

Statistics South Africa

Budget summary

	2025/26				2026/27	2027/28
	Current payments	Transfers and subsidies	Payments for capital assets	Total	Total	Total
R million						
MTEF allocation						
Administration	406.7	–	336.0	742.7	779.1	814.3
Economic Statistics	310.5	–	–	310.5	325.0	339.7
Population and Social Statistics	307.6	–	0.1	307.7	322.8	337.4
Methodology and Statistical Infrastructure	166.1	–	–	166.1	174.0	181.8
Statistical Support and Informatics	301.7	0.0	5.0	306.7	322.3	336.9
Statistical Operations and Provincial Coordination	885.9	0.0	3.3	889.2	931.6	973.8
South African National Statistics System	48.4	–	–	48.4	50.8	53.1
Total expenditure estimates	2 426.9	0.0	344.4	2 771.3	2 905.6	3 037.0

Executive authority Minister in the Presidency
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Vote purpose

Lead and partner in the production of statistics, in line with internationally recognised principles and standards, to inform users about socioeconomic dynamics for evidence-based decisions.

Mandate

Statistics South Africa is a national department accountable to the Minister in the Presidency. The department's activities are regulated by the Statistics Act (1999), which mandates it to advance the production, dissemination, use and coordination of official and other statistics to help organs of state, businesses, other organisations and the public in planning, monitoring, policy development and decision-making. The act also requires that the department coordinates statistical production among organs of state in line with the purpose of official statistics and statistical principles.

Selected performance indicators

Table 14.1 Performance indicators by programme and related outcome

Indicator	Programme	MTDP outcome	Audited performance			Estimated performance	MTEF targets		
			2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Number of GDP estimate releases per year	Economic Statistics	Outcome 18: A capable and professional public service	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Number of releases on industry and trade statistics per year	Economic Statistics		150	150	150	150	150	150	150
Number of releases on financial statistics per year	Economic Statistics		18	16	16	16	16	16	16
Number of price index releases per year	Economic Statistics		48	48	48	48	60	60	60
Number of releases on labour market dynamics per year	Population and Social Statistics		8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Number of releases on living circumstances, service delivery and poverty per year	Population and Social Statistics		4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Number of releases on the changing profile of the population per year	Population and Social Statistics		16	15	16	16	16	16	16

Expenditure overview

Over the medium term, the department will focus on protecting and sustaining the quality of statistical information, implementing the continuous population survey, modernising its business operating model and strengthening statistical reform. To fund an average of 2 504 departmental posts over the next 3 years, spending on compensation of employees is estimated to constitute 65.7 per cent (R5.7 billion) of its total budget of R8.7 billion. Total expenditure is set to increase at an average annual rate of 4.7 per cent, from R2.6 billion in 2024/25 to R3 billion in 2027/28, mainly due to inflationary adjustments.

Protecting the quality of statistical information

The department publishes official statistics as a reliable evidence base for policy and decision-making in line with the National Development Plan, the medium-term development plan and other policy frameworks. To this end, it plans to release at least 250 publications per year over the period ahead related to socioeconomic statistics, including those on GDP, price indexes and labour markets. Costs related to this work are spread across the *Economic Statistics* and *Population and Social Statistics* programmes, which receive a combined R1.9 billion over the medium term.

Implementing the continuous population survey

The continuous population survey was reconceptualised and redesigned in 2024/25 to integrate existing household surveys within the department's survey programme, including the general household survey, the income and expenditure survey and the living conditions survey. The aim of this is to create a single, continuous data collection vehicle to produce frequent lower-level data. Whereas the existing surveys publish statistical information periodically at the provincial, not district level, the continuous population survey uses a modular approach that allows new topics to enter the survey at different intervals, thereby better positioning the department to respond to emerging needs. The department will disseminate different types of statistics that emerge through the survey as and when data becomes available. Updating the frame and piloting methodologies for data collection are scheduled for 2025/26 and 2026/27, and data collection is planned for 2027/28. To fund activities related to the continuous population survey, R577.8 million over the medium term is allocated in the *Poverty and Inequality Statistics* subprogramme in the *Population and Social Statistics* programme.

Modernising the business operating model

The department is in the process of modernising its business operating model by integrating and automating the department's systems in the areas of statistical production and governance. The department began its modernisation drive by introducing digital data collection in household surveys, including the population census. Over the medium term, it plans to expand this functionality to economic surveys, the continuous population survey and the business register. In response to the increasing demand for data and statistics, the department is also in the process of establishing an interconnected statistical system that facilitates data acquisition, processing, integration, analysis and visualisation. This project will extend beyond the medium term. An estimated R198.9 million is allocated over the MTEF period to the *Business Modernisation* subprogramme in the *Statistical Support and Informatics* programme to carry out these activities.

Strengthening statistical reform

To drive statistical reform, amendments to the Statistics Act (1999) were approved by the President in 2024 and will be implemented over the medium term. Among other things, the amendments make provision for developing and implementing a national statistics system and strategy for the development of statistics and enhancing coordination and collaboration among producers of statistics. In preparation for implementing these stipulations and to create awareness among organs of state on its implications, the department's communication and advocacy strategy is expected to be completed in 2025/26. These and other activities concerning statistical reform are funded through the *South African National Statistics System* programme, which is allocated R152.3 million over the medium term.

