

# City of Cape Town – 2011 Census - Cape Flats Planning District

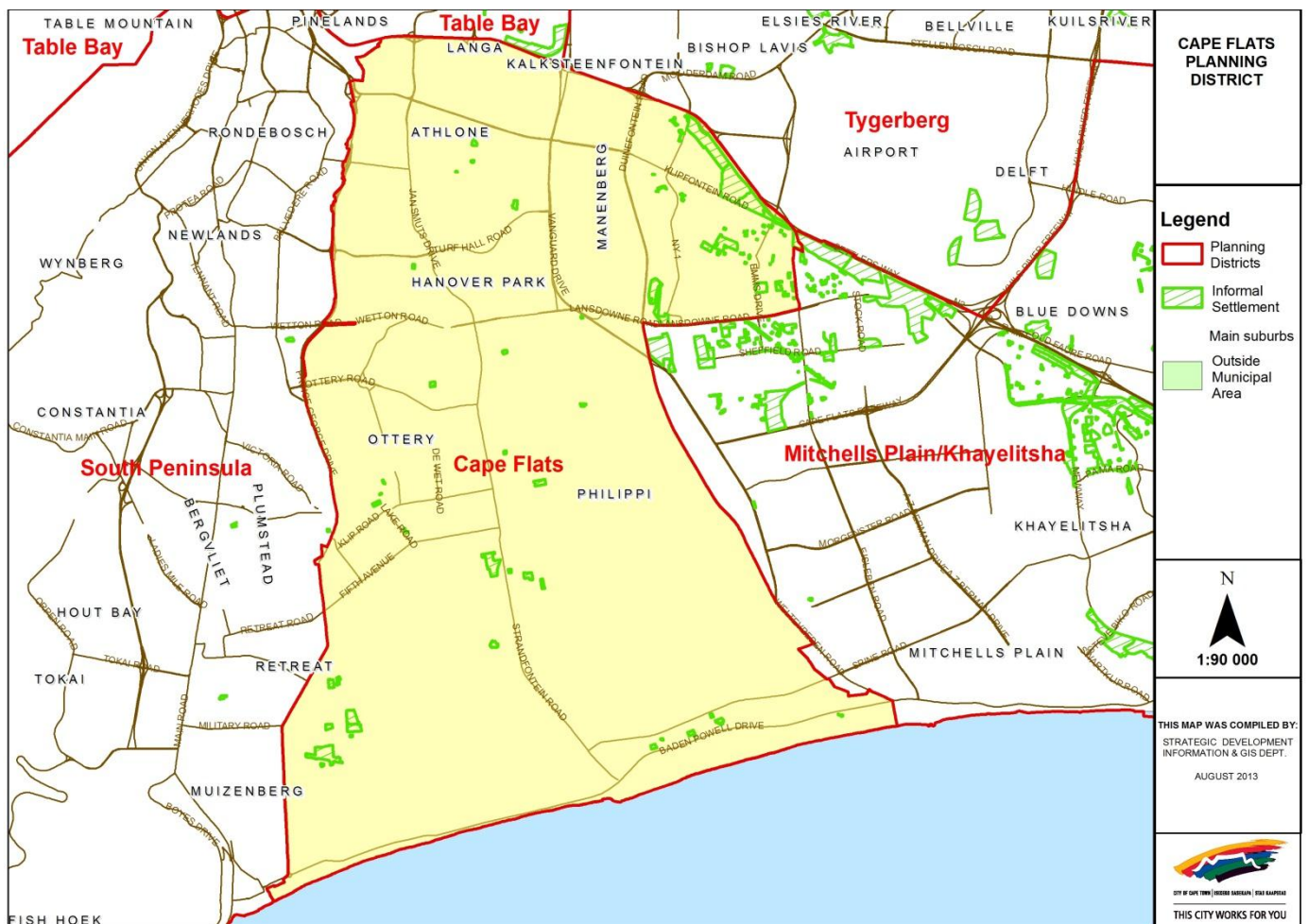
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(Based on information available at the time of compilation as released by Statistics South Africa)

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## Planning District Description

The Cape Flats Planning District is located in the southern part of the City of Cape Town and covers approximately 13 200 ha. It is bounded by the M5 in the west, N2 freeway to the north, Lansdowne Road and Weltevreden Road in the east and the False Bay coastline to the south.



