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Strategic Outcome 1: An informed nation

Goal statement: By 2020, statistical products and services have been expanded to better meet planning, monitoring and evaluation, and policy needs through coordination, integration and innovation. Statistics is used by the nation and other stakeholders at large for knowledge, information and evidence-based decisions. We have increased stakeholder engagement to ensure that the statistical products and services are more responsive and relevant to their needs. Key indicators for success are:

- A statistics production system capable of generating integrated indicators for use
- A geostatistical platform providing superior geostatistical outputs for planning, monitoring and evaluation
- An informatics web-enabled environment for a new breed of unified production and use (Pro-users of statistics)
- Five administrative registers are used as complementary data sources
- Stakeholder satisfaction index (opinion on products, services and use)

Strategic objectives under An informed nation:



1.1.1 National Accounts (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 1) Number of GDP releases published

Short definitionGDP measures the economic performance of a country. It is critical to note that the four quarterly releases are

composed of three GDP quarterly releases and an annual GDP release which is due in the final quarter of the year

Purpose/importanceGDP determines the growth and size of the different components of the economy

Source of information/collection of data

Internal (monthly, quarterly and annual surveys) and external data sources

Method of calculation Guided by the System of National Accounts

Data limitation Access to quality external data sources

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Quarterly

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality GDP releases as per release schedule in line with internationally acclaimed standards and practices

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: National Accounts

1.2.1 National Accounts (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 1) Number of national accounts reports compiled

Short definition GDP measures the economic performance of a country and the supply and use tables enables comparison and

estimation of the GDP from the production, expenditure and income approach

Purpose/importanceGDP determines the growth and size of the different components of the economy

Source of information/ collection of data Internal (annual and periodic surveys) and external data sources

Method of calculation Guided by the System of National Accounts

Data limitation Access to quality external data sources

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality GDP report as per release schedule in line with internationally acclaimed standards and practices

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: National Accounts

2.1.1 National Accounts (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 2) Research to improve national accounts statistics conducted

Short definition Research reports to expand national accounts statistics by reviewing data sources, redeveloping the supply and use

tables and developing plans for benchmarking of GDP estimates

Purpose/importance Research reports inform prospective courses of action on compilation of experimental and official statistics

Source of information/collection of data

Internal and external data

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation External sources

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Research report to improve national accounts to ensure the use of internationally acclaimed practices

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: National Accounts

3.1.1 Economic Analysis (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 3) Number of reports on economic activity compiled

Short definition Compile economic analysis reports to improve and expand the relevance of national accounts statistics

Purpose/importance To improve the quality of economic statistics as well as to inform economic planning, monitoring and policy

development

Source of information/

collection of data

Internal and external data

Method of calculation Guided by the System of National Accounts and any related revisions

 Data limitation
 Access to external sources of data

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality reports using acclaimed international practices

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Economic Analysis

4.1.1 Short-term Indicator Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 4)

Number of releases on mining: production and sales, published 6 weeks after the reference month

Short definition

Short-term indicators are subannual statistical information covering key industries in the economy. Mining and quarrying refers to the extraction, dressing and beneficiating of minerals occurring naturally, for example solids

such as coal and ores; liquids such as crude oil/petroleum and gases such as natural gas

Purpose/importance Inputs into compilation of GDP and related estimates; and various policy documents assisting policymakers in

planning as well as monitoring and evaluating the performance of the economy

Source of information/
collection of data

Questionnaires are collected from all mines at the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) and results are provided in summarised format to Stats SA in order to process further for publication purposes (detail per ore, but

no individual data on mines). It is therefore considered to be an administrative source

Method of calculation Production indices are based on actual production volumes reported using various methodological

processes/documents (e.g. SNA, SDDS). Sales data are the summarised totals per type of mineral as provided by DMR and are reported for one month behind the production data. Indices are calculated at base 2010=100 and

weighed with average value-added weights for the period 2012 to 2014. Weights are adjusted annually

Data limitation Respondent reluctance, data verification, external source doing the collection, thus no access to raw data

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Quarterly (collected monthly)

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality mining releases within six weeks after the end of the relevant month, as per the release schedule

4.1.2 Short-term Indicator Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP - 4) Number of releases on manufacturing: production and sales, published 6 weeks after the reference month

Short definition

Short-term indicators are subannual statistical information covering key industries in the economy. Manufacturing enterprises conduct activities in the manufacturing, processing, making or packing of products; the slaughtering of

animals including poultry; and installation, assembly, completion, repair and related work

Purpose/importance Inputs into the compilation of GDP and related estimates; and various policy documents assisting policymakers in

planning as well as monitoring and evaluating the performance of the economy

Source of information/ Questionnaires received from a sample of $\pm 3\,000$ enterprises in the manufacturing sector of South Africa, collection of data collected from an annually scientifically drawn sample using an updated Business Sampling Frame (BSF). It aims at

covering activities of large, medium and small enterprises engaged in manufacturing activities. Classification of enterprises on the BSF is done using the 1993 edition of the Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic

Activities (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02

Method of calculation Data collected: Sales and inventories of own manufactured products, unfilled orders and actual volumes of

products manufactured. Estimates of sales per major group and division are published. Estimates of sales and inventories are processed further by deflating with relevant Producer Price Indices and then comparing to the same data in a base period (currently 2010=100) in order to present production indices. Based on various

methodological processes/documents (e.g. SDDS)

Data limitation Respondent reluctance, data verification, limited resources, inadequate/incorrect information on the BSF from

which the sample is draw

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycleQuarterly (collected monthly)

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality manufacturing: production and sales releases (within 42 days or 6 weeks after month-end) as per

SDDS requirements and the release schedule. Required response is at 80% per month

4.1.3 Short-term Indicator Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 4)

Number of releases on manufacturing: utilisation of production capacity by large enterprises, published 10 weeks

after the reference month

Short definition Short-term indicators are subannual statistical information covering key industries in the economy. The survey

measures the extent of utilisation of production capacity available at manufacturing enterprises; total under-

utilisation; and reasons for the under-utilisation by division and major group

Purpose/importance Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts the survey of utilisation of production capacity by large enterprises mainly

engaged in the manufacturing industry. The sample was selected from the monthly sample, using the $\pm 1\,000$ largest enterprises of the manufacturing sector. The results of this survey are used to assess the degree of capacity constraint experienced in the manufacturing industry. The information in this release is a key component in the Composite Coincident Business Cycle Indicator and is used to analyse movements in gross fixed capital formation

in the national accounts

Source of information/ collection of data Questionnaires collected from respondents on a three-monthly basis, covering one calendar month as indicated

(February, May, August and November)

Method of calculation Based on various methodological processes/documents as per international practice

 Data limitation
 Respondent reluctance, data verification

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Cumulative

Reporting cycle Quarterly (collected monthly)

New indicator No

Desired performance Publish quality manufacturing: utilisation of production capacity by large enterprises releases within 10 weeks after

the end of relevant month as per the release schedule at a response rate of 80%

4.1.4 Short-term Indicator Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 4)

Number of releases on generation and consumption of electricity, published 5 weeks after the reference month

Short definition Short-term indicators are subannual statistical information covering key industries in the economy. The survey

covers the production of electric energy and the transmission of own-generated power. Electricity may be generated conventionally, hydro-electrically, thermally, geothermally, or by means of solar energy, nuclear energy or tidal energy, gas turbine, diesel and renewable energy. It includes the generation, transmission and/or

distribution of electric power mainly for own use (e.g. manufacturing and mining enterprises)

Purpose/importance Inputs into compilation of GDP and related estimates; and various policy documents assisting policymakers in

planning as well as monitoring and evaluating the performance of the economy

Source of information/
collection of data

Questionnaires received from 25 respondents. Eskom also provides information on generation by Independent
Power Producers (IPPs) feeding their generation into the national grid (generated by wind, water, and solar)

Method of calculation

Based on various methodological processes/documents (e.g. SNA, SDDS)

Data limitation N/A. Full data collection every month. Eskom provides additional data on Independent Power Producers (IPPs) who

provide electricity to the national grid

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Quarterly (collected monthly)

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality generation and consumption of electricity releases as per the release schedule at 95% or higher

collection rate

4.1.5 Short-term Indicator Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 4) Number of releases on building plans passed, published 7 weeks after the reference month

Short definition Short-term indicators are subannual statistical information covering key industries in the economy. Building

statistics are compiled using reported data of the largest local government institutions which are responsible for the approval of building plans as per municipal legislation before building work can commence; as well as issuing

building certificates after final inspection of completed buildings by the local government authority

Purpose/importance The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of the economy and formulation of economic policy;

private sector analysts. Inputs into compilation of GDP and related estimates; calculation of the Leading Business

Cycle Indicator as compiled by the SARB

Source of information/ collection of data Questionnaires received from respondents

Method of calculation Data are collected and summarised per province and South Africa without weighing. Only the largest local

government institutions in South Africa take part in this monthly survey, representing approximately 85% of the total

value of all privately funded buildings completed

Data limitation Respondent reluctance, limited resources at the source of our information (local government institutions)

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycleQuarterly (collected monthly)

New indicator No

Desired performance Publish quality building statistics releases within 5 weeks after month-end as per the release schedule

4.1.6 Short-term Indicator Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 4) Number of releases on construction statistics, published 6 months after year-end report

Short definition Short-term indicators are subannual statistical information covering key industries in the economy. See description

in indicator 4.1.5

Purpose/importance Statistical release: The annual statistical release summarises the monthly published data (see previous item 4.1.5)

in detail per province and local government unit for the latest calendar year both for plans passed as well as buildings completed main categories. Data are extensively used in monitoring the state of the economy and formulation of economic policy; private sector analysts. Inputs into compilation of GDP and related estimates;

regional estimates of capital spending by the private sector

Source of information/
Questionnaires for the annual summary release are received monthly from respondents and summarised on an collection of data

annual basis to be published within six months after year-end. Categories of buildings covered: Residential

annual basis to be published within six months after year-end. Categories of buildings covered: Residential buildings (various subcategories); non-residential buildings (various subcategories); and additions and alterations

to existing buildings

Method of calculation Annual release: Collected monthly data are summarised and published for the latest calendar year per building

category and large local government institution; provincial and total South Africa at nominal prices. No weighting

done to source data

Data limitation Respondent reluctance, limited resources at the source of our information (local government institutions)

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality building statistics annual release as per the release schedule

4.1.7 Short-term Indicator Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 4) Number of reports on construction statistics, published 20 months after year-end report

Short definition Short-term indicators are subannual statistical information covering key industries in the economy. See description

in indicator 4.1.5

Purpose/importance Statistical report: The statistical report summarises the data as received from the smaller local government

institutions (not in monthly survey) as collected on an annual basis regarding buildings reported as completed only. Data are published in detail per province and local government unit for the calendar year two years ago (ending 20 months ago). Data are extensively used in monitoring the state of the economy and formulation of economic policy; private sector analysts. Inputs into compilation of GDP and related estimates; regional estimates of capital

spending by the private sector

Source of information/ collection of data Questionnaires for the annual report are collected annually from smaller local government institutions regarding only buildings completed for the detail as per the monthly survey

Method of calculation Annual report: Collected annual data are summarised and published for the prior calendar year per building

category and small local government institution; provincial and total South Africa at nominal prices. No weighting done to source data. Additionally, the results of the relevant period's monthly data are merged with the annual data collected (only buildings completed categories) in order to represent the complete South African data

regarding buildings completed

Data limitation Respondent reluctance, limited resources at the source of our information (local government institutions)

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality building statistics annual report as per the release schedule

4.1.8 Short-term Indicator Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 4)

Number of releases on retail trade sales, published 7 weeks after the reference month

Short definition

Short-term indicators are subannual statistical information covering key industries in the economy. Retailers are enterprises deriving more than 50% of their turnover from sales of goods to the general public for household use

Purpose/importance Inputs into compilation of GDP and related estimates; and various policy documents assisting policymakers in

planning as well as monitoring and evaluating the performance of the economy

Source of information/
collection of data

Questionnaires received from respondents as drawn into annual sample selected from the Business Sampling
Frame, using scientific sampling methodology as per specifications provided by the survey area

Method of calculation Based on various methodological processes/documents (e.g. SNA, SDDS). Received data are summarised and

weighed with relevant sampling weights per strata and classification category in order to represent the full

population for the retail trade industry

Data limitation Respondent reluctance, data verification, limited resources

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Quarterly (collected monthly)

New indicator No

Desired performance Publish quality releases within 7 weeks after month-end on retail trade sales as per the release schedule

4.1.9 Short-term Indicator Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 4) Number of releases on motor trade sales, published 7 weeks after the reference month

Short definition Short-term indicators are subannual statistical information covering key industries in the economy. Enterprises in

the motor trade survey are predominantly involved in sales of motor vehicles, filling stations and workshops; motorcycle dealers; spares and accessories; tyre dealers; automotive electricians; radiator repairs; panel beaters

and spray painters; "other" specialised motor trade, including motor vehicle dealers

Purpose/importance Inputs into compilation of GDP and related estimates; and various policy documents assisting policymakers in

planning as well as monitoring and evaluating the performance of the economy

Source of information/ collection of data Questionnaires received from respondents

Method of calculation Based on various methodological processes/documents (e.g. SNA). Received data summarised and weighed with

relevant sampling weights per strata and classification category in order to represent the full population for the

motor trade industry

Data limitation Respondent reluctance, data verification, limited resources

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycleQuarterly (collected monthly)

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality releases on motor trade sales within 7 weeks after month-end as per the release schedule

4.1.10 Short-term Indicator Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP - 4) Number of releases on wholesale trade sales, published 7 weeks after the reference month

Short definition Short-term indicators are subannual statistical information covering key industries in the economy. Wholesale trade

> represents enterprises deriving 50% or more of their turnover from sales of goods to other businesses and institutions. It includes the resale (sale without transformation) of new and used goods and products to other wholesalers, retailers, agricultural, industrial, commercial, institutional and professional users either directly or

through agents on a fee or contract basis

Purpose/importance Inputs into compilation of GDP and related estimates; and various policy documents assisting policymakers in

planning as well as monitoring and evaluating the performance of the economy

Source of information/ Questionnaires received from respondents in a sample of ± 1 260 enterprises, which is drawn annually from the collection of data

updated Stats SA Business sampling Frame at 4-digit SIC level

Method of calculation Based on various methodological processes/documents (e.g. SNA). Received data are captured, verified,

summarised and weighed with relevant sampling weights per strata and classification category in order to represent

the full population for the wholesale trade industry

Data limitation Respondent reluctance, data verification

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Quarterly (collected monthly)

New indicator No

Desired performance Publish quality releases on wholesale trade sales within 7 weeks after month-end as per the release schedule at

80% response rate

Chief Director: Short-term Indicator Statistics Indicator responsibility

4.1.11 Short-term Indicator Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP - 4)

Number of releases on land transport, published 8 weeks after the reference month

Short definition

Short-term indicators are subannual statistical information covering key industries in the economy. Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of the land transportation industry, covering passenger and freight transportation by rail and road.

