

# South Africa - South African Census 1985

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## Overview

### Identification

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**ID NUMBER**

zaf-css-census-1985-v1.2

### Version

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**VERSION DESCRIPTION**

v1.2: Edited, anonymised dataset for licensed distribution

**PRODUCTION DATE**

2012-01-16

**NOTES**

Version 1 of the dataset from the South African Census 1985 was downloaded from Statistics South Africa's website on 1 July 2010.

Version 1.1 was downloaded on 3 March 2011. In version 1.1 variable labels were changed to lower case, and missing variable labels (for dwelling, age, industry, sex and district) were added by Statistics South Africa.

In this version, version 1.2 corrections have been made to the value labels for the urban/rural variable (urb\_rura) to indicate urban white area, urban non-white area, rural white area and rural non-white area, in the data files for which this information was available (Areas c, e, f, g, h).

A note has been included on the education level variable (educ\_lev) to clarify the meaning of the "Grade 1" value in this variable. Grade 1 in this case refers to the Sub A, Sub B and Std 1 schooling levels. In the combined SA Census 1985 dataset available from Statistics South Africa's website this value has been renamed "Grade 1 and 2" and the definition of this value as Sub A, Sub B and Std 1 confirmed.

## Overview

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**ABSTRACT**

The population census conducted in South Africa in 1985 covered the whole of South Africa, but excluded the "Homelands" of Transkei, Bophutatswana, Ciskei, and Venda. This dataset is the full census, as opposed to the 10% sample datasets provided by Statistics South Africa from 1996 onwards.

**KIND OF DATA**

Census/enumeration data [cen]

**UNITS OF ANALYSIS**

The units of analysis under observation in the South African census 1985 are households and individuals

## Scope

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**NOTES**

The scope of the South African census 1985 includes the following themes:

Individuals: relationship within household, sex, age, marital status, population group, birthplace, country of citizenship, level of education, occupation, identity of employer and the nature of economic activity.

Households: dwelling type, type of area (rural/urban)

**TOPICS**

Topic	Vocabulary	URI
employment [3.1]	CESSDA	<a href="http://www.nesstar.org/rdf/common">http://www.nesstar.org/rdf/common</a>
unemployment [3.5]	CESSDA	<a href="http://www.nesstar.org/rdf/common">http://www.nesstar.org/rdf/common</a>
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT [3]	CESSDA	<a href="http://www.nesstar.org/rdf/common">http://www.nesstar.org/rdf/common</a>
TRADE, INDUSTRY AND MARKETS [2]	CESSDA	<a href="http://www.nesstar.org/rdf/common">http://www.nesstar.org/rdf/common</a>
DEMOGRAPHY AND POPULATION [14]	CESSDA	<a href="http://www.nesstar.org/rdf/common">http://www.nesstar.org/rdf/common</a>
censuses [14.1]	CESSDA	<a href="http://www.nesstar.org/rdf/common">http://www.nesstar.org/rdf/common</a>
fertility [14.2]	CESSDA	<a href="http://www.nesstar.org/rdf/common">http://www.nesstar.org/rdf/common</a>

## Coverage

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### GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

The 1985 census covered the so-called white areas of South Africa - the provinces of the Cape, the Orange Free State, Transvaal, and Natal - and the so-called National States of KwaZulu, Kangwane, Gazankulu, Lebowa, Qwaqwa, and Kwandebele. The 1985 South African census excluded the areas of the Transkei, Bophutatswana, Ciskei, and Venda.

The 1985 Census dataset has 9 data files. These refer to Development Regions demarcated by the South African Government according to their socio-economic conditions and development needs.

These Development Regions are labeled A to J (there is no Region I, presumably because Statistics SA felt an "I" could be confused with the number 1).

The 9 data files in the 1985 Census dataset refer to the following areas:

#### DEV REGION AREA COVERED

A Western Cape Province including Walvis Bay

B Northern Cape

C Orange Free State and Qwaqwa

D Eastern Cape/Border

E Natal and Kwazulu

F Eastern Transvaal, KaNgwane and part of the Simdlangentsha district of Kwazulu

G Northern Transvaal, Lebowa and Gazankulu

H PWV area, Moutse and KwaNdebele

J Western Transvaal

### GEOGRAPHIC UNIT

The lowest level of geographic aggregation covered by the South African census 1985 is suburb. The suburb codes are supplied with the documentation.

### UNIVERSE

All persons who were present on Republic of South African territory during census night were enumerated. Visitors from abroad who were present in the RSA on holiday or business on the night of the census, as well as foreigners (and their families) who were studying or economically active, were enumerated but not included in the final data. Likewise, members of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps of foreign countries were not included. However, the South African personnel linked to the foreign missions including domestic workers were enumerated.

Crews and passengers of ships were also not enumerated, unless they were normally resident in the Republic of South Africa.

Residents of the RSA who were absent from the night were as far as possible enumerated on their return and included in the region where they normally resided. Personnel of the South African Government stationed abroad and their families were, however enumerated. Such persons were included in the Transvaal (Pretoria).

## Producers and Sponsors

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### PRIMARY INVESTIGATOR(S)

Name	Affiliation
Statistics South Africa	

## Metadata Production

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### METADATA PRODUCED BY

Name	Abbreviation	Affiliation	Role
DataFirst		University of Cape Town	Metadata Producer

### DATE OF METADATA PRODUCTION

2014-07-23

### DDI DOCUMENT VERSION

Version 3

### DDI DOCUMENT ID

ddi-zaf-datafirst-census-1985-v3

## Sampling

No content available

# Questionnaires

## Overview

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The 1985 population census questionnaire was administered to each household and collected information on household and area type, and information on household members, including relationship within household, sex, age, marital status, population group, birthplace, country of citizenship, level of education, occupation, identity of employer and the nature of economic activities

## Data Collection

### Data Collection Dates

Start	End	Cycle
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### Data Collection Mode

Face-to-face [f2f]

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### Data Collectors

Name	Abbreviation	Affiliation
Statistics South Africa	SSA	

## Data Processing

No content available



## Data Appraisal

### Other forms of Data Appraisal

#### UNDER-ENUMERATION:

The following under-enumeration figures have been calculated for the 1985 census.

Estimated percentage distribution of undercount by race according to the HSRC:

Percent undercount

Whites 7.6%

Blacks in the "RSA" 20.4%

Blacks in the "National States" 15.1%

Coloureds 1.0%

Asians 4.6%

# File Description

# Variable List

## SA Census 1985 Area\_a\_v1.2

Content	The South African Census 1985 Area a file contains data for the Western Cape Province, including Walvis Bay.
Cases	2912954
Variable(s)	18
Structure	Type: Keys: ()
Version	Version 1.1
Producer	Statistics South Africa
Missing Data	

## Variables

ID	Name	Label	Type	Format	Question
V19	sweepnum	Sweep number	contin	numeric	
V20	returnum	Return number	contin	numeric	
V21	dwelling	Dwelling type	discrete	numeric	
V22	age	Age	contin	numeric	4.4 AGE - State age in years at LAST birthday
V23	mari_sta	Marital status	discrete	numeric	4.5 MARITAL STATUS - State whether never married, married, widowed, divorced or living together.
V24	race	Population group	discrete	numeric	4.6 POPULATION GROUP - e.g. White, Malay, Indian, South Sotho, etc.
V25	birthpla	Birth place	contin	numeric	4.7 BIRTHPLACE - If within RSA, state name of DISTRICT. If outside RSA, state name of country
V26	national	Nationality	contin	numeric	4.8 COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP/NATIONALITY
V27	educ_lev	Level of education	discrete	numeric	4.9 LEVEL OF EDUCATION - State: 4.9.1 Highest school standard PASSED 4.9.2 ALL DEGREES, DIPLOMAS and CERTIFICATES already obtained, for example B.A., TYPING DIPLOMA, etc
V28	occupati	Occupation	contin	numeric	4.10 OCCUPATION - i.e. nature of work done
V29	idemploy	Identity of employer	discrete	numeric	4.11 NAME OF EMPLOYER
V30	industry	Industry	contin	numeric	4.12 NATURE/MAIN ACTIVITY of industry or profession in which working, e.g. agriculture, shoe factory, caf, furniture shop, etc.
V31	citycode	City/town code	contin	numeric	
V32	surbcode	Suburb code	contin	numeric	
V33	enumcode	Enumerator's sub district	contin	numeric	
V34	urb_rura	Urban/rural	discrete	numeric	
V35	sex	Sex	discrete	numeric	4.3 SEX
V36	district	District	contin	numeric	

## SA Census 1985 Area\_b\_v1.2

Content	The SA Census 1985 Area b data files contains data on Development Region B (Northern Cape)
Cases	621244
Variable(s)	18
Structure	Type: Keys: ()
Version	Version 1.1
Producer	Statistics South Africa
Missing Data	

