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## PREFACE

Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) has undertaken an annual non-financial census of municipalities with effect from 2002. The purpose of the census is to measure selected aspects of service delivery of municipalities. The results of this census provide information that can serve as a framework for policymakers and other stakeholders for planning and monitoring. The census enables users to analyse the services provided by municipalities in terms of water, electricity, solid waste management, sewerage and sanitation. The 2020 non-financial census of municipalities obtained information on various issues, including:

- particulars of services provided in the municipalities as at 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2020; and
- particulars of total employment in the municipalities as at 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2020.

This statistical release contains the preliminary results of the 2020 non-financial census of municipalities and the revised figures for 2019. In the event of revised figures being obtained for 2020, they will be incorporated into the next non-financial census of municipalities publication (if applicable).

For the purposes of this printed version, all results are presented at provincial level. Unit data for all municipalities (2019 and 2020) can be obtained from the Stats SA website (or can be made available upon request).



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## Background

The census provides information that serves as a framework for policymakers and other stakeholders for analysis, planning and monitoring in terms of service delivery of water, electricity, solid waste management, sewerage and sanitation.

## Purpose of the survey

This publication is directed towards the following major goals:

- Assists in monitoring the progress made with regard to the implementation of service provision, free basic services and poverty alleviation as national priorities.
- Provides baseline non-financial information from those institutions classified as municipalities in terms of the Local Government Municipal Structures Act, 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998).
- Provides information that can serve as a framework for policymakers and other stakeholders for planning, as well as monitoring and evaluating the performance of municipalities.
- Allows national and provincial governments and other stakeholders to analyse the actual services provided by municipalities.
- Makes data available for use by researchers, organisations and individuals.

## Methodology

### Scope of the survey

All 257 municipalities responded to the survey for 2020.

### Questionnaire and data collection

The methods used for collection included personal visits, telephone, fax, email and post. Data are generally comparable between the 2019 and 2020 publications.

### Limitations of the survey

- This publication is not necessarily comparable with the Stats SA Population Census, 2011, the Community Survey, 2016, and/or household survey data, mainly due to:
  - i. The data source is municipalities as opposed to households.
  - ii. The different definitions of 'household'. Most municipalities do not have a system for identifying multiple households served by one billing unit or delivery point.
  - iii. Different reporting periods.
- The term 'consumer unit' or 'billing unit' (as used by the municipality for their recording purposes) is not directly comparable with other Stats SA household-based surveys.

**Collection rates for the 2020 financial year per province**

Province	Municipalities				Collection rate
	Metropolitan municipalities	District municipalities	Local municipalities	Total	
Western Cape	1	5	24	30	100%
Eastern Cape	2	6	31	39	100%
Northern Cape	0	5	26	31	100%
Free State	1	4	18	23	100%
KwaZulu-Natal	1	10	43	54	100%
North West	0	4	18	22	100%
Gauteng	3	2	6	11	100%
Mpumalanga	0	3	17	20	100%
Limpopo	0	5	22	27	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>100%</b>

**List of municipalities (2020)****Western Cape (30)****City of Cape Town Metro****West Coast District Municipality**

Matzikama  
Cederberg  
Bergrivier  
Saldanha Bay  
Swartland

**Cape Winelands District Municipality**

Witzenberg  
Drakenstein  
Stellenbosch  
Breede Valley  
Langeberg

**Overberg District Municipality**

Theewaterskloof  
Overstrand  
Cape Agulhas  
Swellendam

**Garden Route District Municipality**

Kannaland  
Hessequa  
Mossel Bay  
George  
Oudtshoorn  
Bitou  
Knysna

**Central Karoo District Municipality**

Laingsburg  
Prince Albert  
Beaufort West

**Eastern Cape (39)****Nelson Mandela Bay Metro****Buffalo City Metro****Sarah Baartman District Municipality**

Dr Beyers Naude  
Blue Crane Route  
Makana  
Ndlambe  
Sunday's River Valley  
Kouga  
Kou-Kamma

**Amathole District Municipality**

Mbhashe  
Mnquma  
Great Kei  
Amahlathi  
Ngqushwa  
Raymond Mhlaba

**Chris Hani District Municipality**

Inxuba Yethemba  
Enoch Mgijima  
Intsika Yethu  
Emalahleni  
Engcobo  
Sakhisizwe

**Eastern Cape (concluded)****Alfred Nzo District Municipality**

Matatiele  
Umzimvubu  
Ntabankulu  
Mbizana

**O.R. Tambo District Municipality**

Ngquza Hill  
Port St Johns  
Nyandeni  
Mhlontlo  
King Sabata Dalindyebo

**Joe Gqabi District Municipality**

Elundini  
Walter Sisulu  
Senqu

**Northern Cape (31)****Namakwa District Municipality**

Richtersveld  
Nama Khoi  
Kamiesberg  
Hantam  
Karoo Hoogland  
Khai-Ma

**Pixley Ka Seme District Municipality**

Ubuntu  
Umsobomvu  
Emthanjeni  
Kareeberg  
Renosterberg  
Thembelihle  
Siyathemba  
Siyancuma

**ZF Mgcawu District Municipality**

Dawid Kruiper  
Kai !Garib  
!Kheis  
Tsantsabane  
Kgatelopele

**John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality**

Ga-Segonyana  
Gamagara  
Joe Morolong

**Frances Baard District Municipality**

Dikgatlong  
Magareng  
Phokwane  
Sol Plaatje

**Free State (23)****Mangaung Metro****Xhariep District Municipality**

Letsemeng  
Kopanong  
Mohokare

**Lejweleputswa District Municipality**

Masilonyana  
Tokologo  
Tswelopele  
Matjhabeng  
Nala

**Thabo Mofutsanyane District Municipality**

Setsoto  
Dihlabeng  
Nketoana  
Maluti a Phofung  
Phumelela  
Mantsopa

**Fezile Dabi District Municipality**

Moqhaka  
Ngwathe  
Metsimaholo  
Mafube

**KwaZulu-Natal (54)****eThekweni Metro****Ugu District Municipality**

Umdoni  
Umzumbe  
uMuziwabantu  
Ray Nkonyeni

**uMgungundlovu District Municipality**

uMshwathi  
uMngeni  
Mpofana  
Impendle  
Msunduzi  
Mkhambathini  
Richmond

**uThukela District Municipality**

Alfred Duma  
Inkosi Langalibalele  
Okhahlamba

**uMzinyathi District Municipality**

Endumeni  
Ngutu  
Msinga  
Umvoti

**Amajuba District Municipality**

Newcastle  
eMadlangeni  
Dannhauser

**KwaZulu-Natal (concluded)****Zululand District Municipality**

eDumbe  
uPhongolo  
Abaqulusi  
Nongoma  
Ulundi

**uMkhanyakude District Municipality**

uMhlabuyalingana  
Jozini  
The Big Five Hlabisa  
Mtubatuba

**King Cetshwayo District Municipality**

Mfolozi  
City of uMhlathuze  
uMlalazi  
Mthonjaneni  
Nkandla

**iLembe District Municipality**

Mandeni  
KwaDukuza  
Ndwedwe  
Maphumulo

**Harry Gwala District Municipality**

Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma  
Greater Kokstad  
Ubuhlebezwe  
Umzimkhulu

