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VOTERS' ROLL CERTIFIED FOR NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS 2019

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Centurion – 26 756 898 million voters are eligible to cast their votes in the 8 May national and provincial elections following the certification of the voters' roll.

The voters' roll was certified and published on the Electoral Commission website earlier this week following the publication of the provisional voters' roll for scrutiny and objection.

Digital copies of the voters' roll are also being provided to all political parties which will contest the elections.

Since its inception ahead of the 1999 national and provincial elections, the voters' roll has shown steady growth of over 47 percent and contains the highest number of registered voters to date, recording an increase of 1 366 748 voters since 2014.

National and Provincial Elections	Registered voters
1999	18.17 million
2004	20.67 million
2009	23.18 million
2014	25.39 million
2019	26.74 million

Of the 26.74 million registered voters, 14 716 879 are women (55 percent) which is four percent above of the demographic split of the South African population according to Statistics South Africa (based on 2018 Midyear Population Estimates).

The provinces with the highest number of registered voters are Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal and the Eastern Cape:

Province	Female	% of Prov Total	Male	% of Prov Total	Prov Total	% of Total
Eastern Cape	1,917,868	57.03%	1,445,293	42.97%	3,363,161	12.57%
Free State	806,553	55.15%	655,984	44.85%	1,462,537	5.47%
Gauteng	3,307,395	51.83%	3,073,904	48.17%	6,381,299	23.85%
KwaZulu-Natal	3,115,942	56.40%	2,408,726	43.60%	5,524,668	20.65%
Limpopo	1,548,810	59.38%	1,059,663	40.62%	2,608,473	9.75%
Mpumalanga	1,066,424	54.64%	885,373	45.36%	1,951,797	7.29%
North West	896,851	52.67%	805,879	47.33%	1,702,730	6.36%
Northern Cape	336,084	53.65%	290,408	46.35%	626,492	2.34%
Western Cape	1,717,286	54.89%	1,411,363	45.11%	3,128,649	11.69%
Out of Country	3,666	51.69%	3,426	48.31%	7,092	0.03%
Total	14,716,879	55.00%	12,040,019	45.00%	26,756,898	

In terms of age, the biggest category of voters are those aged 30 – 39 years old (6 685 472) which represents 24.99 percent of the roll.

Only those voters whose names appear on the certified voters' roll are eligible to vote in the 8 May elections. Voters must take their ID document (either a green bar-coded ID, a smartcard ID or a valid temporary ID certificate) with them when they go to vote at their voting station.

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