

# Mid-year population estimates 2019

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# Mid-year population estimates uses the latest available data on

- Fertility
- Mortality
- Migration

to estimate the size of the population of South Africa.

# South Africa's

population, mid-2019 is

# 58,78 million



Source: Mid-year population estimates 2019

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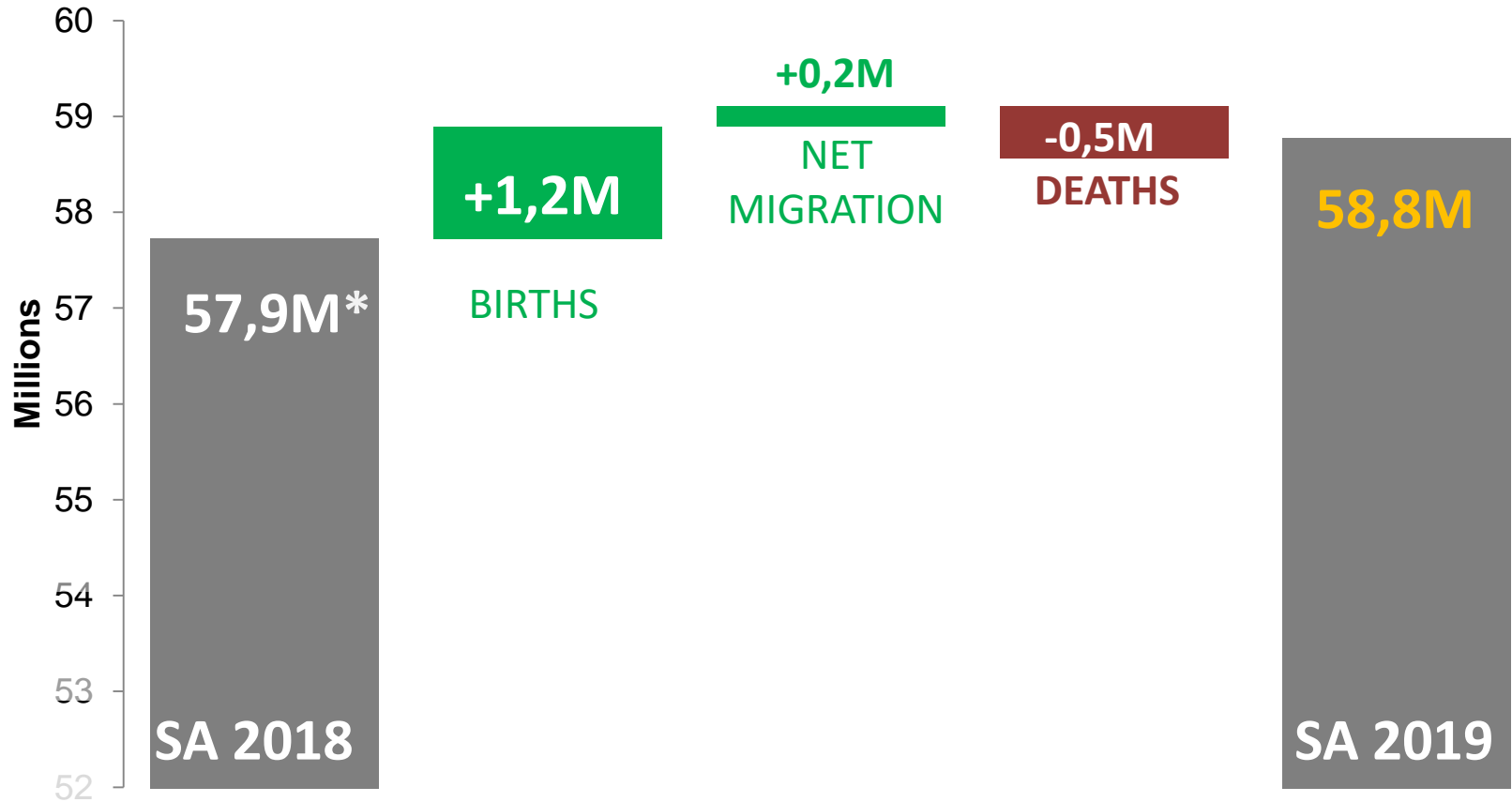
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# Births are the main driver of population growth in South Africa.

*Impact of births, deaths and migration on population, 2019*



\*data based 2019 series.

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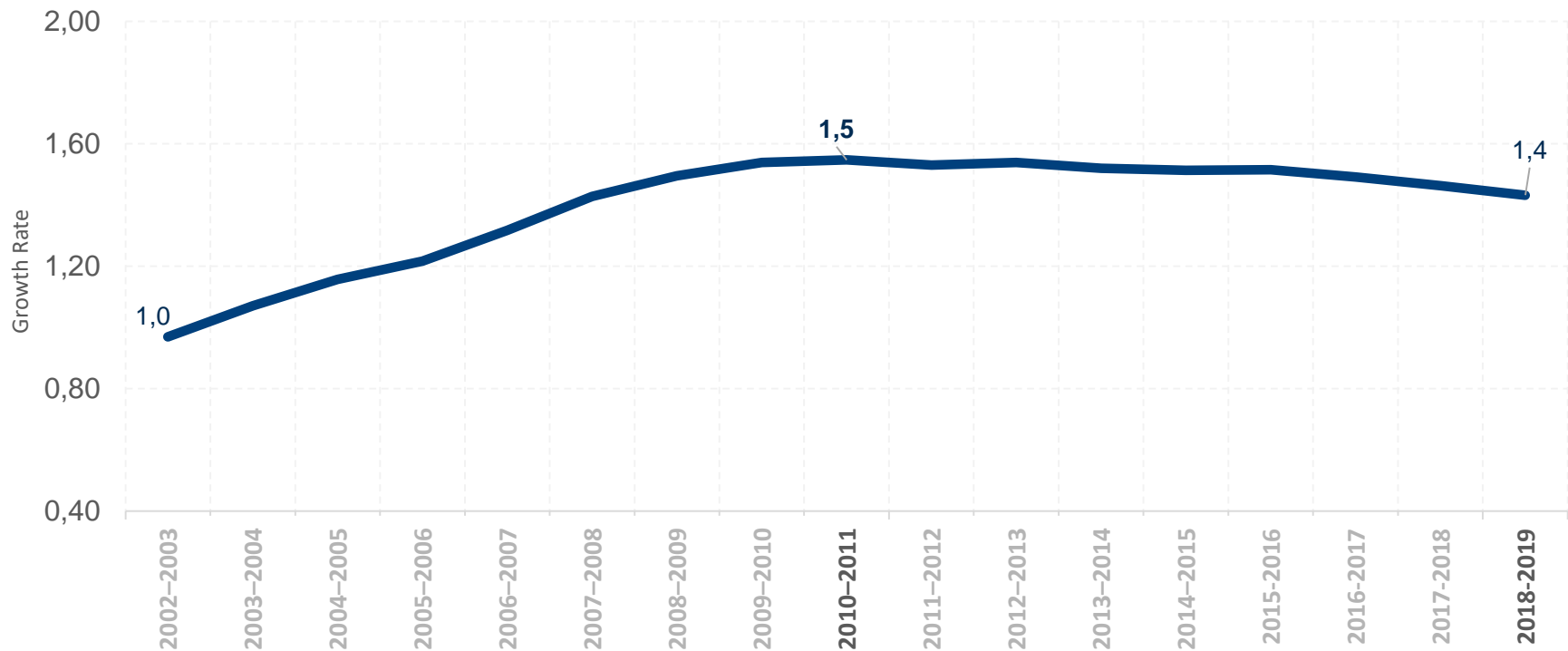
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## The rate of growth for the SA population peaked in 2010/11 and has steadily declined since that point.

*Population growth rate over time, 2002-2019*



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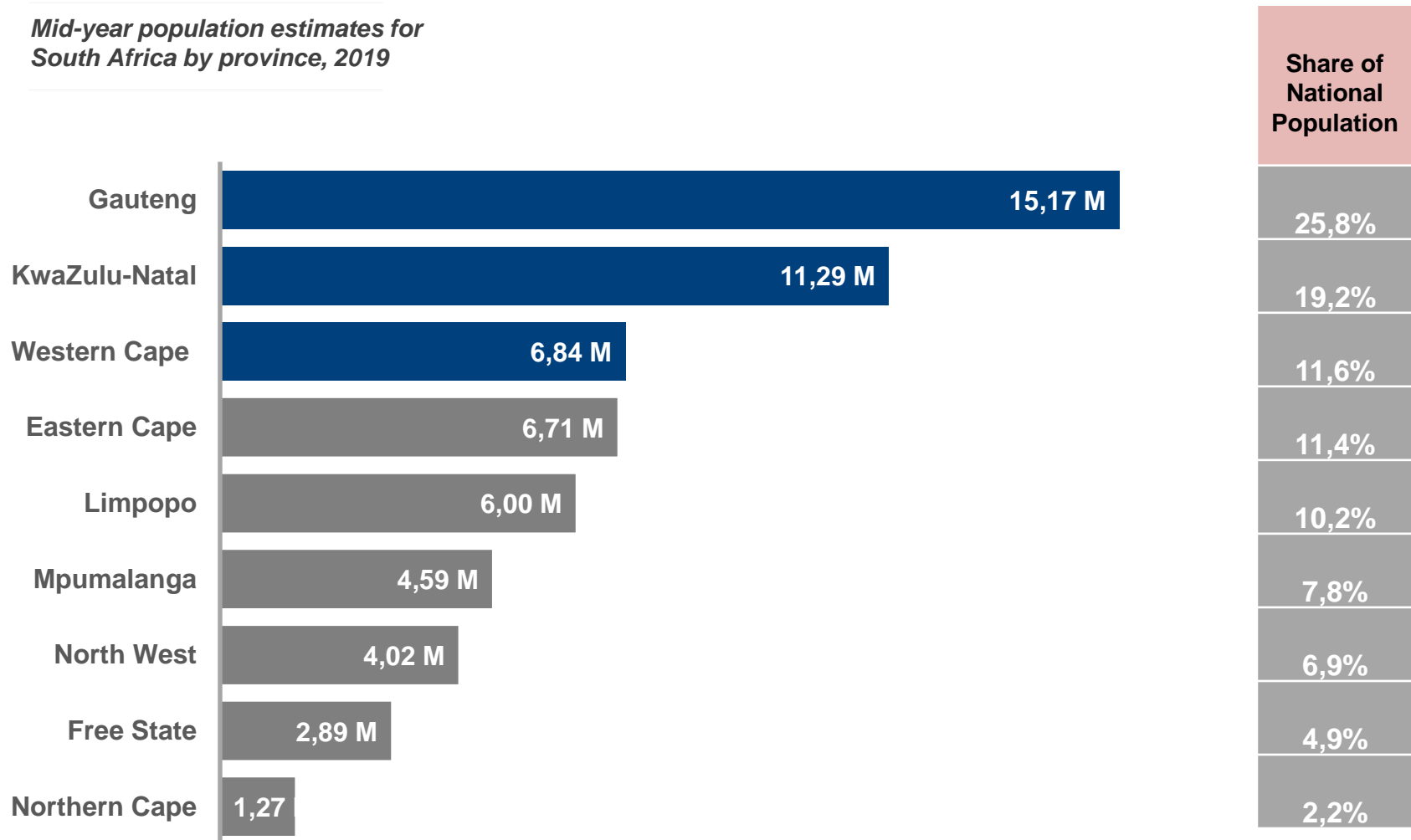
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**More than half the population live in 3 provinces (Gauteng, KwaZulu- Natal and Western Cape). GP remains SA's most populated province with approximately 15,2 million people (25,8%) living in this province.**

