The composite indicators of access to ICT in South Africa

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New information and communication technologies (ICTs) continue to penetrate all provinces of South Africa as more and more households are getting connected to most key indicators. This report was constructed to compare access to ICT across multiple administrative units and over time. It also attempts to inform government, service providers, investors and general users about the status of ICT in South Africa, focusing on accessibility, usage and readiness as well as identifying gaps across the country. ICT access information and use in South Africa must feed planning initiatives to maximise the opportunities to exploit ICT for improved quality and social economic development.

A composite index was created using International Telecommunication Union (ITU) methodology and developed to measure the level of and to compare access to ICT across households, provinces and municipalities in South Africa using general household survey (GHS) 2013 data as well as Census 2011 data.

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