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ABBREVIATIONS	
ABET	Adult Basic Education and Training
ASS	Annual Survey Schools
Cell	Cellular
DBE	Department of Basic Education
EC	Eastern Cape
ECD	Early Childhood Development
EMIS	Education Management Information System
EXAM	Examination
Fax	Facsimile
FET	Further Education and Training
FS	Free State
GET	General Education and Training
GIS	Geographic Information System
GP	Gauteng
HEDCOM	Heads of Education Departments Committee
HL	Home Language
KZN	KwaZulu-Natal
LCR	Learner: Computer Ratio
LURITS	Learner Unit Record Information Tracking System
LP	Limpopo
LOLT	Language of Learning and Teaching
MP	Mpumalanga
NC	Northern Cape
NW	North West
PED	Provincial Education Department
SASA	South African Schools Act
SA-SAMS	South African School Administration and Management System
WC	Western Cape

1. INTRODUCTION

This publication is based on data collected via the 2009 and 2010 Annual Surveys for Ordinary Schools¹ (ASS). The survey was undertaken by the Department of Basic Education (DBE) together with provincial education departments (PEDs). The ASS is conducted in March every year, in all ordinary schools, both public and independent.

The data obtained for the ASS is self-reported by school principals. The ASS collects aggregated school-level data about the school and its learners as well as individual educator information. This report however, does not include information about educators. A separate report on the educator survey will be published by the Department at a later stage.

It is important to draw attention to the fact that the ASS does not collect data about individual learners. Consequently, the analysis that can be undertaken with the learner data obtained from the ASS is limited.

This is the Department's third report on the ASS – a reflection of its growing confidence in the quality of data provided by schools to the Education Management Information System (EMIS). The first and second reports, published in 2010 and 2011, report on the 2007/2008 and 2009/10 ASS respectively, and can be found on the Department's website.

This report contains information aimed largely at supporting the national and provincial education departments, as well as other government departments, in planning and decision-making. Additionally, it serves as a rich source of information for the research community as well as the public in general. In this regard, it is perhaps useful to point out that this report provides only simple, basic and descriptive analysis of the data as obtained from the ASS. It does not seek to confirm the veracity of the data by comparison with other data sources or to other research. Nor does it attempt to explain the phenomena represented by the data in any detailed way. In some instances though, the report does compare the findings with policy imperatives. The Department hopes that the research community would undertake deeper analysis of the data obtained from the ASS.

In the main, the report provides information obtained from the 2009 and 2010 ASS. However, certain sections may consider trends over a longer period, for comparative purposes.

2. METHODOLOGY

2.1 Questionnaire development

The ASS questionnaire is designed at national level, but undergoes a number of approval processes involving PEDs prior to its finalisation, including approval by the Heads of Education Departments Committee (HEDCOM). The questionnaire is also piloted in a few schools prior to finalisation. Only core data, essential for an education management information system, are reflected in the questionnaire.

The questionnaire development process hinges on standards of data quality prepared by the Department, the definition of terms adopted by the Department as well as national standards on code classifications. These ensure cross-provincial alignment and uniformity in data collection and data processing methods. The standards and code classifications will be made available to the public via the Department's website during the course of 2012.

2.2 Data collection

Completion of the ASS questionnaire by schools and its submission to the PEDs occurs in three different ways:

By completing a paper version of the ASS questionnaire: In this instance, school principals complete a printed version of the ASS provided by PED offices. Upon completion, principals submit the survey to the district/regional office which is expected to verify the information provided by the school before submitting it to the provincial Head Office for capturing. In some PEDs, the information from the survey is captured at district level.

By completing an electronic version of the ASS questionnaire: In this case, schools are provided with an electronic version of the ASS questionnaire (either via e-mail or by CD), on which they capture their data. The completed files are then submitted to the PEDs either via email or by CD.

By downloading data from software programmes such as the South African School Administration and Management System (SA-SAMS): In provinces where the SA-SAMS and similar such programmes are widely used, the method of collecting data for the ASS is based on downloading data from SA-SAMS, into a database. Most schools in the Free State and the Western Cape provide data to the PEDs in this way.

The data obtained for the ASS is self-reported by school principals, but is verified by district/region officials. Unfortunately, the extent and quality of this verification process is uneven across PEDs, hence the authenticity of the data in some instances may be questionable.

2.3 Integration of data

PEDs provide their individual ASS databases to the National Department, which, in turn, establishes a national database and integrates the provincial data into it. The DBE checks the data for anomalies with the aid of tools that it has developed specifically for the ASS, and engages with PEDs to deal with anomalies. The DBE does not "clean", "edit", or impute data received from provinces. The DBE is, however, in the process of establishing procedures and systems to undertake these processes.

2.4 Unit response rate

Table 1 shows the unit response rate for the 2009 and 2010 ASS. In 2010, the unit response rate for the ASS was 99%. This means that, in total, 99% of schools that received the survey responded. However, there were relatively minor variations in response rates across provinces, ranging between 96% and 100%. Six provinces (Free State, Gauteng, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, the Northern Cape and North West) had a 100% unit response rate, while the Eastern Cape and the Western Cape had a 99% response rate.

The unit response rate for the 2009 and 2010 ASS was very high and can be consided to be a positive indication of good compliance.

	Percenta	Percentage											
Year	EC	FS	GP	KZN	LP	МР	NC	NW	WC	SA			
2009	95	97	100	97	99	100	100	95	95	98			
2010	99	100	100	96	100	100	100	100	99	99			

2.5 Item response rate

The item response rate is the percentage of schools responding to an item in a questionnaire in relation to number of responding schools eligible to have responded to the item. The response rate for each item can be found in Table 1 in Appendix A . Given the variation in response rates across each of the questions in the ASS questionnaire, and given that the Department does not impute the data it receives from provinces, it should be anticipated that the total number of schools in the country reflected in each of the tables of this report will not be the same. Differences in the total number of schools in each of the tables are therefore a reflection of the item response rate of the survey. Appendix A shows low levels of item response rate for a number of variables. For the purposes of this report we have presumed correspondence between non-response and non-applicability in instances where this is generally known to be the case.

2.6 Analysis

The Department developed a tabulation plan to serve as a guide for analysing and interpreting information collected through the ASS. This report is based on descriptive statistics and two-way cross-tabulation. The data was analysed using Excel pivot tables, including the calculation of percentages.

It is important to note that the results from the ASS are often different from those of the Department's own Snap Survey because the two surveys are conducted at different times. While the Snap Survey is undertaken on the 10th day after schools re-open at the beginning of the year, the ASS is undertaken in March, at a time when schools are more settled. The relative comprehensiveness of the ASS could also be a contributory factor to the results of the two surveys being different.

3. FINDINGS: SCHOOL LEVEL INFORMATION

3.1 Number of schools²

This section reports on the number of ordinary schools in South Africa, disaggregated by province, school level and funding type (independent and public).

Figure 1 and Table 2 show that , there were 25 870 ordinary schools in South Africa in 2010. Of these, the majority (6008 or approximately 23%) were found in KwaZulu-Natal followed by the Eastern Cape with 5 745 (approximately 22%), while the Northern Cape, at 617, had the lowest number of schools.

Table 2 also reflects a slight increase in number of schools from 25 827 in 2009 to 25 870 in 2010.



Figure 1: Number and percentage of schools, by province, in 2010

Table 2: Number of schools, by province, in 2009 and 2010

	20	09	2	010
Province	Number of schools	Percentage of schools	Number of schools	Percentage of schools
Eastern Cape	5 717	22.1	5 745	22.2
Free Sate	1 773	6.9	1 712	6.6
Gauteng	2 386	9.2	2 483	9.6
KwaZulu- Natal	5 996	23.2	6 008	23.2
Limpopo	4 107	15.9	4 084	15.8
Mpumalanga	1 933	7.5	1 927	7.4
Northern Cape	591	2.3	617	2.4
North West	1 765	6.8	1 678	6.5
Western Cape	1 559	6.0	1 616	6.2
SA	25 827	100.0	25 870	100.0

3.2 Ordinary independent and public schools

A public school is one that is contemplated in Chapter 3 of the South African Schools Act (SASA) (RSA, 1996³), while an independent school is one that is registered or deemed to be registered in terms of section 46 of the South African Schools Act, No. 84 of 1996. Independent schools are established by private persons/organisations and must register with PEDs to be recognised as such.