Expenditure trends and estimates

Table 14.2 Vote expenditure trends by programme and economic classification¹

Programmes											
1. Administration											
2. Economic Statistics											
3. Population and Social Statistics											
4. Methodology and Statistical Infrastructure											
5. Statistical Support and Informatics											
6. Statistical Operations and Provincial Coordination											
7. South African National Statistics System											
Programme											
R million	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24				2025/26	2026/27	2027/28		
Programme 1	690.9	719.1	746.9	707.7	0.8%	20.7%	742.7	779.1	814.3	4.8%	26.8%
Programme 2	281.8	283.8	288.9	295.5	1.6%	8.3%	310.5	325.0	339.7	4.8%	11.2%
Programme 3	131.5	280.1	322.0	286.7	29.7%	7.4%	307.7	322.8	337.4	5.6%	11.0%
Programme 4	131.6	133.6	149.9	158.1	6.3%	4.1%	166.1	174.0	181.8	4.8%	6.0%
Programme 5	291.2	308.2	256.8	305.5	1.6%	8.4%	306.7	322.3	336.9	3.3%	11.2%
Programme 6	3 094.9	2 040.7	924.3	848.1	-35.0%	50.0%	889.2	931.6	973.8	4.7%	32.1%
Programme 7	26.5	32.1	35.0	44.6	19.0%	1.0%	48.4	50.8	53.1	5.9%	1.7%
Subtotal	4 648.3	3 797.6	2 723.9	2 646.2	-17.1%	100.0%	2 771.3	2 905.6	3 037.0	4.7%	100.0%
Total	4 648.3	3 797.6	2 723.9	2 646.2	-17.1%	100.0%	2 771.3	2 905.6	3 037.0	4.7%	100.0%
Change to 2024				–			16.8	18.0	18.8		
Budget estimate											
Economic classification											
Current payments	4 108.3	3 457.4	2 393.7	2 311.9	-17.4%	88.8%	2 426.9	2 546.0	2 661.1	4.8%	87.6%
Compensation of employees	1 670.3	1 702.8	1 738.1	1 733.0	1.2%	49.5%	1 826.0	1 910.1	1 996.5	4.8%	65.7%
Goods and services ¹	2 438.0	1 754.6	655.6	578.9	-38.1%	39.3%	601.0	635.9	664.7	4.7%	21.8%
of which:					0.0%	0.0%				0.0%	0.0%
Communication	68.4	51.1	29.2	27.4	-26.3%	1.3%	32.1	34.2	35.7	9.2%	1.1%
Computer services	431.3	230.6	108.8	156.2	-28.7%	6.7%	136.3	147.8	164.1	1.7%	5.3%
Fleet services (including government motor transport)	14.6	46.0	65.9	38.3	38.0%	1.2%	35.3	36.9	38.6	0.3%	1.3%
Operating leases	187.0	204.3	219.5	140.7	-9.0%	5.4%	145.4	154.9	161.6	4.7%	5.3%
Property payments	49.8	55.3	50.7	50.4	0.5%	1.5%	53.3	56.2	59.1	5.4%	1.9%
Travel and subsistence	234.9	543.1	103.3	82.0	-29.6%	7.0%	89.1	94.4	99.2	6.5%	3.2%
Interest and rent on land	0.0	0.0	–	0.1	139.6%	0.0%	–	–	–	-100.0%	0.0%
Transfers and subsidies¹	7.5	21.1	13.6	2.7	-28.9%	0.3%	0.0	0.0	0.0	-88.6%	0.0%
Public corporations and private enterprises	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	65.1%	0.0%	0.0	0.0	0.0	-23.7%	0.0%
Households	7.5	21.0	13.6	2.7	-29.0%	0.3%	–	–	–	-100.0%	0.0%
Payments for capital assets	530.3	319.2	316.6	331.5	-14.5%	10.8%	344.4	359.6	375.9	4.3%	12.4%
Buildings and other fixed structures	274.8	289.2	309.8	321.5	5.4%	8.7%	335.9	351.3	367.2	4.5%	12.1%
Machinery and equipment	255.5	29.9	6.9	9.9	-66.2%	2.2%	7.9	7.8	8.3	-5.7%	0.3%
Software and other intangible assets	–	–	–	0.1	0.0%	0.0%	0.5	0.5	0.4	70.1%	0.0%
Payments for financial assets	2.2	–	–	–	-100.0%	0.0%	–	–	–	0.0%	0.0%
Total	4 648.3	3 797.6	2 723.9	2 646.2	-17.1%	100.0%	2 771.3	2 905.6	3 037.0	4.7%	100.0%

1. Tables with expenditure trends, annual budget, adjusted appropriation and audited outcome are available at www.treasury.gov.za and www.vulekamali.gov.za.

Transfers and subsidies expenditure trends and estimates

Table 14.3 Vote transfers and subsidies trends and estimates

R thousand	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24				2025/26	2026/27	2027/28		
Households											
Social benefits											
Current	6 604	20 669	13 396	2 702	-25.8%	96.5%	–	–	–	-100.0%	99.2%
Employee social benefits	6 266	20 669	13 396	2 702	-24.5%	95.8%	–	–	–	-100.0%	99.2%
South African Statistical Association	338	–	–	–	-100.0%	0.8%	–	–	–	–	–
Other transfers to households											
Current	936	379	206	–	-100.0%	3.4%	–	–	–	–	–
Employee social benefits	–	–	100	–	–	0.2%	–	–	–	–	–
Employee ex-gratia payment	905	–	49	–	-100.0%	2.1%	–	–	–	–	–
Claims against the state	31	379	57	–	-100.0%	1.0%	–	–	–	–	–
Public corporations and private enterprises											
Other transfers to public corporations											
Current	2	3	4	9	65.1%	–	4	4	4	-23.7%	0.8%
Communication	2	3	4	9	65.1%	–	4	4	4	-23.7%	0.8%
Other transfers to private enterprises											
Current	–	26	2	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–	–	–
Census 2021 claims	–	26	2	–	–	0.1%	–	–	–	–	–
Total	7 542	21 077	13 608	2 711	-28.9%	100.0%	4	4	4	-88.6%	100.0%

Personnel information

Table 14.4 Vote personnel numbers and cost by salary level and programme¹

Programmes																			
1. Administration																			
2. Economic Statistics																			
3. Population and Social Statistics																			
4. Methodology and Statistical Infrastructure																			
5. Statistical Support and Informatics																			
6. Statistical Operations and Provincial Coordination																			
7. South African National Statistics System																			
Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2025			Number and cost ² of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment												Average growth rate (%)	Average: Salary level/ Total (%)			
Number of funded posts	Number of posts additional to the establishment	Actual			Revised estimate			Medium-term expenditure estimate											
		2023/24			2024/25			2025/26		2026/27		2027/28		2024/25 - 2027/28					
		Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost						
Statistics South Africa			Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost					
Salary level	3 301	–	2 672	1 738.1	0.7	2 573	1 733.0	0.7	2 533	1 826.0	0.7	2 505	1 910.1	0.8	2 473	1 996.5	0.8	-1.3%	100.0%
1 – 6	1 023	–	811	292.5	0.4	805	302.4	0.4	782	317.6	0.4	769	329.2	0.4	754	341.2	0.5	-2.2%	30.8%
7 – 10	1 578	–	1 330	793.2	0.6	1 263	779.9	0.6	1 247	821.9	0.7	1 232	857.7	0.7	1 217	893.3	0.7	-1.2%	49.2%
11 – 12	457	–	352	389.1	1.1	323	364.6	1.1	323	384.7	1.2	322	404.8	1.3	321	426.0	1.3	-0.2%	12.8%
13 – 16	243	–	179	263.3	1.5	181	286.0	1.6	181	301.8	1.7	181	318.4	1.8	181	336.0	1.9	–	7.2%
Programme	3 301	–	2 672	1 738.1	0.7	2 573	1 733.0	0.7	2 533	1 826.0	0.7	2 505	1 910.1	0.8	2 473	1 996.5	0.8	-1.3%	100.0%
Programme 1	514	–	370	228.7	0.6	314	200.2	0.6	291	204.0	0.7	285	213.4	0.7	278	223.0	0.8	-4.0%	11.6%
Programme 2	568	–	479	272.8	0.6	478	273.2	0.6	473	287.5	0.6	469	300.7	0.6	465	314.3	0.7	-1.0%	18.7%
Programme 3	218	–	168	246.0	1.5	129	203.3	1.6	134	221.1	1.7	132	231.2	1.7	131	241.7	1.9	0.5%	5.2%
Programme 4	242	–	184	135.1	0.7	173	144.0	0.8	171	151.7	0.9	169	158.7	0.9	166	165.9	1.0	-1.4%	6.7%
Programme 5	245	–	180	138.8	0.8	187	155.5	0.8	186	163.8	0.9	184	171.3	0.9	181	179.1	1.0	-1.1%	7.3%
Programme 6	1 466	–	1 264	688.3	0.5	1 253	720.1	0.6	1 241	759.1	0.6	1 229	794.1	0.6	1 215	830.0	0.7	-1.0%	49.0%
Programme 7	48	–	27	28.3	1.0	39	36.8	1.0	38	38.8	1.0	38	40.6	1.1	38	42.4	1.1	-1.1%	1.5%