## Variables

ID	Name	Label	Type	Format	Question
V37	sweepnum	Sweep number	discrete	numeric	
V38	returnum	Return number	contin	numeric	
V39	dwelling	Dwelling type	discrete	numeric	
V40	age	Age	contin	numeric	4.4 AGE - State age in years at LAST birthday
V41	mari_sta	Marital status	discrete	numeric	4.5 MARITAL STATUS - State whether never married, married, widowed, divorced or living together.
V42	race	Population group	discrete	numeric	4.6 POPULATION GROUP - e.g. White, Malay, Indian, South Sotho, etc.
V43	birthpla	Birth place	contin	numeric	4.7 BIRTHPLACE - If within RSA, state name of DISTRICT. If outside RSA, state name of country
V44	national	Nationality	contin	numeric	4.8 COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP/NATIONALITY
V45	educ_lev	Level of education	discrete	numeric	4.9 LEVEL OF EDUCATION - State: 4.9.1 Highest school standard PASSED 4.9.2 ALL DEGREES, DIPLOMAS and CERTIFICATES already obtained, for example B.A., TYPING DIPLOMA, etc
V46	occupati	Occupation	contin	numeric	4.10 OCCUPATION - i.e. nature of work done
V47	idemploy	Identity of employer	discrete	numeric	4.11 NAME OF EMPLOYER
V48	industry	Industry	contin	numeric	4.12 NATURE/MAIN ACTIVITY of industry or profession in which working, e.g. agriculture, shoe factory, caf, furniture shop, etc.
V49	citycode	City/town code	contin	numeric	
V50	subrcode	Suburb code	contin	numeric	
V51	enumcode	Enumerator's sub district	contin	numeric	
V52	urb_rura	Urban/rural	discrete	numeric	
V53	sex	Sex	discrete	numeric	4.3 SEX
V54	district	District	contin	numeric	

## SA Census 1985 Area\_c\_v1.2

Content	The SA Census 1985 Area c data file contains data for the Orange Free State and Qwaqwa.
Cases	1846250
Variable(s)	18
Structure	Type: Keys: ()
Version	
Producer	Statistics South Africa
Missing Data	

## Variables

ID	Name	Label	Type	Format	Question
V55	sweepnum	Sweep number	contin	numeric	
V56	returnum	Return number	contin	numeric	
V57	dwelling	Dwelling type	discrete	numeric	
V58	age	Age	contin	numeric	4.4 AGE - State age in years at LAST birthday
V59	mari_sta	Marital status	discrete	numeric	4.5 MARITAL STATUS - State whether never married, married, widowed, divorced or living together
V60	race	Population group	discrete	numeric	4.6 POPULATION GROUP - e.g. White, Malay, Indian, South Sotho, etc.
V61	birthpla	Birth place	contin	numeric	4.7 BIRTHPLACE - If within RSA, state name of DISTRICT. If outside RSA, state name of country
V62	national	Nationality	contin	numeric	4.8 COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP/NATIONALITY
V63	educ_lev	Level of education	discrete	numeric	4.9 LEVEL OF EDUCATION - State: 4.9.1 Highest school standard PASSED 4.9.2 ALL DEGREES, DIPLOMAS and CERTIFICATES already obtained, for example B.A., TYPING DIPLOMA, etc
V64	occupati	Occupation	contin	numeric	4.10 OCCUPATION - i.e. nature of work done
V65	idemploy	Identity of employer	discrete	numeric	4.11 NAME OF EMPLOYER
V66	industry	Industry	contin	numeric	4.12 NATURE/MAIN ACTIVITY of industry or profession in which working, e.g. agriculture, shoe factory, caf, furniture shop, etc.
V67	citycode	City/town code	contin	numeric	
V68	subrcode	Suburb code	contin	numeric	
V69	enumcode	Enumerator's sub district	contin	numeric	
V70	urb_rura	Urban/rural	discrete	numeric	
V71	sex	Sex	discrete	numeric	4.3 SEX
V72	distrcit	District	contin	numeric	

## SA Census 1985 Area\_d\_v1.2

Content	The SA Census 1985 Area d data file contains data for the Eastern Cape/Border areas of South Africa.
Cases	1541251
Variable(s)	18
Structure	Type: Keys: ()
Version	
Producer	Statistics South Africa
Missing Data	

## Variables

ID	Name	Label	Type	Format	Question
V73	sweepnum	Sweep number	contin	numeric	
V74	returnum	Return number	contin	numeric	
V75	dwelling	Dwelling type	discrete	numeric	
V76	age	Age	contin	numeric	4.4 AGE - State age in years at LAST birthday
V77	mari_sta	Marital status	discrete	numeric	4.5 MARITAL STATUS - State whether never married, married, widowed, divorced or living together
V78	race	Population group	discrete	numeric	4.6 POPULATION GROUP - e.g. White, Malay, Indian, South Sotho, etc.
V79	birthpla	Birth place	contin	numeric	4.7 BIRTHPLACE - If within RSA, state name of DISTRICT. If outside RSA, state name of country
V80	national	Nationality	contin	numeric	4.8 COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP/NATIONALITY
V81	educ_lev	Level of education	discrete	numeric	4.9 LEVEL OF EDUCATION - State: 4.9.1 Highest school standard PASSED 4.9.2 ALL DEGREES, DIPLOMAS and CERTIFICATES already obtained, for example B.A., TYPING DIPLOMA, etc
V82	occupati	Occupation	contin	numeric	4.10 OCCUPATION - i.e. nature of work done
V83	idemploy	Identity of employer	discrete	numeric	4.11 NAME OF EMPLOYER
V84	industry	Industry	contin	numeric	4.12 NATURE/MAIN ACTIVITY of industry or profession in which working, e.g. agriculture, shoe factory, caf, furniture shop, etc.
V85	citycode	City/town code	contin	numeric	
V86	surbcode	Suburb code	contin	numeric	
V87	enumcode	Enumerator's sub district	contin	numeric	
V88	urb_rura	Urban/rural	discrete	numeric	
V89	sex	Sex	discrete	numeric	4.3 SEX
V90	distrcit	District	contin	numeric	

## SA Census 1985 Area\_e\_v1.2

Content	The SA Census 1985 Area e data file contains data for the former province of Natal and for Kwazulu
Cases	5892033
Variable(s)	18
Structure	Type: Keys: ()
Version	
Producer	Statistics South Africa
Missing Data	

## Variables

ID	Name	Label	Type	Format	Question
V91	sweepnum	Sweep number	contin	numeric	
V92	returnum	Return number	contin	numeric	
V93	dwelling	Dwelling type	discrete	numeric	
V94	age	Age	contin	numeric	4.4 AGE - State age in years at LAST birthday
V95	mari_sta	Marital status	discrete	numeric	4.5 MARITAL STATUS - State whether never married, married, widowed, divorced or living together
V96	race	Population group	discrete	numeric	4.6 POPULATION GROUP - e.g. White, Malay, Indian, South Sotho, etc.
V97	birthpla	Birth place	contin	numeric	4.7 BIRTHPLACE - If within RSA, state name of DISTRICT. If outside RSA, state name of country
V98	national	Nationality	contin	numeric	4.8 COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP/NATIONALITY
V99	educ_lev	Level of education	discrete	numeric	4.9 LEVEL OF EDUCATION - State: 4.9.1 Highest school standard PASSED 4.9.2 ALL DEGREES, DIPLOMAS and CERTIFICATES already obtained, for example B.A., TYPING DIPLOMA, etc
V100	occupati	Occupation	contin	numeric	4.10 OCCUPATION - i.e. nature of work done
V101	idemploy	Identity of employer	discrete	numeric	4.11 NAME OF EMPLOYER
V102	industry	Industry	contin	numeric	4.12 NATURE/MAIN ACTIVITY of industry or profession in which working, e.g. agriculture, shoe factory, caf, furniture shop, etc.
V103	citycode	City/town code	contin	numeric	
V104	surbcode	Suburb code	contin	numeric	
V105	enumcode	Enumerator's sub district	contin	numeric	
V106	urb_rura	Urban/rural	discrete	numeric	
V107	sex	Sex	discrete	numeric	4.3 SEX
V108	distrcit	District	contin	numeric	



## SA Census 1985 Area\_f\_v1.2

Content	The SA Census 1985 Area f data file contains data for the Eastern Transvaal, KaNgwane and part of the Simdlangentsha district of Kwazulu
Cases	1487569
Variable(s)	18
Structure	Type: Keys: ()
Version	
Producer	Statistics South Africa
Missing Data	

