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# SEP

SOCIO-ECONOMIC  
PROFILE

Cape Agulhas

2021



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# Cape Agulhas: At a Glance

## Demographics

Population Estimates, 2021; Actual households, 2020



Population

**35 427**



Households

**10 802**

## Education

2020



Matric Pass Rate 91.4%

Learner Retention Rate 66.3%

Learner-Teacher Ratio 28.2

## Poverty

2020



Gini Coefficient 0.60

Human Development Index 0.77

## Health

2020/21



Primary Health Care Facilities

3

excl mobile/satellite

Immunisation Rate

74.6%

Maternal Mortality Ratio (per 100 000 live births)

0.0

Teenage Pregnancies - Delivery rate to women U/18

12.8%

## Safety and Security

Actual number of reported cases in 2020/21



Residential Burglaries

300

DUI

63

Drug-related Crimes

420

Murder

5

Sexual Offences

53

## Access to Basic Service Delivery

Percentage of households with access to basic services, 2020



Water

97.4%

Refuse Removal

79.2%



Electricity

96.7%



Sanitation

90.0%



Housing

83.6%



## Road Safety

2020/21

Fatal Crashes

3

Road User Fatalities

7

## Labour

2020

Unemployment Rate (narrow definition)

8.3%



## Socio-economic Risks

Risk 1 Low economic growth

Risk 2 Low skills levels

Risk 3 Low learner retention rates

## Largest 3 Sectors

Contribution to GDP, 2019

Wholesale & retail trade, catering and accommodation

**23.0%**

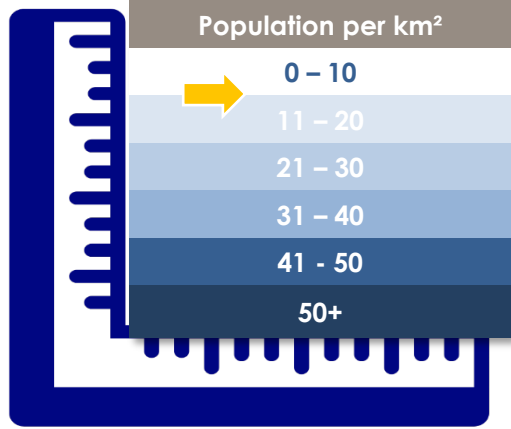
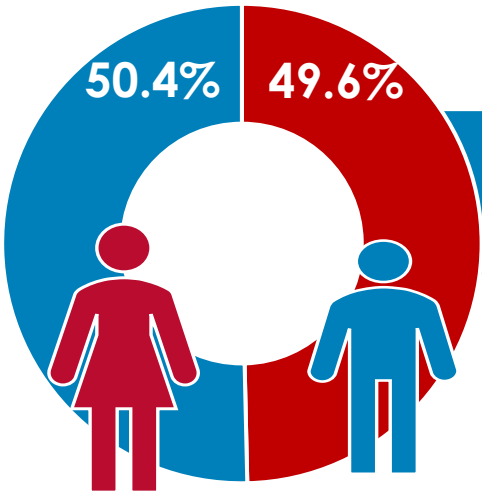
Finance, insurance, real estate and business services

**19.8%**

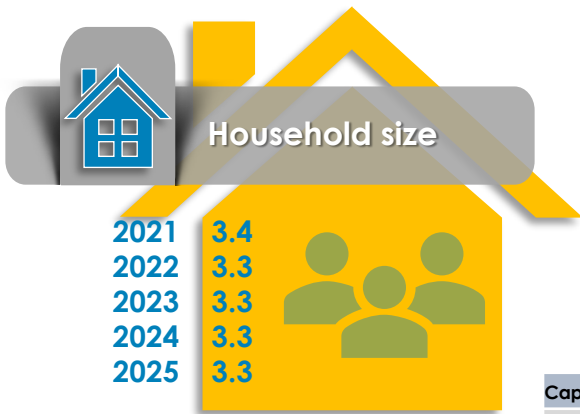
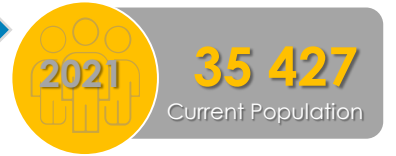
Manufacturing

