

Hermanus

Hermanus has a population of about 49 000 inhabitants and is a very popular place for whale watching during the southern hemisphere winter and spring. It is a well-developed, wealthy, mostly white community. However, like many communities in the Western Cape, there are very poor areas on the outskirts of the town, with the majority of residents being coloured and black Africans from the Eastern Cape and surrounding farming areas. In these areas, housing is a mix of government and informal housing with 10 to 15 people sometimes living in a small shack. The dropout rates in the schools are high due to drug abuse. Teenage pregnancies and high crime rates are common problems in the area.

Hermanus Clinic

The clinic in Hermanus is small, but located next to a much larger hospital. With only three professional nurses and one doctor, the clinic specialises in HIV and AIDS medication and tuberculosis treatment. The 200 people coming to the clinic in Hermanus daily are often very sick. About 40 people are tested for HIV in a month.