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**Platinum group metals (PGMs) dominate employment in mining**  
Distribution of the employed within the South African mining industry, 2015  
Size of entity represents: 400 100 individuals

PGMs	41%
Gold	21%
Coal	20%
Other	18%

**Mining: a brief history**  
The 1970s are best remembered for disco, bell-bottoms, and the mesmerising lava lamp. It was also the decade that saw South African mining forge ahead in its influence on the economy and employment. How has the economy in general, and mining in particular, shifted since then?

**Key Statistics**

**The People**

**The Economy**

GDP -0.3% q/q (Q4-2016)  
CPI 6.1% y/y (201703)

**Explore**

Statistics by place  
Municipalities  
Statistics by theme  
People

**Publication Schedule Updated!**

03 May, Industrial Development Zones' ...  
04 May, Manufacturing: Utilisation of ...  
04 May, Electricity generated and avail...

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Statistics - South Africa

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Statistics South Africa

### **Brief History**

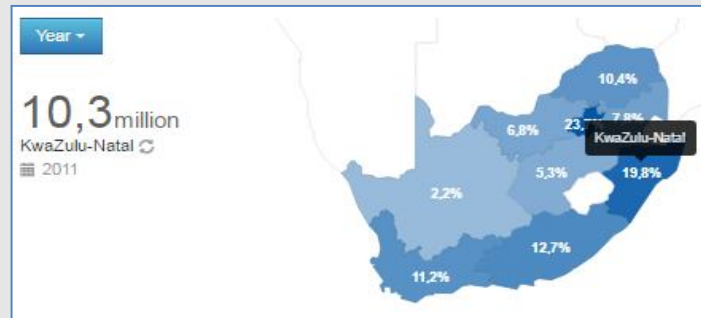
Statistics South Africa has produced three censuses, in 1996, 2001 as well as the results of the 2011 Census were released. Stats SA was previously known as the "Central Statistical Service"; shortly after the end of apartheid it absorbed the statistical services of the former Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Venda and Ciskei.

### **Scope and Coverage**

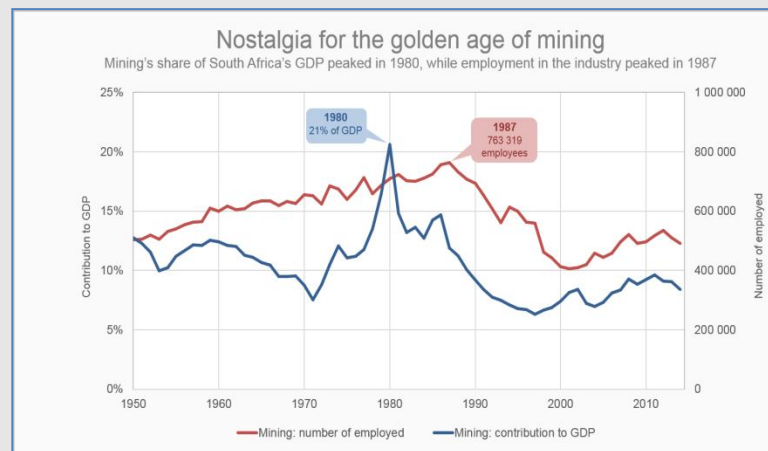
Statistics South Africa produces official demographic, economic, and social censuses and surveys. All prospective suppliers within the South African government are encouraged to self-register on the Central Supplier Database. The self-registration application represents an expression of interest from the supplier to conduct business with the South African government. It is engaged to produce official statistics and places great importance on data quality, to ensure that its statistical products and services satisfy user needs.

### **Kind of Information**

Statistics can be seen by place. Population statistics can be seen from 2011 census report. A map is given here, from which population of different places can be known by placing the cursor on specific region. Example is shown below:



It gives description on mining including related statistics and links of reference articles. Statistics is looked like:



Articles on different categories are given with relevant links, issuing detail and

specific photographs.

Publications are given on many categories like: today's publications, statistical publications, scheduled publications, publication catalogue etc. Recently published publications are given in tabular format with their publishing time and date.

Publication	Publication date	Time published
P0151 - Contract Price Adjustment Provisions Work Group Indices (CPAP), March 2017	26 April 2017 (Wednesday)	12:00
P0142.7 - Export and import unit value indices, February 2017	26 April 2017 (Wednesday)	11:30

Data stories can be seen with related photographs and download link. Example is given below:



**Your job, your economy, your province**

Kathu has a story to tell. Located in the rural expanse of the Northern Cape, this small town owes its existence almost entirely to iron ore. The streets, the businesses that line them, and the eleven thousand people that call Kathu home, all draw their economic lifeblood from Sishen, one of the largest open-pit mines

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Information are also given on fundamental principles of statistics, standardisation, statistics council, work programme, strategic plan, statistics South Africa service charter, statistics South Africa services standards, improvement plan etc. The report of millennium development goals (MDGs) of Stats SA reflects the intense national effort, from a range of institutions, organisations and individuals, to improve the lives of all South Africans; particularly the poor and marginalized.

### ***Special Features***

- Advance search is available.
- RSS Feed facility can be seen.
- Data stories can be downloaded in PDF format.
- Related links like National Statistics System etc. are attached with this site.

### ***Arrangement Pattern***

Statistics are arranged by themes as follows:



**Statistics by theme**

- People **New!**
- Economy
- Living Conditions
- Natural Environment

Articles are given on different categories and those categories are arranged alphabetically as shown below:

Announcements  
Articles  
Birth and Death  
Causes of Death  
Crime  
Debt, liquidation and insolvencies

***Remarks***

Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) is the national statistical service of South Africa, with the goal of producing timely, accurate, and official statistics in order to advance economic growth, development, and democracy.

***Comparable Tools***

- Data on South Africa ( [data.worldbank.org/country/south-africa](http://data.worldbank.org/country/south-africa) )
- South Africa - CIA  
( <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/sf.html> )

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