

Poverty

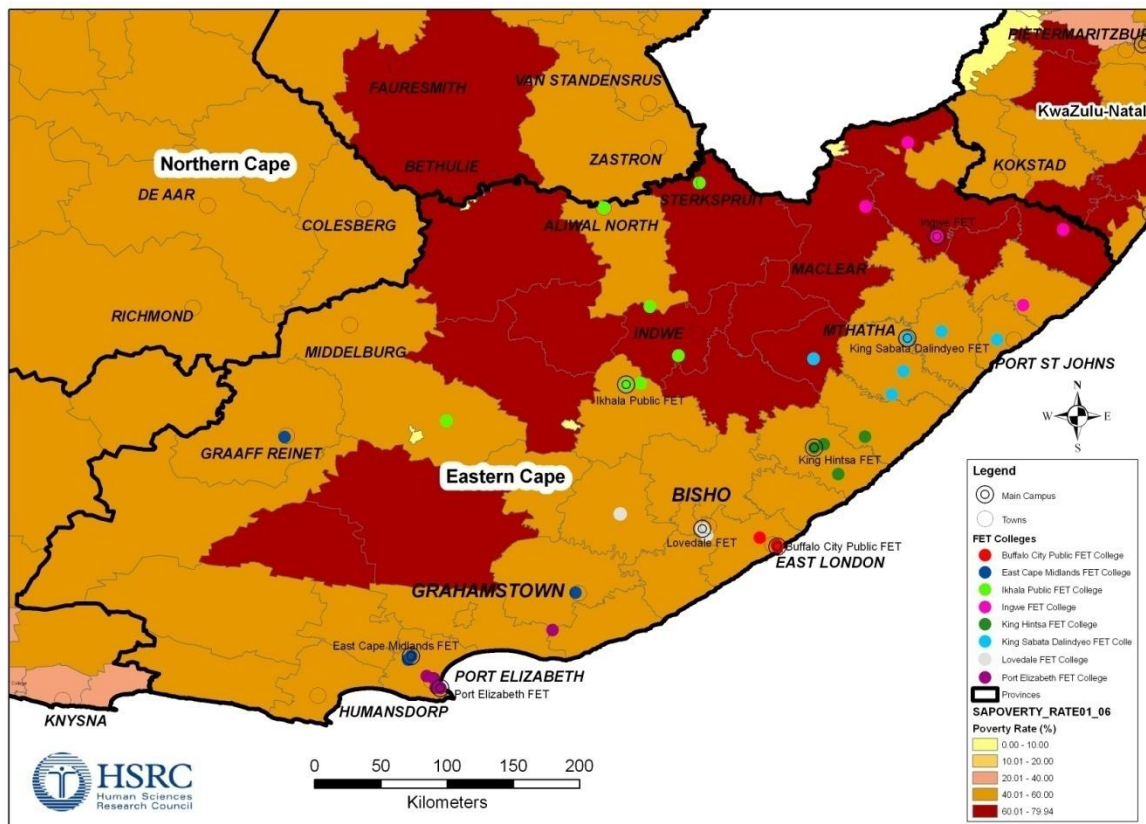
Overview

Even though there is no agreed international definition of poverty, basically poverty refers to the lack of resources required to meet people's unmet needs. In this case, the poverty rate is the proportion of people living below the poverty line in South Africa. The poverty line used in this study is based on the Bureau of Market Research's Minimum Living Level (MLL). The poverty line varies according to household size, the larger the household the larger the income required to keep its members out of poverty. In order to calculate the aggregate poverty rate, a cross-tabulation of household income by household size, municipality and race is drawn from the 2001 census. The poverty rate of each household is summed to arrive at the aggregate poverty rate for each municipality.

