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## PREFACE

Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) has undertaken an annual non-financial census of municipalities with effect from 2002. The purpose of the census is to measure selected aspects of service delivery of municipalities. The results of this census provide information that can serve as a framework for policymakers and other stakeholders for planning and monitoring. The census enables users to analyse the services provided by municipalities in terms of water, electricity, solid waste management, sewerage and sanitation. The 2019 non-financial census of municipalities obtained information on various issues, including:

- particulars of services provided in the municipalities as at 30 June 2018 and 30 June 2019; and
- particulars of total employment in the municipalities as at 30 June 2018 and 30 June 2019.

This statistical release contains the preliminary results of the 2019 non-financial census of municipalities and the revised figures for 2018. In the event of revised figures being obtained for 2019, they will be incorporated into the next non-financial census of municipalities publication (if applicable).

For the purposes of this printed version, all results are presented at provincial level. Unit data for all municipalities (2018 and 2019) can be obtained from the Stats SA website (or can be made available upon request).



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## Background

The census provides information that serves as a framework for policymakers and other stakeholders for analysis, planning and monitoring in terms of service delivery of water, electricity, solid waste management, sewerage and sanitation.

## Purpose of the survey

This publication is directed towards the following major goals:

- Assist in monitoring the progress made with regard to the implementation of service provision, free basic services and poverty alleviation as national priorities.
- Provide baseline non-financial information from those institutions classified as municipalities in terms of the Local Government Municipal Structures Act, 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998).
- Provide information that can serve as a framework for policymakers and other stakeholders for planning, as well as monitoring and evaluating the performance of municipalities.
- Allow national and provincial governments and other stakeholders to analyse the actual services provided by municipalities.
- Make data available for use by researchers, organisations and individuals.

## Methodology

### Scope of the survey

All 257 municipalities responded to the survey for 2019.

### Questionnaire and data collection

The methods used for collection included personal visits, telephone, fax, email and post. Data are generally comparable between the 2018 and 2019 publications.

### Limitations of the survey

- This publication is not necessarily comparable with the Stats SA population census of 2011, the community survey of 2016, and/or household survey data, mainly due to:
  - i. The data source is municipalities as opposed to households.
  - ii. The different definitions of 'household'. Most municipalities do not have a system for identifying multiple households served by one billing unit or delivery point.
  - iii. Different reporting periods.
- The term 'consumer unit' or 'billing unit' (as used by the municipality for their recording purposes) is not directly comparable with other Stats SA household-based surveys.

**Collection rates for the 2019 financial year per province**

Province	Municipalities				
	Metropolitan municipalities	Districts municipalities	Local municipalities	Total	Collection rate
Western Cape	1	5	24	30	100%
Eastern Cape	2	6	31	39	100%
Northern Cape	0	5	26	31	100%
Free State	1	4	18	23	100%
KwaZulu-Natal	1	10	43	54	100%
North West	0	4	18	22	100%
Gauteng	3	2	6	11	100%
Mpumalanga	0	3	17	20	100%
Limpopo	0	5	22	27	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>100%</b>

**List of municipalities (2019)****Western Cape (30)****City of Cape Town Metro****West Coast District Municipality**

Matzikama  
Cederberg  
Bergrivier  
Saldanha Bay  
Swartland

**Cape Winelands District Municipality**

Witzenberg  
Drakenstein  
Stellenbosch  
Breede Valley  
Langeberg

**Overberg District Municipality**

Theewaterskloof  
Overstrand  
Cape Agulhas  
Swellendam

**Eden District Municipality**

Kannaland  
Hessequa  
Mossel Bay  
George  
Oudtshoorn  
Bitou  
Knysna

**Central Karoo District Municipality**

Laingsburg  
Prince Albert  
Beaufort West

**Eastern Cape (39)****Nelson Mandela Bay Metro****Buffalo City Metro****Sarah Baartman District Municipality**

Dr Beyers Naude  
Blue Crane Route  
Makana  
Ndlambe  
Sunday's River Valley  
Kouga  
Kou-Kamma

**Amathole District Municipality**

Mbhashe  
Mnquma  
Great Kei  
Amahlathi  
Ngqushwa  
Raymond Mhlaba

**Chris Hani District Municipality**

Inxuba Yethemba  
Enoch Mgijima  
Intsika Yethu  
Emalahleni  
Engcobo  
Sakhisizwe

**Eastern Cape (concluded)****Alfred Nzo District Municipality**

Matatiele  
Umzimvubu  
Ntabankulu  
Mbizana

**O.R. Tambo District Municipality**

Ngquza Hill  
Port St Johns  
Nyandeni  
Mhlontlo  
King Sabata Dalindyebo

**Joe Gqabi District Municipality**

Elundini  
Walter Sisulu  
Senqu

**Northern Cape (31)****Namakwa District Municipality**

Richtersveld  
Nama Khoi  
Kamiesberg  
Hantam  
Karoo Hoogland  
Khai-Ma

**Pixley Ka Seme District Municipality**

Ubuntu  
Umsobomvu  
Emthanjeni  
Kareeberg  
Renosterberg  
Thembelihle  
Siyathemba  
Siyancuma

**ZF Mgcawu District Municipality**

Dawid Kruiper  
Kai !Garib  
!Kheis  
Tsantsabane  
Kgatelopele

**John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality**

Ga-Segonyana  
Gamagara  
Joe Morolong

**Frances Baard District Municipality**

Dikgatlong  
Magareng  
Phokwane  
Sol Plaatje

**Free State (23)****Mangaung Metro****Xhariep District Municipality**

Letsemeng  
Kopanong  
Mohokare

**Lejweleputswa District Municipality**

Masilonyana  
Tokologo  
Tswelopele  
Matjhabeng  
Nala

**Thabo Mofutsanyane District Municipality**

Setsoto  
Dihlabeng  
Nketoana  
Maluti a Phofung  
Phumelela  
Mantsopa

**Fezile Dabi District Municipality**

Moqhaka  
Ngwathe  
Metsimaholo  
Mafube

**KwaZulu-Natal (54)****eThekweni Metro****Ugu District Municipality**

Umdoni  
Umzumbe  
uMuziwabantu  
Ray Nkonyeni

**uMgungundlovu District Municipality**

uMshwathi  
uMngeni  
Mpofana  
Impendle  
Msunduzi  
Mkhambathini  
Richmond

**uThukela District Municipality**

Alfred Duma  
Inkosi Langalibalele  
Okhahlamba

**uMzinyathi District Municipality**

Endumeni  
Ngutu  
Msinga  
Umvoti

**Amajuba District Municipality**

Newcastle  
eMadlangeni  
Dannhauser

**KwaZulu-Natal (concluded)****Zululand District Municipality**

eDumbe  
uPhongolo  
Abaqulusi  
Nongoma  
Ulundi

**uMkhanyakude District Municipality**

uMhlabyalingana  
Jozini  
The Big Five Hlabisa  
Mtubatuba

**King Cetshwayo District Municipality**

Mfolozi  
City of uMhlathuze  
uMlalazi  
Mthonjaneni  
Nkandla

**iLembe District Municipality**

Mandeni  
KwaDukuza  
Ndwedwe  
Maphumulo

**Harry Gwala District Municipality**

Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma  
Greater Kokstad  
Ubuhlebezwe  
Umzimkhulu

**North West (22)****Bojanala Platinum District Municipality**

Moretele  
Madibeng  
Rustenburg  
Kgetlengrivier  
Moses Kotane

**Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality**

Ratlou  
Tswaing  
Mahikeng  
Ditsobotla  
Ramotshere Moila

**Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District Municipality**

Kagisano-Molopo  
Naledi  
Mamusa  
Greater Taung  
Lekwa-Teemane

**Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality**

JB Marks  
City of Matlosana  
Maquassi Hills

**Gauteng (11)****City of Johannesburg Metro****City of Tshwane Metro****City of Ekurhuleni Metro****Sedibeng District Municipality**

