

South Africa - South African Reconciliation Barometer 2021, Round 17

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Identification

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zaf-ijr-sarb-2021-v1

TITLE

South African Reconciliation Barometer 2021, Round 17

SUBTITLE

Round 17

COUNTRY

Name	Country code
South Africa	zaf

STUDY TYPE

Public Opinion Survey

ABSTRACT

The South African Reconciliation Barometer is a time series public opinion survey that measures South African's attitudes towards reconciliation. Barometer surveys were conducted in 2003 (Rounds 1-2) and 2004 (Rounds 3- 4 (2 rounds per year); 2005 - 2013 (Rounds 5-13) (one round per year); and 2015 - 2023 (Rounds 14 to 18) (one round every 2nd year). The merged 2003-2015 dataset is made available by DataFirst, as well as separate datasets for 2017 (Round 15), 2019 (Round 16), 2021 (Round 17), and 2023 (Round 18).

KIND OF DATA

Survey data

UNIT OF ANALYSIS

Individuals

Version

VERSION DESCRIPTION

Version 1: Edited, anonymised data for public distribution

VERSION DATE

2024-12-28

VERSION NOTES

Version 1 of the data from SARB 2021 (Round 17) was received by DataFirst from the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation (IJR) in 2024.

Scope

NOTES

The SARB survey collected data on the respondent's race, education level, employment status, and income. The survey also collected data on their racial attitudes, opinions of government and government performance, their dependence on public services and opinions of service delivery, and their intertemporal perceptions of happiness and well-being.

Coverage

GEOGRAPHIC UNIT

The lowest level of geographic aggregation of the data is Province.

UNIVERSE

The survey covered all persons over 16 years of age living in multimember households. Individuals in informal settlements were also included in the sampling frame. Domestic workers and hostel dwellers were excluded from the sample.

Producers and sponsors

PRIMARY INVESTIGATORS

Name
Institute for Justice and Reconciliation

FUNDING AGENCY/SPONSOR

Name	Abbreviation	Role
Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency	SIDA	Funding agency

Sampling

SAMPLING PROCEDURE

Sampling of respondents assumed the form of a multistage area-probability sample with three calls. The sampling included persons of 16 years and older living in multimember households. People living in informal settlements were included in the sampling frame. However, domestic workers and hostel dwellers were excluded from the sample. Enumeration Areas were drawn from the 2001 Population Census and sampling points were allocated to sub-places in each of the metros. Within each of the sampled sub-places, a street was randomly selected using a Geographical Information System (GIS) application, which indicates all the streets within the boundaries of each sub-place. The streets were listed and a street randomly selected from the list of streets. In the selected street between four and six dwellings were then be selected using a random walk procedure in the selected area. If there was more than one household at a dwelling, one household was chosen using a random procedure. At every alternate dwelling, all the males or all the females over 16 years of age were listed in order of age and thereafter one chosen using a random selection grid. If the interviewer found at their first visit that the qualifying person was not available for the duration of the fieldwork such as being on holiday or being sick, or could not speak any of the South African official languages, interviewers were allowed to substitute immediately. Three calls had to be made prior to substituting.

Data Collection

DATES OF DATA COLLECTION

Start	End	Cycle
2021	2021	Round 17

DATA COLLECTION MODE

Face-to-face

DATA COLLECTORS

Name
Ipsos-Markinor

Questionnaires

QUESTIONNAIRES

Each round of the SARB survey used a separate questionnaire and questionnaires changed between rounds. Sometimes changes were only to accommodate rewording but in some cases questions were removed or re-introduced. In recent rounds the goal of the IJR was to include 5-10% of questions on 'topical' issues, e.g., questions on Covid in 2021.

Access policy

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ACCESS CONDITIONS

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CITATION REQUIREMENTS

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ACCESS AUTHORITY

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Metadata production

DDI DOCUMENT ID

ddi-zaf-ijr-sarb-2003-2011-v1.1

PRODUCERS

Name	Affiliation	Role
DataFirst	University of Cape Town	Metadata creator

DATE OF METADATA PRODUCTION

2025-02-06

DDI DOCUMENT VERSION

Version 1

Data Description

Data file	Cases	Variables
sarb-2021-r17-v1	2374	3089

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South African Reconciliation Barometer 2021 [questionnaire]

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Date	2021-01-01
Country	South Africa
Language	English
Contributor(s)	This is the questionnaire for the Round 17 of the SA Barometer survey conducted in 2021.
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SA Reconciliation Barometer Survey: 2021 report

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