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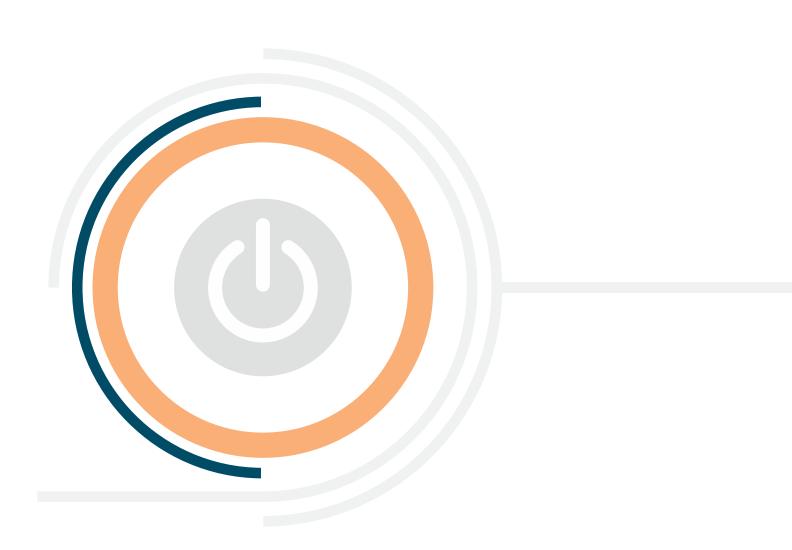
It is my pleasure to submit the 2024/25 Annual Report of Statistics South Africa for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, in compliance with section 7(2)(c) of the Statistics Act, 1999 (Act No. 6 of 1999), section 40(1) and (3) of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999), and in accordance with section 18 of the Treasury Regulations.

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR PERFORMANCE INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Accounting Officer is responsible for the preparation of the department's performance information and for the judgements made in this information.

The Accounting Officer is responsible for establishing and implementing a system of internal control designed to provide reasonable assurance as to the integrity and reliability of performance information.

In my opinion, the performance information fairly reflects the performance information of the department for the financial year ended 31 March 2025.

Risenga Maluleke
Statistician-General (Accounting Officer)
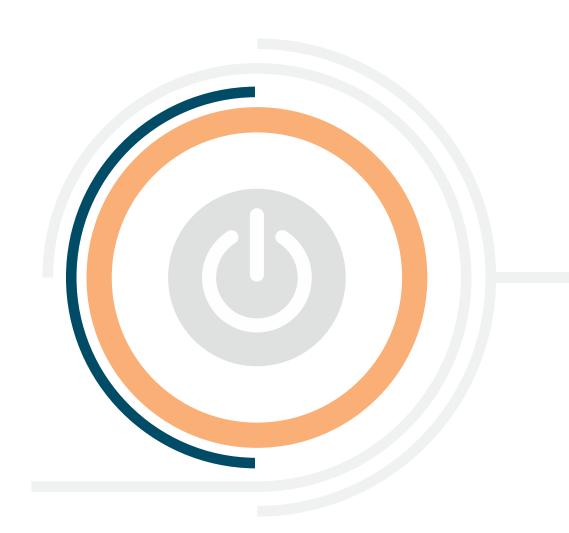
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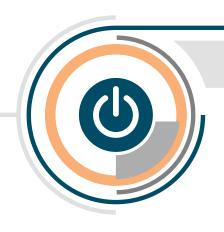
The Annual Report of Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) is an integral part of financial and non-financial reporting with the intention of promoting accountability and transparency. For the 2024/25 financial year, Stats SA is presenting its financial and non-financial information in two parts to improve cost-efficiency in the production of the report.

Book 1 provides information on the organisation, performance, governance, human resource management and detailed financial information, and is available in both print and electronic formats. Book 1 is accessible on the Stats SA website: www.statssa.gov.za.

Book 2 provides a detailed account of performance information in tabular format in relation to the Strategic Plan and Work Programme as prescribed by the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME) in the Annual Report Guide for national and provincial departments. Book 2 is available in electronic format and on the Stats SA website: www.statssa.gov.za.
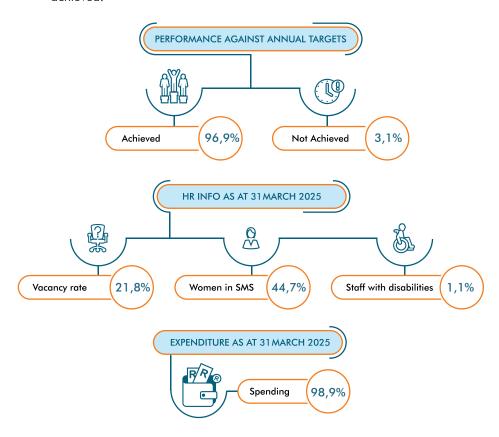
2. OVERVIEW OF DEPARTMENTAL PERFORMANCE

Stats SA achieved 96,9% (380) of its annual targets (392) of which 96,8% (368) were achieved as scheduled; 1,3% (5) were achieved earlier than scheduled, and 1,9% (7) were achieved later than scheduled. 3,1% (12) of targets were not achieved.

PERFORMANCE AGAINST ANNUAL TARGETS

| Achieved | 96,9% | Not Achieved | 3,1% |

HR INFO AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

| Vacancy rate | 21,8% | Women in SMS | 44,7% | Staff with disabilities | 1,1% |

EXPENDITURE AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

| Spending | 98,9% |

3. PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE

3.1 Programme 1: Administration

Programme purpose: Provides strategic leadership, management, and support services to the department.

Linking programmes with strategic outcomes: Programme 1 contributes to the following strategic outcomes:

Agile operating model

a) Modernise and innovate business processes across the value chain
b) Adapt/adopt international frameworks and standards
c) Leverage statistical infrastructure within the data ecosystem
d) Reposition and strengthen the methodology function

Transformed capability

a) Invest in innovative technologies and ICT infrastructure
b) Build a versatile and multi-skilled workforce
c) Invest in capacity building in the data ecosystem
d) Build a united and diverse organisation that is responsive to a fast-changing environment
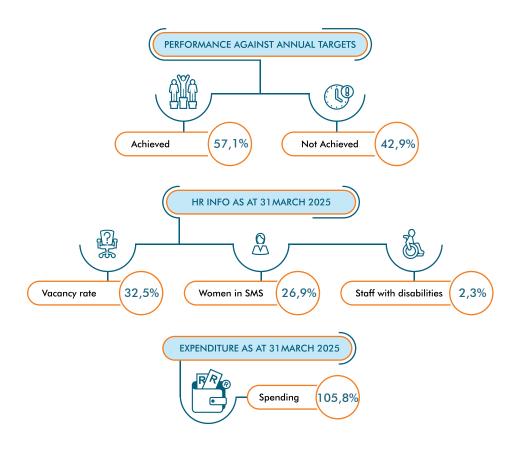
Overall programme performance:

Programme 1: Administration achieved 57,1% of its annual targets (14) as at 31 March 2025. 42,9% of targets (6) were not achieved.

PERFORMANCE AGAINST ANNUAL TARGETS

| Achieved | 57,1% | Not Achieved | 42,9% |

HR INFO AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

| Vacancy rate | 32,5% | Women in SMS | 26,9% | Staff with disabilities | 2,3% |

EXPENDITURE AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

| Spending | 105,8% |

Subprogrammes:

Departmental Management provides strategic leadership, management, and support services to the department, including executive and project management support services, strategic management and organisational development services, and risk, anti-corruption, and integrity management services.

a) **Executive and Project Management Support** provides various management support services, including international relations support, ministerial support, interdepartmental and executive secretarial support to structures such as the Statistics Council and Exco. Key outputs included a report on support provided to the Continuous Population Survey (CPS) project, and the development of 25% (Phase 3) of prioritised Management Information Repository (MIR) functions.

b) **Strategy, Operations and Organisational Development** provides strategic management services including the compilation of the strategic, annual performance and operational plans, quarterly and annual reports, the service delivery improvement plan and reports, change and business management support, and organisational and job design services. Key outputs included the mapping of a business process for job evaluation, and the compilation of a transformation and change management plan for 2025/26. The new 5-year strategic plan was compiled in line with the Medium-Term Development Plan.

c) **Risk, Anti-corruption and Integrity Management provides risk, integrity, and business continuity management services to the department.** A disaster risk reduction plan was not compiled as scheduled due to human resource constraints. The activity is dependent on the availability of resources.

Corporate Services is responsible for providing a legal advisory service to the department, efficient facilities, security and logistical services, human resource management and development support services.

a) **Human Resource Management and Development** provides human resource management and development support services and promotes sound human management principles in line with the Public Service Act and other applicable labour legislation. A skills audit was not conducted as scheduled due to the complexity of the activity, which will commence in 2025/26 and be undertaken in phases over the next three years. The *16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children* initiative was supported through awareness campaigns.

b) **Facilities, Transport and Security Management** provides efficient facilities, security, and logistical services to the department. Key outputs included the compilation of a security plan and a report on the roll-out of Phase 1 of the accommodation plan.

Financial Management Services provides financial, asset and procurement support services to the department; it promotes financial practices for good governance and administration in line with the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA). Key outputs included reports on the reduction of irregular expenditure and the reduction of audit findings from the 2023/24 Auditor-General audit. The reduction of fruitless, wasteful and unauthorised expenditure was not achieved as scheduled due to resource constraints.

Internal Audit provides an independent audit service to the department; it assists management in improving internal controls, risk management and governance by providing independent risk-based assurance services, as well as advisory services as required by the Public Finance Management Act. A performance audit report on asset management was not compiled as scheduled due to internal processes. A regulatory audit on asset management is scheduled for 2025/26.

Response to prioritising women, youth and persons with disabilities: The programme is committed to improving employment equity through the prioritisation of women, youth and persons with disabilities in the recruitment process.

Strategy to overcome areas of underperformance/Challenges and impact of resource constraints: The high vacancy rate of 32,5% had an impact on the achievement of targets in the work programme. The meeting of employment equity targets and the filling of critical vacant posts will remain a priority for the department in the 2025/26 financial year. The implementation of the 5-year strategic plan is dependent on the availability of resources.

