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2024 CCT Household Survey

Suburb Profile:
Witsand

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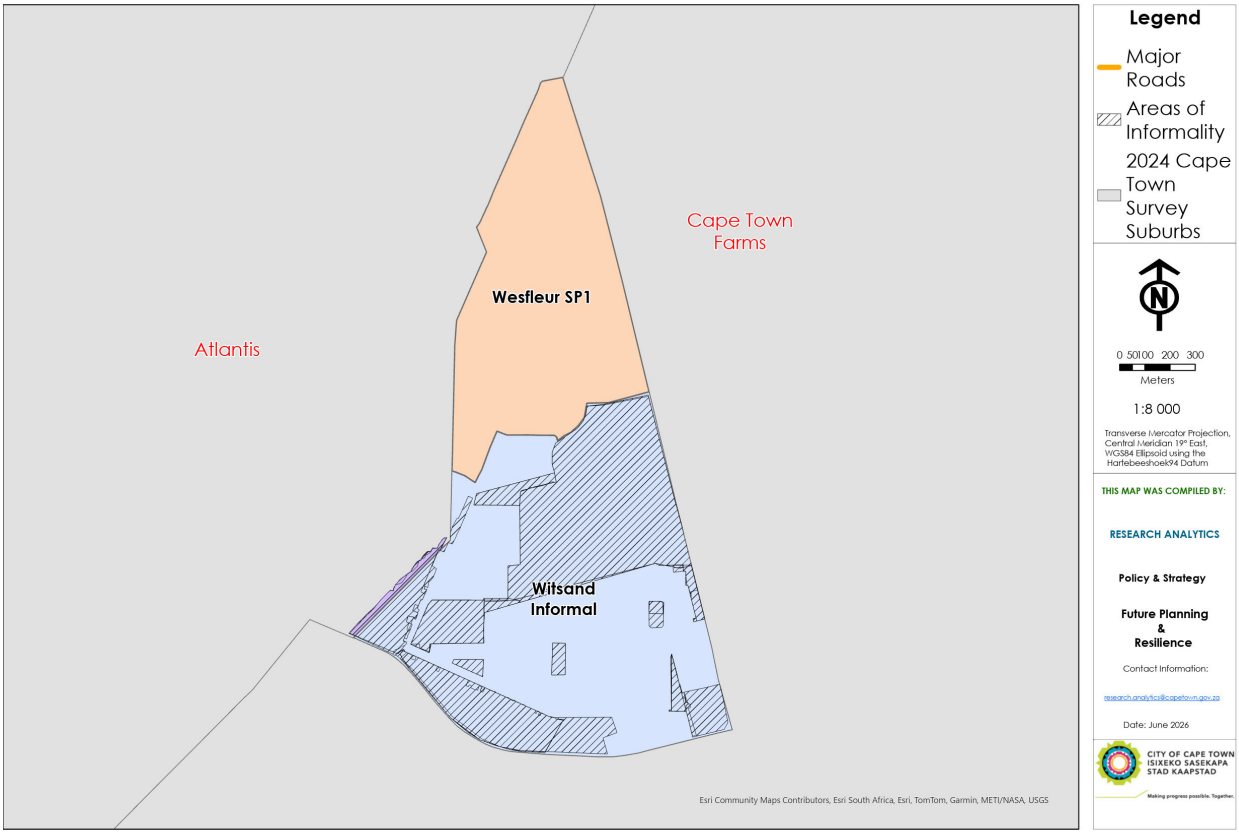
1. Introduction

Based on the Cape Town Household Survey conducted from mid-February to early October 2024, this suburb profile is compiled by the Research Analytics, Policy and Strategy Department, City of Cape Town.

2. Witsand

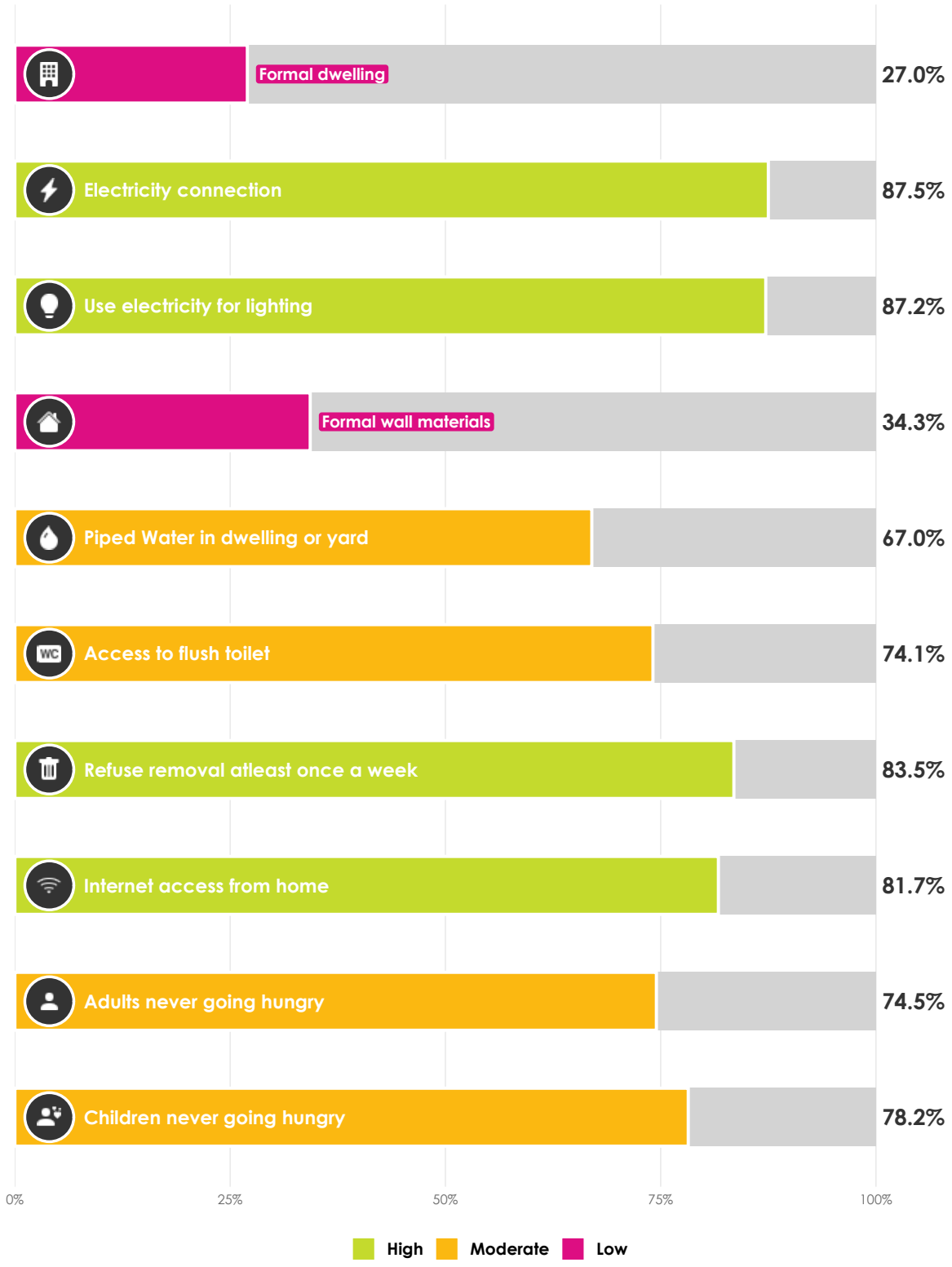
The 2024 Cape Town Survey suburb, Witsand includes the following 2011 Census sub-places: Atlantis Industrial, Wesfleur SP1, Witsand Informal.