*Mid-year population estimates for South Africa by province, 2019*



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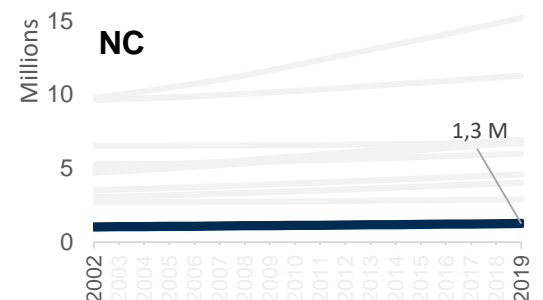
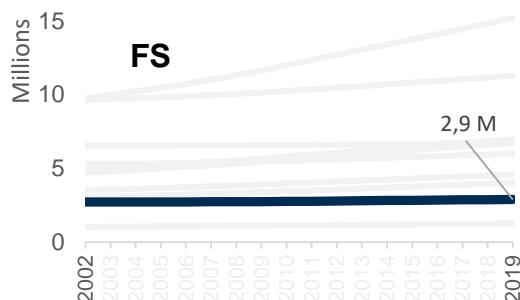
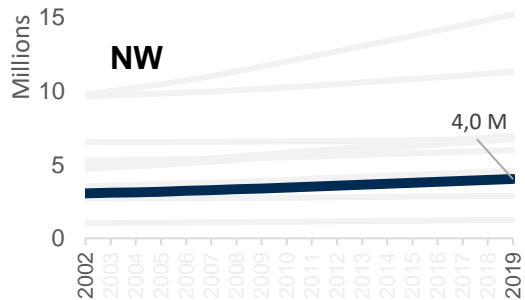
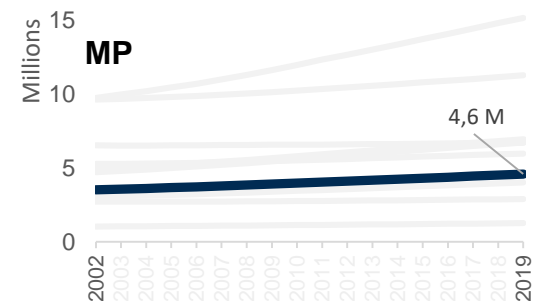
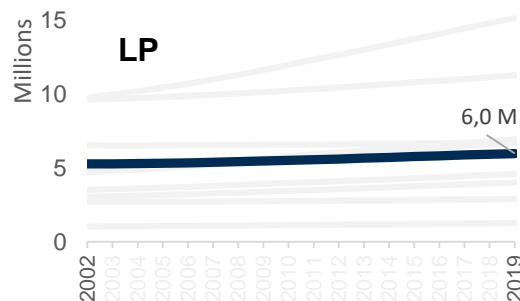
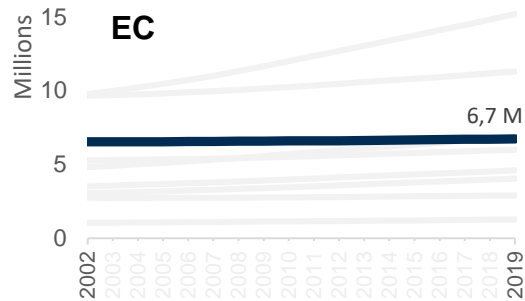
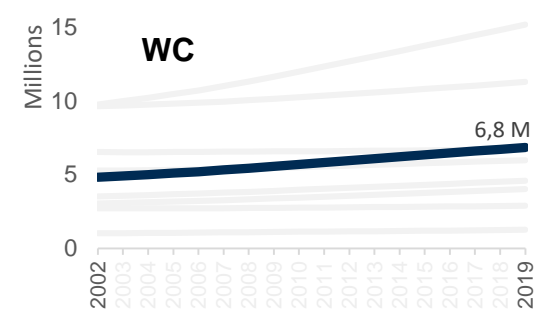
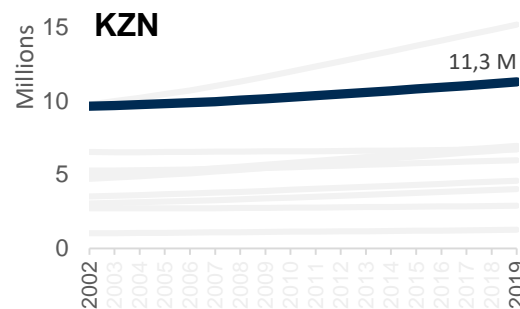
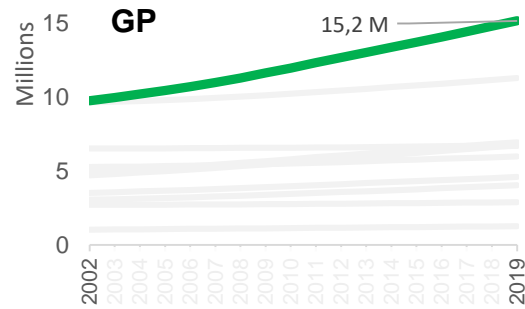
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**GP has shown the greatest increase in population numbers, largely due to both interprovincial and international migration. KwaZulu-Natal is the province with the second largest population, with an estimated 11,3 million people.**

*Mid-year population estimates for South Africa by province, 2019*



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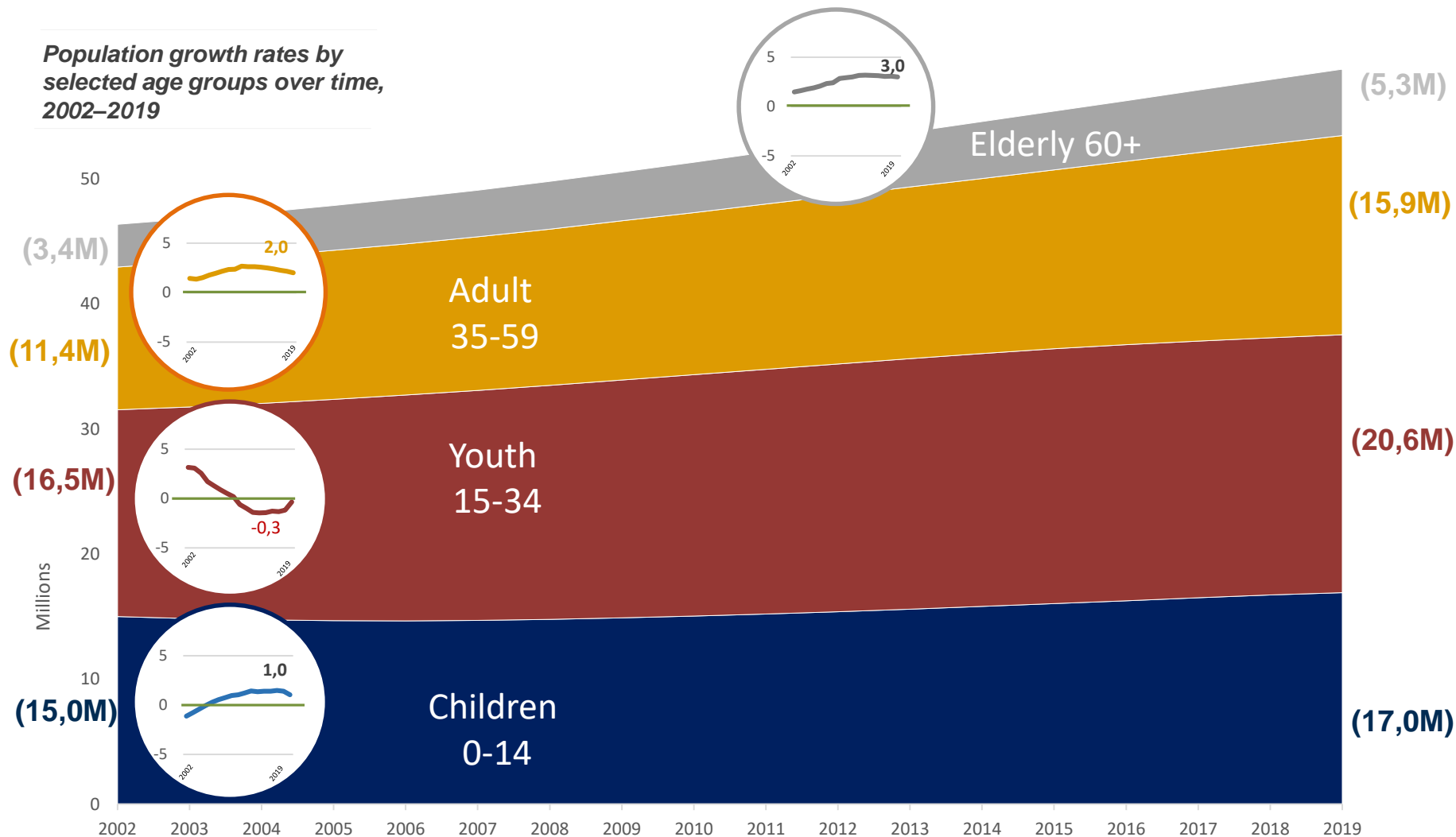
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The estimated overall growth rate increased from approximately 1,0% for the period 2002–2003 to 1,4% for the period 2018–2019. The proportion of the elderly in SA is increasing

Population growth rates by selected age groups over time, 2002–2019



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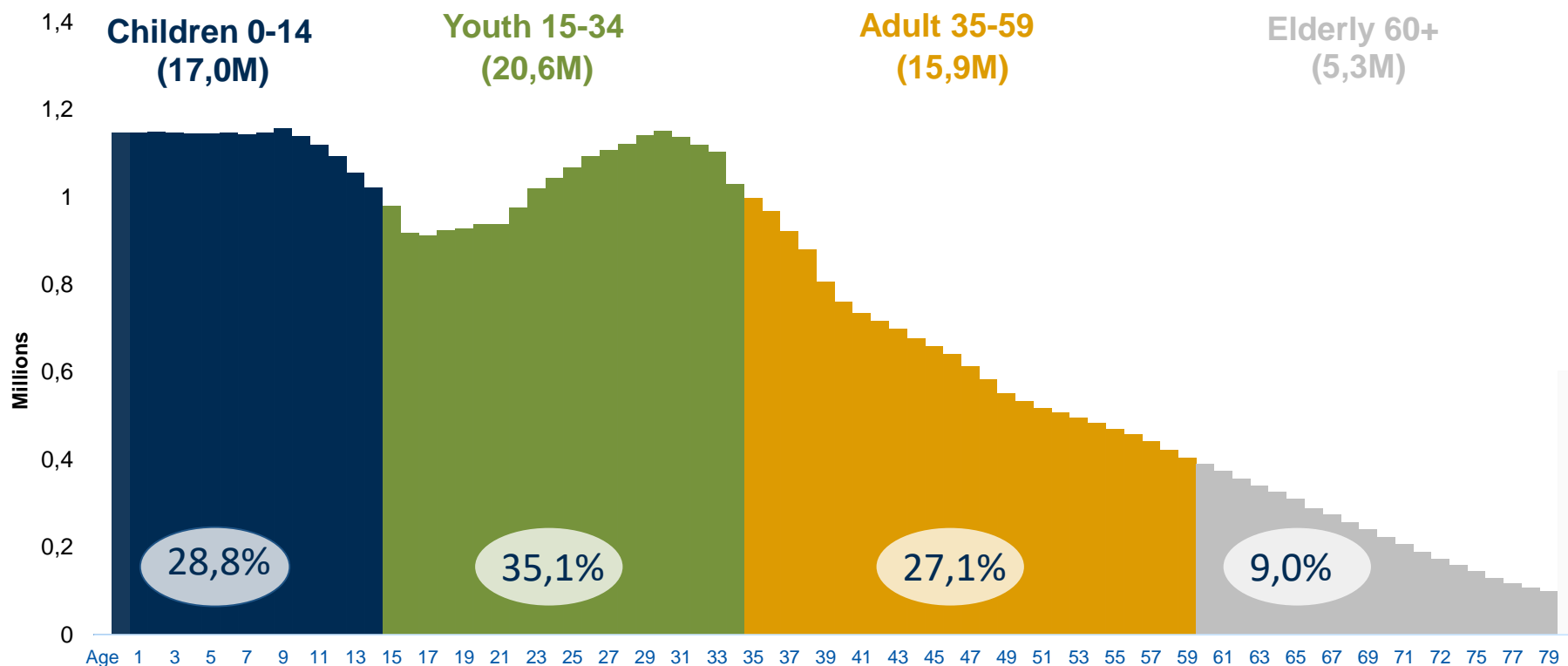
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Around 17 million are children (0-14 years), making up close to a third of SA's total population.

Population age structure by single years, 2019



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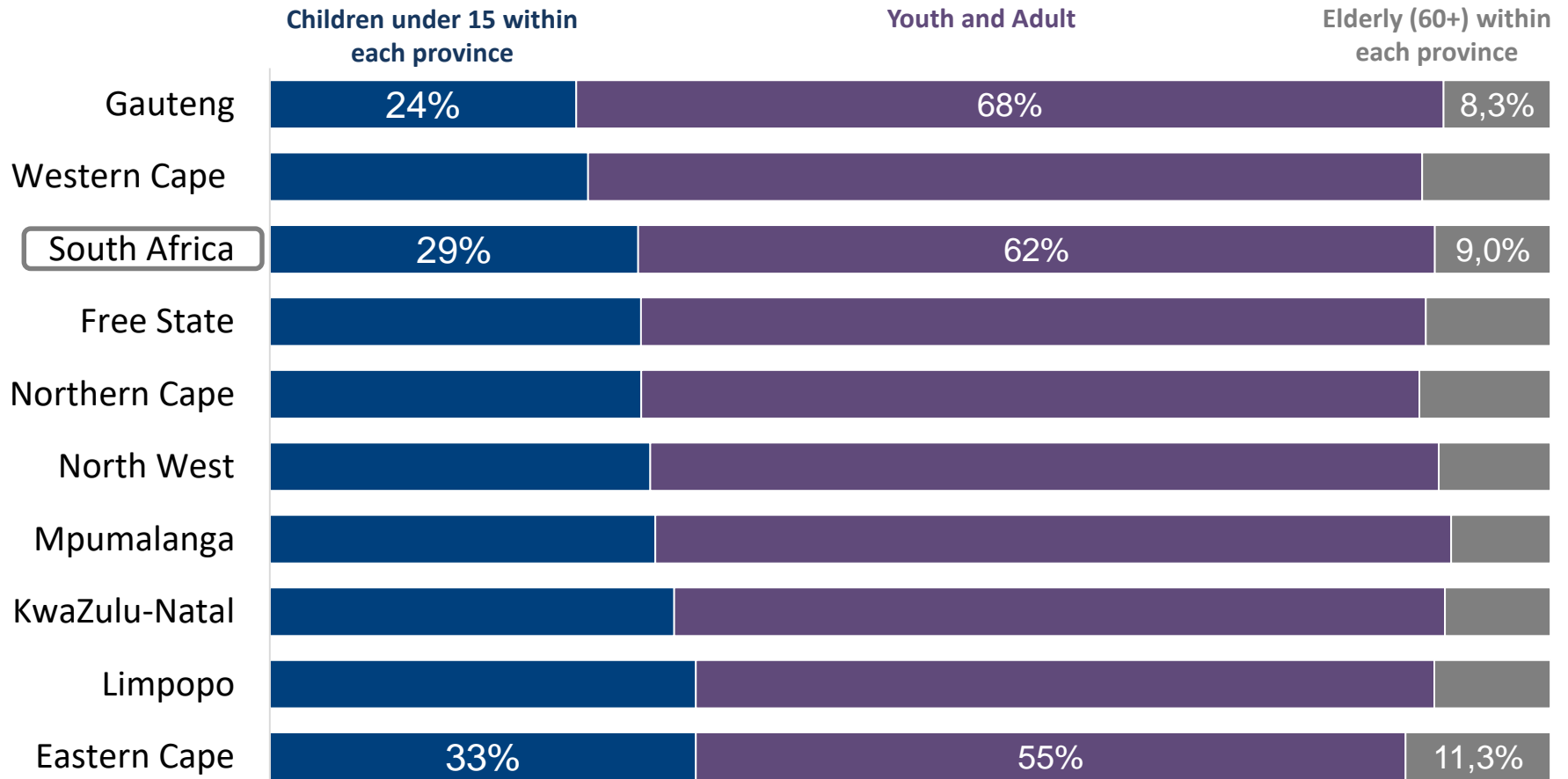
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# EC has both the highest child and elderly population proportions.