Actual performance against the work programme is captured in the table below:

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 1: Administration: (Subprogramme: Executive and Project Management Support)									
1.1	Agile operating model	Reports on priority projects	Number of reports on priority projects supported in accordance with Stats SA's project management framework	Compiled report on support provided to Census 2022 and PES	Compiled report on support provided to the IES 2022/23	1 report on support provided to CPS 2024/25 compiled by March 2025	Compiled report on support provided to CPS 2024/25 as scheduled		
1.2	Transformed capability	Management information repository (MIR)	Percentage of prioritised required MIR functionalities developed	Developed 25% (Phase 1) of prioritised MIR functionalities	Developed 25% (Phase 2) of prioritised MIR functionalities	25% (Phase 3) of prioritised MIR functionalities developed by March 2025	Developed 25% (Phase 3) of prioritised MIR functionalities as scheduled		
Programme 1: Administration: (Subprogramme: Strategy, Operations and Organisational Development)									
2.1	Agile operating model	Business process management institutionalised	Number of business process management elements institutionalised	Compiled business processes management strategy	Mapped 6 business processes	1 business process mapped by March 2025	Mapped 1 business process as scheduled		
2.2	Transformed capability	Transformation and change management agenda	Number of transformation and change management plans compiled	Developed transformation and change management plan	Compiled 2024/25 transformation and change management plan	1 transformation and change management plan (2025/26) compiled by March 2025	Compiled transformation and change management plan (2025/26) as scheduled		

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 1: Administration: (Subprogramme: Risk, Anti-corruption, and Integrity Management)									
3.1	Transformed capability	Disaster risk reduction institutionalised	Number of disaster risk reduction elements implemented		Not achieved. A Business Impact Analysis was not conducted	1 disaster risk reduction plan compiled by March 2025	A disaster risk reduction plan was not compiled as scheduled	Not achieved. The activity is dependent on the availability of resources	Due to human resource constraints
Programme 1: Administration: (Subprogramme: Human Resource Management and Development)									
4.1	Transformed capability	Talent management institutionalised	Number of talent management elements institutionalised	Not achieved. A skills development strategy was not developed, and a skills development plan was not implemented	Completed alignment of skills development plan to the strategy	1 skills audit conducted by March 2025	Preparation for the skills audit has commenced	Not achieved. The audit will be conducted over 3 years, commencing in 2025/26	Due to the complexity of the activity
4.2		Gender-based violence (GBV) programme	Number of gender-based violence programmes implemented	Conducted 2 gender-based violence programmes	Implemented gender-based violence programme	1 gender-based violence programme implemented by March 2025	Conducted gender-based violence awareness campaigns	Not achieved. A GBV event is planned for 2025/26	Due to internal processes
Programme 1: Administration: (Subprogramme: Facilities, Transport and Security Management)									
5.1	Transformed capability	Minimum Information Security Standards (MISS)	Number of MISS elements implemented		Conducted an assessment on MISS	1 MISS plan developed by March 2025	Developed a MISS plan as scheduled		
5.2	Agile operating model	Office accommodation plan	Number of reports on office accommodation plans rolled out		Conducted assessment on office accommodation	1 report on accommodation plan rolled out (Phase 1) by March 2025	Compiled a report on the rollout of the accommodation plan as scheduled		

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 1: Administration: (Subprogramme: Financial Management Services)									
6.1	Transformed capability	Reduction of fruitless and wasteful expenditure	Percentage of fruitless and wasteful expenditure reduced		Fruitless and wasteful expenditure incurred in the 2022/23 financial year amounted to R171 thousand, representing a reduction of 85%	80% of fruitless and wasteful expenditure reduced by March 2025 (Baseline: R171 thousand)	Fruitless and wasteful expenditure incurred in 2023/24 amounted to R227 thousand	Not achieved Representing an increase of 127,5% Additional resources made available to fast-track investigations into fruitless and wasteful expenditure	Due to human resource constraints
6.2		Reduction of irregular Expenditure	Percentage of irregular expenditure reduced		Not achieved. Irregular expenditure incurred in the 2022/23 financial year amounted to R253,537 million, representing an increase of 7,6%	80% of irregular expenditure reduced by March 2025 (Baseline: R253,5 million)	Irregular expenditure incurred in 2023/24 amounted to R13,395 million	Representing a decrease of 96,4%	Census was conducted in the 2022/23 financial year, which resulted in higher irregular expenditure
6.3		Audit opinion	Unqualified audit opinion attained		Not achieved. Findings increased from 41 to 46, representing an increase of 12,2%	Unqualified audit opinion with 25% fewer findings attained by July 2024 (Baseline: 2022/23 audit report)	Unqualified audit opinion with findings on predetermined objectives and compliance with laws and regulations Audit findings decreased from 43 to 24	Representing a decrease of 44%	Census was conducted in the 2022/23 financial year, which resulted in increased findings

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 1: Administration: (Subprogramme: Financial Management Services)									
6.4	Transformed capability	Reduction of unauthorised expenditure	Percentage of unauthorised expenditure reduced		Not achieved. Unauthorised expenditure (UE) incurred amounted to R807,987 million representing an increase of 100%	90% of unauthorised expenditure reduced by March 2025 (Baseline: R807,9 million)	Unauthorised expenditure (UE) incurred in 2023/24 amounted to R128,307 million	Not achieved. Representing a reduction of 84,1% Liaison with Treasury is ongoing	Due to funding constraints
Programme 1: Administration: (Subprogramme: Internal Audit)									
7.1	Agile operating model	IA priority reports on AGSA findings	Number of IA priority reports on AGSA findings compiled	Compiled audit report on Census 2022	Compiled audit report on IES expenditure management 2022/23	1 performance audit report on asset management compiled by March 2025	Compilation of a performance audit report on asset management was not compiled	Not achieved. A regulatory audit on Asset Management has been planned for 2025/26	Due to internal processes

3.2 Programme 2: Economic Statistics

Programme purpose: Produce economic statistics to inform evidence-based economic development.

Objectives:

o Produce economic indicators to inform evidence-based planning, monitoring, evaluation and decision-making for use by the public and private sectors by:
o publishing monthly, quarterly, annual and periodic statistical releases on various industries in the private and public sectors;
o publishing monthly statistical releases on a range of price indexes;
o publishing quarterly and annual estimates of gross domestic product (GDP); and
o improving the measurement of economic indicators through the application of internationally recognised standards and practices on an ongoing basis.

Linking programmes with strategic outcomes: Programme 2 contributes to the following strategic outcome:
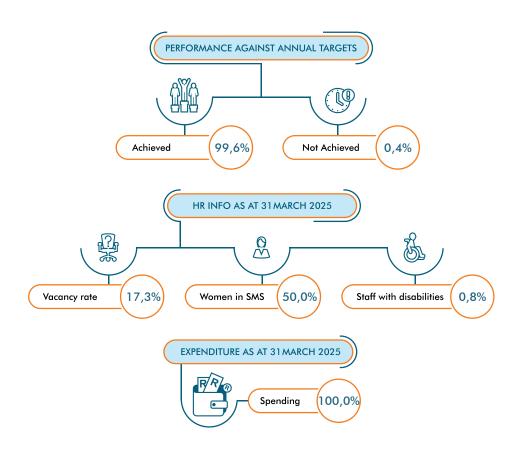
Insightful data

a) Put stakeholders at the centre to increase usage and trust
b) Sustain the quality of national indicators
c) Deepen statistical analysis for new insights
d) Explore the use of alternative data sources

Overall programme performance:

Programme 2: Economic Statistics achieved 99,6% (251) of its annual targets (252) as at 31 March 2025. 0,4% (1) target was not achieved.

PERFORMANCE AGAINST ANNUAL TARGETS

| Achieved | 99,6% |
| Not Achieved | 0,4% |

HR INFO AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

Vacancy rate	17,3%
Women in SMS	50,0%
Staff with disabilities	0,8%

EXPENDITURE AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

| Spending | 100,0% |

Subprogrammes:

Programme Management for Economic Statistics provides strategic direction and leadership to this programme. Key activities in 2024/25 included sign-off of statistical releases and reports, the updating and monitoring of the implementation of the economic statistics strategy and maintaining relations with key partners in the national statistics system. This programme informed economic planning, monitoring, and decision-making by providing accurate, relevant, and timely statistical information on the level of economic activity in relation to the primary, secondary, and tertiary sectors of the economy, price stability, financial information on private sector businesses and government, and information on sustainable resource use and management.

Business Cycle Indicators provides statistical information on turnover and volumes in various industries through the publication of monthly, quarterly, and annual releases. Key outputs included **150** published releases consisting of 144 monthly releases, 4 quarterly releases and 2 annual releases on business cycle indicators, and 3 reports on improving business cycle indicator The results of piloting deflation of the tourist accommodation survey were not published as scheduled due to data challenges. Work will continue in 2025/26.

Structural Industry Statistics publishes periodic statistical information on the income and expenditure of industries and selected non-financial variables. Key outputs included the publication of **8** periodic reports on mining, wholesale trade, retail trade, motor trade, accommodation, food and beverages, post and telecommunications and agriculture statistics.

Five additional releases were published, including 2 reports on the COEGA Special Economic Zone for 2023 and 2024 and reports on Forestry, logging and related services for 2023; Ocean, fisheries and related services for 2023; and Census 2022 Agricultural Households.

Price Statistics provides information on inflation by compiling the consumer price index (CPI) and various producer price indices (PPI). Key outputs included **61** published releases consisting of monthly CPI, PPI, CMPI, and XMUVI, 10 monthly RPPI releases, 2 RPPI discussion documents, and a release on updated CPI weights. In addition, PPI weights for 2025 were published.

Private Sector Financial Statistics tracks the financial performance of private sector organisations. Key outputs included **9** published releases consisting of 4 quarterly releases on financial statistics of private sector enterprises, **1** annual release on financial statistics of the private sector, and 4 quarterly releases on capital expenditure.

Government Financial Statistics tracks public sector spending. Key outputs included **12** published releases consisting of 4 quarterly releases on selected financial statistics of municipalities, 1 annual release on the non-financial census of municipalities, and 7 annual releases on government financial statistics. A report on the testing of administrative data for the Quarterly Financial Statistics of Selected Municipalities (QFSSM) was compiled.

National Accounts produces GDP data and other integrated statistical products. Key outputs included **6** published releases consisting of 4 quarterly Gross Domestic Product (GDP) releases, 1 regional GDP release, and Supply and Use tables for 2021. A discussion document on Environmental-Economic Accounting (EEA) as part of the Natural Capital Accounting (NCA) series was published.

Response to prioritising women, youth and persons with disabilities: The programme is committed to improving employment equity through the prioritisation of youth and persons with disabilities in the recruitment process. Women in SMS as at the end of March 2025 were 50,0%.

Strategy to overcome areas of underperformance/Challenges and impact of resource constraints: The vacancy rate within the branch, linked with the loss of experienced staff, leaves the programme in a vulnerable position. The response rates of some surveys are gradually decreasing, instances of delays in publications are occurring, and the inherent quality of the data at a granular level needs improvement. There is no capacity to increase the scope of the current surveys, nor to introduce additional surveys that can measure emerging areas of economic activity and the environment. The implementation of newly adopted international frameworks and classifications will be delayed until capacity constraints are addressed.

