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SOCIO-ECONOMIC
PROFILE

Hessequa Municipality

2021



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Hessequa: At a Glance

Demographics

Population Estimates, 2021; Actual households, 2016



Population

52 140



Households

17 256

Education

2020



Matric Pass Rate 92.4%

Learner retention rate 69.4%

Learner-Teacher Ratio 29.0

Poverty

2020



Gini Coefficient 0.59

Human Development Index 0.69

Health

2020



Primary Health Care Facilities

6

Immunisation Rate

79.6%

Maternal Mortality Ratio (per 100 000 live births)

0.0

Teenage Pregnancies - Delivery rate to women U/18

18.5%

Safety and Security

Actual number of reported cases in 2020/21



Residential Burglaries

308

DUI

73

Drug-related Crimes

576

Murder

7

Sexual Offences

33

Access to Basic Service Delivery

Percentage of households with access to basic services, 2020



Water

97.8%

Refuse Removal

78.9%



Electricity

94.7%



Sanitation

90.2%



Housing

93.4%



Road Safety

2020/21

Fatal Crashes

12

Road User Fatalities

15

Labour

2020

Unemployment Rate (narrow definition)

7.2%



Socio-economic Risks

Risk 1 Job losses

Risk 2 Safety and Security

Risk 3 In-migration

Largest 3 Sectors

Contribution to GDP, 2019

Finance, insurance, real estate and business services

21.6%

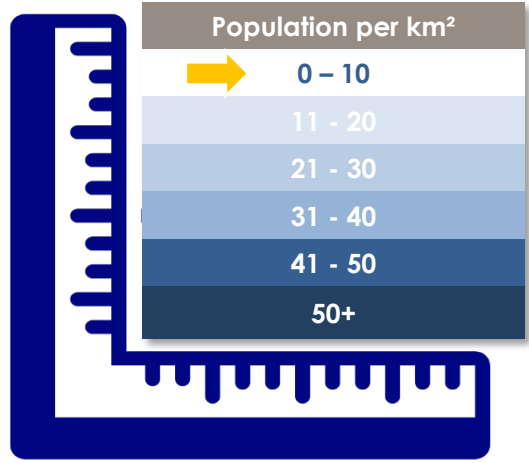
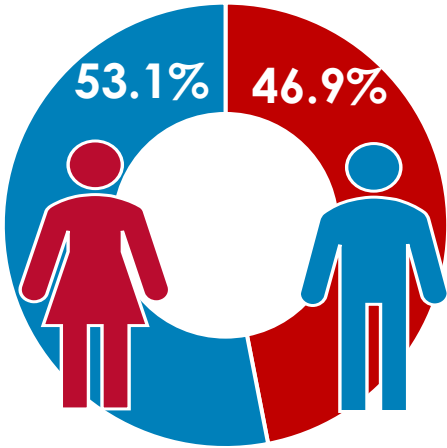
Wholesale & retail trade, catering and accommodation

19.9%

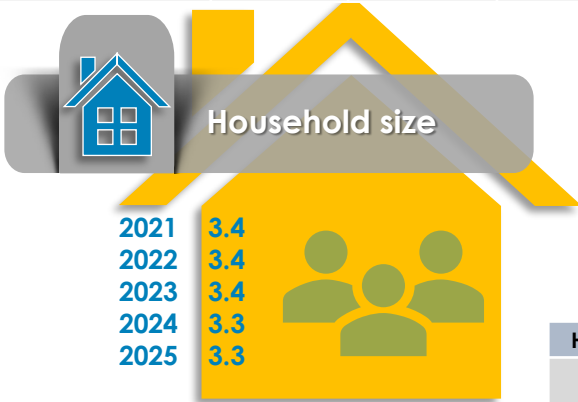
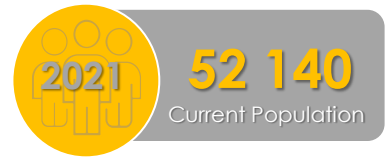
Manufacturing

14.6%

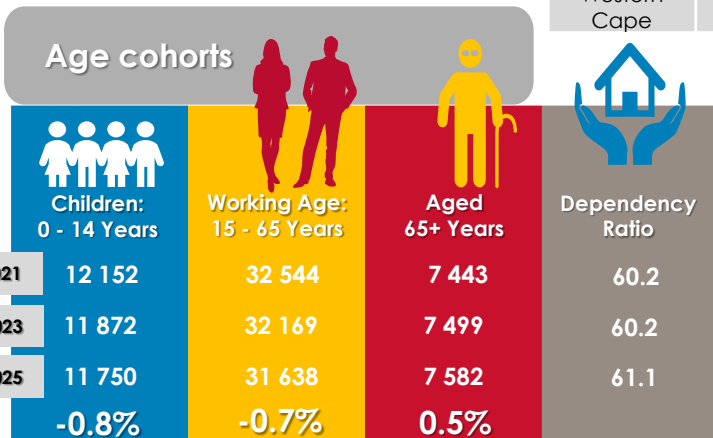
DEMOGRAPHICS



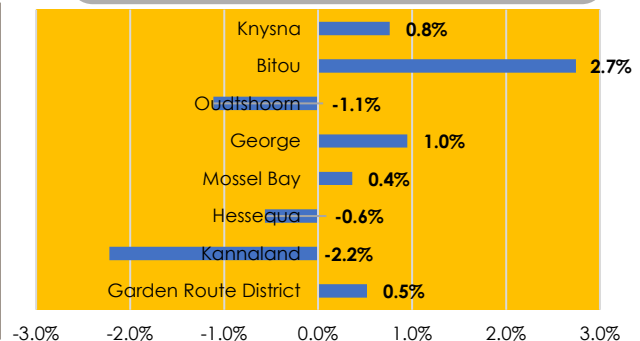
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Garden Route	91.6	92.2	92.4	92.5	92.7
Kannaland	87.2	87.4	87.3	87.2	87.1
Hessequa	88.4	88.8	88.8	88.8	88.8
Mossel Bay	90.4	90.8	90.7	90.7	90.6
George	93.2	93.8	94.1	94.3	94.5
Oudtshoorn	88.2	88.7	88.8	89.0	89.1
Bitou	95.4	96.1	96.4	96.6	96.9
Knysna	93.1	93.7	93.8	94.0	94.1