**14.7%**

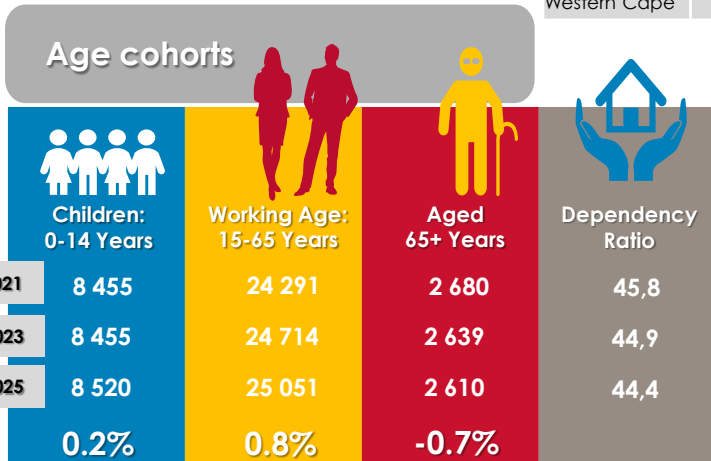
# DEMOGRAPHICS



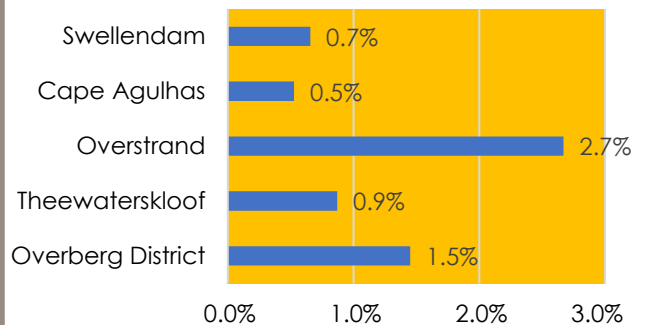
	2021	2022	2024	2025	2026
Overberg	102.0	102.6	102.7	102.8	102.8
Theewaterskloof	106.8	107.6	107.7	107.9	108.0
Overstrand	98.6	99.1	99.1	99.2	99.2
<b>Cape Agulhas</b>	<b>98.6</b>	<b>99.3</b>	<b>99.6</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Swellendam	100.0	100.4	100.5	100.5	100.4



	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Cape Agulhas</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>
Overberg District	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4
Western Cape	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4



## Population growth 2021 - 2025



# Demographics

## Population

Cape Agulhas remains the municipal area with the smallest population in the Overberg District with only 35 427 people in 2021. This total is expected to grow to 36 182 by 2025, equating to an average annual growth rate of 0.5 per cent for the period.

## Sex Ratio

The overall sex ratio (SR) depicts the number of males per 100 females in the population. The data indicates that the sex ratio will be growing from 2021 to 2025 such that there will be equal numbers of males and females by 2025.

## Age Cohorts

Between 2021 and 2025, the highest projected population growth is recorded for the working age population (15-65 years) which will grow at an annual average rate of 0.8 per cent. The child age cohort (0-14 years) is predicted grow only marginally at an average annual rate of 0.2 per cent, and the aged population (65+ years) is expected to decline at a rate of 0.7 per cent per annum over the same period. These predicted growth rates will lead to a decline in the dependency ratio, from 45.8 in 2021 to 44.4 in 2025.

## Household size

Household size refers to the number of people per household. The average households size declines from 3.4 in 2021 to 3.3 in 2022, remaining stable through to 2025.

## 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 is 25 persons per square kilometre. In order of highest to lowest, the various local municipal areas in the Overberg District compare as follows:

- Overstrand 63 people/km<sup>2</sup>
- Theewaterskloof 38 people/km<sup>2</sup>
- **Cape Agulhas 10 people/km<sup>2</sup>**
- Swellendam 10 people/km<sup>2</sup>

# EDUCATION

## Educational facilities

10

Number of schools

8

Number of no-fee schools

5

Number of schools with libraries

## Education outcomes

79.2% 81.4% 78.2%

Theewaterskloof

84.0% 89.2% 81.2%

Swellendam

82.5% 90.1% 80.0%

Overstrand

92.7% 93.6% 91.4%

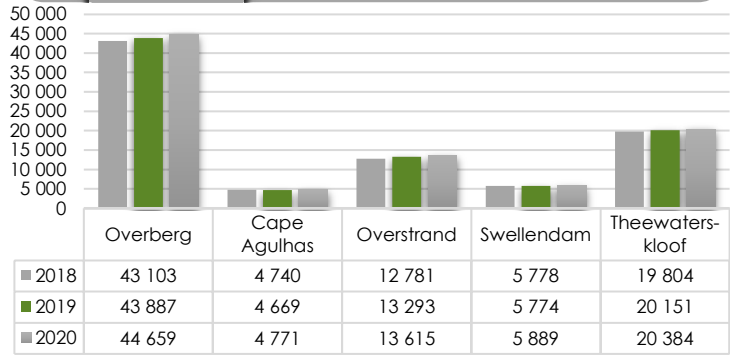
Cape Agulhas

82.2% 85.9% 80.4%

Overberg

■ 2018 ■ 2019 ■ 2020

## Learner enrolment



## Learner-Teacher Ratio

2018 2019 2020

Overberg

30.7 | 30.1 | 30.1

Cape Agulhas

29.8 | 28.3 | 28.2

Overstrand

31.9 | 31.7 | 30.9

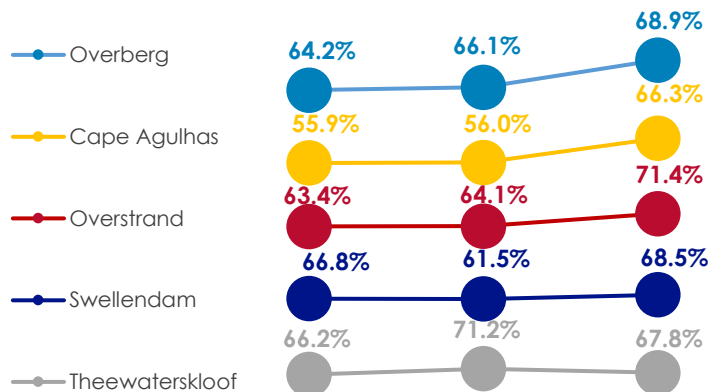
Swellendam

27.4 | 26.7 | 27.9

Theewaterskloof

31.2 | 30.7 | 30.7

## Learner retention



# Education

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

Learner enrolment in the Cape Agulhas municipal area increased from 4 669 in 2019 to 4 771 in 2020. The same period also saw a marginal drop in the learner-teacher ratio from 28.3 to 28.2 learners per teacher.