Actual performance against the work programme is captured in the table below:

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 2: Economic Statistics: (Subprogramme: Business Cycle Indicators)									
8.1	Insightful data	Statistical information on business cycle indicators	Number of releases on business cycle indicators (mining: production and sales) published within two months after the reference month	Published 12 monthly releases on mining: production and sales	Published 12 monthly releases on mining: production and sales	12 monthly releases on mining: production and sales published as scheduled	Published 12 monthly releases on mining: production and sales as scheduled		
8.2			Number of releases on business cycle indicators (manufacturing: production and sales) published within two months after the reference month	Published 12 monthly releases on manufacturing: production and sales	Published 12 monthly releases on manufacturing: production and sales	12 monthly releases on manufacturing: production and sales published as scheduled	Published 12 monthly releases on manufacturing: production and sales as scheduled		
8.3			Number of releases on business cycle indicators (manufacturing: utilisation of production capacity by large enterprises) published within one quarter after the reference month	Published 4 quarterly releases on manufacturing: utilisation of production capacity by large enterprises	Published 4 quarterly releases on manufacturing: utilisation of production capacity by large enterprises	4 quarterly releases on manufacturing: utilisation of production capacity by large enterprises published as scheduled	Published 4 quarterly releases on manufacturing: utilisation of production capacity by large enterprises as scheduled		

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 2: Economic Statistics: (Subprogramme: Business Cycle Indicators)									
8.4	Insightful data	Statistical information on business cycle indicators	Number of releases on business cycle indicators (electricity generated and available for distribution) published within two months after the reference month	Published 12 monthly releases on electricity generated and available for distribution	Published 12 monthly releases on electricity generated and available for distribution	12 monthly releases on electricity generated and available for distribution published as scheduled	Published 12 monthly releases on electricity generated and available for distribution as scheduled		
8.5			Number of releases on business cycle indicators (selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions) published within two months after the reference month	Published 12 monthly releases on selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions	Published 12 monthly releases on selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions	12 monthly releases on selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions published as scheduled	Published 12 monthly releases on selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions as scheduled		
8.6			Number of releases on business cycle indicators (selected building statistics) published 6 months after year-end report	Published annual release for 2021 on selected building plans passed and completed	Published annual release for 2022 on selected building plans passed and completed	1 annual release for 2023 on selected building plans passed and completed published by June 2024	Published annual release for 2023 on selected building plans passed and completed as scheduled		

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 2: Economic Statistics: (Subprogramme: Business Cycle Indicators)									
8.7	Insightful data	Statistical information on business cycle indicators	Number of reports on business cycle indicators (building statistics) published within two years after year-end report	Published annual release for 2020 on selected building plans passed and completed	Published annual release for 2021 on selected building plans passed and completed	1 annual report for 2022 on building statistics published by August 2024	Published annual report for 2022 on building statistics as scheduled		
8.8			Number of releases on business cycle indicators (retail trade sales) published within two months after the reference month	Published 12 monthly releases on retail trade sales	Published 12 monthly releases on retail trade sales	12 monthly releases on retail trade sales published as scheduled	Published 12 monthly releases on retail trade sales as scheduled		
8.9			Number of releases on business cycle indicators (motor trade sales) published within two months after the reference month	Published 12 monthly releases on motor trade sales	Published 12 monthly releases on motor trade sales	12 monthly releases on motor trade sales published as scheduled	Published 12 monthly releases on motor trade sales as scheduled		
8.10			Number of releases on business cycle indicators (wholesale trade sales) published within two months after the reference month	Published 12 monthly releases on wholesale trade sales	Published 12 monthly releases on wholesale trade sales	12 monthly releases on wholesale trade sales published as scheduled	Published 12 monthly releases on wholesale trade sales as scheduled		

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 2: Economic Statistics: (Subprogramme: Business Cycle Indicators)									
8.11	Insightful data	Statistical information on business cycle indicators	Number of releases on business cycle indicators (land transport) published within two months after the reference month	Published 12 monthly releases on land transport	Published 12 monthly releases on land transport	12 monthly releases on land transport published as scheduled	Published 12 monthly releases on land transport as scheduled		
8.12			Number of releases on business cycle indicators (liquidations) published within one month after the reference month	Published 12 monthly releases on liquidations and insolvencies	Published 12 monthly releases on liquidations earlier than scheduled	12 monthly releases on liquidations published as scheduled	Published 12 monthly releases on liquidations as scheduled		
8.13			Number of releases on business cycle indicators (civil cases for debt) published within two months after the reference month	Published 12 releases on civil cases for debt	Published 12 monthly releases on civil cases for debt	12 monthly releases on civil cases for debt published as scheduled	Published 12 monthly releases on civil cases for debt as scheduled		
8.14			Number of releases on business cycle indicators (food and beverages) published within two months after the reference month	Published 12 monthly releases on food and beverages	Published 12 monthly releases on food and beverages	12 monthly releases on food and beverages published as scheduled	Published 12 monthly releases on food and beverages as scheduled		

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 2: Economic Statistics: (Subprogramme: Business Cycle Indicators)									
8.15	Insightful data	Statistical information on business cycle indicators	Number of releases on business cycle indicators (tourist accommodation) published within two months after the reference month	Published 12 monthly releases on tourist accommodation	Published 12 monthly releases on tourist accommodation	12 monthly releases on tourist accommodation published as scheduled	Published 12 monthly releases on tourist accommodation as scheduled		
8.16		Reports on improving business cycle indicator statistics	Number of reports on improving business cycle indicator statistics compiled	Compiled report on updated weights for mining indices	Compiled report on updated weights for mining indices later than scheduled	1 report on updated weights for mining indices compiled by November 2024	Compiled report on updated weights for mining indices as scheduled		
				Compiled report on updated weights for manufacturing indices	Compiled report on updated weights for manufacturing indices later than scheduled	1 report on updated weights for manufacturing indices compiled by November 2024	Compiled report on updated weights for manufacturing indices as scheduled		
				Compiled report on updated weights for manufacturing production capacity indices	Compiled report on updated weights for manufacturing production capacity indices later than scheduled	1 report on updated weights for manufacturing production capacity indices compiled by November 2024	Compiled report on updated weights for manufacturing production capacity indices as scheduled		
				Compiled research report on deflation for the tourist accommodation survey	1 report on results of piloting deflation of the Tourist Accommodation Survey compiled by March 2025	A report on results of piloting deflation of the Tourist Accommodation Survey was not compiled	Not achieved. A research report was compiled	The pilot was not conducted due to data challenges	

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Programme 2: Economic Statistics: (Subprogramme: Structural Industry Statistics)									
9.1	Insightful data	Statistical information on the structure of industries	Number of periodic reports on trade industry statistics published (mining)			1 report on mining statistics (2022) published by June 2024	Published report on mining statistics (2022) as scheduled		
9.2			Number of periodic reports on trade industry statistics published (wholesale trade)			1 report on wholesale trade statistics (2022) published by September 2024	Published report on wholesale trade statistics (2022) as scheduled		
9.3			Number of periodic reports on trade industry statistics published (retail trade)			1 report on retail trade statistics (2022) published by September 2024	Published report on retail trade statistics (2022) as scheduled		
9.4			Number of periodic reports on trade industry statistics published (motor trade)			1 report on motor trade statistics (2022) published by September 2024	Published report on motor trade statistics (2022) as scheduled		
9.5			Number of periodic reports on trade industry statistics published (accommodation)			1 report on accommodation statistics (2022) published by June 2024	Published report on accommodation statistics (2022) as scheduled		

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Programme 2: Economic Statistics: (Subprogramme: Structural Industry Statistics)									
9.6	Insightful data	Statistical information on the structure of industries	Number of periodic reports on trade industry statistics published (food & beverages)			1 report on food & beverages statistics (2022) published by June 2024	Published report on food & beverages statistics (2022) as scheduled		
9.7			Number of periodic reports on trade industry statistics published (post and telecommunications)			1 report on post and telecommunications statistics (2022) published by June 2024	Published report on post and telecommunications statistics (2022) as scheduled		
9.8		Statistical information on commercial agriculture, forestry, and fisheries industry	Number of releases on agriculture statistics published	Published 1 release on agriculture

Published 2 reports on the forestry and fisheries industries | Published annual release on 2022 agriculture statistics earlier than scheduled | 1 release on 2023 agriculture statistics published by December 2024 | Published release on 2023 agriculture statistics as scheduled | | |

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 2: Economic Statistics: (Subprogramme: Price Statistics)									
10.1	Insightful data	Statistical information on consumer price index (CPI)	Number of CPI releases published within one month of the reference period	Published 12 monthly CPI releases	Published 12 monthly CPI releases	12 monthly CPI releases published as scheduled	Published 12 monthly CPI releases as scheduled		
10.2		Statistical information on producer price index (PPI)	Number of PPI releases published within one month of the reference period	Published 12 monthly PPI releases	Published 12 monthly PPI releases	12 monthly PPI releases published as scheduled	Published 12 monthly PPI releases as scheduled		
10.3		Statistical information on construction material price indices (CMPI)	Number of CMPI releases published within one month of the reference period	Published 12 monthly CMPI releases	Published 12 monthly CMPI releases	12 monthly CMPI releases published as scheduled	Published 12 monthly CMPI releases as scheduled		
10.4		Statistical information on export and import unit value indices (XMUVI)	Number of XMUVI releases published within two months of the reference period	Published 12 monthly XMUVI releases	Published 12 monthly XMUVI releases	12 monthly XMUVI releases published as scheduled	Published 12 monthly XMUVI releases as scheduled		
10.5		Statistical information on residential property price indices (RPPI)	Number of RPPI releases published within five months of the reference period			10 monthly RPPI releases published as scheduled	Published 10 monthly RPPI releases as scheduled		
10.6		Statistical information on RPPI	Number of RPPI discussion documents published within five months of the reference period			2 monthly RPPI discussion documents published as scheduled	Published 2 monthly RPPI discussion documents as scheduled		

| WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 2: Economic Statistics: (Subprogramme: Price Statistics)									
10.7	Insightful data	Releases on improving price indices	Number of releases on improving price indices published	Achieved late. Published report as a discussion document with experimental residential property price indices	Published release on updated PPI weights	1 release on updated CPI weights published by March 2025	Published release on updated CPI weights in January 2025	Achieved earlier than scheduled	Due to improved processes
Programme 2: Economic Statistics: (Subprogramme: Private Financial Statistics)									
11.1	Insightful data	Statistical information on financial statistics of private sector enterprises	Number of quarterly releases on financial statistics of private sector enterprises published with a quarterly lag	Published 4 quarterly releases on financial statistics of private sector enterprises	Published 4 quarterly releases on financial statistics of private sector enterprises	4 quarterly releases on financial statistics of private sector enterprises published as scheduled[1]	Published 4 quarterly releases on financial statistics of private sector enterprises as scheduled		
11.2		Statistical information on financial statistics of private sector enterprises	Number of annual releases on financial statistics of the private sector published	Published annual release on financial statistics 2021	Published annual release on financial statistics of the private sector 2022	1 annual release on financial statistics of the private sector 2023 published by November 2024[2]	Published annual release on financial statistics of the private sector 2023 as scheduled		
11.3		Statistical information on capital expenditure	Number of quarterly releases on capital expenditure published	Published 2 discussion documents on the quarterly capital expenditure	Published 4 quarterly releases on capital expenditure	4 quarterly releases on capital expenditure published as scheduled	Published 4 quarterly releases on capital expenditure as scheduled		

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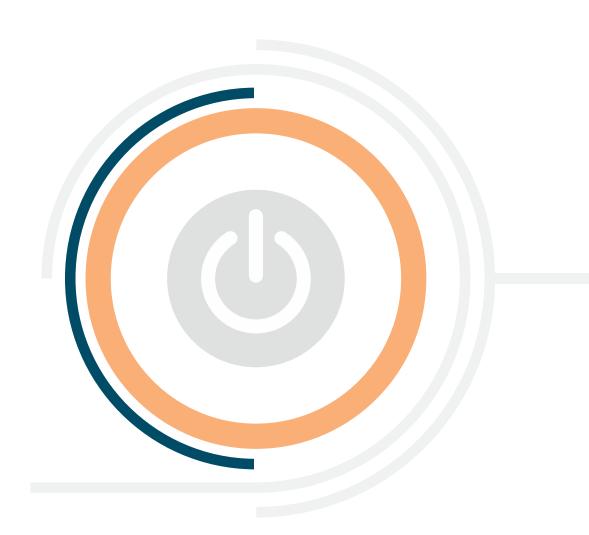
[1] The word 'enterprises' was omitted in Table 1 of the Work Programme. It was, however, included in Table 2.
[2] The year '2023' was omitted in Table 1 of the Work Programme. It was, however, included in Table 2.

