persons with disabilities aged 25 years and above completed some secondary education as their highest level of education. Results show that persons with disabilities are still faced with challenges relating to accessing education. Even though there are policies in place to ensure reasonable accommodation and improve the livelihood of persons with disabilities, a lot still needs to be done.





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