With an average learner retention rate of 68.9 for the Overberg region, learner retention is a challenge across the District. Cape Agulhas area has the lowest (66.3) learner retention rate in the District, as such, school drop-outs remain a grave concern. The learner retention rate is influenced by a wide array of factors, including economic influences such as unemployment, poverty/low household income/indigent households, as well as social concerns such as teenage pregnancies. Retention rates should be kept in mind when considering education outcomes/results, as low retention rates are likely to skew outcomes, as drop-outs are automatically excluded from any outcomes/results. Being able to retain learners is essential for overall positive education outcomes.

## **Number of schools**

In 2020, the Cape Agulhas municipal area had a total of 10 public ordinary schools, the same as was recorded in 2019.

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

In 2020, 80.0 per cent of schools in the region were no-fee schools; this translates into a total of 8 of schools being registered with the Western Cape Department of Education as no-fee schools.

## **Schools with libraries**

Schools with libraries were recorded at 5 in 2020. Libraries can contribute towards improvement in the overall quality of education.

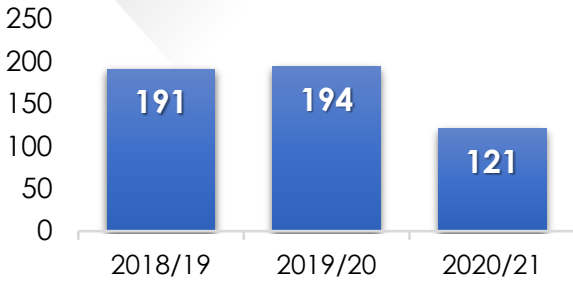
## **Education Outcomes (Matric Pass Rates)**

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. Cape Agulhas' matric pass rate was 91.4 per cent in 2020, the highest when compared to other municipalities in the District.

# HEALTH



## Tuberculosis



## Healthcare facilities

Facility Type	Overberg District	Cape Agulhas
District hospitals	4	1
Community Day Centres	1	0
Community Health Centres	1	0
PHC Clinics (Satellite and mobile)	25	4
PHC Clinics (Fixed)	17	3

■ Overberg District ■ Cape Agulhas



## 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
Cape Agulhas	0.0	0.0	15.0	12.8	0.3	0.3
<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>

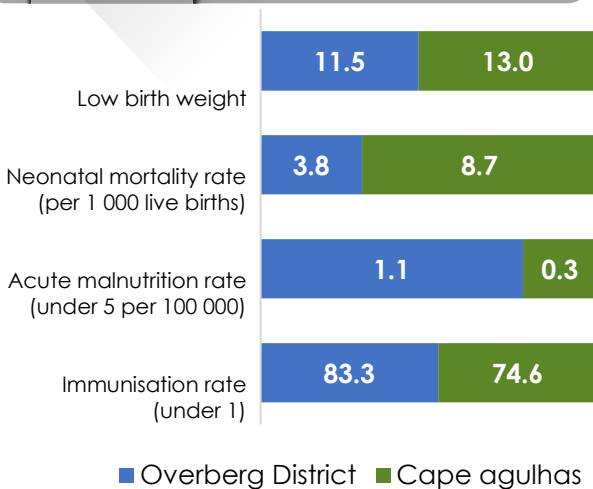


## Emergency medical services

Health Indicator	Overberg District	Cape Agulhas
EMS Operational Ambulances	26	3
No of operational ambulances per 10 000 people	1.2	1.3



## Child health



## HIV/AIDS

Area	Total Registered patients receiving ART		Number of new ART patients	
	2019/20	2020/21	2019/20	2020/21
Cape Agulhas	951	964	109	97
<b>Overberg District</b>	<b>13 712</b>	<b>13 490</b>	<b>1 547</b>	<b>1 050</b>



## Healthcare facilities

According to the 2019 Inequality Trend Report by Statistics South Africa, in 2017, 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 private healthcare facilities. This is associated with the low proportion of households with access to medical aid, which in 2017 was approximately 17 per cent for South Africa and 25 per cent for the Western Cape.

In 2020/21, the Cape Agulhas municipal area had 3 primary healthcare facilities, all fixed clinics; there were also 4 mobile/satellite clinics. In addition to these primary healthcare facilities, there is also a district hospital.

## HIV/AIDS

Cape Agulhas' total registered patients receiving antiretroviral treatment increased by 14 patients, from 951 in 2019/20 to 964 in 2020/21. The number of new antiretroviral patients however decreased from 109 in 2019/20 to 97 in 2020/21. This could be as a result of the imposed COVID-19 lockdown and actions taken to avoid any potential health risks. It could also be an indication that the prevalence of HIV is decreasing or an indication that less people are being tested and receiving access to HIV treatment.

