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### **GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY, 2015 (South Africa)**

**Statistics South Africa (Stats SA)**

**CODEBOOK**

**SADA 0218**

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## STUDY DESCRIPTION

### SADA 0218

**TITLE:** General Household Survey, 2015 (GHS 2015).

**PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:** Statistics South Africa (Stats SA)

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#### KEYWORDS:

Employment; Unemployment; Household surveys; Housing; Education and Health.

#### SERIES DATA:

Series name:	Principal Investigator:	Currently available:
General Household Survey	Statistics South Africa	2002 - 2015

#### PURPOSE:

The GHS is an annual household survey since 2002, specifically designed to measure various aspects of the living circumstance of South Africa households.

**GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION:** South Africa

**IMPORTANT VARIABLES:** Employment, unemployment, education, health, access to services and facilities.

**DEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLES:** Age, gender, level of education, marital status, use of health services, economic activity and employment.

**UNIVERSE:** Households in the nine provinces of South Africa

**METHOD OF DATA COLLECTION:** Survey Questionnaire

#### SAMPLING:

The General Household Survey (GHS) uses the Master Sample frame which has been developed as a general-purpose household survey frame that can be used by all other Stats SA household-based surveys having design requirements that are reasonably compatible with the GHS. The GHS 2015 collection was based on the 2013 Master Sample. This Master Sample is based on information collected during the 2011 Census conducted by Stats SA. In preparation for Census 2011, the country was divided into 103 576 enumeration areas (EAs). The census EAs, together with the auxiliary information for the EAs, were used as the frame units or building blocks for the formation of primary sampling units (PSUs) for the Master Sample, since they covered the entire country and had other information that is crucial for stratification and creation of PSUs. There are 3 324 primary sampling units (PSUs) in the Master Sample with an expected sample of approximately 33 000 dwelling units (DUs). The number of PSUs in the current Master Sample (3 324) reflect an 8,0% increase in the size of the Master Sample compared to the previous (2008) Master Sample (which had 3 080 PSUs). The larger Master Sample of PSUs was selected to improve the precision (smaller coefficients of variation, known as CVs) of the GHS estimates.

The Master Sample is designed to be representative at provincial level and within provinces at metro/non-metro levels. Within the metros, the sample is further distributed by geographical type. The three geography types are Urban, Tribal and Farms. This implies, for example, that within a metropolitan area, the sample is representative of the different geography types that may exist within that metro.

The sample for the GHS is based on a stratified two-stage design with probability proportional to size (PPS) sampling of PSUs in the first stage, and sampling of dwelling units (DUs) with systematic sampling in the second stage.

**UNITS OF OBSERVATION:** Households

**DATE OF DATA COLLECTION:** January to December 2015

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

**FILE SPECIFICATIONS:**

**Part 1: House Data**

Number of cases:	21 607
Number of records:	21 607
Number of records per case:	1
Logical Record Length:	458
Number of variables:	294
Number of kilobytes:	9 704 KB

**Part 2: Person Data**

Number of cases:	74 449
Number of records:	74 449
Number of records per case:	1
Logical Record Length:	265
Number of variables:	183
Number of kilobytes:	19 340 KB

**PUBLICATIONS:**

Statistics South Africa. 2016. General Household Survey, 2015. Pretoria: Statistics South Africa.

**NOTES:**

Most questions in the General Household Survey questionnaire are pre-coded, i.e. there is a set number of choices from which one or more must be selected. For open-ended 'write-in' questions, the description will note that post-coding occurred and explain how this was done. Most variables have been pre-coded from the questionnaire and is not repeated in the variable description. Where the coding is not apparent, the description either provides the codes or indicates where code lists are to be found.

**RESTRICTIONS:**

Only available to bona fide researchers.

**DATE STUDY ADDED:**

May, 2017