



Poverty, Inequality and Education

South Africa is one of the most unequal countries in the world in terms of income distribution. This edition of the TIMSS newsletter examines inequality not only evident in relation to income, but in relation to the different layers of inequality which exist within the country. Two important issues that cannot be overlooked when speaking about inequality: poverty and social cohesion are also explored.

Poor, relatively speaking

Linda Zuze takes a [different approach](#) to evaluating African education systems that goes beyond the traditional method of ranking countries based on standardized test results.

Class over race: new barriers to social inclusion

Using the South African Social Attitudes Survey (SASAS), we investigate the South African public's views toward the inclusion of children of different races and socioeconomic groups in schools, as a way to [gauge where the public stands on the matter of social segregation and integration](#), with some surprising results.

Examining inequality in South African education

This month's infographic looks at [inequality within the South African education system](#) in relation to how different segments of the population fare in terms of completion rates and levels of literacy, and mathematics and science ability.

Schooling inequality, higher education and the labour market

[A recent study](#) undertaken by the HSRC's Labour Market Intelligence Partnership (LMIP) investigates the socio-demographic factors that are associated with whether the degrees that university graduates obtain reflect their first qualification choices, and also examines the effects of those factors and degree types on labour market outcomes.

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