

South Africa - AHRI.Labour Statuses

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Identification

SURVEY ID NUMBER
AHRI.LabourStatuses

TITLE
AHRI.Labour Statuses

COUNTRY

Name	Country code
South Africa	ZA

ABSTRACT

Africa Health Research Institute (AHRI) is a multidisciplinary, independent research institute. AHRI's goal is to become a source of fundamental discoveries into the susceptibility, transmission and cure of HIV, TB and related diseases. We also seek ways to improve diagnosis, prevention and treatment. To achieve this, we bring together leading researchers from different fields, use cutting edge science to improve people's health, and help to train the next generation of African scientists.

AHRI has conducted individual and household demographic surveillance since 2000. Demographic surveillance data are processed for longitudinal analyses by organizing the demographic surveillance data into individual and household residency episodes at a geographical physical location, and individual membership episodes within a household. Start events of residency and memberships include enumeration, birth, in-migration and relocating into a household from within the study population. Exit events of residency and memberships include death (by cause), out-migration and relocating to another location in the study population. AHRI annually produces a suite of Individual Demographic surveillance datasets which contains detailed records of all individuals under surveillance since January 2000. The datasets detail individual residency and membership patterns, household mortality (including cause of death), fertility, migration, HIV status, health care utilization, and household socio-economic profile.

Each record in the dataset represents a period of observation for an individual during which all the recorded characteristics of the individual stay constant. For example, on the birthday of the individual a new episode will start, because the age of the individual has changed. An out-migration will result in a new episode, because the location or residential status has changed. Any change in one of the status values, such as education, marital status, social-economic status and HIV will likewise result in a new episode on the date of the change.

The following are the versions of the Demographic surveillance datasets:

CoresidencyEpisodes
 EducationCleaned
 EducationStatuses
 HIVStatusEpisodes
 HouseholdAssets
 HouseholdMap
 HouseholdObservations
 HouseholdSocioEconomicStatus
 HouseholdStatusEpisodes
 IndividualHSEEpisodes
 IndividualMap
 LabourEpisodes
 LabourStatuses
 LocationMap
 MaritalStatuses
 PartnerEpisodes
 SurveillanceEpisodesBasic
 SurveillanceEpisodesYrAge
 SurveillanceEpisodes YrAge_Coresidency
 SurveillanceEpisodesYrAge_HIV
 SurveillanceEpisodes VrAge_HSE
 SurveillanceEpisodes YrAge_Labour

SurveillanceEpisodesYrAge_Partners
 SurveillanceEpisodesYrAgeDel
 SurveillanceEpisodes VrAgeDel_HSE
 SurveillanceEpisodesYrAgeDeL_HSE_Labour
 SurveillanceEpisodesYrAgeDeL_HSE_Labour_Partner_Parents
 SurveillanceEpisodes VrAgeDel_HSE_Labour_Partner_Parents_HIV
 SurveillanceEpisodesYrAgeDeL_HSE_Labour_Partners

KIND OF DATA

Event History Data

UNIT OF ANALYSIS

Episodes of exposure

Version

VERSION DESCRIPTION

v2.0.0

Scope

TOPICS

Topic	Vocabulary	URI
Labour Statuses	Africa Health Research Institute	www.ahri.org

KEYWORDS

Keyword	Vocabulary	URI
Fertility, Mortality, Migration, Social-economic status, HIV, ART	Africa Health Research Institute	www.ahri.org

Coverage

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

AHRI is situated in the south-east portion of the uMkhanyakude district of KwaZulu-Natal province near the town of Mtubatuba. It is bounded on the west by the Umfolozi-Hluhluwe nature reserve, on the south by the Umfolozi river, on the east by the N2 highway (except form portions where the KwaMsane township strangles the highway) and in the north by the provincial road R22. The surveillance area is approximately 845km² in size.

UNIVERSE

Households resident in dwellings within the study area are eligible for inclusion in the household component of AHRI Demographic Surveillance. All individuals identified by the household proxy informant as members of the households are enumerated. A resident household member is an individual that intends to sleep majority of time at the dwelling occupied by the household over a four-month period. Households include resident and non-resident members. An individual is a non-resident member if they have close ties to the household, but do not physically reside with the household at the dwelling most of the time. Non-resident members can also be called temporary migrants and they are enumerated within the household list. Because household membership is not tied to physical residency, an individual may be a member of more than one household.

Producers and sponsors

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PRODUCERS

Name	Abbreviation
Africa Health Research Institute	AHRI

FUNDING AGENCY/SPONSOR

Name	Abbreviation	Role
Wellcome Trust	WT	Core funding
SAPRIN	SAPRIN	

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Name	Affiliation	Role
AHRI Research Data Management Team	AHRI	Research Data Management
AHRI Data Collection Team	AHRI	Data Collection
AHRI Community Engagement Team	AHRI	Community Engagement

Sampling

SAMPLING PROCEDURE

This dataset is not based on a sample but contains information from the complete demographic surveillance areas.

Data collection

DATES OF DATA COLLECTION

Start	End
2000-02-22	2024-12-17

Data Processing

DATA EDITING

Data collected in this study was centrally stored on AHRI's secure database servers. Data was collected through interviews at the call centre on central server using Survey Solutions, and in the field on paper and encrypted tablet computers using REDCap, and then securely uploaded to a central server. Database rules and constraints were enforced on the master database to ensure that only valid data was stored. Personally identifiable data was restricted to separate database tables accessible only to data management staff .

