META DATA

File: SAPERSON

All the variables are character variables except when otherwise stated

Variables:

1. Province (Common variable in both SAPERSON and SAHHOLD files)

Variable: PROVINCE

Position: 1 to 1

Notes for users
South Africa is divided into 9 provinces

Final code list
1 Western Cape
2 Eastern Cape
3 Northern Cape
4 Free State
5 KwaZulu-Natal
6 North West
7 Gauteng
8 Mpumalanga
9 Northern Province

See also Area code list

2. Magisterial district (Common variable in both SAPERSON and SAHHOLD files)

Variable: DISTRICT

Position: 2 to 4

Notes for users
South Africa is divided into 354 magisterial districts. The first digit of the magisterial district codes refers to the province codes.

Final code list
See Magisterial code list

3. District Council (Common variable in both SAPERSON and SAHHOLD files)

Variable: DCCODE

Position: 5 to 8

Notes for users
South Africa is divided into 45 district councils. The first digit of the district council refers to the province codes.

Final code list
See Area code list

4. Transitional local Council/Rural Council (Common variable in both SAPERSON and SAHHOLD files)

Variable: NEWLA

Position: 9 to 13

Notes for users
Different terms are used for the local authority boundaries in different parts of the country. There are Transitional Local Councils (TLCs); Transitional Rural Councils (TRCs); Local Authority Councils (LACs); Metropolitan Sub-Structures (MSSs); Metropolitan Local Councils (MLCs); Rural Local Councils (RLCs); District Councils (DCs); Transitional District Councils (TDCs) and Regional Councils (RC's).

To ensure confidentiality within the 10% sample, all local authorities with less than 2000 households have been combined with adjacent ones to form units which are spatially linked. As many local authorities had fewer than this number, they had to be grouped together to ensure that the minimum number of households was met. Hostel dwellers were excluded for the purpose of this exercise.

Local authorities with less than 2000 households were pooled with other local authorities based on the following principles:

A TLC with less than 2000 households was grouped with the TRC within which the TLC was located and vica versa. Where a TRC plus all the TLCs within its boundaries were less than the minimum of 2000 households the TRC (including the TLCs within its boundaries) was pooled with the adjacent TRC. Where TLCs were adjacent to another TLC they were pooled to form one unit.

Final code list
See Area code list

5. Remarks (Common variable in both SAPERSON and SAHHOLD files)

Variable: REMARKS

Position: 14 to 14

Notes for users
This field indicates whether a TLC/TRC is combined with adjacent ones. An asterisks (*) in this field indicates that it is combined with adjacent ones and a blank indicates that it is used on its own.

Final code list
*   TLC/TRC is combined
Blank   TLC/TRC is used on it's own.

See Area code list

6. Household number (Common variable in both SAPERSON and SAHHOLD files)

Variable: HHNUMBER

Position: 15 to 19

Numeric variable

Notes for users
A unique number within Province, District council and TLC/TRC allocated to each household.

Applicable population
All households

Final code list
1 - 99999

7. Person number

Variable: PERSONNO

Position: 20 to 23

Numeric variable

Notes for users

A unique number was allocated to each person within a household. The persons in hostels, institutions and 'Dummy households' were all set to 1.

 See also household questionnaire type.

Applicable population

All persons in households and institutions.

Final code list

1 - 999

8. Household questionnaire type

Variable: HHRECORD

Position: 24 to 24

Notes for users

Three types of questionnaires were used in Census'96. These are described in the section on 'Census questionnaires' and are:
- Household questionnaire
- Summary book for hostels
- Enumerator's book for special enumeration.

In addition, it was noted in the section on 'Dummy households' that it was necessary to create some dummy records on the household file to enable creation of the household database.

Final code list

H Household questionnaires
I Hostel questionnaires
S Institution questionnaires
D Dummy records

Only records with questionnaire type 'H' should be selected when merging with the household file.

9. Type of area (Also in household file)

Variable: URBAN

Position: 25 to 25

Notes for users

Enumeration area type is a classification of EAs according to (human) settlement. There were two principles guiding the assignment of an EA to a particular class or type. The first one was the EAs specific geographical location. The second principle was the kind of dwellings that were most common within the EA. These two principles led to locational and settlement types as follows:

Urban - EAs within municipal or local authority boundaries. These can be further classified as:
- Ordinary town or city area as well as vacant areas. Various formal structures can be found, e.g. houses, blocks of flats and businesses.
- Area with mainly informal dwellings (so-called 'squatter areas').
- Area with mainly hostels, e.g. mine, factory and municipal hostels.
- Area with mainly institutions e.g. prisons and hospitals.

Rural - EAs with population concentrations adjacent to a municipal border (an EA must have one common boundary with the municipal border) and EAs situated in rural areas (not sharing a common boundary with a proclaimed urban municipal area). These can be further classified as:
- Semi-town (i.e., a town without a local authority) with predominantly formal dwellings.
- Area with mainly informal dwellings.
- Area with mainly hostels.
- Area with mainly institutions.

- Semi-town (i.e. a town without a local authority) with predominantly formal dwellings such as mining, and industrial towns where housing for employees is provided by employers.
- Village/settlement without a local authority and which is not situated within a tribal area and with formal and semi-formal dwellings such as houses, huts and rondavels.
- Tribal authority area with villages.
- Area with mainly informal dwellings.
- Area with mainly hostels.
- Area with mainly institutions.
- Area with farms, agricultural holdings, holiday resorts, agricultural schools and colleges.
- Tribal authority area outside of villages.

Source

'Enumeration area type' relates to the types allocated during Census '96 demarcation, which were verified and, in some cases, updated during 'Project Eagle'. 'Project Eagle' involved the preparation of a GIS (Geographical Information System which is a computerised mapping system) covering the whole of South Africa. This project was conducted during the two years following the census.

Applicable population

All persons, all households

Final code list

1 Urban
2 Rural

10. Type of institution

Variable: INSTTYPE

Position: 26 to 27

Notes for users

An institution is one that is not occupied by a household. It includes institutions such as a prison, hotel, hostel, home for the aged, etc.

The questionnaire used in institutions included a question on the type of the institution. The response options provided were:
- Tourist hotel/motel
- Residential hotel/boarding house/private hotel
- Home for the aged
- Home for the disabled (sight, hearing, physical or mental)
- Hospital/medical facility/clinic (including mental hospitals)
- Hostel/compound for workers provided by mines, other employers, municipalities or local authorities
- Shelter for the homeless/night shelter/refuge
- School hostel/hostel at an educational institution
- Child care institution/orphanage
- Children's correctional institution/place of safety
- Initiation school
- Prison/correctional services institution/police cells
- Police quarters
- Nurses' quarters/doctors' quarters
- Church hall/community centre/recreation centre
- Convent/monastery/religious retreat/mission stations
- Caravan park/camping site/marina
- Diplomatic mission abroad
- Defence force
- Refugee settlements
- Ships in the harbours
- South African islands
- Border posts
- Other

Source

Household questionnaire: Not included

Summary questionnaire for hostels: Not included

Special enumeration questionnaire for institutions: Second page *Type of institution* (pre-coded)

Applicable population
All institutions

Final code list
1 Tourist hotel/motel
2 Residential hotel/boarding house
3 Home for the aged
4 Home for the disabled
5 Hospital/medical facility/clinic
6 Hostel/compound for workers
7 Shelter for homeless/refuge
8 School/ educational inst. hostel
9 Child care inst./orphanage
10 Children's correctional inst.
11 Initiation school
12 Prison/correctional services inst.
13 Police quarters
14 Nurses' or doctors' quarters
15 Church hall/community centre
16 Convent/monastery/religious retreat
17 Caravan park/camping site/marina
18 Diplomatic mission abroad
19 Defence force
20 Refugee settlements
21 Ships in harbours
22 South African islands
23 Border posts
24 Other
99 Unspecified/Dummy
98 N/A: Household/hostel

11. Gender

Variable: SEX

Position: 28 to 28

Notes for users
Gender is a key demographic variable. Where it was not provided a response was manually imputed, based, if possible, on other information from the questionnaire.

Interviewers were instructed that they could complete this question based on their observation and did not have to ask it if the person was present.