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Table 3 indicates the number and percentage of schools, by funding type (sector) and province in 2009 and 2010. In 2010, there were 24 532 (approximately 95%) ordinary public schools and 1 338 (approximately 5%) ordinary independent schools in the country. The majority of independent schools (471) were situated in Gauteng followed by KwaZulu-Natal with 163 schools. Gauteng also had the highest proportion of independent schools with almost 20% of its schools being independent.

As can be seen in Table 3 below, the number of ordinary independent schools in the country has increased, from 1 145 in 2009 to 1 338 in 2010.

					Number a	nd per	centage o	of schoo	ls			
Province			200)9		2010						
	Indepe	ndent	Publ	ic	Tota	Total		ndent	Public		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Eastern Cape	130	2.3	5 587	97.7	5 717	100	155	2.7	5 590	97.3	5 745	100
Free State	74	4.2	1 699	95.8	1 773	100	76	4.4	1 636	95.6	1 712	100
Gauteng	420	17.6	1 966	82.4	2 386	100	471	19.0	2 012	81.0	2 483	100
KwaZulu-Natal	140	2.3	5 856	97.7	5 996	100	163	2.7	5 845	97.3	6 008	100
Limpopo	120	2.9	3 987	97.1	4 107	100	142	3.5	3 942	96.5	4 084	100
MmumalangaP	93	4.8	1 840	95.2	1 933	100	99	5.1	1 828	94.9	1 927	100
Northern Cape	11	1.9	580	98.1	591	100	20	3.2	597	96.8	617	100
North West	52	2.9	1 713	97.1	1 765	100	52	3.1	1 626	96.9	1 678	100
Western Cape	105	6.7	1 454	93.3	1 559	100	160	9.9	1 456	90.1	1 616	100
SA	1 145	4.4	24 682	95.6	25 827	100	1 338	5.2	24 532	94.8	25 870	100

Table 3: Number and percentage of schools, by province and funding type, in 2009 and 2010

Figure 2 indicates the number of ordinary schools, by funding type, from 2006 to 2010. The overall trend reflects a drop in the number of public ordinary schools from 25 549 in 2006 to 24 532 in 2010. On the other hand, the number of ordinary independent schools increased between 2006 and 2010 from 1 062 in 2006 to 1 338 in 2010. The decrease in the number of public ordinary schools can be attributed to initiatives undertaken by PEDs over the past few years to combine very small schools.





3.3 Multi-grade classes

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A multi-grade class is one in which learners in more than one grade are taught in the same classroom at the same time. Multi-grade classes are most common in rural and farm schools where there are not enough learners to justify separate classes. In some instances though, the existence of multi-grade classes can be attributed to a shortage of classrooms.

Table 4 shows the number and percentage of schools with multi-grade classes by province, in 2009 and 2010.

In 2010, approximately 26% (6 694) ordinary schools in the country had multi-grade classes. The majority of these schools were in the Eastern Cape (2 087) followed by KwaZulu-Natal with 1 331 schools.

Close to half (48%) of the ordinary schools in the Free State reported that they had multi-grade classes, while over one third (approximately 36%) of ordinary schools in the Eastern Cape did so. Gauteng reported the least (11%) proportion of schools with multi-grade classes in 2010.

Nationally, there was a slight increase in the number of schools with multi-grade classes from 6 619 in 2009 to 6 694 in 2010. which is approximately a one percent increase. However, five provinces (the Eastern Cape, the Free State, KwaZulu-Natal, North West and the Western Cape) showed a slight decrease in the number of schools with multi-grade classes over this two year period.

Table 4: Number and percentage of schools with multi-grade classes, by province, in 2009 and 2010

		2009		2010				
Province	Number of schools with multi-grade classes	Total number of schools	% of schools with multi- grade classes	Number of schools with multi-grade classes	Total number of schools	% of schools with multi- grade classes		
Eastern Cape	2 132	5 717	37.3	2 087	5 745	36.3		
Free Sate	863	1 773	48.7	813	1 712	47.5		
Gauteng	226	2 386	9.5	276	2 483	11.1		
KwaZulu Natal	1 346	5 996	22.4	1 331	6 008	22.2		
Limpopo	665	4 107	16.2	829	4 084	20.3		
Mpumalanga	448	1 933	23.2	468	1 927	24.3		
Northern Cape	187	591	31.6	202	617	32.7		
North West	366	1 765	20.7	316	1 678	18.8		
Western Cape	386	1 559	24.8	372	1 616	23.0		
SA	6 619	25 827	25.6	6 694	25 870	25.9		

Table 5 shows the distribution of schools with multi-grade classes, by school size and province. In 2010 The majority (over 5 000) of schools with multi-grade classes can be classified as small schools. The majority of these schools are located in the Eastern Cape (1 690) and KwaZulu-Natal (1 082).

Table 5: Distribution of ordinary schools with multi-grade classes, by province and school size, in 2009 and 2010

			20	09			2010					
Province	<=100	101-300	301-500	501-700	701-1000	>1000	<=100	101-300	301-500	501-700	701-1000	>1000
Eastern Cape	573	1 080	361	78	26	11	610	1 080	291	66	26	12
Free Sate	581	64	17	8	13	5	514	67	20	11	15	5
Gauteng	34	69	45	31	19	28	42	74	34	31	44	51
KwaZulu-Natal	307	792	159	44	24	12	352	730	135	51	26	13
Limpopo	238	345	41	21	14	6	243	397	99	48	34	8
Mpumalanga	221	142	39	30	12	4	211	150	44	26	28	9
Northern Cape	121	56	4	1	2	3	125	65	9		2	1
North West	167	161	23	8	2	5	135	155	18	3	2	3
Western Cape	202	117	24	16	16	11	206	116	19	12	11	8
SA	2 4 4 4	2 826	713	237	128	85	2 438	2 834	669	248	188	110

Table 6 indicates the number of schools with multi-grade classes by school-level and province, in 2009 and 2010. Of the approximately 6 600 ordinary schools with multi-grade classes in the country, close to 5 000 were primary schools, while only 281 were secondary schools.

Table 6: Number of schools with multi-grade classes, by province and school level in 2009 and 2010-

		20	09			20	10	
Province	Combined school	Primary school	Secondary school	Total	Combined school	Primary school	Secondary school	Total
Eastern Cape	855	1 234	41	2 130	870	1 175	42	2 087
Free Sate	98	763	2	863	98	710	5	813
Gauteng	54	146	26	226	74	160	42	276
KwaZulu-Natal	201	1 089	49	1 339	235	1 039	57	1 331
Limpopo	64	575	25	664	70	676	83	829
Mpumalanga	59	367	21	447	74	371	23	468
Northern Cape	23	164	0	187	31	168	3	202
North West	76	271	17	364	53	239	24	316
Western Cape	67	315	3	385	72	298	2	372
SA	1 497	4 924	184	6 605	1 577	4 836	281	6 694

3.4 Schools that offer Grade R

Grade R refers to the reception year for learners, that is, the grade immediately before Grade 1. Grade R serves as a bridging year between pre-school and Grade 1. The government introduced Grade R primarily to address school unpreparedness of children entering Grade 1.

Table 7 indicates that, in 2010, close to 16 000 ordinary schools that offered Grade 1, offered Grade R. This means that approximately 86% of South African schools that offered Grade 1 in 2010, also offered Grade R.

The Eastern Cape had the highest proportion of its schools that offered Grade 1, offering Grade R, with approximately 91% (4 751), followed by KwaZulu-Natal and Limpopo with 96% (4 093) and 92% (2 554) respectively. The Free State had the least proportion of schools that have Grade 1 and Grade R with about 53% (584) in 2010.

The number of schools with Grade 1 that also offer Grade R increased from 15 026 in 2009 to 15 838 in 2010 which represents an approximately 5% increase.

