

literacy rate of cape town south africa



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AI Overview

Cape Town has one of the highest literacy rates in South Africa, with approximately 93.3% to 98.9% of its adult population (aged 20+) able to read and write in at least one language. While the city ranks among the highest in the country for functional literacy, about 5.3% of residents aged 20 or older have a Grade 5 education or less.

Key Cape Town Literacy Insights

- Highest in Nation: Cape Town has often been cited as having the highest literacy rate among South African metros, with older surveys placing it around 98.9%.
Improved Access: Enhanced access to education in recent years has contributed to higher literacy rates, specifically in Western Cape.
Context: While adult literacy is high, research indicates that 81% of Grade 4 children nationally are considered functionally illiterate.
Language: While English is the primary language of business in Cape Town, residents are literate across various local languages.

National Context

- Adult Literacy Rate: The national adult literacy rate is high, with estimations around 95%.
Provincial Comparison: The Western Cape generally performs better than other provinces regarding adult literacy, while areas like the Eastern Cape and Limpopo face higher challenges.

State of Cape Town Report 2022: Overview

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