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Economic headlines

Consumer inflation retreats further



Cooling to its lowest level since March 2021 (click [here](#) to read more).

Public-sector capex rises for a second year



Boosted mainly by increased spending by public corporations (click [here](#) to read more).


University funding over the last decade



The *#FeesMustFall* movement and COVID-19 had an impact on higher education (click [here](#) to read more).
















Manufacturing output declines in August



Five of the ten manufacturing divisions recorded a decline in production. Listen to the results [here](#). 

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Monthly economic indicators

	y/y percentage change			m/m percentage change			3-month
	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Jun-Aug
Mining production 	-3,5	-1,0	0,3	-1,8	-0,8	2,9	-1,4
Manufacturing production 	-5,2	1,6	-1,2	0,0	1,6	-0,6	0,1
Electricity generation 	5,4	8,5	6,3	2,4	1,3	-0,7	3,2
Buildings completed (value) 	-25,5	6,4	3,6	-17,0	45,0	-3,5	7,0
Wholesale trade sales 	-8,7	-2,0	-14,6	0,9	-1,0	-5,3	-2,3
Retail trade sales 	4,0	1,7	3,2	1,1	-0,2	0,5	1,4
Motor trade sales 	-9,5	0,2	-2,4	4,7	0,5	0,0	3,0
Income from tourist accommodation 	10,5	8,3	5,6	3,0	-3,0	-0,3	7,5
Restaurants, catering & fast-food income 	-1,2	-5,4	2,2	1,9	-4,0	3,3	1,2
Rail transport: Freight payload 	0,6	15,9	-1,8	-2,7	11,2	-12,1	0,6
Road transport: Freight payload 	-4,7	-9,0	-7,6	5,7	-6,2	-0,2	-2,4
Rail transport: Passenger journeys 	45,1	121,0	87,4	-4,9	47,1	-5,8	25,3
Road transport: Passenger journeys 	-3,2	-0,5	-1,9	-3,1	0,8	-2,4	-5,3
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	
Consumer Price Index (CPI) 	4,6	4,4	3,8	0,4	0,1	0,1	
Producer Price Index (PPI) 	4,2	2,8	1,0	-0,2	-0,3	-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 (March–May) and the latest 3 months (June–August)

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Feature article

Sequencing the DNA of provincial economies

Each province has its own unique economic profile. The latest set of regional gross domestic product (GDP) figures paint a picture of what each province brings to the economic table of the country.

National agricultural production, for example, is concentrated in KwaZulu-Natal, Western Cape and Mpumalanga. Together, these three provinces account for almost 60% of national agricultural activity.

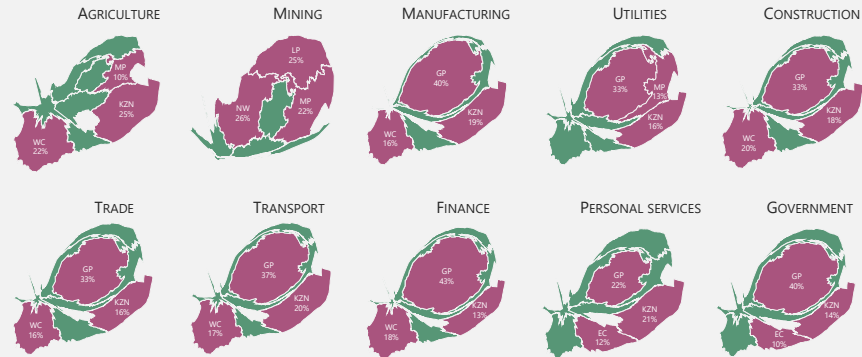
The country depends heavily on North West, Limpopo and Mpumalanga for the bulk of its mining wealth, and we can thank Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal and Western Cape for 75% of overall manufacturing output.

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Where are industries concentrated in South Africa?

