

Planning dilemmas facing immigrant host cities: evidence from South Africa.

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Background

- International migration to South Africa (SA) has been on the increase due to a number of factors which include its incorporation into the SADC, the fall of Apartheid and crises in the SADC region and the rest of Africa.
- These south-south flows create problems to newly industrialized countries.
- Urban planning in SA for example is affected yet it still faces other immediate developmental challenges caused by Apartheid spatial planning e.g. spatial segregation

Available Immigrant Data in SA

2,200,000

(estimated number of foreigners living in SA, Stats SA 2011)

500,000-1,000,000

(estimated number of undocumented immigrants, Stats SA 2015)

NB: Immigrant data in SA is obscure because of illegal immigrants. This affects planning at any level for it requires population projections that are highly objective based on actual movements.

Methods

- Case study Research Design (Mining cities in the North-West Province - Rustenburg and Matlosana)
- Mixed Methods Approach
- Expert opinions from key informants

Planning Dilemmas due to immigration

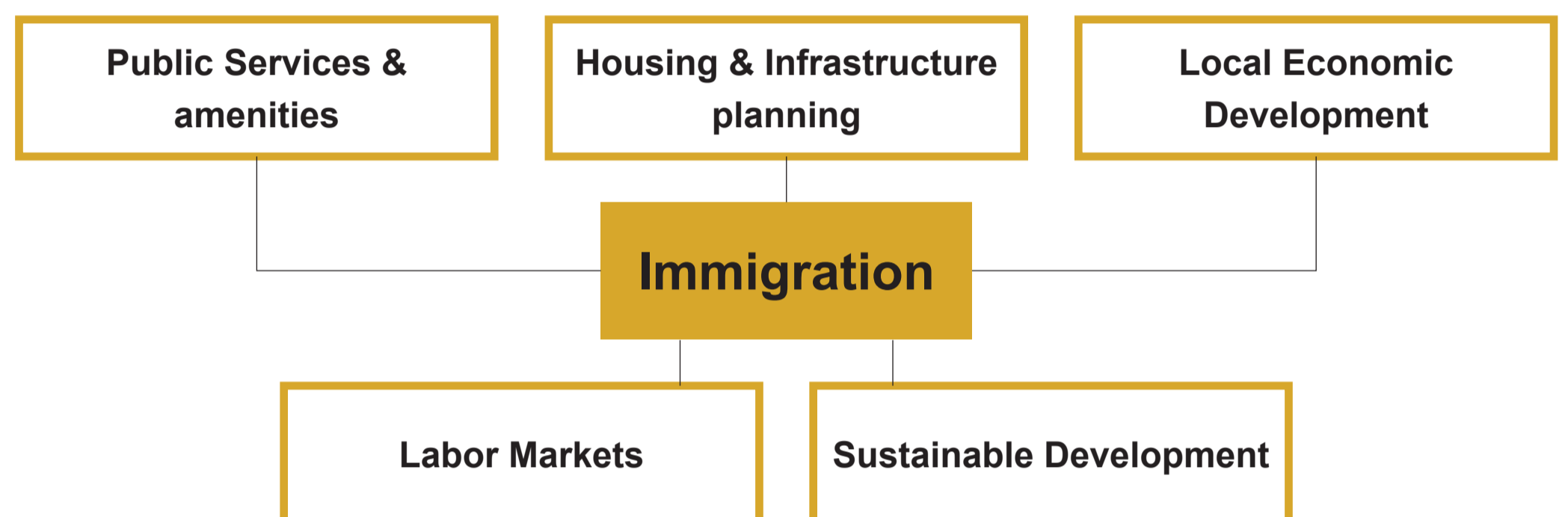


Table 1 Net Immigration Countries or Areas (in thousands)