Types of transportation covered:

- Railway transportation (passenger and freight); other scheduled land transport urban, sub-urban, and interurban bus and coach passenger lines and school buses; non-scheduled passenger land transport – safaris and sightseeing bus tours, metered taxis and other passenger transport including renting of motor cars with drivers; freight transport by road
- Passenger transport excludes minibus taxis, metropolitan buses (including BRT system) and rental of private cars and buses without drivers
- Freight transportation excludes renting of trucks without drivers and in-house transportation

Purpose/importance

Inputs into compilation of GDP and related estimates; and various policy documents assisting policymakers in planning as well as monitoring and evaluating the performance of the economy

Source of information/ collection of data Questionnaires received from respondents in the stratified random sample of 702 enterprises, drawn annually from the updated Stats SA Business Sampling Frame at 4-digit SIC level

Method of calculation

Based on various methodological processes/documents (e.g. SNA). Received data are captured, verified, summarised and weighed with relevant sampling weights per strata and classification category in order to represent the full population for the land transport industry

Data limitation

Respondent reluctance, data verification, limited resources

Type of indicators

Outputs

Calculation type

Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle

Quarterly (collected monthly)

New indicator

No

Desired performance

Publish quality statistical releases on land transport within 8 weeks after month-end as per the release schedule, at 80% response rate

Indicator responsibility

Chief Director: Short-term Indicator Statistics

4.1.12 Short-term Indicator Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 4) Number of releases on liquidations and insolvencies, published 8 weeks after the reference month

Short definition Short-term indicators are subannual statistical information covering key industries in the economy.

- A liquidation takes place when the affairs of a company or close corporation are wound up by order of the court (compulsory liquidation); or when a company or close corporation resolves to wind up its affairs by own choice (voluntary liquidation)
- Insolvency refers to an individual or partnership which is unable to pay its debt and is placed under final sequestration

Purpose/importance

Published data are used by the private and public sectors to measure economic performance and are also an important indicator of the scope of unpaid debt in South Africa

Source of information/
collection of data

Stats SA collects administrative information on liquidations from the Companies and Intellectual Property
Commission, and the Department of Trade and Industry; while information on insolvencies is gathered from
Notices of the Master of the Supreme Court that appear in the Government Gazette

Method of calculation

Data on liquidations published as received from DTI; data on insolvencies summarised from data sourced on the internet

Data limitation Administrative data

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Quarterly (collected monthly)

New indicator

Desired performancePublish quality releases on liquidations and insolvencies as per the release schedule within five weeks after month-

end

4.1.13 Short-term Indicator Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 4)

Number of releases on civil cases for debt, published 7 weeks after the reference month

Short definition Short-term indicators are subannual statistical information covering key industries in the economy. Stats SA

conducts a monthly sample survey on the number and value of civil cases reported and civil summonses for debt

issued in South Africa

Purpose/importance The results of this survey provide users with information on the extent of unpaid debt in South Africa. The results are

used by the private and public sectors as an indicator of economic performance

Source of information/ collection of data Questionnaires received from selected magistrates' courts

Method of calculation Summarised data as collected cover number of cases recorded; number of civil summonses issued for debt;

number of civil judgements recorded for debt; and value of civil judgements for debt. Data are presented per

category of debt (e.g. goods sold, money lent) as well as in total per province

Data limitation Limited resources at the magistrates' courts

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Quarterly (collected monthly)

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality releases on civil cases for debt within 8 weeks after month-end at 80% response rate as per the

release schedule

4.1.14 Short-term Indicator Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 4) Number of releases on food and beverages, published 8 weeks after the reference month

Short definition Short-term indicators are subannual statistical information covering key industries in the economy. The food and

beverages survey covers a sample of public and private enterprises involved in the preparation of meals and drinks

for immediate consumption in South Africa

Purpose/importance

The purpose of this survey is to monitor trends in the food and beverages industry. The results of this survey are

used to compile estimates of the tourism satellite accounts (TSA) and the GDP; and its components which are used

to develop and monitor government policy; the analysis of comparative business and industry performance

Source of information/
collection of data

Questionnaires received from a sample of ±950 respondents in the monthly survey. The sample is drawn annually from the Stats SA Business Sampling Frame according to 5-digit SIC classification

Method of calculation Based on various methodological processes/documents (e.g. SNA). Received data are summarised and weighted

using sampling design weights

Data limitation Respondent reluctance, data verification

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Quarterly (collected monthly)

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality releases on the food and beverages industry within 8 weeks after month-end at 80% response rate,

as per the release schedule

4.1.15 Short-term Indicator Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 4) Number of releases on tourist accommodation, published 8 weeks after the reference month

Short definition Short-term indicators are subannual statistical information covering key industries in the economy. The tourist

accommodation survey is a monthly survey covering a sample of public and private enterprises involved in the

short-stay commercial accommodation industry in South Africa

Purpose/importance The results of this survey are used to compile estimates of the tourism satellite accounts (TSA) and the GDP and its

components which are used to develop and monitor government policy; the analysis of comparative business and

industry performance

Source of information/

Questionnaires received from respondents in the sample as drawn annually from the Stats SA Business Sampling

Frame at 5-digit SIC level

Method of calculation Based on various methodological processes/documents (e.g. SNA). Received data are summarised and weighted

using sampling design weights

Data limitation Respondent reluctance, data verification

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Quarterly (collected monthly)

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality releases on tourist accommodation within 8 weeks after month-end at minimum 80% response rate

as per the release schedule

4.2.1 Short-term Indicator Statistics (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 4) Reports on improving short-term industry statistics conducted

Short definition Compile research reports on Weights for Manufacturing and Manufacturing production capacity 2016; weights for Mining

2016

Purpose/importance Inputs into compilation of GDP and related estimates; and various policy documents assisting policymakers in

planning as well as monitoring and evaluating the performance of the economy

Source of information/ collection of data Internal and external data

Method of calculation Various methodological methods used or researched

Data limitation External data

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator

Desired performance Research reports to improve short-term industry statistics to ensure the use of internationally acclaimed practices

5.1.1 Structural Industry Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 5)

Number of periodic reports on electricity, gas and water supply published

Short definition Structural industry statistics inform on the structure and products of the electricity, gas and water industry

Purpose/importance Structural industry statistics are used in informing the growth of the economy, stabilising prices, creating jobs and

promoting investment

Source of information/ collection of data Periodic collection of structural and product data from enterprises

Method of calculation Estimation consistent with the stratified sampling method used

Data limitationUnregistered businesses, especially in the rural areas and informal settlements. Enterprises that are registered only

for income tax (IT) and those that are not registered for either value-added tax (VAT) or income tax (IT)

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality releases on electricity, gas and water supply as per the release schedule

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Structural Industry Statistics

5.1.2 Structural Industry Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 5) Number of reports on transport, storage and communication published

Short definition Structural industry statistics inform on the structure and products of the transport, storage and communication

industry

Purpose/importance Structural industry statistics are used in informing the growth of the economy, stabilising prices, creating jobs and

promoting investment

Source of information/ collection of data Periodic collection of structural and product data from enterprises

Method of calculation Estimation consistent with the stratified sampling method used

Data limitationUnregistered businesses, especially in the rural areas and informal settlements. Enterprises that are registered only

for income tax (IT) and those that are not registered for either value-added tax (VAT) or income tax (IT)

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality releases on transport, storage and communication statistics as per the release schedule

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Structural Industry Statistics

5.1.3 Structural Industry Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 5) Number of reports on financial intermediation, insurance, real estate and business services published

Short definition Structural industry statistics inform on the structure and products of the financial intermediation, Insurance, real

estate and business services industry

Purpose/importance Structural industry statistics are used in informing the growth of the economy, stabilising prices, creating jobs and

promoting investment

Source of information/ collection of data Periodic collection of structural and product data from enterprises

Method of calculation Estimation consistent with the stratified sampling method used

Data limitationUnregistered businesses, especially in the rural areas and informal settlements. Enterprises that are registered only

for income tax (IT) and those that are not registered for either value-added tax (VAT) or income tax (IT)

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality releases on financial intermediation, insurance, real estate and business services

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Structural Industry Statistics

6.1.1 Domestic Tourism (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 6)

Number of reports on domestic tourism statistics published

Short definition Domestic tourism travel and expenditure patterns are studied in the Domestic Tourism Survey. Statistical releases

containing basic statistical summaries of the findings of the DTS are produced within six months after data

collection ends. Thematic reports are produced as planned

Purpose/importance These documents are used by partners in government, academia and private enterprises for strategy and policy

formulation, planning and monitoring and evaluation, as it relates to domestic tourism

Source of information/ collection of data Household survey data and other relevant sources in the case of thematic reports

Data limitation Timeliness, accuracy and relevance of survey data. Partnerships with support divisions within Stats SA: Survey

Operations, Corporate Data Processing, Methodology and ADAPT

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually and biannually

New indicator No

Desired performance Publish quality domestic tourism reports as per the release schedule

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Social Statistics

7.1.1 International Tourism (Core)

Indicator title (WP - 7)

Number of releases on international tourism, published 3 months after the reference period

Short definition International tourist statistics deal with foreigners who visit and spend at least one night in South Africa. Statistics on

documented immigrants (permanent and temporary)

Purpose/importance Data can be used for monitoring the tourism contribution to the economy through the development of the tourism

satellite account. They are also used to monitor government's bilateral and multilateral relationships with other countries. Data provide information on the flow of immigrants – volumes and some characteristics (nationality and

age structure)

Source of information/

collection of data

Administrative records of data collected by the Department of Home Affairs immigration officials at all the air, land

and sea ports of entry into the country. The data are stored in the department's Movement Control System

Data limitation Timeliness and missing cases of variables in the traveller data. Dependency on the Department of Home Affairs to

provide data from the Movement Control System. Stats SA does not have control over the quality and timeliness of

the data received

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Cumulative

Reporting cycle Monthly

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality releases on international tourism as per the release schedule

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Health and Vital Statistics

7.2.1 International Tourism (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 7)

Number of reports on international tourism published

Short definition International tourist statistics deal with foreigners who visit and spend at least one night in South Africa. Statistics on

documented immigrants (permanent and temporary). NB: The explanation of 7.1.1 and 7.2.1 are similar except

that the former is compiled on a monthly basis while the latter is done annually

Purpose/importance Data can be used for monitoring the tourism contribution to the economy through the development of the tourism

satellite account. They are also used to monitor government's bilateral and multilateral relationships with other countries. Data provide information on the flow of immigrants – volumes and some characteristics (nationality and

age structure)

Source of information/

collection of data

Administrative records of data collected by the Department of Home Affairs immigration officials at all the air, land

and sea ports of entry into the country. The data are stored in the department's Movement Control System

Method of calculation | Actual observations provided in releases and reports as frequencies, percentage distributions and medians

Data limitationTimeliness and missing cases of variables in the traveller data. Dependency on the Department of Home Affairs to

provide data from the Movement Control System. Stats SA does not have control over the quality and timeliness of

the data received

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality report on international tourism as per the release schedule

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Health and Vital Statistics

7.3.1 International Tourism (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 7)
Assessment on improving international tourism statistics conducted

Short definition Assessment of supplementary data sources on international tourism

Purpose/importance Data can be used for monitoring the tourism contribution to the economy through the development of the tourism

satellite account. They are also used to monitor government's bilateral and multilateral relationships with other countries. Data provide information on the flow of immigrants – volumes and some characteristics (nationality and

age structure)

Source of information/ collection of data Administrative records of data collected by the Department of Home Affairs immigration officials at all the air, land and sea ports of entry into the country. The data are stored in the department's Movement Control System

Method of calculation Single count

Data limitation Timeliness and missing cases of variables in the traveller data. Dependency on the Department of Home Affairs to

provide data from the Movement Control System. Stats SA does not have control over the quality and timeliness of

the data received

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator

Desired performance Research reports to improve international tourism statistics to ensure the use of internationally acclaimed practices

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Health and Vital Statistics

8.1.1 Transport Statistics (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 8)

Technical support to improve transport statistics provided

Short definitionTransport statistics are currently collected through a number of administrative data sources, one of which is the

transport systems. In this instance the provision of technical support to improve transport systems will be

documented

Purpose/importance These documents are used by our partners in government, academia and private enterprises for strategy and policy

formulation, planning and monitoring and evaluation as it relates to transport statistics

Source of information/ collection of data Household survey data and other relevant sources in the case of thematic and technical reports

Method of calculation Single count

Data limitation Timeliness, accuracy and relevance of survey data. Partnerships with support divisions within Stats SA: Survey

Operations, CDPC, Methodology and ADAPT

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator

Desired performance Technical support to improve transport statistics to ensure the use of internationally acclaimed practices

9.1.1 Private Sector Financial Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 9)

Number of releases on financial statistics of private sector enterprises published

Short definition Quarterly financial statistics are about tracking financial performance and financial position of selected private

sector and public corporations

Purpose/importance Information from the surveys conducted by the Financial Statistics division is primarily used in the compilation of

the GDP. It is also used by economic policy advisors and business analysts to understand the dynamics of the

economy

Source of information/ collection of data Selected private sector and public corporations (information obtained from financial records)

Method of calculation Based on various accounting and other methodological processes and data estimations to represent a population

Data limitation Respondent reluctance, data verification, limited resources, timeliness, other sampling and non-sampling aspects

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Quarterly

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality quarterly releases on private financial statistics as per the release schedule

9.1.2 Private Sector Financial Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 9) Number of releases on financial statistics published

Short definition Annual financial statistics are about tracking financial performance and financial position of selected private sector

and public corporations. NB: The explanations of 9.1.1 and 9.1.2 are similar except that the former is compiled

on a quarterly basis while the latter is done annually

Purpose/importance Information from the surveys conducted by the Financial Statistics division is primarily used in the compilation of

the GDP. It is also used by economic policy advisors and business analysts to understand the dynamics of the

economy

Source of information/

collection of data

Selected private sector and public corporations (information obtained from financial statements)

Method of calculation Based on various accounting and other methodological processes and data estimations

Data limitation Respondent reluctance, data verification, limited resources, timeliness, other sampling and non-sampling aspects

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality annual release on private financial statistics as per the release schedule

9.2.1 Private Sector Financial Statistics (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 9) Report on integrating data on capital expenditure compiled

Short definition Detailed quarterly capital expenditure data on selected private sector enterprises and public corporations to

improve private sector financial statistics

Purpose/importance Information from the capital expenditure survey conducted by the Private Sector Financial Statistics division is

primarily used in the compilation of the GDP (expenditure approach). It will also be used by economic policy

advisors and business analysts to understand the dynamics of the economy

Source of information/ collection of data Selected private sector and public corporations (information obtained from financial reports/records)

Method of calculation Based on various accounting and other methodological processes and data aggregation

Data limitation Reliant on external data, respondent reluctance, data verification, limited resources, timeliness, different

accounting standards, other sampling and non-sampling aspects

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator

Desired performance Capital expenditure project commenced to improve private sector financial statistics

9.3.1 Private Sector Financial Statistics (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 9) Private sector financial surveys promoted

Short definition Engaging stakeholders and promoting surveys to improve response and usage of private sector financial statistics

Purpose/importance To improve the quality and usage of private sector financial statistics and for economic policy advisors including

business analysts to understand the dynamics of the survey

Source of information/ collection of data Selected private sector and public corporation information obtained from financial reports

Method of calculation Single count

Data limitation Reliant on external data, respondent reluctance to engage, lack of interest, internal support, limited resources,

timeliness and availability

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator

Desired performance Private sector financial surveys promoted to improve private sector financial statistics to ensure better usage

10.1.1 Government Financial Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 10) Number of releases on government financial statistics published

Short definition Government Financial Statistics tracks government revenue and spending and the financial performance of

government

Purpose/importance To inform evidence-based economic development and transformation in line with internationally recognised

practices and to help policy decision-makers in monitoring and assessment of performance of government programmes and policies, and to enable them to make better informed decisions for fair and accurate budget

allocations. The statistics are also used as input for GDP and related estimates

Source of information/
collection of data

Local government institutions (LGIs) statistics are collected from local government institutions, and other public sector institutions through questionnaires and financial statements. National and provincial government institution

sector institutions through questionnaires and financial statements. National and provincial government institutions (NPGIs) source the actual revenue and expenditure figures from administrative data of national and provincial government departments from SITA, audited annual reports of national and provincial government departments,

and the fiscal documents as published by National Treasury with national and provincial government department financial information

accounting and other methodological processes/documents (SNA, GFS, MFMA, GRAP/GAMAP, SDDS, etc.)