	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Hessequa	-0.4	-0.6	-0.5	-0.6	-0.6
Garden Route	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Western Cape	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4



Population growth 2021 - 2025



Demographics

Population

The population of Hessequa is 52 140 people in 2021, making it the second smallest populated municipal area in the Garden Route District (GRD). This total is expected to decline to 50 969 by 2025, equating to an average annual growth rate of -0.6 per cent.

Sex Ratio

The overall sex ratio depicts the number of males per 100 females in the population. The data indicates that there are slightly more females than males in the Hessequa municipal area with a ratio of 53.1 per cent (females) to 46.9 per cent (males). The number of males per 100 females for Hessequa increases slightly between 2021 and 2022 and remain constant at 88.8 males per 100 females until 2025.

Age Cohorts

Between 2021 and 2025, the largest population growth is projected in the 65+ age group which grew at an annual average rate of 0.5 per cent, compared to a decline of -0.7 per cent in the working age population and -0.8 per cent in the children population. These predicted growth rates will increase the dependency ratio from 60.2 in 2021 to 61.1 in 2025. Higher dependency places strain on the income of the working age population.

Household sizes

Household size refers to the number of people per household. The actual size of households is expected to decline from 3.4 people per household in 2021 to 3.3 in 2025. Contributing factors to a reduction in household size could include, but are not limited to, lower fertility rates, ageing population, construction of smaller households, etc. Smaller household sizes often lead to a greater demand for housing as the population grows.

Population density

Amidst rapid urbanisation across the Western Cape, population density figures will aid public sector decision makers to mitigate environmental, individual health and service delivery risks. In 2021, the population density of the Hessequa municipal area was 10 persons per square kilometer. In order of lowest to highest, the various local municipal areas in the GRD compare as follows:

- Kannaland 5 people/km²
- **Hessequa 10 people/km²**
- Oudtshoorn 26 people/km²
- George 43 people/km²
- Mossel Bay 48 people/km²
- Bitou 70 people/km²
- Knysna 69 people/km²

EDUCATION

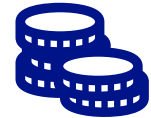
Educational facilities

18

Number of schools

12

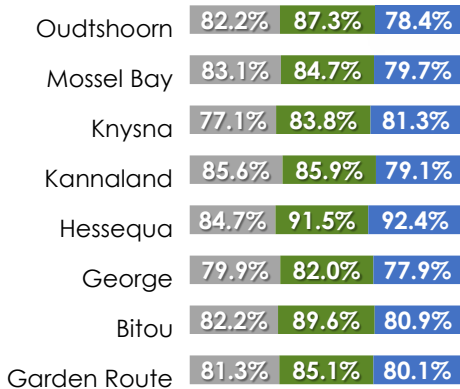
Number of no-fee schools



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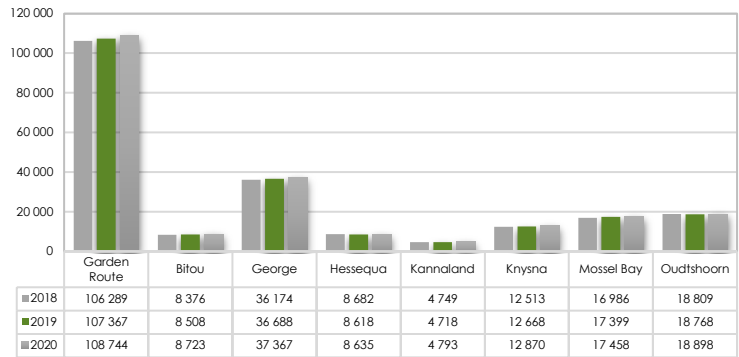
Number of schools with libraries

Education outcomes



■ 2018 ■ 2019 ■ 2020

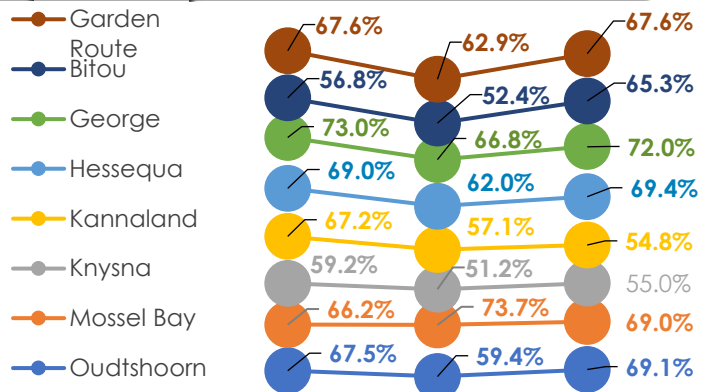
Learner enrolment



Learner-Teacher Ratio 2018 - 2020

Region	2018	2019	2020
Garden Route	30.1	30.1	30.1
Bitou	32.22	32.3	32.3
George	29.9	29.6	29.9
Hessequa	28.6	28.9	29.0
Kannaland	31.4	31.6	30.9
Knysna	30.0	30.3	30.1
Mossel Bay	30.2	30.2	30.2
Oudtshoorn	30.0	29.7	29.5

Learner retention



Education

Learner enrolment, the learner-teacher ratio and learner retention rate

Learner enrolment in Hessequa declined by 0.3 per cent annually from 8 682 in 2018 to 8 635 in 2020. This aligns with the population growth trend that is on a declining trend in Hessequa which can be ascribed to various factors, lower fertility, out-migration, etc. The learner teacher ratio at 29.0 is the lowest in the GRD and have increased from 28.6 in 2018 and 28.9 in 2019. Lower learner-teacher ratios contribute to the effectiveness of teachers and the general quality of education. Learner retention rate was recorded at 69.4 per cent in 2020. This indicates that almost 31 per cent of children are dropping out of school which has an implication for skills levels in the municipal area.