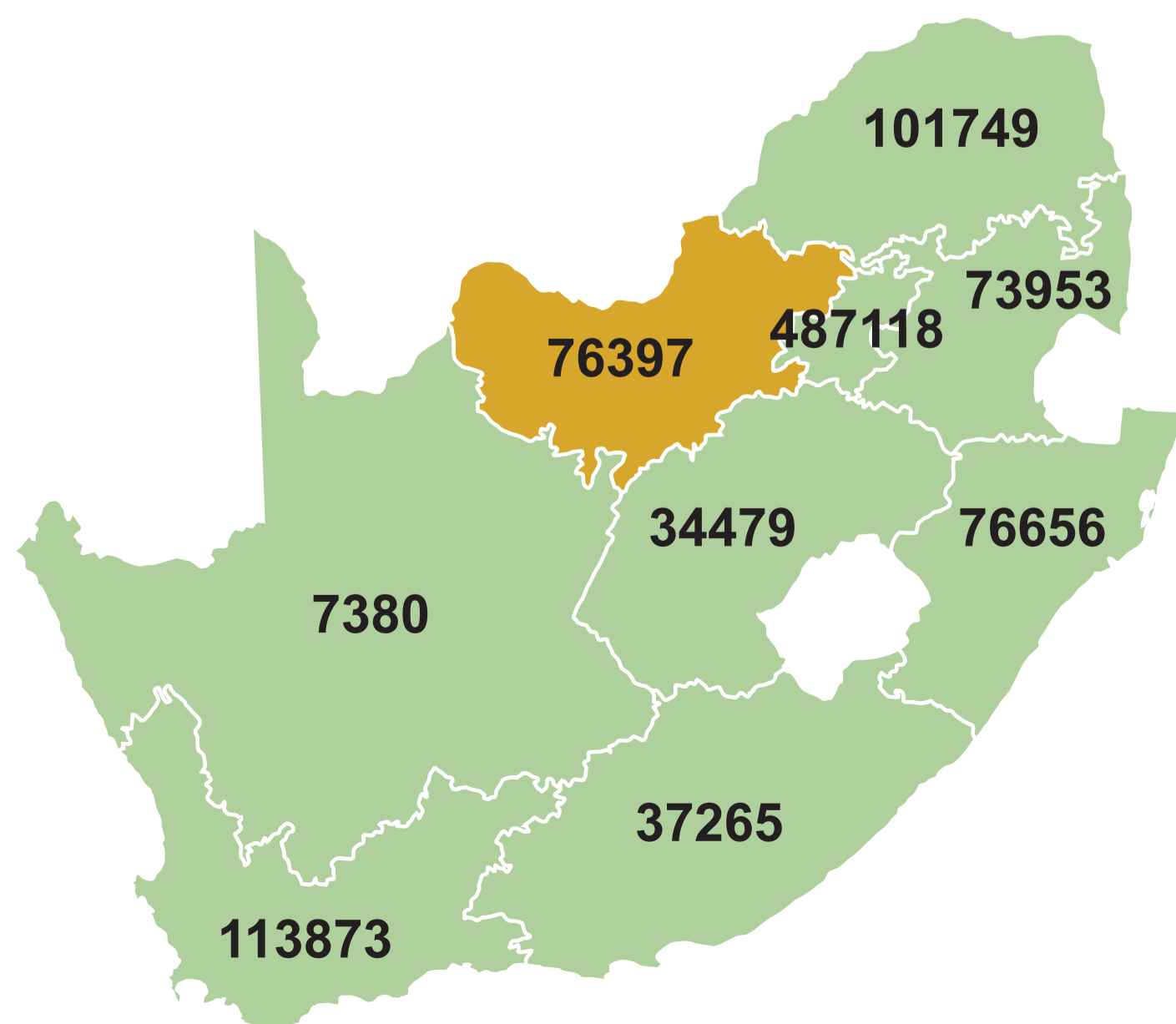
Numbers in ('0000s)				
Rank	Country / Area	1990-2000	Country / Area	2000-2010
1	USA	1292	USA	1055
2	Russian Federation	453	Spain	508
3	Germany	407	UAE	468
4	Afghanistan	264	Russian Federation	389
5	Canada	146	Italy	376
6	Spain	112	South Africa	247
7	Ethiopia	99	Saudi Arabia	235
8	South Africa	96	Canada	228
9	Australia	87	United Kingdom	181
10	UAE	79	Australia	181

Source UNDESA, Population Division 2013, World Population Prospects: The 2012 Revision, DVD Edition

Immigrant data by province

Immigration % by province

- Eastern Cape: 3,71%
- Free State: 3,42%
- Gauteng: 48,28%
- Kwazulu Natal: 7,64%
- Limpopo: 10,08%
- Mpumalanga: 7,33%
- North-West: 7,61%
- Northern Cape: 0,73%
- Western Cape: 11,34%



Numbers from Statistics SA 2011

Implications on planning



Recommendations

- Enhance immigrant data collection through:
 - Immigrant surveys by local municipalities
 - Use of population registers as administrative tools by Local municipalities.
- International Migration be an integral part of SA's developmental strategies.
- Immigration Impact Assessments by local municipalities
- Overhaul of the policy environment surrounding immigration and planning