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The 2001-02 HSRC Migration Survey**

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STUDY DESCRIPTION

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TITLE: Migration in South Africa: The 2001-02 HSRC Migration Survey

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KEYWORDS: Migration; Population;

SUMMARY: The main purpose of the project was to analyse census and other secondary data and to undertake the necessary surveys with a view to determining the importance of economic and non-economic factors in the explanation of migration trends in South and southern Africa.

IMPORTANT VARIABLES: Age, gender, levels of education and migration.

DEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLES: Age, gender, level of education, marital status, migration, use of health services, economic activity, unemployment, employment and self-employment.

UNIVERSE: Households in the nine provinces of South Africa

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION: South Africa

METHOD OF DATA COLLECTION: Survey Questionnaire

SAMPLING: The sample design was finalized, incorporated the stratification principles of metropolitan/SDI/rural-urban location and population group, and the sampling of 711 EAs was undertaken. The sample itself was based on a complex design, using enumerator area (EA) data of the 1996 census. A cluster size of only 6 households per enumerator area ensured that sample design effects would be taken at a minimum. The size of the sample (4 266 households) was intended to ensure an adequate number of cases of analytical purposes. Since the HSRC does not have its own fieldwork unit, fieldwork activities had to be contacted out.

The HSRC research team built upon the previous analyses of census and other secondary data and the initial survey described above to design and conduct a comprehensive sample survey (covering 3 618 respondents/households). Members of the team also undertook visits to bordering countries to obtain a clearer understanding of the entire spectrum of migration processes.

The 2001-02 survey was based on a stratified, clustered random (complex) sampling design. The explicit strata used in the sampling design were the following: (a) census-based population group (African, coloured, Indian or white); (b) Metropolitan/non-metropolitan location; (c) whether a so-called spatial development (SDI) area or not, and (d) census-based locality type (rural/urban). In non-metropolitan areas an implicit stratification of local government level (city, other local municipality or district municipality) was also used. Clustering took the form randomly selecting (using systematic sampling) six households in each of the selected census enumerator areas (EA) across the different strata.

UNITS OF OBSERVATION: Households and one randomly selected individual aged 18-69 years in each selected household.

DATE OF DATA COLLECTION: May 2001 to October 2002

EXTENT OF DATA COLLECTION: 2 data files in SPSS and machine-readable documentation.

FILE SPECIFICATIONS:

Part 1: Households_Final data

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| Number of cases: | 17 218 |
| Number of records: | 1 |
| Number of records per case: | 1 |
| Number of variables: | 129 |
| Number of kilobytes: | 4 206 KB |

Part 2: Individuals_Final data

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| Number of cases: | 3 618 |
| Number of records: | 1 |
| Number of records per case: | 1 |
| Number of variables: | 556 |
| Number of kilobytes: | 3 056 KB |

RESTRICTIONS:

None

PUBLICATIONS:

A book is soon to be published by the HSRC, with the provisional title of 'Migration in South Africa and Southern Africa: Dynamics and determinants' (edited by Pieter Kok, Derik Gelderblom, John Oucho and Johan van Zyl).

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