Emfuleni

Midvaal

Lesedi

**West Rand District Municipality**

Mogale City

Rand West

Merafong City

**Mpumalanga (20)****Gert Sibande District Municipality**

Albert Luthuli

Msukaligwa

Mkhondo

Dr Pixley ka Isaka Seme

Lekwa

Dipaleseng

Govan Mbeki

**Nkangala District Municipality**

Emalahleni

Steve Tshwete

Emakhazeni

Thembisile

Dr J.S. Moroka

Victor Khanye

**Ehlanzeni District Municipality**

Bushbuckridge

Thaba Chweu

City of Mbombela

Nkomazi

**Limpopo (27)****Mopani District Municipality**

Ba-Phalaborwa

Greater Giyani

Greater Letaba

Greater Tzaneen

Maruleng

**Vhembe District Municipality**

Musina

Thulamela

Makhado

Collins Chabane

**Capricorn District Municipality**

Blouberg

Molemole

Polokwane

Lepelle-Nkumpi

**Waterberg District Municipality**

Thabazimbi

Lephalale

Mookgopong/Modimolle

Bela-Bela

Mogalakwena

**Sekhukhune District Municipality**

Makhuduthamaga

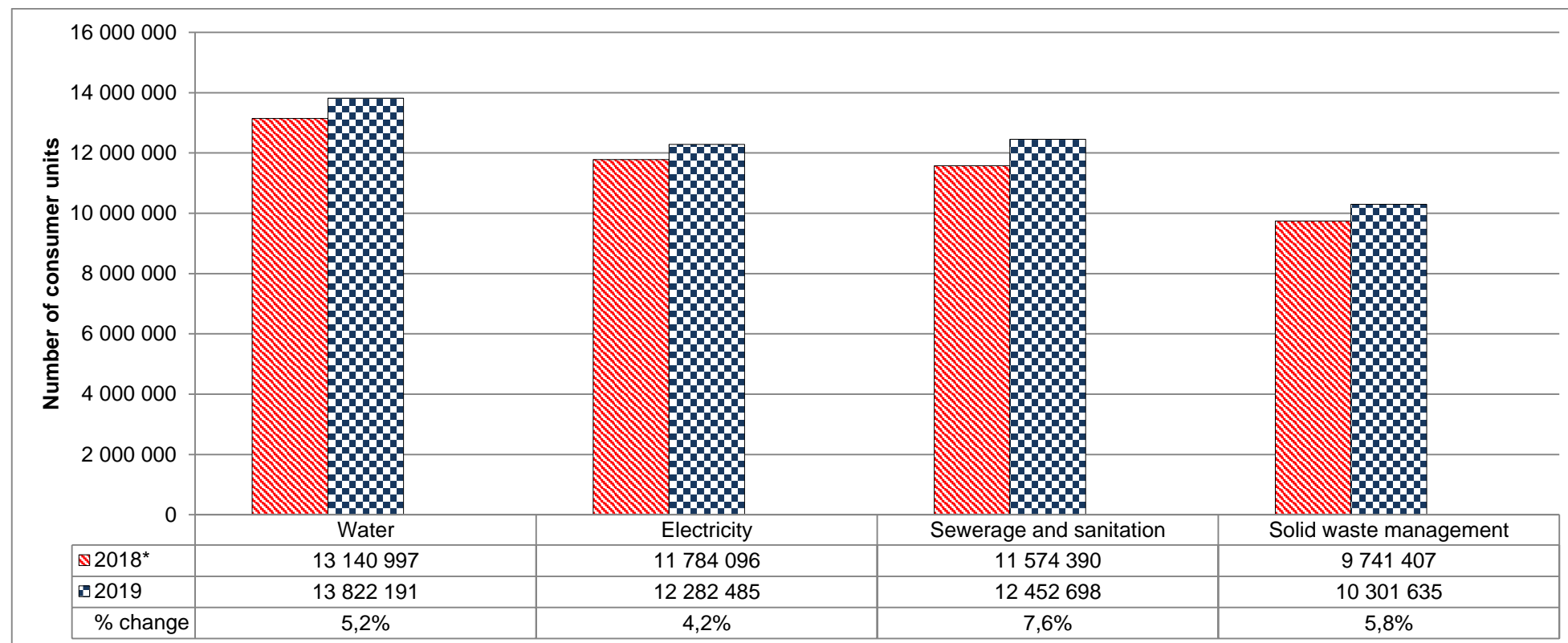
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## Key findings

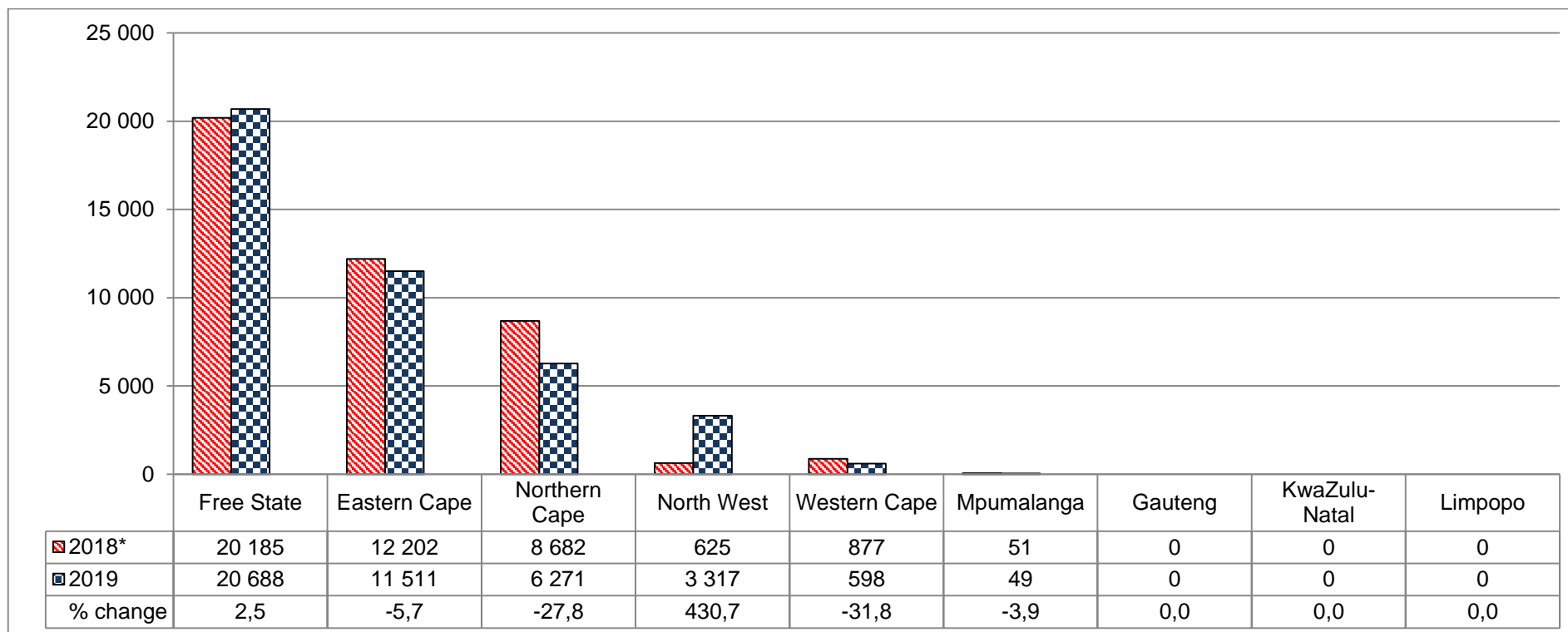
**Figure A - Number of consumer units receiving services from municipalities: 2018 and 2019**



\* Some figures have been revised.

