

Recorded Live Births, 2018

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Responsible for registration of Births

Registration of births is governed by the Births and Death Registration Act No. 51 of 1992

Form DHA-24 is used to collect information on births within 30 days

Form DHA-24/LRB for late registrations

What are the regulations?

Timeliness of birth registrations

- All births occurring in South Africa ought to be *registered within 30 days* from date of occurrence

NDP objectives for change

The National Development Plan 2030 aims to **improve child survival, child development and children's standard of living.**



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Why does registration matter?

Every child has the right to:

- i. A name and a nationality from birth; (Scandal of invisibility)
- ii. Family care or parental care, or to appropriate alternative care when removed from the family environment;
- iii. Basic nutrition, shelter, basic health care services and social services;
- iv. Be protected from maltreatment, neglect, abuse or degradation;
- v. Be protected from exploitative labour practices; (Human trafficking)



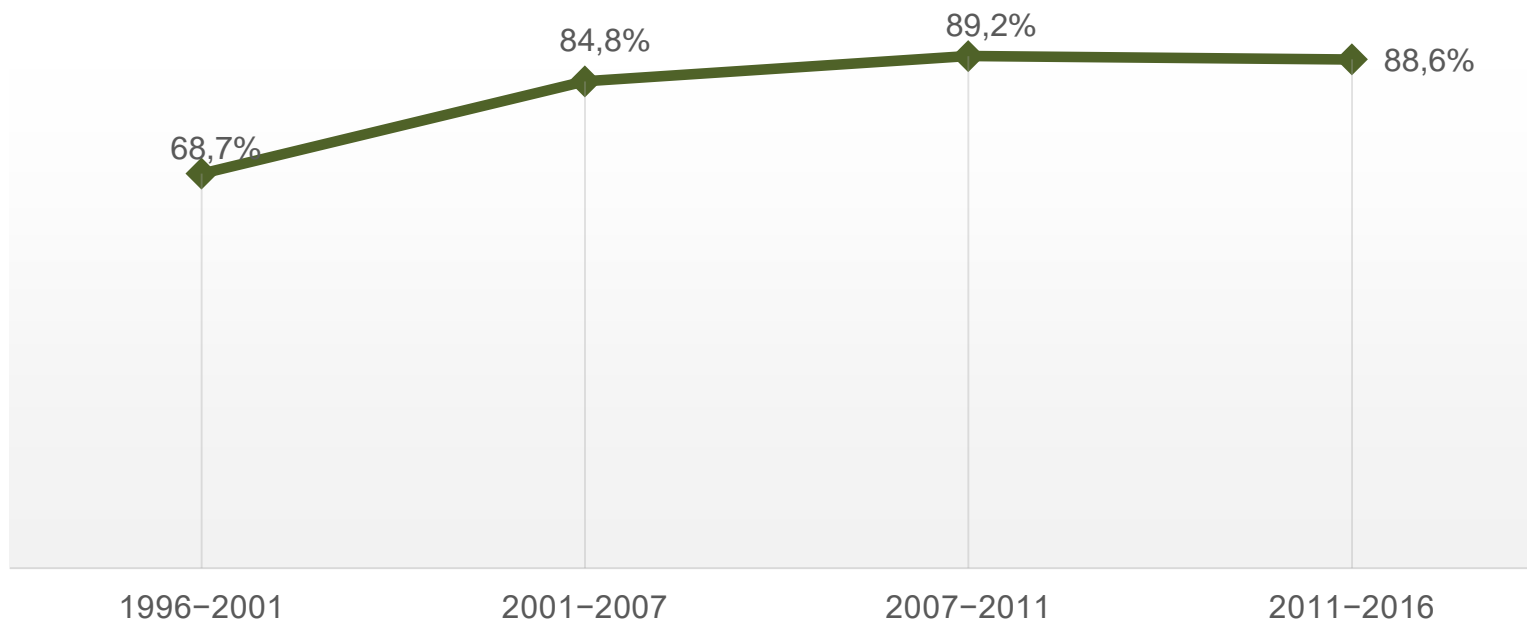
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Birth registration completeness is vital for planning and resource allocation. Completeness of birth registration has fluctuated since 2007.

Completeness of Birth Registration



Source: Census and Community Survey

* The **2018** estimate used is the same as for 2016: **88,6%**



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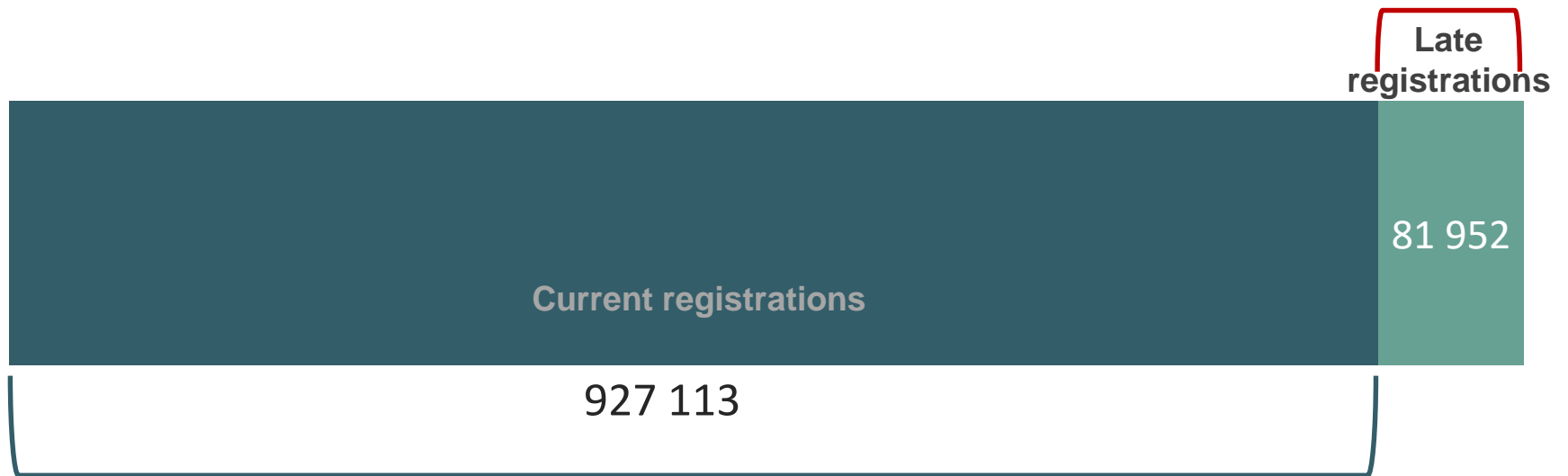
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There were just over 1 million births registered in South Africa in 2018. This reflects an increase of 2,0% from 2017 to 2018.

Birth registrations by status of registration, 2018

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8,1% of births registered during 2018 were registered late