Source
Household questionnaire: Q1.2 *Is (the person) male or female?* (pre-coded)

Personal questionnaire: Q2 *Is this person male or female?* (pre-coded)

Special enumeration questionnaire: C3 *Gender* (pre-coded)

Applicable population
All persons

Final code list
1 Male
2 Female

12. Age

Variable: AGE

Position: 29 to 31

Numeric variable

Notes for users
The household and personal questionnaires asked for date of birth and, if not known, age in years. The special enumeration questionnaire included columns for both age in years and date of birth. Date of birth was requested because it is easier for some people to remember (rather than having to calculate age) and to try to minimise the tendency for people to round off responses to the nearest decade. If both age and date of birth were given, date of birth was accepted if the responses were inconsistent.

The question required the age in completed years. The household questionnaire included the following instruction: 'For babies under one year, write "0" years, if date of birth is not known.'

Responses of 120 or greater were set to 'Unspecified'.

Source

Household questionnaire: Q2 *What is (the person's) date of birth? (Give as much information as is known.). Or else, please give this person's age in years or give an estimate.* (write in)

Personal questionnaire: Q3 *What is this person's date of birth? (Give as much information as is known.) Or else, if date of birth is not known, what is the (estimated) age of this person?* (write in)

Special enumeration questionnaire: C4 & C5 *Age in years; Date of birth* (write in)

Applicable population
All persons

Final code list
0 to 119 in single years
999 Unspecified

13. Relationship to head

Variable: RELSHIP

Position: 32 to 33

Notes for users
The questionnaire asked about the relationship of each person in the household to the head or acting head of the household. The list of relationships which could be specified were as follows:
- Head/acting head of household
- Husband/wife/partner
- Son/daughter/stepchild/adopted child
- Brother/sister
- Father/mother
- Grandparent
- Grandchild
- Other relative (e.g. in-laws)
- Non-related person

As respondents were only asked about the relationship to the head (or acting head) of the household, some marriage and parent/child relationships in households cannot be identified. For example, if a household consisted of two unrelated couples, the relationships would be:
Person 1: Head, **Person 2**: Husband/wife, **Person 3**: Non-related person, **Person 4**: Non-related person.
Thus the second couple would not be identified as a couple.

It was dependent upon respondents to nominate the head of the household and no guidelines were provided on the questionnaire as to who this should be. The interviewer's instructions defined head of household as 'a male or a female who assumes responsibility for the household'.

The category 'Son/daughter' includes stepchildren and adopted children as well as natural children. On the questionnaire, 'in-laws' was given as an example for 'Other relative' although many other relationships would also fall within this category.

Although this question was not included in personal questionnaires, it is not possible to distinguish personal and household questionnaires on the dataset. Thus, persons in personal questionnaires have been included in the 'Unspecified' category.

Source
Household questionnaire: Q3 *What is (each individual's) relation to (the person listed in column 1)?* (pre-coded)

Personal questionnaire: Not included

Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population
All persons enumerated in household questionnaires

Final code list
1 Head of household
2 Husband/wife/partner
3 Son/daughter
4 Brother/sister
5 Father/mother
6 Grandparent
7 Grandchild
8 Other relative
9 Non-related person
99 Unspecified/Personal qu
98 N/A: Institution

14. Marital status

Variable: MARSTAU

Position: 34 to 34

Notes for users
A question was included on each person's marital status, regardless of their age. The following responses were allowed:
- Never married
- Married: Civil/religious
- Married: Traditional/customary
- Living together (with partner)
- Widower/widow
- Divorced/separated

'Married: Civil/religious' should include, for example, a person married in a church or in a magistrate's office. 'Married: Traditional/customary' should include a person married according to African traditions or customs. A person married according to Muslim rites, or one married according to both civil and customary rites, could have been listed under either.

Only information on the person's present marital status was sought. 'Living together' was treated as a legitimate option, even though the person may have a different registered marital status (eg. never married or divorced).

All persons aged under 16 were coded as 'Never married'.

It is possible that a person's marital status may apparently differ from the relationship stated. This may be as a result of the respondent perceiving the questions as relating to different issues or may be due to genuine errors.

Source
Household questionnaire: Q4 *What is (the person's) PRESENT marital status?* (pre-coded)

Personal questionnaire: Q4 *What is this person's PRESENT marital status?* (pre-coded)

Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population

All persons on household or personal questionnaires

Final code list
1 Never married
2 Married: Civil/religious
3 Married: Traditional
4 Living together
5 Widowed
6 Divorced/separated
9 Unspecified
8 N/A: Institution

15. Population group

Variable: RACE

Position: 35 to 35

Notes for users
The question asked 'How would the person describe him/herself?' Thus population group reflects the respondent's chosen identification and does not reflect any 'official' definition. Interviewers were instructed: 'Accept the response that is given even if you don't agree'.

Only four options were provided on the questionnaire (African/Black, Coloured, Indian/Asian and White). Respondents were not given an option of 'Other'.

During Census '96 when some people whom identified as Griquas requested to be identified as a separate population group. At short notice, instructions were changed to allow interviewers to write '5 Griqua' on the questionnaire and these responses were coded separately. However, the number of people identifying themselves as Griqua was small and represented an under-identification of the number of people who would have been identified as Griquas if there had been such a category on the questionnaire to indicate that this was a valid response. People identifying as 'Griqua' have been included with 'Unspecified'.

Source
Household questionnaire: Q5 *How would (the person) describe him-/herself?* (pre-coded)

Personal questionnaire: Q5 *How would this person describe him-herself?* (pre-coded)

Special enumeration questionnaire: C6 *Population Group* (pre-coded)

Applicable population
All persons

Final code list
1 African/Black
2 Coloured
3 Indian/Asian
4 White
9 Unspecified

16. First language

Variable: LANGUAG1

Position: 36 to 37

Notes for users
The questionnaires asked what language each person spoke most often at home. Household and personal questionnaires then included questions on whether the person spoke more than one language at home and, if so, what was the next most often spoken language.

A coding list of languages was compiled, including the 11 official languages as well as other languages which are relatively commonly spoken in South Africa.

Interviewers were instructed: 'For babies, write down the home language of their parents. (If the parents have different home languages, write down the mother's home language).'

Source

Household questionnaire: Q6.1 *Which languages does (the person) speak MOST OFTEN AT HOME?* (write in)

Personal questionnaire: Q6.1 *Which language does this person speak MOST OFTEN AT HOME?* (write in)

Special enumeration questionnaire: C7 *Home language* (write in)

Applicable population
All persons

Final code list

1 IsiNdebele	2 IsiXhosa
3 IsiZulu	4 Sepedi
5 Sesotho	6 Setswana
7 Siswati	8 Tshivenda
9 Xitsonga	10 Afrikaans
11 English	12 Dutch
13 German	14 Greek
15 Italian	16 Portuguese
17 French	18 Tamil
19 Hindi	20 Telegu
21 Gujarati	22 Urdu
23 Chinese	24 Swahili
25 Shona	26 Arabic
00 Other	99 Unspecified

17. Second language

Variable: LANGUAG2

Position: 38 to 39

Notes for users
See First language.

This question involved two parts – firstly, whether the person spoke more than one language and then, if so, what language was spoken next most often. The responses to both these parts have been incorporated into the single variable 'Second language'.

Source

Household questionnaire: Q6.2 *Does (the person) speak more than one language AT HOME? If 'Yes', specify the language he/she speaks NEXT MOST OFTEN.* (first part pre-coded, second part write in)

Personal questionnaire: Q6.2 *Does this person speak more than one language AT HOME? If 'Yes', specify the language he/she speaks NEXT MOST OFTEN* (first part pre-coded, second part write in)

Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population
All persons on household and personal questionnaires

Final code list
01-26 See First language
00 Other
99 Unspecified
97 N/A: Speaks one language only
98 N/A: Institution

18. Religion

Variable: RELIGION

Position: 40 to 41

Notes for users

This was the only question on the census questionnaire that was optional and indicated as such on the questionnaire. In addition, persons with no religion or belief could, if they wished, be identified as such. The questionnaire included the instruction: 'If no religion, write "none".' Where no response was provided for babies or children, interviewers and coders were instructed to allocate the religion of the parents or, if different, of the mother.

The list below contains summarised versions of the full coding descriptions. The detailed descriptions are available from Stats SA if required.

As many categories contain very small counts, it is recommended that the standard recode is used wherever possible.

