

SECTION 5

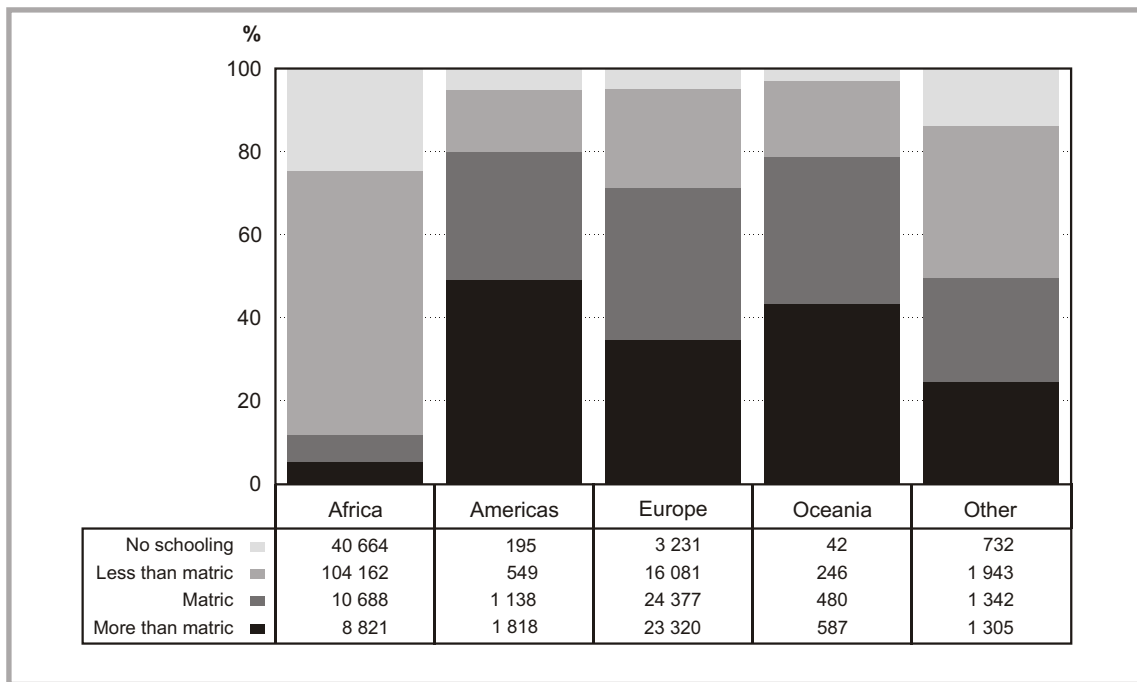
EDUCATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS OF NON-SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZENS



In this short section we look at the educational characteristics of those people who were in South Africa on census night, but were not South African citizens. The total number of non-South African citizens recorded in Census '96 was 407 678, of whom close on seven in ten (69%) were male. Of the total, 303 314 (76%) were in the age group 26 years and above. Nearly two-thirds (63%) of these adult non-South Africans were born somewhere in Africa. Just over a quarter (27%) were born in Europe.

Figure 21 shows the highest level of education reported for non-South Africans born in different regions. Approximately 25% of the people recorded as having been born elsewhere in Africa had no formal education and a further 63% had less than a matric equivalent. This pattern is in direct contrast to those born in other regions such as America and Europe. Only around 5% of non-citizens born in these regions had no formal education, while over a third (35%) of those born in Europe and close on half (49%) of those born in the Americas had been educated beyond matric.

FIGURE 21: NON-SOUTH AFRICANS BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION AND REGION OF BIRTH



More than nineteen in every twenty (96%) non-South African citizens who were in the age group 26 years and above were not studying at the time of the census. Of the close on 20 000 who were studying, nearly twice as many were studying part time as were studying full time. Table 5 shows some variation across regions of origin in the proportion of people in this age group who were studying. Asia recorded the highest proportion of students, at 8%, and Africa the lowest, at 3%. In absolute terms, there were more non-South African students of African origin in South Africa in October 1996 than students from any other region. Europe was the second most common region of origin of non-South African students.

TABLE 5: NON-SOUTH AFRICANS BY STUDYING STATUS AND REGION OF CITIZENSHIP

| | Full-time study | % | Part-time study | % | Not studying | % | Total | % |
|--------------|------------------------|----------|------------------------|----------|---------------------|-----------|----------------|------------|
| Africa | 3 607 | 1 | 4 637 | 2 | 238 960 | 97 | 247 204 | 100 |
| Americas | 320 | 1 | 944 | 4 | 20 108 | 94 | 21 372 | 100 |
| Asia | 411 | 4 | 443 | 4 | 9 563 | 92 | 10 417 | 100 |
| Europe | 2 156 | 1 | 5 752 | 4 | 151 356 | 95 | 159 263 | 100 |
| Oceania | 68 | 2 | 142 | 4 | 3 332 | 94 | 3 542 | 100 |
| Other | 351 | 3 | 376 | 3 | 11 974 | 94 | 12 701 | 100 |
| Total | 6 914 | 2 | 12 295 | 3 | 435 292 | 96 | 454 501 | 100 |