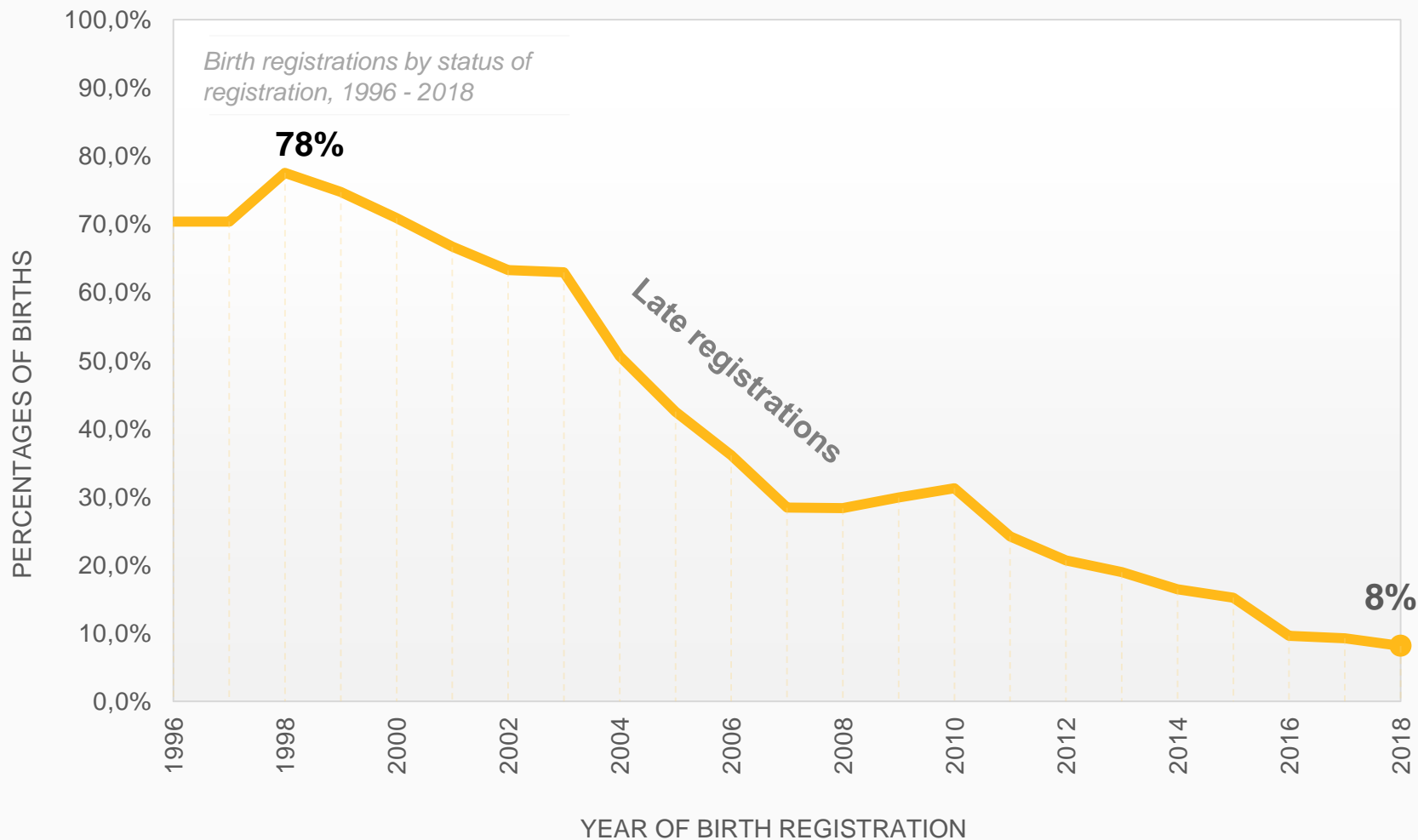


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Late registrations peaked at 78% in 1998 dropping to 8% in 2018. Current registrations increased from 30% in 1996 to 92% in 2018

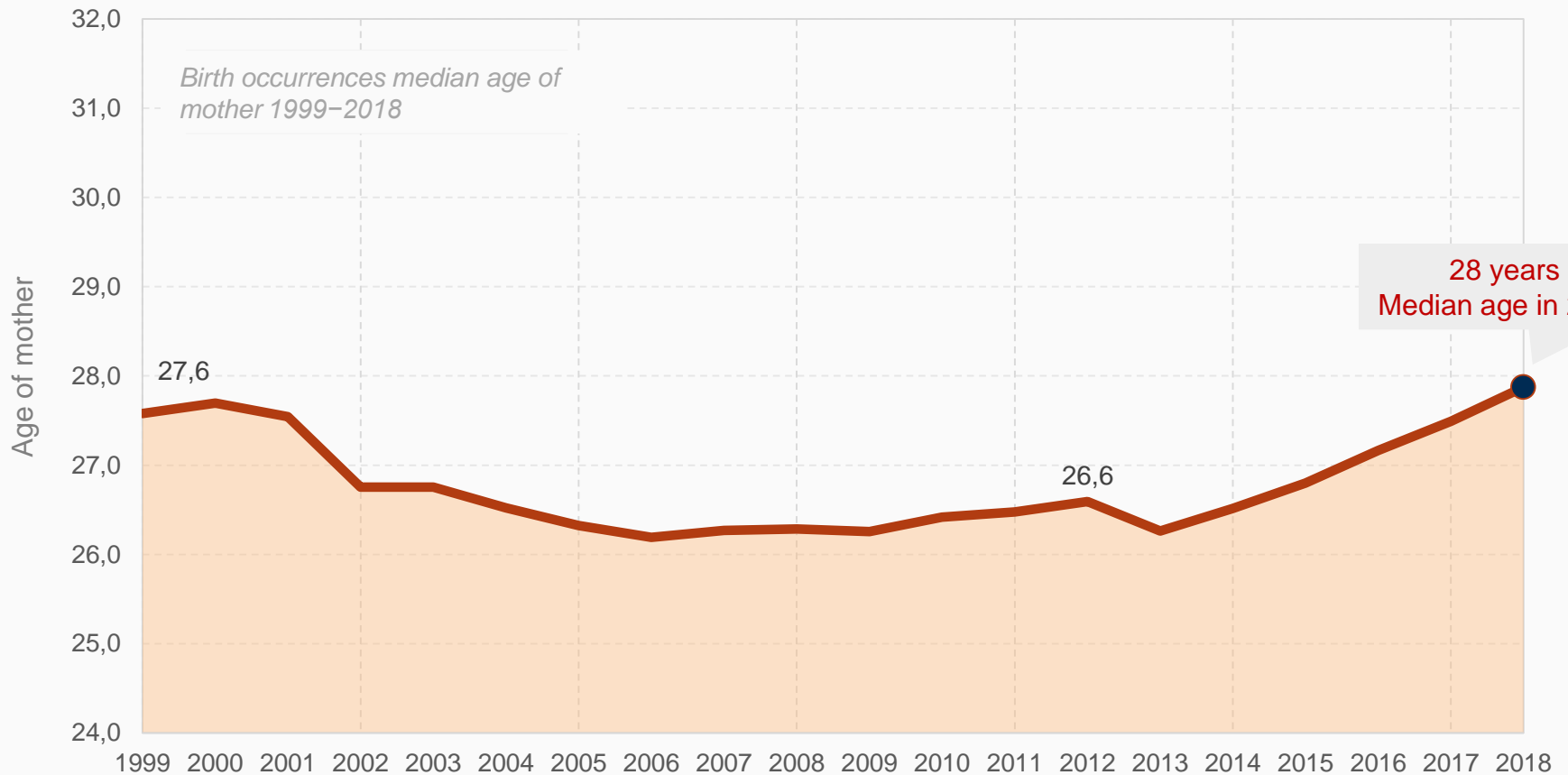


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The median age of mothers at birth has fluctuated between 26 and 28 years over the last 20 years.