**North West (22)****Bojanala Platinum District Municipality**

Moretele  
Madibeng  
Rustenburg  
Kgetlengrivier  
Moses Kotane

**Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality**

Ratlou  
Tswaing  
Mahikeng  
Ditsobotla  
Ramotshere Moila

**Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District Municipality**

Kagisano-Molopo  
Naledi  
Mamusa  
Greater Taung  
Lekwa-Teemane

**Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality**

JB Marks  
City of Matlosana  
Maquassi Hills



**Gauteng (11)****City of Johannesburg Metro****City of Tshwane Metro****City of Ekurhuleni Metro****Sedibeng District Municipality**

Emfuleni  
Midvaal  
Lesedi

**West Rand District Municipality**

Mogale City  
Rand West  
Merafong City

**Mpumalanga (20)****Gert Sibande District Municipality**

Albert Luthuli  
Msukaligwa  
Mkhondo  
Dr Pixley ka Isaka Seme  
Lekwa  
Dipaleseng  
Govan Mbeki

**Nkangala District Municipality**

Emalaheni  
Steve Tshwete  
Emakhazeni  
Thembisile  
Dr J.S. Moroka  
Victor Khanye

**Ehlanzeni District Municipality**

Bushbuckridge  
Thaba Chweu  
City of Mbombela  
Nkomazi

**Limpopo (27)****Mopani District Municipality**

Ba-Phalaborwa  
Greater Giyani  
Greater Letaba  
Greater Tzaneen  
Maruleng

**Vhembe District Municipality**

Musina  
Thulamela  
Makhado  
Collins Chabane

**Capricorn District Municipality**

Blouberg  
Molemole  
Polokwane  
Lepelle-Nkumpi

**Waterberg District Municipality**

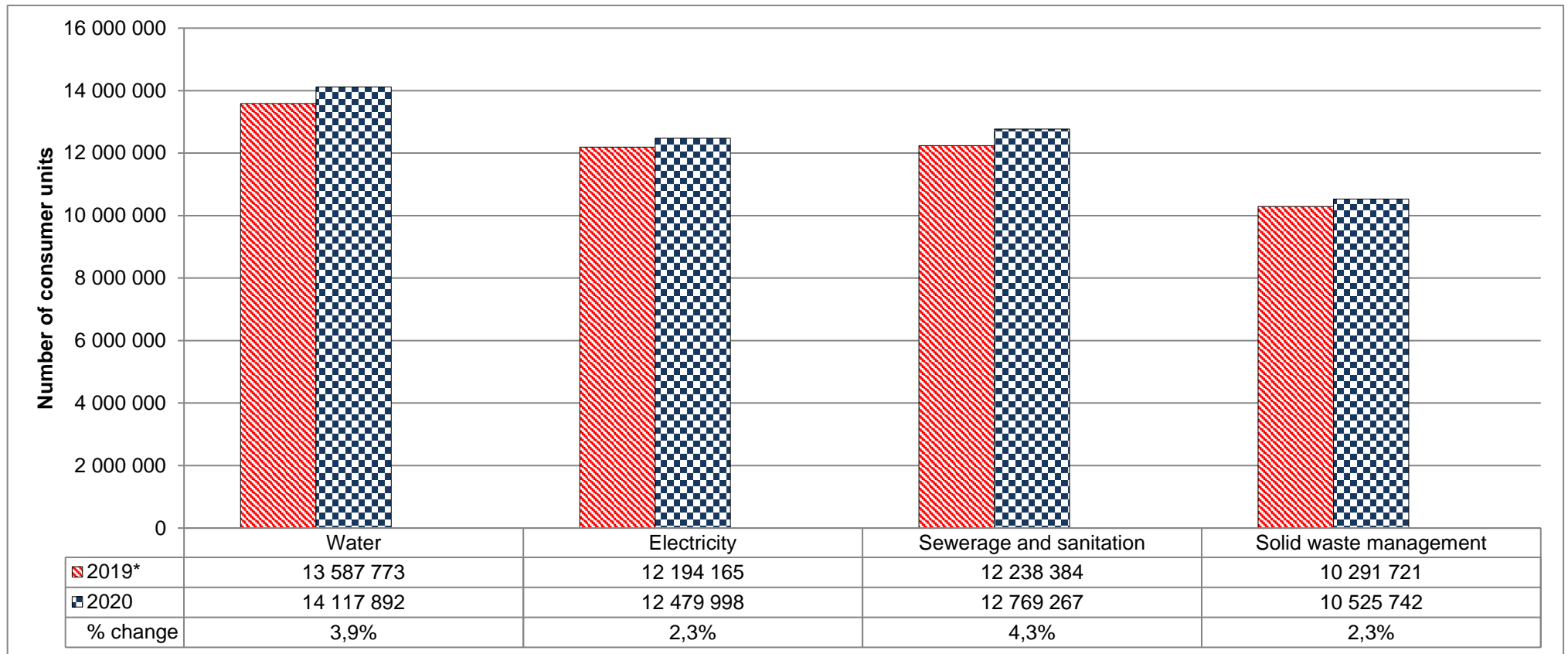
Thabazimbi  
Lephalale  
Mookgopong/Modimolle  
Bela-Bela  
Mogalakwena