In 2020/21, a total of 13 490 registered patients received antiretroviral treatment in the Overberg District. The Cape Agulhas municipal area, with 964 registered patients, represents 7.1 per cent of the patients receiving ART in the Overberg District area.

## Child health

Even after a small improvement from 72.4 per cent in 2019/20 to 74.6 per cent in 2020/21, the immunisation rate in the Cape Agulhas area remains relatively low. The number of malnourished children under five years (per 100 000) in Cape Agulhas in 2020/21 was 0.3, the same as the 2019/20 figure.

The neonatal mortality rate (per 1 000 live births) in the Cape Agulhas area worsened from 6.6 in 2019/20 to 8.7 in 2020/21, while the low birth-weight indicator was recorded at 13.0 in 2020/21, an improvement from the 16.8 recorded in 2019/20.

## Maternal health

The maternal mortality rate in the Cape Agulhas area and Overberg District respectively recorded zero and 22.1 deaths per 100 000 live births in 2020/21.

The delivery rate to women under 20 years in Cape Agulhas area and Overberg District was recorded at 12.8 and 14.0 per cent respectively while the termination of pregnancy rate remained unchanged at 0.3 per cent for 2020/21 for the Cape Agulhas area; in comparison, the average District figure was higher at 0.7.

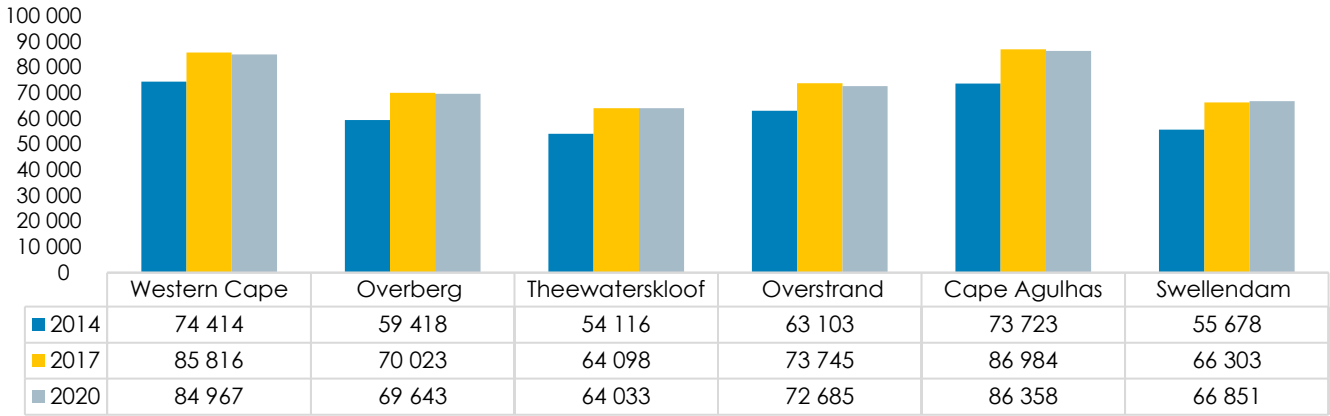
## Emergency medical services

The provision of more operational ambulances can provide greater coverage of emergency medical services. The Cape Agulhas area has a total of 3 ambulances servicing the region, which translates into 1.3 ambulances per 10 000 people in 2020/21, slightly above that of the District's average of 1.2. It is worth noting that this number only refers to Provincial ambulances and excludes any private service providers.

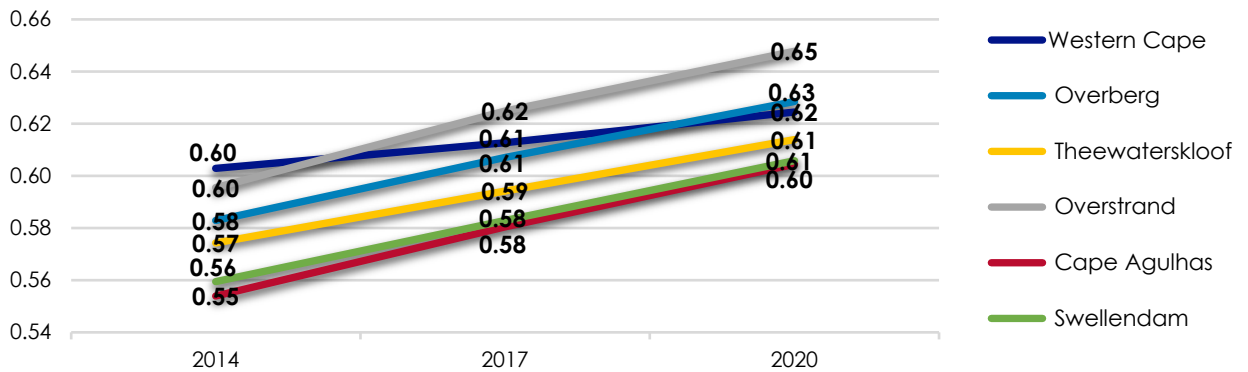
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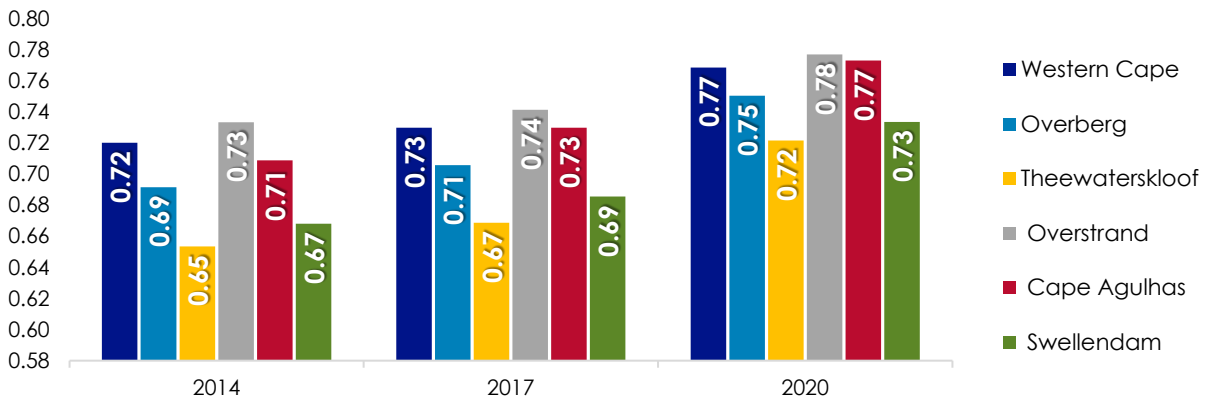
## GDP per capita



