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PREFACE

It is generally accepted that the only justifiable way, theoretically and empirically, to deal with development, is by following the human approach to development. This implies, *inter alia*, that development, whether in the political, economic or social arena, is for the sake of the people; that it includes all people in their integral humanity; and that people participate in decisions and activities that affect their lives. It is especially the latter aspect that gave rise to the compilation of this report.

With the process of democratisation gaining momentum in South Africa, it is expected that, once the process has been concluded, a far larger part of the South African population will be able to participate in decision-making processes than in the past. Participation by the population at large in decisions that affect their daily lives and their future destiny, usually manifests itself at either local, regional or national level. It is a universally accepted principle in all democratic societies that adult suffrage is a basic human right through which people can express their approval or dissent of policy issues at all levels of community life.

The purpose of this report is to provide a quantitative exposition of the size and geographical distribution of that part of the South African population who are 18 years and older and whose voting power will, in all probability, have a decisive effect on future political, social and economic development in South Africa.



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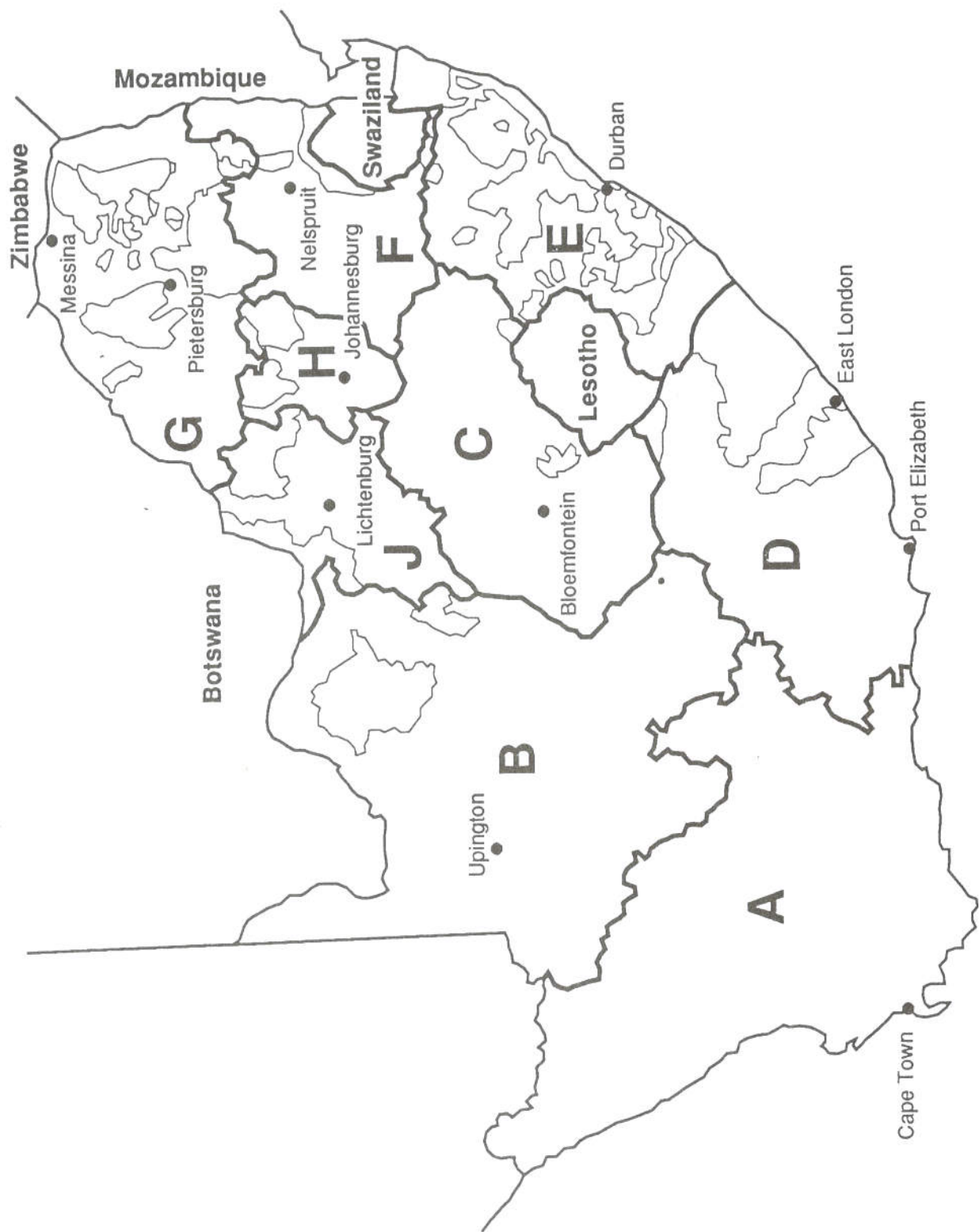
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TECHNICAL NOTES

1. All data estimated for 1992 are based on the 1980 and 1985 adjusted population census figures. To calculate the 1992 figures for the four major population groups, ie Asians, Blacks, Coloureds and Whites, the 1985 adjusted figures were extrapolated by the respective growth rates registered between 1980 and 1985. Regarding the Black ethnic groups, the 1985 structure was applied to the 1992 estimated population figures.
2. **South Africa** consists of the Republic of South Africa, which includes the self-governing territories of Gazankulu, KaNgwane, KwaNdebele, KwaZulu, Lebowa and Qwaqwa and Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Venda and Ciskei.
3. The **development regions** include the following areas (see orientation map, page iv):
 - A. RSA (Western Cape Province excluding Walvis Bay).
 - B. RSA (Northern Cape) and the districts of Ganyesa, Kudumane and Taung in Bophuthatswana.
 - C. RSA (Orange Free State and Qwaqwa) as well as the Thaba 'Nchu district of Bophuthatswana.
 - D. RSA (Eastern Cape/Border), Ciskei and Southern Transkei.
 - E. RSA (Natal and KwaZulu) and Northern Transkei.
 - F. RSA (Eastern Transvaal, KaNgwane and part of the Simdlangentsha district of KwaZulu).
 - G. RSA (Northern Transvaal, Lebowa and Gazankulu) and Venda.
 - H. RSA (PWV area, Moutse and KwaNdebele) and the Odi 1 and Moretele 1 districts of Bophuthatswana.
 - J. RSA (Western Transvaal) and the rest of Bophuthatswana (Molopo, Ditsobotla, Lehurutshe, Madikwe, Mankwe, Bafokeng, Odi 2).

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SUMMARY OF MAIN FINDINGS

1. Size and distribution according to population group

Of the approximately 39 million people in South Africa, almost 21 million (54%) are estimated to be 18 years and older by the end of the first quarter of 1992. More than two-thirds (68,5%) of this number are Blacks, while 18,8% are Whites, 9,8% Coloureds and 2,9% Asians.

Almost half of the total population of 18 years and older are resident in development regions H and E (23,9% and 22,3% respectively).

Numerically, all the development regions are dominated by Blacks with the exception of Region A where more than half (57,6%) are Coloureds with Whites (28,1%) being the second largest population group in that region.

Almost 60% of all Whites are resident in Regions H and A (43,2% and 16,1% respectively).

Coloureds are predominantly resident in Region A (63,8%) and in Region D (12%).

More than 80% of Asians are resident in Region E with 13,4% in Region H.

2. Size and distribution of the Black ethnical groups

Some 14,4 million Blacks are estimated to be 18 years and older. Approximately 25% of these are resident in Region E, 21% in Region H, 15% in Region G and 14% in Region D.

The Zulus form the largest Black ethnical group (3,8 million) followed by the Xhosas (3,5 million), the North Sothos (1,7 million) and the Tswanas (1,6 million).

As can be expected, there is still a positive relation, in numerical terms, between the different ethnical groups and the development regions in which the ethnically based homelands are located. For example, it seems that about 78% of the Zulus are resident in Region E (which includes KwaZulu); more than half of the Xhosas are resident in Region D (which includes Ciskei and the major part of Transkei); almost 69% of the North Sothos are in Region G (which includes Lebowa); and about 87% of the Tswanas are resident in Regions B, H and J (in which the largest part of Bophuthatswana is located). The same pattern is noticeable as far as the other ethnic groups are concerned.

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Figure 1: South Africa; Population
18 years and older; 1992.
Distribution per development region.