**Sekhukhune District Municipality**

Makhuduthamaga  
Fetakgomo/ Greater Tubatse  
Elias Motsoaledi  
Ephriam Mogale

**Key findings**

**Figure A - Number of consumer units receiving services from municipalities: 2019 and 2020**

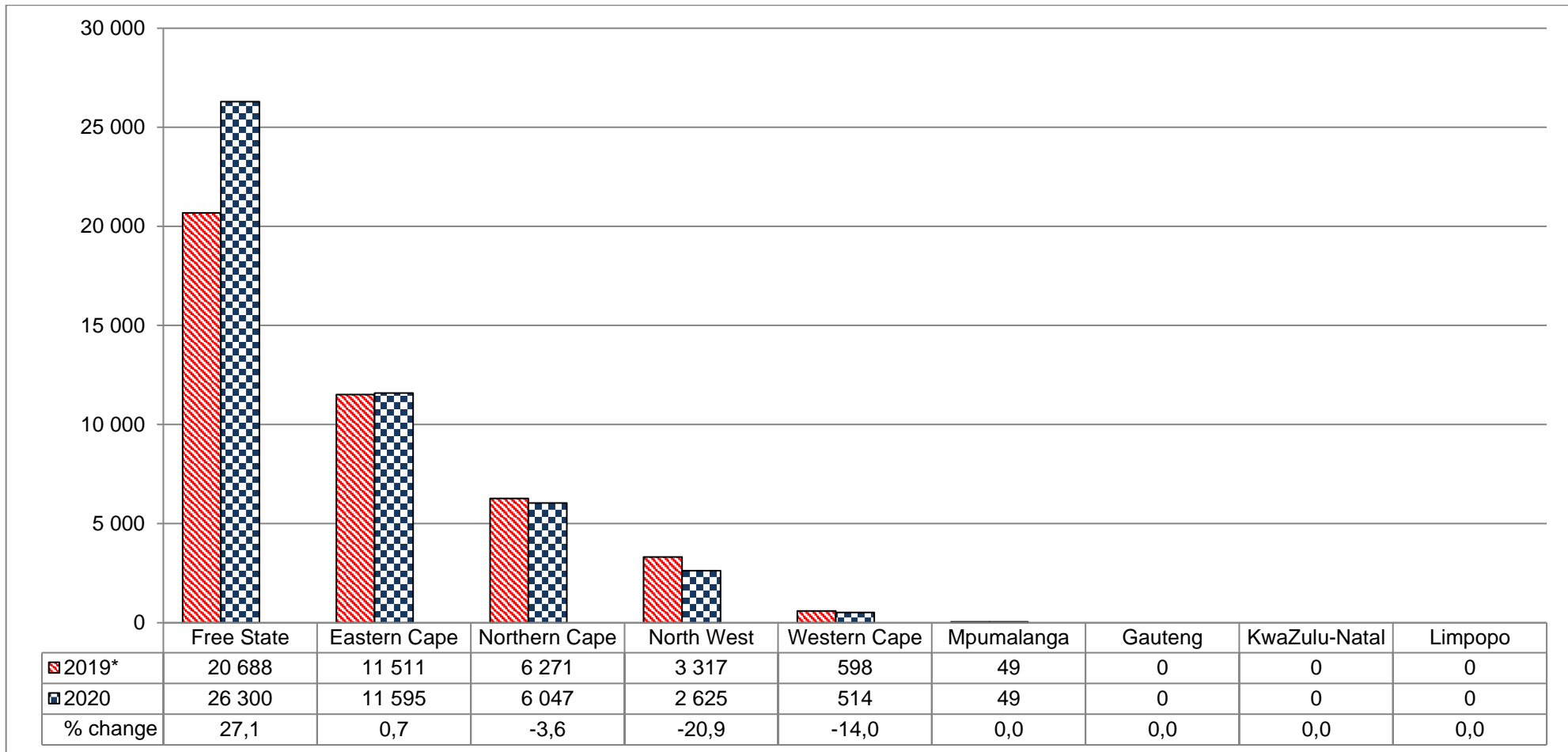


\* Some figures have been revised.

The number of consumer units receiving services from municipalities increased between 2019 and 2020. For the period under review, sewerage and sanitation

showed the highest percentage increase (4,3%), followed by water (3,9%), then electricity and solid waste management both with (2,3%).

**Figure B - Number of consumer units using the bucket toilet system provided by municipalities in each province: 2019 and 2020**



\* Some figures have been revised.

Over the period 2019 to 2020, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal and Limpopo are the only provinces that reported zero in the provision of bucket toilets by municipalities. Free State and Eastern Cape provinces reported an increase in the provision of bucket toilets from 2019 to 2020. The largest percentage

decrease in the provision of bucket toilets was reported in North West (-20,9%), followed by Western Cape (-14,0%). The highest increase in the provision of bucket toilets was reported in Free State (27,1%).

**Figure C - Number of consumer units receiving services and free basic services: 2020**

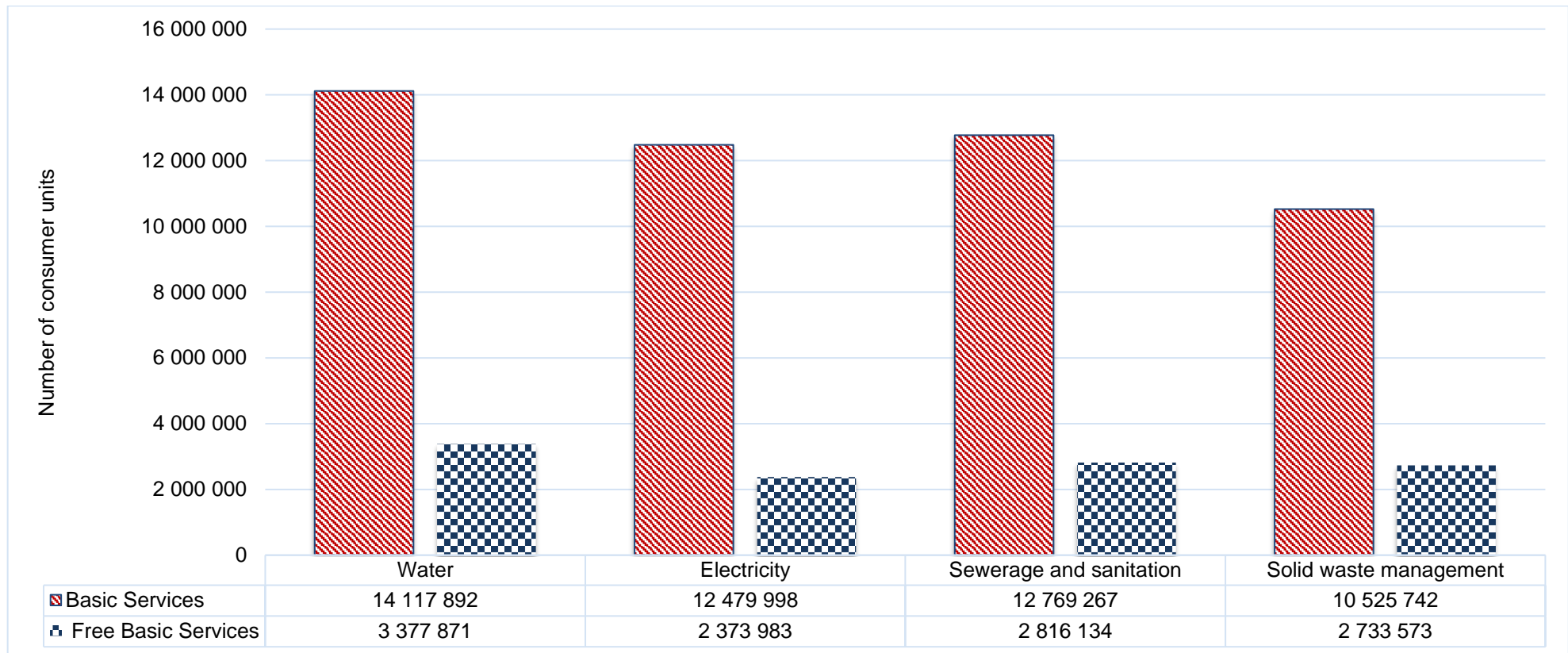


Figure C shows the number of consumer units that received services and those that benefited from the free basic services policy in 2020. As a proportion of the total number of units receiving solid waste management services, the number of

units receiving free basic solid waste management services was 26,0%. The corresponding percentages regarding the other services were 23,9% for water, 22,1% for sewerage and sanitation, and 19,0% for electricity.

**Table A - Number of consumer units receiving water services and free basic water services from municipalities: 2019 and 2020**

Province	2019*			2020		
	Number of consumer units receiving water services	Number of consumer units receiving free basic water services	Proportion benefiting (%)	Number of consumer units receiving water services	Number of consumer units receiving free basic water services	Proportion benefiting (%)
Western Cape	1 359 588	591 999	43,5	1 413 649	563 290	39,8
Eastern Cape	1 439 206	520 322	36,2	1 466 334	454 966	31,0
Northern Cape	317 165	65 704	20,7	317 615	72 037	22,7
Free State	890 873	137 433	15,4	904 669	155 346	17,2
KwaZulu-Natal	2 376 876	765 633	32,2	2 495 408	755 272	30,3
North West	1 085 427	88 074	8,1	1 093 723	110 310	10,1
Gauteng	3 554 964	1 028 573	28,9	3 782 856	1 050 874	27,8
Mpumalanga	1 207 995	91 836	7,6	1 238 631	104 481	8,4
Limpopo	1 355 679	143 544	10,6	1 405 007	111 295	7,9
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>13 587 773</b>	<b>3 433 118</b>	<b>25,3</b>	<b>14 117 892</b>	<b>3 377 871</b>	<b>23,9</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

Table A shows the proportion of consumer units that benefited from the free basic water services policy. According to 2020 estimates, 14,1 million consumer units received water from municipalities in South Africa, of which 3,4 million (23,9%) consumer units received free basic water services.

