

Statistics South Africa

Budget summary

| R million | 2026/27 | | | | 2027/28 | 2028/29 |
|--|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Current payments | Transfers and subsidies | Payments for capital assets | Total | Total | Total |
| MTEF allocation | | | | | | |
| Administration | 467.2 | 23.9 | 351.3 | 842.3 | 853.4 | 891.5 |
| Economic Statistics | 315.1 | – | – | 315.1 | 332.9 | 347.9 |
| Population and Social Statistics | 304.0 | – | – | 304.0 | 317.5 | 304.2 |
| Methodology and Statistical Infrastructure | 171.2 | 0.1 | – | 171.2 | 178.8 | 186.9 |
| Statistical Support and Informatics | 330.9 | 0.2 | 12.2 | 343.2 | 358.7 | 374.7 |
| Statistical Operations and Provincial Coordination | 959.0 | 0.5 | 2.1 | 961.6 | 1 005.5 | 1 046.8 |
| South African National Statistics System | 46.1 | – | – | 46.1 | 47.5 | 49.7 |
| Total expenditure estimates | 2 593.4 | 24.6 | 365.5 | 2 983.5 | 3 094.2 | 3 201.6 |
| Executive authority | Minister in the Presidency | | | | | |
| Accounting officer | Statistician-General of Statistics South Africa | | | | | |
| Website | www.statssa.gov.za | | | | | |

The Estimates of National Expenditure is available at www.treasury.gov.za. Additional tables in Excel format can be found at www.treasury.gov.za and www.vulekamali.gov.za.

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), as amended in 2024, which mandates it to advance the production, dissemination, use and coordination of official and other statistics to assist 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 statistical principles and the purpose of official statistics.

Selected performance indicators

Table 14.1 Performance indicators by programme and related outcome

| Indicator | Programme | MTDP outcome | Audited performance | | | Estimated performance | MTEF targets | | |
|---|----------------------------------|---|---------------------|---------|---------|-----------------------|--------------|---------|---------|
| | | | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 |
| Number of GDP estimate releases per year | Economic Statistics | An ethical, 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 | | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 |
| Number of price index releases per year | Economic Statistics | | 48 | 48 | 48 | 60 | 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 | | 15 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 |

Expenditure overview

Over the medium term, the department will focus on sustaining and protecting the quality of statistical information, rolling out the continuous population survey, modernising and innovating its business operating model, and strengthening statistical reform. Expenditure is expected to increase at an average annual rate of 3.9 per cent, from R2.9 billion in 2025/26 to R3.2 billion in 2028/29, driven by additional funding of R208.4 million over the next 3 years for the procurement of IT infrastructure and to finance a shortfall in the department's operational expenditure, particularly vehicles used for data collection. Compensation of employees is the department's main cost driver, accounting for an estimated 64.3 per cent (R6 billion) of its budget over the period ahead.

Sustaining and protecting the quality of statistical information

Reliable and trustworthy statistics provide essential data for informed decision-making within and outside of government. To this end, the department aims to release at least 258 publications per year over the medium term related to socioeconomic statistics, including those on GDP, price indexes and the labour market. Expenditure for this work is within the *Economic Statistics* and *Population and Social Statistics* programmes, which receive a combined allocation of R1.9 billion over the medium term.

The ability of the statistical system to respond to the growing demand of users for insightful data and information remains a challenge. In response to this, the department aims to partner with other data suppliers over the period ahead and investigate alternative data sources to augment and strengthen the supply of statistical information in the country. This includes determining whether administrative data from the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission and National Treasury can be used to supplement results from sample surveys with the aim of reducing sample sizes and thereby reducing costs. This work will be carried out in the *Economic Statistics* programme, which is allocated R995.9 million over the MTEF period.

Implementing the continuous population survey

The department commenced with the reconceptualisation and redesign of the continuous population survey in 2025/26. This was intended to integrate several existing surveys (including the general household, income and expenditure, and living conditions surveys) into a single continuous data collection vehicle with the objective of producing more frequent lower-level data. In 2025/26, the department updated the sampling frame, commenced with testing various methodologies and engaged external stakeholders on key data needs. The continuous population survey is scheduled to be piloted between July and December 2026 and will focus on a comprehensive assessment of the questionnaire; workload allocation; quality assurance processes; monitoring and evaluation; training methodologies; and communication, publicity and advocacy strategies. The full implementation of the survey is planned for 2027/28, after which it will become a permanent component of the household survey programme. To carry out these activities, R545.9 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 still in the process of modernising its business operating model to enhance efficiencies across statistical production and governance functions. Strategic priorities in the modernisation effort over the medium term will include transitioning to digital data collection methods for key economic surveys, the continuous population survey and the business register. These transitions will be complemented by the automation of critical processes within the statistical value chain to improve accuracy, timeliness and cost-effectiveness.

The department has also initiated research on the use of artificial intelligence in the areas of data processing and statistics dissemination to assess the viability of artificial intelligence-driven solutions before committing to significant investments. The department, through the *Statistical Support and Informatics* and *Statistical Operations and Provincial Coordination* programmes, is collaborating with Microsoft on these experimental learning projects.

In response to increasing demand for data and statistics and as part of modernising, the department is in the process of establishing an interconnected statistical system that facilitates data acquisition, processing, integration, analysis and visualisation. This long-term initiative addresses the need to establish a data ecosystem and national statistics system, and will initially entail the development of a national strategy for the development of statistics and a national data strategy in collaboration with partners in both the public and private sectors.

To carry out activities related to the modernisation project, R185.8 million is allocated over the medium term in the *Business Modernisation* subprogramme in the *Statistical Support and Informatics* programme.

Strengthening statistical reform

The Statistics Amendment Bill was officially promulgated in 2025 with the aim of strengthening statistical coordination at all levels of society. Implementation of the amendments will be phased in from 2026/27 to ensure smooth adoption by and alignment among all stakeholders. Key provisions include the establishment and operationalisation of a national statistics system and the development of a national strategy for the development of statistics. These measures aim to enhance collaboration and coordination among all producers of official statistics, ensuring consistency, quality and the comparability of data across sectors. Over the next 3 years, amendments to be prioritised include drafting some of the regulations and statistical plans for some entities of the national statistics system, and creating awareness on the amendments to organs of state on their responsibility to establish statistics units. These activities will be carried out through an allocation of R143.3 million over the medium term in the *South African National Statistics System* programme.

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 | Audited outcome | | | Adjusted appropriation | Average growth rate (%) | Average: Expenditure/ Total (%) | Medium-term expenditure estimate | | | Average growth rate (%) | Average: Expenditure/ Total (%) |
| R million | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2022/23 - 2025/26 | | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 | 2025/26 - 2028/29 | 2026/27 - 2028/29 |
| Programme 1 | 719.1 | 746.9 | 768.5 | 779.1 | 2.7% | 25.1% | 842.3 | 853.4 | 891.5 | 4.6% | 27.9% |
| Programme 2 | 283.8 | 288.9 | 297.7 | 317.8 | 3.8% | 9.9% | 315.1 | 332.9 | 347.9 | 3.1% | 10.7% |
| Programme 3 | 280.1 | 322.0 | 161.4 | 273.5 | -0.8% | 8.6% | 304.0 | 317.5 | 304.2 | 3.6% | 10.0% |
| Programme 4 | 133.6 | 149.9 | 149.5 | 158.7 | 5.9% | 4.9% | 171.2 | 178.8 | 186.9 | 5.6% | 5.8% |
| Programme 5 | 308.2 | 256.8 | 318.8 | 324.4 | 1.7% | 10.1% | 343.2 | 358.7 | 374.7 | 4.9% | 11.6% |
| Programme 6 | 2 040.7 | 924.3 | 890.1 | 954.2 | -22.4% | 40.1% | 961.6 | 1 005.5 | 1 046.8 | 3.1% | 32.5% |
| Programme 7 | 32.1 | 35.0 | 31.6 | 47.7 | 14.1% | 1.2% | 46.1 | 47.5 | 49.7 | 1.3% | 1.5% |
| Subtotal | 3 797.6 | 2 723.9 | 2 617.6 | 2 855.3 | -9.1% | 100.0% | 2 983.5 | 3 094.2 | 3 201.6 | 3.9% | 100.0% |
| Total | 3 797.6 | 2 723.9 | 2 617.6 | 2 855.3 | -9.1% | 100.0% | 2 983.5 | 3 094.2 | 3 201.6 | 3.9% | 100.0% |
| Change to 2025 Budget estimate | | | | - | | | 77.9 | 57.2 | 28.3 | | |