The number of consumer units receiving services from municipalities increased between 2018 and 2019. For the period under review, sewerage and sanitation

showed the highest percentage increase (7,6%), followed by solid waste management (5,8%), then water (5,2%) and electricity (4,2%).

**Figure B - Number of consumer units using bucket toilet system provided by municipalities in each province: 2018 and 2019**

\* Some figures have been revised.

Over the period 2018 to 2019, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal and Limpopo are the only provinces that reported zero in the provision of bucket toilets by municipalities. Free State and North West provinces reported an increase from

2018 to 2019. All other provinces showed a decrease in the provision of bucket toilets.

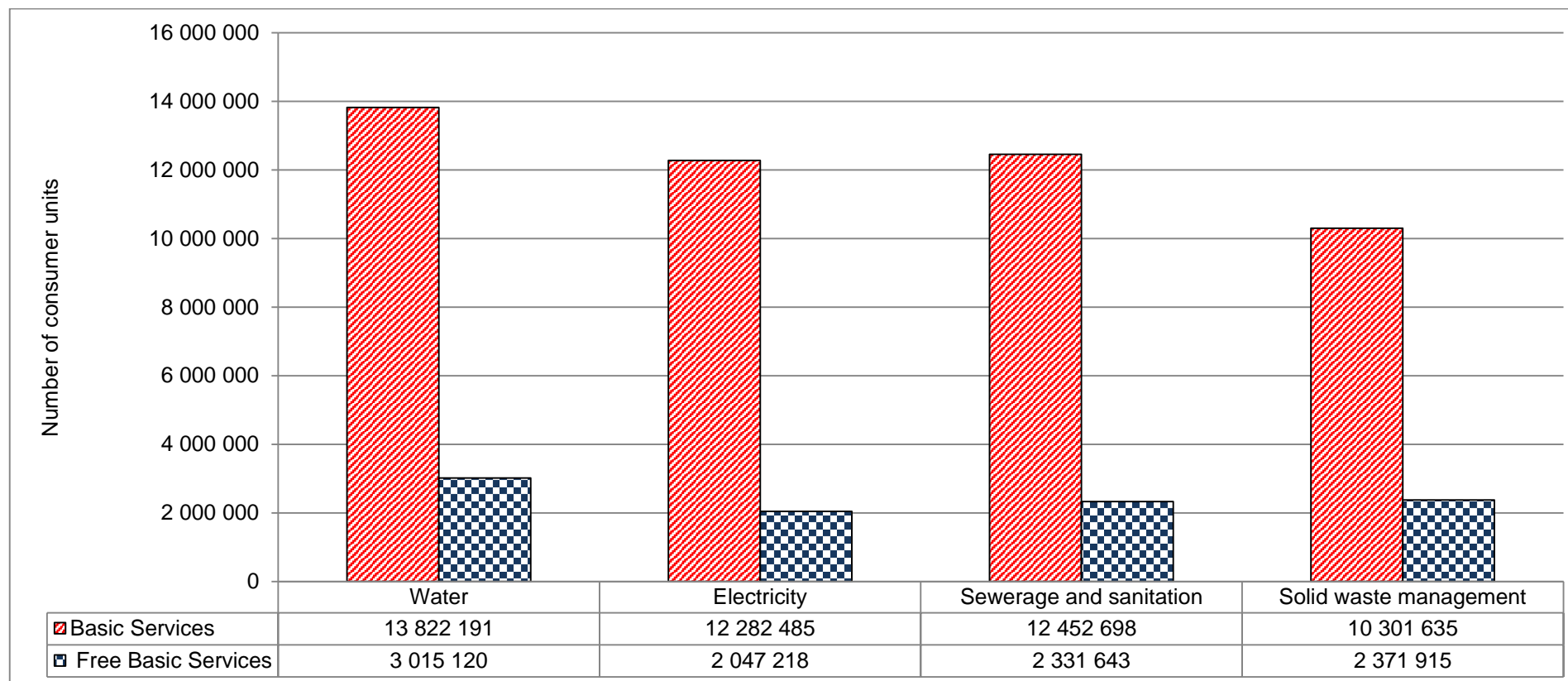
**Figure C - Number of consumer units receiving services and free basic services: 2019**

Figure C shows the number of consumer units that received services and that benefited from the free basic services policy in 2019. As a proportion of the total number of units receiving water services, the number of units receiving free basic

water services was 21,8%. The corresponding percentages regarding the other services were 23,0% for solid waste management, 18,7% for sewerage and sanitation and 16,7% for electricity.

**Table A - Number of consumer units receiving water services and free basic water services from municipalities: 2018 and 2019**

Province	2018*			2019		
	Number of consumer units receiving water services	Number of consumer units receiving free basic water services	Proportion benefiting (%)	Number of consumer units receiving water services	Number of consumer units receiving free basic water services	Proportion benefiting (%)
Western Cape	1 331 926	602 422	45,2	1 359 588	591 999	43,5
Eastern Cape	1 549 725	759 297	49,0	1 584 644	520 322	32,8
Northern Cape	303 410	62 457	20,6	316 948	65 704	20,7
Free State	797 597	147 304	18,5	890 873	137 433	15,4
KwaZulu-Natal	2 376 786	784 655	33,0	2 468 445	765 633	31,0
North West	946 954	113 997	12,0	1 076 493	88 074	8,2
Gauteng	3 327 192	1 141 828	34,3	3 554 964	555 552	15,6
Mpumalanga	1 159 228	331 439	28,6	1 211 838	146 859	12,1
Limpopo	1 348 179	122 755	9,1	1 358 398	143 544	10,6
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>13 140 997</b>	<b>4 066 154</b>	<b>30,9</b>	<b>13 822 191</b>	<b>3 015 120</b>	<b>21,8</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

Table A shows the proportion of consumer units that benefited from the free basic water policy. According to 2019 estimates, 13,8 million consumer units received water from municipalities in South Africa, of which 3,0 million (21,8%) consumer units received free basic water.

Western Cape showed the highest proportion of consumer units that benefited from the free basic water policy (43,5%), followed by Eastern Cape (32,8%) and

KwaZulu-Natal (31,0%). The provinces with the lowest proportion of consumer units that benefited from the free basic water policy were North West (8,2%), Limpopo (10,6%) and Mpumalanga (12,1%).

Differences in the number of consumer units receiving free basic services between 2018 and 2019 are the result of changes in the targeting mechanisms used by municipalities to provide such services.

**Table B - Number of consumer units receiving electricity services and free basic electricity services from municipalities: 2018 and 2019**

Province	2018*			2019		
	Number of consumer units receiving electricity services	Number of consumer units receiving free basic electricity services	Proportion benefiting (%)	Number of consumer units receiving electricity services	Number of consumer units receiving free basic electricity services	Proportion benefiting (%)
<b>Western Cape</b>	1 583 009	501 212	31,7	1 699 221	458 960	27,0
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	1 278 661	340 739	26,6	1 359 406	366 355	26,9
<b>Northern Cape</b>	291 095	64 990	22,3	309 713	66 284	21,4
<b>Free State</b>	751 075	165 815	22,1	814 880	146 418	18,0
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	1 901 200	303 575	16,0	1 934 004	306 318	15,8
<b>North West</b>	973 328	145 654	15,0	1 059 097	112 125	10,6
<b>Gauteng</b>	2 581 983	416 914	16,1	2 634 520	405 082	15,4
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	1 006 137	110 357	11,0	1 020 848	82 546	8,1
<b>Limpopo</b>	1 417 608	130 265	9,2	1 450 796	103 130	7,1
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>11 784 096</b>	<b>2 179 521</b>	<b>18,5</b>	<b>12 282 485</b>	<b>2 047 218</b>	<b>16,7</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

Table B shows the proportion of consumer units that benefited from the free basic electricity policy. According to 2019 estimates, 12,3 million consumer units received electricity from municipalities in South Africa and 2,0 million (16,7%) consumer units had free basic electricity.

