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#KnowYourMunicipality: The 2022 Socio-Economic Profile

Overberg District Municipality



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Overberg District: At a Glance

Demographics

Population Estimates, 2022; Actual households, 2021



Population

310 253



Households

88 894

Education

2021



Matric Pass Rate 81.5%

Learner Retention Rate 72.3%

Learner-Teacher Ratio 30.3

Poverty

2021



Gini Coefficient

0.63

Upper Bound Poverty Line

52.89%

Health

2021/22



Primary Health Care Facilities

19

Excluding mobile/satellite

Immunisation Rate

82.3%

Maternal Mortality Ratio (per 100 000 live births)

0.0

Teenage Pregnancies - Delivery rate to women U/18

14.0%

Safety and Security

Actual number of reported cases in 2021/22



Residential Burglaries

2 344

DUI

351

Drug-related Crimes

3 049

Murder

136

Sexual Offences

295

Access to Basic Service Delivery

Percentage of households with access to basic services, 2021



Water

99.3%

Refuse Removal

83.8%



Electricity

94.7%



Sanitation

97.7%



Housing

82.3%



Road Safety

2021/22

Fatal Crashes 47

Road User Fatalities 70

Labour

2021

Unemployment Rate (narrow definition)

15.9%



Socio-economic Risks

Risk 1 Job losses, especially in the informal sector

Risk 2 Low learner retention

Risk 3 High crime levels

Largest 3 Sectors

Contribution to GDP, 2020

Finance, insurance, real estate and business services

25.8%

Wholesale & retail trade, catering and accommodation

16.9%

Manufacturing

13.7%

INTRODUCTION

Provincial Treasury produces socio-economic profiles for each of the Western Cape municipalities on an annual basis. These profiles provide the Western Cape municipalities with data and analyses pertaining to their municipal area, which may assist in planning, budgeting and the prioritisation of municipal services.

The profiles include information on recent trends in GDP and labour market performance, demographics, education and health outcomes. It further unpacks per capita income, inequality and poverty, access to housing and basic services as well as crime levels.

The indicators reflect the socio-economic reality of municipalities. As such, valuable insight can be gained as to the developmental challenges faced by communities residing within a specific geographical area. While some developmental challenges are not within the municipality's mandate to address, these profiles also provide spatial information for other spheres of Government in order to improve the quality of lives of people within each municipal area.

This profile uses data primarily sourced from Statistics South Africa, administrative data from sector departments, the Municipal Review and Outlook (MERO), *Global Insight Regional Explorer* and Quantec. The data sourced from sector departments are the most recent that is available. The Statistics South Africa 2011 Census and 2016 Community Survey contains the latest survey data available at municipal level.

The format of the profile allows for easy readability with the data being displayed in infographics, followed by the relevant trend analyses.

The information contained in this profile highlights information for the Overberg District in relation to the broader Western Cape Province.











GDPR PERFORMANCE

Sectoral Overview

In 2020, the economy of Overberg region was valued at R23.084 billion (current prices) and employed 120 691 people. Historical trends between 2016 and 2020 indicates that the municipal economy contracted at an average annual growth rate of 0.2 per cent, which can be attributed to the secondary sector contraction of 2.0 per cent over the period; the primary and tertiary sectors grew marginally by 0.5 and 0.4 per cent respectively over this period. The 2020 recession made a substantial dent in the average growth rate over the period, but load shedding and the drought within the Province also played a major role in prior years.

Estimates for 2021 however indicate a marked recovery in growth (5.5 per cent) from the effects of the COVID-19 related restrictions to economic activity in 2020. This growth was driven by recovery growth in a number of sectors, including the wholesale & retail trade, catering & accommodation (7.8 per cent) as tourism activity resumed; finance, insurance, real estate & business services (4.6 per cent); agriculture, forestry and fishing (7.4 per cent), manufacturing (8.9 per cent); and transport, storage and communication (6.0 per cent) and community, social and personal services (7.7 per cent) sectors. The mining and quarrying (-14.3 per cent), construction (-1.5 per cent) and general government (-1.1 per cent) sectors were the only sectors that experienced further economic decline after the easing of restrictions.

Despite the economic recovery experienced in 2021, the economy continued to shed jobs, with an estimated 3 895 net jobs lost. This was largely driven by job losses in the wholesale & retail trade, catering & accommodation (-1 415 jobs); agriculture, forestry & fishing (-903) and construction (-563 jobs) sectors, reflecting that employment creation is lagging the improved GDP. Only the general government and community, social & personal services sectors were able to create jobs during the year.