Table 14.2 Vote expenditure trends by programme and economic classification¹ (continued)

| Economic classification | Audited outcome | | | Adjusted appropriation | Average growth rate (%) | Average: Expenditure/ Total (%) | Medium-term expenditure estimate | | | Average growth rate (%) | Average: Expenditure/ Total (%) |
|---|-----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | | | | 2025/26 | 2022/23 - 2025/26 | 2026/27 | | |
| R million | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current payments | 3 457.4 | 2 393.7 | 2 257.0 | 2 486.5 | -10.4% | 88.3% | 2 593.4 | 2 711.2 | 2 800.2 | 4.0% | 87.3% |
| Compensation of employees | 1 702.8 | 1 738.1 | 1 666.0 | 1 822.9 | 2.3% | 57.8% | 1 910.1 | 1 996.5 | 2 058.5 | 4.1% | 64.3% |
| Goods and services ¹ | 1 754.6 | 655.6 | 591.0 | 663.5 | -27.7% | 30.6% | 683.4 | 714.8 | 741.6 | 3.8% | 23.1% |
| of which: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Communication | 51.1 | 29.2 | 27.3 | 30.9 | -15.5% | 1.2% | 31.2 | 32.3 | 33.4 | 2.7% | 1.0% |
| Computer services | 230.6 | 108.8 | 163.2 | 146.3 | -14.1% | 5.4% | 154.2 | 165.0 | 172.5 | 5.6% | 5.3% |
| Fleet services (including government motor transport) | 46.0 | 65.9 | 54.8 | 32.6 | -10.9% | 1.7% | 53.9 | 56.7 | 58.3 | 21.4% | 1.8% |
| Operating leases | 204.3 | 219.5 | 213.4 | 200.9 | -0.6% | 7.0% | 184.8 | 193.3 | 198.1 | -0.5% | 6.2% |
| Property payments | 55.3 | 50.7 | 56.2 | 63.2 | 4.5% | 1.9% | 57.6 | 60.4 | 63.0 | -0.1% | 1.9% |
| Travel and subsistence | 543.1 | 103.3 | 30.4 | 90.6 | -45.0% | 6.4% | 100.6 | 104.9 | 109.5 | 6.5% | 3.4% |
| Interest and rent on land | 0.0 | – | 0.1 | – | -100.0% | 0.0% | – | – | – | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Transfers and subsidies¹ | 21.1 | 13.6 | 6.9 | 4.0 | -42.5% | 0.4% | 24.6 | 0.8 | 2.3 | -17.3% | 0.3% |
| Public corporations and private enterprises | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -48.3% | 0.0% | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Households | 21.0 | 13.6 | 6.9 | 4.0 | -42.5% | 0.4% | 24.5 | 0.8 | 2.3 | -17.3% | 0.3% |
| Payments for capital assets | 319.2 | 316.6 | 346.1 | 364.8 | 4.6% | 11.2% | 365.5 | 382.1 | 399.2 | 3.0% | 12.4% |
| Buildings and other fixed structures | 289.2 | 309.8 | 328.5 | 335.9 | 5.1% | 10.5% | 351.3 | 367.2 | 383.7 | 4.5% | 11.9% |
| Machinery and equipment | 29.9 | 6.9 | 15.6 | 28.2 | -1.9% | 0.7% | 10.0 | 10.5 | 10.9 | -27.1% | 0.3% |
| Software and other intangible assets | – | – | 2.0 | 0.7 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 88.6% | 0.1% |
| Payments for financial assets | – | – | 7.6 | – | 0.0% | 0.1% | – | – | – | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Total | 3 797.6 | 2 723.9 | 2 617.6 | 2 855.3 | -9.1% | 100.0% | 2 983.5 | 3 094.2 | 3 201.6 | 3.9% | 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

| | Audited outcome | | | Adjusted appropriation | Average growth rate (%) | Average: Expenditure/ Total (%) | Medium-term expenditure estimate | | | Average growth rate (%) | Average: Expenditure/ Total (%) |
|--|-----------------|---------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | | | | 2025/26 | 2022/23 - 2025/26 | 2026/27 | | |
| R thousand | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Households | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Social benefits | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current | 20 669 | 13 396 | 4 394 | 4 000 | -42.2% | 93.1% | 24 548 | 838 | 2 264 | -17.3% | 100.0% |
| Employee social benefits | 20 669 | 13 396 | 4 394 | 4 000 | -42.2% | 93.1% | 919 | 838 | 2 264 | -17.3% | 14.5% |
| Early retirement and voluntary exit programmes | – | – | – | – | – | – | 23 629 | – | – | – | 85.4% |
| Other transfers to households | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current | 379 | 206 | 2 506 | – | -100.0% | 6.8% | – | – | – | – | – |
| Employee social benefits | – | 100 | 2 424 | – | – | 5.5% | – | – | – | – | – |
| Employee ex-gratia payment | – | 49 | 82 | – | – | 0.3% | – | – | – | – | – |
| Claims against the state | 379 | 57 | – | – | -100.0% | 1.0% | – | – | – | – | – |
| Public corporations and private enterprises | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other transfers to public corporations | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current | 3 | 4 | 9 | 4 | 10.1% | – | 4 | 4 | 4 | – | 0.0% |
| Communication | 3 | 4 | 9 | 4 | 10.1% | – | 4 | 4 | 4 | – | 0.0% |
| Other transfers to private enterprises | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current | 26 | 2 | 14 | – | -100.0% | 0.1% | – | – | – | – | – |
| Claims against the state | – | – | 14 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Census 2021 claims | 26 | 2 | – | – | -100.0% | 0.1% | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | 21 077 | 13 608 | 6 923 | 4 004 | -42.5% | 100.0% | 24 552 | 842 | 2 268 | -17.3% | 100.0% |

Personnel information

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

| Programmes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Average growth rate (%) | Average: Salary level/ Total (%) | | | | |
|---|---|----------|--|----------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| 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 2026 | | | 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 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 | | 2026/27 | | 2027/28 | | 2028/29 | | 2025/26 - 2028/29 | | | 2026/27 - 2028/29 | | | |
| | | Number | Cost | Unit cost | Number | Cost | Unit cost | Number | Cost | Unit cost | Number | Cost | Unit cost | Number | Cost | Unit cost | | | |
| Statistics South Africa | | | 2 581 | 1 666.0 | 0.6 | 2 527 | 1 822.9 | 0.7 | 2 435 | 1 910.1 | 0.8 | 2 341 | 1 996.5 | 0.9 | 2 305 | 2 058.5 | 0.9 | -3.0% | 100.0% |
| Salary level | 3 301 | – | 2 581 | 1 666.0 | 0.6 | 2 527 | 1 822.9 | 0.7 | 2 435 | 1 910.1 | 0.8 | 2 341 | 1 996.5 | 0.9 | 2 305 | 2 058.5 | 0.9 | -3.0% | 100.0% |
| 1 – 6 | 1 031 | – | 787 | 292.8 | 0.4 | 732 | 285.4 | 0.4 | 715 | 291.2 | 0.4 | 701 | 308.0 | 0.4 | 708 | 332.2 | 0.5 | -1.1% | 30.0% |
| 7 – 10 | 1 570 | – | 1 286 | 815.7 | 0.6 | 1 172 | 812.0 | 0.7 | 1 055 | 800.4 | 0.8 | 946 | 788.1 | 0.8 | 951 | 832.3 | 0.9 | -6.7% | 41.7% |
| 11 – 12 | 457 | – | 338 | 345.6 | 1.0 | 393 | 425.5 | 1.1 | 406 | 462.0 | 1.1 | 421 | 501.4 | 1.2 | 392 | 494.1 | 1.3 | -0.1% | 17.2% |
| 13 – 16 | 243 | – | 170 | 211.9 | 1.2 | 229 | 300.1 | 1.3 | 259 | 356.4 | 1.4 | 273 | 399.0 | 1.5 | 255 | 399.9 | 1.6 | 3.6% | 11.1% |
| Programme | 3 301 | – | 2 581 | 1 666.0 | 0.6 | 2 527 | 1 822.9 | 0.7 | 2 435 | 1 910.1 | 0.8 | 2 341 | 1 996.5 | 0.9 | 2 305 | 2 058.5 | 0.9 | -3.0% | 100.0% |
| Programme 1 | 514 | – | 347 | 230.9 | 0.7 | 321 | 241.1 | 0.8 | 316 | 242.4 | 0.8 | 316 | 251.2 | 0.8 | 333 | 262.4 | 0.8 | 1.2% | 13.6% |
| Programme 2 | 568 | – | 470 | 281.4 | 0.6 | 448 | 296.3 | 0.7 | 408 | 293.7 | 0.7 | 409 | 310.3 | 0.8 | 407 | 324.2 | 0.8 | -3.2% | 17.3% |
| Programme 3 | 218 | – | 161 | 138.2 | 0.9 | 203 | 188.3 | 0.9 | 209 | 214.8 | 1.0 | 200 | 224.3 | 1.1 | 172 | 206.8 | 1.2 | -5.3% | 8.2% |
| Programme 4 | 242 | – | 178 | 138.5 | 0.8 | 179 | 145.5 | 0.8 | 184 | 157.2 | 0.9 | 186 | 164.0 | 0.9 | 189 | 171.4 | 0.9 | 1.8% | 7.9% |
| Programme 5 | 245 | – | 167 | 141.4 | 0.8 | 169 | 153.7 | 0.9 | 185 | 171.3 | 0.9 | 178 | 179.1 | 1.0 | 178 | 187.1 | 1.1 | 1.6% | 7.6% |
| Programme 6 | 1 466 | – | 1 231 | 705.7 | 0.6 | 1 172 | 759.1 | 0.6 | 1 101 | 794.1 | 0.7 | 1 020 | 830.0 | 0.8 | 996 | 867.3 | 0.9 | -5.3% | 44.0% |
| Programme 7 | 48 | – | 27 | 30.0 | 1.1 | 36 | 38.8 | 1.1 | 32 | 36.6 | 1.1 | 31 | 37.5 | 1.2 | 31 | 39.2 | 1.3 | -4.5% | 1.3% |