## Income inequality



## Human development



# Poverty

## GDPR Per Capita

An increase in real regional gross domestic product (GDPR) per capita, i.e. GDPR per person is experienced only if the real economic growth rate exceeds the population growth rate. Even though real GDPR per capita reflects changes in the overall well-being of the population, not everyone within an economy will earn the same amount of money as estimated by the real GDPR per capita indicator.

At a per capita GDPR of R69 643 in 2020 (current prices), the Overberg municipal area remains significantly below the Province's R84 967. Within the region, Cape Agulhas stands out with a per capita GDPR of R86 358, even higher than that of the Province.

## 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. However, between 2014 and 2020, income inequality in the Cape Agulhas area has worsened, with the Gini-coefficient increasing from 0.55 in 2014 to 0.60 in 2020.

Worsening income inequality could also be seen across the Overberg District (0.58 in 2014 and 0.63 in 2020) as well as the Western Cape Province (0.60 in 2014 and 0.62 in 2020).

## Human Development

The HDI (Human Development Index) is a composite indicator reflecting on 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. The United Nations uses the Human Development Index (HDI) to assess the relative level of socio-economic development within countries.

There has been a general increase in the HDI for the Cape Agulhas area, from 0.71 in 2014 to 0.77 in 2020. There has been a similar upward trend for the Overberg District as well as for the Western Cape.

# BASIC SERVICE DELIVERY



## Total number of households

10 802

Cape Agulhas Municipality

87 777

Overberg District

83.6%

## Formal main dwelling

9 032

Cape Agulhas Municipality

70 169

Overberg District

79.9%



77.8% Cape Agulhas  
72.4% Overberg

House/brick structure  
on separate stand/yard



0.7% Cape Agulhas  
1.3% Overberg

Traditional dwelling



4.3% Cape Agulhas  
6.3% Overberg

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

1.5% Cape Agulhas  
1.9% Overberg



1.5% Cape Agulhas  
1.2% Overberg

House/flat/room in  
backyard



1.6% Cape Agulhas  
5.7% Overberg

Informal dwelling in  
backyard



12.6% Cape Agulhas  
11.1% Overberg

Informal dwelling  
not in backyard

Other/Unspecified



Piped water inside  
dwelling/within 200m

Cape Agulhas 97.4%

Overberg 97.2%



Electricity as primary  
source of lighting

Cape Agulhas 96.7%

Overberg 90.1%



Flush/chemical toilet

Cape Agulhas 90.0%

Overberg 88.6%



Refuse removed at least  
once a week

Cape Agulhas 79.2%

Overberg 82.8%

## Free basic water



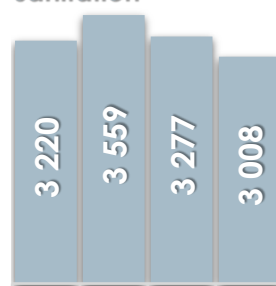
2016 2017 2018 2019

## 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 2020. The latest official statistics was collected by Statistics South Africa for the 2016 Community Survey; the 2022 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 10 802 households in the Cape Agulhas municipal area, 83.6 per cent had access to formal housing, the second highest (after Swellendam) when compared with other municipalities in the Overberg District area; the District average was 79.9 per cent. The Cape Agulhas municipal area also conversely had the second lower lowest proportion of informal households in the District, a total of 14.2 per cent compared with the District average of 16.8 per cent.

With the exception of refuse removal services, service access levels in the Cape Agulhas municipal area were at better levels than access to formal dwellings, with access to piped water inside/within 200m of the dwelling at 97.4 per cent, access to electricity (for lighting) at 96.7 per cent, access to a flush or chemical toilet at 90.0 per cent; removal of refuse at least weekly by local authority was at 79.2 per cent of households. These access levels were above the District averages for water, electricity and sanitation services.

