

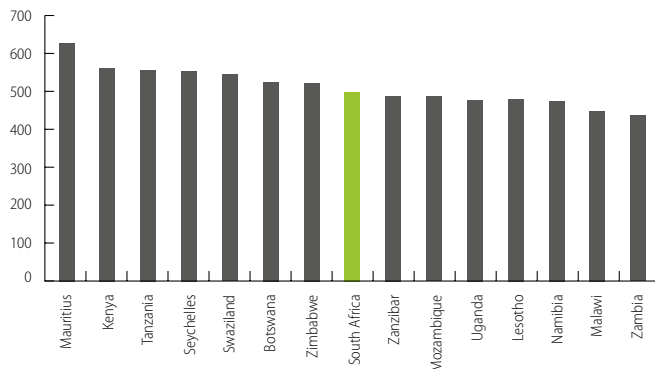
Skills and Education at a Glance

An underperforming education system continues to be a major obstacle to increased employment in a labour market that is strongly skills-biased. At present less than 20 per cent of South Africa's labour force is in possession of a tertiary qualification (degree or certificate). Despite significant budget allocations (education still remains the single largest line of government expenditure), progress has been slow. While access to educational institutions has increased, the quality of outcomes remains disappointing, when compared to the country's emerging market peers, but also when measured against that of several other African states.

89%

Youth literacy rate for South Africa

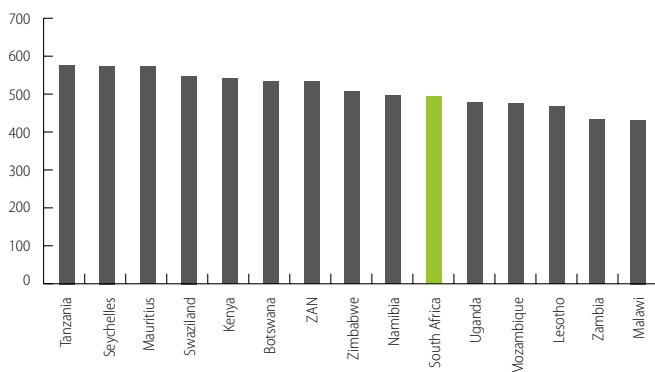
SACMEQ III DATA FOR MATHEMATICS AMONGST GRADE 6 STUDENTS



Source: SAQMEC Website: www.saqmec.org/downloads/sacmeqIII/WD01_SACMEQ_III_Results_Pupil_Achievement.pdf

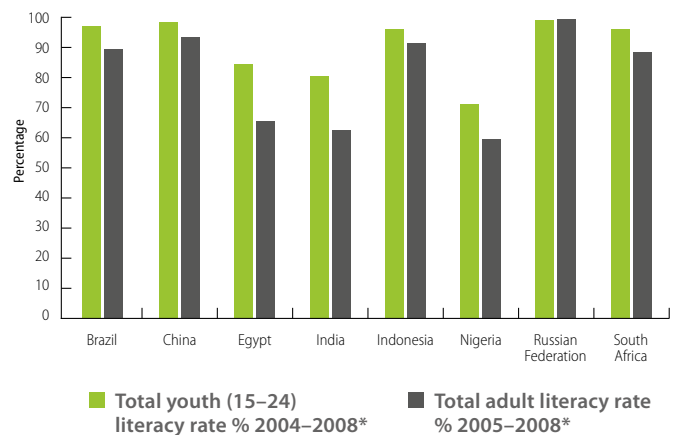
Note: SACMEQ stands for Southern and Eastern Africa Consortium for Monitoring Educational Quality; This is an African study done on Grade 6 students; SACMEQ III data were collected during the fourth quarter of 2007.

SACMEQ III DATA FOR READING AMONGST GRADE 6 STUDENTS



Source: The State of the World's Children 2011, UNICEF, Tables 1 and 5

LITERACY RATES



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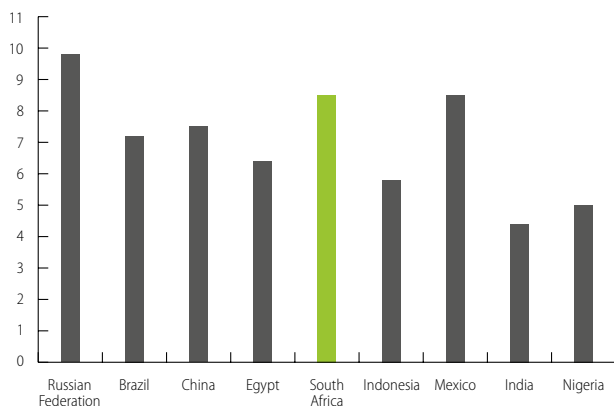
Note: * Data refer to the most recent year available during the period specified in the column heading.

