

SOUTH AFRICA

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Background: After the British seized the Cape of Good Hope area in 1806, many of the Dutch settlers (the Boers) trekked north to found their own republics. The discovery of diamonds (1867) and gold (1886) spurred wealth and immigration and intensified the subjugation of the native inhabitants. The Boers resisted British encroachments, but were defeated in the Boer War (1899-1902). The resulting Union of South Africa operated under a policy of apartheid - the separate development of the races. The 1990s brought an end to apartheid politically and ushered in black majority rule.

Location: Southern Africa, at the southern tip of the continent of Africa

Map References: Africa

Area: total: 1,219,912 sq km, land: 1,219,912 sq km, water: 0 sq km note: includes Prince Edward Islands (Marion Island and Prince Edward Island)

Climate: mostly semi-arid; subtropical along east coast; sunny days, cool nights

Terrain: vast interior plateau rimmed by rugged hills and narrow coastal plain

Natural Resources: gold, chromium, antimony, coal, iron ore, manganese, nickel, phosphates, tin, uranium, gem diamonds, platinum, copper, vanadium, salt, natural gas

Population: 43,421,021

Nationality: noun: South African(s), adjective: South African

Ethnic Groups: black 75.2%, white 13.6%, Colored 8.6%, Indian 2.6%

Religions: Christian 68% (includes most whites and Coloreds, about 60% of blacks and about 40% of Indians), Muslim 2%, Hindu 1.5% (60% of Indians), indigenous beliefs and animist 28.5%

Languages: 11 official languages, including Afrikaans, English, Ndebele, Pedi, Sotho, Swazi, Tsonga, Tswana, Venda, Xhosa, Zulu

Economy: South Africa is a middle-income, developing country with an abundant supply of resources, well-developed financial, legal, communications, energy, and transport sectors, a stock exchange that ranks among the 10 largest in the world, and a modern infrastructure supporting an efficient distribution of goods to major urban centers throughout the region. However, growth has not been strong enough to cut into the 30% unemployment, and daunting economic problems remain from the apartheid era, especially the problems of poverty and lack of economic empowerment among the disadvantaged groups. Other problems are crime, corruption, and HIV/AIDS. At the start of 2000, President MBEKI vowed to promote economic growth and foreign investment by relaxing restrictive labor laws, stepping up the pace of privatization, and cutting unneeded governmental spending. His policies face strong opposition from organized labor.

Industries: mining (world's largest producer of platinum, gold, chromium), automobile assembly, metalworking, machinery, textile, iron and steel, chemicals, fertilizer, foodstuffs

Currency: 1 rand (R) = 100 cents

Railways: total: 21,431 km, narrow gauge: 20,995 km 1.067-m gauge (9,087 km electrified); 436 km 0.610-m gauge (1995)

Highways: total: 534,131 km, paved: 63,027 km (including 2,032 km of expressways), unpaved: 471,104 km (1998 est.)

Ports and Harbors: Cape Town, Durban, East London, Mosselbaai, Port Elizabeth, Richards Bay, Saldanha

Airports: 744 (1999 est.) Airports - with paved runways: total: 143 over 3,047 m: 9 2,438 to 3,047 m: 4 1,524 to 2,437 m: 46 914 to 1,523 m: 73 under 914 m: 11 (1999

est.) Airports - with unpaved runways: total: 601 1,524 to 2,437 m: 33 914 to 1,523 m: 303 under 914 m: 265 (1999 est.)

Visa: required by all except the following for business and tourist purposes: nationals of British, Australian, Canadian, USA, other EU and other Asians.

Duty Free: permitted goods: 400 cigarettes and 50 cigars and 250g of tobacco; 1 litre of spirits and 2 litres of wine; 50ml of perfume and 250ml of eau de toilette; gifts up to a value of R500 per person.

Health: a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from all travellers arriving from endemic or infected areas. Malaria risk exists throughout the year in the low altitude areas of the Northern Province. Tap water is considered safe to drink in urban areas but may be contaminated elsewhere and sterilisation is advisable.

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