Approximately 33% are 15 years or under

Population by age category and province, 2019



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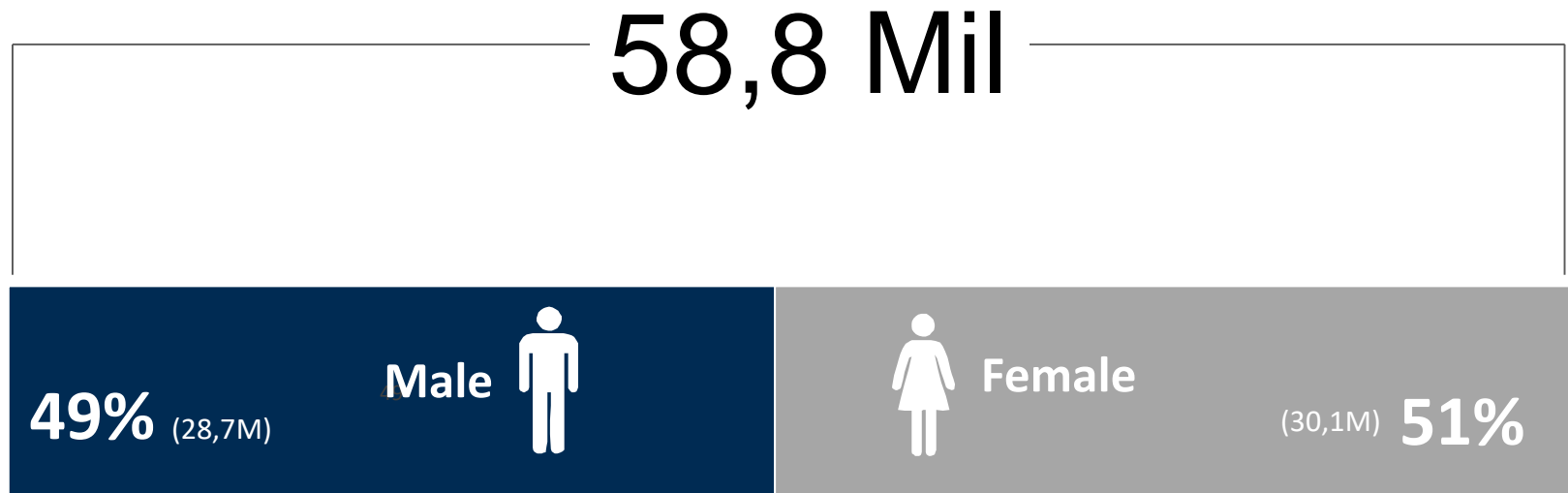
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# There are more females than males in South Africa in 2019

South Africa's population, mid-2019



*\*Percentages have been rounded to the nearest percentage point*

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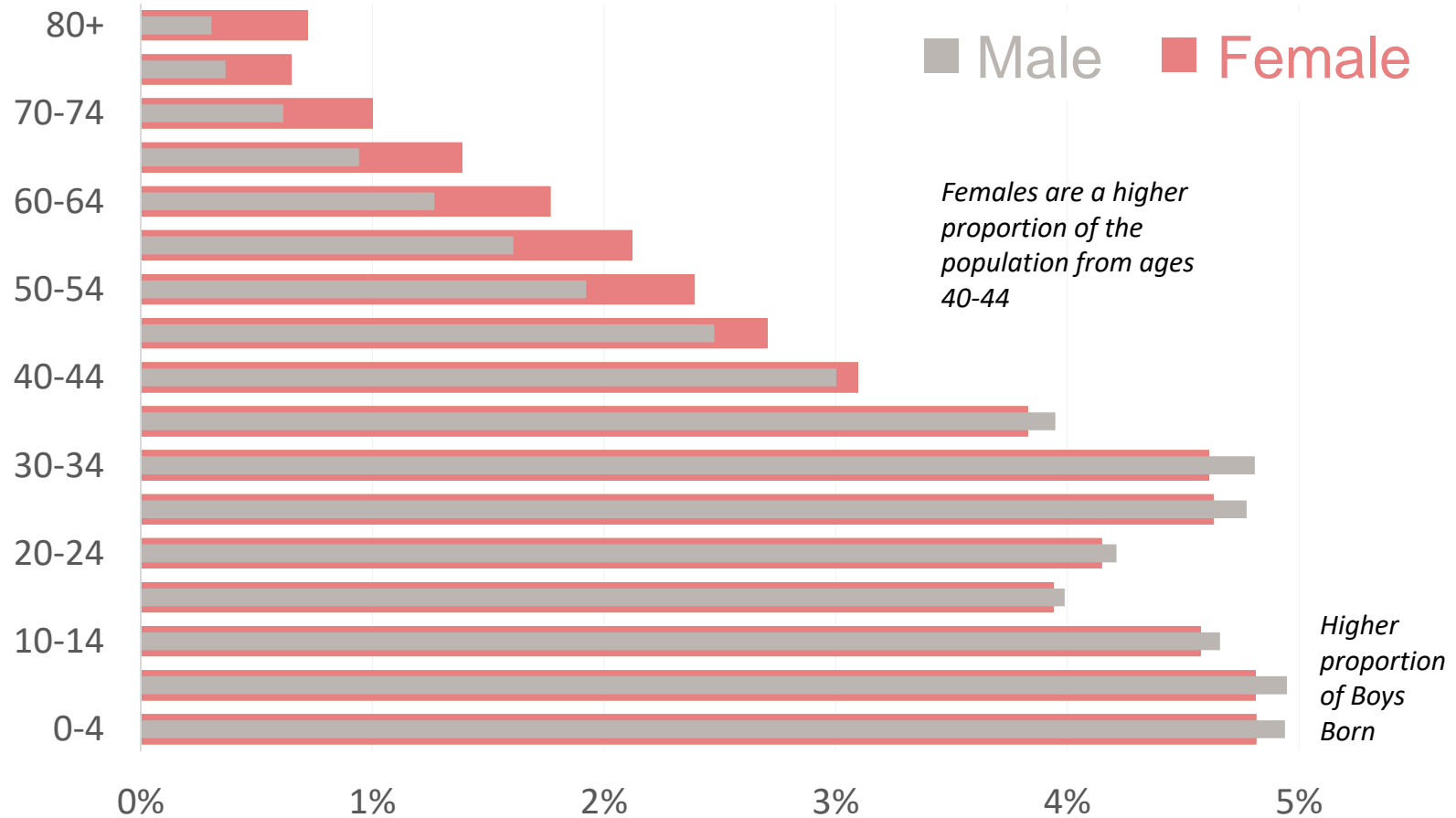
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# At older age groups there are more females than males.

Approximately 8,5% are 60 years and older.

SA age structure by 5 year groups, 2019



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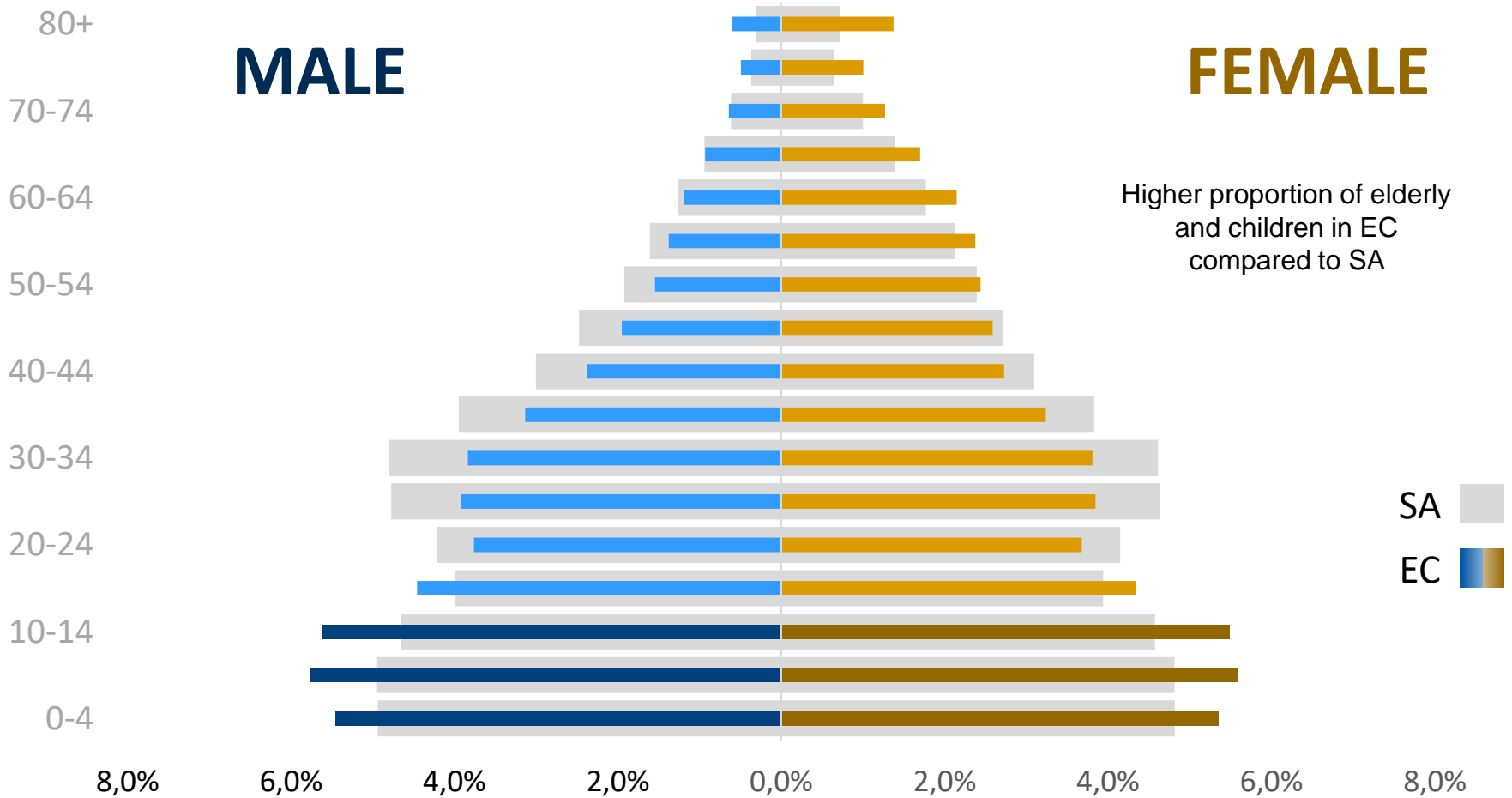
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# EC has a higher proportion of elderly and children when compared to the national population structure. Men are in higher proportion up to age 65.

