

# Fact File

- **Country name** Republic of South Africa
- **Location** Southern Africa, with Atlantic Ocean on the west and Indian Ocean on the east
- **Capital cities** Pretoria (executive); Cape Town (legislative); Bloemfontein (judicial)
- **Other major cities** Johannesburg, Durban, Port Elizabeth
- **Area** 471,008 square miles (1,219,912 square kilometers);
- **Population** 43,647,658
- **Religion** Christian: 68%; Muslim: 2%; Hindu: 1.5%; Indigenous and animist beliefs: 28.5%
- **Languages** English widely spoken; 11 official languages: English, Zulu, Xhosa, Afrikaans, Ndebele, Pedi, Sotho, Swazi, Tsonga, Tswana, and Venda
- **Type of government** Republic
- **Administrative divisions** 9 provinces
- **Currency** Rand
- **Industries** Mining, automobile assembly, metalworking, machinery, textiles, fertilizer, foodstuff
- **Primary exports** Gold, diamonds, wool, sugar, fruit
- **Imports** Machinery, electrical equipment, computers