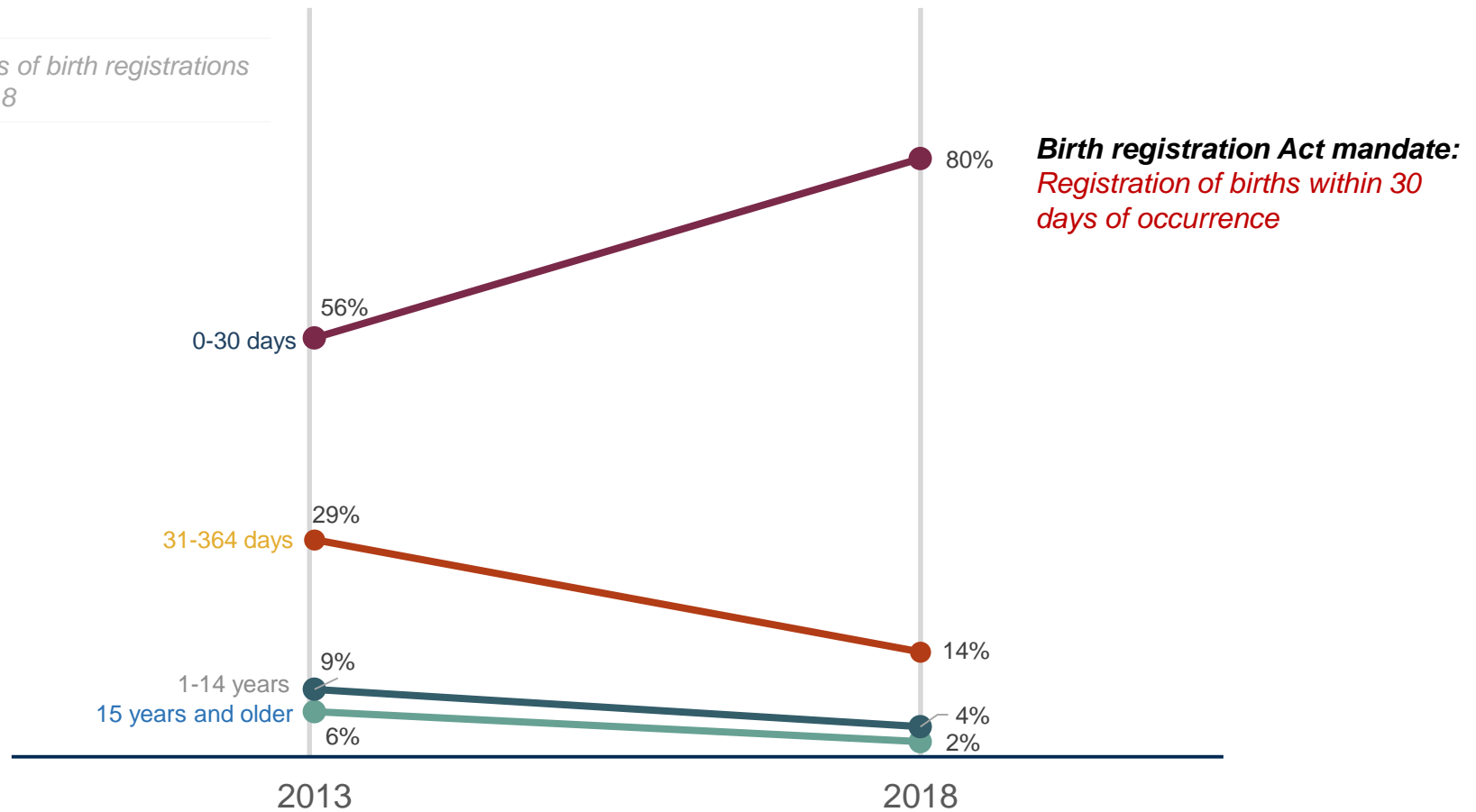
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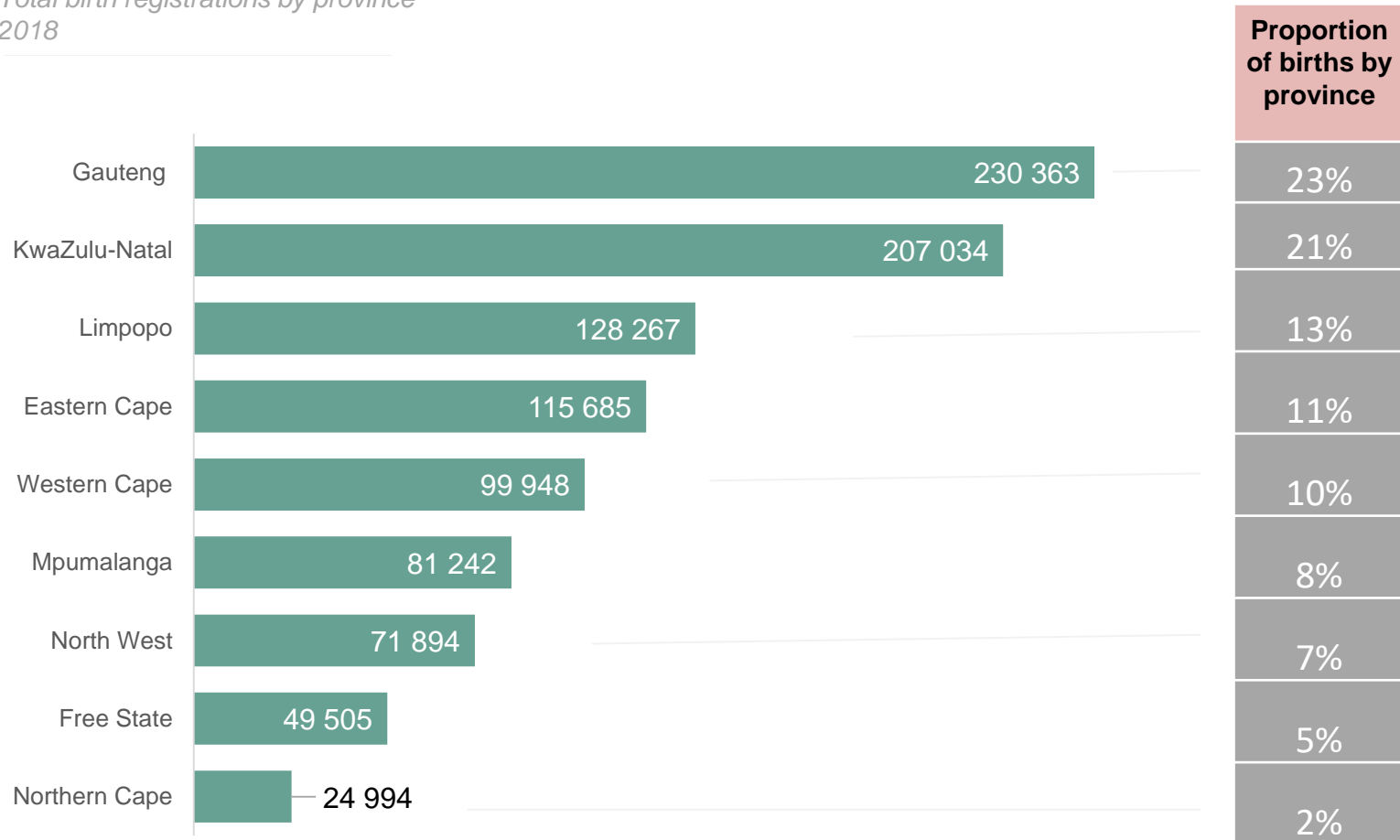
The timeliness of birth registrations improved from 56% in 2013 to 80% in 2018. Birth registrations for 31 days and older flattened indicating declines in the late registration of births.

Timeliness of birth registrations
2013–2018



The highest number of births were registered in the Gauteng province.

Total birth registrations by province
2018



*Excluding 133 where registration province is not specified



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Overview of 2018 Birth occurrences



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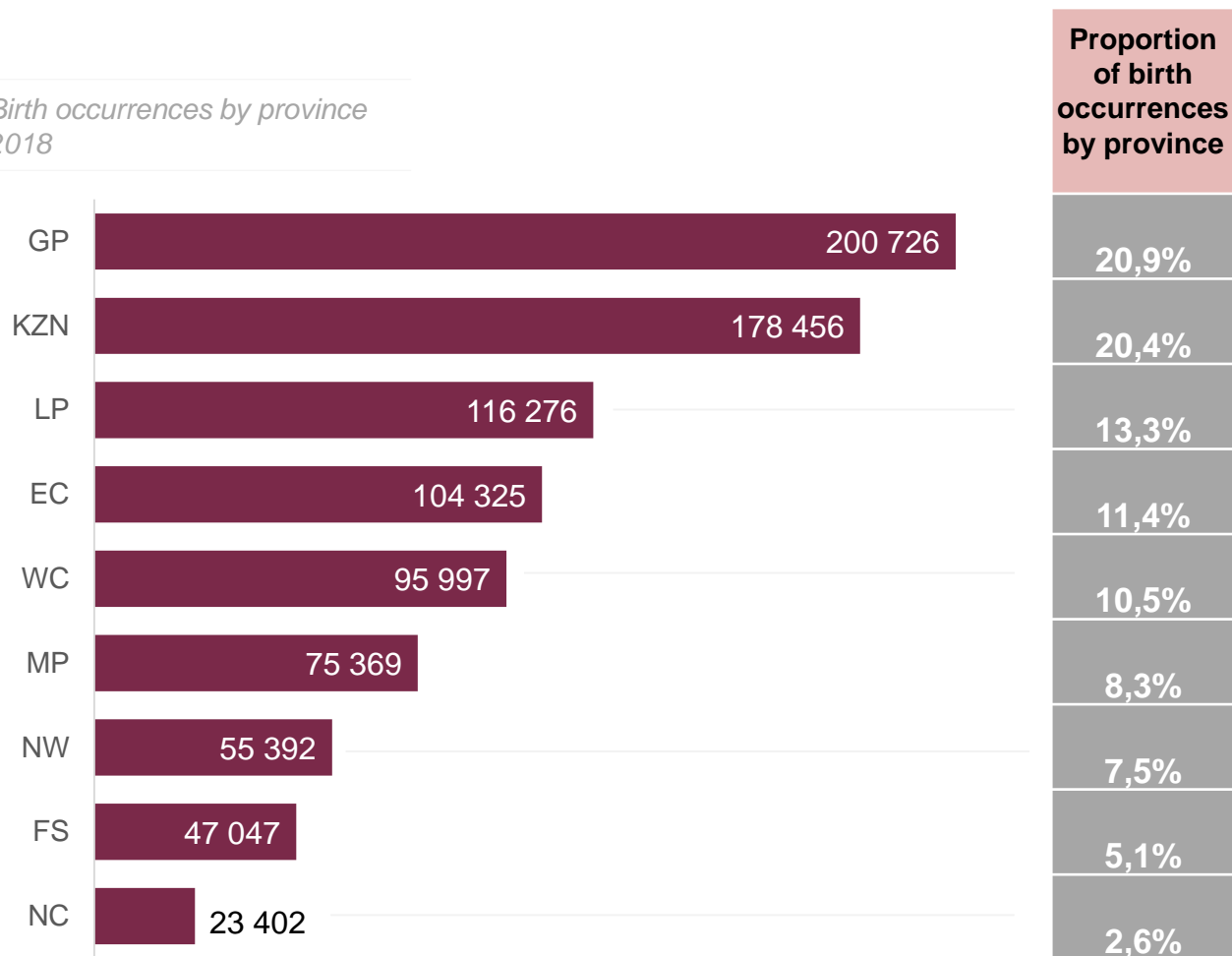
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There were 927 113 registered birth occurrences in South Africa in 2018.

