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## **South Africa's people: Unity in diversity**

South Africa is a multicultural nation where various cultures merge to form a unique nation, proud of its heritage. The South African population consists of the following groups: the Nguni (comprising the Zulu, Xhosa, Ndebele and Swazi people); Sotho-Tswana, who include the Southern, Northern and Western Sotho (Tswana people); Tsonga; Venda; Afrikaners; English; coloureds; Indians; Khoi and San; and those who have immigrated to South Africa from the rest of Africa, Europe and Asia and who maintain a strong cultural identity.

The South African national flag first flew on 10 May 1994 – the day Nelson Mandela became President, and two weeks after the country's first democratic elections on 27 April 1994. It has become one of the most recognisable flags in the world.





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