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 2: Economic Statistics: (Subprogramme: Government Financial Statistics)									
12.1	Insightful data	Statistical information on general government expenditure	Number of releases on the financial statistics of national government with audited data published	Published annual release on the financial statistics of national government with audited data	Published annual release on the financial statistics of national government with audited data	1 annual release on the financial statistics of national government with audited data published by June 2024	Published annual release on the financial statistics of national government with audited data as scheduled		
12.2		Statistical information on financial statistics of municipalities	Number of releases on the financial census of municipalities published	Published annual release on the financial census of municipalities	Published annual release on the financial census of municipalities	1 annual release on the financial census of municipalities published by June 2024	Published annual release on the financial census of municipalities as scheduled		
12.3		Statistical information on general government expenditure	Number of releases on the capital expenditure of the public sector published	Published annual release on the capital expenditure of the public sector	Published annual release on the capital expenditure of the public sector	1 annual release on the capital expenditure of the public sector published by October 2024	Published annual release on the capital expenditure of the public sector as scheduled		
12.4			Number of releases on the financial statistics of extra-budgetary accounts and funds with audited data published	Published annual release on financial statistics of extra-budgetary accounts and funds with audited data	Published annual release on financial statistics of extra-budgetary accounts and funds with audited data	1 annual release on the financial statistics of extra-budgetary accounts and funds with audited data published by August 2024	Published annual release on financial statistics of extra-budgetary accounts and funds with audited data as scheduled		

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 2: Economic Statistics: (Subprogramme: Government Financial Statistics)									
12.5	Insightful data	Statistical information on general government expenditure	Number of releases on the financial statistics of provincial government with audited data published	Published annual release on the financial statistics of provincial government with audited data	Published annual release on the financial statistics of provincial government with audited data	1 annual release on the financial statistics of provincial government with audited data published by September 2024	Published annual release on the financial statistics of provincial government with audited data as scheduled		
12.6			Number of releases on the financial statistics of higher education institutions with audited data published	Published annual release on the financial statistics of higher education institutions with audited data	Published annual release on the financial statistics of higher education institutions with audited data	1 annual release on the financial statistics of higher education institutions with audited data published by October 2024	Published annual release on the financial statistics of higher education institutions with audited data as scheduled		
12.7			Number of releases on the financial statistics of consolidated general government with audited data published	Published annual release on the financial statistics of consolidated general government with audited data	Published annual release on the financial statistics of consolidated general government with audited data	1 annual release on the financial statistics of consolidated general government with audited data published by November 2024	Published annual release on the financial statistics of consolidated general government with audited data as scheduled		
12.8		Statistical information on financial statistics of municipalities	Number of releases on selected financial statistics of municipalities published with a four-month lag	Published 4 quarterly releases on financial statistics of municipalities	Published 4 quarterly releases on financial statistics of municipalities	4 quarterly releases on selected financial statistics of municipalities published as scheduled	Published 4 quarterly releases on financial statistics of selected municipalities as scheduled		

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 2: Economic Statistics: (Subprogramme: Government Financial Statistics)									
12.9	Insightful data	Statistical information on non-financial statistics of municipalities	Number of releases on the non-financial census of municipalities published	Published annual release on the non-financial census of municipalities	Published 2 annual releases on the non-financial census of municipalities	1 annual releases on the non-financial census of municipalities published by August 2024	Published annual release on the non-financial census of municipalities in March 2025	Achieved later than scheduled	Due to APP date error
12.10		Reports on the use of administrative data for Quarterly Financial Statistics of Selected Municipalities (QFSSM)	Number of reports on the use of administrative data for QFSSM compiled	Compiled research report on feasibility study for QFSSM administrative data	Compiled report on testing of administrative data for the QFSSM	1 report on testing of administrative data for the QFSSM compiled by March 2025	Compiled report on testing of administrative data for the QFSSM as scheduled		

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 2: Economic Statistics: (Subprogramme: National Accounts)									
13.1	Insightful data	Statistical information on GDP	Number of GDP releases published within a quarter	Published 4 quarterly releases on GDP	Published 4 quarterly releases on GDP	4 quarterly releases on GDP published as scheduled	Published 4 quarterly releases on GDP as scheduled		
13.2		Statistical information on regional GDP	Number of regional GDP releases published			1 regional GDP release published by September 2024	Published regional GDP release as scheduled		
13.3		Supply and use tables 2021 (Excel)	Number of supply and use tables 2021 (Excel) compiled		Compiled supply and use tables 2020 (Excel)	1 supply and use tables 2021 (Excel) compiled by June 2024	Compiled supply and use tables 2021 (Excel) as scheduled		
13.4		Statistical information on Environmental-Economic Account (EEA)	Number of discussion documents on EEA as part of the Natural Capital Accounting series published	Published report as a discussion document on EEA as part of the NCA series	Published report as a discussion document on EEA as part of the NCA series	1 discussion document on EEA as part of the NCA series published by March 2025	Published discussion document on EEA as part of the NCA series as scheduled		

3.3 Programme 3: Population and Social Statistics

Programme purpose: Produce population and social statistics to inform evidence-based socio-economic development.

Objectives:

o   Sustain national population and social indicators to inform evidence-based planning, monitoring and decision-making for use by the public and private sectors by:
o   publishing quarterly and annual statistical information on the labour market, and on employment and earnings in the formal and informal sectors;
o   publishing monthly and annual statistical information on vital registrations based on administrative sources;
o   publishing annual and periodic statistical information on poverty levels, living conditions, service delivery, population dynamics and demographic trends; and
o   improving the measurement of social indicators through the application of internationally recognised standards and practices on an ongoing basis.

Linking programmes with strategic outcomes and objectives: Programme 3 contributes to the following strategic outcome.
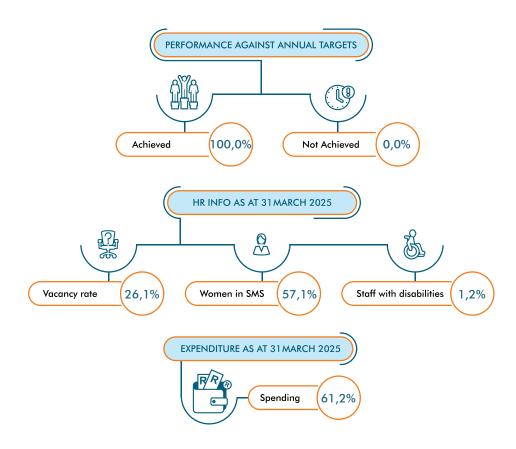
Insightful data

a) Put stakeholders at the centre to increase usage and trust
b) Sustain the quality of national indicators
c) Deepen statistical analysis for new insights
d) Explore the use of alternative data sources

Overall programme performance:

Programme 3: Population and Social Statistics achieved 100% (67) of its annual targets as at 31 March 2025 of which 85,0% (57) of targets were achieved as scheduled; 6,0% (4) of targets were achieved earlier than scheduled, and 9,0% (6) of targets were achieved later than scheduled.

PERFORMANCE AGAINST ANNUAL TARGETS

Achieved 100,0%

Not Achieved 0,0%

HR INFO AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

Vacancy rate 26,1%

Women in SMS 57,1%

Staff with disabilities 1,2%

EXPENDITURE AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

Spending 61,2%

Subprogrammes:

Programme Management for Population and Social Statistics provides strategic direction and leadership to the programme. Key activities in 2024/25 included sign-off of statistical releases and reports, monitoring the implementation of the population and social statistics strategy, and maintaining relations with key partners in the national statistics system. This programme contributed to informing social and economic development planning, monitoring, and decision-making by providing relevant, timely and accurate statistical information on living conditions, population dynamics, vital events, employment, crime, and poverty levels.

Demographic and Population Statistics publishes population statistics, demographic trends, and mid-year population estimates (MYPE) collected through population censuses and surveys, and from other administrative sources. Key outputs included **18** published releases/reports consisting of Mid-year population estimates (MYPE) at national and provincial and district levels (2), 1 technical report on MYPE estimation, 1 report on age and sex structure, 1 report on migration statistics, and 13 reports on Census 2022. 2 concept notes on local municipal MYPE estimation and household estimation and 1 technical report on fertility from Census data were compiled.

Health and Vital Statistics publishes statistics on births, deaths, marriages, divorces, tourism, and migration based on administrative records. Key outputs included **16** published releases/reports consisting of 12 monthly releases on international tourism, 1 annual report on international tourism, and 3 annual releases on vital statistics. In addition, a release on perinatal deaths in SA was published.

Social Statistics provides information on living conditions, domestic tourism and crime collected through household surveys. Key outputs included **10** published releases/reports consisting of 3 annual releases on domestic tourism, social and household service delivery, and victims of crime statistics, 2 annual releases on development indicators, 2 annual reports on marginalised groups, and 3 thematic reports on gender, child and household services statistics. A technical report on improving domestic tourism and a research report on alternative data sources on education and child statistics were compiled. An additional release on child statistics was published.

Labour Statistics provides information on employment levels in the formal non-agricultural sector, and on labour market trends in South Africa. Key outputs included **10** published releases/reports consisting of 4 releases on quarterly employment statistics (QES), and 4 releases on quarterly labour force survey (QLFS), an annual report on labour market statistics, and a report on the informal sector (SESE).

Poverty and Inequality Statistics provides information on poverty levels, and household income and expenditure trends in South Africa. Key outputs included **3** published reports/releases consisting of reports on national poverty lines for 2024, food security, and household income and expenditure based on IES 2022/23. An IES 2022/23 project closure report, an assessment document on GHS and IES for the youth Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) and 3 documents on the Continuous Population Survey were compiled.

Response to prioritising women, youth, and persons with disabilities: Published statistical releases on gender, labour market information, and the national poverty line for 2024. The programme is committed to improving employment equity through the prioritisation of youth and persons with disabilities in the recruitment process. Women in SMS as at the end of March 2025 were 57,1%.

Strategy to overcome areas of underperformance/Challenges and impact of resource constraints: The branch has made significant progress in achieving its targets; however, several key strategic projects are currently encountering challenges due to resource constraints. There has been a gradual decline in the response rates for certain surveys, and updates to the Master Sample Frame for the Continuous Population Survey have been temporarily paused. Additionally, there is a backlog in the processing and analysis of mortality and cause of death data. Efforts to identify alternative data sources are also facing some delays, which may affect the programme's overall resilience. Considering the organisation's broader financial constraints, the branch utilised only 60% of its allocated budget. A strategic decision was taken to defer operations related to the Master Sample Frame updates to the 2025/26 financial year to support effective expenditure management at an organisational level.

