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Introduction

AfriForum's municipal audit aims to measure the quality of life and level of service delivery in the country's respective municipal areas. Municipalities are the level of government closest to people and provide many of the important services that people are dependent on to survive and thrive, for example water and electricity provision, and road maintenance. However, this level of government in South Africa is to a large extent in a dilapidated and deteriorating state, thus affecting millions of people in the country. The additional aim of our audit is to provide an overall picture of municipalities, thereby continuously focusing the attention on the state of affairs within these municipalities and their residents. The report also serves as an informative tool for the public, the media, opinion formers, decision makers and administrators to understand their municipalities and apply pressure to bring about change where necessary.

The municipal audit examines the demographics, socio-economic conditions, service delivery issues and management of municipalities. Each report analyses the municipalities of a specific province, and each municipality is awarded an impression score out of 10. The follow-up reports on specific provinces also indicate which municipalities have improved and which municipalities have deteriorated when compared to the findings of previous reports. Previous editions comprised the municipalities in Gauteng, Mpumalanga and the North West province. The first edition of this audit dealt with South Africa's most densely populated province and economic hub, Gauteng. This report deals with the Western Cape, one of the wealthiest and certainly the best-governed province in the country.

Beaufort West Local Municipality

Demographics and socio-economy

- Population: 51 080 (49 586 in 2011)¹
- Age distribution: 26,6% under 15; 66,5% between 15 and 64; 6,9% over 65¹
- Education (20+): No schooling 5,4% (10,1% in 2011); matric 31,8% (23,6% in 2011); higher education 3,8% (6,5%)¹
- Language (households): 81,7% Afrikaans; 10,4% Xhosa²
- Housing: 99,6% in formal dwellings (97,9% in 2011)¹
- Unemployment: No recent data available

Service delivery

- 77,9% of households have access to piped water inside their dwelling (81,3% in 2011).¹
- The drinking water and effluent water have not recently been assessed by AfriForum and neither is there any other recent data available. Hence, no firm conclusions could be drawn.
- 95,3% of households have a flush toilet that is connected to sewerage (83,2% in 2011).¹
- 96% of households use electricity for lighting (92% in 2011).¹
- 91,7% of households enjoy weekly refuse removal (83,7% in 2011).¹
- AfriForum did not recently assess Beaufort West's landfill sites and neither is any other data available.

Management

- The Auditor-General's audit opinion for 2019/20 was *unqualified with findings*.³ However, it is an improvement on 2018/19's opinion (*qualified with findings*) and even more negative opinions in earlier years.
- 29,9% of the budget was spent on salaries in 2018/19.⁴
- A negative cash balance of R33 112 948 was recorded at the end of 2018/19. This was a sudden and drastic deterioration on the previous years' cash balance.⁴
- Unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure comprise an enormous 256,2% of the operating expenditure.⁴

Beaufort West's score: 6 out of 10

¹ YES!MEDIA. 2019. *Beaufort West Local Municipality – Demographic information*. Available at <https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/1212/beaufort-west-local-municipality>. Accessed on 29 September 2021.

² StatsSA. 2020. *Bergrivier*. Available at <https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/1226/bergrivier-local-municipality>. Accessed on 29 September 2021.

³ Auditor-General. 2021. *Consolidated general report on the local government outcomes MFMA 2019-'20*. Available at <https://www.agsa.co.za/Portals/0/Reports/MFMA/201920/2019%20-%2020%20MFMA%20Consolidated%20GR.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

⁴ Municipal Money. 2021. *Beaufort West*. <https://municipalmoney.gov.za/profiles/municipality-WC053-beaufort-west/>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

Bergrivier Local Municipality

Demographics and socio-economy

- Population: 67 474 (61 897 in 2011)⁵
- Age distribution: 26% under 15; 67,2% between 15 and 64; 6,7% over 65⁵
- Education (20+): No schooling 3,1% (6,4% in 2011); matric 26,3% (22,3% in 2011); higher education 9,6% (7,7% in 2011)⁵
- Language (households): 84,9% Afrikaans; 3,5% Xhosa⁶
- Housing: 91,7% in formal dwellings (93,4% in 2011)⁵
- Unemployment: No recent data available

Service delivery

- 85,3% of households have access to piped water inside their dwelling (83,5% in 2011).⁵
- Velddrif's drinking water was certified as clean by AfriForum between 2018 and 2020. The sewerage treatment also received a clean bill of health in 2020.⁷
- 82,8% of households have a flush toilet that is connected to sewerage (72,3% in 2011).⁵
- 97,7% of households use electricity for lighting (94,9% in 2011).⁵
- 83,6% of households enjoy weekly refuse removal (67% in 2011).⁵
- The Velddrif landfill site scored 44 in AfriForum's report in 2021.⁸

Management

- The Auditor-General's audit opinion for 2019/20 was *unqualified with findings*. This is a regression from the previous four financial years' clean audits.⁹
- 37,2% of the budget was spent on salaries in 2018/19.¹⁰
- A positive cash balance of R167 708 795 was recorded at the end of 2018/19. This was a slight deterioration on the previous year's cash balance.¹⁰
- Unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure comprise 5,1% of the operating expenditure.¹⁰

Bergrivier's score: 7,5 out of 10

⁵ YES!MEDIA. 2019. *Bergrivier Local Municipality – Demographic information*. Available at <https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/1226/bergrivier-local-municipality>. Accessed on 29 September 2021.

⁶ StatsSA. 2020. *Bergrivier*. Available at <https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/1226/bergrivier-local-municipality>. Accessed on 29 September 2021.

⁷ AfriForum. 2020. *Blue and green drop project 2020*. Available at https://afriforum.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Blou-en-groen_2020_Engels.pdf. Accessed on 29 September 2021.

⁸ AfriForum. 2020. *AfriForum report on the municipal landfill audit project for 2020*. Available at <https://afriforum.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Landfill-site-audit-report.pdf>. Accessed on 29 September 2021.

⁹ Auditor-General. 2021. *Consolidated general report on the local government outcomes MFMA 2019-'20*. Available at <https://www.agsa.co.za/Portals/0/Reports/MFMA/201920/2019%20-%202020%20MFMA%20Consolidated%20GR.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

¹⁰ Municipal Money. 2021. *Bergrivier*. Available at <https://municipalmoney.gov.za/profiles/municipality-WC013-bergrivier/>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

Bitou Local Municipality

Demographics and socio-economy

- Population: 59 157 (49 162 in 2011)¹¹
- Age distribution: 25,4% under 15; 68,5% between 15 and 64; 6,1% over 65¹¹
- Education (20+): No schooling 2% (2,4% in 2011); matric 32,5% (28,2% in 2011); higher education 9,2% (12,1% in 2011)¹¹
- Language (households): 42,3% Afrikaans; 37% Xhosa¹²
- Housing: 76,6% in formal dwellings (72,2% in 2011)¹¹
- Unemployment: Official rate 23% in 2017¹³

Service delivery

- 59,3% of households have access to piped water inside their dwelling (58,5% in 2011).¹¹
- The drinking water and effluent water have not recently been assessed by AfriForum and neither is there any other recent data available. Hence, no firm conclusions could be drawn.
- 89% of households have a flush toilet that is connected to sewerage (75,6% in 2011).¹¹
- 98,7% of households use electricity for lighting (94% in 2011).¹¹
- 88,6% of households enjoy weekly refuse removal (87,7% in 2011).¹¹
- AfriForum did not recently assess Bitou's landfill sites and neither is any other data available.

Management

- The Auditor-General's audit opinion for 2019/20 was *unqualified with findings*. This was also the case in the three previous financial years.¹⁴
- 21,4% of the budget was spent on salaries in the latest financial year.¹⁵
- A positive cash balance of R177 170 537 was recorded at the end of 2018/19. This was an improvement on the previous years' cash balance.¹⁵
- Unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure comprise 37,4% of the operating expenditure.¹⁵

Bitou's score: 5,5 out of 10

¹¹ YES!MEDIA. 2019. *Bitou Local Municipality – Demographic information*. Available at <https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/1215/bitou-local-municipality>. Accessed on 22 March 2021.

¹² StatsSA. 2020. *Bitou*. Available at http://www.statssa.gov.za/?page_id=993&id=bitou-municipality. Accessed on 15 March 2021.

¹³ Bitou Local Municipality. 2021. *Bitou municipality revised integrated development plan 2017-2022 (2020/2021)*. Available at <https://www.bitou.gov.za/resource-category/integrated-development-plan>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

¹⁴ Auditor-General. 2021. *Consolidated general report on the local government outcomes MFMA 2019-'20*. Available at <https://www.agsa.co.za/Portals/0/Reports/MFMA/201920/2019%20-%2020%20MFMA%20Consolidated%20GR.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

¹⁵ Municipal Money. 2021. *Bitou*. Available at <https://municipalmoney.gov.za/profiles/municipality-WC047-bitou/>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

Breede Valley Local Municipality

Demographics and socio-economy

- Population: 176 578 (166 825 in 2001)¹⁶
- Age distribution: 29% under 15; 66,4% between 15 and 64; 4,7% over 65¹⁶
- Education (20+): No schooling 2,6% (4,9% in 2011); matric 33,3% (24,9% in 2011); higher education 5,6% (8,3% in 2011)¹⁶
- Language (households): 73,2% Afrikaans; 15,5% Xhosa¹⁷
- Housing: 77,7% in formal dwellings (77,9% in 2011)¹⁶
- Unemployment: There are no recent statistics available. The last known official rate was 14,4% in 2011.¹⁶

Service delivery

- 70,8% of households have access to piped water inside their dwelling (69,3% in 2011).¹⁶
- Worcester's drinking water as well as effluent were classified as clean by AfriForum in 2020.¹⁸
- 87,3% of households have a flush toilet that is connected to sewerage (83,5% in 2011).¹⁶
- 92,1% of households use electricity for lighting (88,3% in 2011).¹⁶
- 77,7% of households enjoy weekly refuse removal (75,3% in 2011).¹⁶
- Worcester received a score of 58% in AfriForum's 2021 landfill audit, down from 70% in 2020. The site in De Doorns fared poorly with 30%.¹⁹

Management

- The Auditor-General's audit opinion for 2019/20 was *unqualified with no findings*. It is an encouraging sign that 2018/19's opinion (*unqualified with findings*) was turned around to resume a longer-term trend of clean audits.²⁰
- 29,4% of the operating budget was spent on salaries.²¹
- A negative cash balance of R24 793 815 was recorded at the end of 2018/19. This was a deterioration on the previous financial years' cash balance.²¹
- The municipality recorded no unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure in 2018/19.²¹

Breede Valley's score: 6,5 out of 10

¹⁶ YES!MEDIA. 2019. *Breede Valley Local Municipality – Demographic information*. Available at <https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/1227/cederberg-local-municipality>. Accessed on 22 March 2021.

