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The Afrobarometer National Partner in South Africa, the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, interviewed a nationally representative, random, stratified probability sample of 1,582 adult South Africans in November-December 2022. A sample of this size yields country-level results with a margin of error of +/-2.5 percentage points at a 95% confidence level. Previous surveys have been conducted in South Africa in 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2011, 2015, 2018, and 2021. Technical details of the survey, including descriptions of stratification and household selection, translation languages, and related information, can be found in the survey Technical Information Form that follows.

Below is an outline of the survey findings from all the questions posed to respondents. We also present the findings by some critical demographics such as gender and place of residence (urban-rural). In addition, responses to all questions in the survey can be disaggregated by gender, age, urban-rural residence, and other demographic variables. Visit our free online data analysis facility at <http://afrobarometer.org/online-data-analysis/analyse-online>.

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Technical information form

Universe:	Citizens of South Africa who are 18 years and older
Sample design:	Nationally representative, random, clustered, stratified, multi-stage area probability sample
Stratification:	Region and urban-rural location
Stages:	Primary sampling units (PSUs) (from strata), start points, households, respondents
PSU selection:	Probability proportionate to population size (PPPS)
Cluster size:	8 households per PSU
Household selection:	Randomly selected start points, followed by walk pattern using 5/10 interval
Respondent selection:	Gender quota filled by alternating interviews between men and women; respondents of appropriate gender listed, after which computer randomly selects individual
Weighting:	Weighted to account for individual selection probabilities
Margin of error:	+/-2.5 percentage points at 95% confidence level
Fieldwork by:	Institute for Justice and Reconciliation
Survey languages:	English, Afrikaans, Zulu, Sotho, Tswana, and Xhosa
Main researchers:	Jan Hofmeyr, Preston Govindasamy, and Stephen Ndoma
Outcome rates:	Contact rate: 86.4% Cooperation rate: 71.1% Refusal rate: 10.9% Response rate: 61.4%
Dates of fieldwork:	26 November-19 December 2022
Sample size:	1,582
Sampling frame:	1616
EA substitution rate:	4.79%

Note: All figures in the following tables are percentages, rounded to one decimal place. Due to rounding, columns may not add up to exactly 100.0%. (Please note that Afrobarometer's general practice in most analysis and publications is to report findings rounded to whole numbers.) Readers are reminded that the sample size in South Africa of 1,582 yields a margin of sampling error of +/-2.5 percentage points at a 95% confidence level. A dash ("-") or blank cell indicates that there were no responses in this category. For Questions 1 through 97, weighted frequency distributions are reported.

Note: This presentation of findings does NOT reflect the order in which survey questions were asked during the interview. We have numbered the questions as in the questionnaire but have ordered them by topic. To see the questionnaire, please visit www.afrobarometer.org.

Respondents and their households

Demographic distribution of the sample

		Unweighted	Weighted
Gender			
	Men	50,3	49,1
	Women	49,7	50,9
Location			
	Urban	68,0	65,9
	Rural	32,0	34,1
Region			
	Eastern Cape	10,3	12,0
	Free State	6,6	5,4
	Gauteng	24,7	24,6
	KwaZulu-Natal	15,7	19,5
	Limpopo	9,4	9,7
	Mpumalanga	7,5	7,7
	North West	6,8	6,8
	Northern Cape	6,5	2,3
	Western Cape	12,4	12,0
Education			
	No formal education	3,2	2,8
	Primary	11,5	11,9
	Secondary	57,9	55,5
	Post-secondary	26,5	28,8
	Refused	0,7	-
	Don't know	0,3	1,1
Religion			
	Christian	73,1	72,1
	Muslim	3,5	3,3
	Other	23,4	23,8
	Don't know	-	0,7

Q1. How old are you?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
18-25 years	24,0	23,4	25,9	21,8	23,8
26-35 years	22,2	22,7	20,9	23,8	22,4
36-45 years	21,4	20,7	20,0	22,2	21,2
46-55 years	15,4	15,0	16,7	13,9	15,2
56-65 years	11,6	9,0	11,0	10,4	10,7
Over 65 years	5,5	9,2	5,5	7,9	7,7

Q2. What is the primary language you speak in your home now?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
English	25,1	16,1	22,3	21,8	22,0
Afrikaans	11,7	7,0	10,2	10,0	10,1
Ndebele	1,9	1,6	1,9	1,8	1,8
Xhosa	10,4	10,4	10,4	10,5	10,4
Pedi	5,3	13,1	8,3	7,6	7,9
Sotho	10,7	2,0	7,2	8,3	7,8
Tswana	7,8	9,3	8,6	8,1	8,3
Swazi	1,6	4,9	3,2	2,3	2,8
Venda	1,5	4,9	2,9	2,5	2,7
Zulu	21,0	24,5	21,9	22,5	22,2
Shangaan/Tsonga	2,6	6,0	2,9	4,6	3,8
Other	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
Refused	0,1	-	0,1	-	0,0

Q84A. What is your ethnic community or cultural group?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
English	6,2	2,5	4,8	5,0	4,9
Afrikaans/Afrikaner/Boer	5,2	8,0	6,5	5,8	6,2
Ndebele	2,0	3,5	2,0	3,0	2,5
Xhosa	13,8	11,8	12,6	13,6	13,1
Pedi/North Sotho	6,7	14,3	9,5	9,1	9,3
Sotho/South Sotho	10,2	2,8	7,6	7,8	7,7
Tswana	8,6	9,8	9,5	8,5	9,0
Shangaan/Tsonga	3,0	4,3	3,0	3,8	3,4
Swazi	2,0	5,3	3,0	3,2	3,1
Venda	1,7	5,0	3,0	2,6	2,8
Zulu	20,1	26,1	22,1	22,3	22,2
White/European	1,5	0,1	1,1	0,9	1,0
Coloured	13,1	3,1	9,8	9,6	9,7
Indian	5,5	2,3	4,7	4,2	4,4
National identity (South African) only, or "doesn't think of self in those terms"	0,2	0,4	0,2	0,3	0,2
Other	0,3	0,6	0,4	0,4	0,4
Refused to answer	0,1	-	0,1	-	0,1

Q94. What is your highest level of education?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No formal schooling	0,8	5,1	2,2	2,4	2,3
Informal schooling only (including Koranic schooling)	0,6	0,2	0,5	0,4	0,5
Some primary schooling	2,3	5,1	2,6	3,9	3,2
Primary school completed	7,4	10,9	7,8	9,4	8,6
Intermediate school or some secondary school/High school	20,4	22,5	23,5	18,9	21,1
Secondary school/High school completed	34,4	34,2	34,0	34,7	34,3
Post-secondary qualifications, other than university e.g. a diploma or degree from a polytechnic or college	16,0	5,9	12,4	12,7	12,6
Some university	5,3	3,5	5,2	4,3	4,7
University completed	9,1	6,4	6,8	9,5	8,2
Post-graduate	3,1	3,8	4,1	2,6	3,3
Refused	0,2	2,3	0,9	1,0	0,9
Don't know	0,3	0,0	-	0,3	0,2

Q95. What is your religion, if any?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
None	19,2	21,8	25,8	14,6	20,1
Christian only (i.e., respondents says only "Christian", without identifying a specific sub-group)	41,2	32,4	38,2	38,3	38,2
Roman Catholic	5,2	6,0	3,2	7,7	5,5
Orthodox	0,0	0,3	0,1	0,2	0,1
Coptic	0,1	-	-	0,1	0,1
Anglican	1,6	2,8	2,3	1,8	2,0
Lutheran	2,2	0,6	1,5	1,9	1,7
Methodist	3,3	2,1	1,7	4,0	2,9
Presbyterian	0,5	0,4	0,7	0,3	0,5
Baptist	2,4	1,5	1,8	2,4	2,1
Evangelical	0,9	0,7	1,0	0,7	0,8
Pentecostal (e.g., "Born Again" and/or "Saved")	0,8	0,6	0,4	1,1	0,7
Independent (e.g., "African Independent Church")	2,0	3,8	2,6	2,6	2,6
Jehovah's Witness	0,7	0,9	0,5	1,0	0,8
Seventh Day Adventist	0,5	0,7	0,4	0,7	0,6
Muslim only (i.e., respondents says only "Muslim", without identifying a specific sub-group)	4,7	-	3,8	2,4	3,1
Sunni only (i.e., respondents says only "Sunni" or "Sunni Muslim", without identifying a specific sub-group)	0,1	-	-	0,1	0,1
Ismaeli	0,1	-	0,1	-	0,0
Mouridiya Brotherhood	0,2	-	0,2	-	0,1
Traditional/Ethnic religion	1,7	2,1	2,6	1,1	1,8
Hindu	1,8	1,5	2,0	1,4	1,7

Agnostic (Do not know if there is a God)	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,1	0,2
Dutch Reformed	0,7	0,8	0,7	0,9	0,8
Church of Christ	0,8	3,0	0,8	2,3	1,6
Zionist Christian Church	8,1	17,3	8,3	14,1	11,3
Refused	0,8	0,5	1,1	0,3	0,7
Don't know	0,0	0,1	0,1	-	0,1

Q90A. Which of these things do you personally own? [If "No":] Does anyone else in your household own one: Radio?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No, no one in the household owns	15,4	11,8	12,2	16,0	14,1
Someone else in household owns	15,8	18,8	16,7	17,0	16,8
Yes (personally owns)	68,2	68,8	70,5	66,4	68,4
Refused	0,5	0,5	0,5	0,5	0,5
Don't know	0,1	0,1	0,2	0,1	0,1

Q90B. Which of these things do you personally own? [If "No":] Does anyone else in your household own one: Television?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No, no one in the household owns	6,3	10,8	7,9	7,7	7,8
Someone else in household owns	14,0	20,0	16,6	15,5	16,0
Yes (personally owns)	79,2	68,4	74,8	76,2	75,5
Refused	0,5	0,5	0,5	0,5	0,5
Don't know	0,1	0,3	0,3	0,1	0,2

Q90C. Which of these things do you personally own? [If "No":] Does anyone else in your household own one: Motor vehicle or motorcycle?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No, no one in the household owns	43,2	53,8	42,0	51,5	46,8
Someone else in household owns	21,6	19,8	20,6	21,3	21,0
Yes (personally owns)	34,7	25,6	37,0	26,4	31,6
Refused	0,4	0,2	0,2	0,5	0,3
Don't know	0,1	0,6	0,3	0,3	0,3

Q90D. Which of these things do you personally own? [If "No":] Does anyone else in your household own one: Computer?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No, no one in the household owns	41,3	61,4	46,3	49,9	48,1
Someone else in household owns	17,7	14,0	15,1	17,7	16,4
Yes (personally owns)	39,7	23,7	37,5	31,1	34,3
Refused	0,7	0,5	0,5	0,7	0,6
Don't know	0,6	0,5	0,6	0,6	0,6

Q90E. Which of these things do you personally own? [If "No":] Does anyone else in your household own one: Bank account?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No, no one in the household owns	2,2	5,0	2,9	3,3	3,1
Someone else in household owns	5,1	9,5	5,9	7,2	6,6
Yes (personally owns)	91,8	84,6	90,0	88,7	89,3
Refused	0,9	0,7	0,9	0,7	0,8
Don't know	0,1	0,2	0,2	0,1	0,2

Q90F. Which of these things do you personally own? [If "No":] Does anyone else in your household own one: Mobile phone?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No, no one in the household owns	2,3	4,4	3,3	2,8	3,0
Someone else in household owns	6,0	7,8	5,3	7,9	6,6
Yes (personally owns)	90,5	87,3	91,0	87,8	89,4
Refused	1,1	0,2	0,1	1,4	0,8
Don't know	0,1	0,3	0,3	0,1	0,2

Q90G. Does your phone have access to the Internet?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No (Does not have internet access)	16,1	27,9	21,5	18,9	20,1
Yes (Have internet)	73,6	58,9	69,1	68,1	68,6
Not applicable	9,5	12,7	9,0	12,2	10,6
Refused	0,1	-	-	0,1	0,1
Don't know	0,6	0,4	0,3	0,8	0,6

Q90H. How often do you use: A mobile phone?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	3,6	6,5	3,5	5,6	4,6
Less than once a month	1,2	3,3	1,8	2,1	2,0
A few times a month	1,6	2,2	2,3	1,4	1,8
A few times a week	2,8	5,0	4,0	3,2	3,6
Every day	90,2	82,8	88,1	87,2	87,7
Refused	0,4	0,2	0,2	0,4	0,3
Don't know	0,1	-	0,2	-	0,1

Q90I. How often do you use: The Internet?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	16,2	30,7	19,8	22,4	21,1
Less than once a month	2,5	4,7	3,4	3,1	3,3
A few times a month	5,8	8,1	6,1	7,0	6,6
A few times a week	15,4	13,3	17,3	12,1	14,7
Every day	59,4	42,9	52,8	54,7	53,7
Refused	0,5	0,2	0,4	0,4	0,4
Don't know	0,3	0,1	0,2	0,2	0,2

Q91A. What is your main source of water for household use?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Piped water into dwelling	70,6	31,8	56,8	58,0	57,4
Piped water into yard, plot or compound	22,5	31,0	25,7	25,2	25,4
Public tap or standpipe	4,6	9,1	6,6	5,6	6,1
Tubewell or borehole	0,4	7,1	2,3	3,0	2,7
Protected dug well	-	0,2	0,2	-	0,1
Unprotected dug well	0,0	0,6	0,4	0,1	0,2
Protected spring	-	0,2	0,1	-	0,1
Unprotected spring	-	0,7	0,3	0,2	0,2
Rainwater collection	0,0	3,4	1,5	0,9	1,2
Bottled water	0,5	0,3	0,3	0,5	0,4
Purchased from a cart with a small tank or drum	0,1	2,0	0,8	0,6	0,7

Purchased from a tanker truck	0,3	5,0	1,7	2,1	1,9
Surface water, like a river, dam, lake, pond, stream, canal or irrigation channel	0,1	5,6	2,0	2,0	2,0
Other	0,7	3,0	1,2	1,8	1,5
Refused	0,1	-	-	0,1	0,0
Don't know	0,0	-	0,1	-	0,0

Q91B. Please tell me whether each of the following is available inside your house, inside your compound, or outside your compound: Your main source of water for household use?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Inside the house	73,7	29,0	58,9	58,0	58,5
Inside the compound	17,8	37,6	24,8	24,4	24,6
Outside the compound	8,4	33,1	16,1	17,5	16,8
Don't know	0,0	0,3	0,2	0,0	0,1

Q91C. Please tell me whether each of the following is available inside your house, inside your compound, or outside your compound: A toilet or latrine?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No, none available	1,4	3,9	2,8	1,7	2,2
Yes, inside the house	72,9	29,8	58,7	57,8	58,2
Yes, inside the compound	19,2	48,9	28,4	30,2	29,3
Yes, outside the compound	6,5	17,1	9,9	10,3	10,1
Don't know	0,0	0,3	0,2	0,0	0,1

Q92A. Do you have an electric connection to your home from Eskom?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No	3,3	7,1	4,3	4,8	4,6
Yes	96,6	92,3	95,5	94,9	95,2
Don't know	0,1	0,6	0,2	0,4	0,3

Q92B. [If yes to Q92A] How often is electricity actually available from this connection?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	1,3	1,1	1,0	1,5	1,3
Occasionally	15,5	13,8	13,9	15,9	14,9
About half of the time	12,4	15,1	12,1	14,5	13,3
Most of the time	39,2	41,8	39,2	40,8	40,0
All of the time	28,0	20,6	29,2	21,9	25,5
Not applicable	3,4	7,7	4,5	5,1	4,8
Don't know	0,3	-	0,1	0,3	0,2

Country's overall direction and most important problems

Q3. Let's start with your general view about the current direction of our country. Some people might think the country is going in the wrong direction. Others may feel it is going in the right direction. So let me ask YOU about the overall direction of the country: Would you say that the country is going in the wrong direction or going in the right direction?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Going in the wrong direction	83,9	81,7	82,4	83,9	83,1
Going in the right direction	13,5	15,6	15,5	12,9	14,2
Refused	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,1
Don't know	2,6	2,8	2,0	3,2	2,6

Q45.Pt1. In your opinion, what are the most important problems facing this country that government should address? (1st response)

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Nothing/No problems	1,2	0,5	1,5	0,4	1,0
Management of the economy	2,2	3,0	2,8	2,2	2,5
Wages, incomes and salaries	0,5	-	0,6	0,0	0,3
Unemployment	25,9	20,8	24,3	24,1	24,2
Poverty/Destitution	1,5	1,3	1,6	1,3	1,4
Rates and taxes	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4
Loans/Credit	0,2	-	0,3	0,0	0,2
Farming/Agriculture	-	0,2	-	0,1	0,1
Food shortage/Famine	0,6	0,2	0,8	0,2	0,5
Land	0,1	-	0,0	0,1	0,1
Transportation	0,4	0,4	0,8	0,0	0,4
Communications	-	2,1	0,1	1,3	0,7
Infrastructure/Roads	4,7	10,4	7,8	5,6	6,7
Education	2,4	3,5	2,0	3,6	2,8
Housing	4,1	4,7	3,8	4,7	4,3
Electricity	10,3	10,1	10,1	10,3	10,2
Water supply	5,7	15,8	8,4	9,8	9,1
Orphans/Street children/Homeless children	-	0,3	-	0,2	0,1
Services (other)	2,6	1,9	2,8	2,0	2,4
Health	1,2	2,1	0,8	2,3	1,5
AIDS	0,1	-	-	0,1	0,0
Crime and security	19,3	10,8	15,9	16,8	16,4
Corruption	9,4	6,2	8,3	8,3	8,3
Political violence	0,1	-	0,1	-	0,0
Political instability/Political divisions/Ethnic tensions	0,2	-	0,3	-	0,2
Discrimination/Inequality	1,0	0,5	1,5	0,2	0,8
Gender issues/Women's rights	1,9	0,1	0,6	2,0	1,3

Democracy/Political rights	0,3	1,6	1,1	0,4	0,8
Other responses	0,8	0,4	0,4	0,9	0,7
Refused	1,6	2,5	1,9	1,9	1,9
Don't know	1,2	0,2	0,8	0,9	0,8

Q45.Pf2. In your opinion, what are the most important problems facing this country that government should address? (2nd response)

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Management of the economy	1,6	2,1	2,1	1,4	1,7
Wages, incomes and salaries	0,5	0,1	0,5	0,3	0,4
Unemployment	18,0	13,4	15,3	17,6	16,5
Poverty/destitution	2,1	2,0	2,2	2,0	2,1
Rates and taxes	0,4	0,3	0,1	0,7	0,4
Farming/Agriculture	0,0	0,5	0,1	0,2	0,2
Food shortage/Famine	1,0	1,3	0,6	1,5	1,1
Drought	0,1	-	-	0,2	0,1
Land	0,3	0,4	0,4	0,3	0,3
Transportation	0,0	3,3	0,9	1,3	1,1
Communications	-	0,1	0,1	-	0,0
Infrastructure/Roads	3,8	10,9	6,3	6,2	6,2
Education	3,1	2,2	3,6	2,1	2,8
Housing	5,3	3,3	3,5	5,7	4,6
Electricity	11,8	7,3	9,4	11,1	10,3
Water supply	4,0	14,3	8,2	6,8	7,5
Orphans/Street children/Homeless children	0,3	0,5	0,3	0,5	0,4
Services (other)	3,2	2,3	2,4	3,4	2,9
Health	2,2	3,6	2,0	3,3	2,7
AIDS	0,1	-	-	0,1	0,1
Crime and security	13,5	8,3	11,7	11,7	11,7
Corruption	6,9	3,7	6,2	5,4	5,8
Political violence	0,1	0,7	0,6	0,1	0,3
Political instability/Political divisions/Ethnic tensions	0,2	-	-	0,3	0,1
Discrimination/Inequality	0,9	0,8	1,1	0,7	0,9
Gender issues/Women's rights	3,1	1,9	3,1	2,3	2,7
Democracy/Political rights	0,5	0,4	0,7	0,3	0,5
Climate change	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,1
COVID-19	0,2	-	-	0,3	0,1
Other responses	1,4	0,7	1,8	0,5	1,2
No further reply	15,1	15,4	16,8	13,7	15,2

Q45.Pt3. In your opinion, what are the most important problems facing this country that government should address? (3rd response)

Management of the economy	1,9	1,7	2,6	1,1	1,8
Wages, incomes and salaries	1,1	0,4	0,4	1,2	0,8
Unemployment	8,4	12,4	9,5	10,1	9,8
Poverty/Destitution	2,7	1,6	1,2	3,4	2,3
Rates and taxes	0,3	0,8	0,3	0,6	0,5
Loans/Credit	0,2	-	0,1	0,1	0,1
Farming/Agriculture	0,0	0,2	0,2	0,0	0,1
Food shortage/Famine	0,1	0,4	0,3	0,1	0,2
Land	0,6	0,2	0,2	0,6	0,4
Transportation	0,3	0,7	0,6	0,2	0,4
Communications	0,1	0,3	0,3	-	0,1
Infrastructure/Roads	3,8	6,2	5,0	4,3	4,6
Education	2,7	2,6	2,4	2,9	2,6
Housing	5,2	3,9	4,5	5,1	4,8
Electricity	8,7	13,6	9,8	10,9	10,4
Water supply	3,7	4,4	2,2	5,6	3,9
Orphans/Street children/Homeless children	0,4	0,1	0,6	0,0	0,3
Services (other)	2,5	2,2	2,2	2,5	2,4
Health	1,4	1,4	1,6	1,2	1,4
AIDS	0,0	-	0,1	-	0,0
Crime and security	10,4	6,0	8,0	9,7	8,9
Corruption	4,4	2,7	4,8	2,9	3,8
Political violence	0,1	-	-	0,2	0,1
Political instability/Political divisions/Ethnic tensions	-	0,1	0,1	-	0,0
Discrimination/Inequality	1,4	0,8	1,1	1,3	1,2
Gender issues/Women's rights	1,7	1,7	1,8	1,6	1,7
Democracy/Political rights	0,5	1,5	0,9	0,7	0,8
Climate change	-	0,2	-	0,1	0,1
COVID-19	0,4	-	0,2	0,4	0,3
Other responses	1,5	0,1	1,3	0,8	1,0
No further reply	35,6	33,7	37,7	32,3	35,0

COVID-19

Now I would like to ask you some questions about the COVID-19 pandemic that has been affecting our country and the world since early 2020.