Actual performance against the work programme is captured in the table below:

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 3: Population and Social Statistics: (Subprogramme: Demographic and Population Statistics)									
14.1.1	Insightful data	Statistical information on the changing dynamics of the population	Number of releases on mid-year population estimates published	Published release on mid-year population estimates at national and provincial levels		1 release on mid-year population estimates at national and provincial levels published by July 2024	Published release on mid-year population estimates at national and provincial levels as scheduled		
14.1.2						1 technical report on MYPE estimation published by July 2024	Published technical report on MYPE estimation as scheduled		
14.2		Statistical information on the changing dynamics of the population	Number of population estimates at district level published	Compiled mid-year population estimates at district level		1 mid-year population estimates at district level published by September 2024	Published mid-year population estimates at district level as scheduled		
14.3		Statistical information on the changing dynamics of the population	Number of concept notes on local municipal MYPE estimation compiled		Compiled a concept note on MYPE estimation	1 concept note on local municipal MYPE estimation compiled by March 2025	Compiled concept note on local municipal MYPE estimation by February 2025	Achieved earlier than scheduled	Due to reprioritisation
						1 concept note on household estimation compiled by February 2025	Compiled concept note on household estimation as scheduled		

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 3: Population and Social Statistics: (Subprogramme: Demographic and Population Statistics)									
14.4	Insightful data	Statistical information on demography and the population of the country	Number of technical reports on natural demographic processes compiled	Compiled report on natural demographic processes	Not achieved. Published report on natural demographic processes of fertility. Mortality was not included	1 technical report on fertility from Census data compiled by March 2025	Compiled technical report on fertility from Census data as scheduled		
			Number of reports on natural demographic processes published			1 report on age and sex structure from Census published by February 2025	Published report on age and sex structure from Census as scheduled		
14.5		Statistical information on the population of the country	Number of reports on Census 2022 published		Published statistical report on Census 2022	1 homeless report published by February 2025	Published report on the homeless as scheduled		
					Published municipal fact sheet	1 Census in Brief report published by August 2024	Published Census in Brief report as scheduled		
					Published report on Census 2022 indicators at provincial level	1 cultural dynamics report published by March 2025	Published cultural dynamics report as scheduled		
		Statistical information on the population of the country	Number of reports on Census 2022 published			1 Census 10% sample data and metadata published by July 2024	Published Census 10% sample data and metadata in September 2024	Achieved later than scheduled	Due to dependency on internal stakeholder

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 3: Population and Social Statistics: (Subprogramme: Demographic and Population Statistics)									
14.5	Insightful data	Statistical information on the population of the country	Number of reports on Census 2022 published			9 Census 2022 provincial profile reports published by June 2024	Published 9 Census 2022 provincial profile reports as scheduled		
14.6		Statistical information on migration statistics	Number of reports on migration statistics published	Not achieved. A report on the assessment of alternative data sources for migration statistics was not compiled	Published report on the migration profile	1 report on migration statistics based on various data sources, including Census 2022 published by February 2025	Published report on migration statistics based on various data sources, including Census 2022 as scheduled		

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 3: Population and Social Statistics: (Subprogramme: Health and Vital Statistics)									
15.1	Insightful data	Statistical information on international tourism statistics	Number of releases on international tourism statistics published, one month after the reference period	Published 12 monthly releases on international tourism	Published 12 monthly releases on tourism and migration	12 monthly releases on international tourism statistics published as scheduled	Published 12 monthly releases on tourism and migration as scheduled		
15.2			Number of reports on international tourism statistics published	Published annual report on international tourism	Published annual report on international tourism 2023 and an additional release on tourism 2022	1 annual report on international tourism statistics (2024) published by March 2025	Published annual report on international tourism statistics (2024) as scheduled		
15.3		Statistical information on vital statistics	Number of releases on vital statistics (births) published	Published annual release on recorded live births (2021)	Published annual release on recorded live births (2022)	1 annual release on recorded live births (2023) published by November 2024	Published annual release on recorded live births (2023) in September 2024	Achieved earlier than scheduled	Due to reprioritisation
15.4		Statistical information on vital statistics	Number of releases on vital statistics (deaths) published	Not achieved. Annual releases for 2019 and 2020 were not published	Published annual release on MACOD 2019 later than scheduled MACOD releases for 2020 and 2021 were not published	1 annual release on mortality and causes of death (2021) published by February 2025	Published annual release on mortality and causes of death (2021) by March 2025	Achieved later than scheduled	Due to internal processes
15.5			Number of releases on vital statistics (marriages and divorces) published	Published annual release on marriages and divorces (2021)	Published annual release on marriages and divorces (2022)	1 annual release on marriages and divorces (2023) published by March 2025	Published annual release on marriages and divorces (2023) as scheduled		

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 3: Population and Social Statistics: (Subprogramme: Social Statistics)									
16.1	Insightful data	Statistical information on domestic tourism	Number of releases on domestic tourism statistics published	Published annual release on domestic tourism statistics	Published annual release on domestic tourism statistics (2022)	1 annual release on domestic tourism statistics published by October 2024	Published annual release on domestic tourism statistics as scheduled		
16.2		Technical reports on domestic tourism	Number of reports on improving domestic tourism statistics compiled	Compiled technical report on the integration of the national Domestic Tourism Surveys	Compiled technical report on the integration of the national domestic tourism surveys	1 technical report on the integration of the national domestic tourism surveys compiled by March 2025	Compiled technical report on the integration of the national domestic tourism surveys as scheduled		
16.3		Statistical information on household service delivery	Number of releases on social and household service delivery statistics published	Published annual release on social and household service delivery statistics	Published annual release on social and household service delivery statistics	1 annual release on social and household service delivery statistics published by May 2024	Published annual release on social and household service delivery statistics as scheduled		
16.4		Development indicators publication	Number of releases on development indicators published	Published annual release on development indicators	Published annual release on development indicators	1 annual release on development indicators published by May 2024	Published annual release on development indicators as scheduled		
				Published annual release on metro development indicators	Published annual release on metro development indicators	1 annual release on metro development indicators published by May 2024	Published annual release on metro development indicators as scheduled		

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 3: Population and Social Statistics: (Subprogramme: Social Statistics)									
16.5	Insightful data	Statistical information on marginalised groups	Number of reports on marginalised groups published	Published annual report on marginalised groups indicators	Published annual report on marginalised groups indicators	1 annual report on marginalised groups indicators published by February 2025	Published annual report on marginalised groups indicators as scheduled		
				Published annual thematic report on marginalised groups (Series 6)	Not achieved. An annual thematic report on marginalised groups (Series 7) was not published	1 annual thematic report on marginalised groups published (Series 7) by February 2025	Published annual thematic report on marginalised groups (Series 7) as scheduled		
16.6		Statistical information on gender	Number of thematic reports on gender published	Published annual thematic report on gender (Series 9)	Published annual thematic report on gender (Series 10)	1 annual thematic report on gender (Series 11) published by August 2024	Published annual thematic report on gender (Series 11) as scheduled		
16.7		Statistical information on crime, safety and security	Number of releases on crime, safety and security statistics published	Published annual release on victims of crime statistics	Published annual release on victims of crime statistics	1 annual release on victims of crime statistics published by August 2024	Published annual release on victims of crime statistics as scheduled		
16.8		Statistical information on child statistics	Number of thematic reports on child statistics published	Compiled report on child statistics (Series 1)	Published thematic report on child statistics (Series 2)	1 annual thematic report on child statistics published (Series 3) by February 2025	Published annual thematic report on child statistics (Series 3) in September 2024	Achieved earlier than scheduled	Due to reprioritisation

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 3: Population and Social Statistics: (Subprogramme: Social Statistics)									
16.9	Insightful data	Research reports on alternative data sources on education and child statistics	Number of research reports on expanding education and child statistics compiled			1 research report on alternative data sources on education and child statistics compiled by March 2025	Compiled research report on alternative data sources on education and child statistics as scheduled		
16.10		Statistical information on household services using Census data	Number of thematic reports on household services published		Not achieved. The thematic report was not published	1 annual thematic report on household services published by October 2024	Published annual thematic report on household services as scheduled		

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 3: Population and Social Statistics: (Subprogramme: Labour Statistics)									
17.1	Insightful data	Statistical information on employment and earnings releases	Number of releases on employment and earnings published 13 weeks after the reference month	Published 4 quarterly releases on employment and earnings	Published 4 quarterly releases on employment and earnings	4 quarterly releases on employment and earnings published as scheduled	Published 4 quarterly releases on employment and earnings as scheduled		
17.2		Statistical information on labour market releases	Number of releases on labour market information published 6-7 weeks after the end of the quarter (last publication will be released 8 weeks after the end of the quarter)	Published 4 quarterly releases on labour market information	Published 4 quarterly releases on labour market information	4 quarterly releases on labour market information published as scheduled	Published 4 quarterly releases on labour market information as scheduled		
17.3			Number of reports on labour market statistics published	Published annual report on labour market statistics	Published annual report on labour market statistics	1 annual report on labour market statistics (2023) published by December 2024	Published annual report on labour market statistics (2023) as scheduled		
17.4		Statistical information on labour matters	Number of reports on improving labour market statistics published			1 SESE report published by March 2025	Published SESE report as scheduled		

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 3: Population and Social Statistics: (Subprogramme: Poverty and Inequality Statistics)									
18.1	Insightful data	Statistical information on poverty and inequality	Number of reports on life circumstances, poverty and inequality published	Published report on national poverty lines for 2022	Published report on national poverty lines for 2023	1 report on national poverty lines for 2024 published by August 2024	Published report on national poverty lines for 2024 as scheduled		
				Published report on food security using the GHS data series	Not achieved. A report on food security based on GHS data series was not published	1 report on food security published by March 2025	Published report on food security by February 2025	Achieved earlier than scheduled	Due to reprioritisation
18.2		Statistical information on Income and Expenditure	Number of documents on the IES 2022/23 published			1 statistical release on household income and expenditure based on IES 2022/23 published by December 2024	Published statistical release on household income and expenditure based on IES 2022/23 by January 2025	Achieved later than scheduled	Due to dependency internal stakeholder
			Number of documents on the IES 2022/23 compiled			1 report on IES 2022/23 project closure compiled by December 2024	Compiled report on IES 2022/23 project closure by March 2025	Achieved later than scheduled	Due to postponement of official release
18.3		Statistical information on Poverty and Inequality	Number of documents on poverty and inequality statistics compiled			1 assessment document on GHS and IES for Youth MPI compiled by March 2025	Compiled assessment document on GHS and IES for Youth MPI as scheduled		

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 3: Population and Social Statistics: (Subprogramme: Poverty and Inequality Statistics)									
18.4	Insightful data	Statistical information on Poverty and Inequality	Number of documents on the Continuous Population Survey (CPS) compiled			1 document on CPS methodology compiled by March 2025	Compiled document on CPS methodology as scheduled		
						1 CPS concept note compiled by June 2024	Compiled CPS concept note by March 2025	Achieved later than scheduled	Complexity of activity
						1 CPS project charter compiled by March 2025	Compiled CPS project charter by March 2025 as scheduled		

3.4 Programme 4: Methodology and Statistical Infrastructure

Programme purpose: Develop standards, statistical frames, methodologies and conduct statistical research.

Objectives:

o Improve the quality and methodological soundness of statistical information by researching, developing, applying and reviewing statistical methods, standards, classifications and procedures in the statistical value chain annually.

o Monitor and evaluate the methodological compliance of statistical operations by conducting independent evaluations on statistical practices annually.

o Ensure complete and accurate sampling frames to enhance the quality of economic and social statistics by maintaining and updating business and geographic information frames annually.