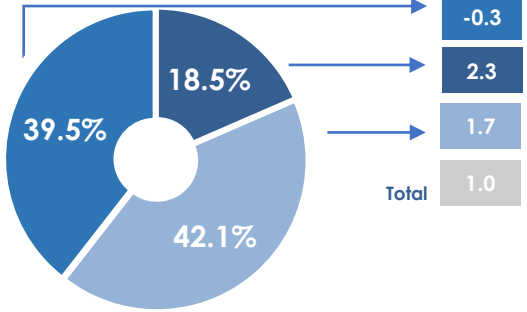
R million (2020)	Trend (2016 – 2020)	Real GDP growth 2021e
Primary Sector R2 362.2 (10.2%)	0.5	7.3
R2 336.5 million (10.1%) Agriculture, forestry & fishing 	0.5	7.4
R25.7 million (0.1%) Mining & quarrying 	2.6	-14.3
Secondary Sector R4 838.6 (21.0%)	-2.0	5.6
R3 169.2 million (13.7%) Manufacturing 	-0.1	8.9
R482.7 million (2.1%) Electricity, gas & water 	-2.7	3.3
R1 186.6 million (5.1%) Construction 	-5.6	-1.5
Tertiary Sector R15 883.7 (68.8%)	0.4	5.2
R3 905.5 million (16.9%) Wholesale & retail trade, catering & accommodation 	-1.7	7.8
R1 807.3 million (7.8%) Transport, storage & communication 	-2.0	6.0
R5 963.6 million (25.8%) Finance, insurance, real estate & business services 	2.6	4.6
R1 971.0 million (8.5%) General government 	0.6	-1.1
R2 236.2 million (9.7%) Community, social & personal services 	0.6	7.7
R23 084.4 (100%) Total Overberg District	-0.2	5.5

LABOUR MARKET PERFORMANCE



Formal employment 2020

Skill Level Contribution 2020



■ Skilled ■ Semi-skilled ■ Low-skilled

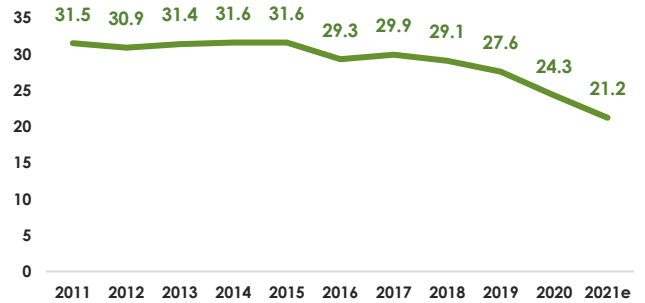
Average growth (%) 2016-2020

Skilled	-0.3
Semi-skilled	2.3
Low-skilled	1.7
Total	1.0

	Number of jobs 2020	Number of jobs 2021
Skilled	16 881	17 180
Semi-skilled	38 445	38 501
Low-skilled	36 067	36 306
Total	91 393	91 987

Informal employment

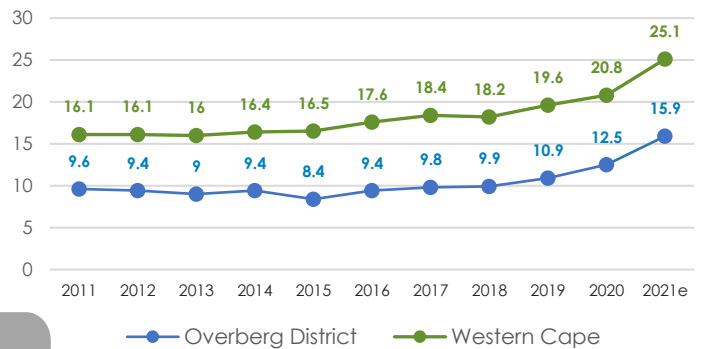
% of Total Employment



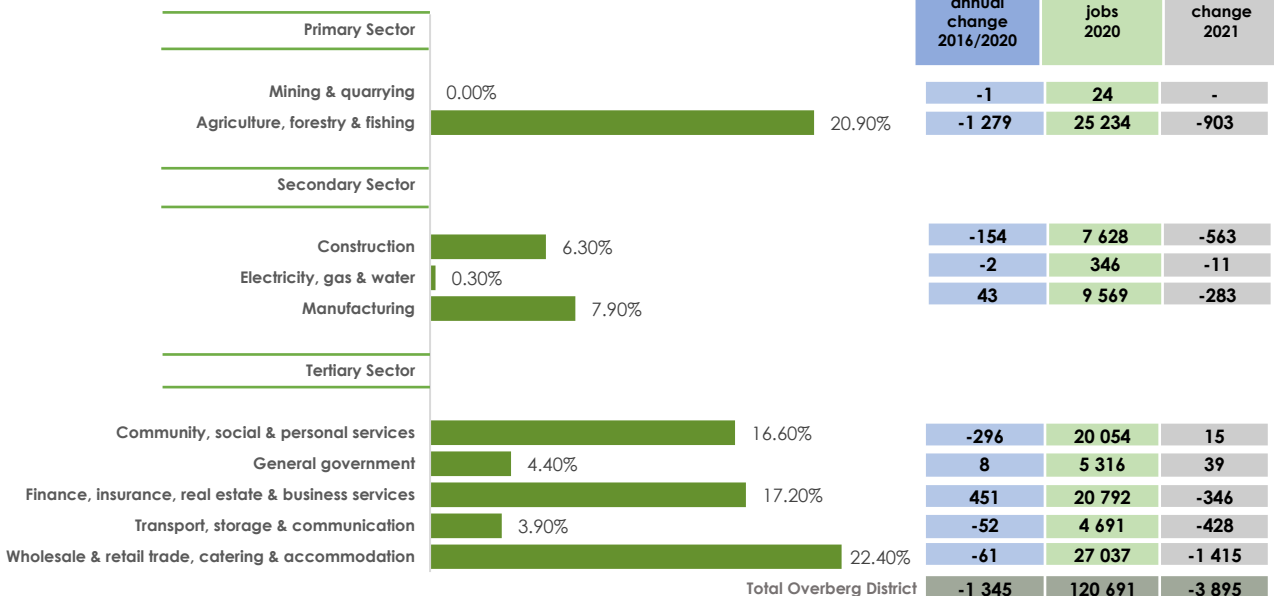
	2019	2020	2021e
Number of jobs	36 226	29 298	24 809