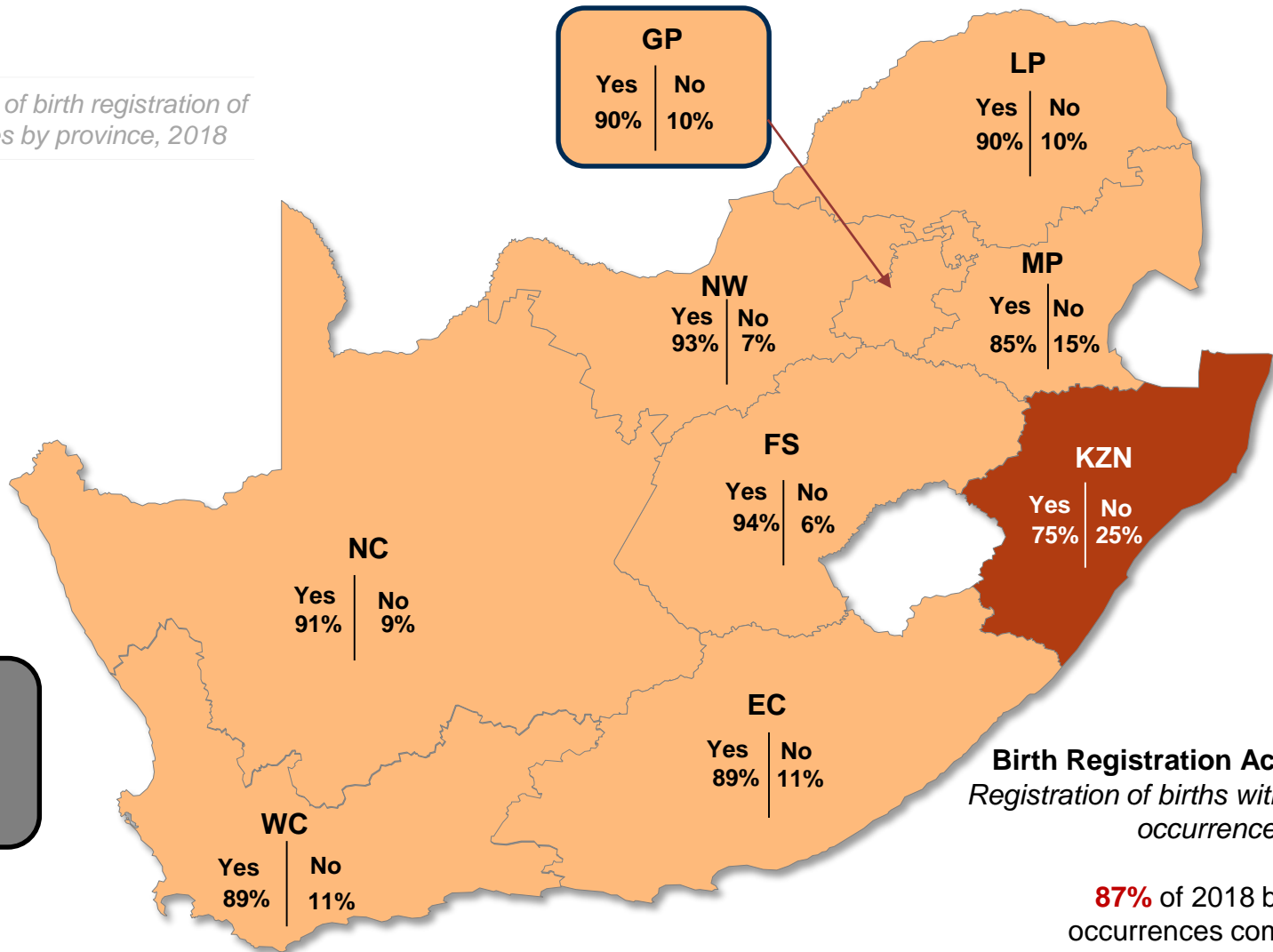
Gauteng had the highest proportion of birth occurrences.

*Birth occurrences by province
2018*



KZN had lower proportions (75%) of birth occurrences registered within 30 days. Free State had the highest percentage of births registered within 30 days in the country.

Timeliness of birth registration of occurrences by province, 2018



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| Yes | No |
| 87% | 13% |

Birth Registration Act mandate:
Registration of births within 30 days of occurrence

87% of 2018 birth occurrences complied

Percentage of births registered within 30 days in KZN, 2018.

South Africa
87%

KZN
75%

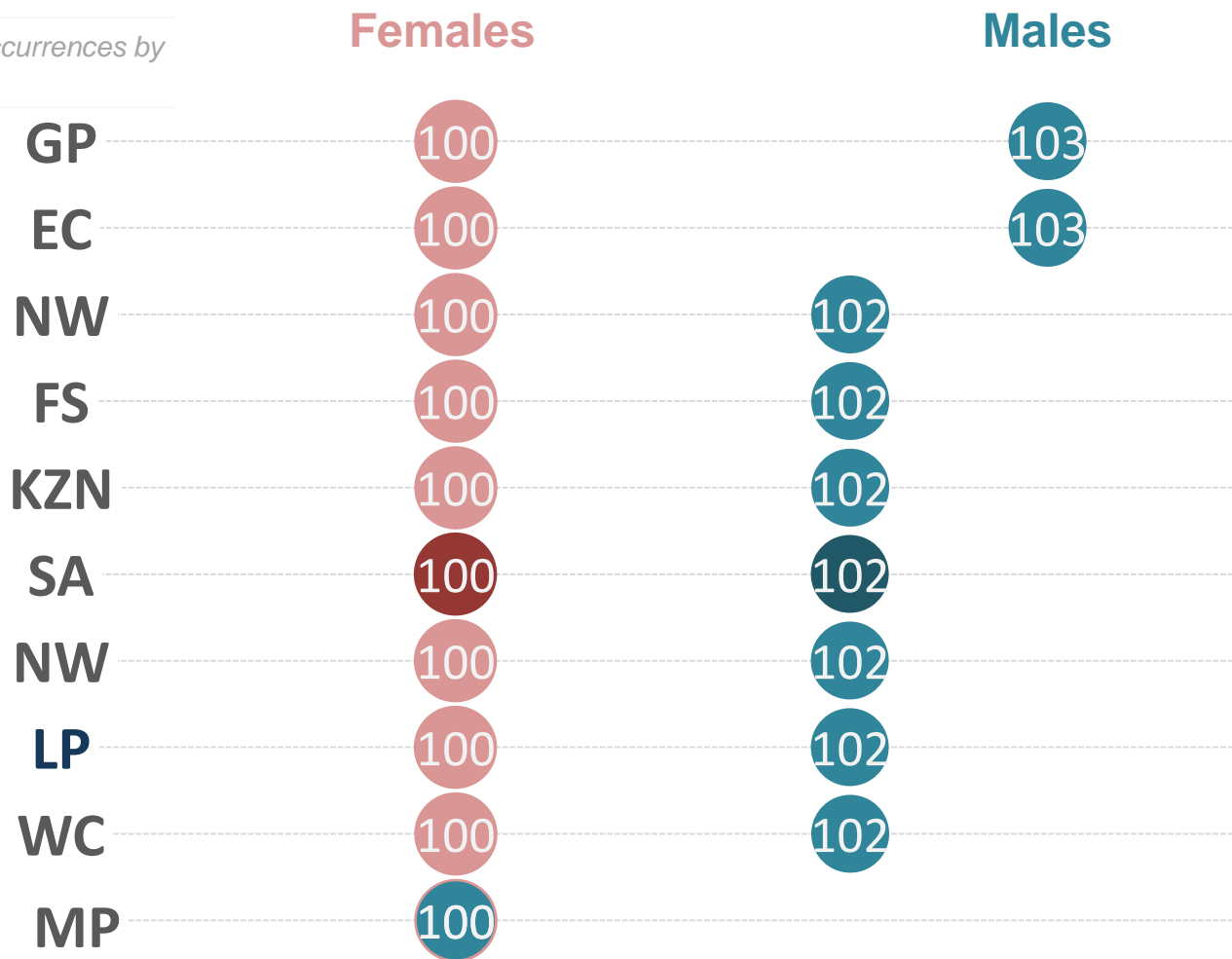


District Variations

- iLembe (52%)
- uMzinyathi (57%)
- uThungulu (63%)
- Zululand (64%)
- uMkhanyakude (64%)
- uThukela (68%)
- Ugu (69%)
- eThekweni (69%)
- Amajuba (70%)
- uMgungundlovu (71%)
- Sisonke (74%)

South Africa has 102 male births per 100 female births. Gauteng and Eastern Cape had the highest sex ratio in the country.