**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

**Planning District Overview - 2011 Census**

Cape Flats Planning District	2001	2011	Change 2001 to 2011	
			Number	%
Population	509 162	583 380	74 218	14.6%
Households	119 483	146 243	26 760	22.4%
Average Household Size	4.26	3.99		

In 2011 the population of Cape Flats Planning District was 583 380 an increase of 15% since 2001, and the number of households was 146 243, an increase of 22% since 2001. The average household size has declined from 4.26 to 3.99 in the 10 years.

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 Planning District for 2011.

**Key results for Cape Flats Planning District:**

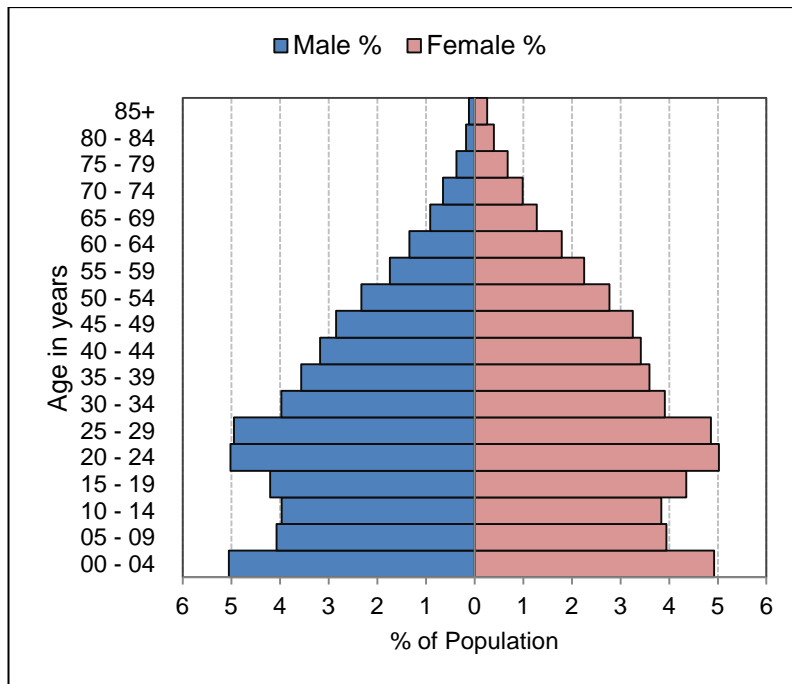
- The population is predominantly Coloured (59%) and Black African (34%).
- 38% of those aged 20 years and older have completed Grade 12 or higher.
- 71% of the labour force (aged 15 to 64) is employed.
- 53% of households have a monthly income of R3 200 or less.
- 56% of households live in formal dwellings.
- 85% of households have access to piped water in their dwelling or inside their yard.
- 84% of households have access to a flush toilet connected to the public sewer system.
- 95% of households have their refuse removed at least once a week.
- 97% 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

Cape Flats Planning District Population	Male		Female		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Black African	97 329	16.7%	99 751	17.1%	197 080	33.8%
Coloured	164 330	28.2%	181 387	31.1%	345 717	59.3%
Asian	9 655	1.7%	9 479	1.6%	19 134	3.3%
White	3 383	0.6%	3 422	0.6%	6 805	1.2%
Other	7 990	1.4%	6 654	1.1%	14 644	2.5%
Total	282 687	48.5%	300 693	51.5%	583 380	100.0%



Cape Flats Planning District Age	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
0 to 4 years	22 392	11.4%	33 006	9.5%	1 272	6.6%	312	4.6%	1 206	8.2%	58 188	10.0%
5 to 14 years	29 196	14.8%	57 921	16.8%	2 511	13.1%	570	8.4%	2 094	14.3%	92 292	15.8%
15 to 24 years	38 802	19.7%	62 709	18.1%	3 432	17.9%	831	12.2%	2 718	18.6%	108 492	18.6%
25 to 64 years	99 627	50.6%	168 648	48.8%	10 428	54.5%	4 017	59.0%	7 635	52.2%	290 355	49.8%
65 years and older	7 062	3.6%	23 433	6.8%	1 488	7.8%	1 083	15.9%	981	6.7%	34 047	5.8%
Total	197 079	100.0%	345 717	100.0%	19 131	100.0%	6 813	100.0%	14 634	100.0%	583 374	100.0%

