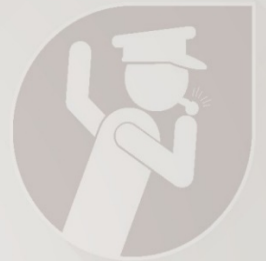




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**Swellendam Municipality**

2021



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# Swellendam: At a Glance

## Demographics

Population Estimates, 2021; Estimated households, 2020



### Population

**39 045**



### Households

**32 272**

## Education



Matric Pass Rate	81.2%
Retention Rate	68.5%
Learner-Teacher Ratio	27.9

## Poverty

2020



Gini Coefficient	0.606
Human Development Index	0.733

## Health

2020/21



### Primary Health Care Facilities

5

excl mobile/satellite

### Immunisation Rate

56.9%

### Maternal Mortality Ratio (per 100 000 live births)

-

### Teenage Pregnancies - Delivery rate to women U/18

16.8%

## Safety and Security

Actual number of reported cases in 2020/21



### Residential Burglaries

274

### DUI

57

### Drug-related Crimes

238

### Murder

16

### Sexual Offences

47

## Access to Basic Service Delivery

Percentage of households with access to basic services, 2020



### Water

96.0%

### Refuse Removal

74.6%



### Electricity

94.1%



### Sanitation

84.8%



### Housing

79.9%



## Road Safety

Fatal Crashes 8

Road User Fatalities 9

## Labour

### Unemployment Rate (narrow definition)

6.7%



## Socio-economic Risks

- Risk 1 Demand for basic services and housing
- Risk 2 Lack of job opportunities
- Risk 3 Ageing infrastructure

## Largest 3 Sectors

Contribution to GDP, 2019

Finance, insurance, real estate & business services

**22.7%**

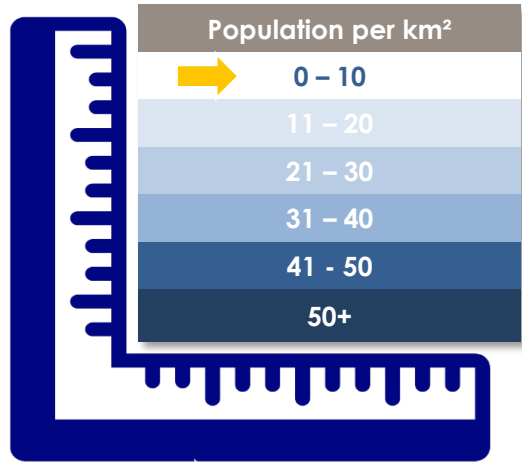
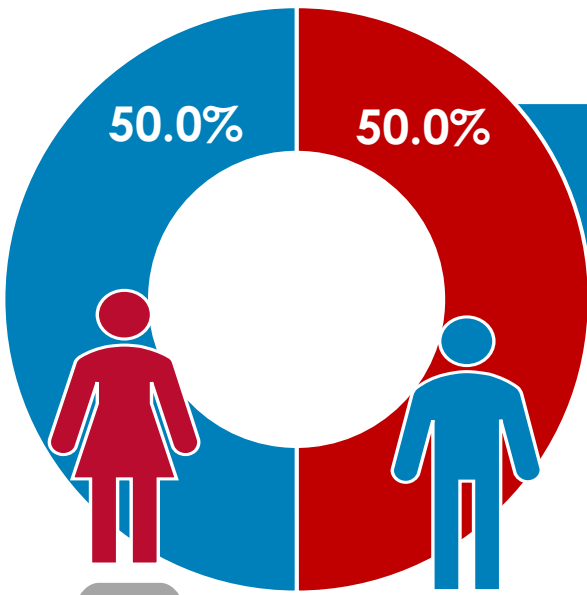
Wholesale and retail trade, catering and accommodation

**20.8%**

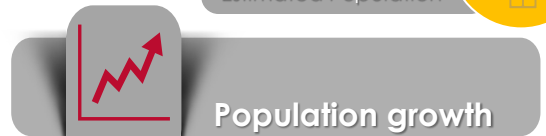
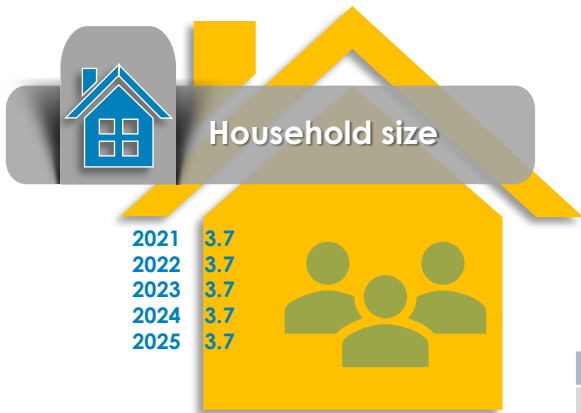
General Government