Provincial contribution to national economic activity

Source: *Provincial gross domestic product, 2023*



Mapping tool: <https://go-cart.io/> Gastner MT, Seguy V, More P. Fast low-based algorithm for creating density-equalizing map projections. Proc Natl Acad Sci USA 115(10):E2156-E2164 (2018)



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Infographic of the month

Four facts about domestic workers in South Africa



843 000

The number of domestic workers in Q2: 2024, down from a high of 1,1 million in Q1: 2009*



46%

of domestic workers are employed in Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal*



2,4%

of national household spending goes to domestic worker wages†



4,1%

The year-on-year rise in domestic worker wages in Q3: 2024†

Sources: *Quarterly Labour Force Survey, Quarter 2: 2024 (click [here](#) to download) †Consumer Price Index (CPI), September 2024 (click [here](#) to download)
A domestic worker is a person employed to work in a household as a cleaner, cook, nanny, driver, gardener, etc.



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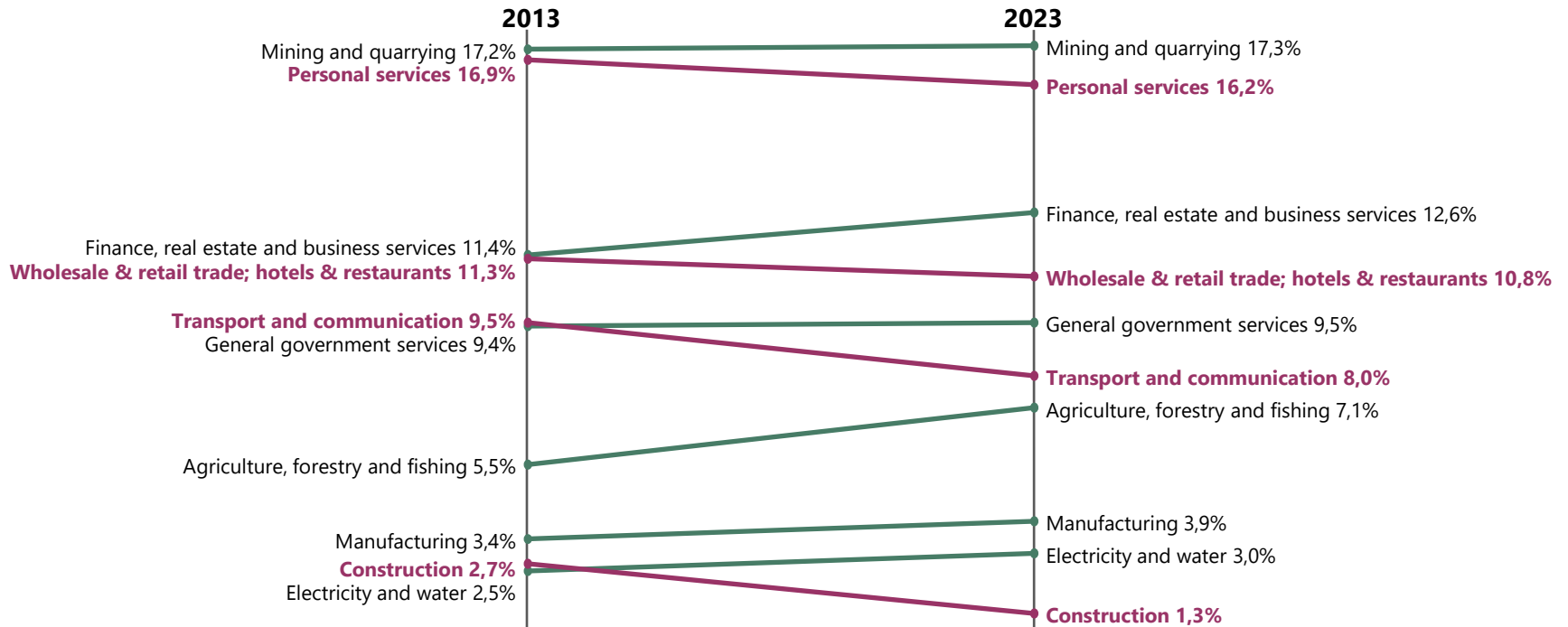
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Provincial snapshot

The economic structure of Northern Cape: : Since 2013, personal services, trade, transport and construction lost percentage share
Industry percentage contribution to provincial GDP, current prices (2013 vs 2023)*



* 'Taxes less subsidies' is not displayed Source: Provincial gross domestic product, 2023 (click [here](#) to download)



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