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Economic headlines

Consumer inflation dips to 4,4%



The headline rate slowed for a third consecutive month (click [here](#) to read more).

Employment up in Q2: 2024



The formal non-agricultural sector recorded 42 000 new jobs (click [here](#) to read more).

Economic wrap-up for September 2024



Stats SA published 31 releases in September (click [here](#) to read more).
















Just under a million births registered in 2023



Of these, 9,0% were late registrations from previous years (click [here](#) to read more).

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Monthly economic indicators

	y/y percentage change			m/m percentage change			3-month	
	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	May-Jul	
Mining production 	1,3	-3,6	-1,4	-0,9	-1,7	-0,9	-2,5	
Manufacturing production 	-1,7	-5,5	1,7	-3,3	-0,4	2,1	-0,5	
Electricity generation 	5,5	5,4	8,5	-0,5	2,4	1,3	2,5	
Buildings completed (value) 	-28,0	-24,6	5,5	-9,8	-16,1	42,3	5,2	
Wholesale trade sales 	-6,5	-10,2	-3,2	-3,6	-0,3	-0,1	-2,0	
Retail trade sales 	1,1	4,1	2,0	-0,5	1,6	-0,2	1,5	
Motor trade sales 	-8,5	-9,5	0,3	-6,1	5,3	1,0	-0,8	
Income from tourist accommodation 	7,6	9,0	7,7	9,4	6,0	-2,9	13,4	
Restaurants, catering & fast-food income 	2,1	3,4	-0,7	4,7	3,7	-3,2	2,6	
Rail transport: Freight payload 	9,4	0,6	15,9	2,6	-2,3	10,5	2,8	
Road transport: Freight payload 	-11,4	-4,7	-8,8	-3,3	5,6	-5,8	-4,8	
Rail transport: Passenger journeys 	51,5	45,1	121,0	4,7	-3,5	52,4	22,2	
Road transport: Passenger journeys 	-0,6	-3,2	-0,5	-5,6	-3,0	0,8	-3,9	
		Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	
Consumer Price Index (CPI) 		5,1	4,6	4,4	0,1	0,4	0,1	
Producer Price Index (PPI) 		4,6	4,2	2,8	-0,3	-0,2	-0,3	

ABOUT

The indicators shown here provide an overview of how various sectors of South Africa's economy are performing.

Click on an indicator name to access the complete report on Stats SA's website

y/y = year-on-year
 m/m = month-on-month
 3-month = percentage change between the previous 3 months (February–April) and the latest 3 months (May–July)

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Feature article

Investment in South Africa's school feeding scheme

You can't teach a hungry child. In 1994, the South African government established the National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP), a nationwide project that provides meals to schools in poorer communities. The aim of the programme is to ensure that learners receive adequate nutritional support, contributing to good health and improved academic performance.

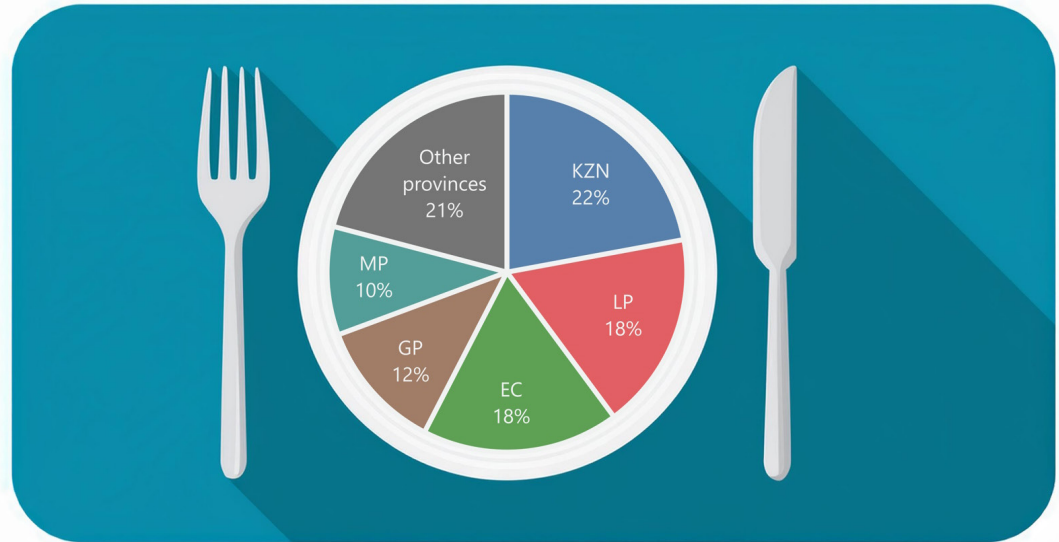
Provincial government spent R299,7 billion on education in 2022/23, according to data from the latest *Financial statistics of provincial government* statistical release. The NSNP accounted for 2,8% (or R8,4 billion) of this total.