Sex ratio of birth occurrences by province 2018



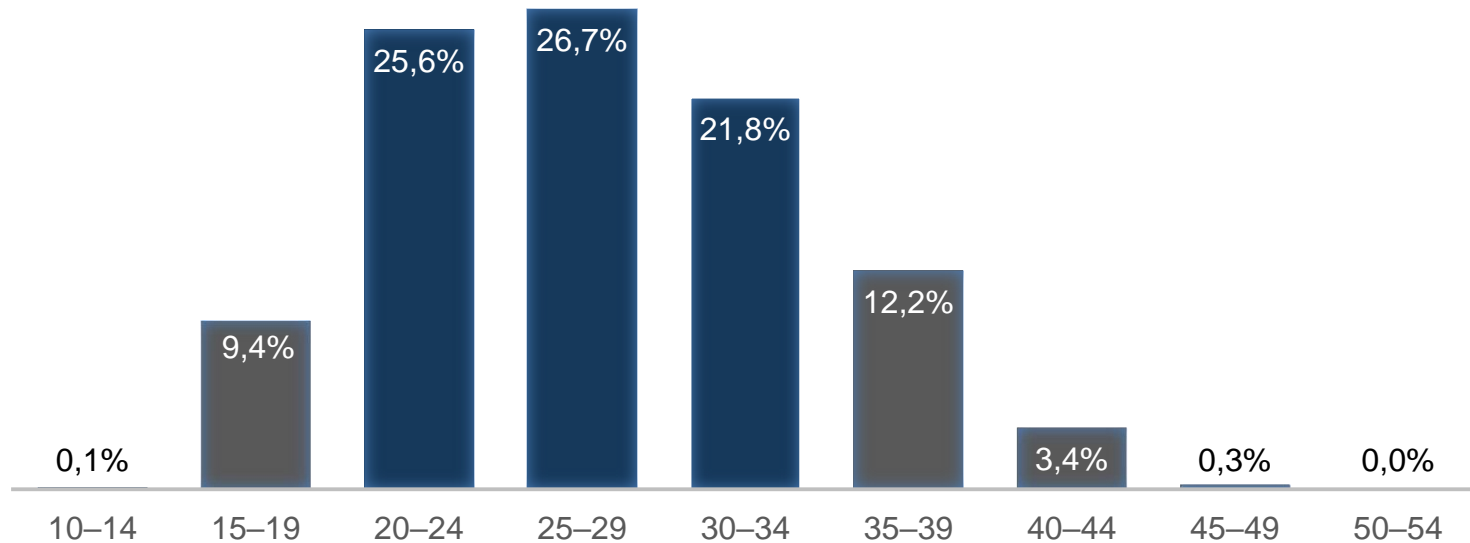
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Births occurring to mothers in age groups 20–34 years represent 74% of all births in 2018. The mother's age is useful when developing maternal and child health policies and planning for the provision of health care services.

Mothers aged 35 years and older accounted for 15,9% of all births.