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

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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 (%) |
|---|-------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | | | 2027/28 | 2028/29 | 2025/26 - 2028/29 | | |
| R thousand | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 | 2025/26 - 2028/29 | 2026/27 - 2028/29 | | | |
| Departmental receipts | 2 696 | 1 818 | 2 219 | 1 352 | 1 352 | -20.6% | 100.0% | 1 090 | 1 105 | 1 120 | -6.1% | 100.0% |
| Sales of goods and services produced by department | 847 | 1 082 | 916 | 954 | 954 | 4.0% | 47.0% | 924 | 935 | 945 | -0.3% | 84.6% |
| Sales by market establishments | 33 | 29 | 25 | 9 | 9 | -35.2% | 1.2% | – | – | – | -100.0% | – |
| of which: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Parking | 33 | 29 | 25 | 9 | 9 | -35.2% | 1.2% | – | – | – | -100.0% | – |
| Other sales | 814 | 1 053 | 891 | 945 | 945 | 5.1% | 45.8% | 924 | 935 | 945 | – | 84.6% |
| of which: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Replacement of security cards | – | 5 | – | 5 | 5 | – | 0.1% | 4 | 5 | 5 | – | 0.4% |
| Commission on insurance | 814 | 1 047 | 891 | 940 | 940 | 4.9% | 45.7% | 920 | 930 | 940 | – | 84.2% |
| Sales of assets less than R5 000 | – | 1 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Sales of scrap, waste, arms and other used current goods | – | – | 35 | 6 | 6 | – | 0.5% | 4 | 5 | 6 | – | 0.5% |
| of which: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sale of wastepaper | – | – | 35 | 6 | 6 | – | 0.5% | 4 | 5 | 6 | – | 0.5% |
| Interest, dividends and rent on land | 88 | 70 | 141 | 50 | 50 | -17.2% | 4.3% | 50 | 50 | 50 | – | 4.5% |
| Interest | 88 | 70 | 141 | 50 | 50 | -17.2% | 4.3% | 50 | 50 | 50 | – | 4.5% |
| Sales of capital assets | – | 14 | 7 | – | – | – | 0.3% | – | – | – | – | – |
| Transactions in financial assets and liabilities | 1 761 | 652 | 1 120 | 342 | 342 | -42.1% | 47.9% | 112 | 115 | 119 | -29.7% | 10.4% |
| Total | 2 696 | 1 818 | 2 219 | 1 352 | 1 352 | -20.6% | 100.0% | 1 090 | 1 105 | 1 120 | -6.1% | 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 | Audited outcome | | | Adjusted appropriation | Average growth rate (%) | Average: Expenditure/ Total (%) | Medium-term expenditure estimate | | | Average growth rate (%) | Average: Expenditure/ Total (%) |
|--|-----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | | | | 2025/26 | 2022/23 - 2025/26 | 2026/27 | | |
| R million | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Departmental Management | 58.2 | 58.8 | 57.9 | 62.4 | 2.3% | 7.9% | 63.3 | 66.0 | 69.0 | 3.4% | 7.7% |
| Corporate Services | 124.1 | 124.9 | 118.7 | 132.9 | 2.3% | 16.6% | 132.8 | 138.8 | 145.0 | 2.9% | 16.1% |
| Financial Administration | 92.5 | 87.2 | 85.7 | 91.4 | -0.4% | 11.8% | 117.2 | 95.9 | 100.2 | 3.1% | 12.1% |
| Internal Audit | 17.9 | 19.0 | 19.0 | 19.9 | 3.6% | 2.5% | 19.4 | 20.2 | 21.1 | 2.0% | 2.3% |
| Office Accommodation | 426.4 | 457.0 | 487.3 | 472.5 | 3.5% | 61.2% | 509.7 | 532.4 | 556.2 | 5.6% | 61.8% |
| Total | 719.1 | 746.9 | 768.5 | 779.1 | 2.7% | 100.0% | 842.3 | 853.4 | 891.5 | 4.6% | 100.0% |
| Change to 2025 | | | | - | | | 63.3 | 39.0 | 40.6 | | |
| Budget estimate | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Economic classification | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current payments | 427.5 | 435.8 | 437.2 | 442.6 | 1.2% | 57.8% | 467.2 | 486.1 | 507.5 | 4.7% | 56.5% |
| Compensation of employees | 227.7 | 228.7 | 230.9 | 241.1 | 1.9% | 30.8% | 242.4 | 251.2 | 262.4 | 2.9% | 29.2% |
| Goods and services | 199.7 | 207.1 | 206.2 | 201.5 | 0.3% | 27.0% | 224.8 | 234.9 | 245.1 | 6.7% | 27.2% |
| of which: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Audit costs: External | 10.9 | 11.3 | 11.9 | 9.9 | -3.0% | 1.5% | 10.3 | 10.7 | 11.2 | 4.2% | 1.2% |
| Communication | 3.1 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 4.3 | 11.7% | 0.4% | 14.4 | 14.8 | 15.3 | 52.2% | 1.7% |
| Operating leases | 93.1 | 106.9 | 111.7 | 82.7 | -3.9% | 13.1% | 98.0 | 102.2 | 106.8 | 8.9% | 11.9% |
| Property payments | 53.8 | 49.0 | 55.2 | 61.9 | 4.8% | 7.3% | 56.5 | 59.3 | 61.9 | - | 6.9% |
| Travel and subsistence | 12.8 | 7.8 | 4.4 | 8.8 | -11.8% | 1.1% | 9.4 | 10.1 | 10.5 | 6.0% | 1.2% |
| Operating payments | 8.4 | 8.6 | 5.0 | 5.7 | -12.4% | 0.9% | 5.1 | 5.4 | 5.6 | -0.4% | 0.6% |
| Interest and rent on land | 0.0 | - | 0.1 | - | -100.0% | 0.0% | - | - | - | - | - |
| Transfers and subsidies | 2.4 | 0.5 | 2.5 | 0.2 | -53.5% | 0.2% | 23.9 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 1.2% | 0.9% |
| Households | 2.4 | 0.5 | 2.5 | 0.2 | -53.5% | 0.2% | 23.9 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 1.2% | 0.9% |
| Payments for capital assets | 289.3 | 310.5 | 328.7 | 336.2 | 5.1% | 42.0% | 351.3 | 367.2 | 383.7 | 4.5% | 42.6% |
| Buildings and other fixed structures | 289.2 | 309.8 | 328.5 | 335.9 | 5.1% | 41.9% | 351.3 | 367.2 | 383.7 | 4.5% | 42.6% |
| Machinery and equipment | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 111.3% | 0.0% | - | - | - | -100.0% | - |
| Total | 719.1 | 746.9 | 768.5 | 779.1 | 2.7% | 100.0% | 842.3 | 853.4 | 891.5 | 4.6% | 100.0% |
| Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure | 18.9% | 27.4% | 29.4% | 27.3% | - | - | 28.2% | 27.6% | 27.8% | - | - |
| Details of transfers and subsidies | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Households | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Social benefits | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current | 2.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.2 | -53.5% | 0.1% | 23.9 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 1.2% | 0.9% |
| Employee social benefits | 2.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.2 | -53.5% | 0.1% | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 1.2% | 0.0% |
| Early retirement and voluntary exit programmes | - | - | - | - | - | - | 23.6 | - | - | - | 0.9% |
| Other transfers to households | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current | - | 0.0 | 2.0 | - | - | 0.1% | - | - | - | - | - |
| Employee social benefits | - | 0.0 | 2.0 | - | - | 0.1% | - | - | - | - | - |

