

City of Cape Town – 2011 Census Suburb Thornton

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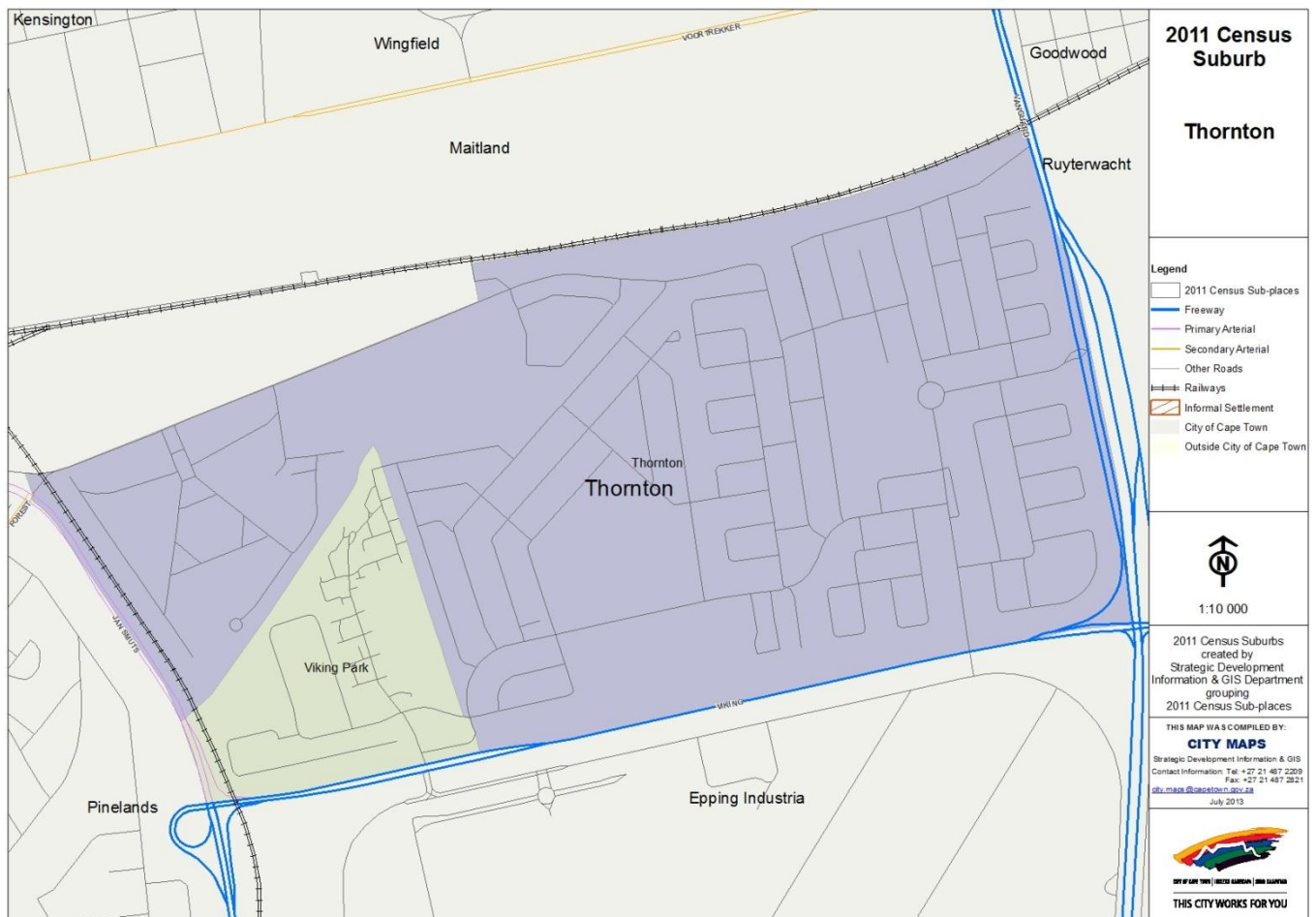
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2011 Census data supplied by Statistics South Africa
(Based on information available at the time of compilation as released by Statistics South Africa)

The 2011 Census suburbs (190) have been created by SDI&GIS grouping the 2011 Census sub-places using GIS and December 2011 aerial photography. A sub-place is defined by Statistics South Africa “is the second (lowest) level of the place name category, namely a suburb, section or zone of an (apartheid) township, smallholdings, village, sub-village, ward or informal settlement.”