**11.4%**

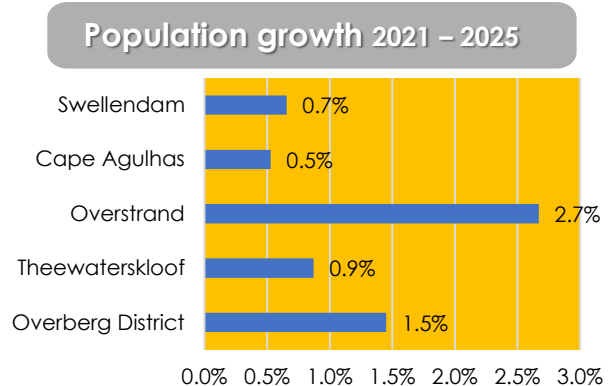
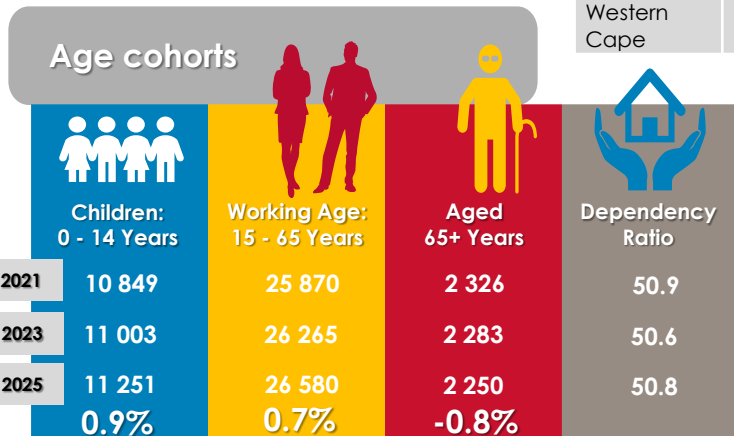
# DEMOGRAPHICS



	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Overberg</b>	102.0	102.6	102.7	102.8	102.8
Theewaterskloof	106.8	107.6	107.7	107.9	108.0
Overstrand	98.6	99.1	99.1	99.2	99.2
Cape Agulhas	98.6	99.3	99.6	99.8	100.0
<b>Swellendam</b>	100.0	100.4	100.5	100.5	100.4



	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Swellendam</b>	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
Overberg District	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4
Western Cape	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4



# Demographics

## Population

The Swellendam municipal area currently (2021) has a population of 39 045. This total is expected to increase to 40 081 by 2025, equating to an average annual growth rate of 0.7 per cent. In comparison, the Theewaterskloof and Cape Agulhas municipal areas will grow at 0.9 and 0.5 per cent respectively, while Overstrand will grow at 2.7 per cent across the same period.

## Sex Ratio

The overall sex ratio (SR) depicts the number of males per 100 females in the population. The data indicates an even split between men and woman in the Swellendam municipal area in 2021. The SR does however increase slightly towards 2025.

## Age Cohorts

Between 2021 and 2025, the largest population growth is expected to occur in the child cohort (0 - 14 years) which grew at an annual average rate of 0.9 per cent. The working age cohort increased by 0.7 per cent while the aged cohort decreased by 0.8 per cent. The decrease in the aged cohort could potentially reflect a decrease in the overall life-expectancy within the municipal area. It could also be an indication that those transitioning into retirement, opt to leave the municipal area to settle elsewhere.

## Household sizes

Household size refers to the number of people per household. The average household size in the Swellendam municipal area is 3.7 which is estimated to remain unchanged towards 2025. Contributing factors to a stagnation in household size growth could include, but are not limited to, lower fertility rates, occurrences of divorce, ageing population, etc.

## 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 Overberg District (OD) was 24.9 persons per square kilometre. In order of highest to lowest, the various local municipal areas in the OD compare as follows:

- Overstrand 63.1 people/km<sup>2</sup>
- Theewaterskloof 38.0 people/km<sup>2</sup>
- Cape Agulhas 10.2 people/km<sup>2</sup>
- **Swellendam 10.2 people/km<sup>2</sup>**

# EDUCATION

## Educational facilities

19

Number of schools

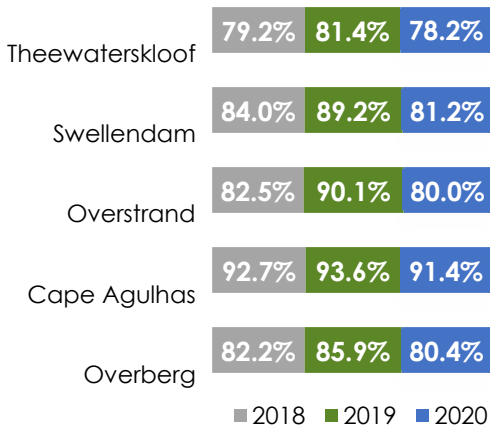
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Number of no-fee schools

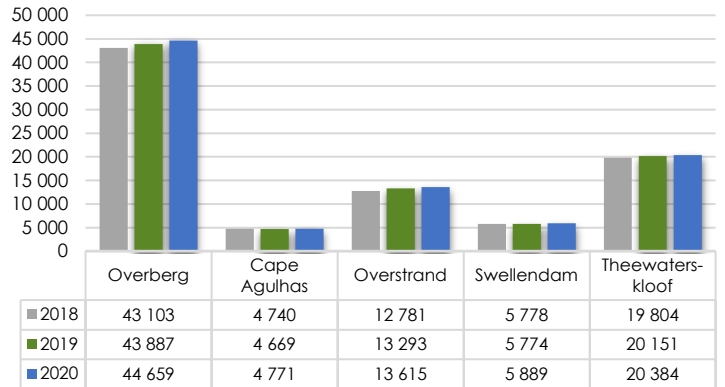
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Number of schools with libraries