Number of schools

In 2020, Hessequa had a total of 18 public ordinary schools. The large number of schools contributed to the relatively low learner teacher ratio when compared to the other municipalities in the District.

Number of no-fee schools

Given the tough economic climate, schools have been reporting an increase in parents being unable to pay their school fees. To alleviate some of the funding challenges the Western Cape Department of Education (WCED) offered certain fee-paying schools an opportunity to become no-fee schools. The Hessequa municipal area has a consistent proportion of no fee schools, the lowest in the Garden Route district, with 66.6 per cent of schools being registered with the Western Cape Department of Education as no-fee schools in 2020.

Schools with libraries and media centres

Schools with libraries and media centres have gradually increased from 7 in 2018 to 8 in 2020. Access to libraries and media centres can have a positive impact on the overall quality of education.

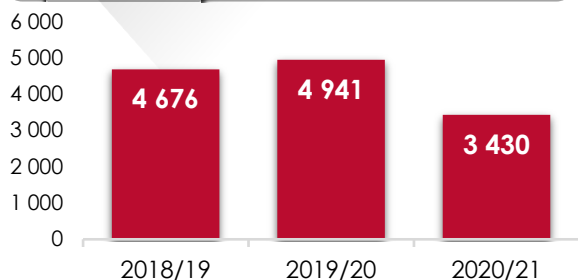
Education Outcomes (Matric Pass Rates)

Education remains one of the key avenues through which the state is involved in the economy. In preparing individuals for future engagement in the labour market, policy choices and decisions in the sphere of education play a critical role in determining the extent to which future economic and poverty reduction plans can be realised. Hessequa's matric outcomes have improved from 84.7 per cent in 2018 to 91.5 per cent in 2019 and further increased to 92.4 per cent ; this was the highest rate in 2020 in the Garden Route district.

HEALTH



Tuberculosis



Maternal health

	Maternal Mortality Rate		Delivery rate to women under 20 years		Termination of pregnancy rate	
	2019/20	2020/21	2019/20	2020/21	2019/20	2020/21
Hessequa	0.0	0.0	18.6	18.5	0.1	0.0
Garden Route District	33.4	121.5	5.6	14.7	0.6	0.5



Healthcare facilities

REGIONAL HOSPITALS	1	0
DISTRICT HOSPITALS	6	1
COMMUNITY DAY CENTRES	7	0
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRES		
PHC CLINICS (SATELITE AND MOBILE)	35	6
PHC CLINICS (FIXED)	33	3

■ Garden Route ■ Hessequa

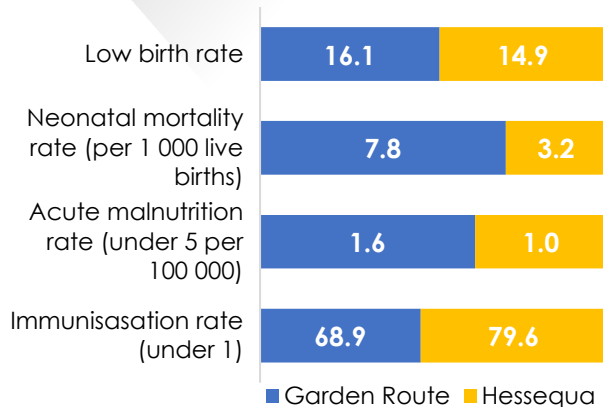


Emergency medical services

Health Indicator	Hessequa	Garden Route
EMS Operational Ambulances	4	28
No. of operational ambulances per 10 000 people	1	2



Child health



HIV/AIDS

Area	Total Registered patients receiving ART		Number of new ART patients	
	2019/20	2020/21	2019/20	2020/21
Hessequa	929	934	81	72
Garden Route	25 738	26 996	2 576	2 068

Health

Healthcare Facilities

According to the 2019 Inequality Trend report by Statistics South Africa, 75.1 per cent of households in South Africa usually use public healthcare facilities when a household member gets ill compared to 24.9 per cent who use some private healthcare facilities in 2017. This is associated with the low proportion of households with access to Medical Aid, at 16.9 per cent for South Africa and 25 per cent for the Western Cape in 2017. In terms of healthcare facilities, the Hessequa municipal area comprise of 3 fixed and 6 mobile clinics. In addition, there is a district hospital within the Hessequa area in 2020/21 .

Emergency Medical Services

Provision of more operational ambulances can provide greater coverage of emergency medical services. The Hessequa municipal area had 1 ambulance per 10 000 inhabitants in 2020 which is slightly lower than the District average. It is worth noting that this number only refers to Provincial ambulances and excludes all private service providers.

HIV/AIDS and TB

Hessequa's total registered patients receiving anti retroviral treatment (ART) increased by 5 patients between 2019/20 and 2020/21. A total of 26 996 registered patients received ART in the Garden Route District in 2020/21. Hessequa at 934 patients, represents 3.5 per cent of registered patients receiving ART in the Garden Route District.