Suburb-level results are **meant to be** calculated at a 95% confidence level with a margin of error of 15%. The margin of error may vary per individual question based on the response rate and variation for that question. These results are only representative at the suburb level and cannot be broken down by individual dwelling type or sub-place. Please contact CT.Survey@capetown.gov.za for more information.

3. Witsand Household Statistics Snapshot

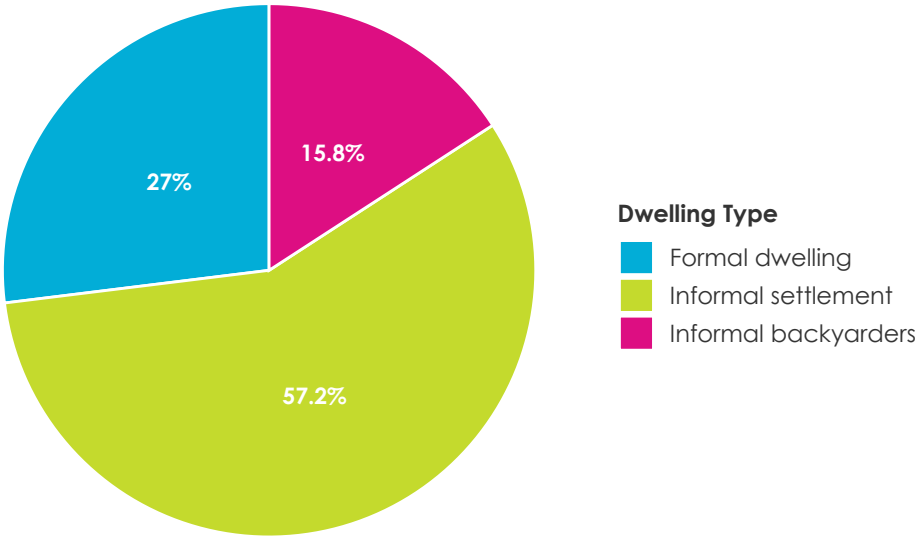
Figure 1: Summary of key household conditions



4. Dwellings

4.1. Household Dwelling Types

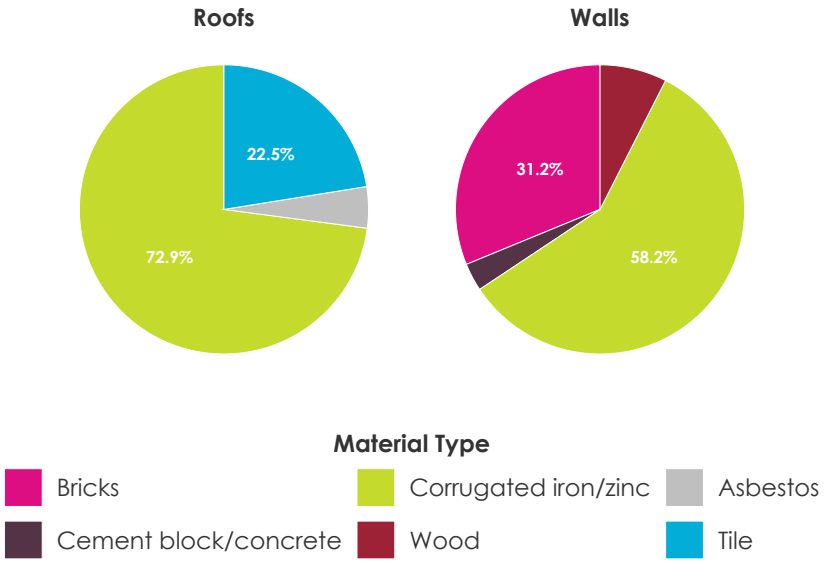
Figure 2: Percentage distribution of household dwelling types[1]



4.2. Building Material Composition

Survey Question: What is the main material used for each of the following?

Figure 3: The percentage of dwellings by roof and wall material

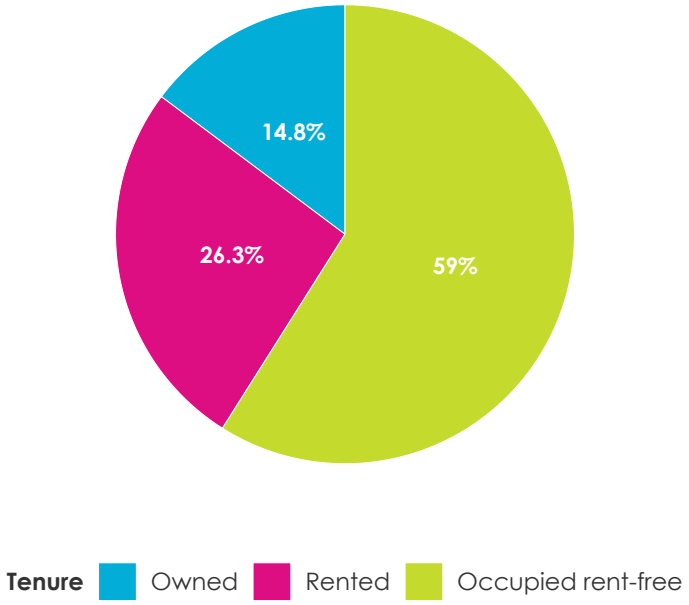


[1] Based on 2023 Research Analytics Population Estimates

4.3. Tenure Status

Survey Question: What is the tenure status of the dwelling that this household currently occupies?