Linking programmes with strategic outcomes and objectives: Programme 4 contributes to the following strategic outcomes:

Agile operating model

a) Modernise and innovate business processes across the value chain
b) Adapt/adopt international frameworks and standards
c) Leverage statistical infrastructure within the data ecosystem
d) Reposition and strengthen the methodology function

Interconnected statistical systems

a) Deepen and strengthen participation in the NSS
b) Promote standardisation across the statistical system
c) Invest in strategic partnerships nationally and globally
d) Envision the data ecosystem

Overall programme performance:
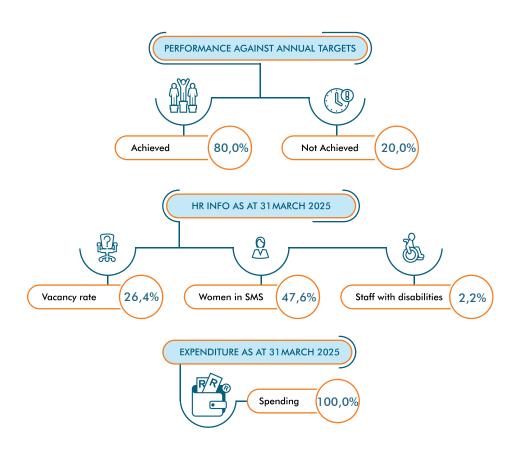
Statistical Programme 4: Methodology and Statistical Infrastructure achieved 80,0% (4) of its annual targets (5) as at March 2025, and 20% (1) was not achieved.

PERFORMANCE AGAINST ANNUAL TARGETS

Achieved **80,0%**

Not Achieved **20,0%**

HR INFO AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

Vacancy rate **26,4%**

Women in SMS **47,6%**

Staff with disabilities **2,2%**

EXPENDITURE AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

Spending **100,0%**

Subprogrammes:

Programme Management for Methodology and Statistical Infrastructure provides strategic direction and leadership to the programme. Key activities in 2024/25 included providing strategic guidance on the development of standards, statistical frames, and methodologies, and monitoring the implementation of the work programme. The programme contributes towards achieving the organisational strategic outcomes of an agile operating model and interconnected statistical systems. The key deliverables are essential and critical elements that form the support system and foundation of core statistical products.

Statistical Methods provides technical expertise and advice on statistical methodologies and practices for producing official statistics. A key output was a redesigned master sample for the Continuous Population and Household Surveys.

Statistical Standards develops standards, classifications and definitions for surveys undertaken by the department. A key output was a preliminary report on the adoption of the International Standard on Industrial Classification (ISIC Rev.5).

Business Register maintains and improves the sampling frame for economic statistics. A report on the evaluation of additional sources for the business register was not compiled as scheduled due to dependency on external stakeholders. Work will continue in 2025/26.

Geography maintains and improves the frame for geographic information in household surveys and censuses. A key output included an updated frame of PSUs for the Continuous Population and Household Surveys.
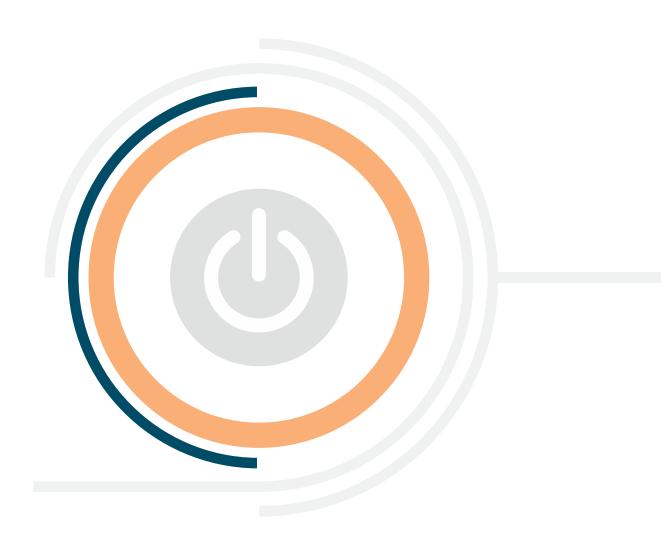
Survey Monitoring and Evaluation monitors the quality of statistical operations for surveys and censuses and conducts independent evaluations. A key output included a report on the piloting of a code of practice for the Quality Management System (QMS).

Response to prioritising women, youth and persons with disabilities: The programme is committed to improving employment equity through the prioritisation of women, youth and persons with disabilities in the recruitment process.

Strategy to overcome areas of underperformance/Challenges and impact of resource constraints: The branch is currently operating with a vacancy rate of 26,4%, compounded by the departure of highly experienced staff. This poses a significant risk to the delivery of methodological support for surveys and the maintenance of a robust statistical infrastructure. The modernisation and innovation of the statistical value chain rely heavily on strong foundations in statistical methods, frames, classifications, and standards. Recent amendments to the Statistics Act are expected to place additional demands on the programme, particularly in establishing statistical standards across the national statistics system and providing methodological support to the statistics units within the National Statistical System entities. The branch's research and innovation hub is severely under-resourced, limiting its ability to explore emerging technologies and methodologies.

Actual performance against the work programme is captured in the table below:

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 4: Methodology and Statistical Infrastructure: (Subprogramme: Statistical Methods)									
19.1	Agile operating model	New master sample	Number of master samples redesigned	Conducted PES for Census 2022	Compiled research report on the design of the new master sample	1 master sample for CPS and other surveys redesigned by March 2025	Redesigned master sample for CPS and other surveys as scheduled		
Programme 4: Methodology and Statistical Infrastructure: (Subprogramme: Statistical Standards)									
20.1	Agile operating model	International standard to improve statistical practices	Number of international standards adopted	Adopted international standard on Institutional Sector Classification	Adopted international classification on the Harmonized System (HS 2022)	1 preliminary report on the adoption of International Standard on Industrial Classification (ISIC Rev.5) compiled by March 2025	Compiled preliminary report on the adoption of International Standard on Industrial Classification (ISIC Rev.5) as scheduled		
Programme 4: Methodology and Statistical Infrastructure: (Subprogramme: Business Register)									
21.1	Agile operating model	Reports on the identified additional sources	Number of reports on the identified additional sources compiled	Compiled report on maintenance of the Statistical Business Register	Compiled report on the identified additional sources assessed	1 report on the evaluation of identified additional sources compiled by March 2025 (Phase 1)	Additional sources were not evaluated	Not achieved. Work will continue in 2025/26	Dependency on external stakeholders

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 4: Methodology and Statistical Infrastructure: (Subprogramme: Geography)									
22.1	Agile operating model	Geo-enabled master sample	Number of geo-enabled master samples updated	Geo-enabled statistical frame	Not achieved. The master sample was 77% completed	1 frame of PSUs for CPS and household surveys (Phase 1) updated by March 2025	Updated frame of PSUs for CPS and household surveys (Phase 1) as scheduled		
Programme 4: Methodology and Statistical Infrastructure: (Subprogramme: Survey Monitoring and Evaluation)									
23.1	Agile operating model	Quality Management System (QMS)	Number of Quality Management System elements implemented	Compiled assessment report on the application of the QMS on the IES 2022/23	Incorporated a monitoring and evaluation code of practice tool into the QMS	1 QMS Code of Practice (CoP) piloted by March 2025	Piloted QMS Code of Practice (CoP) as scheduled		

3.5 Programme 5: Statistical Support and Informatics

Programme purpose: Enables statistical production through technology and promotes the use of statistics.

Objectives:

o Modernise business processes by building enterprise architecture and applying emerging technologies for data collection and processing, and the dissemination of statistical information over the medium term.
o Enable the department's production of official statistics by providing a technology infrastructure that is reliable, sustainable and cost effective over the medium term.
o Increase awareness about and the use of official statistics by government and the public on an ongoing basis by reaching out to stakeholders and responding to user enquiries, educating users, and improving access to statistical information and making it easier to use.
o Manage external and internal communications on statistical matters by issuing daily, weekly and monthly information updates through the media on an ongoing basis.

Linking programmes with strategic outcomes and objectives: Programme 5 contributes to the following strategic outcomes:

Insightful data

a) Put stakeholders at the centre to increase usage and trust
b) Sustain the quality of national indicators
c) Deepen statistical analysis for new insights
d) Explore the use of alternative data sources

Transformed capability

a) Invest in innovative technologies and ICT infrastructure
b) Build a versatile and multi-skilled workforce
c) Invest in capacity building in the data ecosystem
d) Build a united and diverse organisation that is responsive to a fast-changing environment

Overall programme performance:
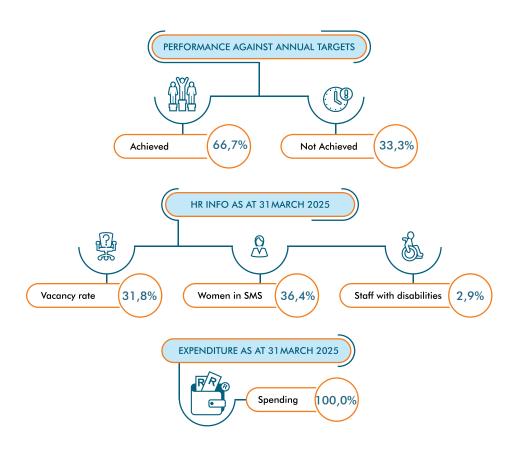
Programme 5: Statistical Support and Informatics achieved 66,7% (8) of its annual targets (12) as at 31 March 2025 and 33,3% (4) of targets were not achieved.

PERFORMANCE AGAINST ANNUAL TARGETS

Achieved 66,7%

Not Achieved 33,3%

HR INFO AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

Vacancy rate 31,8%

Women in SMS 36,4%

Staff with disabilities 2,9%

EXPENDITURE AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

Spending 100,0%

Subprogrammes:

Programme Management for Statistical Support and Informatics provides strategic direction and leadership to the programme. Key activities in 2024/25 included leading strategic engagements with external stakeholders on creating an enabling ICT environment to support and enable business operations, especially for the census operations, providing strategic guidance on the establishment of an enterprise-wide architecture as a technology platform for the future, and monitoring the implementation of the work programme. This programme contributed to the achievement of the strategic outcome *Transformed capability*.

Advocacy and Dissemination manages external and internal communication and increases the use of statistical information through stakeholder engagement and the dissemination of official statistics on various platforms.

The alignment of the branding strategy to the integrated stakeholder management strategy was not completed due to human resource constraints. Internal stakeholder consultation is still in progress for Phase 4 of the website enhancement project. A user satisfaction survey was not conducted as scheduled due to dependency on internal stakeholders. A report on communication and marketing support to the dissemination of results of the IES was not compiled as the dissemination is in progress.

Business Modernisation improves data and information management across the department by modernising the way business is conducted and supported by technology. Key outputs included a report on the implementation of an enterprise architecture digital roadmap and the modernising of two business processes.

Publication Services provides editing, publishing, and distribution services to survey areas. Key outputs included monthly and annual publications to high schools and researchers and 60 databases with generic data storage.

Information and Communication Technology provides technology infrastructure to the department, and supports data management across statistical series. Key outputs included reports on the implementation of an ICT environment upgrade and an ICT Cybersecurity risk initiative.

Analytical Studies provides integrative statistical advice and support to policy planners and development practitioners, and participates in knowledge research and innovation on key development themes. Key outputs included 2 research reports on spatial analysis.

Response to prioritising women, youth and persons with disabilities: The programme is committed to improving employment equity through the prioritisation of women, youth and persons with disabilities in the recruitment process.

Strategy to overcome areas of underperformance/Challenges and impact of resource constraints: The branch is currently operating with a vacancy rate of 31,8%, further impacted by the loss of highly experienced technical staff. This presents a significant risk to the delivery of systems development support and the sustainability of a robust ICT infrastructure. The successful modernisation and innovation of the statistical value chain depend on a solid end-to-end enterprise architecture, where technology must effectively enable operations aligned with the Fourth Industrial Revolution. However, the ICT infrastructure remains critically under-resourced, limiting the organisation's ability to invest in current emerging technologies that could enhance its business operations.