Western Cape showed the highest proportion of consumer units that benefited from the free basic water services policy (39,8%), followed by Eastern Cape

(31,0%) and KwaZulu-Natal (30,3%). The provinces with the lowest proportion of consumer units that benefited from the free basic water services policy were Limpopo (7,9%), Mpumalanga (8,4%) and North West (10,1%).

Differences in the number of consumer units receiving free basic services between 2019 and 2020 are the result of changes in the targeting mechanisms used by municipalities to provide such services.

**Table B - Number of consumer units receiving electricity services and free basic electricity services from municipalities: 2019 and 2020**

Province	2019*			2020		
	Number of consumer units receiving electricity services	Number of consumer units receiving free basic electricity services	Proportion benefiting (%)	Number of consumer units receiving electricity services	Number of consumer units receiving free basic electricity services	Proportion benefiting (%)
<b>Western Cape</b>	1 610 901	458 960	28,5	1 623 133	456 408	28,1
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	1 359 406	366 355	26,9	1 396 930	303 753	21,7
<b>Northern Cape</b>	309 713	66 284	21,4	315 311	76 535	24,3
<b>Free State</b>	814 880	146 418	18,0	846 087	158 758	18,8
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	1 934 004	306 022	15,8	2 012 343	317 810	15,8
<b>North West</b>	1 059 097	109 181	10,3	1 077 730	112 272	10,4
<b>Gauteng</b>	2 634 520	727 773	27,6	2 711 876	784 735	28,9
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	1 020 848	83 409	8,2	1 037 271	83 708	8,1
<b>Limpopo</b>	1 450 796	103 130	7,1	1 459 317	80 004	5,5
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>12 194 165</b>	<b>2 367 532</b>	<b>19,4</b>	<b>12 479 998</b>	<b>2 373 983</b>	<b>19,0</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

Table B shows the proportion of consumer units that benefited from the free basic electricity services policy. According to 2020 estimates, 12,5 million consumer units received electricity services from municipalities in South Africa and 2,4 million (19,0%) consumer units had free basic electricity services.

Gauteng showed the highest proportion of consumer units that benefited from the free basic electricity services policy (28,9%), followed by Western Cape (28,1%) and Northern Cape (24,3%). Limpopo showed the lowest proportion (5,5%), followed by Mpumalanga (8,1%) and North West (10,4%).

Differences in the number of consumer units receiving free basic services between 2019 and 2020 are the result of changes in the targeting mechanisms used by municipalities to provide such services.

**Table C - Number of consumer units receiving sewerage and sanitation services and free basic sewerage and sanitation services from municipalities: 2019 and 2020**

Province	2019*			2020		
	Number of consumer units receiving sewerage and sanitation services	Number of consumer units receiving free basic sewerage and sanitation services	Proportion benefiting (%)	Number of consumer units receiving sewerage and sanitation services	Number of consumer units receiving free basic sewerage and sanitation services	Proportion benefiting (%)
Western Cape	1 194 455	572 546	47,9	1 243 420	559 435	45,0
Eastern Cape	1 431 910	495 783	34,6	1 499 379	418 509	27,9
Northern Cape	300 146	60 394	20,1	302 073	66 494	22,0
Free State	776 383	138 622	17,9	819 874	154 363	18,8
KwaZulu-Natal	2 303 708	567 717	24,6	2 341 003	559 327	23,9
North West	920 126	80 595	8,8	926 787	77 971	8,4
Gauteng	3 170 529	816 865	25,8	3 408 246	831 170	24,4
Mpumalanga	1 085 820	84 284	7,8	1 150 290	100 457	8,7
Limpopo	1 055 307	63 287	6,0	1 078 195	48 408	4,5
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>12 238 384</b>	<b>2 880 093</b>	<b>23,5</b>	<b>12 769 267</b>	<b>2 816 134</b>	<b>22,1</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

Table C shows the proportion of consumer units receiving free basic sewerage and sanitation services from municipalities. According to 2020 estimates, 12,8 million consumer units received sewerage and sanitation services from municipalities in South Africa, and 22,1% of these consumer units had access to free basic sewerage and sanitation services.

Western Cape showed the highest proportion of consumer units that benefited from free basic sewerage and sanitation services (45,0%), followed by Eastern Cape (27,9%) and Gauteng (24,4%). The province with the lowest proportion was Limpopo (4,5%), followed by North West (8,4%) and Mpumalanga (8,7%).

There were 2,8 million consumer units receiving free basic sewerage and sanitation services from municipalities in 2020 compared with 2,9 million consumer units in 2019.

Differences in the number of consumer units receiving free basic services between 2019 and 2020 are the result of changes in the targeting mechanisms used by municipalities to provide such services.

**Table D - Number of consumer units receiving solid waste management services and free basic solid waste management services from municipalities: 2019 and 2020**

Province	2019*			2020		
	Number of consumer units receiving solid waste management services	Number of consumer units receiving free basic solid waste management services	Proportion benefiting (%)	Number of consumer units receiving solid waste management services	Number of consumer units receiving free basic solid waste management services	Proportion benefiting (%)
<b>Western Cape</b>	1 290 668	616 553	47,8	1 335 801	592 654	44,4
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	895 974	236 917	26,4	928 239	194 780	21,0
<b>Northern Cape</b>	242 254	62 442	25,8	248 254	68 127	27,4
<b>Free State</b>	749 000	137 203	18,3	766 082	152 961	20,0
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	1 726 333	713 361	41,3	1 786 345	699 030	39,1
<b>North West</b>	733 430	89 041	12,1	735 307	109 595	14,9
<b>Gauteng</b>	3 487 408	798 693	22,9	3 543 734	782 635	22,1
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	698 957	87 412	12,5	705 739	100 115	14,2
<b>Limpopo</b>	467 697	48 609	10,4	476 241	33 676	7,1
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>10 291 721</b>	<b>2 790 231</b>	<b>27,1</b>	<b>10 525 742</b>	<b>2 733 573</b>	<b>26,0</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

Table D shows the proportion of consumer units receiving solid waste management services as a free basic service. According to 2020 estimates, 10,5 million consumer units received solid waste management services from municipalities in South Africa, and 26,0% of these consumer units had access to free basic solid waste management services.

Western Cape showed the highest proportion of consumer units that benefited from free basic solid waste management services (44,4%), followed by KwaZulu-Natal (39,1%) and Northern Cape (27,4%). The province with the lowest proportion was Limpopo (7,1%), followed by Mpumalanga (14,2%) and North West (14,9%).

Differences in the number of consumer units receiving free basic services between 2019 and 2020 are the result of changes in the targeting mechanisms used by municipalities to provide such services.