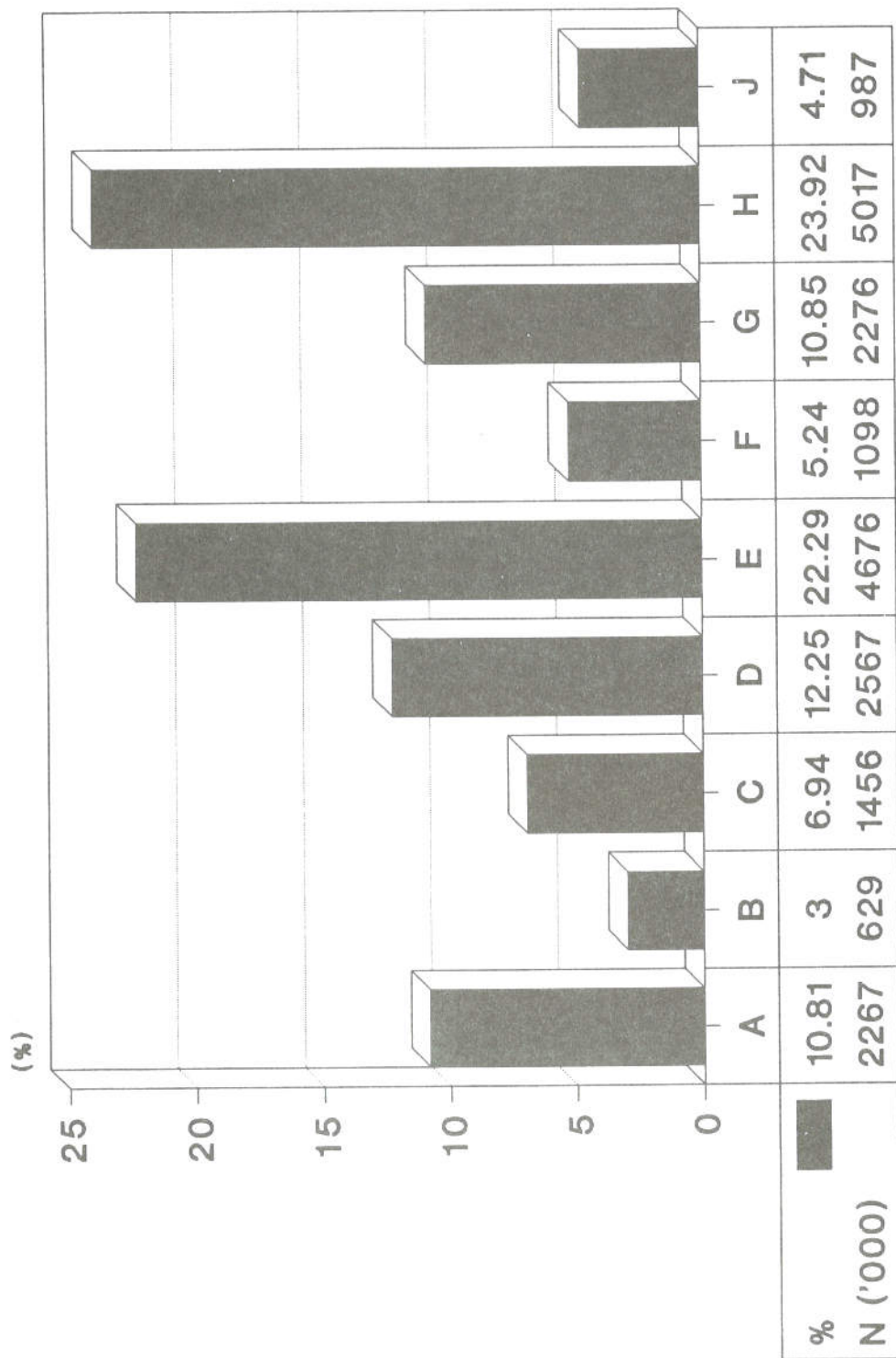


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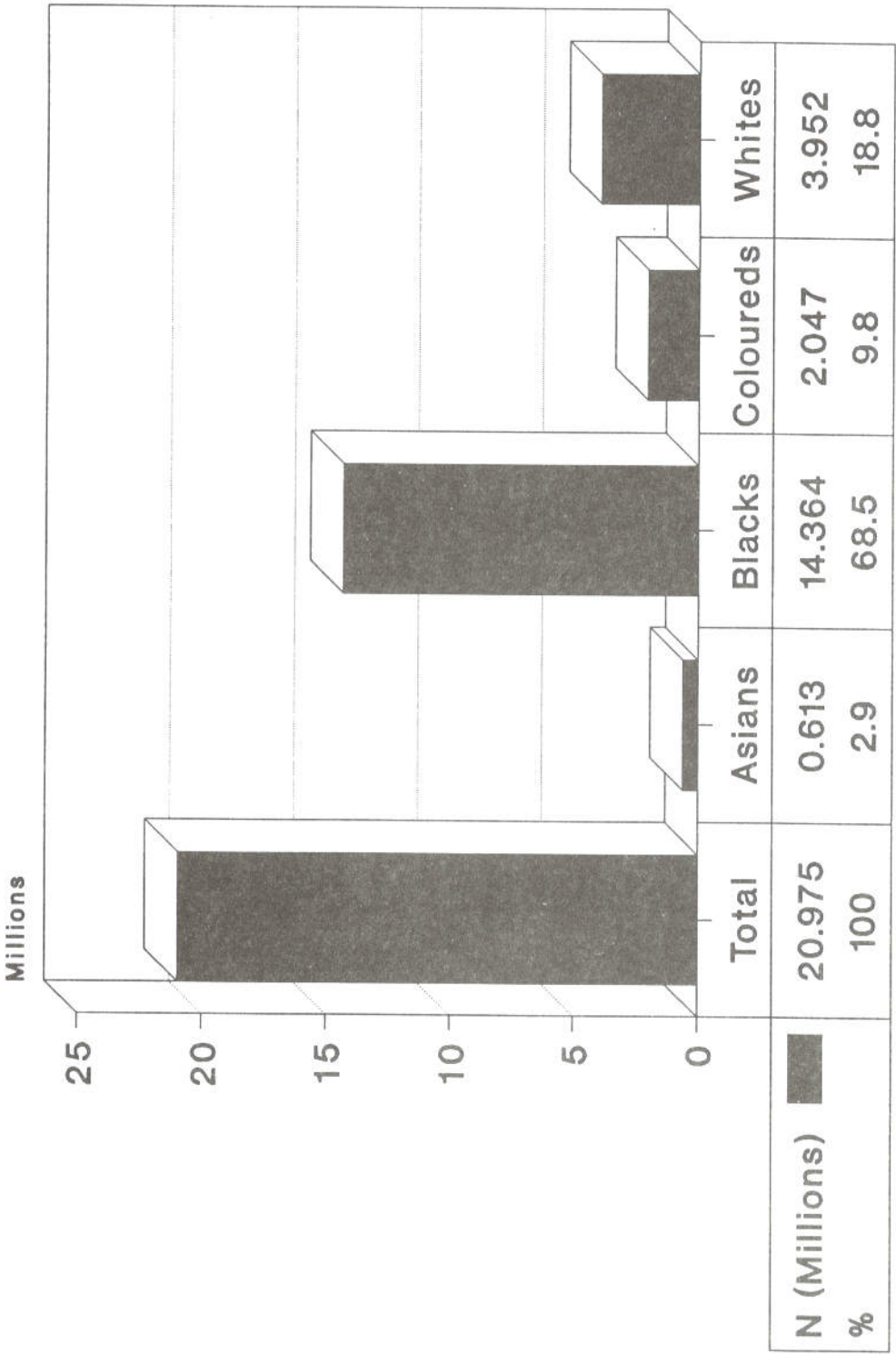


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Population groups per region.

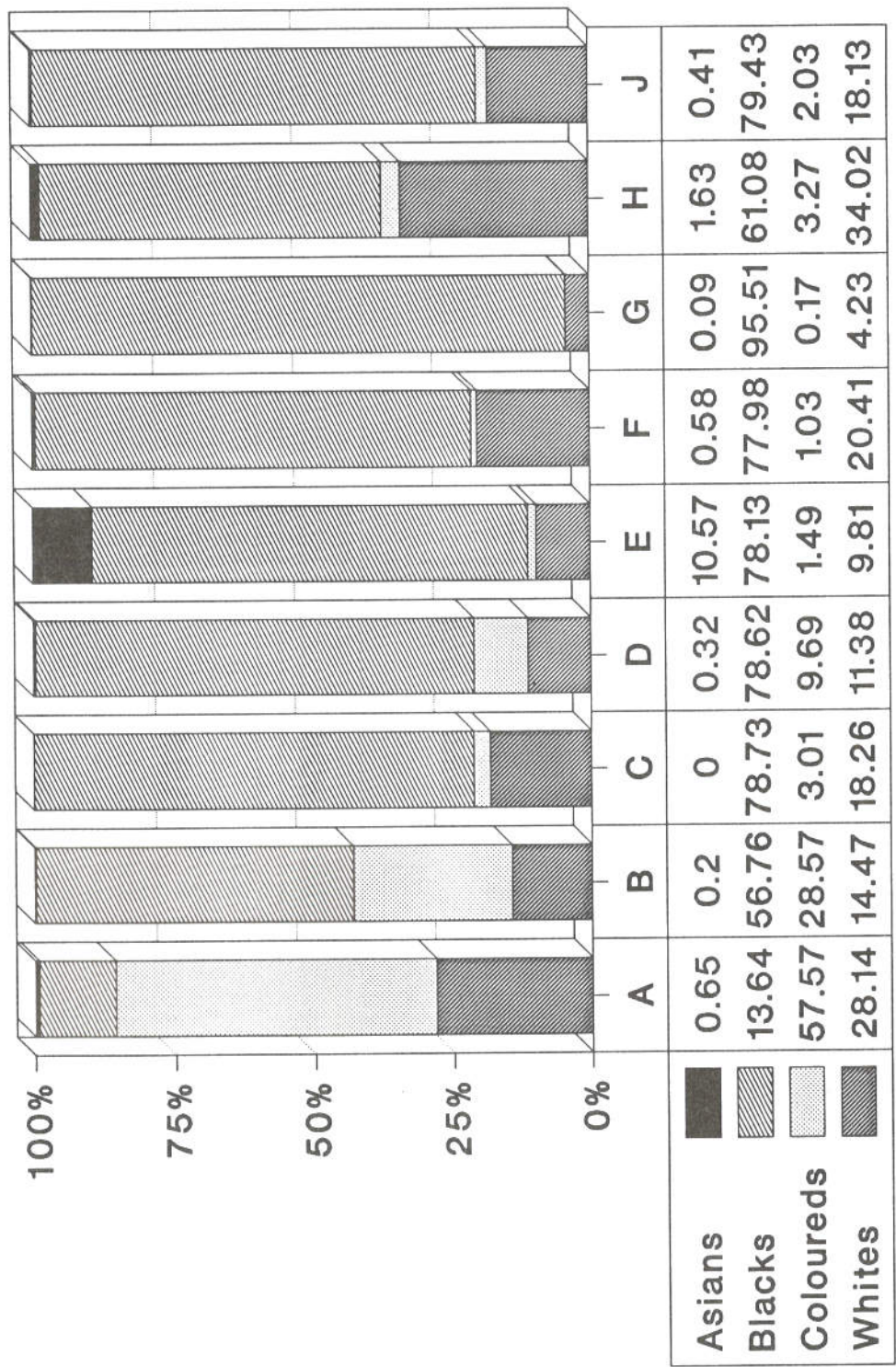


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Asians per development region.