Source

Household questionnaire: Q7 *What is (the person's) religion, denomination or belief?* (write in)

Personal questionnaire: Q7 *What is this person's religion, denomination or belief?* (write in)

Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population

All persons on household and personal questionnaires

Final code list

01 Dutch Reformed churches	02 Reformed churches
03 Nederduits Hervormde Kerk	04 Anglican Church
05 Church of England in SA	06 International Fellowship of Christian Churches
07 Methodist Church of SA	08 Presbyterian churches
09 United Congregational Church of SA	10 Lutheran Church of Southern Africa
11 Roman Catholic Church	12 Apostolic Faith Mission of SA
13 Other Apostolic churches	14 Baptist churches of Southern Africa
15 Pinkster Protestante Kerk	16 Afrikaanse Protestante Kerk
17 Full Gospel Church of God in Sthrn Africa	18 Greek Orthodox
19 Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints	20 Other Pentecostal churches
21 Salvation Army United Church	22 Seventh-Day Adventist Church
23 New Apostolic Church	24 Assemblies of God of SA
25 St Engena's Zion Christian Church	26 Zion Christian Church
27 Bandla Lama Nazaretha	28 African Methodist Episcopal Church
29 St John's Apostolic Church	30 International Pentecost Church
31 Other African Independent churches	32 Other Christian churches
33 African traditional belief	34 Judaism
35 Buddhism	36 Taoist
37 Confucian	38 Hinduism
39 Islam	40 Bahais
41 New Age	42 Jehوah's Witnesses
43 Other Non-Christian religions	44 Other Methodist churches
45 Other Presbyterian churches	46 Other Congregational churches
47 Other Lutheran churches	48 Other Catholic churches
49 Other Baptist churches	50 Other Pentecostal churches
51 Other Orthodox churches	52 Other (Seventh-Day) Adventist churches
53 Other African Apostolic churches	54 Other Assemblies
55 Other Zionist churches	57 Christian Scientist
58 Christian centres	59 Ethiopian type churches
60 Ethnic churches	61 Other Evangelical churches
62 Other Charismatic churches	63 No religion
64 Refused	65 Other
99 Unspecified	98 N/A: Institution

The following grouping (recoding) was compiled by an academic from the University of Pretoria and is recommended to users in preference to the full listing:

Dutch Reformed churches	Dutch Reformed churches
Zion Christian churches	St Engena's Zion Christian Church, Zion Christian Church
Catholic churches	Roman Catholic Church, Other Catholic churches
Methodist churches	Methodist Church of SA, Other Methodist churches
Pentecostal/Charismatic churches	International Fellowship of Christian Churches, Pinkster

	Protestante Kerk, Full Gospel Church of God in Southern Africa, Other Pentecostal churches, Salvation Army United Church, Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Assemblies of God of South Africa, International Pentecost Church, Other Pentecostal churches, Other (Seventh-Day) Adventist churches, Other assemblies, Christian Centres, Other Evangelical churches, Other Charismatic churches
Anglican churches	Anglican Church, Church of England in South Africa
Apostolic Faith Mission	Apostolic Faith Mission of South Africa
Lutheran churches	Lutheran Church of Southern Africa, Other Lutheran churches
Presbyterian churches	Presbyterian churches, Other Presbyterian churches
Bandla Lama Nazaretha	Bandla Lama Nazaretha
Baptist churches	Baptist Churches of Southern Africa, Other Baptist churches
Congregational churches	United Congregational Church of South Africa, Other Congregational churches
Orthodox churches	Greek Orthodox, Other Orthodox churches
Other Apostolic churches	Other Apostolic churches, New Apostolic Church, St John's Apostolic Church, Other African Apostolic churches
Other Zionist churches	Other Zionist churches
Ethiopian type churches	African Methodist Episcopal Church, Ethiopian type churches, Ethnic churches
Other Reformed churches	Reformed churches, Nederduits Hervormde Kerk, Afrikaanse Protestante Kerk
Other African independent churches	Other African independent churches
Other Christian churches	Other Christian churches, Christian Scientist
African traditional belief	African traditional belief
Judaism	Judaism
Hinduism	Hinduism
Islam	Islam
Other non-Christian churches	Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints, Buddhism, Taoist, Confucian, Bahais, New Age, Jehovah's Witnesses, Other non-Christian religions
No religion	No religion
Refused, Other, Unspecified	Refused, Other, Unspecified
N/A: Institution	N/A: Institution

19. Country of birth

Variable: BIRTHCOU

Position: 42 to 43

Notes for users

The question involved two parts – firstly, whether the person was born in South Africa and then, if not, in which country was the person born. The responses to both these parts have been incorporated into the single variable 'Country of birth'.

The first question, relating to whether the person was born in South Africa, included the instruction 'Include the former Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Venda, Ciskei – TBVC states)'.

A coding list was established for coding country of birth for those born outside South Africa. Countries are listed according to the name in use at the time of Census '96. Thus Zaire is listed as such although later the name of the country was changed to the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Many countries have very small counts. For most purposes, users may find the recode more appropriate.

Source
Household questionnaire: Q8 *Was (the person) born in South Africa? If 'No', in what country was the person born?* (first part pre-coded, second part write in)
Personal questionnaire: Q8 *Was this person born in South Africa? If 'No, in what country was this person born?* (first part pre-coded, second part write in)
Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population

All persons on household and personal questionnaires

Final code list

01 South Africa	02 Namibia
03 Swaziland	04 Botswana
05 Lesotho	06 Angola
07 Congo	08 Zaire
09 Kenya	10 Malawi
11 Mauritius	12 Mozambique
13 Reunion	14 Seychelles
15 Tanzania	17 Zambia
18 Zimbabwe	19 Madeira
20 Argentina	21 Algeria
22 Egypt	23 Rest of Africa
24 United States of America	25 Canada
26 Mexico	27 Cuba
29 Brazil	30 Chile
31 Colombia	32 Rest of Americas
33 Cyprus	34 Israel
35 Turkey	36 India
37 Pakistan	39 Philippines
40 Singapore	41 Thailand
42 China	43 Hong Kong
44 Japan	47 Taiwan
48 Rest of Asia	49 Denmark
50 Finland	54 England, Scotland & Wales
55 Austria	56 Belgium
57 France	58 Germany
59 Netherlands	60 Switzerland
62 Hungary	63 Poland
64 Russian Federation	67 Greece
68 Italy	69 Portugal
70 Spain	71 Yugoslavia
72 Rest of Europe	73 Australia and New Zealand
75 Rest of Oceania	00 Other
99 Unspecified	98 N/A: Institution

The following grouping (recoding) has been used and recommended to users:

South Africa	South Africa
SADC countries	Namibia, Swaziland, Botswana, Lesotho, Angola, Zaire, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Rest of Africa	Congo, Kenya, Reunion, Algeria, Egypt, Madeira, Rest of Africa
Europe	England, Scotland & Wales, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, Hungary, Poland, Russian Federation, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Yugoslavia, Rest of Europe
Asia	Cyprus, Israel, Turkey, India, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan, Rest of Asia
North America	United States of America, Canada
Central and South America	Argentina, Mexico, Cuba, Chile, Colombia, Brazil, Rest of Americas
Australia and New Zealand	Australia and New Zealand
Other	Other, Rest of Oceania
Unspecified	Unspecified
N/A: Institution	N/A: Institution

20. Citizenship

Variable: CITIZENC

Position: 44 to 45

Notes for users

The question on citizenship was a two-part question on the household and personal questionnaires. The first part obtained information on whether the person was a citizen of South Africa, another country or both South Africa and another country. The second part of the question asked for the other country of citizenship if there was one. The term 'citizen' was not defined on the census questionnaire.

On special enumeration questionnaires, only 'Nationality or Citizenship' was asked for and no information was obtained on dual citizenship.

The variable 'Citizenship' summarizes the information from all these questions. If a person was recorded as a citizen of both South Africa and another country, they are recorded as a citizen of South Africa in this variable. If information on dual citizenship is required, the variables 'Citizen of South Africa' and 'Citizen of other country' should be used.

Source

Household questionnaire: Q9 *Is (the person) a citizen of… (If dual citizenship or citizenship or another country), what is the name of the country?* (first part pre-coded, second part write in)

Personal questionnaire: Q9 *Is this person a citizen of… (If dual citizenship or citizenship of another country), what is the name of the country?* (first part pre-coded, second part write in)

Special enumeration questionnaire: C8 *Nationality or Citizenship* (write in)

Applicable population
All persons

Final code list
00 Other
01 South Africa
02-75 Countries as for Country of birth
99 Unspecified

21. Citizen of other country

Variable: CITIZENO

Position: 46 to 47

Notes for users
See Citizenship.
This variable relates to the second question on citizenship on household and personal questionnaires. It records the country a person is a citizen of, if they are a citizen of another country. When used with Citizenship of South Africa, it is possible to determine whether or not the person is also a citizen of South Africa.