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2011 Census Suburb Description

2011 Census suburb Thornton includes the following sub-places: Thornton, Viking Park.



Data Notes:

- The following databases from Statistics South Africa (SSA) software were used to extract the data for the profiles:
Demographic Profile – Descriptive and Education databases
Economic Profile – Labour Force and Head of Household databases
Dwelling Profile – Dwellings database
Household Services Profile – Household Services database
- In some Census suburbs there may be no data for households, or a very low number, as the Census suburb has population mainly living in collective living quarters (e.g. hotels, hostels, students' residences, hospitals, prisons and other institutions) or is an industrial or commercial area. In these instances the number of households is not applicable. All tables have the data included, even if at times they are "0", for completeness. The tables relating to population, age and labour force indicators would include the population living in these collective living quarters.
- The Census suburbs where the population is categorised as living mainly in collective living quarters or is an industrial or commercial area, the average household size has been excluded as it is not applicable. There are some Census suburbs with an average household size that have a small percentage of the population living in collective living quarters within that Census suburb, and this could artificially inflate the average household size.

2011 Census Suburb Overview

2011 Census Suburb Thornton	2011
Population	5 862
Households	1 845
Average Household Size	3.18

In 2011 the population of 2011 Census suburb Thornton was 5 862 and the number of households was 1 845. The average household size was 3.18.

A household is defined as a group of persons who live together, and provide themselves jointly with food or other essentials for living, or a single person who lives alone (Statistics South Africa).

The population and household numbers above are to be used and quoted as the official numbers for this 2011 Census suburb for 2011.

Key results for 2011 Census Suburb Thornton:

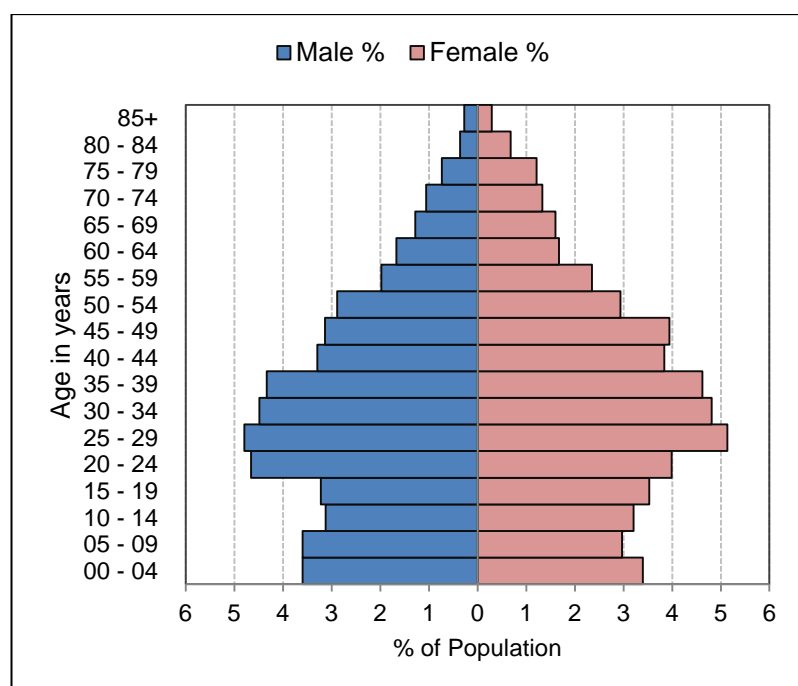
- The population is predominantly Coloured (49%) and Black African (26%).
- 76% of those aged 20 years and older have completed Grade 12 or higher.
- 94% of the labour force (aged 15 to 64) is employed.
- 16% of households have a monthly income of R3 200 or less.
- 99.6% of households live in formal dwellings.
- 99.9% of households have access to piped water in their dwelling or inside their yard.
- 99% of households have access to a flush toilet connected to the public sewer system.
- 97% of households have their refuse removed at least once a week.
- 99.7% of households use electricity for lighting in their dwelling.

Note: There are small variations in the total population and the number of households in the tables which follow. These occur as Statistics South Africa had to calculate the true population to correct omissions and double counts in the enumeration process. In addition when the data is extracted using the Statistics South Africa software, it randomly rounds off all cells to a base number 3, including the totals. These variations are not significant.