In the Western Cape, Gauteng and North West provinces, none of the FET colleges falls within the highest poverty rate category (more than 60%). In the Northern Cape and Mpumalanga only one FET college in each area is located in an area which is within the highest poverty rate category: Northern Cape Rural (Kuruman campus); and Gert Sibande (Sibanesetfu campus). The rest of the provinces – Limpopo, KwaZulu-Natal, Eastern Cape and Free State – each have more than five FET colleges in the highest poverty rate category. In the Western Cape, Gauteng and Northern Cape most FET colleges are located in the lower poverty category (20% - 40%), with Western Cape being an exception as some FET colleges are situated in areas where poverty rates are below 20%. In the metros, excluding the Nelson Mandela Bay, almost all FET colleges fall within the lower poverty category (20% - 40%).

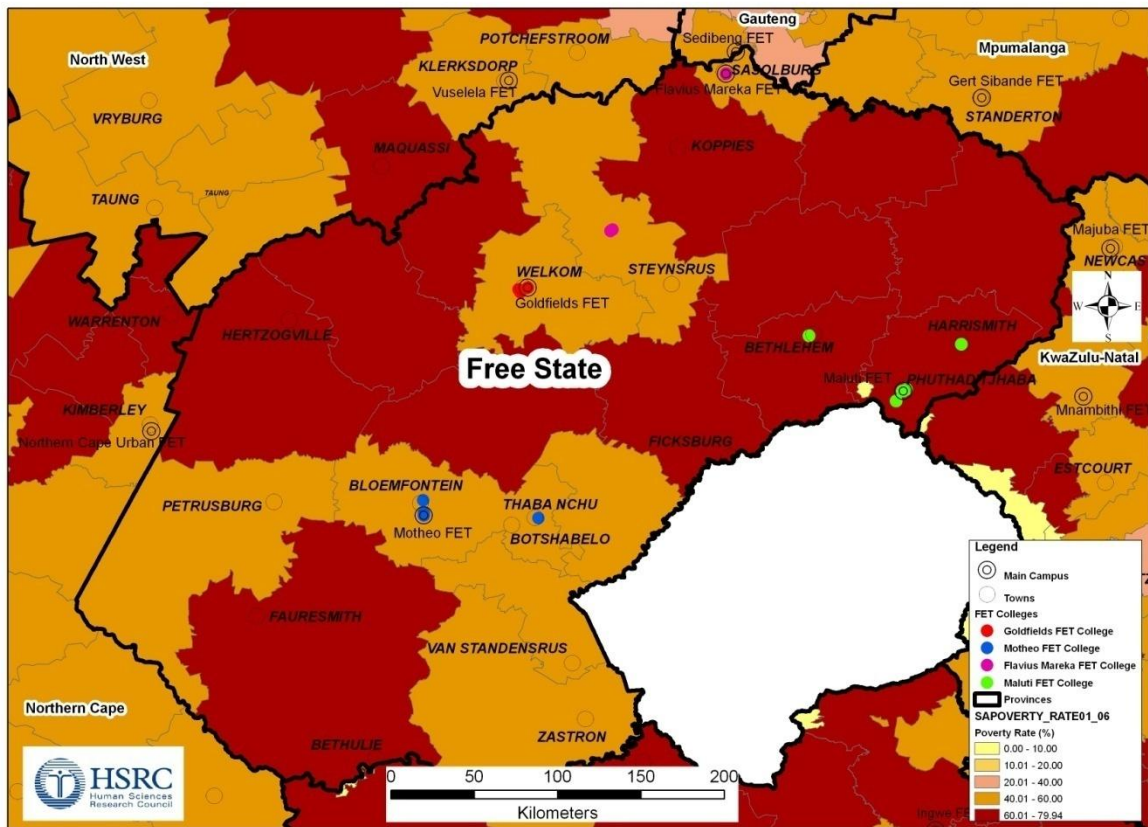
Geo-location of college campuses by poverty