Q57A. Please tell me whether you personally or any other member of your household have been affected in any of the following ways by the COVID-19 pandemic: Became ill with, or tested positive for, COVID-19?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Yes	25,8	27,4	24,9	27,7	26,3
No	73,5	72,1	74,3	71,7	73,0
Refused	0,5	0,2	0,3	0,5	0,4
Don't know	0,2	0,3	0,5	0,0	0,3

Q57B. Please tell me whether you personally or any other member of your household have been affected in any of the following ways by the COVID-19 pandemic: Temporarily or permanently lost a job, business or primary source of income?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Yes	30,2	26,7	28,4	29,6	29,0
No	69,2	72,9	71,0	69,9	70,4
Refused	0,3	0,3	0,3	0,3	0,3
Don't know	0,3	0,1	0,3	0,2	0,2

Q65A. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, have you or your household received any assistance from government, like food, cash payments, relief from bill payments, or other assistance that you were not normally receiving before the pandemic?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No	65,1	69,0	69,1	63,8	66,4
Yes	33,1	29,9	29,0	34,9	32,0
Refused	0,2	0,4	0,2	0,4	0,3
Don't know	1,6	0,7	1,6	0,9	1,3

Q65B. Do you think that the distribution of government support to people during the COVID-19 pandemic, for example through food packages or cash payments, has been fair or unfair?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very unfairly	38,9	46,7	40,7	42,3	41,5
Somewhat unfairly	20,5	21,5	22,3	19,3	20,8
Somewhat fairly	20,6	15,4	19,9	17,8	18,9
Very fairly	11,0	10,0	10,7	10,6	10,6
Refused	0,2	-	0,2	-	0,1
Don't know	8,9	6,3	6,1	9,9	8,0

Q58A. Have you received a vaccination against COVID-19, either one or two doses?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No	40,0	44,3	42,8	40,2	41,5
Yes	57,9	54,8	54,9	58,8	56,9
Refused	1,8	0,9	1,9	1,0	1,5
Don't know	0,3	-	0,4	-	0,2

Q58B. If a vaccine for COVID-19 is available, how likely are you to try to get vaccinated?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very unlikely	26,6	25,4	28,8	23,6	26,2
Somewhat unlikely	5,5	6,5	6,0	5,7	5,9
Somewhat likely	3,8	7,0	3,5	6,3	4,9
Very likely	2,7	2,8	3,5	2,0	2,7
Not applicable	59,7	55,7	56,8	59,8	58,3
Refused	0,1	0,2	0,3	-	0,1
Don't know	1,6	2,4	1,2	2,5	1,9

Q58C. [If answer to Q58B is "very unlikely" or "Somewhat unlikely":] What is the main reason that you would be unlikely to get a COVID-19 vaccine?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
COVID doesn't exist/COVID is not real	2,3	4,7	3,9	2,5	3,2
Not worried about COVID/COVID is not serious or life-threatening/Not deadly	0,7	0,5	0,8	0,5	0,6
I am at no risk or low risk for getting COVID/Small chance of contracting COVID	1,0	0,6	1,0	0,7	0,9
I already had COVID and believe I am immune	0,3	0,2	0,2	0,3	0,2
God will protect me	2,6	0,4	1,7	2,0	1,9
Don't trust the vaccine/Worried about getting fake or counterfeit vaccine	6,7	3,2	6,1	4,9	5,5
Vaccine is not safe	6,7	9,1	8,0	7,1	7,5
Vaccine was developed too quickly	1,1	0,1	1,0	0,6	0,8
Vaccine is not effective/Vaccinated people can still get COVID	1,3	2,1	1,8	1,4	1,6
Vaccine may cause COVID	0,3	0,3	0,3	0,2	0,3
Vaccine may cause infertility	0,1	0,2	0,1	0,1	0,1
Vaccine may cause other bad side effects	2,7	1,6	2,4	2,3	2,4
Vaccines are being used to control or track people	0,2	0,6	0,2	0,3	0,3
People are being experimented on with vaccines	0,1	0,8	0,4	0,3	0,3
Afraid of vaccines in general	0,4	1,9	1,2	0,6	0,9
Allergic to vaccines	0,4	-	0,2	0,4	0,3
Don't like needles	0,9	0,9	1,1	0,7	0,9
Don't trust the vaccine source/Will wait for other vaccines	1,1	0,5	1,1	0,8	0,9
It is too difficult to get the vaccine, e.g. have to travel far	0,0	0,9	0,3	0,4	0,3
I don't know how to get the vaccine	0,1	0,4	0,4	-	0,2
I will wait until others have been vaccinated	0,1	-	0,1	-	0,1
I will get the vaccine later	0,3	0,7	0,7	0,2	0,4

Religious objections to vaccines in general or to the COVID vaccine	0,2	0,1	0,0	0,2	0,1
Some other reason	1,2	1,4	1,4	1,1	1,3
Not applicable	67,9	68,1	65,2	70,6	68,0
Refused to answer	0,9	0,1	0,5	0,7	0,6
Don't know	0,2	1,0	-	0,9	0,5

Q59. How much do you trust the government to ensure that any vaccine for COVID-19 that is developed or offered to South African citizens is safe before it is used in this country?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all	29,4	30,9	30,7	29,2	29,9
Just a little	22,5	23,2	22,1	23,3	22,7
Somewhat	24,1	25,6	24,2	25,0	24,6
A lot	17,7	14,7	18,0	15,5	16,7
Refused	0,7	0,2	0,8	0,4	0,6
Don't know	5,5	5,3	4,3	6,6	5,5

Q60. How well or badly would you say the current government has managed the response to the COVID-19 pandemic?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very badly	21,1	24,0	22,2	21,9	22,1
Fairly badly	19,0	20,8	16,8	22,3	19,6
Fairly well	40,2	37,1	41,7	36,6	39,1
Very well	15,3	13,7	15,2	14,4	14,8
Refused	0,4	0,1	0,4	0,1	0,3
Don't know	4,1	4,2	3,7	4,6	4,2

Q61A. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the government's response to COVID-19 in the following areas: Providing relief to vulnerable households?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all satisfied	20,7	21,6	20,8	21,2	21,0
Not very satisfied	27,9	36,2	33,3	28,3	30,7
Fairly satisfied	29,6	28,6	29,1	29,5	29,3
Very satisfied	13,4	7,7	10,6	12,3	11,5
Refused	0,4	0,2	0,4	0,2	0,3
Don't know	8,0	5,7	5,8	8,6	7,2

Q61B. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the government's response to COVID-19 in the following areas: Ensuring that disruptions to children's education are kept to a minimum?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all satisfied	13,9	16,3	16,2	13,2	14,7
Not very satisfied	22,5	23,8	24,1	21,9	23,0
Fairly satisfied	38,3	40,5	38,4	39,7	39,1
Very satisfied	20,1	14,6	16,9	19,5	18,3
Refused	0,5	-	0,3	0,3	0,3
Don't know	4,7	4,8	4,1	5,3	4,7

Q61C. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the government's response to COVID-19 in the following areas: Making sure that health facilities have adequate resources to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all satisfied	13,5	19,4	16,2	14,8	15,5
Not very satisfied	22,9	25,5	23,1	24,4	23,8
Fairly satisfied	36,3	36,1	38,4	34,1	36,2
Very satisfied	21,6	15,9	17,8	21,5	19,7
Refused	0,7	-	0,4	0,5	0,4
Don't know	5,1	3,0	4,2	4,7	4,4

Q62. Considering all of the funds and resources that were available to the government for combating and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, how much do you think was lost or stolen due to corruption?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
A lot	72,4	65,5	69,6	70,4	70,0
Some	1,7	14,9	13,2	13,6	13,4
A little	4,5	3,2	3,6	4,4	4,0
None	2,2	3,0	2,8	2,2	2,5
Refused	0,3	-	0,2	0,2	0,2
Don't know	8,0	13,5	10,6	9,2	9,9

Q63A. When the country is facing a public health emergency like the COVID-19 pandemic, do you agree or disagree that it is justified for the government to temporarily limit democracy or democratic freedoms by taking the following measures: Censoring media reporting?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	17,5	18,2	18,8	16,7	17,7
Disagree	25,2	24,6	26,2	24,0	25,0
Neither agree nor disagree	16,6	14,5	16,5	15,3	15,9
Agree	24,6	25,1	22,4	27,1	24,8
Strongly agree	7,2	9,8	8,3	8,0	8,1
Refused	1,1	-	1,0	0,5	0,7
Don't know	7,7	7,7	6,9	8,5	7,7

Q63B. When the country is facing a public health emergency like the COVID-19 pandemic, do you agree or disagree that it is justified for the government to temporarily limit democracy or democratic freedoms by taking the following measures: Using the police and security forces to enforce public health mandates like restrictions on public gatherings or wearing face masks?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	8,9	10,8	9,8	9,2	9,5
Disagree	13,6	14,2	15,4	12,2	13,8
Neither agree nor disagree	11,7	9,5	11,3	10,6	11,0
Agree	40,0	42,6	38,7	43,0	40,9
Strongly agree	21,2	17,7	20,8	19,2	20,0
Refused	0,3	0,5	0,3	0,5	0,4
Don't know	4,3	4,7	3,6	5,3	4,4

Q63C. When the country is facing a public health emergency like the COVID-19 pandemic, do you agree or disagree that it is justified for the government to temporarily limit democracy or democratic freedoms by taking the following measures: Postponing elections?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	10,8	15,1	14,0	10,7	12,3
Disagree	13,9	11,9	13,5	13,0	13,2
Neither agree nor disagree	12,6	12,7	12,8	12,5	12,6
Agree	31,3	30,7	28,8	33,3	31,1
Strongly agree	21,6	21,1	22,8	20,1	21,4
Refused	0,6	0,8	0,3	1,0	0,7
Don't know	9,2	7,7	7,9	9,4	8,7

Q64A. After experiencing the COVID-19 pandemic in South Africa, how prepared or unprepared do you think the government will be to deal with future public health emergencies?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very unprepared	29,5	32,4	32,3	28,7	30,5
Somewhat unprepared	16,2	13,0	13,5	16,7	15,1
Somewhat prepared	24,9	21,3	26,1	21,4	23,7
Very prepared	18,0	21,6	20,3	18,2	19,2
Refused	0,3	-	-	0,3	0,2
Don't know	11,1	11,7	7,9	14,6	11,3

Q64B. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Our government needs to invest more of our health resources in special preparations to respond to health emergencies like COVID-19, even if it means fewer resources are available for other health services?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	10,2	11,1	8,4	12,6	10,5
Disagree	14,8	17,1	16,9	14,3	15,6
Neither agree nor disagree	18,5	16,2	19,8	15,7	17,7
Agree	27,5	27,5	26,9	28,1	27,5
Strongly agree	25,1	24,7	24,4	25,6	25,0
Refused	0,5	0,8	0,6	0,5	0,6
Don't know	3,3	2,7	3,0	3,2	3,1

Economic life

Let's discuss economic conditions.

Q4A. In general, how would you describe the present economic condition of this country?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very bad	48,9	48,8	48,7	49,0	48,9
Fairly bad	21,8	21,5	20,9	22,4	21,7
Neither good nor bad	12,3	10,1	11,9	11,3	11,6
Fairly good	11,0	12,9	11,4	11,8	11,6
Very good	5,1	5,6	5,8	4,7	5,3
Don't know	0,9	1,1	1,3	0,7	1,0

Q4B. In general, how would you describe your own present living conditions?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very bad	23,7	28,2	23,3	27,2	25,3
Fairly bad	18,5	21,8	20,8	18,5	19,6
Neither good nor bad	17,2	15,9	18,2	15,3	16,7
Fairly good	26,8	25,7	26,5	26,3	26,4
Very good	13,7	8,4	11,3	12,4	11,8
Don't know	0,2	0,2	-	0,3	0,2

Q5A. Looking back, how do you rate economic conditions in this country compared to 12 months ago?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Much worse	32,8	36,4	32,7	35,4	34,1
Worse	28,7	28,5	31,2	26,2	28,6
Same	23,8	19,8	21,0	23,7	22,4
Better	12,0	10,6	12,4	10,7	11,5
Much better	2,2	3,2	2,0	3,1	2,6
Don't know	0,5	1,5	0,8	0,9	0,8

Q5B. Looking ahead, do you expect economic conditions in this country to be better or worse in 12 months' time?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Much worse	31,4	33,9	33,8	30,7	32,2
Worse	15,9	17,9	16,7	16,4	16,6
Same	21,1	17,0	17,1	22,3	19,7
Better	20,9	20,3	20,6	20,7	20,6
Much better	6,2	6,0	7,9	4,5	6,2
Don't know	4,5	4,9	3,8	5,4	4,6

Q6A. Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family gone without: Enough food to eat?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	50,1	43,8	49,5	46,4	47,9
Just once or twice	22,0	22,6	23,1	21,3	22,2
Several times	15,5	17,9	14,3	18,3	16,3
Many times	9,1	12,3	10,3	10,1	10,2
Always	3,3	3,3	2,8	3,8	3,3
Refused	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1

Q6B. Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family gone without: Enough clean water for home use?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	47,2	27,5	40,4	40,6	40,5
Just once or twice	17,2	17,9	16,6	18,3	17,5
Several times	16,9	18,0	18,0	16,5	17,3
Many times	11,3	21,7	13,9	15,7	14,8
Always	7,3	14,9	11,0	8,8	9,9
Don't know	0,0	-	-	0,1	0,0

Q6C. Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family gone without: Medicines or medical treatment?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	56,7	37,8	50,9	49,7	50,3
Just once or twice	16,9	21,0	17,0	19,6	18,3
Several times	11,4	20,4	13,3	15,5	14,4
Many times	9,1	13,6	12,1	9,1	10,6
Always	5,4	7,0	6,0	6,0	6,0
Refused	0,1	-	0,1	0,1	0,1
Don't know	0,4	0,2	0,6	0,0	0,3

Q6D. Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family gone without: Enough fuel to cook your food?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	45,4	32,4	41,9	40,1	41,0
Just once or twice	19,1	26,2	21,1	21,9	21,5
Several times	19,0	19,7	19,7	18,8	19,2
Many times	11,7	16,3	12,0	14,5	13,3
Always	4,6	5,4	5,1	4,7	4,9
Refused	0,1	-	0,1	-	0,0
Don't know	0,1	-	0,1	-	0,1

Q6E. Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family gone without: A cash income?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	37,9	29,6	34,5	35,7	35,1
Just once or twice	20,7	17,2	20,1	19,0	19,5
Several times	19,9	19,5	20,9	18,7	19,8
Many times	13,8	23,6	15,9	18,3	17,1
Always	7,2	10,0	8,1	8,1	8,1
Refused	0,3	-	0,1	0,2	0,2
Don't know	0,2	0,1	0,3	-	0,2

Q33I. How often, if ever, are people treated unfairly by the government based on their economic status, that is, how rich or poor they are?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	8,8	9,2	9,5	8,3	8,9
Sometimes	29,2	30,1	29,6	29,4	29,5
Often	21,5	20,8	21,2	21,3	21,2
Always	35,9	34,6	35,0	35,9	35,5
Refused	0,2	-	0,3	-	0,1
Don't know	4,4	5,4	4,4	5,0	4,7

Q93A. Do you have a job that pays a cash income? [If “Yes”:] Is it full time or part time? [If “No”:] Are you currently looking for a job?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No (not looking)	27,6	24,9	23,3	29,9	26,7
No (looking)	33,0	41,8	35,0	37,0	36,0
Yes, part time	10,9	8,5	10,8	9,3	10,0
Yes, full time	27,7	22,8	30,0	22,3	26,1
Refused	0,8	1,9	0,9	1,5	1,2

Q93B. What is your main occupation? [If unemployed, retired, or disabled:] What was your last main occupation?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never had a job	9,2	20,9	10,2	16,0	13,2
Student	13,3	10,7	14,2	10,8	12,4
Housewife/Homemaker	3,7	2,9	0,6	6,1	3,4
Agriculture/Farming/Fishing /Forestry	2,5	9,0	6,1	3,4	4,7
Trader/Hawker/Vendor	4,0	2,5	4,0	3,0	3,5
Retail/Shop	9,5	7,8	6,9	10,8	8,9
Unskilled manual worker (e.g., cleaner, laborer, domestic help, unskilled manufacturing worker)	19,1	20,3	16,4	22,5	19,5
Artisan or skilled manual worker (e.g., trades like electrician, mechanic, machinist or skilled manufacturing worker)	10,2	8,7	14,5	5,0	9,7
Clerical or secretarial	2,6	1,6	0,6	3,9	2,3
Supervisor/Foreman/Senior Manager	6,6	1,5	5,9	3,8	4,8
Security services (police, army, private security)	5,5	3,3	7,9	1,8	4,8
Mid-level professional (e.g., teacher, nurse, mid-level government officer)	5,4	5,2	4,1	6,4	5,3
Upper-level professional (e.g., banker/finance, doctor, lawyer, engineer, accountant, professor, senior-level government)	4,9	2,6	4,6	3,6	4,1
Other	1,4	1,0	1,4	1,1	1,3
Refused	2,0	2,0	2,2	1,8	2,0
Don't know	0,2	-	0,2	-	0,1

Q93C. What is the main way that decisions are made about how to use any money that you have or earn, for example from a job, a business, selling things or other activities?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
You make the decisions yourself	51,2	44,3	52,5	45,3	48,9
Your spouse makes the decisions	3,3	3,0	3,8	2,6	3,2
You make the decisions jointly with your spouse	20,9	20,2	18,9	22,4	20,7
You make the decisions jointly with other family members	16,3	22,3	17,0	19,7	18,4
Other family members make the decisions without you	5,5	5,1	4,8	5,9	5,4
None of the above/Some other response	0,5	0,7	0,1	1,0	0,6
Not applicable, no earnings	1,7	2,8	2,3	1,9	2,1
Refused to answer	0,3	1,6	0,5	1,0	0,8
Don't know	0,2	-	-	0,3	0,1



Development and international relations

See related questions under “Public services and government performance.”

