

# Pricing policy

## Introduction

*Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) seeks the broadest possible dissemination of the statistical data it collects, and the services it offers.*

*The core function of Statistics South Africa is the collection, processing and dissemination of timely, accurate and reliable data.*

## Principles

### 1. General principle

As a general principle, Stats SA does not seek to recover any of the costs of data collected, products developed or standard services provided, as those costs are met from an allocation voted by Parliament.

### 2. Exceptions

However:

- i. Where a cost not provided for in the core budget of Stats SA is incurred in servicing a user request, this cost will be passed on to the user.
- ii. To avoid misuse and waste, a nominal charge for data or products disseminated on compact disk, stiffy diskette, or in paper format may be levied in terms of section 7 (3) (d) of the Statistics Act, No. 6 of 1999.
- iii. The first copy of all data sets supplied to the following departments, institutions and entities will be made available free of charge:
  - All departments of national government
  - All departments of provincial government
  - All local authorities
  - All constitutional institutions, as listed in schedule 1 of the Public Finance Management Act, Act 1 of 1999, as amended by Act 29 of 1999)
  - All major public entities, as listed in schedule 2 of the Public Finance Management Act, Act 1 of 1999, as amended by Act 29 of 1999)
  - All national public entities, as listed in schedule 3, part A, of the Public Finance Management Act, Act 1 of 1999, as amended by Act 29 of 1999)
  - Any other body not-for-profit which, in the opinion of the Statistician-General, operates for the promotion of the public

### **3. Setting and approval of tariffs**

Tariffs will be revised on an annual basis, and will be subject to the approval of the Statistician-General and the National Treasury.

### **4. Access to data, products and services via public Internet**

All data, products and services made available via the Stats SA website will be accessible by users at no cost.

### **5. Services and training**

Charges will be levied for specialised, individualised services. These charges will be calculated at the standard hourly rate, and revised annually.

Requests for data, products and services, which can be met through extraction from standard products and data sets, will not attract any charge.

The cost of initial training in the use of data and linked software is included in the nominal charge levied for acquisition of the data set. Additional training and support required will be charged for at the standard hourly rate, and revised annually.

### **6. Exemption from specified tariff**

Data, products and services normally attracting a price may be supplied without charge when this is authorised, in writing, by the Statistician-General and/or his/her authorised nominee.

### **7. Copyright and ownership**

The information products and services of Stats SA are protected in terms of the Copyright Act, 1978 (Act 98 of 1978). As the State President is the holder of State copyright, all organs of State enjoy unhindered use of the Department's information products and services, without a need for further permission to copy in terms of that copyright.

Where a copy of the information is made available to any third party outside the State, the third party must be made aware of the existence of State copyright and ownership of the information by the State.

The State (through Statistics SA) retains the full ownership of its information, products and services at all times – access to information does not give ownership of the information to the client. The use of any data is subject to acknowledgement of Stats SA as the supplier and owner of copyright.

## **8. Liability**

The following liability clause should accompany data, which emanates from Stats SA or any of the designated components including service providers responsible for the dissemination of data:

***“Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) will not be liable for any damages or losses, except to the extent that such losses or damages are attributable to a breach by Stats SA of its obligations in terms of an existing agreement or to the negligence or willful act or omissions of the Stats SA, its servants or agents, arising out of the supply of data and or digital products in terms of that agreement. The user indemnifies Stats SA against any claims of whatsoever nature (including legal costs) by third parties arising from the reformatting, restructuring, reprocessing and/or addition of the data, by the user”.***

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**PJ Lehohla  
Statistician-General**

# Tariffs

## Printed versions of reports (Printed in black and white only):

<b>Pages</b>	<b>Tariff</b>
1-100	<b>R 20.00</b>
101-200	<b>R 40.00</b>
201-300	<b>R 60.00</b>
301-400	<b>R 80.00</b>
401+	<b>R 100.00</b>

## Other products printed in full colour

<b>Pages</b>	<b>Tariff</b>
1-100	<b>R 75.00</b>
101-200	<b>R 100.00</b>
201-300	<b>R 120.00</b>
301-400	<b>R 150.00</b>
401+	<b>R 170.00</b>

## Data sets

The first copy of any data sets supplied in terms of section 2 (iii) of the Pricing Policy: **No charge**

Subsequent copies of data sets supplied to departments, institutions, and public entities specified in terms of section 2 (iii) of the Pricing Policy: **R 300,00**

Data sets supplied to users not specified in terms of section 2 (iii) of the Pricing Policy: **R 300,00**

## Data and products copied to compact or stifty disk

Data and products copied, on request, to CD, DVD or stifty disk (Including disk): **R 100,00**

## Standards, classifications and general reference works

Classifications, metadata, annual reports, brochures, Catalogues, non-specialist reference compilations: **Free**

**User requests**

Standard user requests for data and information: **Free**

Special requests, data runs, consultancies and research,  
training additional to that provided with standard data  
sets: **R 300,00 per hour or part thereof**

**Internet services**

Data, publications and services accessed via the web: **Free**

**Postage and courier**

Postage at prevailing rates  
Courier services at prevailing rates

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