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SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIAL SECURITY AGENCY

Report on COVID-19 social relief of distress grant as at 30 June 2022

As at 30 June 2022, a total of **11 369 797 applications** have been received by SASSA.

Total applications by gender as at 30 June 2022

Province	Female	Male	Total
Eastern Cape	856 681	624 025	1 480 706
Free State	369 994	274 518	644 512
Gauteng	1 226 869	1 029 199	2 256 068
KwaZulu-Natal	1 479 715	1 100 926	2 580 641
Limpopo	930 685	679 347	1 610 032
Mpumalanga	598 518	434 844	1 033 362
North West	460 237	347 414	807 651
Northern Cape	119 571	94 201	213 772
Western Cape	436 021	307 032	743 053
Total	6 478 291	4 891 506	11 369 797
%	57%	43%	100%

Of the total applications received by 30 June 2022, 57% were from females and 43% from males.

The higher number of applications received by female applicants may be due to the known disparity in employment between men and women in the labour market. In addition, caregivers, who are mainly female, may also be in receipt of a child grant for the child(ren) in their care. The table below indicates the number of applications by care givers:

Caregiver applications as at 30 June 2022

Province	Caregivers	Non-caregivers	Total
Eastern Cape	543 311	937 395	1 480 706
Free State	229 920	414 592	644 512
Gauteng	701 344	1 554 724	2 256 068
KwaZulu-Natal	939 916	1 640 725	2 580 641
Limpopo	622 526	987 506	1 610 032
Mpumalanga	390 226	643 136	1 033 362
North West	287 333	520 318	807 651
Northern Cape	73 070	140 702	213 772
Western Cape	223 754	519 299	743 053
Total	4 011 400	7 358 397	11 369 797
%	35%	65%	100%

Allowance is also made for asylum seekers and special permit holders to receive this grant. As at 30 June 2022, the following table provides the numbers of distinct applications by asylum seekers and special permit holders (after the duplications and invalid applications have been removed) for the grant:

Total Asylum seekers & SPH Distinct Applications by Citizenship as at 30 June 2022

Province	Angola SPH	Asylum seeker	Lesotho SPH	Zimbabwe SPH	Total
Eastern Cape	413	207	1 156	214	1 990
Free State	44	120	1 706	24	1 894
Gauteng	88	433	5 054	330	5 905
KwaZulu-Natal	436	336	1 990	402	3 164
Limpopo	209	183	2 844	298	3 534
Mpumalanga	110	147	1 164	193	1 614
North West	128	129	1 528	57	1 842
Northern Cape	51	68	145	23	287
Western Cape	100	510	295	72	977
Total	1 579	2 133	15 882	1 613	21 207
%	7%	10%	75%	8%	100%

*SPH – special permit holders

The youth between the age group 18 to 35 years (total of **6 894 692**) accounts for 60.6% of the total number of applications and similar to the previous iteration, remains the largest number of applicants as indicated below:

Covid SRD grant applications by age group as at 30 June 2022

Age group	Female	Male	Total	%
Under 20yrs	468 149	446 425	914 574	8.0%
20-24	1 137 513	1 049 941	2 187 454	19.2%
25-29	1 048 064	823 957	1 872 021	16.5%
30-35	1 108 036	812 607	1 920 643	16.9%
36-39	639 788	454 666	1 094 454	9.6%
40-44	619 706	430 368	1 050 074	9.2%
45-49	540 509	349 708	890 217	7.8%
50-54	478 504	281 040	759 544	6.7%
55-59	428 266	237 354	665 620	5.9%
60 and above	9 476	5 434	14 910	0.1%
Unknown	280	6	286	0.0%
Grand Total	6478 291	4 891 506	11 369 797	100%

The education level of all applicants is reflected below:

Education level of Covid SRD applicants as at 30 June 2022

Province	No schooling	Primary School	Grade 10	Grade 12	Tertiary	Total
Eastern Cape	127 160	223 113	638 224	432 610	59 599	1 480 706
Free State	35 697	58 308	263 638	254 930	31 939	644 512
Gauteng	101 414	105 994	854 095	1 033 865	160 700	2 256 068
KwaZulu-Natal	190 620	186 775	908 200	1 173 557	121 489	2 580 641
Limpopo	137 353	84 344	660 857	630 230	97 248	1 610 032
Mpumalanga	81 954	62 885	369 201	470 479	48 843	1 033 362
North West	71 507	84 298	310 780	308 246	32 820	807 651
Northern Cape	14 931	27 182	86 973	76 411	8 275	213 772
Western Cape	27 344	82 274	365 339	240 654	27 442	743 053
Total	787 980	915 173	4 457 307	4 620 982	588 355	11 369 797
%	6.9%	8.0%	39.2%	40.6%	5.2%	100%

Majority of applications are from those with Grade 12 (40.6%) and Grade 10 (39.2%). 93% of applicants have some level of schooling. About 5% of applicants (588 355) have tertiary qualifications.