Source

Household questionnaire: Q9.2 *If dual citizenship or citizenship of another country, what is the name of the country?* (write in)

Personal questionnaire: Q9.2 *If dual citizenship or citizenship of another country, what is the name of the country?* (write in)

Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population
All persons on household and personal questionnaires.

Final code list
00 Other
02-75 Countries as for Country of birth
99 Unspecified
97 N/A: Citizen of RSA only
98 N/A: Institution

22. Citizen of South Africa

Variable: CITIZENR

Position: 48 to 48

Notes for users
See Citizenship
This variable contains the results of the first question on citizenship/dual citizenship on household and personal questionnaires.

Source

Household questionnaire: Q9.1 *Is (the person) a citizen of…* (pre-coded)

Personal questionnaire: Q9.1 *Is this person a citizen of…* (pre-coded)

Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population
All persons on household and personal questionnaires.

Final code list
1 South Africa only
2 South Africa and another country
3 Another country only
9 Unspecified
8 N/A: Institution

23. Migrant worker

Variable: MIGWORKE

Position: 49 to 49

Notes for users
On the census questionnaire, a migrant worker was defined as 'Someone who is absent from home for more than a month each year to work or to seek work'. The interviewer's instructions further clarified that the month did not have to be continuous: 'A person away from home who returns home every weekend is regarded as a migrant worker providing that the total period away from home is a month or more.'

Although the question was asked in respect of all persons, those under 15 were set to 'Not applicable' in line with all other employment-related variables.

It is not possible to determine conclusively whether a migrant worker was enumerated at the place they consider home or the place they have migrated to for work. However, the questions on usual residence and district of employment may be of some use.

The data from this question was also used to derive the household variable indicating whether any migrant workers were present in the household (Migrant workers present in hhold). Complementary information was obtained from the question for each household on whether there were any people who were absent from the household because they were migrant workers (Migrant workers absent from hhold).

Source

Household questionnaire: Q10 *Is (the person) a migrant worker?* (pre-coded)

Personal questionnaire: Q10 *Is this person a migrant worker?* (pre-coded)

Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population
All persons aged 15 or older and enumerated on household or personal questionnaires.

Final code list
1 Yes
2 No
9 Unspecified
7 N/A: Aged <15
8 N/A: Institution

24. Place of usual residence

Variable: TEMPRESI

Position: 50 to 50

Notes for users
For Census '96, each person should have been enumerated where they stayed on Census Night (the night of 9-10 October 1996). However, for some purposes, users may be more interested in where each person usually lived at the time of the census as some people may have been absent from their usual residence temporarily when enumerated. This information was obtained through the question 'Is this dwelling the place where the person usually lives, i.e. where the person spends at least four nights per week?'

A response of 'No usual address' was included. This response was included for people who did not have a permanent place of residence at the time of the census, such as homeless people. However, other people, such as people who moved regularly for work and had no home base, may also have selected this response.

The question on usual residence had two parts. The first determined whether or not the person was enumerated at their usual residence while the second recorded the location of the usual residence. This variable, Place of usual residence, contains the results of the first part of the question.

Source

Household questionnaire: Q11.1 *Is this DWELLING (e.g. house, room, shack, flat) the place where (the person) usually lives, i.e. where (the person) spends at least four nights per week?* (pre-coded)

Personal questionnaire: Q11.1 *Is this DWELLING the place where the person usually lives, i.e. where the person spends at least four nights per week?* (pre-coded)

Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population
All persons on household and personal questionnaires

Final code list
1 Usual resident
2 Visitor
3 No usual address
9 Unspecified
8 N/A: Institution

25. Magisterial district/country of usual residence

Variable: USUALDIS

Position: 51 to 53

Notes for users
This variable records the location of each person's usual residence. If they were enumerated at their usual residence, or did not have a usual address, then the information was copied from their location of enumeration. If they were enumerated elsewhere, then the appropriate code was allocated.

During processing, coding was done for Magisterial district and Place name. However, at this time, only the Magisterial district data is available as the Place name codes are still being finalised.

Source

Household questionnaire: Q11 *If 'No', where does (this person) usually live?* (write in if elsewhere, derived if census address)

Personal questionnaire: Q11 *If 'No', where does this person usually live?* (write in if elsewhere, derived if census address)

Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population

All persons on household and personal questionnaires

Final code list
See Magisterial district and Country of birth code lists for details based on the following principles:
pmm Province/Magisterial district codes (if within South Africa)
0cc Country (if elsewhere)
000 Unspecified
098 N/A: Institution

26. Year moved to usual residence

Variable: MOVEDY2

Position: 54 to 57

Notes for users
If the person had ever moved, the respondent was asked for the year in which the person moved to the dwelling of usual residence and then for the location (Magisterial district and Place name) of the previous residence. This variable, 'Year moved to usual residence', records whether each person had moved and, if so, in what year they last moved.

This variable should be used in conjunction with 'District of usual residence', and 'District of previous residence'.

Source

Household questionnaire: Q12.1 *In which year did (the person) move to the DWELLING (e.g. house, room, shack, flat) where he/she usually lives?* (write in)

Personal questionnaire: Q12.1 *In which year did the person move to the DWELLING where he/she usually lives?* (write in)

Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population
All persons on household and personal questionnaires

Final code list
1900-1996 Year moved
9997 Never moved
9999 Unspecified
9998 N/A: Institution

27. Magisterial district/country of previous residence

Variable: MOVEDDIS

Position: 58 to 60

Notes for users
During processing, coding was done for Magisterial district and Place name. However, at this time, only the Magisterial district data is available as the Place name codes are still being finalised.

The questionnaire included the reminder 'Before moving into the dwelling where he/she usually lives' after the question in order to prompt for most recent previous place of residence.

Source

Household questionnaire: Q12.2 *From where did (the person) move?* (write in)

Personal questionnaire: Q12.2 *From where did this person move?* (write in)

Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population
All persons who have ever moved

Final code list

See Magisterial district and Country of birth code lists for details based on the following principles:
pmm Province/Magisterial district codes (if within South Africa)
0cc Country (if elsewhere)
000 Unspecified
097 N/A: Never moved
098 N/A: Institution

28. Disability status

Variable: DISABLECD

Position: 61 to 61

Notes for users
Respondents were asked to indicate whether or not the person concerned had a serious visual, hearing, physical or mental disability. The identification of disability was dependent on the respondent's interpretation of what constituted a serious sight, hearing, physical or mental disability. The response categories gave prompts for sight and physical disabilities and were as follows:
- Sight (serious eye defects)
- Hearing/speech
- Physical disability (e.g. paralysis)
- Mental disability

The respondent or interviewer was required to circle all applicable disabilities for the person concerned.

Interviewer's instructions offered some assistance with the definition of serious disability: 'The question is subjective. Allow the respondent to decide on what he or she feels is a serious disability. As a guide, however, you can indicate that a serious disability is one which prevents the person from performing normal activities of daily living, for example, getting in or out of bed, dressing, washing or even working, without assistance or equipment.'

The data from this question should only be considered a rough indication of the incidence of disabilities in the population. Other sources of data, which incorporate rigorous definitions of what constitutes a serious disability, should be used as a supplement to this information.

A person may have more than one disability. The variable 'Disability status' incorporates the information from the first question on whether a person has a disability as well as the type of disability if a person had only one type. For more detailed information on the number (if more than one) and combinations of disabilities people may have, it is necessary to look at the data for the separate variables on sight, hearing, physical and mental disabilities.