EC vs SA Age structure by 5 year groups, 2019



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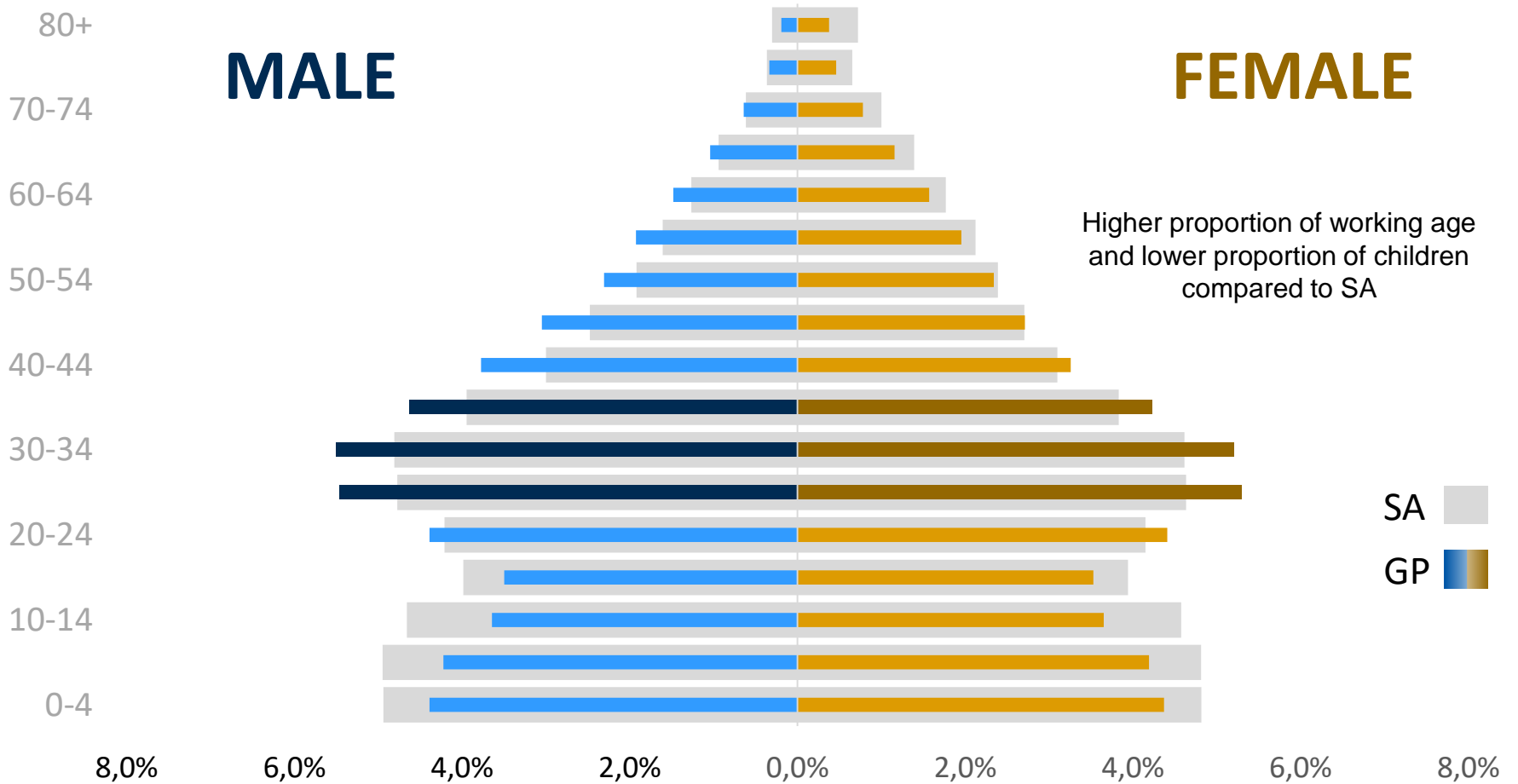
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# Compared to the South African average, GP has a higher proportion of adults aged 25-39.

GP vs SA Age structure by 5 year groups, 2019

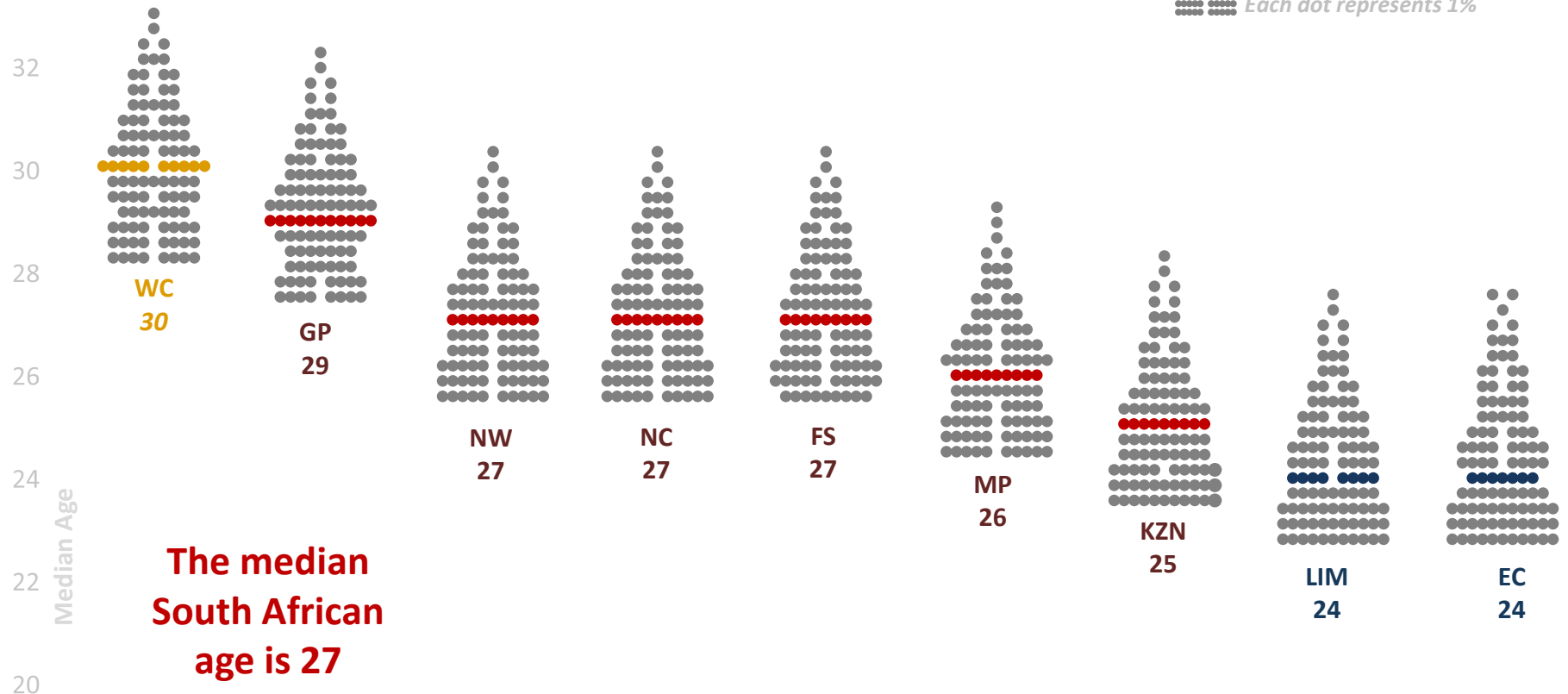


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# The median ages for LP and EC differ significantly to those of GP and WC

Provinces by age structure and median age

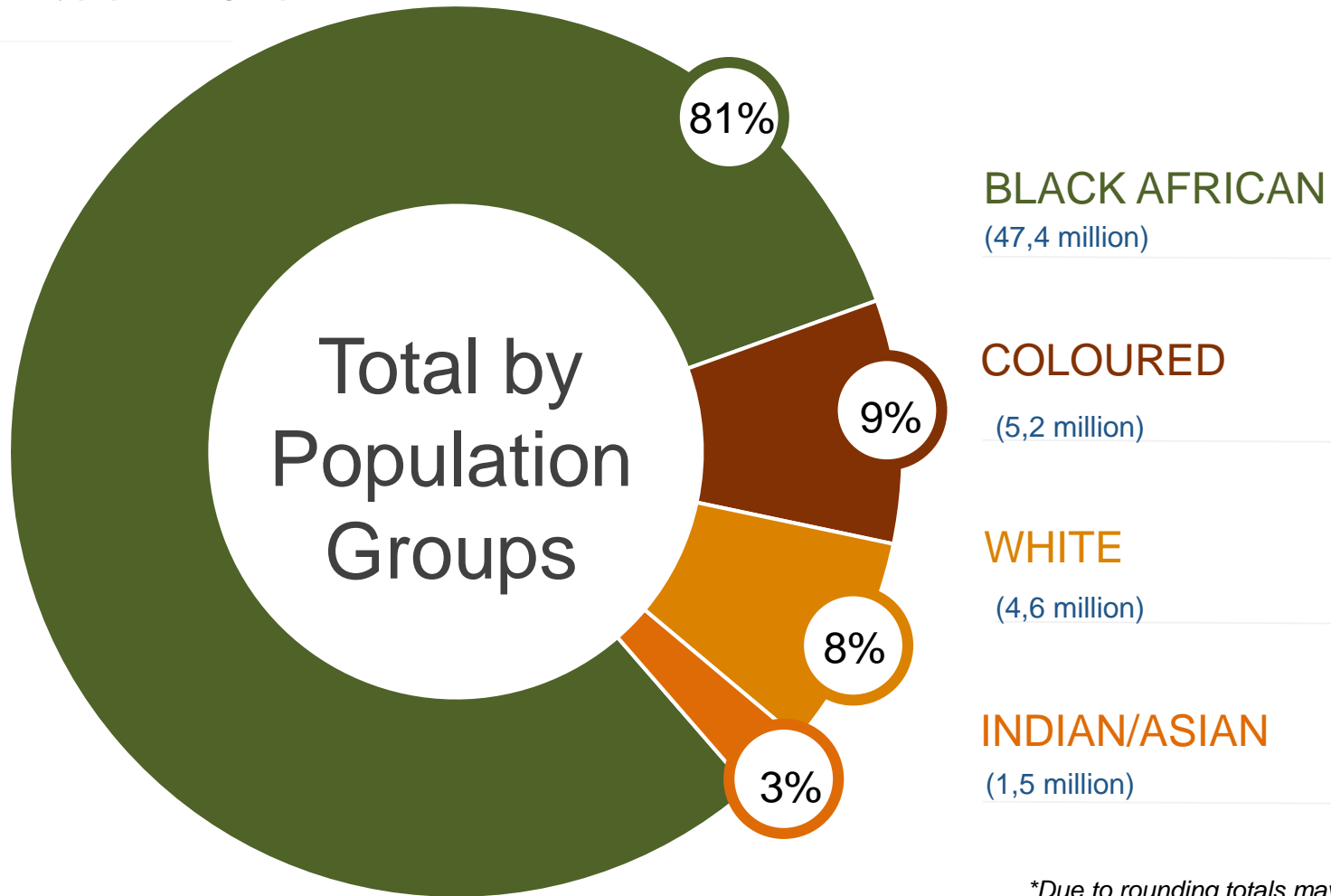
Pop Structure By 5 year Age Groups  
Each dot represents 1%





The black African population is in the majority and constitutes approximately 81% of the total South African population.

SA by population group, 2019



*\*Due to rounding totals may not add up to 100%*



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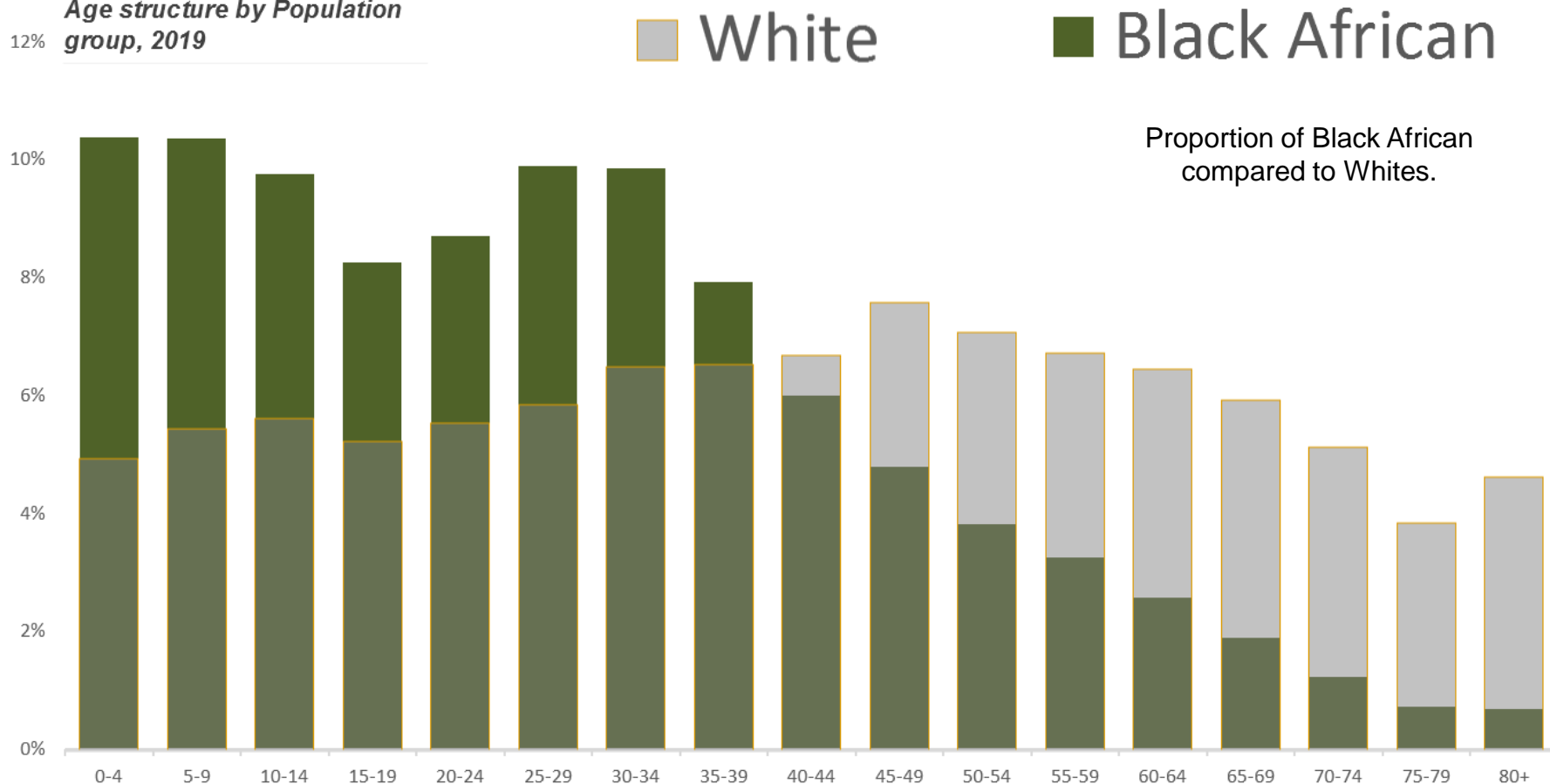
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**There are pronounced differences between population groups in South Africa.** *The black African population structure is more youthful compared to that of the white population. Population structures are driven by fertility, mortality and migration.*