Western Cape showed the highest proportion of consumer units that benefited from the free basic electricity policy (27,0%), followed by Eastern Cape (26,9%) and Northern Cape (21,4%). Limpopo showed the lowest proportion (7,1%), followed by Mpumalanga (8,1%) and North West (10,6%).

Differences in the number of consumer units receiving free basic services between 2018 and 2019 are the result of changes in the targeting mechanisms used by municipalities to provide such services.

**Table C - Number of consumer units receiving sewerage and sanitation services and free basic sewerage and sanitation services from municipalities: 2018 and 2019**

Province	2018*			2019		
	Number of consumer units receiving sewerage and sanitation services	Number of consumer units receiving free basic sewerage and sanitation services	Proportion benefiting (%)	Number of consumer units receiving sewerage and sanitation services	Number of consumer units receiving free basic sewerage and sanitation services	Proportion benefiting (%)
<b>Western Cape</b>	1 168 367	575 900	49,3	1 194 455	572 546	47,9
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	1 498 690	650 008	43,4	1 527 167	495 783	32,5
<b>Northern Cape</b>	289 078	58 642	20,3	300 029	60 394	20,1
<b>Free State</b>	766 007	144 414	18,9	776 518	138 622	17,9
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	2 242 372	432 654	19,3	2 324 818	265 833	11,4
<b>North West</b>	759 636	73 255	9,6	920 936	80 595	8,8
<b>Gauteng</b>	2 809 237	891 771	31,7	3 170 529	552 645	17,4
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	1 074 832	90 768	8,4	1 110 333	84 564	7,6
<b>Limpopo</b>	966 171	60 097	6,2	1 127 913	80 661	7,2
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>11 574 390</b>	<b>2 977 509</b>	<b>25,7</b>	<b>12 452 698</b>	<b>2 331 643</b>	<b>18,7</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

Table C shows the proportion of consumer units receiving free basic sewerage and sanitation services from municipalities. According to 2019 estimates, 12,5 million consumer units received sewerage and sanitation services from municipalities in South Africa, and 18,7% of these consumer units had access to free basic sewerage and sanitation.

Western Cape showed the highest proportion of consumer units that benefited from free basic sewerage and sanitation (47,9%), followed by Eastern Cape (32,5%) and Northern Cape (20,1%). The province with the lowest proportion was Limpopo (7,2%), followed by Mpumalanga (7,6%) and North West (8,8%).

There were 2,3 million consumer units receiving free basic sewerage and sanitation from municipalities in 2019 compared with 3,0 million consumer units in 2018.

Differences in the number of consumer units receiving free basic services between 2018 and 2019 are the result of changes in the targeting mechanisms used by municipalities to provide such services.

**Table D - Number of consumer units receiving solid waste management services and free basic solid waste management services from municipalities: 2018 and 2019**

Province	2018*			2019		
	Number of consumer units receiving solid waste management services	Number of consumer units receiving free basic solid waste management services	Proportion benefiting (%)	Number of consumer units receiving solid waste management services	Number of consumer units receiving free basic solid waste management services	Proportion benefiting (%)
<b>Western Cape</b>	1 262 869	602 403	47,7	1 290 668	616 553	47,8
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	728 428	236 250	32,4	895 974	292 268	32,6
<b>Northern Cape</b>	240 623	59 343	24,7	242 254	62 442	25,8
<b>Free State</b>	706 339	146 737	20,8	749 000	137 203	18,3
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	1 716 154	503 641	29,3	1 726 742	713 348	41,3
<b>North West</b>	635 573	78 185	12,3	733 430	89 041	12,1
<b>Gauteng</b>	3 323 370	825 775	24,8	3 487 408	325 672	9,3
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	669 929	93 664	14,0	699 110	86 549	12,4
<b>Limpopo</b>	458 122	51 632	11,3	477 049	48 839	10,2
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>9 741 407</b>	<b>2 597 630</b>	<b>26,7</b>	<b>10 301 635</b>	<b>2 371 915</b>	<b>23,0</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

Table D shows the proportion of consumer units receiving solid waste management as a free basic service. According to 2019 estimates, 10,3 million consumer units received solid waste management from municipalities in South Africa, and 23,0% of these consumer units had access to free basic solid waste management.

Western Cape showed the highest proportion of consumer units that benefited from free basic solid waste management (47,8%), followed by KwaZulu-Natal (41,3%) and Eastern Cape (32,6%). The province with the lowest proportion was Gauteng (9,3%), followed by Limpopo (10,2%) and North West (12,1%).

Differences in the number of consumer units receiving free basic services between 2018 and 2019 are the result of changes in the targeting mechanisms used by municipalities to provide such services.

**Table 1.1 - Managerial positions by province according to Section 56 of Local Government Municipal System Act, 2000 (Act No.32 of 2000): 2018 and 2019**

Province	Full-time				Part-time				Vacant posts		Total posts (including vacancies)	
	Male		Female		Male		Female					
	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019
Western Cape	110	105	25	19	8	13	0	1	25	18	168	156
Eastern Cape	125	138	84	82	2	0	10	0	49	32	270	252
Northern Cape	72	72	22	29	5	0	1	0	40	34	140	135
Free State	65	64	27	27	0	0	0	0	40	39	132	130
KwaZulu-Natal	169	181	68	66	5	10	5	5	59	47	306	309
North West	60	70	30	34	0	0	0	0	50	37	140	141
Gauteng	86	58	42	29	10	0	0	0	36	39	174	126
Mpumalanga	66	71	27	28	0	2	0	3	37	17	130	121
Limpopo	83	81	35	37	0	6	0	0	57	46	175	170
South Africa	836	840	360	351	30	31	16	9	393	309	1 635	1 540

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Table 1.2 - Managerial positions by province according to Organogram (excluding Section 56 managers): 2018 and 2019**

Province	Full-time				Part-time				Vacant posts		Total posts (including vacancies)	
	Male		Female		Male		Female					
	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019
<b>Western Cape</b>	744	1 124	303	537	4	3	3	2	132	199	1 186	1 865
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	597	677	402	544	4	6	6	9	130	161	1 139	1 397
<b>Northern Cape</b>	234	231	106	104	1	1	3	3	50	46	394	385
<b>Free State</b>	403	425	186	187	2	1	0	0	199	185	790	798
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	1 017	1 055	627	671	3	11	1	5	273	244	1 921	1 986
<b>North West</b>	382	386	167	179	0	0	0	0	94	86	643	651
<b>Gauteng</b>	2 608	2 224	2 049	1 797	8	0	1	0	804	806	5 470	4 827
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	395	422	174	192	2	0	0	4	45	27	616	645
<b>Limpopo</b>	441	453	173	180	1	0	2	0	124	90	741	723
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>6 821</b>	<b>6 997</b>	<b>4 187</b>	<b>4 391</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1 851</b>	<b>1 844</b>	<b>12 900</b>	<b>13 277</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Table 1.3 - Number of councillors by province: 2018 and 2019**

Province	Full-time				Part-time				Vacant posts		Total posts (including vacancies)	
	Male		Female		Male		Female					
	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019
Western Cape	149	153	86	86	391	382	256	260	0	1	882	882
Eastern Cape	197	170	147	134	695	713	536	554	2	6	1 577	1 577
Northern Cape	73	80	58	62	175	175	138	126	0	1	444	444
Free State	91	73	61	110	356	312	199	213	0	0	707	708
KwaZulu-Natal	339	336	234	222	903	915	486	491	12	10	1 974	1 974
North West	156	120	117	90	429	468	273	298	1	0	976	976
Gauteng	265	135	175	102	416	543	280	352	0	4	1 136	1 136
Mpumalanga	79	77	78	76	481	476	342	350	0	3	980	982
Limpopo	135	100	106	77	560	590	483	518	2	1	1 286	1 286
South Africa	1 484	1 244	1 062	959	4 406	4 574	2 993	3 162	17	26	9 962	9 965