¹⁷ StatsSA. 2020. *Breede Valley*. Available at http://www.statssa.gov.za/?page_id=993&id=breede-valley-municipality. Accessed on 15 March 2021.

¹⁸ AfriForum. 2020. *Blue and green drop project 2020*. Available at https://afriforum.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Blou-en-groen_2020_Engels.pdf. Accessed on 15 March 2021.

¹⁹ AfriForum. 2021. *AfriForum report on the municipal landfill audit project for 2021*. Available at <https://afriforum.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Municipal-Landfill-Audit-Report-2021-ENG-3.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

²⁰ Auditor-General. 2021. *Consolidated general report on the local government outcomes MFMA 2019-'20*. Available at <https://www.agsa.co.za/Portals/0/Reports/MFMA/201920/2019%20-%202020%20MFMA%20Consolidated%20GR.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

²¹ Municipal Money. 2021. *Breede Valley*. Available at <https://municipalmoney.gov.za/profiles/municipality-WCo25-breede-valley/>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

Cape Agulhas Local Municipality

Demographics and socio-economy

- Population: 36 000 (33 038 in 2001)²²
- Age distribution: 24,6% under 15; 67,6% between 15 and 64; 7,8% over 65²²
- Education (20+): No schooling 1,5% (3,5% in 2011); matric 27,6% (22,4% in 2011); higher education 6,9% (12,9% in 2011)²²
- Language (households): 83,3% Afrikaans; 5,9% Xhosa; 5,5% English²³
- Housing: 88,1% in formal dwellings (85,5% in 2011)²²
- Unemployment: There are no recent statistics available. The last known official rate was 13,8% in 2011.²²

Service delivery

- 84,5% of households have access to piped water inside their dwelling (81,8% in 2011).²²
- Although Bredasdorp's drinking water was classified as clean by AfriForum in 2020, its effluent showed that *E. coli* levels exceed 1 000 units.²⁴
- 87,4% of households have a flush toilet that is connected to sewerage (72% in 2011).²²
- 96,5% of households use electricity for lighting (96,7% in 2011).²²
- 90,2% of households enjoy weekly refuse removal (80% in 2011).²²
- Bredasdorp received a score of 42% in AfriForum's 2021 landfill audit.²⁵

Management

- The Auditor-General's audit opinion for 2019/20 was *unqualified with no findings*. In fact, this was the same opinion expressed during the previous four audits and signifies truly commendable management.²⁶
- 37,7% of the operating budget was spent on salaries.²⁷
- A positive cash balance of R84 007 789 at the end of 2018/19. This represents a significant and continuous improvement on the previous financial years' cash balance.²⁷
- Unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure comprised 3% during the 2018/19 financial year.²⁷

Cape Agulhas' score: 7,5 out of 10

²² YES!MEDIA. 2019. *Cape Agulhas Local Municipality – Demographic information*. Available at <https://municipalities.co.za/overview/1222/cape-agulhas-local-municipality>. Accessed on 22 March 2021.

²³ StatsSA. 2020. *Cape Agulhas*. Available at http://www.statssa.gov.za/?page_id=993&id=cape-agulhas-municipality. Accessed on 15 March 2021.

²⁴ AfriForum. 2020. *Blue and Green Drop Project 2020*. Available at https://afriforum.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Blou-en-groen_2020_Engels.pdf. Accessed on 15 March 2021.

²⁵ AfriForum. 2021. *AfriForum Report on the Municipal Landfill Audit Project for 2021*. Available at <https://afriforum.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Municipal-Landfill-Audit-Report-2021-ENG-3.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

²⁶ Auditor-General. 2021. *Consolidated General Report on the Local Government Outcomes MFMA 2019-'20*. Available at <https://www.agsa.co.za/Portals/0/Reports/MFMA/201920/2019%20-%2020%20MFMA%20Consolidated%20GR.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

²⁷ Municipal Money. 2021. *Cape Agulhas*. Available at <https://municipalmoney.gov.za/profiles/municipality-WC033-cape-agulhas/>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

Cederberg Local Municipality

Demographics and socio-economy

- Population: 52 949 (49 768 in 2001)²⁸
- Age distribution: 26% under 15; 68% between 15 and 64; 6% over 65²⁸
- Education (20+): No schooling 5,7% (7,7% in 2011); matric 23,2% (19,4% in 2011); higher education 7,6% (5,1% in 2011)²⁸
- Language (households): 85,4% Afrikaans; 4,8% Xhosa²⁹
- Housing: 78,1% in formal dwellings (87,1% in 2011)²⁸
- Unemployment: 7,1% in 2016; over 30% not economically active³⁰

Service delivery

- 74,3% of households have access to piped water inside their dwelling (75,1% in 2011).²⁸
- Neither the drinking water nor the sewerage treatment received a score in AfriForum's report in 2020, but both have historically received good scores.³¹
- 83% of households have a flush toilet that is connected to sewerage (74,9% in 2011)²⁸
- 90,3% of households use electricity for lighting (88,8% in 2011)²⁸
- 68,6% of households enjoy weekly refuse removal (57,8% in 2011)²⁸
- None of the landfill sites in Cederberg were measured and scored in 2020 and 2021.

Management

- The Auditor-General's audit opinion for 2019/20 was *unqualified with findings*.³² This is a regression on the previous year's opinion (*unqualified with no findings*).
- 31,6% of the operating budget was spent on salaries in 2018/19.³³
- A positive cash balance of R18 476 515 was recorded at the end of 2018/19. This was a deterioration on the two previous years' cash balance.³³
- Unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure comprise 24% of operating expenditure.³³

Cederberg's score: 7 out 10

²⁸ YES!MEDIA. 2019. *Cederberg Local Municipality – Demographic information*. Available at <https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/1227/cederberg-local-municipality>. Accessed on 29 September 2021.

²⁹ StatsSA. 2020. *Cederberg*. Available at http://www.statssa.gov.za/?page_id=993&id=cederberg-municipality. Accessed on 29 September 2021.

³⁰ Cederberg Municipality. May 2020. *Integrated development plan 2017 – 2022*. Available at <http://www.cederbergmun.gov.za/resource-category/integrated-development-plan?page=full>. Accessed on 29 September 2021.

³¹ AfriForum. 2020. *Blue and green drop project 2020*. Available at https://afriforum.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Blou-en-groen_2020_Engels.pdf. Accessed on 29 September 2021.

³² Auditor-General. 2021. *Consolidated general report on the local government outcomes MFMA 2019-'20*. Available at <https://www.agsa.co.za/Portals/0/Reports/MFMA/201920/2019%20-%202020%20MFMA%20Consolidated%20GR.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

³³ Municipal Money. 2021. *Cederberg*. <https://municipalmoney.gov.za/profiles/municipality-WCo12-cederberg/>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

City of Cape Town Metropolitan Municipality

Demographics and socio-economy

- Population: 4 005 016 (3 740 026 in 2001)³⁴
- Age distribution: 26% under 15; 67,7% between 15 and 64; 6,2% over 65.³⁴
- Education (20+): No schooling 2,0% (1,8% in 2011); matric 34% (29,8% in 2011); higher education 14,4% (16,6% in 2011)³⁴
- Language (households): 34,9% Afrikaans; Xhosa 29,2%; 27,8% English³⁵
- Housing: 81,6% in formal dwellings (78,4% in 2011)³⁴
- Unemployment: Official rate 28,9% in 2020³⁶

Service delivery

- 76,7% of households have access to piped water inside their dwelling (75% in 2011).³⁴
- The drinking water in Cape Town was certified as clean for six years in a row between 2015 and 2020.³⁷
- At Clifton, Kewtown and Macassar the effluent was classified as clean, but in Scottsdene more than 1 000 units of *E. coli* were present per 100 ml of treated sewage.³⁷
- 91% of households have a flush toilet that is connected to sewerage (88,2% in 2011)³⁴
- 97,2% of households use electricity for lighting (94% in 2011)³⁴
- 87,8% of households enjoy weekly refuse removal (94,3% in 2011)³⁴
- The Gordon's Bay transfer station and Bellville landfill sites both scored an excellent 96% in AfriForum's 2021 audit.³⁸

Management

- The Auditor-General's audit opinion for 2019/20 was *unqualified with findings*. This was also the case in the previous three years.³⁹
- 34,3% of the operating budget was spent on salaries.⁴⁰
- A positive cash balance of R7 101 183 182 was recorded at the end of 2018/19. This represents a significant improvement on the previous financial year's cash balance.⁴⁰
- Unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure comprised 2,7% during the 2018/19 financial year.⁴⁰

City of Cape Town's score: 8 out of 10

³⁴ YES!MEDIA. 2019. *City of Cape Town – Demographic information*. Available at <https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/6/city-of-cape-town-metropolitan-municipality>. Accessed on 22 March 2021.