Figure 4: The percentage of households by tenure status

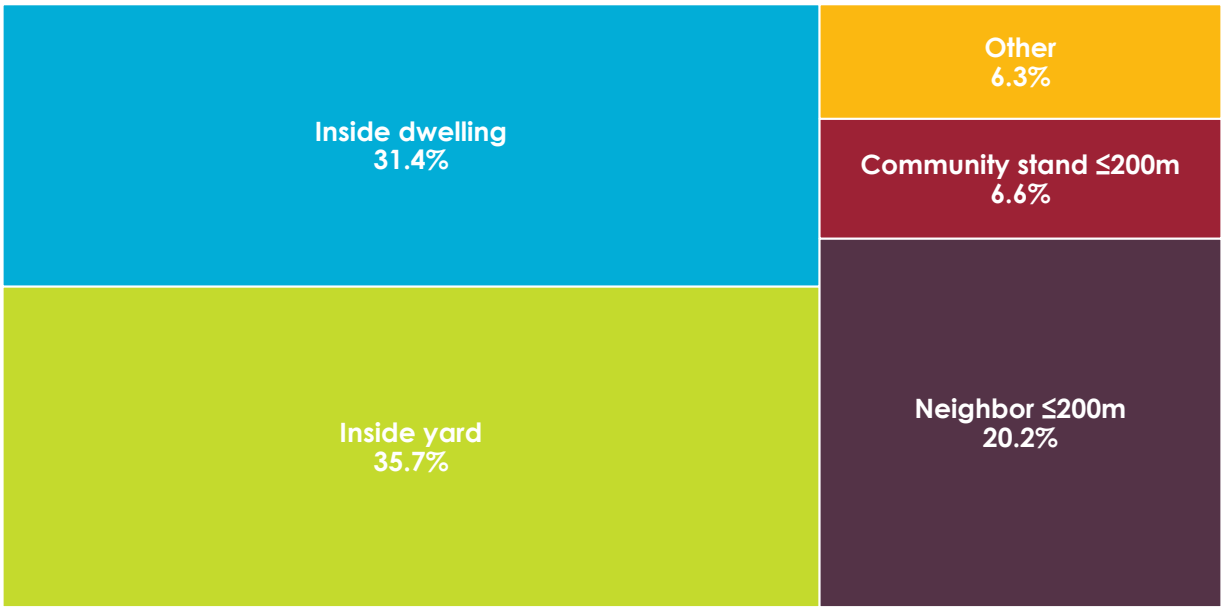


5. Basic Services

5.1. Access to Piped Water

Survey Question: In which way does this household mainly get piped water for household use?

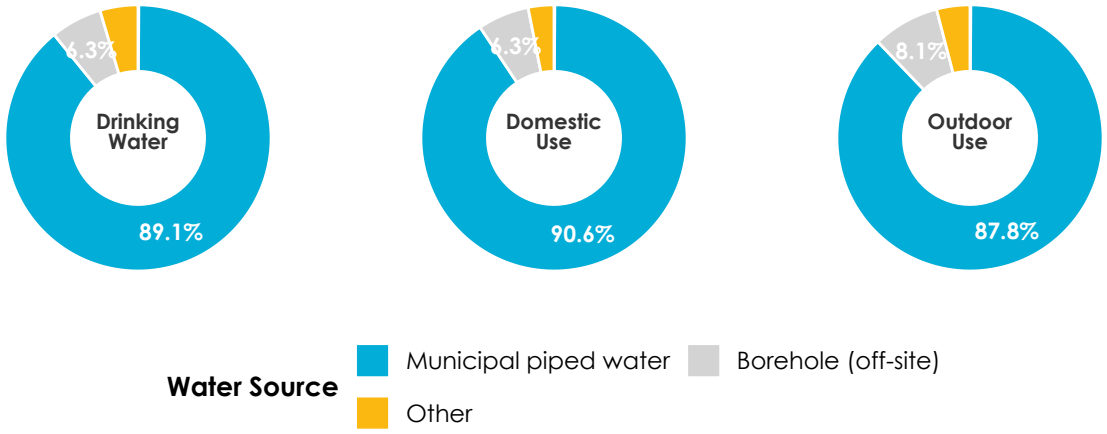
Figure 5: The percentage of households by main access to water for household use



5.2. Water for household use

Survey Question: What is the household's main source of water for household use?(Eg, Municipal piped water, boreholes, water tanker or natural resources)

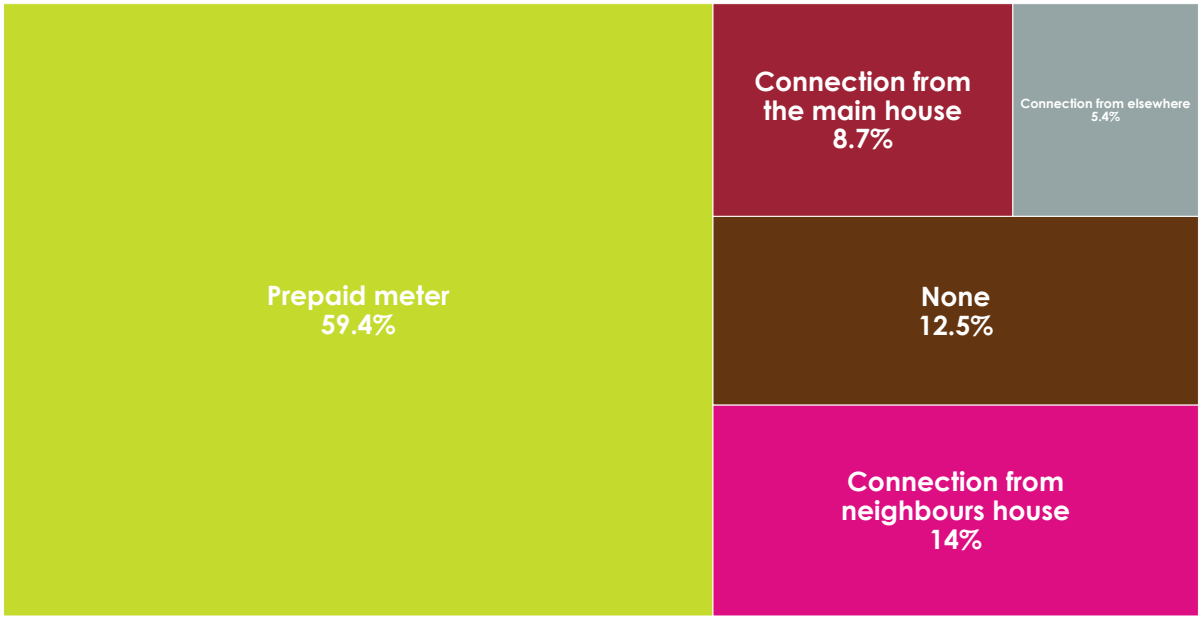
Figure 6: The percentage of households by water use for