Source
Household questionnaire: Q13 *Does (the person) have a serious sight, hearing, physical or mental disability?* (pre-coded)

Personal questionnaire: Q13 *Does this person have a serious sight, hearing, physical or mental disability?* (pre-coded)

Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population
All persons on household or personal questionnaires

Final code list
1 Sight
2 Hearing
3 Physical
4 Mental
5 Multiple
6 Type of disability not specified
7 No disability
9 Unspecified
8 N/A: Institution

29. Sight disability

Variable: SIGHT

Position: 62 to 62

Notes for users
See Disability status

Source
Household questionnaire: Q13 (pre-coded)

Personal questionnaire: Q13 (pre-coded)

Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population
All persons with a disability (on household and personal questionnaires)

Final code list
1 Sight disability
0 No
6 N/A: No disability
7 N/A: Unspecified
8 N/A: Institution

30. Hearing disability

Variable: HEARING

Position: 63 to 63

Notes for users
See Disability status

Source
Household questionnaire: Q13 (pre-coded)

Personal questionnaire: Q13 (pre-coded)

Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population
All persons with a disability (on household and personal questionnaires)

Final code list
1 Hearing disability
0 No
6 N/A: No disability
7 N/A: Unspecified
8 N/A: Institution

31. Physical disability

Variable: PHYSICAL

Position: 64 to 64

Notes for users
See Disability status

Source
Household questionnaire: Q13 (pre-coded)

Personal questionnaire: Q13 (pre-coded)

Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population
All persons with a disability (on household and personal questionnaires)

Final code list
1 Physical disability
0 No
6 N/A: No disability
7 N/A: Unspecified
8 N/A: Institution

32. Mental disability

Variable: MENTAL

Position: 65 to 65

Notes for users
See Disability status

Source
Household questionnaire: Q13 (pre-coded)

Personal questionnaire: Q13 (pre-coded)

Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population
All persons with a disability (on household and personal questionnaires)

Final code list
1 Mental disability
0 No
6 N/A: No disability
7 N/A: Unspecified
8 N/A: Institution

33. Mother still alive

Variable: MOTHERAL

Position: 66 to 66

Notes for users
In order for users to be able to derive adult mortality information, questions were included to determine for each person whether their biological mother and biological father were still alive. As the respondent may not know whether the person's parents are still living, allowance was made for responses of 'Don't know'.

Interviewer's instructions clarified that the questions referred to the person's biological parents.

Source
Household questionnaire: Q14.1 *Is (the person's) own mother still alive?* (pre-coded)

Personal questionnaire: Q14.1 *Is this person's own mother still alive?* (pre-coded)

Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population
All persons on household and personal questionnaires

Final code list
1 Mother alive
2 Mother not alive
3 Don't know
9 Unspecified
8 N/A: Institution

34. Father still alive

Variable: FATHERAL

Position: 67 to 67

Notes for users
See Mother still alive

Source
Household questionnaire: Q14.2 *Is (the person's) own father still alive?* (pre-coded)

Personal questionnaire: Q14.2 *Is this person's own father still alive?* (pre-coded)

Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population
All persons on household and personal questionnaires

Final code list
1 Father alive
2 Father not alive
3 Don't know
9 Unspecified
8 N/A: Institution

35. Number of children ever born

Variable: CHILBORN

Position: 68 to 69

Numeric variable

Notes for users
A series of questions were asked of women aged 12 years or above to obtain information on fertility. The questions enquired as to the number of live births, the number of children still living, the month and year in which the first child was born and, for women less than 50 years of age, the number of live births in the preceding 12 months (since 10 October 1995).

The four variables included in final census data are:
No. of children ever born
No. of children still living
No. of births in last 12 months
Age of mother at birth of first child.

If no response was provided to the first question on children ever born, the subsequent responses were set to Not applicable. This was done to improve analysis of the questions which followed as it is not possible to interpret them accurately without the response to the first, key question.

The questionnaire included the instruction 'Please include her children who are not living with her and those who have died'. Responses of up to 30 were coded for the number of children ever born. Responses greater than 30 were set to Unspecified.

Source

Household questionnaire: Q15.1 *How many children, if any, has the woman ever given birth to? (live births)* (write in)

Personal questionnaire: Q15.1 *How many children, if any has this woman ever given birth to (live births)?* (write in)

Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population
Women aged 12 years or older

Final code list
0-30 in single steps
99 Unspecified

97 N/A: Males, females < 12
98 N/A: Institution

36. Number of children still living

Variable: CHILDLIV

Position: 70 to 71

Numeric variable

Notes for users
See No. of children ever born

Women who had not had any children born were set to 0 for this variable. Again, an upper limit of 30 was used for responses.

Source
Household questionnaire: Q15.2 *How many of her children are still living?* (write in)
Personal questionnaire: Q15.2 *How many of her children are still living?* (write in)
Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population
Women aged 12 years and older for whom there was a response to No. of children ever born

Final code list
0-30 in single steps
99 Unspecified
96 N/A: No. ever born unspecified
97 N/A: Males, females < 12
98 N/A: Institution

37. Age of mother at birth of first child

Variable: AGEFRSTB

Position: 72 to 73

Numeric variable

Notes for users
See No. of children ever born

This variable was derived from the month and year when the woman's first child was born and from her age. If either the year of the first birth or the mother's age were unspecified, this variable was set to 'Unspecified'. Also, the range of ages for the first birth was limited to 12 to 49 and any derived ages outside this range were set to 'Unspecified' as well.

Source
Household questionnaire: Q15.3 *When was her FIRST child born? (live birth)* (write in)
Personal questionnaire: Q15.3 *When was her FIRST child born? (live birth)* (write in)
Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population
Women aged 12 years and older who have given birth to at least one child

Final code list
12-49 Age in single years
99 Unspecified
95 N/A: 0 children born
96 N/A: No. ever born unspecified
97 N/A: Males, females < 12
98 N/A: Institution

38. Number of births in last 12 months

Variable: BORNLAST

Position: 74 to 75

Numeric variable

Notes for users
See No. of children ever born

This question was only asked in respect of mothers born after 10 October 1946, i.e. those less than 50 years of age at the time of Census '96.

An upper limit of 9 was used for responses to this question. However, most responses greater than 4 are likely to be erroneous and this users may want to make allowance for this in their analysis.

Source

Household questionnaire: Q15.4 *How many children (live births), if any, has she given birth to IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS (since 10 October 1995)?* (write in)

Personal questionnaire: Q15.4 *How many children (live births), if any, has she given birth to the last 12 months?* (write in)

Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population
Women aged over 12 years and under 50 years who gave a response to No. of children ever born

Final code list
0 - 9 in single steps
99 Unspecified
96 N/A: No. ever born unspecified
97 N/A: Males, females <12 or 50+
98 N/A: Institution

39. Highest school class completed

Variable: SCHOOL

Position: 76 to 77

Notes for users
See 'Highest education level'

This variable should be used where information on schooling only is required, regardless of any possible further educational qualifications. This variable is not available for persons enumerated on special enumeration questionnaires as information on schooling and higher qualification were not obtained separately.

Source

Household questionnaire: Q16.1 *What is the highest school class/standard that (the person) has COMPLETED?* (write in)

Personal questionnaire: Q16.1 *What is the highest school class/standard that this person has COMPLETED?* (write in)

Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population
All persons aged 5 years or older on household and personal questionnaires

Final code list
00 No schooling

01 Grade 0
02 Grade 1
03 Grade 2
04 Grade 3
05 Grade 4
06 Grade 5
07 Grade 6
08 Grade 7
09 Grade 8
10 Grade 9
11 Grade 10
12 Grade 11
13 Matric
99 Unspecified
97 N/A: Aged <5
98 N/A: Institution

40. Highest post-school qualification field

Variable: QUALFLD

Position: 78 to 80

Notes for users
See 'Highest post-school qualification level'.

As only the name of the qualification was requested on the census questionnaire, the available information on the field of qualification is limited. For example, persons with a BA (Bachelor of Arts) may have majored in languages, history, geography, demography, philosophy or a range of other subjects but this information is not available from the census data. Originally qualifications were coded according to a detailed code list of fields but, given the limitations, only the summary data provided in this variable can be considered relatively reliable.

Source
Household questionnaire: Q16.2 *What is the highest qualification he/she has?* (first part pre-coded, second part write in)
Personal questionnaire: Q16.2 *What is the highest qualification he/she has?* (first part pre-coded, second part write in)
Special enumeration questionnaire: C9 *Highest level of education completed* (write in)

Applicable population
All persons aged 15 years or older

Final code list
01 Arts
02 Science
03 Law
04 Theology
05 Economics and management
06 Education
07 Medical sciences
08 Engineering
09 Administration and clerical
10 Protection
11 Building sciences
12 Technical
13 Computing
14 Veterinary science
15 Other
99 Unspecified
96 No qualification
97 NA: Aged <15

Less than Grade 7 *(regarded internationally as indicator of literacy)*
Grade 7 and above

41. Studying status

Variable: STUDY

Position: 81 to 81

Notes for users
See 'Highest education level'

This question enquired as to whether the person was currently attending school, college, technikon or university and, where this was the case, distinguished between full-time and part-time study. The response options were:
- Yes, full-time
- Yes, part-time
- No

No definition was given in the questionnaire of 'full-time' or 'part-time' and respondents were thus required to interpret these terms themselves. Usually this should not be difficult as educational institutions define courses as full or part-time. However, if the respondent is giving information on behalf of someone else they may not be aware of the details of a course.

