



Recorded Live Births, 2017

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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.

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)


Births Registrations

Not all Births are
Registered on
Time

Appendices

Appendix A: Notice of birth form (DHA-24) – page 1

DHA-24



Allocated Identity Number:

NOTICE OF BIRTH

[Births and Deaths Registration Act 51 of 1992]
Registration No. 5

To be completed in full and submitted at the Department of Home Affairs' office or to a South African embassy or consulate. The form to be completed in black ink with BLOCK LETTERS. Please mark with ☒ the CORRECT box, where required. Applications that are not legible shall not be accepted.

Date of application: Y Y Y Y M M D D ☐ Registration within 30 Days ☐ Registration after 30 Days

A. DETAILS OF THE CHILD

Surname:

Forenames in full:

Date of birth: Y Y Y Y M M M M D D Birth month in full: M M M M Gender: M M

Place of birth: City/Town: Province:

Country of birth:

Are the parents of the child married to each other? ☐ If Yes, nature of marriage: ☐ Civil ☐ Customary ☐ Civil Union ☐ Religious. Specify:

Date of marriage: Y Y Y Y M M D D If Yes, enclose a certified copy of the marriage certificate

COMPULSORY SECTION: Reasons for registering after 30 days as per section 9(1)

B. DETAILS OF FATHER (PARENT A)

Identity number (passport if foreigner): Date of birth: Y Y Y Y M M D D

Present surname:

Maiden surname:

Forenames in full:

Place of birth: City/Town: Country of birth:

Citizenship: Permanent/Temporary permit no.:

C. DETAILS OF MOTHER (PARENT B) (In the case of Civil Union this section must be completed by the natural mother)

Identity number (passport if foreigner): Date of birth: Y Y Y Y M M D D

Present surname:

Maiden surname:

Forenames in full:

Place of birth: City/Town: Country of birth:

Citizenship: Permanent/Temporary permit no.:

D. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PATERNITY OF A CHILD BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK

I hereby declare that I am the biological father of the child

Father's details	Mother's consent to the acknowledgement of paternity
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <p>Initials and surname: </p> <p>Signature: </p> </div> <div> <p>Identity number (passport if foreigner): </p> <p>Date: Y Y Y Y M M D D</p> </div> </div>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <p>Initials and surname: </p> <p>Signature: </p> </div> <div> <p>Identity number (passport if foreigner): </p> <p>Date: Y Y Y Y M M D D</p> </div> </div>

E. DETAILS OF THE LEGAL GUARDIAN/SOCIAL WORKER *Compulsory if notice is not given by the parent

Identity number (passport if foreigner): Date of birth: Y Y Y Y M M D D

Social Workers' Case No.:

Surname:

Forenames in full:

Place of birth: Country of birth:

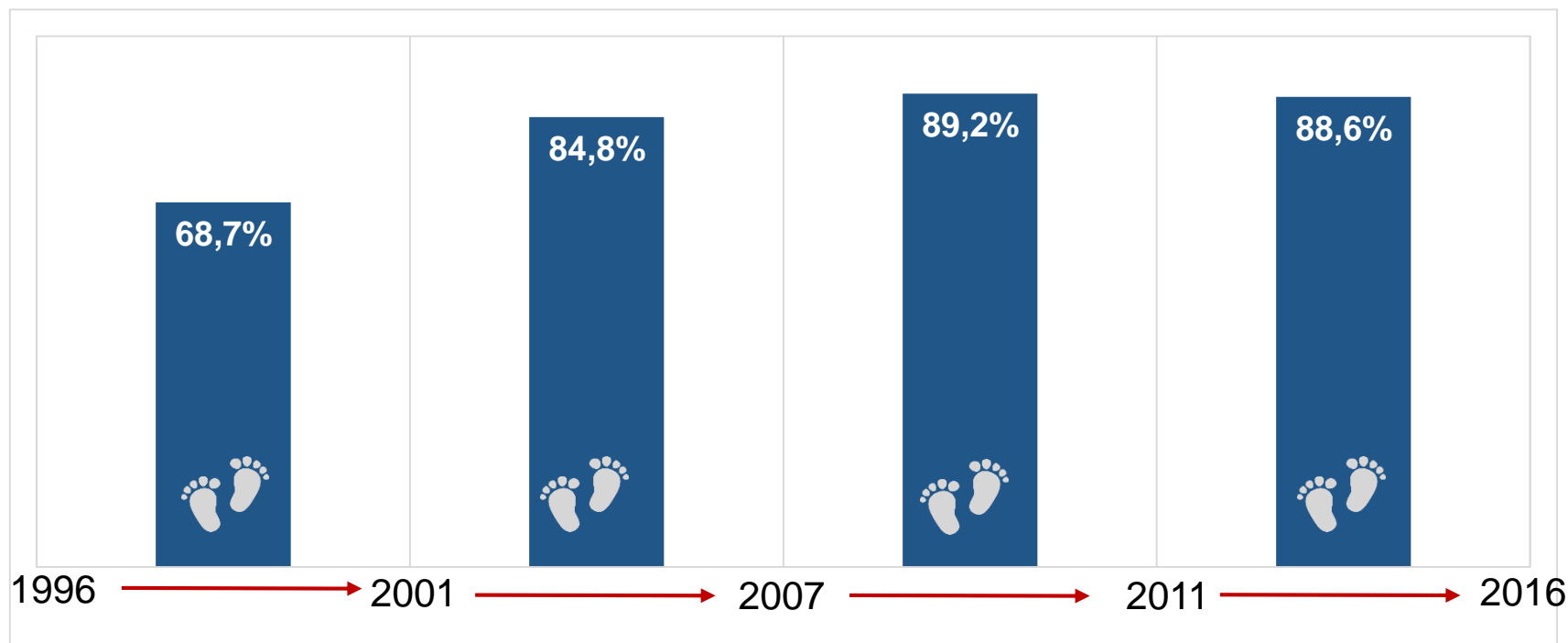
Residential address: Street: Town/Village: Province:

Telephone no., incl. area code: Cell phone no.: Postal code:

Citizenship: Permanent/Temporary permit no.:

BIRTH REGISTRATION COMPLETENESS IS VITAL PLANNING AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION. * The 2017 estimate used is the same as for 2016: 88,6%