## Education outcomes



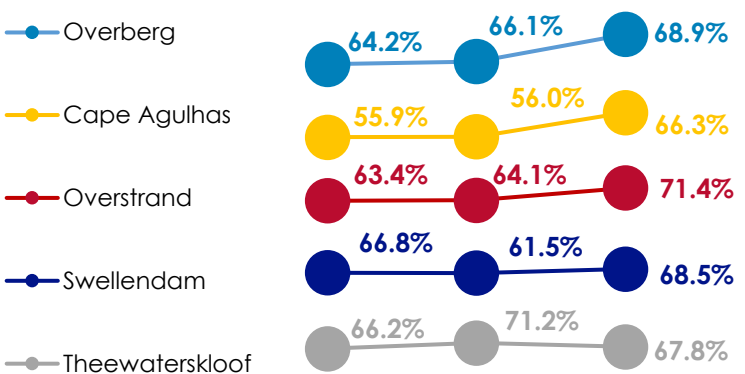
## Learner enrolment



## Learner-Teacher Ratio 2018 - 2020



## Learner retention



# Education

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

On average, the learner enrolment in the Swellendam municipal area increased by 1.0 per cent annually from 2018 to 2020 which is notably lower than the District total of 1.8 per cent across the same period. This discrepancy could be attributed to a number of factors including demographics and socio-economic context.

The learner-teacher ratio in Swellendam municipal area increased from 26.7 in 2019 to 27.9 in 2020. This is lower than the District (30.1) and Provincial (30.3) averages. It is commonly assumed that children receive less personalised attention in larger class environments and that high learner-teacher ratios are detrimental to improved educational outcomes. The learner-retention rate in Swellendam improved from 61.5 per cent in 2019 to 68.5 per cent in 2020 which is slightly below the District average (68.9 per cent), but above the Provincial average of 67.8 per cent.

## **Number of schools**

The number of public ordinary schools in the Swellendam municipal area has remain stable at 19 since 2018.

## **Number of no-fee schools**

In an effort to alleviate some of the funding challenges the Western Cape Department of Education (WCED) offered certain fee-paying schools to become no-fee schools. The proportion of no-fee schools in the Swellendam municipal area has remained unchanged at 84.2 per cent since 2018. Given the extent of poor households in the municipal area, this percentage should arguably increase to ensure equal access to education opportunities.

## **Schools with libraries and media centres**

Schools with libraries and media centres in the Swellendam municipal area decreased from 13 in 2018 to 10 in 2020. The availability of library facilities within schools contribute towards narrowing the academic attainment gap by allowing students access to information which is in turn directly linked to improved education outcomes.

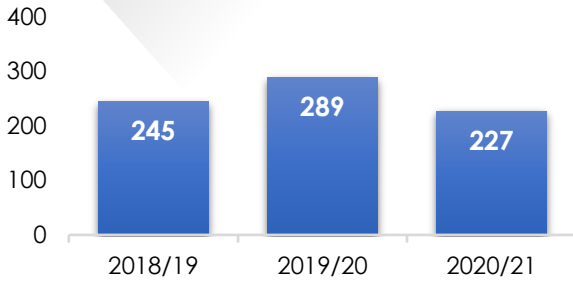
## **Education Outcomes (Matric Pass Rates)**

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. Following a positive increase from 84.0 per cent in 2018 to 89.2 per cent in 2019, the matric pass rate in the Swellendam municipal area decreased sharply in 2020 to 81.2 per cent. The declining trend is observed in most districts as a result of COVID-19 and the extent to which the pandemic disrupted the academic year.

# HEALTH



## Tuberculosis

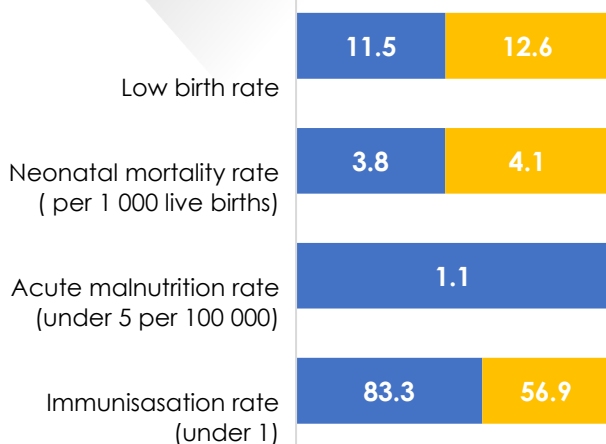


## Maternal health

	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
Swellendam	0.0	0.0	14.5	16.8	0.5	0.5
<b>Overberg District</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>



## Child health



■ Overberg District ■ Swellendam



## Healthcare facilities

Facility Type	Overberg District	Swellendam
REGIONAL HOSPITALS	0	0
DISTRICT HOSPITALS	4	1
COMMUNITY DAY CENTRES	1	0
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRES	1	0
PHC CLINICS (SATELITE AND MOBILE)	25	3
PHC CLINICS (FIXED)	17	5

■ Overberg District ■ Swellendam



## Emergency medical services

Health Indicator	Overberg District	Swellendam
EMS Operational Ambulances	26	4
No. of operational ambulances per 10 000 people	1	1



## HIV/AIDS

Area	Total Registered patients receiving ART		Number of new ART patients	
	2019/20	2020/21	2019/20	2020/21
Swellendam	1 174	1 148	151	96
<b>Overberg District</b>	<b>13 712</b>	<b>13 490</b>	<b>1 547</b>	<b>1 050</b>



# 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 which is low at 16.9 per cent for South Africa and 25 per cent for the Western Cape in 2017. The Swellendam municipal area had 5 fixed and 3 non-fixed primary healthcare clinics (PHC) in 2020/21. There are currently no community health or day centres in the municipal area.

## Emergency Medical Services

Provision of more operational ambulances can provide greater coverage of emergency medical services. The Swellendam municipal area currently has 1 ambulance per 10 000 inhabitants. It is worth noting that this number only refers to Provincial ambulances and excludes all private service providers.

