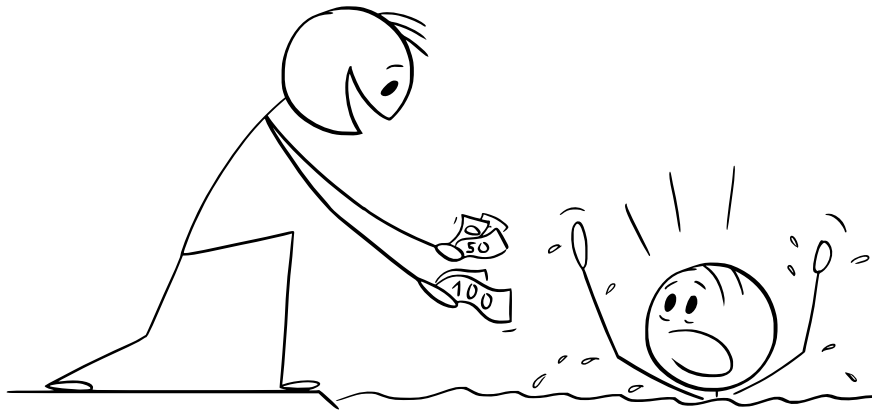




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WHO GETS GRANTS?





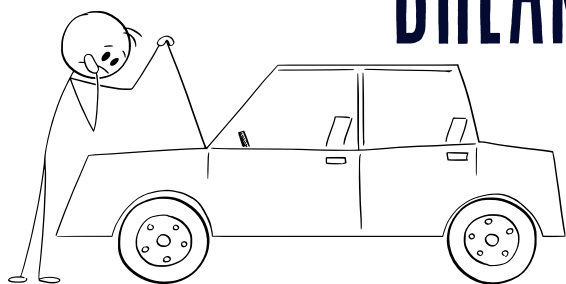
TOTAL BENEFICIARIES

Approximately 25.4 million individuals—or 40.1% of the population—rely on social grants as of 2025, according to the latest Stats SA General Household Survey.

Another authoritative source cites 28 million beneficiaries, encompassing both traditional grant recipients and those receiving the COVID-era Social Relief of Distress (SRD) grant

This means roughly 1 in 3 to 1 in 2 South Africans receive some form of government assistance.





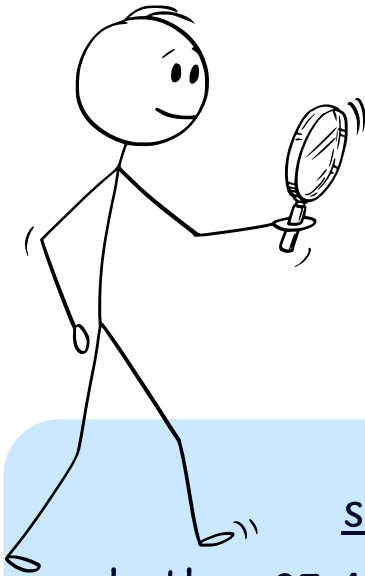
BREAKDOWN BY GRANT TYPE (MONTHLY RECIPIENTS)

ACCORDING TO A RECENT INDEPENDENT DATA DASHBOARD
(DRAWING FROM SASSA, STATS SA, AND TREASURY DATA):

Grant Type	Number of Beneficiaries	% of Total (approx.)
Child Support Grant	12.8 million	35%
Older Persons Grant	3.9 million	42% (of grant recipients)
Disability Grant	1.1 million	12%
SRD Grant	7.4 million	8%
Foster Child Grant	0.3 million	2%
Care Dependency Grant	0.2 million	1%

NOTE: THE PERCENTAGE FOR OLDER PERSONS GRANT REFERS
TO ITS SHARE AMONG THE LISTED GRANT TYPES





CONTEXT & INSIGHTS

SCALE AND COVERAGE:

Whether 25.4 or 28 million, these figures reveal that a substantial share of the population (roughly 40-45%) receives social assistance.

CHILD SUPPORT DOMINATES:

With over 12 million beneficiaries, the Child Support Grant reaches more people than any other category.

COMBINED REACH:

The sheer number of beneficiaries underscores the social grants' role as the backbone of the national safety net.



SUMMARY AT A GLANCE



- TOTAL RECIPIENTS: ~25–28 MILLION PEOPLE (~40–45% OF SOUTH AFRICANS)

TOP CATEGORIES:

- CHILD SUPPORT: ~12.8 MILLION
- OLDER PERSONS: ~3.9 MILLION
- SRD (COVID-ERA SUPPORT): ~7.4 MILLION
- DISABILITY: ~1.1 MILLION
- FOSTER CARE: ~0.3 MILLION
- CARE DEPENDENCY: ~0.2 MILLION



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