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Table 1.4 - Executive mayor and mayor positions by province: 2018 and 2019**

Province	Full-time				Part-time				Vacant posts		Total posts (including vacancies)	
	Male		Female		Male		Female					
	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019
Western Cape	20	22	9	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	30	30
Eastern Cape	21	23	18	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	39
Northern Cape	18	20	13	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	31
Free State	9	13	13	10	0	0	0	0	1	0	23	23
KwaZulu-Natal	43	41	11	10	0	0	0	0	0	3	54	54
North West	10	10	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	22
Gauteng	8	8	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	11
Mpumalanga	11	11	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	20
Limpopo	14	16	13	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	27
South Africa	154	164	101	90	0	0	0	0	2	3	257	257

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Table 2.1 - Employment positions including managerial positions by province: 2018 and 2019**

Province	Employment type							
	Full-time		Part-time		Vacant posts		Total posts (including vacancies)	
	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019
<b>Western Cape</b>	44 339	44 032	2 357	2 085	4 984	5 868	51 680	51 985
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	27 634	30 575	591	322	3 471	3 239	31 696	34 136
<b>Northern Cape</b>	8 126	8 264	1 180	85	1 108	1 053	10 428	9 402
<b>Free State</b>	15 342	15 528	619	822	7 316	7 129	23 305	23 508
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	48 429	49 582	3 982	4 612	9 791	8 092	62 202	62 286
<b>North West</b>	13 143	13 053	603	993	2 345	1 901	16 115	15 947
<b>Gauteng</b>	75 970	76 929	687	4 576	11 315	18 821	87 972	100 326
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	14 219	14 728	206	128	3 113	3 271	17 538	18 127
<b>Limpopo</b>	13 963	13 957	33	217	3 014	4 195	17 010	18 369
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>261 165</b>	<b>266 648</b>	<b>10 258</b>	<b>13 840</b>	<b>46 457</b>	<b>53 569</b>	<b>317 946</b>	<b>334 086</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Table 2.2 - Employment positions excluding managerial positions by department: 2018 and 2019**

Employment section	Full-time		Part-time		Vacant posts		Total posts (including vacancies)	
	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019
<b>Community and Social Services</b>	27 556	21 355	992	1 941	4 915	5 521	33 463	28 817
<b>Finance and Administration</b>	48 047	48 501	884	1 678	8 289	9 914	57 220	60 093
<b>Electricity</b>	14 958	15 276	46	114	3 025	2 898	18 029	18 288
<b>Environmental Protection</b>	5 694	7 447	1 500	137	1 552	1 845	8 746	9 429
<b>Health</b>	8 385	7 388	25	261	850	1 197	9 260	8 846
<b>Public Safety</b>	36 563	40 160	843	1 686	5 103	8 125	42 509	49 971
<b>Road Transport</b>	20 094	21 452	257	451	4 952	5 580	25 303	27 483
<b>Sport and Recreation</b>	9 249	10 508	85	185	1 987	1 838	11 321	12 531
<b>Waste Management</b>	25 644	30 928	867	922	4 015	3 761	30 526	35 611
<b>Waste Water Management</b>	11 490	13 997	117	104	2 540	3 516	14 147	17 617
<b>Water</b>	23 784	21 068	347	870	3 687	4 064	27 818	26 002
<b>Other</b>	17 497	15 989	4 208	5 406	3 298	3 157	25 003	24 552
<b>Total</b>	<b>248 961</b>	<b>254 069</b>	<b>10 171</b>	<b>13 755</b>	<b>44 213</b>	<b>51 416</b>	<b>303 345</b>	<b>319 240</b>

\*Some figures have been revised.

**Table 3 - Number of municipalities in each province responsible for providing services under the powers and functions allocated to them: 2018 and 2019**

Province	Number of municipalities	Water		Electricity		Sewerage and sanitation		Solid waste management	
		2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019
<b>Western Cape</b>	30	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	39	14	14	33	33	14	14	33	33
<b>Northern Cape</b>	31	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26
<b>Free State</b>	23	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	54	14	14	43	43	15	15	44	44
<b>North West</b>	22	10	10	18	18	10	10	18	18
<b>Gauteng</b>	11	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	20	17	17	16	16	17	17	17	17
<b>Limpopo</b>	27	11	11	21	21	11	11	21	21
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>213</b>

\*Some figures have been revised.

**Table 4 - Number of municipalities in each province with infrastructure to provide services: 2018 and 2019**

Province	Number of municipalities	Water		Electricity		Sewerage and sanitation		Solid waste management	
		2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019
<b>Western Cape</b>	30	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	39	14	14	24	24	14	14	33	33
<b>Northern Cape</b>	31	26	26	24	24	26	26	26	26
<b>Free State</b>	23	19	19	17	17	19	19	19	19
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	54	15	15	25	25	15	15	44	44
<b>North West</b>	22	18	18	13	13	18	18	16	16
<b>Gauteng</b>	11	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	20	17	17	16	16	17	17	17	17
<b>Limpopo</b>	27	15	15	17	17	15	15	22	22
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>212</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Table 5 - Number of municipalities in each province that provide services: 2018 and 2019**

Province	Number of municipalities	Water		Electricity		Sewerage and sanitation		Solid waste management	
		2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019
<b>Western Cape</b>	30	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	39	14	14	24	24	14	14	33	33
<b>Northern Cape</b>	31	26	26	25	25	26	26	26	26
<b>Free State</b>	23	19	19	16	16	19	19	19	19
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	54	15	15	24	25	15	15	43	43
<b>North West</b>	22	18	18	13	13	18	18	16	16
<b>Gauteng</b>	11	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	20	17	17	16	16	17	17	17	17
<b>Limpopo</b>	27	10	10	15	15	10	10	22	22
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>211</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Table 6 - Number of municipalities in each province that have commercialised or outsourced the provision of services: 2018 and 2019**

Province	Number of municipalities	Water		Electricity		Sewerage and sanitation		Solid waste management	
		2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019
<b>Western Cape</b>	30	0	0	11	11	0	0	1	1
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	39	0	0	33	33	0	0	0	0
<b>Northern Cape</b>	31	2	2	21	21	0	0	0	0
<b>Free State</b>	23	0	0	16	16	0	0	1	1
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	54	2	2	42	42	2	2	2	2
<b>North West</b>	22	0	0	17	17	0	0	1	1
<b>Gauteng</b>	11	1	1	9	9	0	0	1	1
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	20	1	1	13	13	1	1	1	1
<b>Limpopo</b>	27	1	1	21	21	0	0	1	1
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Table 7 - Number of consumer units in each province receiving services from municipalities: 2018 and 2019**

Province	Water		Electricity		Sewerage and sanitation		Solid waste management	
	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019
<b>Western Cape</b>	1 331 926	1 359 588	1 583 009	1 699 221	1 168 367	1 194 455	1 262 869	1 290 668
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	1 549 725	1 584 644	1 278 661	1 359 406	1 498 690	1 527 167	728 428	895 974
<b>Northern Cape</b>	303 410	316 948	291 095	309 713	289 078	300 029	240 623	242 254
<b>Free State</b>	797 597	890 873	751 075	814 880	766 007	776 518	706 339	749 000
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	2 376 786	2 468 445	1 901 200	1 934 004	2 242 372	2 324 818	1 716 154	1 726 742
<b>North West</b>	946 954	1 076 493	973 328	1 059 097	759 636	920 936	635 573	733 430
<b>Gauteng</b>	3 327 192	3 554 964	2 581 983	2 634 520	2 809 237	3 170 529	3 323 370	3 487 408
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	1 159 228	1 211 838	1 006 137	1 020 848	1 074 832	1 110 333	669 929	699 110
<b>Limpopo</b>	1 348 179	1 358 398	1 417 608	1 450 796	966 171	1 127 913	458 122	477 049
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>13 140 997</b>	<b>13 822 191</b>	<b>11 784 096</b>	<b>12 282 485</b>	<b>11 574 390</b>	<b>12 452 698</b>	<b>9 741 407</b>	<b>10 301 635</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Table 8 - Number of consumer units in each province receiving water services from municipalities: 2018 and 2019**

