

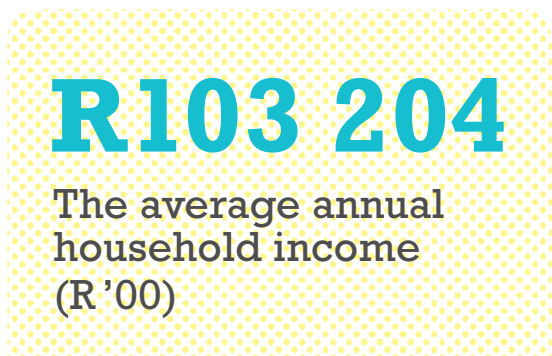
Poverty and Inequality at a Glance

In October 2012, Statistics South Africa released the results of its Census 2011, the third official census since the advent of democracy (the previous censuses were conducted in 1996 and 2001). It revealed that between the first and the most recent post-apartheid census the population grew by just over 11 million to 51.7 million, that households increased in number, but became smaller in size, and that average household income more than doubled from R48 385 to R103 204. While these numbers offer cause to celebrate, they still reveal gross inequalities between the country's historically defined population groups. Black households, for example, earn only 16 per cent of average white household income. While this is an improvement of 5.0 percentage points from the 2001 Census, the degree of inequity remains unacceptably high. When analysing the levels of social stability that South Africa experienced in 2012, these material realities cannot be ignored.

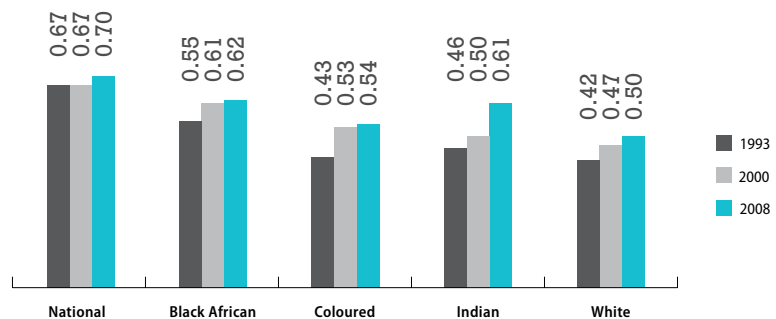
Vital poverty and inequality statistics	
Total population	51.7m
South Africans living under the poverty line *	41.4%
Gini coefficient	0.70
Average annual household income	R103 204
Average household size	3,4
Households living in a formal dwelling	77.6%
South Africans receiving government grant or pension support	15.6m

Sources: All Media Products Survey, 2009; National Income Dynamics Survey, 2008; South African Census 2011

* R3,864 per capita, per annum at 2000 prices

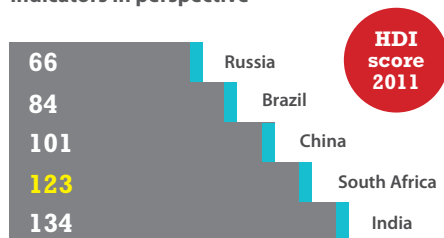


Per capita income Gini coefficient



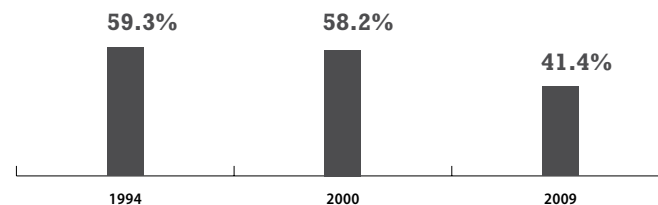
Source: National Income Dynamics Survey, 2008 (Calculations by Leibbrandt, M. et al)