## Variables

ID	Name	Label	Type	Format	Question
V109	sweepnum	Sweep number	contin	numeric	
V110	returnum	Return number	contin	numeric	
V111	dwelling	Dwelling type	discrete	numeric	
V112	age	Age	contin	numeric	4.4 AGE - State age in years at LAST birthday
V113	mari_sta	Marital status	discrete	numeric	4.5 MARITAL STATUS - State whether never married, married, widowed, divorced or living together
V114	race	Population group	discrete	numeric	4.6 POPULATION GROUP - e.g. White, Malay, Indian, South Sotho, etc.
V115	birthpla	Birth place	contin	numeric	4.7 BIRTHPLACE - If within RSA, state name of DISTRICT. If outside RSA, state name of country
V116	national	Nationality	contin	numeric	4.8 COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP/NATIONALITY
V117	educ_lev	Level of education	discrete	numeric	4.9 LEVEL OF EDUCATION - State: 4.9.1 Highest school standard PASSED 4.9.2 ALL DEGREES, DIPLOMAS and CERTIFICATES already obtained, for example B.A., TYPING DIPLOMA, etc
V118	occupati	Occupation	contin	numeric	4.10 OCCUPATION - i.e. nature of work done
V119	idemploy	Identity of employer	discrete	numeric	4.11 NAME OF EMPLOYER
V120	industry	Industry	contin	numeric	4.12 NATURE/MAIN ACTIVITY of industry or profession in which working, e.g. agriculture, shoe factory, caf, furniture shop, etc.
V121	citycode	City/town code	contin	numeric	
V122	surbcode	Suburb code	contin	numeric	
V123	enumcode	Enumerator's sub district	contin	numeric	
V124	urb_rura	Urban/rural	discrete	numeric	
V125	sex	Sex	discrete	numeric	4.3 SEX
V126	distrcit	District	contin	numeric	

## SA Census 1985 Area\_g\_v1.2

Content	The SA Census 1985 Area g data file contains data for the former province of Northern Transvaal, and for Lebowa and Gazankulu
Cases	2746264
Variable(s)	18
Structure	Type: Keys: ()
Version	
Producer	Statistics South Africa
Missing Data	

## Variables

ID	Name	Label	Type	Format	Question
V127	sweepnum	Sweep number	contin	numeric	
V128	returnum	Return number	contin	numeric	
V129	dwelling	Dwelling type	discrete	numeric	
V130	age	Age	contin	numeric	4.4 AGE - State age in years at LAST birthday
V131	mari_sta	Marital status	discrete	numeric	4.5 MARITAL STATUS - State whether never married, married, widowed, divorced or living together
V132	race	Population group	discrete	numeric	4.6 POPULATION GROUP - e.g. White, Malay, Indian, South Sotho, etc.
V133	birthpla	Birth place	contin	numeric	4.7 BIRTHPLACE - If within RSA, state name of DISTRICT. If outside RSA, state name of country
V134	national	Nationality	contin	numeric	4.8 COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP/NATIONALITY
V135	educ_lev	Level of education	discrete	numeric	4.9 LEVEL OF EDUCATION - State: 4.9.1 Highest school standard PASSED 4.9.2 ALL DEGREES, DIPLOMAS and CERTIFICATES already obtained, for example B.A., TYPING DIPLOMA, etc
V136	occupati	Occupation	contin	numeric	4.10 OCCUPATION - i.e. nature of work done
V137	idemploy	Identity of employer	discrete	numeric	
V138	industry	Industry	contin	numeric	4.12 NATURE/MAIN ACTIVITY of industry or profession in which working, e.g. agriculture, shoe factory, caf, furniture shop, etc.
V139	citycode	City/town code	contin	numeric	
V140	surbcode	Suburb code	contin	numeric	
V141	enumcode	Enumerator's sub district	contin	numeric	
V142	urb_rura	Urban/rural	discrete	numeric	
V143	sex	Sex	discrete	numeric	
V144	distrcit	District	contin	numeric	

## SA Census 1985 Area\_h\_v1.2

Content	The SA Census 1985 Area h data file contains data for the PWV area, Moutse and KwaNdebele
Cases	5528657
Variable(s)	18
Structure	Type: Keys: ()
Version	
Producer	Statistics South Africa
Missing Data	

## Variables

ID	Name	Label	Type	Format	Question
V145	sweepnum	Sweep number	contin	numeric	
V146	returnum	Return number	contin	numeric	
V147	dwelling	Dwelling type	discrete	numeric	
V148	age	Age	contin	numeric	4.4 AGE - State age in years at LAST birthday
V149	mari_sta	Marital status	discrete	numeric	4.5 MARITAL STATUS - State whether never married, married, widowed, divorced or living together
V150	race	Population group	discrete	numeric	
V151	birthpla	Birth place	contin	numeric	4.7 BIRTHPLACE - If within RSA, state name of DISTRICT. If outside RSA, state name of country
V152	national	Nationality	contin	numeric	4.8 COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP/NATIONALITY
V153	educ_lev	Level of education	discrete	numeric	4.9 LEVEL OF EDUCATION - State: 4.9.1 Highest school standard PASSED 4.9.2 ALL DEGREES, DIPLOMAS and CERTIFICATES already obtained, for example B.A., TYPING DIPLOMA, etc
V154	occupati	Occupation	contin	numeric	4.10 OCCUPATION - i.e. nature of work done
V155	idemploy	Identity of employer	discrete	numeric	4.11 NAME OF EMPLOYER
V156	industry	Industry	contin	numeric	4.12 NATURE/MAIN ACTIVITY of industry or profession in which working, e.g. agriculture, shoe factory, caf, furniture shop, etc.
V157	citycode	City/town code	contin	numeric	
V158	surbcode	Suburb code	contin	numeric	
V159	enumcode	Enumerator's sub district	contin	numeric	
V160	urb_rura	Urban/rural	discrete	numeric	
V161	sex	Sex	discrete	numeric	4.3 SEX
V162	distrcit	District	contin	numeric	

## SA Census 1985 Area j\_v1.2

Content	The SA Census 1985 Area j data file contains data for the Western Transvaal
Cases	809423
Variable(s)	18
Structure	Type: Keys: ()
Version	
Producer	Statistics South Africa
Missing Data	

## Variables

ID	Name	Label	Type	Format	Question
V163	sweepnum	Sweep number	discrete	numeric	
V164	returnum	Return number	contin	numeric	
V165	dwelling	Dwelling type	discrete	numeric	
V166	age	Age	contin	numeric	4.4 AGE - State age in years at LAST birthday
V167	mari_sta	Marital status	discrete	numeric	4.5 MARITAL STATUS - State whether never married, married, widowed, divorced or living together
V168	race	Population group	discrete	numeric	4.6 POPULATION GROUP - e.g. White, Malay, Indian, South Sotho, etc.
V169	birthpla	Birth place	contin	numeric	4.7 BIRTHPLACE - If within RSA, state name of DISTRICT. If outside RSA, state name of country
V170	national	Nationality	contin	numeric	4.8 COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP/NATIONALITY
V171	educ_lev	Level of education	discrete	numeric	4.9 LEVEL OF EDUCATION - State: 4.9.1 Highest school standard PASSED 4.9.2 ALL DEGREES, DIPLOMAS and CERTIFICATES already obtained, for example B.A., TYPING DIPLOMA, etc
V172	occupati	Occupation	contin	numeric	4.10 OCCUPATION - i.e. nature of work done
V173	idemploy	Identity of employer	discrete	numeric	4.11 NAME OF EMPLOYER
V174	industry	Industry	contin	numeric	4.12 NATURE/MAIN ACTIVITY of industry or profession in which working, e.g. agriculture, shoe factory, caf, furniture shop, etc.
V175	citycode	City/town code	contin	numeric	
V176	surbcode	Suburb code	contin	numeric	
V177	enumcode	Enumerator's sub district	contin	numeric	
V178	urb_rura	Urban/rural	discrete	numeric	
V179	sex	Sex	discrete	numeric	4.3 SEX
V180	distrcit	District	discrete	numeric	



**Sweep number (sweepnum)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_a\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 2912954
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 0
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 90
Range: 0-90	Mean: 1.9
	Standard deviation: 9

**Return number (returnum)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_a\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 2912954
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 0
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 8146
Range: 0-8146	Mean: 81
	Standard deviation: 87.2

**Dwelling type (dwelling)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_a\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 2912954
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 38	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-9	

**Description**

Type of dwelling

**Source of information**

The enumerator completed information on the dwelling type

**Age (age)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_a\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 2912954
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 0
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 99
Range: 0-99	Mean: 27.2
	Standard deviation: 19.5

**Description**

Age of respondent

**Source of information**

Questionnaire

**Literal question**

4.4 AGE - State age in years at LAST birthday

**Marital status (mari\_sta)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_a\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 2912954
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 15	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-5	

**Description**

Marital status of respondent

**Source of information**

Questionnaire

**Literal question**

4.5 MARITAL STATUS - State whether never married, married, widowed, divorced or living together.

**Population group (race)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_a\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 2912954
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 15	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-19	

**Description**

Race of the respondent

**Literal question**

4.6 POPULATION GROUP - e.g. White, Malay, Indian, South Sotho, etc.

**Birth place (birthpla)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_a\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 2912954
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 93
Range: 1-93	Mean: 3.2
	Standard deviation: 9.8

**Description**

Place of birth of the respondent

**Literal question**

4.7 BIRTHPLACE - If within RSA, state name of DISTRICT. If outside RSA, state name of country

**Nationality (national)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_a\_v1.2

**Overview**

## Nationality (national)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_a\_v1.2

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 2912954
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 93
Range: 1-93	Mean: 2.8
	Standard deviation: 8.5

### Description

Country of citizenship or nationality of the respondent

### Literal question

4.8 COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP/NATIONALITY

## Level of education (educ\_lev)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_a\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 2912954
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 37	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 0-20	

### Description

Highest level of education attained by the respondent. Grade 1 in this case refers to the Sub A, Sub B and Std 1 schooling levels. In the combined SA Census 1985 dataset available from Statistics South Africa's website this value has been renamed "Grade 1 and 2" and the definition of this value as Sub A, Sub B and Std 1 confirmed.