Province	Number of domestic consumer units served through a delivery point								Total number of non-domestic consumer units receiving water services		Total number of consumer units receiving water services	
	Inside the yard		Less than 200m from yard		More than 200m from yard		Total number of domestic consumer units receiving water services					
	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019
Western Cape	1 088 759	1 111 652	181 360	182 188	352	816	1 270 471	1 294 656	61 455	64 932	1 331 926	1 359 588
Eastern Cape	734 782	741 872	582 715	610 214	157 870	152 507	1 475 367	1 504 593	74 358	80 051	1 549 725	1 584 644
Northern Cape	246 145	262 682	41 438	42 038	6 418	6 647	294 001	311 367	9 409	5 581	303 410	316 948
Free State	702 578	764 109	61 545	87 745	3 070	2 744	767 193	854 598	30 404	36 275	797 597	890 873
KwaZulu-Natal	1 507 570	1 572 990	649 651	726 033	170 112	119 091	2 327 333	2 418 114	49 453	50 331	2 376 786	2 468 445
North West	643 404	755 955	181 522	183 707	105 337	129 440	929 170	1 060 158	17 784	16 335	946 954	1 076 493
Gauteng	2 689 310	2 809 012	371 146	379 419	119 022	174 023	3 179 478	3 419 655	147 714	135 309	3 327 192	3 554 964
Mpumalanga	879 641	926 976	183 350	189 695	51 387	44 746	1 116 314	1 163 359	42 914	48 479	1 159 228	1 211 838
Limpopo	729 182	741 230	467 624	464 694	129 071	134 153	1 325 877	1 335 467	22 302	22 931	1 348 179	1 358 398
South Africa	9 221 371	9 686 478	2 720 351	2 865 733	742 639	764 167	12 685 204	13 361 967	455 793	460 224	13 140 997	13 822 191

\* Some figures have been revised

**Table 9 - Number of consumer units in each province receiving sewerage and sanitation services from municipalities: 2018 and 2019**

Province	Flush toilets connected to public sewerage system		Flush toilets connected to septic tank		Bucket system		Ventilated improved pit latrines		Other		Total number of domestic consumer units receiving sewerage and sanitation services		Total number of non-domestic consumer units receiving sewerage and sanitation services		Total number of consumer units receiving sewerage and sanitation services	
	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019
<b>Western Cape</b>	1 014 658	1 039 019	45 999	44 636	877	598	3 064	3 730	45 271	47 317	1 109 869	1 135 310	58 498	59 145	1 168 367	1 194 455
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	609 929	617 530	56 552	56 813	12 202	11 511	724 165	742 823	36 222	37 302	1 439 070	1 466 195	59 620	60 972	1 498 690	1 527 167
<b>Northern Cape</b>	186 857	193 164	30 481	32 043	8 682	6 271	46 076	47 316	5 232	8 353	277 328	287 385	11 750	12 644	289 078	300 029
<b>Free State</b>	557 060	570 842	14 398	11 791	20 185	20 688	137 755	139 343	2 946	1 405	732 344	743 979	33 663	32 539	766 007	776 518
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	879 450	887 871	179 065	171 696	0	0	864 513	1 027 300	280 702	200 686	2 203 730	2 287 553	38 642	37 265	2 242 372	2 324 818
<b>North West</b>	452 693	588 497	23 917	18 269	625	3 317	203 690	237 112	61 557	57 072	742 482	905 077	17 154	15 859	759 636	920 936
<b>Gauteng</b>	2 370 179	2 442 090	15 769	18 231	0	0	220 665	186 275	48 862	377 351	2 657 475	3 023 947	151 762	146 582	2 809 237	3 170 529
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	487 333	512 192	20 731	21 179	51	49	366 318	361 557	188 033	195 753	1 062 466	1 090 730	12 366	19 603	1 074 832	1 110 333
<b>Limpopo</b>	337 578	403 259	20 832	21 188	0	0	513 333	531 526	83 361	164 313	955 104	1 120 972	11 067	6 941	966 171	1 127 913
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>6 895 737</b>	<b>7 254 464</b>	<b>407 744</b>	<b>395 846</b>	<b>42 622</b>	<b>42 434</b>	<b>3 079 579</b>	<b>3 276 982</b>	<b>752 186</b>	<b>1 089 552</b>	<b>11 179 868</b>	<b>12 061 148</b>	<b>394 522</b>	<b>391 550</b>	<b>11 574 390</b>	<b>12 452 698</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Table 10 - Number of municipalities in each province with a policy in place relating to the provision of free basic services: 2018 and 2019**

Province	Number of municipalities	Number of municipalities in each province with a free basic policy	
		2018*	2019
Western Cape	30	26	26
Eastern Cape	39	38	38
Northern Cape	31	26	26
Free State	23	19	19
KwaZulu-Natal	54	53	53
North West	22	18	18
Gauteng	11	9	9
Mpumalanga	20	17	17
Limpopo	27	26	26
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>232</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Table 11 - Number of municipalities in each province which have implemented the policy relating to the provision of free basic services: 2018 and 2019**

Province	Number of municipalities	Water		Electricity		Sewerage and sanitation		Solid waste management	
		2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019
<b>Western Cape</b>	30	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	39	14	14	33	33	14	14	30	30
<b>Northern Cape</b>	31	26	26	26	26	25	25	24	24
<b>Free State</b>	23	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	54	15	15	43	43	12	12	34	37
<b>North West</b>	22	16	16	17	18	15	15	16	16
<b>Gauteng</b>	11	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	20	17	17	17	17	15	16	15	16
<b>Limpopo</b>	27	10	10	22	22	9	9	16	16
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>193</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Table 12 - Number of municipalities in each province providing free basic services at standard and other levels: 2018 and 2019**

Province	Water				Electricity				Sewerage and sanitation				Solid waste management			
	6kl		Other		50kWh		Other		R50 and above		Below R50		R50 and above		Below R50	
	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019
<b>Western Cape</b>	23	24	3	2	20	20	6	6	24	25	2	1	24	24	2	2
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	12	12	5	3	32	31	2	2	13	15	4	0	29	28	2	2
<b>Northern Cape</b>	21	25	5	1	25	26	1	0	23	26	2	0	21	23	3	2
<b>Free State</b>	18	18	3	4	19	19	2	3	19	19	2	3	18	19	3	3
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	12	13	8	2	38	38	7	5	10	9	7	3	27	29	10	5
<b>North West</b>	14	15	7	5	16	17	4	3	9	10	12	9	13	13	8	7
<b>Gauteng</b>	6	7	4	2	6	6	4	3	6	7	4	2	9	9	1	0
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	15	15	2	2	17	17	0	0	10	10	5	5	12	14	3	1
<b>Limpopo</b>	10	10	1	0	18	18	5	4	7	8	3	2	13	14	4	3
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>25</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Table 13 - Number of domestic consumer units in each province receiving free basic services from municipalities: 2018 and 2019**