Table 7: Number and percentage	e of schools that have Grade	1 and offer Grade R, by	province, in 2009 and 2010
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		2009		2010					
Province	Number of schools that offer Grade R	Total number of schools	% of schools	Number of schools that offer Grade R	Total number of schools	% of schools			
Eastern Cape	4 413	4 727	93.4	4 564	4 751	96.1			
Free Sate	549	1 151	47.7	584	1 099	53.1			
Gauteng	1 213	1 662	72.9	1 330	1 733	76.7			
KwaZulu-Natal	3 776	4 120	91.7	3 917	4 093	95.7			
Limpopo	2 277	2 580	88.3	2 345	2 554	91.8			
Mpumalanga	993	1 351	73.5	1 028	1 339	76.8			
Northern Cape	271	441	61.5	305	459	66.4			
North West	751	1 197	62.7	865	1 129	76.6			
Western Cape	783	1 200	65.3	900	1 243	72.4			
SA	15 026	18 429	81.5	15 838	18 400	86.1			

3.5 Information Communication Technology

Table 8 indicates the percentage of ordinary schools by contact method and province, in 2009 and 2010.

For the purpose of this report, contact method includes the following dimensions:

Whether the school can be contacted by email (this information is known if the school provides an email address as part of its contact details).

Whether the school can be contacted via a landline telephone (this information is known if the school provides a land-line telephone number as part of its contact details).

Whether the principal has a cellular (cell) phone which he/she uses for work purposes (as provided for in the ASS as part of the contact details of the school).

Whether the school can be contacted by facsimile (fax) (this information is known if the school provides a fax number as part of its contact details).

3.5.1 Email address

According to the contact information provided by schools, only about 25% of ordinary schools in the country had an email address in 2010. However this national average figure hides very deep provincial inequalities. For instance, while approximately 98% of schools in the Western Cape had an email address, only about 3% of schools in Limpopo reportedly did so.

According to the ASS data, the proportion of ordinary schools that could be contacted via email decreased from approximately 26% in 2009 to approximately 25% in 2010. It is possible that this decline could be a reflection of inaccurate reporting on the part of schools, rather than an expression of reality since the opposite trend is expected, given programmatic interventions in relation to the policy on E-Education.

3.5.2 Faxes

Less than 50% of South African ordinary schools reported having a fax number. The Western Cape and Gauteng reported the majority of their schools as having fax facilities (98% and 95% respectively), while only about 23% of schools in the Eastern Cape and Limpopo, respectively, indicated having a fax number.

3.5.3 Landline telephones and principal's cell phones

Only about 54% of ordinary schools in South Africa had landline telephones in 2010. However the availability of these phones is widely skewed across provinces. For example, while almost all ordinary schools in the Western Cape and Gauteng had landline telephones in 2010, less than a third (31%) of ordinary schools in the Eastern Cape reportedly had landline telephones.

There was a slight decrease in the number of ordinary schools in the country that had landline telephones, from approximately 57% in 2009 to approximately 54% in 2010. At this stage, it is difficult to pinpoint the reason for this declining trend.

In 2010, more than 40% of South African ordinary schools relied on a principal's cell phone for communication. A high proportion of ordinary schools in the Eastern Cape and Limpopo provinces (69% and 71% respectively) relied on cell phones for communication since they did not have land line telephones.

Province	Email A	Address	Fa	эх	Lanc	lline	Principal's cell phones			
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010		
Eastern Cape	11.0	17.2	21.3	23.1	32.4	30.7	67.9	69.0		
Free Sate	27.4	27.4 39.3		57.4	75.8	74.9	11.6	10.4		
Gauteng	58.8	58.8 80.6		94.9	98.5	96.6	1.4	3.9		
KwaZulu-Natal	15.7	15.7 8.4		42.8	51.9	48.7	47.4	41.5		
Limpopo	10.4	2.7	21.4	23.6	35.6	28.4	64.1	71.0		
Mpumalanga	18.5	11.0	45.5	56.3	64.2	65.1	34.9	37.9		
Northern Cape	41.1	59.4	73.8	74.9	74.8	75.2	24.9	23.8		
North West	38.8	5.7	43.3	49.4	61.3	58.2	38.2	18.6		
Western Cape	99.7 97.8		97.2	98.2	99.9	100	0.1	0.0		
SA	26.1	25.4	43.6	47.0	56.9	53.6	43.7	41.9		

Table 8: Percentage of schools, by province and school ICT, in 2009 and 2010

3.6 School fees

3.6.1 No- fee schools

The No-Fee School Policy is an initiative aimed at improving education access for poor learners. The No-Fee School Policy of the Department stipulates that schools that have a "no-fee" status are not permitted to charge fees to parents (though it does not prevent parents from making voluntary contributions or for schools to raise funds via fund-raising events).

Table 9 indicates the number and percentage of ordinary public schools that do not charge school fees, by province. In 2010, over 14 000 (approximately 60%) of schools reported that they did not levy any school fees. This figure corresponds well to the Department's policy on the Norms and Standards for School Funding.

The proportion of no-fee schools varies greatly across provinces; a reflection of the huge economic inequities that exist between provinces.

As Table 9 indicates, close to 83% of Free State's ordinary schools did not charge school fees in 2009, while about 22% of Gauteng's ordinary schools did not levy any school fees.

Table 9: Number and	percentage of ordin	ary public schoo	ls that do not	charge school	fees, by province	, in 2009 and
2010						

		2009		2010						
Province	Number of no- fee schools	Total number of public schools	% of no- fee schools	Number of no- fee schools	Total number of public schools	% of no- fee schools				
Eastern Cape	3 648	5 587	65.3	3 721	5 590	66.6				
Free Sate	1 085	1 699	63.9	1 354	1 636	82.8				
Gauteng	424	1 966	21.6	449	2 012	22.3				
KwaZulu-Natal	3 065	5 856	52.3	3 119	5 845	53.4				
Limpopo	2 797	3 987	70.2	3 052	3 942	77.4				
Mpumalanga	910	1 840	49.5	952	1 828	52.1				
Northern Cape	378	580	65.2	398	597	66.7				
North West	846	1 713	49.4	889	1 626	54.7				
Western Cape	403	1 454	27.7	663	1 456	45.5				

		2009				
Province	Number of no- fee schools	Total number of public schools	% of no- fee schools	Number of no- fee schools	Total number of public schools	% of no- fee schools
SA	13 556	24 682	54.9	14 597	24 532	59.5

3.6.2 Income from school fees

Table 10 indicates that ordinary schools in the country, both public and independent, received approximately R15 billion from school fees in 2010. Independent schools received about R6 billion. In 2010, while public schools received about R8 billion. The average income received from school fees by provinces ranged between R45 million and R7 billion.

Gauteng received the highest income from school fees (about 7 billion) followed by the Western Cape and KwaZulu-Natal with approximately R2 billion.

Income from school fees increased from R13 billion in 2009 to about R15 billion in 2010, reflecting an increase of close to 13% over this period. However, Limpopo, the Northern Cape and North West showed a decrease in income received from school fees between 2009 and 2010.

Table 10: Average income from school fees in fee-paying ordinary schools, by province and funding type, in 2009 and 2010

Drevines		2009				
Province	Independent	Public	Total	Independent	Public	Total
Eastern Cape	R272 007 461	R703 993 340	R976 000 800	R385 723 993	R 803 947 257	R1 189 671 250
Free Sate	R 35 256 025	R 65 571 297	R100 827 323	R 9 281 201	R125 587 227	R134 868 428
Gauteng	R3 380 328 301	R2 918 475 466	R6 298 803 767	R3 901 552 263	R3 502 840 880	R7 404 393 143
KwaZulu- Natal	R552 758 944	R1 379 707 508	R1 932 466 452	R722 768 687	R1 438 289 958	R2 161 058 645
Limpopo	R206 622 263	R535 810 838	R742 433 101	R202 920 293	R205 982 992	R408 903 285
Mpumalanga	R118 657 500	R593 087 122	R711 744 622	R209 164 496	R679 867 012	R889 031 508
Northern Cape	R 7 005 569	R92 454 035	R 99 459 603	R12 853 709	R32 923 729	R45 777 437
North West	R128 687 920	R320 964 575	R449 652 494	R132 381 248	R 218 724 553	R351 105 801
Western Cape	R566 005 755	R1 418 413 472	R1 984 419 227	R809 566 630	R1 608 745 763	R2 418 312 393
National	R5 267 329 737	R8 028 477 652	R13 295 807 389	R6 386 212 519	R8 616 909 372	R15 003 121 890

3.7 Single and parallel medium ordinary schools

3.7.1 Single medium ordinary schools

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A single medium school is one which uses one medium of instruction for all learners in all grades.