Q77. How much influence do you think China's economic activities in South Africa have on our economy, or haven't you heard enough to say?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
None	4,3	4,2	3,8	4,7	4,2
A little	7,6	8,7	9,0	7,0	8,0
Some	12,4	14,3	13,9	12,3	13,0
A lot	44,8	39,3	46,0	40,1	43,0
Refused	0,4	0,3	0,6	0,1	0,3
Don't know/Haven't heard enough	30,5	33,2	26,8	35,9	31,4

Q78A. Do you think that the economic and political influence of each of the following countries on South Africa is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven't you heard enough to say: China?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very negative	12,5	11,1	10,6	13,4	12,0
Somewhat negative	8,3	7,1	8,4	7,4	7,9
Neither positive nor negative	10,2	7,8	11,7	7,2	9,4
Somewhat positive	17,6	12,6	16,8	15,0	15,9
Very positive	18,5	25,1	24,3	17,4	20,8
Refused	1,0	1,2	0,6	1,5	1,1
Don't know	31,8	35,1	27,6	38,1	33,0

Q78B. Do you think that the economic and political influence of each of the following countries on South Africa is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven't you heard enough to say: United States?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very negative	8,3	6,7	7,0	8,5	7,8
Somewhat negative	6,9	7,1	8,3	5,6	6,9
Neither positive nor negative	12,9	9,6	12,5	11,2	11,8
Somewhat positive	19,6	19,0	22,4	16,4	19,4
Very positive	12,9	12,2	14,0	11,3	12,6
Refused	1,1	1,3	0,8	1,5	1,2
Don't know	38,4	44,0	35,0	45,5	40,3

Q78C. Do you think that the economic and political influence of each of the following countries on South Africa is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven't you heard enough to say: Japan?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very negative	8,6	6,5	6,6	9,1	7,9
Somewhat negative	5,6	6,2	6,3	5,3	5,8
Neither positive nor negative	12,8	12,9	14,8	11,0	12,8
Somewhat positive	16,0	13,5	17,3	13,1	15,2
Very positive	7,8	10,2	11,0	6,4	8,6
Refused	1,3	1,3	0,8	1,7	1,3
Don't know	47,9	49,5	43,3	53,4	48,4

Q78C.1. Do you think that the economic and political influence of each of the following countries on South Africa is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven't you heard enough to say: Russia?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very negative	15,8	13,0	15,5	14,2	14,9
Somewhat negative	8,1	6,1	8,3	6,5	7,4
Neither positive nor negative	9,7	9,5	10,0	9,2	9,6
Somewhat positive	13,3	13,4	16,0	10,8	13,4
Very positive	10,3	13,0	12,8	9,8	11,3
Refused	1,1	1,8	0,9	1,8	1,3
Don't know	41,7	43,1	36,4	47,7	42,2

Q78D. To your knowledge, does Japan give loans or development assistance to our country's government, or haven't you had a chance to hear about this?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No	16,8	23,2	19,4	18,7	19,0
Yes	15,0	16,6	18,5	12,6	15,5
Refused	1,8	0,4	2,1	0,6	1,3
Don't know	66,4	59,8	60,0	68,2	64,2

Q78E. When the government of Japan gives loans or development assistance to South Africa, do you think they put more requirements or fewer requirements on our government compared to other donor countries, or haven't you heard enough to say?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Far fewer requirements	1,6	3,4	2,9	1,5	2,2
Somewhat fewer requirements	1,7	1,6	1,9	1,5	1,7
About the same number of requirements	3,1	1,3	2,8	2,2	2,5
Somewhat more requirements	2,8	3,2	3,9	2,0	3,0
Many more requirements	3,4	4,0	3,8	3,3	3,6
Not applicable	85,0	83,4	81,5	87,4	84,5
Refused	0,1	-	0,1	-	0,0
Don't know	2,3	3,2	3,1	2,2	2,6

Q78F. Do you think that the economic and political influence of each of the following countries on South Africa is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven't you heard enough to say: Influence of the EU?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very negative	7,5	8,4	8,0	7,7	7,8
Somewhat negative	6,4	6,2	6,8	5,8	6,3
Neither positive nor negative	11,7	15,2	16,9	9,0	12,9
Somewhat positive	14,8	14,6	14,5	14,9	14,7
Very positive	5,6	4,1	6,3	3,9	5,1
Refused to answer	1,3	0,2	1,3	0,4	0,9
Don't know/Haven't heard enough	52,7	51,4	46,1	58,2	52,3

Democracy and politics

See related questions under “Institutions and leaders.”

Q22A. There are many ways to govern a country. Would you disapprove or approve of the following alternatives: Only one political party is allowed to stand for election and hold office?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disapprove	31,9	35,9	33,5	33,0	33,2
Disapprove	35,3	36,9	33,5	38,2	35,9
Neither approve nor disapprove	7,0	5,8	6,7	6,5	6,6
Approve	16,2	13,8	17,7	13,2	15,4
Strongly approve	7,2	6,5	7,1	6,8	7,0
Refused	0,1	0,1	0,2	0,1	0,1
Don't know	2,2	1,0	1,4	2,3	1,8

Q22B. There are many ways to govern a country. Would you disapprove or approve of the following alternatives: The army comes in to govern the country?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disapprove	26,7	28,4	25,5	29,0	27,3
Disapprove	25,3	28,9	25,2	27,8	26,5
Neither approve nor disapprove	15,0	11,8	15,0	12,9	13,9
Approve	18,6	17,7	20,3	16,4	18,3
Strongly approve	10,3	9,5	10,5	9,6	10,0
Refused	0,1	-	0,1	-	0,0
Don't know	4,0	3,7	3,4	4,3	3,9

Q22C. There are many ways to govern a country. Would you disapprove or approve of the following alternatives: Elections and Parliament are abolished so that the president can decide everything?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disapprove	31,4	34,4	31,0	33,8	32,4
Disapprove	34,1	35,2	33,1	35,8	34,4
Neither approve nor disapprove	11,3	13,6	13,7	10,5	12,1
Approve	12,4	9,0	12,2	10,3	11,2
Strongly approve	6,1	4,1	6,3	4,6	5,4
Refused	0,1	-	0,1	0,1	0,1
Don't know	4,6	3,8	3,6	5,0	4,3

Q23. Which of these three statements is closest to your own opinion?

Statement 1: Democracy is preferable to any other kind of government.

Statement 2: In some circumstances, a non-democratic government can be preferable.

Statement 3: For someone like me, it doesn't matter what kind of government we have.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Statement 1: Democracy is preferable to any other kind of government.	44,2	39,4	45,3	39,9	42,5
Statement 2: In some circumstances, a non-democratic government can be preferable.	22,1	26,2	22,6	24,4	23,5
Statement 3: For someone like me, it doesn't matter what kind of government we have.	29,3	31,3	28,4	31,4	29,9
Refused	0,3	0,4	0,3	0,4	0,4
Don't know	4,1	2,7	3,4	3,9	3,7

23B-SAF. If a non-elected government or leader could impose law and order, and deliver houses and jobs, how willing or unwilling would you be to give up regular elections and live under such a government?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very willing	44,5	47,9	45,2	46,0	45,6
Willing	28,8	21,1	25,4	26,9	26,2
Unwilling	11,4	14,6	12,7	12,2	12,5
Very unwilling	9,4	12,3	11,1	9,6	10,4
Refused	0,8	1,0	0,9	0,8	0,8
Don't know	5,2	3,2	4,6	4,4	4,5

Q18. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Statement 1: It is more important to have a government that can get things done, even if we have no influence over what it does.

Statement 2: It is more important for citizens to be able to hold government accountable, even if that means it makes decisions more slowly.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	19,9	19,4	19,4	20,0	19,7
Agree with 1	21,1	20,7	21,5	20,4	21,0
Agree with 2	23,2	20,5	22,0	22,5	22,3
Agree very strongly with 2	30,9	34,1	32,7	31,3	32,0
Agree with neither	3,3	3,1	2,9	3,5	3,2
Don't know	1,6	2,2	1,5	2,2	1,8

Q27A. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Statement 1: Members of Parliament represent the people; therefore they should make laws for this country, even if the president does not agree.

Statement 2: Since the president represents all of us, he should pass laws without worrying about what Parliament thinks.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	32,0	30,6	31,7	31,4	31,5
Agree with 1	25,6	24,6	26,0	24,5	25,3
Agree with 2	17,4	15,0	17,7	15,5	16,6
Agree very strongly with 2	12,5	17,7	13,1	15,4	14,3
Agree with neither	10,1	8,2	9,1	9,7	9,4
Refused	0,4	1,0	0,2	0,9	0,6
Don't know	2,1	2,8	2,2	2,5	2,4

Q27B. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Statement 1: Parliament should ensure that the president explains to it on a regular basis how his government spends taxpayers' money.

Statement 2: The president should be able to devote his full attention to developing the country rather than wasting time justifying his actions.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	38,2	35,4	36,7	37,8	37,2
Agree with 1	22,7	21,1	23,4	21,0	22,2
Agree with 2	14,5	14,6	14,4	14,6	14,5
Agree very strongly with 2	19,1	23,9	20,2	21,3	20,7
Agree with neither	4,4	2,7	4,1	3,6	3,8
Refused	0,1	0,4	0,1	0,3	0,2
Don't know	1,1	1,8	1,2	1,5	1,3

Q48A. Who should be responsible for: Making sure that, once elected, members of Parliament do their jobs?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
The President/Executive	45,0	51,8	46,4	48,2	47,3
The Parliament/Local government council	9,8	11,3	10,8	9,8	10,3
Their political party	16,2	18,8	16,4	17,7	17,1
The voters	23,3	14,0	20,7	19,6	20,1
No one	0,7	0,5	0,8	0,5	0,6
Don't know	5,1	3,6	4,9	4,3	4,6

Q48B. Who should be responsible for: Making sure that, once elected, the president does his or her job?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
The President/Executive	34,9	38,3	36,0	36,0	36,0
The Parliament/Local government council	23,5	28,5	24,5	25,9	25,2
Their political party	13,2	14,7	13,6	13,8	13,7
The voters	23,5	17,4	21,8	21,1	21,4
No one	0,1	0,0	0,2	-	0,1
Don't know	4,8	1,1	3,9	3,1	3,5

Q27C. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Statement 1: After losing an election, opposition parties should monitor and criticize the government in order to hold it accountable.

Statement 2: Once an election is over, opposition parties and politicians should accept defeat and cooperate with government to help it develop the country.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	14,6	14,1	15,0	14,0	14,5
Agree with 1	11,1	9,2	11,2	9,8	10,5
Agree with 2	30,9	34,1	31,1	32,9	32,0
Agree very strongly with 2	40,2	38,7	39,6	39,8	39,7
Agree with neither	1,5	2,4	1,8	1,8	1,8
Refused	0,4	-	0,3	0,3	0,3
Don't know	1,2	1,4	1,1	1,5	1,3

Q29A. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Statement 1: The Constitution should limit the president to serving a maximum of two terms in office.

Statement 2: There should be no constitutional limit on how long the president can serve.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	33,8	31,9	35,5	30,9	33,2
Agree with 1	24,7	24,2	23,0	26,0	24,6
Agree with 2	18,2	17,5	17,9	18,0	17,9
Agree very strongly with 2	14,9	23,0	17,7	17,6	17,7
Agree with neither	5,4	2,0	3,3	5,2	4,3
Refused	-	0,1	-	0,1	0,0
Don't know	2,9	1,3	2,5	2,2	2,4

Q29B. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Statement 1: South Africa's armed forces should never intervene in the country's political process.

Statement 2: It is legitimate for the armed forces to take control of government when elected leaders abuse power for their own ends.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	17,2	18,6	18,5	16,8	17,6
Agree with 1	17,9	17,1	18,0	17,2	17,6
Agree with 2	25,0	25,5	27,0	23,4	25,2
Agree very strongly with 2	27,4	27,7	26,6	28,3	27,5
Agree with neither	7,6	8,4	6,7	9,0	7,9
Refused	0,1	0,4	0,1	0,2	0,2
Don't know	5,0	2,4	3,1	5,0	4,1

Q30. In your opinion, how much of a democracy is South Africa today?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not a democracy	10,9	19,0	15,3	12,1	13,7
A democracy, with major problems	49,6	48,6	48,6	49,8	49,2
A democracy, but with minor problems	23,0	20,5	22,6	21,7	22,2
A full democracy	12,4	8,4	10,2	11,9	11,1
Do not understand question/Do not understand what 'democracy' is	1,9	2,7	1,8	2,6	2,2
Don't know	2,0	0,7	1,5	1,6	1,5
Refused	0,2	-	-	0,2	0,1

Q31. Overall, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in South Africa?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
The country is not a democracy	2,1	1,2	2,6	1,0	1,8
Not at all satisfied	36,1	38,0	35,5	38,0	36,7
Not very satisfied	31,1	36,5	34,2	31,6	32,9
Fairly satisfied	21,5	16,3	18,7	20,8	19,8
Very satisfied	5,8	5,2	7,1	4,2	5,6
Refused	0,6	0,7	0,6	0,7	0,7
Do not know	2,7	2,2	1,3	3,7	2,5

Q32A. Do you think that this country is more democratic, less democratic or about the same than it was five years ago?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Much less democratic	24,6	25,5	25,2	24,6	24,9
Somewhat less democratic	8,6	9,2	9,5	8,1	8,8
About the same	42,6	39,4	39,6	43,4	41,5
Somewhat more democratic	7,0	10,1	8,2	7,9	8,0
Much more democratic	12,4	9,4	12,8	10,1	11,4
Refused	0,3	0,3	0,1	0,5	0,3
Don't know	4,5	6,2	4,8	5,3	5,1

Q32B. Do you think that in five years' time this country will be more democratic than it is now, less democratic, or about the same?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Much less democratic	19,3	20,3	21,1	18,2	19,7
Somewhat less democratic	6,7	8,9	8,2	6,8	7,5
About the same	43,7	43,2	42,2	44,8	43,5
Somewhat more democratic	9,8	9,6	9,3	10,2	9,7
Much more democratic	9,5	8,3	9,5	8,7	9,1
Refused	0,4	0,6	0,4	0,5	0,5
Don't know	10,5	9,1	9,2	10,8	10,0

Responsive and transparent government

Q19A. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Statement 1: The government is like the people's boss. People should respect the government and do what it directs.

Statement 2: The government is like the people's employee. It should respect citizens and do what they request.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	6,0	5,5	5,4	6,3	5,8
Agree with 1	5,1	5,1	5,9	4,3	5,1
Agree with 2	27,2	28,5	26,1	29,1	27,6
Agree very strongly with 2	56,8	56,8	57,8	55,9	56,8
Agree with neither	3,9	2,7	3,9	3,1	3,5
Don't know	0,9	1,4	0,9	1,3	1,1

Q19B. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Statement 1: Our elected officials should listen to constituents' views and do what they demand.

Statement 2: Our elected leaders should follow their own ideas in deciding what is best for the country.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	49,0	41,6	45,5	47,4	46,5
Agree with 1	23,5	21,4	22,9	22,7	22,8
Agree with 2	10,7	11,7	10,4	11,7	11,0
Agree very strongly with 2	12,5	23,0	17,4	14,8	16,1
Agree with neither	3,5	1,6	3,4	2,3	2,8
Don't know	0,8	0,7	0,4	1,1	0,8

Q75. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree: Information held by public authorities is only for use by government officials; it should not have to be shared with the public?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	30,3	32,1	28,3	33,4	30,9
Disagree	27,6	22,6	26,9	24,9	25,9
Neither agree nor disagree	9,0	14,0	12,3	9,2	10,7
Agree	19,1	22,4	19,2	21,1	20,2
Strongly agree	11,3	6,2	10,5	8,8	9,6
Refused	0,8	-	1,0	-	0,5
Don't know	1,9	2,6	1,8	2,5	2,2

Q76A. I would like to ask you about what kinds of information should be shared with the public and which should not. For each of the following, please tell me whether ordinary citizens and news media should have the right to obtain this information from government, or whether government should be allowed to keep the information away from the public: Budgets and expenditures for the local government council?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No, government use only	14,2	15,3	17,1	12,1	14,6
Yes, available to the public	81,0	75,1	77,0	80,9	79,0
Refused	0,5	0,5	0,1	0,8	0,5
Don't know	4,4	9,1	5,8	6,2	6,0

Q76B. For each of the following, please tell me whether ordinary citizens and news media should have the right to obtain this information from government, or whether government should be allowed to keep the information away from the public: All bids and contracts with businesses that have competed for government-funded projects or purchases?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No, government use only	17,6	20,7	22,1	15,3	18,7
Yes, available to the public	76,8	70,1	71,2	77,8	74,5
Refused	0,5	0,0	0,2	0,5	0,4
Don't know	5,0	9,2	6,5	6,4	6,4

Q76C. For each of the following, please tell me whether ordinary citizens and news media should have the right to obtain this information from government, or whether government should be allowed to keep the information away from the public: Salary information for teachers and local government officials?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No, government use only	55,1	45,6	54,1	49,7	51,9
Yes, available to the public	35,7	40,8	36,0	38,8	37,4
Refused	0,7	0,4	0,6	0,6	0,6
Don't know	8,5	13,1	9,3	10,9	10,1

A35A. How likely is it that you could get the following information from government or other public institutions, or haven't you heard enough to say: If you contacted the local school to find out what the school's budget is and how the funds have been used?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all likely	37,8	35,8	36,8	37,4	37,1
Not very likely	22,6	29,1	25,6	24,1	24,8
Somewhat likely	17,0	13,2	15,6	15,8	15,7
Very likely	14,1	16,0	13,7	15,9	14,8
Refused	0,9	0,0	0,3	0,9	0,6
Don't know/Haven't heard	7,6	5,9	8,0	6,1	7,0

Q35B. How likely is it that you could get the following information from government or other public institutions, or haven't you heard enough to say: If you contacted your local government office to find out about the local development plan and budget?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all likely	48,2	47,8	47,0	49,1	48,0
Not very likely	25,4	27,3	25,9	26,2	26,1
Somewhat likely	13,3	11,5	13,1	12,2	12,7
Very likely	5,5	7,4	6,6	5,8	6,2
Refused	0,5	0,4	0,1	0,8	0,5
Don't know/Haven't heard	7,1	5,6	7,3	5,9	6,6

Q35C. How likely is it that you could get the following information from government or other public institutions, or haven't you heard enough to say: If you contacted your local government office to request to see a contract for a government-funded project or purchase?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all likely	55,2	50,3	50,8	56,1	53,5
Not very likely	21,9	28,7	25,0	23,5	24,2
Somewhat likely	8,9	8,6	9,6	8,0	8,8
Very likely	5,9	5,9	5,5	6,3	5,9
Refused	0,7	-	0,4	0,4	0,4
Don't know/Haven't heard	7,5	6,5	8,6	5,7	7,1

Q34A. How much of the time do you think the following try their best to listen to what ordinary people have to say: Members of Parliament?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	49,7	54,5	51,5	51,2	51,3
Only sometimes	33,4	29,7	31,0	33,2	32,1
Often	8,8	7,6	10,1	6,7	8,4
Always	4,6	4,8	4,0	5,3	4,7
Refused	0,1	-	0,1	0,0	0,1
Don't know	3,4	3,5	3,3	3,5	3,4

Q34B. How much of the time do you think the following try their best to listen to what ordinary people have to say: Members of local government council?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	39,5	45,8	39,8	43,5	41,7
Only sometimes	38,4	28,3	34,1	35,8	35,0
Often	13,7	16,4	16,1	13,2	14,6
Always	6,1	5,4	6,7	5,0	5,8
Refused	0,1	-	0,1	0,0	0,1
Don't know	2,2	4,0	3,1	2,6	2,9

Q11A. In your opinion, how likely is it that you could get together with others and make your elected local government councillor listen to your concerns about a matter of importance to the community?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all likely	24,0	29,0	23,1	28,2	25,7
Not very likely	20,6	25,0	20,6	23,5	22,1
Somewhat likely	26,7	24,8	29,4	22,9	26,1
Very likely	23,9	18,2	23,9	20,1	22,0
Refused	0,4	0,4	0,2	0,6	0,4
Don't know	4,4	2,6	2,8	4,7	3,8

Q36A. How likely is it that you could get someone to take action: If you went to a local leader or a local government office to request assistance for a development project in your community, like an improved water supply or community clean-up activity?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all likely	38,2	40,7	36,3	41,7	39,1
Not very likely	24,2	27,0	23,5	26,8	25,2
Somewhat likely	21,2	18,4	23,4	17,2	20,2
Very likely	8,2	6,0	8,6	6,3	7,5
Refused	0,5	-	0,2	0,5	0,3
Don't know/Haven't heard	7,7	7,8	7,9	7,6	7,7

Q36B. How likely is it that you could get someone to take action: If you went to the local school to report teacher misbehaviour such as absenteeism or mistreatment of students?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all likely	26,9	26,3	26,5	26,9	26,7
Not very likely	15,1	19,0	17,3	15,6	16,4
Somewhat likely	24,8	21,5	20,6	26,6	23,7
Very likely	25,4	25,1	26,6	24,0	25,3
Refused	0,8	0,1	0,2	0,8	0,5
Don't know/Haven't heard	7,1	8,0	8,8	6,0	7,4

Q36C. How likely is it that you could get someone to take action: If you went to a local government office or anti-corruption authority to report corrupt behaviour like misuse of funds or requests for bribes?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all likely	42,9	50,2	43,6	47,1	45,4
Not very likely	21,3	21,7	20,2	22,6	21,4
Somewhat likely	16,8	10,8	15,6	13,9	14,7
Very likely	10,2	10,9	12,2	8,8	10,5
Refused	0,5	0,3	0,4	0,5	0,4
Don't know/Haven't heard	8,3	6,2	8,0	7,1	7,6

Freedom

See related questions under “Media.”

Q9A. In this country, how free are you to say what you think?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all free	12,3	7,9	9,4	12,1	10,8
Not very free	14,5	12,6	11,9	15,7	13,8
Somewhat free	27,3	28,0	28,9	26,3	27,6
Completely free	44,8	50,3	48,9	44,5	46,7
Refused	0,2	-	0,1	0,3	0,2
Don't know	0,9	1,2	0,8	1,2	1,0

Q9B. In this country, how free are you to join any political organization you want?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all free	8,6	5,4	8,1	7,0	7,5
Not very free	9,0	11,3	7,0	12,4	9,7
Somewhat free	19,2	22,5	22,2	18,5	20,3
Completely free	59,7	59,0	60,2	58,8	59,5
Refused	0,5	0,5	0,2	0,8	0,5
Don't know	2,9	1,4	2,3	2,5	2,4

Q9C. In this country, how free are you to choose who to vote for without feeling pressured?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all free	6,4	4,9	4,8	6,9	5,9
Not very free	7,1	9,2	5,6	10,0	7,8
Somewhat free	17,8	18,2	20,2	15,7	17,9
Completely free	65,8	66,6	66,9	65,3	66,1
Refused	0,4	0,2	0,2	0,5	0,3
Don't know	2,5	0,9	2,3	1,6	2,0

Q33D. In your opinion, how often, in this country, do people have to be careful of what they say about politics?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	23,5	20,2	24,9	19,9	22,3
Rarely	22,1	21,5	19,4	24,2	21,9
Often	19,0	21,6	20,7	19,1	19,9
Always	30,6	31,8	30,7	31,4	31,0
Refused	0,1	-	0,2	-	0,1
Don't know	4,7	4,8	4,1	5,3	4,7

Q15. Let's talk for a moment about the kind of society you would like to have in this country. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Statement 1: The government should be able to ban any organization that goes against its policies.