Eastern Cape: FET college location by poverty



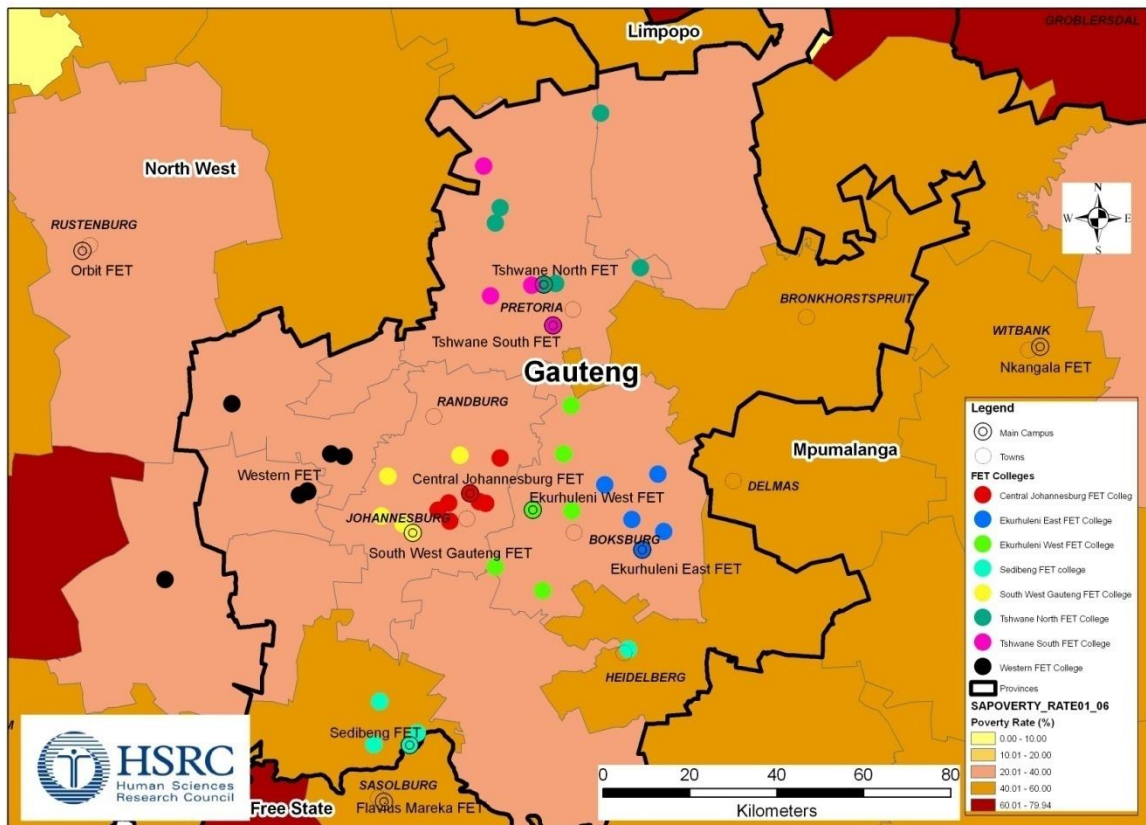
In the Eastern Cape, there are 48 FET college campuses, 19 of which are in the highest poverty category while the remaining 29 are in the middle poverty category. Some municipalities in this province have more than two college campuses, whereas others do not have a single campus, especially on the coastline. The locations of colleges overlap with the locations of urban areas. There are for instance six college campuses in Nelson Mandela Bay, five in Buffalo City, and three in Mnquma municipality. Students from college campuses located in the highest poverty rate category might experience difficulty in terms of being able to complete their studies because of financial constraints; the financial viability of these colleges might also be an issue.