The Hessequa municipal area experienced a significant decline in tuberculosis (TB) cases from 2018/19 to 2020/21. 3 430 TB patients were registered in 2020/21 compared to 4 676 in 2018/19.

Child Health

Immunisation rates in the Hessequa municipal area at 79.6 per cent is higher than that of the Garden Route District at 68.9 per cent in 2020/21. The number of malnourished children under five years (per 100 000) in Hessequa in 2020/21 was 1.0 remaining constant from the 2019/20. The Neonatal mortality rate (per 1 000 live births) in the Hessequa municipal area increased from 3.1 in 2018/19 to 3.2 in 2020/21. The low-birth-weight rate was recorded at 14.9 per cent, a slight improvement from 16.3 per cent recorded in 2019/20.

Maternal Health

The maternal mortality rate in the Hessequa municipal area was recorded at 0.0 per 100 000 live births in 2020/21. The maternal mortality rate is higher than the Garden Route District rate of 121.5 as recorded in 2020/21.

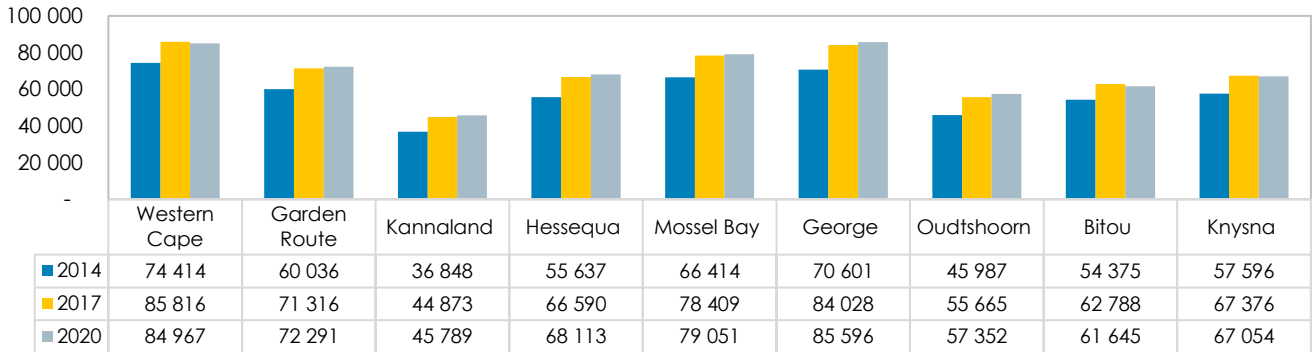
The delivery rate to women under 19 years in Hessequa was recorded 18.5 per cent in 2020/21 and is slightly higher than the District rate of 14.7 per cent. Teen delivery is on a downward trend in the Hessequa municipal area, declining from 20.2 per cent in 2018/19 .

The termination of pregnancy rate has also remained constant at 0.0 for 2016/17 to 2020/21 and rising slightly to 0.1 in 2019/20. The Garden Route District had a lower teen delivery rate and lower levels of termination of pregnancy compared to the Hessequa municipal area.

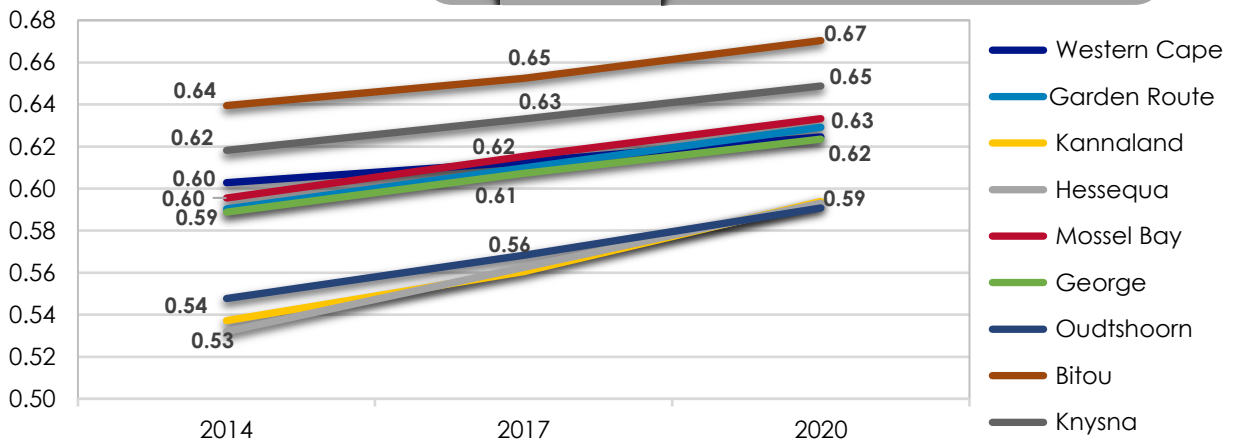
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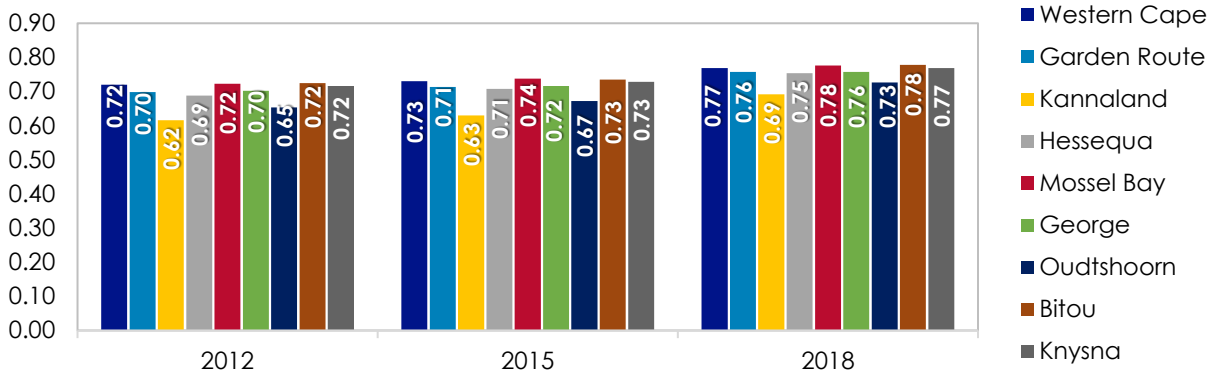
GDP per capita



