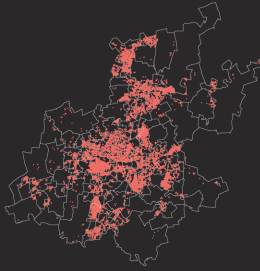


# The story of GCRO data

Our primary data source is the Quality of Life survey, conducted every two years, since 2009.

The survey is large. It is one of the largest surveys of perceptions and social attitudes in South Africa. Recent iterations of the survey have had some 250 questions and cover 20,000 - 30,000 respondents from every corner of Gauteng.

The survey is designed so that we can reflect on the lives and circumstances of residents at various geographical scales - for the province as a whole, across its 9 municipalities, and even down to electoral wards. From 2013, respondents from at least 30 randomly selected households in each ward have participated. This spatial distribution of respondents allows us to map results across the 530 wards in the province.



The survey contains over 200 questions, exploring diverse topics such as employment, living conditions, access to services, health and transport, migration and opinions about government and society.



## QOL V (2017/18) QUESTIONNAIRE



- Community
- Community Services
- Demographic/Household
- Education
- Employment & business
- Finance & household services
- Hospitals, well being & quality of life
- Health
- Household services & needs
- Housing
- Migration
- Public participation, governance & democracy
- Safety & crime
- Transport

In addition to QoL, GCRO has also done recent surveys on cross-border traders, households in the far-periphery of the region, and business-owners.

The GCRO also collects a range of other, largely qualitative, data for our maps and research reports. We collect photographic data. We have spent time observing urban administrators at work in ethnographic studies. We conduct interviews with government officials and policymakers, members of civil society working on social cohesion projects, residents of gated communities and informal settlements, street traders, and mothers.

The GCRO also makes use of many statistical and spatial datasets generated by others. These include key demographic datasets from Statistics South Africa, and a variety of spatial layers provided by GeoTerralago, the South African National Space Agency (SANSA), the CSIR, municipal GIS departments, and provincial and national departments such as the Gauteng Planning Division, amongst others.

## THE QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX

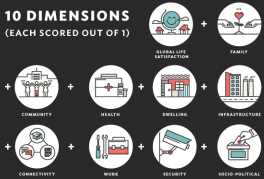


We use our survey data to create various indices including a Quality of Life Index, providing an overall assessment of people's wellbeing across Gauteng that can be tracked over time. Approximately 60 survey questions have remained constant so that we can consistently measure key changes in quality of life over each survey. The answers to these questions are consolidated into a single measure, a Quality of Life Index score out of 10.

Other questions change to ensure the survey remains relevant to key stakeholders, as their areas of focus shift and evolve.

The QoL data is freely available for academic and non-commercial research purposes. It has been requested by interested researchers from across the world.

## 10 DIMENSIONS (EACH SCORED OUT OF 1)



5 scores are added together = QUALITY OF LIFE SCORE OUT OF 10

Visit our website to find out more about our data and how we have used it. [www.gcro.ac.za](http://www.gcro.ac.za)



## QUALITY OF LIFE SURVEY DATA REQUESTS