Actual performance against the work programme is captured in the table below:

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 5: Statistical Support and Informatics: (Subprogramme: Advocacy and Dissemination)									
24.1	Insightful data	Brand management strategy	Number of brand management elements implemented	Not achieved. An evaluation report on Stats SA's position within the data ecosystem was not compiled	Not achieved. The strategy was not reviewed	1 branding strategy aligned to the Integrated Stakeholder Engagement Strategy by March 2025	The Integrated Stakeholder Engagement Strategy (ISES) is being finalised	Not achieved. Work will continue in 2025/26	Due to human resource constraints
24.2		Stats SA website	Number of Stats SA website enhancements implemented	Re-engineered 40% of Stats SA website	Not achieved. Phase 3 was not enhanced	1 Stats SA website (Phase 4) enhanced by September 2024	Phase 4 of the website revamp was not achieved	Not achieved. Work will continue in 2025/26	Dependency on internal stakeholder
24.3		User Satisfaction Survey (USS)	Number of User Satisfaction Surveys conducted	Conducted User Satisfaction Survey	Not achieved. The survey was retracted due to technical challenges	1 User Satisfaction Survey conducted by March 2025	A user satisfaction survey was not conducted	Not achieved. The survey will be conducted in 2025/26	Dependency on internal stakeholders
24.4		Reports on communication and marketing support to dissemination of priority projects	Percentage of communication and marketing support to dissemination of priority projects	Compiled report on support provided to Census 2022 and PES	Provided 100% communication and marketing support to dissemination of Census 2022 products	100% communication and marketing support to dissemination of Census 2022 provided by December 2024	A report on 100% communication and marketing support to dissemination of Census 2022 was not compiled	Not achieved. The report will be compiled in 2025/26	The dissemination process is ongoing

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 5: Statistical Support and Informatics: (Subprogramme: Business Modernisation)									
25.1	Transformed capability	Enterprise architecture platform	Number of enterprise architecture domains implemented	Established 1 enterprise architecture domain	Implemented enterprise architecture platform	1 enterprise architecture digital roadmap implemented (Phase 1) by March 2025	Implemented enterprise architecture digital roadmap as scheduled		
25.2		Business processes modernised	Number of business processes modernised	Modernised 1 business process	Modernised 2 business processes (Q3 and Q4)	2 business processes modernised by March 2025	Modernised 2 business processes as scheduled		
Programme 5: Statistical Support and Informatics: (Subprogramme: Publication Services)									
26.1	Insightful data	Databases within generic data storage	Number of databases to interface between generic data storage and dissemination tools developed	Developed 53 databases within generic data storage	Developed 80 databases within generic data storage	60 databases within generic data storage developed by March 2025	Developed 60 databases within generic data storage as scheduled		

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 5: Statistical Support and Informatics: (Subprogramme: Information and Communication Technology)									
27.1	Transformed capability	Upgraded ICT environment	Number of reports on ICT environment initiatives implemented	Not achieved. Testing of systems is in progress	Not achieved. A report on ICT environment upgrade initiative was not compiled	1 report on ICT environment upgrade initiative implemented: Data Centre Segregation (Phase 2) by March 2025	Compiled report on the implementation of an ICT environment upgrade initiative: Data Centre Segregation (phase 2) as scheduled		
27.2		ICT Cybersecurity risk initiatives	Number of reports on ICT risk environment compiled	Implemented ICT Cybersecurity risk initiative	Compiled report on implementation of ICT cybersecurity risk initiative	1 report on ICT cybersecurity risk initiative compiled by March 2025	Compiled report on implementation of an ICT cybersecurity risk initiative as scheduled		
Programme 5: Statistical Support and Informatics: (Subprogramme: Analytical Studies)									
28.1	Insightful data	Research report on spatial analysis	Number of research reports on spatial analysis compiled	Compiled 2 research reports on spatial analysis	Compiled 2 research reports on spatial analysis	2 research reports on spatial analysis compiled by March 2025	Compiled 2 research reports on spatial analysis as scheduled		

3.6 Programme 6: Statistical Operations and Provincial Coordination

Programme purpose: Collects and processes data, and interacts with stakeholders and users at provincial and local levels.

Objectives:

o Provide integrated data collection services, and disseminate quality statistics to provincial and local stakeholders and the public by ensuring an average annual response rate of 85%.

o Expand the statistical information base for use by government, the private sector, and the public by conducting a population census every 10 years, and large-scale population surveys between censuses.

o Ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of survey operations conducted by the department by coordinating household survey operations to ensure an average annual response rate of 85%.

o Improve the quality and timeliness of the editing and processing of statistical data by administering a common data processing platform for censuses, household surveys, administrative records and ad hoc survey data over the medium term.

Linking programmes with strategic outcomes and objectives: Programme 6 contributes to the following strategic outcomes:

Agile operating model

a) Modernise and innovate business processes across the value chain
b) Adapt/adopt international frameworks and standards
c) Leverage statistical infrastructure within the data ecosystem
d) Reposition and strengthen the methodology function

Transformed capability

a) Invest in innovative technologies and ICT infrastructure
b) Build a versatile and multi-skilled workforce
c) Invest in capacity building in the data ecosystem
d) Build a united and diverse organisation that is responsive to a fast-changing environment

Overall programme performance:
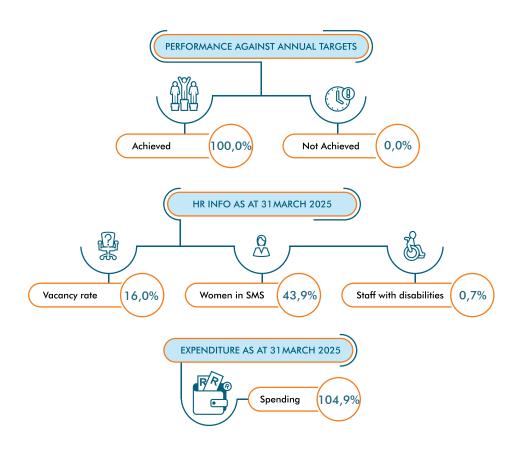
Programme 6: Statistical Operations and Provincial Coordination achieved 100,0% (24) of its annual targets as at 31 March 2025.

PERFORMANCE AGAINST ANNUAL TARGETS

Achieved 100,0%

Not Achieved 0,0%

HR INFO AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

Vacancy rate 16,0%

Women in SMS 43,9%

Staff with disabilities 0,7%

EXPENDITURE AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

Spending 104,9%

Subprogrammes:

Programme Management for Statistical Operations and Provincial Coordination provides strategic direction and leadership to the programme. Key activities in 2024/25 included providing strategic guidance on improving integrated field operations, leading dissemination of Census 2022 in the provinces, addressing the backlog in data operations, and monitoring the implementation of the work programme. The programme contributes towards achieving the organisational strategic outcome of agile operating model. The key deliverables are essential and critical elements of the statistical value chain.

Provincial and District Offices provide integrated data collection and dissemination services and promote the use and coordination of official statistics to provincial and local stakeholders. Key outputs included a report on the implementation of the integrated fieldwork operations model (Phase 1), 9 provincial reports on Census 2022 dissemination (Phase 2) and 9 provincial reports on the dissemination of the results of the IES 2022/23.

Data Operations manages the processing and editing of census, survey, and administrative data. Key outputs included reports on the processing of death notification forms for the Mortality and Causes of Death (2022), and innovations for the Continuous Population Survey.

Household Surveys and Censuses conducts periodic population censuses and large-scale population surveys and coordinates and integrates collection activities across household surveys. Key outputs included reports on CPS field operations, improvements in digital data collection and the implementation of quality assurance tools.

Response to prioritising women, youth and persons with disabilities: The programme is committed to improving employment equity through the prioritisation of women, youth and persons with disabilities in the recruitment process.

Strategy to overcome areas of underperformance/Challenges and impact of resource constraints: The branch is responsible for the provincial and district office infrastructure and is currently operating with a vacancy rate of 16%. This shortage, compounded by the loss of skilled personnel, poses a significant risk to the effective collection of household statistical data and the subsequent processing required for analysis and dissemination. The inability to fill critical vacancies at these levels will lead to declining response rates, which in turn compromises the quality of data released to the public. A key challenge is the deterioration of the sampling frame due to insufficient resources for its regular updating. This has led to an out-of-scope rate exceeding 20% in household surveys, significantly compromising the quality of the collected statistics. Furthermore, the limited capacity of provincial and district offices hampers their ability to provide essential statistical services to provincial and local authorities, undermining evidence-based planning and development at the municipal level.

Actual performance against the work programme is captured in the table below:

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 6: Statistical Operations and Provincial Coordination: (Subprogramme: Provinces)									
29.1	Agile operating model	Integrated fieldwork operations model	Number of reports on integrated fieldwork operations model implemented	Compiled report on integrated fieldwork operations model pilot	Compiled report on integrated fieldwork operations model	1 report on integrated fieldwork operations model implemented (Phase 1) by March 2025	Compiled report on the implementation of an integrated fieldwork operations model as scheduled		
29.2		Dissemination of Population Census 2022	Number of reports on Census 2022 dissemination compiled	Compiled 9 provincial reports on Census 2022 data collection	Compiled 9 provincial reports on Census 2022 dissemination (Phase 1)	9 provincial reports on Census 2022 dissemination compiled (Phase 2) by March 2025	Compiled 9 provincial reports on Census 2022 dissemination as scheduled		
29.3		Dissemination of Income and Expenditure Survey	Number of reports on Income and Expenditure Survey dissemination compiled	Developed Census 2022 dissemination plan	Compiled 9 provincial reports on Income and Expenditure Survey data collection	9 provincial reports on Income and Expenditure Survey dissemination compiled by March 2025	Compiled 9 provincial reports on Income and Expenditure Survey dissemination as scheduled		

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 6: Statistical Operations and Provincial Coordination: (Subprogramme: Data Operations)									
30.1	Agile operating model	Reports on Causes of death data	Percentage death notification forms processed	Processed 100% death notification forms (2019)	Not achieved. Processed 77% of death notification forms	100% death notification forms (2022) processed by March 2025	Processed 100% death notification forms (2022) as scheduled		
30.2		Data processed for priority projects	Number of reports on priority projects compiled	Compiled report on Census 2022 data processed	Compiled report on Census 2022 data processed	1 report on innovations for the Continuous Population Survey (CPS) compiled by March 2025	Compiled report on innovations for the Continuous Population Survey (CPS) as scheduled		

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 6: Statistical Operations and Provincial Coordination: (Subprogramme: Household Surveys and Censuses)									
31.1	Insightful data	Community Survey	Number of reports on CPS field operations compiled	Compiled evaluation report on Census 2022 field operations	Not achieved. Compiled document on challenges with non-responses	1 report on CPS field operations compiled by March 2025	Compiled report on CPS field operations as scheduled		
31.2		Reports on digital data collection	Number of national reports on digital data collection implemented	Compiled national report on digital data collection for household surveys	Compiled report on national digital data collection	1 report on improvements in national digital data collection implemented by March 2025	Compiled report on improvements in national digital data collection as scheduled		
31.3		Reports on quality assurance tools	Number of reports on quality assurance tools implemented	Compiled national report on quality assurance tools developed	Compiled report on quality assurance tools reviewed	1 report on quality assurance tools implemented by March 2025	Implemented report on quality assurance tools as scheduled		

3.7 Programme 7: South African National Statistics System

Programme purpose: Develop and coordinate the national statistics system in South Africa.