## HIV/AIDS/TB

The number of clients (patients) that remain committed to their antiretroviral treatment (ART) plan in the Swellendam municipal area decreased by 26 patients between 2019/20 and 2020/21. In total, 1 148 registered patients received antiretroviral treatment in the municipal area in 2020/21. The number of new patients receiving ART in turn declined by 55 to 96 patients in 2020/21. There has been an average annual decline of 14.0 per cent between 2016/17 (177) and 2020/21 (96) in the number of registered patients receiving TB treatment in the Swellendam municipal area. The District as a whole experienced a 12.2 per cent decline across the same period.

## Child Health

There has been an improvement in all Child health indicators in Swellendam between 2019/20 and 2020/21 i.e. the immunisation rate increased from 54.3 per cent to 56.9 per cent; the number of malnourished children under five years (per 100 000) improved from 0.8 to zero; the neonatal mortality rate (NMR) (per 1 000 live births) decreased from 6.1 to 4.1 and the low birth weight was recorded at 12.6 per cent, down from 14.3 per cent.

## Maternal Health

There were no maternal deaths in facility in the Swellendam municipal area in 2020/21.

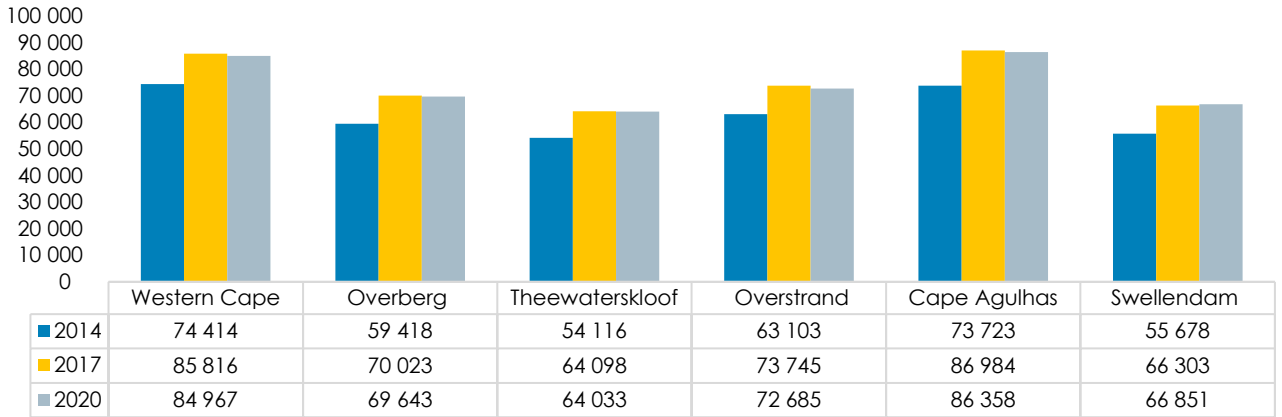
The delivery rate to women between the ages 10 – 19 increased from 14.5 per cent in 2019/20 to 16.8 per cent in 2019/20.

The termination of pregnancy rate in the municipal area was recorded as 0.5 per cent in 2020/21, unchanged from 2019/20. Swellendam had the second lowest termination of pregnancy rate in the District (lowest was Cape Agulhas at 0.3 per cent). A low termination rate is strongly associated with a decrease in unwanted pregnancies which in turn attests of improved family planning and access to health care services (for example, access to contraception, sexual education programmes, counselling etc.).

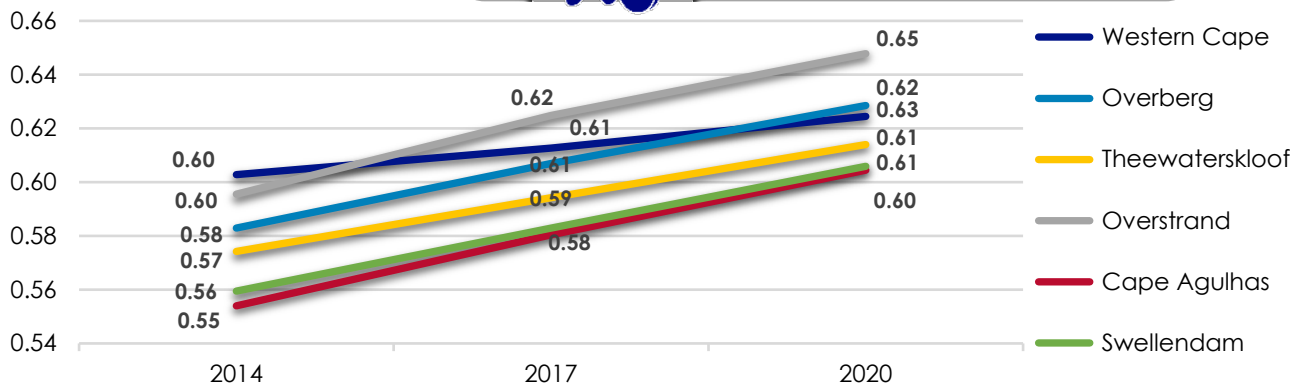
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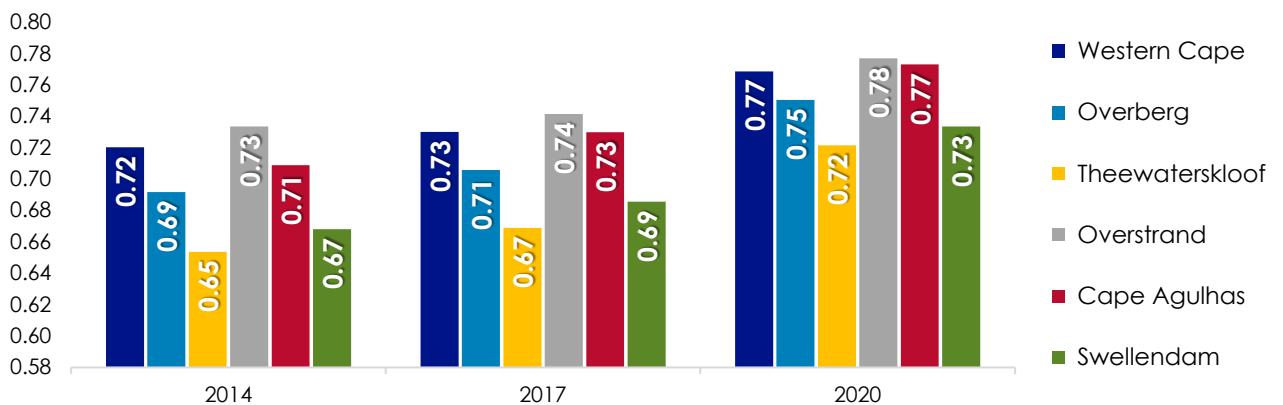
## GDP per capita