³⁵ StatsSA. 2020. *City of Cape Town*. Available at http://www.statssa.gov.za/?page_id=1021&id=city-of-cape-town-municipality. Accessed on 15 March 2021.

³⁶ CapeTownEtc. 30 September 2020. *Cape Town has the lowest unemployment rate in SA*. Available at <https://www.capetownetc.com/news/cape-town-has-the-lowest-unemployment-rate-in-sa/>. Accessed on 28 March 2021.

³⁷ AfriForum. 2020. *Blue and green drop project 2020*. Available at https://afriforum.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Blou-engroen_2020_Engels.pdf. Accessed on 15 March 2021.

³⁸ AfriForum. 2021. *AfriForum report on the municipal landfill audit project for 2021*. Available at <https://afriforum.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Municipal-Landfill-Audit-Report-2021-ENG-3.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

³⁹ Auditor-General. 2021. *Consolidated general report on the local government outcomes MFMA 2019-'20*. Available at <https://www.agsa.co.za/Portals/0/Reports/MFMA/201920/2019%20-%202020%20MFMA%20Consolidated%20GR.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

⁴⁰ Municipal Money. 2021. *City of Cape Town*. Available at <https://municipalmoney.gov.za/profiles/municipality-CPT-city-of-cape-town/>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

Drakenstein Local Municipality

Demographics and socio-economy

- Population: 280 195 (251 252 in 2001)⁴¹
- Age distribution: 26,4% under 15; 69% between 15 and 64; 4,6% over 65⁴¹
- Education (20+): No schooling 2,1% (3,3% in 2011); matric 33,7% (27,4% in 2011); higher education 11,1% (11,8% in 2011)⁴¹
- Language (households): 72,5% Afrikaans; 16,2% Xhosa; 4,9% English⁴²
- Housing: 90,3% in formal dwellings (85,1% in 2011)⁴¹
- Unemployment: Official rate 18,3%⁴³

Service delivery

- 84,5% of households have access to piped water inside their dwelling (80% in 2011).⁴¹
- AfriForum certified the drinking water in Wellington as clean for four years in a row (2017 to 2020). However, the effluent, after being certified as clean during 2018 and 2019, had in 2020 more than 1 000 units of *E. coli* present per 100 ml of treated sewage.⁴⁴
- 96,9% of households have a flush toilet that is connected to sewerage (90,2% in 2011).⁴¹
- 95,5% of households use electricity for lighting (95% in 2011).⁴¹
- 90,6% of households enjoy weekly refuse removal (86,1% in 2011).⁴¹
- AfriForum awarded a score of 66% (68% in 2020) for the landfill site at Wellington in 2021.⁴⁵

Management

- The Auditor-General's audit opinion for 2019/20 was *unqualified with no findings* – the same as in 2018/19 and an improvement on the *unqualified with findings* opinion in 2017/18.⁴⁶
- 30,4% of the budget was spent on salaries in the most recent financial year.⁴⁷
- A positive cash balance of R281 076 863 was recorded at the end of 2018/19.⁴⁷
- Unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure comprise 1,3% of the operating expenditure.⁴⁷

Drakenstein's score: 8,5 out of 10

⁴¹ YES!MEDIA. 2019. *Drakenstein Local Municipality – Demographic information*. Available at <https://municipalities.co.za/overview/1208/drakenstein-local-municipality>. Accessed on 22 March 2021.

⁴² StatsSA. 2020. *Drakenstein*. Available at http://www.statssa.gov.za/?page_id=993&id=drakenstein-municipality. Accessed on 15 March 2021.

⁴³ Drakenstein Local Municipality. 2021. *2017/2022 Integrated development plan (IDP)*. Available at http://www.drakenstein.gov.za/docs/Documents/1c.%20IDP%202018-2019%20Review%20DRAKENSTEIN%202017-2022_final.pdf#search=Unemployment. Accessed on 14 May 2021.

⁴⁴ AfriForum. 2020. *Blue and green drop project 2020*. Available at https://afriforum.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Blou-engroen_2020_Engels.pdf. Accessed on 15 March 2021.

⁴⁵ AfriForum. 2021. *AfriForum report on the municipal landfill audit project for 2021*. Available at <https://afriforum.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Municipal-Landfill-Audit-Report-2021-ENG-3.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

⁴⁶ Auditor-General. 2021. *Consolidated general report on the local government outcomes MFMA 2019-'20*. Available at <https://www.agsa.co.za/Portals/0/Reports/MFMA/201920/2019%20-%202020%20MFMA%20Consolidated%20GR.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

⁴⁷ Municipal Money. 2021. *Drakenstein*. Available at <https://municipalmoney.gov.za/profiles/municipality-WC023-drakenstein/>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

George Local Municipality

Demographics and socio-economy

- Population: 208 237 (193 672 in 2001)⁴⁸
- Age distribution: 25,7% under 15; 67,9% between 15 and 64; 6,3% over 65⁴⁸
- Education (20+): No schooling 2,9% (3,9% in 2011); matric 35,5% (29,1% in 2011); higher education 9,9% (11,6% in 2011)⁴⁸
- Language (households): 65,7% Afrikaans; 21,2% Xhosa; 7,9% English⁴⁹
- Housing: 83,9% in formal dwellings (83,9% in 2011)⁴⁸
- Unemployment: Official rate 15,8% in 2017⁵⁰

Service delivery

- 71,5% of households have access to piped water inside their dwelling (70,3% in 2011).⁴⁸
- The drinking water in George was certified as clean by AfriForum for seven years in a row between 2014 and 2020. Although the effluent was classified as clean from 2016 to 2019, it contained more than 1 000 units of *E. coli* per 100 ml of treated sewage in 2020.⁵¹
- 92,1% of households have a flush toilet that is connected to sewerage (82% in 2011).⁴⁸
- 97,5% of households use electricity for lighting (91% in 2011).⁴⁸
- 93,3% of households enjoy weekly refuse removal (88,1% in 2011).⁴⁸
- AfriForum awarded a score of 44% for the landfill site in George in 2020 and 2021. The previous years' scores were around 50%.⁵²

Management

- The Auditor-General's audit opinion for 2019/20 was *unqualified with findings*. This was similar to the 2018/19 opinion.⁵³
- 27% of the budget was spent on salaries in the latest financial year.⁵⁴
- A positive cash balance of R562 603 736 was recorded at the end of 2018/19. This was a deterioration on the previous year's cash balance, but nevertheless remarkable.⁵⁴
- Unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure comprise 35,1% of the operating expenditure.⁵⁴

George's score: 8 out of 10

⁴⁸ YES!MEDIA. 2019. *George Local Municipality – Demographic information*. Available at <https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/1216/george-local-municipality>. Accessed on 22 March 2021.

⁴⁹ StatsSA. 2020. *George*. Available at http://www.statssa.gov.za/?page_id=993&id=george-municipality. Accessed on 15 March 2021.

⁵⁰ Western Cape Government. 2018. *George municipality*. Available at <https://www.westerncape.gov.za/provincial-treasury/files/atoms/files/WCo44%20George%202018%20Socio-economic%20Profile%20%28SEP-LG%29%20F%20.pdf>. Accessed on 14 May 2021.

⁵¹ AfriForum. 2020. *Blue and green drop project 2020*. Available at https://afriforum.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Blou-en-groen_2020_Engels.pdf. Accessed on 15 March 2021.

⁵² AfriForum. 2021. *AfriForum report on the municipal landfill audit project for 2021*. Available at <https://afriforum.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Municipal-Landfill-Audit-Report-2021-ENG-3.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

⁵³ Auditor-General. 2021. *Consolidated general report on the local government outcomes MFMA 2019-'20*. Available at <https://www.agsa.co.za/Portals/0/Reports/MFMA/201920/2019%20-%2020%20MFMA%20Consolidated%20GR.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

⁵⁴ Municipal Money. 2021. *George*. Available at <https://municipalmoney.gov.za/profiles/municipality-WCo44-george/>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

Hessequa Local Municipality

Demographics and socio-economy

- Population: 54 237 (52 642 in 2001)⁵⁵
- Age distribution: 23,9% under 15; 64,8% between 15 and 64; 11,2% over 65⁵⁵
- Education (20+): No schooling 3,4% (4,6% in 2011); matric 30,2% (23,5% in 2011); higher education 8,3% (10,4% in 2011)⁵⁵
- Language (households): 90,3% Afrikaans; 3,5% English; 2% Xhosa⁵⁶
- Housing: 95,8% in formal dwellings (93,8% in 2011)⁵⁵
- Unemployment: Official rate 15,4% in 2017⁵⁷

Service delivery

- 84,9% of households have access to piped water inside their dwelling (81% in 2011).⁵⁵
- The drinking water in Still Bay was certified as clean by AfriForum for five years in a row (2016 to 2020). Although the effluent was classified as clean in 2018, it received no score in 2019 and contained more than 1 000 units of *E. coli* per 100 ml of treated sewage in 2020.⁵⁸
- 91% of households have a flush toilet that is connected to sewerage (80,7% in 2011).⁵⁵
- 98,3% of households use electricity for lighting (94,9% in 2011).⁵⁵
- 74,4% of households enjoy weekly refuse removal (78,7% in 2011).⁵⁵
- AfriForum awarded a score of 88% for the landfill site in Still Bay and 86% for the one in Riversdal in 2021.⁵⁹

Management

- The Auditor-General's audit opinion for 2019/20 was *outstanding*.⁶⁰ This is quite a severe indictment on a municipality that has maintained clean audits for many consecutive years, but it could be attributed to a dispute or COVID-19 constraints.
- 34,6% of the budget was spent on salaries in the latest financial year.⁶¹
- A positive cash balance of R220 688 761 was recorded at the end of 2018/19. This is a slight improvement on the previous years' cash balances and a sign of financial sustainability.⁶¹
- Unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure comprise 2,1% of the operating expenditure.⁶¹

Hessequa's score: 8,5 out of 10

⁵⁵ YES!MEDIA. 2019. *Hessequa Local Municipality – Demographic information*. Available at <https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/1217/hessequa-local-municipality>. Accessed on 26 March 2021.

