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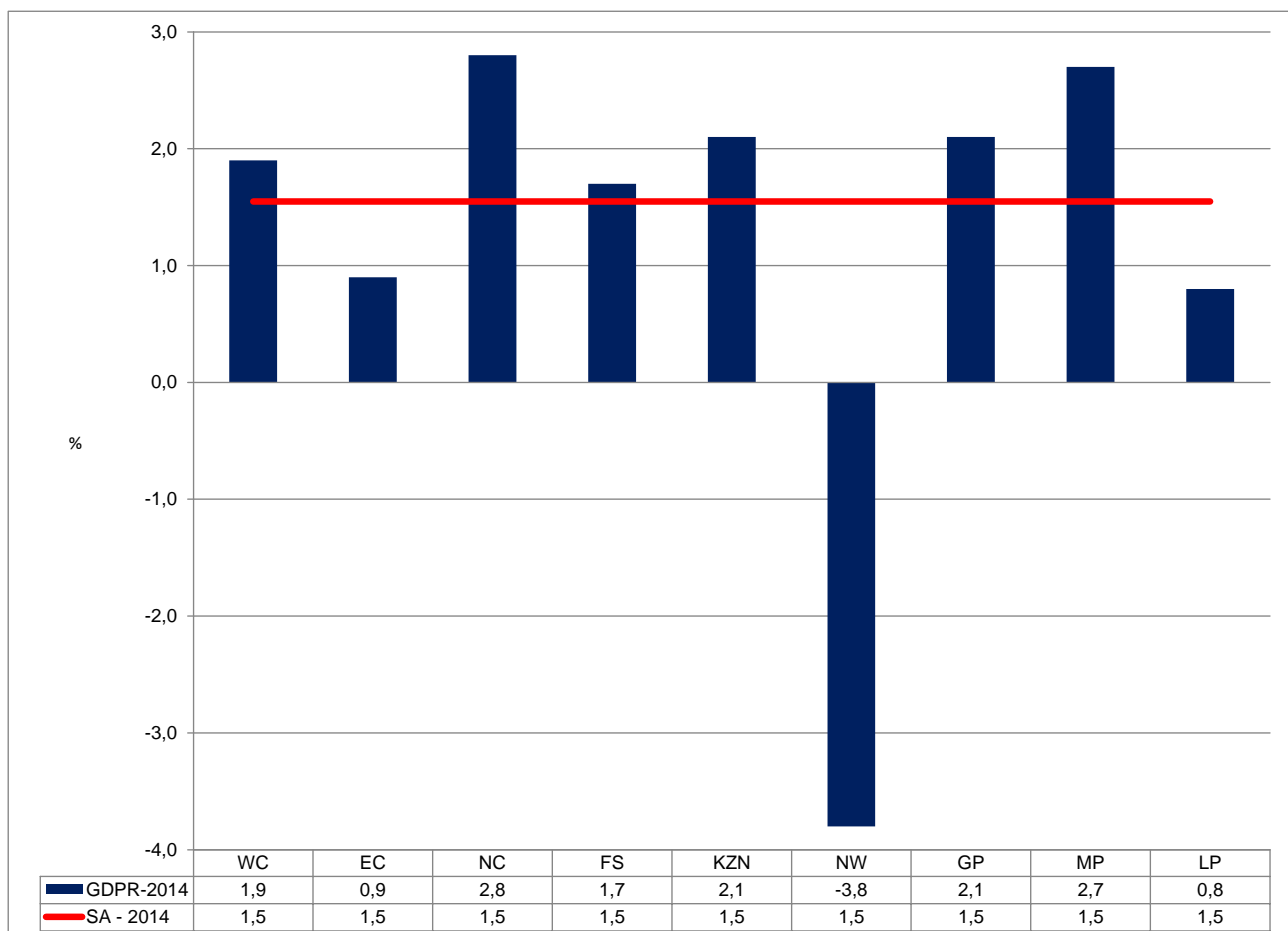
FACT SHEET 3

REGIONAL ESTIMATES

Preliminary estimates indicate that the highest real annual economic growth rates by region – as measured by gross domestic product by region (GDPR) at market prices – for 2014 compared with 2013 were recorded in Northern Cape at 2,8 per cent, Mpumalanga at 2,7 per cent, KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng both at 2,1 per cent, and Western Cape at 1,9 per cent. North West contracted by 3,8 per cent, and was the only region to register a negative growth rate in 2014.

The negative economic performance of North West is attributed to a decline of 15,1 per cent in the mining and quarrying industry.

Figure 1 – Real annual economic growth rate by region: 2014



The tables for gross domestic product by region are available in Excel files which can be downloaded from the Stats SA website: http://www.statssa.gov.za/?page_id=1866&PPN=P0441&SCH=6135