## Income inequality



## Human development



# Poverty

## GDPR Per Capita

An increase in GDPR per capita, i.e. GDPR per person, is experienced only if the real economic growth rate exceeds the population growth rate. Real GDPR per capita (nominal terms) in the Swellendam municipal area was R66 851 in 2020 which is slightly lower than the District average of R69 643. The highest GDPR per capita was observed in Cape Agulhas (R86 358). The Provincial average was R84 967.

## Income Inequality

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 in the Swellendam municipal area has gradually worsened from 0.560 in 2014 and 0.583 in 2017 to 0.606 in 2020. The municipal area's Gini coefficient was in 2010 (0.539) still within the NDP target. The Overberg District had a Gini coefficient of 0.629 in 2020.

## Human Development

The HDI is a composite indicator reflecting education levels, health, and income. 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.

An overall improvement in human development is observed across the entire Western Cape with HDI levels increasing in all local municipal areas since 2014. In 2020, the HDI score for the Swellendam municipal area was 0.733. Both Overstrand (0.777) and Cape Agulhas (0.773) had higher HDIs. The Overberg District as a whole had an average of 0.750 which was notably lower than the Provincial average of 0.769.

Naturally, per capita income as per definition is expected to mimic the trend of HDI and this is clearly displayed in the graphic above. In short, what this graphic illustrates is that for the most part an increase in GDP per capita across a particular region is generally accompanied by an improvement in HDI levels with a short lag.

# BASIC SERVICE DELIVERY



## Total number of households

11 305

Swellendam Municipality

87 777

Overberg District

87.8%

## Formal main dwelling

9 924

Swellendam Municipality

70 169

Overberg District

79.9%



78.7% Swellendam  
72.4% Overberg

House/brick structure  
on separate stand/yard



0.6% Swellendam  
1.3% Overberg

Traditional dwelling



8.4% Swellendam  
6.3% Overberg

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

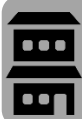
1.0% Swellendam  
1.9% Overberg

Other/Unspecified



0.7% Swellendam  
1.2% Overberg

House/flat/room in  
backyard



3.8% Swellendam  
5.7% Overberg

Informal dwelling in  
backyard



6.8% Swellendam  
11.1% Overberg

Informal dwelling  
not in backyard



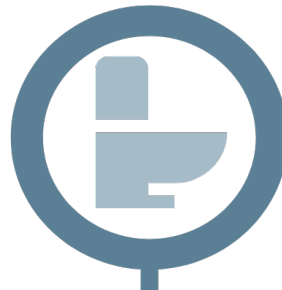
Piped water inside  
dwelling/within 200m

Swellendam	96.0%
Overberg	97.2%



Electricity as primary  
source of lighting

Swellendam	94.1%
Overberg	90.1%



Flush/chemical toilet

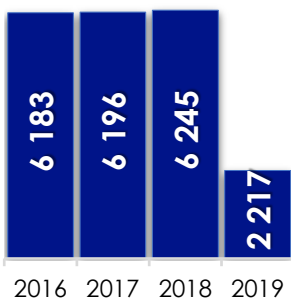
Swellendam	84.8%
Overberg	88.6%



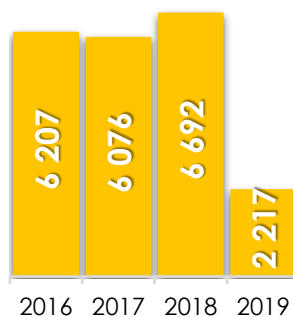
Refuse removed at least  
once a week

Swellendam	74.6%
Overberg	82.8%

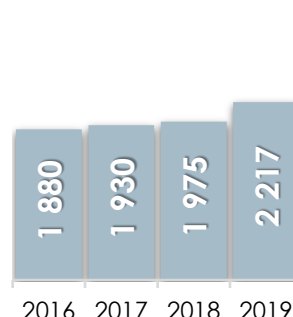
## Free basic water



## Free basic electricity



## Free basic sanitation



## Free basic refuse removal



# 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 11 305 households in the Swellendam municipal area, 87.8 per cent had access to formal housing, the highest access level in the Overberg District. The municipal area also had the lowest percentage of households living in informal dwellings (10.6 per cent). Access levels to basic services in the municipal area were as follows in 2019:

- Piped water inside/within 200 m of the dwelling: 96.0 per cent
- Flush or chemical toilet: 84.8 per cent
- Electricity (for lighting): 94.1 per cent
- Refuse at least weekly by local authority: 74.6 per cent

With the exception of electricity services, these access levels were however all below the Overberg District averages for all services. The overall low levels of access to refuse removal services can be attributed to outlying farming communities which do not fall within the ambit of responsibility of the Municipality.