## 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 Cape Agulhas municipal area has been on a general decline since 2017 (2017-2019). However, the stressed economic conditions continue to exert pressure on household income levels, which in turn could see the number of indigent households and the demand for free basic services increase.

# SAFETY AND SECURITY



MURDER		2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Actual Number	Cape Agulhas	6	12	5
	Overberg District	113	137	118
Per 100 000	Cape Agulhas	17	34	14
	Overberg District	38	46	39

SEXUAL OFFENCES		2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Actual Number	Cape Agulhas	50	46	53
	Overberg District	359	303	300
Per 100 000	Cape Agulhas	145	131	149
	Overberg District	122	101	98



DRUG-RELATED OFFENCES		2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Actual Number	Cape Agulhas	453	370	420
	Overberg District	3 515	2 643	2 643
Per 100 000	Cape Agulhas	1 303	1 053	1 185
	Overberg District	1 194	880	867

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE		2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Actual Number	Cape Agulhas	61	99	63
	Overberg District	702	737	309
Per 100 000	Cape Agulhas	175	283	177
	Overberg District	239	245	101



Fatal Crashes	Cape Agulhas	10	5	3
Road User Fatalities	Cape Agulhas	11	13	7



RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES		2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Actual Number	Cape Agulhas	397	328	300
	Overberg District	3 471	3 055	2 511
Per 100 000	Cape Agulhas	1 143	934	846
	Overberg District	1 179	1 017	823

# Safety and Security

## Murder

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

Within the Cape Agulhas area, the number of murders increased from 6 in 2018/19 to 12 in 2019/20, decreasing thereafter to 5 in 2020/21. Cape Agulhas' murder rate (per 100 000 people) increased from 17 in 2018/19 to 34 in 2019/20 and decreased again to 14 in 2020/21, while the murder rate (per 100 000 people) for the Overberg District followed a similar pattern, with rates of 38, 46 and 39 respectively for the 3-year period.

## 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 53 sexual offences in the Cape Agulhas municipal area. When comparing this to the District, Cape Agulhas' incidence of sexual offences per 100 000 population was significantly above that of the Overberg District, at 149 compared to the District's 98.

## 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 Cape Agulhas area decreased significantly from 453 cases in 2018/19 to 370 in 2019/20, increasing again to 420 cases in 2020/21. The Overberg District's drug-related offences also decreased sharply from 3 515 in 2018/19 to 2 643 in 2019/20 and then remained unchanged in 2020/21. When comparing the Cape Agulhas area and the District's rate per 100 000 people, with 1 185 drug related offences per 100 000 people in 2020/21, the Cape Agulhas area is significantly above that of the District's 867.

## 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 of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs in the Cape Agulhas area decreased from 99 in 2019/20 to 63 in 2020/21. This translates into a rate of 177 per 100 000 people in 2020/21, which is considerably above the District's average of 101 cases per 100 000 people for the same period.

## Road user fatalities

*Road users that died in or during a crash i.e. drivers, cyclists, passengers, pedestrians.*

The number of road user fatalities in the Cape Agulhas area decreased from 13 in 2019/20 to 7 in 2020/21. The number of fatal crashes decreased from 5 to 3 for the same reference period.

## Residential Burglaries

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

The number of residential burglaries in the Cape Agulhas area decreased from 328 in 2019/20 to 300 in 2020/21. However, Cape Agulhas' rate of 846 per 100 000 population was still above that of the District's 823 for 2020/21.

# 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> <b>Primary Sector</b>	<b>173.8</b>	<b>-4.0</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>2 058</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>-105</b>
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	168.2	-4.2	11.2	2 052	38	-104
Mining & quarrying	5.6	5.2	-19.6	6	0	-1
<b>TS</b> <b>Secondary sector</b>	<b>749.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>-11.8</b>	<b>2 584</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>-234</b>
Manufacturing	465.7	1.9	-9.0	1 520	33	-91
Electricity, gas & water	75.9	-1.1	-5.0	48	0	0
Construction	207.6	-0.7	-21.5	1 016	-9	-143
<b>SS</b> <b>Tertiary sector</b>	<b>2 247.8</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>-6.5</b>	<b>11 538</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>-614</b>
Wholesale & retail trade, catering & accommodation	730.4	1.5	-10.0	4 514	132	-272
Transport, storage & communication	352.2	2.1	-14.5	805	21	-41
Finance, insurance, real estate & business services	627.2	2.9	-3.4	2 673	93	-109
General government	320.1	-1.3	-1.2	1 508	-19	-5
Community, social & personal services	217.9	1.5	-2.1	2 038	36	-187
<b>Cape Agulhas</b>	<b>3 170.8</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>-6.5</b>	<b>16 180</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>-953</b>

Skill Levels Formal employment	Skill Level Contribution 2020 (%)	Average growth (%) 2016 - 2020	Number of jobs	
			2019	2020
Skilled	21.9	0.9	2 721	2 621
Semi-skilled	45.6	0.0	5 801	5 461
Low-skilled	32.5	-0.8	4 143	3 888
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>12 665</b>	<b>11 970</b>