The tables below indicate the payments made per month from August 2021 for the approved applications until June 2022.

Total approved vs paid as at 30 June 2022

Province	Approved 202108	Paid 202108	% Paid August	Approved 202109	Paid 202109	% Paid Sept	Approved 202110	Paid 202110	% Paid Oct
Eastern Cape	1 054 857	1 050 652	99.60%	1 230 304	1 225 219	99.59%	1 289 822	1 284 250	99.57%
Free State	451 531	450 474	99.77%	532 146	530 901	99.77%	556 085	554 486	99.71%
Gauteng	1 626 353	1 621 744	99.72%	1 824 222	1 819 119	99.72%	1 889 563	1 882 370	99.62%
KwaZulu-Natal	1 904 088	1 896 604	99.61%	2 179 460	2 170 824	99.60%	2 268 402	2 257 811	99.53%
Limpopo	1 284 342	1 281 752	99.80%	1 386 539	1 383 693	99.79%	1 417 166	1 414 712	99.83%
Mpumalanga	764 166	762 136	99.73%	845 088	842 912	99.74%	870 986	8683 86	99.70%
North West	591 822	590 324	99.75%	680 680	678 971	99.75%	709 064	706 550	99.65%
Northern Cape	148 842	148 469	99.75%	180 056	179 613	99.75%	191 532	190 873	99.66%
Western Cape	484 406	482 615	99.63%	569 941	568 060	99.67%	595 475	592 994	99.58%
Total	8 310 407	8 284 770	99.69%	9 428 436	9 399 312	99.69%	9 788 095	9 752 432	99.64%

Total approved vs paid as at 30 June 2022

Province	Approved 202111	Paid 202111	% Paid Nov	Approved 202112	Paid 202112	% Paid Dec	Approved 202201	Paid 202201	% Paid Jan
Eastern Cape	1 310 558	1 301 485	99.31%	1 377 179	1 364 957	99.11%	1 393 214	1 376 176	98.78%
Free State	565 797	562 923	99.49%	583 397	578 998	99.25%	591 359	584 623	98.86%
Gauteng	1 904 851	1 893 602	99.41%	2 037 597	2 020 295	99.15%	2 070 303	2 042 753	98.67%
KwaZulu-Natal	2 296 303	2 279 809	99.28%	2 402 718	2 380 046	99.06%	2 417 127	2 384 309	98.64%
Limpopo	1 422 930	1 418 324	99.68%	1 472 563	1 465 331	99.51%	1 484 496	1 473 260	99.24%
Mpumalanga	877 452	873 087	99.50%	930 406	923 719	99.28%	940 685	930 600	98.93%
North West	719 348	715 197	99.42%	762 581	756 452	99.20%	771 735	762 703	98.83%
Northern Cape	197 482	196 316	99.41%	204 460	202 668	99.12%	207 191	204 557	98.73%
Western Cape	603 765	599 456	99.29%	677 984	671 344	99.02%	688 308	677 988	98.50%
Total	9 898 486	9 840 199	99.41%	10 448 885	10 363 810	99.19%	10 564 418	10 436 969	98.79%

Total approved vs paid as at 30 June 2022

Province	Approved 202202	Paid 202202	% Paid Feb	Approved 202203	Paid 202203	% Paid Mar
Eastern Cape	1 411 044	1 368 503	96.99%	1 442 015	1 368 623	94.91%
Free State	600 512	585 912	97.57%	613 043	586 165	95.62%
Gauteng	2 097 806	2 039 861	97.24%	2 134 548	2 035 799	95.37%
KwaZulu Natal	2 431 617	2 356 992	96.93%	2 490 919	2 360 787	94.78%
Limpopo	1 493 547	1 460 907	97.81%	1 513 260	1 459 487	96.45%
Mpumalanga	950 956	927 494	97.53%	966 667	925 401	95.73%
North West	782 402	762 839	97.50%	799 188	763 469	95.53%
Northern Cape	210 766	203 721	96.66%	219 912	203 980	92.76%
Western Cape	702 807	680 879	96.88%	721 684	677 387	93.86%
Total	10 681 457	10 387 108	97.24%	10 901 236	10 381 098	95.23%

Total approved vs paid as at 30 June 2022

Province	Approved 202204	Paid 202204	% Paid Apr	Approved 202205	Paid 202205	% Paid May	Approved 202206	Paid 202206	% Paid Jun
Eastern Cape	-	-	-	-	-	-	723 910	493 651	68.19%
Free State	-	-	-	-	-	-	319 680	228 900	71.60%
Gauteng	-	-	-	-	-	-	962 824	689 103	71.57%
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 261 817	854 994	67.76%
Limpopo	-	-	-	-	-	-	740 617	557009	75.21%
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-	-	-	483 669	351 422	72.66%
North West	-	-	-	-	-	-	374 116	268 308	71.72%
Northern Cape	-	-	-	-	-	-	92 671	63 827	68.87%
Western Cape	-	-	-	-	-	-	319 259	222 311	69.63%
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 278 563	3 729 525	70.65%

Please note that April and May 2022 payments have not been made as yet, hence no data in the table above. The system only went live from June 2022. SASSA started with June payments, leaving a backlog for April and May. April will be paid with July, and May with August payments.