Cape Flats Planning District Adult Education (for all aged 20+)	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
No schooling	3 150	2.5%	3 009	1.4%	210	1.5%	24	0.4%	315	3.1%	6 708	1.8%
Some primary	11 949	9.3%	22 884	10.3%	705	5.1%	117	2.1%	585	5.7%	36 240	9.5%
Completed primary	5 769	4.5%	15 372	6.9%	426	3.1%	75	1.4%	366	3.6%	22 008	5.8%
Some secondary	60 093	46.9%	99 984	44.9%	3 321	24.1%	1 719	31.5%	3 459	33.8%	168 576	44.3%
Grade 12	38 043	29.7%	59 805	26.9%	5 199	37.8%	2 109	38.6%	3 567	34.9%	108 723	28.6%
Higher	8 754	6.8%	20 832	9.4%	3 786	27.5%	1 353	24.8%	1 791	17.5%	36 516	9.6%
Other	387	0.3%	735	0.3%	120	0.9%	66	1.2%	138	1.4%	1 446	0.4%
Total	128 145	100.0%	222 621	100.0%	13 767	100.0%	5 463	100.0%	10 221	100.0%	380 217	100.0%

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## Economic Profile – 2011 Census

Cape Flats Planning District Labour Force Indicators	Black African	Coloured	Asian	White	Other	Total
<b>Population aged 15 to 64 years</b>	<b>138 420</b>	<b>231 357</b>	<b>13 854</b>	<b>4 842</b>	<b>10 359</b>	<b>398 832</b>
<b>Labour Force</b>	<b>89 253</b>	<b>139 887</b>	<b>8 346</b>	<b>3 396</b>	<b>7 110</b>	<b>247 992</b>
Employed	55 461	105 372	7 395	3 126	5 877	177 231
Unemployed	33 792	34 515	951	270	1 233	70 761
<b>Not Economically Active</b>	<b>49 167</b>	<b>91 470</b>	<b>5 508</b>	<b>1 446</b>	<b>3 249</b>	<b>150 840</b>
Discouraged Work-seekers	7 515	8 526	234	57	165	16 497
Other not economically active	41 652	82 944	5 274	1 389	3 084	134 343
<b>Rates %</b>						
Unemployment rate	37.86%	24.67%	11.39%	7.95%	17.34%	28.53%
Labour absorption rate	40.07%	45.55%	53.38%	64.56%	56.73%	44.44%
Labour Force participation rate	64.48%	60.46%	60.24%	70.14%	68.64%	62.18%

### 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.

Cape Flats Planning District Monthly Household Income	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
No income	10 777	18.8%	8 400	10.7%	446	9.3%	177	6.9%	370	11.8%	20 170	13.8%
R 1 - R 1 600	16 213	28.3%	13 180	16.8%	426	8.9%	158	6.2%	473	15.0%	30 450	20.8%
R 1 601 - R 3 200	13 192	23.0%	12 367	15.8%	393	8.2%	212	8.3%	538	17.1%	26 702	18.3%
R 3 201 - R 6 400	8 885	15.5%	13 213	16.9%	582	12.1%	301	11.7%	482	15.3%	23 463	16.0%
R 6 401 - R 12 800	4 696	8.2%	12 055	15.4%	813	16.9%	484	18.9%	437	13.9%	18 485	12.6%
R 12 801 - R 25 600	2 243	3.9%	10 661	13.6%	974	20.3%	655	25.6%	417	13.2%	14 950	10.2%
R 25 601 - R 51 200	997	1.7%	6 448	8.2%	718	14.9%	398	15.5%	306	9.7%	8 867	6.1%
R 51 201 - R 102 400	220	0.4%	1 594	2.0%	322	6.7%	115	4.5%	85	2.7%	2 336	1.6%
R 102 401 or more	118	0.2%	458	0.6%	127	2.6%	63	2.5%	38	1.2%	804	0.5%
Unspecified	1	0.0%	4	0.0%	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	2	0.1%	10	0.0%
Total	57 342	100.0%	78 380	100.0%	4 804	100.0%	2 563	100.0%	3 148	100.0%	146 237	100.0%