5.3. Electricity Connection

What is the household's main source of electricity?

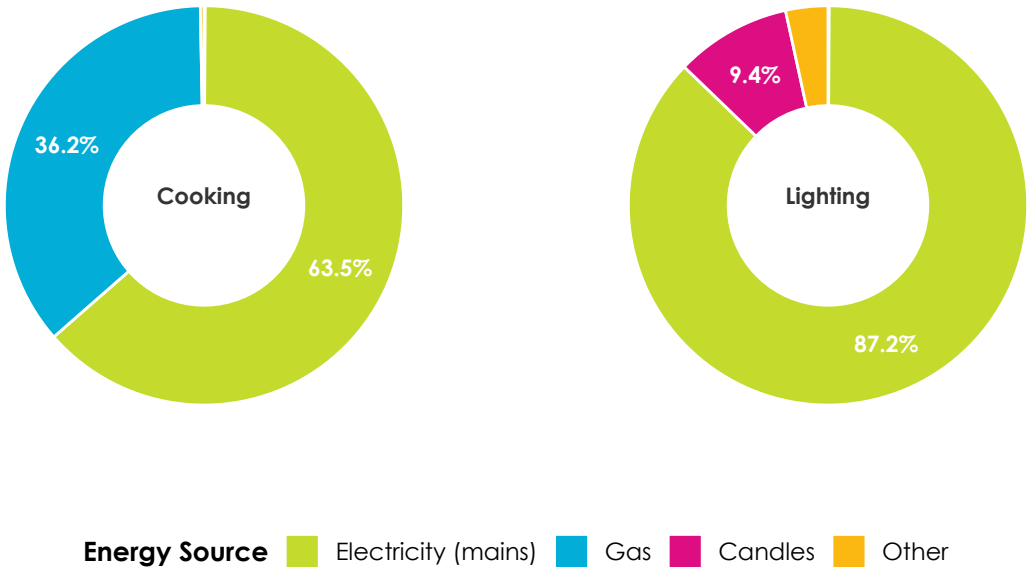
Figure 7: The percentage of households by electricity connection



5.4. Main source of energy

Survey Question: What is the household's main source of energy for…?

Figure 8: The percentage of households by main source of energy of lighting and cooking



5.5. Refuse Removal

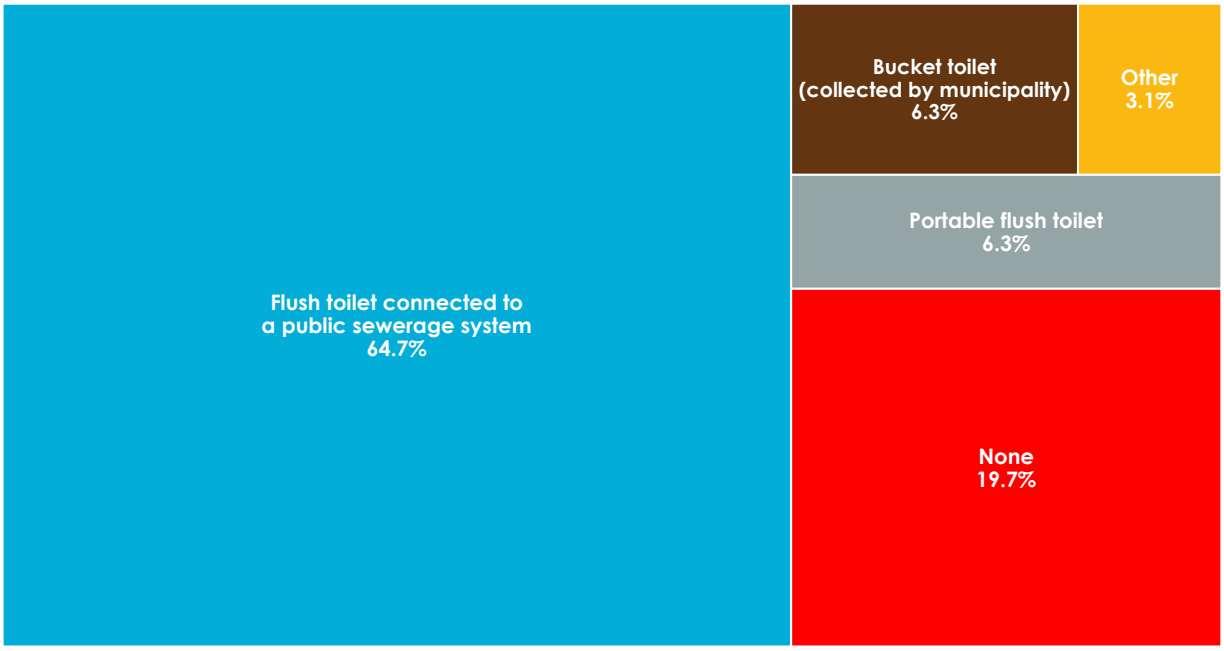
Survey Question: How is refuse mainly removed from this household?

Figure 9: The percentage of households by main refuse removal method

5.6. Access to Sanitation

Survey Question: What is the main type of toilet facility used by this household?