1. Data has been provided by the department and may not necessarily reconcile with official government personnel data.

2. Rand million.

Departmental receipts

Table 14.5 Departmental receipts by economic classification

	Audited outcome			Adjusted estimate	Revised estimate	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Receipt item/ Total (%)	Medium-term receipts estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Receipt item/ Total (%)
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24					2025/26	2026/27	2027/28		
R thousand												
Departmental receipts	9 384	2 696	1 818	1 106	1 108	-50.9%	100.0%	1 033	1 048	1 056	-1.6%	100.0%
Sales of goods and services produced by department	826	847	1 082	906	907	3.2%	24.4%	853	860	863	-1.6%	82.0%
Sales by market establishments	35	33	29	29	29	-6.1%	0.8%	30	32	33	4.4%	2.9%
of which:												
Parking	35	33	29	29	29	-6.1%	0.8%	30	32	33	4.4%	2.9%
Other sales	791	814	1 053	877	878	3.5%	23.6%	823	828	830	-1.9%	79.1%
of which:												
Replacement of security cards	–	–	5	5	5	–	0.1%	4	4	4	-7.2%	0.4%
Commission on insurance	791	814	1 047	872	873	3.3%	23.5%	819	824	826	-1.8%	78.7%
Sales of assets less than R5 000	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Sales of scrap, waste, arms and other used current goods	1	–	–	20	20	171.4%	0.1%	2	2	2	-53.6%	0.6%
of which:												
Sale of wastepaper	1	–	–	20	20	171.4%	0.1%	2	2	2	-53.6%	0.6%
Interest, dividends and rent on land	112	88	70	61	61	-18.3%	2.2%	65	70	72	5.7%	6.3%
Interest	112	88	70	61	61	-18.3%	2.2%	65	70	72	5.7%	6.3%
Sales of capital assets	–	–	14	7	7	–	0.1%	–	–	–	-100.0%	0.2%
Transactions in financial assets and liabilities	8 445	1 761	652	112	113	-76.3%	73.1%	113	116	119	1.7%	10.9%
Total	9 384	2 696	1 818	1 106	1 108	-50.9%	100.0%	1 033	1 048	1 056	-1.6%	100.0%

Programme 1: Administration

Programme purpose

Provide strategic leadership, management and support services to the department.

Expenditure trends and estimates

Table 14.6 Administration expenditure trends and estimates by subprogramme and economic classification

Subprogramme				Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
Audited outcome											
R million	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2021/22 - 2024/25		2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2024/25 - 2027/28	
Departmental Management	58.9	58.2	58.8	55.7	-1.8%	8.1%	58.8	61.6	64.3	4.9%	7.9%
Corporate Services	112.8	124.1	124.9	111.9	-0.3%	16.5%	122.8	128.6	134.4	6.3%	16.3%
Financial Administration	82.0	92.5	87.2	76.7	-2.2%	11.8%	74.5	78.0	81.5	2.0%	10.2%
Internal Audit	17.0	17.9	19.0	14.3	-5.7%	2.4%	15.0	15.7	16.4	4.8%	2.0%
Office Accommodation	420.2	426.4	457.0	449.0	2.2%	61.2%	471.6	495.3	517.7	4.9%	63.5%
Total	690.9	719.1	746.9	707.7	0.8%	100.0%	742.7	779.1	814.3	4.8%	100.0%
Change to 2024 Budget estimate				–			1.9	2.0	2.1		
Economic classification											
Current payments	415.5	427.5	435.8	385.0	-2.5%	58.1%	406.7	427.7	447.1	5.1%	54.8%
Compensation of employees	225.2	227.7	228.7	200.2	-3.9%	30.8%	204.0	213.4	223.0	3.7%	27.6%
Goods and services	190.3	199.7	207.1	184.8	-1.0%	27.3%	202.7	214.3	224.0	6.6%	27.1%
of which:						–					–
Audit costs: External	7.8	10.9	11.3	9.5	6.8%	1.4%	9.8	10.3	10.8	4.3%	1.3%
Computer services	2.2	2.7	3.8	2.5	3.8%	0.4%	6.0	6.3	6.6	37.8%	0.7%
Operating leases	103.3	93.1	106.9	84.9	-6.3%	13.6%	93.5	99.6	103.8	6.9%	12.5%
Property payments	48.9	53.8	49.0	49.1	0.2%	7.0%	52.1	54.8	57.6	5.5%	7.0%
Travel and subsistence	2.8	12.8	7.8	6.1	29.8%	1.0%	7.8	8.3	8.7	12.4%	1.0%
Operating payments	6.4	8.4	8.6	6.7	1.5%	1.1%	4.9	5.1	5.3	-7.5%	0.7%
Interest and rent on land	–	0.0	–	0.1	–	–	–	–	–	-100.0%	–
Transfers and subsidies	0.4	2.4	0.5	0.5	10.5%	0.1%	–	–	–	-100.0%	–
Households	0.4	2.4	0.5	0.5	10.5%	0.1%	–	–	–	-100.0%	–
Payments for capital assets	275.0	289.3	310.5	322.1	5.4%	41.8%	336.0	351.4	367.3	4.5%	45.2%
Buildings and other fixed structures	274.8	289.2	309.8	321.5	5.4%	41.7%	335.9	351.3	367.2	4.5%	45.2%
Machinery and equipment	0.3	0.0	0.8	0.6	30.6%	0.1%	0.0	0.0	0.0	-57.5%	–
Total	690.9	719.1	746.9	707.7	0.8%	100.0%	742.7	779.1	814.3	4.8%	100.0%
Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure	14.9%	18.9%	27.4%	26.7%	–	–	26.8%	26.8%	26.8%	–	–
Details of transfers and subsidies											
Households											
Social benefits											
Current	0.4	2.4	0.5	0.5	10.5%	0.1%	–	–	–	-100.0%	–
Employee social benefits	0.0	2.4	0.5	0.5	122.8%	0.1%	–	–	–	-100.0%	–
South African Statistical Association	0.3	–	–	–	-100.0%	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other transfers to households											
Current	–	–	0.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Employee social benefits	–	–	0.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

Personnel information

Table 14.7 Administration personnel numbers and cost by salary level¹

Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2025		Number and cost ² of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment															Average growth rate (%)	Average: Salary level/ Total (%)	
Number of funded posts	Number of posts additional to the establishment	Actual			Revised estimate			Medium-term expenditure estimate											
		2023/24			2024/25			2025/26			2026/27			2027/28					2024/25 - 2027/28
Administration		Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost			
Salary level	514	–	370	228.7	0.6	314	200.2	0.6	291	204.0	0.7	285	213.4	0.7	278	223.0	0.8	-4.0%	100.0%
1 – 6	158	–	106	30.8	0.3	88	26.0	0.3	69	21.8	0.3	63	21.1	0.3	57	20.2	0.4	-13.5%	23.7%
7 – 10	246	–	192	109.4	0.6	166	97.8	0.6	161	101.6	0.6	161	107.2	0.7	161	113.2	0.7	-1.0%	55.7%
11 – 12	67	–	44	46.2	1.1	39	42.4	1.1	39	44.7	1.1	39	47.1	1.2	39	49.7	1.3	–	13.4%
13 – 16	43	–	28	42.3	1.5	21	34.0	1.6	21	35.9	1.7	21	37.9	1.8	21	40.0	1.9	–	7.2%

1. Data has been provided by the department and may not necessarily reconcile with official government personnel data.

2. Rand million.

Programme 2: Economic Statistics

Programme purpose

Produce economic statistics to inform evidence-based economic development.