Completeness of Birth
Registration



Source: Census and Community Survey

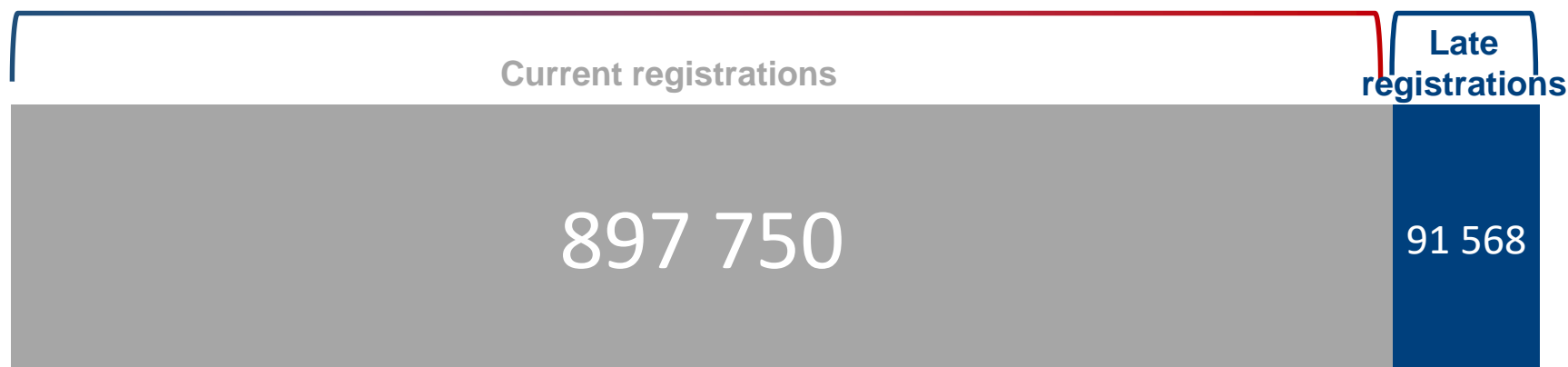
* The **2017** estimate used is the same as for 2016: **88,6%**

THERE WERE **989 318** BIRTHS REGISTERED IN SOUTH AFRICA IN 2017.

This reflects an increase of 2,1% from 2016 to 2017

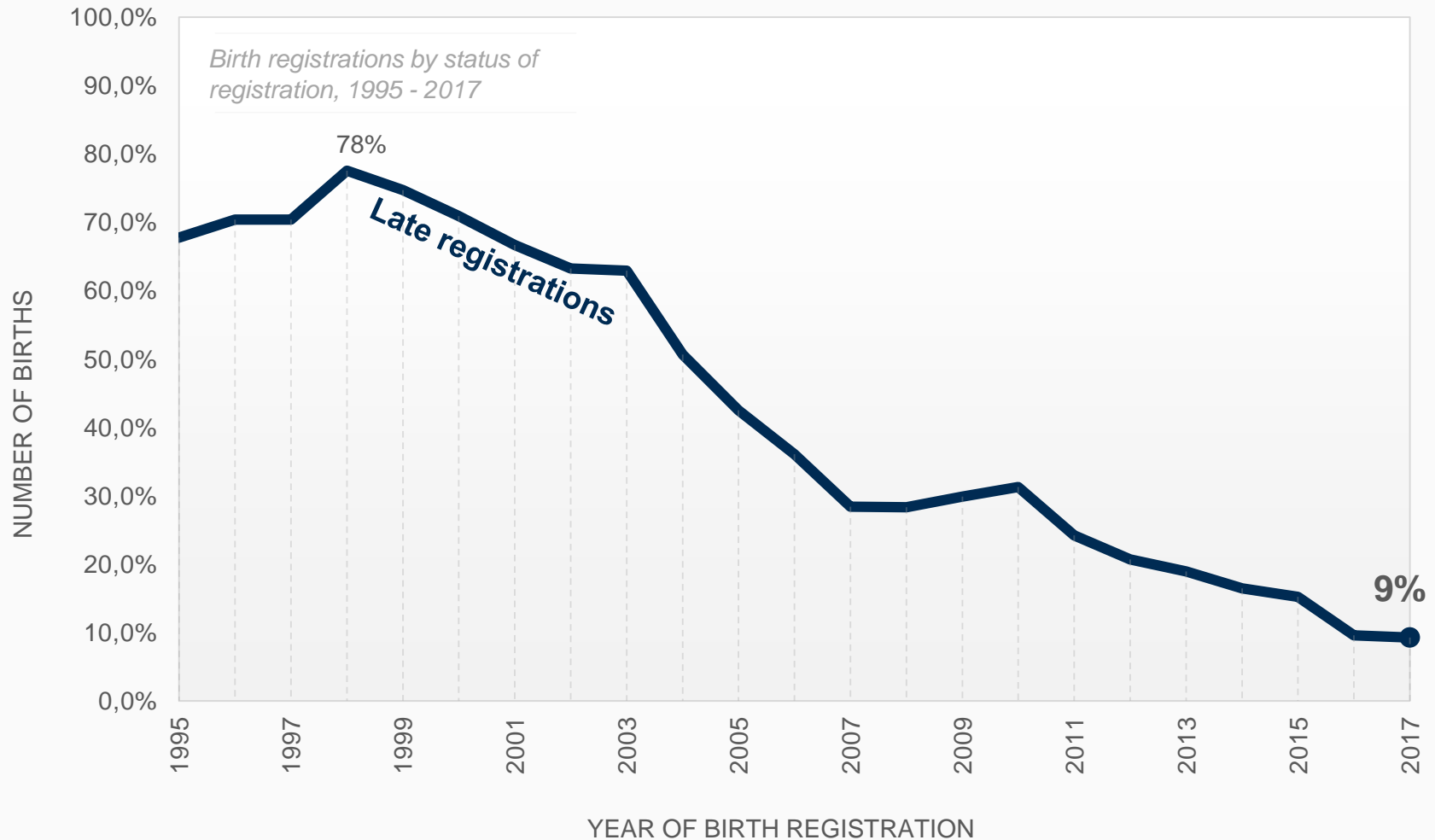
Birth registrations by status of registration, 2017