Income inequality



Human development



Poverty

GDPR Per Capita

An increase in real GDPR per capita, i.e., GDPR per person, is experienced only if the real economic growth rate exceeds the population growth rate.

At R68 113, Hessequa's GDPR per capita stands below that of the GRD's figure of R72 291 and the Western Cape figure of R84 967. It is positive to note that GDP per capita has been on an upward trend, despite the sluggish economy.

Income Inequality

Even though real GDP per capita reflects changes in the overall well-being of the population, the money will not be equally distributed across the population. The National Development Plan (NDP) has set a target of reducing income inequality in South Africa from a Gini coefficient of 0.7 in 2010 to 0.6 by 2030. Income inequality has increased in Hessequa from 0.53 in 2014 to 0.59 in 2020 ; however, it is slightly lower than the GRD Gini coefficient of 0.63.

Human Development

The United Nations uses the Human Development Index (HDI) to assess the relative level of socio-economic development in countries. Indicators that measure human development are education levels, income and health. It is a measure of peoples' ability to live a long and healthy life, to communicate, participate in the community and to have sufficient means to be able to afford a decent living. The HDI is represented by a number between 0 and 1, where 1 indicates a high level of human development and 0 represents no human development.

There has been a general increase in the HDI in the Hessequa municipal area from 0.62 in 2012 to 0.69 in 2018. The trend for the Garden Route District has been similar. The rise in the HDI is attributed to an increase in the GDP per capita, literacy rates and life expectancy since 2012.

BASIC SERVICE DELIVERY



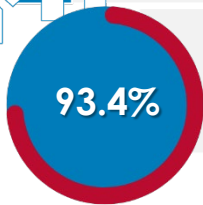
Total number of households

17 256

Hessequa Municipality

175 680

Garden Route District



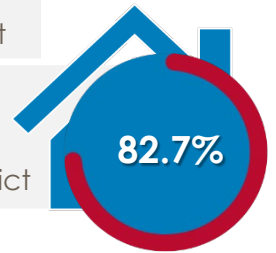
Formal main dwelling

16 112

Hessequa Municipality

145 268

Garden Route District



89.7% Hessequa
75.1% Garden Route

House/brick structure on separate stand/yard



0.8% Hessequa
0.7% Garden Route

Traditional dwelling



2.7% Hessequa
6.2% Garden Route

Flat/simplex/duplex/triplex or room/flat on shared property

0.8% Hessequa
1.2% Garden Route

Other/Unspecified



1.0% Hessequa
1.5% Garden Route

House/flat/room in backyard



2.7% Hessequa
6.2% Garden Route

Informal dwelling in backyard



2.3% Hessequa
9.2% Garden Route

Informal dwelling not in backyard



Piped water inside dwelling/within 200 m

Hessequa 97.8%

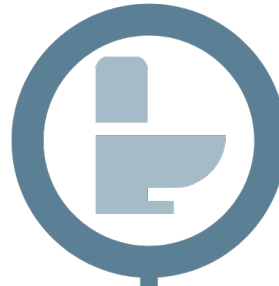
Garden Route 95.2%



Electricity as primary source of lighting

Hessequa 94.7%

Garden Route 90.7%



Flush/chemical toilet

Hessequa 90.2%

Garden Route 85.1%



Refuse removed at least once a week

Hessequa 78.9%

Garden Route 86.5%

Free basic water



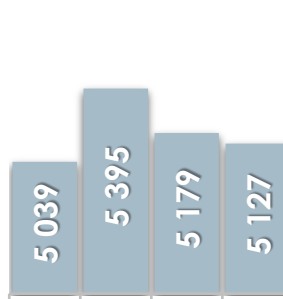
2016 2017 2018 2019

Free basic electricity



2016 2017 2018 2019

Free basic sanitation



2016 2017 2018 2019

Free basic refuse removal



2016 2017 2018 2019

Basic Service Delivery

The Constitution stipulates that every citizen has the right to access to adequate housing and that the state must take reasonable legislative and other measures within its available resources to achieve the progressive realisation of this right. Access to housing also includes access to services such as potable water, basic sanitation, safe energy sources and refuse removal services, to ensure that households enjoy a decent standard of living.

This section considers to what extent this has been achieved by reflecting on the latest available information from Quantec Research for 2019. The latest official statistics was collected by Statistics South Africa for the 2016 Community Survey; the 2021 Census will provide the updated official statistics. The information on free basic services is obtained from Statistics South Africa's Non-Financial Census of Municipalities survey findings.

Housing and Household Services

With a total of 17 256 households in the Hessequa municipal area, 93.4 per cent had access to formal housing higher than the district average of 82.7 per cent. Considering the level of households living in informal dwellings (6.6 per cent), access to formal housing is a challenge in the Hessequa municipal area.

