

SOUTH AFRICA

Overall Index Score 52.7

Overall Index Grade C



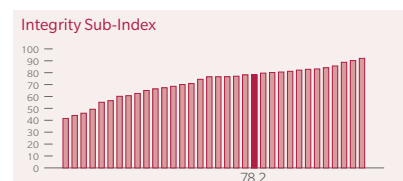
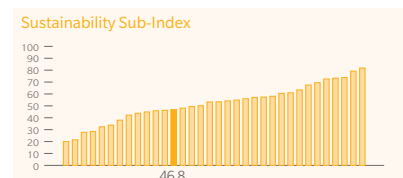
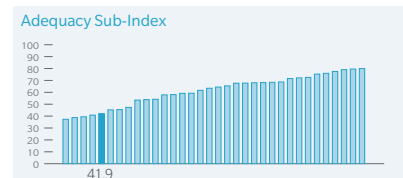
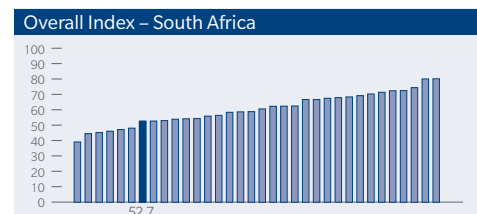
South Africa's retirement income system comprises a means-tested public pension and tax-supported voluntary occupational schemes.

The overall index value for the South African system could be increased by:

- increasing the minimum level of support for the poorest aged individuals
- increasing the coverage of employees in occupational pension schemes thereby increasing the level of contributions and assets
- introducing a minimum level of mandatory contributions into a retirement savings fund
- increasing the level of preservation of benefits when members withdraw from occupational funds
- introducing a requirement that part of the retirement benefit from provident fund arrangements must be taken as an income stream (this requirement currently only applies to pension funds and retirement annuities)

The South African index value increased from 48.9 in 2017 to 52.7 in 2018 primarily due to the inclusion of the household debt question in the adequacy sub-index and a reported increase in the basic pension, when represented as a percentage of the average wage.

Comparison to other systems



OVERALL INDEX HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
na	na	na	na	na	54.0	53.4	48.6	48.9	52.7

(since country has been included in the MMGPI)

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