Table 11 indicates the number of single medium schools, by province in 2009 and 2010. In 2010, there were 10 657 single medium schools in the country. The majority of these schools were English medium schools (8 432) followed by Afrikaans medium schools (1 543). The majority of Afrikaans single medium schools were situated in the Western Cape (675) followed by Gauteng and the Eastern Cape with 222 and 203 respectively, while KwaZulu-Natal (18) and Limpopo (41) had the least number of Afrikaans medium schools.

Of the indigenous languages offered in single medium schools, isiXhosa (263) is the dominant, followed by isiZulu (172).

Overall, there was a slight decrease in number of single medium schools in the country, from 10 819 in 2009 to 10 657 in 2010 which is a 1.4% decrease. This decline is probably due to the overall decrease in the number of schools in the country.

Table 11: Number of single medium ordinary schools, by province, in 2009 and 2010

Language	Year	EC	FS	GP	KZN	LP	MP	NC	NW	WC	SA
Fuelish	2009	1 526	206	1 149	2 248	1 549	626	81	409	363	8 157
English	2010	1 327	220	1 300	2 354	1 530	666	83	541	411	8 432
٥٢	2009	202	70	252	30	44	91	231	100	681	1 701
Afrikaans	2010	203	69	222	18	41	69	182	64	675	1 543
isiNdahala	2009	3	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	8
Isindebele	2010	0	0	1	2	2	8	0	0	0	13
isiYhaaa	2009	337	0	1	6	0	0	3	0	1	348
ISIXNOSa	2010	253	0	3	5	0	0	2	0	0	263
:	2009	5	3	17	167	0	23	0	0	0	215
ISIZUIU	2010	2	1	15	131	0	23	0	0	0	172
Sanadi	2009	0	0	3	0	68	9	0	0	0	80
Sepedi	2010	0	0	8	0	56	10	0	0	0	74
Sacatha	2009	4	25	5	0	0	3	0	0	1	38
Sesotito	2010	1	31	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	38
Satawana	2009	0	3	9	0	3	1	16	142	0	174
Setswana	2010	0	4	7	0	1	2	12	8	0	34
Socurati	2009	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	36
Jeswati	2010	0	0	1	0	0	25	0	0	0	26
Tchivondo	2009	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	23
ISHIVEHUA	2010	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	27
Vitcongo	2009	0	0	1	0	20	18	0	0	0	39
Altsoliga	2010	0	0	1	0	20	14	0	0	0	35
Total (2009)		2 077	307	1 437	2 451	1 707	812	331	651	1 046	10 819
Total (2010)		1 786	325	1 563	2 510	1 677	818	279	613	1 086	10 657

3.7.2 Parallel medium schools

A parallel medium school is one that offers two or more mediums of instruction in the same grade (but in different classes) across all grades of the school. Table 12 indicates the number of parallel medium schools, by language and province, in 2009 and 2010.

For the purpose of this report, a parallel medium school has been selected to be one that offered English as one medium of instruction together with other languages. English was selected as a basis for comparison since it is the most commonly used medium of instruction in schools.

Table 12 indicates that, there were about 13 000 parallel medium ordinary schools (schools that offers English together with other language of instruction) in 2010. The majority of these schools in the country provided the combination of English and isiXhosa (3 848) in 2010 followed by English and isiZulu (3 432).

Table 12: Number of parallel medium ordinary schools, by province, 2009 and 2010

Language	Year	EC	FS	GP	KZN	LP	MP	NC	NW	WC	SA
Fuelish /Afrikaens	2009	142	92	175	51	45	72	70	47	362	1 056
English /Afrikaans	2010	147	79	164	60	51	71	101	49	371	1 093
English/	2009	0	13	3	1	2	51	1	1	0	72
isiNdebele	2010	1	11	3	2	12	40	3	3	0	75
	2009	3 217	6	17	117	1	1	3	8	127	3 497
English/IsiXnosa	2010	3 560	4	15	134	1	1	4	4	125	3 848
	2009	20	41	107	3 142	3	331	0	0	0	3 644
Englisn/IsiZulu	2010	3	37	117	2 968	1	306	0	0	0	3 432
	2009	0	1	53	0	1 427	90	0	0	0	1 571
English/Sepedi	2010	0	1	45	0	1 375	79	0	1	0	1 501
Fuglish /Secothe	2009	21	577	95	3	0	8	0	17	1	722
English/Sesotho	2010	21	584	90	1	1	8	0	16	2	723
English /Satawana	2009	3	45	97	0	40	37	122	714	0	1058
Eligiish/Setswalla	2010	3	42	107	0	35	35	129	892	0	1243
English /CiCurati	2009	0	0	1	0	10	230	0	0	0	241
English/SiSwati	2010	0	0	0	0	7	262	0	0	0	269
English /Tshiyonda	2009	1	0	9	0	455	0	0	4	0	469
Eligiish/ Ishivehua	2010	0	0	7	0	431	1	0	0	0	439
English /Vitsongo	2009	1	0	11	0	283	87	0	1	0	383
English/ Altsonga	2010	0	0	12	0	277	88	0	0	0	377
Total (2009)		3 405	775	568	3 314	2 266	907	196	792	490	12 713
Total (2010)		3 735	758	560	3 165	2 191	891	237	965	498	13 000

4. FINDINGS: LEARNER INFORMATION

4.1 Learner enrolment patterns

Figure 3 and Table 13 shows the number of learners in ordinary schools, distributed between public and independent schools and province, in 2009 and 2010.

In 2010, there were a total of 12 195 509 learners in ordinary schools in the country as a whole. KwaZulu-Natal had the highest number of learners with 2 734 722 (approximately 22%) followed by the Eastern Cape with 2 071 281 (approximately 17%). Three provinces (Free State, Northern Cape, and North West) had less than a million learners in their ordinary schools with 654 477 (5%), 265 538 (2%) and 745 001 (6%) respectively.

Of the 12 195 509 learners in the country, over 400 000 were enrolled in independent schools, comprising of approximately 4% of learners in ordinary schools.

Gauteng had the highest number of learners (200 118) in ordinary independent schools followed by the Eastern Cape with 50 955 in 2010.

The number of learners in ordinary schools decreased slightly, from 12 199 126 in 2009 to 12 195 509 in 2010.



Figure 3: Percentage of learners in ordinary schools, by province, in 2010

Table 13: Number of learners in ordinary schools, by province and funding type, in 2009 and 2010

	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
	Total	2 071 281	654 477	1 976 252	2 734 722	1 704 102	1 040 050	265 538	745 001	1 004 086	12195509
	%	97.5	97.5	89.9	98.3	97.3	97.8	98.9	98.3	96.1	96.4
2010	Public	2 020 326	638 131	1 776 134	2 687 711	1 657 836	1 017 273	262 524	732 213	965 058	11 757 206
	%	2.5	2.5	10.1	1.7	2.7	2.2	1.1	1.7	3.9	3.6
	tnsbnsqsbnl	50 955	16 346	200 118	47 011	46 266	22 777	3 014	12 788	39 028	438 303
	%	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
	Total	2 081 396	651 316	1 903 735	2 787 250	1 719 742	1 041 697	257 892	779 876	976 222	12 199 126
	%	97.9	97.8	90.06	98.6	97.9	98.1	99.2	98.4	97.3	96.9
2009	Public	2 038 580	636 864	1 714 269	2 748 898	1 682 992	1 022 342	255 877	767 159	950 203	11 817 184
	%	2.1	2.2	10.0	1.4	2.1	1.9	0.8	1.6	2.7	3.1
	tnəbnəqəbnl	42 816	14 452	189 466	38 352	36 750	19 355	2 015	12 717	26 019	381 942
	Province	Eastern Cape	Free Sate	Gauteng	KwaZulu-Natal	Limpopo	Mpumalanga	Northern Cape	North West	Western Cape	SA

Figure 4 indicates the number of learners in ordinary schools, by grade, between 2006 and 2010. The pattern indicates that enrolment is generally very high in Grade 1 and declines as learners move to higher grades within the schooling system. Departmental investigations have shown that one reason for the high enrolment figures in Grade 1 relative to sequential grades, is the relatively high levels of repetition in Grade 1. In addition, parents often enroll their children in more than one school in Grade 1 and that these children remain in school records, even if attendance is not consistent. The Department's policy on learner attendance is geared towards addressing this problem. The prominent spike in learner enrolment figures observed for Grade 10 in Figure 4 can be explained by very high levels of repetition in this grade.