Objectives

- Produce economic indicators to inform evidence-based planning, monitoring, evaluation and decision-making for use by the public and private sectors by:
 - publishing monthly, quarterly, annual and periodic statistical releases on various industries in the private and public sectors
 - publishing monthly statistical releases on a range of price indexes
 - publishing quarterly and annual estimates of GDP
 - improving the measurement of economic indicators through the application of internationally recognised standards and practices on an ongoing basis.

Subprogrammes

- Programme Management for Economic Statistics* provides strategic direction and leadership to the programme.
- Business Cycle Indicators* provides information on turnover and volumes in various industries through the publication of monthly, quarterly and annual releases.
- Structural Industry Statistics* publishes periodic statistical information on the income and expenditure structure of industries, as well as non-financial variables.
- Price Statistics* provides information on inflation by compiling the consumer price index and various producer price indexes.
- Private Sector Finance Statistics* tracks the financial performance of the private sector.
- Government Finance Statistics* tracks public sector spending.
- National Accounts* produces GDP data and other integrative statistical products.

Expenditure trends and estimates

Table 14.8 Economic Statistics expenditure trends and estimates by subprogramme and economic classification

Subprogramme	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)		Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24		2021/22 - 2024/25	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28		
R million											
Programme Management for Economic Statistics	4.3	5.3	4.3	5.6	9.4%	1.7%	5.9	6.2	6.5	4.7%	1.9%
Business Cycle Indicators	38.0	38.3	39.2	42.5	3.8%	13.7%	44.7	46.7	48.8	4.8%	14.4%
Structural Industry Statistics	52.1	54.6	58.5	55.3	2.0%	19.2%	58.2	60.9	63.6	4.7%	18.7%
Price Statistics	91.7	92.3	88.1	90.1	-0.6%	31.5%	94.3	98.7	103.1	4.6%	30.4%
Private Sector Finance Statistics	44.5	42.0	46.4	47.0	1.8%	15.6%	49.4	51.7	54.0	4.7%	15.9%
Government Finance Statistics	25.1	27.7	27.1	22.9	-3.0%	8.9%	23.9	25.0	26.1	4.5%	7.7%
National Accounts	26.0	23.6	25.3	32.1	7.3%	9.3%	34.2	36.0	37.6	5.4%	11.0%
Total	281.8	283.8	288.9	295.5	1.6%	100.0%	310.5	325.0	339.7	4.8%	100.0%
Change to 2024 Budget estimate				–			2.6	2.8	3.0		

Table 14.8 Economic Statistics expenditure trends and estimates by subprogramme and economic classification (continued)

Economic classification				Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
Audited outcome							2025/26	2026/27	2027/28		
R million	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2021/22	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2024/25	2027/28
Current payments	280.7	283.3	288.4	294.7	1.6%	99.7%	310.5	325.0	339.7	4.9%	99.9%
Compensation of employees	264.9	264.5	272.8	273.2	1.0%	93.5%	287.5	300.7	314.3	4.8%	92.5%
Goods and services	15.7	18.8	15.6	21.5	11.0%	6.2%	23.0	24.3	25.4	5.7%	7.4%
of which:											
Minor assets	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.7	784.1%	0.1%	1.0	0.8	0.8	4.2%	0.3%
Communication	3.5	2.8	1.5	3.1	-3.4%	1.0%	3.8	4.0	4.2	10.5%	1.2%
Consultants: Business and advisory services	1.1	—	—	0.9	-4.9%	0.2%	1.6	1.8	1.9	26.9%	0.5%
Consumables: Stationery, printing and office supplies	0.2	0.4	0.4	1.0	67.9%	0.2%	1.4	1.5	1.6	15.1%	0.4%
Travel and subsistence	6.6	9.5	7.5	10.2	15.7%	2.9%	9.2	10.0	10.5	0.7%	3.1%
Operating payments	3.2	3.8	3.7	3.2	-0.3%	1.2%	3.3	3.5	3.7	4.4%	1.1%
Transfers and subsidies	1.0	0.4	0.5	0.3	-36.5%	0.2%	—	—	—	-100.0%	—
Households	1.0	0.4	0.5	0.3	-36.5%	0.2%	—	—	—	-100.0%	—
Payments for capital assets	0.1	0.1	—	0.6	122.8%	0.1%	—	—	—	-100.0%	—
Machinery and equipment	0.1	0.1	—	0.6	122.8%	0.1%	—	—	—	-100.0%	—
Total	281.8	283.8	288.9	295.5	1.6%	100.0%	310.5	325.0	339.7	4.8%	100.0%
Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure	6.1%	7.5%	10.6%	11.2%	—	—	11.2%	11.2%	11.2%	—	—
Details of transfers and subsidies											
Households											
Social benefits											
Current	1.0	0.4	0.5	0.3	-36.5%	0.2%	—	—	—	-100.0%	—
Employee social benefits	1.0	0.4	0.5	0.3	-36.5%	0.2%	—	—	—	-100.0%	—
Other transfers to households											
Current	—	—	0.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Employee social benefits	—	—	0.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Personnel information

Table 14.9 Economic Statistics personnel numbers and cost by salary level¹

Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2025			Number and cost ² of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment												Average growth rate (%)	Average: Salary level/ Total (%)			
Number of funded posts	Number of posts additional to the establishment		Actual			Revised estimate			Medium-term expenditure estimate										
			2023/24			2024/25			2025/26		2026/27		2027/28		2024/25 - 2027/28				
			Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost		Number	Cost	Unit cost	
Economic Statistics			Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost		
Salary level	568	–	479	272.8	0.6	478	273.2	0.6	473	287.5	0.6	469	300.7	0.6	465	314.3	0.7	-1.0%	100.0%
1 – 6	128	–	99	40.8	0.4	116	50.7	0.4	112	51.9	0.5	112	54.8	0.5	112	57.9	0.5	-1.3%	24.0%
7 – 10	352	–	305	149.3	0.5	310	159.0	0.5	309	168.6	0.5	306	176.3	0.6	303	184.2	0.6	-0.8%	65.1%
11 – 12	56	–	48	44.4	0.9	34	33.1	1.0	34	34.9	1.0	33	35.8	1.1	32	36.6	1.1	-2.1%	7.1%
13 – 16	32	–	27	38.4	1.4	18	30.4	1.7	18	32.0	1.8	18	33.8	1.9	18	35.7	2.0	–	3.8%

1. Data has been provided by the department and may not necessarily reconcile with official government personnel data.

2. Rand million.

Programme 3: Population and Social Statistics

Programme purpose

Produce population and social statistics to inform evidence-based socioeconomic development.

