

Poverty and Inequality at a Glance

Despite significant gains in the provision of basic services, many South Africans are still waiting for access to elementary services such as housing and sanitation. While the percentages of those without access may have declined, the real numbers remain high. We may continue, therefore, to experience eruptions of public protest and, in some instances, violence in response to inadequate services. Internal migration from rural provinces to urban centres continues to place pressure on authorities in the latter category to provide adequate shelter. The results of the 2012 General Household Survey, released earlier in 2013, however, point to general improvements in the living conditions of South African households. In 2012, for example, there were far fewer households not living in formal dwellings than was the case in 1996.

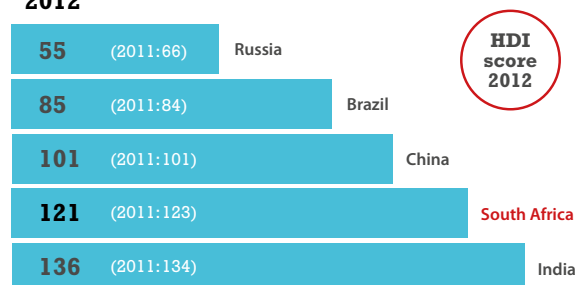
Vital poverty and inequality statistics	
Total population	51.7m
South Africans living under the poverty line*	28.37%
Gini Coefficient	0.70
Households living in informal dwelling	14.1%
South Africans receiving government grant or pension support**	16.1m
Population living below the international poverty line \$1.25 (in purchasing power parity terms) a day	13.8%

Sources: South African Census 2011. Poverty Headcount: National Income Dynamic Study wave 2, 2012/13 number of government grant recipients: National Treasury, National Budget Review 2013. Socopen system. International poverty line: World Bank, World Development Indicators 2013. Gini Coefficient 2010: IES data

* R305 per capita, per month (In 2011 constant prices) **2012/13 National Treasury estimates

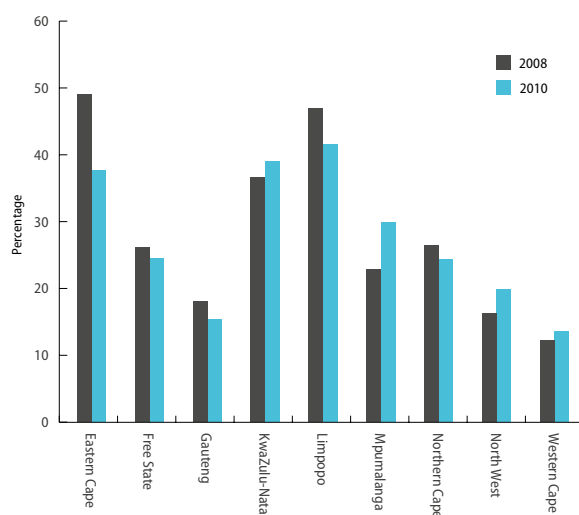
South Africa's human development indicators in perspective

2012



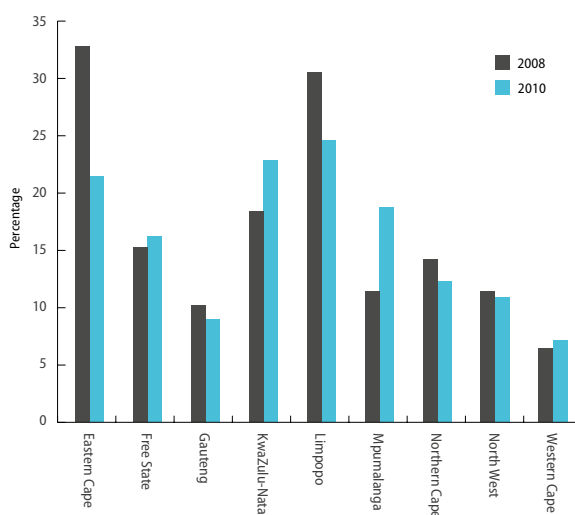
Source: HDRO calculations based on data from UNDESA (2011), Barro and Lee (2011), UNESCO Institute for Statistics (2012), World Bank (2012) and IMF (2012)
Source 2011: UNDP 2011 Human Development Report

Percentage of population living below R305 a month per person poverty line (in 2011 constant rand)



Source: Data for 2008 and 2010's calculations are based on NIDS wave 1 and wave 2 data respectively