Figure 5 compares enrolment by grade against number of repeaters by grade in 2010. It shows that in 2010, the majority of learners were repeating Grades 1 and 10. This explains the high enrolment in Grades 1 and 10. The drop in enrolment and repeaters between Grades 10 and 12 can be explained by learners leaving the schooling system to attend FET colleges or dropping out.



Figure 5: Comparison between learner enrolment and repeaters, by grade, in 2010

4.2 Population group of learners

Table 14 and Figure 6 show the number and percentage of learners in ordinary schools, by province, in 2009 and 2010, by population group. The majority of learners in ordinary schools are Blacks (10 353 518 or approximately 85%) followed by Coloureds at 968 844 or approximately 8%. These figures closely reflect the overall population demographics of the country.

The racial composition of learners at provincial level reflects provincial demographics. For example, in 2010, the majority of learners in the Western Cape 577 760 (approximately 56%) were Coloured compared to Blacks (Africans), who comprised close to 30% of the Western Cape learner population.

Northern Cape also has a relatively high proportion of Coloured learners (119 930 or approximately 45%) in relation to Blacks (130 808 or approximately 49%).

The majority of Indian learners that were enrolled in ordinary schools in the country, (123 614 or approximately 5%) were located in KwaZulu-Natal, followed by Gauteng with 45 890 (approximately 2%).

	letoT	2 071 281	649 812	1 976 252	2 725 319	1 704 102	1 006 562	265 328	741 727	1 004 086	12 144 469
	ətidW	43 552	37 365	260 864	49 000	22 185	35 708	12 215	35 714	106 572	603 175
10	Other	2 357	398	5 945	1 184	288	189	1 646	1 096	14 348	27 451
20	nsizA\nsibnl	3 159	2 111	45 890	123 614	2 671	3 448	729	3 432	6 427	191 481
	boloured	120 172	19 309	85 081	27 157	2 113	7 431	119 930	9 891	577 760	968 844
	Asel8\nssirfA	1 902 041	590 629	1 578 472	2 524 364	1 676 845	959 786	130 808	691 594	298 979	10 353 518
	letoT	2 080 166	647 079	1 899 607	2 768 755	1 719 651	1 046 467	257 894	778 162	979 422	12 177 203
	ətidW	43 603	37 199	257 501	48 122	22 490	42 478	11 379	41 061	102 784	606 617
60	Other	995	373	7 604	1 890	421	220	1 801	481	15 071	28 856
20	nsizA\nsibnl	2 833	2 522	43 638	127 804	2 020	4 179	301	2 720	5 723	191 740
	boloured	118 168	18 974	83 463	24 552	2 679	8 790	115 964	12 327	569 070	953 987
	African/ Black	1 914 567	588 011	1 507 401	2 566 387	1 692 041	008 066	128 449	721 573	286 774	10 396 003
	Province	EC	FS	GP	ΝΖΧ	4	MP	NC	MN	WC	SA





4.3 Learners by age

Figure 7 shows the number of learners by age and gender, in 2010. It shows that, in 2010, the number of female and male learners between the ages of 5 and 17 years in the schooling system was almost equal. The lower levels of school enrolment of female learners aged 18 years and above can be explained by higher levels of Grade 12 completion among female learners as compared to male learners (as evidenced in data generated from the General Household Survey).

Figure 7: Number of learners, by age and gender, in 2010



According to the Department's Age Admission Policy, a learner could be either 5 years old turning 6 years old before June when he/she enrolls in Grade 1 at the beginning of the school year. This implies that, in reality, there are two appropriate ages for each grade (if one considers year of birth as a measure of age).

Table 15 shows the percentage of learners in ordinary schools, by age and grade in 2010. The areas highlighted in yellow show the ages a learner should be per grade, in accordance with the expectations of the age admission policy. Thus, the two ages highlighted in yellow for each grade reflect the ideal ages of learners for that grade.

Table 15 also shows that compliance with the ideal age norm per grade diminishes in higher grades. For example, while approximately 85% of learners were of the ideal age in Grade 1, only approximately 55% of learners reflected an ideal norm

in Grade 12. This deviation from the norm could be attributed to high levels of repetition in the system. It is interesting to note that over 20% of Grade 12 learners were 20 year old and above. The high proportion of learners who were older than the expected norm could be explained either by learner repetition or by learners dropping out of school for a short period, and then re-enrolling thereafter.

Age	Grade R	Gr 1	Gr 2	Gr 3	Gr 4	Gr 5	Gr 6	Gr 7	Gr 8	Gr 9	Gr 10	Gr 11	Gr 12
0-3	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4 years	6.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
5 years	50.5	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
6 years	40.2	39.0	2.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
7 years	2.0	45.8	30.4	2.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
8 years	0.2	10.1	45.7	26.6	1.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
9 years	0.0	1.9	15.4	43.5	23.1	1.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
10 years	0.0	0.6	4.4	18.4	41.5	22.1	1.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
11 years	0.0	0.2	1.2	6.0	19.2	38.7	19.9	1.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
12 years	0.0	0.1	0.4	2.1	8.1	19.2	37.7	17.1	1.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
13 years	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.8	3.5	10.0	20.7	40.0	14.0	1.3	0.1	0.0	0.0
14 years	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	1.5	4.5	11.1	21.2	39.5	12.2	0.9	0.1	0.0
15 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.6	2.0	4.9	11.0	21.9	38.0	8.2	1.1	0.2
16 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.8	2.2	5.3	12.4	22.2	33.5	9.4	2.1
17 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.8	2.2	6.0	13.0	22.1	30.9	16.2
18 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.9	2.8	7.2	15.7	21.9	34.2
19 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	1.1	3.4	9.7	15.5	20.3
20 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	1.5	5.5	10.2	12.6
21 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	2.4	5.7	7.2
22 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.0	2.8	3.7
23 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	1.3	1.8
24 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.8
25 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3
26 years and Above	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Table 15: Percentage of learners, by age and grade, in 2010

4.4 Hostel

Table 16 and Figure 8 indicate the number of learners living in hostels, by province, in 2009 and 2010. In 2010, there were about 90 000 (approximately 1%) learners living in hostels in ordinary schools. The Eastern Cape (17 644) had the highest number of learners living in hostels, followed by KwaZulu-Natal with 13 274 learners. In terms of proportion, the Northern Cape and the Free State had the highest proportion of learners living in hostels, with approximately 2% within each province.

The number of learners living in hostels increased between 2009 and 2010, from 85 359 in 2009 to 90 033 in 2010.

Duravinas		2009			2010	
Province	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
Eastern Cape	9 024	8 144	17 168	10 028	7 616	17 644
Free Sate	4 617	4 182	8 799	5 192	4 920	10 112
Gauteng	4 623	5 544	10 167	3 893	5 110	9 003
KwaZulu-Natal	8 077	6 469	14 546	6 911	6 363	13 274
Limpopo	4 241	3 814	8 055	5 893	5 750	11 643
Mpumalanga	2 596	2 626	5 222	2 361	2 732	5 093
Northern Cape	1 646	1 540	3 186	2 315	2 328	4 643
North West	4 681	3 707	8 388	3 639	3 215	6 854
Western Cape	4 301	5 527	9 828	5 337	6 430	11 767
SA	43 806	41 553	85 359	45 569	44 464	90 033

 Table 16: Number of learners living in hostels, by gender and province, in 2009 and 2010

Figure 8: Percentage of learners living in hostels, by gender and province, in 2009 and 2010



4.5 Languages

4.5.1 Home Language of learners

Home language (HL) refers to the language that is spoken most frequently at home by the learner.

Figure 9 and Table 17 show that, in 2010, the home language of the majority of learners in the country was isiZulu (3 009 535 or approximately 25%) followed by isiXhosa, with about 2 423 549 (20%) learners.