Statement 2: We should be able to join any organization, whether or not the government approves of it.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	14,9	11,6	12,9	14,6	13,8
Agree with 1	10,8	11,1	11,2	10,6	10,9
Agree with 2	25,6	20,7	26,3	21,6	23,9
Agree very strongly with 2	44,3	51,4	46,4	47,1	46,8
Agree with neither	2,1	2,4	1,1	3,3	2,2
Refused	-	0,4	0,1	0,2	0,1
Don't know	2,3	2,3	2,0	2,6	2,3

Citizenship and participation

See related questions under "Elections."

Q8. When you get together with your friends or family, how often would you say you discuss political matters?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	40,3	42,1	37,1	44,6	40,9
Occasionally	41,5	41,2	44,3	38,5	41,4
Frequently	15,8	16,4	15,6	16,4	16,0
Refused	1,1	0,1	1,2	0,3	0,7
Don't know	1,4	0,3	1,7	0,3	1,0

Q10A. Here is a list of actions that people sometimes take as citizens. For each of these, please tell me whether you, personally, have done any of these things during the past year. [If "No":] Would you do this if you had the chance: Attended a community meeting?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No, would never do this	29,8	25,3	29,0	27,6	28,3
No, would do it if I had the chance	23,3	22,1	23,5	22,3	22,9
Yes, once or twice	16,4	18,6	16,5	17,8	17,2
Yes, several times	21,9	23,5	21,1	23,8	22,5
Yes, often	7,8	9,9	9,8	7,3	8,5
Refused	0,5	0,4	-	0,9	0,4
Don't know	0,2	0,2	0,1	0,4	0,2

Q10B. Here is a list of actions that people sometimes take as citizens. For each of these, please tell me whether you, personally, have done any of these things during the past year. [If "No":] Would you do this if you had the chance: Got together with others to raise an issue?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No, would never do this	26,2	27,8	26,0	27,6	26,8
No, would do it if I had the chance	27,8	29,8	29,6	27,3	28,4
Yes, once or twice	14,4	14,2	13,0	15,6	14,3
Yes, several times	22,9	19,8	21,9	21,7	21,8
Yes, often	7,5	8,3	8,1	7,4	7,8
Refused	1,2	0,1	1,3	0,3	0,8
Don't know	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1

Q10C. Here is a list of actions that people sometimes take as citizens. For each of these, please tell me whether you, personally, have done any of these things during the past year. [If “No”:] Would you do this if you had the chance: Participated in a demonstration or protest march?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No, would never do this	58,5	61,3	57,4	61,3	59,4
No, would do it if I had the chance	25,1	24,8	25,7	24,2	25,0
Yes, once or twice	6,8	6,4	7,0	6,4	6,7
Yes, several times	5,4	4,7	5,3	5,0	5,1
Yes, often	2,9	2,0	2,9	2,3	2,6
Refused	1,3	0,7	1,6	0,6	1,1
Don't know	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1

Q11B. During the past year, how often have you contacted any of the following persons about some important problem or to give them your views: A local government councillor?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	60,4	58,3	58,4	61,0	59,7
Only once	12,6	14,9	15,0	11,8	13,4
A few times	16,9	20,7	16,9	19,5	18,2
Often	8,6	5,7	8,2	7,0	7,6
Refused	1,0	-	1,3	-	0,6
Don't know	0,5	0,4	0,2	0,7	0,4

Q11C. During the past year, how often have you contacted any of the following persons about some important problem or to give them your views: A member of Parliament?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	90,4	92,2	89,3	92,7	91,0
Only once	4,3	2,1	3,8	3,3	3,6
A few times	2,6	4,5	4,2	2,3	3,2
Often	1,5	0,6	1,3	1,1	1,2
Refused	1,0	-	1,3	-	0,6
Don't know	0,3	0,6	0,1	0,6	0,4

Q11D. During the past year, how often have you contacted any of the following persons about some important problem or to give them your views: A political party official?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	80,1	82,0	80,6	80,8	80,7
Only once	8,3	9,0	8,5	8,6	8,5
A few times	8,0	4,7	6,0	7,7	6,9
Often	2,2	3,5	3,2	2,2	2,7
Refused	1,0	-	1,3	-	0,6
Don't know	0,4	0,8	0,3	0,8	0,5

Q11E. During the past year, how often have you contacted any of the following persons about some important problem or to give them your views: A traditional leader?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	84,6	71,4	79,3	80,9	80,1
Only once	4,4	6,8	5,2	5,3	5,2
A few times	6,0	14,4	9,2	8,5	8,8
Often	2,8	5,1	3,2	3,9	3,6
Refused	1,0	0,1	1,4	-	0,7
Don't know	1,3	2,1	1,8	1,4	1,6

Q89A. Do you feel close to any particular political party?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No (does NOT feel close to ANY party)	58,8	48,6	53,7	56,9	55,3
Yes (feels close to a party)	31,7	46,2	39,0	34,3	36,6
Refused to answer	9,0	5,0	7,0	8,3	7,7
Does not know	0,5	0,2	0,4	0,5	0,4

Q89B: Which party is that?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
African National Congress (ANC)	15,7	25,0	20,3	17,5	18,8
Democratic Alliance (DA)	4,7	9,3	7,1	5,4	6,2
Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF)	4,3	4,7	4,6	4,3	4,4
Congress of the People (COPE)	0,4		0,3	0,2	0,3
Freedom Front Plus/ Vryheidsfront Plus (VF Plus)	0,2	0,4	0,3	0,3	0,3
Minority Front (MF)	0,3	-	0,3	0,1	0,2
Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP)	1,2	4,6	2,8	2,0	2,4
National Democratic Convention (NADECO)	0,1	-	-	0,1	0,1
Pan Africanist Congress (PAC)	0,1	-	-	0,1	0,1
Africa Muslim Party (AMP)	0,3	-	0,1	0,2	0,2
Azanian People's Organization (AZAPO)	0,1	-	0,1	-	0,0
Patriotic Alliance	0,2	-	0,1	0,2	0,2
Ubuntu Party	0,0	-	-	0,0	0,0
Workers and Socialist Party (WASP)	0,0	-	-	0,0	0,0
Other	0,5	-	0,2	0,4	0,3
Not applicable	68,4	53,8	61,0	65,7	63,4
Refused	3,2	2,2	2,9	2,8	2,9
Don't know	0,3	-	-	0,4	0,2

Rule of law

Q28. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Statement 1: Since the president was elected to lead the country, he should not be bound by laws or court decisions that he thinks are wrong.

Statement 2: The president must always obey the laws and the courts, even if he thinks they are wrong.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	6,8	7,9	7,3	7,1	7,2
Agree with 1	10,8	8,3	10,8	9,2	10,0
Agree with 2	31,7	29,1	30,3	31,2	30,8
Agree very strongly with 2	42,0	48,1	44,3	43,9	44,1
Agree with neither	6,5	4,7	5,3	6,4	5,9
Refused	-	0,2	0,1	-	0,1
Don't know	2,1	1,7	1,8	2,2	2,0

Q33B. In your opinion, how often, in this country, does the president ignore the courts and laws of this country?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	12,7	11,5	13,7	11,0	12,3
Rarely	25,3	23,5	25,7	23,7	24,7
Often	27,0	29,5	27,3	28,5	27,9
Always	25,7	26,2	25,5	26,2	25,9
Refused	0,4	-	0,2	0,3	0,3
Don't know	8,8	9,2	7,5	10,4	9,0

Q33C. In your opinion, how often, in this country, does the president ignore Parliament and just do what he wants?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	21,0	14,3	23,6	14,0	18,7
Rarely	23,2	23,0	22,9	23,4	23,1
Often	23,0	26,8	22,2	26,3	24,3
Always	22,4	24,7	21,4	25,0	23,2
Refused	0,4	0,0	0,2	0,4	0,3
Don't know	10,0	11,1	9,8	11,0	10,4

Q33E. In your opinion, how often, in this country, are people treated unequally under the law?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	15,0	17,2	15,3	16,2	15,8
Rarely	13,8	17,2	15,7	14,2	15,0
Often	32,4	30,0	31,0	32,1	31,6
Always	35,5	30,1	33,8	33,6	33,7
Refused	0,5	0,6	0,6	0,5	0,6
Don't know	2,7	4,9	3,6	3,4	3,5

Q33F. In your opinion, how often, in this country, do officials who commit crimes go unpunished?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	10,9	14,6	11,3	13,0	12,2
Rarely	11,8	16,2	14,5	12,1	13,3
Often	31,4	29,5	32,0	29,5	30,7
Always	42,5	36,1	38,6	42,0	40,4
Refused	0,1	0,4	0,1	0,2	0,2
Don't know	3,2	3,2	3,4	3,0	3,2

Q33G. In your opinion, how often, in this country, do ordinary people who break the law go unpunished?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	23,0	26,1	24,5	23,5	24,0
Rarely	22,2	19,6	20,7	21,8	21,3
Often	25,1	24,6	22,5	27,2	24,9
Always	28,0	26,9	30,3	25,1	27,7
Refused	0,3	0,4	0,1	0,4	0,3
Don't know	1,4	2,4	1,7	1,8	1,8

Elections

See also Q37C (trust in electoral commission) under “Institutions and leaders.”

Q24. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Statement 1: We should choose our leaders in this country through regular, open, and honest elections.

Statement 2: Since elections sometimes produce bad results, we should adopt other methods for choosing this country's leaders.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	45,2	40,7	43,8	43,5	43,7
Agree with 1	21,6	21,5	21,3	21,9	21,6
Agree with 2	13,3	12,6	13,5	12,6	13,1
Agree very strongly with 2	16,0	18,9	15,7	18,2	17,0
Agree with neither	1,6	4,9	3,6	1,9	2,8
Refused	0,1	0,1	0,1	-	0,1
Don't know	2,2	1,3	1,9	1,8	1,9

Q25. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Statement 1: Political parties create division and confusion; it is therefore unnecessary to have many political parties in South Africa.

Statement 2: Many political parties are needed to make sure that South Africa have real choices in who governs them.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	16,4	15,9	16,7	15,8	16,2
Agree with 1	13,5	11,7	12,4	13,4	12,9
Agree with 2	25,6	29,8	25,2	28,8	27,0
Agree very strongly with 2	40,0	35,0	40,4	36,3	38,3
Agree with neither	2,7	5,7	4,0	3,5	3,7
Refused	0,1	0,3	0,1	0,2	0,2
Don't know	1,7	1,6	1,2	2,1	1,6

Q26. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Statement 1: In a democracy, it is better if power sometimes changes hands in elections from one political party to another.

Statement 2: In a democracy, as long as a government is elected by the people in a free and fair election, it doesn't matter if one party always wins and continuously governs the country.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	26,4	25,4	25,4	26,7	26,0
Agree with 1	18,9	15,7	18,3	17,4	17,9
Agree with 2	25,8	28,3	25,4	27,9	26,7
Agree very strongly with 2	24,6	27,3	26,8	24,3	25,5
Agree with neither	2,2	1,9	2,3	1,9	2,1
Refused	0,1	-	0,1	-	0,1
Don't know	1,9	1,3	1,7	1,8	1,7

Q33A. In your opinion, how often, in this country, does competition between political parties lead to violent conflict?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	8,1	5,3	8,0	6,3	7,1
Rarely	15,0	23,3	20,0	15,7	17,8
Often	32,4	35,5	31,1	35,7	33,5
Always	40,3	31,7	37,0	37,7	37,4
Refused	0,1	-	0,2	-	0,1
Don't know	4,1	4,2	3,7	4,6	4,1

Let's talk about the last national election held in 2019.

Q13. People are not always able to vote in elections, for example, because they weren't registered, they were unable to go, or someone prevented them from voting. How about you? In the last national election held in 2019, did you vote, or not, or were you too young to vote? Or can't you remember whether you voted?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
I did not vote	33,6	35,5	36,7	31,9	34,2
I was too young to vote	6,9	6,3	7,3	6,2	6,7
I can't remember whether I voted	1,5	1,3	1,8	1,0	1,4
I voted in the election	57,0	56,6	53,7	59,9	56,9
Refused	1,0	-	0,5	0,8	0,7
Don't know	-	0,3	-	0,2	0,1

Q14A. On the whole, how would you rate the freeness and fairness of the last national election, held in 2019?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not free and fair	14,0	14,2	15,5	12,7	14,0
Free and fair, with major problems	21,7	26,8	22,8	24,1	23,4
Free and fair, but with minor problems	20,5	19,7	20,9	19,6	20,2
Completely free and fair	29,7	26,5	28,4	28,8	28,6
Do not understand question	1,5	2,0	1,2	2,1	1,7
Don't know	12,6	10,8	11,2	12,7	12,0
Refused	0,0	-	0,0	-	0,0

Q14C. During the last national election campaign in 2019, how much did you personally fear becoming a victim of political intimidation or violence?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
A lot	6,0	4,5	4,6	6,3	5,5
Somewhat	8,7	14,5	10,1	11,3	10,7
A little bit	12,5	12,3	11,2	13,5	12,4
Not at all	65,4	62,1	65,4	63,1	64,3
Refused	0,4	0,2	0,4	0,3	0,3
Don't know	7,0	6,5	8,3	5,4	6,8

Q12A. Think about how elections work in practice in this country. How well do elections ensure that members of Parliament reflect the views of voters?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all well	28,7	25,0	27,4	27,6	27,5
Not very well	33,3	33,7	33,0	33,9	33,4
Fairly well	20,5	25,5	23,0	21,4	22,2
Very well	8,9	8,6	9,2	8,4	8,8
Refused	1,2	-	1,5	0,1	0,8
Don't know	7,4	7,2	6,0	8,6	7,3

Q12B. Think about how elections work in practice in this country. How well do elections enable voters to remove from office leaders who do not do what the people want?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all well	32,2	33,3	32,0	33,0	32,5
Not very well	32,7	29,4	31,0	32,2	31,6
Fairly well	16,1	16,6	15,5	17,0	16,3
Very well	10,8	13,8	14,4	9,4	11,8
Refused	1,3	0,3	1,5	0,4	0,9
Don't know	6,9	6,7	5,6	8,1	6,8

14B. How likely do you think it is that powerful people can find out how you voted, even though there is supposed to be a secret ballot in this country?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all likely	30,8	27,3	28,2	31,0	29,6
Not very likely	15,8	19,4	16,5	17,5	17,0
Somewhat likely	19,2	24,3	20,2	21,6	20,9
Very likely	23,7	18,6	25,1	18,9	22,0
Refused	0,2	-	-	0,2	0,1
Don't know	10,4	10,4	10,0	10,8	10,4

Q96. If national elections were held tomorrow, which party would you vote for?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
African National Congress (ANC)	29,6	37,6	31,6	33,1	32,3
Democratic Alliance (DA)	12,3	12,6	13,1	11,7	12,4
Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF)	9,6	13,5	11,9	10,0	10,9
Congress of the People (COPE)	0,4	-	0,3	0,2	0,3
Freedom Front Plus/ Vryheidsfront Plus (VF Plus)	0,5	0,8	0,7	0,5	0,6
Minority Front (MF)	0,4	-	0,4	0,1	0,2
United Democratic Movement (UDM)	-	0,0	0,0	-	0,0
Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP)	2,0	5,7	3,8	2,7	3,2
National Democratic Convention (NADECO)	0,1	-	-	0,1	0,1
Pan Africanist Congress (PAC)	0,2	0,2	0,1	0,3	0,2
Africa Muslim Party (AMP)	0,3	0,3	0,1	0,4	0,3
Azanian People's Organization (AZAPO)	0,1	-	0,1	0,1	0,1
United Independent Front (UIF)	-	0,2	-	0,1	0,1
Al Jama-ah	0,2	-	-	0,3	0,1
Black first land first (BLF)	0,2	-	0,3	-	0,1
Patriotic Alliance	0,4	-	0,1	0,4	0,2
Ubuntu Party	0,0	-	-	0,0	0,0
Other	0,5	-	0,2	0,4	0,3
Would not vote	15,8	11,6	13,0	15,7	14,4
Refused	18,1	9,6	16,4	14,1	15,2
Don't know	9,4	7,9	8,0	9,8	8,9

Institutions and leaders

See related questions under “Public services and government performance.”

Q37A. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: The president?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all	42,6	46,7	44,6	43,4	44,0
Just a little	27,6	25,3	26,6	27,0	26,8
Somewhat	16,4	16,7	15,7	17,3	16,5
A lot	10,6	9,2	10,8	9,4	10,1
Refused	0,6	0,3	0,5	0,6	0,5
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	2,2	1,7	1,8	2,2	2,0

Q37B. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Parliament?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all	46,7	45,9	46,8	46,0	46,4
Just a little	27,8	24,7	26,5	27,0	26,7
Somewhat	16,0	21,5	18,6	17,2	17,9
A lot	6,0	4,8	5,3	5,8	5,6
Refused	1,2	0,5	1,5	0,5	1,0
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	2,3	2,6	1,3	3,4	2,4

Q37C. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: The South African Electoral Commission?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all	38,5	40,8	38,9	39,7	39,3
Just a little	25,2	24,3	24,1	25,7	24,9
Somewhat	19,8	20,3	19,4	20,4	19,9
A lot	8,0	9,2	9,6	7,3	8,4
Refused	1,2	0,1	1,4	0,3	0,8
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	7,3	5,3	6,7	6,5	6,6

Q37D. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Your local government council?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all	45,4	44,0	42,3	47,5	44,9
Just a little	26,1	25,1	26,0	25,6	25,8
Somewhat	13,8	16,8	15,0	14,6	14,8
A lot	10,2	11,2	13,9	7,4	10,6
Refused	0,4	-	0,2	0,4	0,3
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	4,0	2,8	2,7	4,5	3,6

Q37D.1. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: The Premier of this Province?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all	36,9	40,1	35,0	40,8	38,0
Just a little	26,9	24,4	26,8	25,3	26,0
Somewhat	16,4	17,5	17,0	16,7	16,8
A lot	7,7	7,8	10,4	5,1	7,7
Refused	0,6	-	0,2	0,6	0,4
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	11,4	10,2	10,6	11,5	11,0

Q37E. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: The ruling party?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all	55,2	48,3	53,2	52,5	52,8
Just a little	19,7	27,4	22,2	22,4	22,3
Somewhat	14,5	13,7	14,3	14,2	14,2
A lot	8,2	7,8	8,1	8,0	8,1
Refused	0,6	-	0,6	0,3	0,4
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	1,8	2,8	1,6	2,6	2,1

Q37F. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Opposition political parties?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all	45,8	47,1	45,7	46,6	46,2
Just a little	27,1	25,6	27,5	25,7	26,6
Somewhat	14,6	15,9	14,5	15,6	15,0
A lot	8,2	5,7	8,3	6,4	7,3
Refused	0,7	0,3	0,7	0,4	0,6
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	3,6	5,5	3,3	5,2	4,3

Q37G. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: The police?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all	45,4	39,4	40,9	45,8	43,4
Just a little	24,5	20,1	23,7	22,4	23,0
Somewhat	18,7	26,1	23,2	19,4	21,2
A lot	9,5	13,6	10,2	11,5	10,9
Refused	1,2	0,3	1,4	0,5	0,9
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	0,6	0,4	0,7	0,4	0,6

Q37H. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: The army?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all	23,7	22,8	20,1	26,5	23,4
Just a little	20,2	18,5	19,1	20,1	19,6
Somewhat	26,1	23,9	26,1	24,6	25,3
A lot	24,8	30,5	29,6	23,9	26,7
Refused	0,4	0,3	0,4	0,4	0,4
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	4,8	4,0	4,6	4,4	4,5

Q37I. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Courts of law?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all	24,9	20,8	23,4	23,6	23,5
Just a little	23,8	23,5	24,0	23,4	23,7
Somewhat	26,6	28,2	24,5	29,7	27,1
A lot	22,0	24,3	25,3	20,4	22,8
Refused	0,4	0,3	0,4	0,3	0,4
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	2,4	2,9	2,5	2,6	2,6

Q37J. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Traditional leaders?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all	27,4	22,6	23,7	27,8	25,8
Just a little	22,7	18,3	18,8	23,5	21,2
Somewhat	17,0	24,7	20,8	18,4	19,6
A lot	11,2	23,6	17,1	13,8	15,4
Refused	0,6	0,6	0,5	0,7	0,6
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	21,1	10,1	19,0	15,8	17,4

Q37K. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Religious leaders?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all	24,4	18,8	22,1	22,8	22,5
Just a little	24,2	18,5	24,3	20,3	22,3
Somewhat	23,4	33,4	24,5	29,1	26,8
A lot	20,4	25,3	22,0	22,1	22,1
Refused	0,3	0,3	0,3	0,2	0,3
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	7,4	3,7	6,8	5,4	6,1