Province	Water		Electricity		Sewerage and sanitation		Solid waste management	
	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019
<b>Western Cape</b>	602 422	591 999	501 212	458 960	575 900	572 546	602 403	616 553
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	759 297	520 322	340 739	366 355	650 008	495 783	236 250	292 268
<b>Northern Cape</b>	62 457	65 704	64 990	66 284	58 642	60 394	59 343	62 442
<b>Free State</b>	147 304	137 433	165 815	146 418	144 414	138 622	146 737	137 203
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	784 655	765 633	303 575	306 318	432 654	265 833	503 641	713 348
<b>North West</b>	113 997	88 074	145 654	112 125	73 255	80 595	78 185	89 041
<b>Gauteng</b>	1 141 828	555 552	416 914	405 082	891 771	552 645	825 775	325 672
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	331 439	146 859	110 357	82 546	90 768	84 564	93 664	86 549
<b>Limpopo</b>	122 755	143 544	130 265	103 130	60 097	80 661	51 632	48 839
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>4 066 154</b>	<b>3 015 120</b>	<b>2 179 521</b>	<b>2 047 218</b>	<b>2 977 509</b>	<b>2 331 643</b>	<b>2 597 630</b>	<b>2 371 915</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Table 14.1 (a) - Number of municipalities using mechanisms to provide free basic services to indigent households for 2019: Water**

Province	Technical approach	Geographic approach	Broad-based approach	Self-targeting approach	Consumption-based approach	Property value-based approach	Targeting based on plot size approach
Western Cape	0	0	0	26	0	0	0
Eastern Cape	0	0	1	12	1	0	0
Northern Cape	0	0	0	26	0	0	0
Free State	0	0	0	19	0	0	0
KwaZulu-Natal	0	0	0	12	0	0	3
North West	0	0	1	15	0	0	0
Gauteng	0	0	1	8	0	0	0
Mpumalanga	0	0	2	14	0	0	0
Limpopo	0	0	0	9	0	0	1
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>

**Table 14.1 (b) - Number of municipalities using mechanisms to provide free basic services to indigent households for 2019: Electricity**

Province	Technical approach	Geographic approach	Broad-based approach	Self-targeting approach	Consumption-based approach	Property value-based approach	Targeting based on plot size approach
Western Cape	0	0	1	25	0	0	0
Eastern Cape	0	0	1	31	0	0	0
Northern Cape	0	0	0	26	0	0	0
Free State	0	0	0	19	0	0	0
KwaZulu-Natal	0	0	0	39	0	1	0
North West	0	0	0	18	0	0	0
Gauteng	0	0	0	9	0	0	0
Mpumalanga	0	0	0	16	0	0	0
Limpopo	0	0	0	22	0	0	0
South Africa	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

**Table 14.1 (c) - Number of municipalities using mechanisms to provide free basic services to indigent households for 2019: Sewerage and sanitation**

Province	Technical approach	Geographic approach	Broad-based approach	Self-targeting approach	Consumption-based approach	Property value-based approach	Targeting based on plot size approach
Western Cape	0	0	0	26	0	0	0
Eastern Cape	0	0	1	12	1	0	0
Northern Cape	0	0	1	25	0	0	0
Free State	0	0	0	19	0	0	0
KwaZulu-Natal	0	0	0	10	1	0	0
North West	0	0	0	16	0	0	0
Gauteng	0	0	0	9	0	0	0
Mpumalanga	0	0	0	14	0	0	0
Limpopo	0	0	0	9	0	0	0
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Table 14.1 (d) - Number of municipalities using mechanisms to provide free basic services to indigent households for 2019: Solid waste management**

Province	Technical approach	Geographic approach	Broad-based approach	Self-targeting approach	Consumption-based approach	Property value-based approach	Targeting based on plot size approach
Western Cape	0	0	0	26	0	0	0
Eastern Cape	0	0	1	29	0	0	0
Northern Cape	0	0	0	26	0	0	0
Free State	0	0	0	19	0	0	0
KwaZulu-Natal	0	0	0	34	1	0	0
North West	0	0	0	15	0	0	0
Gauteng	0	0	0	9	0	0	0
Mpumalanga	0	0	0	14	0	0	0
Limpopo	0	0	0	17	0	0	0
South Africa	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Table 14.2 - Number of municipalities in each province using indicated monthly income cut-off points to identify indigent households: 2019**

Province	Number of municipalities	R1 780 and below	Between R1 781 and R3 560	Above R3 560
Western Cape	30	1	7	18
Eastern Cape	39	0	33	4
Northern Cape	31	0	9	17
Free State	23	3	11	8
KwaZulu-Natal	54	0	33	15
North West	22	2	10	8
Gauteng	11	0	3	6
Mpumalanga	20	1	8	7
Limpopo	27	0	18	8
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>91</b>

**Table 15 - Number of indigent households in each province benefiting from an indigent support system: 2018 and 2019**

Province	Indigent households identified by the municipalities		Beneficiaries							
			Water		Electricity		Sewerage and sanitation		Solid waste management	
	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019
<b>Western Cape</b>	370 639	372 454	360 578	362 731	365 837	364 458	357 617	360 459	357 015	359 957
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	797 103	584 670	516 972	345 213	338 072	329 912	274 686	294 812	221 952	234 375
<b>Northern Cape</b>	73 831	73 131	66 016	65 425	68 549	65 702	62 201	60 115	62 842	62 163
<b>Free State</b>	178 740	168 072	147 304	137 433	164 215	146 418	144 414	138 622	146 737	137 203
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	769 258	827 433	643 560	637 207	295 133	306 318	347 792	167 435	465 895	671 832
<b>North West</b>	162 170	132 642	98 090	88 074	145 594	107 351	73 241	80 595	78 171	89 041
<b>Gauteng</b>	825 836	325 672	732 712	292 584	282 191	317 268	383 604	291 918	813 869	302 068
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	109 318	104 071	103 125	90 871	104 447	85 484	90 741	83 421	93 664	86 447
<b>Limpopo</b>	307 163	306 979	122 755	143 544	126 653	108 148	39 808	60 372	37 698	48 839
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>3 594 058</b>	<b>2 895 124</b>	<b>2 791 112</b>	<b>2 163 082</b>	<b>1 890 691</b>	<b>1 831 059</b>	<b>1 774 104</b>	<b>1 537 749</b>	<b>2 277 843</b>	<b>1 991 925</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Table 16 - Number of municipalities in each province that provide free basic alternative energy: 2018 and 2019**

Province	Number of municipalities	Coal		Liquefied petroleum gas		Paraffin		Candles		Solar home system		Fire gel		Other	
		2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019
<b>Western Cape</b>	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	39	0	0	1	1	11	11	1	1	10	7	2	3	0	1
<b>Northern Cape</b>	31	0	1	0	2	3	5	1	3	2	4	0	2	3	5
<b>Free State</b>	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	3	2	0	2
<b>North West</b>	22	0	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Gauteng</b>	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Limpopo</b>	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	3	0	0	0	0
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Table 17 - Number of indigent households in each province provided with free basic alternative energy: 2018 and 2019**

Province	Coal		Liquefied petroleum gas		Paraffin		Candles		Solar home system		Fire gel		Other	
	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019
<b>Western Cape</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6 486	1 620	0	0	0	0
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	0	0	5 500	3 000	38 677	36 559	497	625	32 365	28 756	2 814	2 519	0	3 000
<b>Northern Cape</b>	0	0	0	0	702	891	340	481	9 837	2 500	0	0	529	688
<b>Free State</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6 450	6 450	0	0	0	0
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6 934	2 223	6 000	2 300	0	300
<b>North West</b>	0	0	104	0	21 612	8 567	5 250	0	257	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Gauteng</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59 938	84 950	0	0	0	0
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Limpopo</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	4 732	4	6 983	4 497	0	0	0	0
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5 604</b>	<b>3 000</b>	<b>60 991</b>	<b>46 017</b>	<b>10 819</b>	<b>1 110</b>	<b>129 250</b>	<b>130 996</b>	<b>8 814</b>	<b>4 819</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>3 988</b>

\* Some figures have been revised.