Personnel information

Table 14.7 Administration personnel numbers and cost by salary level¹

| Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026 | | 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 2024/25 | | | 2025/26 | | | 2026/27 | | 2027/28 | | 2028/29 | | | | 2025/26 - 2028/29 | 2026/27 - 2028/29 | | | | |
| | | Number | Cost | Unit cost | Number | Cost | Unit cost | Number | Cost | Unit cost | Number | Cost | Unit cost | Number | Cost | Unit cost | | | | | |
| Administration | | 514 | – | – | 347 | 230.9 | 0.7 | 321 | 241.1 | 0.8 | 316 | 242.4 | 0.8 | 316 | 251.2 | 0.8 | 333 | 262.4 | 0.8 | 1.2% | 100.0% |
| 1 – 6 | 158 | – | – | – | 94 | 38.2 | 0.4 | 95 | 39.6 | 0.4 | 97 | 41.2 | 0.4 | 99 | 43.1 | 0.4 | 130 | 58.4 | 0.5 | 10.8% | 33.7% |
| 7 – 10 | 246 | – | – | – | 184 | 118.3 | 0.6 | 116 | 77.1 | 0.7 | 119 | 82.3 | 0.7 | 123 | 88.2 | 0.7 | 119 | 89.8 | 0.8 | 0.7% | 37.4% |
| 11 – 12 | 67 | – | – | – | 43 | 44.7 | 1.0 | 67 | 72.4 | 1.1 | 51 | 57.3 | 1.1 | 41 | 47.8 | 1.2 | 42 | 51.2 | 1.2 | -14.6% | 14.0% |
| 13 – 16 | 43 | – | – | – | 26 | 29.7 | 1.1 | 43 | 52.0 | 1.2 | 48 | 61.5 | 1.3 | 53 | 72.1 | 1.4 | 43 | 63.0 | 1.5 | – | 14.9% |

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 (%) | |
|--|-----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | | 2022/23 - 2025/26 | Average: Expenditure/ Total (%) | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 | 2025/26 - 2028/29 | Average: Expenditure/ Total (%) |
| | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 | 2022/23 - 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 | 2025/26 - 2028/29 | 2026/27 - 2028/29 |
| R million | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Programme Management for Economic Statistics | 5.3 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 5.2 | -1.0% | 1.6% | 5.9 | 6.2 | 6.5 | 7.7% | 1.9% |
| Business Cycle Indicators | 38.3 | 39.2 | 40.0 | 43.6 | 4.4% | 13.6% | 44.1 | 46.0 | 48.1 | 3.4% | 13.9% |
| Structural Industry Statistics | 54.6 | 58.5 | 61.5 | 63.2 | 5.0% | 20.0% | 63.6 | 66.4 | 69.5 | 3.2% | 20.0% |
| Price Statistics | 92.3 | 88.1 | 90.0 | 95.6 | 1.2% | 30.8% | 92.5 | 100.4 | 104.9 | 3.2% | 29.9% |
| Private Sector Finance Statistics | 42.0 | 46.4 | 47.6 | 49.8 | 5.8% | 15.6% | 49.6 | 51.8 | 54.1 | 2.8% | 15.6% |
| Government Finance Statistics | 27.7 | 27.1 | 28.2 | 29.6 | 2.2% | 9.5% | 28.8 | 30.1 | 31.4 | 2.1% | 9.1% |
| National Accounts | 23.6 | 25.3 | 25.8 | 30.8 | 9.2% | 8.9% | 30.6 | 32.0 | 33.4 | 2.7% | 9.6% |
| Total | 283.8 | 288.9 | 297.7 | 317.8 | 3.8% | 100.0% | 315.1 | 332.9 | 347.9 | 3.1% | 100.0% |
| Change to 2025 Budget estimate | | | | - | | | (9.9) | (6.9) | (7.1) | | |
| Economic classification | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current payments | 283.3 | 288.4 | 296.6 | 316.8 | 3.8% | 99.7% | 315.1 | 332.4 | 347.8 | 3.2% | 99.9% |
| Compensation of employees | 264.5 | 272.8 | 281.4 | 296.3 | 3.9% | 93.8% | 293.7 | 310.3 | 324.2 | 3.0% | 93.2% |
| Goods and services | 18.8 | 15.6 | 15.2 | 20.5 | 3.1% | 5.9% | 21.5 | 22.1 | 23.6 | 4.7% | 6.7% |
| of which: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bursaries: Employees | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 20.1% | 0.1% | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 3.9% | 0.2% |
| Consultants: Business and advisory services | - | - | - | 1.4 | - | 0.1% | 1.9 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 13.6% | 0.6% |
| Consumables: Stationery, printing and office supplies | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 34.0% | 0.2% | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 6.1% | 0.3% |
| Travel and subsistence | 9.5 | 7.5 | 8.5 | 10.2 | 2.6% | 3.0% | 12.2 | 12.4 | 13.2 | 8.8% | 3.8% |
| Training and development | 1.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.5 | -23.7% | 0.2% | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 5.4% | 0.2% |
| Operating payments | 3.8 | 3.7 | 2.6 | 2.3 | -15.7% | 1.0% | 3.7 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 24.7% | 1.2% |
| Transfers and subsidies | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | -3.0% | 0.1% | - | 0.5 | 0.1 | -31.5% | 0.1% |
| Households | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | -3.0% | 0.1% | - | 0.5 | 0.1 | -31.5% | 0.1% |
| Payments for capital assets | 0.1 | - | 0.6 | 0.6 | 78.9% | 0.1% | - | - | - | -100.0% | - |
| Machinery and equipment | 0.1 | - | 0.6 | 0.6 | 78.9% | 0.1% | - | - | - | -100.0% | - |
| Total | 283.8 | 288.9 | 297.7 | 317.8 | 3.8% | 100.0% | 315.1 | 332.9 | 347.9 | 3.1% | 100.0% |
| Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure | 7.5% | 10.6% | 11.4% | 11.1% | - | - | 10.6% | 10.8% | 10.9% | - | - |
| Details of transfers and subsidies | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Households | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Social benefits | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 | -3.0% | 0.1% | - | 0.5 | 0.1 | -31.5% | 0.1% |
| Employee social benefits | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 | -3.0% | 0.1% | - | 0.5 | 0.1 | -31.5% | 0.1% |
| Other transfers to households | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current | - | 0.0 | 0.2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Employee social benefits | - | 0.0 | 0.2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Personnel information