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## Dwelling Profile – 2011 Census

Cape Flats Planning District Type of Dwelling	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Formal Dwelling	34 189	59.6%	72 104	92.0%	4 698	97.8%	2 520	98.2%	2 823	89.7%	116 334	79.5%
Informal dwelling / shack in backyard	5 163	9.0%	2 845	3.6%	28	0.6%	10	0.4%	179	5.7%	8 225	5.6%
Informal dwelling / shack NOT in backyard	17 429	30.4%	2 435	3.1%	44	0.9%	16	0.6%	86	2.7%	20 010	13.7%
Other	560	1.0%	1 001	1.3%	35	0.7%	20	0.8%	60	1.9%	1 676	1.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>57 341</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>78 385</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4 805</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2 566</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3 148</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>146 245</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Cape Flats Planning District Tenure Status	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Owned and fully paid off	20 579	35.9%	23 769	30.3%	1 723	35.9%	1 019	39.7%	694	22.1%	47 784	32.7%
Owned but not yet paid off	3 100	5.4%	19 515	24.9%	1 605	33.4%	716	27.9%	776	24.7%	25 712	17.6%
Rented	14 930	26.0%	29 753	38.0%	1 252	26.1%	710	27.7%	1 493	47.5%	48 138	32.9%
Occupied rent-free	16 215	28.3%	4 014	5.1%	134	2.8%	85	3.3%	115	3.7%	20 563	14.1%
Other	2 516	4.4%	1 332	1.7%	92	1.9%	36	1.4%	68	2.2%	4 044	2.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>57 340</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>78 383</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4 806</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2 566</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3 146</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>146 241</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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## Household Services Profile – 2011 Census

Cape Flats Planning District Access to Piped Water	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Piped water inside dwelling	30 027	52.4%	72 384	92.3%	4 698	97.7%	2 526	98.6%	2 625	83.5%	112 260	76.8%
Piped water inside yard	9 276	16.2%	2 853	3.6%	45	0.9%	21	0.8%	423	13.5%	12 618	8.6%
Piped water outside yard: < 200m	13 269	23.1%	1 965	2.5%	45	0.9%	9	0.4%	54	1.7%	15 342	10.5%
Piped water outside yard: > 200m	4 374	7.6%	444	0.6%	9	0.2%	3	0.1%	21	0.7%	4 851	3.3%
No access to piped water	396	0.7%	741	0.9%	12	0.2%	3	0.1%	21	0.7%	1 173	0.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>57 342</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>78 387</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4 809</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2 562</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3 144</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>146 244</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Cape Flats Planning District Toilet Facility	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Flush toilet (connected to sewerage system)	40 557	70.7%	72 216	92.1%	4 698	97.7%	2 382	92.9%	2 964	94.1%	122 817	84.0%
Flush toilet (with septic tank)	1 890	3.3%	1 029	1.3%	33	0.7%	159	6.2%	66	2.1%	3 177	2.2%
Chemical toilet	525	0.9%	516	0.7%	18	0.4%	0	0.0%	6	0.2%	1 065	0.7%
Pit toilet with ventilation (VIP)	132	0.2%	333	0.4%	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	6	0.2%	474	0.3%
Pit toilet without ventilation	153	0.3%	138	0.2%	3	0.1%	3	0.1%	6	0.2%	303	0.2%
Bucket toilet	12 000	20.9%	2 091	2.7%	30	0.6%	3	0.1%	57	1.8%	14 181	9.7%
Other	558	1.0%	771	1.0%	6	0.1%	9	0.4%	15	0.5%	1 359	0.9%
None	1 530	2.7%	1 284	1.6%	18	0.4%	9	0.4%	30	1.0%	2 871	2.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>57 345</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>78 378</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4 809</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2 565</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3 150</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>146 247</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Cape Flats Planning District 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	52 140	90.9%	76 581	97.7%	4 752	99.1%	2 514	98.1%	3 099	98.6%	139 086	95.1%
Removed by local authority/private company less often	759	1.3%	150	0.2%	6	0.1%	0	0.0%	3	0.1%	918	0.6%
Communal refuse dump	2 364	4.1%	1 161	1.5%	30	0.6%	15	0.6%	27	0.9%	3 597	2.5%
Own refuse dump	1 692	3.0%	243	0.3%	0	0.0%	15	0.6%	9	0.3%	1 959	1.3%
No rubbish disposal	240	0.4%	153	0.2%	6	0.1%	12	0.5%	3	0.1%	414	0.3%
Other	141	0.2%	90	0.1%	3	0.1%	6	0.2%	3	0.1%	243	0.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>57 336</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>78 378</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4 797</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2 562</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3 144</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>146 217</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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## Household Services Profile continued – 2011 Census