The questionnaire included an instruction to the effect that correspondence education, but not pre-school education, were to be included. The instruction read as follows: 'This includes study by correspondence, but excludes creche and pre-school.'

Analysis of the results of this question indicated that there may have been a problem with the quality of the data. Some responses to this question contradicted responses given to a later question. That is, some persons recorded as not studying for question 16.3 were recorded as being 'scholar/full-time student' for question 18.1 on usual activity. The cause of this problem is not clear but respondents could have mistakenly thought that the question on studying applied only to post-school institutions as it appeared after the question on post-school qualifications. Where responses contradicted, the response to the second question was considered to be correct and the variable 'Studying status' was amended accordingly. However, if users would prefer the unedited data, this is available from Stats SA as a special request.

Source

Household questionnaire: Q16.3 *Does (the person) presently attend school, college, technikon or university?* (pre-coded)

Personal questionnaire: Q16.3 *Does this person presently attend school, college, technikon or university?* (pre-coded)

Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population
All persons aged 5 years and older on household and personal questionnaires

Final code list
1 Yes, full-time
2 Yes, part-time
3 No, not studying
9 Unspecified
7 N/A: Aged <5
8 N/A: Institution

42. Highest post-school qualification level

Variable: QUALLEV

Position: 82 to 84

Notes for users
See 'Highest education level'

The question on post-school qualification consisted of two parts. The first part asked 'Does the person have a technical or artisan certificate, a diploma or degree completed at an educational institution?' and then, for persons with a post-school qualification, the second part requested the name of the qualification. The information from both parts of this question are combined together in the variables 'Highest post-school qualification level' and 'Highest post-school qualification field'.

Information on the level of the qualification was based on the name of the qualification given by the respondent. Thus, the code was derived from the level associated with the name or abbreviation provided and not from a description of level.

The assumption was made that persons aged under 15 can't have post-school qualifications and so they were set to 'Not applicable' for the qualifications questions.

Source

Household questionnaire: Q16.2 *Does (the person) have a technical or artisan certificate, a diploma or degree, completed at an educational institution? If 'Yes', what is the highest qualification he/she has?* (first part pre-coded, second part write in)

Personal questionnaire: Q16.2 *Does this person have a technical or artisan certificate, a diploma or degree completed at an educational institution?* (first part pre-coded, second part write in)

Special enumeration questionnaire: C9 *Highest level of education completed* (write in)

Applicable population
All persons aged 15 years or older

Final code list
01 Certificate
02 Diploma only
03 Bachelor's
04 Bachelor's + diploma
05 Bachelor's + honours
06 Master's
07 Doctor's
08 Other
99 Unspecified
96 No qualification
97 N/A: Aged <15

43. Highest school class completed

Variable: DEDUCODE

Position: 85 to 86

Notes for users
See 'Highest education level'

This variable should be used where information on schooling only is required, regardless of any possible further educational qualifications. This variable is not available for persons enumerated on special enumeration questionnaires as information on schooling and higher qualification were not obtained separately.

Source

Household questionnaire: Q16.1 *What is the highest school class/standard that (the person) has COMPLETED?* (write in)

Personal questionnaire: Q16.1 *What is the highest school class/standard that this person has COMPLETED?* (write in)

Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population
All persons aged 5 years or older on household and personal questionnaires

Final code list
00 No schooling
01 Grade 0
02 Grade 1
03 Grade 2
04 Grade 3
05 Grade 4
06 Grade 5
07 Grade 6
08 Grade 7
09 Grade 8
10 Grade 9
11 Grade 10
12 Grade 11
13 Matric
99 Unspecified
97 N/A: Aged <5

44. Employment status

Variable: ECONACTT

Position: 87 to 88

Notes for users

Employment status refers to whether a person is employed, unemployed or not economically active. The two sub-categories of employed and unemployed together constitute the category economically active. The category of not economically active includes all those who are not currently regarded as part of the labour force.

Employee status is derived from two questions – Q17 'Does the person work?' and Q18.1 relating to the reasons a person is not working. As all the information from the individual questions is included in the derived variable, the individual variables were not required on the final census database.

The census questionnaire provided respondents with some guidance as to what constituted 'work'. It was defined as including working for pay, profit or family gain. The following activities were listed as work:
- Formal work for a salary or wage
- Informal work such as making things for sale or selling things or rendering a service
- Work on a farm or the land, whether for a wage or as part of the household's farming activities.

If the person did not fall in one of these categories, they were to be considered not working and were required to answer the following question on the reason for not working. The following response options were listed and no additional definitions or prompts were provided:
- Unemployed and looking for work
- Unemployed, not looking for work, but would accept work
- Housewife/home-maker
- Child not yet scholar
- Scholar/full-time student
- Pensioner/retired person
- Disabled person
- Not wishing to work
- None of the above

There are few 'Unspecified' codes as, in most cases, coders followed the instructions to allocate codes of 'No' (Not working) and 'None of the above' where no information related to employment was provided.

Stats SA has developed two definitions of unemployment for use in household surveys – a strict and an expanded definition. The strict definition is the official definition. The two definitions differ in the requirements for people to be actively looking for work and available to start work. It is not possible to replicate either definition in the census as the information obtained does not include sufficient detail. However, the first category of unemployed ('Unemployed and looking for work') is roughly equivalent to the expanded definition of unemployment used for other surveys. The second category of unemployed ('Unemployed, not looking for work, but would accept work'), despite the inclusion of the word 'unemployed', was treated as not economically active as it does not include the requirement that the person

be looking for work. As such, it has been renamed 'Not working – not looking for work' in the dataset to ensure it is treated correctly in analysis.

While all persons aged 5 years and older were asked the questions on employment, the final census file includes only the data for persons aged 15 years and older. As a result, the category of 'Child not yet scholar' was set to 'Unspecified' as it is not applicable to persons aged over 15. Information on child labour will be available from the Child Labour Survey to be conducted by Stats SA in early 1999.

Source

Household questionnaire: Q17/18.1 *Does (the person)* work? (For the person who is not working), *is (the person) one of the following... (pre-coded)*

Personal questionnaire: Q17/18.1 *Does this person work (for pay, profit or family gain)?* (For the person who is not working), *is this person one of the following…* (pre-coded)

Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population
All persons aged 15 years and older on household and personal questionnaires

Final code list
01 Employed
02 Unemployed, looking for work
03 Not working – not looking for work
04 Not working – housewife/home-maker
06 Not working – scholar/full-time student
07 Not working – pensioner/retired person
08 Not working – disabled person
09 Not working – not wishing to work
10 Not working – none of the above
99 Unspecified
97 N/A: Aged <15
98 N/A: Institution

45. Full-time or part-time work

> Variable: WORKTIME

> Position: 89 to 89

Notes for users
This question was asked only in respect of those people who were working i.e. with employment status of 'Employed' (see Employment Status).

There was no definition of 'full-time' or 'part-time' provided on the census questionnaire or to interviewers. Thus, respondents may have interpreted the terms differently. This should be remembered in analysing the data.

Source

Household questionnaire: Q19.1 *Does (the person) carry out this activity full-time or part-time?* (pre-coded)
Personal questionnaire: Q19.1 *Does this person carry out this activity full-time or part-time?* (pre-coded)
Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population
All persons aged 15 years and older who were working (household and personal questionnaires only)

Final code list
1 Full-time
2 Part-time
9 Unspecified
7 N/A: Age <15 or not employed
8 N/A: Institution

46. Work status

Variable: WMPLOYME

Position: 90 to 90

Notes for users

Work status refers to whether a person is an employee, an employer, self-employed and working alone, or works in a family business.

This question asked for the best description of the person's 'activities or work status'. The following options were provided:
- Works for him-/herself without employing anyone else (self-employed)
- Works for him-/herself and employs other people (employer)
- Works for an organisation or someone else (employee)
- Works in family business

The category 'Works in family business' could overlap with other responses. It was up to the respondent to decide which was appropriate.

Source

Household questionnaire: Q19.2 *How can one best describe (the person's) activities or work status?* (pre-coded)

Personal questionnaire: Q19.2 *How can one best describe this person's activities or work status?* (pre-coded)

Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population

All persons aged 15 years and older who were working (household and personal questionnaires only)

Final code list

1 Self-employed
2 Employer
3 Employee
4 Works in family business
9 Unspecified
7 N/A: Age <15 or not employed
8 N/A: Institution

47. Occupation

Variable: OCCUPAT

Position: 91 to 93

Notes for users

This question was only asked in respect of people who were employed (See Employment status).