Unemployment rate 2011 - 2021



Sectoral employment contribution 2020



Employment

Average annual change 2016/2020	Number of jobs 2020	Net change 2021
-1	24	-
-1 279	25 234	-903

-154	7 628	-563
-2	346	-11
43	9 569	-283

-296	20 054	15
8	5 316	39
451	20 792	-346
-52	4 691	-428
-61	27 037	-1 415
-1 345	120 691	-3 895

Total Overberg District

Economy and Labour Market Performance

Formal and Informal Employment

It is estimated that Overberg region's total employed in 2021 amounts to 116 796 workers of which 91 987 (78.8 per cent) are in the formal sector while 24 809 (21.2 per cent) are informally employed, showing a drop in proportion of informally employed workers.

Informal employment has been on a declining trend since 2016, while overall formal employment has only been able to reach 1.0 per cent average growth between 2016 and 2020. The informal economy absorbed the majority of the job losses in 2021. This is concerning as the informal economy is expected to act as a buffer during times of economic recession.

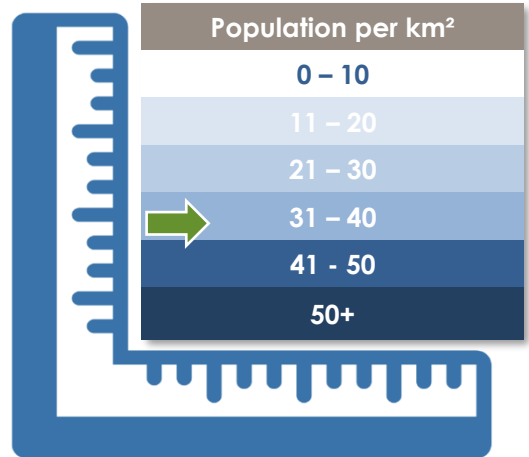
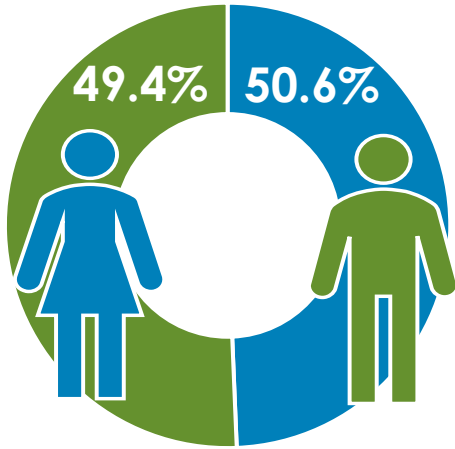
Most of the formally employed consisted of semi-skilled (42.1 per cent) and low-skilled (39.5 per cent) workers. Although the skilled category only contributed 18.5 per cent to total formal employment (2020), it outpaced the other two categories in terms of average annual growth – between 2016 and 2020, the skilled cohort grew on average by 2.3 per cent, while the semi-skilled category growing at 1.7 per cent; low skilled employment contracted at an average annual rate of 0.3 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 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

The Overberg District has one of the lower (15.4 per cent in 2021) unemployment rates within the Province, at almost 10 percentage points below the overall Provincial rate of 25.1 per cent. Unemployment has however been on an upward trend since 2015 (8.4 per cent), largely driven by the job losses as a result of the drought, load shedding and economic recession over this period. The proportion of the not economically active population has also increased from 2020 to 2021 as job losses and an insufficient supply of jobs have led to an increasing number of discouraged work-seekers. Unfortunately, most job losses affected low skilled and informal workers who are more vulnerable to living in poverty during times of tough economic times.

The unemployment rates are concerning 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).

DEMOGRAPHICS



Number of males per 100 females

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Western Cape	97.4	98.2	98.4	98.5	98.7
City of Cape Town	97.8	98.6	98.8	99.0	99.2
West Coast	98.3	99.1	99.2	99.4	99.6
Cape Winelands	98.0	98.7	98.8	98.9	99.0
Overberg	102.3	102.9	103.0	103.0	103.0
Garden Route	92.0	92.6	92.7	92.8	92.9
Central Karoo	89.0	89.4	89.5	89.5	89.5



Current Population 2022

310 253

Estimated Population 2026

335 236



Household size

2022	3.4
2023	3.4
2024	3.3
2025	3.3
2026	3.3



Population growth



	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Overberg District	3.4	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9
Western Cape	2.9	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.6

Age cohorts



Children: 0-14 Years



Working Age: 15-64 Years



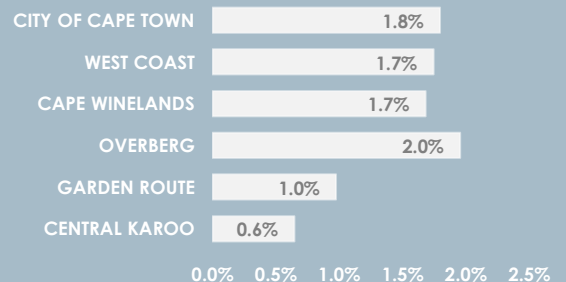
Aged 65+ Years



Dependency Ratio

2022	79 365	208 490	29 986	52.4
2024	83 180	216 683	30 333	52.4
2026	87 582	224 252	31 022	52.9
	2.5%	1.8%	0.9%	