**Table 1.1 - Managerial positions by province according to Section 56 of Local Government Municipal System Act, 2000 (Act No.32 of 2000): 2019 and 2020**

Province	Full-time				Part-time				Vacant posts		Total posts (including vacancies)	
	Male		Female		Male		Female		2019*	2020	2019*	2020
	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020				
<b>Western Cape</b>	118	115	20	23	0	0	0	0	18	23	156	161
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	138	136	82	83	0	0	0	0	32	44	252	263
<b>Northern Cape</b>	72	91	29	28	0	0	0	0	34	26	135	145
<b>Free State</b>	64	71	27	27	0	0	0	0	39	28	130	126
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	191	178	71	82	0	0	0	0	47	52	309	312
<b>North West</b>	70	83	34	34	0	0	0	0	37	22	141	139
<b>Gauteng</b>	58	57	29	38	0	0	0	0	39	27	126	122
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	73	74	31	36	0	0	0	0	17	29	121	139
<b>Limpopo</b>	87	79	37	49	0	0	0	0	46	41	170	169
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>1 540</b>	<b>1 576</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Table 1.2 - Managerial positions by province according to Organogram (excluding Section 56 managers): 2019 and 2020**

Province	Full-time				Part-time				Vacant posts		Total posts (including vacancies)	
	Male		Female		Male		Female		2019*	2020	2019*	2020
	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020				
<b>Western Cape</b>	1 124	1 140	537	573	3	9	2	3	199	216	1 865	1 941
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	677	686	544	461	6	8	9	5	161	223	1 397	1 383
<b>Northern Cape</b>	231	223	104	125	1	1	3	0	46	63	385	412
<b>Free State</b>	425	393	187	183	1	1	0	6	185	164	798	747
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	1 057	1 040	673	708	9	31	3	11	244	252	1 986	2 042
<b>North West</b>	386	402	179	195	0	2	0	0	86	44	651	643
<b>Gauteng</b>	2 224	2 466	1 797	1 800	0	10	0	2	806	888	4 827	5 166
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	422	450	192	209	0	4	4	0	27	138	645	801
<b>Limpopo</b>	453	441	180	205	0	0	0	1	90	125	723	772
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>6 999</b>	<b>7 241</b>	<b>4 393</b>	<b>4 459</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1 844</b>	<b>2 113</b>	<b>13 277</b>	<b>13 907</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Table 1.3 - Number of councillors by province: 2019 and 2020**

Province	Full-time				Part-time				Vacant posts		Total posts (including vacancies)	
	Male		Female		Male		Female		2019*	2020	2019*	2020
	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020				
<b>Western Cape</b>	153	158	86	85	382	382	260	254	1	3	882	882
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	170	119	134	100	713	765	554	577	6	16	1 577	1 577
<b>Northern Cape</b>	80	33	62	41	175	210	126	153	1	7	444	444
<b>Free State</b>	73	62	110	61	312	343	213	242	0	0	708	708
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	336	279	222	170	915	975	491	543	10	7	1 974	1 974
<b>North West</b>	120	145	90	94	468	439	298	296	0	2	976	976
<b>Gauteng</b>	135	314	102	202	543	359	352	251	4	10	1 136	1 136
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	77	95	76	91	476	445	350	332	3	19	982	982
<b>Limpopo</b>	100	116	77	85	590	604	518	475	1	6	1 286	1 286
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>1 244</b>	<b>1 321</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>4 574</b>	<b>4 522</b>	<b>3 162</b>	<b>3 123</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>9 965</b>	<b>9 965</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Table 1.4 - Executive mayor and mayor positions by province: 2019 and 2020**

Province	Full-time				Part-time				Vacant posts		Total posts (including vacancies)	
	Male		Female		Male		Female		2019*	2020	2019*	2020
	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020				
<b>Western Cape</b>	22	26	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	30
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	23	23	16	15	0	1	0	0	0	0	39	39
<b>Northern Cape</b>	20	20	10	10	0	0	1	1	0	0	31	31
<b>Free State</b>	13	11	10	11	0	1	0	0	0	0	23	23
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	41	44	10	10	0	0	0	0	3	0	54	54
<b>North West</b>	10	11	12	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	22
<b>Gauteng</b>	8	8	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	11	11
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	11	12	8	8	0	0	1	0	0	0	20	20
<b>Limpopo</b>	16	17	10	10	0	0	1	0	0	0	27	27
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>257</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Table 2 - Employment positions including managerial positions by province: 2019 and 2020**

Province	Employment type							
	Full-time		Part-time		Vacant posts		Total posts (including vacancies)	
	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020
<b>Western Cape</b>	44 046	45 586	2 071	1 604	5 868	4 823	51 985	52 013
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	30 575	29 044	322	797	3 239	2 475	34 136	32 316
<b>Northern Cape</b>	8 264	8 597	85	601	1 053	238	9 402	9 436
<b>Free State</b>	15 528	14 319	822	744	7 129	2 648	23 479	17 711
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	48 956	48 763	4 593	3 908	8 092	3 925	61 641	56 596
<b>North West</b>	13 053	12 846	993	634	1 901	307	15 947	13 787
<b>Gauteng</b>	76 929	82 467	4 576	1 930	18 821	12 841	100 326	97 238
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	14 733	14 916	123	157	3 271	2 086	18 127	17 159
<b>Limpopo</b>	13 963	14 007	211	18	4 195	1 083	18 369	15 108
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>266 047</b>	<b>270 545</b>	<b>13 796</b>	<b>10 393</b>	<b>53 569</b>	<b>30 426</b>	<b>333 412</b>	<b>311 364</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Table 3 - Number of municipalities in each province that provide services: 2019 and 2020**

Province	Number of municipalities	Water		Electricity		Sewerage and sanitation		Solid waste management	
		2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020
<b>Western Cape</b>	30	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	39	14	14	24	24	14	14	33	33
<b>Northern Cape</b>	31	26	26	25	25	26	26	26	26
<b>Free State</b>	23	19	19	18	18	19	19	19	19
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	54	15	15	26	26	15	15	43	43
<b>North West</b>	22	18	18	14	14	18	18	16	16
<b>Gauteng</b>	11	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	20	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
<b>Limpopo</b>	27	10	10	16	16	10	10	22	22
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>211</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Table 4 - Number of municipalities in each province that have commercialised or outsourced the provision of services: 2019 and 2020**

Province	Number of municipalities	Water		Electricity		Sewerage and sanitation		Solid waste management	
		2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020
<b>Western Cape</b>	30	0	0	15	15	0	0	1	1
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	39	0	0	33	33	0	0	0	0
<b>Northern Cape</b>	31	1	1	21	21	0	0	0	0
<b>Free State</b>	23	0	0	16	16	0	0	1	1
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	54	1	1	42	43	1	1	3	3
<b>North West</b>	22	0	0	17	17	0	0	1	1
<b>Gauteng</b>	11	1	1	9	9	0	0	1	1
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	20	1	1	14	14	1	1	1	1
<b>Limpopo</b>	27	1	2	22	22	0	1	1	1
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Table 5 - Number of consumer units in each province receiving services from municipalities: 2019 and 2020**

Province	Water		Electricity		Sewerage and sanitation		Solid waste management	
	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020
<b>Western Cape</b>	1 359 588	1 413 649	1 610 901	1 623 133	1 194 455	1 243 420	1 290 668	1 335 801
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	1 439 206	1 466 334	1 359 406	1 396 930	1 431 910	1 499 379	895 974	928 239
<b>Northern Cape</b>	317 165	317 615	309 713	315 311	300 146	302 073	242 254	248 254
<b>Free State</b>	890 873	904 669	814 880	846 087	776 383	819 874	749 000	766 082
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	2 376 876	2 495 408	1 934 004	2 012 343	2 303 708	2 341 003	1 726 333	1 786 345
<b>North West</b>	1 085 427	1 093 723	1 059 097	1 077 730	920 126	926 787	733 430	735 307
<b>Gauteng</b>	3 554 964	3 782 856	2 634 520	2 711 876	3 170 529	3 408 246	3 487 408	3 543 734
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	1 207 995	1 238 631	1 020 848	1 037 271	1 085 820	1 150 290	698 957	705 739
<b>Limpopo</b>	1 355 679	1 405 007	1 450 796	1 459 317	1 055 307	1 078 195	467 697	476 241
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>13 587 773</b>	<b>14 117 892</b>	<b>12 194 165</b>	<b>12 479 998</b>	<b>12 238 384</b>	<b>12 769 267</b>	<b>10 291 721</b>	<b>10 525 742</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.