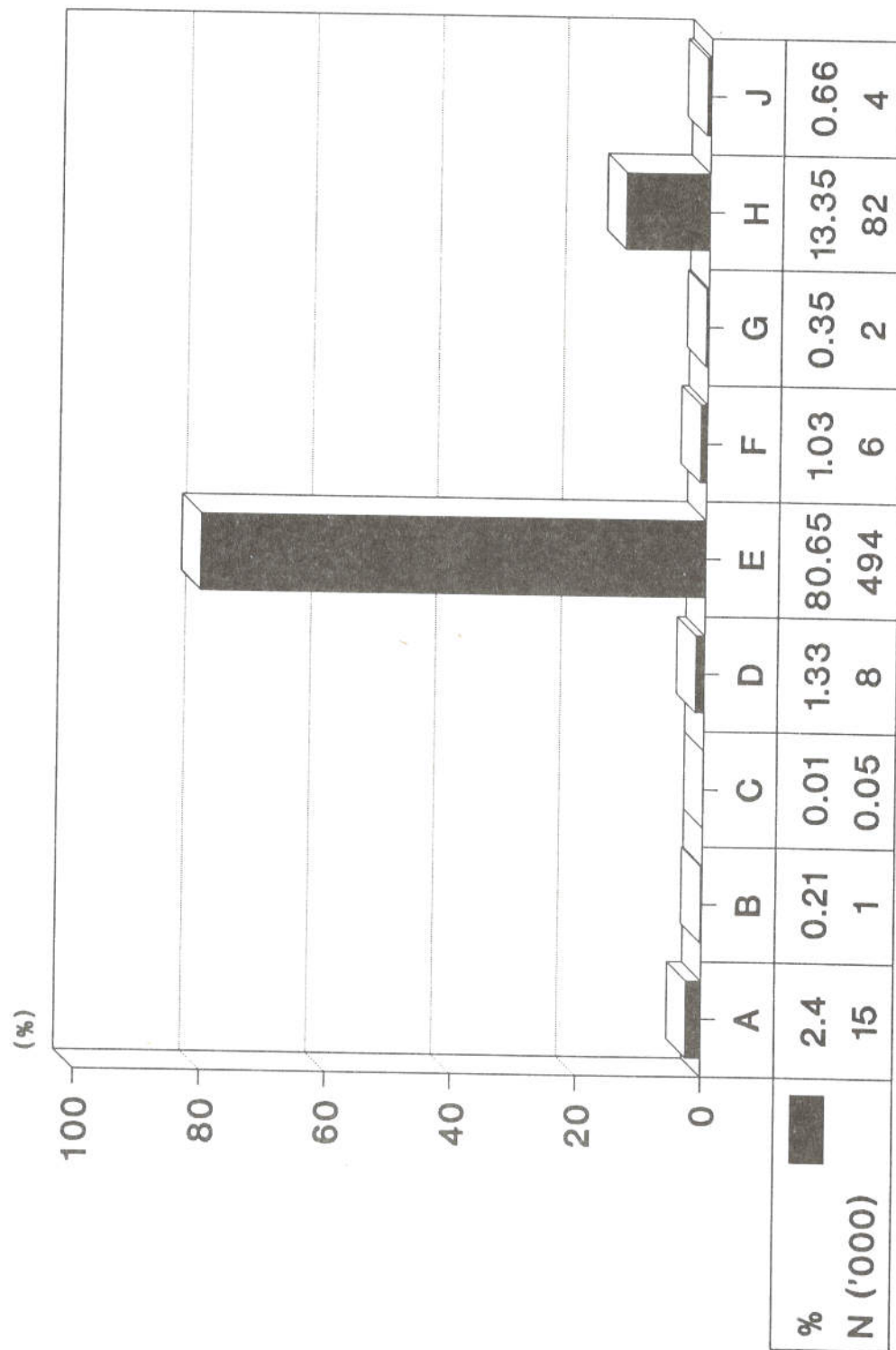


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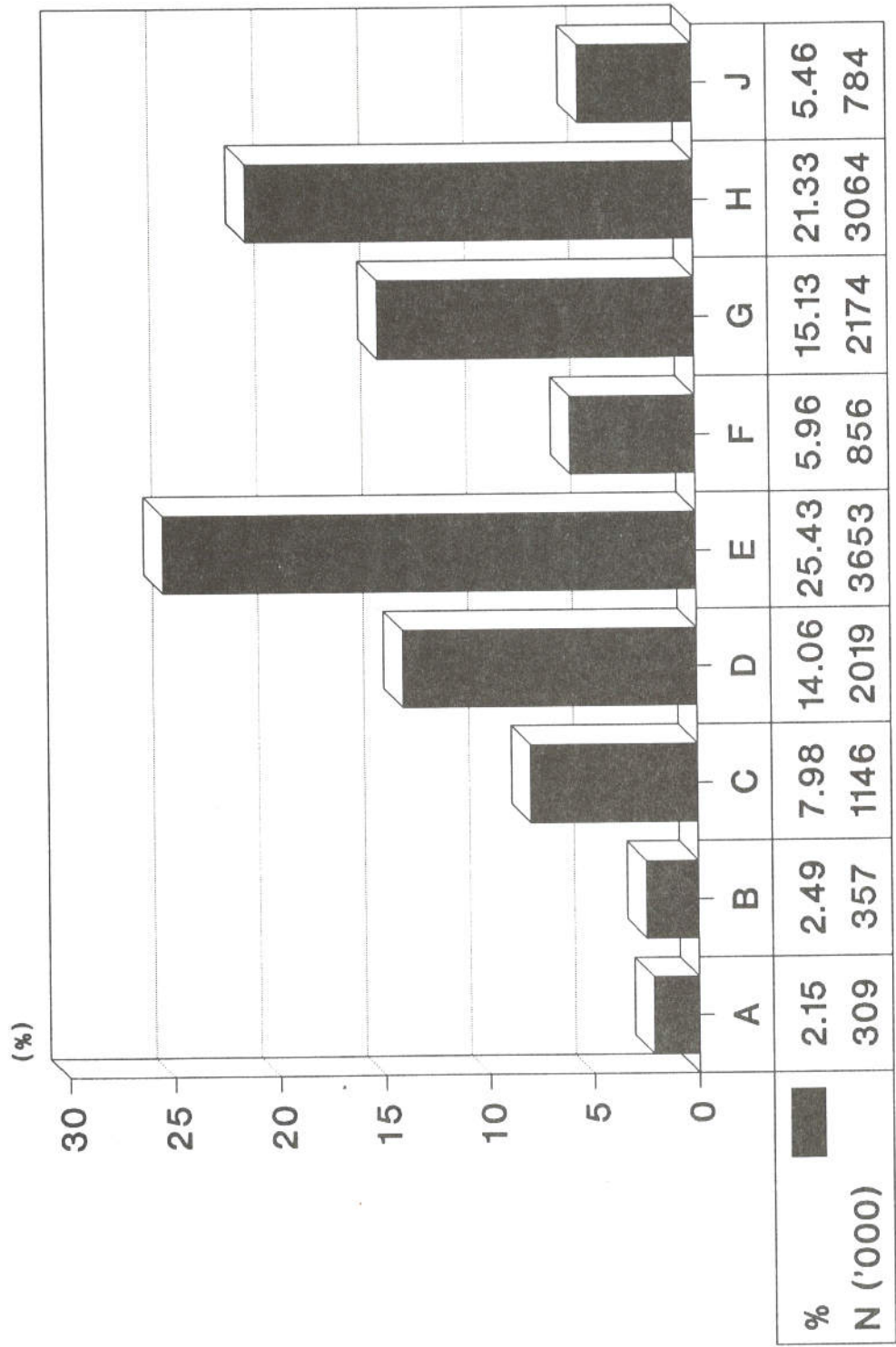


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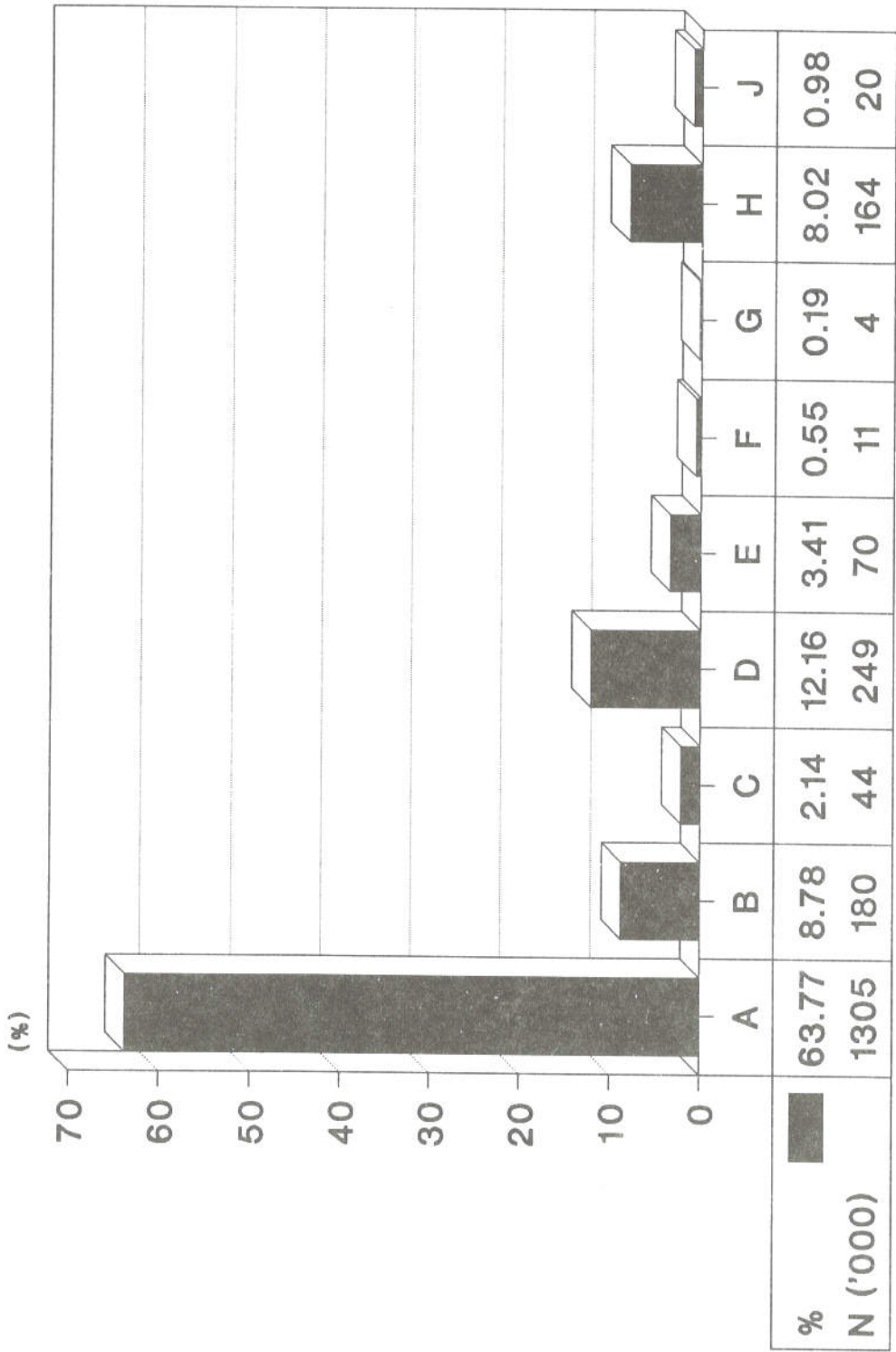


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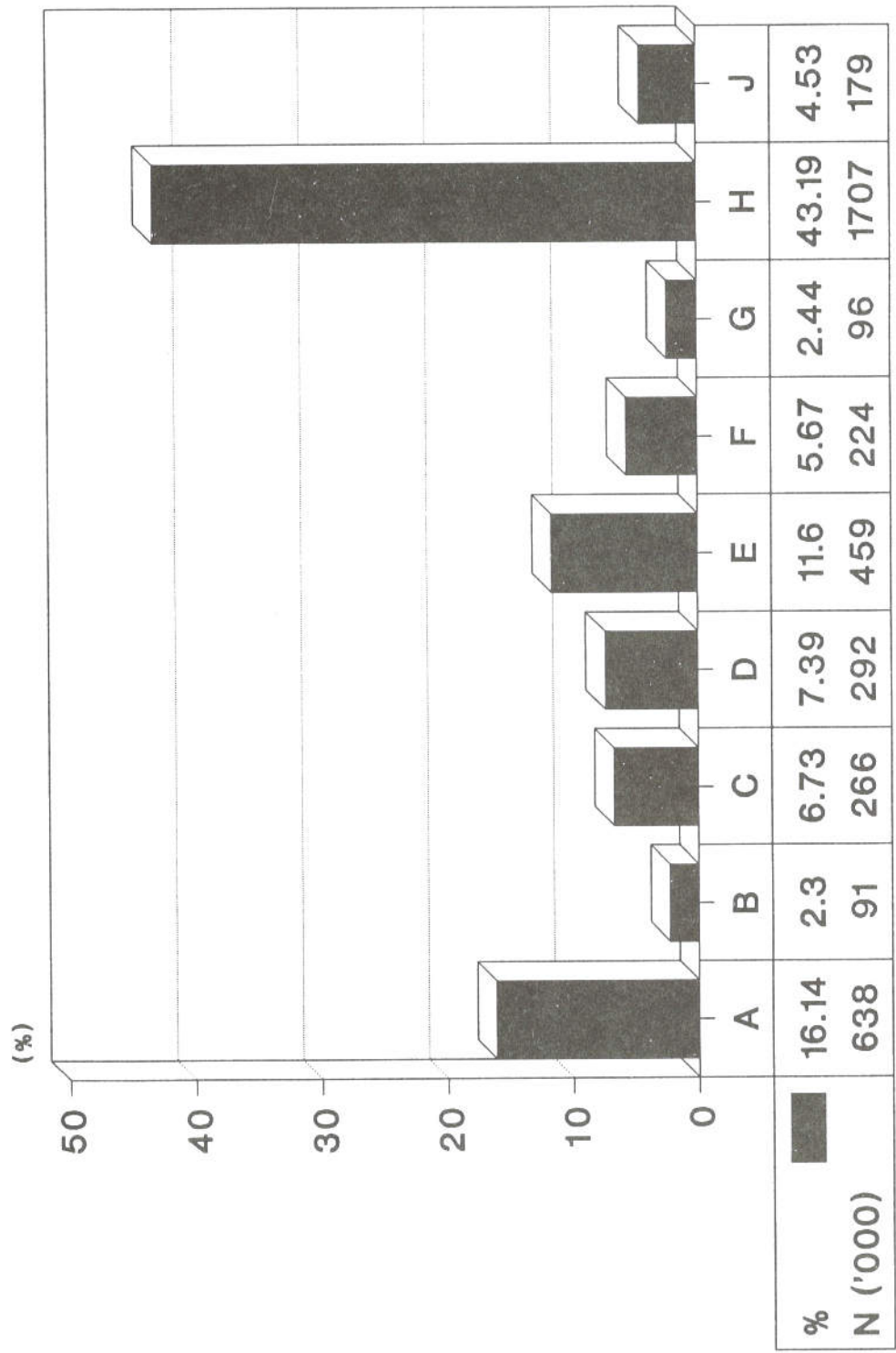