Informal Employment	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number of informal jobs	3 198	3 192	3 237	3 434	3 524	3 762	3 491	3 668	3 626	3 515	3 257
% of Total Employment	24.6	24.0	23.5	24.1	24.2	24.4	22.5	23.1	22.5	21.7	21.4

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
Swellendam	6.5	6.6	6.4	6.0	6.2	5.4	6.0	6.2	6.1	6.7	6.7
Theewaterskloof	8.4	8.7	8.4	8.0	8.4	7.3	8.2	8.6	8.6	9.4	9.4
<b>Cape Agulhas</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>8.3</b>
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 Cape Agulhas was valued at R3.171 billion (current prices) and employed 16 180 people. Historical trends between 2015 and 2019 indicates that the municipal economy realised an average annual growth rate of 1.1 per cent which can be attributed to the modest secondary and tertiary sector average annual growth of 1.0 per cent and 1.7 per cent respectively; the primary sector contracted over this period.

In terms of 2019 sectoral contribution, the manufacturing sector (R465.7 million in 2019 or 14.7 per cent of total GDP) with average annual growth of 1.9 per cent between 2015 and 2019, was the main driver of growth in the secondary sector. The finance, insurance, real estate and business services (R627.2 million or 19.8 per cent) and transport, storage and communication (R352.2 million or 11.1 per cent), with average annual growth of 2.9 per cent and 2.1 per cent respectively for the period, were the main contributors to the growth in the tertiary sector. In large part due to the impact of the COVID-19 lockdown and restrictions, estimates for 2020 shows a severe contraction in the economy overall, by 6.5 per cent, with both the secondary and tertiary sectors experiencing sharp contractions of 11.8 per cent and 6.5 per cent respectively. The agriculture, forestry and fishing sector was the only sector to register growth for the year, with estimated growth coming in at 11.2 per cent for 2020.

In line with the sharp economic contraction, large employment losses were also estimated for 2020, with almost all sectors registering a decline in employment numbers. Overall, a balance of 953 jobs were lost, mostly through high losses in the wholesale and retail trade, catering and accommodation (272), community, social and personal services (187), construction (143), agriculture, forestry and fishing (104), finance, insurance, real estate and business services (109) and manufacturing (91) sectors.

## Formal and Informal Employment

It is estimated that Cape Agulhas municipal area's total employed in 2020 amounts to 15 227 workers of which 11 970 (78.6 per cent) are in the formal sector while 3 257 (21.4 per cent) are informally employed.

Informal employment has been on the decline since 2017, while overall formal employment declined at an average annual rate of 0.1 per cent between 2016 and 2020. Most of the formally employed consisted of low-skilled (32.5 per cent) and semi-skilled (45.6 per cent) workers. Although the skilled category only contributed 21.9 per cent to total formal employment (2020), it outpaced the other two categories in terms of average annual growth – between 2016 and 2020, the skilled cohort grew on average by only 0.9 per cent, while the semi-skilled category stagnated (zero growth); the low skilled employment contracted at an average annual rate of 0.8 per cent over the same period. The growth in the skilled category reflects the market demand for more skilled labour and the ability to sustain and even slightly expand skilled employment even during difficult economic times. Evidently, the demand for skilled labour is on the rise, which implies the need to capacitate and empower low-skilled and semi-skilled workers.

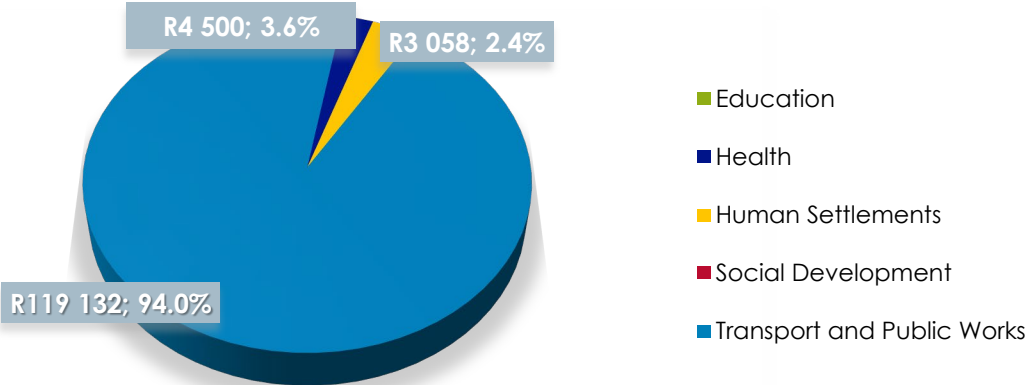
## Unemployment

Cape Agulhas municipal area's unemployment rate of 8.3 per cent in 2020 was slightly below that of the Overberg District (10.9 per cent). It was however notably lower than that the Western Cape's unemployment rate of 18.9 per cent. The unemployment rates are concerning especially given that this estimate is based on the narrow definition of unemployment i.e. the percentage of people that are actively looking for work, but unable to find employment. In turn, the broad definition refers to people that want to work but are not actively seeking employment (excludes those who have given up looking for work).