Close to 10% of learners used Afrikaans as their home language, while only approximately 7% used English as their home language. isiNdebele is the least spoken home language by learners in South African ordinary schools, at only about 2% of learners.

Figure 9: Percentage of learners, by home language, in 2010



Table 17 shows the distribution of learners according to their home language, across provinces. As expected, it indicates dominant home language prevalence in particular provinces in line with general population demographics. For instance, the majority of learners who speak IsiZulu, IsiXhosa and Afrikaans at home live in KwaZulu-Natal, Eastern Cape and Western Cape, respectively. More detailed analysis is required to assess whether there have been shifts in this pattern over the years.

Table 17: Number of learners in ordinary schools, by province and home language, in 2009 and 2010

letoT	2 077 193	669 651	1 872 558	2 748 989	1 714 972	1 062 141	256 214	791 722	973 002	12 166 442	2 069 567	651 793	1 949 555	2 673 670	1 698 938	1 053 956	263 926	740 110	995 579	12 097 094
egnostiX	761	832	99 326	98	316 659	149 618	48	22 521	201	590 064	72	847	100 777	185	310 685	149 432	30	18 738	254	581 020
sbn9vi1t2T	34	214	34 795	92	304 378	7 680	617	4 207	127	352 144	38	201	36 887	79	298 600	5 988	404	3 253	156	345 606
itew2i2	67	788	34 026	2 359	10 643	344 831	59	2 849	215	395 837	293	716	33 050	1 961	12 604	345 049	35	1 613	192	395 513
enswzi92	5 167	40 714	202 984	1 263	27 983	25 024	99 110	562 114	483	964 842	2 279	39 425	218 377	343	29 215	19 400	103 064	557 886	633	970 622
oqtosəS	48 683	470 437	255 733	13 747	7 924	27 539	1 775	42 694	3 829	872 361	48 738	461 461	265 195	17 989	9 259	28 701	1 172	34 172	3 897	870 584
ibəqə2	39	1 150	205 282	66	944 738	128 849	165	22 254	64	1 302 640	20	989	208 876	179	945 767	129 447	335	18 472	78	1 304 163
nluZisi	10 981	35 785	438 386	2 397 247	11 281	189 915	529	17 746	1 083	3 102 953	5 087	33 037	463 045	2 293 063	10 233	190 504	367	13 007	1 192	3 009 535
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4.5.2 Language of learning and teaching

The language of learning and teaching (LOLT) is the language medium through which learning and teaching, including assessment, occurs. Figure 10 indicates that in 2010, the majority of learners in ordinary schools in South Africa were taught in English (approximately 66%), followed by Afrikaans (approximately 10%) and isiZulu (approximately 7%) and isiXhosa (approximately 6%).

Table 18 shows that the majority of learners being taught in Afrikaans were in the Western Cape (458 150) followed by Gauteng (232 799) in 2009. Similarly, the majority of learners learning in isiZulu (686 664) were located in KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng (125 058), while the majority of learners learning in isiXhosa were located in the Eastern Cape and the Western Cape.

Most provinces offer a good spread of languages, with the exception of KwaZulu-Natal, Western Cape and the Northern Cape.



Figure 10: Percentage of learners in ordinary schools, by language of learning and teaching, in 2010

Table 18: Number of learners in ordinary schools, by language of learning and teaching and province, in 2009 and 2010

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4.5.3 Comparison between home language and language of learning and teaching (LOLT)

Figure 11 compares the learner's language of learning and teaching with his/her home language in the Foundation Phase in 2010.

In 2010 approximately 77% of learners in the Foundation Phase were learning in their Home Language.

Figure 11 shows that the majority of learners whose home language was not English, were learning in English. Similarly, many learners whose home language was not Afrikaans, learned in Afrikaans in 2010.



Figure 11: Comparison of home language and language of learning and teaching in the Foundation Phase, in 2010

4.5.4 Preferred language

The preferred language of instruction is the language of learning preferred by parents as indicated upon enrolment at the school. Although the Department encourages learners to learn in their home language, especially in the lower grades, it is evident from Figure 12 and Table 19 that, the majority of learners prefer to be taught in English (approximately 64%) and Afrikaans (approximately 11%).

Overall, more learners prefer to be taught in English and Afrikaans, in comparison to their home language. For instance, although 25% of learners have isiZulu as their home language, only 6% of learners indicated isiZulu as their preferred language.



Figure 12: Percentage of learners, by preferred language of learning and teaching, in 2010

Table 19: Number of learners in ordinary schools, by preferred language of learning and teaching, in 2009 and 2010

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4.6 Other subjects

In 2002, the Department introduced a new revised National Curriculum Statement (NCS) for grades 10, 11 and 12, which required that all learners enroll in either Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy. It was aimed at ensuring that all learners are prepared for life and work in an increasingly technological, numerical and data-driven world.

Physical Science and Accounting are also important subjects as these are considered to be scarce skills subjects.

Table 20 indicates the number of learners undertaking Accounting, Mathematics, and Physical Science in Grades 10, 11 and 12 (the FET band), in 2009 and 2010. In 2010, about 700 000 learners were doing Accounting in Grades 10, 11, and 12, while over 1 million learners were doing Mathematics and close to 800 000 learners were doing Physical Science in these grades.

Figure 13 shows that the number of learners enrolled in these subjects tends to fall over consecutive grades. For example, only about 62% of learners who enrolled for Grade 11 Accounting in 2009 also enrolled for the same subject in Grade 12 in 2010. A similar pattern emerges with Mathematics and Physical Science, where less than 70% of learners who enrolled in these subjects in Grade 11 in 2009 proceeded to Grade 12 in 2010. This implies that, close to 40% of Grade 11 Accounting, Mathematics, and Physical Science learners either change their subjects, repeated Grade 11 or drop out of school between 2009 and 2010.

Table 20: Number of learners in ordinary schools undertaking Mathematics, Physical Science and Accounting in FET phase, in 2009 and 2010

Year	Grade	Accounting	Mathematics	Physical Science
	Grade 10	285 344	474 708	314 406
2009	Grade 11	249 350	410 059	284 268
	Grade 12	165 606	279 455	208 291
	Total	700 300	1 164 222	806 965
	Grade 10	280 718	464 087	311 823
2010	Grade 11	225 556	365 452	263 211
2010	Grade 12	155 388	252 178	193 784
	Total	661 662	1 081 717	768 818

Figure 13: Throughput rate of learners in Accounting, Mathematics and Physical science, from Grade 11 in 2009 to Grade 12 in 2010



4.7 Learners that are orphans

For the purpose of this report, a single orphan is a learner who has lost one parent, while a double orphan is one who has lost both parents.

Table 21 shows the number of learners in ordinary schools who lost their parents in 2009 and 2010. In 2010, over two million learners enrolled in ordinary schools were reported to be either single or double orphans (having lost one or both parents). This indicates that about 17% of learners in ordinary schools in South Africa were orphans.

Of the orphans in the education system, the majority were single orphans as opposed to double orphans. There were 481 739 double orphans in ordinary schools in the country (representing 4% of all learners enrolled). Of the single orphans in the country, over 1 million learners were without fathers and 591 865 without their mothers in 2010.

In 2010, KwaZulu-Natal had the highest number of double orphans (187 225 learners) followed by the Eastern Cape (92 973 learners). Between 2009 and 2010, the number of orphans showed a slight decrease, from 2 160 270 in 2009 to 2 082 224 in 2010 which is approximately 3% decrease.

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Provinc	Both parents deceased	Father Deceased	Mother Deceased	Total	Both parents deceased	Father Deceased	Mother Deceased	Total
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FS	20 828	23 807	18 816	63 451	26 203	28 879	21 374	76 456
GP	52 396	137 955	76 551	266 902	56 742	145 676	81 070	283 488
KZN	193 149	365 745	214 341	773 235	187 225	360 088	206 279	753 592
LP	44 246	119 178	68 053	231 477	44 044	116 355	67 424	227 823
MP	50 107	95 050	60 992	206 149	49 116	100 509	61 476	211 101
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NW	26 237	46 972	38 270	111 479	13 242	19 208	18 671	51 121
WC	8 556	42 879	16 990	68 425	7 707	37 463	14 991	60 161
SA	498 716	1 037 790	623 764	2 160 270	481 739	1 008 620	591 865	2 082 224

Table 21: Number of learners in ordinary schools whose parent/s are deceased, by province, in 2009 and 2010

4.8 Learner mortality⁴

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Table 22 shows the number of deceased learners, by province and causes of death, in 2008 and 2009. According to information provided by schools, about 11 000 learners were deceased in 2009. The majority of learner deaths occurred in KwaZulu-Natal (3 403) followed by the Eastern Cape with 2 551 deaths.