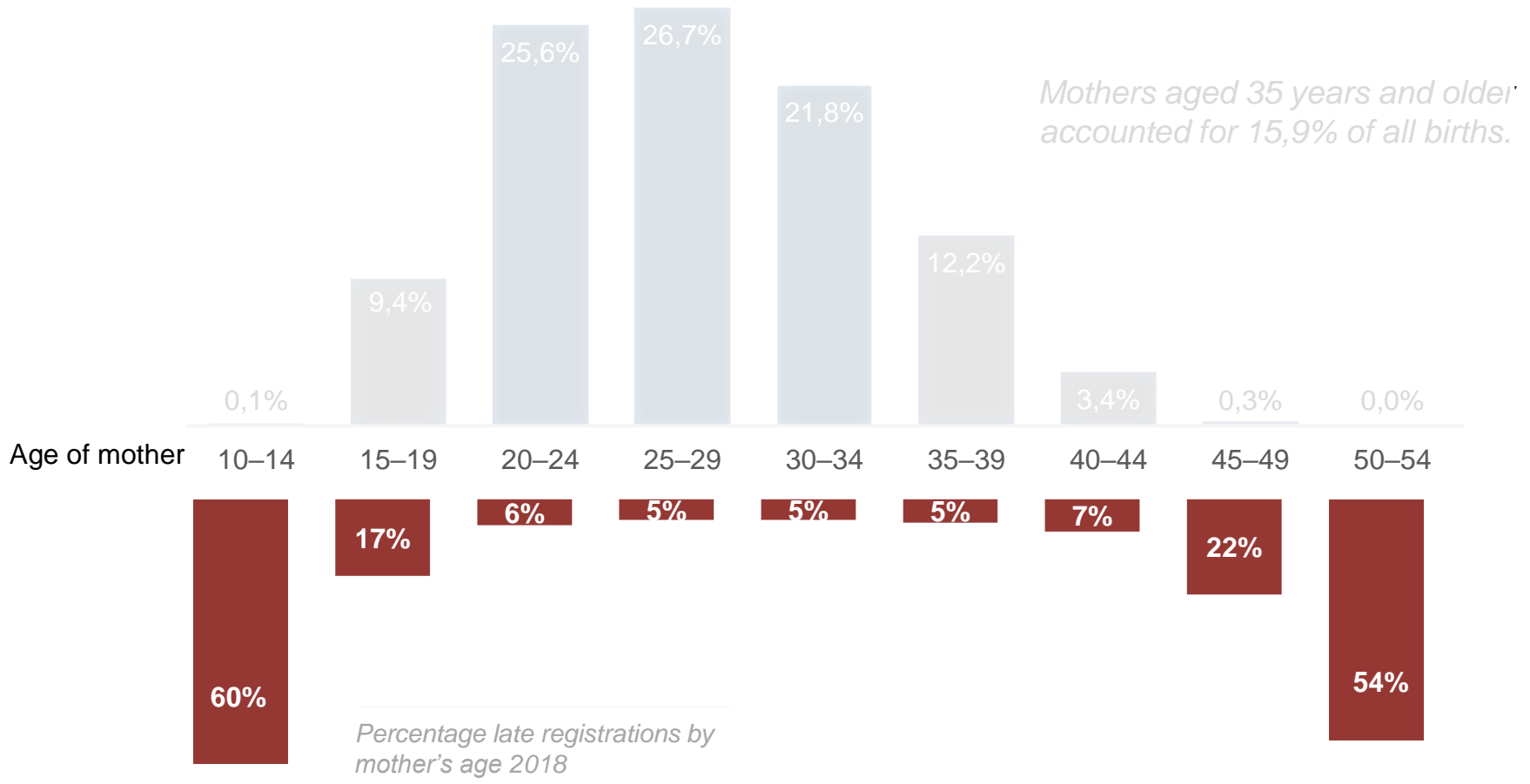


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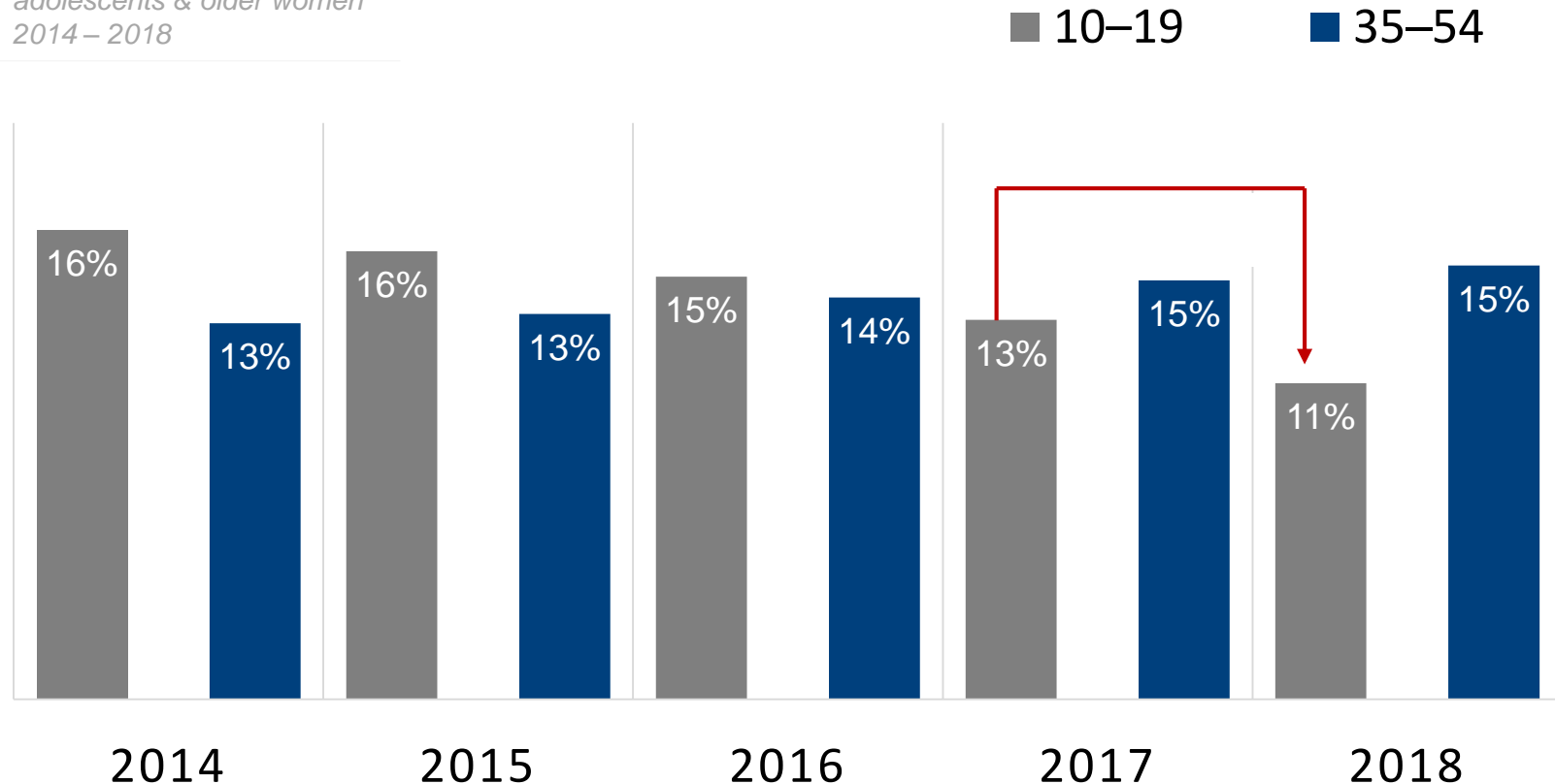


There is a high percentage of **late births** registered for mothers 10–14 & 50–54 years.



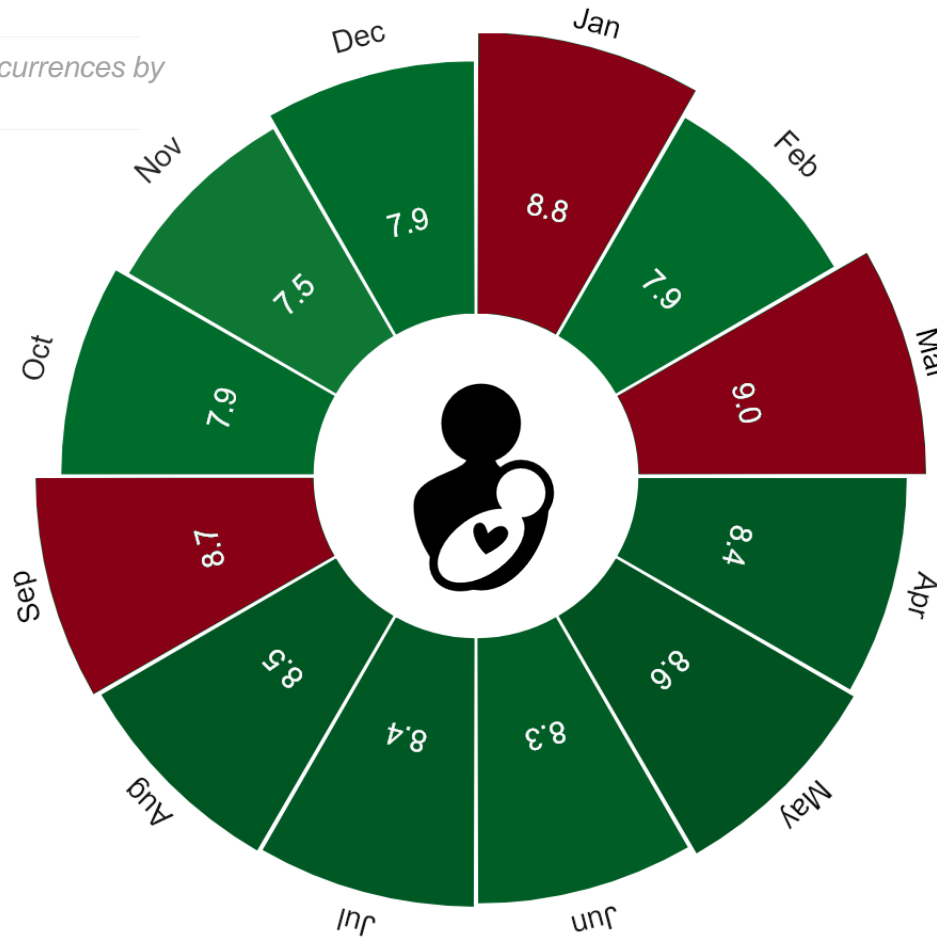
Births occurring to adolescents 10–19 years were down to 11% in 2018.
Mothers in high risk pregnancy ages 35–54 remained at 15% in 2018.

*Percentage of births occurring to adolescents & older women
2014–2018*



Birth occurrences peaked in January, March, and September.

Percentage of birth occurrences by month of birth 2018



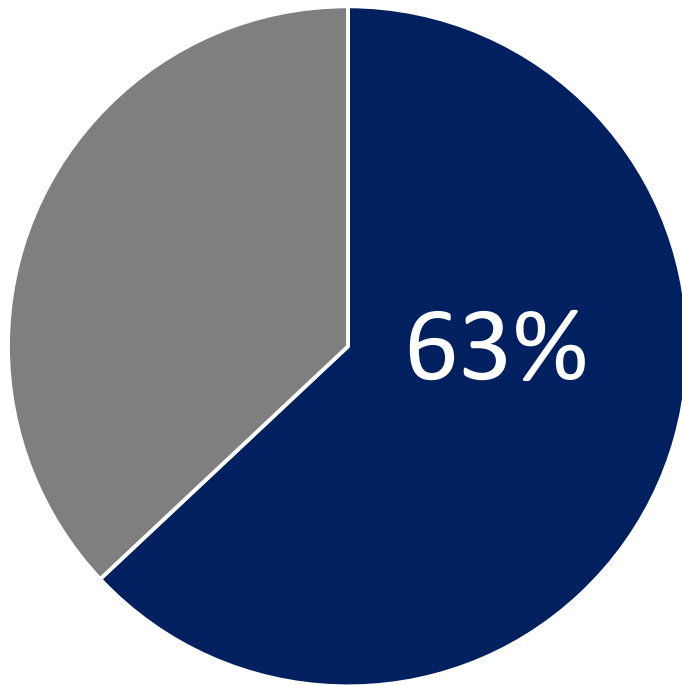
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63% of 2017 births had no information on fathers.

Availability of Information on
fathers 2018



Around 63% of births registered in 2018 had no information on fathers

**The above refers to MISSING INFORMATION ABOUT FATHERS. Stats SA receives data files from home affairs which is analysed for the publication of the report. Stats SA reports on information about the father BUT NOT on whether the father is present in the child's life or not. According to Page 12, subsection 3.2 of the report, the Birth registration form provides a space to capture information about the father of the child (Section B of Appendix A on page 32). However, for most forms, Section B was not completed on the birth registration form.*



