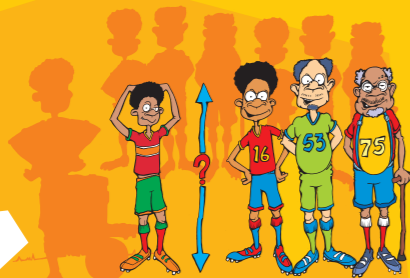


## Population census

- The population census is the most important and largest project that Stats SA is mandated to conduct by the South African government.
- South Africa conducted its first all-inclusive, democratic census in 1996, followed by another one in 2001.
- The next census was supposed to be conducted in 2006, but because of the enormity of conducting such large scale projects, cabinet decided to change census taking from a 5-year to a 10-year period.
- This necessitated the need for a large scale household survey in-between censuses to provide accurate statistics in the short and medium term. This resulted in Community Survey 2007.
- The next population census will be conducted in October 2011.
- Census 2011 is the third democratic census and is envisaged to surpass all the previous censuses in terms of coverage, accuracy of the data collected and proper organisation of all its phases.
- The complete coverage and accuracy of this census depends on the cooperation of respondents.



## Career opportunities in Stats SA

The following study fields can lead to the envisaged careers stated inside the brackets.

- Statistics (statistician, analyst, researcher, mathematician, methodologist)
- Geography (Geography Information System Specialist, cartographer, town planner)
- IT (network controller, IT specialists, IT technician, data processor, system analyst)
- Demography (demographer, questionnaire designer, methodologist)
- Human Resources Management (recruitment specialist, training and development, labour relations, EAP, office administrator)
- Public Administration (risk management, administrator, procurement and logistics officer)
- Commerce (economist, accountant, auditor)
- Corporate services (legal advisor, policy maker, transport management)
- Communication (editor, photographer, copywriter, spokesperson, graphic designer)
- Marketing (information officer, public relations practitioner)

- Project Management (project coordinator, project support officer)
- Human Capacity Development (trainer, training coordinator, facilitator, assessor)
- Finance (financial management and administration, accountant)



## What is CensusAtSchool?

CensusAtSchool is an international education project focusing on data handling in which learners gather basic information about themselves. In South Africa, the CensusAtSchool project was initiated for the first time in 2001 by Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) in collaboration with the Department of Education (DoE). The second CensusAtSchool is taking place in 2009.

## Why CensusAtSchool?

To teach learners to gather, handle and analyse basic information about themselves in order to enhance statistical literacy from an early age. CensusAtSchool also creates awareness amongst learners, teachers and parents about how census data is collected. Furthermore it is aimed at creating awareness about the upcoming Census 2011.

## Where will it take place?

The CensusAtSchool 2009 project will be conducted nationally in all selected schools.

## When will it take place?

The CensusAtSchool 2009 will be conducted in March 2009.

## How is CensusAtSchool data collected?

Learners will be given CensusAtSchool questionnaires to complete at school with the guidance of the teachers. Measurement of learners' heights, arm spans, and lengths of their right feet will be taken by teachers.

## Who should participate?

Grade 3 to 12 learners in all selected schools.

## What is statistics?

Statistics is a mathematical science pertaining to collection, analysing, interpretation or explanation and presentation of data.



## What is Stats SA?

- Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) is the national statistics agency of South Africa.
- It was established after Statistics Act, No. 6 of 1999, was passed by the South African Parliament.
- Stats SA was established with the goal of producing timely, accurate and accessible official statistics in order to advance economic growth, development and democracy.

## What does Stats SA do?

Stats SA produces official statistical information on the following:

- **Prices** e.g. Consumer price index (CPI), Producer Price Index (PPI), Income and expenditure of households (IES)
- **Labour statistics** e.g. Labour force survey (LFS), Survey of employers and the self-employed (SESE)
- **Social statistics** e.g. General Household Survey (GHS)
- **Population statistics** e.g. Population Censuses, Community Survey (CS)
- **Vital statistics** e.g. Recorded live births, Tourism and migration, Marriages and divorces

- **National Accounts** e.g. Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Natural resources accounts
- **Agriculture** e.g. Census of commercial agriculture, Large scale agriculture survey
- **Mining** e.g. The mining industry, Census of mining
- **Manufacturing** e.g. Manufacturing industry, Manufacturing statistics
- **Electricity** e.g. Electricity generated and available for distribution
- **Construction** e.g. The construction industry, Building Statistics
- **Commerce** e.g. Wholesale trade industry, Wholesale trade sales, Retail trade industry, Retail trade, The motor trade industry, Motor trade sales, Tourist accommodation, Accommodation industry, Food and beverages
- **Catering and accommodation services** e.g. Survey of trading statistics of hotels
- **Transport** e.g. Transport, Post and telecommunication industry, Land freight transport
- **Fixed property and business services** e.g. Economic activity survey, The real estate and business services industry
- **Public finance** e.g. Personal services industry, Financial statistics of higher education institutions