Age structure by Population group, 2019



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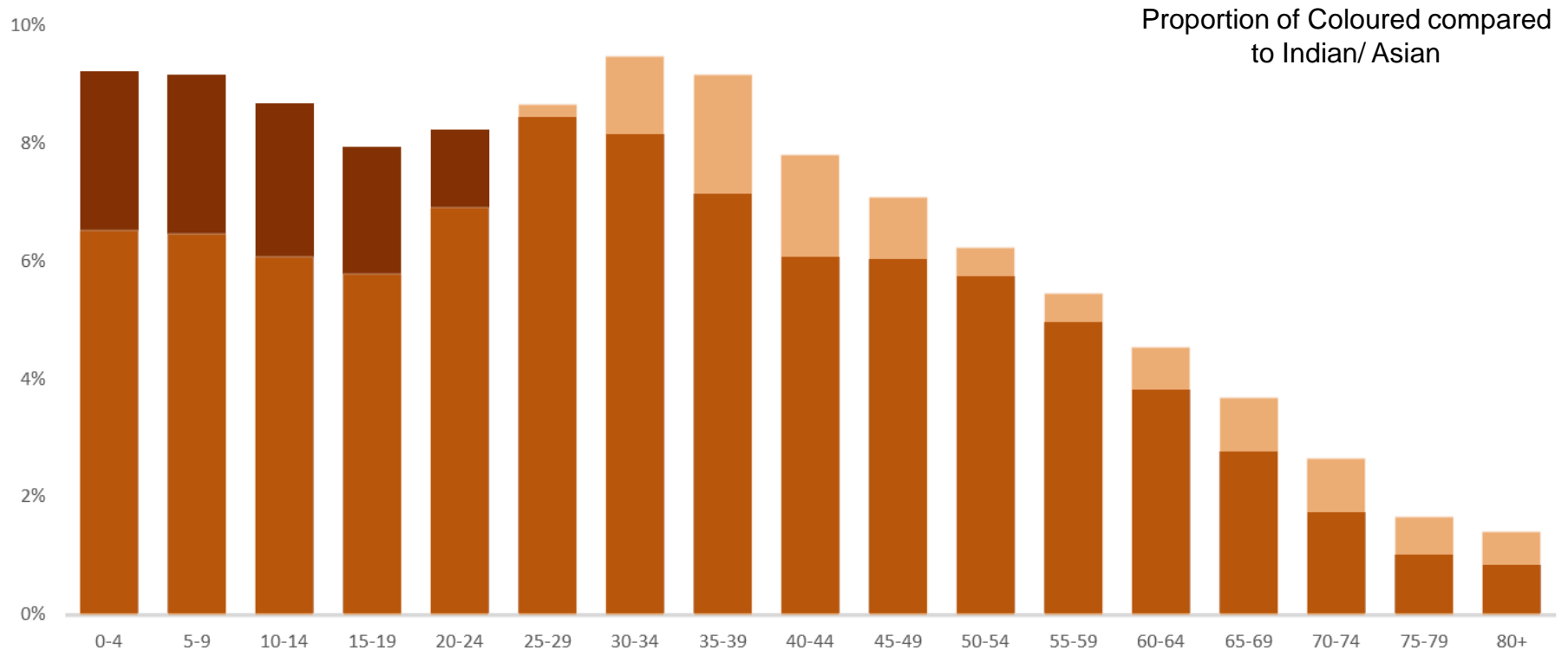
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**There are pronounced differences between population groups in South Africa.** *Fertility levels are lower amongst Indian/Asians compared to the Coloured population. Population structures are driven by fertility, mortality and migration.*

**Age structure by Population group, 2019**

Indian/Asian Coloured



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# Fertility (births)

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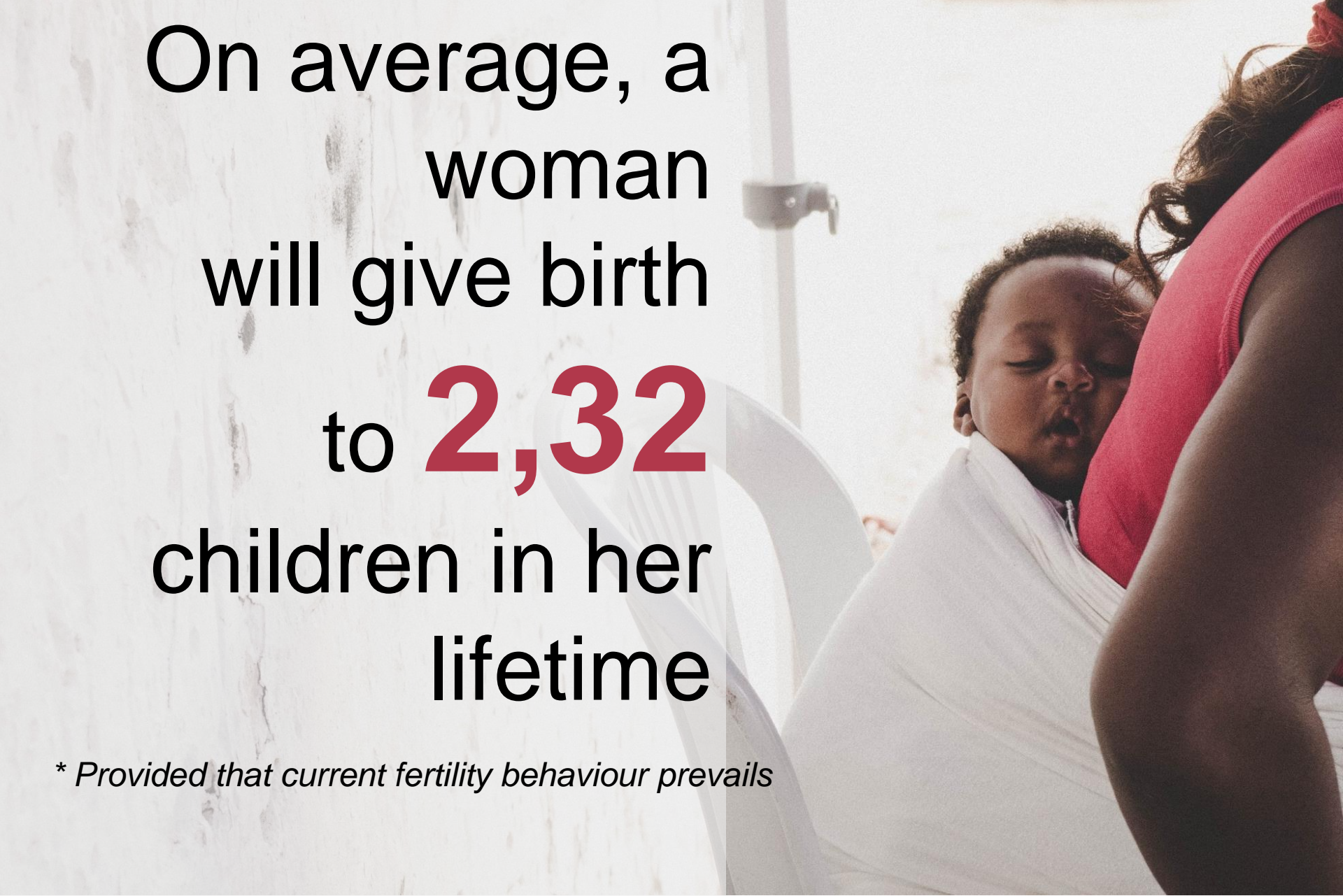


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On average, a  
woman  
will give birth  
to **2,32**  
children in her  
lifetime

*\* Provided that current fertility behaviour prevails*

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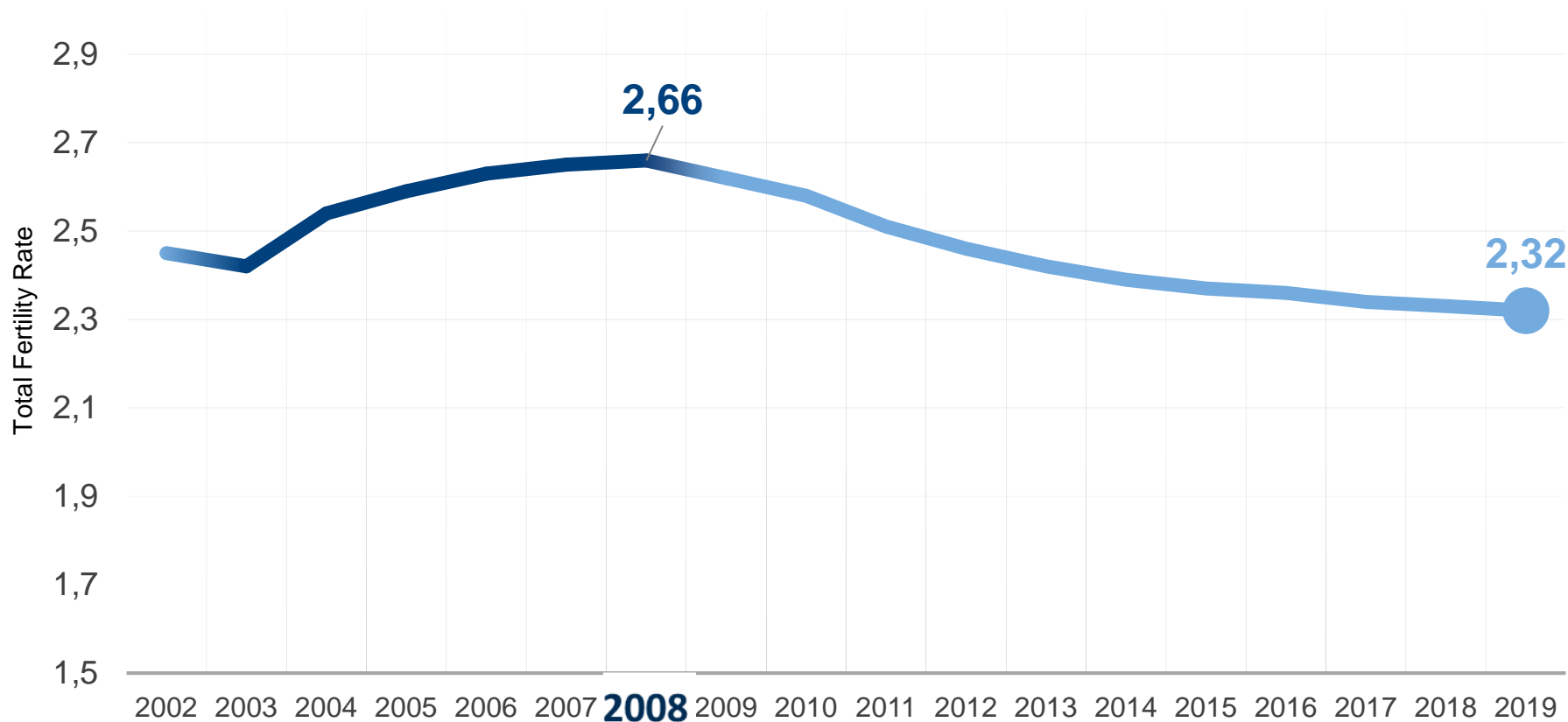
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The total fertility rate peaked in 2008 at 2,66 and is declining, reaching 2,32 in 2019.