Free State: FET college location by poverty



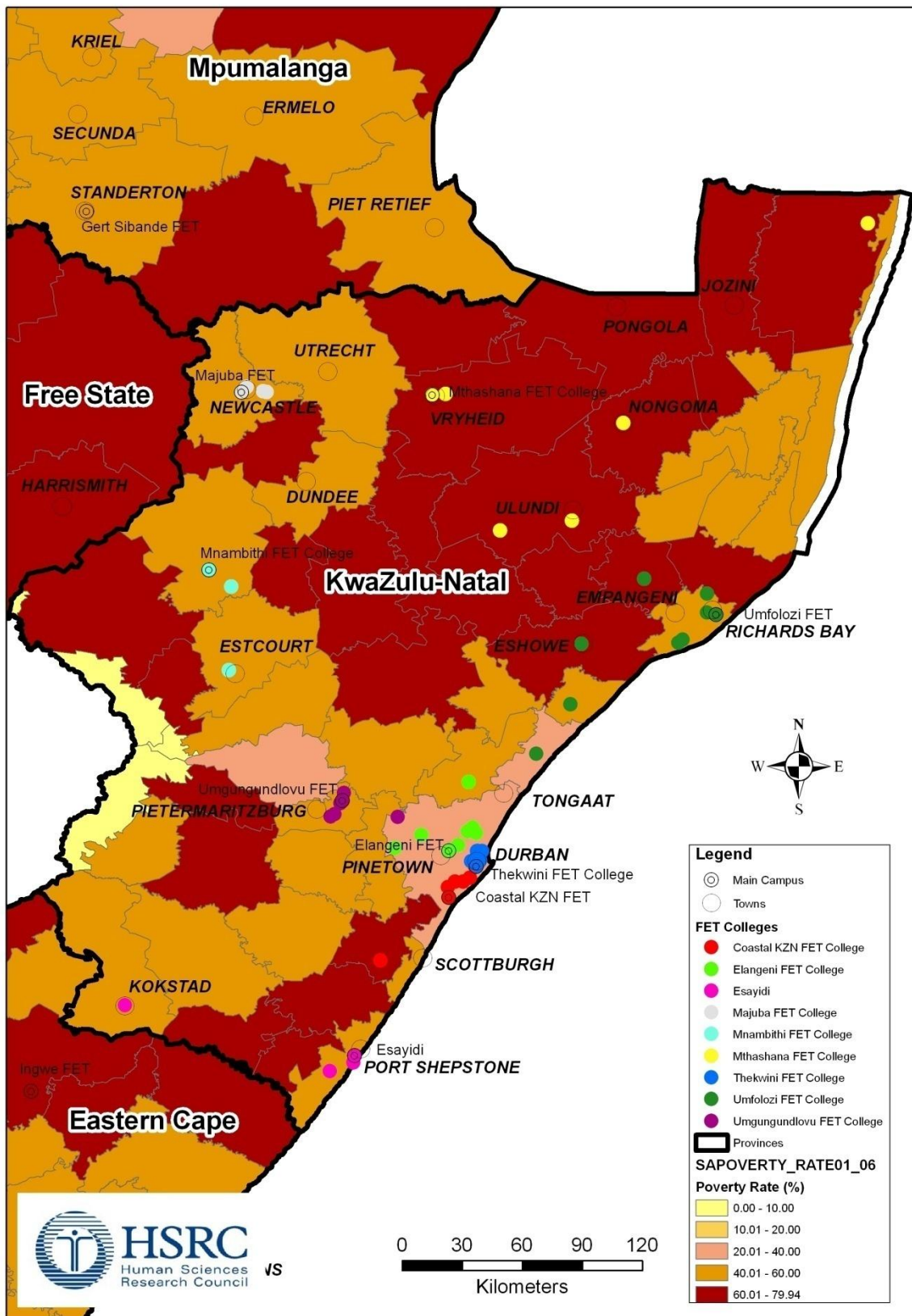
In the Free State, eight of the 19 FET college campuses are within the highest poverty category, while 11 are within the middle category. Seven of the eight college campuses in the highest poverty rate category are located in the Maluti a Phofung municipality.