9% of births registered during 2017
were registered late

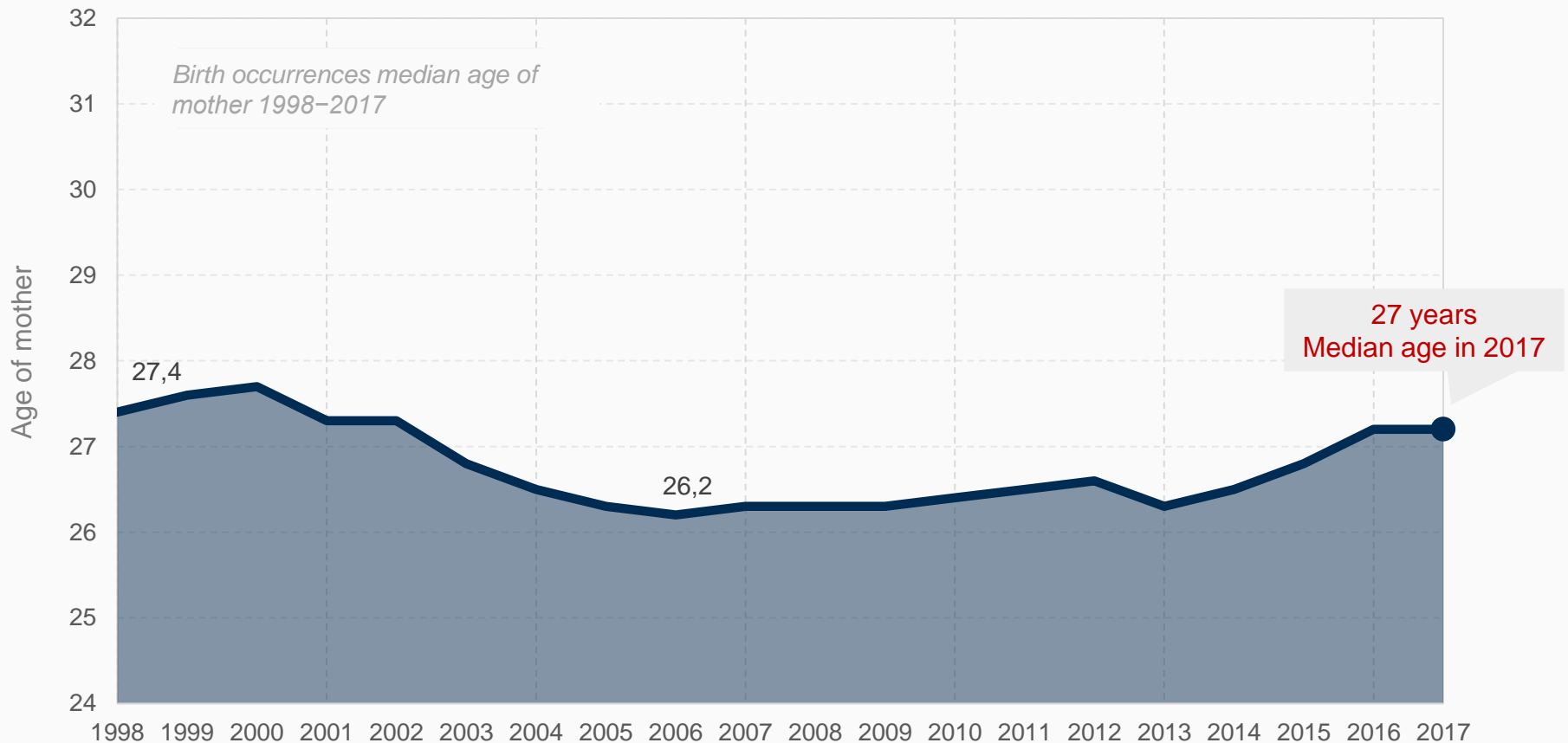


LATE REGISTRATIONS PEAKED AT 78% IN 1998 DROPPING TO 9% IN 2017.

Current registrations increased from 32% in 1995 to 91% in 2017



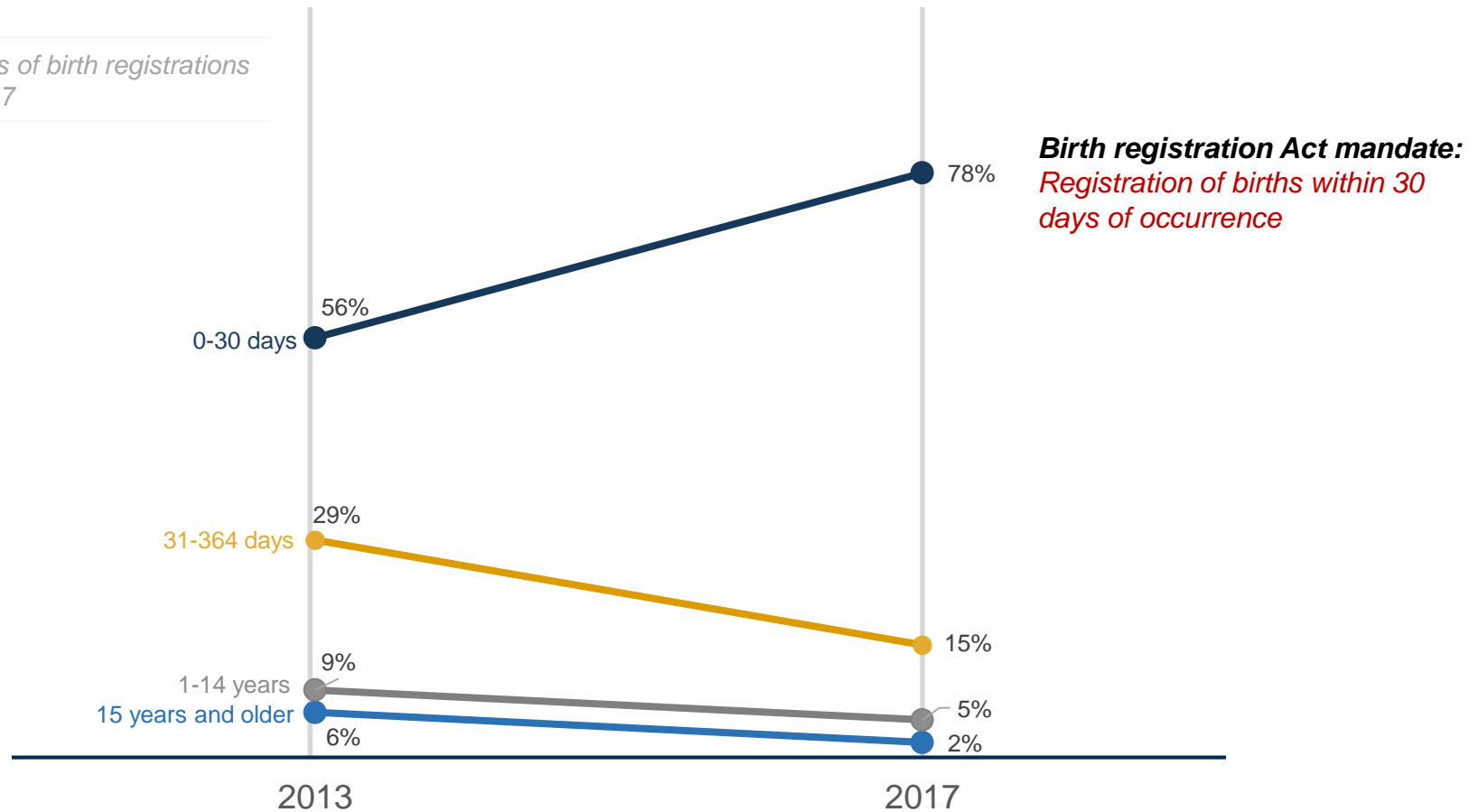
THE MEDIAN AGE OF MOTHERS AT BIRTH HAS FLUCTUATED BETWEEN 26 AND 28 YEARS OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS



THE TIMELINESS OF BIRTH REGISTRATIONS IMPROVED FROM 56% IN 2013 TO 78% IN 2017.