⁵⁶ StatsSA. 2020. *Hessequa*. Available at http://www.statssa.gov.za/?page_id=993&id=hessequa-municipality. Accessed on 15 March 2021.

⁵⁷ Hessequa Municipality. 2017. *Long-term financial plan – Update 2017*. Available at <http://www.hessequa.gov.za/wp-content/uploads/sp-client-document-manager/24/hm-annexure-c-hessequa-ltfp-update-2017-final.pdf>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

⁵⁸ AfriForum. 2020. *Blue and green drop project 2020*. Available at https://afriforum.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Blou-en-groen_2020_Engels.pdf. Accessed on 29 September 2021.

⁵⁹ AfriForum. 2021. *AfriForum report on the municipal landfill audit project for 2021*. Available at <https://afriforum.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Municipal-Landfill-Audit-Report-2021-ENG-3.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

⁶⁰ Auditor-General. 2021. *Consolidated general report on the local government outcomes MFMA 2019-'20*. Available at <https://www.agsa.co.za/Portals/0/Reports/MFMA/201920/2019%20-%202020%20MFMA%20Consolidated%20GR.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

⁶¹ Municipal Money. 2021. *Hessequa*. Available at <https://municipalmoney.gov.za/profiles/municipality-WCo42-hessequa/>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

Kannaland Local Municipality

Demographics and socio-economy

- Population: 24 168 (24 767 in 2001)⁶²
- Age distribution: 27,7% under 15; 64,9% between 15 and 64; 7,4% over 65⁶²
- Education (20+): No schooling 5,1% (6% in 2011); matric 19,7% (18,5% in 2011); higher education 3% (4,3% in 2011)⁶²
- Language (households): 93,1% Afrikaans; 2,5% English⁶³
- Housing: 97,4% in formal dwellings (96,3% in 2011)⁶²
- Unemployment: Official rate 10,3% in 2018⁶⁴

Service delivery

- 87% of households have access to piped water inside their dwelling (76,4% in 2011).⁶²
- AfriForum did not award a score for the drinking water or effluent in Ladismith in 2020 or 2019.
- 71,1% of households have a flush toilet that is connected to sewerage (65,2% in 2011).⁶²
- 91,9% of households use electricity for lighting (89,7% in 2011).⁶²
- 79,2% of households enjoy weekly refuse removal (66,1% in 2011).⁶²
- AfriForum did not award a score to any landfill sites in Kannaland.

Management

- The Auditor-General's audit opinion for 2018/19 was *outstanding*.⁶⁵ The previous three audit opinions were *outstanding*, *unqualified with findings* and *qualified*.
- 32,8% of the budget was spent on salaries in the latest financial year.⁶⁶
- A positive cash balance of R38 525 was recorded at the end of 2018/19. Although still positive, it is a huge deterioration on the previous year's cash balance.⁶⁶
- Unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure comprise 10,7% of the operating expenditure.⁶⁶

Kannaland's score: 5,5 out of 10

⁶² YES!MEDIA. 2019. *Kannaland Local Municipality – Demographic information*. Available at <https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/1218/kannaland-local-municipality>. Accessed on 26 March 2021.

⁶³ StatsSA. 2020. Kannaland. Available at http://www.statssa.gov.za/?page_id=993&id=kannaland-municipality. Accessed on 15 March 2021.

⁶⁴ Western Cape Government. 2018. *Kannaland Municipality 2018*. Available at <https://www.westerncape.gov.za/provincial-treasury/files/atoms/files/WCo41%20Kannaland%202018%20Socio-economic%20Profile%20%28SEP-LG%29.pdf>. Accessed on 14 September 2018.

⁶⁵ Auditor-General. 2021. *Consolidated general report on the local government outcomes MFMA 2019-'20*. Available at <https://www.agsa.co.za/Portals/0/Reports/MFMA/201920/2019%20-%2020%20MFMA%20Consolidated%20GR.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

⁶⁶ Municipal Money. 2021. *Kannaland*. Available at <https://municipalmoney.gov.za/profiles/municipality-WCo41-kannaland/>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

Knysna Local Municipality

Demographics and socio-economy

- Population: 73 835 (68 659 in 2001)⁶⁷
- Age distribution: 27,7% under 15; 64,9% between 15 and 64; 7,4% over 65⁶⁷
- Education (20+): matric 32,4% (29,7% in 2011); higher education 10,8% (12,6% in 2011)⁶⁷
- Language (households): 49,9% Afrikaans; 27,7% Xhosa; 15% English⁶⁸
- Housing: 80,4% in formal dwellings (73,8% in 2011)⁶⁷
- Unemployment: Official rate 20,3% in 2017 (24,8% in 2011)⁶⁹

Service delivery

- 75,5% of households have access to piped water inside their dwelling (67,3% in 2011).⁶⁷
- AfriForum did not award a score for the drinking water or effluent in Knysna in 2020 or 2019, but it can be safely assumed that both types will at least be clean.
- 82% of households have a flush toilet that is connected to sewerage (66,8% in 2011).⁶⁷
- 93,7% of households use electricity for lighting (88,8% in 2011).⁶⁷
- 93,1% of households enjoy weekly refuse removal (93% in 2011).⁶⁷
- AfriForum did not award a score to any landfill sites in Knysna in 2020 and 2021.

Management

- The Auditor-General's audit opinion for 2019/20 was *unqualified with findings* – as were the previous three audit opinions.⁷⁰
- 26% of the budget was spent on salaries in the latest financial year.⁷¹
- A positive cash balance of R109 226 599 was recorded at the end of 2018/19. This is extremely commendable.⁷¹
- Unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure comprise 13,7% of the operating expenditure.⁷¹

Knysna's score: 7,5 out of 10

⁶⁷ YES!MEDIA. 2019. *Knysna Local Municipality – Demographic information*. Available at <https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/1219/knysna-local-municipality>. Accessed on 26 March 2021.

⁶⁸ StatsSA. 2020. *Knysna*. Available http://www.statssa.gov.za/?page_id=993&id=knysna-municipality. Accessed on 15 March 2021.

⁶⁹ Knysna Municipality. 2020. *Final integrated development plan 2020–2021 amended*. Available at <https://www.knysna.gov.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/FINAL-AMENDED-IDP-2020-2021.pdf>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

⁷⁰ Auditor-General. 2021. *Consolidated general report on the local government outcomes MFMA 2019-'20*. Available at <https://www.agsa.co.za/Portals/0/Reports/MFMA/201920/2019%20-%2020%20MFMA%20Consolidated%20GR.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

⁷¹ Municipal Money. 2021. *Knysna*. Available at <https://municipalmoney.gov.za/profiles/municipality-WCo48-knysna/>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

Laingsburg Local Municipality

Demographics and socio-economy

- Population: 8 895 (8 289 in 2001)⁷²
- Age distribution: 21,7% under 15; 70,3% between 15 and 64; 8% over 65⁷²
- Education (20+): Matric 26,3% (16,7% in 2011); higher education 1,7% (8,7% in 2011)⁷²
- Language (households): 90,1% Afrikaans; 1,6% English⁷³
- Housing: 97,5% in formal dwellings (96,6% in 2011)⁷²
- Unemployment: Official rate 19% in 2017 (17,9% in 2011)⁷⁴

Service delivery

- 56,5% of households have access to piped water inside their dwelling (66,3% in 2011).⁷²
- AfriForum did not assign a score for the drinking water or effluent in Laingsburg in 2020 or 2019.
- 82,7% of households have a flush toilet that is connected to sewerage (68,1% in 2011).⁷²
- 88,8% of households use electricity for lighting (79,4% in 2011).⁷²
- 79,5% of households enjoy weekly refuse removal (59,5% in 2011).⁷²
- AfriForum did not assign a score for any landfill sites in Laingsburg in 2020 and 2021.

Management

- The Auditor-General's audit opinion for 2019/20 was *outstanding*⁷⁵ – the previous three were *qualified with findings*.
- 26,4% of the budget was spent on salaries in the latest financial year.⁷⁶
- A positive cash balance of R2 113 030 was recorded at the end of 2018/19. This should be praised because it is an improvement on the previous year, but the cash balance fluctuates quite wildly from year to year.⁷⁶
- Unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure comprise 31% of the operating expenditure.⁷⁶

Laingsburg's score: 5 out of 10

⁷² YES!MEDIA. 2019. *Laingsburg Local Municipality – Demographic information*. Available at <https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/1213/laingsburg-local-municipality>. Accessed on 26 March 2021.

⁷³ StatsSA. 2020. *Laingsburg*. Available http://www.statssa.gov.za/?page_id=993&id=laingsburg-municipality. Accessed on 15 March 2021.

