

The South African Public Libraries

PROVINCE	MID YEAR POPULATION SIZE ESTIMATE BY PROVINCE 2017	% OF TOTAL POPULATION	TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES
EASTERN CAPE	6,498,700	11.5	235
FREE STATE PROVINCE	2,866,700	5.1	182
GAUTENG	14,278,700	25.3	285
KWA ZULU NATAL	11,074,800	19.6	266
LIMPOPO	5,778,400	10.2	97
MPUMALANGA	4,444,200	7.9	115
NORTHERN CAPE	1,214,000	2.1	215
NORTH WEST	3,856,200	6.8	112
WESTERN CAPE	5,822,634	28.1	372
TOTAL	56,621,900	100%	1879

Other libraries

The South African Library for the Blind	Estimate number of the blind people in SA 1 Mil.	1 Main Library & 127 Mini Libraries
Academic Libraries	Number of Universities 26	26 University Libraries (Main campuses only)
Technical, Vocational education & Training (TVET) Colleges	50 TVET Colleges comprising of 264 campuses	
School Libraries (NEIMS 2018)	Number of public schools 23471	Number of functional school libraries 5423
Mobile Libraries (NEIMS 2018)	Number of mobile libraries serving approximately 865 schools with a total of 282 000 Learners in the nine provinces	49
Research & Science Councils	HSRC; NRF; CSIR, etc.	8
Correctional services libraries	Estimate number of inmates TBC	243
Legal Deposit Libraries	National Library of South Africa; South African Library for the Blind; Msunduzi Library; Bloemfontein Public Library; Library of Parliament	5
GCIS/GIS & Thusong Services	TBC	TBC