

# South Africa

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## Data Source

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Settlement Points: These settlement points were created using the European Commission Global Human Settlement Layer (GHSL), 100 meter resolution 2025 Estimated Population Raster Layer. The points were verified using the latest Esri imagery. More information about the data can be found here: <https://ghslsys.jrc.ec.europa.eu>.

## Dataset Information

South Africa	
3 Letter ISO Country code	ZAF
Currency	South African rand
3 Letter Currency code	ZAR
Number of attributes available	123
Number of geography levels	7

## Geography Levels

Esri Geography Name	Local Geography Name	Feature Count
Country	South Africa	1
Provinces	Provinces	9
Districts	Districts	52
Municipalities	Municipalities	213
Statistical Areas Level 3	Main Places	14039
Statistical Areas Level 2	Sub Places	22108
Statistical Areas Level 1	Small Areas	85183

## Data Apportionment Settings

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Threshold Upper Bound	Aggregation Method	Level of Geography
150 km	Block Apportion	ZA.StatisticalAreasLevel1
250 km	Centroids In Polygon	ZA.StatisticalAreasLevel1
more	Centroids In Polygon	ZA.Municipalities

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## Change Summary

### Changes to geography level names

Former geography level name	New geography level name	Change reason
	Statistical Areas Level 3	New geography level
	Statistical Areas Level 2	New geography level
	Statistical Areas Level 1	New geography level
Main Places		No longer available
Sub Places		No longer available
Small Areas		No longer available

### New Attributes

Attribute Name	Alias Name	Category
SEDUC01_CY	2025 No Education/Illiterate	Education
SEDUC02_CY	2025 Primary Education (ISCED 1 and 2)	Education
SEDUC03_CY	2025 Upper Secondary Education (ISCED 3)	Education
SEDUC04_CY	2025 Post Secondary Education (ISCED 4 and 5)	Education
SEDUC05_CY	2025 Tertiary Education (ISCED 6 to 8)	Education
SEDUC06_CY	2025 Education Unknown	Education

### Attributes no longer available

Attribute Name	Alias Name	Category
EDUC01A_CY	2023 Pop 5+/Edu: No Schooling	Education
EDUC02A_CY	2023 Pop 5+/Edu: Some Primary	Education
EDUC03A_CY	2023 Pop 5+/Edu: Completed Primary	Education
EDUC04A_CY	2023 Pop 5+/Edu: Some Secondary	Education
EDUC05A_CY	2023 Pop 5+/Edu: Grade 12/Std 10	Education
EDUC06A_CY	2023 Pop 5+/Edu: Higher	Education
EDUC07A_CY	2023 Pop 5+/Edu: Unspecified	Education
EDUC08A_CY	2023 Pop 5+/Edu: Not Applicable	Education
EDUC_BASE	2023 Education Attainment Base	Education
MRST_BASE	2023 Marital Status Base	Marital Status

## Change Notes

Market Data are now projections for 2025 (previously 2023). Unemployed Population is shown for 2024 (previously 2022). The Purchasing Power and Consumer Spending projection in national currency for 2025 shows a significant upward trend due to inflation. Please note that the deviations observed in the values for product groups CS13 to CS16 this year are due to a redefinition of these categories. Due to these changes, comparisons with the last edition are not possible in these groups.

No changes were made to these settlement points since the last MBR release.

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## Other Data Notes

For reasons of data privacy, for areas with less than 10 inhabitants, all given data except Population and Household numbers are anonymized. For these areas, all variables simultaneously referring to currency and population are based on the national average, and all other variables are set to zero.