



# CHANGING DEMOGRAPHIC AND POPULATION TRENDS IN BOTSHABELO: POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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# BACKGROUND



- Botshabelo was created by apartheid policies
- As a strategy to ensure displacement of black urbanisation to areas behind “homeland” boundaries
- Settlements commonly known as hidden urbanities (functionally urban but located away from the functional urban areas)
- Typical example of fragmented apartheid planning

## POPULATION SIZE IN BOTSHABELO



Year	Population (n)	Annual growth rate since previous year
1979	27,000	
1980	60,000	
1985	149,405	15.7
1991	177,926	2.8
1996	177,969	0.0
2001	175,672	-0.3
2011	151,853	-1.4

## AVERAGE AGE FOR BOTSHABELO POPULATION



Year	Average Age
1988	18
1991	20
1996 Botshabelo Investment Study	24.5
1996 Census	23
2001 Census	25.8
2011 Census	27.1

# MALE / FEMALE RATIO



Year	% Female	% Male	% Female headed households
1991	53	47	
1996 Census			
1996 BIS	54.2	45.8	31
2001	53.7	46.3	47
2011	53.1	46.9	46.6

# AGE DISTRIBUTION OF BOTSHABELO POPULATION



Age category	1996		2001		2011	
	(n)	(%)	(n)	(%)	(n)	(%)
<6	25,058	14.2	20,788	11.9	20,920	13.8
6-12	29,117	16.6	30,533	17.4	21,074	13.8
13-17	21,270	12.1	20,372	11.6	15,531	10.2
18-29	42,143	23.9	40,276	22.9	36,521	24.1
30-39	24,733	14	25,026	14.2	18,787	12.3
40-49	14,974	8.5	17,373	9.9	15,407	10.2
50-59	8,406	4.8	9,714	5.5	11,809	7.9
60-64	3,409	1.9	3,448	2.0	4,017	2.6
65+	7119	4.0	8142	4.6	7,782	5.1

## WATER ACCESS TO HOUSEHOLDS IN BOTSHABELO



	1996	2001	2011
Percentage of households with water in house	16.6	4.6	30.7
Percentage of households with water on stand	24.8	56.5	66.6
Percentage of households with water within 200m from stand	58.0	18.4	1.4
Other	0.6	20.4	1.3

## SANITATION SERVICES PER HOUSEHOLDS



	1996	2001	2011
Flush Toilet	7.3	7.3	39.5
VIP	53.3	48.3	55.9
Bucket	31.4	32.3	2.3
None	7.6	9.3	1.3
Other	0.4	2.8	1.0



## NUMBER OF ROOMS PER HOUSE



Year	Average number of rooms per house
1996	3.02
2001	3.38
2011	4.12

## TYPE OF HOUSING UNITS



	1996	2001	2011
Formal housing unit	58.4	62.1	84.3
Informal housing units	32.4	26.6	14.0

# INTERNAL MIGRATION IN BOTSHABELO



- South to north (combination of factors)
- Schools closing down – especially the south part of Botshabelo

# INDUSTRY IN BOTSHABELO



- Manufacturing sector is dominant in Botshabelo's industrial area
- Currently contributing 35% to the economic development of the Botshabelo's industrial area
- In terms of occupancy levels of industrial sites in this area-there was a decline in the past three years
- The current occupancy level is 80%



## CONCLUSION

- Increased access to services
- Increased housing investment
- Declining population
- Declining school population
- School closures
- The intention of various IDPs to grow the Botshabelo economy and to invest in Botshabelo
- Declining occupancy levels in the industrial area
  
- How does one reconcile the above?

## CONTINUED....



- Despite improved infrastructure and significant housing investment there is a continued outflow of school going and working age people
- What does this mean for future planning?