Two questions were asked to assist in accurately coding each person's occupation. The first asked for the name of the occupation and gave the following list of examples: 'plumber, street trader, cattle farmer, primary school teacher, domestic worker'. The second asked for more detail on the person's main duty/activity and gave the examples of 'installing pipes in new houses, selling fruit and vegetables, breeding cattle, teaching primary school children, cooking and cleaning'.

Coding was done using a code list of occupations based on the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO 88). Originally coding was done to four-digit level but problems with the quality of coding and the fact that many categories had extremely small numbers meant that the data will only be released at three-digit level. Recodes will be available to provide data at one- or two-digit level which should be sufficient for most purposes.

The category 'Elementary' was formerly termed 'Unskilled' and can be understood as routine production work.

Source

Household questionnaire: Q19.3/4 *Focus on the occupation of (the person). What would you call this occupation? Describe (the person's) main duty/activity in more detail.* (write in)

Personal questionnaire: Q19.3/4 *Focus on the occupation of this person. What would you call this occupation? Describe this person's main duty/activity in more detail.* (write in)

Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population

All persons aged 15 years and older who were employed (household and personal questionnaires only)

Final code list

One-digit	*Two-digit*	*Three-digit*
1 Legislators, senior officials and managers	11 Legislators and senior officials	110 Legislators and senior officials NFD 111 Legislators 112 Senior government officials 113 Traditional chiefs and heads of villages 114 Senior officials of special-interest organisations 119 Legislators and senior officials NEC
	12 Corporate managers	120 Corporate managers NFD 121 Directors and chief executives 122 Production and operations managers 123 Other managers NEC 129 Corporate managers NEC
	13 General managers	130 General managers NFD 131 General managers 139 General managers NEC
	15 Armed forces and civil service managers	150 Armed forces and civil service managers
2 Professionals	21 Physical, mathematical and engineering science professionals	210 Physical, mathematical and engineering science professionals NFD 211 Physicists and astronomers 212 Mathematicians, statisticians and related professionals 213 Computing professionals 214 Architects, engineers and related professionals 215 Physical sciences technologists 219 Physical, mathematical and engineering science professionals NEC
	22 Life science and health professionals	220 Life science and health professionals NFD 221 Life science professionals 222 Health professionals 223 Nursing and midwifery professionals 229 Life science and health professionals NEC
	23 Teaching professionals	230 Teaching professionals NFD 231 Higher education teaching professionals 232 Secondary education teaching professionals 233 Primary and pre-primary education teaching professionals 234 Special education teaching professionals 235 Other teaching professionals 239 Other education professionals NEC
	24 Other professionals	240 Other professionals NFD 241 Business professionals 242 Legal professionals 243 Archivists, librarians and related information professionals 244 Social science and related professionals 245 Writers and creative or performing artists 246 Religious professionals 249 Other professionals NEC
3 Technicians and associate professionals	31 Natural and engineering science associate professionals	310 Natural and engineering science associate professionals NFD 311 Natural and engineering science technicians 312 Computer associate professionals 313 Optical and electronic equipment operators 314 Ship/aircraft controllers and technicians 315 Safety and quality inspectors 319 Natural and engineering science associate professionals NEC
	32 Life science and health	320 Life science and health associate professionals

		associate professionals	NFD

			321 Life science technicians and related associate professionals
			322 Modern health associate professionals
			323 Nursing and midwifery associate professionals
			324 Traditional medicine practitioners and faith healers
			329 Life science and health associate professionals NEC
		33 Teaching associate professionals	330 Teaching associate professionals NFD
			331 Primary education teaching associate professionals
			332 Pre-primary education teaching associate professionals
			333 Special education teaching associate professionals
			334 Other teaching associate professionals
			339 Teaching associate professionals NEC
		34 Other associate professionals	340 Other associate professionals NFD
			341 Finance and sales associate professionals
			342 Business services agents and trade brokers
			343 Administrative associate professionals
			344 Customs, tax and related govt. associate professionals
			345 Police inspectors and detectives
			346 Social work associate professionals
			347 Artistic, entertainment and sports associate professionals
			348 Religious associate professionals
			349 Other associate professionals NEC
		35 Armed forces and civil service associate professionals	350 Armed forces and civil service associate professionals
4 Clerks		41 Office clerks	410 Office clerks NFD
			411 Secretaries and keyboard-operating clerks
			412 Numerical clerks
			413 Material-recording and transport clerks
			414 Library, mail and related clerks
			419 Other office clerks and clerks NEC
		42 Customer service clerks	420 Customer service clerks NFD
			421 Cashiers, tellers and related clerks
			422 Client information clerks
			429 Customer service clerks NEC
5 Service workers, shop and market sales workers		51 Personal and protective services workers	510 Personal and protective services workers NFD
			511 Travel attendants and related workers
			512 Housekeeping and restaurant services workers
			513 Personal care workers
			514 Other personal services workers
			515 Astrologers, fortune-tellers and related workers
			516 Protective services workers
			519 Personal and protective services workers NEC
		52 Models, salespersons and demonstrators	520 Models, salespersons and demonstrators NFD
			521 Fashion and other models
			522 Shop salespersons and demonstrators
			523 Stall and market salespersons
			529 Models, salespersons and demonstrators NEC
		53 Armed forces and civil service workers	530 Armed forces and civil service workers
6 Skilled agricultural and fishery workers		61 Market-oriented skilled agricultural and fishery workers	610 Market-oriented skilled agricultural and fishery workers NFD
			611 Market gardeners and crop growers
			612 Dairy and livestock producers
			613 Market-oriented crop and animal producers
			614 Forestry and related workers
			615 Fishery workers, hunters and trappers
			619 Market-oriented skilled agricultural and fishery workers NEC
		62 Subsistence agricultural and fishery workers	620 Subsistence agricultural and fishery workers NFD
			621 Subsistence agricultural and fishery workers
7 Craft and related trades workers		71 Extraction and building trades workers	710 Extraction and building trades workers NFD
			711 Miners, shotfirers, stone cutters and carvers
			712 Building frame and related trades workers
			713 Building finishers and related trades workers
			714 Painters, building structure cleaners and related

		trades workers
		719 Extraction and building trades workers NEC
	72 Metal, machinery and related trades workers	720 Metal, machinery and related trades workers NFD
		721 Metal, machinery and related trades workers
		722 Blacksmiths, tool-makers and related trades workers
		723 Machinery mechanics and fitters
		724 Electrical and electronic equipment mechanics and fitters
		729 Metal, machinery and related trades workers NEC
	73 Handicraft, printing and related trades workers	730 Handicraft, printing and related trades workers NFD
		731 Precision workers in metal and related materials
		732 Potters, glass-makers and related trades workers
		733 Handicraft workers in wood, textile, leather and related materials
		734 Printing and related trades workers
		739 Handicraft, printing and related trades workers NEC
	74 Other craft and related trades workers	740 Other craft and related trades workers NFD
		741 Food processing and related trades workers
		742 Wood treaters, cabinet makers and related trades workers
		743 Textile, garment and related trades workers
		744 Pelt, leather and shoemaking trades workers
		749 Other craft and related trades workers NEC
8 Plant and machine operators and assemblers	81 Stationary-plant and related operators	810 Stationary-plant and related operators NFD
		811 Mining and mineral processing plant operators
		812 Metal processing plant operators
		813 Glass, ceramics and related plant operators
		814 Wood processing and paper making plant operators
		815 Chemical processing plant operators
		816 Power production and related plant operators
		817 Automated assembly-line and industrial robot operators
		819 Stationary-plant and related operators NEC
	82 Machine operators and assemblers	820 Machine operators and assemblers NFD
		821 Metal and mineral products machine operators
		822 Chemical products machine operators
		823 Rubber and plastic products machine operators
		824 Wood products machine operators
		825 Printing, binding and paper-products machine operators
		826 Textile, fur and leather products machine operators
		827 Food and related products machine operators
		828 Assemblers
		829 Other machine operators and assemblers NEC
	83 Drivers and mobile-plant operators	830 Drivers and mobile-plant operators NFD
		831 Locomotive engine drivers and related workers
		832 Motor vehicle drivers and related workers
		833 Agricultural and other mobile plant operators
		834 Ships deck crews and related workers
		839 Drivers and mobile plant operators NEC
9 Elementary occupations	91 Sales and services elementary occupations	910 Sales and services elementary occupations NFD
		911 Street vendors and related workers
		912 Shoe cleaning and other street service occupations
		913 Domestic and related helpers, cleaners and launderers
		914 Building caretakers, window and related cleaners
		915 Messengers, porters, door-keepers and related workers
		916 Garbage collectors and related labourers
		919 Sales and services elementary occupations NEC
	92 Agricultural, fishery and related labourers	920 Agricultural, fishery and related labourers NFD
		921 Agricultural, fishery and related labourers
		929 Agricultural, fishery and related labourers NEC
	93 Mining, construction, manufacturing and transport labourers	930 Mining, construction, manufacturing and transport labourers NFD
		931 Mining and construction labourers
		932 Manufacturing labourers

