### SOUTH AFRICA

**Population:** 52,385,920  
**Gross national income per capita:** US$ 7,460  
**Income group:** Middle  
**Income inequality:** 63.14

#### ACTION PLANS, POLICIES AND LAWS RELEVANT TO SEVERAL TYPES OF VIOLENCE

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<td>Interpersonal violence: YES</td>
<td>Incentives provided for high-risk youth to complete school</td>
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<td>Youth violence: YES</td>
<td>Housing policies to de-concentrate poverty: NO</td>
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<td>Sexual violence: YES</td>
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#### Firearms

- Handguns/long guns/automatic weapons: YES/YES/YES  
- Excise taxes:  
  - Beer: YES  
  - Wine: YES  
  - Spirits: YES

#### Alcohol

- Adult (15+) per capita consumption (litres of pure alcohol)  
  - 11
- Patterns of drinking score: LEAST RISKY
- Excise taxes:  
  - Beer: YES  
  - Wine: YES  
  - Spirits: YES

### LAWS AND PREVENTION PROGRAMMES BY TYPE OF VIOLENCE

#### Child maltreatment laws

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<td>Legal age of marriage (male/female)</td>
<td>18 / 18</td>
<td>Home visiting</td>
<td>YES</td>
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<td>Against child marriage</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>Training to recognise / avoid sexually abusive situations</td>
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<td>Against statutory rape</td>
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<td>Against female genital mutilation</td>
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<td>Ban on corporal punishment (all settings)</td>
<td>YES (NO)</td>
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#### Youth violence laws

- Against weapons on school premises: YES  
- Against gang or criminal group membership: YES

#### Intimate partner violence laws

- Against rape in marriage: YES  
- Allowing removal of violent spouse from home: YES

#### Sexual violence laws

- Against rape: YES  
- Against contact sexual violence without rape: YES  
- Against non-contact sexual violence: YES

#### Elder abuse laws

- Against elder abuse: YES  
- Against elder abuse in institutions: YES

### VICTIM LAWS

- Providing for victim compensation: NO  
- Providing for victim legal representation: NO

### VICTIM SERVICES

- Adult protective services: YES  
- Child protection services: YES  
- Medico-legal services for sexual violence: YES  
- Mental health services: YES

### DATA ON VIOLENCE

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**Reported homicides (2012/2013) N= 16259, Rate= 31.1/100 000 (80% M, 15% F)**

**Sources:** Mechanism: National Injury Mortality Surveillance System; Reported homicides: Police

**Source:** Police

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1 Subnational.
2 For Gauteng Province (an urban setting) only.
3 The reported total of 95% leaves 5% of cases undetermined as to whether male or female.