Population growth 2022 - 2026



Demographics

Population

As of 2022, 4.3 per cent of the Western Cape's population resides in the Overberg District municipal area. The population of the District area totals 310 253 persons in 2022 and is estimated to be 335 236 persons by 2026. This equates to an estimated average annual growth rate of 2.0 per cent for the period. The estimated population growth rate of the Overberg District makes it the fastest growing region (2022 – 2026) in the Province, growing at 0.3 percentage points higher than the estimated average annual population growth rate of the Western Cape, which is 1.7 per cent.

Sex Ratio

The overall sex ratio (SR) depicts the number of males per 100 females in the population. The data indicates that as of 2022, there are more males than females in the Overberg District municipal area with a ratio of 49.4 per cent (females) to 50.6 per cent (males). The sex ratio (2022) is therefore 102.3, meaning that for every 100 women there are 102.3 men. The ratio increases slightly towards 2024 and remains unchanged from 2024 to 2026. This could be attributed to various factors such as the potential inflow of working males to the municipal area or an increase in female mortality rates.

Age Cohorts

The infographic also depicts the population composition of the area per age cohort. These groupings are expressed as a dependency ratio which indicates those who are part of the workforce (age 15 – 64) and those who are dependent on them (children or senior citizens). A higher dependency ratio implies greater pressure on social systems and the delivery of basic services. Between 2022 and 2026, the largest growth (2.5 per cent) was recorded in the 0 - 14 years, children age category. This is particularly striking in the Overstrand municipal area, where growth in this age category reached 3.9 per cent. Growth in this age group is reflective of high fertility rates. Notable growth is also expected in the working age cohort.

Household size

The average size of households is expected to drop marginally from 3.4 people per household in 2022 to 3.3 in 2026. Contributing factors include but are not limited to cultural patterns surrounding intergeneration co-residence, divorce, as well as socioeconomic factors that shape trends in employment, education and housing markets.

Population density

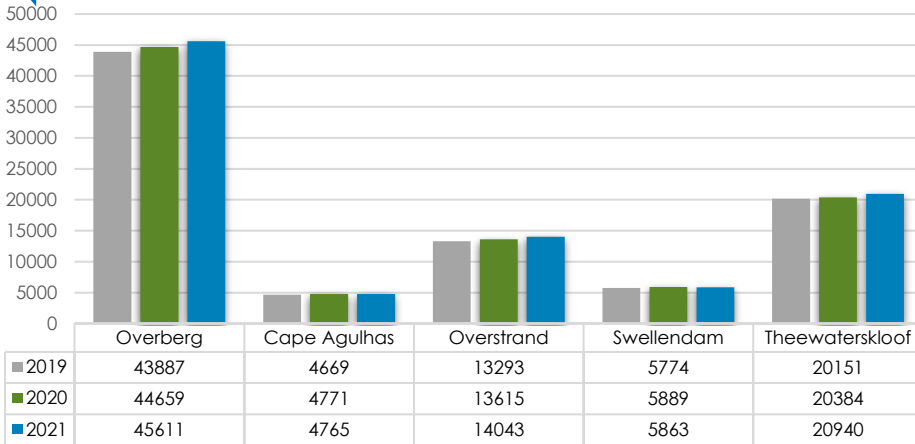
Population density is the measurement of the number of people that make up a population in a defined area. Factors affecting population density include economic, social, connectivity/location and accessibility factors. These figures improve responsiveness to rapid urbanization and assists municipalities with planning and budgeting for effective service delivery and combatting environmental risks. In 2022, the population density of the Overberg District area was 25 persons per square kilometre. In order of highest to lowest, the various local municipal areas within the Overberg District compare as follows:

- Overstrand 65 people/km²
- Theewaterskloof 38 people/km²
- Cape Agulhas 10 people/km²
- Swellendam 10 people/km²

EDUCATION



Learner enrolment



Educational facilities 2021

82

Number of schools

80.5%

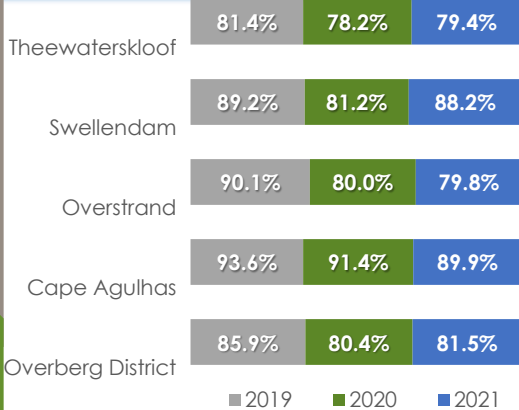
Proportion of no-fee schools

Number of schools with libraries

49



Education outcomes



Learner retention 2019 - 2021

	2019	2020	2021
Overberg District	66.1%	68.9%	72.3%
Theewaterskloof	71.2%	67.8%	74.6%
Overstrand	64.1%	71.4%	70.3%
Cape Agulhas	56.0%	66.3%	63.5%
Swellendam	66.1%	68.9%	75.8%