Data limitation Respondent reluctance, data verification, limited resources, unaudited financial statements, and unclean audit

reports (LGIs)

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator No

Desired performancePublish quality annual release on financial statistics of municipalities as per the release schedule

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Government Financial Statistics

10.2.1 Government Financial Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP - 10) Number of releases on financial statistics of municipalities, published with a guarterly lag

Short definition The quarterly and annual financial statistics of municipalities are intended to provide users with preliminary details

> of expenditure and income on a quarterly basis (QFSM); while the annual survey (FCM) details both balance sheet and income and expenditure details. Both publications form an integral part of the consolidated general

government statistical release, and are used in the compilation of the GDP

Purpose/importance To inform evidence-based economic development and transformation in line with internationally recognised

> practices and to help policy decision-makers in monitoring and assessment of performance of government programmes and policies, and to enable them to make better informed decisions for fair and accurate budget

allocations. The statistics are also used as input for GDP and related estimates

Source of information/ Local government institutions (LGIs) statistics are collected from local government institutions, and other public collection of data

sector institutions through questionnaires and financial statements

Method of calculation Current prices for income and expenditure and historical prices for balance sheet items - based on various

accounting and other methodological processes/documents (SNA, GFS, MFMA, GRAP/GAMAP, SDDS, etc.)

Data limitation Respondent reluctance, data verification, limited resources, unaudited financial statements, and unclean audit

reports (LGIs)

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Quarterly

New indicator No

Desired performance Publish quality quarterly release on financial statistics of municipalities as per the release schedule

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Government Financial Statistics

11.1.1 Consumer Price Index (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 11) Number of CPI releases published on the second last Wednesday of every month

Short definition The consumer price index measures consumer inflation in the economy

Purpose/importance The consumer price index is the primary measure of price stability and is an input into monetary policy decision-

making; it is an index of changes in the cost of living for the purpose of adjusting contracts, wages and grants

Source of information/ collection of data Monthly collections of price data from businesses

Method of calculation

The consumer price index is compiled as the geometric mean of price changes per lowest product group and the

weighted arithmetic mean of aggregated indices

Data limitation Partially (data on only food products are collected in rural and informal markets)

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Quarterly

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality CPI releases as per the release schedule

11.2.1 Consumer Price Index (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 11)

Alternative collection methodologies tested

Short definition Mobile collection

Purpose/importance To introduce electronic data collection tools for CPI

Source of information/collection of data

Report

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Success in achieving targets depends on programming

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator No

Desired performance Optimal use of electronic data collection tools for CPI and report of pilot survey using mobile devices

12.1.1 Producer Price Index (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 12) Number of PPI releases published on the last Thursday of every month

Short definition PPI is a measure of the change in the prices of goods; either as they leave their place of production. CPAP

measures the change in the prices of a set of construction activities. UVIs measure the overall change in the prices

transactions in goods between the RSA and the rest of the world (exports and imports)

Purpose/importance Producer prices measures inflation in the manufacturing, mining, agricultural and electricity and water industries to

escalate contracts, inform economic policy-making and deflate the national accounts, while CPAP measures inflation in the construction industry and UVI is a deflator in the compilation of national accounts and is an

indicator of inflationary trends

Source of information/

collection of data

PPI and CPAP: Monthly collections of price data from businesses. UVI: Customs data from South African Revenue

Service (SARS)

Method of calculation Producer prices: PPI, CPAP and UVIs are compiled as the geometric mean of price changes per lowest product

group and the weighted arithmetic mean of aggregated indices

Data limitation Producer prices: PPI Unregistered businesses. CPAP: Unregistered businesses/producers. UVI: Secondary data

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Quarterly

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality producer prices releases as per the release schedule

12.2.1 Producer Prices (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 12) Research on improving PPI conducted

Short definition Research report on Transport, storage and communication services

Purpose/importance To assess the feasibility of producing producer price indices for transport, storage and communication services

Source of information/collection of data

Quantitative and qualitative information from relevant industries

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation External data

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator No

Desired performance Research reports to improve the PPI to ensure the use of internationally accepted practices

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Price Statistics

13. Services Producer Price Index (Included in No. 12)

14.1.1 Employment and Earnings Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 14) Number of releases on employment and earnings and average monthly earnings, published 12 weeks after the

reference month

Short definition Quarterly Employment Survey (QES) is a survey of businesses and organisations that collects statistical information

on employment and earnings in the formal and non-agricultural sector

Purpose/importance Measures employment and gross earnings. The survey provides data essential for estimating key economic statistics

of employment and gross earnings

Source of information/collection of data

Quarterly collection of labour statistics from businesses

Method of calculation Count of weighted observations and ratios

Data limitation Inability to produce lower-level industry estimates and geographical spread limited

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Quarterly

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality quarterly releases on employment and gross earnings and average monthly earnings as per the

release schedule

14.2.1 Employment and Earnings Statistics (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 14) Research on improving employment and earnings statistics conducted

Short definition Research report on vacancy rates in the formal economy

Purpose/importance Research report to improve the measurement of employment and gross earnings

Source of information/collection of data

Internal and external data

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation External data

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator No

Desired performance Research reports to improve the employment and earnings statistics to ensure the use of internationally acclaimed

practices

15.1.1 Labour Market Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 15) Number of releases on labour market information, published 4 weeks after the end of the quarter (last publication

will be released 8 weeks after the end of the quarter)

Short definitionThe labour market statistics scope is to measure and produce work statistics through the following surveys:

Quarterly Labour Force Survey, Survey of Activities of Young People (child labour), Survey of Employers and the Self-Employed (informal sector), Volunteer Activities Survey (volunteer work), Time Use Survey, School to Work

Transition Survey and other labour market-related modules

Purpose/importance Measuring the labour market indicators (these include employment, unemployment and the descriptors of

employment), other forms of work and the labour market dynamics through longitudinal analysis

Source of information/

collection of data

Quarterly collection of labour statistics from households and four-yearly collection of other work statistics from

households

Method of calculation Count of weighted observations and ratios

Data limitation Inability to produce small-area estimates lower than provincial level

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Quarterly

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality quarterly releases on labour market statistics as per the release schedule

15.2.1 Labour Market Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 15)

Number of reports on labour market statistics published

Short definition The labour statistics scope is to measure and produce work statistics through the following surveys: Quarterly

Labour Force Survey, Survey of Activities of Young People (child labour), Survey of Employers and the Self-Employed (informal sector), Volunteer Activities Survey (volunteer work), Time Use Survey, School to Work Transition Survey and other labour market-related modules. NB: The explanations of 15.1.1 and 15.2.1 are

similar except that the former is compiled on a monthly basis while the latter is done annually

Purpose/importance Measuring the labour market indicators (these include employment, unemployment and the descriptors of

employment), other forms of work and the labour market dynamics through longitudinal analysis

Source of information/ Annual collection of labour statistics from households and four-yearly collection of other work statistics from

collection of data households

Method of calculation Count of weighted observations and ratios

Data limitation Inability to produce small-area estimates

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality annual releases on labour market statistics as per the release schedule

15.3.1 Labour Market Statistics (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 15)

Labour market statistics expanded

Short definition Report on Survey of Employers and the Self-employed (SESE) , Survey of Activities of Young People module

developed to expand labour market statistics

Purpose/importance To measure and value volunteer work in order to create a satellite account, i.e. to measure its contribution to the

GD

Source of information/collection of data

Household survey

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Reports at national and provincial levels only

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator

Desired performance Reports published 8–12 months after the reference period

16.1.1 Agricultural Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 16)

Number of reports on agriculture compiled

Short definition Annual agricultural statistics informs the annual financial performance (trends) of agricultural industries

Purpose/importance Annual agricultural statistics report is used to inform economic growth, creating jobs and promoting investment

Source of information/collection of data

Annual collection of forestry and fisheries data from enterprises

Method of calculation Estimation consistent with the stratified sampling method used

Data limitationUnregistered retail businesses, especially in the rural areas and informal settlements. Enterprises that are registered

only for income tax (IT) and those that are not registered for either value-added tax (VAT) or income tax (IT)

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality report on agriculture as per the release schedule

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Structural Industry Statistics

17.1.1 Environmental Economic Accounts (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 17) Natural Capital Accounting and Valuation of Ecosystem Services project coordinated

Short definition Natural capital refers to all types of environmental assets, which are the naturally occurring living and non-living

components of the Earth

Purpose/importance EEA identifies specific activities undertaken to prevent or combat the environmental impact of human activity

Source of information/ collection of data Internal and external data sources (research-related work)

Method of calculation Guided by the System of Environmental Economic Accounts (SEEA)

Data limitation Access to quality external data sources

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator Integrated Economic Accounts

Desired performance Publish quality EEA compendium release as per the release schedule

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Economic Analysis

18.1.1 Life Circumstances and Household Service Delivery Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 18)

Number of releases on social and household service delivery statistics published

Short definition Statistical releases containing basic statistical summaries of the findings on the General Household Survey (GHS)

are produced within six months after data collection ends. These reports include statistics on education, access to social services, household food security, access to housing, basic services and attitudes of households in relation to

the quality and reliability of these services. Thematic and technical reports are produced as planned

Purpose/importance These documents are used by our partners in government, academia and private enterprises for strategy and policy

formulation, planning and monitoring and evaluation as it relates to social matters and service delivery

Source of information/

Household survey data and other relevant sources in the case of thematic reports

medians

Data limitation Timeliness, accuracy and relevance of survey data. Partnerships with support divisions within Stats SA: Survey

Operations, CDPC, Methodology and ADAPT

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality release on social and household service delivery statistics as per the release schedule

18.2.1 Life Circumstances and Household Service Delivery Statistics (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 18) Reports on improving social and household service delivery statistics compiled

Short definition Report on development indicators and METRO development indicators compiled

Purpose/importance Report to measure social and household service delivery statistics

Source of information/collection of data

Internal and external data

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Timeliness, accuracy and relevance of survey data. Partnerships with support divisions within Stats SA: Survey

Operations, CDPC, Methodology and ADAPT

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator No

Desired performance Reports to improve the social and household service delivery statistics to ensure the use of internationally

acclaimed practices

18.3.1 Life Circumstances and Household Service Delivery Statistics (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 18)

Technical support to improve service delivery statistics provided

Short definition Service delivery statistics include indicators related to the scope, uptake, access and quality of basic service delivery

by national, provincial and local role players. Government departments who provide these services are considered service delivery stakeholders. Technical support includes attendance of meetings, statistical advice, inputs into data

collection processes whether it is survey or administrative by nature

Purpose/importance Service delivery stakeholder departments approach Statistics South Africa with ad hoc requests for statistical

support. This report documents the kinds of support provided to them

Source of information/

collection of data

Record of interaction with stakeholders. If it involves data analysis, the data source can be administrative or survey

data

Method of calculation | Actual observations provided in statistical releases and reports as frequencies, percentage distributions and

median

Data limitation Timeliness, accuracy and relevance of survey and administrative data. Stats SA does not have control over the

quality and timeliness of data from administrative sources

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator Yes

Desired performanceAll reports are on time, relevant and accurate

19.1.1 Poverty and Inequality Statistics (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 19)

Reports on life circumstances, poverty and inequality statistics compiled

Short definition CPS pilot report, CPS methodology documents, inequality trends report, report on food security in SA, poverty

mapping report based on money metric measures and 2018 poverty lines

Purpose/importance To provide improved and relevant information on poverty and inequality aligned to government priorities

Source of information/ collection of data Desktop research and internal and external stakeholders (research-related work)

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Availability of stakeholders

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator

Desired performance Relevant information on poverty and inequality to enable planning, monitoring and evaluation

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Poverty and Inequality Statistics

20.1.1 Government Financial Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 20) Number of releases on the non-financial census of municipalities published

Short definition Statistical information on service delivery by municipalities

Purpose/importance Provide information that can serve as a framework to stakeholders and policymakers in planning, as well as

monitoring and evaluating the performance of municipalities. Also used by national and provincial government

departments to analyse the actual services provided by municipalities

Source of information/ collection of data Local government institutions (LGIs) statistics are collected from local government institutions through

questionnaires

Data limitation Respondent reluctance, lack of proper records, and lack of verification tools

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality report on the non-financial census of municipalities statistics as per the release schedule

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Government Financial Statistics

21.1.1 Population Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 21) Thematic report on nuptiality compiled

Short definition Nuptiality refers to demographic aspect of conjugal unions and dissolutions and of the circumstances

through which they are established. It is the description of the frequency, characteristics, and

dissolution of marriages in a population. Focus will be on nuptial patterns and trends in SADC region

Purpose/importance The report contributes to the body of knowledge on trends in marriages in the region and the impact

of the various marital statuses thereof on demographic processes such as fertility and mortality

Source of information/ collection of data SADC recent censuses and South Africa's Community Survey 2016

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Change in marital status response categories , enumerator biases and data editing effects

Type of indicators Report

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator Yes

Desired performance Descriptive and complex analyses and mapping

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Population Statistics

21.2.1 Population Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 21) CS 2016 provincial profiles published

Short definition Provincial profiles are descriptive reports on CS2016 findings per province generated at municipal

leve

Purpose/importance Development of in-depth province-specific and household reports on population and household

dynamics provides critical indicators required for evidence-based planning and policymaking as well

as evaluation of the impact that various policies and programmes have on targeted groups

Source of information/ collection of data CS 2016

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitationBoth enumerator biases and data editing effects

Type of indicators Output

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator

Desired performance Descriptive and complex analyses and mapping

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Population Statistics

21.3.1 Population Statistics (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 21) Content development methodologies for Census 2021 tested

Short definition Census 2021 data collection methodologies – development of first online and telephonic

questionnaires; solicit useful statistical information on various institutions and transient population on census night; identification of hot spots for homeless persons through snowballing with relevant

groups

Purpose/importanceTo narrow the gap of hard-to-count populations

Source of information/ collection of data Police, interest groups feeding homeless persons; liaison with institutions and international transport

organisations

Method of calculation Identify, form collaboration groups with relevant groups, analyses of administrative records solicited

from various institutions of interest

Data limitation Response bias on records as well as other potential ones linked to administrative data