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Demographic Profile – 2011 Census

Thornton Population	Male		Female		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Black African	784	13.4%	761	13.0%	1 545	26.4%
Coloured	1 372	23.4%	1 487	25.4%	2 859	48.8%
Asian	95	1.6%	102	1.7%	197	3.4%
White	512	8.7%	597	10.2%	1 109	18.9%
Other	78	1.3%	74	1.3%	152	2.6%
Total	2 841	48.5%	3 021	51.5%	5 862	100.0%



Thornton Age	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
0 to 4 years	137	8.9%	204	7.1%	12	6.0%	43	3.9%	14	9.2%	410	7.0%
5 to 14 years	196	12.7%	429	15.0%	32	16.1%	79	7.1%	20	13.1%	756	12.9%
15 to 24 years	283	18.3%	451	15.8%	30	15.1%	121	10.9%	18	11.8%	903	15.4%
25 to 64 years	869	56.3%	1 590	55.6%	120	60.3%	612	55.2%	86	56.2%	3 277	55.9%
65 years and older	59	3.8%	184	6.4%	5	2.5%	254	22.9%	15	9.8%	517	8.8%
Total	1 544	100.0%	2 858	100.0%	199	100.0%	1 109	100.0%	153	100.0%	5 863	100.0%

Thornton Adult Education (for all aged 20+)	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
No schooling	3	0.3%	6	0.3%	0	0.0%	3	0.3%	0	0.0%	12	0.3%
Some primary	9	1.0%	42	2.2%	3	2.3%	21	2.4%	0	0.0%	75	1.9%
Completed primary	3	0.3%	42	2.2%	0	0.0%	18	2.1%	0	0.0%	63	1.6%
Some secondary	108	11.7%	390	20.5%	15	11.4%	204	23.3%	27	28.1%	744	18.9%
Grade 12	315	34.1%	798	42.0%	51	38.6%	339	38.7%	51	53.1%	1 554	39.5%
Higher	477	51.6%	612	32.2%	63	47.7%	282	32.2%	15	15.6%	1 449	36.9%
Other	9	1.0%	12	0.6%	0	0.0%	9	1.0%	3	3.1%	33	0.8%
Total	924	100.0%	1 902	100.0%	132	100.0%	876	100.0%	96	100.0%	3 930	100.0%

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Economic Profile – 2011 Census

Thornton Labour Force Indicators	Black African	Coloured	Asian	White	Other	Total
Population aged 15 to 64 years	1 155	2 037	147	732	102	4 173
Labour Force	750	1 458	111	528	63	2 910
Employed	684	1 371	105	504	60	2 724
Unemployed	66	87	6	24	3	186
Not Economically Active	405	579	36	204	39	1 263
Discouraged Work-seekers	3	9	0	0	0	12
Other not economically active	402	570	36	204	39	1 251
Rates %						
Unemployment rate	8.80%	5.97%	5.41%	4.55%	4.76%	6.39%
Labour absorption rate	59.22%	67.30%	71.43%	68.85%	58.82%	65.28%
Labour Force participation rate	64.94%	71.58%	75.51%	72.13%	61.76%	69.73%

Definitions:

Unemployment rate is the proportion of the labour force that is unemployed.

The **labour absorption rate** is the proportion of working age (15 to 64 years) population that is employed.

The **labour force participation rate** is the proportion of the working age population that is either employed or unemployed.

Note: Based on available data as supplied by Statistics South Africa, the people categorised as living in collective living quarters are included in the "Other not economically active" category.

Thornton Monthly Household Income	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
No income	30	7.0%	48	5.6%	0	0.0%	27	5.9%	6	15.4%	111	6.0%
R 1 - R 1 600	15	3.5%	24	2.8%	0	0.0%	24	5.3%	0	0.0%	63	3.4%
R 1 601 - R 3 200	27	6.3%	51	5.9%	3	5.0%	48	10.5%	0	0.0%	129	7.0%
R 3 201 - R 6 400	30	7.0%	51	5.9%	6	10.0%	51	11.2%	9	23.1%	147	8.0%
R 6 401 - R 12 800	87	20.4%	126	14.7%	6	10.0%	93	20.4%	3	7.7%	315	17.1%
R 12 801 - R 25 600	117	27.5%	225	26.2%	21	35.0%	111	24.3%	12	30.8%	486	26.4%
R 25 601 - R 51 200	84	19.7%	243	28.3%	18	30.0%	75	16.4%	6	15.4%	426	23.2%
R 51 201 - R 102 400	30	7.0%	69	8.0%	3	5.0%	21	4.6%	0	0.0%	123	6.7%
R 102 401 or more	6	1.4%	21	2.4%	3	5.0%	6	1.3%	3	7.7%	39	2.1%
Unspecified	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	426	100.0%	858	100.0%	60	100.0%	456	100.0%	39	100.0%	1 839	100.0%

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Dwelling Profile – 2011 Census