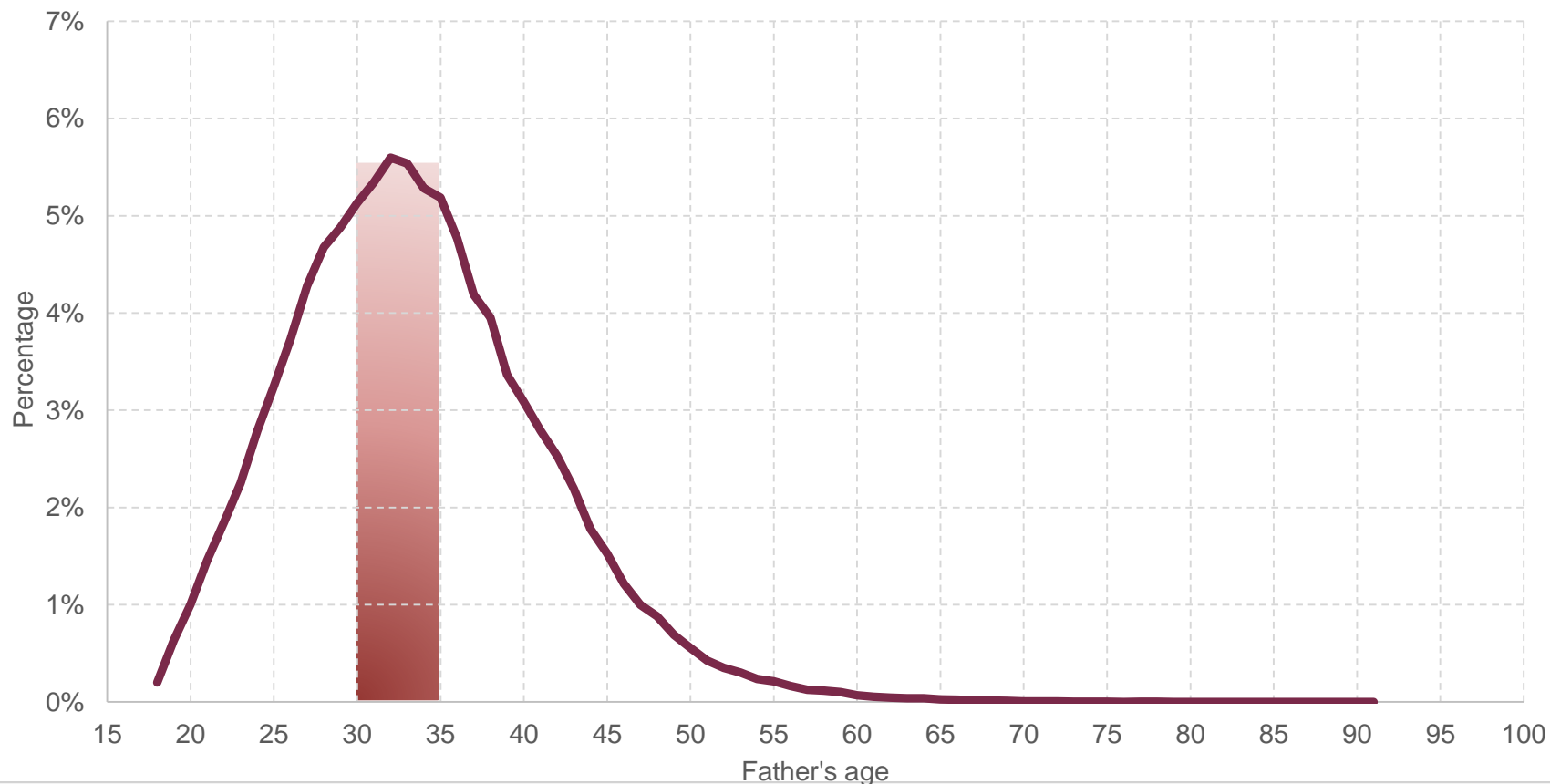
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38% of births registered, included information on the fathers. Of these, 37,3% of the children born in 2018 were to fathers aged 30-35 years

Availability of Information on fathers 2018

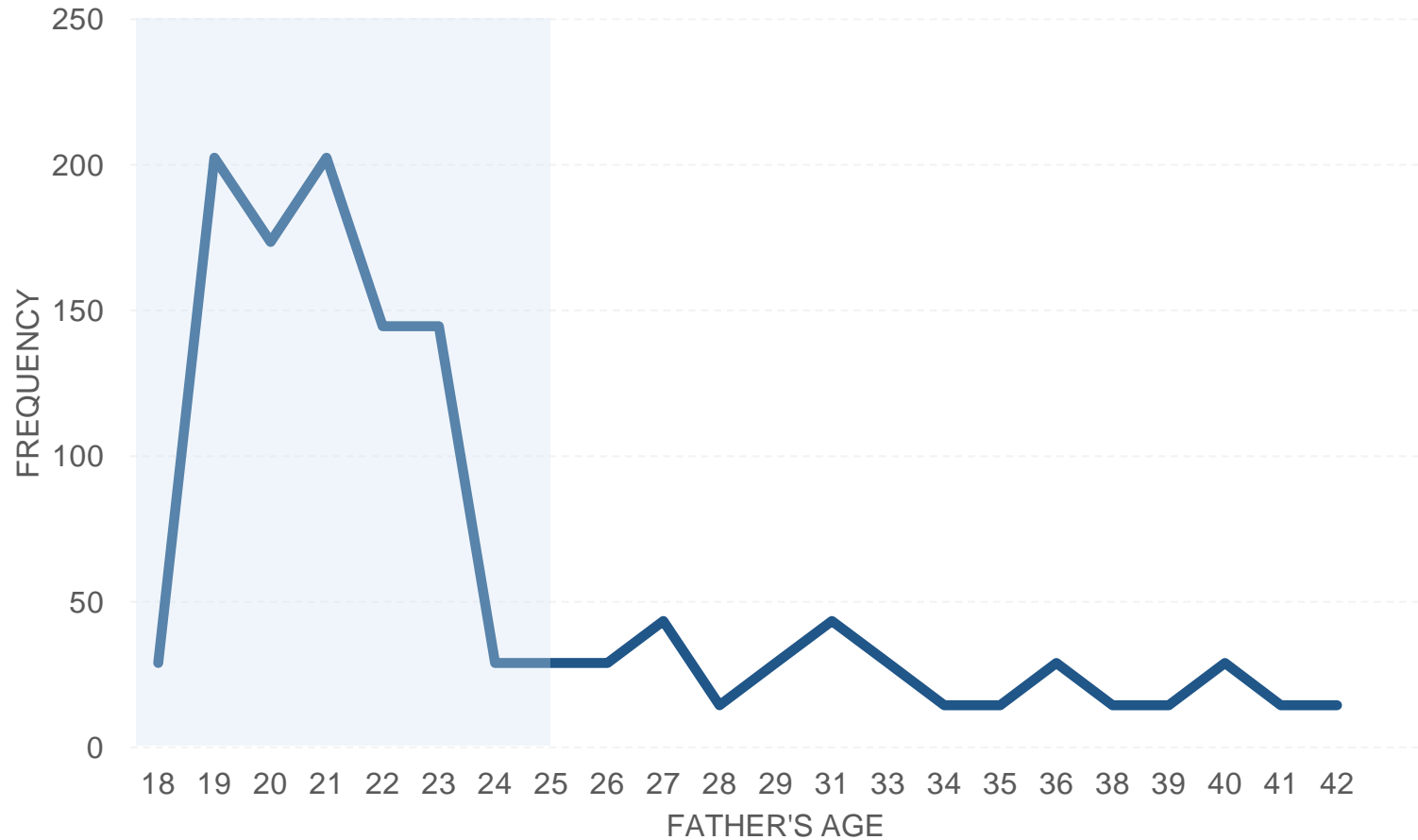


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A total of 1 287 children were born to teenagers aged 10-14. Most of the fathers were ages 17-25.



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Baby Names Of South Africa, 2018

From the day or time a baby is born to the circumstances surrounding the birth, traditionally African names often have unique story behind them.

Top 10 Boys First Names

1. Enzokuhle
2. Lethabo
3. Melokuhle
4. Lubanzi
5. Junior
6. Siyabonga
7. Bokamoso
8. Omphile
9. Amogelang
10. Thato



4124 Boys Enzokuhle **3571** Girls

Total number of boys and girls
born in 2018

927 113

Lethabo and Amohelang were the most
common baby names in 2018 for both sexes.

Top 10 Girls First Names

1. Enzokuhle
2. Melokuhle
3. Amahle
4. Okuhle
5. Lethabo
6. Omphile
7. Lesedi
8. Rethabile
9. Amogelang
10. Onthatile



TOP TEN GIRLS MIDDLE NAMES



TOP TEN BOYS MIDDLE NAMES



1. Precious



2. Princess



3. Angel



4. Blessing



5. Faith



6. Hope



7. Amahle



8. Enzokuhle



9. Okuhle



10. Grace



1. Junior



2. Blessing



3. Gift



4. Prince



5. Lubanzi



6. Innocent



7. Enzokuhle



8. Melokuhle



9. Quinton



10. Bandile



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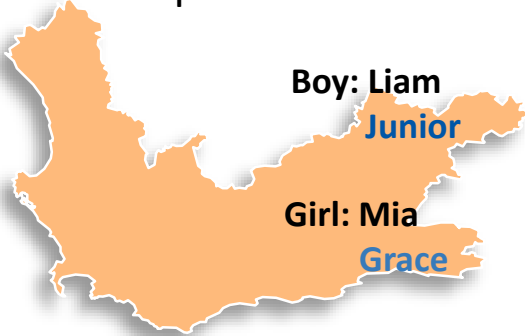
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Popular baby names by province, 2018