Cape Flats Planning District Energy used for Lighting	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Electricity	55 050	96.0%	76 551	97.7%	4 746	98.9%	2 550	99.4%	3 096	98.5%	141 993	97.1%
Gas	114	0.2%	237	0.3%	12	0.3%	9	0.4%	12	0.4%	384	0.3%
Paraffin	810	1.4%	141	0.2%	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	3	0.1%	957	0.7%
Candles	1 029	1.8%	1 098	1.4%	21	0.4%	3	0.1%	24	0.8%	2 175	1.5%
Solar	66	0.1%	138	0.2%	12	0.3%	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	219	0.1%
None	267	0.5%	216	0.3%	6	0.1%	0	0.0%	9	0.3%	498	0.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>57 336</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>78 381</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4 800</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2 565</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3 144</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>146 226</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Cape Flats Planning District Energy used for Cooking	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Electricity	53 127	92.7%	70 125	89.5%	3 630	75.7%	2 292	89.4%	2 649	84.3%	131 823	90.2%
Gas	1 578	2.8%	6 723	8.6%	1 125	23.5%	246	9.6%	444	14.1%	10 116	6.9%
Paraffin	1 893	3.3%	270	0.3%	6	0.1%	3	0.1%	12	0.4%	2 184	1.5%
Wood	153	0.3%	513	0.7%	21	0.4%	3	0.1%	3	0.1%	693	0.5%
Coal	24	0.0%	63	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	0.2%	93	0.1%
Animal dung	30	0.1%	27	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.1%	60	0.0%
Solar	75	0.1%	120	0.2%	3	0.1%	3	0.1%	3	0.1%	204	0.1%
Other	84	0.1%	276	0.4%	9	0.2%	12	0.5%	9	0.3%	390	0.3%
None	369	0.6%	270	0.7%	3	0.1%	6	0.2%	12	0.4%	660	0.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>57 333</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>78 387</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4 797</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2 565</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3 141</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>146 223</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Cape Flats Planning District Energy used for Heating	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Electricity	24 087	42.0%	64 629	82.5%	3 900	81.1%	2 085	81.3%	2 292	72.9%	96 993	66.3%
Gas	1 398	2.4%	1 728	2.2%	276	5.7%	138	5.4%	120	3.8%	3 660	2.5%
Paraffin	19 374	33.8%	411	0.5%	27	0.6%	15	0.6%	96	3.1%	19 923	13.6%
Wood	306	0.5%	1 236	1.6%	51	1.1%	54	2.1%	42	1.3%	1 689	1.2%
Coal	120	0.2%	87	0.1%	6	0.1%	0	0.0%	9	0.3%	222	0.2%
Animal dung	42	0.1%	36	0.0%	9	0.2%	0	0.0%	3	0.1%	90	0.1%
Solar	63	0.1%	165	0.2%	27	0.6%	30	1.2%	15	0.5%	300	0.2%
Other	6	0.0%	6	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	12	0.0%
None	11 946	20.8%	10 080	12.9%	510	10.6%	243	9.5%	567	18.0%	23 346	16.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>57 342</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>78 378</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4 806</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2 565</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3 144</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>146 235</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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