Q37L. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: The Public Protector?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all	26,3	29,3	26,5	28,2	27,4
Just a little	27,7	29,9	28,7	28,2	28,4
Somewhat	21,6	22,3	23,8	20,0	21,8
A lot	11,7	9,5	12,2	9,6	10,9
Refused	0,6	0,6	0,7	0,5	0,6
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	12,1	8,5	8,1	13,5	10,9

Q37M. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Government broadcasting service like, SABC TV and radio?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all	12,3	10,6	13,4	10,0	11,7
Just a little	19,0	26,3	19,0	23,9	21,5
Somewhat	32,6	25,0	31,6	28,4	30,0
A lot	33,6	35,7	34,4	34,2	34,3
Refused	0,3	0,6	0,3	0,5	0,4
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	2,2	1,9	1,2	3,0	2,1

Q37N. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Independent broadcasting services like ETV, Radio 702 and community radio stations?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all	9,2	6,5	8,8	7,9	8,3
Just a little	17,8	27,2	19,9	22,1	21,0
Somewhat	30,1	29,4	30,4	29,3	29,8
A lot	39,6	33,5	38,8	36,3	37,5
Refused	0,5	0,3	0,2	0,7	0,5
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	2,7	3,0	2,0	3,7	2,8

Q37O. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: The Department of Health?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all	13,8	15,8	14,4	14,5	14,5
Just a little	23,6	21,9	21,7	24,3	23,1
Somewhat	28,7	31,7	29,8	29,7	29,8
A lot	31,4	27,6	31,2	29,0	30,1
Refused	0,4	0,3	0,2	0,5	0,4
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	2,1	2,7	2,7	2,0	2,3

Q47A. Do you approve or disapprove of the way that the following people have performed their jobs over the past 12 months, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: President Cyril Ramaphosa?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disapprove	34,5	37,7	34,0	37,1	35,5
Disapprove	28,7	27,8	27,7	29,0	28,4
Approve	24,7	23,5	27,6	21,1	24,3
Strongly approve	5,1	5,9	5,5	5,3	5,4
Refused	2,4	1,0	1,6	2,2	1,9
Don't know or haven't heard enough to say	4,7	4,2	3,7	5,3	4,5

Q47B. Do you approve or disapprove of the way that the following people have performed their jobs over the past 12 months, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Your member of Parliament?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disapprove	28,7	26,4	27,4	28,5	27,9
Disapprove	38,6	39,7	37,9	40,0	39,0
Approve	18,9	19,0	20,4	17,5	18,9
Strongly approve	3,0	2,9	3,1	2,8	3,0
Refused	1,5	0,7	1,0	1,4	1,2
Don't know or haven't heard enough to say	9,4	11,3	10,3	9,8	10,0

Q47B1-SAF. Do you approve or disapprove of the way that the following people have performed their jobs over the past 12 months, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: The Premier of this province?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disapprove	23,6	22,9	23,4	23,3	23,3
Disapprove	31,5	33,2	32,6	31,7	32,1
Approve	22,8	20,2	22,4	21,4	21,9
Strongly approve	3,1	3,4	3,7	2,7	3,2
Refused	1,6	0,9	1,1	1,7	1,4
Don't know or haven't heard enough to say	17,4	19,4	16,8	19,2	18,0

Q47C. Do you approve or disapprove of the way that the following people have performed their jobs over the past 12 months, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Your elected local government councillor?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disapprove	32,3	29,0	31,1	31,3	31,2
Disapprove	31,4	33,9	30,8	33,6	32,3
Approve	21,5	24,8	25,2	20,1	22,6
Strongly approve	4,6	3,6	4,9	3,7	4,3
Refused	1,5	0,4	1,1	1,1	1,1
Don't know or haven't heard enough to say	8,6	8,2	6,9	10,1	8,5

Corruption

Also see questions in:

- “Public services and government performance” about government performance in fighting corruption (Q46J) and bribe-paying for public services (Q40-Q43)
- “Responsive and transparent government” about government action in response to reported corruption (Q36C)
- “COVID-19” about corruption in the management of pandemic-related resources (Q62)

Q38A. How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: The president and officials in his office?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
None	5,1	2,2	3,8	4,4	4,1
Some of them	26,6	26,4	26,5	26,6	26,6
Most of them	33,1	34,9	33,2	34,2	33,7
All of them	31,0	32,0	32,1	30,6	31,3
Refused	0,7	0,8	0,8	0,7	0,7
Don't know/Haven't heard	3,5	3,6	3,5	3,5	3,5

Q38B. How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Members of Parliament?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
None	4,2	2,8	3,5	4,0	3,7
Some of them	28,3	30,0	28,8	29,0	28,9
Most of them	34,2	28,2	31,6	32,8	32,2
All of them	28,9	34,6	31,4	30,3	30,9
Refused	0,6	0,8	0,7	0,7	0,7
Don't know/Haven't heard	3,7	3,6	4,1	3,3	3,7

Q38C. How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Civil servants?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
None	6,9	7,0	6,5	7,4	6,9
Some of them	34,1	32,2	33,3	33,6	33,5
Most of them	30,5	34,4	29,7	33,9	31,9
All of them	21,7	20,0	24,4	18,0	21,1
Refused	0,6	0,8	0,7	0,7	0,7
Don't know/ Haven't heard	6,2	5,5	5,4	6,5	5,9

38D. How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Members of your [local government council]?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
None	5,2	5,5	4,3	6,3	5,3
Some of them	29,3	29,7	31,3	27,6	29,4
Most of them	32,9	33,1	31,6	34,3	33,0
All of them	28,5	25,2	28,4	26,4	27,4
Refused	0,6	0,5	0,6	0,5	0,6
Don't know/Haven't heard	3,6	6,0	3,7	5,1	4,4

Q38E. How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Police?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
None	4,1	5,3	4,1	4,9	4,5
Some of them	30,0	32,9	32,3	29,7	31,0
Most of them	35,2	27,7	31,8	33,4	32,6
All of them	28,1	30,2	29,6	28,0	28,8
Refused	0,3	0,5	0,5	0,3	0,4
Don't know/Haven't heard	2,3	3,4	1,6	3,7	2,7

Q38F. How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Judges and magistrates?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
None	11,6	11,1	11,2	11,6	11,4
Some of them	43,5	40,7	42,8	42,4	42,6
Most of them	21,7	23,3	22,0	22,5	22,3
All of them	15,3	14,7	16,0	14,2	15,1
Refused	0,6	0,5	0,7	0,4	0,6
Don't know/Haven't heard	7,3	9,6	7,2	8,9	8,1

Q38G. How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Tax officials, like officials from the South African Revenue Service or SARS?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
None	9,5	6,1	7,9	8,8	8,4
Some of them	42,0	43,8	44,8	40,4	42,6
Most of them	23,3	21,8	24,2	21,4	22,8
All of them	14,6	14,1	15,5	13,5	14,5
Refused	0,1	0,5	0,3	0,2	0,3
Don't know/Haven't heard	10,4	13,7	7,3	15,6	11,5

Q38H. How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Traditional leaders?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
None	11,5	16,7	15,3	11,3	13,3
Some of them	35,8	41,5	35,6	39,8	37,7
Most of them	15,1	16,7	16,8	14,6	15,7
All of them	12,9	9,2	12,1	11,2	11,6
Refused	0,1	0,4	0,2	0,2	0,2
Don't know/Haven't heard	24,6	15,4	20,1	22,9	21,5

Q38I. How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Religious leaders?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
None	16,5	17,4	15,5	18,0	16,8
Some of them	39,2	43,2	39,4	41,7	40,6
Most of them	20,8	19,5	23,5	17,4	20,4
All of them	11,7	9,5	9,5	12,4	11,0
Refused	0,4	0,5	0,5	0,4	0,4
Don't know/Haven't heard	11,4	9,8	11,7	10,1	10,9

Q38J. How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Business executives?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
None	6,3	4,3	4,4	6,7	5,6
Some of them	36,2	32,9	38,4	31,8	35,1
Most of them	32,9	40,0	33,4	37,1	35,3
All of them	14,9	10,9	15,5	11,6	13,5
Refused	0,1	0,2	0,2	0,1	0,2
Don't know/Haven't heard	9,6	11,7	8,1	12,6	10,3

Q38J. How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Non-governmental organizations?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
None	11,5	12,6	11,0	12,7	11,9
Some of them	39,8	41,5	42,1	38,8	40,4
Most of them	18,5	22,6	21,3	18,6	19,9
All of them	13,0	7,4	11,8	10,4	11,1
Refused	0,1	0,5	0,4	0,0	0,2
Don't know/Haven't heard	17,1	15,4	13,3	19,6	16,5

Q39A. In your opinion, over the past year, has the level of corruption in this country increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Increased a lot	70,3	75,2	70,4	73,5	72,0
Increased somewhat	10,5	8,1	9,3	10,1	9,7
Stayed the same	13,0	12,1	13,1	12,2	12,7
Decreased somewhat	2,5	1,8	3,0	1,6	2,3
Decreased a lot	2,5	0,8	2,7	1,1	1,9
Don't know	1,2	2,0	1,5	1,5	1,5

Q39B. In this country, can ordinary people report incidents of corruption without fear, or do they risk retaliation or other negative consequences if they speak out?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Can report without fear	21,6	28,9	28,4	19,8	24,0
Risk retaliation or other negative consequences	74,1	68,1	68,7	75,3	72,0
Refused	0,1	-	0,1	-	0,0
Don't know	4,3	3,0	2,7	5,0	3,9

Public services and government performance

See related questions in the sections on “Respondents and their households” (about electricity at the household level), “Institutions and leaders,” and “Security, crime, and the police.”

Services and facilities in the enumeration area

The questions in this section asked Afrobarometer enumerators to record the availability or condition of selected facilities and services in or near each primary sampling unit/enumeration area (PSU/EA). Because these data are captured at the EA level, the sample size is significantly smaller, and the margins of error significantly larger, than for findings captured at the individual or household levels.

EA-SVC-A. Are the following services present in the PSU/EA: Electricity grid that most houses can access?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No	1,1	8,7	3,4	3,9	3,7
Yes	98,5	89,6	95,9	95,1	95,5
Can't determine	0,4	1,8	0,7	1,0	0,9

EA-SVC-B. Are the following services present in the PSU/EA: Piped water system that most houses can access?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No	6,3	38,9	17,9	16,9	17,4
Yes	93,5	57,8	80,9	81,7	81,3
Can't determine	0,2	3,3	1,2	1,3	1,2

EA-SVC-C. Are the following services present in the PSU/EA: Sewage system that most houses can access?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No	11,6	62,2	29,5	28,2	28,8
Yes	87,9	32,1	68,8	69,0	68,9
Can't determine	0,5	5,7	1,7	2,9	2,3

EA-SVC-D. Are the following services present in the PSU/EA: Mobile phone service?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No	15,3	33,2	21,7	21,1	21,4
Yes	83,3	64,7	76,5	77,5	77,0
Can't determine	1,4	2,1	1,8	1,4	1,6

EA-SVC-E. Are the following services present in the PSU/EA: Borehole or tubewell?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No	59,4	50,5	57,7	55,0	56,4
Yes	15,5	25,0	17,7	19,8	18,8
Can't determine	25,1	24,5	24,6	25,2	24,9

EA-FAC-A. Are the following facilities present in the PSU/EA or in easy walking distance: Post office?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No	66,4	81,8	72,2	71,2	71,7
Yes	27,0	16,3	22,7	24,1	23,4
Can't determine	6,6	1,9	5,2	4,8	5,0

EA-FAC-B. Are the following facilities present in the PSU/EA or in easy walking distance: School (private or public or both)?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No	20,2	25,3	22,3	21,6	21,9
Yes	74,8	72,7	73,8	74,3	74,1
Can't determine	5,0	2,0	3,9	4,1	4,0

EA-FAC-C. Are the following facilities present in the PSU/EA or in easy walking distance: Police station?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No	52,4	70,1	60,0	56,9	58,4
Yes	39,5	24,0	34,1	34,3	34,2
Can't determine	8,1	5,9	5,9	8,8	7,4

EA-FAC-D. Are the following facilities present in the PSU/EA or in easy walking distance: Health clinic (private or public or both)?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No	33,9	51,1	39,9	39,6	39,8
Yes	56,3	41,6	51,6	51,1	51,3
Can't determine	9,7	7,3	8,5	9,4	8,9

EA-FAC-E. Are the following facilities present in the PSU/EA or in easy walking distance: Market stalls (selling groceries and/or clothing)?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No	32,6	54,7	40,5	39,7	40,1
Yes	66,7	45,3	58,9	59,9	59,4
Can't determine	0,8	-	0,7	0,4	0,5

EA-FAC-F. Are the following facilities present in the PSU/EA or in easy walking distance: Bank, money transfer point, mobile banking services, or ATM?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No	46,1	72,8	56,6	53,9	55,2
Yes	48,3	23,8	39,2	40,7	40,0
Can't determine	5,5	3,4	4,1	5,5	4,8

EA-FAC-F2. Are the following facilities present in the PSU/EA or in easy walking distance: A social center, government help center, or other government office where people can request help with problems?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No	52,2	68,6	58,5	57,1	57,8
Yes	37,3	24,7	32,8	33,3	33,0
Can't determine	10,5	6,6	8,8	9,6	9,2

EA-FAC-G. Are the following facilities present in the PSU/EA or in easy walking distance: Is there any kind of paid transport, such as a bus, taxi, moped, or other form, available on a daily basis?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No	17,2	25,0	21,5	18,2	19,8
Yes	82,1	70,8	77,2	79,3	78,2
Can't determine	0,7	4,3	1,4	2,5	1,9

EA-SEC-A. In the PSU/EA, did you (or any of your colleagues) see any police officers or police vehicles?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No	55,5	74,6	62,8	61,2	62,0
Yes	44,5	25,4	37,2	38,8	38,0

EA-SEC-B. In the PSU/EA, did you (or any of your colleagues) see any soldiers or army vehicles?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No	96,3	96,6	96,9	95,9	96,4
Yes	3,7	3,4	3,1	4,1	3,6

EA-SEC-C. In the PSU/EA, did you (or any of your colleagues) see any roadblocks set up by police or army?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No	95,5	96,4	96,4	95,1	95,8
Yes	4,5	3,6	3,6	4,9	4,2

EA-SEC-D. In the PSU/EA, did you (or any of your colleagues) see any customs checkpoints?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No	99,4	97,4	99,3	98,2	98,7
Yes	0,6	2,6	0,7	1,8	1,3

EA-SEC-E. In the PSU/EA, did you (or any of your colleagues) see any roadblocks or booms set up by private security providers or by the local community?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No	93,6	91,6	92,9	92,9	92,9
Yes	6,4	8,4	7,1	7,1	7,1

EA-ROAD-A. Thinking of the journey here, was the road at the start point in the PSU/EA:

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Earth	2,6	17,4	7,2	8,0	7,6
Gravel	12,4	40,1	22,8	20,9	21,8
Stone	1,5	1,3	1,2	1,6	1,4
Muram	-	3,3	1,2	1,0	1,1
Paved/Tarred	72,6	27,5	56,9	57,5	57,2
Concrete	10,9	10,4	10,6	10,9	10,8

EA-ROAD-B. Thinking of the journey here, what was the most common surface of the road over the last five kilometers before arriving at the start point of the PSU/EA?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Earth	1,4	4,4	2,4	2,4	2,4
Gravel	8,0	34,1	17,6	16,2	16,9
Stone	0,4	3,4	1,4	1,5	1,4
Muram	-	3,4	1,3	1,1	1,2
Paved/Tarred	75,9	48,7	65,7	67,5	66,6
Concrete	14,3	6,0	11,7	11,3	11,5

EA-ROAD-C. Thinking of the journey here, what was the condition of the road in the last 5 kilometers before reaching the start point of the PSU/EA? Was the road in excellent or good condition and easy to traverse, or was it in poor or very poor condition, that is, difficult to traverse due to potholes, waterlogging, or other issues, or was it impassable at any point (e.g. due to a collapsed bridge, fallen tree, flooding, etc.)?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Impassable	1,2	3,7	2,0	2,2	2,1
Very poor	7,6	25,9	13,8	13,9	13,8
Poor	13,6	25,9	18,0	17,7	17,8
Fair	23,4	27,3	24,7	24,7	24,7
Good	34,0	14,9	26,9	28,1	27,5
Very good	20,1	2,3	14,7	13,5	14,1

Citizens' experiences with public services

Now I would like to talk to you about experiences that some people have in accessing certain essential government services.

Q40A. In the past 12 months, have you had contact with a public school?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No	72,0	67,3	72,3	68,6	70,4
Yes	27,7	32,6	27,4	31,3	29,4
Don't know	0,2	0,2	0,3	0,1	0,2

Q40B. How easy or difficult was it to obtain the services you needed from teachers or school officials?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very easy	11,1	13,0	10,3	13,2	11,7
Easy	11,7	15,2	11,7	14,1	12,9
Difficult	3,2	3,4	3,9	2,6	3,2
Very difficult	1,8	0,9	1,5	1,4	1,4
Not applicable	72,3	67,4	72,6	68,7	70,6
Don't know	-	0,1	0,1	0,0	0,0

Q40C. How often, if ever, did you have to pay a bribe, give a gift, or do a favour for a teacher or school official in order to get the services you needed from the schools?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	25,7	29,1	24,6	29,1	26,9
Once or twice	1,6	2,7	2,3	1,6	2,0
A few times	0,3	0,2	0,2	0,3	0,3
Often	0,1	0,6	0,2	0,3	0,2
Not applicable	72,3	67,4	72,6	68,7	70,6

Q40D. In general, when dealing with teachers and school officials, how much do you feel that they treat you with respect?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all	3,8	2,7	2,5	4,3	3,4
A little bit	4,4	7,1	6,1	4,6	5,3
Somewhat	6,3	8,2	7,4	6,6	7,0
A lot	13,2	14,4	11,3	15,9	13,6
No contact	72,3	67,4	72,6	68,7	70,6
Don't know	-	0,1	0,1	0,0	0,0

Q41A. In the past 12 months, have you had contact with a public clinic or hospital?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No	52,0	48,2	55,7	45,8	50,7
Yes	47,7	51,8	44,0	54,0	49,1
Refused to answer	0,1	-	0,2	-	0,1
Don't know	0,2	0,0	0,1	0,1	0,1

Q41B. How easy or difficult was it to obtain the medical care you needed?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very easy	10,9	8,8	8,4	11,9	10,2
Easy	17,6	20,7	17,4	19,9	18,7
Difficult	12,9	12,8	12,4	13,3	12,9
Very difficult	6,3	9,4	5,7	8,9	7,4
Not applicable	52,3	48,2	56,0	46,0	50,9

Q41C. And how often, if ever, did you have to pay a bribe, give a gift, or do a favour for a health worker or clinic or hospital staff in order to get the medical care you needed?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	42,7	46,3	38,5	49,2	43,9
Once or twice	2,2	3,7	3,1	2,4	2,7
A few times	1,8	0,8	1,4	1,6	1,5
Often	0,7	0,6	1,0	0,3	0,6
Not applicable	52,3	48,2	56,0	46,0	50,9
Refused	0,0	0,3	0,0	0,2	0,1
Don't know	0,2	0,1	-	0,4	0,2

Q41D. In general, when dealing with health workers and clinic or hospital staff, how much do you feel that they treat you with respect?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all	10,7	9,2	8,5	11,8	10,2
A little bit	12,4	17,0	13,9	14,1	14,0
Somewhat	12,3	14,4	10,7	15,2	13,0
A lot	12,2	11,2	10,6	13,0	11,8
No contact	52,3	48,2	56,0	46,0	50,9
Refused	0,1	-	0,2	-	0,1
Don't know	0,1	-	0,1	-	0,0

Q41E. And have you encountered any of these problems with a public clinic or hospital during the past 12 months: Lack of medicines or other supplies?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	18,7	17,7	18,6	18,1	18,3
Once or twice	11,1	12,5	9,9	13,3	11,6
A few times	10,2	10,8	8,6	12,2	10,4
Often	7,4	10,0	6,2	10,3	8,3
Not applicable	52,3	48,2	56,0	46,0	50,9
Don't know	0,3	0,8	0,7	0,2	0,5

Q41F. And have you encountered any of these problems with a public clinic or hospital during the past 12 months: Absence of doctors or other medical personnel?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	16,4	13,5	15,3	15,5	15,4
Once or twice	13,4	18,3	13,0	17,0	15,1
A few times	8,5	9,7	6,9	10,9	8,9
Often	8,7	9,1	7,4	10,2	8,8
Not applicable	52,3	48,2	56,0	46,0	50,9
Don't know	0,7	1,1	1,4	0,3	0,8

Q41G. And have you encountered any of these problems with a public clinic or hospital during the past 12 months: Long waiting time?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	6,3	5,5	6,1	6,0	6,0
Once or twice	5,9	7,0	4,8	7,7	6,3
A few times	7,2	11,1	7,2	9,8	8,5
Often	28,2	27,6	25,3	30,6	28,0
Not applicable	52,3	48,2	56,0	46,0	50,9
Don't know	0,0	0,7	0,5	0,0	0,3

