South Africa

SOURCE

**Name of source:** Population Census 2011  
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**Type of source:** Census 2011  
**Periodicity:** 10 years

**Objectives:** Providing data for reviewing existing policies and programmes addressing both human rights and development challenges as well as promoting inclusion of persons with disabilities.

COVERAGE

**Disabilities:** Seeing, hearing, remembering and concentrating, walking or climbing steps, communicating in his/her most commonly used language (including sign language), and self-care

**Population groups:** Persons age 15-64 years

**Total population covered:** 15% on the sample

**Economic activities:** All economic activities

**Sectors covered:** All sectors

**Labour force status:** Employed, unemployed persons, not economically active

**Status in Employment:** Employees, employers, own-account workers, contributing family workers

**Geographic areas:** Whole country

**Establishments:** NR

**Other limitations:** No

TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

**Term used to denote 'disability':** ‘Disability’

**Definition of this term:** Disability was defined as a physical or mental handicap that has lasted for six months or more, or is expected to last at least six months, which prevents the person from carrying out daily activities independently, or from participating fully in educational, economic or social activities.

**Questions used to identify persons with disabilities:** ‘Does (name) have difficulty in the following: seeing; hearing; communicating; walking; remembering or concentrating; daily self-care?’

The questions in the questionnaires also define the following: disability and education, disability and employment, disability and income, disability and access to housing and basic services, disability and access to assistive devices.

**Minimum duration to be considered as a person with disability:** 6 months

**CLASSIFICATION**

**Classifications:** Level of education, sex, age, type of disability, province, population group

**Cross-classifications:** Employed by degree of difficulty in the six functional domains and by sex, population group), geography type. Distribution of population by disability status, sex and labour market status.

**REFERENCE PERIOD:** 9 to 31 October 2011

**DISSEMINATION**

**National publications:** Population Census 2011: Profile of persons with disability in South Africa