Deaths from illnesses seem to be the dominant causes of death amongst learners followed by accidents. The Eastern Cape showed the highest number of deaths caused by accidents in 2009 with 575 deaths.

Nationally there was an increase in the number of learners in ordinary schools who died, from 10 584 in 2008 to 11 113 in 2009, an increase of about 5%.

Table 22: Number of deceased learners in ordinary schools, by province and causes of death, in 2008 and 2009

			2008			2009						
	Accident	Illness	Suicide	Violence & homicide	Total	Accident	Illness	Suicide	Violence & homicide	Total		
EC	516	1 286	102	122	2 026	575	1 737	106	133	2 551		
FS	105	328	36	35	504	99	423	29	26	577		
GP	381	798	82	109	1 370	472	1 058	82	128	1 740		
KZN	715	2 096	150	149	3 110	566	2 577	135	125	3 403		
LP	232	853	73	37	1 195	203	660	42	46	951		
MP	198	997	47	43	1 285	171	711	27	33	942		
NC	55	69	10	13	147	63	64	17	15	159		
NW	146	429	26	27	628	112	238	20	19	389		
WC	140	114	18	47	319	167	165	21	48	401		
SA	2 488	6 970	544	582	10 584	2 428	7 633	479	573	11 113		

4.9 Learner pregnancy⁵

Table 23 indicates that, 45 276 learners were reportedly pregnant in 2009. The number of learners who fell pregnant decreased slightly, from 49 599 in 2008 to 45 276 in 2009.

KwaZulu-Natal (12 954) reported the highest number of learners who fell pregnant in 2009, followed by Limpopo (10 323). The majority of learners, who were pregnant in 2009, were in grades 10 and 11. However, significantly high numbers of grades 7, 8 and 9 learners were also pregnant.

Years	Province	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Total
	EC	3	25	72	198	485	1 045	1 797	1 851	1 802	1 395	8 673
	FS	2	1	4	9	26	100	261	397	336	251	1 387
	GP	6	1	7	34	64	228	489	1 020	1 086	985	3 920
	KZN	2	10	50	151	332	1 075	1 950	3 398	4 065	3 644	14 677
08	LP	2	18	45	127	303	730	1 483	3 001	3 075	2 038	10 822
20	MP	2	6	33	83	214	487	816	1 441	1 342	1 055	5 479
	NC		2	3	15	35	70	137	182	161	175	780
	NW		6	5	27	46	105	246	545	477	421	1 878
	wc			7	22	51	155	304	475	480	489	1 983
	SA	17	69	226	666	1 556	3 995	7 483	12 310	12 824	10 453	49 599
	EC	15	15	89	176	444	916	1 469	1 964	1 862	1 470	8 420
	FS		2	5	3	18	40	90	251	235	154	798
	GP	74	67	112	43	102	283	614	1 297	1 486	1 194	5 272
	KZN	16	9	34	134	279	839	1 680	2 923	3 749	3 291	12 954
60	LP	2	8	32	125	282	590	1 363	2 869	2 949	2 103	10 323
20	MP	2	3	23	68	228	508	840	1 413	1 505	1 204	5 794
	NC				3	8	16	42	55	60	48	232
	NW		2		1	9	22	36	67	63	71	271
	wc		1	2	18	33	76	209	277	292	304	1 212
	SA	109	107	297	571	1 403	3 290	6 343	11 116	12 201	9 839	45 276

Table 23: Number of learners in ordinary schools who fell pregnant, by province and grade, in 2008 and 2009

4.10 Social grants

Table 24 and Figure 14 show that, according to information provided by school principals, about three million learners in ordinary schools (approximately 26% of total learner enrolment) were beneficiaries of social grants in 2010.

The Eastern Cape had the highest proportion of learners receiving social grants (approximately 37%) followed by Mpumalanga (approximately 32%) in 2010. Gauteng had the least number of learners receiving social grants, at about 13%.

The number of learners receiving social grants increased between 2009 and 2010, from 2 813 976 in 2009 to 3 110 688 in 2010. Government's policy extension of the Child Support Grant to older children explains why the number of grant beneficiaries increased between 2009 and 2010.

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Note: The ASS question on learner pregnancy asks the school principal for: "the number of learners who got pregnant the previous academic year".

Table 24: Number of learners in ordinary schools receiving social grants, by province, in 2009 and 2010

Province	2009	2010
Eastern Cape	727 198	765 352
Free Sate	61 645	156 057
Gauteng	266 395	264 238
KwaZulu Natal	681 419	671 794
Limpopo	390 265	428 376
Mpumalanga	304 886	333 615
Northern Cape	73 533	66 888
North West	198 761	185 546
Western Cape	109 874	238 822
SA	2 813 976	3 110 688

Figure 14: Percentage of learners in ordinary schools receiving social grants, by province, in 2009 and 2010



5. Conclusion

This report provides basic information about some characteristics of schools and learners in the South Africa. It has relied on information provided by school principals in the Department's Annual School Survey for Ordinary Schools.

It has shown that there were 24 532 (approximately 95%) ordinary public schools and 1 338 (approximately 5%) ordinary independent schools in 2010. Of the 12 195 509 learners in the country, close to 400 000 were enrolled in independent schools, comprising approximately 3% of learners in ordinary schools.

The section below summarises key findings from the 2010 Annual School Survey.

Multi-Grade Classes

Approximately 26% (6 694) of ordinary schools in the country had multi-grade classes in 2010. The majority of these schools were in the Eastern Cape (2 087) followed by KwaZulu-Natal with 1 331 schools.

Grade R

86% of ordinary schools that have Grade 1, also offered Grade R in 2010. The number of schools with Grade 1 that also offer Grade R increased from 15 026 in 2009 to 15 838 in 2010.

Communication

In 2010, about 25% of ordinary schools in the country had an email address, less than 50% of South African ordinary schools reported having a fax number and about 54% of ordinary schools had landline telephones.

Income from School Fees

In 2010, over 14 000 (approximately 60%) of schools reported that they did not levy any school fees.

Of the schools that charges schools fees, income from school fees increased from close to R13 billion in 2009 to about R15 billion in 2010.

Home Language

In 2010 approximately 77% of learners in the Foundation Phase were learning in their Home Language.

Learner mortality

About 11 000 learners were reported as having died in 2010. Death from illnesses was indicated as the dominant causes of death, amongst learners followed by accidents.

Orphans

In 2010, there were 481 739 double orphans enrolled in ordinary schools, representing 4% of all the total learners enrolled.

Leaner pregnancy

Over 45 000 learners reportedly fell pregnant in 2009. KwaZulu-Natal (12 954) had the highest number of learners who were pregnant, followed by Limpopo (10 323).

Social grants

Approximately 26% of learners enrolled in ordinary schools were reported as being beneficiaries of social grants in 2010.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Additional language

A language learned in addition to one's home language

Age

The number of completed years from date of birth to the year in which the survey is being undertaken. The age is calculated as at 31 December in the year of the survey.

Class size

The average number of learners per class, calculated by dividing the number of learners enrolled by the number of classes.

Combined school

A school that offers a selection of grades from Grade R to Grade 12, but such a selection is not in line with the grade limits of either a primary or secondary school.

Disability

A moderate to severe limitation in a person's ability to function or ability to perform daily life activities as a result of a physical , sensory, communication, intellectual or mental impairment.

Double shift schools

Double shift schools are schools where the school day is divided into two sessions and two different groups of learners are taught by the same educators and principal.

Further education and training

All learning and training programmes leading to qualifications on levels 2, 3 and 4 of the National Qualifications Framework.

Funding type

The funding sector to which the educational institution belongs for example independent or public.

Gender

Social distinction between males and females.

Grade R

Learners in the grade before Grade 1.