Type of indicators Report

Calculation type Statistical

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator Yes

Desired performance Knowledge on how to reduce undercount for hard-to-count population in preparation for Census

2021

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Population Statistics

22.1.1 Demographic Profiles (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 22) Number of population estimates published

Short definition Projected population estimates refers to dynamics of population estimates and in-depth reports around

demographic themes. This provides comprehensive demographic information on the population dynamics at all

levels of society (national and subprovincial levels)

Purpose/importance The demographic profile is critical for planning purposes to know how the population of the country is at a

particular point in time. Demographic reports provide more in-depth analysis around demographic themes which

gives users more insight and which provides intellectuals with a platform from which to perform further research

Source of information/

collection of data

Census, household surveys with demographic data and administrative data

Method of calculation

Assessment of data and application of established demographic techniques dependent on the type of analysis

being conducted

Data limitation Fieldwork quality which contributes to poor data and geographic depth of data which is limited by the sample from

which the data come

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality projected population estimates (national and subprovincial levels) statistics as per the release

schedule

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Demographic Analysis

22.2.1 Demographic Profiles (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 22) Research on improving demographic statistics conducted

Short definition Demographic reports on SADHS and; content and methodology research for Census 2021

Purpose/importance

The demographic profile is critical for planning purposes to know how the population of the country is at a particular point in time. Demographic reports provide more in-depth analysis around demographic themes which

gives users more insight and which provides intellectuals with a platform from which to perform further research

Source of information/ collection of data Census, household surveys with demographic data and administrative data

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Fieldwork quality which contributes to poor data and geographic depth of data which is limited by the sample from

which the data come

Type of indicators Output

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator

Desired performance Research reports to improve the demographic statistics

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Demographic Analysis

23.1.1 Vital Statistics (Core)

collection of data

Indicator title (WP – 23) Number of releases on vital statistics (births, deaths, marriages and divorces) published

Short definition Vital events include live births, deaths (including foetal deaths), marriages (civil and customary), civil unions and

divorces that occurred and that were registered for a specific year

Purpose/importance Data used as key input to population projections (birth and death data); provide accurate statistics on health status

of the population, and is used to assess census data; the data can be used for assessing the registration of marriages/unions and divorces in the country. The data also provide information on the formation and dissolution

of marriages/unions in South Africa

Source of information/ Administrative records of vital events from civil registration (births and civil and customary marriages) from the

Department of Home Affairs. Deaths as registered at DHA, coded and processed by Stats SA. The data on divorces are obtained (using the Stats SA Divorce Form) from the Department of Justice – Regional courts have been

designated to deal with divorce matters in South Africa

Method of calculation | Actual observations provided in releases and reports as frequencies, percentage distributions and medians

Data limitation Dependency on the Department of Home Affairs to submit civil registration data: Births (not all fields are

completed, not all fields are accurately completed), Deaths (not all fields are completed, not all fields are accurately completed). Dependency on the national postal system for the delivery of completed forms from the

courts to Stats SA. Stats SA does not have control over the quality and timelines of secondary data received

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality births, deaths, marriages and divorces statistics as per the release schedule

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Health and Vital Statistics

24.1.1 Vulnerable Groups Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 24) Number of statistical reports on vulnerable groups published

Short definition Statistical reports are produced about the life circumstances and activities of the elderly, youth, women, children

and the disabled. Vulnerable group reports are produced as planned using data from the GHS, QLFS, LCS and

I&E surveys, censuses, as well as administrative records

Purpose/importance Specific themes that are addressed include demographics, education, health and labour force participation.

Indicators related to these themes are used by our partners in government, academia and private enterprises for strategy and policy formulation, planning and monitoring and evaluation as it relates to elderly, youth, women,

children and the disabled

Source of information/ collection of data Household survey data and other relevant sources in the case of thematic reports

Method of calculation | Actual observations provided in statistical releases and reports as frequencies, percentage distributions and

medians

Data limitation Timeliness, accuracy and relevance of survey and administrative data. Stats SA does not have control over the

quality and timeliness of data from administrative sources

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality reports on vulnerable groups statistics as per the release schedule

24.2.1 Vulnerable Groups Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 24)

Technical support to improve vulnerable groups statistics provided

Short definition Vulnerable group statistics include indicators related to children, the youth, elderly, women and the disabled.

Government departments who provide services to these groups are considered vulnerable groups stakeholders. Technical support includes attendance of meetings, statistical advice, inputs into data collection processes whether

it is survey or administrative by nature

Purpose/importance Vulnerable group stakeholder departments approach Statistics South Africa with ad hoc requests for statistical

support. This report documents the kinds of support provided to them

Source of information/

collection of data

Record of interaction with stakeholders. If it involves data analysis, the data source can be administrative or survey

data

median

Data limitation Timeliness, accuracy and relevance of survey and administrative data

Stats SA does not have control over the quality and timeliness of data from administrative sources

Type of indicatorsOutputs (statistical releases and reports)

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator Yes

Desired performanceAll reports are on time, relevant and accurate

25.1.1 Gender Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 25)

Number of statistical reports on gender published

Short definition Gender statistics focus on the life circumstances and activities of men and women. Releases on gender are

produced as planned using data from the GHS, QLFS, LCS and I&E surveys, censuses, as well as administrative

records

Purpose/importance Specific themes that are addressed in gender statistics include demographics, education, health and labour force

participation. Indicators related to these themes are used by our partners in government, academia and private enterprises for strategy and policy formulation, planning and monitoring and evaluation as it relates to men and

women

Source of information/ collection of data Household survey data and other relevant sources in the case of thematic reports

Method of calculation | Actual observations provided in statistical releases and reports as frequencies, percentage distributions and

median

Data limitation Timeliness, accuracy and relevance of survey and administrative data. Stats SA does not have control over the

quality and timeliness of data from administrative sources

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator No

Desired performance Publish quality reports on violence against women as per the release schedule

25.2.1 Gender Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 25)

Technical support to improve gender statistics provided

Short definitionGender statistics include indicators related to the experiences of males and females in relation to the world they

live in whether it is education, employment, service delivery or any other sphere. It emphasises gender equity and measures perceptions about gender and gender roles. Gender is a subject that is mainstreamed and cross-cutting across all government departments. Technical support includes attendance of meetings, statistical advice, inputs

into data collection processes whether it is survey or administrative by nature

Purpose/importance Gender stakeholder departments approach Statistics South Africa with ad hoc requests for statistical support.

This report documents the kinds of support provided to them

Source of information/ collection of data Record of interaction with stakeholders. If it involves data analysis, the data source can be administrative or survey

date

Method of calculation | Actual observations provided in statistical releases and reports as frequencies, percentage distributions and

medians

Data limitation Timeliness, accuracy and relevance of survey and administrative data

Stats SA does not have control over the quality and timeliness of data from administrative sources

Type of indicators Outputs (statistical releases and reports)

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator Yes

Desired performanceAll reports are on time, relevant and accurate

26.1.1 Crime and Safety Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 26) Number of statistical releases on crime published

Short definition Crime and safety statistics are recognised as a tool to assist government and the general public to understand the

dynamics of crime. The information is quite critical as it examines crime from the victim's point of view. The official reports include statistics on public perceptions on crime and safety, the performance of the criminal justice system,

as well as the incidence and circumstances surrounding reported and unreported crime

Purpose/importance It examines the extent of reporting or underreporting of crime, complements crime statistics provided by

administrative sources, explores the perceptions about the police service, and acts as a benchmark against which future surveys of the same nature can be compared. These documents are used by our partners in government, academia and private enterprises for strategy and policy formulation, planning and monitoring and evaluation as it

relates to crime and safety

Source of information/ Household survey data and other relevant data sources in the case of thematic reports collection of data

Method of calculation | Actual observations provided in statistical releases and reports as frequencies, percentage distributions and

median

Data limitation Timeliness, accuracy and relevance of survey data. Partnerships with support divisions within Stats SA: Survey

Operations, CDPC, Methodology and ADAPT

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality release on crime as per the release schedule

26.2.1 Crime and Safety Statistics (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP - 26) Technical support to improve crime statistics provided

Short definition Technical support provided to stakeholders to improve crime statistics

Purpose/importance To improve the measurement of crime statistics

Source of information/

collection of data

Internal and external data

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation External data

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Periodic Reporting cycle

New indicator No

Improved crime statistics to ensure the use of internationally acclaimed practices Desired performance

27.1.1 Health Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 27) Research on improving health statistics conducted

Short definition Improvement of health statistics will include non-communicable diseases are diseases that are not caused by

infections or spread of diseases, e.g. malaria, HIV. Non-communicable disease are often also referred to as

"lifestyle diseases", e.g. diabetes

Purpose/importance It is important to get a broader picture with regards to health related aspects. There is a shift in the health profile of

the population of SA in terms of trends from communicable disease to non-communicable diseases being more

prevalent

Source of information/

GHS, LCS, SADHS 2016

Method of calculation This will be dependent on the type of disease, e.g. hypertension has a formula to be used

Data limitation GHS and LCS is self-reported/proxy reported on having certain conditions, e.g. cancer. SADHS 2016 some

indicators where measured, e.g. hypertension; others where self-reported, e.g. disability only for 5 years and above

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator No

Desired performance Improved health statistics to ensure the use of internationally acclaimed practices

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Health and Vital Statistics

28.1.1 Education Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 28) Research on expanding education statistics published

Short definition Education statistics focus on measuring educational inputs, problems and outcomes in relation to early childhood,

and primary, secondary and tertiary education. Thematic reports on education are produced as planned using

data from the GHS, censuses and other household surveys, as well as administrative records

Purpose/importance Due to the current limited scope and incompleteness of administrative records, information related to education

derived from household surveys and census records provides important complementary information about the state of education in the country. These documents are used by our partners in government, academia and private enterprises for strategy and policy formulation, planning and monitoring and evaluation as it relates to education

Source of information/
Household survey data and other relevant sources in the case of thematic reports

Method of calculation Actual observations provided in statistical releases and reports as frequencies, percentage distributions and

medians

Data limitation Timeliness, accuracy and relevance of survey and administrative data. Stats SA does not have control over the

quality and timeliness of data from administrative sources

Type of indicators Outputs

collection of data

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator No

Desired performance Publish quality education statistics as per the release schedule

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Social Statistics

28.2.1 Education Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 28)

Technical support to improve education statistics provided

Short definition Education statistics mostly draw from the GHS, censuses and other household surveys, as well as administrative

records. Technical support is provided to users of these data to improve data quality in the sector, use of common

methodology and good practice, definitions, and classifications

Purpose/importance The use of common standards and methodology in education statistics improves data quality. The platform also

creates a forum to discuss data needs and creates inventory of data items collected in the sector

Source of information/ collection of data GHS, CS, Censuses and other household surveys. Administrative records on education

Method of calculation Indicator values using standard good practice as per user requests. Provide technical support on method of

calculation, definition and classification as per user requests

Data limitationTimeliness, accuracy and relevance of survey and administrative data. Stats SA does not have control over the

quality and timeliness of data from administrative sources

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator

Desired performance Publish quality education statistics as per the release schedule

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Social Statistics

29.1.1 Governance Statistics (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 29)

Sector strategy and plan for the measurement of governance developed

Short definition Sector strategy and plan for the measurement of governance and public sector management

Purpose/importance Due to the current limited scope of information on governance, it has become important to diagnose the

coverage, potential gaps and quality of the current governance statistics system. This is necessary in order to measure governance statistics in a more consistent and systematic way and according to SASQAF standards. Data obtained from surveys and administrative records information can be used by our partners in government,

academia and private enterprises for strategy and policy formulation, planning and monitoring and evaluation as it

relates to governance

Source of information/ collection of data Stakeholder consultation, survey data and other relevant administrative data sources

Method of calculation | Actual observations provided in statistical releases and reports as frequencies, percentage distributions and

medians

Data limitation Timeliness, accuracy and relevance of survey and administrative data. Stats SA does not have control over the

quality and timeliness of data from administrative sources

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator

Desired performance Report on measuring governance statistics and establishing a governance, public safety and justice component,

using existing resources

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Social Statistics

30.1.1 Integrative Research and Analysis (Discontinued)

31.1.1 Integrative Research and Analysis – Policy Research and Analysis (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 31) Research on improving government's socio-economic planning conducted

Short definitionAny study involving statistics from both the social cluster and/or economics cluster

Purpose/importance To develop new and innovative statistical products to inform government planning, monitoring and evaluation,

policy development and decision-making, e.g. Zipf's rule which provides estimates from spatially aggregated Stats

SA surveys for disaggregated local municipality planning (IDPs)

Source of information/ collection of data Statistics produced mostly in the various divisions of Stats SA data and administrative data from other departments

Method of calculation Usage of scientific statistical methods and theories for the development of findings

Data limitation General scarcity of available official socioeconomic data in the country

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Research reports on application of internationally acclaimed statistical practices and use of latest trends in terms of

methodologies approved on time

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Policy Research and Analysis

31.2.1 Integrative Research and Analysis – Policy Research and Analysis (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 31) Research on spatial analysis conducted

Short definition Research reports on spatial analysis related to geographical analysis

Purpose/importance To develop new and innovative statistical products to inform government planning, monitoring and evaluation,

policy development and decision-making; otherwise Stats SA provides only raw data statistics

Source of information/ collection of data Statistics produced mostly in the various divisions of Stats SA data and administrative data from other departments

Method of calculation Usage of scientific statistical methods and theories for the development of findings

Data limitation General scarcity of available official spatial data in the country

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator No

Desired performance Research reports on application of internationally acclaimed statistical practices and use of latest trends in terms of

methodologies approved on time

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Policy Research and Analysis

31.3.1 Growth Accounting Framework (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 31) Experimental Growth Accounting Framework refined

Short definition

GAF is an instrument to monitor the general behaviour of average incomes through the symptomatic drivers influencing them. This instrument is an index derived from the geometric mean due to its attractive property to

provide balanced estimates to the construct of interest – in this case average incomes

Purpose/importance

Principally the purpose of the GAF is to analyse the consistency and coherence of the national accounts in a country as a whole. As such, the GAF is embedded in the methodological processes of a number of national

statistical offices including the US, Australia, Finland, and UK, to name but a few

Source of information/ Economic, social and population surveys collection of data

observed totals in the construct under study

 Data limitation
 Availability of relevant and accurate data, particularly from external sources

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator Yes

Desired performanceUse of acclaimed international practices on economic statistics

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Methodology and Evaluation

31.4.1 Demographic Dividend Analysis (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 31) Research on demographic dividend analysis conducted

Short definition The demographic dividend is an instrument to monitor economic growth from changes in savings and

accumulation of capital

Purpose/importance Principally the purpose of the demographic dividend is to analyse the consistency and coherence of aggregate

consumption under changes in population and labour inputs

Source of information/ collection of data Economic, social and population surveys

Method of calculation | Simple count (consistency in averaging and weighting to observed and derived totals in the studied construct)

Data limitation Availability of relevant and accurate data, from internal as well as external sources