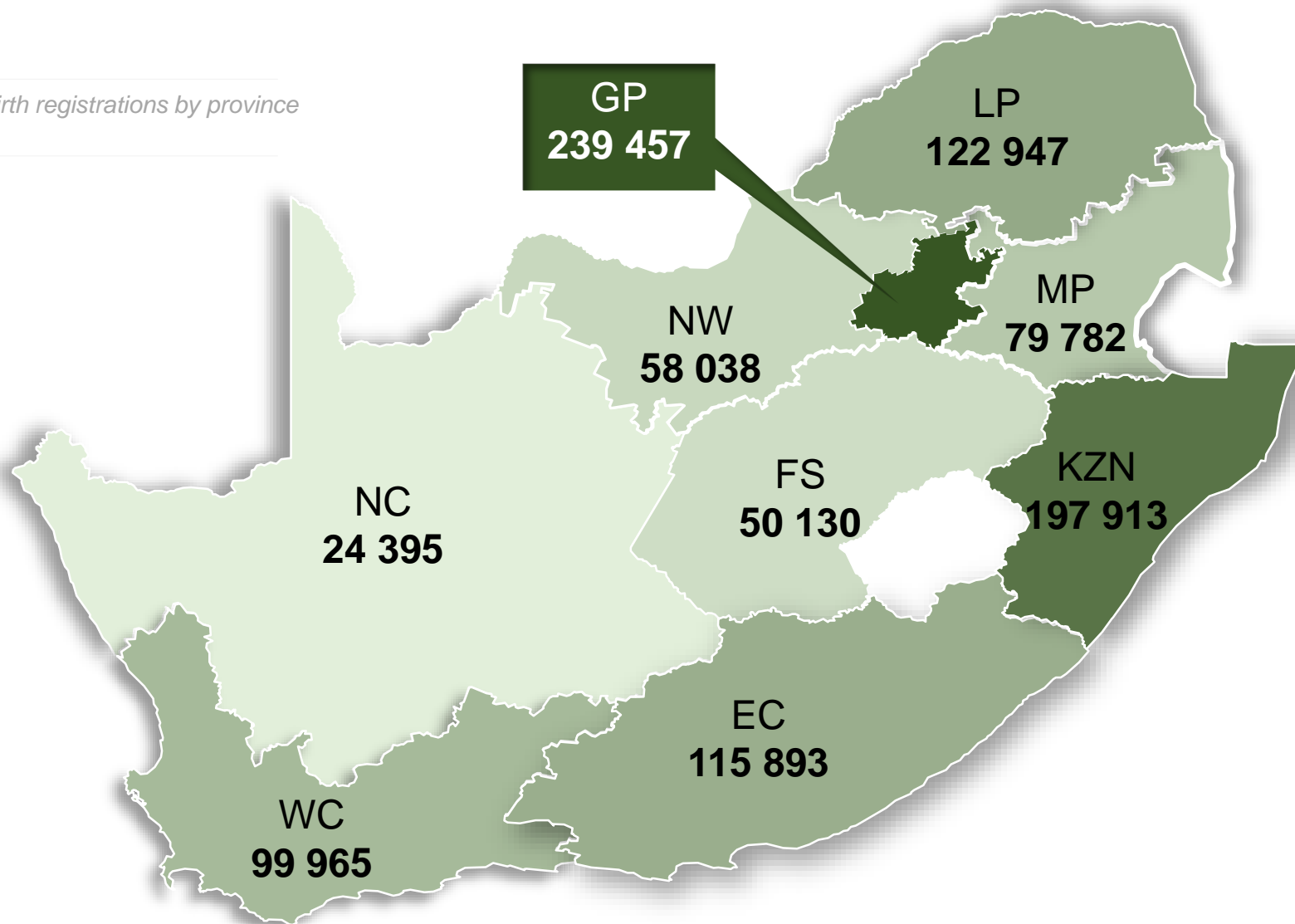
Birth registrations for 31 days and older flattened indicating declines in the late registration of births.

Timeliness of birth registrations
2013–2017



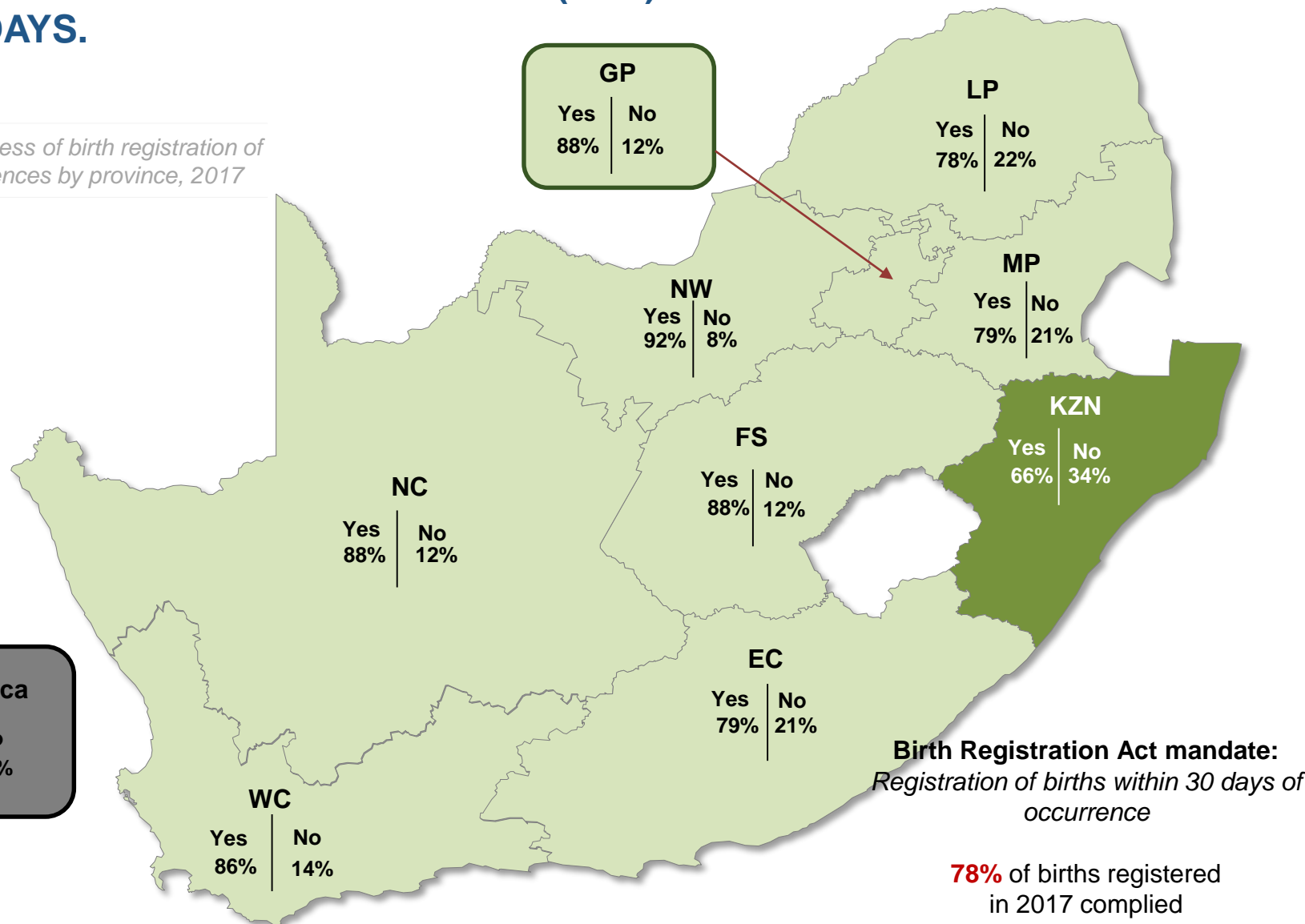
SOUTH AFRICA **989 318** BIRTH REGISTRATIONS

*Total birth registrations by province
2017*



KZN HAD LOWER PROPORTIONS (66%) OF BIRTHS REGISTERED WITHIN 30 DAYS.

