

Detailed timeline

1850	First group of 50 Mauritian sugarcane planters arrive in Natal
1860	Arrival of first group of Indian indentured labourers in Natal
1863	Establishment of Kokstad by Adam Kok III
1865c.	Arrival of first group of settlers in South Africa from St. Helena Island
1870	Arrival of first group of Chinese settlers in South Africa
1904	Arrival of Chinese labourers in South Africa
1910	Union of South Africa
1914–18	First World War
1915	Establishment of Teesav clothing factory
1927	Immorality Act prohibits sexual relations between whites and black Africans
1939	Establishment of the Merebank-Wentworth Housing Scheme
1939–45	Second World War
1946	Establishment of Motor Assemblies plant in Durban
	Ghetto Act is passed
	Indian Passive Resistance Campaign
1948	Nationalist Party election victory
1949	African–Indian riots in Durban
1950	Population Registration Act provides for racial classification
	Group Areas Act provides for establishment of group areas
	Immorality Act (Amendment) prohibits sexual relations between whites and all black people
1951	Opening of Alan Taylor Residence for black students
1953	Building of the Standard Vacuum Oil Company Oil Refinery commences
1956	Removal of qualified coloured voters from common voters' roll
1958	Establishment of the Coloured Affairs Department
	Proclamation of Wentworth as a future coloured group area
	Coloured families move into Austerville/South African Naval Force
	Coloured families move into Assegai
1959	Transkei established as a territorial authority
1960c.	Establishment of Crossley Carpets
	Establishment of Romatex and Frame Factories
1960	Banning of African National Congress (ANC)
	Opening of Austerville Primary School
1961	First families move into houses between Silvertree Road and Olive Grove
	First families move into Aralia Crescent houses
	Opening of Durban East Primary School
	Establishment of the Department of Community Development
	Formation of the South African Senior Schools Sports Association
	ANC establishes uMkhonto we Sizwe and launches armed struggle
1962	Opening of Assegai Primary School
	First soccer matches at Landsdowne Road sports ground
	Establishment of the Coloured Development Corporation
1963	Declaration of Wentworth as a coloured group area
	Opening of Northgate Primary School
	Christ the King Church in Cycas Road opens for services
	Transkei granted 'self-government' status
	Coloured Affairs Department takes over coloured education

- 1964 Establishment of coloured Local Affairs Committees (LACs)
Election of members of the LACs
Coloured Catholics begin attending St. Thomas More Church
- 1965 Formation of the Labour Party
Formation of the South African Primary Schools Sports Association
- 1966 Coloured families move into SAP (South African Police living quarters – Hardy)
Methodist Church on Austerville Drive opens for service
- 1967 Families move into Noddy Town
Seventh Day Adventist Church on Goshen Road opens for service
Start of afternoon classes at Northgate Primary School
Start of afternoon classes at Durban East Primary School
- 1968 First families move into houses on Croton Road
First families move into Woodville Road flats
First families move into Wolraad Road flats
Opening of Wentworth Secondary High School
Establishment of the South African Students Organisation
Elections for Coloured Representative Council
Opening of Merebank Primary School
- 1969 Formation of Wentworth Meals on Wheels
- 1970 Establishment of the Austerville Coloured Businessmen's Association
Establishment of the Natal Coloured Businessmen's Association
First families move into Maria Crescent and other houses
First families move into Alabama Road flats
- 1971 Opening of Collingwood Primary School
First shops open at Clinic Road Shopping Centre
- 1972 St. Gabriel's Church on Austerville Drive opens for service
Assemblies of God Church on Aralia Crescent opens for service
Opening of Fairvale Secondary High School
First families move into Bennie Geldenhuis Road
First families move from Ack-Ack transit housing to flats
First families move into Barracks transit houses
First families move into Reiger Road flats
- 1973 First families move into Panax Place flats
Opening of Spar Foodliner
Establishment of South African Council on Sport
- 1974 Building of Sasol 2 commences
Opening of Wentworth Primary School
Opening of Palm Springs Hotel
Second wave of families move into Beaunoir Avenue
First families move into Ogle Road flats
First families move into Hime Street flats
Families buy property in Nerissa Road–Pirie Road area
- 1975 First families move into Duranta Road flats
- 1976 First families move into Eksteen Road flats
Soweto Uprising
- 1977 Families move into Tifflin Road flats

1978	Fairvale Secondary High School moves into new buildings
1979	Fire at Assegai Primary School Building of Sasol 3 commences
1980	Lutheran Church in Ogle Road opens for service Seventh Day Adventist Church on Boston Road opens for service First Wentworth amateur football club, Leeds, turns professional Boycotts in coloured schools Opening of karate gymnasium on Austerville Drive
1981	Opening of the Ogle Road swimming pool
1982	Closure of Northgate School
1983	Wentworth Improvement Project becomes active Labour Party decides to participate in Tricameral Parliament Launch of the United Democratic Front Establishment of the United Committee of Concern
1984	Families move into houses in Finch Haven New Methodist Church building on Austerville Drive completed Elections for Tricameral Parliament uMkhonto we Sizwe rocket attack on Mobile Oil Refinery
1985	Banning of COSAS and declaration of state of emergency Commencement of the Austerville Development Project
1986	Bomb explosion at electricity substation on Chamberlain Road Car bomb explosion at Magoo Bar Arrest of Robert and Derrick McBride Families buy property in Treasure Beach Established of Auswent Civic Association Establishment of Wentworth Advice Centre in Dutch Reformed Church building
1988	Wentworth Secondary High School opens at its new site Establishment of parks (Rooks Road, K1, Maria Crescent, Reiger Road flats, Hime Street, Woodville Road and Collingwood)
1989	Umbilo Road High School opens in Wentworth
1990	Unbanning of political organisations and release of Nelson Mandela
1992	Cheryl Roberts represents South Africa in table-tennis at the Olympics Opening of Wings of Love
1993	Establishment of the Transitional Executive Council Establishment of the Wentworth Organisation of Women
1994	Establishment of Transitional Local Councils First democratic elections Establishment of the Wentworth Development Forum FW de Klerk's visit to Wentworth Occupation of the old police barracks by residents in protest against overcrowding Opening of Austerville Community Hall Five sample houses built by Wentworth Development Forum Houses for residents of Woodville Road built in Jespur Place and site of old tennis court 300 stand-alone houses built by House of Representatives and Wentworth Development Forum
1995	Nelson Mandela's visit to Engen refinery when he was met by angry Wentworth, Bluff and Merebank residents affected by high levels of pollution

1995	First elections for non-racial municipal authorities
	Establishment of the South Durban Community Environmental Alliance
1997	Establishment of Communities Building Credible Organisation
1998	Establishment of the Wentworth AIDS Action Group
2001	Strike at Engen oil refinery over wages in May
2002	Completed building of the Wentworth Family Resource Centre
2010	Removal of families from the Barracks
2022	Closure of Engen oil refinery