Tables below depict payments made for asylum seekers from August 2021 to March 2022 for approved applicants. Payments data for asylum seekers for April, May and June 2022 is not yet available.

Total approved vs paid as at 31 March 2022

Province	Approved 202108	Paid 202108	% Paid August	Approved 202109	Paid 202109	% Paid Sept	Approved 202110	Paid 202110	% Paid Oct
Eastern Cape	432	432	100%	546	546	100%	581	581	100%
Free State	620	620	100%	819	818	100%	890	889	100%
Gauteng	4 909	4 909	100%	5 970	5 970	100%	6 349	6 349	100%
KwaZulu Natal	763	763	100%	940	940	100%	1 017	1 017	100%
Limpopo	387	387	100%	507	507	100%	544	544	100%
Mpumalanga	228	228	100%	283	283	100%	305	305	100%
North West	515	515	100%	666	666	100%	730	730	100%
Northern Cape	84	84	100%	104	104	100%	110	110	100%
Western Cape	703	703	100%	817	817	100%	888	888	100%
Total	8 641	8 641	100%	10 652	10 651	100%	11 414	11 413	100%

Total approved vs paid as at 31 March 2022

Province	Approved 202111	Paid 202111	% Paid Nov	Approved 202112	Paid 202112	% Paid Dec	Approved 202201	Paid 202201	% Paid Jan
Eastern Cape	599	599	100%	612	612	100%	617	617	100%
Free State	929	928	100%	939	938	100%	951	950	100%
Gauteng	6 510	6 510	100%	6 589	6 589	100%	6 634	6 634	100%
KwaZulu Natal	1 042	1 042	100%	1 049	1 049	100%	1 062	1 062	100%
Limpopo	562	562	100%	560	560	100%	561	561	100%
Mpumalanga	319	319	100%	326	326	100%	330	330	100%
North West	747	747	100%	759	759	100%	768	768	100%
Northern Cape	120	120	100%	123	123	100%	129	129	100%
Western Cape	920	920	100%	942	942	100%	953	953	100%
Total	11 748	11 747	100%	11 899	11 898	100%	12 005	12 004	100%

Total approved vs paid as at 31 March 2022

Province	Approved 202202	Paid 202202	% Paid Feb	Approved 202203	Paid 202203	% Paid Mar
Eastern Cape	635	635	100%	656	656	100%
Free State	975	974	100%	1 100	1 099	100%
Gauteng	6 753	6 753	100%	8 393	8 393	100%
KwaZulu-Natal	1 122	1 122	100%	1 213	1 213	100%
Limpopo	572	572	100%	615	615	100%
Mpumalanga	339	339	100%	382	382	100%
North West	787	787	100%	1 245	1 245	100%
Northern Cape	135	135	100%	152	152	100%
Western Cape	987	987	100%	1 502	1 502	100%
Total	12 305	12 304	100%	15 258	15 257	100%

The table below indicates the numbers of requests for reconsideration/ appeals received to date. Reconsideration data for April and May 2022 is not yet available.

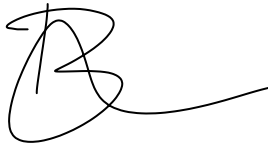
Total reconsideration applications as at 30 June 2022

Province	202108	202109	202110	202111	202112	202201	202202	202203	202206
Eastern Cape	118 999	84 062	66 471	45 186	32 114	41 381	43 520	33 526	58 342
Free State	46 504	38 030	31 374	23 659	17 306	19 368	20 885	17 150	37 192
Gauteng	237 878	173 691	140 591	105 391	77 816	91 333	93 102	75 710	169 277
KwaZulu-Natal	191 214	136 255	107 944	77 699	56 010	68 752	74 973	58 315	138 726
Limpopo	128 506	92 988	74 590	53 312	39 290	51 353	53 886	39 693	129 985
Mpumalanga	96 274	68 544	55 024	41 359	30 125	38 258	39 032	30 934	76 862
North West	55 052	40 939	33 103	25 030	17 622	21 462	23 232	18 852	42 625
Northern Cape	16 220	12 540	10 370	7 464	5 603	6 355	7 126	5 764	8 542
Western Cape	94 055	63 968	50 644	37 134	26 416	31 632	32 760	26 367	35 983
Total	984 702	711 017	570 111	416 234	302 302	369 894	388 516	306 311	697 534

For the new iteration of the grant, applicants can appeal directly to the Independent Tribunal for Social Assistance Appeals.

Challenges

SASSA is still experiencing teething problems with bank means testing, however assessments and payments will continue while these challenges are resolved.

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Mr Brenton Van Vrede

Executive Manager: Grants Administration

Date: 2022/07/07