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator Yes

Desired performanceUse of accepted international practices on economic statistics

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Methodology and Evaluation

32. Integrative Research and Analysis (Discontinued)

33.1.1 Data Revolution (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 33)

Document on data revolution developed

Short definition Leading and sharing data revolution initiatives nationally

Purpose/importance The purpose is to close the data gaps and strengthen the capability of the national statistics system

Source of information/collection of data

International, regional and national documents on data revolution

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation New emerging concept internationally which is still in an exploratory stage

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator

Desired performance Data revolution framework and strategy implemented

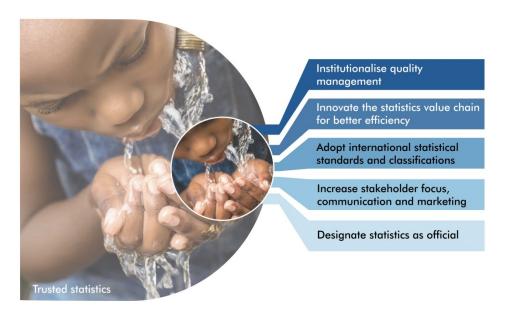
Indicator responsibility Office of the SG

Strategic Outcome 2: Trusted statistics

Goal statement: By 2020, the statistical value chain is based on sound statistical quality principles in line with international standards and classifications that engender trust in our products. Key indicators for success are:

- 10% of statistical series are certified as official
- Five independent evaluations have been conducted
- Two international standards adopted and implemented
- Delighted users of statistical products

Strategic objectives under Trusted statistics:



34.1.1 Quality Management System (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 34) Quality management system developed

Short definition Quality management system outlines practices and procedures on running a quality management system by data

quality management through an integrated quality management strategy and plan

Purpose/importance Institutionalising quality management

Source of information/ collection of data Scientific and applied specialised literature on quality management and data quality

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Availability of all the stakeholders

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator No

Desired performance Effective and efficient quality management system

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Methodology and Evaluation

35.1.1 Methodology and Evaluation (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 35) PES methodology for Census 2021 designed

Short definition Development of strategy and methodology for evaluating Census 2021 coverage and content errors

Purpose/importance Providing stakeholders with quantitative information for determining the overall quality of the census programme

Source of information/ collection of data Scientific and applied specialised literature on post-enumeration surveys, lessons learnt from Census 2011 PES

and Census 2021 strategy and methodology documents

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Availability of Census 2021 documents

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator Yes

Desired performance Effective and efficient evaluation of the census

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Methodology and Evaluation

36.1.1 Survey Coordination, Monitoring and Evaluation (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 36)

Number of survey monitoring and evaluation reports compiled

Short definition Continuously monitor and conduct process evaluations for the population and household-based surveys within the

population, and forward recommendations to decisions-makers for quality improvements

Purpose/importance To identify the population and household surveys input, process and output indicators, and monitor its

implementation continuously, with the aim of reporting on how the population and household-based surveys were conducted and the quality thereof. M&E reports are about quality assurance and controls of household surveys and

monitoring thereof

Source of information/

collection of data

Population and household surveys plans, questionnaires and planning documents. Different M&E tools developed

by the SCM&E divisions based on how the surveys are conducted

Method of calculation Simple count (number of reports submitted or circulated to stakeholders)

Data limitationThe division does not cover outcome and impact indicators. Only population and household-based surveys are

monitored and evaluated

Type of indicators Process

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Produce and submit quality reports to relevant stakeholders to assist them in areas of concern, particularly during

data collection

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Survey Coordination, Monitoring and Evaluation

37.1.1 Methodology and Evaluation (Core)

Indicator title (WP - 37) Percentage methodological support provided on time

Short definition Methodological support assists producers of statistics and various stakeholders to ensure quality research, data

comparability and statistical integrity of official statistics

Purpose/importance Methodological support is provided to various stakeholders to ensure the constructs and principles of

methodological processes within the survey value chain are of statistical integrity and best practice

Source of information/ Survey data of various household surveys from the population and social statistics cluster. Business Register with collection of data

business records compiled countrywide from DTI and SARS. Cluster and divisional plans, templates and reports

Method of calculation Methodological notes and datasets published after sampling, weighting and estimation. Review and updating of

programs for sampling, weighting and estimation

Data limitation Timeliness, accuracy and relevance of business and survey data. Dependency on the data from survey areas

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator No

Desired performance Provide methodological support to ensure statistical releases, reports and datasets published are on time, relevant

and accurate

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Methodology and Evaluation

37.2.1 Methodology and Evaluation (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 37)

Researching methodological practices in economic and social statistics.

Short definition Research report on alternative approaches to variance estimation, seasonal adjustment, methodological

procedures in sampling and quality management using data mining

Purpose/importance Methodological support is provided to various stakeholders to ensure the constructs and principles of

methodological processes within the survey value chain are of statistical integrity and best practice

Source of information/
collection of data

Survey data of various household surveys from the population and social statistics cluster. Business Register with business records compiled countrywide from DTI and SARS. Cluster and divisional plans, templates and reports

Method of calculation Methodological notes and datasets published after sampling, weighting and estimation. Review and updating of

programs for sampling, weighting and estimation

Data limitation Timeliness, accuracy and relevance of business and survey data. Dependency on the data from survey areas

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Provide methodological support to ensure statistical releases, reports and datasets published are on time, relevant

and accurate

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Methodology and Evaluation

38.1.1 Census and Community Survey Operations (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 38) Census 2021 documents compiled

Short definition Report on new methodologies on data collection, training and logistics for Census 2021, publicity and advocacy

and field operations quality plan

Purpose/importance The data collected in population censuses provide a sampling frame for intercensal surveys which provides further

insights into demographic and socio-economic trends for purposes of monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of various policies and programmes, while the Community Survey provides estimates of the population count and the number of households in a municipality in order to provide data that will serve as input

into their Integrated Development Plans (IDPs) and infrastructure investment budgeting

Source of information/ collection of data Data are collected from households countrywide for Census, and from sampled households and enumeration

areas for the Community Survey

Method of calculation Based on count: Number of dwelling units enumerated and questionnaires collected for Census and large-scale

household surveys

Data limitationNon-response rates: Data limitations are mainly due to the completeness of the collected data. Although the

census target is to count everyone in the country there are cases of refusals to participate from households with

cases of non-contacts and some areas which are difficult to access like the high-walled areas

Type of indicatorsOutputs – Questionnaires and DUs enumerated

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator No

Desired performance Reports recommendations leading to full count of the population, above 90% response rates, particularly for CS.

Enumeration completed on time and with high quality

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Census and Community Survey

39.1.1 Household Survey Operations (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 39) Number of reports on quality assurance conducted

Short definition Coordination and monitoring on data collection for CDC are done on a quarterly basis from households, whereas

data collection on QLFS is conducted monthly. Quality assurance is conducted on a continuous basis

Purpose/importance Do quality assurance of collected and completed questionnaires during the fieldwork

Source of information/collection of data

Monthly and quarterly completed questionnaires from district offices

Method of calculation Target of 5% of the sample questionnaires quality assured in the field

Data limitation Number of human resources available. The ideal situation would have been to use 10% of the sampled

questionnaires

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator Quality Assurance Plan and Tool

Desired performance Submit the required documents for compliance, accountability and effective governance

39.2.1 Household Survey Operations (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 39) Number of reports on maintenance of master sample

Short definition Listing and maintenance of the primary sampling units (PSUs) to be sampled for QLFS and CDC surveys

Purpose/importance Continuous updating of the dwelling frame for the preparation of the sampling process

Source of information/collection of data

Methodology Chief Directorate provides the list of PSUs to listed or investigated

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitationThe exercise is done through printing of maps which might be problematic at times due to poor quality

Type of indicators Captured and listed maps

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Georeferenced frame (coordinates using the GIF/SIF frame)

Desired performance Submit the required documents for compliance, accountability and effective governance

39.3.1 Household Survey Operations (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 39)

Number of training sessions on household survey operations

Short definition Provision of national training to provincial trainers PSCs for training and data collection

Purpose/importance Development and printing of training manuals. Conduct training to train the trainers basis for CDC and QLFS

surveys

Source of information/ collection of data Training manuals provided by content. Trainees from all provincial offices

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitationCurrent training is based on paper manuals and questionnaires. The aging group of trainers from provinces

has a negative impact

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Quarterly

New indicator E-learning on improving the quality and reducing the cost of training

Desired performance Submit the required documents for compliance, accountability and effective governance

39.4.1 Household Survey Operations (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 39) Report on improving household survey operations

Short definition | Implementation of the CAPI Transition (Digital data collection) important on evaluating the success of the new data

collection methodology

Purpose/importance | Improving the turnaround time of quality and cost of data collection for household surveys

Source of information/collection of data

Monitoring of the data collection process from all the district offices

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Development of dashboard reporting system as a monitoring tool

Type of indicators Quarterly progress reports

Calculation type Cumulative

Reporting cycle Quarterly

New indicator Dashboard reporting

Desired performance Submit the required documents for compliance, accountability and effective governance

40.1.1 Provincial Offices (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 40) Response rate for household surveys achieved

Short definitionThe percentage of eligible respondents who completed questionnaires with usable information to the total number

of eligible respondents during a survey period (unprocessed data)

Purpose/importanceTo measure the extent of participation by eligible respondents in a survey at provincial level; a high response rate

helps to minimise the standard errors, therefore improving the accuracy of both provincial and national estimates

Source of information/ collection of data

Data collected from sampled households

Method of calculation Response rate = $\frac{\text{Response}}{\text{Response} + \text{Non response}} \times 100$

Where response and non-response are as defined in the standard classification of the result codes for enumeration

Data limitationNon-responses and out-of-scope scenarios, such as community protests, and at this stage the response rate

represents raw or unprocessed data, therefore it is subject to change after processing

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Quarterly and annually

New indicator

Desired performance A response rate of at least 90% is desirable

Indicator responsibility Provincial Chief Directors

40.2.1 Provincial Offices (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 40) Provincial plan for Census 2021 compiled

Short definition Planning for Census 2021

Purpose/importance Provide a complete and clean data from the field

Source of information/collection of data

Household and DU level country-wide for Census and Sample EAs based for large scale household surveys

Method of calculation Number of dwelling units enumerated and questionnaires collected for census and large-scale household surveys

Data limitationNon-response rates

Type of indicators Activity (Process)

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator No

Desired performance Successful planning for Census 2021

Indicator responsibility Provincial Chief Directors



41.1.1 Corporate Data Processing (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 41) Percentage questionnaires processed

Short definition Processing and editing of QLFS, EPWP, GHS, DTS, GPSJS questionnaires for population and social statistics data

Purpose/importance Provide accurate, reliable and timely data to be utilised in the preparation and development of QLFS, EPWP, GHS,

DTS, GPSJS release

Source of information/ collection of data Surveys when collecting data: QLFS, EPWP, GHS, DTS, GPSJS

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitationThe data are virtual, once processed. In some cases the data need to be verified and confirmed against physical

instruments where there are some inconsistencies in the data. Quality and timeliness depends on Household

Survey Operations division

Calculation type Cumulative

Reporting cycle Quarterly/annually/periodic

New indicator

Desired performance Quality processing and editing of questionnaires

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Corporate Data Processing

41.2.1 Corporate Data Processing (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 41) Percentage death notification forms for mortality and causes of death processed

Short definition Processing and editing of mortality and causes of death

Purpose/importance Provide accurate, reliable and timely data to be utilised in the preparation for the causes of death report

Source of information/collection of data

Administrative records on mortality and causes of death

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitationQuality and timeliness depend on the Department of Home Affairs in completing forms accurately and submitting

them to Stats SA on time

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator No

Desired performance Quality processing and editing of notification forms

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Corporate Data Processing

41.3.1 Corporate Data Processing (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 41) Digital data collection for household surveys (phase 2) implemented

Short definition | Implementing digital data collection for household surveys (phase 2) for improved data processing

Purpose/importance Provide reliable information on the data collection methodologies to improve data collection

Source of information/ collection of data International, regional and national documents

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Internal and external data

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator No

Desired performance Reports to improve data processing to ensure the use of internationally acclaimed principles

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Corporate Data Processing

42.1.1 Publication Services (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 42) Percentage publications compiled

Short definition The publications contain a summary of statistical releases and reports. Time series are datasets in various tools

Purpose/importanceTo indicate the number and date of release of the publications and time series

Source of information/collection of data

Published reports

Method of calculation Counting of the reports

Data limitation No limitation

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type

This is a cumulative number to obtain number of publications over a 12-month period

Reporting cycleWhile it is reported on a monthly basis, it is accumulated to an annual basis

New indicator

Desired performance Publications compiled timeously

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Publication Services

42.2.1 Publication Services (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 42) Data warehouse procedures developed

Short definition Reports on data warehouse procedures for improved publication services

Purpose/importance Data warehouse procedures enables the storage of information in a centralised, classified mode and in a user-

friendly manner. This is a process to assist in the efficiency of data warehouse procedures

Source of information/

collection of data

Internal and external data

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation External data

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator No

Desired performanceTo improve and expand publication services to increase the use of official statistics

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Publication Services

43.1.1 Stakeholder Relations and Marketing – Website (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 43)

Percentage increase of visitor sessions to the website

Short definition Stakeholder Relations engages with stakeholders on a daily basis, and through this engagement, new stakeholders

are registered. To know and understand the use of statistical information

Purpose/importance The purpose of updating the information on the website is to provide users with current information. It also ensures

that the organisational information in the public domain remains relevant

Source of information/ collection of data Updated stakeholder information on the website – registered by recent date

Method of calculation Simple

Data limitationDue to the recent revamped website, stakeholders have registered their dissatisfaction about difficulties in

accessing some information on the website. Low response rates on the User Satisfaction Survey

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Capturing a wide variety of stakeholders using Stats SA information and data

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Stakeholder Relations and Marketing

43.2.1 Stakeholder Relations and Marketing – Website (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 43)

Percentage increase publications downloaded from website

Short definitionDownloaded publications on the website. It also ensures that the organisational information in the public domain

remains relevant

Purpose/importanceTo measure accessibility and use of statistical information through the website

Source of information/ collection of data Website statistics

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Different website tools to count

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Cumulative

Reporting cycle Monthly, quarterly and annually

New indicator No

Desired performance Increased downloads from the website

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Stakeholder Relations and Marketing

43.3.1 Stakeholder Relations and Marketing – (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 43) Number of Joint statistical publications

Short definitionBRICS Joint Statistical Publication is the publication for socio-economic indicators of all BRICS Countries.

Purpose/importance Intended to put on a single platform all the important socio-economic data of all countries and disseminate the

same for mutual benefit of all the countries.

