



- Average annual rainfall of South Africa = 464mm
- Average annual rainfall worldwide = 860mm
- 65% of South Africa has a total annual rainfall of less than 500mm
- The South African rainfall pattern is unreliable and unpredictable.
- South Africa is periodically afflicted by drastic and prolonged droughts as well as severe floods.
- Rainfall in South Africa varies significantly from west to east. In the northwest, annual rainfall often remains below 300 mm, where the eastern Highveld receives 300 mm to 800 mm of rainfall per year. Closer to the eastern coast the annual rainfall normally is more than 800 mm.
- For most of South Africa, rainfall generally occurs during summer (November through March), although in the southwest, around the Cape of Good Hope, rainfall often occurs in winter (June through August).