Total Fertility Rate, 2002-2019



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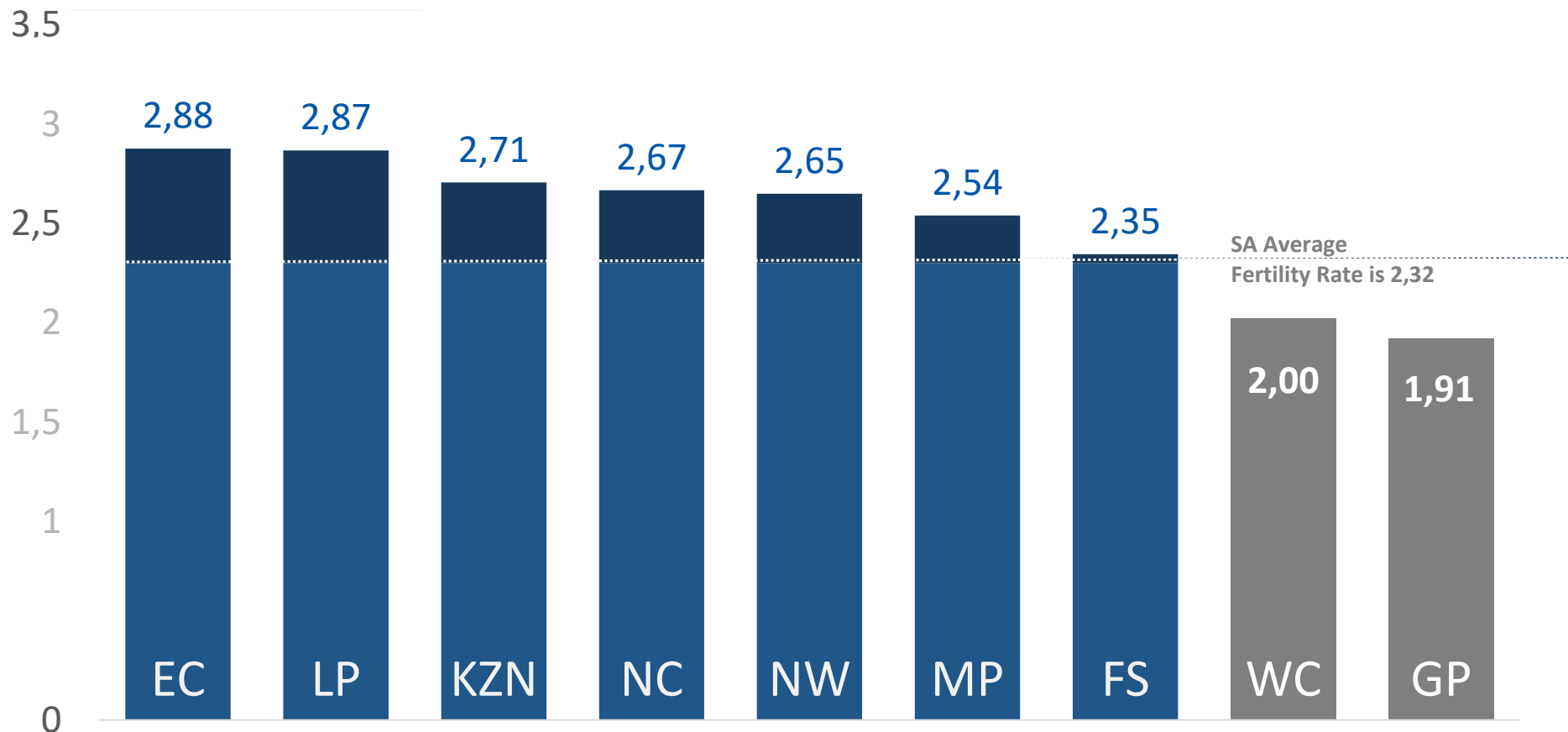
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## More urbanised provinces of WC and GP have lower fertility rates than the South African average of 2,32.

Total Fertility Rate, by Province



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# Mortality (Deaths)

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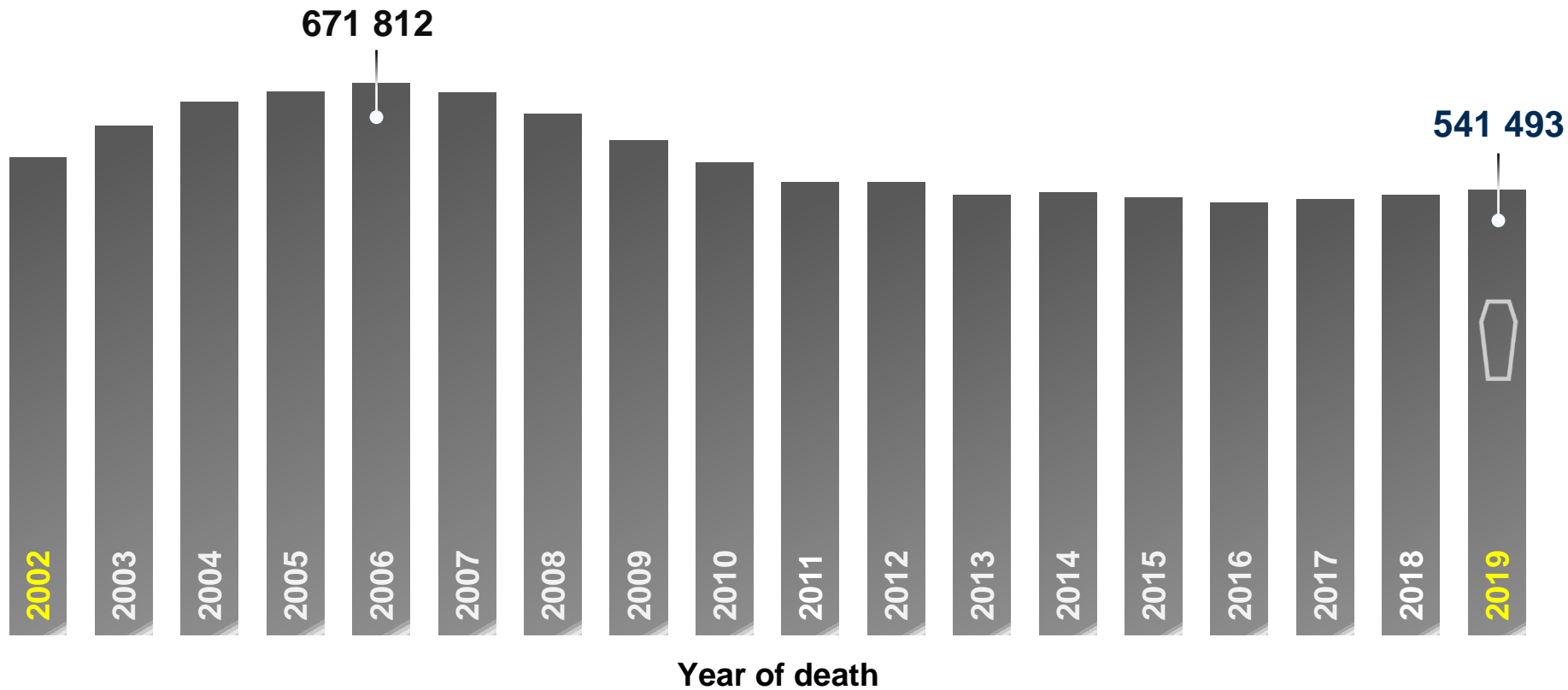
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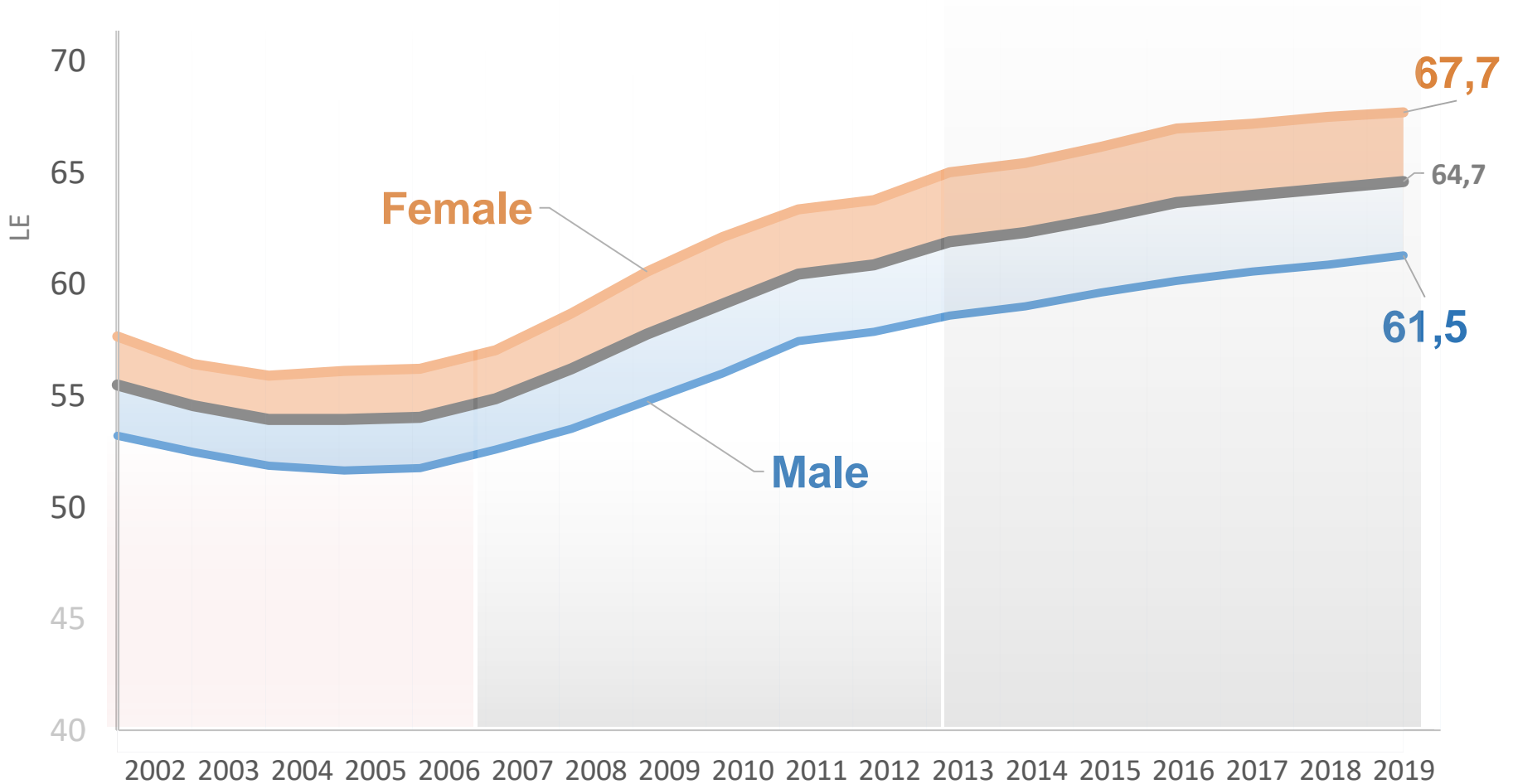
Deaths peak in 2006, thereafter decreasing to the current value of 541 493 in 2019. The highest number of deaths was estimated for the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007.

Total number of deaths  
estimated over time, 2002-2019



**Life expectancy (LE) has been increasing since 2007.** Besides biological differences, the variance in LE between males and females can also be attributed to a variety of social and behavioural dynamics.

Life expectancy by sex over time, 2002-2019



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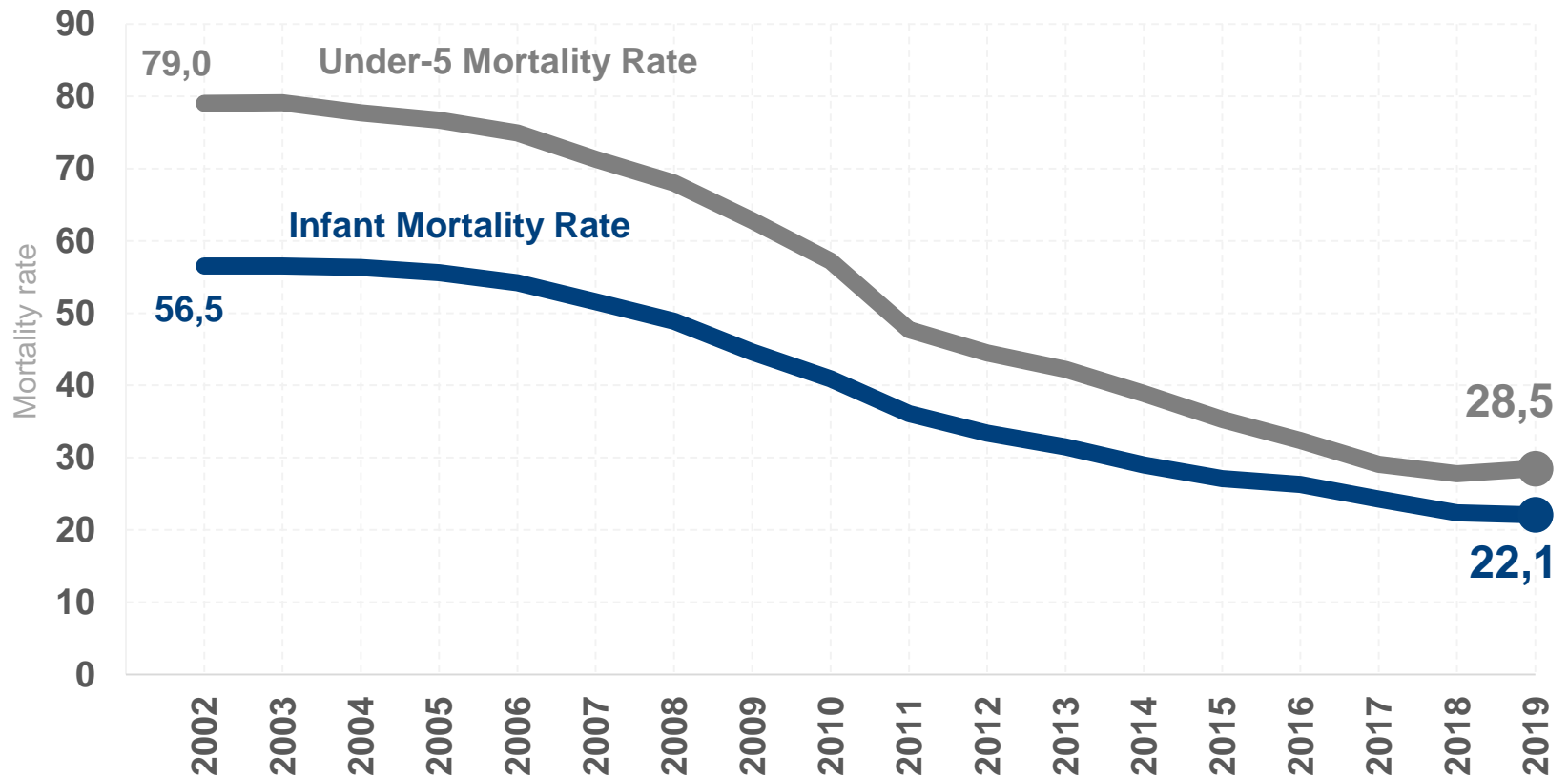
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# Infant and under-five mortality rates in SA continue to decline.

