

South Africa



Air and climate

Emissions of:		Year
SO ₂ (1000t)	...	
SO ₂ per capita (kg)	...	
NO _x (1000t)	...	
NO _x per capita (kg)	...	
CO ₂ (million tonnes)	499	2009
CO ₂ per capita (tonnes)	10	2009
GHG (million tonnes CO ₂ eq.)	380	1994
GHG per capita (tonnes CO ₂ eq.)	9	1994
Consumption of ozone depleting CFCs (ODP t)	0	2009



Note: The boundaries, the names shown, and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

Biodiversity

		Year
Proportion of terrestrial and marine areas protected (%)	7	2010
Number of threatened species	449	2011
Fish catch (tonnes)	623 920	2010
Change in fish catch from previous year (%)	18	2010

Economy

GDP growth rate from previous year (%)	3	2011
GDP per capita (at current prices - \$US)	8 090	2011
% Value added: agriculture, hunting, forestry, fishing	2	2011
% Value added: mining, manufacturing, utilities	26	2011

Energy

Energy consumption (1000t oil eq.)	134 207	2009
Energy consumption per capita (kg oil eq.)	2 698	2009
Energy use intensity (kg oil eq.) per \$1,000 GDP (Constant 2005 PPP\$)	313	2009
Renewable electricity production (%)	2	2009

Land and agriculture

Total area (sq km)	1 221 037	2011
Agricultural land (sq km)	963 740	2011
Arable land (% of agric. land)	2 624	2011
Permanent crops (% of agric. land)	0	2011

		Year
Permanent meadows and pastures (% of agric. land)	87	2011
Change in agricultural land area since 1990 (%)	1	2011
Forest area (sq km)	92 410	2011
Change in forest area since 1990 (%)	0	2011
Population		
Population (1000)	50 133	2010
Population growth rate from previous year (%)	1	2010
Waste		
Total population served by municipal waste collection (%)	...	
Municipal waste collected (1000t)	...	
Hazardous waste generated (1000t)	...	
Water and sanitation		
Long-term average renewable freshwater resources (mio m ³ /yr)	31 738	N / A
Urban population with access to improved drinking water source (%)	99	2010
Rural population with access to improved drinking water source (%)	79	2010
Urban population with access to improved sanitation (%)	86	2010
Rural population with access to improved sanitation (%)	67	2010

Environment Statistics Country Snapshot

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Data Sources

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Database

Fish catch, Change in fish catch from previous year, Agricultural land, Arable land, Permanent crops, Permanent meadows and pastures, Change in agricultural land area since 1990, Forest area, Change in forest area since 1990, and some of Long-term average renewable freshwater resources data are extracted from FAO.

FAOSTAT: <http://faostat.fao.org/>

AQUASTAT: <http://www.fao.org/nr/water/aquastat/dbase/index.stm>

International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

Number of threatened species data are extracted from the IUCN.

<http://www.iucnredlist.org/>

UNdata

GDP growth rate from previous year, and GDP per capita (at current prices) data are retrieved from the UNdata portal. UNdata was launched by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA). It brings the various UN statistical databases within easy reach of users through a single entry point. Users can search and download a variety of statistical resources provided by the UN System.

<http://data.un.org/>

United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division, World Population Prospects

All '*per capita*' variables use population data obtained from this source. *Population* and *Population growth rate from previous year* data are also retrieved from this source.

<http://www.un.org/esa/population/>

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat

SO₂ emissions, SO₂ per capita emissions, NO_x emissions, NO_x per capita emissions, GHG emissions and GHG per capita are obtained from the UNFCCC Greenhouse Gas Emissions Database.

http://unfccc.int/ghg_emissions_data/items/3800.php

United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) Demographic Statistics Yearbook

Total area data are extracted from this source.

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/products/dyb/default.htm>

United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) Energy Statistics Database

Energy consumption, Energy consumption per capita, and Renewable electricity production figures are extracted from the UNSD Energy Statistics Database.

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/energy/default.htm>

United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) Environment Statistics Database

Total population served by municipal waste collection, Municipal waste collected, Hazardous waste generated and some of *Long-term average renewable freshwater resources* data are extracted from the UNSD Environment Statistics Database (note: database also includes data from OECD and Eurostat).

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/environment/qindicators.htm>

United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Indicator Database

Proportion of terrestrial and marine areas protected, CO₂ emissions, CO₂ emissions per capita, Consumption of ozone-depleting CFCs, Energy use intensity (kg oil eq.) per \$1,000 (PPP) GDP, Urban population with access to improved drinking water source, Rural population with access to improved drinking water source, Urban population with access to improved sanitation, and Rural population with access to improved sanitation data are extracted from the MDG database.

<http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Data.aspx>

United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) National Accounts Database

% value added - agriculture, hunting, forestry, fishing; and % value added - mining, manufacturing, utilities are obtained from the National Accounts Main Aggregates Database, according to the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC).

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/snaama/introduction.asp>