

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)	477	2011
CO ₂ per capita (tonnes)	9	2011
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	2013



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 (%)	10	2014
Number of threatened species	570	2015
Fish catch (tonnes)	609 513	2014
Change in fish catch from previous year (%)	29	2014

Economy

GDP growth rate from previous year (%)	2	2014
GDP per capita (at current prices - \$US)	6 482	2014
% Value added: agriculture, hunting, forestry, fishing	2	2015
% Value added: mining, manufacturing, utilities	25	2015

Energy

Total energy supply (PJ)	6 568	2014
Energy supply per capita (GJ)	122	2014
Energy use intensity (kg oil eq.) per \$1,000 GDP (Constant 2005 PPP\$)	223	2011
Renewable electricity production (%)	0	2014

Land and agriculture

Total area (sq km)	1 221 037	2015
Agricultural land (sq km)	968 410	2014
Arable land (% of agric. land)	13	2014
Permanent crops (% of agric. land)	0	2014

		Year
Permanent meadows and pastures (% of agric. land)	87	2014
Change in agricultural land area since 1990 (%)	1	2014
Forest area (sq km)	92 410	2014
Change in forest area since 1990 (%)	0	2014

Population

Population (1000)	54 490	2015
Population growth rate from previous year (%)	1	2015

Waste

Total population served by municipal waste collection (%)	...	
Municipal waste collected (1000t)	...	
Hazardous waste generated per capita	641 ¹	2011
Proportion of hazardous waste treated or disposed (%)	...	
Proportion of municipal waste recycled (%)	...	

Water and sanitation

Renewable freshwater resources per capita (m ³)	...	
Proportion of wastewater treated (%)	...	
Proportion of freshwater abstracted (%)	24	2000

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 as a % of agric. land, Permanent crops as a % of agric. land, Permanent meadows and pastures as a % of agric. land, Change in agricultural land area since 1990, Forest area, and Change in forest area since 1990 data are extracted from FAO.
FAOSTAT: <http://faostat.fao.org/>

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.
<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 per capita, Proportion of hazardous waste treated or disposed, Proportion of municipal waste recycled, Renewable freshwater resources per capita, Proportion of wastewater treated and Proportion of freshwater abstracted 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 and Energy use intensity (kg oil eq.) per \$1,000 (PPP) GDP 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>

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- 1 2011 National Waste Information Baseline Study.