⁷⁴ Laingsburg Municipality. 2019. *2017/2022 integrated development plan*. Available at https://www.laingsburg.gov.za/sites/default/files/documents/IDP%202018-19%20YEAR%202%20-%20Latest%20-%20Copy_o.pdf. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

⁷⁵ Auditor-General. 2021. *Consolidated general report on the local government outcomes MFMA 2019-'20*. Available at <https://www.agsa.co.za/Portals/0/Reports/MFMA/201920/2019%20-%2020%20MFMA%20Consolidated%20GR.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

⁷⁶ Municipal Money. 2021. *Laingsburg*. Available at <https://municipalmoney.gov.za/profiles/municipality-WC051-laingsburg/>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

Langeberg Local Municipality

Demographics and socio-economy

- Population: 105 483 (97 724 in 2001)⁷⁷
- Age distribution: 29,4% under 15; 65,4% between 15 and 64; 5,2% over 65⁷⁷
- Education (20+): Matric 24,8% (21,5% in 2011); higher education 5,5% (6,5% in 2011)⁷⁷
- Language (households): 80,6% Afrikaans; 10,5% Xhosa⁷⁸
- Housing: 89,3% in formal dwellings (90,7% in 2011)⁷⁷
- Unemployment: Official rate 7,1% in 2017 (11,3% in 2011)⁷⁹

Service delivery

- 83,4% of households have access to piped water inside their dwelling (80,3% in 2011).⁷⁷
- AfriForum classified the drinking water in Montagu and Robertson as “clean” over the last few years, but the effluent in Montagu and Robertson were not tested in 2020.⁸⁰
- 89,8% of households have a flush toilet that is connected to sewerage (83% in 2011)⁷⁷
- 96,3% of households use electricity for lighting (94,2% in 2011)⁷⁷
- 79,3% of households enjoy weekly refuse removal (71,7% in 2011)⁷⁷
- AfriForum awarded a score of 22% for the Ashton landfill site in Langeberg in 2021.⁸¹

Management

- The Auditor-General’s audit opinion for 2019/20 was *unqualified with no findings*, as was the opinion in 2018/19.⁸²
- 29,6% of the budget was spent on salaries in the latest financial year.⁸³
- A positive cash balance of R31 574 205 was recorded at the end of 2018/19. Although still positive, it is a vast decline on the prior year’s cash balance.⁸³
- Unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure comprise 3,5% of the operating expenditure.⁸³

Langeberg’s score: 8 out of 10

⁷⁷ YES!MEDIA. 2019. *Langeberg Local Municipality – Demographic information*. Available at <https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/1209/langeberg-local-municipality>. Accessed on 26 March 2021.

⁷⁸ StatsSA. 2020. *Langeberg*. Available http://www.statssa.gov.za/?page_id=993&id=langeberg-municipality. Accessed on 15 March 2021.

⁷⁹ Langeberg Municipality. 2019. *Amended integrated development plan 2019/2020*. Available at <https://www.langeberg.gov.za/langeberg-documents-and-notice/publications/idp/idp-2019-2020/3171-approved-integrated-development-plan-2019-2020/file>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

⁸⁰ AfriForum. 2020. *Blue and green drop project 2020*. Available at https://afriforum.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Blou-en-groen_2020_Engels.pdf. Accessed on 29 September 2021.

⁸¹ AfriForum. 2021. *AfriForum report on the municipal landfill audit project for 2021*. Available at <https://afriforum.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Municipal-Landfill-Audit-Report-2021-ENG-3.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

⁸² Auditor-General. 2021. *Consolidated general report on the local government outcomes MFMA 2019-’20*. Available at <https://www.agsa.co.za/Portals/0/Reports/MFMA/201920/2019%20-%202020%20MFMA%20Consolidated%20GR.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

⁸³ Municipal Money. 2021. *Langeberg*. Available at <https://municipalmoney.gov.za/profiles/municipality-WCo26-langeberg/>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

Matzikama Local Municipality

Demographics and socio-economy

- Population: 71 045 (67 147 in 2001)⁸⁴
- Age distribution: 27,5% under 15; 66,7% between 15 and 64; 5,9% over 65⁸⁴
- Education (20+): No schooling 3,3% (6,2% in 2011); matric 28,9% (20,2% in 2011); higher education 5,5% (6,9% in 2011)⁸⁴
- Language (households): 89,2% Afrikaans; 3,4% Xhosa⁸⁵
- Housing: 88,1% in formal dwellings (88,4% in 2011)⁸⁴
- Unemployment (2016/17): 12% for the economically active population; 30% of the working population.⁸⁶

Service delivery

- 80,3% of households have access to piped water inside their dwelling (72,1% in 2011).⁸⁴
- Matzikama's drinking water was classified as clean in 2020.⁸⁷
- 91,5% of households have a flush toilet that is connected to sewerage (62,1% in 2011).⁸⁴
- 97% of households use electricity for lighting (88,7% in 2011).⁸⁴
- 88,7% of households enjoy weekly refuse removal (67,9% in 2011).⁸⁴
- AfriForum scored the landfill sites in Matzikama as follows in 2021: Bitterfontein – 30%; Vanrhynsdorp – 38%; Nuwerus – 20%; Lutzville – 12%; Klaver – 26%.⁸⁸

Management

- The Auditor-General's audit opinion for 2019/20 was *unqualified with findings*.⁸⁹ This is the same audit opinion as in 2018/19.
- 42% of the budget was spent on salaries.⁹⁰
- A negative cash balance of R117 899 878 was recorded at the end of 2018/19.⁹⁰
- Unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure comprise 23,6% of operating expenditure.⁹⁰

Matzikama's score: 7 out of 10

⁸⁴ YES!MEDIA. 2019. *Matzikama Local Municipality – Demographic information*. Available at <https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/1228/matzikama-local-municipality>. Accessed on 24 December 2020.

⁸⁵ StatsSA. 2020. *Matzikama*. Available at http://www.statssa.gov.za/?page_id=993&id=matzikama-municipality. Accessed on 29 September 2021.

⁸⁶ Matzikama Municipality. 2020. *4th generation integrated development plan, 1 July 2017 – 30 June 2022*. Available at <https://matzikamamunicipality.co.za/assets/StrategicDocs/idp/IDP%2028%20May%202019.pdf>. Accessed on 24 December 2020.

⁸⁷ AfriForum. 2020. *Blue and Green Drop Project 2020*. Available at https://afriforum.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Blou-en-groen_2020_Engels.pdf. Accessed on 29 September 2021.

⁸⁸ AfriForum. 2021. *AfriForum report on the municipal landfill audit project for 2021*. Available at <https://afriforum.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Municipal-Landfill-Audit-Report-2021-ENG-3.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

⁸⁹ Auditor-General. 2021. *Consolidated general report on the local government outcomes MFMA 2019-'20*. Available at <https://www.agsa.co.za/Portals/0/Reports/MFMA/201920/2019%20-%202020%20MFMA%20Consolidated%20GR.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

⁹⁰ Municipal Money. 2021. *Mazikama*. <https://municipalmoney.gov.za/profiles/municipality-WCo11-matzikama/>. Accessed 14 September 2021.

Mossel Bay Local Municipality

Demographics and socio-economy

- Population: 94 135 (89 430 in 2001)⁹¹
- Age distribution: 22,7% under 15; 66,5% between 15 and 64; 10,8% over 65⁹¹
- Education (20+): Matric 37,6% (31,9% in 2011); higher education 10% (13,5% in 2011)⁹¹
- Language (households): 66,4% Afrikaans; 21,1% Xhosa; 6,4% English⁹²
- Housing: 88,2% in formal dwellings (85,9% in 2011)⁹¹
- Unemployment: Official rate 14,8% (22,9% in 2011)⁹³

Service delivery

- 82,4% of households have access to piped water inside their dwelling (77,9% in 2011).⁹¹
- AfriForum classified the drinking water and effluent in Mossel Bay as clean over the last few years.⁹⁴
- 91,1% of households have a flush toilet that is connected to sewerage (83,1% in 2011).⁹¹
- 94,3% of households use electricity for lighting (93,8% in 2011).⁹¹
- 87,2% of households enjoy weekly refuse removal (92,6% in 2011).⁹¹
- AfriForum awarded a score of 86% to the Grootbrak landfill site in 2021, and 88% to the Sonskynvallei transfer station.⁹⁵

Management

- The Auditor-General's audit opinion for 2019/20 was *unqualified with findings*, as were the previous two years.⁹⁶
- 30,8% of the budget was spent on salaries in the latest financial year.⁹⁷
- A positive cash balance of almost R674 754 058 was recorded at the end of 2018/19. This is commendable and a vast improvement on the previous years.⁹⁷
- Unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure comprise 3,5% of the operating expenditure.⁹⁷

Mossel Bay's score: 8,5 out of 10

⁹¹ YES!MEDIA. 2019. *Mossel Bay Local Municipality – Demographic information*. Available at <https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/1220/mossel-bay-local-municipality>. Accessed on 7 April 2021.

⁹² StatsSA. 2020. *Mossel Bay*. Available http://www.statssa.gov.za/?page_id=993&id=mossel-bay-municipality. Accessed on 15 March 2021.

⁹³ Mossel Bay Municipality. 2020. *Third review of the fourth-generation integrated development plan draft 2020/2021*. Available at <https://mosselbay.gov.za/20202021-third-review-fourth-generation-integrated-development-plan>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

⁹⁴ AfriForum. 2020. *Blue and green drop project 2020*. Available at https://afirforum.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Blou-en-groen_2020_Engels.pdf. Accessed on 29 September 2021.