Home Language

The language that is spoken most frequent at home by a learner.

Hostel

School hostel is any facility that provides accommodation, and /or food and care for learners.

Independent school

A school registered or deemed to be registered in terms of section 46 of the South African Schools Act 84 of 1996.

Item response rate

The ratio of the number of units responding to an item in a questionnaire (survey form) to the number of responding units eligible to have responded to the item.

Language of learning and teaching (LOLT)

Is a language medium through which learning and teaching, including assessment occurs.

Learner

Means any person receiving education or obliged to received education in terms of the South African Schools Act, 1996 (Act 84 of 1996).

Multi-grade classes

These are classes where learners in more than one grade are taught in the same classroom at the same time.

Ordinary school

A school that is not a special school.

Orphan

A learner who has one/both parents deceased.

Post-matric

Any other classes offered after matric for learners who have completed matric.

Parallel medium school

A school that offers two or more mediums of instruction in different classes in the same grade, for all grades of the school.

Preferred language of learning and teaching

The language preference for instruction as indicated on registration of a learner.

Pre-Grade R

Learners that are not yet in Grade R.

Primary school

An institution that offers formal schooling from Grade R to Grade 7. An institution that offers only a selection of grades from Grade R to Grade 7 is also referred to as a primary school.

Public School

A school contemplated in chapter 3 of the South African Schools Act, No. 84 of 1996.

School fees

Any form of contribution of monetary nature paid by a person or body in relation to the attendance or participation by learner in any programme of public school.

Small School

A school that has 51 to 120 learners.

Secondary school

An institution that offers formal schooling from Grade 8 to Grade 12. An institution that offers only a selection of grades from Grade 8 to Grade 12 is also referred to as a secondary school.

Single medium school

A school that uses one medium of instruction for all learners in all grades at that school.

Social Grants

Means a child support grant, a care dependency grant, a foster child grant, disability grant, an older person's grant, a war veteran's grant and a grant-in-aid.

Special Needs Education

Refers to a class that learner who experiences barriers to learning attend on a full time basis so that their curriculum support needs can be individually addressed. For a learner to be classified as SNE the assessment done by the school, with the permission of the parent/s, must be ratified by a, member of the district-based support team or any other relevant district official.

Staff Type

The employee categories within the Department of Basic Education.

Unit response rate

The number of respondents who respond to a questionnaire compared to the number of respondents provided with a questionnaire expressed as a percentage.

APPENDIX

Table 1: Item response rate, by province, in 2010

Table Name	EC	FS	GT	KZN	LP	MP	NC	NW	WC
Class Numbers	99.8%	59.7%	99.8%	15.9%	100%	85.5%	92.7%	98.7%	91.2%
General_Information	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%	99.7%	100%	100%	100%	99.6%	100%
ICTCoursedata	50.0%	4.9%	94.0%	2.8%	62.5%	73.1%	95.6%	36.4%	88.8%
ICTdata	92.6%	74.1%	99.9%	15.7%	98.4%	80.9%	99.7%	99.5%	99.1%
Learner_Age	99.9%	85.6%	99.9%	97.9%	100%	99.6%	100	99.3%	100%
Learner_Barriers	6.9%	4.8%	15.8%	7.1%	3.3%	13.2%	2.3%	1.2%	1.8%
Learner_Distribution	41.0%	47.1%	91.7%	30.5%	43.5%	60.6%	66.8%	56.8%	71.9%
Learner_Enrolment	99.9%	85.8%	99.9%	98.7%	100%	100%	100%	99.5%	100%
Learner_Enrolment_OrdSnap	99.8%	86.6%	99.9%	99.7%	99.9%	100	99.8%	99.8%	99.5%
Learner_FirstEnrolment	78.2%	60.7%	68.0%	64.3%	56.2%	63.3%	71.0%	63.7%	74.8%
Learner_GET_Band	89.6%	27.0%	92.3%	90.3%	99.4%	84.8%	0.7%	20.4%	98.9%
Learner_Grade1_Enrolment	76.0%	35.8%	62.5%	63.6%	52.9%	55.1%	55.4%	41.2%	74.1%
Learner_Hostel_Boarders	3.4%	17.0%	4.4%	2.0%	3.3%	3.6%	30.5%	16.2%	7.8%
Learner_Language	99.8%	85.6%	99.9%	96.7%	100%	99.7%	100%	99.4%	100%
Learner_Mainstream_Disability	20.1%	20.9%	42.0%	25.3%	14.7%	35.4%	11.9%	8.9%	46.5%
Learner_Mortality	19.8%	24.0%	30.4%	24.3%	15.9%	26.3%	16.1%	17.0%	17.3%
Learner_Orphan	93.0%	73.2%	93.0%	92.7%	92.4%	93.1%	86.9%	81.5%	95.7%
Learner_Pregnancy	32.5%	10.4%	27.1%	29.2%	35.6%	34.3%	6.2%	2.9%	13.3%
Learner_Race	99.9%	85.7%	99.9%	98.3%	100	97.0%	100	99.3%	100
Learner_SocialGrant	66.6%	64.0%	49.2%	58.0%	56.7%	68.0%	79.4%	72.1%	91.3%
Learner_Subjects	17.0%	19.3%	35.2%	27.9%	35.9%	6.8	23.0%	22.2%	27.4%
Learner_Success	88.2%	70.4%	90.3%	84.4%	85.9%	89.3%	90.0%	91.8%	95.1%

Year	GrR	Gr1	Gr2	Gr3	Gr4	Gr 5	Gr 6	Gr7	Gr 8	Gr9	Gr10	Gr 11	Gr 12	Total
4 years	46 293	1224	15	20	15	10		77	34	8				47 696
5 years	362771	23645	84	33	24	1	6	56	76	34	1			386 737
6 years	288 951	436 124	19 334	1321	346	185	120	72	36	105	93	35	2	746 728
7 years	14 449	512 300	259 595	18 890	1454	304	91	199	100	45	162	122	41	848 152
8 years	1459	112 68 6	450 945	256 594	18 4 2 2	1816	378	251	264	173	102	83	56	843 236
9 years	345	21 320	152 409	419 864	230 256	18 730	2 0 0 6	407	336	285	118	59	47	846 262
10 years	176	6387	43 913	177 812	412 999	215 106	18541	1 716	275	310	220	172	55	877 722
11 years	58	1885	12 245	57 969	191 395	376177	192911	14 638	1 325	469	318	200	170	849 820
12 years	Х	775	4218	20.038	80 426	186 846	365 194	165 456	12 851	1395	392	275	196	838 078
13 years	22	320	1626	7510	34,535	96 898	200918	387 199	138 570	13368	1266	304	230	882 766
14 years	19	190	742	3121	14 881	43 925	107 256	204 964	389 999	121694	9665	923	286	897 669
15 years	38	103	318	1203	6012	19 045	47739	106 374	216 540	377 896	84 300	9117	1185	859871
16 years	34	67	135	455	2 624	7 901	20875	51 365	122 621	220675	344 138	77 672	11 919	850.482
17 years	8	62	51	196	855	2 690	7 859	20 979	59 440	129336	226945	256 444	92 543	797 408
18 years	5	12	26	66	303	1 027	2 8 2 4	8 372	27 580	71940	161594	181 822	195 783	651354
19 years		27	37	63	159	402	882	2 727	10 841	34 2 32	99656	128 084	116 359	393 469
20 years	1	7	4	40	84	175	349	945	4 212	14753	57 030	84 378	72 387	234 369
21 years	1	1	2	13	36	53	135	293	1 219	5249	24,870	47 593	41 140	120605
22 years		1	7	4	31	37	59	152	458	1876	10776	23523	21 452	58422
23 years	1	2			5	18	56	156	237	656	3881	10 469	10 238	25719
24 years	1	2	2	3	3	11	19	87	230	282	1558	4214	4 3 3 2	10744
25 years	1				4	14	11	25	125	311	642	1711	1 924	4 768
26 years an	1146	1135	696	646	514	192	216	245	205	391	974	1 683	1 953	9 9 9 9 9
Total	719016	1118347	986 830	955 885	935 400	971 590	968570	967 065	987 575	995486	1 028 705	828 894	572 338	12 105 701

Table 2: Number of learners in ordinary schools, by age and grade, in 2010

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