Objectives

- Sustain national population and social indicators to inform evidence-based planning, monitoring and decision-making for use by the public and private sectors by:
 - publishing quarterly and annual statistical information on the labour market, and on employment and earnings in the formal and informal sectors
 - publishing monthly and annual statistical information on vital registrations based on administrative sources

- publishing annual and periodic statistical information on poverty levels, living conditions, service delivery, population dynamics and demographic trends
- improving the measurement of social indicators through the application of internationally recognised standards and practices on an ongoing basis.

Subprogrammes

- *Programme Management for Population and Social Statistics* provides strategic direction and leadership to the programme.
- *Demographic and Population Statistics* publishes population statistics, demographic trends and mid-year population estimates collected through population censuses, surveys and other administrative sources.
- *Health and Vital Statistics* publishes statistics on births, deaths, marriages, divorces, tourism and migration based on administrative records.
- *Social Statistics* provides information on living conditions, domestic tourism and crime collected through household surveys.
- *Labour Statistics* provides information on employment levels in the formal non-agricultural sector and labour market trends in South Africa.
- *Poverty and Inequality Statistics* provides information on poverty levels and income and expenditure trends in South Africa.

Expenditure trends and estimates

Table 14.10 Population and Social Statistics expenditure trends and estimates by subprogramme and economic classification

Subprogramme	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)		Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24		2021/22 - 2024/25	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2024/25 - 2027/28	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
R million											
Programme Management for Population and Social Statistics	1.6	1.8	2.5	1.9	5.9%	0.8%	2.0	2.0	2.1	4.5%	0.6%
Demographic and Population Statistics	19.3	21.0	23.1	27.8	12.8%	8.9%	29.7	31.1	32.5	5.3%	9.6%
Health and Vital Statistics	14.7	16.0	17.0	14.5	-0.3%	6.1%	15.3	16.1	16.8	4.9%	5.0%
Social Statistics	20.4	22.4	24.3	31.3	15.4%	9.6%	33.1	34.7	36.2	5.0%	10.8%
Labour Statistics	49.3	44.0	45.0	41.9	-5.2%	17.7%	44.2	46.2	48.3	4.8%	14.4%
Poverty and Inequality Statistics	26.2	174.9	210.1	169.3	86.2%	56.9%	183.4	192.8	201.5	6.0%	59.5%
Total	131.5	280.1	322.0	286.7	29.7%	100.0%	307.7	322.8	337.4	5.6%	100.0%
Change to 2024				–			2.0	2.2	2.3		
Budget estimate											
Economic classification											
Current payments	128.9	279.1	313.1	285.6	30.4%	98.7%	307.6	322.8	337.4	5.7%	99.9%
Compensation of employees	109.7	210.8	246.0	203.3	22.8%	75.4%	221.1	231.2	241.7	5.9%	71.5%
Goods and services	19.2	68.2	67.1	82.3	62.3%	23.2%	86.5	91.5	95.7	5.1%	28.4%
of which:											
Communication	4.0	2.1	2.7	2.8	-11.2%	1.1%	4.1	4.3	4.5	17.9%	1.3%
Computer services	10.3	2.6	–	16.4	16.7%	2.9%	16.9	21.6	32.2	25.4%	6.9%
Consultants: Business and advisory services	–	0.0	0.0	3.7	–	0.4%	10.4	8.0	0.4	-50.7%	1.8%
Agency and support/outsourced services	–	1.1	0.0	0.0	–	0.1%	1.7	2.9	1.7	431.5%	0.5%
Consumables: Stationery, printing and office supplies	0.0	1.6	0.2	0.7	149.0%	0.3%	2.0	2.2	1.7	32.9%	0.5%
Travel and subsistence	2.4	57.0	59.2	43.2	162.2%	15.9%	42.2	44.5	46.7	2.6%	14.1%
Transfers and subsidies	0.2	0.5	8.3	0.2	–	0.9%	–	–	–	-100.0%	–
Households	0.2	0.5	8.3	0.2	–	0.9%	–	–	–	-100.0%	–
Payments for capital assets	0.1	0.6	0.6	0.9	109.4%	0.2%	0.1	0.1	0.1	-61.0%	0.1%
Machinery and equipment	0.1	0.6	0.6	0.9	109.4%	0.2%	0.1	0.1	0.1	-61.0%	0.1%
Payments for financial assets	2.2	–	–	–	-100.0%	0.2%	–	–	–	–	–
Total	131.5	280.1	322.0	286.7	29.7%	100.0%	307.7	322.8	337.4	5.6%	100.0%
Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure	2.8%	7.4%	11.8%	10.8%	–	–	11.1%	11.1%	11.1%	–	–
Details of transfers and subsidies											
Households											
Social benefits											
Current	0.2	0.5	8.3	0.2	–	0.9%	–	–	–	-100.0%	–
Employee social benefits	0.2	0.5	8.3	0.2	–	0.9%	–	–	–	-100.0%	–
Other transfers to households											
Current	–	–	0.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Employee social benefits	–	–	0.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

Personnel information

Table 14.11 Population and Social Statistics personnel numbers and cost by salary level¹

Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2025			Number and cost ² of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment															Average growth rate (%)		Average: Salary level/ Total (%)	
Number of funded posts	Number of posts additional to the establishment	Actual			Revised estimate			Medium-term expenditure estimate													
		2023/24			2024/25			2025/26			2026/27			2027/28			2024/25 - 2027/28				
Population and Social Statistics			Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost				
Salary level	218	–	168	246.0	1.5	129	203.3	1.6	134	221.1	1.7	132	231.2	1.7	131	241.7	1.9	0.5%	100.0%		
1 – 6	41	–	32	34.6	1.1	24	27.1	1.1	30	34.4	1.2	28	34.3	1.2	28	35.4	1.3	4.0%	20.9%		
7 – 10	96	–	74	97.4	1.3	53	74.6	1.4	53	79.4	1.5	53	83.8	1.6	52	86.9	1.7	-0.6%	40.2%		
11 – 12	48	–	41	71.7	1.7	25	46.4	1.9	25	49.0	2.0	25	51.7	2.1	25	54.5	2.2	–	19.1%		
13 – 16	33	–	21	42.3	2.0	26	55.2	2.1	26	58.2	2.2	26	61.4	2.4	26	64.8	2.5	–	19.8%		

1. Data has been provided by the department and may not necessarily reconcile with official government personnel data.

2. Rand million.

Programme 4: Methodology and Statistical Infrastructure

Programme purpose

Develop standards, statistical frames and methodologies, and conduct statistical research.