**Table 6 - Number of consumer units in each province receiving water services from municipalities: 2019 and 2020**

Province	Number of domestic consumer units served through a delivery point								Total number of non-domestic consumer units receiving water services		Total number of consumer units receiving water services	
	Inside the yard		Less than 200m from yard		More than 200m from yard		Total number of domestic consumer units receiving water services					
	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020
<b>Western Cape</b>	1 111 652	1 145 338	182 188	200 319	816	2 330	1 294 656	1 347 987	64 932	65 662	1 359 588	1 413 649
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	714 819	732 546	657 189	661 460	32 326	37 142	1 404 334	1 431 148	34 872	35 186	1 439 206	1 466 334
<b>Northern Cape</b>	262 682	263 174	42 038	41 834	6 647	6 647	311 367	311 655	5 798	5 960	317 165	317 615
<b>Free State</b>	764 109	779 697	87 745	82 457	2 744	5 704	854 598	867 858	36 275	36 811	890 873	904 669
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	1 481 420	1 569 599	726 033	759 965	119 091	116 401	2 326 544	2 445 965	50 332	49 443	2 376 876	2 495 408
<b>North West</b>	755 955	760 625	183 697	182 429	129 440	132 627	1 069 092	1 075 681	16 335	18 042	1 085 427	1 093 723
<b>Gauteng</b>	2 809 012	2 943 385	436 620	423 478	174 023	219 786	3 419 655	3 586 649	135 309	196 207	3 554 964	3 782 856
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	925 963	964 917	188 239	179 903	45 314	34 309	1 159 516	1 179 129	48 479	59 502	1 207 995	1 238 631
<b>Limpopo</b>	735 811	772 475	464 694	483 405	132 243	127 992	1 332 748	1 383 872	22 931	21 135	1 355 679	1 405 007
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>9 561 423</b>	<b>9 931 756</b>	<b>2 968 443</b>	<b>3 015 250</b>	<b>642 644</b>	<b>682 938</b>	<b>13 172 510</b>	<b>13 629 944</b>	<b>415 263</b>	<b>487 948</b>	<b>13 587 773</b>	<b>14 117 892</b>

\* Some figures have been revised

**Table 7 - Number of consumer units in each province receiving sewerage and sanitation services from municipalities: 2019 and 2020**

Province	Flush toilets connected to public sewerage system		Flush toilets connected to septic tank		Bucket system		Ventilated improved pit latrines		Other		Total number of domestic consumer units receiving sewerage and sanitation services		Total number of non-domestic consumer units receiving sewerage and sanitation services		Total number of consumer units receiving sewerage and sanitation services	
	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020
<b>Western Cape</b>	1 039 019	1 085 201	44 646	45 518	598	514	3 730	3 730	47 317	49 302	1 135 310	1 184 265	59 145	59 155	1 194 455	1 243 420
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	606 907	625 687	36 114	32 097	11 511	11 595	714 841	769 061	31 186	32 045	1 400 559	1 470 485	31 351	28 894	1 431 910	1 499 379
<b>Northern Cape</b>	193 164	194 259	32 043	32 337	6 271	6 047	47 316	47 988	8 353	8 316	287 147	288 947	12 999	13 126	300 146	302 073
<b>Free State</b>	570 617	594 886	11 791	15 039	20 688	26 300	139 343	142 749	1 405	1 425	743 844	780 389	32 539	39 485	776 383	819 874
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	866 761	873 557	171 696	172 223	0	0	940 555	967 428	287 431	290 182	2 266 443	2 303 390	37 265	37 613	2 303 708	2 341 003
<b>North West</b>	588 497	593 769	18 269	17 706	3 317	2 625	237 112	237 467	57 072	57 072	904 267	908 639	15 859	18 148	920 126	926 787
<b>Gauteng</b>	2 442 090	2 653 584	18 231	18 046	0	0	186 275	185 736	377 351	392 882	3 023 947	3 250 248	146 582	157 998	3 170 529	3 408 246
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	487 039	516 576	20 225	23 195	49	49	361 357	432 436	197 547	149 943	1 066 217	1 122 199	19 603	28 091	1 085 820	1 150 290
<b>Limpopo</b>	343 259	349 821	21 188	21 493	0	0	519 606	529 174	164 313	166 918	1 048 366	1 067 406	6 941	10 789	1 055 307	1 078 195
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>7 137 353</b>	<b>7 487 340</b>	<b>374 203</b>	<b>377 654</b>	<b>42 434</b>	<b>47 130</b>	<b>3 150 135</b>	<b>3 315 769</b>	<b>1 171 975</b>	<b>1 148 085</b>	<b>11 876 100</b>	<b>12 375 968</b>	<b>362 284</b>	<b>393 299</b>	<b>12 238 384</b>	<b>12 769 267</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Table 8 - Number of municipalities in each province with a policy in place relating to the provision of free basic services: 2019 and 2020**

Province	Number of municipalities	Number of municipalities in each province with a free basic policy	
		2019*	2020
Western Cape	30	26	26
Eastern Cape	39	38	38
Northern Cape	31	26	26
Free State	23	19	19
KwaZulu-Natal	54	53	53
North West	22	18	18
Gauteng	11	9	9
Mpumalanga	20	17	17
Limpopo	27	26	26
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>232</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Table 9 - Number of municipalities in each province which have implemented the policy relating to the provision of free basic services: 2019 and 2020**

Province	Number of municipalities	Water		Electricity		Sewerage and sanitation		Solid waste management	
		2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020
<b>Western Cape</b>	30	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	39	14	14	33	33	14	14	30	30
<b>Northern Cape</b>	31	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26
<b>Free State</b>	23	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	54	15	15	42	42	12	12	36	38
<b>North West</b>	22	16	16	18	18	15	15	16	16
<b>Gauteng</b>	11	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	20	17	17	17	17	15	15	15	15
<b>Limpopo</b>	27	10	10	22	22	9	10	16	16
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>195</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Table 10 - Number of municipalities in each province providing free basic services at standard and other levels: 2019 and 2020**

Province	Water				Electricity				Sewerage and sanitation				Solid waste management			
	6kl		Other		50kWh		Other		R50 and above		Below R50		R50 and above		Below R50	
	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020
<b>Western Cape</b>	24	24	2	2	20	22	6	4	25	25	1	1	24	26	2	0
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	12	12	2	2	31	32	2	1	14	13	0	1	29	30	1	0
<b>Northern Cape</b>	25	25	1	1	26	26	0	0	26	26	0	0	24	25	2	1
<b>Free State</b>	18	18	1	1	19	19	0	0	19	19	0	0	19	18	0	1
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	13	13	2	2	37	38	5	4	9	9	3	3	30	35	6	3
<b>North West</b>	15	15	1	1	17	17	1	1	10	10	5	5	13	14	3	2
<b>Gauteng</b>	7	7	2	2	6	6	3	3	7	8	2	1	9	9	0	0
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	15	15	2	2	17	17	0	0	11	11	4	4	15	15	0	0
<b>Limpopo</b>	10	10	0	0	19	20	3	2	7	8	2	2	13	13	3	3
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Table 11 - Number of domestic consumer units in each province receiving free basic services from municipalities: 2019 and 2020**