Objectives:

o   Ensure that the production of national statistics is based on common statistical standards and principles by providing statistical support and advice, and certifying statistics as official on an ongoing basis.
o   Ensure the sharing of statistical information by establishing and providing mechanisms, platforms and criteria for the sharing of data on an ongoing basis.
o   Drive statistical reporting by coordinating the compilation of statistical reports, in line with the integrated indicator framework, on an ongoing basis.

Linking programmes with strategic outcomes and objectives: Programme 7 contributes to the following strategic outcomes:

Insightful data

a) Put stakeholders at the centre to increase usage and trust
b) Sustain the quality of national indicators
c) Deepen statistical analysis for new insights
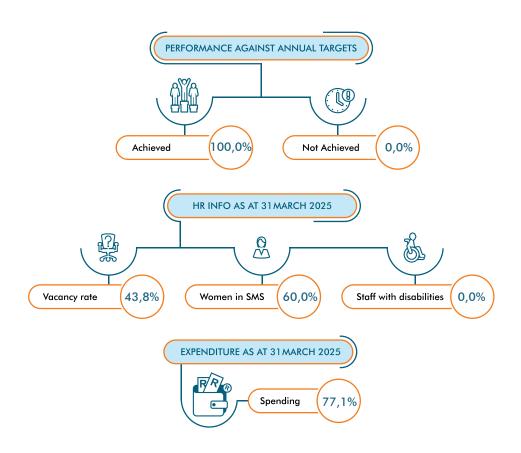d) Explore the use of alternative data sources

Interconnected statistical systems

a) Deepen and strengthen participation in the NSS
b) Promote standardisation across the statistical system
c) Invest in strategic partnerships nationally and globally
d) Envision the data ecosystem

Overall programme performance:

Programme 7: South African National Statistics System achieved 100,0% of their annual targets (18) as at 31 March 2025.

PERFORMANCE AGAINST ANNUAL TARGETS

Achieved 100,0%   Not Achieved 0,0%

HR INFO AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

Vacancy rate 43,8%   Women in SMS 60,0%   Staff with disabilities 0,0%

EXPENDITURE AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

Spending 77,1%

Subprogrammes:

Programme Management for the South African National Statistics System provides strategic direction and leadership to the programme. Key outputs in 2024/25 included leading the legislative reform process, leading strategic engagements at national and international level on the Sustainable Development Goals programme, providing strategic guidance on the independent quality assessment programme and monitoring the work programme deliverables. This programme contributes to the achievement of the strategic outcomes *Insightful data* and *Interconnected Statistical Systems*.

Economic Subsystem coordinates and facilitates the production of economic and environmental statistics in the national statistics system and provides statistical support and advice to producers of official statistics. Key outputs included a report on the rationalised Integrated Indicator Framework (IIF) for the economic statistics subsystem and MoUs signed between Stats SA, National Treasury and the Reserve Bank and Stats SA and the Harry Gwala District Municipality.

Social Subsystem coordinates and facilitates the production of population and social statistics in the national statistics system and provides statistical support and advice to producers of official statistics. Key outputs included a reviewed clearance protocol, a report on the rationalised Integrated Indicator Framework for the social statistics subsystem and MoUs signed between Stats SA and the Department of Basic Education and SALGA.

Independent Quality Assessment conducts independent statistical reviews to assess the quality of statistical information, in line with the South African Statistical Quality Assessment Framework (SASQAF), to certify statistics as official. Key outputs included reports on four SASQAF quality assessments conducted and the review of SASQAF standards and guidelines.

Statistical Reporting coordinates the reporting of statistics to fulfil South Africa's statistical reporting obligations. Key outputs included a report on the updated Integrated Indicator Framework data values, a preliminary SDG report and a progress report on the legislative reform process.

Data and Information Management coordinates and manages the transfer and sharing of data among entities in the national statistics system. Key outputs included reports on the updated IIF portal, the updated online system for independent SASQAF assessment, and the review of an online metadata repository for indicators.

Response to prioritising women, youth and persons with disabilities: The programme is committed to improving employment equity through the prioritisation of youth and persons with disabilities in the recruitment process. Women in SMS as at 31 March 2025 were 60,0%.

Strategy to overcome areas of underperformance: The SANSS branch has achieved 100% of its targets as set out in the Work Programme.

The branch currently has a vacancy rate of 43,8%. The inability to fill vacancies in the branch has a major impact on the statistical services offered to other organs of state as well as other entities of the national statistical system.

Actual performance against the work programme is captured in the table below:

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 7: South African National Statistics System: (Subprogramme: Economic Subsystem)									
32.1	Insightful data	Integrated indicator framework (IIF)	Number of reports on integrated indicator framework (IIF) for economic statistics subsystem compiled	Compiled report on review of IIF for economic statistics subsystem	Compiled report on integrated indicator framework (IIF) review for economic statistics subsystem	1 report on rationalised integrated indicator framework (IIF) for economic statistics subsystem compiled by March 2025	Compiled report on a rationalised Integrated Indicator Framework (IIF) for economic statistics subsystem as scheduled		
32.2		Memorandum of understanding (MoU)/ Service level agreements (SLA) signed	Number of MoU/SLAs for economic statistics subsystem signed	Signed MoU with COEGA Development Corporation	Signed MoU with SA National Biodiversity Institute	2 MoUs/SLAs for economic statistics subsystem signed by March 2025	Signed 2 MoUs with the National Treasury and SA Reserve Bank, and Harry Gwala District Municipality as scheduled		

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 7: South African National Statistics System: (Subprogramme: Social Subsystem)									
33.1	Interconnected statistical system	Clearance reports for social statistics subsystem	Number of clearance reports for social statistics subsystem compiled	Compiled clearance report for the SAPS Crime statistics (2021/22)	Compiled clearance report for the SAPS Crime Statistics (2022/23)	1 clearance protocol reviewed for the production of official statistics compiled by March 2025	Reviewed clearance protocol for the production of official statistics as scheduled		
33.2	Insightful data	Integrated indicator framework (IIF) for social statistics subsystem	Number of reports on integrated indicator framework (IIF) for social statistics subsystem compiled	Compiled report on review of IIF for social statistics subsystem	Compiled report on the review of the IIF for social statistics subsystem	1 report on rationalised integrated indicator framework (IIF) for social statistics subsystem compiled by March 2025	Compiled report on rationalised Integrated Indicator framework (IIF) for social statistics subsystem as scheduled		
33.3		MoU/SLA for social statistics subsystem	Number of MoUs/SLAs for social statistics subsystem signed	Signed MoU with ICASA	Signed MoU with Department of Higher Education and Training	2 MoUs/SLAs for social statistics subsystem signed by March 2025	Signed 2 MoUs with the Department of Basic Education and SALGA as scheduled		

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 7: South African National Statistics System: (Subprogramme: Independent Quality Assessment)									
34.1	Interconnected statistical system	SASQAF quality assessments	Number of quality assessments conducted	Compiled SASQAF quality assessment reports for the Motor Trade Sales release and the SAPS quarterly Crime Statistics	Compiled SASQAF quality assessment for the DSI Research and Experimental Development Survey (2020/21)	4 SASQAF quality assessments compiled by March 2025	Compiled 4 SASQAF quality assessments as scheduled		
34.2		SASQAF operational standards and guidelines	Number of reports on the review of SASQAF standards and guidelines compiled	Piloted SASQAF for administrative data sources	Compiled report on updated SASQAF for administrative data sources	1 report on the review of SASQAF standards and guidelines compiled by March 2025	Compiled report on the review of SASQAF standards and guidelines as scheduled		

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 7: South African National Statistics System: (Subprogramme: Statistical Reporting)									
35.1	Insightful data	Updated integrated indicator framework	Number of reports on updated integrated indicator frameworks compiled	Compiled report on updated IIF data values	Compiled report on updated integrated indicator framework data values	1 report on updated integrated indicator framework data values compiled by March 2025	Compiled report on updated Integrated Indicator Framework data values as scheduled		
35.2	Insightful data	Preliminary SDG report	Number of reports on SDG indicators compiled	Compiled 17 goal reports on SDG indicators	Compiled country report on SDG indicators	1 preliminary SDG report compiled by March 2025	Compiled preliminary SDG report as scheduled		
35.3	Interconnected statistical systems	Amendment of the Statistics Act	Number of progress reports on the Amendment of the Statistics Act compiled	Compiled progress report on legislative reform	Compiled progress report on legislative reform	1 progress report on legislative reform compiled by March 2025	Compiled progress report on legislative reform as scheduled		

WP No.	Outcome	Output	Output indicator	Audited actual performance: 2022/23	Audited actual performance: 2023/24	Planned annual target: 2024/25	Actual achievement 2024/25	Deviation from planned target to actual achievement 2024/25	Reasons for deviations
Programme 7: South African National Statistics System: (Subprogramme: Data and Information Management)									
36.1	Insightful data	Integrated indicator framework dissemination portal	Number of reports on updated IIF dissemination portal indicators compiled	Compiled report on updated IIF dissemination portal	Compiled report on IIF dissemination portal	1 report on IIF dissemination portal compiled by March 2025	Compiled report on IIF dissemination portal as scheduled		
36.2	Interconnected statistical system	Online SASQAF self-assessment	Number of reports on additional features on the online SASQAF system compiled	Compiled report on development of additional features to online system for SASQAF self-assessment	Compiled report on updated online system for SASQAF independent assessment	1 report on updated online system for SASQAF independent assessment compiled by March 2025	Compiled report on updated online system for SASQAF independent assessment as scheduled		
36.3		Online metadata repository	Number of online metadata repository for indicators reviewed	Developed specifications for online metadata repository for indicators	Compiled report on implementation of online metadata repository for indicators	1 online metadata repository for indicators reviewed by March 2025	Compiled a report on the review of an online metadata repository for indicators as scheduled		

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AGSA	Auditor-General South Africa
CMPI	Construction Materials Price Indices
CoP	Code of Practice
CPI	Consumer Price Index
CPS	Continuous Population Survey
DPME	Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation
EEA	Environmental Economic Accounts
Exco	Executive Committee
GBV	Gender-based Violence
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GHS	General Household Survey
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
IES	Income and Expenditure Survey
IIF	Integrated Indicator Framework
ISES	Integrated Stakeholder Engagement Strategy
ISIC	International Standard on Industrial Classification
LCSH	Library of Congress Subject Headings
MIR	Management Information Repository
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPI	Multidimensional Poverty Index
MYPE	Mid-year Population Estimates
NCA	Natural Capital Accounting

NCA&VES	Natural Capital Accounting and Valuation of Ecosystem Services
NDoH	National Department of Health
NDoT	National Department of Transport
PES	Post-enumeration Survey
PFMA	Public Finance Management Act
PPI	Producer Price Index
PSUs	Primary Sampling Units
QES	Quarterly Employment Statistics
QFSSM	Quarterly Financial Statistics of Selected Municipalities
QLFS	Quarterly Labour Force Survey
QMS	Quality Management System
RPPI	Residential Property Price Indices
SA	South Africa
SALGA	South African Local Government Association
SANSS	South African National Statistics System
SAPS	South African Police Service
SASQAF	South African Statistical Quality Assessment Framework
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
SMS	Senior Management Staff
Stats SA	Statistics South Africa
UN	United Nations
WP	Work Programme
XMUVIs	Export and Import Unit Value Indices