Table 14.9 Economic Statistics personnel numbers and cost by salary level¹

| Economic Statistics | Salary level | Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026 | Number of posts additional to the funded posts | Number and cost ² of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment | | | | | | | | | | | | Average growth rate (%) | Average: Salary level/ Total (%) | | |
|---------------------|--------------|---|--|--|------|-----------|------------------|---------|-----------|----------------------------------|------|-----------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|--------|
| | | | | Actual | | | Revised estimate | | | Medium-term expenditure estimate | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 2024/25 | | 2025/26 | | 2026/27 | | 2027/28 | | 2028/29 | | 2025/26 - 2028/29 | 2026/27 - 2028/29 | | | | |
| | | | | Number | Cost | Unit cost | Number | Cost | Unit cost | Number | Cost | Unit cost | Number | Cost | Unit cost | | | | |
| | 568 | - | 470 | 281.4 | 0.6 | 448 | 296.3 | 0.7 | 408 | 293.7 | 0.7 | 409 | 310.3 | 0.8 | 407 | 324.2 | 0.8 | -3.2% | 100.0% |
| 1-6 | 129 | - | 95 | 48.9 | 0.5 | 91 | 49.7 | 0.5 | 107 | 61.9 | 0.6 | 136 | 82.8 | 0.6 | 165 | 105.8 | 0.6 | 22.1% | 33.4% |
| 7-10 | 351 | - | 303 | 171.5 | 0.6 | 269 | 167.1 | 0.6 | 205 | 139.5 | 0.7 | 161 | 114.7 | 0.7 | 134 | 99.8 | 0.7 | -20.8% | 40.8% |
| 11-12 | 56 | - | 48 | 32.9 | 0.7 | 55 | 40.1 | 0.7 | 56 | 42.9 | 0.8 | 65 | 52.4 | 0.8 | 54 | 46.1 | 0.9 | -0.6% | 14.3% |
| 13-16 | 32 | - | 24 | 28.0 | 1.2 | 33 | 39.3 | 1.2 | 40 | 49.3 | 1.2 | 47 | 60.4 | 1.3 | 54 | 72.5 | 1.3 | 17.8% | 11.5% |

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 (%) | Average: Expenditure/ Total (%) | Medium-term expenditure estimate | | | Average growth rate (%) | Average: Expenditure/ Total (%) |
|---|-----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | | | | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | | |
| R million | | | | | 2022/23 - 2025/26 | | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 | 2025/26 - 2028/29 | 2026/27 - 2028/29 |
| Programme Management for Population and Social Statistics | 1.8 | 2.5 | 2.1 | 3.9 | 30.8% | 1.0% | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 9.4% | 1.6% |
| Demographic and Population Statistics | 21.0 | 23.1 | 15.2 | 25.9 | 7.2% | 8.2% | 25.3 | 26.4 | 27.6 | 2.1% | 8.6% |
| Health and Vital Statistics | 16.0 | 17.0 | 23.5 | 17.3 | 2.5% | 7.1% | 17.3 | 18.0 | 18.8 | 3.0% | 5.8% |
| Social Statistics | 22.4 | 24.3 | 23.3 | 27.4 | 7.0% | 9.4% | 27.1 | 28.3 | 29.6 | 2.5% | 9.2% |
| Labour Statistics | 44.0 | 45.0 | 44.0 | 46.6 | 1.9% | 17.3% | 46.8 | 48.8 | 51.0 | 3.0% | 15.8% |
| Poverty and Inequality Statistics | 174.9 | 210.1 | 53.3 | 152.3 | -4.5% | 57.0% | 182.8 | 191.0 | 172.1 | 4.1% | 59.0% |
| Total | 280.1 | 322.0 | 161.4 | 273.5 | -0.8% | 100.0% | 304.0 | 317.5 | 304.2 | 3.6% | 100.0% |
| Change to 2025 Budget estimate | | | | – | | | (18.8) | (19.9) | (48.4) | | |

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

| Economic classification | Audited outcome | | | Adjusted appropriation | Average growth rate (%) | Average: Expenditure/ Total (%) | Medium-term expenditure estimate | | | Average growth rate (%) | Average: Expenditure/ Total (%) |
|---|-----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | | | | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | | |
| R million | 279.1 | 313.1 | 152.6 | 259.6 | -2.4% | 96.9% | 304.0 | 317.5 | 304.1 | 5.4% | 100.0% |
| Current payments | 279.1 | 313.1 | 152.6 | 259.6 | -2.4% | 96.9% | 304.0 | 317.5 | 304.1 | 5.4% | 100.0% |
| Compensation of employees | 210.8 | 246.0 | 138.2 | 188.3 | -3.7% | 75.5% | 214.8 | 224.3 | 206.8 | 3.2% | 69.8% |
| Goods and services | 68.2 | 67.1 | 14.4 | 71.3 | 1.5% | 21.3% | 89.1 | 93.2 | 97.3 | 10.9% | 30.2% |
| <i>of which:</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Computer services | 2.6 | – | 3.4 | 5.7 | 30.7% | 1.1% | 11.2 | 15.4 | 16.3 | 41.8% | 4.6% |
| Consultants: Business and advisory services | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.1 | 8.2 | 580.0% | 1.1% | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.3 | -19.5% | 1.3% |
| Fleet services (including government motor transport) | – | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.2 | – | 0.1% | 17.0 | 17.7 | 18.5 | 371.8% | 5.7% |
| Travel and subsistence | 57.0 | 59.2 | 3.4 | 44.0 | -8.3% | 15.8% | 45.5 | 47.2 | 49.1 | 3.7% | 15.3% |
| Training and development | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 2.1 | 149.2% | 0.3% | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.5 | -10.7% | 0.5% |
| Operating payments | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.0 | 0.9 | -19.9% | 0.5% | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 35.6% | 0.7% |
| Transfers and subsidies | 0.5 | 8.3 | 0.3 | 2.7 | 78.7% | 1.1% | – | – | 0.0 | -74.9% | 0.0% |
| Households | 0.5 | 8.3 | 0.3 | 2.7 | 78.7% | 1.1% | – | – | 0.0 | -74.9% | 0.0% |
| Payments for capital assets | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 11.2 | 171.3% | 1.3% | – | – | – | -100.0% | – |
| Machinery and equipment | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 11.2 | 171.3% | 1.3% | – | – | – | -100.0% | – |
| Payments for financial assets | – | – | 7.6 | – | – | 0.7% | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | 280.1 | 322.0 | 161.4 | 273.5 | -0.8% | 100.0% | 304.0 | 317.5 | 304.2 | 3.6% | 100.0% |
| Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure | 7.4% | 11.8% | 6.2% | 9.6% | – | – | 10.3% | 10.3% | 9.5% | – | – |
| Details of transfers and subsidies | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Households | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Social benefits | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current | 0.5 | 8.3 | 0.3 | 2.7 | 78.7% | 1.1% | – | – | 0.0 | -74.9% | 0.0% |
| Employee social benefits | 0.5 | 8.3 | 0.3 | 2.7 | 78.7% | 1.1% | – | – | 0.0 | -74.9% | 0.0% |
| 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

| Population and Social Statistics | Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026 | Number of posts additional to the establishment | Number and cost ² of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment | | | | | | | | | Average growth rate (%) | Average: Salary level/ Total (%) | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|---|--|---------|-----------|------------------|---------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------|-----------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|-----|-------|-----|--------|--------|
| | | | Actual | | | Revised estimate | | | Medium-term expenditure estimate | | | | | | | | | | |
| Salary level | 218 | – | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 | 2025/26 - 2028/29 | 2026/27 - 2028/29 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Number | Cost | Unit cost | Number | Cost | Unit cost | Number | Cost | Unit cost | Number | Cost | Unit cost | | | | | |
| 1–6 | 42 | – | 161 | 138.2 | 0.9 | 203 | 188.3 | 0.9 | 209 | 214.8 | 1.0 | 200 | 224.3 | 1.1 | 172 | 206.8 | 1.2 | -5.3% | 100.0% |
| 7–10 | 95 | – | 31 | 19.2 | 0.6 | 24 | 15.7 | 0.7 | 13 | 8.6 | 0.7 | 26 | 18.5 | 0.7 | 14 | 10.7 | 0.8 | -15.9% | 9.0% |
| 11–12 | 48 | – | 68 | 46.7 | 0.7 | 98 | 71.8 | 0.7 | 97 | 75.0 | 0.8 | 69 | 58.5 | 0.8 | 65 | 57.9 | 0.9 | -12.9% | 39.5% |
| 13–16 | 33 | – | 41 | 47.5 | 1.2 | 48 | 59.2 | 1.2 | 55 | 71.3 | 1.3 | 49 | 66.9 | 1.4 | 42 | 59.9 | 1.4 | -4.7% | 25.0% |
| | | | 21 | 24.8 | 1.2 | 33 | 41.7 | 1.3 | 45 | 60.0 | 1.3 | 57 | 80.4 | 1.4 | 52 | 78.3 | 1.5 | 16.4% | 26.5% |

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.