Timeliness of birth registration of occurrences by province, 2017



PERCENTAGE OF BIRTHS REGISTERED WITHIN 30 DAYS IN KZN, 2017

South Africa
78%



KZN
66%



District Variations

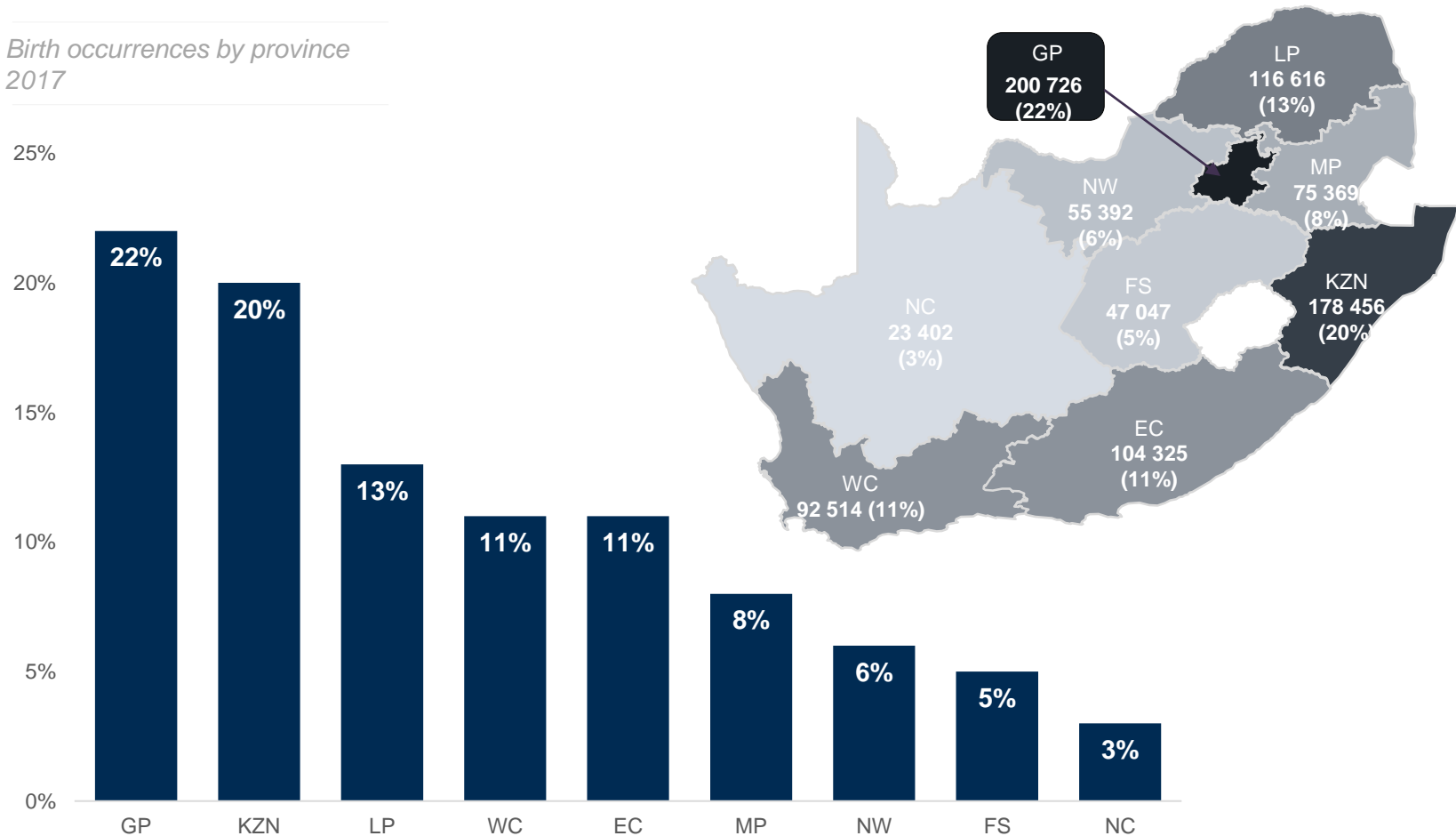
- iLembe (52%)
- uMzinyathi (57%)
- uThungulu (63%)
- Zululand (64%)
- uMkhanyakude (64%)
- uThukela (68%)
- Ugu (69%)
- eThekweni (69%)
- Amajuba (70%)
- uMgungundlovu (71%)
- Sisonke (74%)



Overview of 2017 Birth occurrences

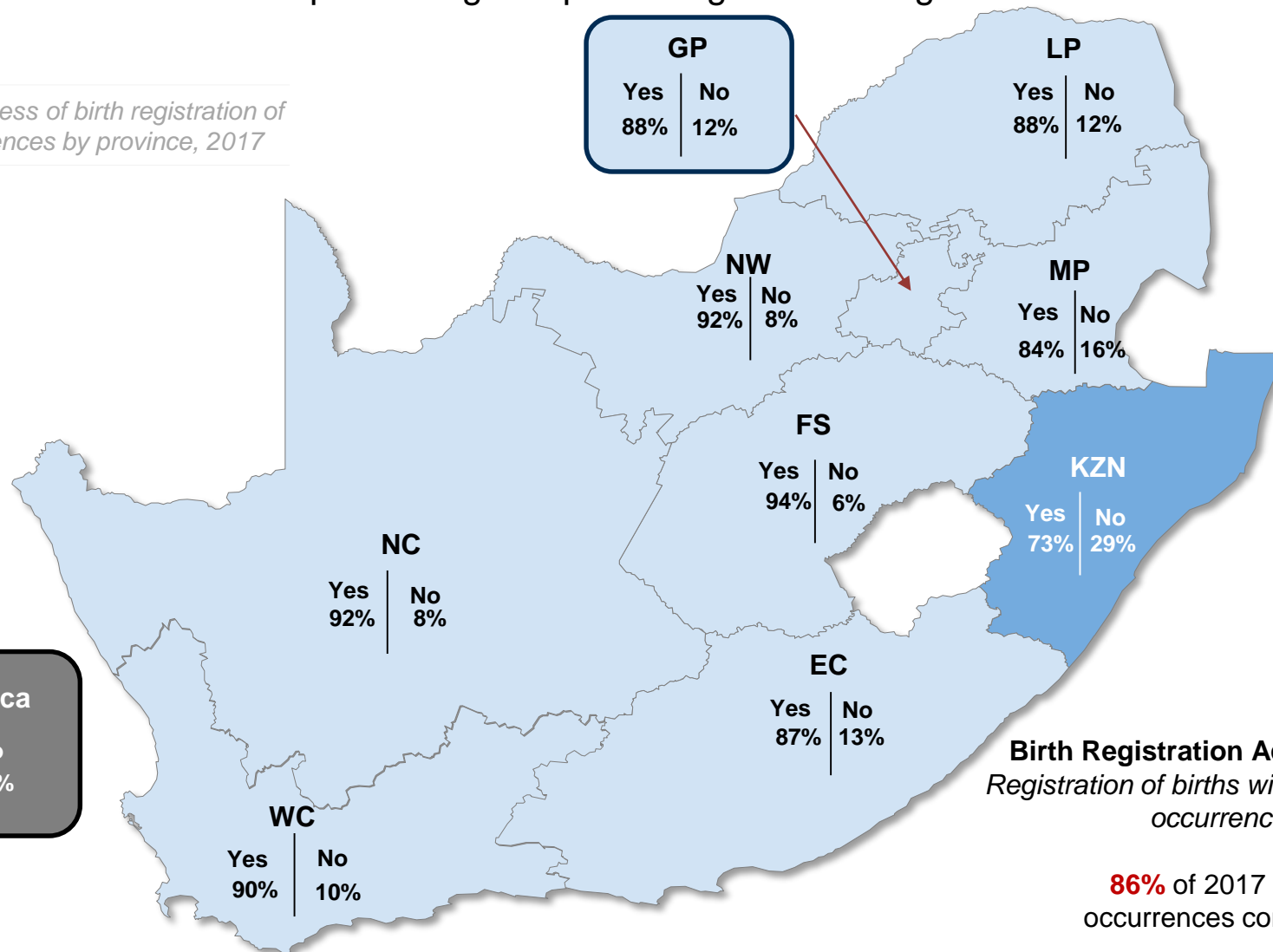
THERE WERE 897 750 REGISTERED BIRTH OCCURRENCES IN SOUTH AFRICA IN 2017. Gauteng has the highest percentage of birth occurrences.