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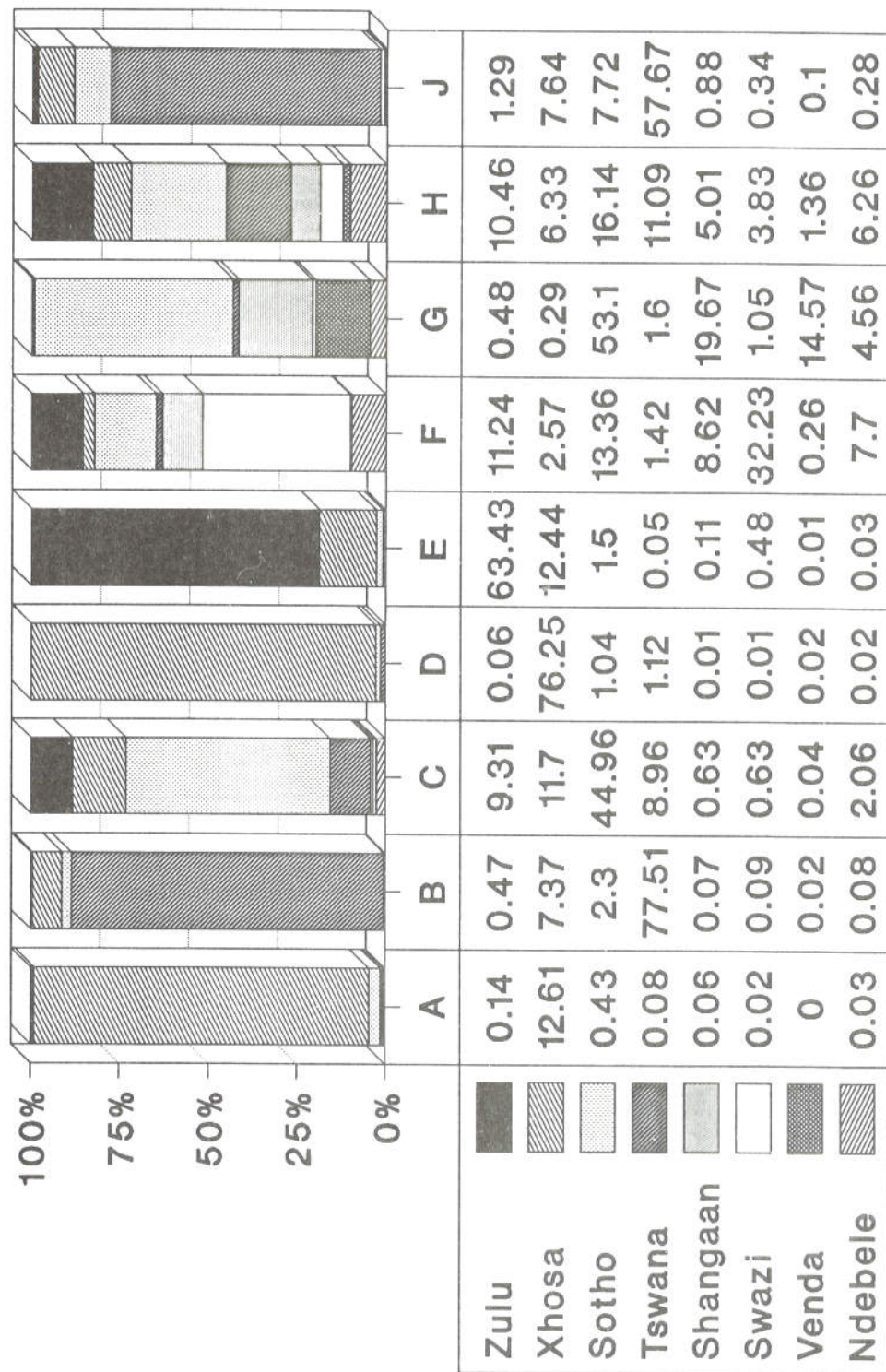


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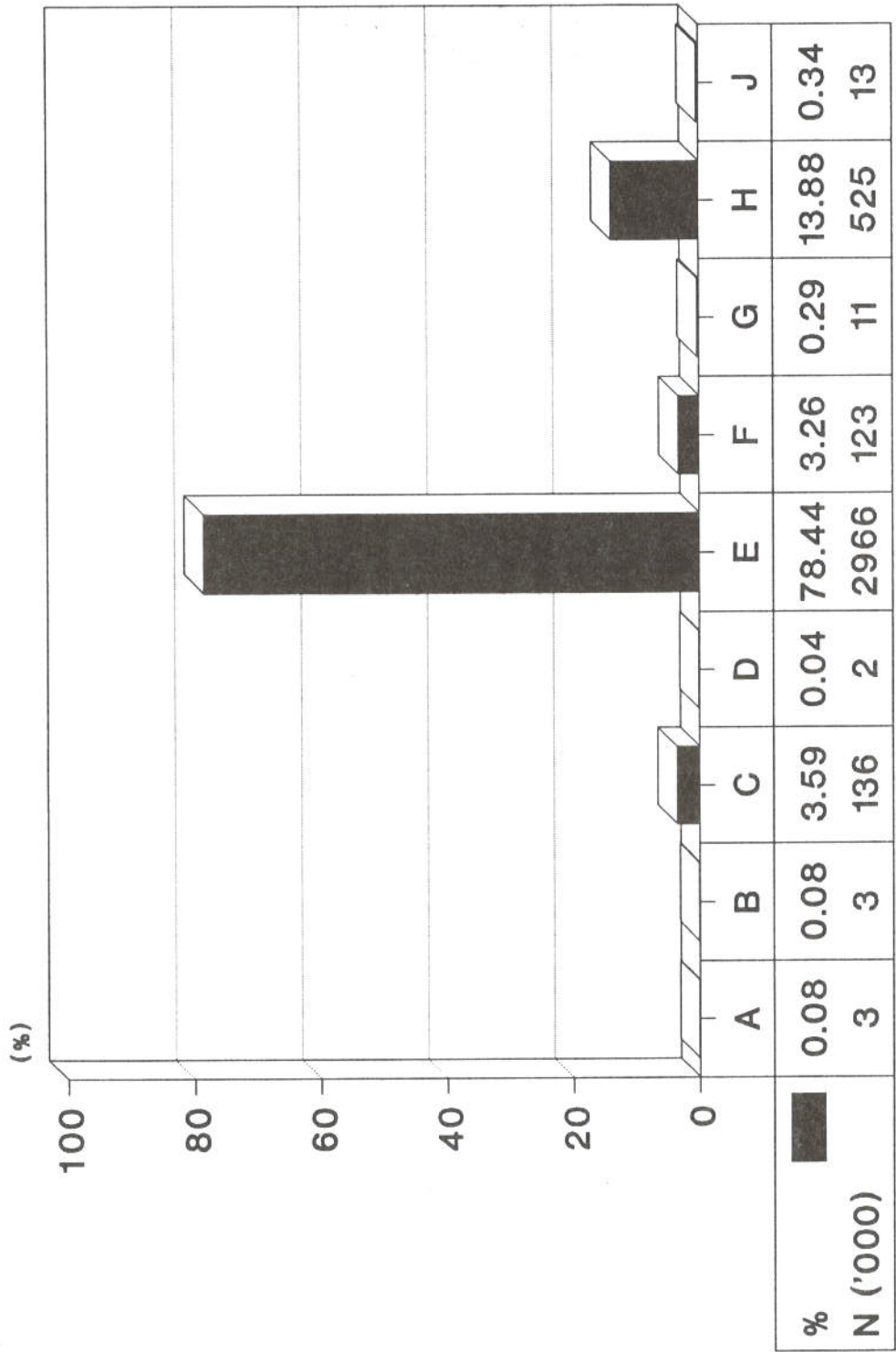


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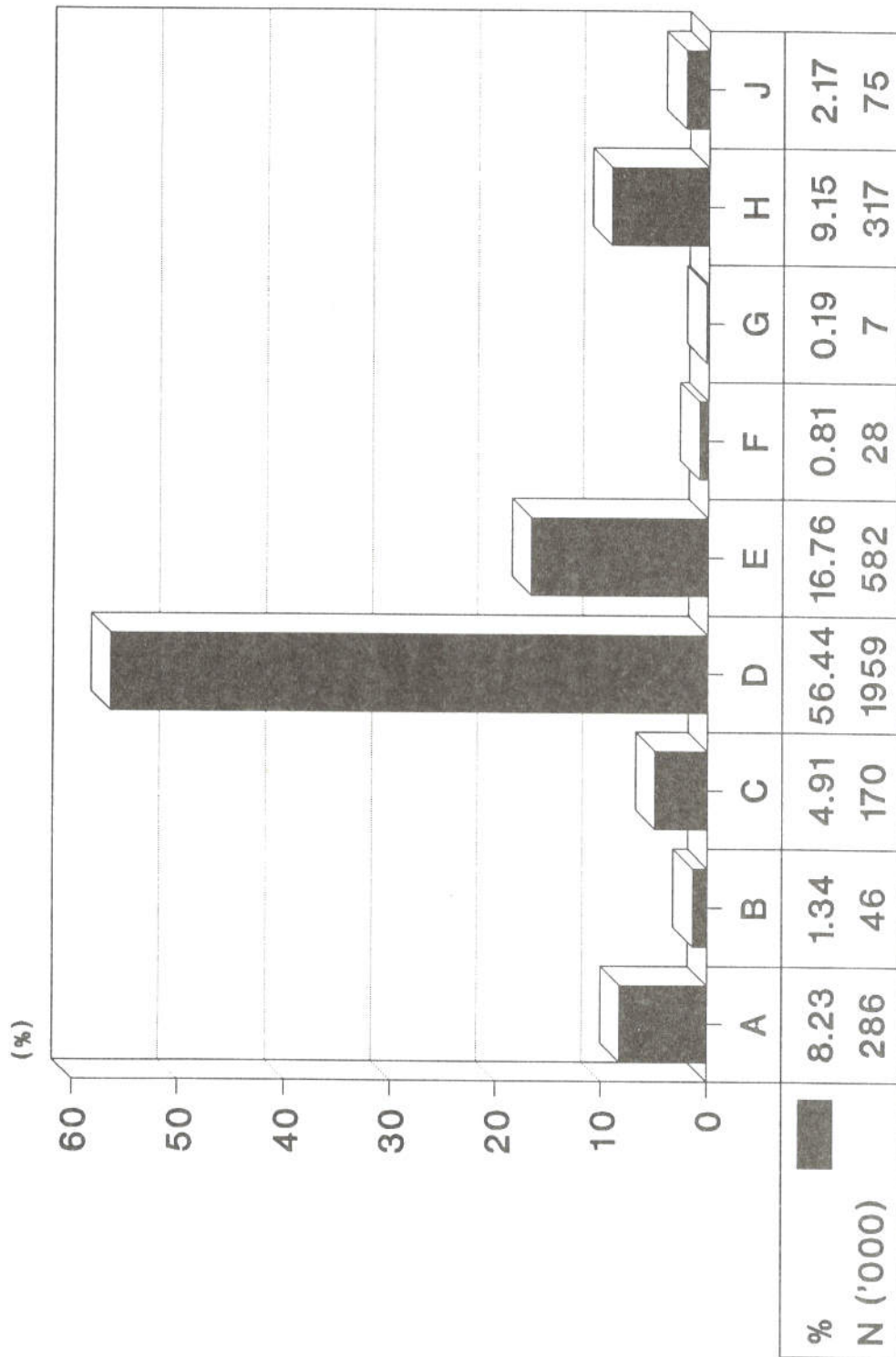