Thornton Type of Dwelling	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Formal Dwelling	425	99.8%	853	99.3%	59	100.0%	461	100.0%	36	97.3%	1 834	99.6%
Informal dwelling / shack in backyard	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%
Informal dwelling / shack NOT in backyard	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%
Other	1	0.2%	4	0.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	2.7%	6	0.3%
Total	426	100.0%	859	100.0%	59	100.0%	461	100.0%	37	100.0%	1 842	100.0%

Thornton Tenure Status	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Owned and fully paid off	31	7.3%	94	10.9%	11	19.0%	160	34.7%	8	21.1%	304	16.5%
Owned but not yet paid off	102	23.9%	393	45.8%	30	51.7%	146	31.7%	18	47.4%	689	37.4%
Rented	271	63.5%	355	41.3%	17	29.3%	148	32.1%	12	31.6%	803	43.6%
Occupied rent-free	18	4.2%	10	1.2%	0	0.0%	5	1.1%	0	0.0%	33	1.8%
Other	5	1.2%	7	0.8%	0	0.0%	2	0.4%	0	0.0%	14	0.8%
Total	427	100.0%	859	100.0%	58	100.0%	461	100.0%	38	100.0%	1 843	100.0%

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Household Services Profile – 2011 Census

Thornton Access to Piped Water	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Piped water inside dwelling	423	99.3%	852	99.6%	57	100.0%	459	100.0%	39	100.0%	1 830	99.7%
Piped water inside yard	0	0.0%	3	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.2%
Piped water outside yard: < 200m	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Piped water outside yard: > 200m	3	0.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.2%
No access to piped water	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	426	100.0%	855	100.0%	57	100.0%	459	100.0%	39	100.0%	1 836	100.0%

Thornton Toilet Facility	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Flush toilet (connected to sewerage system)	423	99.3%	858	99.7%	57	95.0%	456	99.3%	36	100.0%	1 830	99.3%
Flush toilet (with septic tank)	0	0.0%	3	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.2%
Chemical toilet	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Pit toilet with ventilation (VIP)	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Pit toilet without ventilation	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Bucket toilet	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.7%	0	0.0%	3	0.2%
Other	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	5.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.2%
None	3	0.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.2%
Total	426	100.0%	861	100.0%	60	100.0%	459	100.0%	36	100.0%	1 842	100.0%

Thornton Refuse Disposal	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Removed by local authority/private company at least once a week	420	98.6%	834	97.5%	57	95.0%	447	96.8%	39	92.9%	1 797	97.4%
Removed by local authority/private company less often	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	7.1%	3	0.2%
Communal refuse dump	6	1.4%	21	2.5%	3	5.0%	15	3.2%	0	0.0%	45	2.4%
Own refuse dump	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
No rubbish disposal	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	426	100.0%	855	100.0%	60	100.0%	462	100.0%	42	100.0%	1 845	100.0%

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Household Services Profile continued – 2011 Census

Thornton Energy used for Lighting	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Electricity	429	100.0%	855	99.7%	57	100.0%	459	99.4%	39	100.0%	1 839	99.7%
Gas	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Paraffin	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Candles	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Solar	0	0.0%	3	0.3%	0	0.0%	3	0.6%	0	0.0%	6	0.3%
None	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	429	100.0%	858	100.0%	57	100.0%	462	100.0%	39	100.0%	1 845	100.0%

Thornton Energy used for Cooking	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Electricity	411	96.5%	798	92.7%	48	84.2%	432	93.5%	27	75.0%	1 716	93.2%
Gas	9	2.1%	60	7.0%	9	15.8%	30	6.5%	6	16.7%	114	6.2%
Paraffin	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Wood	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	8.3%	3	0.2%
Coal	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Animal dung	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Solar	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other	6	1.4%	3	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	9	0.5%
None	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	426	100.0%	861	100.0%	57	100.0%	462	100.0%	36	100.0%	1 842	100.0%

Thornton Energy used for Heating	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Electricity	372	86.7%	741	86.1%	48	80.0%	366	80.3%	24	57.1%	1 551	83.9%
Gas	12	2.8%	30	3.5%	0	0.0%	30	6.6%	6	14.3%	78	4.2%
Paraffin	9	2.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	7.1%	12	0.6%
Wood	0	0.0%	12	1.4%	0	0.0%	6	1.3%	6	14.3%	24	1.3%
Coal	0	0.0%	3	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.2%
Animal dung	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Solar	0	0.0%	3	0.3%	3	5.0%	3	0.7%	0	0.0%	9	0.5%
Other	3	0.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.2%
None	33	7.7%	72	8.4%	9	15.0%	51	11.2%	3	7.1%	168	9.1%
Total	429	100.0%	861	100.0%	60	100.0%	456	100.0%	42	100.0%	1 848	100.0%

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