Learner-Teacher Ratio 2019 - 2021

Cape Agulhas	28.3	28.2	28.4
Overstrand	31.7	30.9	30.7
Theewaterskloof	30.7	30.7	30.9
Swellendam	26.7	27.9	28.7
Overberg	30.1	30.1	30.3



Education

Access to education, learner enrolment and learner-teacher ratio

Education is one of the primary resources of change, aiding people to acquire knowledge and skills, which can in turn be used to acquire jobs. In 2021, there was a total of 82 schools in the Overberg District municipal area, of which 80.5 per cent are no fee schools. The No-fee Schools Policy abolishes school fees in the poorest 40 per cent of schools nationally for learners from Grade R to Grade 9. The Policy specifies that schools that do not charge fees will be allocated a larger total of funding per learner from the national budget to make up for the fees that would have been levied.

A total of 45 611 learners were enrolled across the Overberg District, a steady increase from 43 887 in 2019. For the same period, the learner-teacher ratio increased marginally from 30.1 in 2019 to 30.3 in 2021, which is lower than the recommended learner teacher ratios set by the Department of Education of 40:1 in ordinary primary schools and 35:1 in ordinary high schools.

Learner retention

With a learner retention rate (Grade 10 to 12) of 72.3 per cent (2021) for the Overberg District area, learner retention remains a critical challenge across the District. This is slightly below the overall Provincial figure of 74.6 per cent. Retention rates within the District (2021) ranges from a low of 63.5 per cent in Cape Agulhas, to 75.8 per cent in Swellendam. The learner retention rate is influenced by a wide array of factors, including economic influences such as unemployment, poverty/very low household income/indigent households, as well as social concerns such as teenage pregnancies, overcrowded classrooms, student attitudes towards education, as well as other personal circumstances which can make it difficult for learners to focus on education.

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.

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. The Overberg District's matric pass rate increased marginally from 80.4 per cent in 2020 to 81.5 per cent in 2021, which is slightly higher than the Provincial average of 80.7 per cent.

Education infrastructure, schools with libraries

The availability of library facilities within schools contribute towards improvement in the overall quality of education, narrowing the academic attainment gap by allowing students access to information which is in turn directly linked to improved education outcomes. Within the Overberg District area, there were a total of 82 schools, of which 49 (59.8 per cent) were equipped with libraries. There is considerable scope for the extension of libraries to more schools in the region.

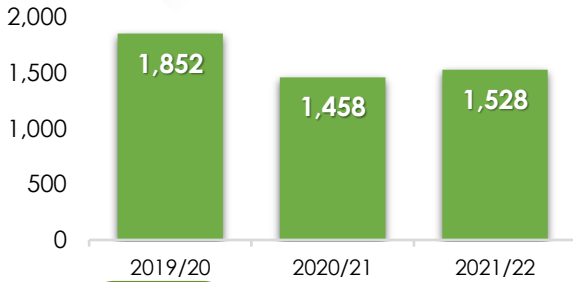
The Department of Education has over the 2022/23 MTEF indicated three infrastructure projects within the Overberg District region, namely, the Umyezo Wama Apile Primary School (R25 million) and the Grabouw Primary School (R8 million) both in Theewaterskloof, as well as the Hermanus Technical School in Overstrand (R38 million).

HEALTH

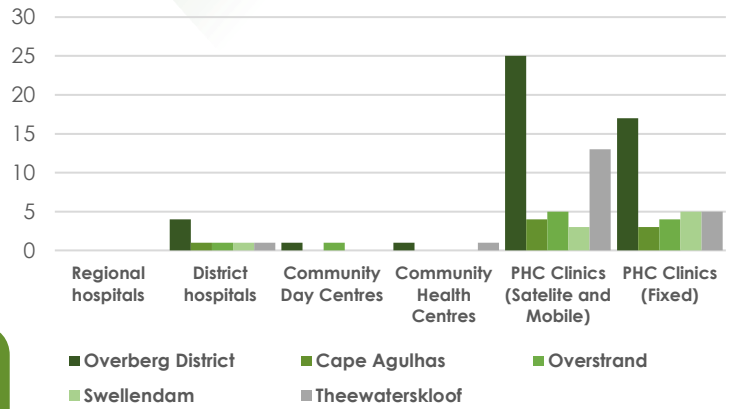


Tuberculosis

Number of patients



Healthcare facilities



Maternal health

	Maternal Mortality Rate		Delivery rate to women under 20 years		Termination of pregnancy rate	
	2020/21	2021/22	2020/21	2021/22	2020/21	2021/22
Cape Agulhas (CA)	0.0	0.0	12.8	15.0	0.3	0.3
Overstrand (OVS)	0.0	0.0	10.5	10.3	0.9	0.9
Swellendam (SW)	0.0	0.0	16.8	16.2	0.5	0.5
Theewaterskloof (TWK)	1.0	0.0	16.5	16.2	0.6	0.6
Overberg District (OD)	1.0	0.0	14.0	14.0	0.7	0.6



Emergency medical services

Health Indicator	CA	OVS	SW	TWK	OD
EMS Operational Ambulances	3	5	3	12	23
No of operational ambulances per 10 000 people	0.8	0.5	0.7	1.0	0.8



Child health

	OD	CA	OVS	SW	TWK
Low birth weight	12.8	5.6	10.2	18.6	13.2
Neonatal mortality rate per 1000	5.6	4.3	3.4	6.7	7.5
Acute malnutrition rate (under 5) per 100 000	1.9	0.7	0.6	0.8	3.9
Immunisation rate (under 1)	82.3	75.6	74.5	60.5	100.9



HIV/AIDS

Area	Registered patients receiving ART		Number of new ART patients	
	2020/21	2021/22	2020/21	2021/22
Cape Agulhas	964	1081	97	57
Overstrand	5997	6038	388	319
Swellendam	1148	1256	96	100
Theewaterskloof	5381	6311	469	486
Overberg District	13490	14686	1050	962

Health

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. This then implies that approximately 75 per cent of Western Cape households make use of public health facilities as indicated here.