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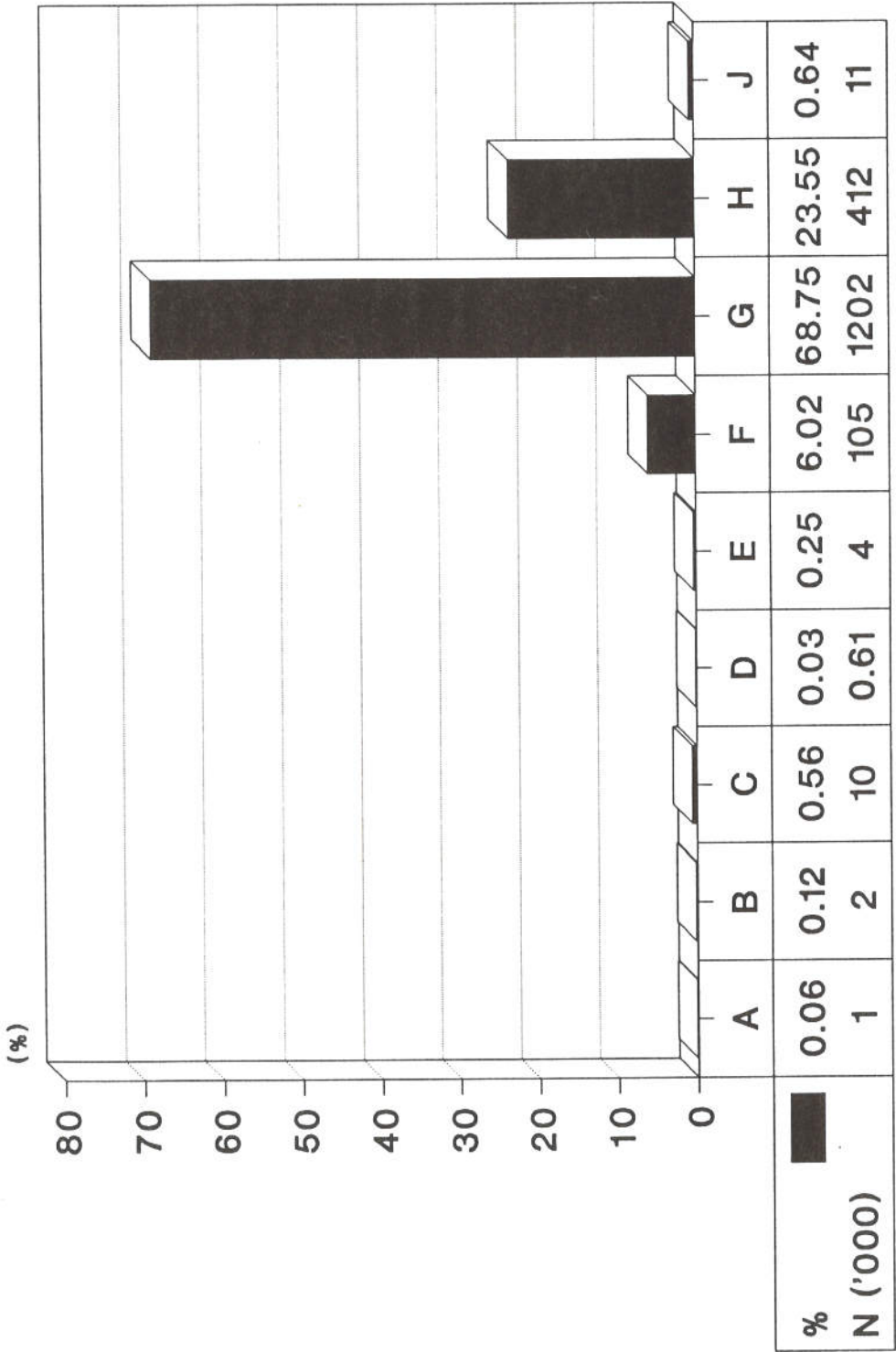


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Tswanas per development region.

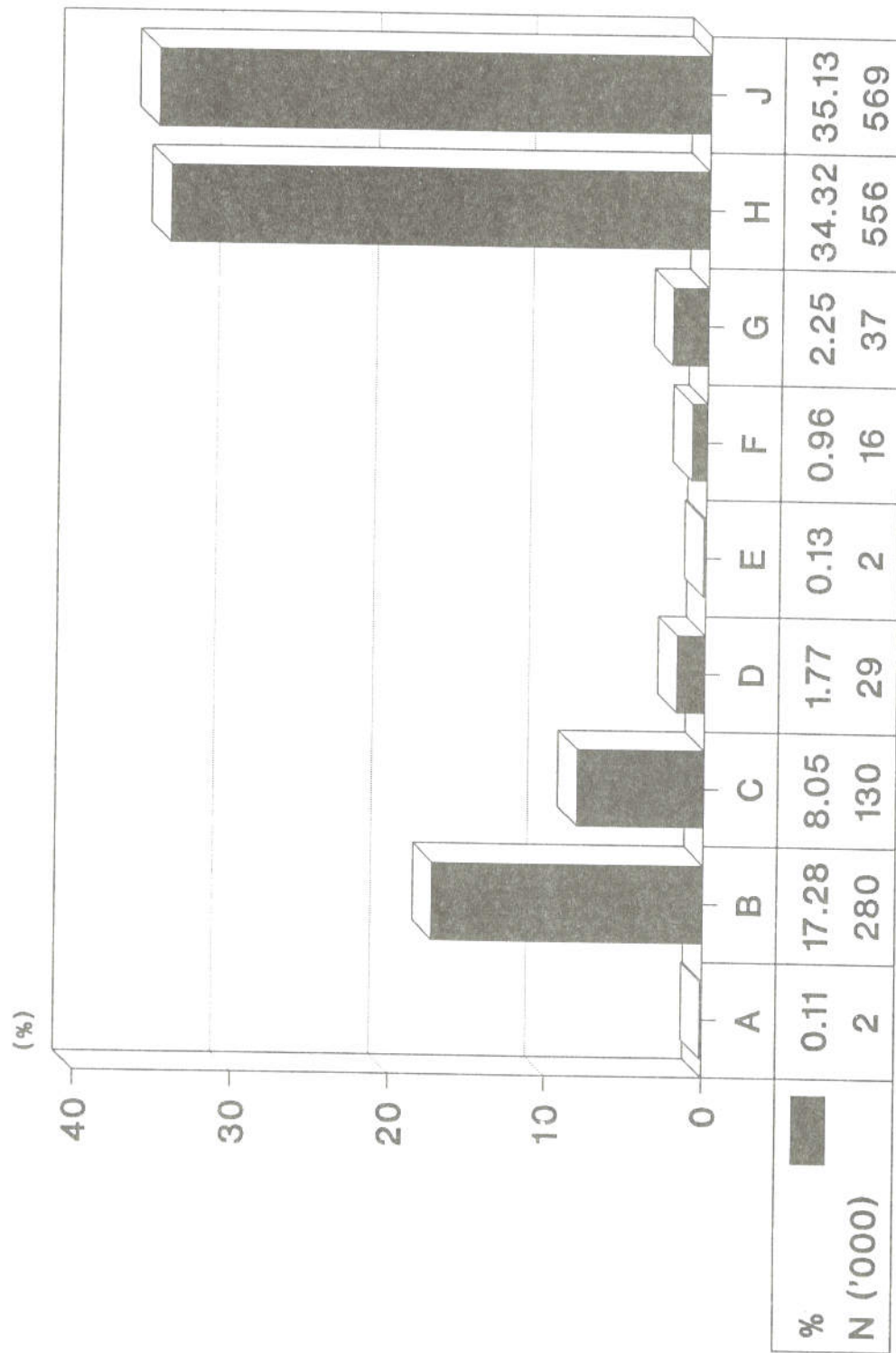


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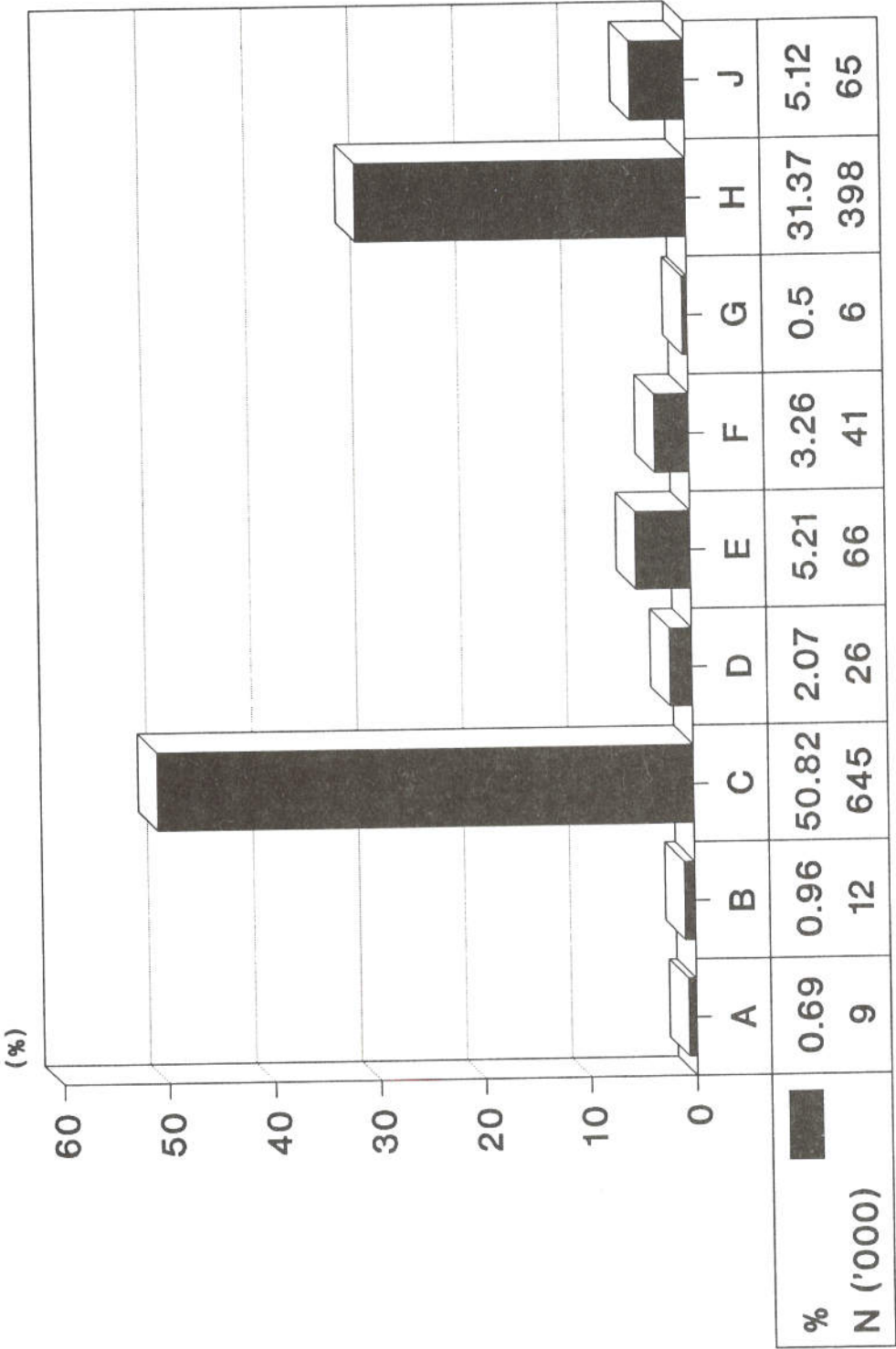


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Shangaans per development region.