## Free Basic Services

Government provides a basket of free basic services (water, sanitation, refuse removal and electricity) which aims to improve the lives of the poorest and most vulnerable communities. In order to qualify for the basket of free basic services, a household must be classified as an indigent household as per criteria determined by individual local municipalities. In general, a household is classified as indigent when the occupants in said households earn a combined income of less than a certain amount (poverty threshold) defined by the indigent policy of a municipality at that point in time. Municipalities review their indigent policies (and as such the determined amount) on an annual basis to bring the defined amount in line with reigning socio-economic conditions. According to the Department of Local Government, the Swellendam municipal area had a total of 1 967 registered indigent households in 2020.

The number of households receiving free basic sanitation and refuse removal has gradually been increasing since 2016. Access to free basic water and electricity followed similar trends but decreased sharply in 2019. It is important to note that households must register to be eligible for free basic services. The total number of indigent households to receive services free of charge does therefore vary on an annual basis.

Increased economic hardship as a result of COVID-19 is expected to impact negatively on poorer households and their ability to afford quality services. The general expectation is that the number of indigent households in the municipal area will increase over time.

# SAFETY AND SECURITY



MURDER		2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Actual Number	Swellendam	16	10	16
	Overberg District	113	137	118
Per 100 000	Swellendam	42	25	42
	Overberg District	38	46	39

SEXUAL OFFENCES		2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Actual Number	Swellendam	60	46	47
	Overberg District	359	303	300
Per 100 000	Swellendam	158	118	120
	Overberg District	122	101	98



DRUG-RELATED OFFENCES		2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Actual Number	Swellendam	357	219	238
	Overberg District	3 515	2 643	2 643
Per 100 000	Swellendam	935	565	611
	Overberg District	1 194	880	867

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE		2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Actual Number	Swellendam	155	137	57
	Overberg District	702	737	309
Per 100 000	Swellendam	405	355	145
	Overberg District	239	245	101



Fatal Crashes	Swellendam	9	13	8
Road User Fatalities	Swellendam	9	13	9



RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES		2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Actual Number	Swellendam	302	327	274
	Overberg District	3 471	3 055	2 511
Per 100 000	Swellendam	790	844	701
	Overberg District	1 179	1 017	823

# Safety and Security

## Murder

The number of actual murders in the Swellendam municipal area increased from 10 reported cases in 2019/20 to 16 in 2020/21. This amounted to an increase in the murder rate from 25 occurrences per 100 000 people to 42 (68.3 per cent). The municipal area's murder rate was in 2020/21 slightly higher than the Districts average (39). In comparison, the murder rate for the Province was notably higher at 53 in 2019/20.

## Sexual Offences

The rate of sexual offences in South Africa is amongst the highest in the world. Sexual offences in the municipal area increased by 1.7 per cent from 118 occurrences per 100 000 people in 2019/20 to 120 in 2020/21. The rate across the District in turn decreased ever so slightly from 101 in 2019/20 to 98 in 2020/21. The Western Cape average was significantly lower at 90 in 2020/21.

## Drug-Related Offences

Occurrences of drug related crimes declined significantly across the entire Western Cape - the drug-related crime rate in the Province decrease by 29.8 per cent from 890 occurrences per 100 000 people in 2019/20 to 625 in 2020/21. In contrast, the drug-related crime rate in the Swellendam municipal area increased by 8.0 per cent to 611 occurrences per 100 000 people across the same period. The rate across the District as a whole decreased slightly from 880 occurrences in 2019/20 to 867 in 2020/21 (1.5 per cent decline).

## Driving under the influence (DUI)

A total number of 57 cases of driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol or drugs were registered in the Swellendam municipal area in 2020/21. Expressed per 100 000 people, the DUI rate for the municipal area was 145 occurrences in 2020/21. This amounts to a decrease of 59.0 per cent increase from 2019/20. The DUI rate for the municipal area was notable higher than that of the District (101) and the Provincial (53) average.

## Fatal crashed and fatalities

Fatal crashes in the municipal area decreased from 13 in 2019/20 to 8 in 2020/21. The number of road-user fatalities in turn also decreased from 13 to 9 across this period.

## Residential Burglaries

Residential burglaries in the municipal area decreased sharply from 327 reported incidents in 2019/20 to 274 in 2020/21. The burglary rate per 100 000 people subsequently decreased by 17.0 per cent to 701 in 2020/21. This was lower than the District total of 823.

