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**SADA 0165**

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## STUDY DESCRIPTION

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**TITLE:** General Household Survey, 2008 (GHS 2008).

**PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:** Statistics South Africa (Stats SA)

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#### KEYWORDS:

Employment; Unemployment; Household surveys; Housing; Education and Health.

#### SERIES DATA:

Series name:	Principal Investigator:	Currently available:
General Household Survey	Statistics South Africa	2002 - 2008

#### PURPOSE:

The GHS is an annual household survey since 2002, specifically designed to measure various aspects of the living circumstance of South Africa households.

**GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION:** South Africa

**IMPORTANT VARIABLES:** Employment, unemployment, education, health, access to services and facilities.

**DEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLES:** Age, gender, level of education, marital status, use of health services, economic activity and employment.

**UNIVERSE:** Households in the nine provinces of South Africa

**METHOD OF DATA COLLECTION:** Survey Questionnaire

#### SAMPLING:

The sample design for the GHS 2008 was based on a master sample (MS) that was originally designed for the Quarterly Labour Force Surveys (QLFS) and was used for the first time for the GHS in 2008. This MS is shared by the (QLFS), General Household Survey (GHS), Living Conditions Survey (LCS), Domestic Tourism Survey and the Income and Expenditure Surveys (IES).

The MS used a two-stage, stratified design with probability-proportional-to-size (PPS) sampling of PSUs from within strata, and systematic sampling of dwelling units (DUs) from the sampled primary sampling units (PSUs). A self-weighting design at provincial level was used and MS stratification was divided into two levels. Primary stratification was defined by metropolitan and non-metropolitan geographic area type. During secondary stratification, the Census 2001 data were summarised at PSU level. The following variables were used for secondary stratification; household size, education, occupancy status, sex, industry and income.

Census enumeration areas (EAs) as delineated for Census 2001 formed the basis of the PSUs. The following additional rules were used:

Where possible, PSU sizes were kept between 100 and 500 dwelling units (DUs);  
EAs with fewer than 25 DUs were excluded;  
EAs with between 26 and 99 DUs were pooled to form larger PSUs and the criteria used was same settlement type;  
Virtual splits were applied to large PSUs: 500 to 999 split into two; 1 000 to 1 499 split into three; and 1 500 plus split into four PSUs; and  
Informal PSUs were segmented.

A Randomised Probability Proportional to Size (RPPS) systematic sample of PSUs was drawn in each stratum, with the measure of size being the number of households in the PSU. Altogether approximately 3 080 PSUs were selected. In each selected PSU a systematic sample of dwelling units was drawn. The number of DUs selected per PSU varies from PSU to PSU and depends on the Inverse Sampling Ratios (ISR) of each PSU.

**UNITS OF OBSERVATION:** Households

**DATE OF DATA COLLECTION:** July 2008

**EXTENT OF DATA COLLECTION:** 4 data files in ASCII and machine-readable documentation.

**FILE SPECIFICATIONS:**

**Part 1: House Data**

Number of cases:	24 222
Number of records:	24 222
Number of records per case:	1
Logical Record Length:	405
Number of variables:	191
Number of kilobytes:	9 628 KB

**Part 2: Person Data**

Number of cases:	94 097
Number of records:	94 097
Number of records per case:	1
Logical Record Length:	141
Number of variables:	88
Number of kilobytes:	13 141 KB

**Part 3: Tourism Data**

Number of cases:	24 222
Number of records:	24 222
Number of records per case:	1
Logical Record Length:	324
Number of variables:	110
Number of kilobytes:	7 712 KB

**Part 4: Worker Data**

Number of cases:	64 538
Number of records:	64 528
Number of records per case:	1
Logical Record Length:	94
Number of variables:	40
Number of kilobytes:	6 051 KB

**PUBLICATIONS:**

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**NOTES:**

Most questions in the General Household Survey questionnaire are pre-coded, i.e. there is a set number of choices from which one or more must be selected. For open-ended 'write-in' questions, the description will note that post-coding occurred and explain how this was done. Most variables have been pre-coded from the questionnaire and is not repeated in the variable description. Where the coding is not apparent, the description either provides the codes or indicates where code lists are to be found.

**RESTRICTIONS:**

Only available to bona fide researchers.

**DATE STUDY ADDED:**

May, 2010