

Delft

The Delft community is a large community in the north of Cape Town. Approximately 75% of its inhabitants are coloured, the remaining 25% are black. Delft borders on Khayelitsha, the second largest township in South Africa.

Delft is split into two sections: Delft and Delft South. Founded in 1989, it has an estimated 650 000 inhabitants. Many people came from the Eastern Cape and other parts of the Western Province, others immigrated from Nigeria or Somalia. The majority of Black Africans live in Delft South which is evidence for the persistent spatial division of ethnic groups that was established during the Apartheid era. Socio-economic problems include crime, violence, teenage pregnancies, HIV and AIDS, TB, lack of food and substance abuse.

Delft Community Health Centre

The provincial day hospital in Delft is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, taking in about 350 clients per day. It is one of the busiest clinics with a HOPE Community Health Worker, 15 nursing sisters and seven to eight doctors who primarily handle cases of TB, HIV and AIDS, other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), and sick children. About 100 pregnant mothers are tested positive for HIV each month, most of them are still teenagers. The PMTCT (Prevention of Mother to Child transmission) program works hard to ensure babies can grow up HIV negative. Every day HIV positive and TB patients come to the clinic to take their ARVs under direct observation to ensure good compliance.