Q41H. And have you encountered any of these problems with a public clinic or hospital during the past 12 months: Poor condition of facilities?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	13,1	11,6	11,9	13,3	12,6
Once or twice	9,2	15,5	9,8	12,9	11,3
A few times	9,9	10,6	9,5	10,7	10,1
Often	15,0	13,2	12,0	16,7	14,4
Not applicable	52,3	48,2	56,0	46,0	50,9
Don't know	0,5	0,9	0,8	0,5	0,6

Q42A. In the past 12 months, have you tried to get an identity document like a birth certificate, driver's license, passport or voter's card, or permit from government?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No	77,2	76,7	76,3	77,7	77,0
Yes	22,5	22,9	23,1	22,2	22,6
Refused to answer	0,1	-	0,1	-	0,0
Don't know	0,2	0,4	0,4	0,1	0,3

Q42B. How easy or difficult was it to obtain the document you needed?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very easy	4,4	5,7	5,7	4,0	4,8
Easy	9,4	10,3	8,9	10,4	9,7
Difficult	4,4	3,2	4,8	3,2	4,0
Very difficult	4,3	3,8	3,8	4,5	4,1
Not applicable	77,5	77,1	76,9	77,8	77,4

Q42C. How often, if ever, did you have to pay a bribe, give a gift, or do a favour for a government official in order to get the document you needed?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	17,0	15,5	15,3	17,7	16,5
Once or twice	2,4	5,1	3,8	2,9	3,3
A few times	0,9	1,8	1,8	0,7	1,2
Often	0,9	0,2	1,0	0,3	0,6
Not applicable	77,5	77,1	76,9	77,8	77,4
Refused	0,7	-	0,9	-	0,5
Don't know	0,6	0,4	0,4	0,6	0,5

Q42D. In general, when dealing with government officials to obtain documents, how much do you feel that they treat you with respect?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all	4,2	5,1	4,7	4,3	4,5
A little bit	6,2	5,1	6,1	5,6	5,8
Somewhat	5,5	7,1	6,0	6,1	6,0
A lot	6,5	5,6	6,3	6,1	6,2
No contact	77,5	77,1	76,9	77,8	77,4
Don't know	0,0	-	0,0	-	0,0

Q43A. In the past 12 months, have you requested assistance from the police?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No	78,8	79,8	79,6	78,7	79,1
Yes	21,1	20,2	20,2	21,3	20,8
Refused to answer	0,0	-	-	0,0	0,0
Don't know	0,1	-	0,1	-	0,1

Q43B. How easy or difficult was it to obtain the assistance you needed?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very easy	3,5	5,6	5,2	3,3	4,2
Easy	6,9	6,2	6,2	7,2	6,7
Difficult	5,9	5,0	4,9	6,2	5,6
Very difficult	4,8	3,4	4,0	4,6	4,3
Not applicable	78,9	79,8	79,8	78,7	79,2

Q43C. And how often, if ever, did you have to pay a bribe, give a gift, or do a favour for a police officer in order to get the assistance you needed?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	17,5	15,5	15,5	18,1	16,8
Once or twice	1,9	1,7	1,5	2,2	1,9
A few times	1,0	2,5	2,4	0,6	1,5
Often	0,7	0,1	0,8	0,2	0,5
Not applicable	78,9	79,8	79,8	78,7	79,2
Refused	-	0,3	-	0,2	0,1

Q43D. In the past 12 months, how often have you encountered the police in other situations, like at checkpoints, during identity checks or traffic stops, or during an investigation?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	53,7	58,4	52,4	58,2	55,3
Once or twice	23,0	22,4	23,1	22,5	22,8
A few times	18,2	13,1	19,7	13,3	16,5
Often	3,3	3,5	3,4	3,4	3,4
Refused	0,1	-	-	0,2	0,1
Don't know	1,7	2,5	1,5	2,4	2,0

Q43E. How often, if ever did you have to pay a bribe, give a gift, or do a favour for a police officer in order to avoid a problem during one of these encounters?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	33,7	29,0	33,4	31,0	32,1
Once or twice	7,2	3,4	6,3	5,6	5,9
A few times	2,1	5,3	4,0	2,4	3,2
Often	1,2	0,9	2,2	0,1	1,1
Not applicable	55,5	61,0	53,9	60,8	57,4
Refused	0,0	0,3	0,0	0,2	0,1
Don't know	0,1	0,2	0,3	-	0,2

Government performance

Now let's speak about the performance of the present government of this country.

Q46A. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Managing the economy?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very badly	57,5	57,2	59,6	55,3	57,4
Fairly badly	22,6	25,2	21,9	25,1	23,5
Fairly well	16,0	11,4	15,1	13,9	14,5
Very well	1,2	2,4	1,5	1,7	1,6
Refused	0,3	-	0,4	-	0,2
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	2,4	3,7	1,6	4,0	2,8

Q46B. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Improving the living standards of the poor?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very badly	63,0	56,8	64,4	57,4	60,8
Fairly badly	21,1	27,8	19,6	27,0	23,4
Fairly well	11,2	11,1	13,0	9,3	11,1
Very well	1,8	1,3	1,4	1,9	1,6
Refused	0,3	0,4	0,2	0,5	0,4
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	2,6	2,7	1,5	3,8	2,6

Q46C. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Creating jobs?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very badly	76,8	74,7	77,9	74,4	76,1
Fairly badly	12,5	15,3	12,0	14,9	13,5
Fairly well	8,9	7,2	8,5	8,1	8,3
Very well	1,0	1,3	1,0	1,1	1,1
Refused	0,3		0,1	0,3	0,2
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	0,5	1,5	0,5	1,2	0,9

Q46D. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Keeping prices stable?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very badly	70,1	70,6	69,8	70,7	70,3
Fairly badly	22,1	23,2	21,3	23,6	22,5
Fairly well	5,2	3,2	5,4	3,7	4,5
Very well	1,1	1,3	1,4	0,9	1,2
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	1,5	1,8	2,1	1,1	1,6

Q46E. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Narrowing gaps between rich and poor?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very badly	67,8	63,0	66,8	65,7	66,2
Fairly badly	21,5	25,9	21,4	24,5	23,0
Fairly well	5,9	6,1	7,4	4,7	6,0
Very well	1,5	0,6	1,8	0,6	1,2
Refused	0,0	-	-	0,0	0,0
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	3,1	4,4	2,6	4,5	3,6

Q46F. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Reducing crime?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very badly	76,1	68,1	72,8	73,9	73,3
Fairly badly	13,8	18,1	14,4	16,1	15,3
Fairly well	8,5	11,0	10,5	8,3	9,4
Very well	1,3	1,9	1,8	1,2	1,5
Refused	0,1	-	0,1	-	0,1
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	0,2	0,9	0,3	0,6	0,4

Q46G. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Improving basic health services?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very badly	33,9	38,2	33,9	36,8	35,4
Fairly badly	20,8	28,1	21,0	25,5	23,3
Fairly well	36,3	26,3	36,6	29,3	32,9
Very well	7,1	4,4	5,6	6,7	6,2
Refused	0,2	-	0,2	-	0,1
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	1,7	3,0	2,7	1,7	2,2

Q46H. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Addressing educational needs?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very badly	26,2	32,6	26,9	29,8	28,4
Fairly badly	19,6	23,2	17,9	23,6	20,8
Fairly well	37,4	30,1	37,9	32,1	34,9
Very well	14,1	12,0	14,1	12,7	13,4
Refused	0,1	-	0,1	-	0,0
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	2,6	2,1	3,1	1,8	2,4

Q46I. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Providing water and sanitation services?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very badly	41,4	63,5	49,6	48,2	48,9
Fairly badly	21,5	21,5	18,1	24,8	21,5
Fairly well	25,9	8,9	21,9	18,4	20,1
Very well	10,3	4,4	8,7	7,9	8,3
Refused	0,2	-	0,3	-	0,1
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	0,7	1,7	1,4	0,7	1,1

Q46J. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Fighting corruption in government?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very badly	70,4	65,1	69,1	68,2	68,6
Fairly badly	18,5	21,1	17,1	21,5	19,3
Fairly well	8,4	9,8	10,7	7,1	8,9
Very well	1,0	1,0	1,1	0,8	1,0
Refused	0,0	0,5	-	0,4	0,2
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	1,7	2,6	1,9	2,1	2,0

Q46K. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Maintaining roads and bridges?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very badly	48,5	62,2	53,1	53,3	53,2
Fairly badly	18,9	20,6	18,9	20,0	19,5
Fairly well	24,8	11,0	20,3	19,8	20,1
Very well	6,9	5,1	6,8	5,8	6,3
Refused	0,0	-	-	0,0	0,0
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	0,9	1,2	0,9	1,1	1,0

Q46L. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Providing a reliable supply of electricity?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very badly	68,2	71,8	67,5	71,3	69,4
Fairly badly	17,6	17,2	16,0	18,9	17,5
Fairly well	11,5	9,1	13,1	8,3	10,7
Very well	2,1	1,2	2,7	1,0	1,8
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	0,5	0,7	0,7	0,5	0,6

Q46M. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Preventing or resolving violent conflict?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very badly	49,7	41,8	47,2	46,8	47,0
Fairly badly	27,8	31,9	28,6	29,8	29,2
Fairly well	16,1	16,0	17,6	14,6	16,1
Very well	2,3	2,9	2,2	2,8	2,5
Refused	0,2	0,5	0,4	0,3	0,3
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	3,9	6,9	4,1	5,7	4,9

Q46N. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Promoting equal rights and opportunities for women?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very badly	32,7	32,2	29,4	35,6	32,5
Fairly badly	21,7	20,6	20,9	21,8	21,3
Fairly well	33,3	32,9	34,0	32,3	33,1
Very well	9,7	11,5	12,7	8,0	10,3
Refused	0,3	0,1	0,4	0,0	0,2
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	2,3	2,7	2,6	2,3	2,4

Q46O. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Protecting and promoting the well-being of vulnerable children?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very badly	30,2	26,8	26,5	31,5	29,1
Fairly badly	23,3	19,5	22,5	21,6	22,0
Fairly well	31,9	37,9	36,7	31,3	33,9
Very well	9,2	10,2	8,6	10,4	9,5
Refused	0,1	0,1	0,2	-	0,1
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	5,3	5,6	5,6	5,2	5,4

Q46P. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Addressing the problem of climate change?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very badly	29,6	26,9	28,9	28,5	28,7
Fairly badly	17,1	18,3	19,1	16,1	17,5
Fairly well	18,1	20,8	18,2	19,8	19,0
Very well	5,2	4,0	4,7	4,9	4,8
Refused	0,3	0,1	0,1	0,3	0,2
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	29,7	29,9	29,1	30,4	29,8

Q46Q. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Reducing pollution and protecting the environment?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very badly	35,7	33,6	34,4	35,5	35,0
Fairly badly	20,8	21,9	20,7	21,7	21,2
Fairly well	21,3	18,9	21,4	19,6	20,5
Very well	2,8	2,6	3,4	2,1	2,8
Refused	0,1	-	-	0,2	0,1
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	19,3	22,9	20,1	20,9	20,5

Q46Q. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Reducing pollution and protecting the environment?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very badly	57,4	48,4	53,6	55,1	54,4
Fairly badly	17,1	24,2	20,6	18,5	19,5
Fairly well	13,1	10,9	12,5	12,2	12,3
Very well	2,4	2,5	2,5	2,4	2,4
Refused	0,5	-	0,2	0,5	0,4
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	9,5	14,0	10,8	11,2	11,0



Gender equality and gender-based violence

Also see Q46N (on government performance on promoting equal rights and opportunities for women) in the “Public services and government performance” section.

Note that in addition to gender-specific questions in this section, responses to all questions in the survey are disaggregated by gender as well as urban-rural residence. To analyze our data by these and other demographic variables, visit our free online data analysis facility at <http://afrobarometer.org/online-data-analysis/analyse-online>.

Q20. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Statement 1: Men make better political leaders than women, and should be elected rather than women.

Statement 2: Women should have the same chance of being elected to political office as men.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	9,2	9,4	13,4	5,3	9,3
Agree with 1	5,8	5,1	8,1	3,1	5,6
Agree with 2	25,4	25,1	29,0	21,7	25,3
Agree very strongly with 2	55,5	56,3	45,1	66,1	55,8
Agree with neither	2,9	2,2	2,7	2,6	2,7
Refused	0,2	-	0,1	0,1	0,1
Don't know	1,0	1,9	1,5	1,1	1,3

Q21A. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree: When jobs are scarce, men should have more rights to a job than women?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	47,2	40,2	34,4	54,9	44,8
Disagree	29,1	31,3	32,4	27,3	29,8
Neither agree nor disagree	4,7	6,3	5,4	5,0	5,2
Agree	10,1	13,6	16,1	6,7	11,3
Strongly agree	7,9	8,0	10,6	5,4	8,0
Refused	0,1	-	0,2	-	0,1
Don't know	0,8	0,6	0,8	0,7	0,8

Q21B. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree: Women should have the same rights as men to own and inherit land?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	6,8	4,5	7,2	4,8	6,0
Disagree	4,8	7,7	7,5	4,1	5,8
Neither agree nor disagree	4,3	7,5	8,9	2,0	5,4
Agree	31,7	30,7	34,1	28,7	31,4
Strongly agree	51,8	49,4	41,4	60,3	51,0
Refused	0,2	-	0,3	-	0,2
Don't know	0,4	0,1	0,5	0,1	0,3

Now I would like to discuss with you the status of men, women, and children in your community.

Q49A. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree: In our country today, women and men have equal opportunities to get a job that pays a wage or salary?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	18,9	13,0	12,7	20,9	16,9
Disagree	20,3	20,7	19,1	21,7	20,4
Neither agree nor disagree	6,6	5,9	8,2	4,6	6,3
Agree	35,5	36,6	38,2	33,6	35,9
Strongly agree	17,6	22,6	20,3	18,3	19,3
Refused	0,1	-	0,1	-	0,1
Don't know	1,1	1,2	1,4	0,9	1,1

Q49B. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree: In our country today, women and men have equal opportunities to own and inherit land?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	14,8	12,3	11,4	16,4	13,9
Disagree	16,3	13,9	16,8	14,3	15,5
Neither agree nor disagree	7,9	7,3	8,3	7,1	7,7
Agree	36,3	39,1	38,9	35,6	37,3
Strongly agree	22,4	26,0	22,4	24,8	23,6
Refused	0,1	-	0,1	-	0,0
Don't know	2,2	1,5	2,1	1,8	1,9

Q50A. If a woman in your community runs for elected office, how likely or unlikely is it that the following things might occur: She and her family will gain standing in the community?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very unlikely	11,9	9,2	10,8	11,1	11,0
Somewhat unlikely	13,8	13,8	14,5	13,1	13,8
Somewhat likely	25,9	30,1	28,2	26,5	27,3
Very likely	42,2	42,5	41,3	43,3	42,3
Refused	0,1	0,2	0,1	0,1	0,1
Don't know	6,2	4,2	5,2	5,8	5,5

Q50B. If a woman in your community runs for elected office, how likely or unlikely is it that the following things might occur: She will be criticized, called names, or harassed by others in the community?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very unlikely	18,4	20,7	20,4	18,0	19,2
Somewhat unlikely	15,7	18,6	16,5	16,9	16,7
Somewhat likely	27,3	26,9	25,4	28,9	27,2
Very likely	32,6	29,5	32,3	30,8	31,5
Refused	0,1	0,2	0,1	0,2	0,1
Don't know	5,9	4,0	5,4	5,1	5,3

Q50C. If a woman in your community runs for elected office, how likely or unlikely is it that the following things might occur: She will face problems with her family?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very unlikely	20,7	22,3	21,1	21,4	21,3
Somewhat unlikely	20,2	19,3	18,9	20,8	19,9
Somewhat likely	19,7	21,8	20,5	20,3	20,4
Very likely	30,4	29,8	30,8	29,7	30,2
Refused	0,2	-	0,1	0,1	0,1
Don't know	8,8	6,8	8,6	7,7	8,1

Q51A. In your opinion, should government and elected officials be doing more than they are doing now to advance the rights and equality of women, or should they be doing less, or are they doing about the right amount?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Much less	12,2	8,8	12,2	9,8	11,0
Somewhat less	11,7	10,2	9,6	12,7	11,2
About the right amount	16,5	18,1	19,4	14,8	17,1
Somewhat more	14,7	18,5	16,1	15,9	16,0
Much more	42,2	42,8	40,1	44,7	42,4
Refused	0,3	-	0,1	0,3	0,2
Don't know	2,4	1,7	2,4	1,9	2,2

Q51B. In your opinion, which of the following issues related to women's rights and equality do you think is the most important for our government and society to address?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
None of these/There are no issues for government to address	1,4	2,9	1,3	2,5	1,9
Unequal access to education	6,2	13,8	8,4	9,2	8,8
Unequal opportunities or pay in the workplace	12,3	11,6	13,3	10,8	12,1
Too few women in influential positions in government	14,6	15,2	13,2	16,4	14,8
Unequal rights of property ownership and inheritance	9,0	11,7	10,1	9,8	9,9
Gender-based violence	52,2	40,1	48,1	48,1	48,1
Some other issue	2,4	1,2	2,7	1,4	2,0
Refused	0,1	0,2	0,2	0,1	0,1
Don't know	1,6	3,4	2,7	1,8	2,2

Q52B. For each of the following actions, please tell me whether you think it can always be justified, sometimes be justified, or never be justified: For a man to use physical discipline on his wife if she has done something he doesn't like or thinks is wrong?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Always justified	11,6	7,7	11,8	8,7	10,3
Sometimes justified	9,0	11,5	11,2	8,6	9,9
Never justified	77,4	78,0	75,4	79,7	77,6
Refused	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,1
Don't know	1,9	2,8	1,6	2,8	2,2

Q53A. In this area, how common do you think it is for men to use violence against women and girls in the home or in the community?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very common	28,3	19,7	22,5	28,2	25,4
Somewhat common	23,6	22,5	23,8	22,7	23,3
Not very common	23,6	27,4	28,8	21,2	24,9
Not at all common	18,2	24,9	19,1	21,8	20,5
Refuse to answer	0,8	0,1	1,1	-	0,6
Don't know	5,4	5,3	4,7	6,1	5,4

Q53B. If a woman in your community goes to the police to report being a victim of gender-based violence, for example, to report a rape or report being physically abused by her husband, how likely or unlikely is it that the following things might occur: Her case will be taken seriously by the police?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very unlikely	12,2	7,4	9,3	11,8	10,6
Somewhat unlikely	8,3	10,4	7,6	10,3	9,0
Somewhat likely	20,8	20,1	19,5	21,6	20,6
Very likely	54,5	56,4	58,3	52,1	55,1
Refused	0,8	0,2	1,0	0,2	0,6
Don't know	3,4	5,5	4,2	4,0	4,1

Q53C. If a woman in your community goes to the police to report being a victim of gender-based violence, for example, to report a rape or report being physically abused by her husband, how likely or unlikely is it that the following things might occur: She will be criticized, harassed, or shamed by others in the community?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very unlikely	32,2	33,1	33,5	31,6	32,5
Somewhat unlikely	19,1	16,5	17,5	18,9	18,2
Somewhat likely	24,0	26,6	24,5	25,3	24,9
Very likely	19,4	15,8	17,8	18,5	18,2
Refused	0,8	-	1,1	0,0	0,6
Don't know	4,4	8,0	5,6	5,7	5,6

Q54. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Statement 1: Domestic violence is a private matter that needs to be handled and resolved within the family.
Statement 2: Domestic violence is a criminal matter whose full resolution requires the involvement of law enforcement agencies.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	9,4	13,8	14,0	7,9	10,9
Agree with 1	6,3	7,6	5,6	7,9	6,8
Agree with 2	22,1	23,4	25,2	19,9	22,5
Agree very strongly with 2	58,5	49,8	51,3	59,7	55,6
Agree with neither	2,3	3,0	2,4	2,6	2,5
Refused	0,4	0,2	0,3	0,4	0,3
Don't know	0,9	2,2	1,1	1,6	1,4

Child welfare

See related questions in the sections on “Public services and government performance” (Q46O) and “Gender equality and gender-based violence.”