Source of information/

collection of data

Internal and external sources (Stats SA and other data producers) and other BRICS Countries

Method of calculation Simple Count

Data limitation Not being able to get all data from the sources

Type of indicators Output

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle 5 yearly

New indicator Yes

Desired performance Desirable performance achieved 5 yearly

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Stakeholder Relations and Marketing

44.1.1 Statistical Standards Development (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 44)

Number of standards developed

Short definition Statistical standards in the organisation are identified through the South African Statistical Quality Assessment

Framework (SASQAF) standards, the Statistical Value Chain (SVC), as well as proposals. The development of standards in the organisation follows a standard process, namely the Standards Development Life Cycle (SDLC), which forms part of the Standardisation Framework of Stats SA. The following standards will be developed:

standards on determining the need for information, data linking and tabulation plan

Purpose/importance Standards are a precondition for production of good quality statistics. Adherence to standards enhances

international comparability and ensures that policymakers base their decisions on information that is reliable and

of good quality in general

Source of information/ collection of data Development of statistical standards is based on research on international best practice, legislation and policy.

Some standards are developed by harmonising current organisational practices

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitationSome standards are more complex than others, and may require more time and resources than anticipated during

planning. This may result in delayed delivery of standards

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance All statistical standards planned for development to be achieved on time

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Survey Standards

44.2.1 Statistical Standards Development (Core)

Indicator title (WP - 44) Number of standards reviewed

Short definition Statistical standards in the organisation are identified through the South African Statistical Quality Assessment

> Framework (SASQAF) standards, the Statistical Value Chain (SVC), as well as proposals. The reviewing of standards in the organisation follows a standard process, namely the Standards Development Life Cycle (SDLC), which forms part of the Standardisation Framework of Stats SA. The following standards will be reviewed: Standards on weighting methodology, tables and charts, document versioning and seasonal adjustment

Purpose/importance Update the current standards to ensure their relevance to current trends, especially in the core areas

Source of information/ Review of statistical standards is based on research on international best practice, legislation and policy. Some collection of data

standards are developed by harmonising current organisational practices

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Some internal stakeholders are reluctant to participate in the review of standards, which in the final analysis affects

their buy-in during the implementation of the related standards

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator No

Desired performance All statistical standards reviewed to be used effectively by relevant stakeholders

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Survey Standards

45.1.1 Corporate Communications (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 45)

Percentage internal communication products compiled

Short definition Communication tools used internally to communicate different messages from management to staff. It includes

training to increase the use of data visuals by employees

Purpose/importance Internal stakeholders need to be kept informed of organisational issues and decisions made by management

Source of information/ collection of data Printed and electronic products and video recordings of press conferences

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Organisational culture to adapt to electronic changes. Limited resources to be used to gather information

Type of indicators Inputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Communication channels should be flexible and easily accessible to all employees

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Corporate Communications

45.2.1 Corporate Communications (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 45)

Dashboard of media perception compiled

Short definition

Media perception is measured through a quarterly media analysis report containing amongst others reputational indicators. The dashboard also measures Statistics South Africa's contribution to the battle of ideas in public discourse and its share of voice on news reporting about itself and/or its principals

Purpose/importance

The media dashboards and the quarterly analysis report primarily serves the following purposes:

- Media reputation management (ensure reputational risks and incorrect public perceptions are identified and addressed, ensure negative reporting by the media is always addressed)
- Inform external communication/media strategies (by identifying opportunities and shortfalls in media communication)
- Media strategy/plan evaluation (media analysis is the primary tool for measuring whether external
 communication objectives have been met and, in cases where objectives were not met, diagnose likely
 causes and recommend remedies)
- Ensure the organisation communicates better with all its stakeholders, including South Africans at grassroots levels for improved service delivery (by recommending communication tactics based on evidence gained from daily media monitoring and analysis)

Source of information/collection of data

Data are collected on a daily basis as part of Media Monitoring and Analysis. Source of the raw data is the mass media in South Africa and abroad (only in case of newspapers and online/digital media)

Method of calculation

Simple count

Data limitation

The monitoring exercise does not include grassroots/community media due to lack of media monitoring infrastructure in the South African market

Type of indicators

Inputs

Calculation type

Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle

Annually and quarterly

New indicator

No

Desired performance

Updated dashboard

Indicator responsibility

Chief Director: Corporate Communications

45.3.1 Corporate Communications (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 45) Strategic communication initiatives rolled out

Short definition Report on Internal communication channels and products, of training sessions and engagements with community

media and communication support to SANSS

Purpose/importance Internal stakeholders need to be kept informed of organisational issues and decisions; external stakeholders need

to be made aware of the work of the organisation and the importance of using official statistics for planning and decision-making; and the media are important in communicating organisational messages and ensuring that the

organisation is viewed as credible

Source of information/

collection of data

Printed and electronic products; procurement documents and emails; registers and video recordings of press

conferences

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Availability of the SG for staff and media interactions

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Quarterly

New indicator

Desired performance Adherence to targets as set out in the organisational strategy and work programme

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Corporate Communications

46.1.1 Stakeholder Relations and Marketing (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 46)

Percentage of telephonic queries handled within 15 minutes

Short definitionThe percentage used to calculate the turnaround time of handling user requests in line with Batho Pele principles.

15-minute requests cover simple and accessible information to various stakeholders

Purpose/importanceThe purpose of user requests is to monitor the type of information requested and to monitor the turnaround times

to service our stakeholders in line with the Service Delivery Improvement Plan, which is informed by the Batho Pele

principles

Source of information/ collection of data Customer Relations Management system (CRM) and User Satisfaction Survey

Method of calculation Addition of numbers visited and downloaded from website

Data limitationThere is a problem with calculating percentages for requests due to unstableness of the Customer Relations

Management (CRM) system. Due to problems with the CRM system, the stakeholder database is not updated properly and this leads to outdated information about stakeholders. The implication is that SRM cannot source up-

to-date stakeholder information to respond to the User Satisfaction Survey, leading to low response rates

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Cumulative

Reporting cycle Monthly, quarterly, annually

New indicator

Desired performance Maximum use of our data products and good service. Satisfied stakeholders

46.2.1 Stakeholder Relations and Marketing (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 46) Percentage email queries handled within 24 hours

Short definitionThe percentage used to calculate the turnaround time of handling user requests in line with Batho Pele principles.

24-hour requests cover normal requests which may require the creation of several tables to populate the required

information

Purpose/importanceThe purpose of user requests is to monitor the type of information requested and to monitor the turnaround times

to service our stakeholders in line with the Service Delivery Improvement Plan, which is informed by the Batho Pele principles. The User Satisfaction Survey measures how satisfied Stats SA stakeholders are with the information

available within Stats SA

Source of information/ collection of data Customer Relations Management system (CRM) and User Satisfaction Survey

Method of calculation Addition of numbers visited and downloaded from website

Data limitationThere is a problem with calculating percentages for requests due to unstableness of the Customer Relations

Management (CRM) system. Due to problems with the CRM system, the stakeholder database is not updated properly and this leads to outdated information about stakeholders. The implication is that SRM cannot source up-

to-date stakeholder information to respond to the User Satisfaction Survey, leading to low response rates

Calculation type Cumulative

Reporting cycle Monthly, quarterly, annually

New indicator

Desired performance Maximum use of our data products and good service. Satisfied stakeholders

46.3.1 Stakeholder Relations and Marketing (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 46) Percentage queries handled within 5 days

Short definitionThe percentage used to calculate the turnaround time of handling user requests in line with Batho Pele principles.

5-day special requests need subject matter specialists and usually require in-depth analysis of data

Purpose/importanceThe purpose of user requests is to monitor the type of information requested and to monitor the turnaround times

to service our stakeholders in line with the Service Delivery Improvement Plan, which is informed by the Batho Pele principles. The User Satisfaction Survey measures how satisfied Stats SA stakeholders are with the information

available within Stats SA

Source of information/

Customer Relations Management system (CRM) and User Satisfaction Survey

Method of calculation Addition of numbers visited and downloaded from website

Data limitationThere is a problem with calculating percentages for requests due to unstableness of the Customer Relations

Management (CRM) system. Due to problems with the CRM system, the stakeholder database is not updated properly and this leads to outdated information about stakeholders. The implication is that SRM cannot source up-

to-date stakeholder information to respond to the User Satisfaction Survey, leading to low response rates

Calculation type Cumulative

Reporting cycle Monthly, quarterly, annually

New indicator

Desired performance Maximum use of our data products and good service. Satisfied stakeholders

46.4.1 Stakeholder Relations and Marketing – User Satisfaction Report (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 46)

User Satisfaction Survey (USS) conducted

Short definition The User satisfaction survey is conducted to assess stakeholder needs and how satisfied they are with the

information disseminated

Purpose/importance The User Satisfaction Survey measures how satisfied Stats SA stakeholders are with the information produced by

Stats SA

Source of information/ collection of data Customer Relations Management (CRM) system

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Correct and updated stakeholder database. Response rate for the USS

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Increased use of Stats SA data/products to meet stakeholder needs

46.5.1 Stakeholder Relations and Marketing – SuperCross training (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 46) Percentage super-cross training sessions conducted

Short definition Users are trained on the use of super-cross software

Purpose/importance The census data is confidential, users are given the super-cross software which allows them tabulate the census

data without having access to the unit records

Source of information/ collection of data Stats SA census and community survey

Method of calculation Excel tables

Data limitationNo data limitations

Type of indicators Output

Calculation type Simple Count

Reporting cycle Quarterly

New indicator Yes

Desired performance Desirable performance achieved quarterly

47.1.1 Independent Assessment Units – SANSS (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 47) SASQAF quality statements produced

Short definition Data quality improvement using SASQAF is a requirement for certifying data as official. Datasets that do not fulfil

the quality criterion set in SASQAF are deemed to be of poor quality

Purpose/importance It provides an indication of the quality of the data and serves as an input on required areas of quality improvement

Source of information/ collection of data Assessment is based on metadata that are provided by the owner of the data

Method of calculation Available metadata are checked against the requirements of SASQAF standards. Scores are allocated to each

standard, based on the benchmarks that apply in order to quantify the overall levels of quality. Level 1: poor statistics; Level 2: questionable statistics; Level 3: acceptable statistics; Level 4: quality statistics. Scores are then aggregated by dimensions. The overall score which is the average of the dimension scores also indicates the

overall quality level of the product

Data limitationThe assessment process is based on the willingness of the data owner to subject their product to the assessment.

The process can be tedious as it requires assembling supporting documents by the data owner for every standard. The scoring is based on the availability of the required metadata and hence on whether all the practices are fully documented. Often, data owners do not document all their practices, especially if they do not have full control of the entire statistical value chain. Hence, they could decide to withdraw from the assessment which could result in

an incomplete process and no quality statement for the statistical product

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Reports on SASQAF developed and reviewed

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Independent Assessment Unit

47.2.1 Independent Assessment Units – SANSS (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 47)

Proposal for modernising the assessment process developed

Short definitionThe aim of this process is to modernise part of the assessment process, in particular the self-assessment, by

allowing this to be done electronically

Purpose/importance This will improve efficiency of the assessment process as NSS members will be able to have a preliminary sense of

their level of readiness for the independent assessment process

Source of information/

collection of data

The requirements will be provided by the IAU technical team, while the MIS unit within SANSS will develop the

system specifications

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation None

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative report

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator Yes

Desired performance Approved Specifications

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Independent Assessment Unit and Chief Director: Information Management (SANSS)

Strategic Outcome 3: Partners in statistics

Goal statement: By 2020, Stats SA is leading statistical coordination in the country. Partners in the SANSS actively participate in statistical coordination structures, are establishing statistics units to improve the quality of statistics generated and increase the use of statistics as evidence to inform policy processes. South Africa continues to guide and influence statistical development in the region, continent and the world. Key indicators for success are:

- 20% of municipalities are updating the spatial information frame through collaborative partnerships
- · A geostatistically enabled institution powered by informatics
- 5% of organs of state actively participate in the SANSS
- A National Strategy for the Development of Statistics has been compiled by 2017

Strategic objectives under Partners in statistics:



48.1.1 Geographic Frames and Geographic Services (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 48)

Dwelling frame at metro, city and regional service centre levels published

Short definition A Geospatial Integrated Framework (GIF) is a georeferenced dataset of structures (points) and areas required by

Stats SA as an input frame for conducting surveys and censuses. The whole idea is based on migrating the Master Sample dataset to the new frame of GIF. It is one of the key priority projects for the organisation in the current

financial year

Purpose/importance The spatial information framework is essential for the management of change within the South African

environment, that provides for the drawing and updating of sample frameworks for the collection and

dissemination of quality statistics

Source of information/

collection of data

Administrative records from municipalities, digital satellite imagery, internal data from the listing capture books and

master sample updates

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation External data

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator

Desired performance Published dwelling frame at metro, cities and regional service centres

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Geography Frames

48.2.1 Geographic Frames and Geographic Services (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 48) Number of provinces demarcated

Short definition Demarcation is a process of re-determining new boundaries of place names, enumeration areas and small areas

for sampling and field enumeration for censuses and surveys

Purpose/importance To update the size and extent of spatial boundaries to accommodate changes on the ground caused by either

growth in or decline of settlements

Source of information/

collection of data

Administrative records from municipalities, digital satellite imagery, internal data from the listing capture books and

master sample updates

Method of calculation Number of EAs and place names updated

Data limitation Outdated base due to movement of population

Calculation type Cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance All provinces demarcated accordingly for surveys (implementation of SIF)

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Geography Frames

49.1.1 Spatial Information Frame – Provinces (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 49) Percentage of municipalities updated

Short definition The maintenance of an updated provincial geographic frame that will support all household-based surveys and

censuses

Purpose/importance Maintaining an updated spatial frame provides credibility and confidence to all the activities in the statistical value

chain

Source of information/ collection of data Structures listed and spatial points captured. Any layer of the Spatial Information Frame: PSUs, place names

updated, addresses assigned

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Changing characteristics of features point, e.g. demolished, vacant, classification error, etc.