In 2021/22, the Overberg region had 19 primary healthcare facilities, which comprised of 17 fixed clinics, 1 community day centre and 1 community health centre; there were also 25 mobile/satellite clinics. In addition to these primary healthcare facilities, there are also 4 district hospitals as well as 24 ART clinics/treatment sites and 24 TB clinics/treatment sites.

HIV/AIDS & Tuberculosis

The total number of registered patients receiving antiretroviral treatment in the Overberg region increased by 1 196 patients, from 13 490 in 2021/22 to 14 686 in 2021/22. However, the number of new antiretroviral patients was slightly lower at 962 in 2021/22 compared with 1 050 in 2020/21, indicating that a substantial number patients have returned, as the possibility of the COVID-19 infections and risk diminished. There has also been an increase of 70 registered patients receiving TB treatment in the Overberg area, from 1 458 in 2020/21 to 1 528 in 2021/22.

Child health

The immunisation rate in the Overberg region dropped slightly, from 83.3 per cent in 2020/21 to 82.3 per cent in 2021/22, keeping the rate at a less than ideal level. The relatively sharp increase in the proportion of malnourished children under five years in the Overberg area, from 1.1 (per 100 000 people) in 2020/21 to 1.9 is a concern; it was particularly high in the Theewaterskloof area at 3.9 per 100 000 people.

Both the low birth weight and neonatal mortality rate (per 1 000 live births) indicators presented a deterioration in these areas related to child health. The low birth weight (less than 2 500g) increased from 11.5 in 2020/21 to 12.8 in 2021/22, while the neonatal mortality rate increased from 3.8 in 2020/21 to 5.6 in 2021/22.

Maternal health

Considering maternal health in the Overberg area, zero deaths per 100 000 live births were recorded in 2021/22 (maternal mortality rate of zero). For the same period, the delivery rate to women under 20 years in the Overberg District remained at 14.0 per cent (same as previous year) while the termination of pregnancy rate dropped slightly to 0.6 per cent for 2021/22.

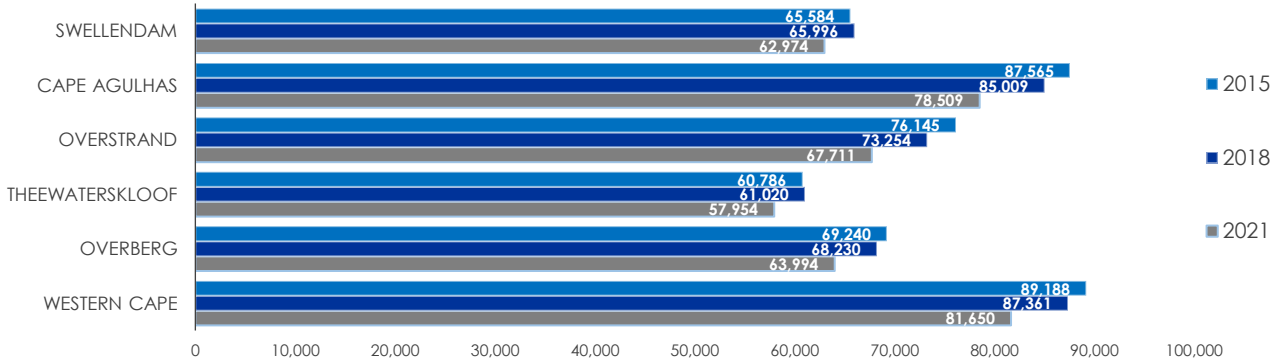
Emergency medical services

The provision of more operational ambulances can provide greater coverage of emergency medical services. The Overberg region has a total of 23 ambulances servicing the region, which translates into 0.8 ambulances per 10 000 people in 2021/22. This is down from a total of 25 in 2020/21. It is worth noting that this number only refers to Provincial ambulances and excludes all private service providers.