⁹⁵ AfriForum. 2021. *AfriForum report on the municipal landfill audit project for 2021*. Available at <https://afirforum.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Municipal-Landfill-Audit-Report-2021-ENG-3.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

⁹⁶ Auditor-General. 2021. *Consolidated general report on the local government outcomes MFMA 2019-'20*. Available at <https://www.agsa.co.za/Portals/0/Reports/MFMA/201920/2019%20-%2020%20MFMA%20Consolidated%20GR.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

⁹⁷ Municipal Money. 2021. *Mossel Bay*. Available at <https://municipalmoney.gov.za/profiles/municipality-WCo43-mossel-bay/>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

Oudtshoorn Local Municipality

Demographics and socio-economy

- Population: 97 509 (95 933 in 2001)⁹⁸
- Age distribution: 27,7% under 15; 65,1% between 15 and 64; 7,2% over 65⁹⁸
- Education (20+): Matric 34,2% (25,1% in 2011); higher education 6,5% (6,7% in 2011)⁹⁸
- Language (households): 88,9% Afrikaans; 4,7% Xhosa; 2,2% English⁹⁹
- Housing: 91,2% in formal dwellings (88,5% in 2011)⁹⁸
- Unemployment: Official rate of 20,5% in 2017 (25,3% in 2011)¹⁰⁰

Service delivery

- 83,8% of households have access to piped water inside their dwelling (74,5% in 2011).⁹⁸
- AfriForum classified the drinking water in Oudtshoorn as clean over the last few years. However, the quality of the effluent (green drop) showed that *E. coli* levels exceeded 1 000 units per 100 ml of treated sewage.
- 88,1% of households have a flush toilet that is connected to sewerage (77,2% in 2011).⁹⁸
- 90,2% of households use electricity for lighting (85,3% in 2011).⁹⁸
- 87,4% of households enjoy weekly refuse removal (78% in 2011).⁹⁸
- AfriForum awarded a score of 26% to the Grootkop landfill site in 2021.¹⁰¹

Management

- The Auditor-General's audit opinion for 2018/19 was *unqualified with findings* – the three previous opinions were all *qualified*.¹⁰²
- 36,6% of the budget was spent on salaries in the latest financial year.¹⁰³
- A positive cash balance of almost R348 731 269 was recorded at the end of 2018/19. This is commendable and shows continuous improvement on an annual basis.¹⁰³
- Unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure comprise 29,7% of the operating expenditure.¹⁰³

Oudtshoorn's score: 6 out of 10

⁹⁸ YES!MEDIA. 2019. *Oudtshoorn local municipality – Demographic information*. Available at <https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/1221/oudtshoorn-local-municipality>. Accessed on 7 April 2021.

⁹⁹ StatsSA. 2020. *Oudtshoorn*. Available http://www.statssa.gov.za/?page_id=993&id=oudtshoorn-municipality. Accessed on 15 March 2021.

¹⁰⁰ Oudtshoorn Municipality. 2019. *Draft IDP review*. Available at <http://www.oudtshoorn.gov.za/sites/default/files/documents/DRAFT%20IDP%20REVIEW%20DOCUMENT%20FOR%202019-2020%20FINANCIAL%20YEAR%2003%20FEBRUARY%202019.pdf>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

¹⁰¹ AfriForum. 2021. *AfriForum report on the municipal landfill audit project for 2021*. Available at <https://afriforum.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Municipal-Landfill-Audit-Report-2021-ENG-3.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

¹⁰² Auditor-General. 2021. *Consolidated general report on the local government outcomes MFMA 2019-'20*. Available at <https://www.agsa.co.za/Portals/0/Reports/MFMA/201920/2019%20-%2020%20MFMA%20Consolidated%20GR.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

¹⁰³ Municipal Money. 2021. *Oudtshoorn*. Available at <https://municipalmoney.gov.za/profiles/municipality-WC045-oudtshoorn/>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

Overstrand Local Municipality

Demographics and socio-economy

- Population: 93 407 (80 358 in 2001)¹⁰⁴
- Age distribution: 24% under 15; 64,1% between 15 and 64; 11,9% over 65¹⁰⁴
- Education (20+): Matric 29,4% (27,3% in 2011); higher education 15,6% (15,7% in 2011)¹⁰⁴
- Language (households): 52% Afrikaans; 28,4% Xhosa; 11,9% English¹⁰⁵
- Housing: 79% in formal dwellings (80,1% in 2011)¹⁰⁴
- Unemployment: Official rate of 23% in 2016¹⁰⁶

Service delivery

- 77,6% of households have access to piped water inside their dwelling (75,8% in 2011).¹⁰⁴
- AfriForum classified the drinking water in Gansbaai, Hermanus, Kleinmond and Pearly Beach as clean over the last few years. The effluent in Gansbaai, Hawston, Hermanus and Kleinmond was also classified as clean in 2019 and 2020.¹⁰⁷
- 86,3% of households have a flush toilet that is connected to sewerage (67,8% in 2011).¹⁰⁴
- 95,7% of households use electricity for lighting (90,4% in 2011).¹⁰⁴
- 94% of households enjoy weekly refuse removal (91,6% in 2011).¹⁰⁴
- AfriForum awarded a score of 84% to the Gansbaai landfill site in Overstrand, and 88% to the site in Hermanus.¹⁰⁸

Management

- The Auditor-General's audit opinion for 2019/20 was *unqualified with findings* – the previous four were clean audits.¹⁰⁹
- 33,2% of the budget was spent on salaries in the latest financial year.¹¹⁰
- A positive cash balance of R533 187 506 was recorded at the end of 2018/19. This is extremely laudable and shows constant improvement.¹¹⁰
- Unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure comprise 2,6% of the operating expenditure.¹¹⁰

Overstrand's score: 8 out of 10

¹⁰⁴ YES!MEDIA. 2019. *Overstrand Local Municipality – Demographic information*. Available at <https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/1223/overstrand-local-municipality>. Accessed on 7 April 2021.

¹⁰⁵ StatsSA. 2020. *Overstrand*. Available http://www.statssa.gov.za/?page_id=993&id=overstrand-municipality. Accessed on 15 March 2021.

¹⁰⁶ Fouché, D. 2016. Long-term, part-time jobs for 500 unemployed in Overstrand in the offing. *Hermanus Times*. 12 September. Available at <https://www.netwerk24.com/ZA/Hermanus-Times/Nuus/long-term-part-time-jobs-for-500-unemployed-in-overstrand-in-the-offing-20160907-2>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

¹⁰⁷ AfriForum. 2020. *Blue and green drop project 2020*. Available at https://afriforum.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Blou-engroen_2020_Engels.pdf. Accessed on 29 September 2021.

¹⁰⁸ AfriForum. 2021. *AfriForum report on the municipal landfill audit project for 2021*. Available at <https://afriforum.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Municipal-Landfill-Audit-Report-2021-ENG-3.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

¹⁰⁹ Auditor-General. 2021. *Consolidated general report on the local government outcomes MFMA 2019-'20*. Available at <https://www.agsa.co.za/Portals/0/Reports/MFMA/201920/2019%20-%202020%20MFMA%20Consolidated%20GR.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

¹¹⁰ Municipal Money. 2021. *Overstrand*. Available at <https://municipalmoney.gov.za/profiles/municipality-WCo32-overstrand/>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

Prince Albert Local Municipality

Demographics and socio-economy

- Population: 14 272 in 2016 (13 136 in 2001)¹¹¹
- Age distribution: 23,5% under 15; 69% between 15 and 64; 7,5% over 65¹¹¹
- Education (20+): Matric 23,7% (16,9% in 2011); higher education 2,4% (8,5% in 2011)¹¹¹
- Language (households): 92% Afrikaans; 3,5% English¹¹²
- Housing: 91,8% in formal dwellings (93,9% in 2011)¹¹¹
- Unemployment: Official rate 20,2% in 2016 (19,4% in 2011)¹¹³

Service delivery

- 70,9% of households have access to piped water inside their dwelling (69,7% in 2011).¹¹¹
- AfriForum did not recently measure the quality of drinking water and effluent in Prince Albert.
- 95,6% of households have a flush toilet that is connected to sewerage (63,6% in 2011).¹¹¹
- 95,9% of households use electricity for lighting (86,4% in 2011).¹¹¹
- 95,4% of households enjoy weekly refuse removal (73,4% in 2011).¹¹¹
- AfriForum did not recently audit any landfill sites in Prince Albert.

Management

- The Auditor-General's audit opinion for 2019/20 was *unqualified with no findings*, the same as 2018/19.¹¹⁴
- 30,6% of the budget was spent on salaries in the latest financial year.¹¹⁵
- A positive cash balance of R25 323 015 was recorded at the end of 2018/19. This is commendable, but a slight deterioration on the previous years' balances.¹¹⁵
- Unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure comprise 13,6% of the operating expenditure.¹¹⁵

Prince Albert's score: 8,5 out of 10

¹¹¹ YES!MEDIA. 2019. *Prince Albert Local Municipality – Demographic information*. Available at <https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/1214/prince-albert-local-municipality>. Accessed on 7 April 2021.

¹¹² StatsSA. 2020. *Prince Albert*. Available http://www.statssa.gov.za/?page_id=993&id=prince-albert-municipality. Accessed on 15 March 2021.

¹¹³ Prince Albert Municipality. 2018. *Prince Albert Municipality – IDP review 2018/19*. Available at http://mfma.treasury.gov.za/Documents/01.%20Integrated%20Development%20Plans/2018-19/02.%20Local%20municipalities/WC052%20Prince%20Albert/PAMUN_IDP_2018_19_final_reviewed.pdf. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

¹¹⁴ Auditor-General. 2021. *Consolidated general report on the local government outcomes MFMA 2019-'20*. Available at <https://www.agsa.co.za/Portals/0/Reports/MFMA/201920/2019%20-%2020%20MFMA%20Consolidated%20GR.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

¹¹⁵ Municipal Money. 2021. *Prince Albert*. Available at <https://municipalmoney.gov.za/profiles/municipality-WC052-prince-albert/>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

Saldanha Bay Local Municipality

Demographics and socio-economy

- Population: 111 173 in 2016 (99 193 in 2001)¹¹⁶
- Age distribution: 25,6% under 15; 69% between 15 and 64; 5,5% over 65¹¹⁶
- Education (20+): Matric 30% (28,4% in 2011); higher education 6,3% (9,3% in 2011)¹¹⁶
- Language (households): 70,8% Afrikaans; 16% Xhosa; 6,5% English¹¹⁷
- Housing: 74,8% in formal dwellings (81,7% in 2011)¹¹⁶
- Unemployment: Official rate 16,8% in 2018 (19,4% in 2011)¹¹⁸

Service delivery

- 74,8% of households have access to piped water inside their dwelling (80,2% in 2011).¹¹⁶
- AfriForum did not recently measure the quality of drinking water and effluent in Saldanha Bay.
- 82,6% of households have a flush toilet that is connected to sewerage (92,5% in 2011).¹¹⁶
- 85,9% of households use electricity for lighting (97% in 2011).¹¹⁶
- 86,5% of households enjoy weekly refuse removal (96,6% in 2011).¹¹⁶
- AfriForum did not recently audit any landfill sites in Saldanha Bay.