*Birth occurrences by province
2017*



KZN HAD LOWER PROPORTIONS (72%) OF BIRTHS REGISTERED WITHIN 30 DAYS. Northern Cape had highest percentage of birth registration in the country

Timeliness of birth registration of occurrences by province, 2017

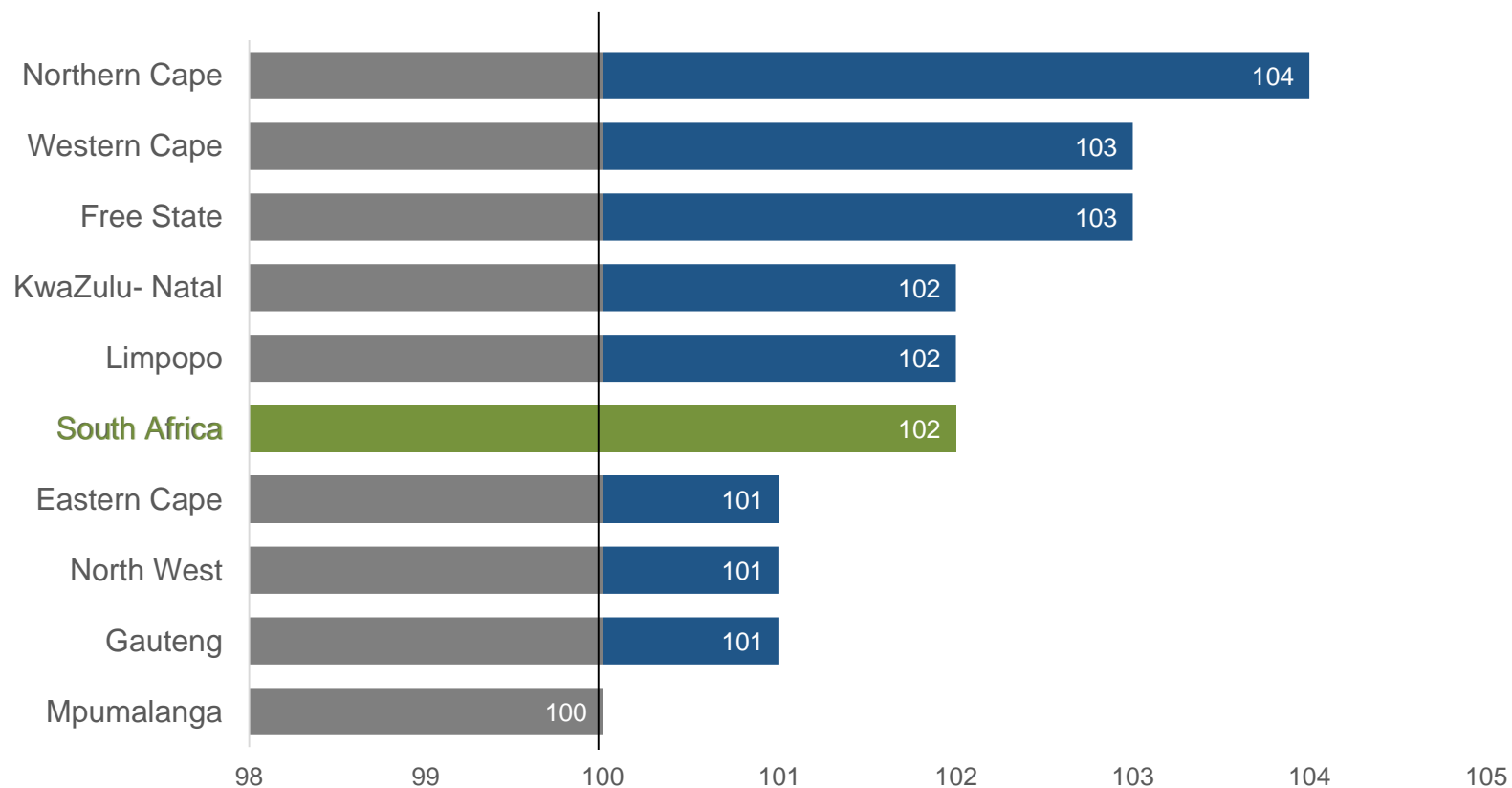


Birth Registration Act mandate:
Registration of births within 30 days of occurrence