*IMR and U5MR per 1000 live births over time, 2002-2019*



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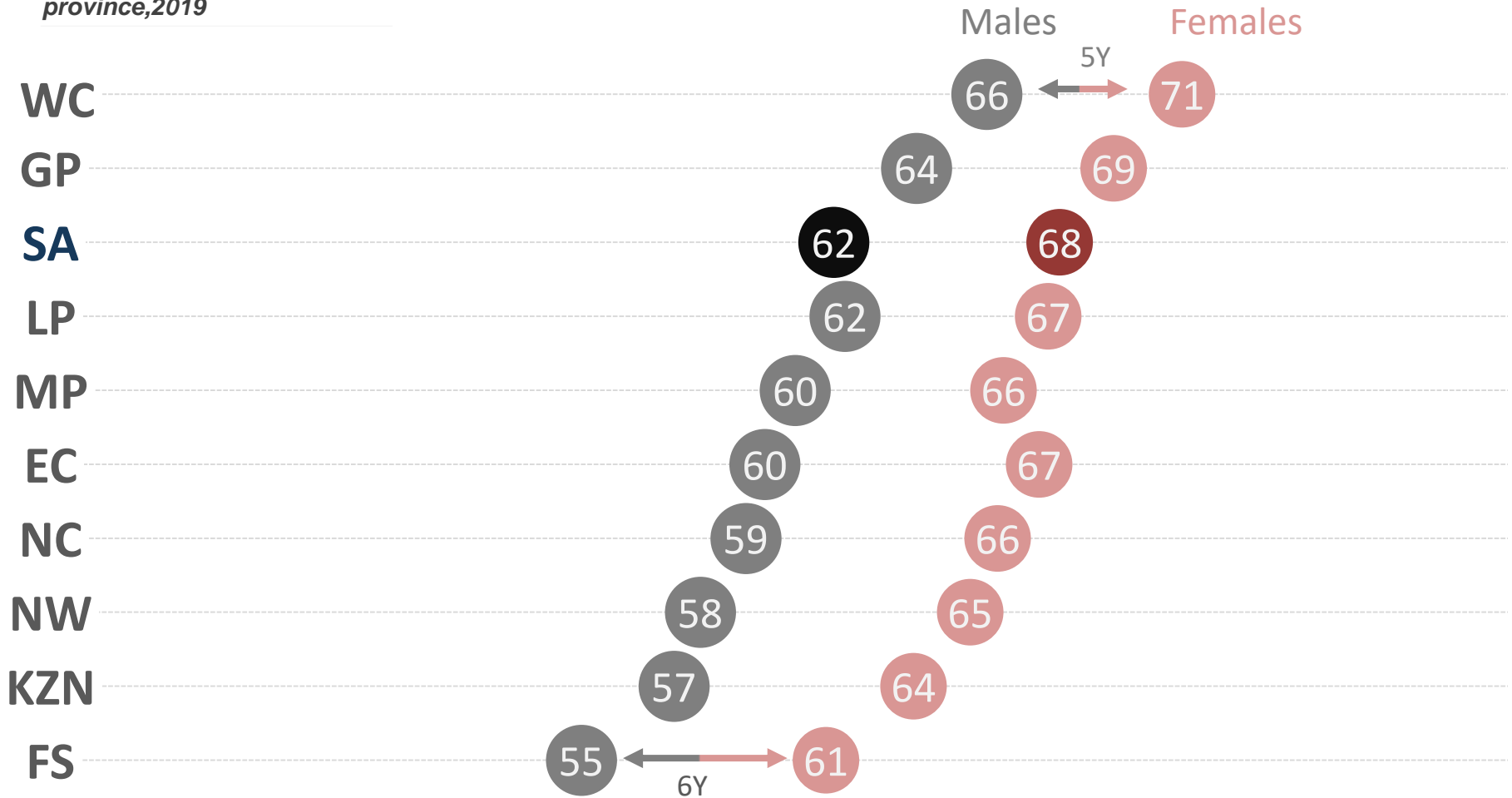
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# There is an average 6 year gap in life expectancy between males and females in SA.

*Free State has a significantly lower life expectancy than the SA average*

Life Expectancy by province, 2019



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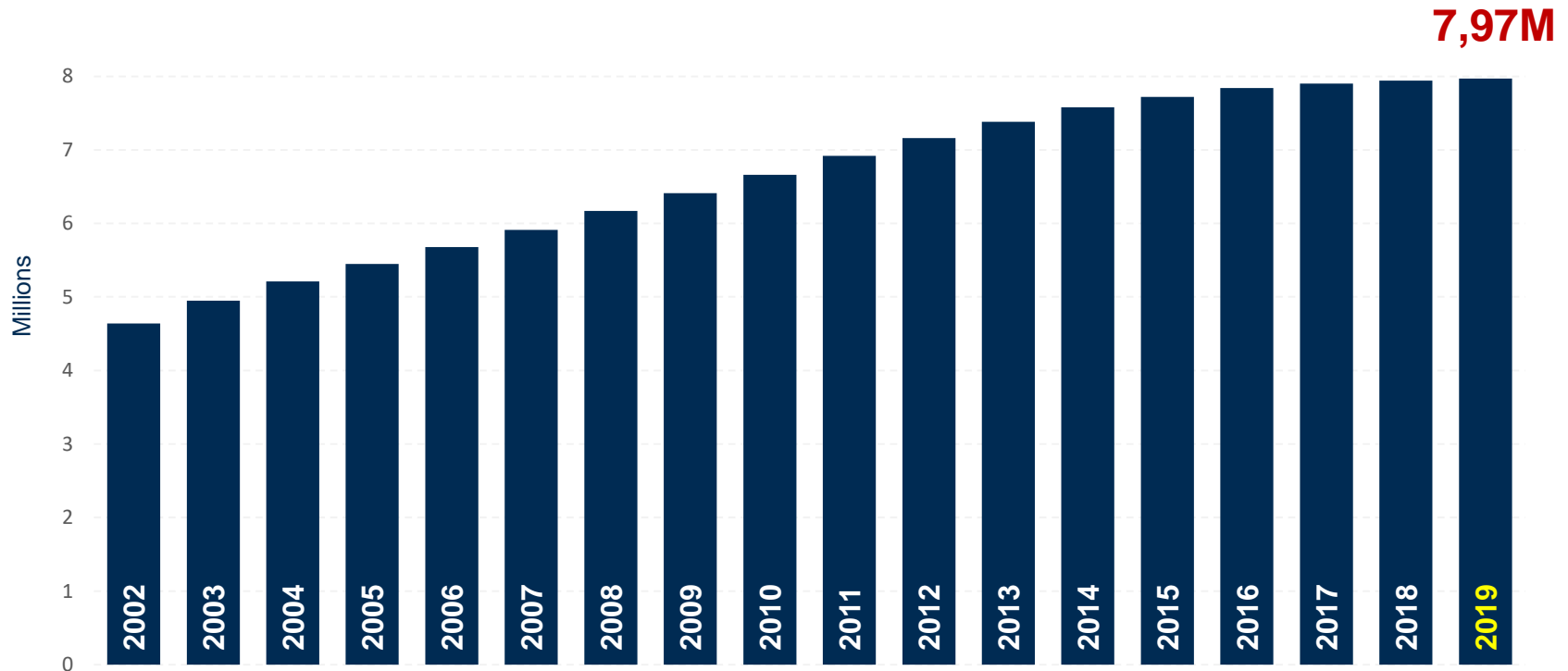
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# The total number of people living with HIV is estimated at 7,97 million in 2019.

*Improved access and uptake of ARVs in SA has enabled HIV positive people to lead healthier lives and live longer.*

Number of people living with HIV, 2002-2019 (millions)



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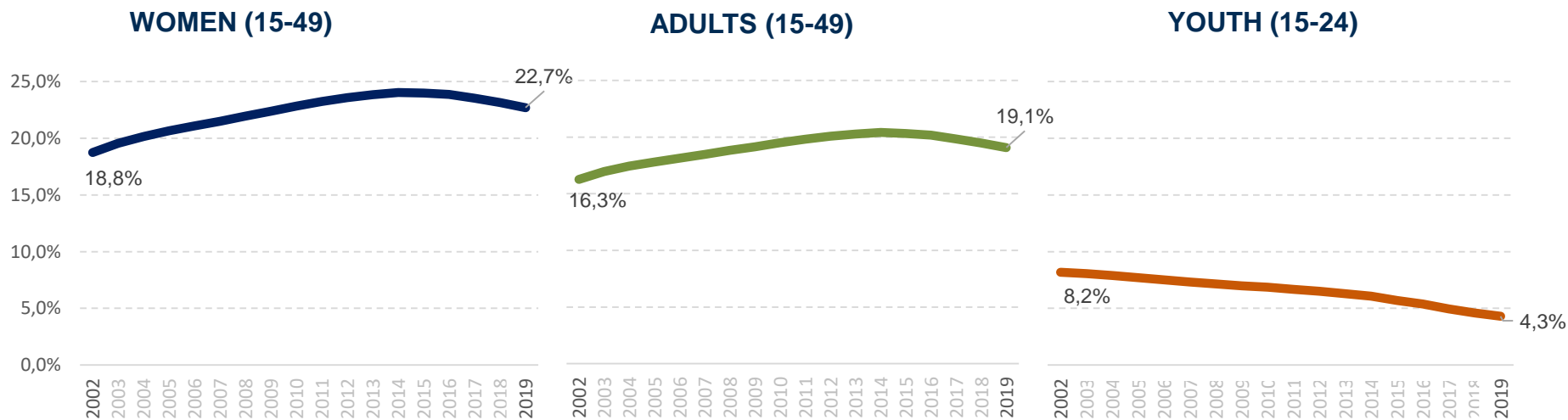
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Over time HIV prevalence amongst adults aged 15-49 increased substantially with lack of treatment. Given increased levels of treatment, prevalence rates are now declining. HIV prevalence among youth aged 15-24 has shown a steady decline.

*Prevalence of persons living with HIV, 2002 - 2019*







# Migration

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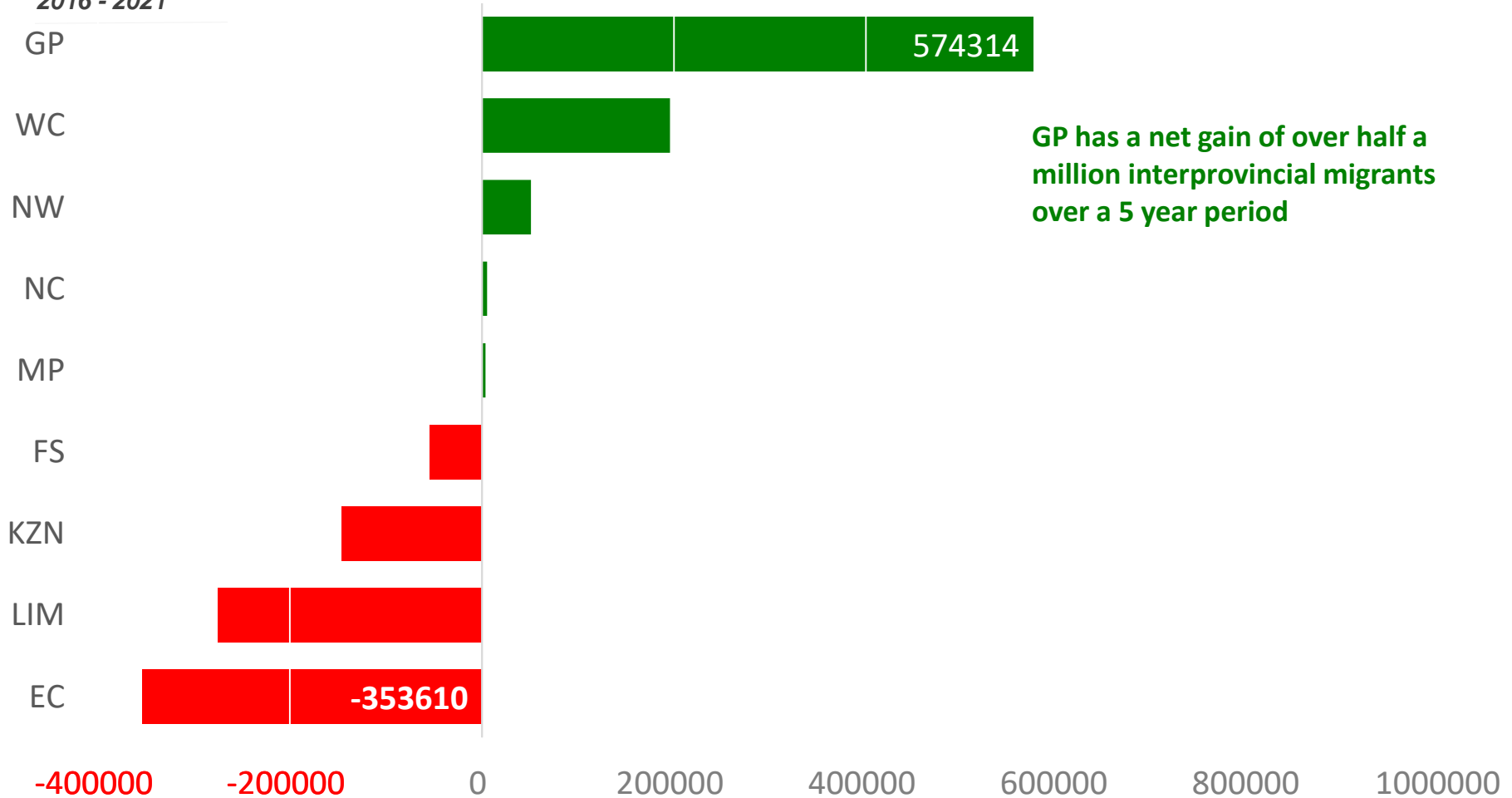
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# Net Migration (Excluding Outside SA) shows that GP and WC receive the highest net migrants