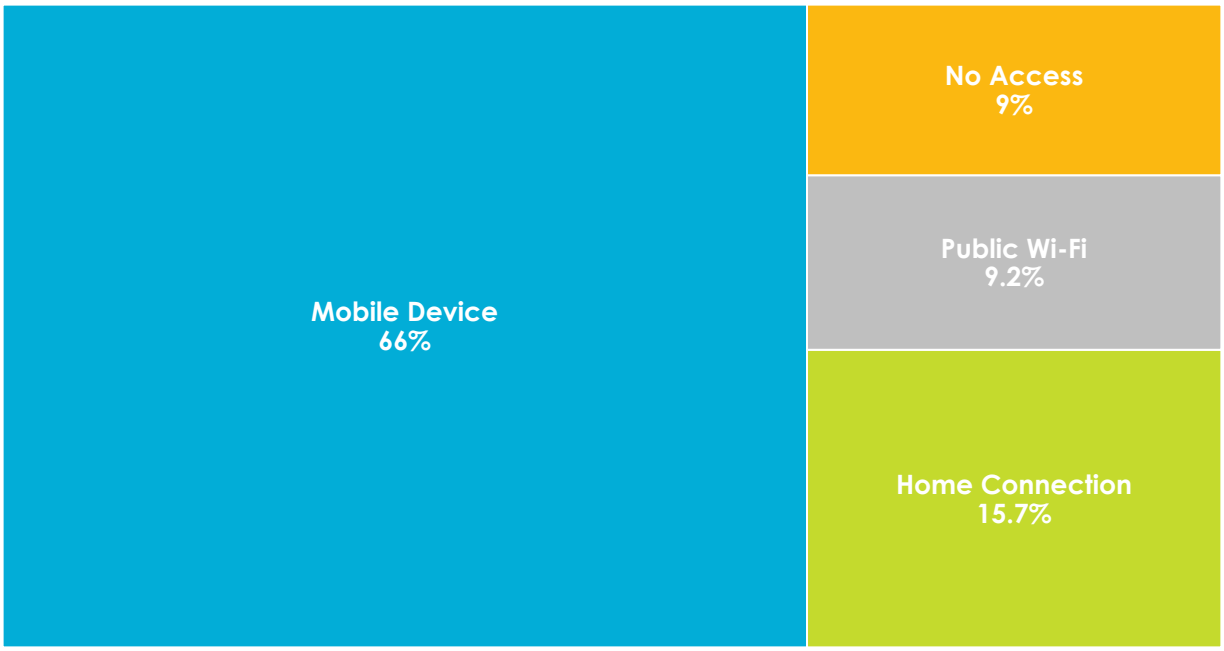
Figure 10: The percentage of households by main toilet facility type



6. Internet

Survey Question: How does this household MAINLY access internet?

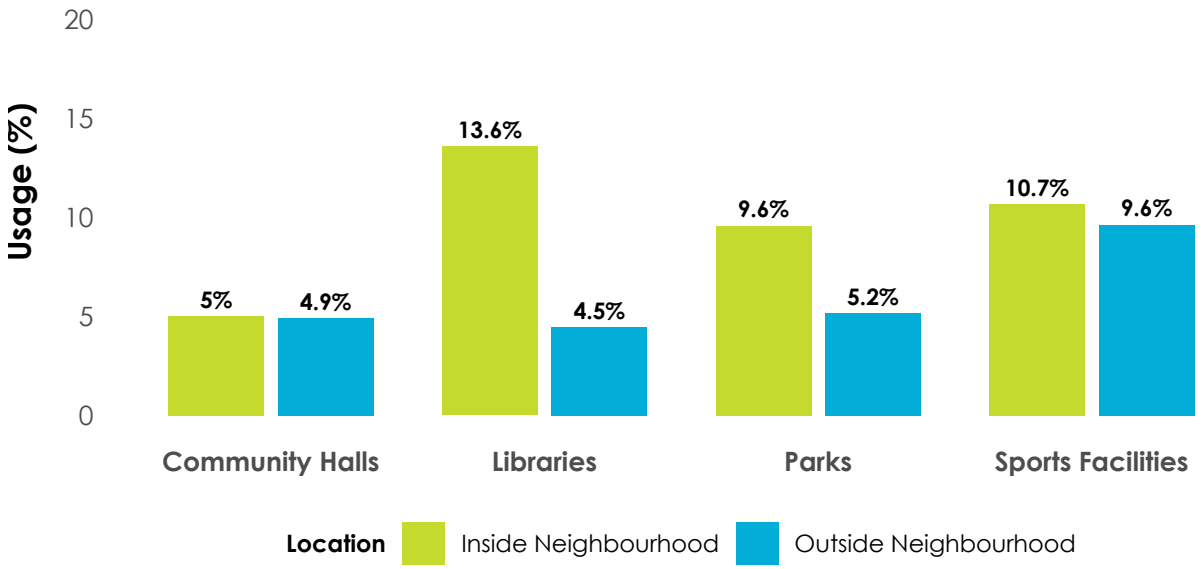
Figure 11: The percentage of households by main internet access method



7. Public Facilities

Survey Question: In a typical month, how often does any household member visit any of the following public amenities?

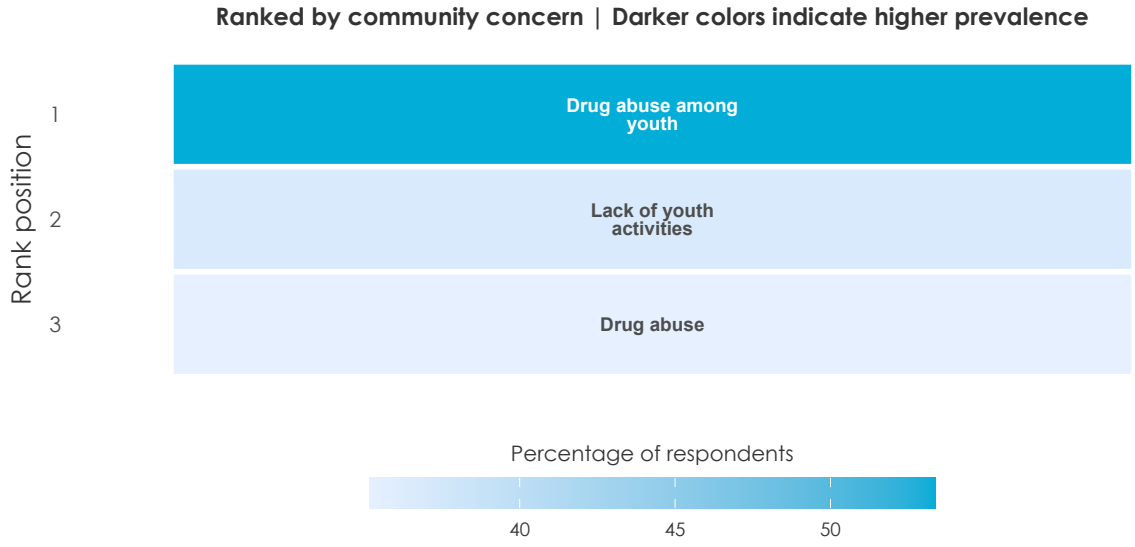
Figure 12: The percentage of households using public facilities at least once a month