Province	Water		Electricity		Sewerage and sanitation		Solid waste management	
	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020
<b>Western Cape</b>	591 999	563 290	458 960	456 408	572 546	559 435	616 553	592 654
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	520 322	454 966	366 355	303 753	495 783	418 509	236 917	194 780
<b>Northern Cape</b>	65 704	72 037	66 284	76 535	60 394	66 494	62 442	68 127
<b>Free State</b>	137 433	155 346	146 418	158 758	138 622	154 363	137 203	152 961
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	765 633	755 272	306 022	317 810	567 717	559 327	713 361	699 030
<b>North West</b>	88 074	110 310	109 181	112 272	80 595	77 971	89 041	109 595
<b>Gauteng</b>	1 028 573	1 050 874	727 773	784 735	816 865	831 170	798 693	782 635
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	91 836	104 481	83 409	83 708	84 284	100 457	87 412	100 115
<b>Limpopo</b>	143 544	111 295	103 130	80 004	63 287	48 408	48 609	33 676
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>3 433 118</b>	<b>3 377 871</b>	<b>2 367 532</b>	<b>2 373 983</b>	<b>2 880 093</b>	<b>2 816 134</b>	<b>2 790 231</b>	<b>2 733 573</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Table 12.1 (a) - Number of municipalities using mechanisms to provide free basic services to indigent households for 2020: Water**

Province	Technical approach	Geographic approach	Broad-based approach	Self-targeting approach	Consumption-based approach	Property value-based approach	Targeting based on plot size approach
Western Cape	0	0	0	26	0	0	0
Eastern Cape	0	0	1	11	1	1	0
Northern Cape	0	0	0	26	0	0	0
Free State	0	0	0	18	0	1	0
KwaZulu-Natal	0	0	0	13	1	0	0
North West	0	0	0	16	0	0	0
Gauteng	0	0	0	9	0	0	0
Mpumalanga	0	0	0	17	0	0	0
Limpopo	0	0	0	10	0	0	0
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

**Table 12.1 (b) - Number of municipalities using mechanisms to provide free basic services to indigent households for 2020: Electricity**

Province	Technical approach	Geographic approach	Broad-based approach	Self-targeting approach	Consumption-based approach	Property value-based approach	Targeting based on plot size approach
Western Cape	0	0	0	26	0	0	0
Eastern Cape	1	0	0	32	0	0	0
Northern Cape	0	0	0	26	0	0	0
Free State	0	0	0	19	0	0	0
KwaZulu-Natal	0	0	0	41	1	0	0
North West	0	0	0	18	0	0	0
Gauteng	0	0	0	9	0	0	0
Mpumalanga	0	0	0	17	0	0	0
Limpopo	0	0	0	22	0	0	0
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



**Table 12.1 (c) - Number of municipalities using mechanisms to provide free basic services to indigent households for 2020: Sewerage and sanitation**

Province	Technical approach	Geographic approach	Broad-based approach	Self-targeting approach	Consumption-based approach	Property value-based approach	Targeting based on plot size approach
Western Cape	0	0	0	26	0	0	0
Eastern Cape	0	0	1	11	1	1	0
Northern Cape	0	0	0	26	0	0	0
Free State	0	0	0	19	0	0	0
KwaZulu-Natal	0	0	0	10	1	1	0
North West	0	0	0	15	0	0	0
Gauteng	0	0	0	9	0	0	0
Mpumalanga	0	0	0	15	0	0	0
Limpopo	0	0	0	9	1	0	0
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

**Table 12.1 (d) - Number of municipalities using mechanisms to provide free basic services to indigent households for 2020: Solid waste management**

Province	Technical approach	Geographic approach	Broad-based approach	Self-targeting approach	Consumption-based approach	Property value-based approach	Targeting based on plot size approach
Western Cape	0	0	0	26	0	0	0
Eastern Cape	0	1	0	29	0	0	0
Northern Cape	0	0	0	26	0	0	0
Free State	0	0	0	19	0	0	0
KwaZulu-Natal	0	0	0	36	0	1	0
North West	0	0	0	16	0	0	0
Gauteng	0	0	0	9	0	0	0
Mpumalanga	0	0	0	15	0	0	0
Limpopo	0	0	0	16	0	0	0
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

**Table 13 - Number of municipalities in each province using indicated monthly income cut-off points to identify indigent households: 2020**

Province	Number of municipalities	R1 860 and below	Between R1 861 and R3 720	Above R3 720
Western Cape	30	0	6	20
Eastern Cape	39	1	33	4
Northern Cape	31	0	11	15
Free State	23	0	4	12
KwaZulu-Natal	54	1	38	12
North West	22	0	12	6
Gauteng	11	0	6	3
Mpumalanga	20	1	10	5
Limpopo	27	0	20	6
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>83</b>

**Table 14 - Number of indigent households in each province benefiting from an indigent support system: 2019 and 2020**

Province	Indigent households identified by the municipalities		Beneficiaries							
			Water		Electricity		Sewerage and sanitation		Solid waste management	
	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020
<b>Western Cape</b>	372 454	345 882	362 731	331 100	364 458	343 029	360 459	327 545	359 957	327 594
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	584 670	601 602	345 213	279 824	329 912	292 046	294 812	217 430	234 375	193 874
<b>Northern Cape</b>	73 131	77 972	65 425	69 037	65 702	73 535	60 115	63 494	62 163	65 127
<b>Free State</b>	168 072	266 704	137 433	155 346	146 418	158 758	138 622	154 363	137 203	152 961
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	827 433	1 034 931	637 207	745 132	306 022	317 710	469 319	498 680	671 845	665 240
<b>North West</b>	132 642	134 647	88 074	110 310	109 181	110 527	80 595	77 971	89 041	109 595
<b>Gauteng</b>	798 693	809 845	765 605	779 764	639 959	648 896	556 138	560 227	775 089	782 635
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	104 934	109 537	91 734	104 481	83 409	83 697	84 284	100 457	87 310	100 115
<b>Limpopo</b>	301 961	198 886	143 544	111 295	103 130	80 004	63 287	48 408	48 609	33 676
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>3 363 990</b>	<b>3 580 006</b>	<b>2 636 966</b>	<b>2 686 289</b>	<b>2 148 191</b>	<b>2 108 202</b>	<b>2 107 631</b>	<b>2 048 575</b>	<b>2 465 592</b>	<b>2 430 817</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Table 15 - Number of municipalities in each province that provide free basic alternative energy: 2019 and 2020**

Province	Number of municipalities	Coal		Liquefied petroleum gas		Paraffin		Candles		Solar home system		Fire gel		Other	
		2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020
<b>Western Cape</b>	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	39	0	0	1	1	11	12	1	2	7	8	3	4	1	3
<b>Northern Cape</b>	31	0	0	2	0	5	2	3	1	2	2	2	0	5	2
<b>Free State</b>	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	2	1	2	1
<b>North West</b>	22	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Gauteng</b>	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Limpopo</b>	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	1	0	1
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Table 16 - Number of indigent households in each province provided with free basic alternative energy: 2019 and 2020**