In addition to the proportion of households living in formal dwellings, service access levels were significantly higher, with access to piped water inside/within 200 m of the dwelling at 97.8 per cent, access to a flush or chemical toilet at 90.2 per cent, access to electricity (for lighting) at 94.7 per cent and the removal of refuse at least weekly by local authority at 78.9 per cent of households. These access levels were above the District averages for all services excluding refuse removed at least once a week.

Free Basic Services

Municipalities also provide a package of free basic services to households who are financially vulnerable and struggle to pay for services. The number of households receiving free basic services in the Hessequa municipal area has shown a slight increase from 2018 to 2019 except for access to free basic sanitation. The stressed economic conditions are anticipated to exert pressure on household income levels, which is in turn likely to see the number of indigent households and the demand for free basic services increase in the upcoming years.

SAFETY AND SECURITY



MURDER		2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Actual Number	Hessequa	9	7	7
	Garden Route District	215	204	163
Per 100 000	Hessequa	17	14	13
	Garden Route District	35	33	26

SEXUAL OFFENCES		2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Actual Number	Hessequa	51	55	33
	Garden Route District	1 070	991	838
Per 100 000	Hessequa	98	106	63
	Garden Route District	173	159	133



DRUG-RELATED OFFENCES		2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Actual Number	Hessequa	843	507	576
	Garden Route District	7 300	5 790	3 534
Per 100 000	Hessequa	1 612	968	1 105
	Garden Route District	1 181	927	563

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE		2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Actual Number	Hessequa	113	108	73
	Garden Route District	1 740	1 932	690
Per 100 000	Hessequa	216	207	140
	Garden Route District	281	309	110



Fatal Crashes	Hessequa	10	11	12
Road User Fatalities	Hessequa	15	13	15



RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES		2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Actual Number	Hessequa	358	299	308
	Garden Route District	5 156	4 844	3 990
Per 100 000	Hessequa	684	572	590
	Garden Route District	834	776	635

Safety and Security

Murder

Murder is defined as the unlawful and intentional killing of another person.

Within the Hessequa municipal area, the number of murders decreased slightly annually from 9 in 2018/19 to 7 in 2020/21. The murder rate (per 100 000 people) decreased from 17 in 2018/19 to 13 in 2020/21. The murder rate for the Garden Route District also declined (35 in 2018/19 and 26 in 2020/21) and is much higher than that of the Hessequa municipal area. The murder rate in Hessequa is amongst the lowest in the Garden Route District. 2017's global murder rate was 6.1 (per 100 000 people) and is significantly below the reports within both the District and the Municipality.

Sexual Offences

Sexual offences include rape (updated to the new definition of rape to provide for the inclusion of male rape), sex work, pornography, public indecency and human trafficking.

In 2020/21, there were 33 sexual offences in the Hessequa area a decrease from 55 recorded in 2019/20, equating to 63 cases per 100 000 people. South Africa is amongst the top 5 countries in the world with respect to reports of rape, therefore it is a huge problem that needs to be addressed.

Drug-related Offences

Drug-related crimes refer to the situation where the perpetrator is found to be in possession of, under the influence of, or selling illegal drugs.

Drug-related crime within the Hessequa area declined from 843 cases in 2018/19 to 576 cases in 2020/21 and is largely attributed to the decriminalisation of marijuana. When considering the rate per 100 000 people, it fluctuated from 1 612 in 2018/19 to 968 in 2019/20 and increased to 1 105 in 2020/21 within Hessequa. The District had a lower incidence of drug-related offences with 563 cases per 100 000 people in 2020/21.

Driving under the influence (DUI)

A situation where the driver of a vehicle is found to be over the legal blood alcohol limit.

The number of cases per 100 000 people of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs in the Hessequa area shows a declining trend from 216 in 2018/19 to 140 in 2020/21. The significant decline is largely due to the COVID-19 related restrictions on alcohol and the implementation of curfews. The incidence of DUI's is slightly higher than the District which had an incidence rate of 110 per 100 000 people in 2020/21. Despite the declining trend in DUI's in Hessequa, road user fatalities were 15 in 2018/19 the dropped slightly to 13 in 2019/20 and then 15 in 2020/21..

Residential Burglaries

The unlawful entry of a residential structure with the intent to commit a crime, usually a theft.

The 2020/21 crime statistics released by SAPS and Stats SA indicate that the number of residential burglaries increased by 6.3 per cent in South Africa from 2019/20. Residential burglary cases within the Hessequa area however decreased significantly by 13.9 per cent from 358 in 2018/19 to 308 in 2020. When considering the rate per 100 000 population i.e., 590 cases per 100 000 in 2020/21, Hessequa's rate is below the District rate of 635 cases per 100 000 people in the same reporting year.

Economy and Labour Market Performance

SECTOR	GDP			Employment		
	R million value 2019	Trend 2015 – 2019	Real GDP growth 2020e	Number of jobs 2019	Average annual change 2015 - 2019	Net change 2020e
PS Primary Sector	382.0	-4.6	10.6	4 879	65	-279
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	369.7	-4.7	11.4	4 861	65	-277
Mining & quarrying	12.4	-2.0	-19.9	18	-1	-2
SS Secondary sector	911.3	0.3	-11.7	3 723	-45	-382
Manufacturing	587.5	2.2	-8.2	2 222	28	-138
Electricity, gas & water	90.3	-4.3	-9.6	59	-1	-5
Construction	233.5	-3.4	-23.5	1 442	-71	-239
TS Tertiary sector	2 738.7	1.8	-6.3	16 629	282	-994
Wholesale & retail trade, catering & accommodation	804.7	1.2	-10.3	6 713	135	-471
Transport, storage & communication	442.5	1.9	-14.4	1 116	25	-30
Finance, insurance, real estate & business services	872.1	3.0	-3.2	3 822	143	-149
General government	360.3	-0.1	-0.1	1 814	-15	4
Community, social & personal services	259.2	1.3	-2.4	3 164	-6	-348
Hessequa	4 032.0	0.7	-5.6	25 231	302	-1 655