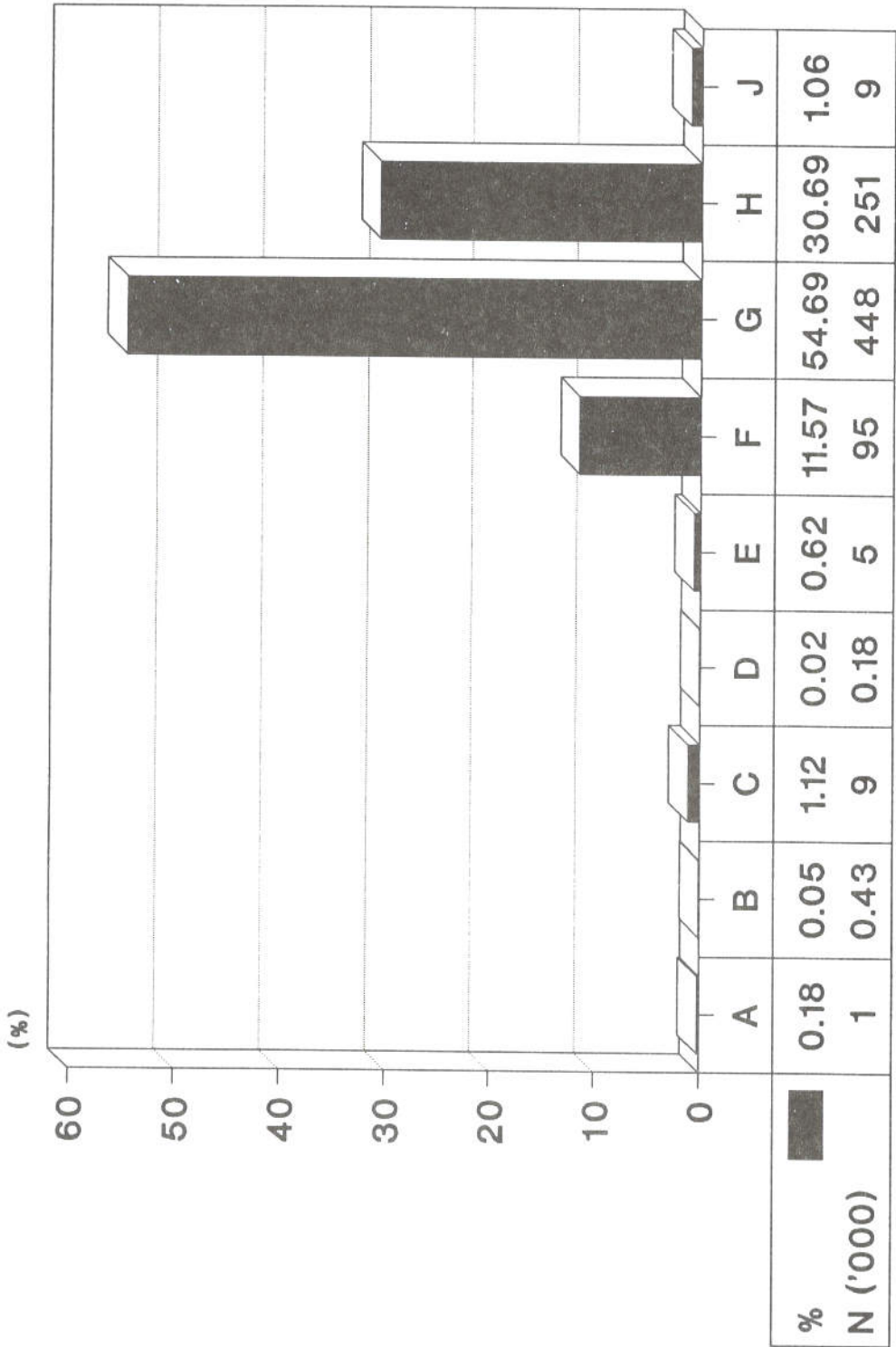


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Swazis per development region.

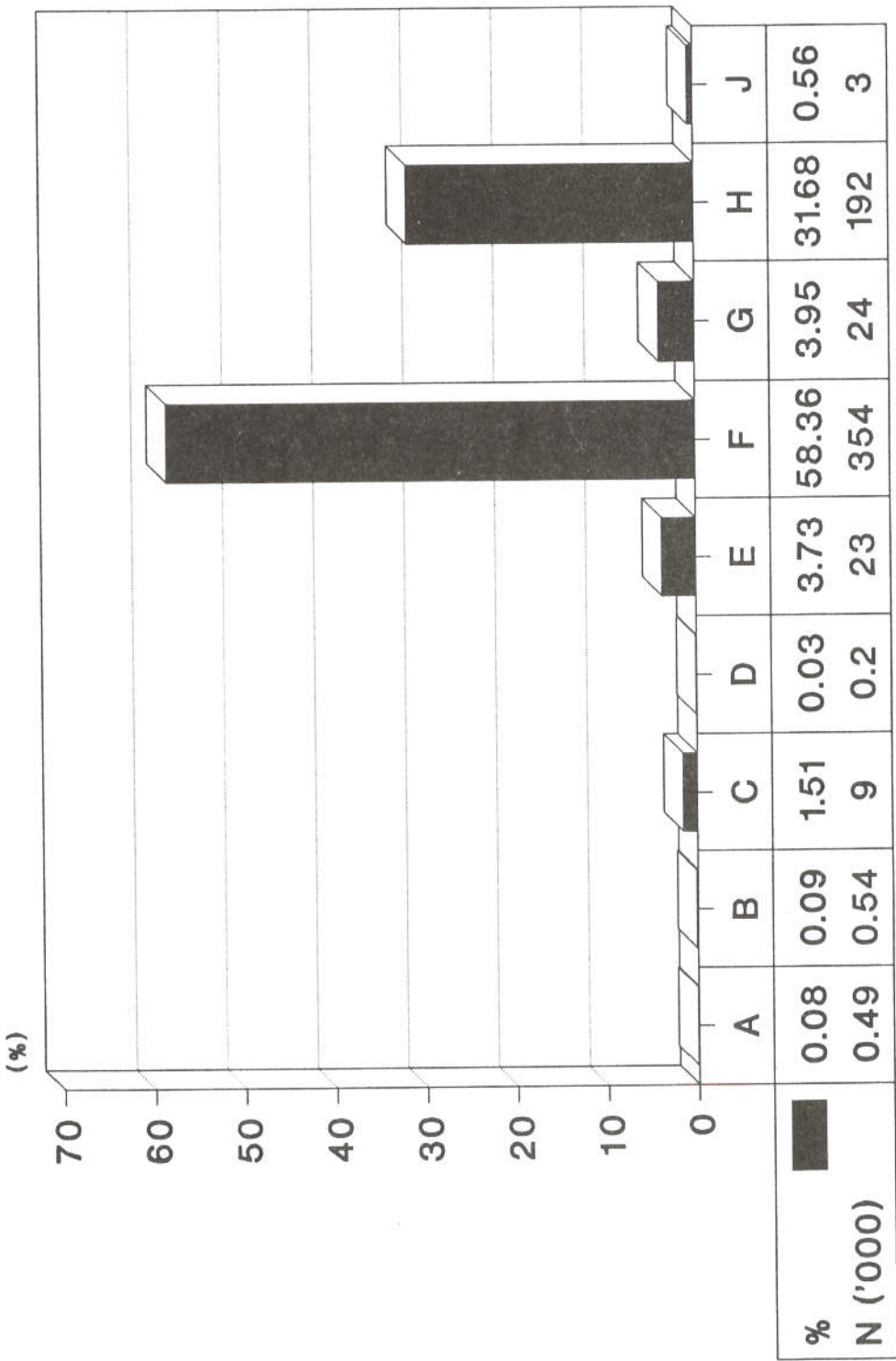


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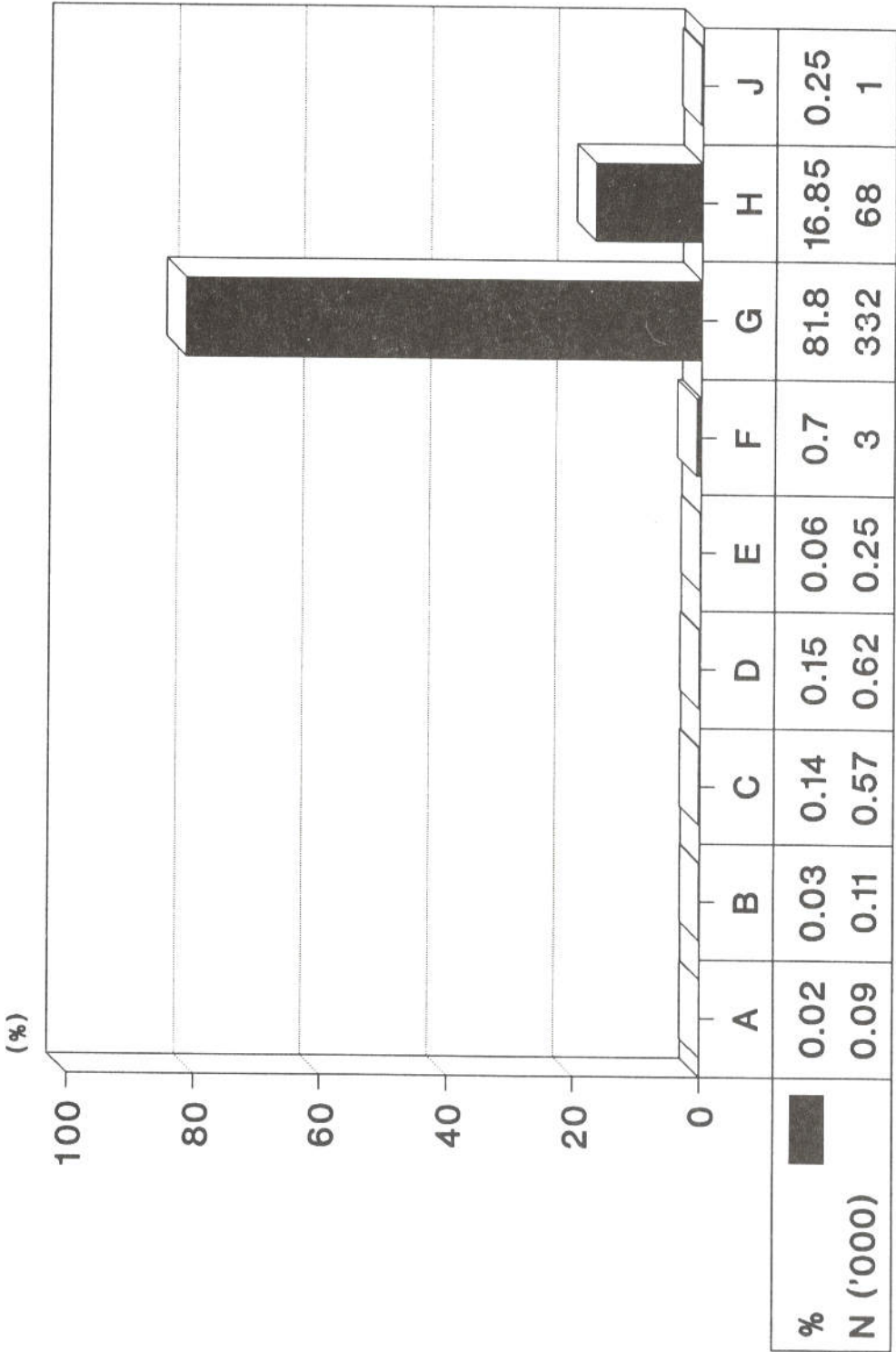