Q52A. For each of the following actions, please tell me whether you think it can always be justified, sometimes be justified, or never be justified: For parents to use physical force to discipline their children?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Always justified	14,6	22,9	19,7	15,3	17,5
Sometimes justified	39,3	36,1	37,4	39,1	38,2
Never justified	44,0	39,5	41,5	43,3	42,4
Refused	0,2	0,0	0,3	0,0	0,2
Don't know	1,8	1,5	1,1	2,3	1,7

Q55A. How frequently do you think the following things occur in your community or neighbourhood: Adults use physical force to discipline children?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very frequently	21,7	18,5	20,5	20,7	20,6
Somewhat frequently	26,3	31,7	26,8	29,4	28,1
Not very frequently	25,1	25,5	24,2	26,2	25,2
Not at all frequently	20,2	20,2	22,7	17,8	20,2
Refused	0,1	0,1	0,2	-	0,1
Don't know	6,7	4,0	5,5	6,0	5,8

Q55B. How frequently do you think the following things occur in your community or neighbourhood: Children are abused, mistreated, or neglected?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very frequently	16,6	13,1	14,7	16,1	15,4
Somewhat frequently	23,5	23,7	21,1	25,9	23,5
Not very frequently	24,7	24,5	25,4	23,9	24,6
Not at all frequently	28,4	32,4	33,2	26,5	29,8
Refused	0,1	0,1	0,2	-	0,1
Don't know	6,7	6,2	5,4	7,6	6,5

Q55C. How frequently do you think the following things occur in your community or neighbourhood: Children who should be in school are not in school?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very frequently	25,8	24,9	23,8	27,2	25,5
Somewhat frequently	18,2	22,1	19,4	19,8	19,6
Not very frequently	20,5	20,9	23,3	18,0	20,6
Not at all frequently	30,0	28,1	30,0	28,8	29,4
Refused	0,1	0,1	0,2	-	0,1
Don't know	5,3	3,9	3,3	6,3	4,8

Q56A. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree: In general, people in this community are able to get help for children who are abused, mistreated, or neglected?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	9,7	10,2	10,1	9,6	9,9
Disagree	6,5	8,0	6,6	7,4	7,0
Neither agree nor disagree	16,1	17,9	14,8	18,6	16,7
Agree	23,5	22,4	25,4	20,9	23,1
Strongly agree	31,7	25,7	30,5	28,9	29,7
Refused	1,0	0,5	1,1	0,5	0,8
Don't know	11,5	15,3	11,5	14,0	12,8

Q56B. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree: In my community, children who have a physical disability are generally able to get the support they need to succeed in life?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	9,8	10,2	11,0	8,8	9,9
Disagree	6,1	7,0	6,7	6,1	6,4
Neither agree nor disagree	15,0	12,4	13,4	14,8	14,1
Agree	24,7	24,7	24,9	24,6	24,7
Strongly agree	30,4	29,6	30,1	30,2	30,2
Refused	0,7	-	0,9	-	0,5
Don't know	13,2	16,1	13,0	15,4	14,2

Q56C. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree: In my community, children and adults who have mental or emotional problems are generally able to get the help they need to have a good life?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	11,3	8,9	9,3	11,6	10,5
Disagree	6,8	9,5	6,6	8,7	7,7
Neither agree nor disagree	12,9	13,8	14,4	12,0	13,2
Agree	27,1	27,1	25,5	28,6	27,1
Strongly agree	24,6	23,9	26,2	22,6	24,4
Refused	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
Don't know	17,2	16,7	17,8	16,3	17,0

Identity, society, and pluralism

Q84C. Let us suppose that you had to choose between being a South African and being a _____ [R's ethnic group]. Which of the following statements best expresses your feelings?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
I feel only (ethnic group)	10,1	12,6	9,4	12,4	10,9
I feel more (ethnic group) than (national identity)	13,2	19,4	14,7	15,9	15,3
I feel equally (national identity) and (ethnic group)	53,1	52,9	54,4	51,7	53,0
I feel more (national identity) than (ethnic group)	8,4	4,1	8,4	5,4	6,9
I feel only (national identity)	12,7	10,4	11,2	12,5	11,9
Not applicable	0,3	0,4	0,3	0,3	0,3
Refused	0,6	0,2	0,7	0,3	0,5
Don't know	1,6	0,2	0,8	1,4	1,1

Q88B. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: Other South Africans think of me as a South African just like them.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	5,1	5,5	4,0	6,4	5,2
Disagree	2,8	3,1	3,6	2,3	2,9
Neither agree nor disagree	15,0	18,5	17,5	14,9	16,2
Agree	27,0	27,7	27,0	27,5	27,3
Strongly agree	37,1	34,7	37,6	34,9	36,3
Refused	0,4	0,5	0,4	0,5	0,5
Don't know	12,6	10,1	9,8	13,5	11,7

Q84D. Are you from the same ethnic community or cultural group as your mother?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No	15,6	11,4	16,6	11,8	14,2
Yes	80,4	81,0	78,4	82,8	80,6
Mother does not identify with ethnic/Cultural group	2,4	4,0	3,2	2,7	2,9
Not applicable	0,3	0,4	0,3	0,3	0,3
Refused	1,0	2,9	1,2	2,1	1,7
Don't know	0,3	0,3	0,3	0,3	0,3

Q84E. Are you from the same ethnic community or cultural group as your father?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No	15,2	13,4	12,5	16,5	14,6
Yes	80,1	78,7	82,2	77,1	79,6
Father does not identify with ethnic/Cultural group	2,1	4,2	3,1	2,6	2,8
Not applicable	0,3	0,4	0,3	0,3	0,3
Refused	1,0	2,9	1,2	2,1	1,7
Don't know	1,4	0,3	0,7	1,4	1,0

Q85B. In your family, do the children belong more to the mother's side, more to the father's side, or to both sides equally?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Neither side	1,4	0,8	0,9	1,4	1,2
Mother's side	25,0	23,3	20,1	28,6	24,4
Father's side	17,1	16,1	20,8	12,9	16,8
Both sides equally	55,3	55,6	56,0	54,8	55,4
Refused	0,5	2,5	0,8	1,5	1,1
Don't know	0,7	1,8	1,4	0,8	1,1

Q84B. How often, if ever, are _____s [R's ethnic group] treated unfairly by the government?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	45,0	42,1	46,7	41,4	44,0
Sometimes	28,1	29,3	26,4	30,6	28,5
Often	12,1	13,4	11,3	13,6	12,5
Always	8,9	9,0	10,2	7,6	8,9
Not Applicable	0,3	0,4	0,3	0,3	0,3
Refused	0,3	0,4	0,6	0,1	0,3
Don't know	5,3	5,5	4,4	6,4	5,4

Q85A. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: I feel strong ties with other South Africans?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	2,8	2,7	4,0	1,6	2,8
Disagree	6,6	7,4	7,4	6,4	6,9
Neither agree nor disagree	15,1	14,3	13,9	15,7	14,8
Agree	50,8	54,1	54,1	49,8	51,9
Strongly agree	21,5	17,7	18,1	22,3	20,2
Refused	1,1	1,9	1,0	1,8	1,4
Don't know	2,1	2,0	1,6	2,5	2,1

Q86A. How much do you trust each of the following types of people: Other South Africans?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all	20,0	19,5	19,2	20,4	19,8
Just a little	40,5	41,6	41,2	40,6	40,9
Somewhat	26,3	25,5	25,7	26,4	26,1
A lot	12,5	12,4	12,8	12,1	12,5
Refused	0,3	0,5	0,5	0,2	0,3
Don't know	0,4	0,4	0,6	0,3	0,4

Q86B. How much do you trust each of the following types of people: Your relatives?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all	7,5	7,0	6,7	7,9	7,3
Just a little	20,6	17,9	19,3	20,1	19,7
Somewhat	28,0	30,7	30,4	27,5	28,9
A lot	43,5	43,7	43,0	44,1	43,6
Refused	0,2	0,3	0,3	0,2	0,3
Don't know	0,3	0,3	0,4	0,2	0,3

Q86C. How much do you trust each of the following types of people: Your neighbours?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all	15,6	14,9	14,7	16,1	15,4
Just a little	33,3	31,7	32,3	33,2	32,8
Somewhat	33,1	33,1	34,3	31,9	33,1
A lot	17,3	19,7	18,1	18,2	18,1
Refused	0,2	0,3	0,3	0,2	0,3
Don't know	0,4	0,3	0,3	0,5	0,4

Q86D. How much do you trust each of the following types of people: Other people you know?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all	20,6	22,8	21,4	21,3	21,4
Just a little	40,7	43,7	42,2	41,3	41,7
Somewhat	28,5	22,0	24,6	27,8	26,3
A lot	9,3	10,9	11,5	8,2	9,8
Refused	0,2	-	0,1	0,2	0,1
Don't know	0,7	0,6	0,2	1,1	0,7

Q86E. How much do you trust each of the following types of people: People from other religions?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all	20,0	20,4	20,2	20,1	20,1
Just a little	37,5	39,3	40,3	36,0	38,1
Somewhat	31,4	26,2	27,1	32,1	29,7
A lot	8,5	12,1	10,0	9,5	9,7
Refused	0,5	-	0,2	0,4	0,3
Don't know	2,2	1,8	2,1	2,0	2,0

Q86F. How much do you trust each of the following types of people: People from other ethnic groups?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all	18,9	25,0	20,4	21,6	21,0
Just a little	38,7	38,7	39,3	38,1	38,7
Somewhat	30,9	23,0	29,4	27,1	28,2
A lot	7,9	11,0	8,1	9,8	8,9
Refused	0,6	-	0,2	0,6	0,4
Don't know	3,0	2,3	2,7	2,9	2,8

Q87A. For each of the following types of people, please tell me whether you would like having people from this group as neighbours, dislike it, or not care: People of a different religion?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly dislike	5,0	8,7	7,2	5,3	6,2
Somewhat dislike	5,9	6,8	6,5	5,9	6,2
Would not care	56,0	49,9	52,2	55,6	53,9
Somewhat like	22,7	22,1	22,4	22,6	22,5
Strongly like	9,3	10,8	10,6	9,1	9,8
Refused	0,6	0,3	0,3	0,6	0,5
Don't know	0,5	1,4	0,7	0,9	0,8

Q87B. For each of the following types of people, please tell me whether you would like having people from this group as neighbours, dislike it, or not care: People from other ethnic groups?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly dislike	4,0	12,5	8,2	5,6	6,9
Somewhat dislike	6,5	7,8	7,4	6,5	7,0
Would not care	54,4	46,3	49,2	53,9	51,6
Somewhat like	24,5	22,5	24,1	23,5	23,8
Strongly like	9,3	9,2	9,8	8,8	9,3
Refused	0,7	0,4	0,4	0,8	0,6
Don't know	0,6	1,4	0,9	0,9	0,9

Q87C. For each of the following types of people, please tell me whether you would like having people from this group as neighbours, dislike it, or not care: Homosexuals?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly dislike	13,7	18,8	20,5	10,5	15,4
Somewhat dislike	7,7	8,7	9,1	7,0	8,0
Would not care	51,5	46,9	46,8	52,9	49,9
Somewhat like	14,1	13,5	12,8	14,9	13,9
Strongly like	7,3	7,1	5,3	9,2	7,3
Refused	1,5	1,4	1,1	1,7	1,4
Don't know	4,2	3,6	4,3	3,7	4,0

Q87D. For each of the following types of people, please tell me whether you would like having people from this group as neighbours, dislike it, or not care: Immigrants or foreign workers?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly dislike	19,8	27,7	24,2	20,8	22,5
Somewhat dislike	17,1	16,7	19,1	14,9	17,0
Would not care	42,5	37,9	37,9	43,9	41,0
Somewhat like	14,6	9,6	11,6	14,2	12,9
Strongly like	2,8	5,2	4,6	2,7	3,6
Refused	1,0	1,0	0,7	1,3	1,0
Don't know	2,2	1,8	1,9	2,2	2,1

Q87E. For each of the following types of people, please tell me whether you would like having people from this group as neighbours, dislike it, or not care: People who support a different political party?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly dislike	6,1	12,0	8,2	8,0	8,1
Somewhat dislike	5,6	7,0	7,8	4,5	6,1
Would not care	66,8	61,1	62,4	67,2	64,9
Somewhat like	13,3	11,6	12,8	12,7	12,8
Strongly like	5,3	5,3	5,5	5,2	5,3
Refused	1,4	0,8	1,8	0,7	1,2
Don't know	1,4	2,2	1,6	1,7	1,6

Q88A. Please tell me whether you would like having a family member marry a person from a different ethnic group, dislike it, or not care?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly dislike	9,6	17,7	10,8	14,0	12,4
Somewhat dislike	4,6	5,2	5,2	4,4	4,8
Would not care	64,6	55,9	64,9	58,5	61,6
Somewhat like	6,2	7,1	5,1	7,9	6,5
Strongly like	10,6	11,1	9,9	11,6	10,7
Refused	0,8	0,3	0,8	0,4	0,6
Don't know	3,6	2,8	3,4	3,2	3,3



Security, crime, and the police

See additional questions about the police under “Public services and government performance,” “Corruption,” and “Gender equality and gender-based violence.”

Q7A. Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family: Felt unsafe walking in your neighbourhood?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	22,0	32,6	29,2	22,2	25,6
Just once or twice	15,5	21,8	18,7	16,7	17,7
Several times	19,6	16,5	16,9	20,2	18,6
Many times	17,8	12,8	15,8	16,4	16,1
Always	24,6	16,3	19,5	23,9	21,8
Don't know	0,4	-	-	0,5	0,3

Q7B. Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family: Feared crime in your own home?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	31,1	40,8	38,9	30,1	34,4
Just once or twice	14,7	18,6	15,9	16,2	16,0
Several times	14,7	12,9	13,6	14,6	14,1
Many times	15,9	11,0	12,4	15,9	14,2
Always	23,2	16,7	19,2	22,7	21,0
Don't know	0,4	-	-	0,5	0,3

Q44A. In your opinion, how often do the police in South Africa: Operate in a professional manner and respect the rights of all citizens?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	13,5	12,5	13,2	13,1	13,2
Rarely	16,0	20,9	17,9	17,4	17,6
Sometimes	45,9	32,7	42,1	40,8	41,4
Often	13,7	20,5	15,0	16,9	16,0
Always	7,5	8,3	8,3	7,3	7,8
Refused	0,3	-	0,1	0,3	0,2
Don't know	3,0	5,2	3,4	4,1	3,7

Q44B. In your opinion, how often do the police in South Africa: Stop drivers without good reason?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	7,6	7,6	5,8	9,4	7,6
Rarely	11,5	12,5	10,9	12,7	11,8
Sometimes	28,6	22,6	27,6	25,6	26,6
Often	22,1	25,8	23,9	22,9	23,4
Always	19,7	19,8	22,6	16,9	19,7
Refused	0,6	-	0,6	0,3	0,4
Don't know	9,8	11,6	8,6	12,2	10,5

Q44C. In your opinion, how often do the police in South Africa: Use excessive force in managing protests or demonstrations?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	7,9	7,1	6,4	8,8	7,6
Rarely	15,0	13,5	14,0	15,1	14,5
Sometimes	29,0	29,9	30,6	28,0	29,3
Often	22,0	21,8	23,6	20,4	22,0
Always	16,7	16,8	17,8	15,6	16,7
Refused	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
Don't know	9,4	10,8	7,6	12,0	9,9

Q44D. In your opinion, how often do the police in South Africa: Use excessive force when dealing with criminals?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	7,0	7,4	6,6	7,6	7,1
Rarely	11,8	13,2	12,0	12,6	12,3
Sometimes	30,4	26,7	30,8	27,5	29,2
Often	19,5	22,0	21,8	18,9	20,4
Always	22,3	19,1	21,5	20,9	21,2
Refused	0,1	0,2	0,0	0,2	0,1
Don't know	8,9	11,4	7,2	12,2	9,8

Q44E. In your opinion, how often do the police in South Africa: Engage in criminal activities?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	5,0	6,0	5,5	5,2	5,4
Rarely	6,2	11,4	8,0	8,0	8,0
Sometimes	30,8	25,5	27,1	30,8	29,0
Often	23,4	21,5	24,6	21,0	22,8
Always	25,5	21,4	26,4	21,9	24,1
Refused	0,2	0,6	0,2	0,5	0,3
Don't know	8,9	13,5	8,3	12,6	10,5

Climate change and the environment

See also Q46P and Q46Q under “Public services and government performance.”

Now let's talk about weather events in your community.

Q66A. In your experience, over the past 10 years, has there been any change in the severity of the following events in the area where you live? Have they become more severe, less severe, or stayed about the same: Drought?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Much more severe	11,8	24,8	15,6	16,8	16,2
Somewhat more severe	10,2	11,5	11,5	9,8	10,6
Stayed the same	33,3	20,8	27,7	30,4	29,1
Somewhat less severe	9,0	12,0	9,8	10,3	10,0
Much less severe	19,2	16,7	21,5	15,3	18,3
Refused	0,1	-	0,1	0,0	0,1
Don't know	16,4	14,1	13,8	17,4	15,6

Q66B. In your experience, over the past 10 years, has there been any change in the severity of the following events in the area where you live? Have they become more severe, less severe, or stayed about the same: Flooding?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Much more severe	14,6	19,5	14,6	17,9	16,3
Somewhat more severe	13,2	13,6	14,1	12,6	13,3
Stayed the same	30,1	23,5	26,7	29,0	27,8
Somewhat less severe	12,7	14,8	14,4	12,5	13,4
Much less severe	15,1	17,5	18,0	13,9	15,9
Refused	0,1	-	0,1	-	0,0
Don't know	14,2	11,2	12,2	14,1	13,2

Q67A. Have you heard about climate change, or haven't you had the chance to hear about this yet?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No	46,6	60,3	49,1	53,3	51,2
Yes	46,4	35,6	45,9	39,6	42,7
Refused to answer	0,3	-	-	0,3	0,2
Don't know	6,8	4,1	5,0	6,7	5,9

Q67B. Do you think climate change is making life in South Africa better or worse, or haven't you heard enough to say?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Much better	2,7	1,9	2,1	2,7	2,4
Somewhat better	5,5	3,4	4,6	5,0	4,8
Neither/No change/About the same	8,1	7,1	9,4	6,1	7,7
Somewhat worse	12,6	8,8	13,9	8,8	11,3
Much worse	12,8	11,8	12,4	12,5	12,4
Not Applicable	53,6	64,4	54,1	60,4	57,3
Refused	0,1	-	0,1	0,0	0,1
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	4,7	2,7	3,3	4,6	4,0

Q68A. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree: Ordinary South Africans can play a role in limiting climate change?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	1,0	1,5	1,2	1,1	1,2
Disagree	5,3	5,8	5,5	5,4	5,5
Neither agree nor disagree	3,5	1,5	3,6	2,1	2,8
Agree	23,5	12,2	20,4	19,0	19,7
Strongly agree	10,7	10,8	11,3	10,1	10,7
Not applicable	53,6	64,4	54,1	60,4	57,3
Refused	0,1	0,3	0,2	0,2	0,2
Don't know	2,2	3,6	3,7	1,7	2,7

Q68B. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree: It is important for our government to take steps now to limit climate change in the future, even if it is expensive or causes some job losses or other harm to our economy?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	2,5	3,0	2,8	2,6	2,7
Disagree	8,2	3,1	5,5	7,4	6,5
Neither agree nor disagree	4,5	2,5	3,9	3,7	3,8
Agree	15,9	11,8	15,1	13,9	14,5
Strongly agree	13,3	10,9	15,1	10,0	12,5
Not applicable	53,6	64,4	54,1	60,4	57,3
Refused	0,1	0,4	0,1	0,3	0,2
Don't know	1,9	3,9	3,4	1,8	2,6

Q69. Who do you think should have primary responsibility for trying to limit climate change and reduce its impact?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
None of these/No one/Can't be stopped/Doesn't need to be addressed	1,9	1,4	2,4	1,1	1,7
Ordinary citizens	16,9	11,7	15,4	14,8	15,1
Business and industry	7,0	6,9	7,7	6,3	7,0
The government of country	17,2	13,0	16,8	14,8	15,8
Rich or developed countries	1,8	0,3	1,4	1,3	1,3
Traditional leaders	0,3	0,1	0,2	0,3	0,2
Someone else	0,1	0,2	0,2	0,1	0,2
Not applicable	53,6	64,4	54,1	60,4	57,3
Refused	0,1	0,5	0,2	0,3	0,3
Don't know	1,0	1,5	1,6	0,8	1,2

Q70A: Do you think each of the following are doing enough to limit climate change, or do they need to do more, or haven't you heard enough to say: Ordinary South Africans?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Doing enough	3,6	1,9	3,0	3,1	3,0
Need to do somewhat more	13,0	8,9	12,3	11,0	11,6
Need to do a lot more	25,6	21,9	26,3	22,4	24,4
Not applicable	53,6	64,4	54,1	60,4	57,3
Refused	0,3	-	0,3	-	0,2
Don't know	3,8	3,0	3,9	3,1	3,5

Q70B: Do you think each of the following are doing enough to limit climate change, or do they need to do more, or haven't you heard enough to say: Business and industry?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Doing enough	1,9	0,9	2,4	0,8	1,5
Need to do somewhat more	9,1	6,0	9,0	7,1	8,0
Need to do a lot more	32,0	26,5	31,1	29,2	30,1
Not applicable	53,6	64,4	54,1	60,4	57,3
Refused	0,3	0,3	0,4	0,2	0,3
Don't know	3,2	1,8	3,1	2,4	2,7

Q70C: Do you think each of the following are doing enough to limit climate change, or do they need to do more, or haven't you heard enough to say: The government of South Africa?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Doing enough	1,0	0,6	1,8	-	0,9
Need to do somewhat more	5,8	5,4	6,5	4,8	5,6
Need to do a lot more	36,8	27,6	34,3	33,1	33,7
Not applicable	53,6	64,4	54,1	60,4	57,3
Refused	0,1	0,1	0,2	-	0,1
Don't know	2,7	2,0	3,1	1,8	2,4

Q70D: Do you think each of the following are doing enough to limit climate change, or do they need to do more, or haven't you heard enough to say: Rich or developed countries?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Doing enough	3,6	2,4	3,1	3,3	3,2
Need to do somewhat more	8,8	6,6	8,6	7,5	8,1
Need to do a lot more	29,7	22,3	29,6	24,8	27,1
Not applicable	53,6	64,4	54,1	60,4	57,3
Refused	0,2	0,3	0,3	0,2	0,2
Don't know	4,0	4,1	4,3	3,8	4,1

Now let's talk about environmental conditions in the country and in your community.