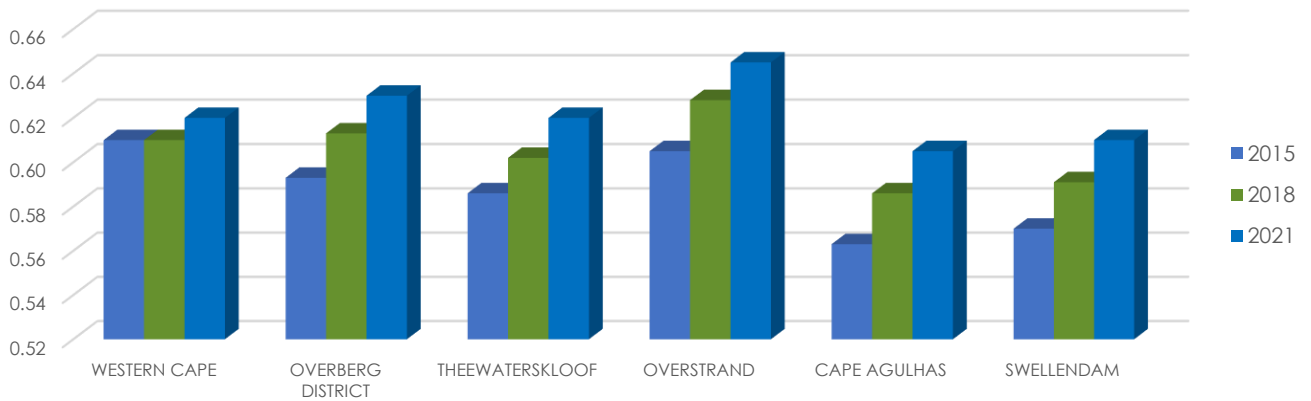
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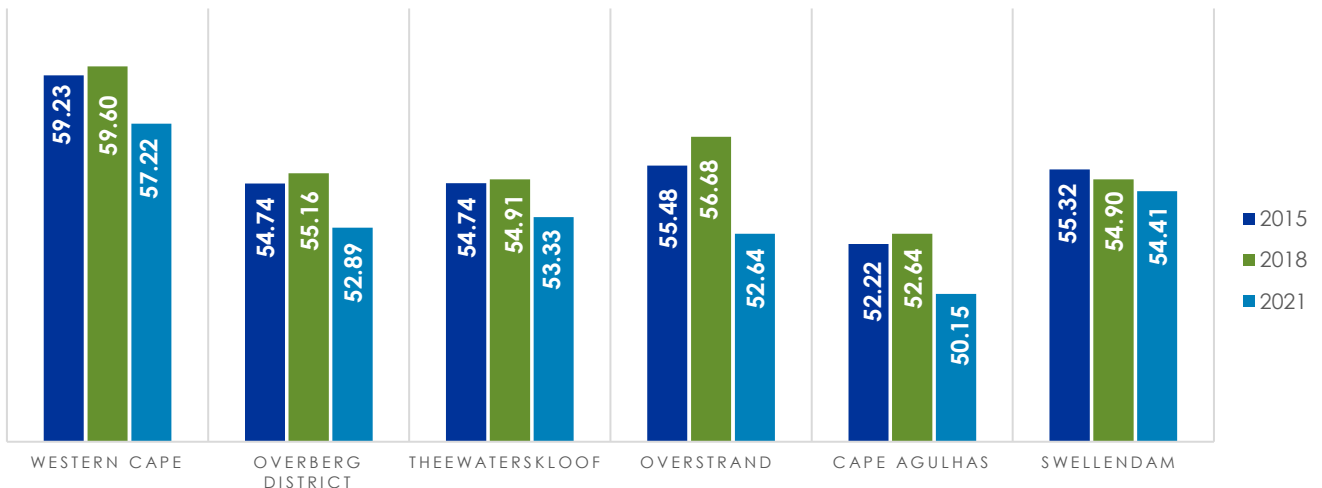
GDP per capita



Income inequality



Poverty Line



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 R63 994 in 2021, the Overberg municipal area remains significantly below the Province's R81 650. Within the region, Cape Agulhas stands out with a relatively high per capita GDPR of R78 509, with Theewaterskloof at the lower end, with a per capita GDPR of R57 954.

Income Inequality

South Africa suffers among the highest levels of inequality in the world when measured by the commonly used Gini index. Inequality manifests itself through a skewed income distribution, unequal access to opportunities, and regional disparities.

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 2015 and 2021, income inequality in the Overberg area has worsened, with the Gini-coefficient increasing from 0.59 in 2015 to 0.63 in 2021.

Worsening income inequality could also be seen across the Province (0.61 in 2015 and 0.62 in 2021) over the same period.

Poverty Line

As per definition, the Upper Bound Poverty Line (UBPL) is the proportion of the population living below the UBPL i.e. that cannot afford to purchase adequate levels of food and non-food items, an individual living in South Africa with less than 1 227 South African rands (in April 2019 prices) per person per month was considered poor.

In 2021, 52.89 per cent of the District's population fell below the UBPL. This figure improved somewhat from the 54.74 per cent and 55.16 per cent recorded for the periods 2015 and 2018 respectively. Within the Overberg region, Swellendam (54.41 per cent in 2021) represents the highest proportion of people living in poverty, however, the other areas all clustered close to this figure with very similar proportions, ranging from a low of 50.15 per cent in Cape Agulhas region.