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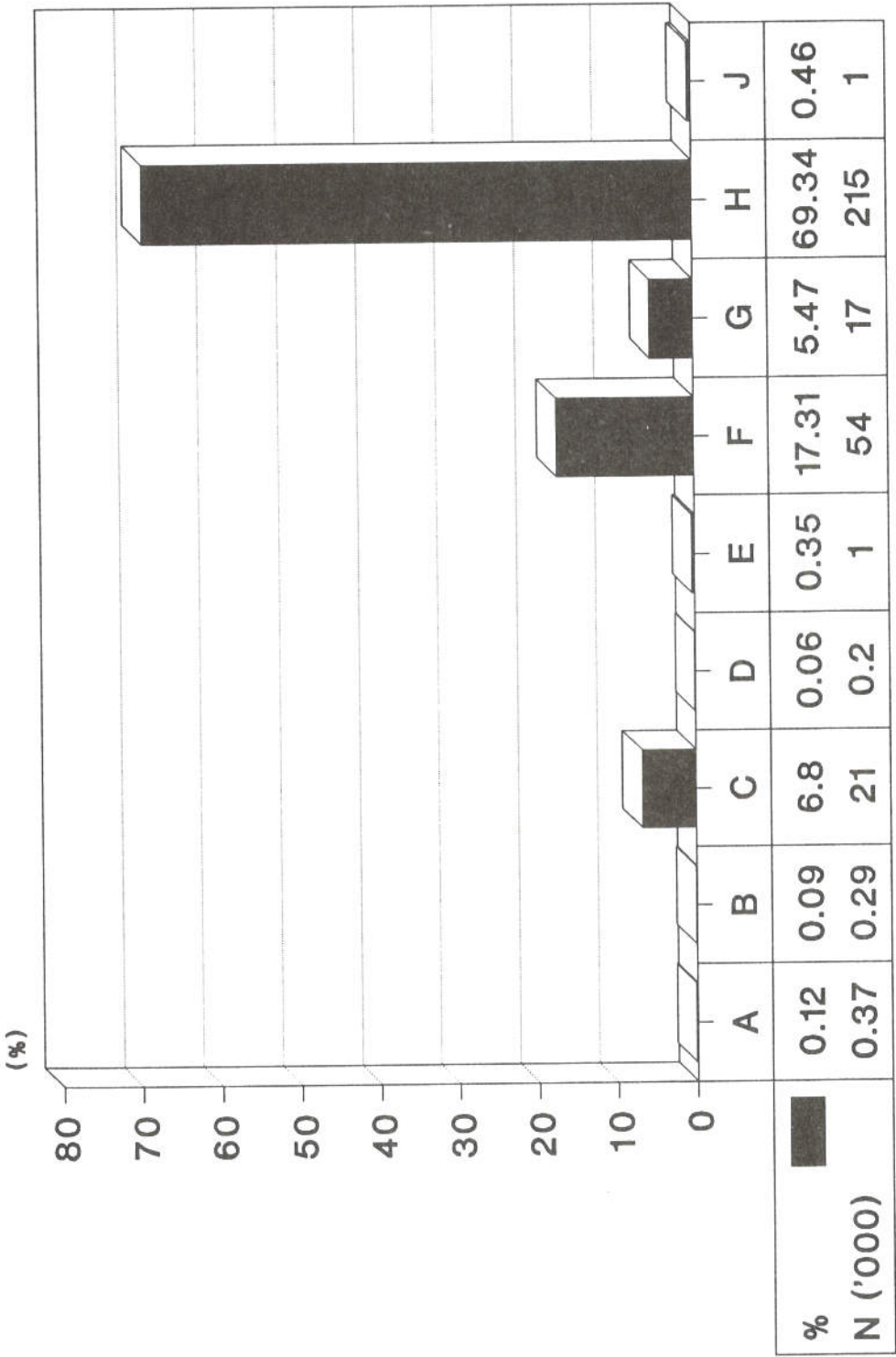


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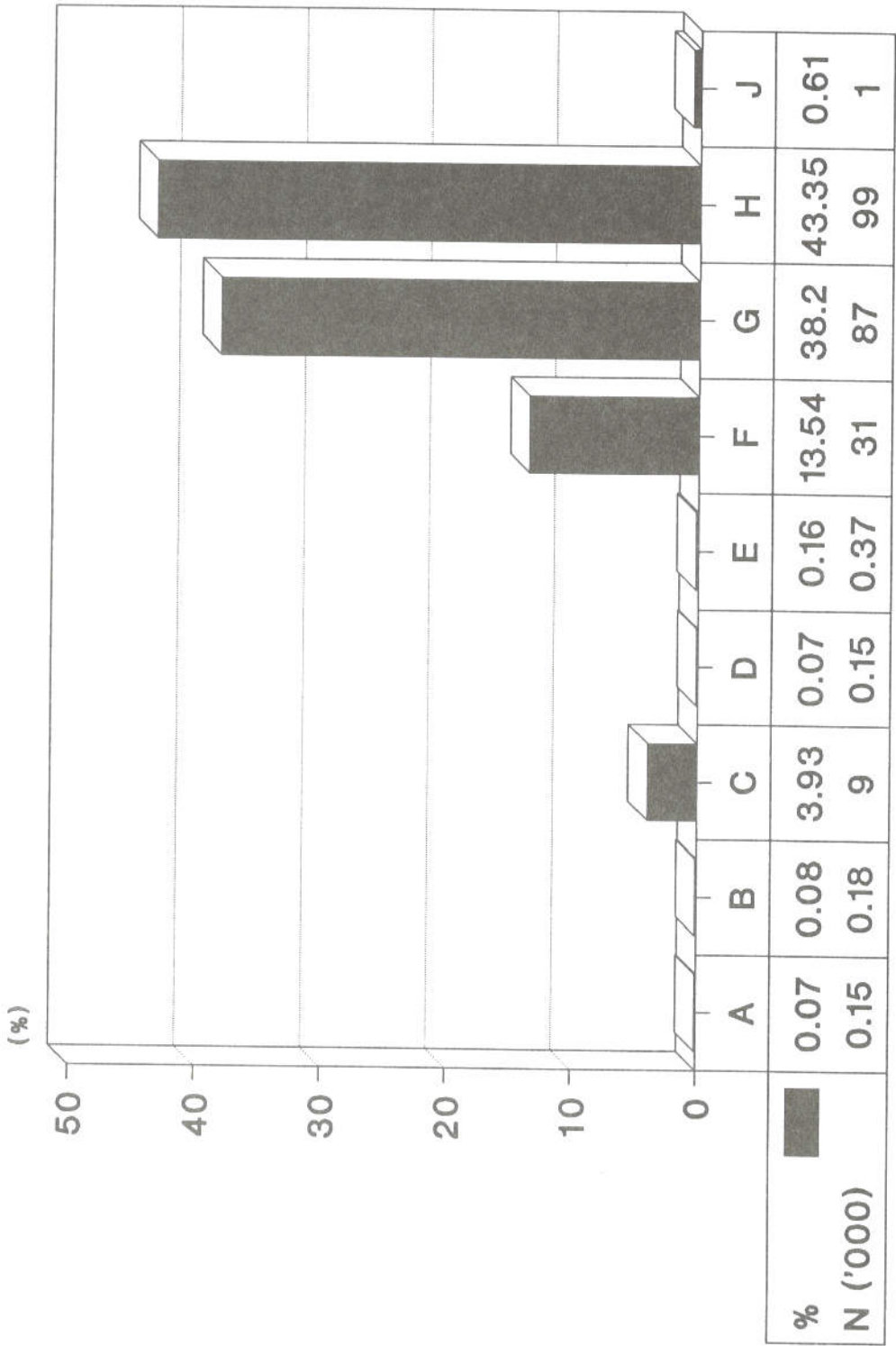
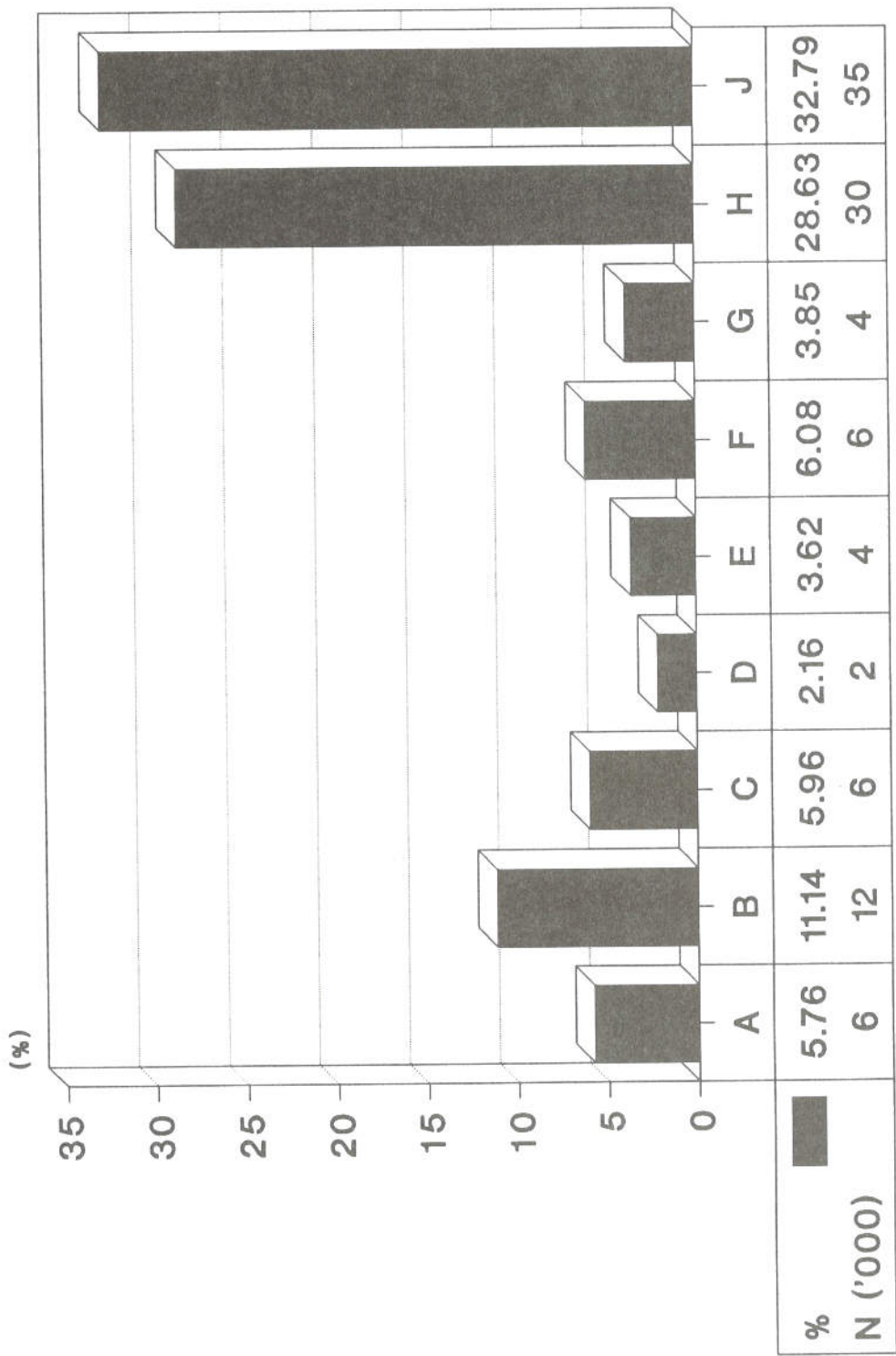