Net migration  
2016 - 2021



GP has a net gain of over half a million interprovincial migrants over a 5 year period

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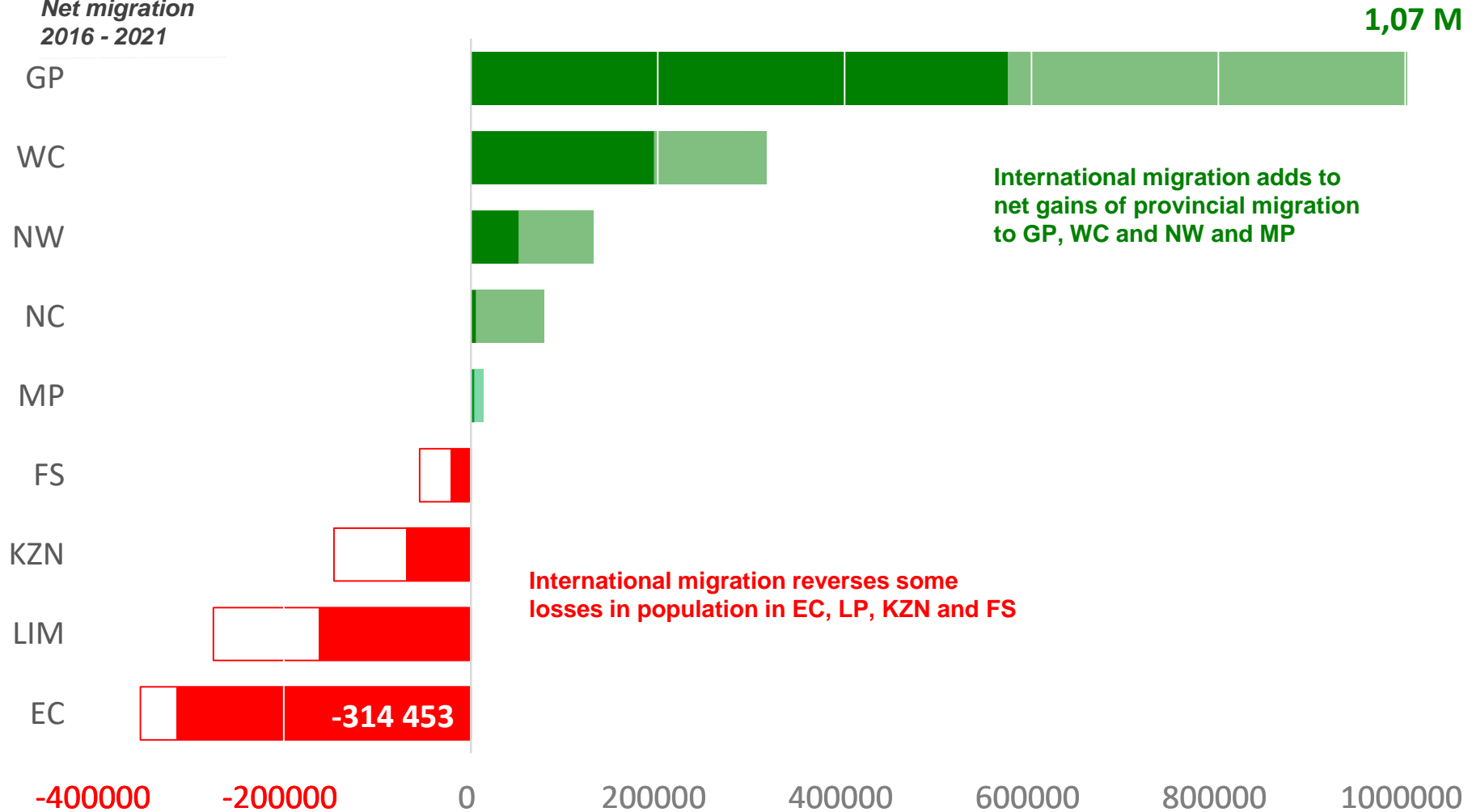
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# Net migration (including outside SA) shows GP receiving around 50% of all international migration into SA

Net migration  
2016 - 2021



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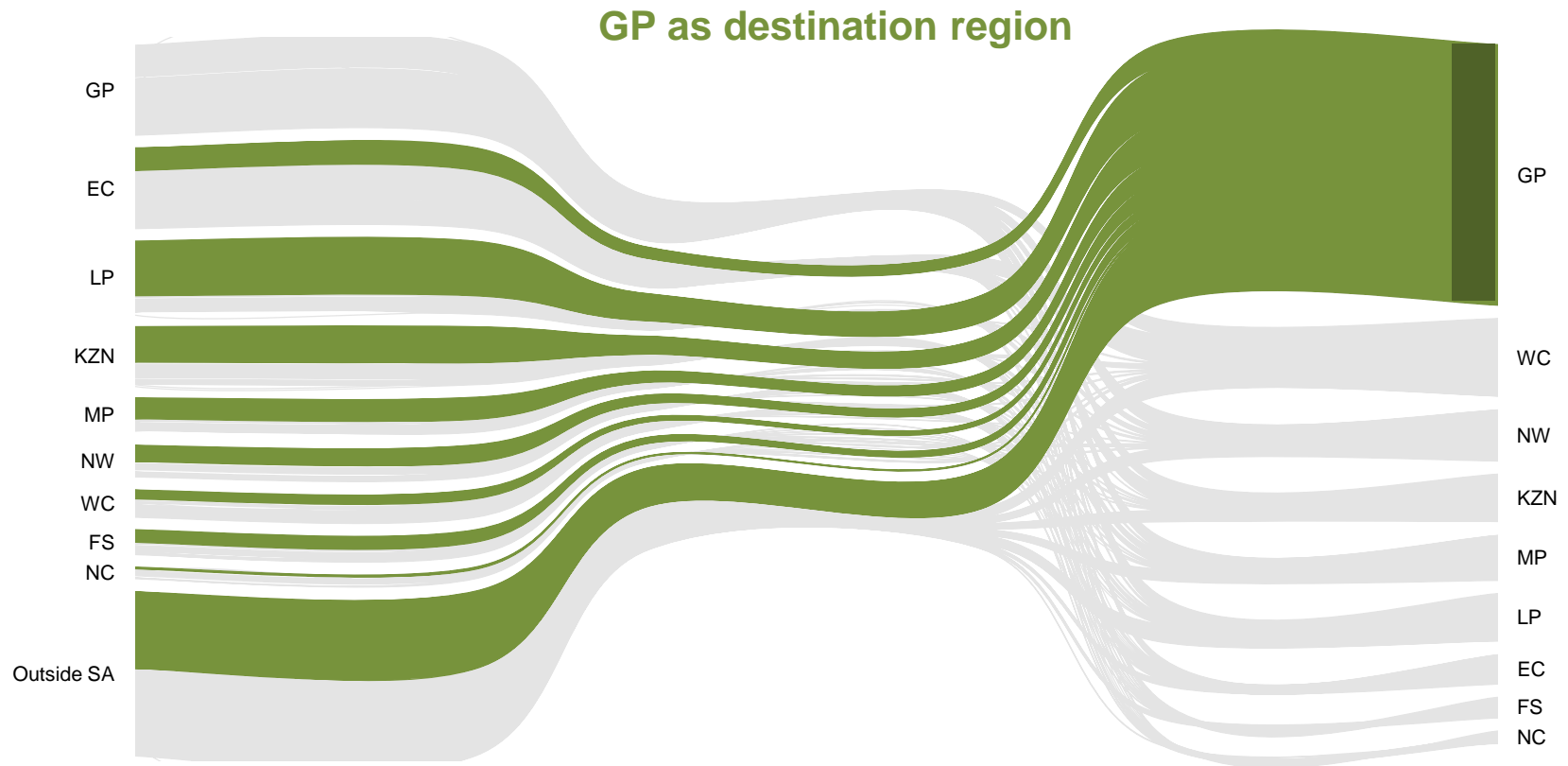
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# Gauteng received the highest number of in-migrants for the period 2016 to 2021. *The economic strength of Gauteng influences its attractiveness to migrants*

**Net migration 2016-2021 GP as a destination region**



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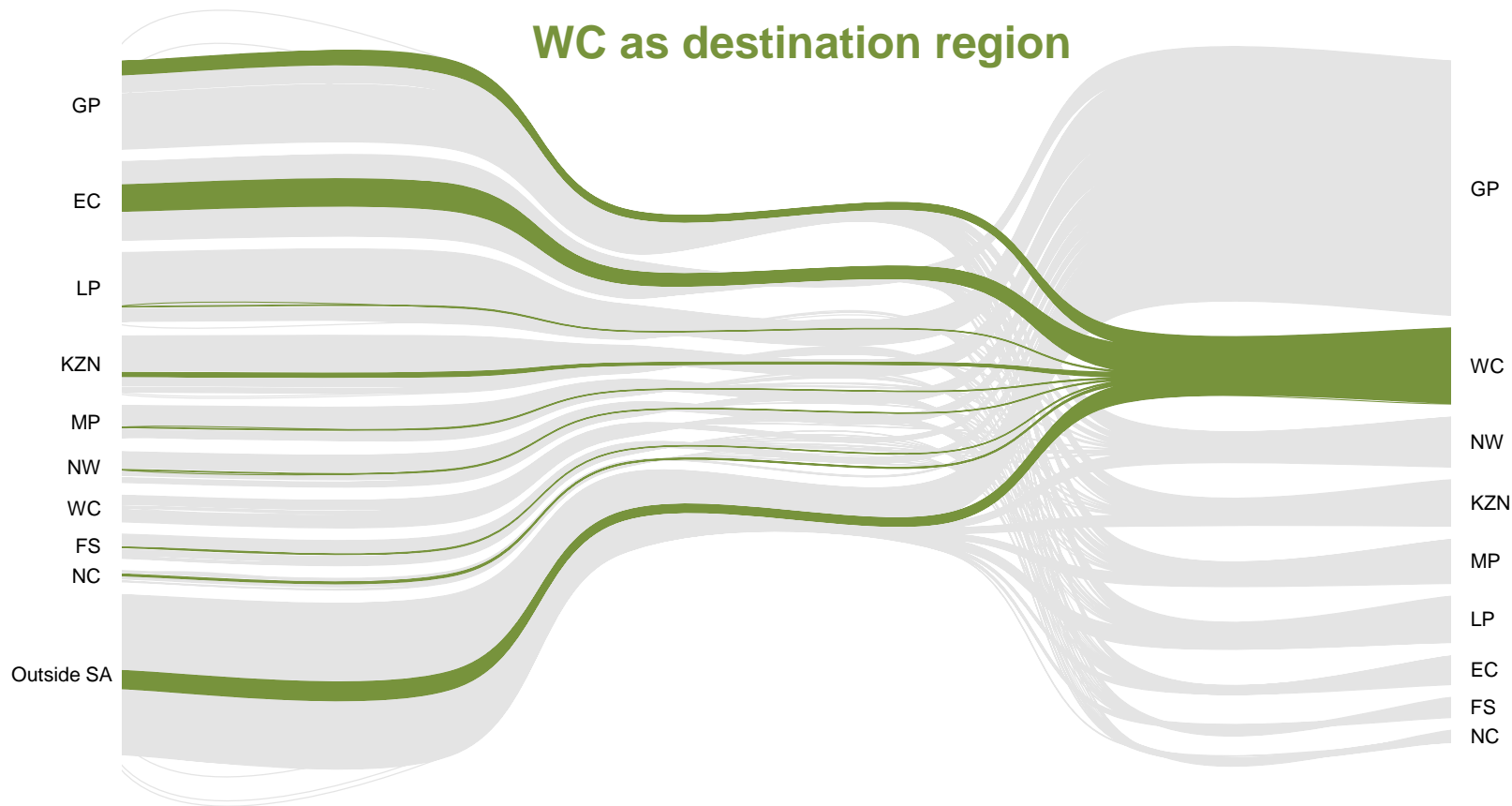
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# Western Cape received the second highest number of in-migrants for period 2016 to 2021. Opportunities of employment, study and quality of life play an important role amongst the push pull factors between EC and WC

Net migration 2016-2021 WC as a destination region



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For 2019, Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) estimates the mid-year population at

**58,78**  
Million

Gauteng comprises the largest share of the South African population

**15,17**  
Million  
people in GP

Total life expectancy at birth for 2019 for SA is estimated at

**64,7**  
SA Life  
Expectancy

Estimated overall HIV prevalence is 13,1% among the SA population

**7,97**  
Million people  
estimated to be  
living with HIV

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