BASIC SERVICE DELIVERY

Total number of households

88 894

Overberg District (OVBD)

1 962 092

Western Cape

Formal main dwelling

73 192

Overberg District

1 576 424

Western Cape

82.3%

80.3%

74.5% Overberg
62.4% Western Cape

House/brick structure
on separate stand/yard

0.2% Overberg
0.1% Western Cape

Traditional dwelling

6.6% Overberg
16.5% Western Cape

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

1.0% Overberg
0.5% Western Cape

Other/Unspecified

1.2% Overberg
1.5% Western Cape

House/flat/room in
backyard

5.6% Overberg
6.6% Western Cape

Informal dwelling in
backyard

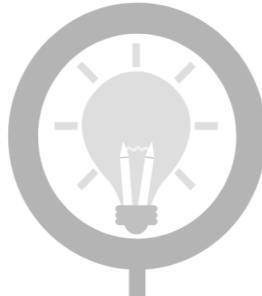
10.9% Overberg
12.5% Western Cape

Informal dwelling not
in backyard



Piped water inside
dwelling/yard or
communal/neighbor's tap

Overberg 99.3%
Western Cape 99.4%



Electricity (incl. generator)
as primary source of
lighting

Overberg 94.7%
Western Cape 96.6%



Flush/chemical toilet

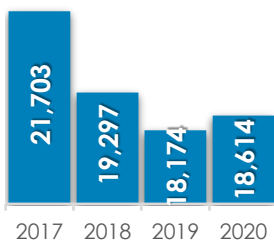
Overberg 97.7%
Western Cape 95.2%



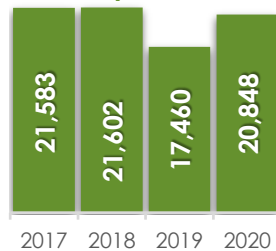
Refuse removal at least
once a week

Overberg 83.8%
Western Cape 87.0%

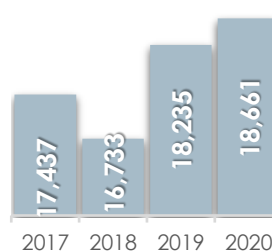
Free basic water



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 2021. 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 88 894 households in the Overberg District municipal area, 82.3 per cent (2021) had access to formal housing, which is roughly on par with the Provincial average of 80.3 per cent. Informal housing is generally high in the District (16.5 per cent informal dwellings), with particular challenges in the Overstrand (19.0 per cent) and Theewaterskloof (17.2 per cent) municipal areas.

All service access levels were higher than access to formal housing, with access to piped water inside/within 200m of the dwelling at 99.3 per cent, access to electricity (for lighting) at 94.7 per cent, access to a flush or chemical toilet at 97.7 per cent and the removal of refuse at least weekly by local authority at 83.8 per cent.

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 Overberg area has increased notably across all services areas in 2020, when compared with 2019 figures; a significant increase in free basic electricity is noted. The stressed economic conditions is expected to continue to exert additional pressure on household income, which will likely increase further the demand for free basic services and in turn the number of indigent households. However, this is area specific, and also dependent on the qualifying criteria used.

SAFETY AND SECURITY



		MURDER	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Actual Number	Overberg District		138	123	136
	Western Cape		3 974	3 794	3 963
Per 100 000	Overberg District		47	41	45
	Western Cape		58	54	56

SEXUAL OFFENCES

		2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Actual Number	Overberg District	328	287	295
	Western Cape	7 472	6 588	6 765
Per 100 000	Overberg District	112	96	97
	Western Cape	109	94	95



DRUG – RELATED OFFENCES

		2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Actual Number	Overberg District	2 512	2 693	3 049
	Western Cape	62 288	47 811	56 240
Per 100 000	Overberg District	854	896	1 000
	Western Cape	907	683	792



DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

		2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Actual Number	Overberg District	754	398	351
	Western Cape	12 428	5 220	5 209
Per 100 000	Overberg District	256	132	115
	Western Cape	181	75	73



Fatal Crashes (Actual)

Overberg District

69

78

47

Road User Fatalities (Actual)

Overberg District

80

102

70

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

		2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Actual Number	Overberg District	3 176	2 561	2 344
	Western Cape	37 003	29 368	26 107
Per 100 000	Overberg District	1 079	853	768
	Western Cape	539	420	369



Safety and Security

Murder

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

Within the Overberg area, the number of murders increased relatively sharply from 123 to 136 between 2020/21 and 2021/22, with the murder rate (per 100 000 people) increasing from 41 to 45. The 2021/22 figure appears more in line with the 2019/20, the pre-COVID19 lockdown figure. The murder rate per 100 000 is below that of the Western Cape's 56 for the 2021/22 year.

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 2021/22, there were 295 sexual offences in the Overberg region. When comparing this to the Province, the Overberg area's incidence of sexual offences per 100 000 population was slightly higher than that of the Western Cape, at 97 compared to the Province's 95.

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 Overberg area increased significantly from 2 693 cases in 2020/21 to 3 049 cases in 2021/22. The Province's drug-related offences also increased sharply from 47 811 in 2020/21 to 56 240 in 2021/22. However, the Overberg area's rate of 1 000 per 100 000 people exceeded that of the Province's 792.

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 Overberg municipal area shows a marked decrease from 398 in 2020/21 to 351 in 2021/22. This translates into a rate of 115 per 100'000 people in 2021/22, which is well above the Province's 73 per 100 000 people.

Road user fatalities

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

In line with the decrease in cases of DUI, the number of fatal road crashes also declined significantly, from 78 in 2020/21 to 47 in 2021/22. Concomitantly, road user fatalities in the Overberg region decreased from 102 in 2020/21 to 70 in 2021/22.

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 Overberg District area decreased from 2 561 in 2020/21 to 2 344 in 2021/22. However, the Overberg District's rate of 768 per 100 000 population was still well above that of the Province's 369 for 2021/22.

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