■ First name
■ Middle name

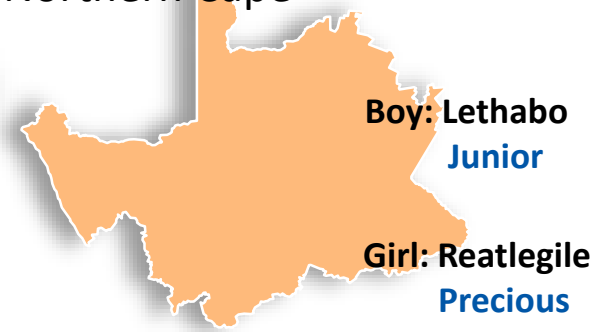
Western Cape



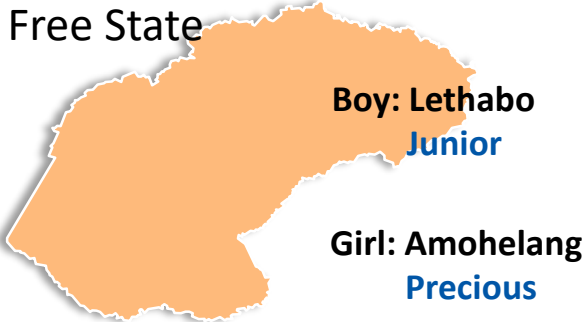
Eastern Cape



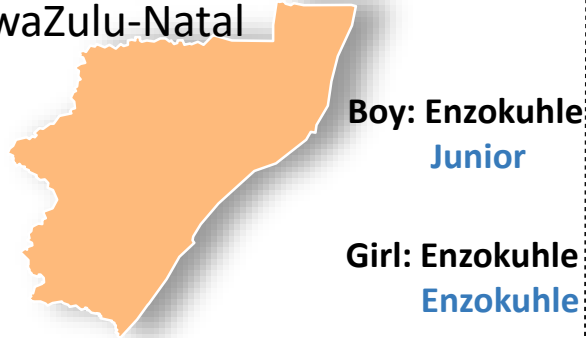
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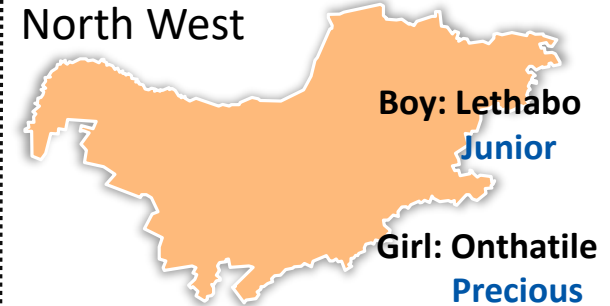
Free State



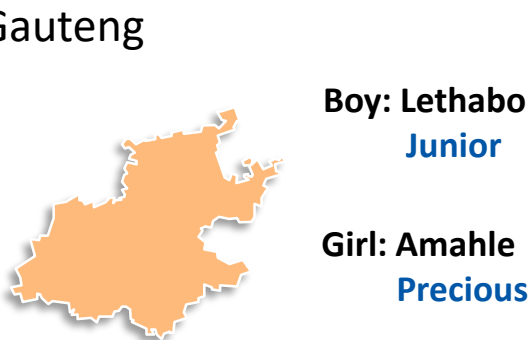
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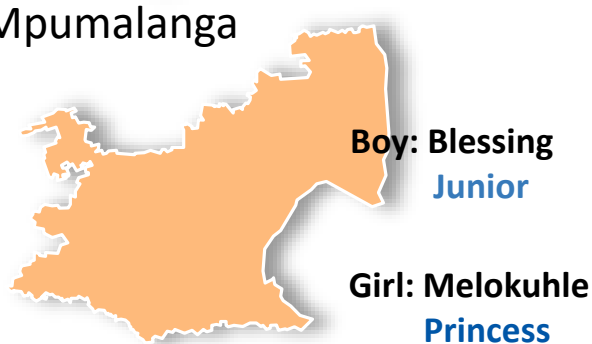
North West



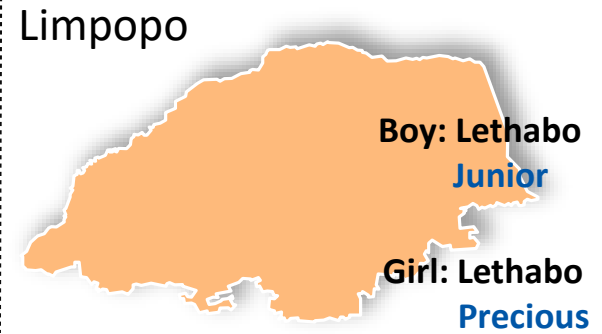
Gauteng



Mpumalanga



Limpopo

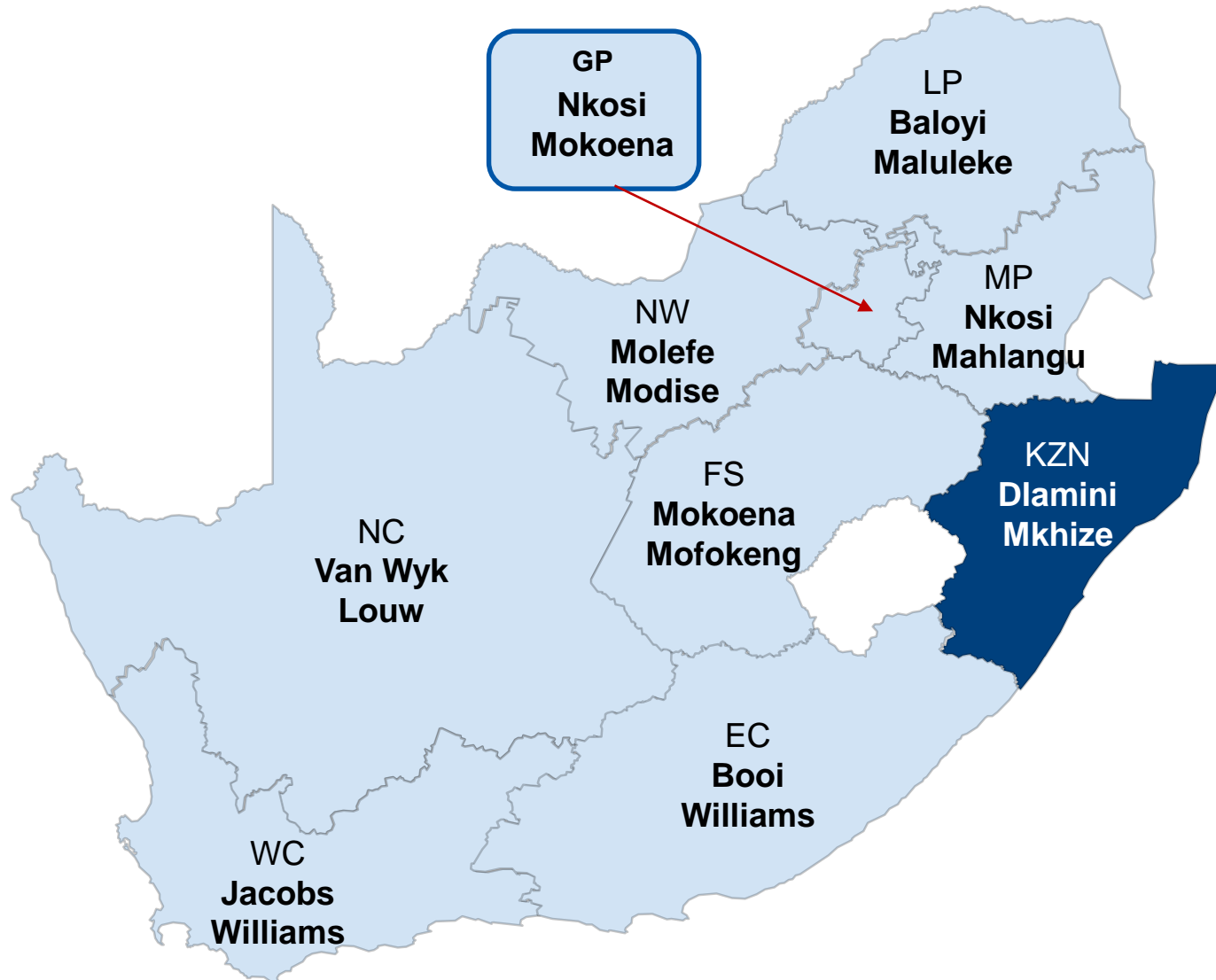


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Ten most popular baby surnames in SA 2018



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1. Dlamini
2. Nkosi
3. Ndlovu
4. Khumalo
5. Sithole
6. Mokoena
7. Mkhize
8. Gumede
9. Mthembu
10. Mahlangu

Ndzi Hela Kwala!

THANK YOU



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