### Literal question

4.9 LEVEL OF EDUCATION - State:

4.9.1 Highest school standard PASSED

4.9.2 ALL DEGREES, DIPLOMAS and CERTIFICATES already obtained, for example B.A., TYPING DIPLOMA, etc

## Occupation (occupati)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_a\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 2912954
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 3	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 28
Range: 1-28	Mean: 23.8
	Standard deviation: 6.7

### Description

The respondent's occupation

### Literal question

4.10 OCCUPATION - i.e. nature of work done

## Identity of employer (idemploy)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_a\_v1.2

### Overview



**Identity of employer (idemploy)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_a\_v1.2

Type: Discrete  
 Format: numeric  
 Width: 1  
 Decimals: 0  
 Range: 0-9

Valid cases: 2912954  
 Invalid: 0

**Description**

The name of the respondent's employer

**Literal question**

4.11 NAME OF EMPLOYER

**Industry (industry)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_a\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous  
 Format: numeric  
 Width: 3  
 Decimals: 0  
 Range: 1-74

Valid cases: 2912954  
 Invalid: 0  
 Minimum: 1  
 Maximum: 74  
 Mean: 60.7  
 Standard deviation: 21.8

**Description**

The main activity of the industry or profession in which the respondent works

**Literal question**

4.12 NATURE/MAIN ACTIVITY of industry or profession in which working, e.g. agriculture, shoe factory, caf, furniture shop, etc.

**City/town code (citycode)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_a\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous  
 Format: numeric  
 Width: 4  
 Decimals: 0  
 Range: 1-568

Valid cases: 2912954  
 Invalid: 0  
 Minimum: 1  
 Maximum: 568  
 Mean: 89.4  
 Standard deviation: 88

**Description**

City or town of residence of the respondent

**Source of information**

Information on the city in which the respondent resides was completed by the enumerator

**Suburb code (surbcode)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_a\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous  
 Format: numeric  
 Width: 4  
 Decimals: 0  
 Range: 1-2188

Valid cases: 2912954  
 Invalid: 0  
 Minimum: 1  
 Maximum: 2188  
 Mean: 1110  
 Standard deviation: 797.7

**Description**

**Suburb code (surbcode)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_a\_v1.2

The suburb or farm code of the area in which the respondent resides

**Source of information**

The suburb or farm code was completed by the enumerator

**Enumerator's sub district (enumcode)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_a\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 2912954
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 4258
Range: 1-4258	Mean: 1791
	Standard deviation: 1408.6

**Description**

The enumerator's subdistrict code

**Source of information**

Information on the enumerator's subdistrict number was completed by the enumerator

**Urban/rural (urb\_rura)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_a\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 2912954
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 1	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 0-2	

**Description**

The type of area in which the respondent resides i.e. urban or rural area. In this version, version 1.2 corrections have been made to the value labels for the urban/rural variable (urb\_rura) to indicate urban white area, urban non-white area, rural white area and rural non-white area, in the data files for which this information was available (Areas c, e, f, g, h).

**Sex (sex)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_a\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 2912954
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 1	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-2	

**Description**

Gender of the respondent

**Literal question**

4.3 SEX

**District (district)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_a\_v1.2

## District (district)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_a\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 2912954
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 3	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 109
Range: 1-109	Mean: 13.1
	Standard deviation: 14

### Description

Magisterial district in which the respondent resides

### Source of information

The enumerator provided information on the respondent's district

**Sweep number (sweepnum)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_b\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 621244
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 0-6	

**Return number (returnum)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_b\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 621244
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 8124
Range: 1-8124	Mean: 76.2
	Standard deviation: 94.9

**Dwelling type (dwelling)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_b\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 621244
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 38	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-9	

**Description**

Type of dwelling

**Source of information**

The enumerator completed information on the dwelling type

**Age (age)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_b\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 621244
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 0
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 99
Range: 0-99	Mean: 25.4
	Standard deviation: 19.4

**Description**

Age of respondent

**Literal question**

4.4 AGE - State age in years at LAST birthday

**Marital status (mari\_sta)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_b\_v1.2

**Marital status (mari\_sta)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_b\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 621244
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 15	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-5	

**Description**

Marital status of respondent

**Literal question**

4.5 MARITAL STATUS - State whether never married, married, widowed, divorced or living together.

**Population group (race)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_b\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 621244
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 15	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-19	

**Description**

Race of the respondent

**Literal question**

4.6 POPULATION GROUP - e.g. White, Malay, Indian, South Sotho, etc.

**Birth place (birthpla)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_b\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 621244
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 93
Range: 1-93	Mean: 2
	Standard deviation: 4.3

**Description**

Place of birth of the respondent

**Literal question**

4.7 BIRTHPLACE - If within RSA, state name of DISTRICT. If outside RSA, state name of country

**Nationality (national)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_b\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 621244
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 93
Range: 1-93	Mean: 2.6
	Standard deviation: 4.3

**Description**

## Nationality (national)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_b\_v1.2

Country of citizenship or nationality of the respondent

### Literal question

4.8 COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP/NATIONALITY

## Level of education (educ\_lev)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_b\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Discrete  
Format: numeric  
Width: 36  
Decimals: 0  
Range: 0-20

Valid cases: 621244  
Invalid: 0

### Description

Highest level of education attained by the respondent. Grade 1 in this case refers to the Sub A, Sub B and Std 1 schooling levels. In the combined SA Census 1985 dataset available from Statistics South Africa's website this value has been renamed "Grade 1 and 2" and the definition of this value as Sub A, Sub B and Std 1 confirmed.

### Literal question

4.9 LEVEL OF EDUCATION - State:

4.9.1 Highest school standard PASSED

4.9.2 ALL DEGREES, DIPLOMAS and CERTIFICATES already obtained, for example B.A., TYPING DIPLOMA, etc

## Occupation (occupati)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_b\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Continuous  
Format: numeric  
Width: 3  
Decimals: 0  
Range: 1-28

Valid cases: 621244  
Invalid: 0  
Minimum: 1  
Maximum: 28  
Mean: 24.6  
Standard deviation: 5.6

### Description

The respondent's occupation

### Literal question

4.10 OCCUPATION - i.e. nature of work done

## Identity of employer (idemploy)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_b\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Discrete  
Format: numeric  
Width: 1  
Decimals: 0  
Range: 0-9

Valid cases: 621244  
Invalid: 0

### Description

The name of the respondent's employer

### Literal question

4.11 NAME OF EMPLOYER

## Industry (industry)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_b\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 621244
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 3	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 74
Range: 1-74	Mean: 60.2
	Standard deviation: 24.9

### Description

The main activity of the industry or profession in which the respondent works

### Literal question

4.12 NATURE/MAIN ACTIVITY of industry or profession in which working, e.g. agriculture, shoe factory, caf, furniture shop, etc.

## City/town code (citycode)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_b\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 621244
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 227
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 564
Range: 227-564	Mean: 514.8
	Standard deviation: 52.5

### Description

City or town of residence of the respondent

### Source of information

Information on the city in which the respondent resides was completed by the enumerator

## Suburb code (surbcode)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_b\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 621244
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 324
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 2185
Range: 324-2185	Mean: 1925.3
	Standard deviation: 581.2

### Description

The suburb or farm code of the area in which the respondent resides

### Source of information

The suburb or farm code was completed by the enumerator

## Enumerator's sub district (enumcode)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_b\_v1.2

### Overview

**Enumerator's sub district (enumcode)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_b\_v1.2

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 621244
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 4269
Range: 1-4269	Mean: 2529.3
	Standard deviation: 1577.6

**Description**

The enumerator's subdistrict code

**Source of information**

Information on the enumerator's subdistrict number was completed by the enumerator

**Urban/rural (urb\_rura)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_b\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 621244
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 1	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 0-2	

**Description**

The type of area in which the respondent resides i.e. urban or rural area. In this version, version 1.2 corrections have been made to the value labels for the urban/rural variable (urb\_rura) to indicate urban white area, urban non-white area, rural white area and rural non-white area, in the data files for which this information was available (Areas c, e, f, g, h).