Gauteng: FET college location by poverty



In Gauteng, a few college campuses of the 48 are in the middle poverty category (four in Emfuleni municipality and one in Lesedi municipality), while the rest are in the lower poverty category.

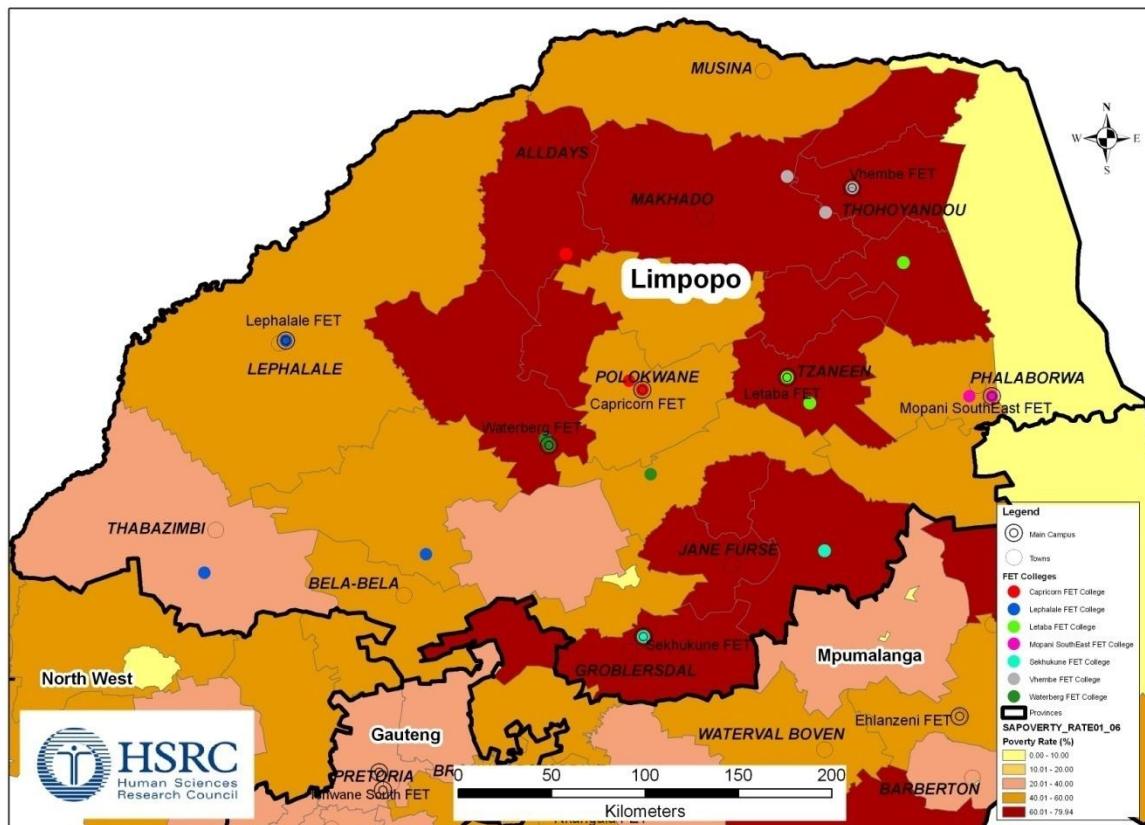
KwaZulu-Natal: FET college location by poverty



In KwaZulu-Natal, the 66 college campuses are almost equally distributed within the three poverty rate categories – highest (>60%); middle (40% - 60%), and lower (20% - 40%). All

college campuses in the middle poverty category are located in eThekweni municipality, except Umfolozi college (Albert Luthuli Skills campus), which is in KwaDukuza municipality.

Limpopo: FET college location by poverty



In Limpopo, most of the 27 FET college campuses are in the highest poverty rate category. Six college campuses are in the middle poverty rate category, while only one is in the lower poverty category, that is, Lephale (Amandelbult campus), in the Thabazimbi municipality.