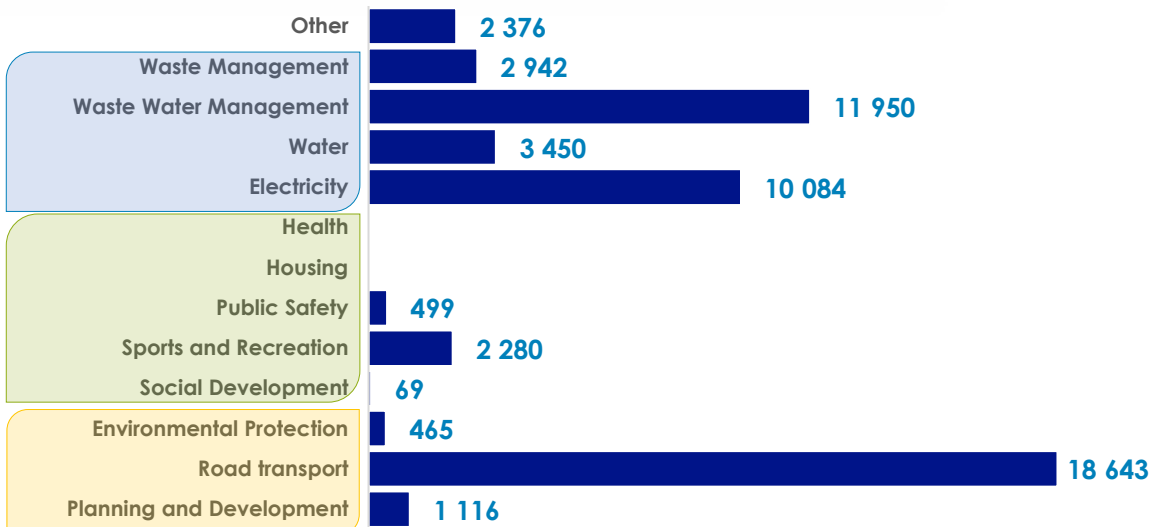
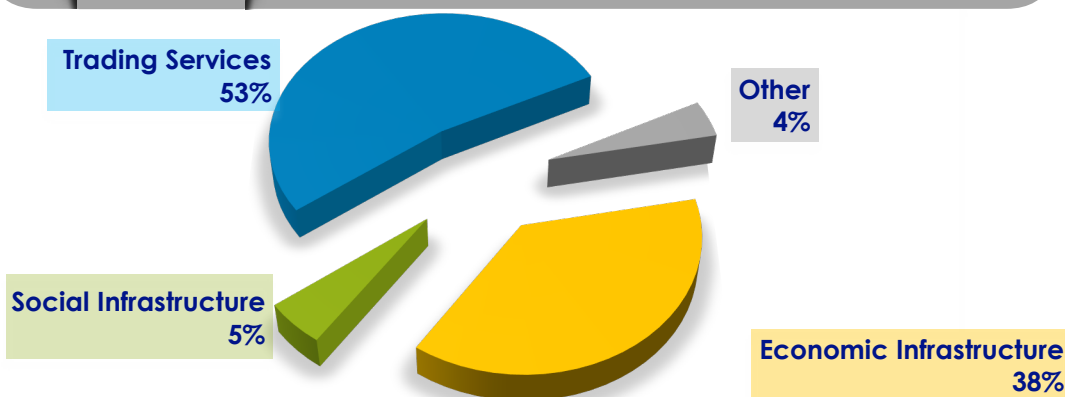
# PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE SPEND



## Provincial infrastructure spend (R'000)



## Municipal infrastructure spend (R'000)



# 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 be spending 6.0 per cent of its infrastructure budget within the Cape Agulhas area on social infrastructure.

As displayed in the pie chart the WCG will be allocating 2.4 per cent of the budget (R3.058 million) towards Health infrastructure spending in the Cape Agulhas municipal area. A healthy and resilient community increases productivity and reduces pressures on government resources.

The WCG has also allocated R4.500 million (3.6 per cent) towards Human Settlements which will aid in reducing the housing backlog. In addition to Provincial spend, the Municipality has allocated 0.1 per cent (R69 000) of its own 2021/22 capital spending to social development (community and social services) and 4.2 per cent (R2.280 million) to sport and recreation, serving to improve the quality of life of individuals within the municipal area. Community safety has been prioritized by the WCG due to high levels of crime in the Western Cape. Crime has a negative impact on the quality of lives of individuals, but also on the economy by deterring private investment and causing business losses. It further creates a burden on government resources in terms of justice system costs, victim assistance and replacement of assets. The Cape Agulhas Municipality has allocated 0.9 per cent (R499 000) of its capital budget to public safety.

## Spending on Economic Infrastructure

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

The WCG allocated R119.132 million (94.0 per cent in 2021/22) towards economic infrastructure, more specifically towards the rehabilitation and refurbishment of road infrastructure. Road transport infrastructure goes a long way towards unlocking the region's economic potential. The Municipality will contribute R18.643 million of its 2021/22 capital budget (i.e. 34.6 per cent of total municipal capital spending) 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 i.e. 52.8 per cent or R28.425 million in 2021/22 is allocated towards the provision of basic services. The majority of the Municipality's spending on trading services has been allocated towards wastewater management (R11.950 million). This was followed by energy sources (R10.084 million), water management (R3.450 million) and waste management (R2.942 million).

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