Access policy

ACCESS CONDITIONS

Access to the data requires accurate completion of the online data access application form accessible on the AHRI Data repository(<<https://data.ahri.org/>>). Data users are required to abide by the data use conditions stipulated on the application for access to the data. Failure to do so may result in their data access privileges being revoked by the Data Custodian. In order to recognise the effort and intellectual contributions of AHRI investigators in producing and curating the

data, users of AHRI data must acknowledge the source of the data and abide by the terms and conditions under which the data is accessed and must cite the dataset in publication using the citation provided as part of this documentation. All analytical datasets published on the AHRI Data Repository are assigned digital object identifier (DOIs) and the DOIs can be found on the Data Repository under Study Description tab - Access policy. AHRI data users are required to always cite the dataset using the relevant DOI.

<https://github.com/SAPRIN-MRC/SaprinEpisodes.jl.git>

CITATION REQUIREMENTS

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Metadata production

DDI DOCUMENT ID

DDI.AHRI.LabourStatuses

PRODUCERS

Name	Abbreviation
Africa Health Research Institute	AHRI

Data Dictionary

Data file	Cases	Variables
LabourStatuses	1176085	7

Data file: LabourStatuses

Cases: 1176085

Variables: 7

Variables

ID	Name	Label	Question
V289	IndividualId	Individual ID	
V290	ObservationDate	Observation Date	
V291	CurrentEmployment	Current Employment	
V292	EmploymentSector	Employment Sector	
V293	EmploymentType	Employment Type	
V294	Employer	Employer	
V295	Unemployment	Reason/s for unemployment	

Total: 7

INDIVIDUALID: Individual ID**Data file: LabourStatuses****Overview**

Valid: 1176085 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 2 Maximum: 263153 Mean: 134200.15 Standard deviation: 75271.889

Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 9 Range: 2 - 263153 Format: Numeric

OBSERVATIONDATE: Observation Date**Data file: LabourStatuses****Overview**

Valid: 1176085 Minimum: 2000-02-22 Maximum: 2024-12-17

Type: Discrete Width: 11 Range: - Format: character

CURRENTEMPLOYMENT: Current Employment**Data file: LabourStatuses****Overview**

Valid: 1176085 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 63 Range: 0 - 202 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	Unknown employment status	89969	7.6%
1	Currently employed	331305	28.2%
2	Currently part-time employed	49067	4.2%
3	Pensioner	0	0%
4	Not looking for work	0	0%
5	Other	0	0%
10	Unemployed due to caring for others/household duties	0	0%
11	Unemployed due to caring for others/household duties	0	0%
12	Unemployed and looking for a job	0	0%
13	Unemployed but in school or undergoing other education/training	106937	9.1%
14	Unemployed and unable to work due to illness/disability	0	0%
15	Not currently in employment	598807	50.9%
202	Work for themselves	0	0%

EMPLOYMENTSECTOR: Employment Sector**Data file: LabourStatuses****Overview**

Valid: 1176085 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 35 Range: 0 - 306 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	Unknown employment sector	0	0%
100	Unknown employment sector	1022906	87%
101	Agriculture, Fishing, or Forestry	7301	0.6%
102	Mining	3780	0.3%
103	Manufacturing	14214	1.2%
104	Electricity and water	3233	0.3%
105	Construction	17919	1.5%
106	Wholesale/retail	14190	1.2%
107	Restaurant/Hotels/Tourism/Sport	6249	0.5%
108	Transport and communication	9821	0.8%
109	Financial services	2032	0.2%
110	Educational services	11564	1%
111	Health services	5672	0.5%
112	Legal services	2965	0.3%
113	Research	1285	0.1%
114	Domestic services	15641	1.3%
115	Armed forces and police	9213	0.8%
116	Informal sector, e.g. street vendor	28100	2.4%
301	National/Central government	0	0%
305	Private sector employer	0	0%
306	Non-profit institution	0	0%

EMPLOYMENTTYPE: Employment Type**Data file: LabourStatuses****Overview**

Valid: 1176085 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 23 Range: 0 - 203 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	Unknown employment type	778	0.1%
200	Unknown employment type	1031288	87.7%
201	Works as employee	135376	11.5%
202	Work for themselves	5046	0.4%
203	Do odd jobs/piece jobs	3597	0.3%

EMPLOYER: Employer

Data file: LabourStatuses

Overview

Valid: 1176085 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 42 Range: 0 - 308 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	Unknown Employer	816	0.1%
201	Works as employee	0	0%
300	Unknown Employer	1033195	87.9%
301	National/Central government	6435	0.5%
302	Provincial government	13632	1.2%
303	Local / district authority or municipality	3820	0.3%
304	Public Corporation	11350	1%
305	Private sector employer	95523	8.1%
306	Non-profit institution	4616	0.4%
307	Self-employment	3139	0.3%
308	Another household member	3559	0.3%

UNEMPLOYMENT: Reason/s for unemployment

Data file: LabourStatuses

Overview

Valid: 772210 Invalid: 403875
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 23 Range: 0 - 8480 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	Unknown	17856	2.3%
1	Studying	116010	15%
2	Looking for work	236879	30.7%
3		2	0%
4	Retired	39479	5.1%
8	Sick/injured	16958	2.2%
16	Pregnant/Own Child Care	14778	1.9%
32	Other's Child Care	9362	1.2%
64	Care for sick/injured	1266	0.2%
128	Retrenched	5339	0.7%
256	Nothing (Not looking)	295571	38.3%
512	Other	8175	1.1%
1024	Don't know	9632	1.2%
2048	Refused	694	0.1%
4096	Seasonal	8	0%
8192	Disabled	200	0%
8480		1	0%
Sysmiss		403875	

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Technical documents

DDI:Labour Statuses

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