8. Social Development

Survey Question: What are the most common problems for households in your community? Select up to 3 that apply

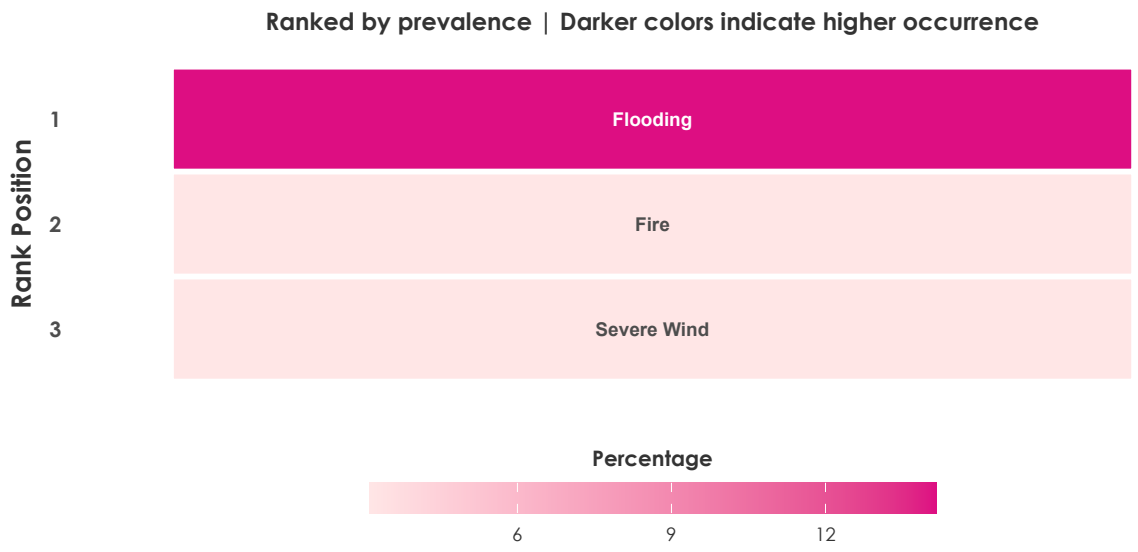
Figure 13: Top 3 social development concerns in the community as reported by the household member



9. Negative Events

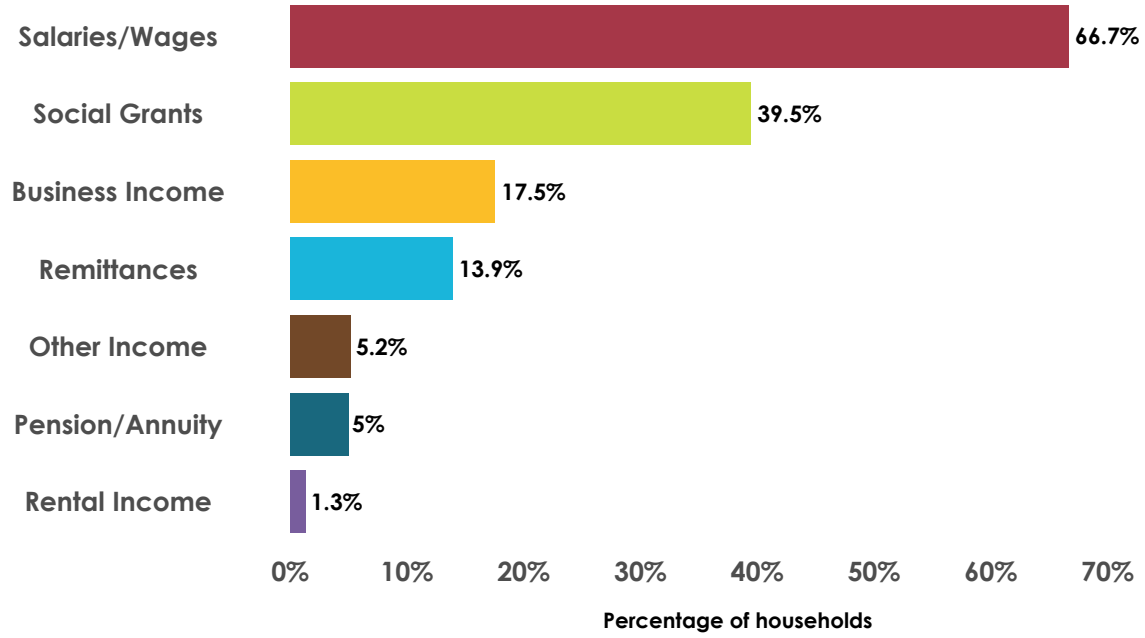
Survey Question: Have you or your household been negatively affected by any of the following events, in the area where you live, in the last 12 months?