**Table 18 - Number of municipalities in each province that have submitted an Integrated Development Plan (IDP), WSDP, monitoring for water quality and effluent discharges, an HIV/AIDS policy, and signed a funding agreement with Eskom: 2018 and 2019**

Province	Number of municipalities	IDP submitted		WSDP submitted		Monitoring for water quality		Integrated waste management plan		Monitoring for effluent discharges		Funding agreement with Eskom		HIV/AIDS policy	
		2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019	2018*	2019
<b>Western Cape</b>	30	29	29	25	25	29	28	28	25	28	28	20	24	27	24
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	39	35	33	12	11	14	13	25	25	12	13	24	24	31	30
<b>Northern Cape</b>	31	25	28	19	18	23	25	21	22	16	18	19	19	20	22
<b>Free State</b>	23	16	16	12	13	15	13	10	8	12	10	7	8	13	11
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	54	49	45	12	12	15	14	25	26	15	14	33	26	40	32
<b>North West</b>	22	19	18	9	8	14	13	10	9	12	11	16	14	16	15
<b>Gauteng</b>	11	9	9	9	7	9	9	9	8	9	9	8	7	9	9
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	20	17	16	16	14	15	14	16	14	16	14	15	14	17	16
<b>Limpopo</b>	27	19	22	5	5	8	9	8	10	6	7	11	15	13	16
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>175</b>

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## Explanatory notes

<b>Introduction</b>	This publication contains results of the annual non-financial census of municipalities for the financial year ended 30 June 2019 and the revised figures for the financial year ended 30 June 2018.	
<b>Scope of the survey</b>	This survey covers selected non-financial information of all 257 municipalities for the 2018/2019 financial year. The census provides information that can serve as a framework for policymakers and other stakeholders for analysis, planning and monitoring in terms of service delivery of water, electricity, solid waste management, sewerage and sanitation, indigent households and employment.	
<b>Statistical unit</b>	The statistical unit is the municipality.	
<b>Survey methodology and design</b>	The information is collected annually from all municipalities through questionnaires.	
<b>Reliability of estimates</b>	Inaccuracies may occur because of imperfections in reporting by municipalities. Every effort is made to reduce errors to a minimum by carefully designing the questionnaire, undertaking pilot studies/workshops and editing processes.	
<b>Abbreviations and symbols</b>	0	Nil or not applicable
	IDP	Integrated Development Plan
	WSDP	Water Services Development Plan
	Stats SA	Statistics South Africa
<b>Comparability with previous census</b>	The 2019 non-financial census of municipalities is generally comparable with the 2018 non-financial census of municipalities.	
<b>Revision of data</b>	The 2019 information is preliminary, and is subject to revision. The revised figures are due to respondents reporting revisions.	

## Glossary

<b>Broad-based approach</b>	Each consumer unit in that municipality receives free basic services on the current billing system of the municipality.
<b>Consumer unit/billing unit</b>	An entity to which the service is (or would be) delivered, and which receives one bill if the service is billed, alternatively known as a delivery point. (This concept is often referred to as a household by municipalities, but this is not strictly correct, as households and consumer units do not coincide one to one, particularly in blocks of flats, on stands where there are multiple households in the same dwelling, or in additional dwellings, such as garden flats, backyard rooms, etc., and in the case of public taps.)
<b>Consumption-based approach</b>	This is a targeting method where those consumer units using a low amount of the service are provided with it for free. This is only applicable if the amount of the service can be measured.
<b>District municipality</b>	District municipality means a municipality that has municipal executive and legislative authority in an area that includes more than one municipality, and which is described in section 155(1) of the Constitution as a category C municipality. (Refer to Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, 1998 (Act No.117 of 1998).)
<b>Domestic consumer unit</b>	An entity to which the service is (or would be) delivered, and which receives one bill if the service is billed, alternatively known as a delivery point. (This concept is often referred to as a household by municipalities, but this is not strictly correct, as households and consumer units do not coincide one to one, particularly in blocks of flats, on stands where there are multiple households in the same dwelling or in additional dwellings, such as garden flats, backyard rooms, etc., and in the case of public taps.)
<b>Electricity</b>	Provision of electricity service to consumer units connected to national grid and non-grid.
<b>Employees</b>	Employees are those people employed by the individual / enterprise / business / organisation who received payment (in salaries, wages, commission, piece rates or payments in kind) for any part of the reference period (excluding independent contractors and employers).
<b>Free basic water</b>	An amount of water determined by government that should be provided free to poor households to meet basic needs, currently set at 6 kl per month per household within 200 metres from each dwelling.
<b>Full-time employees</b>	Full-time employees are those employees (permanent, temporary or casual) who normally work the agreed hours for a full-time employee in a specific occupation. If agreed hours do not apply, employees are regarded as full-time if they normally work 35 hours per week, including seasonal employees.

<b>Geographic approach</b>	The process whereby consumers living in a particular area are assumed to have the same socio-economic profile and therefore tariffs can be set on location.
<b>Household</b>	(a) A group of persons who live together and provide themselves jointly with food or other essentials for living, or a single person who lives alone, (b) A billing unit or delivery point. Both definitions were specified in the questionnaire. Given the different meanings of 'household', users are advised to use caution when comparing this publication with other Stats SA publications that report data at the household level (for example, the General Household Survey and the Quarterly Labour Force Survey).
<b>Indigent household</b>	These are poor households as determined by municipalities. The basis on which a municipality determines if a household is indigent (and the criteria used for such determination) can vary.
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Physical structures used for the delivery of services (e.g. power lines, pipes, roads and assets such as trucks and equipment to unblock sewerage, pay-point offices and computers).
<b>Integrated Development Plan</b>	A process by which municipalities prepare 5-year strategic plans that are reviewed annually in consultation with communities and stakeholders.
<b>Local municipality</b>	Local municipality means a municipality that shares municipal executive and legislative authority in its area with a district municipality within whose area it falls, and which is described in section 155(1) of the Constitution as a category B municipality. (Refer to Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998).)
<b>Managerial position</b>	For the purpose of this survey, managerial positions refer to Section 56 managers, according to the Local Government Municipal System Act, 2000 (Act No, 32 of 2000, as amended) and other managers according to the organogram.
<b>Metropolitan municipality</b>	Metropolitan municipality means a municipality that has exclusive executive and legislative authority in its area, and which is described in section 155(1) of the Constitution as a category A municipality. (Refer to Local Government: Municipal Structure Act 1998, (Act No, 117 of 1998).)
<b>Municipality</b>	Municipality is a generic term describing the unit of government in the local sphere responsible for local government in a geographically demarcated area, and includes district, local and metropolitan municipalities. A municipality is an institution consisting of a municipal council (elected political representatives) and the municipal administration (appointed officials).

<b>Non-domestic unit</b>	This includes all other consumer units excluding domestic e.g. industrial, commercial, schools, clinics, hospitals and government departments etc.
<b>Part-time employees</b>	Part-time employees are employees (permanent, temporary or casual) who are not full-time employees as defined above or who normally work less than 35 hours per week, including seasonal employees.
<b>Property value-based approach</b>	This approach gives an indication of the level of household wealth, thus household income.
<b>Solid waste management services</b>	Provision of refuse removal service to consumer units at least once-a-week, less often than once-a-week.
<b>Sewerage and sanitation services</b>	Provision of flush toilet connected to public sewerage system, or conservancy tank, bucket toilet, pit latrine/toilet with ventilation pipe, pit latrine/toilet without ventilation pipe, other toilet such as ecological toilet (e.g. urine diversion, enviro loo).
<b>Self-targeting approach</b>	A system whereby only indigent households receive the benefits of the free basic services programme as mutually determined by the service provider and service authority.
<b>Targeting based on plot size</b>	This method uses a charge based on plot size, with a zero rating for properties under a determined threshold.
<b>Technical approach</b>	The process whereby technology is used to regulate the provision of free basic services (including water and electricity meters).
<b>Water services</b>	Provision of piped water services to consumer units, inside the yard, less than 200m from the yard and more than 200m from the yard.
<b>Water Service Development Plan</b>	The WSDP is a sectoral plan that falls within the inter-sectoral umbrella plan of the IDP.

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