Management

- The Auditor-General's audit opinion for 2019/20 was *unqualified with no findings*, the same as 2017/18.¹¹⁹
- 33,1% of the budget was spent on salaries in the latest financial year.¹²⁰
- A positive cash balance of almost R1 869 729 100 was recorded at the end of 2018/19. This is commendable and represents a continuous improvement over the years.¹²⁰
- Unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure comprise 2,1% of the operating expenditure.¹²⁰

Saldanha Bay's score: 7,5 out of 10

¹¹⁶ YES!MEDIA. 2019. *Saldanha Bay Local Municipality – Demographic information*. Available at <https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/1229/saldanha-bay-local-municipality>. Accessed on 7 April 2021.

¹¹⁷ StatsSA. 2020. *Saldanha Bay*. Available http://www.statssa.gov.za/?page_id=993&id=saldanha-bay-municipality. Accessed on 15 March 2021.

¹¹⁸ Saldanha Bay Municipality. 2017. *Fourth generation integrated development plan 2017-2022*. Available at https://sbm.gov.za/wp-content/uploads/Pages/IDP/Draft-Amend_4th_Generation_IDP-19-20_-03-April-2019-1-1.pdf. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

¹¹⁹ Auditor General. 2021. *Consolidated general report on the local government outcomes MFMA 2019-'20*. Available at <https://www.agsa.co.za/Portals/0/Reports/MFMA/201920/2019%20-%2020%20MFMA%20Consolidated%20GR.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

¹²⁰ Municipal Money. 2021. *Saldanha Bay*. Available at <https://municipalmoney.gov.za/profiles/municipality-WC014-saldanha-bay/>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

Stellenbosch Local Municipality

Demographics and socio-economy

- Population: 173 197 in 2016 (155 728 in 2001)¹²¹
- Age distribution: 23,8% under 15; 72,1% between 15 and 64; 4,1% over 65¹²¹
- Education (20+): Matric 27,8% (23,9% in 2011); higher education 13,3% (16,1% in 2011)¹²¹
- Language (households): 63,8% Afrikaans; 19,6% Xhosa 6,8% English¹²²
- Housing: 65% in formal dwellings (75,1% in 2011)¹²¹
- Unemployment: Official rate 9,9% in 2018 (15,9% in 2011)¹²³

Service delivery

- 66,7% of households have access to piped water inside their dwelling (72,4% in 2011).¹²¹
- AfriForum classified the drinking water of Stellenbosch and the University of Stellenbosch's campus as clean for the last several years. The effluent in Stellenbosch was also given a clean bill of health for several years in a row.¹²⁴
- 97,2% of households have a flush toilet that is connected to sewerage (87,1% in 2011).¹²¹
- 92,6% of households use electricity for lighting (92,9% in 2011).¹²¹
- 71% of households enjoy weekly refuse removal (87% in 2011).¹²¹
- AfriForum awarded the landfill site in Stellenbosch a score of 96% in 2020 and 2021.¹²⁵

Management

- The Auditor-General's audit opinion for 2019/20 was *outstanding* – the two previous opinions were both *unqualified with findings*.¹²⁶
- 31,1% of the budget was spent on salaries in the latest financial year.¹²⁷
- A negative cash balance of R88 334 was recorded at the end of 2018/19. This represents a steep decline over the years.¹²⁷
- Unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure comprise 3,6% of the operating expenditure.¹²⁷

Stellenbosch's score: 6,5 out of 10

¹²¹ YES!MEDIA. 2019. *Stellenbosch Local Municipality – Demographic information*. Available at <https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/1210/stellenbosch-local-municipality>. Accessed on 7 April 2021.

¹²² StatsSA. 2020. *Stellenbosch*. Available http://www.statssa.gov.za/?page_id=993&id=stellenbosch-municipality. Accessed on 15 March 2021.

¹²³ Stellenbosch Municipality. 2020. *Fourth generation integrated development plan IDP 2017–2022 Third Review*. Available at https://stellenbosch.gov.za/download/stellenbosch_idp_3rd-review_06-march-2020_v12/?wpdmdl=8756&refresh=6034f5d15709b1614083537. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

¹²⁴ AfriForum. 2020. *Blue and green drop project 2020*. Available at https://afriforum.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Blou-en-groen_2020_Engels.pdf. Accessed on 29 September 2021.

¹²⁵ AfriForum. 2021. *AfriForum report on the municipal landfill audit project for 2021*. Available at <https://afriforum.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Municipal-Landfill-Audit-Report-2021-ENG-3.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

¹²⁶ Auditor-General. 2021. *Consolidated general report on the local government outcomes MFMA 2019-'20*. Available at <https://www.agsa.co.za/Portals/0/Reports/MFMA/201920/2019%20-%202020%20MFMA%20Consolidated%20GR.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

¹²⁷ Municipal Money. 2021. *Stellenbosch*. Available at <https://municipalmoney.gov.za/profiles/municipality-WCo24-stellenbosch/>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

Swartland Local Municipality

Demographics and socio-economy

- Population: 133 762 in 2016 (113 762 in 2001)¹²⁸
- Age distribution: 25,3% under 15; 69,1% between 15 and 64; 5,5% over 65¹²⁸
- Education (20+): Matric 32,2% (24,2% in 2011); higher education 8,9% (9,5% in 2011)¹²⁸
- Language (households): 76,2% Afrikaans; 8,2% Xhosa; 4,3% English¹²⁹
- Housing: 94,6% in formal dwellings (90,9% in 2011)¹²⁸
- Unemployment: Official rate 14% in 2020 (12,7% in 2011)¹³⁰

Service delivery

- 84% of households have access to piped water inside their dwelling (80.6% in 2011).¹²⁸
- AfriForum classified the drinking water in Darling, Kalbaskraal and Malmesbury as clean in 2020. The effluent at Malmesbury and Darling was also classified as clean in 2020.¹³¹
- 86,2% of households have a flush toilet that is connected to sewerage (77,3% in 2011).¹²⁸
- 98,7% of households use electricity for lighting (97,8% in 2011).¹²⁸
- 83,5% of households enjoy weekly refuse removal (76,1% in 2011).¹²⁸
- AfriForum scored the Malmesbury (Highlands), Malmesbury (Chatsworth) and Malmesbury (Kalbaskraal) landfill sites 98%, 4% and 80% respectively in 2021.¹³²

Management

- The Auditor-General's audit opinion for 2019/20 was *unqualified with no findings*, the same as in 2018/19.¹³³
- 28,1% of the budget was spent on salaries in the latest financial year.¹³⁴
- A positive cash balance of R476 731 941 was recorded at the end of 2018/19. This is commendable and represents a continuous improvement over the years.¹³⁴
- Unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure comprise 2,7% of the operating expenditure.¹³⁴

Swartland's score: 9 out of 10

¹²⁸ YES!MEDIA. 2019. *Swartland Local Municipality – Demographic information*. Available at <https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/1230/swartland-local-municipality>. Accessed on 7 April 2021.

¹²⁹ StatsSA. 2020. *Swartland*. Available at http://www.statssa.gov.za/?page_id=993&id=swartland-municipality. Accessed on 15 March 2021.

¹³⁰ Swartland Municipality. 2019. *Integrated Development Plan for 2017-2022*. Available at <http://www.swartland.org.za/media/docs/2019/IDP/IDP%20Amended%20Doc%2030%20May%202019s.pdf>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

¹³¹ AfriForum. 2020. *Blue and green drop project 2020*. Available at https://afriforum.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Blou-en-groen_2020_Engels.pdf. Accessed on 29 September 2021.

¹³² AfriForum. 2021. *AfriForum report on the municipal landfill audit project for 2021*. Available at <https://afriforum.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Municipal-Landfill-Audit-Report-2021-ENG-3.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

¹³³ Auditor-General. 2021. *Consolidated General Report on the Local Government Outcomes MFMA 2019-'20*. Available at <https://www.agsa.co.za/Portals/0/Reports/MFMA/201920/2019%20-%2020%20MFMA%20Consolidated%20GR.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

¹³⁴ Municipal Money. 2021. *Swartland*. Available at <https://municipalmoney.gov.za/profiles/municipality-WCo15-swartland/>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

Swellendam Local Municipality

Demographics and socio-economy

- Population: 40 211 in 2016 (35 916 in 2001)¹³⁵
- Age distribution: 27,8% under 15; 65,8% between 15 and 64; 6,4% over 65¹³⁵
- Education (20+): Matric 32% (20,7% in 2011); higher education 7,1% (10% in 2011)¹³⁵
- Language (households): 82,9% Afrikaans; 6,7% Xhosa; English 4,5%¹³⁶
- Housing: 96% in formal dwellings (88,3% in 2011)¹³⁵
- Unemployment: Official rate 6,4% in 2018 (11,4% in 2011)¹³⁷

Service delivery

- 86,3% of households have access to piped water inside their dwelling (78,9% in 2011).¹³⁵
- AfriForum did not recently inspect and score the drinking water and effluent in Swellendam Municipality, but both could be considered to be of an acceptable standard.
- 93,3% of households have a flush toilet that is connected to sewerage (77,2% in 2011).¹³⁵
- 96,9% of households use electricity for lighting (94% in 2011).¹³⁵
- 86,5% of households enjoy weekly refuse removal (74,2% in 2011).¹³⁵
- AfriForum did not recently assign a score to a landfill site in Swellendam.