# Economy and Labour Market Performance

SECTOR	GDPR				Employment	
	R Million value 2019	Trend 2015 – 2019	Real GDPR growth 2020e	Number of jobs 2019	Average annual change 2015 - 2019	Net change 2020e
<b>PS</b> Primary Sector	<b>231.1</b>	<b>-4.2</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>3 627</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>-147</b>
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	229.6	-4.2	10.4	3 624	62	-146
Mining & quarrying	1.5	-0.8	-18.8	3	0	-1
<b>SS</b> Secondary sector	<b>503.2</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>-10.8</b>	<b>1 845</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>-167</b>
Manufacturing	276.7	3.3	-6.4	919	24	-47
Electricity, gas & water	62.3	-3.2	-8.9	44	-1	-2
Construction	164.1	1.1	-20.3	882	10	-118
<b>TS</b> Tertiary sector	<b>2 008.3</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>-4.9</b>	<b>12 238</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>-607</b>
Wholesale & retail trade, catering & accommodation	569.7	2.3	-9.3	4 013	136	-249
Transport, storage & communication	273.9	1.7	-14.6	643	18	-18
Finance, insurance, real estate & business services	621.8	4.6	-1.9	3 276	137	-117
General government	311.5	1.0	0.7	1 631	10	25
Community, social & personal services	231.4	2.4	-1.4	2 675	40	-248
<b>Swellendam</b>	<b>2 742.6</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>-4.3</b>	<b>17 710</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>-921</b>

Skill Levels Formal employment	Skill Level Contribution 2020 (%)	Average growth (%) 2016 - 2020	Number of jobs	
			2019	2020
Skilled	20.4	2.0	2 578	2 511
Semi-skilled	41.7	1.1	5 385	5 136
Low-skilled	37.9	-1.0	4 960	4 674
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>12 923</b>	<b>12 321</b>

Informal Employment	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number of informal jobs	4 364	4 334	4 407	4 690	4 781	5 217	4 830	5 041	4 967	4 787	4 468
% of Total Employment	31.7	30.9	30.2	30.7	30.8	30.9	28.5	29.1	28.2	27.0	26.6

Unemployment rates	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Overstrand	12.2	12.7	12.6	12.3	12.8	12.1	13.7	14.3	14.4	16.0	16.2
<b>Swellendam</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>6.7</b>
Theewaterskloof	8.4	8.7	8.4	8.0	8.4	7.3	8.2	8.6	8.6	9.4	9.4
Cape Agulhas	7.0	7.2	7.0	6.8	7.0	6.4	7.1	7.4	7.4	8.1	8.3
Overberg District	9.1	9.4	9.2	8.9	9.3	8.3	9.4	9.8	9.8	10.8	10.9
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 the Swellendam municipal area was valued at R2.7 billion (current prices) and employed 17 710 people. Historical trends between 2015 and 2019 indicate that the municipal area realised an average annual growth rate of 1.9 per cent. While growth within the primary sector declined between 2015 and 2019 (4.2 per cent), the secondary and tertiary sectors grew at 1.9 and 2.9 per cent respectively. The economy is overall expected to contract by 4.3 per cent in 2020 while the municipal area is estimated to shed 921 jobs amidst the prolonged impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. In terms of sectoral contribution, the finance, insurance, real estate & business services (R621.8 million), wholesale and retail trade, catering and accommodation (R569.7 million) and general government (R311.5 million) sectors were the main contributors to growth in the municipal area. The former two sectors are both expected to decline in 2020, while the general government sector will grow marginally.

The wholesale and retail trade, catering and accommodation sector was in 2019 the biggest contributor to overall employment in the municipal area. This sector was also able to create the second most jobs between 2015 and 2019. With the exception of general government, all sectors will shed jobs in 2020. The largest job losses will in 2020 occur in the wholesale (249) and community, social & personal services (248) sectors.

## Formal and Informal Employment

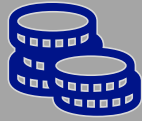
It is estimated that total employment in Swellendam will in 2020 amount to 16 789 workers of which 12 321 (73.4 per cent) are in the formal sector while 4 468 (26.6 per cent) are informally employed.

Most of total employment in the municipal area consisted of semi-skilled (41.7 per cent) and low-skilled (37.9 per cent) workers. Although the skilled category only contributed 20.4 per cent to total formal employment, it notably outpaced the other two categories in terms of average annual growth – between 2016 and 2020, the skilled cohort grew on average by 2.0 per cent (albeit off a small base) while the semi-skilled category grew by 1.1 per cent. The low-skilled category in turn declined by -1.0 per cent. The growth in the skilled category reflects the market demand for more skilled labour. Evidently, the demand for skilled labour is on the rise which implies the need to capacitate and empower low-skilled and semi-skilled workers. Formal employment in the municipal area on average grew by 0.5 per cent between 2016 – 2020.

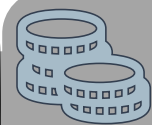
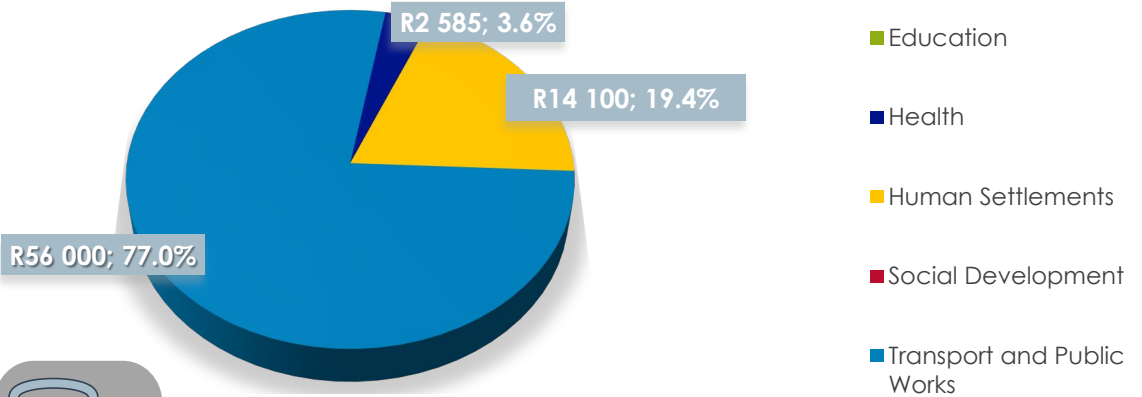
## Unemployment

At 6.7 per cent, Swellendam had the lowest unemployment rate in the entire District. This is notably lower than the District (10.9 per cent) and Western Cape (18.9 per cent) averages. These estimates are based on the narrow definition of unemployment i.e. the percentage of people that are able to work, but unable to find employment. In turn, the broad definition generally refers to people that are able to work, but not actively seeking employment.