Calculation type Cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance 100% updated provincial spatial information frame

Indicator responsibility Provincial Chief Directors

50.1.1 Business Register (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 50) Number of financial sampling frames compiled

Short definition The Statistical Business Register (SBR) is a database containing selected information of all businesses in South

Africa, irrespective of size and economic activity performed, that have registered their business with at least one of the following government authorities, i.e. the Department of Trade and Industry and the South African Revenue Service. The Business Sampling Frame is extracted from the SBR and serves as a basis for most economic statistics

surveys conducted by Statistics South Africa

Purpose/importance The Statistical Business Register provides the Chief Directorate: Methodology and Evaluation with the requested

business sampling frame that enables the drawing of samples for the different economic statistics surveys

Source of information/ collection of data Available documentation on international best practice as well as administrative (legislative) data

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitationThe Statistical Business Register is a database containing selected information of all registered (mainly value-added

tax) businesses in South Africa. The accurate reporting on the economic activity performed by these businesses is a challenge as the classification systems at the source of the information are not aligned to an international classification system or standard, e.g. ISIC. Interpretation of data should be done in conjunction with the various

legislation under which the data serves. The information is treated as confidential unit record data

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodically

New indicator

Desired performance Reports to improve the quality of the Statistical Business Register

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Business Register

50.2.1 Business Register (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 50) Strategic initiatives to improve the Business Register implemented

Short definition Further implementation of the units model

Purpose/importance Documents/ reports are produced for improvement and development purposes of the statistical Business Register

Source of information/collection of data

Statistical Business Register is based on administrative (taxation) data

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation External data – administrative

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Reports to improve the Statistical Business Register

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Business Register

51.1.1 Economic Social Statistics Subsystems – SANSS (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 51) Coordination of economic and social statistics subsystems improved

Short definition | Established partnerships with various organs of state in Economic and Social Statistics with the aim of providing

technical support and improving the quality of statistics

Purpose/importance To ensure that organs of state produce good quality statistics for planning and decision-making

Source of information/ collection of data Organs of state with whom Stats SA has collaborated through Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Organs of state unable to finalise some of the projects due to unavailability of funds

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator No

Desired performance Increase coordination with organs of state to increase production of official statistics

Indicator responsibility Chief Directors: Economic and Social Statistics Subsystem

52.1.1 Information Management – SANSS (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 52)

Strategy on data sharing developed

Short definition Document that describes the strategy for data sharing within the NSS

Purpose/importance Strategy will propose a common mechanism(s) for sharing data among SANSS partners dependent on the financial

and other resources available in the department

Source of information/ collection of data Desktop research

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation External data

Calculation type Non-cumulative reports

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator Yes

Desired performance Approved strategy document on data sharing

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Information Management

52.2.1 Information Management – SANSS (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 52) Protocol on data sharing developed

Short definition Protocol on data sharing will describe the procedures to follow when sharing data among NSS partners. The

procedure will describe the use standardised statistical tool for sharing data and metadata

Purpose/importance Protocol will allow data producers to share data and metadata among themselves in a manner that is efficient and

preserves the confidentiality of respondents. This is for both operational matters and statistical reporting

Source of information/

collection of data

Desktop research

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitationExternal data

Calculation type Non-cumulative reports

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator Yes

Desired performance Approved data-sharing protocol document

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Information Management

52.3.1 Information Management – SANSS (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 52) Information management in the SANSS improved

Short definition System specifications for SASQAF, E-data transfer tool amongst SANSS members and dissemination tool amongst SANSS

members for improved information management in the SANSS

Purpose/importance Reports indicate the implementation of the data repository, data sharing and data dissemination by sector

departments. To that end, Information Management report indicates the need for implementing sectoral data

inventories to identify what data are collected and whether there is duplication of collection

Source of information/ collection of data Desktop research

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation External data

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Non-cumulative reports

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator No

Desired performance Integration of information management system in the SANSS

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Information Management

53.1.1 Statistical Reporting – SANSS (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 53)

National and international statistics coordinated

Short definition Report on SDG indicators, protocols for the development, compliance and reporting of indicators maintained and

Integrated Indicator Framework updated

Purpose/importance Provide an indication of the reports that are required to comply with our national and international reporting

obligations. Critical, as it provides a source of progress measurement on development imperatives of the

government

Source of information/ collection of data Government departments and other countries across the world

Method of calculation Progress is measured according to specific goals, targets and indicators prescribed by international agencies.

Methods of computation are standardised according to set protocols established internationally

Data limitation Process is sometimes curtailed due to lack of data from sector departments and poor quality of available data,

which makes reporting on all indicators impossible

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator

Desired performance Increase collaboration with other organs of state on national and international statistics

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Statistical Reporting

54.1.1 Standards and measurement – SANSS (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 54)

Technical support in statistical production provided to organs of state

Short definition SANSS receives requests from sector departments for assistance on improving the data quality of statistical outputs

for which the department is responsible. The work includes an evaluation of the relevant department's work processes according to criteria as set out in the SASQAF document and according to the statistical value chain

Purpose/importance This will enable departments to improve the quality of data that are used in policy decision-making processes

Source of information/ collection of data Government departments

Method of calculation Simple count (number of reports submitted or circulated to various stakeholders)

Data limitation Lack of metadata, standards and methodologies employed by sector departments

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Increase collaboration in the production of official statistics with other organs of state

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: National Statistics System

54.2.1 Standards and measurement – SANSS (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 54) Diagnostic assessment reports compiled

Short definition Report on diagnostic assessment

Purpose/importance Assess the status of quality of data in various government departments

Source of information/collection of data

Government departments

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitationLack of metadata, standards and methodologies employed by sector departments

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator

Desired performance Increase collaboration in the production of official statistics with other organs of state

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: National Statistics System

55.1.1 Statistical Coordination – Provinces (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 55)

Percentage statistical support provided to SANSS partners

Short definition Providing statistical support to provincial partnership to ensure decision-making is informed by quality information

(statistical support relates to statistical advice, informatics information, analysis and interpretation)

Purpose/importance The purpose is to ensure government policy is informed by quality information and to optimise the use of data in

decision-making

Source of information/ collection of data Evidence of statistical support, e.g. minutes of meetings, letter of engagement, etc.

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Capacity to transform data and unavailability of data at the required level. This performance is driven by user

requests

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Increased support to provincial stakeholders by engaging in the statistical related issues

Indicator responsibility Provincial Chief Directors

56.1.1 International Statistical Development and Cooperation (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 56) International programmes participated in

Short definition Statistics South Africa participates in Africa and globally on matters of statistical development, which include the

Sustainable Development Goals and being a member in United Nations Groups at global level, as well as other

statistical programmes that contribute to statistical development in the continent

Purpose/importance Participating in international statistical development discussions, being a member of high-level statistical groups

and sharing international best practices contributes to improvement of statistical processes to produce quality

statistics for informed policy and decision-making

Source of information/

collection of data

Statistical development partners, African and international statistics offices and agencies, government departments,

divisional strategic plans and reports

Method of calculation Simple count

 Data limitation
 Funding, policies and country participation

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Learning and sharing knowledge on international statistical best practices for statistical development in the

continent

56.2.1 International Statistical Development and Cooperation (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 56) International collaboration improved

Short definition Stats SA internationally collaborates though benchmarking with countries that have acclaimed statistical processes,

and also shares experiences on statistical processes with countries visiting for information exchange and benchmarking, which culminate into bilateral and multilateral agreements for cooperation on statistical development matters. These culminate into the development of the international programme's communication strategy, policies and standards, implementation of guidelines for bilateral and multilateral relations and on

implementation of the international statistics best practice framework

Purpose/importanceTo improve international collaboration for statistical development in the continent through sharing international

best practices and providing technical assistance, contributing to improvement of statistical processes to produce

quality statistics for informed policy and decision-making

Source of information/

collection of data

Statistical development partners, international statistics offices, government departments and statistical agencies,

meetings, study visits, countries' terms of reference, internet

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation External data

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Non-cumulative reports

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator

Desired performanceTo improve the international collaboration with various statistical organisations and agencies

57.1.1 Statistical Development in Africa (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 57) Participation in the African Statistical Programme

Short definition Statistics South Africa participates in the African Statistical System as a partner as well as Secretariat with other

development partners through programmes like the Africa Symposia on Statistical Development and other projects contributing to the African statistical rejuvenation, including the Africa Agenda 2063 and Strategy for the Harmonisation of Statistics in Africa and other programmes run by the African Union Commission in the continent

Purpose/importance Increasing African statisticians ensures that there will always be a base of statisticians contributing to the planning,

policy and decision-making to shape the future of the continent

Source of information/ collection of data Statistical development partners, ministerial meetings, clusters, divisional strategic plans and reports

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Funding, policies and country participation

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Increase a pool of African statisticians and participation in African statistical development initiatives

57.2.1 Statistical Development in Africa (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 57)

African peer support provided

Short definition Framework for monitoring and evaluating impact of African Centres of Excellence compiled and report on the

implementation of the African Peer Support Framework

Purpose/importance Reports to ensure improved statistical development in Africa

Source of information/collection of data

Statistical development partners, ministerial meetings, clusters, divisional strategic plans and reports

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation External data

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator No

Desired performanceTo improve the statistical development in Africa

Strategic Outcome 4: A capable organisation

Goal statement: By 2020, the amended legislative framework enables effective statistical coordination in South Africa. Stats SA will have sustained and improved its good governance practices and systems evident by unqualified audit reports, and complemented by effective accountability practices. Key indicators for success are:

- The amended Statistics Act has been passed by 2017
- Unqualified audit reports (clean audits)
- 100% of household survey collections are technology-driven by 2020
- Turnaround times to delivery of results are within six weeks of survey completion

Strategic objectives under A capable organisation:



58.1.1 Legislative Reform - SANSS (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 58) Draft Bill on legislative changes submitted

Short definition Stats SA is reviewing the Statistics Act (Act No. 6 of 1999) in order to strengthen the current legislation relating to

SANSS. The review process culminated in a draft of proposals that has as its goal the strengthening of parts of the

Act, in particular those relating to section 14 of the Act

Purpose/importance To strengthen statistical coordination in the country towards the implementation of the South African National

Statistics System

Source of information/ collection of data International, national and provincial consultation process

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Stats SA does not have control over the legislation change processes and availability of Cabinet for tabling

Type of indicators Outputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator

Desired performance Approved Legislative Reform

59.1.1 Strategic Planning, Reporting and Monitoring (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 59)

Strategic planning and reporting documents compiled

Short definition The organisational strategy is reviewed and compiled after every five years; it outlines the vision, mission, outcomes

and long-term plans of the organisation over a stipulated period. The annual performance plan (work programme) defines the annual targets to be achieved in the five-year strategy. The annual report reports on the organisational and financial performance of the organisation. The Service Delivery Improvement Programme outlines the plans to

improve services to the public

Purpose/importance The purpose of the indicator is to drive strategic management in the organisation, including organisational strategy

development, strategic planning, reporting and monitoring

Source of information/

collection of data

Clusters and divisional strategic plans and quarterly reports

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitationMalicious compliance, subject to Minister's approval, rigid government frameworks/policies and parliamentary

processes

Type of indicators Inputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Attain clean audit report for the organisation

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Strategy

59.2.1 Strategic Planning, Reporting and Monitoring (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 59)

Organisational quarterly reports submitted

Short definition Quarterly reports monitor annual performance targets in the work programme

Purpose/importanceThe purpose of the indicator is to report and monitor organisational performance indicators

Source of information/ collection of data Data on actual performance is collected through the strategic reporting system as captured by Chief Directors

against targets in the work programme

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitationMalicious compliance, subject to Minister's approval, rigid government frameworks/policies and parliamentary

processes

Type of indicators Input

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Quarterly

New indicator No

Desired performance Attain clean audit report for the organisation

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Strategy

60.1.1 Programme and Project Management (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 60)

Number of integrated management information reports compiled

Short definition Monthly integrated management information reports provide management information to Statistics South Africa's

management on the achievement of planned monthly input, process and output milestones and targets, which are linked to the quarterly and annual targets as reflected in the annual work programme and strategic plan of

Statistics South Africa

Purpose/importance To compile and provide monthly integrated management information reports to Statistics South Africa's

management for timely decision-making, good governance and accountability

Source of information/
Operational planning documents and monthly performance against planned milestone reports from Statistics South

Africa's directorates serve as inputs for the monthly integrated management information reports. Furthermore, management information from government transversal systems serves as inputs for the management information on finance and human resource management, which is hosted on the management information repository

(Radikopantsha) of Statistics South Africa

Method of calculation Simple count (number of documents received/available on the management information repository

[Radikopantsha] of Statistics South Africa)

Data limitation Poor submission by internal stakeholders of operational and project plans and monthly progress against planned

milestone plan reports

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Quarterly

New indicator

collection of data

Desired performance Attain clean audit report for the organisation

60.2.1 Programme and Project Management (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 60) Percentage clusters empowered in operational planning

Short definition Facilitating development of annual operational plans and monthly performance against planned milestone reports

by Statistics South Africa's directorates

Purpose/importance To operationalise Statistics South Africa's strategic plan and annual work programme through facilitating the

development of and empowering directorates within Statistics South Africa in developing annual operational plans based on the annual work programme for Statistics South Africa and facilitating monthly performance against planned milestones reporting by directorates within Statistics South Africa for timely decision-making, good

governance and accountability

Source of information/ collection of data Statistics South Africa's directorates operational planning documents and Statistics South Africa's directorates

monthly performance against planned milestone reports

Method of calculation Simple count (number of documents received/available on the management information repository

[Radikopantsha] of Statistics South Africa)

Data limitation Poor submission by internal stakeholders of operational plans and monthly progress against planned milestone

reports

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performanceAttain clean audit report for the organisation

60.3.1 Programme and Project Management (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 60) Stats SA priority project empowered in accordance with Stats SA's project management framework

Short definition Building project management capabilities and facilitating development of project plans and performance reports

by Statistics South Africa's project managers and teams for priority projects

Purpose/importance To enhance project management capabilities and facilitate the development of and empower Statistics South

Africa's project managers and teams in developing project plans, managing their projects and developing performance reports in accordance with Statistics South Africa's project management framework for timely

decision-making, good governance and accountability

Source of information/

Project planning and management documents, and project performance reports from Statistics South Africa's

priority projects

Method of calculation Simple count (number of documents received/available on the management information repository

[Radikopantsha] of Statistics South Africa)

Data limitation Timely submission by internal stakeholders on priority project needs and poor submission by internal stakeholders

of project plans and performance reports

Type of indicatorsActivity (process): Project performance reports

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Attain clean audit report for the organisation

60.4.1 Programme and Project Management (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 60) Management information repository consolidated

Short definition Improve programme and project management through developing additional functionality, which will enhance the

management information repository (Radikopantsha) hosting management information of Statistics South Africa

Purpose/importance To improve programme and project management in Statistics South Africa through development of additional

functionality, which will enhance the management information repository (Radikopantsha) hosting management

information of Statistics South Africa

Source of information/ collection of data The management information repository (Radikopantsha) of Statistics South Africa

Method of calculation Report and management information repository (Radikopantsha)

Data limitation Availability of Statistics South Africa's Information Technology network. Availability of and dependency on

government transversal systems

Type of indicators Inputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator No

Desired performance Attain clean audit report for the organisation

61.1.1 Internal Audit (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 61) Percentage internal audit reports completed as per approved audit coverage plan

Short definition Internal audit reports provide audit assurance and advisory services to Stats SA relating to controls, risks and

governance processes

Purpose/importance To provide an independent and objective assurance that organisational objectives are achieved through

independent evaluation of controls, risks and governance processes

Source of information/ collection of data Interviews and meetings with auditees, enquiries with stakeholders. Documents such as legislation and regulations,

frameworks, methodologies, policies, plans, etc.

