

# 15 LIVING SOLO IN GAUTENG

An analysis of single person households reveals that there are both challenges and opportunities associated with this type of lifestyle.

**100%** increase in people living solo in Gauteng between 2001 and 2011

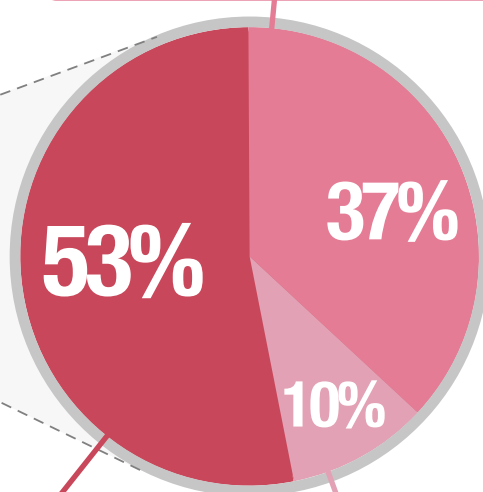
Other households increased by 32% in the same period. This is a national phenomenon most prominent in Gauteng.

*Based on the best available data, not reflecting provincial boundary changes between 2001 and 2011*

**1/10** or 1 170 734 people live solo in Gauteng



South Africans born outside Gauteng



Born in Gauteng

Born outside South Africa

*\*GCRO Quality of Life Survey 2011  
All other data from Census 2011*



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GOR vignettes



*\*Refer to  
<http://www.gcro.ac.za/about-gcr/vignettes>  
for more information*

## Household Profile

Living Solo

Not Living Solo

Household earns <R1 600 per month



50%



30%

Household earns >R25 000 per month



4%



16%

Household in debt\*



18%



27%

Live in informal housing



26%



16%

Live in rental housing



49%



27%

Good - high quality of life\*



45%



54%

## Implications?

- What proportion of people living solo want to move from informal to formal housing?
- How many people are living solo out of choice?
- Is there sufficient rental accommodation, at the right price, available for the growing numbers of people living solo?
- The solo living market offers opportunities for private and public sector investment in low-cost rental, or high-density and low cost tenured housing.