Figure 14: Top 3 negative events as reported by the household representative



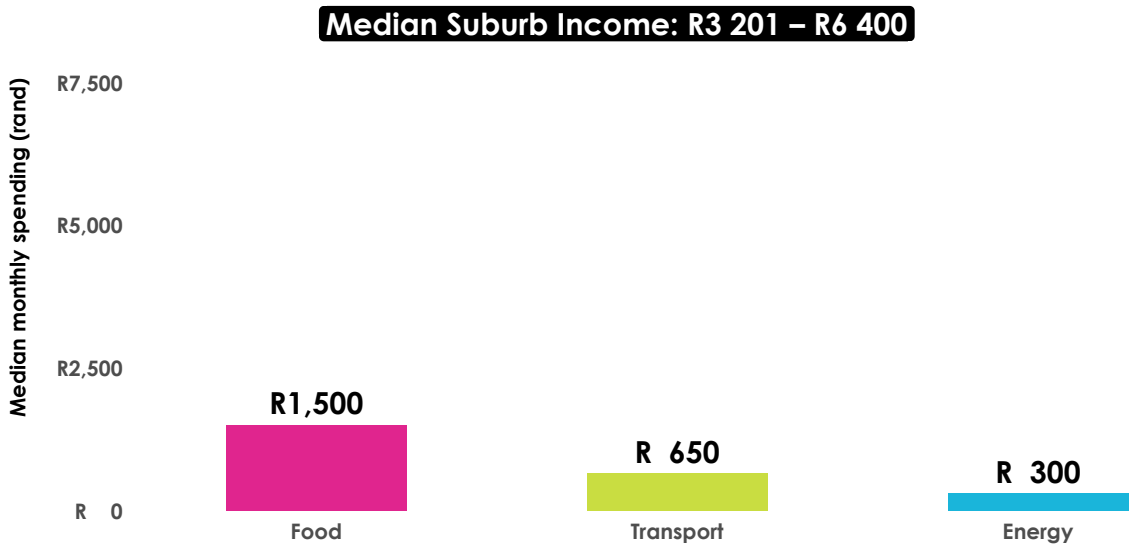
10. Sources of Income

Survey Question: What are the sources of income for this household? Please consider all household members in your response.



11. Household income and expenditure

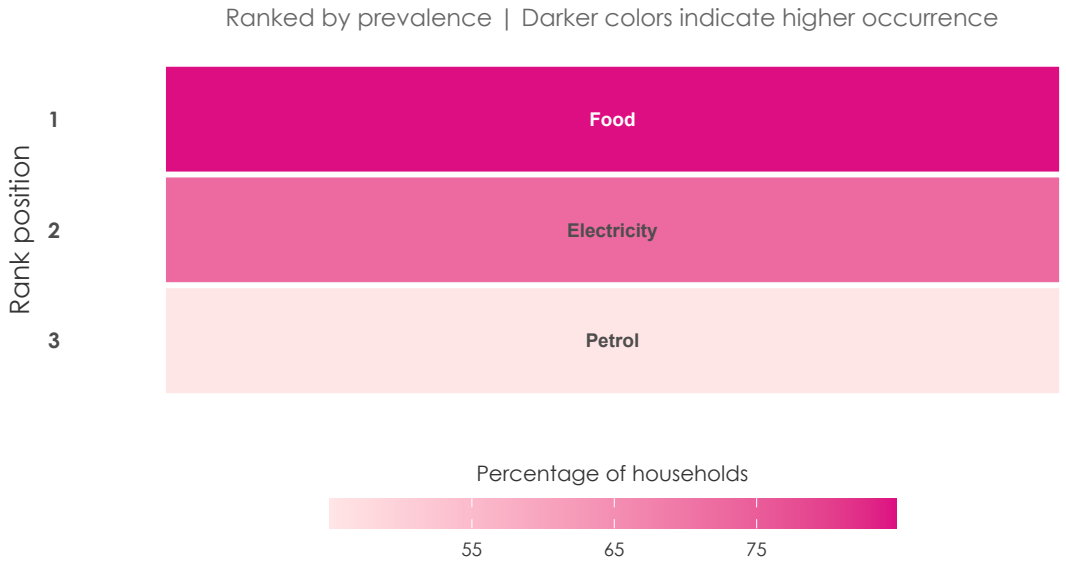
Survey Question: Approximately how much does this household spend in total on the following per month (in Rands)?



12. Change in spending habits

Survey Question: Did you have to change your spending habits in the past 12 months, due to any of the following..? Change to your spending habits means not buying, buying less, or buying less preferred alternatives of things you would have usually bought.

Figure 15: Top 3 spending habit changes ranked by percentage of households

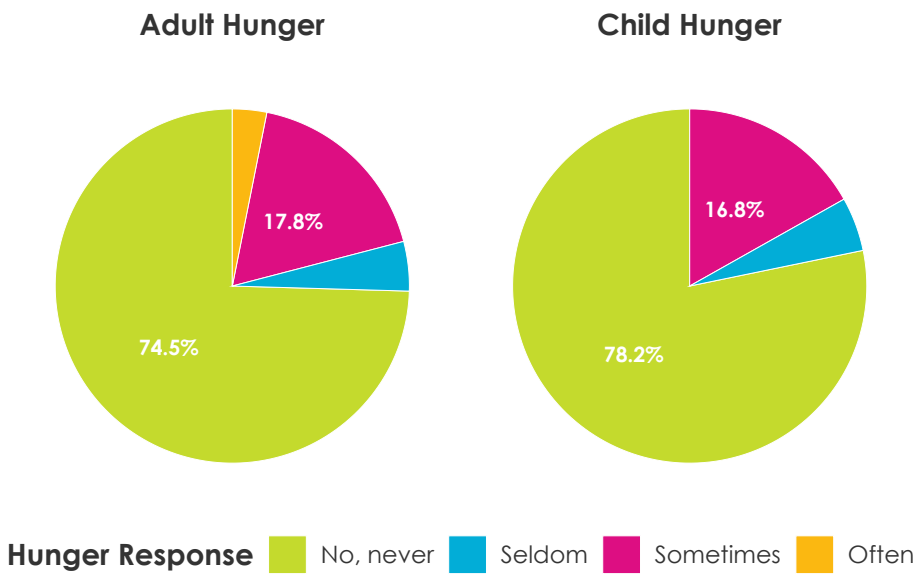


13. Hunger

Survey Question: In the last 12 months, did any adult (18 years and older) in this household go hungry because there wasn't enough food? and

In the last 12 months, did any child (17 years and younger) in this household go hungry because there wasn't enough food?