Management

- The Auditor-General's audit opinion for 2019/20 was *unqualified with no findings*; except for 2018/19's *qualified with findings* opinion, it attained clean audits during four of the last five financial years.¹³⁸
- 34,7% of the budget was spent on salaries in the latest financial year.¹³⁹
- A positive cash balance of R42 030 995 was recorded at the end of 2018/19. This is commendable but represents a decline on the previous years' cash balances.¹³⁹
- Unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure comprise 14,4% of the operating expenditure.¹³⁹

Swellendam's score: 9 out of 10

¹³⁵ YES!MEDIA. 2019. *Swellendam Local Municipality – Demographic information*. Available at <https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/1224/swellendam-local-municipality>. Accessed on 7 April 2021.

¹³⁶ StatsSA. 2020. *Swellendam*. Available http://www.statssa.gov.za/?page_id=993&id=swellendam-municipality. Accessed on 15 March 2021.

¹³⁷ Western Cape Government. 2019. *Swellendam Municipality*. Available at <https://www.westerncape.gov.za/provincial-treasury/files/atoms/files/WCo34%202019%20Socio-economic%20Profile%20-%20Swellendam%20Municipality.pdf>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

¹³⁸ Auditor-General. 2021. *Consolidated general report on the local government outcomes MFMA 2019-'20*. Available at <https://www.agsa.co.za/Portals/0/Reports/MFMA/201920/2019%20-%2020%20MFMA%20Consolidated%20GR.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

¹³⁹ Municipal Money. 2021. *Swellendam*. Available at <https://municipalmoney.gov.za/profiles/municipality-WCo34-swellendam/>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

Theewaterskloof Local Municipality

Demographics and socio-economy

- Population: 117 167 in 2016 (108 864 in 2001)¹⁴⁰
- Age distribution: 27,6% under 15; 67,7% between 15 and 64; 4,8% over 65¹⁴⁰
- Education (20+): Matric 24,7% (19,3% in 2011); higher education 6,6% (6,8% in 2011)¹⁴⁰
- Language (households): 70,7% Afrikaans; 16,2% Xhosa; 3,7% English¹⁴¹
- Housing: 77,5% in formal dwellings (80,3% in 2011)¹⁴⁰
- Unemployment: Official rate 9% in 2019 (8,2% in 2011)¹⁴²

Service delivery

- 75% of households have access to piped water inside their dwelling (73,3% in 2011).¹⁴⁰
- AfriForum did not recently inspect and score the drinking water and effluent in Theewaterskloof Municipality, but both could be considered to be of an acceptable standard.
- 84,3% of households have a flush toilet that is connected to sewerage (80,1% in 2011).¹⁴⁰
- 90,1% of households use electricity for lighting (89% in 2011).¹⁴⁰
- 78,7% of households enjoy weekly refuse removal (79,4% in 2011).¹⁴⁰
- AfriForum did not recently assign a score to a landfill site in Theewaterskloof.

Management

- The Auditor-General's audit opinion for 2019/20 was *unqualified with no findings*; the two previous opinions were a clean audit (2018/19) and *unqualified with findings* (2017/18).¹⁴³
- 38,5% of the budget was spent on salaries in the latest financial year.¹⁴⁴
- A positive cash balance of R112 737 600 was recorded at the end of 2018/19. This is laudable, but it is a weaker cash balance than the previous year.¹⁴⁴
- Unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure comprise 20,9% of the operating expenditure.¹⁴⁴

Theewaterskloof's score: 8 out of 10

¹⁴⁰ YES!MEDIA. 2019. *Theewaterskloof Local Municipality – Demographic information*. Available at <https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/1225/theewaterskloof-local-municipality>. Accessed on 7 April 2021.

¹⁴¹ StatsSA. 2020. *Theewaterskloof*. Available http://www.statssa.gov.za/?page_id=993&id=theewaterskloof-municipality. Accessed on 15 March 2021.

¹⁴² Western Cape Government. 2020. *Theewaterskloof 2020*. Available at <https://www.westerncape.gov.za/provincial-treasury/files/atoms/files/SEP-LG%202020%20-%20WC031%20Theewaterskloof%20Municipality.pdf>. Accessed on 14 September 2020.

¹⁴³ Auditor-General. 2021. *Consolidated general report on the local government outcomes MFMA 2019-'20*. Available at <https://www.agsa.co.za/Portals/0/Reports/MFMA/201920/2019%20-%2020%20MFMA%20Consolidated%20GR.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

¹⁴⁴ Municipal Money. 2021. *Theewaterskloof*. Available at <https://municipalmoney.gov.za/profiles/municipality-WC031-theewaterskloof/>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

Witzenberg Local Municipality

Demographics and socio-economy

- Population: 130 548 in 2016 (115 946 in 2001)¹⁴⁵
- Age distribution: 25,5% under 15; 70,9% between 15 and 64; 3,5% over 65¹⁴⁵
- Education (20+): Matric 24,7% (18,2% in 2011); higher education 5,9% (5,8% in 2011)¹⁴⁵
- Language (households): 73,8% Afrikaans; 16,2% Xhosa; 4,4% Sotho¹⁴⁶
- Housing: 83,3% in formal dwellings (86,2% in 2011)¹⁴⁵
- Unemployment: Official rate 6,7% in 2017¹⁴⁷

Service delivery

- 82,2% have access to piped water inside their dwelling (78,8% in 2011).¹⁴⁵
- AfriForum did not recently inspect and score the drinking water and effluent in the Witzenberg Local Municipality, but both could be considered to be of an acceptable standard.
- 92,4% of households have a flush toilet that is connected to sewerage (86,9% in 2011).¹⁴⁵
- 94,5% of households use electricity for lighting (93,4% in 2011).¹⁴⁵
- 87,1% of households enjoy weekly refuse removal (69,9% in 2011).¹⁴⁵
- AfriForum did not recently assign a score to a landfill site in Witzenberg.

Management

- The Auditor-General's audit opinion for 2019/20 was *unqualified with no findings*; the three previous opinions were also clean audits.¹⁴⁸
- 28,1% of the budget was spent on salaries in the latest financial year.¹⁴⁹
- A positive cash balance of R3 066 016 was recorded at the end of 2018/19. Although still positive, it represents a disquieting deterioration on the previous years.¹⁴⁹
- Unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure comprise 5,2% of the operating expenditure.¹⁴⁹

Witzenberg's score: 9 out of 10

¹⁴⁵ Media's Municipalities of South Africa. 2019. *Witzenberg Local Municipality – Demographic information*. Available at <https://municipalities.co.za/demographic/1211/witzenberg-local-municipality>. Accessed on 7 April 2021.

¹⁴⁶ StatsSA. 2020. *Witzenberg*. Available http://www.statssa.gov.za/?page_id=993&id=witzenberg-municipality. Accessed on 15 March 2021.

¹⁴⁷ Western Cape Government. 2018. *Witzenberg Municipality 2018*. Available at <https://www.westerncape.gov.za/provincial-treasury/files/atoms/files/WCo22%20Witzenberg%202018%20Socio-economic%20Profile%20%28SEP-LG%29%20F.pdf>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

¹⁴⁸ Auditor-General. 2021. *Consolidated general report on the local government outcomes MFMA 2019-'20*. Available at <https://www.agsa.co.za/Portals/0/Reports/MFMA/201920/2019%20-%2020%20MFMA%20Consolidated%20GR.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.

¹⁴⁹ Municipal Money. 2021. *Witzenberg*. Available at <https://municipalmoney.gov.za/profiles/municipality-WCo22-witzenberg/>. Accessed on 14 September 2021.

Conclusion

Judging by these statistics and especially compared to municipalities in other provinces, the municipalities in the Western Cape have been and remain among the best in the country. Although not measured everywhere in the province by AfriForum, the quality of drinking water and effluent is generally very good. The province also scored the highest number of clean municipal audits of all the provinces. Although still relatively high, unemployment is quite low compared with other provinces. High percentages of households have access to piped water in their dwellings, use electricity for lighting, live in formal dwellings and enjoy weekly refuse removal by their municipality. Municipalities in the province show improvement in their financial performance after regressions and this attests to responsiveness on their part – something that should be lauded in the context of municipal management in South Africa. Hence, five municipalities progressed to clean audits from the previous financial year.¹⁵⁰

However, some disquieting matters must also be highlighted. Seven municipalities in the province had *outstanding* audits in 2019/20, although disputes and COVID-19 challenges admittedly played a role in this. Although the province's municipalities still achieved 14 clean audits, more than half were *outstanding* and/or *unqualified with findings*. Unauthorised expenditure totalled R195 million (albeit a significant reduction on the previous year) in 2019/20 while fruitless and wasteful spending amounted to R10 million. The City of Cape Town, which did not achieve a clean audit, alone incurred R669 million in irregular expenditure (which totalled R1,4 billion, down from R2,6 billion in 2018/19). The Auditor-General said in her report that the province's municipalities have “good financial accounting controls, but inadequate preventive controls on compliance”.¹⁵⁰ Concerns were also raised about large portions of irrecoverable debt in some municipalities that imperils their long-term sustainability. Beaufort West, Kannaland and Laingsburg are highlighted as municipalities that require special intervention.

¹⁵⁰ Auditor-General. 2021. Consolidated general report on the local government outcomes MFMA 2019-'20. Available at <https://www.agsa.co.za/Portals/0/Reports/MFMA/201920/2019%20-%2020%20MFMA%20Consolidated%20GR.pdf>. Accessed on 13 September 2021.