KwaZulu-Natal was the largest spender of NSNP funds, representing 22% (or R1,9 billion). Limpopo and Eastern Cape accounted for 18% each and Gauteng 12%

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Government's school feeding scheme – KwaZulu-Natal is the largest spender

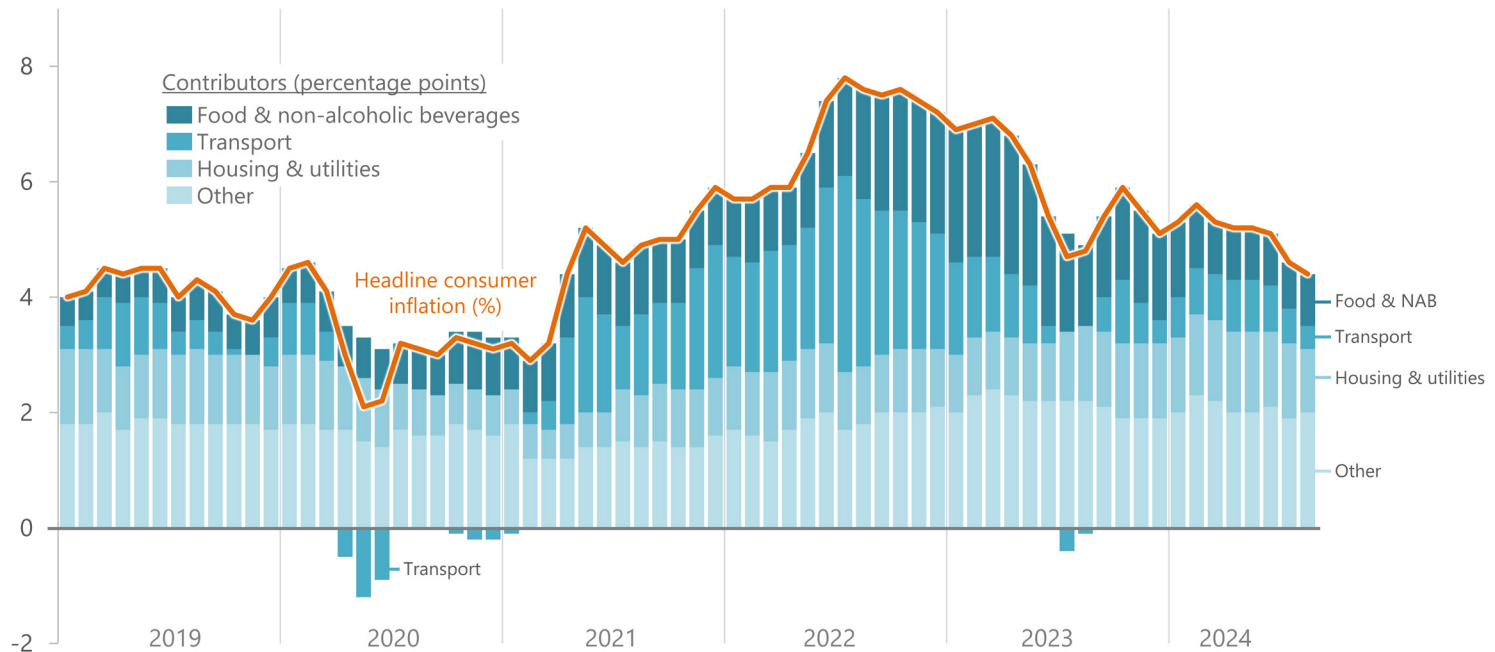
Provincial breakdown of expenditure related to the National School Nutrition Programme in 2022/23 (R8,4 billion)



Infographic of the month

What drives consumer inflation?