Q71. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Statement 1: The government should focus on creating jobs and increasing incomes, even if that means increasing pollution or other environmental damage.

Statement 2: The government should focus more on preventing pollution and protecting the environment, even if this means there will be fewer jobs or there will be other disruptions to our daily lives.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	29,3	32,9	30,0	31,0	30,5
Agree with 1	18,9	18,2	18,4	18,9	18,7
Agree with 2	18,7	14,1	17,7	16,6	17,1
Agree very strongly with 2	13,6	16,6	16,0	13,4	14,6
Agree with neither	12,7	12,7	13,0	12,3	12,7
Refused	0,3	1,0	0,5	0,7	0,6
Don't know	6,5	4,4	4,5	7,1	5,8

Q72A. How serious of a problem is pollution, such as the accumulation of trash or garbage, or damage to the quality of the air or water, in your community?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Very serious	46,6	39,6	42,3	46,1	44,2
Somewhat serious	24,5	27,6	24,3	26,8	25,6
Not very serious	15,3	15,8	16,9	14,0	15,5
Not at all serious	9,5	12,5	13,1	8,0	10,5
Refused	0,1	-	0,2	-	0,1
Don't know	4,0	4,4	3,1	5,1	4,1

Q72B. Which of the following is the most important environmental issue in your community today?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
None of these/There are no problems	8,9	9,1	9,3	8,6	9,0
Air pollution	10,4	8,9	9,5	10,3	9,9
Pollution of water sources	9,7	16,4	12,0	12,0	12,0
Sanitation or human waste management	15,9	14,8	14,6	16,4	15,5
Trash disposal, including plastics	45,6	33,0	41,5	41,1	41,3
Deforestation	2,4	9,4	6,2	3,4	4,8
Some other issue	2,9	3,3	3,1	3,0	3,1
Refused	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4
Don't know	3,8	4,7	3,4	4,8	4,1

Q72C. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: Plastic bags are a major source of pollution in this country?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	6,0	7,0	6,3	6,4	6,3
Disagree	7,2	7,9	7,9	6,9	7,4
Neither agree nor disagree	9,3	11,9	10,0	10,4	10,2
Agree	41,9	44,0	44,7	40,6	42,6
Strongly agree	29,5	22,6	25,8	28,5	27,2
Refused	-	1,0	0,4	0,3	0,3
Don't know	6,1	5,6	4,9	6,9	5,9

Q72D. Who do you think should have the primary responsibility for reducing pollution and keeping your community clean?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
None of these/No one	0,9	2,4	1,9	0,9	1,4
Ordinary citizens	47,7	48,5	47,7	48,2	48,0
Business and industry	6,9	10,4	8,8	7,4	8,1
The national government	17,9	16,5	16,9	18,0	17,4
Local government	21,1	17,2	20,0	19,5	19,8
Traditional leaders	0,8	2,6	1,3	1,5	1,4
Someone else	0,5	0,4	0,3	0,6	0,5
Refused	0,1	1,0	0,0	0,8	0,4
Don't know	4,1	1,0	2,9	3,2	3,1

Q72E. In your opinion, should our government be doing more or less than it is currently doing to limit pollution and protect the environment in this country?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Much less	5,1	5,1	3,7	6,5	5,1
Somewhat less	2,1	2,2	2,5	1,7	2,1
About the same	16,7	16,8	18,8	14,7	16,7
Somewhat more	13,4	12,4	13,1	13,1	13,1
Much more	56,6	57,9	56,7	57,4	57,0
Refused	0,2	0,1	0,1	0,3	0,2
Don't know	5,9	5,5	5,1	6,3	5,7

Natural resource extraction, such as mining, oil drilling, or wood harvesting, can have benefits, such as jobs and revenue. But it can also pose problems for nearby communities, such as pollution or deforestation.

Q73A. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: In this country, natural resource extraction should be more tightly regulated by government to reduce the negative impacts on the environment?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	6,0	3,3	4,7	5,4	5,1
Disagree	6,2	8,8	8,9	5,3	7,1
Neither agree nor disagree	11,7	10,1	10,5	11,8	11,2
Agree	39,4	39,4	39,7	39,1	39,4
Strongly agree	20,3	23,9	23,3	19,7	21,5
Refused	0,6	0,9	0,6	0,7	0,7
Don't know	15,9	13,6	12,2	17,9	15,1

Q73B. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: Ordinary South Africans currently have a voice in decisions about natural resource extraction that takes place near their communities?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	14,3	8,5	12,0	12,7	12,3
Disagree	18,7	20,3	17,0	21,4	19,3
Neither agree nor disagree	12,3	11,8	13,2	11,0	12,1
Agree	28,0	31,7	31,9	26,8	29,3
Strongly agree	11,5	12,6	13,1	10,6	11,9
Refused	0,7	1,2	0,5	1,3	0,9
Don't know	14,5	13,8	12,3	16,2	14,3

Q73C. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: Local communities currently receive a fair share of the revenue from natural resource extraction that takes place near their communities?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	18,1	14,6	18,7	15,2	16,9
Disagree	19,6	21,2	19,9	20,3	20,1
Neither agree nor disagree	13,4	10,9	12,5	12,6	12,6
Agree	19,9	23,4	20,3	22,0	21,1
Strongly agree	7,8	11,9	10,8	7,7	9,2
Refused	1,0	0,9	0,9	1,1	1,0
Don't know	20,3	16,9	17,1	21,1	19,1

Q73D. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: In general, the benefits of resource extraction activities to local communities, such as jobs and revenue, outweigh the costs, such as pollution?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	9,8	10,1	10,3	9,5	9,9
Disagree	12,7	16,8	13,8	14,4	14,1
Neither agree nor disagree	16,3	12,2	15,6	14,2	14,9
Agree	24,0	26,4	27,2	22,6	24,9
Strongly agree	13,5	13,7	12,4	14,7	13,6
Refused	1,2	2,7	1,0	2,4	1,7
Don't know	22,4	18,1	19,7	22,0	20,9



Media

Also see Q90 on radio/TV/mobile phone ownership and Internet access under “Respondents and their households” and questions on access to information under “Responsive and transparent government.”

Now let us talk about the media and how you get information about politics and other issues.

Q74A. How often do you get news from the following sources: Radio?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Rural	Total
Never	12,0	14,1	10,6	14,8	12,7
Less than once a month	4,4	2,8	4,3	3,4	3,8
A few times a month	9,0	7,8	8,4	8,8	8,6
A few times a week	22,8	23,8	23,5	22,8	23,1
Every day	51,6	51,5	53,0	50,1	51,6
Refused	0,1	-	0,1	-	0,1
Don't know	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,0	0,1

Q74B. How often do you get news from the following sources: Television?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Rural	Total
Never	4,9	10,2	5,7	7,6	6,7
Less than once a month	0,5	2,8	1,1	1,5	1,3
A few times a month	4,1	3,3	4,6	3,0	3,8
A few times a week	12,6	18,7	17,1	12,4	14,7
Every day	77,5	65,0	71,3	75,2	73,3
Refused	0,1	-	0,1	-	0,1
Don't know	0,2	-	0,0	0,2	0,1

Q74C. How often do you get news from the following sources: Print newspapers?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	41,5	53,5	43,8	47,3	45,6
Less than once a month	13,9	11,9	11,5	14,9	13,2
A few times a month	17,7	15,7	19,5	14,7	17,0
A few times a week	13,6	10,0	12,9	11,9	12,4
Every day	13,0	8,4	11,8	11,0	11,4
Refused	0,1	0,1	0,2	0,1	0,1
Don't know	0,2	0,4	0,3	0,1	0,2

Q74D. How often do you get news from the following sources: Internet?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	20,1	38,4	24,2	28,4	26,3
Less than once a month	3,9	3,3	3,5	4,0	3,7
A few times a month	4,6	5,8	5,5	4,6	5,0
A few times a week	13,5	12,7	13,7	12,7	13,2
Every day	57,4	39,6	52,9	49,8	51,3
Refused	0,1	-	0,1	-	0,1
Don't know	0,4	0,2	0,1	0,5	0,3

Q74E. How often do you get news from the following sources: Social media such as Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, or others?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Never	17,4	33,4	21,4	24,3	22,9
Less than once a month	2,5	1,9	2,8	1,8	2,3
A few times a month	2,7	5,4	3,5	3,7	3,6
A few times a week	11,0	9,1	11,5	9,3	10,4
Every day	66,0	49,8	60,6	60,4	60,5
Refused	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
Don't know	0,2	0,1	0,0	0,3	0,2

Q16. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Statement 1: The media should have the right to publish any views and ideas without government control.

Statement 2: The government should have the right to prevent the media from publishing things that it disapproves of.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	46,5	47,3	48,4	45,2	46,8
Agree with 1	25,6	25,1	24,9	26,0	25,4
Agree with 2	12,3	10,6	12,8	10,7	11,7
Agree very strongly with 2	9,7	12,9	9,6	11,9	10,8
Agree with neither	3,0	1,5	2,2	2,7	2,5
Refused	0,1	-	0,1	-	0,0
Don't know	2,8	2,7	2,0	3,6	2,8

Q17. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Statement 1: The news media should constantly investigate and report on government mistakes and corruption.

Statement 2: Too much reporting on negative events, like government mistakes and corruption, only harms the country.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	48,6	54,0	51,5	49,4	50,4
Agree with 1	25,6	20,7	25,0	22,8	23,9
Agree with 2	13,7	10,5	10,1	14,9	12,6
Agree very strongly with 2	7,9	10,8	10,2	7,5	8,9
Agree with neither	2,3	2,2	1,6	2,9	2,3
Refused	0,1	-	0,1	0,1	0,1
Don't know	1,9	1,8	1,4	2,3	1,9

Q33H. In your opinion, how free is the news media in this country to report and comment on the news without censorship or interference by the government?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all free	9,2	7,5	8,7	8,5	8,6
Not very free	20,4	16,5	18,7	19,4	19,1
Somewhat free	34,0	36,7	34,9	35,0	34,9
Completely free	32,1	34,1	33,1	32,4	32,8
Refused	0,2	-	0,1	0,2	0,1
Don't know	4,0	5,2	4,5	4,4	4,4

Country-specific questions

Q79A-SAF. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree or haven't you heard enough to say? The government is committed to act against all acts of corruption.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	28,2	29,5	28,0	29,3	28,6
Disagree	25,9	23,5	24,6	25,5	25,1
Neither agree nor disagree	6,8	8,8	8,9	6,1	7,5
Agree	26,3	24,3	25,8	25,5	25,6
Strongly agree	8,6	7,5	9,3	7,1	8,2
Refused to answer	0,2	0,9	0,6	0,2	0,4
Don't know	4,1	5,5	2,8	6,3	4,6

Q79B-SAF. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree or haven't you heard enough to say? The government has the capacity to act against all acts of corruption.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	14,5	14,6	15,3	13,8	14,5
Disagree	18,1	17,2	16,7	18,9	17,8
Neither agree nor disagree	9,3	8,6	10,0	8,2	9,0
Agree	32,8	31,8	32,6	32,2	32,4
Strongly agree	22,2	21,6	22,7	21,4	22,0
Refused to answer	0,2	0,6	0,3	0,4	0,3
Don't know	2,9	5,6	2,4	5,2	3,8

Q79C-SAF. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree or haven't you heard enough to say? Businesses implicated in corruption should be barred from doing business with the government.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	7,6	8,2	9,2	6,5	7,8
Disagree	7,1	7,7	8,5	6,2	7,3
Neither agree nor disagree	4,6	4,5	5,0	4,2	4,6
Agree	27,1	30,3	29,0	27,5	28,2
Strongly agree	49,7	43,4	45,2	49,8	47,6
Refused to answer	0,3	0,6	0,3	0,4	0,4
Don't know	3,5	5,2	2,8	5,4	4,1

Q79D-SAF. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree or haven't you heard enough to say? Cabinet ministers and government officials who have been charged with corruption should step down immediately.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	6,4	7,3	8,0	5,4	6,7
Disagree	4,9	2,9	3,6	4,8	4,2
Neither agree nor disagree	3,9	6,1	6,5	3,0	4,7
Agree	21,9	24,1	23,7	21,7	22,7
Strongly agree	59,4	54,3	56,2	59,0	57,6
Refused to answer	0,7	0,8	0,6	0,8	0,7
Don't know	2,8	4,5	1,3	5,3	3,4

Q80A-SAF. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree or haven't you heard enough to say? To ensure effectiveness in the supply of electricity in our country, Eskom should be privatised.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	11,1	11,5	12,2	10,2	11,2
Disagree	13,6	14,1	14,4	13,2	13,8
Neither agree nor disagree	9,5	10,9	11,1	9,0	10,0
Agree	35,1	36,0	35,2	35,7	35,4
Strongly agree	25,2	21,3	22,1	25,6	23,9
Refused to answer	0,8	-	1,1	0,0	0,5
Don't know	4,6	6,2	3,9	6,3	5,1

Q80B-SAF. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree or haven't you heard enough to say? The government should allow other actors to generate and distribute electricity in South Africa.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	4,3	4,3	4,0	4,5	4,3
Disagree	8,4	8,4	9,5	7,4	8,4
Neither agree nor disagree	7,6	6,0	6,4	7,8	7,1
Agree	39,9	39,7	40,1	39,6	39,8
Strongly agree	35,8	36,7	36,6	35,6	36,1
Refused to answer	0,2	-	0,3	-	0,1
Don't know	3,7	4,9	3,1	5,1	4,1

Q80C-SAF. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree or haven't you heard enough to say? It is better to pay more for electricity for better services than paying less and receiving poor services.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	17,5	16,8	17,6	16,9	17,2
Disagree	14,3	15,1	14,9	14,3	14,6
Neither agree nor disagree	12,7	11,9	11,7	13,1	12,4
Agree	25,9	28,8	28,3	25,5	26,9
Strongly agree	25,1	22,2	24,1	24,1	24,1
Refused to answer	0,2	0,1	0,2	0,1	0,1
Don't know	4,4	5,0	3,3	5,9	4,6

Q81A-SAF. How much, if at all, have you considered moving to another country to live?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Not at all	70,6	72,2	73,0	69,4	71,1
A little bit	9,5	7,9	8,2	9,7	8,9
Somewhat	8,2	7,5	6,7	9,2	8,0
A lot	10,0	10,5	11,1	9,2	10,2
Refused	0,1	0,4	0,2	0,2	0,2
Don't know	1,6	1,5	0,9	2,3	1,6

Q81B-SAF. [If answer to Q81A-SAF is “A little bit,” “Somewhat,” “A lot” or “Don’t know”] How much planning or preparation have you done in order to move to another country to live?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
You are not currently making any specific plans or preparations	19,0	18,7	15,9	21,7	18,9
You are planning to move in the next year or two, but not yet making preparations	5,9	5,6	6,8	4,8	5,8
You are currently making preparations to move, like getting a visa	2,1	1,1	2,0	1,6	1,8
Not applicable	70,7	72,6	73,1	69,6	71,3
Refused	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,1	0,2
Don't know	2,1	1,9	1,9	2,1	2,0

Q81C-SAF. [If answer to Q81A-SAF is “A little bit,” “Somewhat,” “A lot” or “Don’t know”] If you were to move to another country, where would you be most likely to go?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Another country in Southern Africa	2,5	1,6	1,8	2,5	2,2
Elsewhere in Africa	2,2	2,8	2,1	2,6	2,4
Europe	5,6	3,3	5,5	4,1	4,8
North America, that is, the USA or Canada	7,9	8,1	6,7	9,2	8,0
Central or South America	1,4	1,8	1,4	1,6	1,5
Middle East	1,0	0,3	1,0	0,6	0,8
Asia	1,0	0,3	1,1	0,5	0,8
Australia	2,5	3,9	3,2	2,9	3,0
Russia	0,5	0,3	0,3	0,5	0,4
Outside of Africa (place not specified)	1,8	3,1	1,5	3,0	2,3
Not applicable	70,7	72,6	73,1	69,6	71,3
Refused	0,1	0,7	0,2	0,3	0,3
Don't know	2,8	1,2	2,0	2,6	2,3

Q82G-SAF. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree? Since foreign migrants help to fill job vacancies in both the public and private sectors in South Africa, the country should be welcoming them.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	31,5	31,2	32,7	30,1	31,4
Disagree	29,8	27,6	28,6	29,5	29,1
Neither agree nor disagree	10,6	15,5	11,7	12,7	12,3
Agree	18,4	16,5	18,4	17,1	17,7
Strongly agree	5,8	6,5	6,1	5,9	6,0
Refused to answer	0,4	-	0,1	0,4	0,3
Don't know	3,6	2,7	2,3	4,3	3,3

Q82H-SAF. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree? To help the economy to grow, South Africa's immigration policies should favour skilled foreigners and foreign investors.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	27,3	28,9	28,5	27,1	27,8
Disagree	26,1	25,3	26,4	25,2	25,8
Neither agree nor disagree	9,9	12,5	9,1	12,5	10,8
Agree	24,0	21,8	23,1	23,3	23,2
Strongly agree	8,7	7,9	10,1	6,8	8,4
Refused to answer	0,5	0,4	0,4	0,5	0,5
Don't know	3,6	3,1	2,3	4,5	3,4

Q82I-SAF. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree? When job opportunities are scarce, employers should prioritize South Africans over immigrants.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	11,9	11,5	10,3	13,1	11,7
Disagree	7,1	9,0	8,1	7,5	7,8
Neither agree nor disagree	6,0	7,0	6,2	6,5	6,3
Agree	22,7	18,9	23,3	19,6	21,4
Strongly agree	49,0	51,7	49,8	50,1	49,9
Refused to answer	0,9	0,3	0,8	0,6	0,7
Don't know	2,3	1,5	1,5	2,6	2,1

Q82J-SAF. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree? People who are being persecuted for political reasons in their own countries deserve to be accepted and protected in South Africa.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	32,0	34,5	33,4	32,4	32,9
Disagree	19,7	21,6	19,6	21,1	20,3
Neither agree nor disagree	14,2	14,2	14,7	13,7	14,2
Agree	17,4	13,6	19,0	13,3	16,1
Strongly agree	7,8	7,9	7,5	8,1	7,8
Refused to answer	1,4	0,3	0,8	1,3	1,0
Don't know	7,5	7,8	5,0	10,1	7,6

Q82E-SAF. Do you agree or disagree that government is doing enough to ensure that South African citizens are first considered for job opportunities in South Africa?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Strongly disagree	37,0	37,1	34,2	39,7	37,0
Disagree	25,5	23,1	27,0	22,6	24,7
Neither agree nor disagree	10,2	12,2	12,0	9,8	10,9
Agree	14,9	18,1	16,2	15,8	16,0
Strongly agree	9,3	6,8	8,7	8,2	8,5
Refused to answer	0,1	0,5	0,1	0,3	0,2
Don't know	3,0	2,3	1,8	3,6	2,8

Q83-SAF. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Statement 1: The current system where parliament chooses the President should be changed to allow for direct election of the President.

Statement 2: The current system where the president of the country is chosen by Parliament has served South Africa well and should be maintained.

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	21,9	22,7	22,0	22,3	22,2
Agree with 1	18,7	14,6	18,2	16,5	17,3
Agree with 2	23,3	22,9	24,3	22,0	23,1
Agree very strongly with 2	19,4	29,4	23,3	22,4	22,8
Agree with neither	10,6	5,0	7,5	9,8	8,7
Refused	0,4	1,0	0,5	0,7	0,6
Don't know	5,7	4,4	4,2	6,2	5,2

Other

Q97. Who do you think sent us to do this interview?

	Urban	Rural	Men	Women	Total
No one	0,5	0,2	0,6	0,2	0,4
"Afrobarometer" or national partner	30,2	34,0	31,7	31,3	31,5
Research Company	9,7	9,3	8,9	10,1	9,5
Non-government or religious organization	3,1	3,4	3,3	3,1	3,2
University/School/College	0,5	0,6	0,3	0,8	0,5
Private company	4,2	4,1	4,3	4,0	4,2
Media	3,4	3,9	3,6	3,5	3,6
Political party or politician	9,6	8,3	9,6	8,7	9,2
Government	26,5	22,1	25,6	24,5	25,0
International organization or another country	0,2	1,0	-	0,9	0,5
God	0,4	0,2	0,4	0,4	0,4
Other	0,3	0,5	0,5	0,3	0,4
Refused to answer	0,5	0,9	1,0	0,3	0,6
Don't know	10,8	11,5	10,2	11,9	11,1