Objectives

- Improve the quality and methodological soundness of statistical information by researching, developing, applying and reviewing statistical methods, standards, classifications and procedures in the statistical value chain annually.
- Monitor and evaluate methodological compliance of statistical operations by conducting independent evaluations on statistical practices annually.
- Ensure complete and accurate sampling frames to enhance the quality of economic and social statistics by maintaining and updating the business and geographic information frames annually.

Subprogrammes

- *Programme Management for Methodology and Statistical Infrastructure* provides strategic direction and leadership to the programme.
- *Statistical Methods* provides technical expertise and advice on statistical methodologies and practices for producing official statistics.
- *Statistical Standards* develops standards, classifications and definitions for surveys undertaken by the department.
- *Business Register* maintains and improves the sampling frame for economic statistics.
- *Geography* maintains and improves the geographic information frame for household surveys and censuses.
- *Survey Monitoring and Evaluation* monitors the quality of statistical operations for surveys and censuses and conducts independent evaluations.
- *Innovation and Research* conducts statistical research and innovates statistical methods, practices and processes for improved efficiency and agility.

Programme 5: Statistical Support and Informatics

Programme purpose

Enable statistical production through technology and promote the use of statistics.

Objectives

- Modernise business processes by building an enterprise architecture and applying emerging technologies for data collection, processing and the dissemination of statistical information over the medium term.
- Enable the department's production of official statistics by providing a technology infrastructure that is reliable, sustainable and cost effective over the medium term.
- Increase awareness and the use of official statistics by government and the public on an ongoing basis by:
 - reaching out to stakeholders and responding to user enquiries
 - educating users
 - improving the accessibility and ease of use of statistical information.
- Manage external and internal communications on statistical matters by issuing daily, weekly and monthly information updates through the media on an ongoing basis.

Subprogrammes

- *Programme Management for Statistical Support and Informatics* provides strategic direction and leadership to the programme.
- *Advocacy and Dissemination* manages internal and external communication and increases the use of official statistics through stakeholder engagement and the dissemination of official statistics through various platforms.
- *Business Modernisation* improves data and information management across the department by modernising the way business is conducted and supported by technology.
- *Publication Services* provides editing, publishing and distribution services to survey areas.
- *Information, Communication and Technology* provides technology infrastructure to the department and supports data management across statistical series.
- *Analytical Studies* provides integrated statistical advice and support to policy planners and development practitioners and participates in research and innovation on key development themes.

Expenditure trends and estimates

Table 14.14 Statistical Support and Informatics expenditure trends and estimates by subprogramme and economic classification

Subprogramme	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24				2025/26	2026/27	2027/28		
R million											
Programme Management for Statistical Support and Informatics	2.3	2.8	4.2	5.9	35.9%	1.3%	6.2	6.4	6.7	4.8%	2.0%
Advocacy and Dissemination	39.8	38.1	36.4	38.2	-1.4%	13.1%	40.2	42.1	44.0	4.8%	12.9%
Business Modernisation	49.7	51.4	52.9	60.0	6.5%	18.4%	63.3	66.3	69.3	4.9%	20.4%
Publication Services	28.4	28.1	26.1	36.8	9.0%	10.3%	38.7	40.5	42.4	4.8%	12.5%
Information, Communication and Technology	164.2	182.2	131.8	156.9	-1.5%	54.7%	149.4	157.7	164.8	1.7%	49.5%
Analytical Studies	6.7	5.7	5.5	7.8	5.3%	2.2%	8.9	9.3	9.7	7.8%	2.8%
Total	291.2	308.2	256.8	305.5	1.6%	100.0%	306.7	322.3	336.9	3.3%	100.0%
Change to 2024				–			1.5	1.6	1.7		
Budget estimate											

Table 14.14 Statistical Support and Informatics expenditure trends and estimates by subprogramme and economic classification (continued)

Economic classification					Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)				Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation			Medium-term expenditure estimate				
R million	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2021/22 - 2024/25		2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2024/25 - 2027/28	
Current payments	259.3	280.6	255.2	301.5	5.2%	94.4%	301.7	317.1	331.4	3.2%	98.5%
Compensation of employees	139.8	136.4	138.8	155.5	3.6%	49.1%	163.8	171.3	179.1	4.8%	52.7%
Goods and services	119.5	144.2	116.4	146.1	6.9%	45.3%	137.9	145.7	152.3	1.4%	45.8%
of which:						—					—
Communication	3.1	2.5	2.7	2.3	-8.8%	0.9%	2.8	3.0	3.1	9.7%	0.9%
Computer services	104.8	136.5	100.0	130.5	7.6%	40.6%	113.2	119.7	125.1	-1.4%	38.4%
Contractors	0.6	0.0	2.0	0.1	-40.1%	0.2%	6.7	7.1	7.4	282.4%	1.7%
Operating leases	1.0	0.1	5.4	6.4	84.5%	1.1%	5.9	6.2	6.5	0.3%	2.0%
Travel and subsistence	0.5	0.9	1.0	0.7	12.1%	0.3%	1.6	1.7	1.8	35.6%	0.5%
Operating payments	4.7	2.0	3.1	1.9	-26.7%	1.0%	2.3	2.4	2.5	10.9%	0.7%
Interest and rent on land	0.0	—	—	—	-100.0%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transfers and subsidies	0.1	0.8	0.7	0.4	63.1%	0.2%	0.0	0.0	0.0	-80.6%	—
Public corporations and private enterprises	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	58.7%	—	0.0	0.0	0.0	-27.9%	—
Households	0.1	0.8	0.7	0.4	63.2%	0.2%	—	—	—	-100.0%	—
Payments for capital assets	31.8	26.9	0.9	3.5	-52.0%	5.4%	5.0	5.3	5.5	16.0%	1.5%
Machinery and equipment	31.8	26.9	0.9	3.4	-52.3%	5.4%	4.5	4.8	5.1	14.1%	1.4%
Software and other intangible assets	—	—	—	0.1	—	—	0.5	0.5	0.4	70.1%	0.1%
Total	291.2	308.2	256.8	305.5	1.6%	100.0%	306.7	322.3	336.9	3.3%	100.0%
Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure	6.3%	8.1%	9.4%	11.5%	—	—	11.1%	11.1%	11.1%	—	—
Details of transfers and subsidies											
Households											
Social benefits											
Current	0.1	0.8	0.7	0.4	63.2%	0.2%	—	—	—	-100.0%	—
Employee social benefits	0.1	0.8	0.7	0.4	63.2%	0.2%	—	—	—	-100.0%	—
Public corporations and private enterprises											
Other transfers to public corporations											
Current	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	58.7%	—	0.0	0.0	0.0	-27.9%	—
Communication	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	58.7%	—	0.0	0.0	0.0	-27.9%	—

Personnel information

Table 14.15 Statistical Support and Informatics personnel numbers and cost by salary level¹

Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2025			Number and cost ² of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment												Average growth rate (%)	Average: Salary level/ Total (%)			
Number of funded posts	Number of posts additional to the establishment	Actual			Revised estimate			Medium-term expenditure estimate											
		2023/24			2024/25			2025/26		2026/27		2027/28		2024/25 - 2027/28					
		Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost						
Statistical Support and Informatics			Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost					
Salary level	245	—	180	138.8	0.8	187	155.5	0.8	186	163.8	0.9	184	171.3	0.9	181	179.1	1.0	-1.1%	100.0%
1 – 6	42	—	32	12.4	0.4	37	15.4	0.4	37	16.4	0.4	37	17.1	0.5	36	17.8	0.5	-1.0%	19.9%
7 – 10	97	—	74	48.2	0.7	62	41.3	0.7	61	43.2	0.7	59	44.3	0.8	57	45.4	0.8	-2.7%	32.3%
11 – 12	73	—	50	47.9	1.0	57	56.9	1.0	57	60.0	1.1	57	63.3	1.1	57	66.8	1.2	—	30.9%
13 – 16	33	—	24	30.3	1.3	31	41.9	1.4	31	44.2	1.4	31	46.6	1.5	31	49.2	1.6	—	16.8%

1. Data has been provided by the department and may not necessarily reconcile with official government personnel data.

2. Rand million.

Programme 6: Statistical Operations and Provincial Coordination

Programme purpose

Collect and process data, and interact with stakeholders and users at the provincial and local levels.

Objectives

- Provide integrated data collection services and disseminate quality statistics to provincial and local stakeholders and the public by ensuring an average annual response rate of 85 per cent.
- Expand the statistical information base for use by government, the private sector and the public by conducting a population census every 10 years and large-scale population surveys between censuses.

- Ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of survey operations conducted by the department by coordinating household survey operations, with an average annual response rate of 85 per cent.
- Improve the quality and timeliness of the editing and processing of statistical data by administering a common data processing platform for censuses, household surveys, administrative records and ad hoc survey data over the medium term.

Subprogrammes

- *Programme Management for Statistical Operations and Provincial Coordination* provides strategic direction and leadership to the programme.
- *Provincial and District Offices* provides integrated data collection and dissemination services and promotes the use and coordination of official statistics to provincial and local stakeholders.
- *Data Operations* manages the editing and processing of census, survey and administrative data.
- *Household Survey and Censuses* conducts periodic population censuses or large-scale population surveys and coordinates and integrates collection activities across household surveys.

Expenditure trends and estimates

Table 14.16 Statistical Operations and Provincial Coordination expenditure trends and estimates by subprogramme and economic classification

Subprogramme					Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)				Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation			Medium-term expenditure estimate				
R million	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2021/22 - 2024/25		2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2024/25	2027/28
Programme Management for Statistical Operations and Provincial Coordination	4.9	5.5	3.8	5.0	1.0%	0.3%	5.3	5.6	5.9	5.2%	0.6%
Provincial and District Offices	649.1	728.4	799.7	718.1	3.4%	41.9%	752.7	788.7	824.4	4.7%	84.7%
Data Operations	54.9	58.9	56.8	57.6	1.6%	3.3%	60.4	63.2	66.0	4.6%	6.8%
Household Survey and Censuses	2 385.9	1 247.9	64.1	67.3	-69.6%	54.5%	70.8	74.1	77.5	4.8%	8.0%
Total	3 094.9	2 040.7	924.3	848.1	-35.0%	100.0%	889.2	931.6	973.8	4.7%	100.0%
Change to 2024 Budget estimate				–			7.0	7.5	7.8		
Economic classification											
Current payments	2 867.4	2 021.3	916.8	843.0	-33.5%	96.2%	885.9	928.7	970.7	4.8%	99.6%
Compensation of employees	781.3	708.5	688.3	720.1	-2.7%	42.0%	759.1	794.1	830.0	4.8%	85.2%
Goods and services	2 086.1	1 312.9	228.5	122.9	-61.1%	54.3%	126.8	134.6	140.6	4.6%	14.4%
of which:						–					–
Communication	52.5	39.2	18.7	14.0	-35.6%	1.8%	16.4	17.6	18.3	9.3%	1.8%
Fleet services (including government motor transport)	11.1	42.3	58.7	30.6	40.2%	2.1%	29.3	30.6	32.1	1.6%	3.4%
Consumables: Stationery, printing and office supplies	4.0	2.8	1.0	1.6	-26.0%	0.1%	4.0	4.2	4.3	38.5%	0.4%
Operating leases	81.2	111.0	106.5	49.4	-15.2%	5.0%	46.0	49.2	51.4	1.3%	5.4%
Travel and subsistence	222.1	461.7	25.8	16.7	-57.8%	10.5%	22.7	24.3	25.7	15.3%	2.5%
Operating payments	46.0	11.8	3.1	4.3	-54.5%	0.9%	2.6	2.8	2.9	-12.5%	0.3%
Transfers and subsidies	4.5	17.0	3.1	1.2	-35.1%	0.4%	0.0	0.0	0.0	-90.7%	–
Public corporations and private enterprises	–	0.0	0.0	0.0	–	–	0.0	0.0	0.0	–	–
Households	4.5	16.9	3.1	1.2	-35.2%	0.4%	–	–	–	-100.0%	–
Payments for capital assets	223.0	2.4	4.4	3.8	-74.2%	3.4%	3.3	3.0	3.1	-6.6%	0.4%
Machinery and equipment	223.0	2.4	4.4	3.8	-74.2%	3.4%	3.3	3.0	3.1	-6.6%	0.4%
Total	3 094.9	2 040.7	924.3	848.1	-35.0%	100.0%	889.2	931.6	973.8	4.7%	100.0%
Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure	66.6%	53.7%	33.9%	32.0%	–	–	32.1%	32.1%	32.1%	–	–

Table 14.16 Statistical Operations and Provincial Coordination expenditure trends and estimates by subprogramme and economic classification (continued)

Details of transfers and subsidies				Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
Audited outcome											
R million	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2021/22 - 2024/25		2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2024/25 - 2027/28	
Households											
Social benefits											
Current	3.6	16.6	3.0	1.2	-29.9%	0.4%	—	—	—	-100.0%	—
Employee social benefits	3.6	16.6	3.0	1.2	-29.9%	0.4%	—	—	—	-100.0%	—
Other transfers to households											
Current	0.9	0.4	0.1	—	-100.0%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Employee ex-gratia payment	0.9	—	0.0	—	-100.0%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Claims against the state	0.0	0.4	0.1	—	-100.0%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Public corporations and private enterprises											
Other transfers to public corporations											
Current	—	0.0	0.0	0.0	—	—	0.0	0.0	0.0	—	—
Communication	—	0.0	0.0	0.0	—	—	0.0	0.0	0.0	—	—
Other transfers to private enterprises											
Current	—	0.0	0.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Census 2021 claims	—	0.0	0.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Personnel information

Table 14.17 Statistical Operations and Provincial Coordination personnel numbers and cost by salary level¹

Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2025						Number and cost ² of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment											Average growth rate (%)	Average: Salary level/ Total (%)	
Number of funded posts	Number of posts additional to the establishment							Medium-term expenditure estimate						2024/25 - 2027/28					
		Actual			Revised estimate														
		2023/24			2024/25			2025/26		2026/27		2027/28							
Statistical Operations and Provincial Coordination			Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost					
Salary level	1 466	–	1 264	688.3	0.5	1 253	720.1	0.6	1 241	759.1	0.6	1 229	794.1	0.6	1 215	830.0	0.7	-1.0%	100.0%
1 – 6	627	–	525	167.6	0.3	519	175.2	0.3	513	184.2	0.4	509	192.9	0.4	502	200.9	0.4	-1.1%	41.4%
7 – 10	628	–	563	321.2	0.6	565	342.2	0.6	559	361.0	0.6	551	375.5	0.7	544	391.0	0.7	-1.3%	44.9%
11 – 12	162	–	134	140.2	1.0	128	141.7	1.1	128	149.5	1.2	128	157.7	1.2	128	166.4	1.3	–	10.4%
13 – 16	49	–	42	59.4	1.4	41	61.1	1.5	41	64.4	1.6	41	68.0	1.7	41	71.7	1.7	–	3.3%

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² Rand million.