Expenditure trends and estimates

Table 14.12 Methodology and Statistical Infrastructure 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 (%) |
|--|-----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | | | | 2025/26 | 2022/23 - 2025/26 | 2026/27 | | |
| R million | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Programme Management for Methodology and Statistical Infrastructure | 2.8 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 6.9% | 2.4% | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 11.2% | 2.5% |
| Statistical Methods | 23.9 | 21.5 | 20.9 | 20.6 | -4.8% | 14.7% | 27.8 | 29.0 | 30.3 | 13.6% | 16.2% |
| Statistical Standards | 8.3 | 7.5 | 8.1 | 10.5 | 8.4% | 5.8% | 11.1 | 11.5 | 12.1 | 4.6% | 6.5% |
| Business Register | 38.0 | 40.0 | 42.7 | 47.4 | 7.6% | 28.4% | 49.6 | 51.8 | 54.2 | 4.6% | 29.0% |
| Geography | 46.7 | 57.2 | 54.3 | 55.0 | 5.6% | 36.0% | 55.3 | 57.7 | 60.4 | 3.1% | 32.3% |
| Survey Monitoring and Evaluation | 13.4 | 17.6 | 17.4 | 19.2 | 12.8% | 11.4% | 20.9 | 21.8 | 22.8 | 5.9% | 12.2% |
| Innovation and Research | 0.5 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 73.8% | 1.2% | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 0.4% | 1.3% |
| Total | 133.6 | 149.9 | 149.5 | 158.7 | 5.9% | 100.0% | 171.2 | 178.8 | 186.9 | 5.6% | 100.0% |
| Change to 2025 Budget estimate | | | | - | | | (2.7) | (3.1) | (3.1) | | |
| Economic classification | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current payments | 133.5 | 149.3 | 148.9 | 158.7 | 5.9% | 99.8% | 171.2 | 178.7 | 186.7 | 5.6% | 99.9% |
| Compensation of employees | 127.5 | 135.1 | 138.5 | 145.5 | 4.5% | 92.4% | 157.2 | 164.0 | 171.4 | 5.6% | 91.8% |
| Goods and services | 6.0 | 14.2 | 10.4 | 13.2 | 29.7% | 7.4% | 14.0 | 14.7 | 15.3 | 5.1% | 8.2% |
| of which: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Computer services | 3.1 | 3.2 | 6.7 | 3.4 | 3.4% | 2.8% | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 4.6% | 2.0% |
| Infrastructure and planning services | - | 6.0 | - | - | - | 1.0% | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | - | 1.1% |
| Agency and support/outsourced services | - | - | - | 0.1 | - | 0.0% | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 199.1% | 1.2% |
| Consumables: Stationery, printing and office supplies | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 96.4% | 0.2% | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 17.2% | 0.5% |
| Travel and subsistence | 0.6 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 3.8 | 86.0% | 1.2% | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.5 | -12.8% | 1.4% |
| Operating payments | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 10.8% | 0.6% | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 10.5% | 0.7% |
| Transfers and subsidies | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.4 | - | -100.0% | 0.2% | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | - | 0.1% |
| Households | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.4 | - | -100.0% | 0.2% | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | - | 0.1% |
| Payments for capital assets | - | 0.1 | 0.2 | - | - | 0.1% | - | - | - | - | - |
| Machinery and equipment | - | 0.1 | 0.2 | - | - | 0.1% | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 133.6 | 149.9 | 149.5 | 158.7 | 5.9% | 100.0% | 171.2 | 178.8 | 186.9 | 5.6% | 100.0% |
| Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure | 3.5% | 5.5% | 5.7% | 5.6% | - | - | 5.8% | 5.8% | 5.8% | - | - |
| Details of transfers and subsidies | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Households | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Social benefits | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.4 | - | -100.0% | 0.2% | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | - | 0.1% |
| Employee social benefits | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.4 | - | -100.0% | 0.2% | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | - | 0.1% |

Personnel information

Table 14.13 Methodology and Statistical Infrastructure personnel numbers and cost by salary level¹

| Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026 | | 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 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 2024/25 | | | 2025/26 | | | 2026/27 | | 2027/28 | | 2028/29 | | 2025/26 - 2028/29 | 2026/27 - 2028/29 | | | | |
| Methodology and Statistical Infrastructure | | Number | Cost | Unit cost | Number | Cost | Unit cost | Number | Cost | Unit cost | Number | Cost | Unit cost | Number | Cost | Unit cost | | | |
| Salary level | 242 | – | 178 | 138.5 | 0.8 | 179 | 145.5 | 0.8 | 184 | 157.2 | 0.9 | 186 | 164.0 | 0.9 | 189 | 171.4 | 0.9 | 1.8% | 100.0% |
| 1 – 6 | 25 | – | 16 | 7.6 | 0.5 | 20 | 10.0 | 0.5 | 25 | 13.1 | 0.5 | 30 | 16.4 | 0.5 | 35 | 20.1 | 0.6 | 20.5% | 16.1% |
| 7 – 10 | 140 | – | 111 | 76.0 | 0.7 | 103 | 71.4 | 0.7 | 92 | 63.9 | 0.7 | 92 | 66.6 | 0.7 | 91 | 69.4 | 0.8 | -3.8% | 49.2% |
| 11 – 12 | 46 | – | 30 | 30.5 | 1.0 | 26 | 28.0 | 1.1 | 28 | 31.3 | 1.1 | 35 | 41.2 | 1.2 | 42 | 52.1 | 1.2 | 17.3% | 18.8% |
| 13 – 16 | 31 | – | 21 | 24.3 | 1.2 | 30 | 36.1 | 1.2 | 39 | 48.9 | 1.3 | 30 | 39.9 | 1.3 | 20 | 29.8 | 1.5 | -12.2% | 15.9% |

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

2. Rand million.

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 and 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 (%) |
|--|-----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | | | | 2025/26 | 2022/23 - 2025/26 | 2026/27 | | |
| | R million | | | | | | | | | | |
| Programme Management for Statistical Support and Informatics | 2.8 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 6.2 | 30.0% | 1.4% | 6.4 | 6.7 | 7.0 | 4.2% | 1.9% |
| Advocacy and Dissemination | 38.1 | 36.4 | 25.3 | 39.8 | 1.4% | 11.6% | 41.7 | 43.6 | 45.6 | 4.6% | 12.2% |
| Business Modernisation | 51.4 | 52.9 | 199.6 | 55.6 | 2.7% | 29.8% | 59.2 | 61.9 | 64.7 | 5.2% | 17.3% |
| Publication Services | 28.1 | 26.1 | 50.7 | 26.5 | -1.9% | 10.9% | 40.2 | 42.1 | 44.0 | 18.4% | 11.7% |
| Information, Communication and Technology | 182.2 | 131.8 | 33.7 | 187.5 | 1.0% | 44.3% | 186.5 | 194.9 | 203.5 | 2.8% | 54.3% |
| Analytical Studies | 5.7 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 8.9 | 16.2% | 2.1% | 9.1 | 9.6 | 10.0 | 4.0% | 2.7% |
| Total | 308.2 | 256.8 | 318.8 | 324.4 | 1.7% | 100.0% | 343.2 | 358.7 | 374.7 | 4.9% | 100.0% |
| Change to 2025 Budget estimate | | | | | | | 20.9 | 21.8 | 22.7 | | |
| Economic classification | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current payments | 280.6 | 255.2 | 304.3 | 311.1 | 3.5% | 95.3% | 330.9 | 345.9 | 361.5 | 5.1% | 96.4% |
| Compensation of employees | 136.4 | 138.8 | 141.4 | 153.7 | 4.1% | 47.2% | 171.3 | 179.1 | 187.1 | 6.8% | 49.9% |
| Goods and services | 144.2 | 116.4 | 163.0 | 157.3 | 2.9% | 48.1% | 159.5 | 166.8 | 174.3 | 3.5% | 46.5% |
| <i>of which:</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Computer services | 136.5 | 100.0 | 151.7 | 134.7 | -0.4% | 43.3% | 135.5 | 141.6 | 147.8 | 3.1% | 39.5% |
| Consultants: Business and advisory services | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 280.3% | 0.0% | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 303.0% | 1.0% |
| Consumables: Stationery, printing and office supplies | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 25.1% | 0.3% | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 0.9% | 0.4% |
| Operating leases | 0.1 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 3.7 | 213.0% | 1.2% | 7.1 | 7.4 | 7.7 | 27.9% | 2.1% |
| Travel and subsistence | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 16.2% | 0.3% | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 39.0% | 1.0% |
| Operating payments | 2.0 | 3.1 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 3.5% | 0.7% | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 29.8% | 1.3% |
| Transfers and subsidies | 0.8 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.2 | -38.9% | 0.2% | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -74.2% | 0.0% |
| Public corporations and private enterprises | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 14.5% | 0.0% | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | - | 0.0% |
| Households | 0.8 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.2 | -39.2% | 0.2% | 0.2 | - | - | -100.0% | 0.0% |
| Payments for capital assets | 26.9 | 0.9 | 13.5 | 13.1 | -21.2% | 4.5% | 12.2 | 12.7 | 13.2 | 0.2% | 3.5% |
| Machinery and equipment | 26.9 | 0.9 | 11.5 | 12.4 | -22.6% | 4.3% | 8.0 | 8.3 | 8.6 | -11.4% | 2.3% |
| Software and other intangible assets | - | - | 2.0 | 0.7 | - | 0.2% | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 88.6% | 1.2% |
| Total | 308.2 | 256.8 | 318.8 | 324.4 | 1.7% | 100.0% | 343.2 | 358.7 | 374.7 | 4.9% | 100.0% |
| Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure | 8.1% | 9.4% | 12.2% | 11.4% | - | - | 11.6% | 11.6% | 11.7% | - | - |
| Details of transfers and subsidies | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Households | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Social benefits | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.2 | -39.2% | 0.2% | 0.2 | - | - | -100.0% | 0.0% |
| Employee social benefits | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.2 | -39.2% | 0.2% | 0.2 | - | - | -100.0% | 0.0% |
| Other transfers to households | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current | - | - | 0.2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Employee social benefits | - | - | 0.2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Public corporations and private enterprises | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other transfers to public corporations | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 14.5% | - | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | - | 0.0% |
| Communication | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 14.5% | - | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | - | 0.0% |