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Possible scope limitation due to resource and limitations by auditees

Type of indicators Inputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Attain clean audit report for the organisation

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Internal Audit

61.2.1 Internal Audit (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 61) Internal audit services improved

Short definition Report on combined quality assurance according to IIA Standards and Quality Assurance Review results

implemented

Purpose/importance To improve Internal audit assurance and advisory services in the organisation

Source of information/ collection of data External stakeholders and committees

Method of calculation Simple count, minutes of meetings and reports

 Data limitation
 Resource constraints

Type of indicators Inputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator No

Desired performance Attain clean audit report for the organisation

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Internal Audit

62.1.1 Corporate Governance (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 62) Corporate Governance reports compiled

Short definitionCorporate governance ensures efficiency and effectiveness within the working environment. These include policies

review and their approval, compilation of corporate governance reports and legal documents

Purpose/importance To ensure compliance with all relevant prescripts, legislative mandates, policies and implementation of corporate

governance

Source of information/ collection of data Policy register, status report on strategic risks, operational plans, employee loss and damage reports, investigation reports, other government documents, e.g. Presidential Hotline, internal and external auditors and strategic

planning documents

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitationMalicious compliance, non-reporting of corporate governance infringements, non-reporting of incidents and

delays in legal and civil litigation matters

Type of indicators Inputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Quarterly

New indicator No

Desired performance Attain clean audit report for the organisation

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Corporate Governance

62.2.1 Corporate Governance (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 62) Corporate governance improved

Short definition Reports on government accountability framework institutionalised in Stats SA and Anti-corruption strategy evaluated

Purpose/importance To improve internal audit assurance and advisory services in the organisation

Source of information/collection of data

Internal committees and external stakeholders

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Poor completion of governance documents by various divisions and clusters

Type of indicators Inputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator No

Desired performance Attain clean audit report for the organisation

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Corporate Governance

62.3.1 Corporate Governance (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 62) Percentage financial disclosure submitted

Short definition Corporate governance ensures efficiency and effectiveness within the working environment. These include: policies

review and their approval, compilation of corporate governance reports and legal documents

Purpose/importance To ensure compliance with all relevant prescripts, legislative mandates, policies and implementation of corporate

governance

Source of information/ collection of data Policy register, status report on strategic risks, operational plans, employee loss and damage reports, investigation

reports, other government documents, e.g. Presidential Hotline, internal and external auditors and strategic

planning documents

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitationMalicious compliance, non-reporting of corporate governance infringements, non-reporting of incidents and

delays in legal and civil litigation matters

Type of indicators Inputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Quarterly

New indicator

Desired performanceAttain clean audit report for the organisation

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Corporate Governance

63.1.1 Financial Administration and Management (Core)

Indicator title (WP - 63) Financial management and administration documents submitted to National Treasury and AG

Short definition Financial administration and management is about implementing, monitoring and evaluating organisational

financial resources by providing financial, supply chain and asset management services to the organisation. This

takes place within the requirements of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA)

Purpose/importanceTo improve the efficiencies and effectiveness of financial management systems and thereby improve compliance

Source of information/ collection of data Information is derived from various divisions and clusters

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Transversal systems that are not integrated

Type of indicators Inputs

Calculation type Cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Attain unqualified audit report for the organisation

63.2.1 Financial Administration and Management (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 63) Percentage goods and services procured from black-owned institutions

Short definition Provide supply chain management services to the organisation with particular percentage of business offered to

BEE entities

Purpose/importance To improve procurement of goods and services to BEE entities for promotion of BEE

Source of information/collection of data

National Treasury Central Suppliers Database (CSD)

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Suppliers who are not financially and functionally capable

Type of indicators Inputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator No

Desired performance Attainment of target percentage of BEE companies used by Stats SA to procure goods and services

63.3.1 Financial Administration and Management (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 63) Financial management and administration improved

Short definition Reports on modernising the Chief Directorate's business processes through automation of the payroll certification

process, testing the viability of implementing the digital filing system and enhancement of the Invoice Tracking

System to cater for the accrual accounting capability

Purpose/importance To improve financial management and administration

Source of information/collection of data

Clusters and divisions

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitationMalicious compliance, lack of accountability and responsibility, resource constraints and latest technological

systems

Type of indicators Inputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator No

Desired performance Attain unqualified audit report for the organisation

63.4.1 Financial Administration and Management (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 63) Financial planning documents for Census 2021

Short definition Develop Census 2021 strategy mainly for payment of fieldworkers, sourcing of venues and catering services

Purpose/importance To improve financial management and administration during large-scale surveys

Source of information/collection of data

Clusters and divisions

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Resource constraints and non-alignment to latest technological systems

Type of indicators Inputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator No

Desired performance Attain unqualified audit report for the organisation

64.1.1 Human Resource Management (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 64) Percentage permanent staff appointed within 12 months as per the PSR 2016

Purpose/importance Appointing qualified staff in in funded vacant positions to reduce the vacancy rate to ensure a competent workforce

to meet the strategic objectives of Stats SA

Source of information/ collection of data Recruitment reports, Employment Equity report, PERSAL reports

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitationDeclining job offers at the last minute; where the process has to be redone which causes delays in appointments,

not enough people with the required skills and incomplete documents by the applicants

Type of indicators Inputs

Calculation type Cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Appoint the required staff within the 12 months of advertisement

64.2.1 Human Resource Management (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 64) Percentage grievance cases addressed within 30 days

Short definition Percentage of grievances cases by staff to Labour Relations unit

Purpose/importance Monitor how quickly the cases are resolved or attended to

Source of information/ collection of data HRM and organisational annual reports

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Availability of all stakeholders for cases on time

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performanceAll grievances cases to be addressed within 30 days

64.3.1 Human Resource Management (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 64) Percentage disciplinary cases addressed within 60 days

Short definition Percentage of disciplinary cases by staff to Labour Relations unit

Purpose/importance Monitor how quickly the cases are resolved or attended to

Source of information/ collection of data HRM and organisational annual reports

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Availability of all stakeholders for cases on time

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance All cases to be addressed within 60 days

64.4.1 Human Resource Management (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 64) Human resource management improved

Short definition Reports on developing intervention strategies to address client needs, implementing computerised HRM system and

redeployment of staff affected by using the current technology

Purpose/importance To improve human resource management; part of modernising business as usual to make it more effective

Source of information/collection of data

Divisions and clusters

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitationLatest technological systems, unqualified staff and unavailability of positions

Type of indicators Inputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator No

Desired performance | Improve the human resource management processes and systems

65.1.1 Facilities Management, Logistics and Security (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 65) Report on OHSA compiled

Short definition To provide a secure, safe and healthy working environment to all staff at district, provincial and national levels

Purpose/importance Provide a conducive, hygienic, safe and secure working environment compliant with related legislation

Source of information/ collection of data Internal (divisions & service providers)/external stakeholders

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Poor collaboration by relevant stakeholders

Type of indicators Inputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Ensure a safe and conducive workplace for productive workforce

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Facilities Management, Logistics and Security Services

65.2.1 Facilities Management, Logistics and Security (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 65) Facilities management, logistics and security improved

Short definition Reports on reviewing fleet management policy and processes and developing an electronic filing system

Purpose/importance To improve facilities management, security and logistics

Source of information/ collection of data Clusters and divisions

Method of calculation Simple count

 Data limitation
 Resource constraints

Type of indicators Inputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator No

Desired performance To improve the facilities management, security and logistics services for all Stats SA offices

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Facilities Management, Logistics and Security Services

66.1.1 Talent Management (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 66)

Talent management institutionalised (succession planning)

Short definition Talent management is a processes to attract, develop, motivate, and retain productive and engaged employees

Purpose/importance To create a high-performance, sustainable organisation that meets strategic and operational goals and objectives.

This will also assist to measure the attainment of the implementation of succession planning

Source of information/ collection of data Various HR reports and inputs from line managers

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Incomplete employee information and insufficient organisational systems

Type of indicators Inputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator No

Desired performance To create a pool of skilled professionals at various levels within the organisation

67.1.1 Information and Communications Technology (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 67)

Percentage ICT services availability achieved (during release of core business outputs)

Short definitionThe ability to provide the business with access to ICT services (network, user-support, computation and backup

services) during critical release periods

Purpose/importance To ensure availability of ICT critical services during the release periods

Source of information/ collection of data SITA service levels agreements ICT best practices

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Budget

Type of indicators Inputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Quarterly

New indicator Yes

Desired performance Availability of ICT service during the survey release periods

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Information and Communications Technology

67.2.1 Information and Communications Technology (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 67) ICT infrastructure to support digital data collection implemented

Short definition | Implementation of a dedicated network infrastructure (Access Point Network) to enable statistical data collection

Purpose/importance To provide a dedicated network to support statistical data collection

Source of information/collection of data

Business users and surveys requirements

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Budget

Type of indicators Inputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance ICT infrastructure that improves the collection of statistical data

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Information and Communications Technology

67.3.1 Information and Communications Technology (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 67) Provincial and districts offices ICT services centralisation strategy developed

Short definition Roadmap for centralised of provincial infrastructure

Purpose/importance To ensure centralised and more effective maintenance of provincial infrastructures

Source of information/ collection of data ICT best practices and SITA service level agreements

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Budget

Type of indicators Inputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator Yes

Desired performance ICT infrastructure that is easier to manage and maintain

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Information and Communications Technology

68.1.1 Business Modernisation (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 68) Percentage systems applications provided on time

Short definition Number of planned applications delivered on time in a financial year

Purpose/importance To deliver all planned applications on time in order to optimise and streamline business processes through

technological solutions

Source of information/ collection of data Business users and research

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Skills shortage, budget, scope creeps and targets reprioritisation from the business

Type of indicators Input

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator No

Desired performance All planned application delivered on time in order to continue the modernisation of business processes

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Business Modernisation

68.2.1 Business Modernisation (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 68)

Document on enterprise architecture compiled

Short definition Documentation on enterprise architecture development

Purpose/importance To improve Business Modernisation to be on par with other national statistics organisations (NSOs)

Source of information/ collection of data Business users and research

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Resource constraints, availability of business users for during consultations

Type of indicators Inputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Strategic initiatives to improve business processes and modernised IT solutions

Indicator responsibility Chief Director: Business Modernisation

69.1.1 Sustainable provincial and district infrastructure (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP - 69) Proposal on statistical regions developed

Short definition Statistical regions is the subdivision of the country for the purpose of producing official or other statistics.

To develop a model to ensure a more equitable work and resource distribution based on collection and Purpose/importance dissemination responsibilities taking into account conditions on the ground, administrative requirements,

governance and geography. It is also critical to propose increase efficiencies and effectiveness in provinces

Source of information/

collection of data

Research, consultations and workshops

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation None

Type of indicators Activity (process)

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator No

Desired performance Report on the proposal on statistical regions

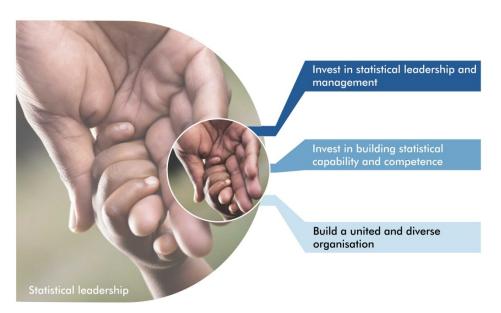
Provincial Chief Directors Indicator responsibility

Strategic Outcome 5: Statistical leadership

Goal statement: By 2020, we have re-skilled our staff for the new environment. We have invested in our schools and tertiary programmes to increase statistical skills at grass roots level. We have empowered municipalities in the production and use of statistics. Management and staff foster shared values. Key indicators for success are:

- 50 staff are empowered in policy research, integrative and spatial analysis
- 100% of fieldwork staff are re-skilled in the use of new technology
- Black African females at senior management level achieve equity

Strategic objectives under Statistical leadership:



70.1.1 Statistical Leadership and Management (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 70) Research papers compiled by students enrolled for CRUISE

Short definition Stats SA has established a statistical chair for urban and regional statistical exploration, known as CRUISE, at the

University of Stellenbosch to enhance research in statistics and spatial analysis as part of a statistical leadership

programme

Purpose/importance To conduct research in the field of urban and regional spatial analysis for planning and policy formulation and

create opportunity for statistical leadership development

Source of information/

collection of data

Research reports from CRUISE candidates and CRUISE short courses

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Students who do not complete the course, particularly the research project

Type of indicators Inputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Completed research papers by all registered students

70.2.1 Improving Statistical Leadership and Management (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 70) Leadership and management programme piloted

Short definition Strategic initiatives on piloting leadership and management programme to expand on the usage of statistics

Purpose/importance To improve and expand statistical leadership development in the country

Source of information/collection of data

Internal and external data, especially the municipalities

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitationUnapproved memos with municipalities and other government departments

Type of indicators Inputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator No

Desired performance Increase collaboration with various stakeholders in the use of official statistics

- 71. Statistical Literacy at Schools Level (Target discontinued)
- 72. Statistical Capacity at Tertiary Level (Target discontinued)
- 73. Coordination of Statistical Tertiary Programme (Target discontinued)

74.1.1 Building Capacity inside Stats SA (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 74) HRD training documents submitted

Short definition HRD training documents are required to ascertain the skills and qualifications of employees in line with talent

management

Purpose/importance Facilitate organisational capacity building programmes, closing the skills gap, monitoring coaching and mentoring

programmes

Source of information/ collection of data HRD reports and training documents

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Poor curriculum on training programme, training infrastructure not conducive, government frameworks/policies are

not clear enough on the implementation of the programmes

Type of indicators Inputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Increase a pool of professionals in the statistics and related fields

74.2.1 Building Capacity inside Stats SA – Interns (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 74) Percentage interns appointed

Short definition Interns are trained and exposed to the working environment where they gain experience on the job training.

The ideal model is their deployment in core areas so as to gain the required social; population and economics

statistical skills

Purpose/importance Closing the skills gap in the organisation by coaching and mentoring graduates from various institutions

Source of information/collection of data

HRD documents and reports

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitationUnclear training plans by Stats SA for capacitating the interns and insufficient funds to cater for planned number of

interns

Type of indicators Input

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Increase the number of interns within Stats SA and expose them in relevant fields

74.3.1 Improving capacity building inside Stats SA (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 74) Strategic interventions to improve capacity building inside Stats SA

Short definition Strategic initiatives to implement a re-skilling programme for data revolution

Purpose/importance Capacitate employees with various skills within the organisation, as well as implementing user-friendly systems for

training

Source of information/

collection of data

HRD documents and divisions

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation The use of outdated technological systems for training and limited access to data within the organisation

Type of indicators Inputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Periodic

New indicator No

Desired performance Increased collaboration with tertiary institutions to re-skill employees

75.1.1 Building Capacity in the SANSS – Provinces (Core)

Indicator title (WP – 75)

Statistical capacity building sessions conducted

Short definition Statistical capacity building relates to building external capacity to ensure effective use of data in decision-making.

This includes stakeholders' consultation workshops.

Purpose/importance To demonstrate to which extent the province has been successful in developing external statistical capacity within

the national statistics system

Source of information/ collection of data Administrative information related to the capacity building workshops (agenda, attendance register, manuals,

evaluations of the workshops and report)

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation Sessions not being informed by the needs of provincial NSS partners

Type of indicators Output

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator No

Desired performance Increase capacity building in official statistics for external stakeholders (capacitated provincial NSS partners)

Indicator responsibility Provincial Chief Directors

76.1.1 Transformation and change (Strategic initiatives)

Indicator title (WP – 76)

Documents on transformation and change compiled

Short definitionDocuments on the transformation and change agenda will be driving strategic and operational change towards

building a united and diverse organisation. This will be undertaken by implementing values and diversity

programmes

Purpose/importance To monitor the progress and implementation of the Transformation and Change Agenda towards building a united

and diverse organisation

Source of information/ collection of data Various organisational documents and progress reports compiled by the Transformation and Change Team

Method of calculation Simple count

Data limitation No data limitation

Type of indicators Inputs

Calculation type Non-cumulative

Reporting cycle Annually

New indicator

Desired performance Implementation of change management to drive transformation and change in the organisation

Indicator responsibility Director: Change Management

