

# People

**Population:** 1,392,414 (July 1995 est.)

**Age structure:**

*0-14 years:* 43% (female 300,598; male 303,333)

*15-64 years:* 53% (female 398,347; male 344,838)

*65 years and over:* 4% (female 25,773; male 19,525) (July 1995 est.)

**Population growth rate:** 2.36% (1995 est.)

**Birth rate:** 31.01 births/1,000 population (1995 est.)

**Death rate:** 7.41 deaths/1,000 population (1995 est.)

**Net migration rate:** 0 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1995 est.)

**Infant mortality rate:** 38 deaths/1,000 live births (1995 est.)

**Life expectancy at birth:**

*total population:* 63.56 years

*male:* 60.54 years

*female:* 66.67 years (1995 est.)

**Total fertility rate:** 3.86 children born/woman (1995 est.)

**Nationality:**

*noun:* Motswana (singular), Batswana (plural)

*adjective:* Motswana (singular), Batswana (plural)

**Ethnic divisions:** Batswana 95%, Kalanga, Basarwa, and Kgalagadi 4%, white 1%

**Religions:** indigenous beliefs 50%, Christian 50%

**Languages:** English (official), Setswana

**Literacy:** age 15 and over can read and write (1990 est.)

*total population:* 23%

*male:* 32%

*female:* 16%

**Labor force:** 428,000 (1992)

*by occupation:* 220,000 formal sector employees, most others are engaged in cattle raising and subsistence agriculture (1992 est.); 14,300 are employed in various mines in South Africa (March 1992)