**Sex (sex)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_b\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 621244
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 1	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-2	

**Description**

Gender of the respondent

**Literal question**

4.3 SEX

**District (district)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_b\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 621244
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 3	Minimum: 36
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 108
Range: 36-108	Mean: 98.4
	Standard deviation: 11.3

**Description**

Magisterial district in which the respondent resides

**Source of information**



**District (district)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_b\_v1.2

The enumerator provided information on the respondent's district

**Sweep number (sweepnum)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_c\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1846250
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 0
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 22
Range: 0-22	Mean: 0.6
	Standard deviation: 1.9

**Return number (returnum)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_c\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1846250
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 0
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 8085
Range: 0-8085	Mean: 92.1
	Standard deviation: 106.4

**Dwelling type (dwelling)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_c\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 1846250
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 38	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-9	

**Description**

Type of dwelling

**Source of information**

The enumerator completed information on the dwelling type

**Age (age)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_c\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1846250
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 0
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 99
Range: 0-99	Mean: 25.3
	Standard deviation: 19

**Description**

Age of respondent

**Literal question**

4.4 AGE - State age in years at LAST birthday

**Marital status (mari\_sta)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_c\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 1846250
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 15	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-5	

**Description**

Marital status of respondent

**Literal question**

4.5 MARITAL STATUS - State whether never married, married, widowed, divorced or living together

**Population group (race)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_c\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 1846250
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 15	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-19	

**Description**

Race of the respondent

**Literal question**

4.6 POPULATION GROUP - e.g. White, Malay, Indian, South Sotho, etc.

**Birth place (birthpla)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_c\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1846250
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 93
Range: 1-93	Mean: 2.5
	Standard deviation: 5.2

**Description**

Place of birth of the respondent

**Literal question**

4.7 BIRTHPLACE - If within RSA, state name of DISTRICT. If outside RSA, state name of country

**Nationality (national)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_c\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1846250
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 93
Range: 1-93	Mean: 3.9
	Standard deviation: 5.6

**Description**

## Nationality (national)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_c\_v1.2

Country of citizenship or nationality of the respondent

### Literal question

4.8 COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP/NATIONALITY

## Level of education (educ\_lev)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_c\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Discrete  
Format: numeric  
Width: 36  
Decimals: 0  
Range: 0-20

Valid cases: 1846250  
Invalid: 0

### Description

Highest level of education attained by the respondent. Grade 1 in this case refers to the Sub A, Sub B and Std 1 schooling levels. In the combined SA Census 1985 dataset available from Statistics South Africa's website this value has been renamed "Grade 1 and 2" and the definition of this value as Sub A, Sub B and Std 1 confirmed.

### Literal question

4.9 LEVEL OF EDUCATION - State:

4.9.1 Highest school standard PASSED

4.9.2 ALL DEGREES, DIPLOMAS and CERTIFICATES already obtained, for example B.A., TYPING DIPLOMA, etc

## Occupation (occupati)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_c\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Continuous  
Format: numeric  
Width: 3  
Decimals: 0  
Range: 1-28

Valid cases: 1846250  
Invalid: 0  
Minimum: 1  
Maximum: 28  
Mean: 24.6  
Standard deviation: 5.5

### Description

The respondent's occupation

### Literal question

4.10 OCCUPATION - i.e. nature of work done

## Identity of employer (idemploy)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_c\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Discrete  
Format: numeric  
Width: 1  
Decimals: 0  
Range: 0-9

Valid cases: 1846250  
Invalid: 0

### Description

The name of the respondent's employer

### Literal question

4.11 NAME OF EMPLOYER

## Industry (industry)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_c\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1846250
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 3	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 74
Range: 1-74	Mean: 57.9
	Standard deviation: 26.7

### Description

The main activity of the industry or profession in which the respondent works

### Literal question

4.12 NATURE/MAIN ACTIVITY of industry or profession in which working, e.g. agriculture, shoe factory, caf, furniture shop, etc.

## City/town code (citycode)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_c\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1846250
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 801
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 1401
Range: 801-1401	Mean: 942.8
	Standard deviation: 158.9

### Description

City or town of residence of the respondent

### Source of information

Information on the city in which the respondent resides was completed by the enumerator

## Suburb code (surbcode)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_c\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1846250
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 536
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 2973
Range: 536-2973	Mean: 2627.7
	Standard deviation: 639

### Description

The suburb or farm code of the area in which the respondent resides

### Source of information

The suburb or farm code was completed by the enumerator

## Enumerator's sub district (enumcode)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_c\_v1.2

### Overview

**Enumerator's sub district (enumcode)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_c\_v1.2

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1846250
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 8047
Range: 1-8047	Mean: 3447.8
	Standard deviation: 2074

**Description**

The enumerator's subdistrict code

**Source of information**

Information on the enumerator's subdistrict number was completed by the enumerator

**Urban/rural (urb\_rura)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_c\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 1846250
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 1	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 0-4	

**Description**

The type of area in which the respondent resides i.e. urban or rural area. In this version, version 1.2 corrections have been made to the value labels for the urban/rural variable (urb\_rura) to indicate urban white area, urban non-white area, rural white area and rural non-white area, in the data files for which this information was available (Areas c, e, f, g, h).

**Sex (sex)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_c\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 1846250
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 1	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-2	

**Description**

Gender of the respondent

**Literal question**

4.3 SEX

**District (distrct)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_c\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1846250
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 3	Minimum: 220
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 296
Range: 220-296	Mean: 249
	Standard deviation: 19.6

**Description**

Magisterial district in which the respondent resides

**Source of information**

**District (distrct)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_c\_v1.2

The enumerator provided information on the respondent's district

**Sweep number (sweepnum)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_d\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1541251
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 0
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 42
Range: 0-42	Mean: 1.1
	Standard deviation: 3.8

**Return number (returnum)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_d\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1541251
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 8182
Range: 1-8182	Mean: 81.7
	Standard deviation: 89.2

**Dwelling type (dwelling)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_d\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 1541251
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 38	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-9	

**Description**

Type of dwelling

**Source of information**

The enumerator completed information on the dwelling type

**Age (age)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_d\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1541251
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 0
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 99
Range: 0-99	Mean: 26.6
	Standard deviation: 20

**Description**

Age of respondent

**Literal question**

4.4 AGE - State age in years at LAST birthday



**Marital status (mari\_sta)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_d\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 1541251
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 15	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-5	

**Description**

Marital status of respondent

**Literal question**

4.5 MARITAL STATUS - State whether never married, married, widowed, divorced or living together

**Population group (race)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_d\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 1541251
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 15	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-19	

**Description**

Race of the respondent

**Literal question**

4.6 POPULATION GROUP - e.g. White, Malay, Indian, South Sotho, etc.

**Birth place (birthpla)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_d\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1541251
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 93
Range: 1-93	Mean: 2.5
	Standard deviation: 7.9

**Description**

Place of birth of the respondent

**Literal question**

4.7 BIRTHPLACE - If within RSA, state name of DISTRICT. If outside RSA, state name of country

**Nationality (national)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_d\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1541251
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 93
Range: 1-93	Mean: 2.9
	Standard deviation: 7.3

**Description**

## Nationality (national)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_d\_v1.2

Country of citizenship or nationality of the respondent

### Literal question

4.8 COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP/NATIONALITY

## Level of education (educ\_lev)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_d\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Discrete  
Format: numeric  
Width: 36  
Decimals: 0  
Range: 0-20

Valid cases: 1541251  
Invalid: 0

### Description

Highest level of education attained by the respondent. Grade 1 in this case refers to the Sub A, Sub B and Std 1 schooling levels. In the combined SA Census 1985 dataset available from Statistics South Africa's website this value has been renamed "Grade 1 and 2" and the definition of this value as Sub A, Sub B and Std 1 confirmed.

### Literal question

4.9 LEVEL OF EDUCATION - State:

4.9.1 Highest school standard PASSED

4.9.2 ALL DEGREES, DIPLOMAS and CERTIFICATES already obtained, for example B.A., TYPING DIPLOMA, etc

## Occupation (occupati)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_d\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Continuous  
Format: numeric  
Width: 3  
Decimals: 0  
Range: 1-28

Valid cases: 1541251  
Invalid: 0  
Minimum: 1  
Maximum: 28  
Mean: 24.5  
Standard deviation: 6.2

### Description

The respondent's occupation

### Literal question

4.10 OCCUPATION - i.e. nature of work done

## Identity of employer (idemploy)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_d\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Discrete  
Format: numeric  
Width: 1  
Decimals: 0  
Range: 0-9

Valid cases: 1541251  
Invalid: 0

### Description

The name of the respondent's employer

### Literal question

4.11 NAME OF EMPLOYER

**Industry (industry)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_d\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1541251
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 3	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 74
Range: 1-74	Mean: 63.7
	Standard deviation: 20

**Description**

The main activity of the industry or profession in which the respondent works

**Literal question**

4.12 NATURE/MAIN ACTIVITY of industry or profession in which working, e.g. agriculture, shoe factory, caf, furniture shop, etc.

**City/town code (citycode)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_d\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1541251
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 273
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 800
Range: 273-800	Mean: 366.9
	Standard deviation: 93.3

**Description**

City or town of residence of the respondent

**Source of information**

Information on the city in which the respondent resides was completed by the enumerator

**Suburb code (surbcode)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_d\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1541251
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 228
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 2708
Range: 228-2708	Mean: 1317.3
	Standard deviation: 866.4

**Description**

The suburb or farm code of the area in which the respondent resides

**Source of information**

The suburb or farm code was completed by the enumerator

**Enumerator's sub district (enumcode)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_d\_v1.2

**Overview**

## Enumerator's sub district (enumcode)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_d\_v1.2

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1541251
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 4248
Range: 1-4248	Mean: 2255.2
	Standard deviation: 1523.2

### Description

The enumerator's subdistrict code

### Source of information

Information on the enumerator's subdistrict number was completed by the enumerator

## Urban/rural (urb\_rura)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_d\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 1541251
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 1	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 0-4	

### Description

The type of area in which the respondent resides i.e. urban or rural area. In this version, version 1.2 corrections have been made to the value labels for the urban/rural variable (urb\_rura) to indicate urban white area, urban non-white area, rural white area and rural non-white area, in the data files for which this information was available (Areas c, e, f, g, h).