Programme 7: South African National Statistics System

Programme purpose

Develop and coordinate the national statistics system in South Africa.

Objectives

- Ensure national statistics are produced based on common statistical standards and principles by providing statistical support and advice and certifying statistics as official annually.
- Ensure the sharing of statistical information by establishing and providing mechanisms, platforms and criteria for the sharing of data annually.
- Drive statistical reporting on behalf of the country by coordinating the compilation of statistical reports annually in line with the integrated indicator framework.

Subprogrammes

- *Programme Management for the South African National Statistics System* provides strategic direction and leadership to the programme.
- *Economic Subsystem* coordinates and facilitates the production of economic and environmental statistics in the national statistical system and provides statistical support and advice to producers of official statistics.

- *Social Subsystem* coordinates and facilitates the production of population and social statistics in the national statistical system and provides statistical support and advice to producers of official statistics.
- *Independent Quality Assessment* conducts independent statistical reviews to assess the quality of statistical information in line with the South African statistical quality assessment framework to certify statistics as official.
- *Statistical Reporting* coordinates the reporting of statistics to fulfil the country's statistical reporting obligations.
- *Data and Information Management* coordinates and manages the transfer and sharing of data among organisations in the national statistics system.

Expenditure trends and estimates

Table 14.18 South African National Statistics System expenditure trends and estimates by subprogramme and economic classification

Subprogramme	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)		Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24		2024/25	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2024/25 - 2027/28	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
R million											
Programme Management for the South African National Statistics System	3.7	2.7	3.5	10.7	42.5%	14.8%	12.3	13.0	13.6	8.3%	25.2%
Economic Subsystem	4.9	5.7	5.1	5.3	2.6%	15.3%	5.6	5.9	6.1	4.8%	11.6%
Social Subsystem	5.3	4.8	4.6	7.5	12.4%	16.0%	7.9	8.3	8.6	4.8%	16.4%
Independent Quality Assessment	4.2	4.9	5.1	6.2	14.2%	14.8%	6.6	6.9	7.2	4.8%	13.6%
Statistical Reporting	4.1	8.4	11.1	8.4	27.4%	23.2%	9.2	9.7	10.1	6.3%	19.0%
Data and Information Management	4.3	5.6	5.6	6.5	14.5%	16.0%	6.8	7.1	7.5	4.8%	14.2%
Total	26.5	32.1	35.0	44.6	19.0%	100.0%	48.4	50.8	53.1	5.9%	100.0%
Change to 2024 Budget estimate				–			0.4	0.4	0.4		
Economic classification											
Current payments	25.7	32.1	35.0	44.2	19.7%	99.1%	48.4	50.8	53.1	6.3%	99.8%
Compensation of employees	23.4	27.3	28.3	36.8	16.2%	83.8%	38.8	40.6	42.4	4.8%	80.6%
Goods and services	2.3	4.8	6.7	7.4	47.5%	15.3%	9.6	10.2	10.7	13.1%	19.2%
of which:											
Communication	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.7	30.8%	1.1%	0.7	0.8	0.8	6.4%	1.5%
Consultants: Business and advisory services	–	1.9	4.5	2.2	–	6.3%	2.1	2.3	2.3	1.0%	4.5%
Consumables: Stationery, printing and office supplies	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.6	237.6%	0.5%	0.8	0.8	0.8	12.7%	1.5%
Travel and subsistence	0.4	0.6	0.4	2.2	77.6%	2.7%	3.0	3.2	3.3	14.5%	6.0%
Training and development	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.6	78.9%	0.6%	1.1	1.1	1.2	23.8%	2.0%
Operating payments	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.6	51.9%	1.0%	1.1	1.1	1.2	30.5%	2.0%
Transfers and subsidies	0.6	–	0.0	–	-100.0%	0.4%	–	–	–	–	–
Households	0.6	–	0.0	–	-100.0%	0.4%	–	–	–	–	–
Payments for capital assets	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.4	37.3%	0.5%	–	–	–	-100.0%	0.2%
Machinery and equipment	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.4	37.3%	0.5%	–	–	–	-100.0%	0.2%
Total	26.5	32.1	35.0	44.6	19.0%	100.0%	48.4	50.8	53.1	5.9%	100.0%
Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure	0.6%	0.8%	1.3%	1.7%	–	–	1.7%	1.7%	1.7%	–	–
Details of transfers and subsidies											
Households											
Social benefits											
Current	0.6	–	0.0	–	-100.0%	0.4%	–	–	–	–	–
Employee social benefits	0.6	–	0.0	–	-100.0%	0.4%	–	–	–	–	–

Personnel information

Table 14.19 South African National Statistics System personnel numbers and cost by salary level¹

Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2025			Number and cost ² of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment															Average growth rate (%)	Average: Salary level/ Total (%)	
Number of funded posts	Number of posts additional to the establishment	Actual			Revised estimate			Medium-term expenditure estimate												
		2023/24			2024/25			2025/26			2026/27			2027/28			2024/25 - 2027/28			
		Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost				
South African National Statistics System			27	28.3	1.0	39	36.8	1.0	38	38.8	1.0	38	40.6	1.1	38	42.4	1.1	-1.1%	100.0%	
Salary level	48	–	1	0.4	0.4	2	0.7	0.4	2	0.8	0.4	2	0.8	0.4	2	0.9	0.4	–	5.2%	
1 – 6	2	–	1	0.4	0.4	2	0.7	0.4	2	0.8	0.4	2	0.8	0.4	2	0.9	0.4	–	5.2%	
7 – 10	19	–	8	5.0	0.6	19	12.6	0.7	18	13.2	0.7	18	13.6	0.8	18	13.9	0.8	-2.2%	47.6%	
11 – 12	5	–	3	3.0	1.0	5	5.4	1.1	5	5.7	1.1	5	6.0	1.2	5	6.4	1.3	–	13.1%	
13 – 16	22	–	15	19.9	1.3	13	18.1	1.4	13	19.0	1.5	13	20.1	1.5	13	21.2	1.6	–	34.0%	

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2. Rand million.