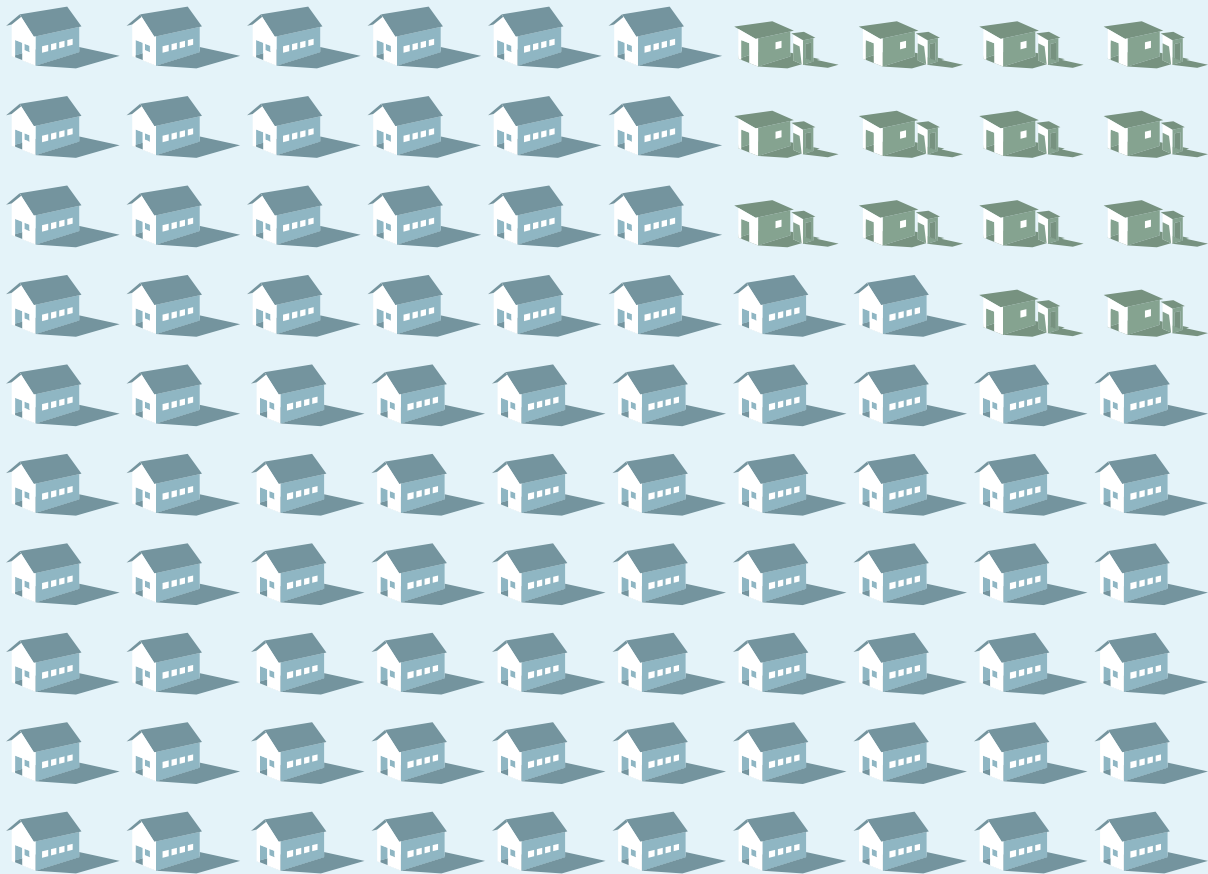
Percentage of population living below R191 a month per person poverty line (in 2011 constant rand)



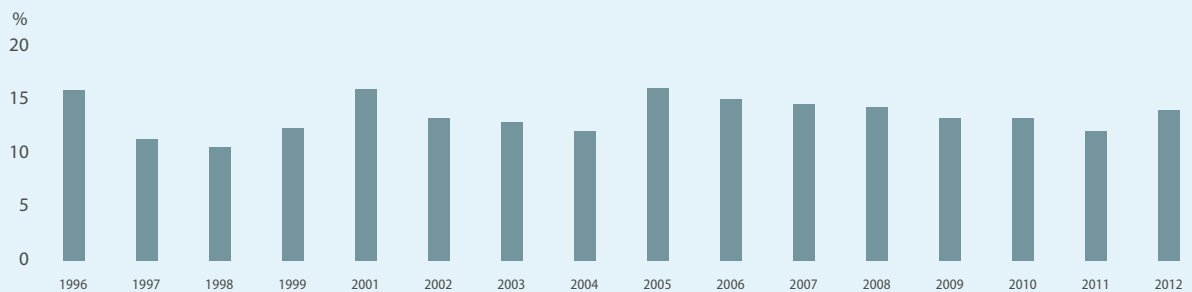
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Households not in formal dwelling 2012

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of households are not in a formal dwelling