Skill Levels Formal employment	Skill Level Contribution 2020 (%)	Average growth (%) 2016 - 2020	Number of jobs	
			2019	2020
Skilled	22.9	1.6	3 578	3 456
Semi-skilled	41.6	-0.5	6 687	6 274
Low-skilled	35.6	-2.1	5 763	5 368
TOTAL	100.0	-0.6	16 028	15 098

Informal Employment	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number of informal jobs	8 942	8 869	8 923	9 400	9 609	10 139	9 354	9 764	9 579	9 203	8 478
% of Total Employment	41.1	40.5	39.6	40.1	40.5	40.1	37.7	38.6	37.7	36.5	36.0

Unemployment rates	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Bitou	20.3	20.5	20.5	20.3	20.5	20.5	22.1	22.9	22.7	24.5	24.2
George	14.7	14.5	14.2	13.6	13.6	13.1	13.9	14.2	13.8	14.7	14.2
Hessequa	7.0	7.0	6.8	6.5	6.5	6.1	6.6	6.8	6.7	7.2	7.2
Kannaland	8.3	8.5	8.4	8.0	8.2	7.5	8.2	8.6	8.5	9.2	8.7
Knysna	17.8	17.7	17.5	17.1	17.1	16.9	18.0	18.5	18.1	19.4	18.9
Mossel Bay	14.3	14.3	14.1	13.6	13.7	13.4	14.4	14.8	14.5	15.6	15.2
Oudtshoorn	19.0	18.9	18.5	17.9	17.8	17.1	17.9	18.3	17.8	18.7	17.6
Garden Route	15.0	15.0	14.7	14.3	14.3	13.9	14.8	15.2	14.9	15.9	15.4
Western Cape	15.9	16.1	16.1	16.0	16.4	16.5	17.7	18.4	18.3	19.6	18.9

Economy and Labour Market Performance

Sectoral Overview

In 2019, the economy of Hessequa was valued at R4.032 billion (current prices) and employed 25 231 people. Historical trends between 2015 and 2019 indicate that the municipal area realised an average annual growth rate of 0.7 per cent, which can mostly be attributed to the tertiary sector that registered a positive annual growth rate of 1.8 per cent.

In terms of sectoral contribution, the finance, insurance, real estate and business services (R872.1 million), wholesale and retail trade, catering and accommodation (R804.7 million) and manufacturing (R587.5 million) sectors were the main drivers that contributed to the positive growth in the Hessequa economy. Growth in the economy slowed to -5.6 per cent in 2020, with only the agriculture sector registering positive growth as a result of improved drought conditions and favourable commodity prices.

Net employment in all sectors mirrored the declining GDP growth rate, with only General Government managing to create jobs (4) in 2020. The largest amount of job losses occurred within the Tertiary sector (-994), followed by the Secondary sector (-382). Despite the positive growth of 10. per cent in the Primary sector, it still registered 279 job losses.

Formal and Informal Employment

It is estimated that Hessequa's total employed will in 2019 amount to 25 231 workers, of which 16 028 (63.5 per cent) are employed in the formal sector while 9 203 (36.5 per cent) are informally employed. Employment in the formal sector had an annual average decline of 0.6 per cent from 2016 to 2020 while the informal sector suffered an annual average decline of 1.9 per cent over this period.

Most of the formally employed consisted of semi-skilled (41.6 per cent) and low-skilled (35.6 per cent) workers. The skilled category only contributed 22.9 per cent to total formal employment and was notably outpaced by the other two categories in terms of average annual growth between 2016 and 2020. Low skilled employment declined by 2.1 per cent, while jobs requiring semi-skilled workers declined by 0.5 per cent. The growth in the skilled category (1.6 per cent) reflects the market demand for more skilled labour, especially with the growing tertiary sector in the Hessequa municipal area.

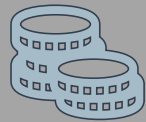
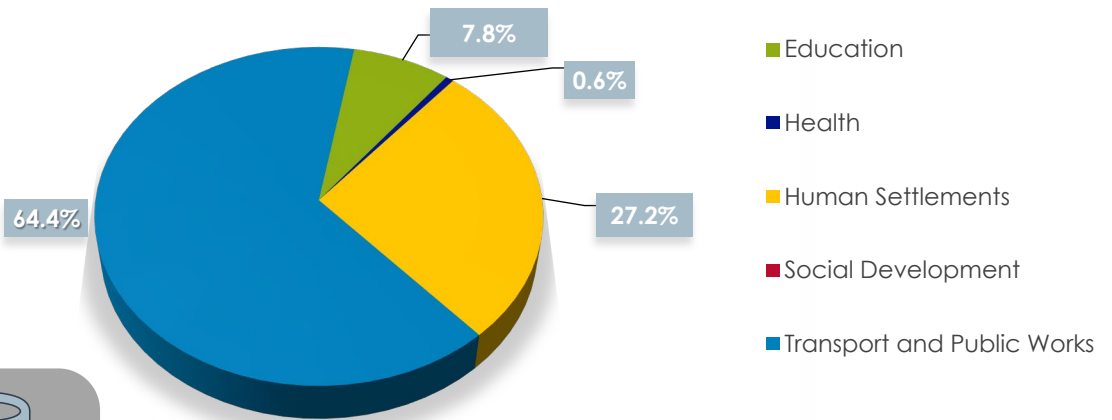
Unemployment

Hessequa (7.2 per cent) has the lowest unemployment rate in the Garden Route District and is below the District (15.4 per cent) and Western Cape (18.9 per cent) unemployment rates. Unemployment has been stable from 2010 - 2020 not exceeding 7 per cent between 2010 and 2018 compared with other municipalities in the Garden Route.