2011 National Senior Certificate (NSC) results in perspective

National performance	2008	2009	2010	2011
Number of candidates	533 561	552 073	537 543	496 090
Number of passes	334 239	334 716	364 147	348 117
Percentage of passes	62.6%	60.6%	67.8%	70.2%
Mathematics	2008	2009	2010	2011
Number of candidates	300 008	290 407	263 034	224 635
Number of passes (30% +)	136 184	133 505	124 749	104 033
Percentage of passes (30% +)	45.4%	46.0%	47.4%	46.3%
Physical sciences	2008	2009	2010	2011
Number of candidates	217 300	220 882	205 364	180 585
Number of passes (30% +)	119 206	81 356	98 260	96 441
Percentage of passes	54.9%	36.8%	47.8%	53.4%

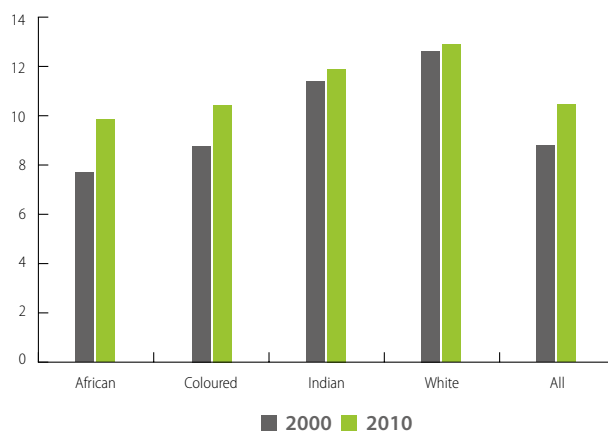
Source: Department of Basic Education: Report on the National Senior Certificate Examination 2011 – Technical Report

MEAN YEARS OF SCHOOLING OF ADULTS (25 AND OLDER)



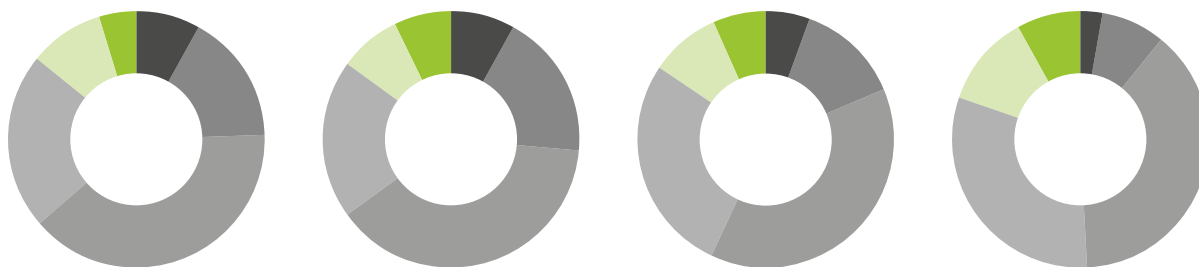
Source: UNDP 2011

EDUCATION OF EMPLOYED SOUTH AFRICANS BY RACE (AVERAGE NUMBER OF YEARS)



Source: OHS 1995–1999, LFS 2000–2007, QLFS 2008–2010

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF NARROW LABOUR FORCE



1995 | 2000 | 2005 | 2010

None
 Secondary
 Matric and certificate or diploma
 Primary
 Matric
 Degree

Source: OHS 1995–1999, LFS 2000–2007, QLFS 2008–2010

Formal sector workers in highly skilled occupations					
	African	Coloured	Indian	White	National
2000	19.2%	18.8%	32.4%	50.1%	27.1%
2005	19.7%	21.4%	35.6%	50.1%	27.0%
2010	21.2%	28.9%	46.1%	60.2%	30.2%

Source: OHS 1995–1999, LFS 2000–2007, QLFS 2008–2010

30.2%

Proportion of employed South Africans in highly skilled occupations