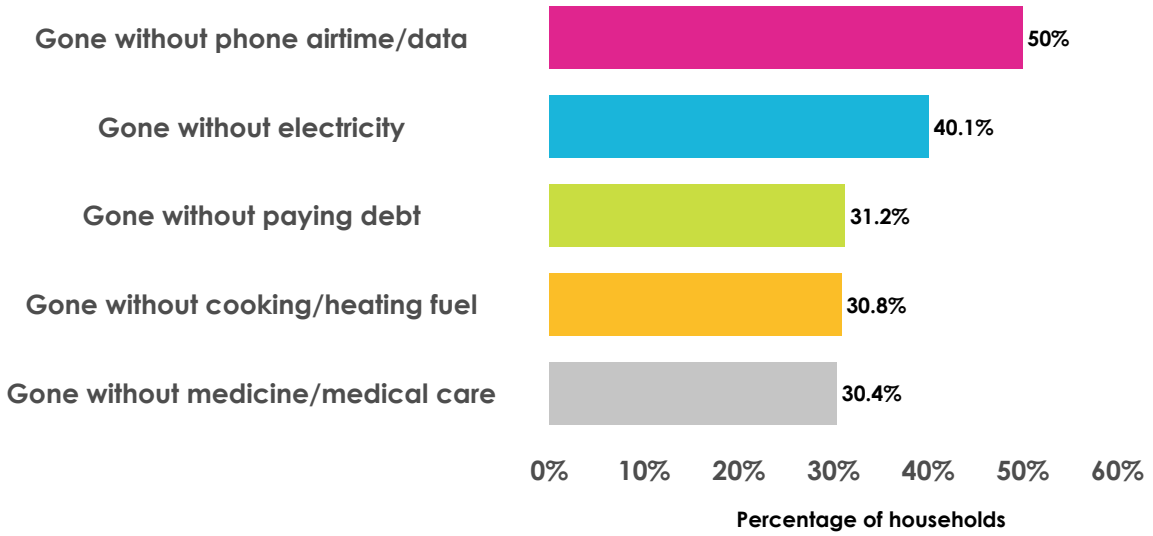
Figure 16: The percentage of households experiencing adult and child hunger



14. Covering living costs

Survey Question: Sometimes people find that their income does not quite cover their living costs. In the last 12 months, how often have you or anyone else in your household gone without...

Figure 17: The percentage of households going without things due to rising living costs



15. Witsand compared to the City

Table 1: Percentage distribution of household dwelling types

Dwelling Type	Witsand	City	Difference
Formal dwelling	29.7%	69.1%	-39.4%
Informal dwelling	57.2%	17.2%	40%
Informal additional dwelling	13.1%	13.7%	-0.6%

Table 2: Percentage of dwellings by wall material

Wall Material	Witsand	City	Difference
Corrugated iron/zinc	58.2%	22%	36.2%
Bricks	31.2%	66.4%	-35.2%
Wood	7.5%	5.8%	1.7%
Cement block/concrete	3.1%	4.7%	-1.6%
Other	0%	1.1%	-1.1%

Table 3: Percentage of dwellings by roof material

Roof Material	Witsand	City	Difference
Corrugated iron/zinc	72.9%	35.4%	37.5%
Tile	22.5%	37.4%	-14.9%
Asbestos	4.6%	18.8%	-14.2%
Cement block/concrete	0%	4.5%	-4.5%
Other	0%	2.4%	-2.4%
Plastic	0%	1.5%	-1.5%

Table 4: Percentage of households by tenure status

Tenure Status	Witsand	City	Difference
Owned	14.8%	51.5%	-36.7%
Rented	26.3%	22.4%	3.9%
Occupied rent-free	59%	26.2%	32.8%

Table 5: Percentage of households by main access to water

Water Source	Witsand	City	Difference
Inside dwelling	31.4%	75.3%	-43.9%
Inside yard	35.7%	12.6%	23.1%
Neighbor ≤200m	20.2%	5.2%	15%
Community stand ≤200m	6.6%	2.5%	4.1%
Community stand 500m-1km	3.1%	0.5%	2.6%
Community stand 200-500m	0%	1.2%	-1.2%
Neighbor >200m	3.1%	2%	1.1%
No piped access	0%	0.5%	-0.5%
Community stand >1km	0%	0.1%	-0.1%

Table 6: Percentage of households by main refuse removal method

Refuse Removal Method	Witsand	City	Difference
Weekly removal	58.4%	85%	-26.6%
Communal container	25%	6.8%	18.2%
No disposal	10.3%	2.9%	7.4%
Communal dump	6.3%	2.2%	4.1%
Own dump	0%	2%	-2%
Infrequent removal	0%	0.9%	-0.9%
Other	0%	0%	0%

Table 7: Percentage of households by main toilet facility type

Toilet Facility	Witsand	City	Difference
Flush to sewer	64.7%	83.3%	-18.6%
No facilities	19.7%	2.1%	17.6%
Portable flush	6.3%	1.1%	5.2%
Chemical toilet	0%	3.4%	-3.4%
Ventilated pit	3.1%	0.2%	2.9%
Flush to septic	0%	2.1%	-2.1%
Bucket (household)	0%	1.7%	-1.7%
Bucket (municipal)	6.3%	5.4%	0.9%
Pour-flush to septic	0%	0.4%	-0.4%
Composting	0%	0.1%	-0.1%
Other	0%	0.1%	-0.1%
Pit without vent	0%	0.1%	-0.1%
Urine diversion	0%	0%	0%

Table 8: Percentage of households by electricity connection

Electricity Connection	Witsand	City	Difference
Conventional meter	0%	15%	-15%
Connection from neighbours	14%	1.8%	12.2%
Prepaid meter	59.4%	70.7%	-11.3%
None	12.5%	5.2%	7.3%
Connection from main house	8.7%	4.3%	4.4%
Connection from elsewhere	5.4%	2.6%	2.8%
Home solar panels	0%	0.2%	-0.2%
Other	0%	0.1%	-0.1%
Car battery	0%	0%	0%
Generator	0%	0%	0%

Table 9: Percentage of households by main source of energy for cooking

Energy Source	Witsand	City	Difference
Gas	36.2%	21.1%	15.1%
Electricity (mains)	63.5%	76.8%	-13.3%
Paraffin	0%	0.9%	-0.9%
Wood	0%	0.3%	-0.3%
Solar	0%	0.3%	-0.3%
None	0%	0.2%	-0.2%
Other electricity	0%	0.1%	-0.1%
Other	0.3%	0.3%	0%
Coal	0%	0%	0%

Table 10: Percentage of households by main source of energy for lighting

Energy Source	Witsand	City	Difference
Candles	9.4%	3.4%	6%
Electricity (mains)	87.2%	93.1%	-5.9%
Other	3.4%	0.4%	3%
Paraffin	0%	1.5%	-1.5%
Solar	0%	1.1%	-1.1%
None	0%	0.3%	-0.3%
Gas	0%	0.2%	-0.2%
Other electricity	0%	0.1%	-0.1%