

Social Indicators in the Contemporary South Africa

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ABSTRACT Social indicators such as poverty, unemployment, and access to health care, education and social integration are among the issues that are considered in the well-being of the people of any country. South African household structure has undergone some changes over the past years. This study examines social and economic indicators of the country using a 10% sample from the census 2001 data. Basic statistical analyses have been done. The study produces the following results for the country: mean household size of 4 persons, annual population growth rate of 1.2%, literacy rate of 76%, mean household income of R3356 (about US\$480) per month, and the unemployment rate of 47%.