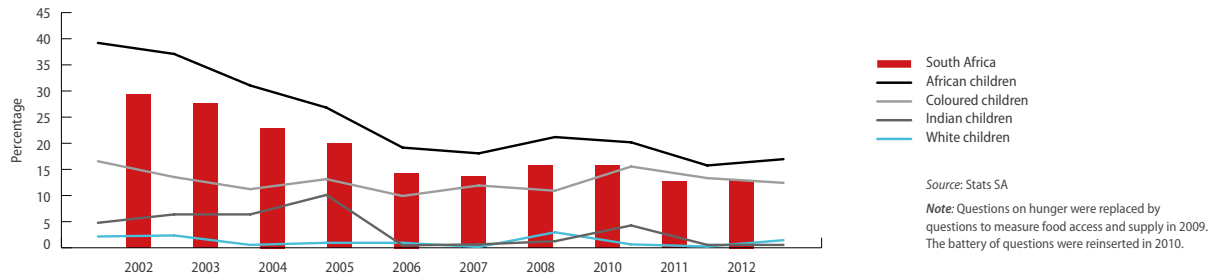


Households not in formal dwelling showing South African trend from 1996 to 2012

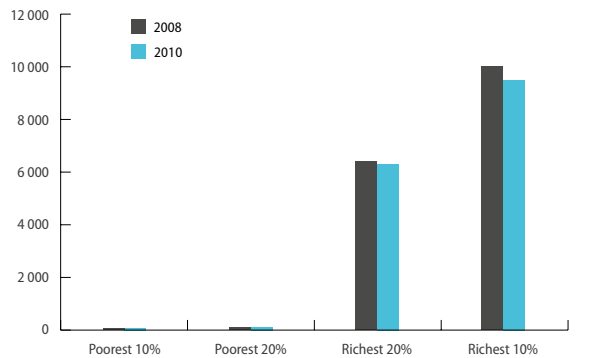


Source: South Africa's Development Indicators 2012. Source for 2012 Statistics: Stats SA – General Household Surveys
Household figures are based on Statistics South Africa's data (OHS 1997–1999, Census 1996 and 2001, GHS 2002–2011. Data for year 2000 not available.

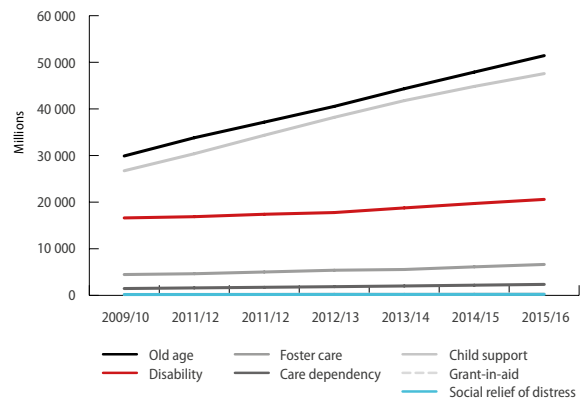
Percentage of children living in households that reported hunger, 2002–2008, 2010–2012



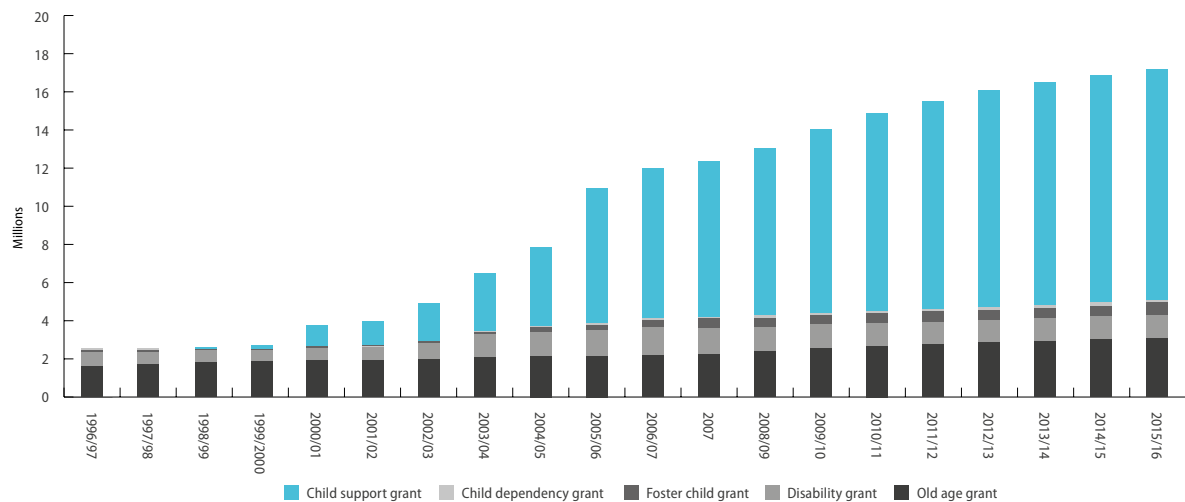
Average annual per capita income (in 2011 constant rand prices)



Social grant expenditure trends as percentage of GDP, 2009/10–2015/16 (R million)



Total number of recipients of social-assistance grants by type, 1996/1997–2011/2012 and future projections



Sources: Figures 1996/97–2011/12: South African Social Security Agency's (SASSA) Social Security Pension System (Socopen). Figures from 2012/13 are estimates and 2015/16 projections sourced from National Treasury, National Budget Review, 2013. Socopen system. Projected numbers at fiscal year end.
 Data note: The total figures does not include Grant-in-aid as Grant-in-aid is an additional type of grant awarded to persons who might already be receiving other forms of grants such as old age grants, disability or war veteran's grants as a result of being unable to care for themselves. Grant-in-aid may create duplicates in terms of head counts. Disability grant total consists of temporary disability grant (which is a disability grant that is awarded for a period no less than 6 months and not more than 12 months) and permanent disability grant (which is a disability grant that is awarded for a period longer than 12 months). Figures for old age grant include recipients of war veterans grant.