86% of 2017 birth occurrences complied

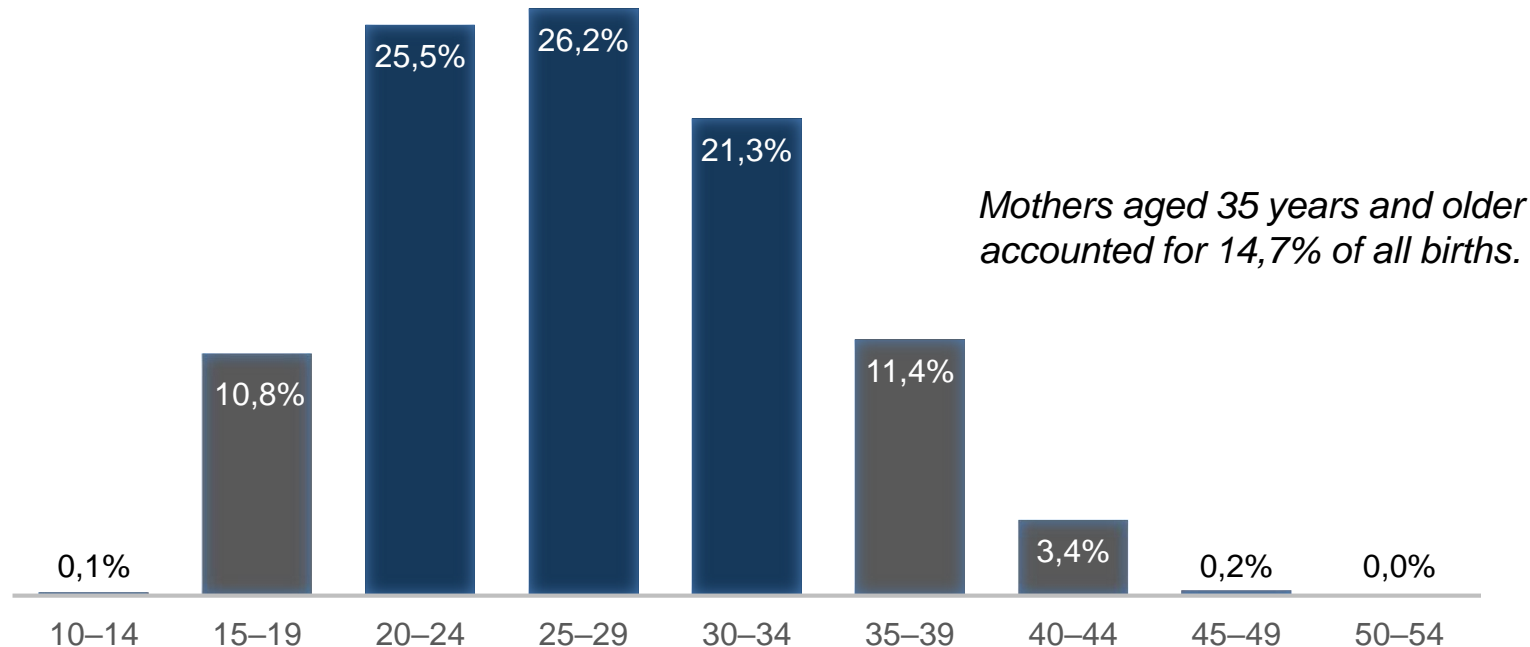
SOUTH AFRICA HAS 102 MALE BIRTHS PER 100 FEMALE BIRTHS. Northern Cape had highest sex ratio in the country

Sex ratio of birth occurrences by province 2017



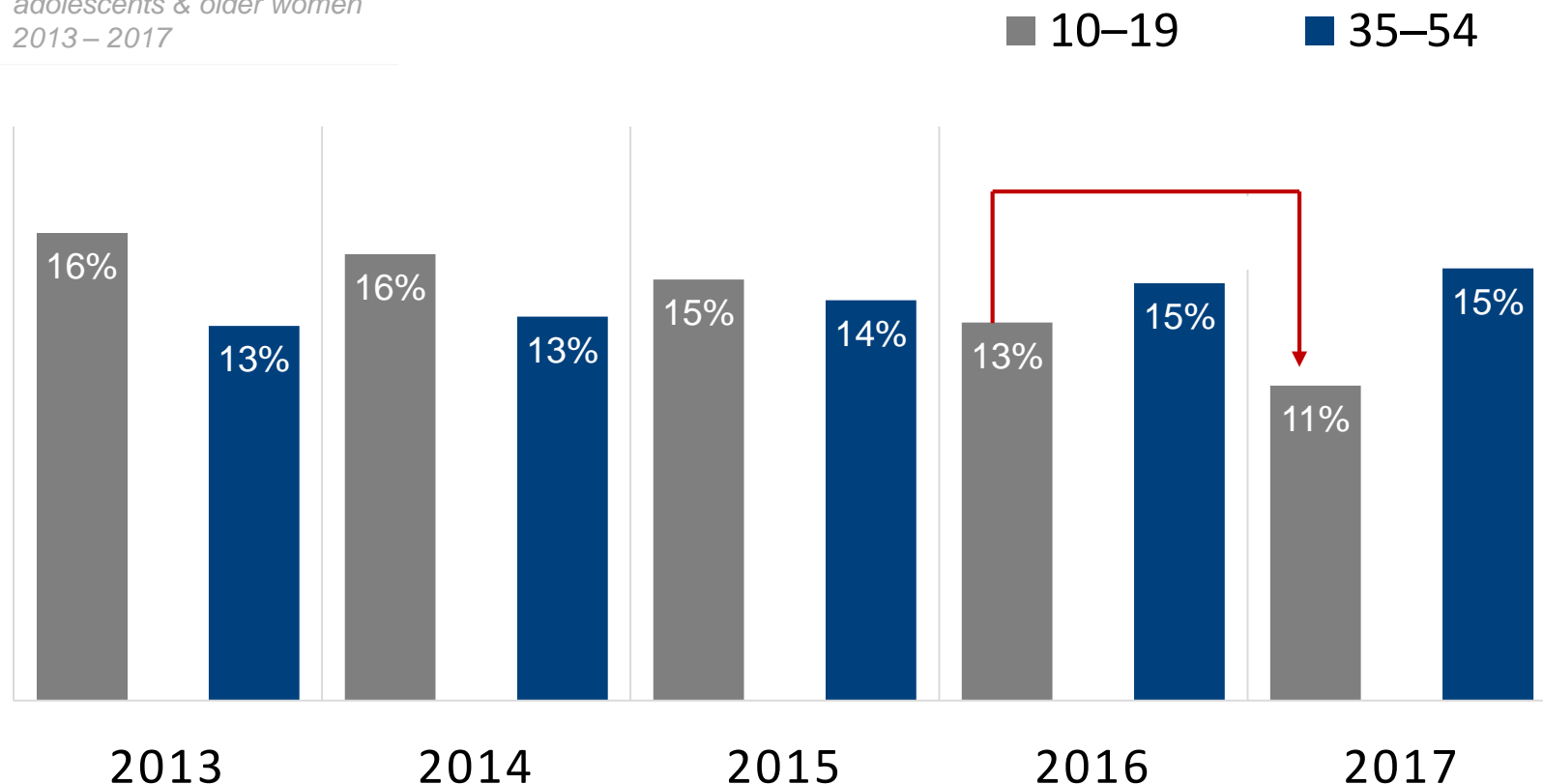
BIRTHS OCCURRING TO MOTHERS IN AGE GROUPS 20–34 YEARS

REPRESENT 73% OF ALL BIRTHS IN 2017. The mother's age is useful when developing maternal and child health policies and planning for the provision of health care services.



BIRTHS OCCURRING TO ADOLESCENTS 10–19 YEARS WERE DOWN TO 11% IN 2017. Mothers in high risk pregnancy ages 35–54 remained at 15% in 2017.