Province	Coal		Liquefied petroleum gas		Paraffin		Candles		Solar home system		Fire gel		Other	
	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020	2019*	2020
<b>Western Cape</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 620	1 620	0	0	0	0
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	0	0	3 000	4 320	36 559	24 608	625	625	28 756	30 427	2 519	6 112	3 000	4 873
<b>Northern Cape</b>	0	0	0	0	891	625	481	527	2 500	2 500	0	0	688	527
<b>Free State</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6 450	6 450	0	0	0	0
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 223	4 148	2 300	1 449	300	0
<b>North West</b>	0	0	0	0	8 567	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Gauteng</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84 950	84 950	0	0	0	0
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Limpopo</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	4 497	4 497	0	0	0	0
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3 000</b>	<b>4 320</b>	<b>46 017</b>	<b>25 233</b>	<b>1 110</b>	<b>1 156</b>	<b>130 996</b>	<b>134 592</b>	<b>4 819</b>	<b>7 561</b>	<b>3 988</b>	<b>5 400</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Explanatory notes**

<b>Introduction</b>	This publication contains results of the annual non-financial census of municipalities for the financial year ended 30 June 2020 and the revised figures for the financial year ended 30 June 2019.
<b>Scope of the survey</b>	This survey covers selected non-financial information of all 257 municipalities for the 2019/2020 financial year. The census provides information that can serve as a framework for policymakers and other stakeholders for analysis, planning and monitoring in terms of service delivery of water, electricity, solid waste management, sewerage and sanitation, indigent households and employment.
<b>Statistical unit</b>	The statistical unit is the municipality.
<b>Survey methodology and design</b>	The information is collected annually from all municipalities through questionnaires.
<b>Reliability of estimates</b>	Inaccuracies may occur because of imperfections in reporting by municipalities. Every effort is made to reduce errors to a minimum by carefully designing the questionnaire, undertaking pilot studies/workshops and editing processes.
<b>Abbreviations and symbols</b>	0 Nil or not applicable Stats SA Statistics South Africa
<b>Comparability with previous census</b>	The 2020 non-financial census of municipalities is generally comparable with the 2019 non-financial census of municipalities.
<b>Revision of data</b>	The 2020 information is preliminary, and is subject to revision. The revised figures are due to respondents reporting revisions.

## Glossary

<b>Broad-based approach</b>	Each consumer unit in that municipality receives free basic services on the current billing system of the municipality.
<b>Consumer unit/billing unit</b>	An entity to which the service is (or would be) delivered, and which receives one bill if the service is billed, alternatively known as a delivery point. (This concept is often referred to as a household by municipalities, but this is not strictly correct, as households and consumer units do not coincide one to one, particularly in blocks of flats, on stands where there are multiple households in the same dwelling, or in additional dwellings, such as garden flats, backyard rooms, etc., and in the case of public taps.)
<b>Consumption-based approach</b>	This is a targeting method where those consumer units using a low amount of the service are provided with it for free. This is only applicable if the amount of the service can be measured.
<b>District municipality</b>	District municipality means a municipality that has municipal executive and legislative authority in an area that includes more than one municipality, and which is described in section 155(1) of the Constitution as a category C municipality. (Refer to Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, 1998 (Act No.117 of 1998).)
<b>Domestic consumer unit</b>	An entity to which the service is (or would be) delivered, and which receives one bill if the service is billed, alternatively known as a delivery point. (This concept is often referred to as a household by municipalities, but this is not strictly correct, as households and consumer units do not coincide one to one, particularly in blocks of flats, on stands where there are multiple households in the same dwelling or in additional dwellings, such as garden flats, backyard rooms, etc., and in the case of public taps.)
<b>Electricity</b>	Provision of electricity service to consumer units connected to national grid and non-grid.
<b>Employees</b>	Employees are those people employed by the individual / enterprise / business / organisation who received payment (in salaries, wages, commission, piece rates or payments in kind) for any part of the reference period (excluding independent contractors and employers).
<b>Free basic water</b>	An amount of water determined by government that should be provided free to poor households to meet basic needs, currently set at 6 kl per month per household within 200 metres from each dwelling.
<b>Full-time employees</b>	Full-time employees are those employees (permanent, temporary or casual) who normally work the agreed hours for a full-time employee in a specific occupation. If agreed hours do not apply, employees are regarded as full-time if they normally work 35 hours per week, including seasonal employees.



<b>Geographic approach</b>	The process whereby consumers living in a particular area are assumed to have the same socio-economic profile and therefore tariffs can be set on location.
<b>Household</b>	(a) A group of persons who live together and provide themselves jointly with food or other essentials for living, or a single person who lives alone, (b) A billing unit or delivery point. Both definitions were specified in the questionnaire. Given the different meanings of 'household', users are advised to use caution when comparing this publication with other Stats SA publications that report data at the household level (for example, the General Household Survey and the Quarterly Labour Force Survey).
<b>Indigent household</b>	These are poor households as determined by municipalities. The basis on which a municipality determines if a household is indigent (and the criteria used for such determination) can vary.
<b>Local municipality</b>	Local municipality means a municipality that shares municipal executive and legislative authority in its area with a district municipality within whose area it falls, and which is described in section 155(1) of the Constitution as a category B municipality. (Refer to Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998).)
<b>Managerial position</b>	For the purpose of this survey, managerial positions refer to Section 56 managers, according to the Local Government Municipal System Act, 2000 (Act No, 32 of 2000, as amended) and other managers according to the organogram.
<b>Metropolitan municipality</b>	Metropolitan municipality means a municipality that has exclusive executive and legislative authority in its area, and which is described in section 155(1) of the Constitution as a category A municipality. (Refer to Local Government: Municipal Structure Act 1998, (Act No, 117 of 1998).)
<b>Municipality</b>	Municipality is a generic term describing the unit of government in the local sphere responsible for local government in a geographically demarcated area, and includes district, local and metropolitan municipalities. A municipality is an institution consisting of a municipal council (elected political representatives) and the municipal administration (appointed officials).

<b>Non-domestic unit</b>	This includes all other consumer units excluding domestic e.g. industrial, commercial, schools, clinics, hospitals and government departments etc.
<b>Part-time employees</b>	Part-time employees are employees (permanent, temporary or casual) who are not full-time employees as defined above or who normally work less than 35 hours per week, including seasonal employees.
<b>Property value-based approach</b>	This approach gives an indication of the level of household wealth, thus household income.
<b>Solid waste management services</b>	Provision of refuse removal service to consumer units, generally not less than once-a-week.
<b>Sewerage and sanitation services</b>	Provision of flush toilet connected to public sewerage system, or conservancy tank, bucket toilet, pit latrine/toilet with ventilation pipe, pit latrine/toilet without ventilation pipe, other toilet such as ecological toilet (e.g. urine diversion, enviro loo).
<b>Self-targeting approach</b>	A system whereby only indigent households receive the benefits of the free basic services programme as mutually determined by the service provider and service authority.
<b>Targeting based on plot size</b>	This method uses a charge based on plot size, with a zero rating for properties under a determined threshold.
<b>Technical approach</b>	The process whereby technology is used to regulate the provision of free basic services (including water and electricity meters).
<b>Water services</b>	Provision of piped water services to consumer units, inside the yard, less than 200m from the yard and more than 200m from the yard.

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