Major contributors to the headline rate (January 2019 to August 2024)



Source: Consumer Price Index (CPI), August 2024. [Click here](#) to read more



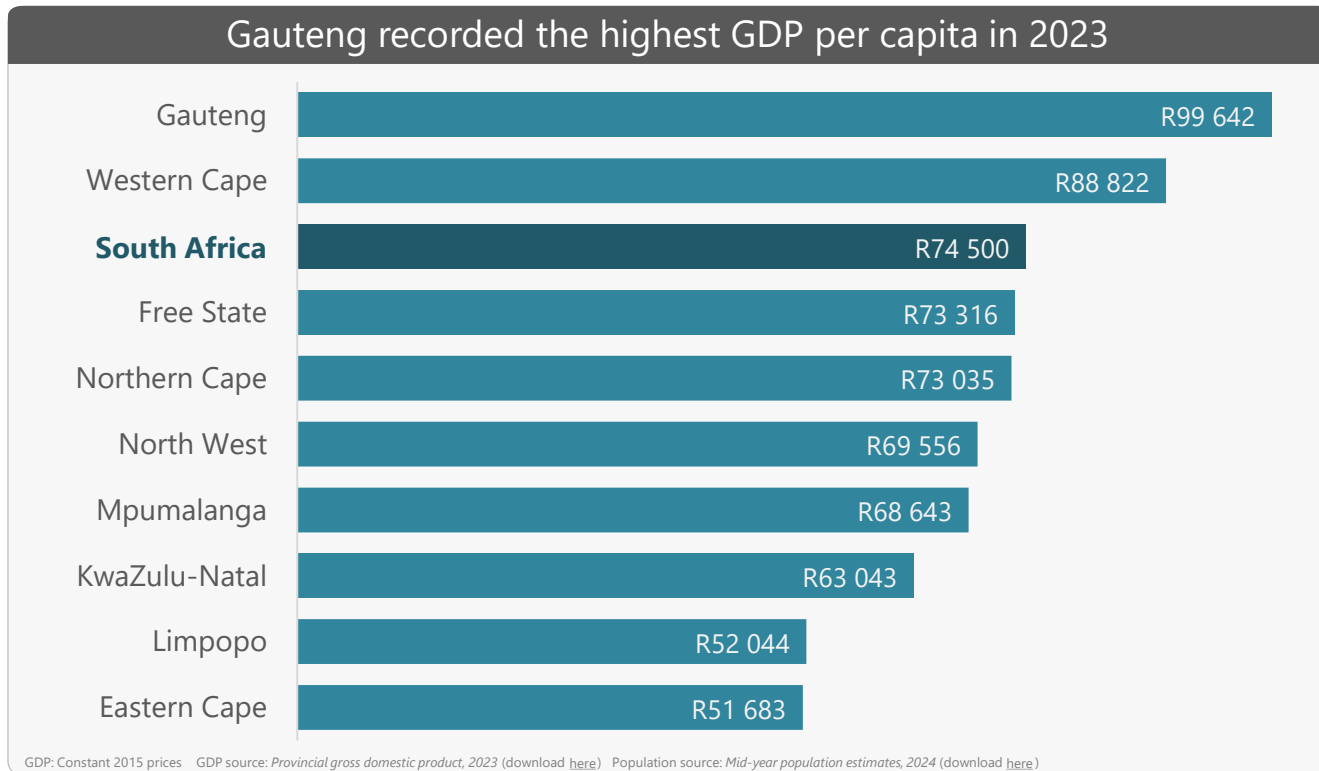
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