## Sex (sex)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_d\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 1541251
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 1	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-2	

### Description

Gender of the respondent

### Literal question

4.3 SEX

## District (distrct)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_d\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1541251
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 3	Minimum: 47
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 219
Range: 47-219	Mean: 66.5
	Standard deviation: 28

### Description

Magisterial district in which the respondent resides

### Source of information

## **District (distrct)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_d\_v1.2

The enumerator provided information on the respondent's district

**Sweep number (sweepnum)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_e\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 5892033
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 0
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 72
Range: 0-72	Mean: 3.1
	Standard deviation: 5.8

**Return number (returnum)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_e\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 5892033
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 0
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 8183
Range: 0-8183	Mean: 75.1
	Standard deviation: 95.8

**Dwelling type (dwelling)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_e\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 5892033
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 38	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-9	

**Description**

Type of dwelling

**Source of information**

The enumerator completed information on the dwelling type

**Age (age)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_e\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 5892033
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 0
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 99
Range: 0-99	Mean: 24.3
	Standard deviation: 19.4

**Description**

Age of respondent

**Literal question**

4.4 AGE - State age in years at LAST birthday

**Marital status (mari\_sta)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_e\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 5892033
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 15	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-5	

**Description**

Marital status of respondent

**Literal question**

4.5 MARITAL STATUS - State whether never married, married, widowed, divorced or living together

**Population group (race)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_e\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 5892033
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 15	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-19	

**Description**

Race of the respondent

**Literal question**

4.6 POPULATION GROUP - e.g. White, Malay, Indian, South Sotho, etc.

**Birth place (birthpla)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_e\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 5892033
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 93
Range: 1-93	Mean: 2.8
	Standard deviation: 7.4

**Description**

Place of birth of the respondent

**Literal question**

4.7 BIRTHPLACE - If within RSA, state name of DISTRICT. If outside RSA, state name of country

**Nationality (national)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_e\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 5892033
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 93
Range: 1-93	Mean: 2.7
	Standard deviation: 6.6

**Description**

## Nationality (national)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_e\_v1.2

Country of citizenship or nationality of the respondent

### Literal question

4.8 COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP/NATIONALITY

## Level of education (educ\_lev)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_e\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Discrete  
Format: numeric  
Width: 36  
Decimals: 0  
Range: 0-20

Valid cases: 5892033  
Invalid: 0

### Description

Highest level of education attained by the respondent. Grade 1 in this case refers to the Sub A, Sub B and Std 1 schooling levels. In the combined SA Census 1985 dataset available from Statistics South Africa's website this value has been renamed "Grade 1 and 2" and the definition of this value as Sub A, Sub B and Std 1 confirmed.

### Literal question

4.9 LEVEL OF EDUCATION - State:

4.9.1 Highest school standard PASSED

4.9.2 ALL DEGREES, DIPLOMAS and CERTIFICATES already obtained, for example B.A., TYPING DIPLOMA, etc

## Occupation (occupati)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_e\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Continuous  
Format: numeric  
Width: 3  
Decimals: 0  
Range: 1-28

Valid cases: 5892033  
Invalid: 0  
Minimum: 1  
Maximum: 28  
Mean: 25.4  
Standard deviation: 5.6

### Description

The respondent's occupation

### Literal question

4.10 OCCUPATION - i.e. nature of work done

## Identity of employer (idemploy)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_e\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Discrete  
Format: numeric  
Width: 1  
Decimals: 0  
Range: 0-9

Valid cases: 5892033  
Invalid: 0

### Description

The name of the respondent's employer

### Literal question

4.11 NAME OF EMPLOYER



**Industry (industry)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_e\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 5892033
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 3	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 74
Range: 1-74	Mean: 65.2
	Standard deviation: 19.3

**Description**

The main activity of the industry or profession in which the respondent works

**Literal question**

4.12 NATURE/MAIN ACTIVITY of industry or profession in which working, e.g. agriculture, shoe factory, caf, furniture shop, etc.

**City/town code (citycode)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_e\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 5892033
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 569
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 1388
Range: 569-1388	Mean: 1112.8
	Standard deviation: 316.7

**Description**

City or town of residence of the respondent

**Source of information**

Information on the city in which the respondent resides was completed by the enumerator

**Suburb code (surbcode)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_e\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 5892033
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 372
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 2960
Range: 372-2960	Mean: 2460.6
	Standard deviation: 814.2

**Description**

The suburb or farm code of the area in which the respondent resides

**Source of information**

The suburb or farm code was completed by the enumerator

**Enumerator's sub district (enumcode)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_e\_v1.2

**Overview**

**Enumerator's sub district (enumcode)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_e\_v1.2

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 5892033
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 8082
Range: 1-8082	Mean: 5755.2
	Standard deviation: 2847.3

**Description**

The enumerator's subdistrict code

**Source of information**

Information on the enumerator's subdistrict number was completed by the enumerator

**Urban/rural (urb\_rura)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_e\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 5892033
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 1	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 0-4	

**Description**

The type of area in which the respondent resides i.e. urban or rural area. In this version, version 1.2 corrections have been made to the value labels for the urban/rural variable (urb\_rura) to indicate urban white area, urban non-white area, rural white area and rural non-white area, in the data files for which this information was available (Areas c, e, f, g, h).

**Sex (sex)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_e\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 5892033
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 1	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-2	

**Description**

Gender of the respondent

**Literal question**

4.3 SEX

**District (distrct)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_e\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 5892033
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 3	Minimum: 110
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 292
Range: 110-292	Mean: 224.1
	Standard deviation: 72.4

**Description**

Magisterial district in which the respondent resides

**Source of information**

**District (distrct)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_e\_v1.2

The enumerator provided information on the respondent's district

**Sweep number (sweepnum)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_f\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1487569
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 0
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 50
Range: 0-50	Mean: 2.3
	Standard deviation: 5.5

**Return number (returnum)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_f\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1487569
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 0
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 8157
Range: 0-8157	Mean: 79.1
	Standard deviation: 101

**Dwelling type (dwelling)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_f\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 1487569
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 38	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-9	

**Source of information**

The enumerator completed information on the dwelling type

**Age (age)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_f\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1487569
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 0
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 99
Range: 0-99	Mean: 24.4
	Standard deviation: 18.2

**Description**

Age of respondent

**Literal question**

4.4 AGE - State age in years at LAST birthday

**Marital status (mari\_sta)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_f\_v1.2

**Overview**

**Marital status (mari\_sta)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_f\_v1.2

Type: Discrete  
 Format: numeric  
 Width: 15  
 Decimals: 0  
 Range: 1-5

Valid cases: 1487569  
 Invalid: 0

**Description**

Marital status of respondent

**Literal question**

4.5 MARITAL STATUS - State whether never married, married, widowed, divorced or living together

**Population group (race)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_f\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete  
 Format: numeric  
 Width: 15  
 Decimals: 0  
 Range: 1-19

Valid cases: 1487569  
 Invalid: 0

**Description**

Race of the respondent

**Literal question**

4.6 POPULATION GROUP - e.g. White, Malay, Indian, South Sotho, etc.

**Birth place (birthpla)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_f\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous  
 Format: numeric  
 Width: 2  
 Decimals: 0  
 Range: 1-93

Valid cases: 1487569  
 Invalid: 0  
 Minimum: 1  
 Maximum: 93  
 Mean: 2.9  
 Standard deviation: 7

**Description**

Place of birth of the respondent

**Literal question**

4.7 BIRTHPLACE - If within RSA, state name of DISTRICT. If outside RSA, state name of country

**Nationality (national)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_f\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous  
 Format: numeric  
 Width: 2  
 Decimals: 0  
 Range: 1-93

Valid cases: 1487569  
 Invalid: 0  
 Minimum: 1  
 Maximum: 93  
 Mean: 3.9  
 Standard deviation: 6.7

**Description**

Country of citizenship or nationality of the respondent

## Nationality (national)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_f\_v1.2

### Literal question

4.8 COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP/NATIONALITY

## Level of education (educ\_lev)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_f\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Discrete  
Format: numeric  
Width: 36  
Decimals: 0  
Range: 0-20

Valid cases: 1487569  
Invalid: 0

### Description

Highest level of education attained by the respondent. Grade 1 in this case refers to the Sub A, Sub B and Std 1 schooling levels. In the combined SA Census 1985 dataset available from Statistics South Africa's website this value has been renamed "Grade 1 and 2" and the definition of this value as Sub A, Sub B and Std 1 confirmed.

