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**GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY, 2003
(South Africa)**

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STUDY DESCRIPTION

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TITLE: General Household Survey, 2003 (GHS 2).

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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 - 2011

PURPOSE:

The GHS is an annual household survey, specifically designed to measure various aspects of the living circumstances of South African households.

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION: South Africa

IMPORTANT VARIABLES: Employment, unemployment, education, health, access to 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:

A multi-stage stratified sample was drawn using probability proportional to size principles.

The sample was drawn from the master sample, which Statistics South Africa uses to draw samples for its regular household surveys. The master sample is drawn from the database of enumeration areas (EAs) established during the demarcation phase of Census 1996. As part of the master sample, small EAs consisting of fewer than 100 households are combined with adjacent EAs to form primary sampling units (PSUs) of at least 100 households, to allow for repeated sampling of dwelling units within each PSU. The sampling procedure for the master sample involves explicit stratification by province and within each province, by urban and non-urban areas. Within each stratum, the sample was allocated disproportionately. A PPS sample of PSUs was drawn in each stratum, with the measure of size being the number of households in the PSU. Altogether approximately 3 000 PSUs were selected. In each selected PSU a systematic sample of ten dwelling units was drawn, thus, resulting in approximately 30 000 dwelling units. All households in the sampled dwelling units were enumerated.

The master sample is divided into five independent clusters. In order to avoid respondent fatigue (the LFS is a rotating panel survey which is conducted twice yearly), the GHS sample uses a different cluster from the LFS clusters.

WEIGHTING:

A two-stage weighting procedure was done on the GHS 2003 that resulted in two sets of weights, household weights and person weights. The household weights are used when analysis is at the household level and the person weights are used when analysis is at the individual level.

UNITS OF OBSERVATION: Households

DATE OF DATA COLLECTION: July 2003

EXTENT OF DATA COLLECTION: 5 data files in ASCII and machine-readable documentation.

FILE SPECIFICATIONS:

Part 1: House Data

Number of cases:	26 398
Number of records:	26 398
Number of records per case:	1
Logical Record Length:	230
Number of variables:	156
Number of kilobytes:	5 956 KB

Part 2: Person Data

Number of cases:	99 428
Number of records:	99 428
Number of records per case:	1
Logical Record Length:	134
Number of variables:	92
Number of kilobytes:	13 109 KB

Part 3: stratpsu data

Number of cases:	2 961
Number of records:	2 961
Number of records per case:	1
Logical Record Length:	18
Number of variables:	3
Number of kilobytes:	58 KB

Part 4: Tourism Data

Number of cases:	26 397
Number of records:	26 397
Number of records per case:	1
Logical Record Length:	182
Number of variables:	71
Number of kilobytes:	4 718 KB

Part 5: Worker Data

Number of cases:	68 245
Number of records:	68 245
Number of records per case:	1
Logical Record Length:	93
Number of variables:	46
Number of kilobytes:	6 265 KB

PUBLICATIONS:

Statistics South Africa. 2003. General Household Survey, 2003. Pretoria: Statistics South Africa.

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. For most variables the coding is apparent from the questionnaire (available elsewhere in the documentation) 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.

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