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE SPEND

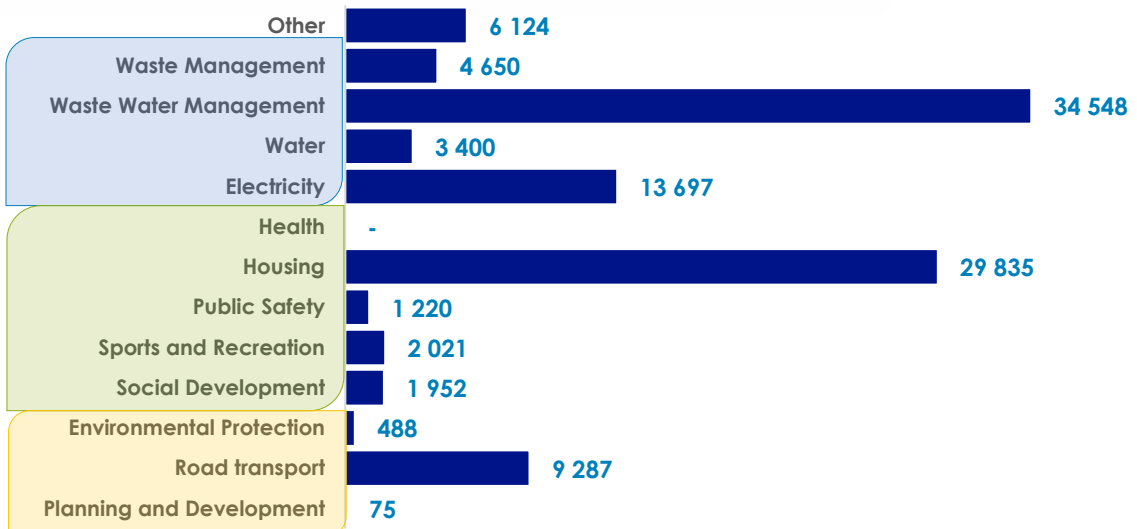
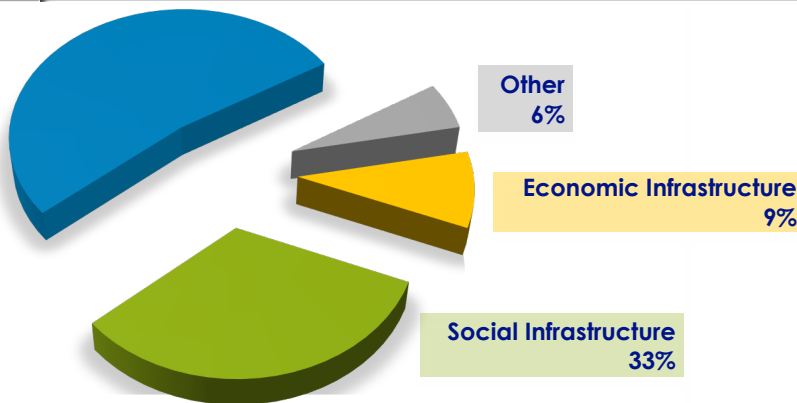


Provincial infrastructure spend



Municipal infrastructure spend (R'000)

Trading Services
52%



Public Infrastructure Spend

Spending on Social Infrastructure

Spending on social infrastructure aids in social development and has the spill-over effect of enabling economic growth. The Western Cape Government (WCG) will spend 69.7 per cent of its infrastructure budget on social infrastructure.

As displayed in the pie chart the WCG will be allocating 27.2 per cent of its infrastructure budget on human settlements. This is crucial considering in-migration, population growth, land invasions and increasing demand for housing. The Municipality has allocated a further R29.835 million towards this function.

A healthy and resilient community increases productivity and reduces pressures on government resources. Spending on health is especially necessary in response to the pressures of the COVID-19 pandemic on health infrastructure. As such the Department of Health has allocated 0.6 per cent (R800 000) of infrastructure spending towards Health.

The WCG has allocated R10 million (7.8 per cent) to educational infrastructure within Hessequa. No allocation has however been made for Social Development by WCG. The municipality allocated 33 per cent (R35.028 million) towards social infrastructure. This will serve to improve the quality of life of individuals in the municipal area.

Spending on Economic Infrastructure

Economic infrastructure is defined as infrastructure that promotes economic activity. Considering the sluggish economic growth throughout the country, spending on economic infrastructure is crucial to stimulating economic activity.

The WCG allocated R83.00 million (64.4 per cent of the infrastructure budget) towards economic infrastructure, i.e., Transport and Public Works. Road transport and public works related infrastructure go a long way towards unlocking the region's economic potential, especially with Hessequa's position on the Garden Route making it an economic hub and prime tourist destination. The Municipality assists by contributing a further R9.287 million (i.e., 8.6 per cent of total municipal infrastructure spending) towards road transport. As part of their economic infrastructure allocation, the Municipality will also contribute R75 000 towards Planning and Development and R488 000 towards Environmental Protection.

Spending on Trading Services

Basic services are crucial to improving the living conditions of citizens within the municipal area and enabling economic activity for businesses via access to water, electricity, sanitation and refuse removal. The majority of the Municipality's infrastructure budget i.e., 52.5 per cent or R56.295 million is allocated towards the provision of basic services. The majority of spending on trading services have been allocated towards waste water management (R34.548 million. This was followed by electricity (R13.697 million); waste management (R4.650 million) and water management (R3 .400 million).

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