### Literal question

4.9 LEVEL OF EDUCATION - State:

4.9.1 Highest school standard PASSED

4.9.2 ALL DEGREES, DIPLOMAS and CERTIFICATES already obtained, for example B.A., TYPING DIPLOMA, etc

## Occupation (occupati)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_f\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Continuous  
Format: numeric  
Width: 3  
Decimals: 0  
Range: 1-28

Valid cases: 1487569  
Invalid: 0  
Minimum: 1  
Maximum: 28  
Mean: 24.7  
Standard deviation: 5.5

### Description

The respondent's occupation

### Literal question

4.10 OCCUPATION - i.e. nature of work done

## Identity of employer (idemploy)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_f\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Discrete  
Format: numeric  
Width: 1  
Decimals: 0  
Range: 0-9

Valid cases: 1487569  
Invalid: 0

### Description

The name of the respondent's employer

### Literal question

4.11 NAME OF EMPLOYER

**Industry (industry)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_f\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1487569
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 3	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 74
Range: 1-74	Mean: 57.3
	Standard deviation: 26.9

**Description**

The main activity of the industry or profession in which the respondent works

**Literal question**

4.12 NATURE/MAIN ACTIVITY of industry or profession in which working, e.g. agriculture, shoe factory, caf, furniture shop, etc.

**City/town code (citycode)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_f\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1487569
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 1096
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 1399
Range: 1096-1399	Mean: 1211.1
	Standard deviation: 113.6

**Description**

City or town of residence of the respondent

**Source of information**

Information on the city in which the respondent resides was completed by the enumerator

**Suburb code (surbcode)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_f\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1487569
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 2475
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 2971
Range: 2475-2971	Mean: 2641.1
	Standard deviation: 197.4

**Description**

The suburb or farm code of the area in which the respondent resides

**Source of information**

The suburb or farm code was completed by the enumerator

**Enumerator's sub district (enumcode)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_f\_v1.2

**Overview**

**Enumerator's sub district (enumcode)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_f\_v1.2

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1487569
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 8035
Range: 1-8035	Mean: 4375.9
	Standard deviation: 2508.4

**Description**

The enumerator's subdistrict code

**Source of information**

Information on the enumerator's subdistrict number was completed by the enumerator

**Urban/rural (urb\_rura)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_f\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 1487569
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 1	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 0-4	

**Description**

The type of area in which the respondent resides i.e. urban or rural area. In this version, version 1.2 corrections have been made to the value labels for the urban/rural variable (urb\_rura) to indicate urban white area, urban non-white area, rural white area and rural non-white area, in the data files for which this information was available (Areas c, e, f, g, h).

**Sex (sex)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_f\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 1487569
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 1	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-2	

**Description**

Gender of the respondent

**Literal question**

4.3 SEX

**District (distrcit)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_f\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1487569
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 3	Minimum: 171
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 295
Range: 171-295	Mean: 210.3
	Standard deviation: 50.5

**Description**

Magisterial district in which the respondent resides

**Source of information**



**District (distrct)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_f\_v1.2

The enumerator provided information on the respondent's district

**Sweep number (sweepnum)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_g\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 2746264
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 0
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 79
Range: 0-79	Mean: 4.1
	Standard deviation: 6.5

**Return number (returnum)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_g\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 2746264
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 7863
Range: 1-7863	Mean: 74.2
	Standard deviation: 94.3

**Dwelling type (dwelling)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_g\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 2746264
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 38	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-9	

**Description**

Type of dwelling

**Source of information**

The enumerator completed information on the dwelling type

**Age (age)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_g\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 2746264
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 0
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 99
Range: 0-99	Mean: 22.1
	Standard deviation: 19.3

**Description**

Age of respondent

**Literal question**

4.4 AGE - State age in years at LAST birthday

## Marital status (mari\_sta)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_g\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 2746264
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 15	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-5	

### Description

Marital status of respondent

### Literal question

4.5 MARITAL STATUS - State whether never married, married, widowed, divorced or living together

## Population group (race)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_g\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 2746264
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 15	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-19	

### Description

Race of the respondent

### Literal question

4.6 POPULATION GROUP - e.g. White, Malay, Indian, South Sotho, etc.

## Birth place (birthpla)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_g\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 2746264
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 93
Range: 1-93	Mean: 5.2
	Standard deviation: 3.8

### Description

Place of birth of the respondent

### Literal question

4.7 BIRTHPLACE - If within RSA, state name of DISTRICT. If outside RSA, state name of country

## Nationality (national)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_g\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 2746264
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 93
Range: 1-93	Mean: 5.6
	Standard deviation: 3.3

### Description

## Nationality (national)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_g\_v1.2

Country of citizenship or nationality of the respondent

### Literal question

4.8 COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP/NATIONALITY

## Level of education (educ\_lev)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_g\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Discrete  
Format: numeric  
Width: 36  
Decimals: 0  
Range: 0-20

Valid cases: 2746264  
Invalid: 0

### Description

Highest level of education attained by the respondent. Grade 1 in this case refers to the Sub A, Sub B and Std 1 schooling levels. In the combined SA Census 1985 dataset available from Statistics South Africa's website this value has been renamed "Grade 1 and 2" and the definition of this value as Sub A, Sub B and Std 1 confirmed.

### Literal question

4.9 LEVEL OF EDUCATION - State:

4.9.1 Highest school standard PASSED

4.9.2 ALL DEGREES, DIPLOMAS and CERTIFICATES already obtained, for example B.A., TYPING DIPLOMA, etc

## Occupation (occupati)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_g\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Continuous  
Format: numeric  
Width: 3  
Decimals: 0  
Range: 1-28

Valid cases: 2746264  
Invalid: 0  
Minimum: 1  
Maximum: 28  
Mean: 26.3  
Standard deviation: 4.4

### Description

The respondent's occupation

### Literal question

4.10 OCCUPATION - i.e. nature of work done

## Identity of employer (idemploy)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_g\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Discrete  
Format: numeric  
Width: 1  
Decimals: 0  
Range: 0-9

Valid cases: 2746264  
Invalid: 0

### Description

The name of the respondent's employer

## Industry (industry)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_g\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 2746264
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 3	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 74
Range: 1-74	Mean: 67.2
	Standard deviation: 18.7

### Description

The main activity of the industry or profession in which the respondent works

### Literal question

4.12 NATURE/MAIN ACTIVITY of industry or profession in which working, e.g. agriculture, shoe factory, caf, furniture shop, etc.

## City/town code (citycode)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_g\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 2746264
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 1200
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 1439
Range: 1200-1439	Mean: 1392.5
	Standard deviation: 71.2

### Description

City or town of residence of the respondent

## Suburb code (surbcode)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_g\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 2746264
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 2579
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 3011
Range: 2579-3011	Mean: 2935.4
	Standard deviation: 139.8

### Description

The suburb or farm code of the area in which the respondent resides

### Source of information

The suburb or farm code was completed by the enumerator

## Enumerator's sub district (enumcode)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_g\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 2746264
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 8134
Range: 1-8134	Mean: 7251
	Standard deviation: 1860.7

## Enumerator's sub district (enumcode)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_g\_v1.2

### Description

The enumerator's subdistrict code

### Source of information

Information on the enumerator's subdistrict number was completed by the enumerator

## Urban/rural (urb\_rura)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_g\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 2746264
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 1	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 0-4	

### Description

The type of area in which the respondent resides i.e. urban or rural area. In this version, version 1.2 corrections have been made to the value labels for the urban/rural variable (urb\_rura) to indicate urban white area, urban non-white area, rural white area and rural non-white area, in the data files for which this information was available (Areas c, e, f, g, h).

## Sex (sex)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_g\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 2746264
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 1	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-2	

### Description

Gender of the respondent

## District (distrcit)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_g\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 2746264
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 3	Minimum: 193
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 311
Range: 193-311	Mean: 288.8
	Standard deviation: 38.7

### Description

Magisterial district in which the respondent resides

### Source of information

The enumerator provided information on the respondent's district

**Sweep number (sweepnum)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_h\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 5528657
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 0
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 79
Range: 0-79	Mean: 1
	Standard deviation: 4.6

**Return number (returnum)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_h\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 5528657
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 8181
Range: 1-8181	Mean: 86
	Standard deviation: 106.1

**Dwelling type (dwelling)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_h\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 5528657
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 38	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-9	

**Description**

Type of dwelling

**Source of information**

The enumerator completed information on the dwelling type

**Age (age)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_h\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 5528657
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 0
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 99
Range: 0-99	Mean: 28
	Standard deviation: 18.6

**Description**

Age of respondent

**Literal question**

4.4 AGE - State age in years at LAST birthday

**Marital status (mari\_sta)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_h\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 5528657
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 15	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-5	

**Description**

Marital status of respondent

**Literal question**

4.5 MARITAL STATUS - State whether never married, married, widowed, divorced or living together

**Population group (race)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_h\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 5528657
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 15	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-19	

**Description**

Race of the respondent

**Birth place (birthpla)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_h\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 5528657
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 93
Range: 1-93	Mean: 4.9
	Standard deviation: 12.7

**Description**

Place of birth of the respondent

**Literal question**

4.7 BIRTHPLACE - If within RSA, state name of DISTRICT. If outside RSA, state name of country

**Nationality (national)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_h\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 5528657
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 93
Range: 1-93	Mean: 5.8
	Standard deviation: 11.7

**Description**

Country of citizenship or nationality of the respondent

**Literal question**



**Nationality (national)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_h\_v1.2

4.8 COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP/NATIONALITY

**Level of education (educ\_lev)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_h\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete  
 Format: numeric  
 Width: 36  
 Decimals: 0  
 Range: 0-20

Valid cases: 5528657  
 Invalid: 0

**Description**

Highest level of education attained by the respondent. Grade 1 in this case refers to the Sub A, Sub B and Std 1 schooling levels. In the combined SA Census 1985 dataset available from Statistics South Africa's website this value has been renamed "Grade 1 and 2" and the definition of this value as Sub A, Sub B and Std 1 confirmed.