Figure 19: South Africa; Population
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Other Blacks per development region.



SECTION 3: TABLES

Table 1: South Africa: Population groups; 18 years and older; March 1992.

Development region	Total	%	Asians	%	Blacks	%	Coloureds	%	Whites	%
A Western Cape	2267137	10,81	14731	2,40	309199	2,15	1305187	63,77	638021	16,14
Cape portion	2267137	10,81	14731	2,40	309199	2,15	1305187	63,77	638021	16,14
Population group as % of total	100		0,65		13,64		57,57		28,14	
B Northern Cape/ Bophuthatswana	628923	3,00	1285	0,21	357007	2,49	179654	8,78	90978	2,30
Cape portion	444562	2,12	1285	0,21	172646	1,20	179654	8,78	90978	2,30
Bophuthatswana	184361	0,88	0	0,00	184361	1,28	0	0,00	0	0,00
Population group as % of total	100		0,20		56,76		28,57		14,47	
C Orange Free State/Bophuthatswana	1456183	6,94	51	0,01	1146407	7,98	43783	2,14	265942	6,73
Free State portion	1271844	6,06	36	0,01	962710	6,70	43651	2,13	265447	6,72
Qwaqwa	149324	0,71	15	0,00	148682	1,04	132	0,01	495	0,01
Bophuthatswana	35015	0,17	0	0,00	35015	0,24	0	0,00	0	0,00
Population group as % of total	100		0,00		78,73		3,01		18,26	
D Eastern Cape/Ciskei/Transkei	2568754	12,25	8164	1,33	2019496	14,06	248862	12,16	292232	7,39
Cape portion	1132273	5,40	8164	1,33	583015	4,06	248862	12,16	292232	7,39
Ciskei	415669	1,98	0	0,00	415669	2,89	0	0,00	0	0,00
Transkei	1020812	4,87	0	0,00	1020812	7,11	0	0,00	0	0,00
Population group as % of total	100		0,32		78,62		9,69		11,38	
E Natal/ Transkei	4675513	22,29	494017	80,65	3653157	25,43	69779	3,41	458560	11,60
Natal portion	1567293	7,47	490919	80,15	552187	3,84	67257	3,29	456930	11,56
Kwazulu	2532685	12,07	3098	0,51	2525435	17,58	2522	0,12	1630	0,04
Transkei	575535	2,74	0	0,00	575535	4,01	0	0,00	0	0,00
Population group as % of total	100		10,57		78,13		1,49		9,81	
F Eastern Transvaal	1098163	5,24	6325	1,03	856329	5,96	11349	0,55	224160	5,67
Tvl portion	792962	3,78	6304	1,03	552583	3,85	10443	0,51	223633	5,66
Kangwane	305201	1,46	22	0,00	303746	2,11	906	0,04	527	0,01
Population group as % of total	100		0,58		77,98		1,03		20,41	
G Northern Tvl/Venda	2276204	10,85	2129	0,35	2173954	15,13	3813	0,19	96307	2,44
Tvl portion	430496	2,05	2026	0,33	331467	2,31	2937	0,14	94066	2,38
Venda	275864	1,32	0	0,00	275864	1,92	0	0,00	0	0,00
Lebowa	1204560	5,74	82	0,01	1202197	8,37	771	0,04	1510	0,04
Gazankulu	365284	1,74	22	0,00	364426	2,54	106	0,01	730	0,02
Population group as % of total	100		0,09		95,51		0,17		4,23	
H PWV/Bophuthatswana	5017111	23,92	81800	13,35	3064345	21,33	164247	8,02	1706719	43,19
Tvl portion	4405272	21,00	81765	13,35	2452842	17,08	163977	8,01	1706688	43,19
Kwandebele	215453	1,03	34	0,01	215117	1,50	270	0,01	32	0,00
Bophuthatswana	396386	1,89	0	0,00	396386	2,76	0	0,00	0	0,00
Population group as % of total	100		1,63		61,08		3,27		34,02	
J Western Tvl/Bophuthatswana	987266	4,71	4031	0,66	784228	5,46	20059	0,98	178949	4,53
Tvl portion	600555	2,86	4031	0,66	397517	2,77	20059	0,98	178949	4,53
Bophuthatswana	386711	1,84	0	0,00	386711	2,69	0	0,00	0	0,00
Population group as % of total	100		0,41		79,43		2,03		18,13	
Total	20975256	100	612534	100	14364122	100	2046732	100	3951868	100
Total Rest of South Africa	12912396	61,55	609261	99,47	6314166	43,96	2042026	99,77	3946943	99,87
Total TBVC countries	3290353	15,69	0	0	3290353	22,90	0	0	0	0
Total Self-governing territories	4772507	22,75	3273	0,53	4759603	33,14	4706	0,23	4925	0,12
Population group as % of total	100		2,92		68,48		9,76		18,84	

Source: The 1985 census adjusted to March 1992.

Table 2: South Africa: Population groups; Black ethnic groups; 18 years and older; March 1992.

Development region	Zulu	Xhosa	North Sotho	Tswana	South Sotho	Shangana	Swazi	Venda	South Ndebele	North Ndebele	Other Blacks
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
A Western Cape											
Cape portion	3184	0,08	285782	8,23	1082	0,08	1453	0,08	371	0,12	154
Population group as % of total	0,14	12,81	8,23	0,08	0,11	0,08	0,08	0,08	0,02	0,12	0,07
B Northern Cape/Bophuthatswana											
Cape portion	2827	0,08	46375	1,34	2177	0,12	276984	0,96	107	0,09	178
Bophuthatswana	2827	0,08	46375	1,34	2177	0,12	276984	0,96	107	0,09	178
Population group as % of total	0,47	7,37	0,00	0,00	0,35	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,05	0,00	0,00
C Orange Free State/Bophuthatswana											
Free State portion	135820	3,58	170356	4,91	8858	0,56	130461	50,82	573	0,14	21083
Oxwaka	135820	3,58	170356	4,91	8858	0,56	130461	50,82	573	0,14	21083
Bophuthatswana	0	0,00	0	0,00	0	0,00	0	0,00	0	0,00	0
Population group as % of total	9,31	11,70	0,00	0,00	0,68	0,00	0,63	0,04	1,45	0,81	0,43
D Eastern Cape/Ciskei/Transkei											
Cape portion	1815	0,04	1958709	56,44	808	0,03	28678	2,07	620	0,15	200
Ciskei	1815	0,04	1958709	56,44	808	0,03	28678	2,07	620	0,15	200
Transkei	0	0,00	415698	11,98	0	0,00	0	0,00	0	0,00	0
Population group as % of total	0,06	76,25	0,02	1,12	1,02	0,01	0,01	0,02	0,01	0,01	0,08
E Natal/Transkei											
Natal portion	2965833	78,44	581583	16,78	2129	0,13	86122	5,21	251	0,06	1088
KwaZulu	440198	11,64	8048	0,17	2129	0,13	86122	5,21	251	0,06	1088
Transkei	2525435	66,78	0	0,00	0	0,00	0	0,00	0	0,00	0
Population group as % of total	83,43	0,00	575535	16,58	0	0,00	0,11	0,00	0,02	0,01	0,08
F Eastern Transvaal											
TVI portion	123387	3,28	28258	0,81	41360	0,86	94708	11,57	53681	17,31	30827
Kangwane	123387	3,28	28258	0,81	41360	0,86	94708	11,57	53681	17,31	30827
Population group as % of total	11,24	2,57	0,00	0,00	3,77	0,00	8,82	0,26	4,89	2,81	0,59
G Northern Tl/Venda											
TVI portion	10870	0,29	8522	0,19	1202197	68,75	447835	54,69	16857	5,47	86856
Venda	10870	0,29	8522	0,19	1202197	68,75	447835	54,69	16857	5,47	86856
Labowa	0	0,00	0	0,00	0	0,00	0	0,00	0	0,00	0
Gazankulu	0	0,00	0	0,00	0	0,00	0	0,00	0	0,00	0
Population group as % of total	0,46	0,29	0,00	0,00	0,28	0,00	1,05	0,00	0,74	3,82	0,18
H PWV/Bophuthatswana											
TVI portion	524874	13,88	317466	9,15	411848	23,55	251276	30,69	192134	31,68	86335
Kwandebele	524874	13,88	317466	9,15	411848	23,55	251276	30,69	192134	31,68	86335
Bophuthatswana	0	0,00	0	0,00	0	0,00	0	0,00	0	0,00	0
Population group as % of total	10,46	8,33	0,00	0,00	7,83	0,00	5,01	0,00	4,28	1,97	0,60
J Western Tl/Bophuthatswana											
TVI portion	12704	0,34	75443	2,17	11136	0,64	8705	1,06	1019	0,25	1412
Bophuthatswana	12704	0,34	75443	2,17	11136	0,64	8705	1,06	1019	0,25	1412
Population group as % of total	1,29	7,94	0,00	0,00	1,13	0,00	0,88	0,10	0,14	0,14	0,51
Total											
Total Rest of South Africa	3780924	100	3470504	100	1748817	100	816871	100	405567	100	227841
Total TBVC countries	1255489	33,20	1458488	42,02	546420	31,23	454445	55,50	129703	31,96	95105
Total Self-governing territories	2525435	66,79	0	0	148882	11,72	364426	44,50	303748	50,08	0
Population group as % of total	18,03	16,55	8,34	7,73	6,05	3,90	2,89	1,83	1,48	1,09	0,50

Source: The 1995 census adjusted to March 1992.