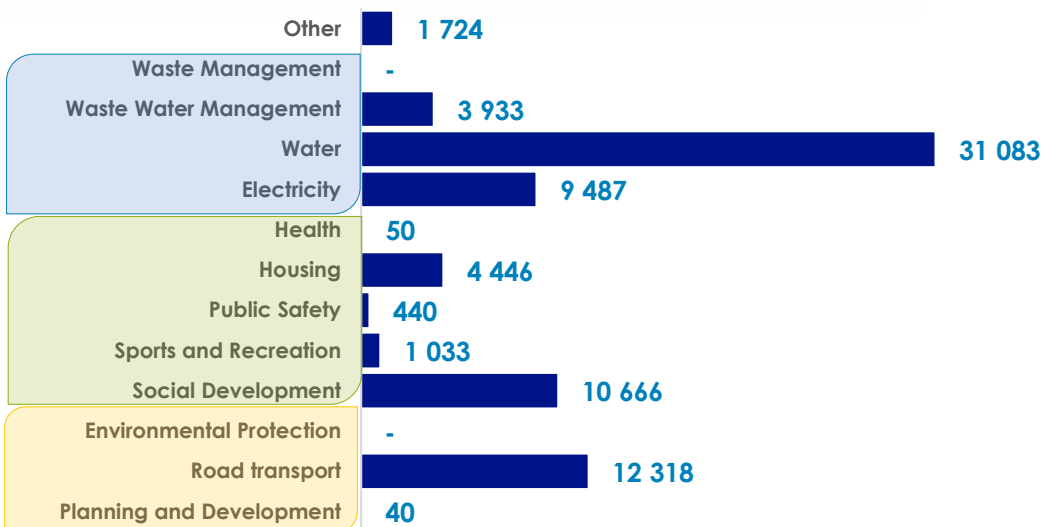
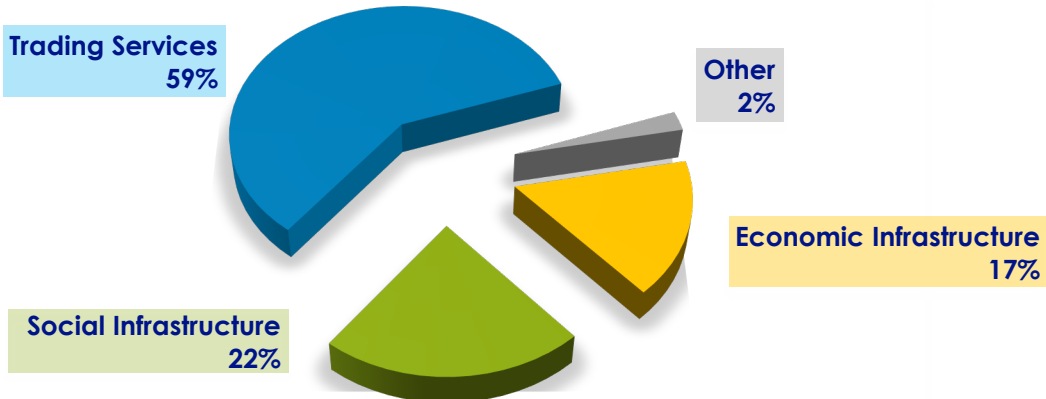
# PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE SPEND



## Provincial infrastructure spend (R'000)



## Municipal infrastructure spend (R'000)



# Public Infrastructure Spend

The following section reflects on provincial and municipal infrastructure spending priorities for 2021/22.

## 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 23.0 per cent of its infrastructure budget on social infrastructure.

As displayed in the pie chart, the WCG will for 2021/22 be directing R14.1 million (19.4 per cent of its infrastructure budget to be spent within the geographical boundaries of the Swellendam municipal area) towards human settlements. This is crucial in light of in-migration, population growth, land invasions and increasing demand for housing. The Municipality has allocated a further R4.5 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. To this end, the provincial spend on Health related infrastructure within the municipal area will amount to R2.6 million (3.6 per cent) of infrastructure spending towards Health. The WCG allocation towards Education infrastructure amounts to R2.0 million. Although the WCG has not made any infrastructure allocations to the Social Development function, the Swellendam Municipality has committed R10.7 million towards this cause. The Municipality has also allocated R1.0 million and R440 000 towards respectively the Sports and Recreation and Public Safety functions. 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 R56.0 million (77.0 per cent of the infrastructure budget) towards economic infrastructure, more specifically towards road transport. Road transport and public works related infrastructure go a long way towards unlocking the region's economic potential. The Municipality also contributes towards this end by allocating R12.3 million (16.4 per cent of the total capital budget) towards road transport.

## 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 (R174.0 million; 59.2 per cent) has been allocated towards the provision of basic services. Of this amount (R31.1 million; 69.8 per cent of the trading services budget), will be directed towards the water management function. Smaller allocations have been made to the energy (R9.5 million) and wastewater management (R3.9 million) functional areas. No capital budget allocation has been made towards refuse removal. These funds will be applied to reduce backlogs, improve service delivery standards and to expand the current network amidst rising population growth and the subsequent increased demand for basic services.

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