		933 Transport labourers and freight handlers
		939 Mining, construction, mnfctr. and transport labourers NEC
99 Occupation NEC or unspecified	99 Occupation NEC or unspecified	996 Occupation NEC
		999 Unspecified
98 Not applicable	98 Not applicable	987 N/A: Age <15 or not employed
		988 N/A: Institution

48. Occupation last employed

Variable: LSTWRK1

Position: 94 to 96

Notes for users

This question was asked in respect of all people who were not working/employed at the time of the census, and who were said to be either (a) unemployed and looking for work or (b) unemployed/not working and not looking for work but would accept work. The question was thus addressed to all people with a response of unemployed on the census questionnaire (see Employment status).

Source

Household questionnaire: Q18.2/3 *Focus on the type of work (the person) used to do in his her last occupation. What would you call this occupation? Describe (the person's) main duty or activity that (he/she) used to do in this occupation in more detail* (write in)

Personal questionnaire: Q18.2/3 *Focus on the type of work this person used to do in his/her last occupation. What would you call this occupation? Describe this person's main duty or activity that he/she used to do in this occupation in more detail* (write in)

Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population

All persons aged 15 years and older who were either 'Unemployed, looking for work' and 'Not working – not looking for work') (household and personal questionnaires only)

Final code list

As for Occupation except:
987 N/A: Age <15 or not unemployed
995 Never worked

49. Industry

Variable: INDUSTR

Position: 97 to 98

Notes for users

Industry refers to the economic sector in which the person works. The question was only asked in respect of people who were employed (see Employment status).

The classification used for coding was based on the International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC) 1993. Coding was done to the three-digit level but will only be released at the two-digit level due to the very small numbers in some three-digit categories.

Coding was based on the question 'What does the business do (main economic activity)?' Additional instructions were provided as follows: 'Describe the MAIN INDUSTRY, economic activity, produce or service of the person's employer or company, e.g. gold mining, road construction, supermarket, police service, hairdressing, banking; OR activity of the person, if self-employed, e.g. subsistence farming.' The question on the name of the business or company that the person works for was also referred to when needed in coding. The instruction for the question on the name of the business or company specified that the respondent or interviewer should indicate 'Domestic Service' for persons doing paid domestic work in a private household.

Domestic workers in private households are included in the industry category 'private households'.

Source

Household questionnaire: Q19.5/7 *What is the FULL name of the business/company or organisation for whom (the person) is working? What does the business do (main economic activity)?* (write in)

Personal questionnaire: Q19.5/7 *What is the FULL name of the business/company or organisation for whom this person is working? What does the business do (main economic activity)?* (write in)

Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population

All persons aged 15 years and older who were employed (household and personal questionnaires only)

Final code list

1 Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing
11 Agriculture and hunting
12 Forestry and logging
13 Fishing, operation of fish farms

2 Mining and quarrying
21 Mining of coal and lignite
22 Extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas
23 Mining of gold and uranium ore
24 Mining of metal ores
25 Other mining and quarrying
29 Service activities incidental to mining

3 Manufacturing
30 Mnfctr. of food, beverages and tobacco products
31 Mnfctr. of textiles, clothing and leather goods
32 Mnfctr. of footwear
33 Mnfctr. of fuel, petroleum, chemical and rubber products
34 Mnfctr. of other non-metallic mineral products
35 Mnfctr. of metal products, machinery and hhold appliances
36 Mnfctr. of electrical machinery and apparatus
37 Mnfctr. of electronic, sound/vision, medical & other appliances
38 Mnfctr. of transport equipment
39 Mnfctr. of furniture and other items NEC and recycling

4 Electricity, gas and water supply
41 Electricity, gas, steam and hot water supply
42 Collection, purification and distribution of water

5 Construction
50 Construction

6 Wholesale and retail trade
61 Wholesale and commission trade
62 Retail trade and repairs of goods
63 Sale and repairs of motor vehicles, sale of fuel
64 Hotels and restaurants

7 Transport, storage and communication
71 Land transport
72 Water transport
73 Air transport
74 Supporting transport activities (inc. storage)
75 Post and telecommunication

8 Financial, insurance, real estate and business services
81 Financial intermediation
82 Insurance and pension funding
83 Activities auxiliary to financial intermediation
84 Real estate activities
85 Renting of machinery and equipment
86 Computer and related activities
87 Research and development
88 Other business activities

9 Community, social and personal services
91 Public administration and defence activities
92 Education
93 Health and social work
94 Other community, social and personal service activities
95 Activities of membership organisations
96 Recreational, cultural and sporting activities
99 Other service activities

0 Private households
01 Private households

0 Diplomatic service
02 Exterritorial organisations
03 Representatives of foreign governments

0 Industry NEC or unspecified
09 Industry NEC or unspecified

0 Not applicable
07 N/A: Age <15 or not employed
08 N/A: Institution

50. Magisterial district of employment

> **Variable: WORKINGD**

> **Position: 99 to 101**

Notes for users

This question was only asked in respect of people who were working/employed at the time of the census (see Employment status).

The question inquired about each individual's place of work. Respondents were asked to give the name of the suburb, village or settlement, the name of the city, town, farm or tribal authority, and the name of the magisterial district. If the place was not in South Africa, they were asked for the name of the country. This was coded to both 'Magisterial district' and 'Place name'. At this stage only 'Magisterial district' data is available.

Source

Household questionnaire: Q19.6 *Where is this place of work?* (write in)

Personal questionnaire: Q19.6 *Where is the place of work?* (write in)

Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population

All persons aged 15 years and older who were working (household and personal questionnaires only)

Final code list

See Magisterial district and Country of birth code lists for details based on the following principles:
pmm Province/Magisterial district (if within South Africa)
0cc Country (if elsewhere)
000 Unspecified
097 N/A: Age <15 or not employed
098 N/A: Institution

51. Individual income (monthly)

> **Variable: INCOME**

> **Position: 102 to 103**

Notes for users

Income was collected in categories rather than single rand amounts to increase the response rate and to obtain more accurate data.

Respondents could choose to think of income in terms of weekly, monthly or annual amounts. The census questionnaire gave the following instructions: 'Think of the past year (1 October 1995 to 30 September 1996) and the money each person received. Please indicate each person's income category before tax. … Include all sources of income, for example, housing loan subsidies, bonuses, allowances such as car allowances and investment income. If the person receives a pension or disability grant, please include this amount.' The income asked for therefore included both income earned from work and other income.

This question was asked of all persons, whether working or not at the time of the census. However, for many purposes, users may want to restrict this to all persons aged 15 years or older, or all employed persons. Individual income was used in the derivation of a crude estimate of household income. See the section on household income for more detail. Household income is presented in annual amounts.

Source

Household questionnaire: Q20 *Please indicate each person's income category before tax* (pre-coded)

Personal questionnaire: Q20 *Please indicate this person's income category before tax* (pre-coded)

Special enumeration questionnaire: Not included

Applicable population

All persons on household and personal questionnaires

Final code list

Usually monthly income will be used in tables produced (alternatively could use weekly or annual amounts):

1 None
2 R1-R200
3 R201-R500
4 R501-R1 000
5 R1 001-R1 500
6 R1 501-R2 500
7 R2 501-R3 500
8 R3 501-R4 500
9 R4 501-R6 000
10 R6 001-R8 000
11 R8 001-R11 000
12 R11 001-R16 000
13 R16 001-R30 000
14 R30 001 or more
99 Unspecified
98 N/A: Institution

52. Person weight

Variable: PESPWEIG

Position: 104 to 112

Numeric variable

Notes for users
The weight variable is the adjustment factor for undercount to inflate the person file to the population.