South Africa's human development indicators in perspective



Source: UNDP 2011 Human Development Report

South Africans living below the poverty line



Source: All Media Products Survey

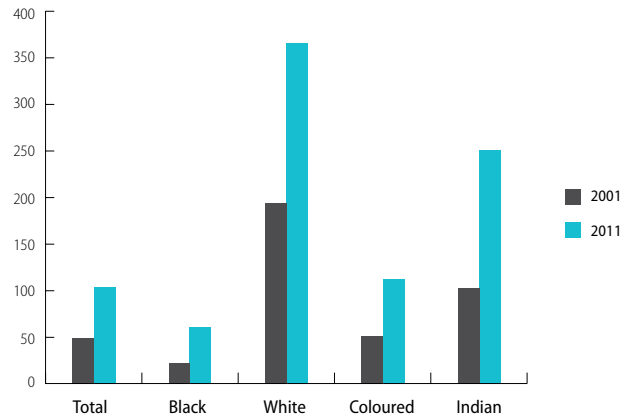
Note: The poverty line has been set at R3 864 per capita per annum in 2000 prices. This is the official poverty line proposed by Murray Leibbrandt and Ingrid Woolard

16%

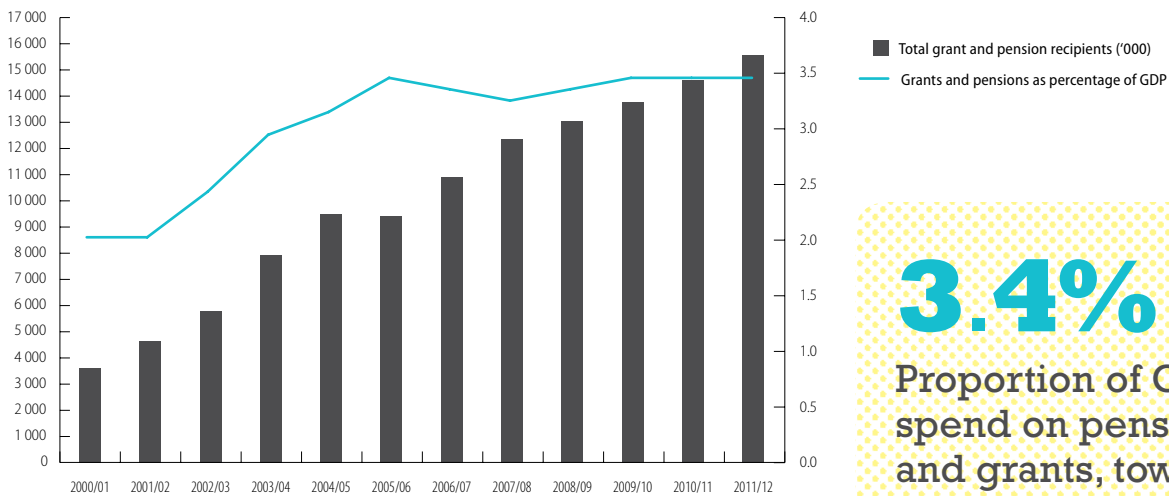
Black household income in 2011 as a proportion of that of white households

Statistics South Africa, Census 2011

Average annual household income (R '000)



The number of pension and grant recipients, and its total cost as proportion of GDP



3.4%
Proportion of GDP spend on pensions and grants, toward vulnerable citizens

Source: National Treasury: Intergovernmental Fiscal Review, Editions 1999, 2003, 2005, 2007, and MTBS 2010 and 2011
Note: The figure for 2011/12 is an estimate

South African personal income taxpayers and their contributions 2011/12

Income categories	Number of taxpayers in income group	% taxpayers in income group	% of total taxable income earned	% of taxes paid
R 0	208 381	4.6%	-2.6%	0.0%
R1-R60 000	623 557	13.8%	2.4%	0.0%
R60 001-R120 000	1 087 178	24.0%	11.8%	3.2%
R120 001-R400 00	2 163 370	47.8%	51.3%	40.1%
R400 001+	440 206	9.7%	37.9%	56.6%

Source: National Treasury, 2012 tax statistics