

Here's what South Africans searched for on Google in 2022

Google has released its Year in Search results, which reveal all of the information and questions South Africans sought out in 2022.



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Google's Year in Search is an annual analysis that reveals the top trending lists and spotlights what the world searches to see, learn and do.

For the second year in a row, the top trending search term in South Africa related to social grants as South Africans sought to find out more about the R350 Sassa Social Relief (SRD) grant.

Wordle, the online word game that captured the world's attention, was the second most searched term, followed by climate change. Other top trending searches were related to the war in Ukraine, load shedding, typhoid fever and monkeypox.

When it comes to the people South Africans searched, American rapper Jaden Smith topped the list, followed in second

place by his father Will Smith who was searched alongside Chris Rock following the slapping incident at the Oscars. Johnny Depp and Amber Heard occupied third and fourth places after their protracted and public court case.

It was a sad year for music in South Africa, with a number of high-profile deaths. Beloved rapper Riky Rick was the most searched loss. South Africans also turned to Google to find out more following the deaths of musicians Dj Sumbody, Takeoff and Dj Dimplez.

Big Brother Mzansi was the most searched-for TV show or movie in South Africa with the *Addams Family* adaptation, *Wednesday*, following in second place. *Black Panther 2* and *Wakanda Forever* both feature in the top 10 trending searches for TV shows and movies.

It is no secret that South Africa is a sports-loving nation and the 2022 Year in Search results encapsulate this perfectly. Football occupies the top three searches- with World Cup 2022 fixtures as the top trending sports search, followed by Afcon and South Africa's women's football team Banyana Banyana. The rest of the top 10 also features searches for tennis (Australian Open), rugby (Springboks v All Blacks) and cricket (South Africa v India).

Curiosity remained high among citizens, with a variety of questions around climate change, current affairs and pop culture being searched. Some of these searches included 'what is global warming', 'what is drought', 'who is the new Black Panther' and 'how to check matric results online'.

Here are the trending searches in 2022:

Top searched terms

- SRD Status Check
- Wordle
- Climate Change
- Monkeypox
- Ukraine
- StatsSA
- Typhoid Fever
- Load shedding
- Matric Results 2021
- Russia

Top searched people

- Jaden Smith
- Will Smith Chris Rock
- Johnny Depp
- Amber Heard
- Zeenat Simjee
- Simon Leviev
- Andrew Tate
- Uncle Waffles
- Cassper Nyovest v Naakmusiq
- Sonia Booth

Top searched losses

- Riky Rick
- Queen Elizabeth 2

- Patrick Shai
- DJ Sumbody
- Takeoff
- Pearl Shongwe
- Kuli Roberts
- DJ Dimplez
- Shane Warne
- Anne Heche

Top searched TV show/movie

- *Big Brother Mzansi*
- *Wednesday*
- *Stranger Things*
- *Tinder Swindler*
- *Manifest*
- *House of the Dragon*
- *Black Panther 2*
- *Black Adam*
- *Purple Hearts*
- *Wakanda Forever*

Top searched sports terms

- World cup 2022 fixtures
- Afcon
- Banyana Banyana
- Australian open
- Kaizer chiefs vs Amazulu
- Springboks vs All Blacks
- Uefa nations league
- South africa vs India
- Argentina vs Saudi Arabia
- Mamelodi Sundowns vs Orlando Pirates

Top trending 'What is' questions

- What is vabbing
- What is global warming
- What is Nato
- What is the relationship between climate change and the regularity of droughts
- What is monkeypox
- What is methanol
- What is drought
- What is frontal
- What is alopecia
- What is NFT

Top trending 'Who is' questions

- Who is Andrew Tate
- Who is CEO of Netflix

- Who is Jeffrey Dahmer
- Who is playing in the Super Bowl 2022
- Who is Amber Heard
- Who is in the Super Bowl 2022
- Who is The Watcher
- Who is the new Black Panther
- Who is running for president in 2024
- Who is Julia Fox

Top trending 'How to' questions

- How to check matric results online
- How to check Sassa status
- How to apply for R350 grant
- How to vote on Big Brother Mzansi 2022
- How to go live on Whatsapp
- How to solve a rubik's cube
- How to cook
- How to recover Facebook account
- How to get rid of
- How to help GBV victims

Top searched lyrics

- *Lift me up* lyrics
- *Last last* lyrics
- *Under the influence* lyrics
- *Dali Nguwe* lyrics
- *Osama* lyrics
- *Smile in you senior oat* lyrics
- *Jeke maan* lyrics
- *God did* lyrics
- Rihanna *lift me up* lyrics
- *Rich flex* lyrics

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