**Literal question**

4.9 LEVEL OF EDUCATION - State:

4.9.1 Highest school standard PASSED

4.9.2 ALL DEGREES, DIPLOMAS and CERTIFICATES already obtained, for example B.A., TYPING DIPLOMA, etc

**Occupation (occupati)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_h\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous  
 Format: numeric  
 Width: 3  
 Decimals: 0  
 Range: 1-28

Valid cases: 5528657  
 Invalid: 0  
 Minimum: 1  
 Maximum: 28  
 Mean: 22.9  
 Standard deviation: 7.3

**Description**

The respondent's occupation

**Literal question**

4.10 OCCUPATION - i.e. nature of work done

**Identity of employer (idemploy)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_h\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete  
 Format: numeric  
 Width: 1  
 Decimals: 0  
 Range: 0-9

Valid cases: 5528657  
 Invalid: 0

**Description**

The name of the respondent's employer

**Literal question**

4.11 NAME OF EMPLOYER

**Industry (industry)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_h\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 5528657
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 3	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 74
Range: 1-74	Mean: 60.7
	Standard deviation: 20.1

**Description**

The main activity of the industry or profession in which the respondent works

**Literal question**

4.12 NATURE/MAIN ACTIVITY of industry or profession in which working, e.g. agriculture, shoe factory, caf, furniture shop, etc.

**City/town code (citycode)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_h\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 5528657
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 972
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 1443
Range: 972-1443	Mean: 1051.8
	Standard deviation: 98.9

**Description**

City or town of residence of the respondent

**Source of information**

Information on the city in which the respondent resides was completed by the enumerator

**Suburb code (surbcode)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_h\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 5528657
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 572
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 3015
Range: 572-3015	Mean: 1665.6
	Standard deviation: 756.1

**Description**

The suburb or farm code of the area in which the respondent resides

**Source of information**

The suburb or farm code was completed by the enumerator

**Enumerator's sub district (enumcode)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_h\_v1.2

**Overview**

**Enumerator's sub district (enumcode)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_h\_v1.2

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 5528657
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 8022
Range: 1-8022	Mean: 1971.6
	Standard deviation: 1914

**Description**

The enumerator's subdistrict code

**Urban/rural (urb\_rura)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_h\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 5528657
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 1	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 0-4	

**Description**

The type of area in which the respondent resides i.e. urban or rural area. In this version, version 1.2 corrections have been made to the value labels for the urban/rural variable (urb\_rura) to indicate urban white area, urban non-white area, rural white area and rural non-white area, in the data files for which this information was available (Areas c, e, f, g, h).

**Sex (sex)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_h\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 5528657
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 1	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-2	

**Description**

Gender of the respondent

**Literal question**

4.3 SEX

**District (distrct)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_h\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 5528657
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 3	Minimum: 148
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 313
Range: 148-313	Mean: 165.5
	Standard deviation: 34.9

**Description**

Magisterial district in which the respondent resides

**Source of information**

The enumerator provided information on the respondent's district



**Sweep number (sweepnum)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_j\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 809423
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 0-11	

**Return number (returnum)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_j\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 809423
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 8158
Range: 1-8158	Mean: 114
	Standard deviation: 153.1

**Dwelling type (dwelling)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_j\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 809423
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 38	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-9	

**Description**

Type of dwelling

**Source of information**

The enumerator completed information on the dwelling type

**Age (age)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_j\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 809423
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 0
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 99
Range: 0-99	Mean: 26
	Standard deviation: 18.4

**Description**

Age of respondent

**Literal question**

4.4 AGE - State age in years at LAST birthday

**Marital status (mari\_sta)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_j\_v1.2

**Marital status (mari\_sta)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_j\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 809423
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 15	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-5	

**Description**

Marital status of respondent

**Literal question**

4.5 MARITAL STATUS - State whether never married, married, widowed, divorced or living together

**Population group (race)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_j\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 809423
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 15	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-19	

**Description**

Race of the respondent

**Literal question**

4.6 POPULATION GROUP - e.g. White, Malay, Indian, South Sotho, etc.

**Birth place (birthpla)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_j\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 809423
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 93
Range: 1-93	Mean: 3.1
	Standard deviation: 6.6

**Description**

Place of birth of the respondent

**Literal question**

4.7 BIRTHPLACE - If within RSA, state name of DISTRICT. If outside RSA, state name of country

**Nationality (national)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_j\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 809423
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 93
Range: 1-93	Mean: 5.4
	Standard deviation: 6.9

**Description**

## Nationality (national)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_j\_v1.2

Country of citizenship or nationality of the respondent

### Literal question

4.8 COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP/NATIONALITY

## Level of education (educ\_lev)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_j\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Discrete  
Format: numeric  
Width: 36  
Decimals: 0  
Range: 0-20

Valid cases: 809423  
Invalid: 0

### Description

Highest level of education attained by the respondent. Grade 1 in this case refers to the Sub A, Sub B and Std 1 schooling levels. In the combined SA Census 1985 dataset available from Statistics South Africa's website this value has been renamed "Grade 1 and 2" and the definition of this value as Sub A, Sub B and Std 1 confirmed.

### Literal question

4.9 LEVEL OF EDUCATION - State:

4.9.1 Highest school standard PASSED

4.9.2 ALL DEGREES, DIPLOMAS and CERTIFICATES already obtained, for example B.A., TYPING DIPLOMA, etc

## Occupation (occupati)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_j\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Continuous  
Format: numeric  
Width: 3  
Decimals: 0  
Range: 1-28

Valid cases: 809423  
Invalid: 0  
Minimum: 1  
Maximum: 28  
Mean: 24.2  
Standard deviation: 5.5

### Description

The respondent's occupation

### Literal question

4.10 OCCUPATION - i.e. nature of work done

## Identity of employer (idemploy)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_j\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Discrete  
Format: numeric  
Width: 1  
Decimals: 0  
Range: 0-9

Valid cases: 809423  
Invalid: 0

### Description

The name of the respondent's employer

### Literal question

4.11 NAME OF EMPLOYER

## Industry (industry)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_j\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 809423
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 3	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 74
Range: 1-74	Mean: 53.8
	Standard deviation: 29.1

### Description

The main activity of the industry or profession in which the respondent works

### Literal question

4.12 NATURE/MAIN ACTIVITY of industry or profession in which working, e.g. agriculture, shoe factory, caf, furniture shop, etc.

## City/town code (citycode)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_j\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 809423
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 1252
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 1319
Range: 1252-1319	Mean: 1283.7
	Standard deviation: 17.2

### Description

City or town of residence of the respondent

### Source of information

Information on the city in which the respondent resides was completed by the enumerator

## Suburb code (surbcode)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_j\_v1.2

### Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 809423
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 1575
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 2697
Range: 1575-2697	Mean: 2597.1
	Standard deviation: 256

### Description

The suburb or farm code of the area in which the respondent resides

### Source of information

The suburb or farm code was completed by the enumerator

## Enumerator's sub district (enumcode)

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_j\_v1.2

### Overview



**Enumerator's sub district (enumcode)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_j\_v1.2

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 809423
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 4265
Range: 1-4265	Mean: 2914.2
	Standard deviation: 1729.5

**Description**

The enumerator's subdistrict code

**Source of information**

Information on the enumerator's subdistrict number was completed by the enumerator

**Urban/rural (urb\_rura)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_j\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 809423
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 1	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 0-4	

**Description**

The type of area in which the respondent resides i.e. urban or rural area. In this version, version 1.2 corrections have been made to the value labels for the urban/rural variable (urb\_rura) to indicate urban white area, urban non-white area, rural white area and rural non-white area, in the data files for which this information was available (Areas c, e, f, g, h).

**Sex (sex)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_j\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 809423
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 1	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 1-2	

**Description**

Gender of the respondent

**Literal question**

4.3 SEX

**District (distrcit)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_j\_v1.2

**Overview**

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 809423
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 3	
Decimals: 0	
Range: 203-216	

**Description**

Magisterial district in which the respondent resides

**Source of information**

**District (distrct)**

File: SA Census 1985 Area\_j\_v1.2

The enumerator provided information on the respondent's district

# Documentation

## Technical documents

### SA Census 1985 Dev Regions

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