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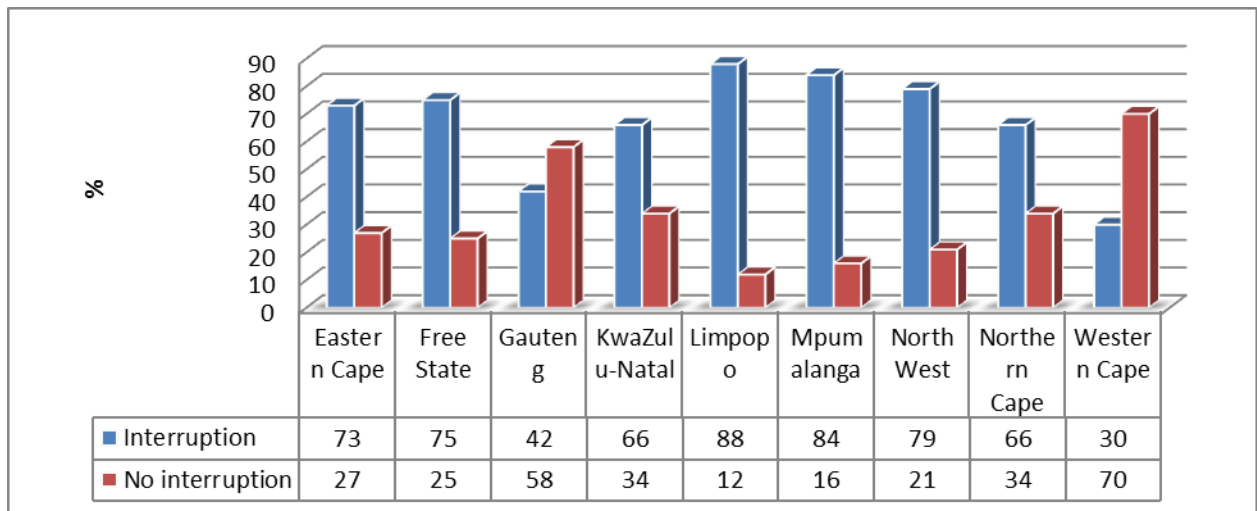
## Introduction

According to The New Age, (29 September 2014, page 1): Water supply has been restored to most parts of Gauteng, including Rabie Ridge near Midrand where residents illegally used fire hydrants to access water.

## Background

According to Census 2011, 2 791 262 households across South Africa have experienced water supply interruptions that lasted more than two days. Here we compare water interruptions amongst all provinces.

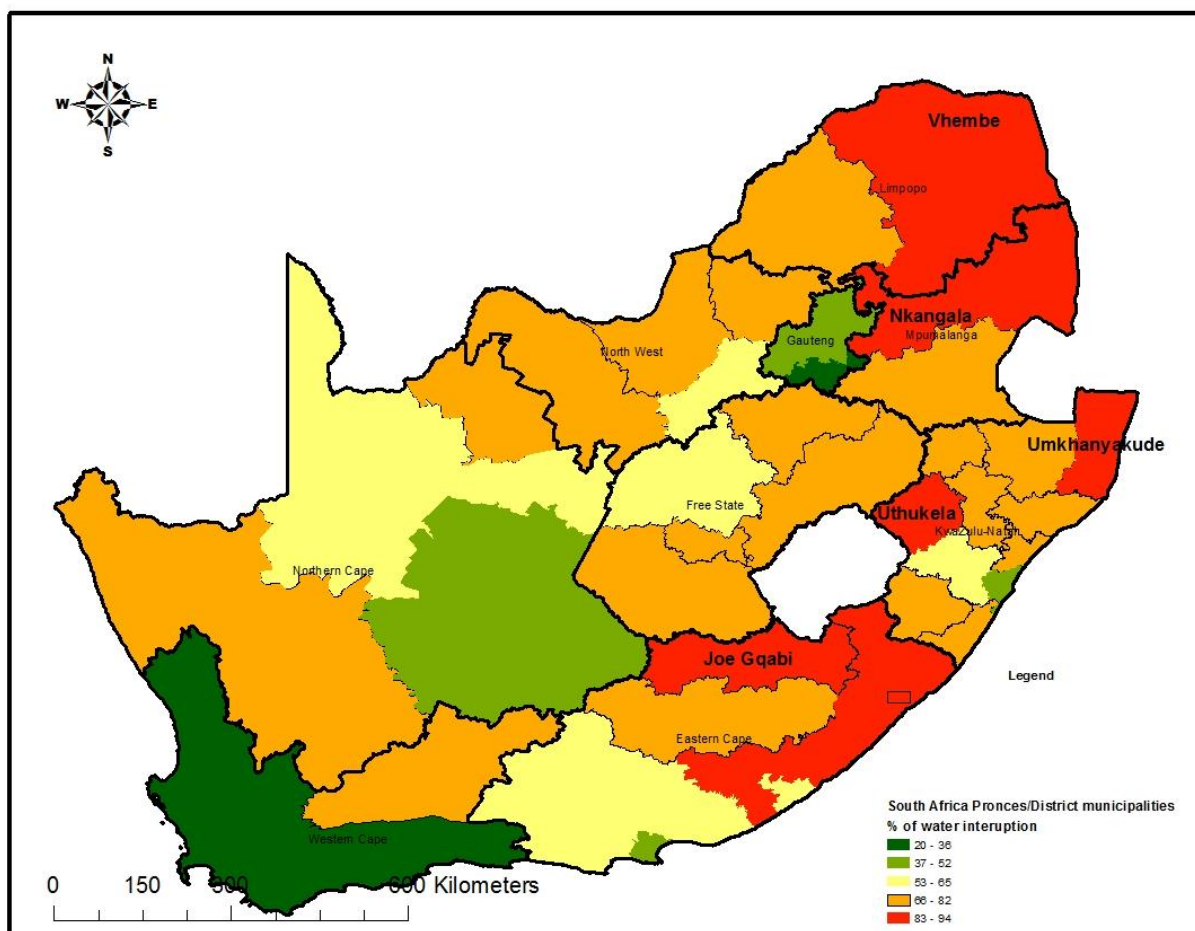
Figure 1: Water supply interruptions lasting more than two days in South Africa



According to Census 2011, Limpopo had the highest (88%) percentage of households who experienced water supply interruptions that lasted more than two days followed by Mpumalanga (84%) and then North West (79%). Western Cape had the least (30%) percentage of households who experienced water supply interruptions that lasted more than two days followed by Gauteng (42%)

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Figure 2: Water interruption in district municipalities of South Africa.



The figure shows that Limpopo, Eastern Cape and Mpumalanga have many district municipalities that are severely affected by water interruption with 83% to 94% households in these districts being affected, followed by Free State, North West while Gauteng and Western Cape, the district municipalities are rarely affected by water interruption with 20% to 30% households being affected.

## Conclusion

According to Census 2011, Majority of households in Limpopo, KwaZulu-Natal and Eastern Cape are affected by interruption of water supply that lasted for more than two days. Few households in Western Cape and Gauteng were affected.