Personnel information

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

| Salary level | Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026 | Number of posts additional to the establishment | Number and cost ² of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment | | | | | | | | | | | | Average growth rate (%) | Average Salary level/ Total (%) |
|--|---|---|--|-------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | Actual | | | Revised estimate | | | Medium-term expenditure estimate | | | | | | | |
| | | | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 | 2025/26 - 2028/29 | 2026/27 - 2028/29 | | | | | | | |
| Statistical Support and Informatics | | | Number | Cost | Unit cost | Number | Cost | Unit cost | Number | Cost | Unit cost | Number | Cost | Unit cost | | |
| Salary level | 245 | - | 167 | 141.4 | 0.8 | 169 | 153.7 | 0.9 | 185 | 171.3 | 0.9 | 178 | 179.1 | 1.0 | 1.6% | 100.0% |
| 1 – 6 | 42 | - | 31 | 12.4 | 0.4 | 29 | 12.0 | 0.4 | 43 | 19.1 | 0.4 | 33 | 14.8 | 0.4 | 18.1% | 22.8% |
| 7 – 10 | 97 | - | 69 | 59.7 | 0.9 | 60 | 51.5 | 0.9 | 60 | 52.7 | 0.9 | 65 | 58.0 | 0.9 | -6.0% | 32.5% |
| 11 – 12 | 73 | - | 45 | 44.9 | 1.0 | 53 | 56.2 | 1.1 | 51 | 56.8 | 1.1 | 46 | 54.0 | 1.2 | -6.0% | 26.1% |
| 13 – 16 | 33 | - | 22 | 24.3 | 1.1 | 28 | 34.1 | 1.2 | 31 | 42.7 | 1.4 | 34 | 52.3 | 1.6 | 9.9% | 18.6% |

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 | Audited outcome | | | Adjusted appropriation | Average growth rate (%) | Average: Expenditure/ Total (%) | Medium-term expenditure estimate | | | Average growth rate (%) | Average: Expenditure/ Total (%) |
|---|-----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | | | | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | | |
| R million | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Programme Management for Statistical Operations and Provincial Coordination | 5.5 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 5.3 | -1.2% | 0.4% | 5.6 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 4.5% | 0.6% |
| Provincial and District Offices | 728.4 | 799.7 | 780.8 | 817.6 | 3.9% | 65.0% | 832.2 | 870.4 | 905.6 | 3.5% | 86.5% |
| Data Operations | 58.9 | 56.8 | 58.3 | 60.5 | 0.9% | 4.9% | 62.5 | 65.3 | 68.2 | 4.1% | 6.5% |
| Household Survey and Censuses | 1 247.9 | 64.1 | 47.4 | 70.8 | -61.6% | 29.7% | 61.3 | 64.0 | 66.9 | -1.9% | 6.4% |
| Total | 2 040.7 | 924.3 | 890.1 | 954.2 | -22.4% | 100.0% | 961.6 | 1 005.5 | 1 046.8 | 3.1% | 100.0% |
| Change to 2025 Budget estimate | | | | - | | | 29.9 | 31.7 | 29.4 | | |

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

| Economic classification | Audited outcome | | | Adjusted appropriation | Average growth rate (%) | Average Expenditure/ Total (%) | Medium-term expenditure estimate | | | Average growth rate (%) | Average Expenditure/ Total (%) | |
|--|-----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|
| | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | | | | 2025/26 | 2022/23 - 2025/26 | 2026/27 | | | 2027/28 |
| R million | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current payments | 2 021.3 | 916.8 | 886.0 | 949.9 | -22.3% | 99.3% | 959.0 | 1 003.1 | 1 042.9 | 3.2% | 99.7% | |
| Compensation of employees | 708.5 | 688.3 | 705.7 | 759.1 | 2.3% | 59.5% | 794.1 | 830.0 | 867.3 | 4.5% | 82.7% | |
| Goods and services | 1 312.9 | 228.5 | 180.3 | 190.8 | -47.4% | 39.8% | 164.9 | 173.1 | 175.6 | -2.7% | 17.0% | |
| of which: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Communication | 39.2 | 18.7 | 16.5 | 14.8 | -27.7% | 1.9% | 14.9 | 15.6 | 16.1 | 2.9% | 1.5% | |
| Fleet services (including government motor transport) | 42.3 | 58.7 | 49.1 | 28.2 | -12.6% | 3.7% | 32.7 | 34.5 | 35.1 | 7.5% | 3.4% | |
| Consumables: Stationery, printing and office supplies | 2.8 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 3.4 | 7.3% | 0.2% | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 8.3% | 0.4% | |
| Operating leases | 111.0 | 106.5 | 96.3 | 114.5 | 1.0% | 8.9% | 79.8 | 83.8 | 83.6 | -10.0% | 8.2% | |
| Travel and subsistence | 461.7 | 25.8 | 11.7 | 19.3 | -65.3% | 10.8% | 24.5 | 25.7 | 26.8 | 11.7% | 2.6% | |
| Operating payments | 11.8 | 3.1 | 2.0 | 2.9 | -37.6% | 0.4% | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 9.5% | 0.4% | |
| Transfers and subsidies | 17.0 | 3.1 | 2.2 | 0.6 | -67.7% | 0.5% | 0.5 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 43.1% | 0.1% | |
| Public corporations and private enterprises | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -66.7% | 0.0% | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | - | 0.0% | |
| Households | 16.9 | 3.1 | 2.2 | 0.6 | -67.7% | 0.5% | 0.5 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 43.2% | 0.1% | |
| Payments for capital assets | 2.4 | 4.4 | 1.9 | 3.7 | 15.8% | 0.3% | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.3 | -14.7% | 0.2% | |
| Machinery and equipment | 2.4 | 4.4 | 1.9 | 3.7 | 15.8% | 0.3% | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.3 | -14.7% | 0.2% | |
| Total | 2 040.7 | 924.3 | 890.1 | 954.2 | -22.4% | 100.0% | 961.6 | 1 005.5 | 1 046.8 | 3.1% | 100.0% | |
| Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure | 53.7% | 33.9% | 34.0% | 33.4% | - | - | 32.5% | 32.5% | 32.7% | - | - | |
| Details of transfers and subsidies | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Households | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Social benefits | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current | 16.6 | 3.0 | 2.1 | 0.6 | -67.5% | 0.5% | 0.5 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 43.2% | 0.1% | |
| Employee social benefits | 16.6 | 3.0 | 2.1 | 0.6 | -67.5% | 0.5% | 0.5 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 43.2% | 0.1% | |
| Other transfers to households | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | - | -100.0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Employee ex-gratia payment | - | 0.0 | 0.1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Claims against the state | 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 | 0.0 | - | 0.0% | |
| Communication | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | - | - | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | - | 0.0% | |
| Other transfers to private enterprises | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | - | -100.0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Claims against the state | - | - | 0.0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Census 2021 claims | 0.0 | 0.0 | - | - | -100.0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | |

Personnel information

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

| Statistical Operations and Provincial Coordination | Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026 | Number of posts additional to the establishment | Number and cost ² of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment | | | | | | | | | | | | Average growth rate (%) | Average: Salary level/ Total (%) | | | |
|--|---|---|--|--------------|------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | | Actual | | | Revised estimate | | | Medium-term expenditure estimate | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 | 2025/26 - 2028/29 | 2026/27 - 2028/29 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Number | Cost | Unit cost | Number | Cost | Unit cost | Number | Cost | Unit cost | Number | Cost | Unit cost | | | | | |
| Salary level | 1 466 | - | 1 231 | 705.7 | 0.6 | 1 172 | 759.1 | 0.6 | 1 101 | 794.1 | 0.7 | 1 020 | 830.0 | 0.8 | 996 | 867.3 | 0.9 | -5.3% | 100.0% |
| 1 – 6 | 633 | - | 519 | 166.2 | 0.3 | 472 | 157.6 | 0.3 | 429 | 146.7 | 0.3 | 376 | 131.7 | 0.4 | 316 | 113.6 | 0.4 | -12.5% | 35.9% |
| 7 – 10 | 622 | - | 543 | 336.8 | 0.6 | 509 | 356.9 | 0.7 | 465 | 371.0 | 0.8 | 421 | 386.7 | 0.9 | 477 | 452.4 | 0.9 | -2.1% | 43.7% |
| 11 – 12 | 162 | - | 128 | 141.7 | 1.1 | 142 | 166.9 | 1.2 | 162 | 199.8 | 1.2 | 182 | 236.2 | 1.3 | 166 | 227.3 | 1.4 | 5.3% | 16.4% |
| 13 – 16 | 49 | - | 41 | 61.1 | 1.5 | 49 | 77.7 | 1.6 | 45 | 76.6 | 1.7 | 41 | 75.4 | 1.8 | 37 | 73.9 | 2.0 | -8.9% | 3.9% |

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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 that 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 South Africa 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 South Africa'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 (%) | Average: Expenditure/ Total (%) | Medium-term expenditure estimate | | | Average growth rate (%) | Average: Expenditure/ Total (%) |
|---|-----------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | | | | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | | |
| R million | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Programme Management for the South African National Statistics System | 2.7 | 3.5 | 4.5 | 7.4 | 40.3% | 12.4% | 7.3 | 7.6 | 8.0 | 2.4% | 16.0% |
| Economic Subsystem | 5.7 | 5.1 | 4.5 | 7.1 | 7.6% | 15.4% | 6.0 | 6.2 | 6.5 | -3.0% | 13.1% |
| Social Subsystem | 4.8 | 4.6 | 6.3 | 9.3 | 24.9% | 17.0% | 8.7 | 8.5 | 8.8 | -1.8% | 18.1% |
| Independent Quality Assessment | 4.9 | 5.1 | 4.4 | 7.6 | 15.8% | 15.0% | 7.1 | 7.4 | 7.7 | 0.9% | 15.5% |
| Statistical Reporting | 8.4 | 11.1 | 5.0 | 9.5 | 3.9% | 23.2% | 10.0 | 10.4 | 10.9 | 4.8% | 21.9% |
| Data and Information Management | 5.6 | 5.6 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 6.6% | 17.0% | 7.1 | 7.4 | 7.7 | 4.2% | 15.4% |
| Total | 32.1 | 35.0 | 31.6 | 47.7 | 14.1% | 100.0% | 46.1 | 47.5 | 49.7 | 1.3% | 100.0% |
| Change to 2025 Budget estimate | | | | - | | | (4.7) | (5.5) | (5.8) | | |
| Economic classification | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current payments | 32.1 | 35.0 | 31.4 | 47.7 | 14.1% | 99.7% | 46.1 | 47.5 | 49.7 | 1.4% | 100.0% |
| Compensation of employees | 27.3 | 28.3 | 30.0 | 38.8 | 12.4% | 84.9% | 36.6 | 37.5 | 39.2 | 0.4% | 79.1% |
| Goods and services | 4.8 | 6.7 | 1.4 | 8.9 | 22.9% | 14.8% | 9.6 | 10.0 | 10.4 | 5.6% | 20.9% |
| of which: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bursaries: Employees | - | - | - | 0.5 | - | 0.4% | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 5.1% | 1.2% |
| Consultants: Business and advisory services | 1.9 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 1.4 | -9.9% | 5.4% | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 18.5% | 4.7% |
| Consumables: Stationery, printing and office supplies | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 182.5% | 0.5% | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 12.0% | 1.8% |
| Travel and subsistence | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 3.0 | 69.4% | 3.2% | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 7.2% | 7.3% |
| Training and development | 0.1 | 0.0 | - | 1.1 | 115.4% | 0.8% | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 4.2% | 2.5% |
| Operating payments | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 33.3% | 1.3% | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 11.6% | 2.8% |
| Transfers and subsidies | - | 0.0 | - | - | - | 0.0% | - | - | - | - | - |
| Households | - | 0.0 | - | - | - | 0.0% | - | - | - | - | - |
| Payments for capital assets | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 71.9% | 0.3% | - | - | - | -100.0% | - |
| Machinery and equipment | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 71.9% | 0.3% | - | - | - | -100.0% | - |
| Total | 32.1 | 35.0 | 31.6 | 47.7 | 14.1% | 100.0% | 46.1 | 47.5 | 49.7 | 1.3% | 100.0% |
| Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure | 0.8% | 1.3% | 1.2% | 1.7% | - | - | 1.6% | 1.5% | 1.6% | - | - |

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

| Details of transfers and subsidies | | Audited outcome | | | Adjusted appropriation | Average growth rate (%) | Average: Expenditure/ Total (%) | Medium-term expenditure estimate | | | Average growth rate (%) | Average: Expenditure/ Total (%) |
|------------------------------------|--|-----------------|---------|---------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | | | | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | | |
| R million | | | | | | 2022/23 - 2025/26 | | 2026/27 | 2027/28 | 2028/29 | 2025/26 - 2028/29 | 2026/27 - 2028/29 |
| Households | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Social benefits | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current | | - | 0.0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Employee social benefits | | - | 0.0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Personnel information

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

| Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2026 | | 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 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 2024/25 | | | 2025/26 | | | 2026/27 | | | 2027/28 | | | 2028/29 | | | 2025/26 - 2028/29 | 2026/27 - 2028/29 | |
| South African National Statistics System | | Number | Cost | Unit cost | Number | Cost | Unit cost | Number | Cost | Unit cost | Number | Cost | Unit cost | Number | Cost | Unit cost | | | |
| Salary level | 48 | - | 27 | 30.0 | 1.1 | 36 | 38.8 | 1.1 | 32 | 36.6 | 1.1 | 31 | 37.5 | 1.2 | 31 | 39.2 | 1.3 | -4.5% | 100.0% |
| 1 - 6 | 2 | - | 1 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 2 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 2 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 1 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 1 | 0.5 | 0.4 | -15.8% | 4.4% |
| 7 - 10 | 19 | - | 8 | 6.7 | 0.8 | 18 | 16.2 | 0.9 | 17 | 15.9 | 1.0 | 16 | 15.5 | 1.0 | 16 | 16.1 | 1.0 | -4.0% | 50.5% |
| 11 - 12 | 5 | - | 3 | 3.3 | 1.1 | 2 | 2.6 | 1.2 | 2 | 2.7 | 1.2 | 2 | 2.9 | 1.3 | 2 | 3.0 | 1.4 | - | 6.9% |
| 13 - 16 | 22 | - | 15 | 19.5 | 1.3 | 14 | 19.2 | 1.4 | 12 | 17.3 | 1.4 | 12 | 18.6 | 1.5 | 12 | 19.6 | 1.6 | -4.5% | 38.2% |

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