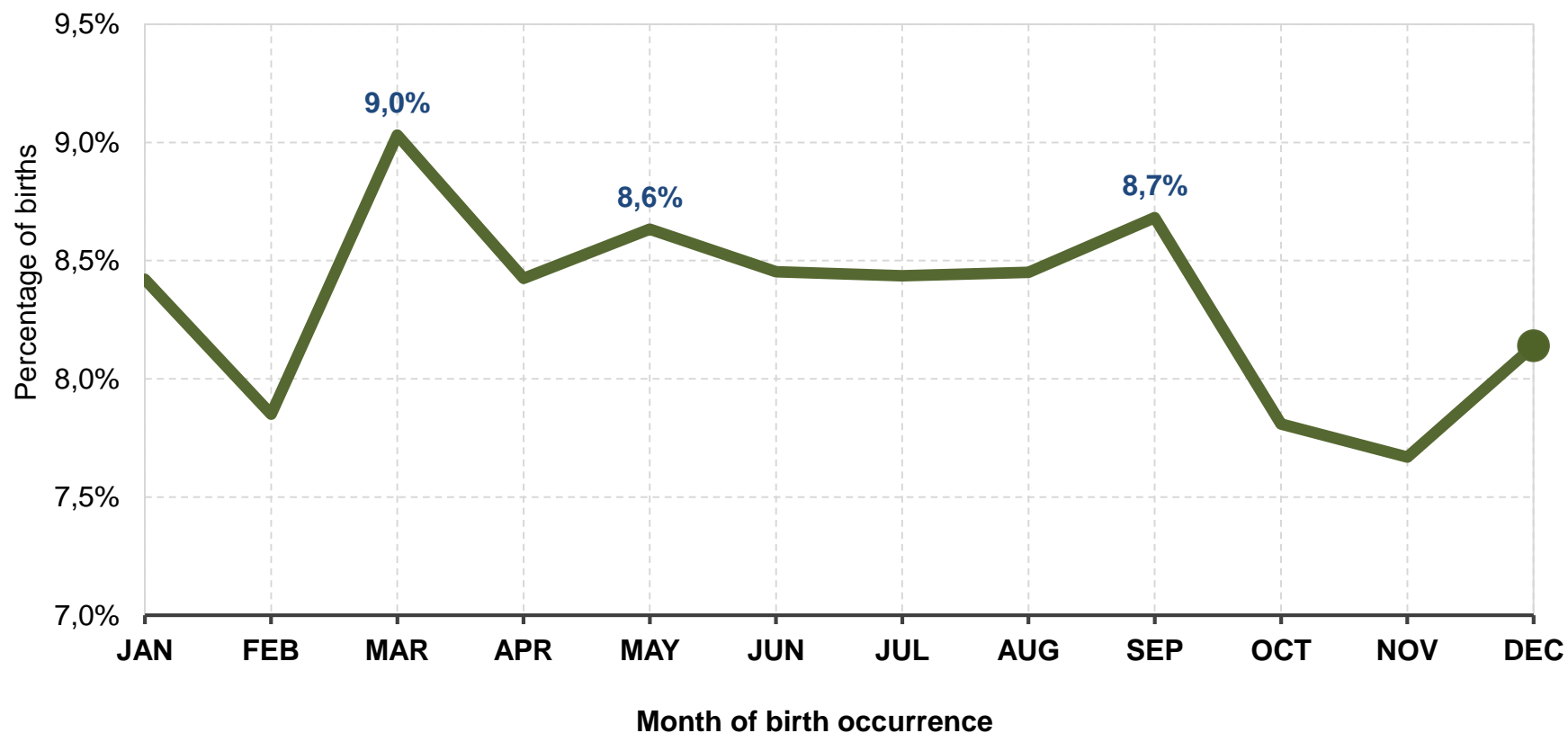
Percentage of births occurring to adolescents & older women
2013 – 2017



* Note: Percentages may increase as births are updated with late registrations

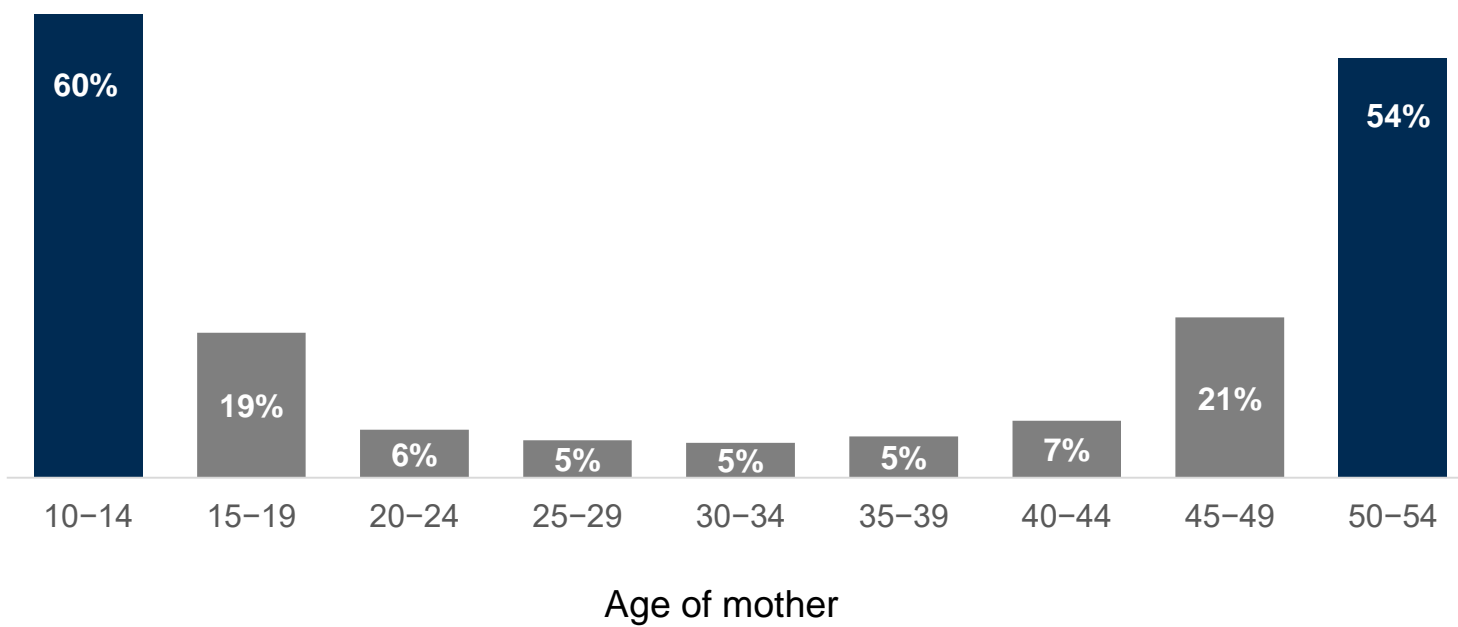
BIRTH OCCURRENCES PEAK IN MARCH, MAY AND SEPTEMBER. This indicates conception occurring in June, August and December.

Percentage of birth occurrences by month of birth 2017



THERE IS A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF LATE BIRTHS REGISTERED FOR MOTHERS 10–14 & 50–54 YEARS.

Percentage late registrations by mother's age 2017



62% OF 2017 BIRTHS HAD **NO** INFORMATION ON FATHERS.

*Availability of Information on
fathers 2017*



Not Present

62%



554 298

Present

38%



343 452

Total births

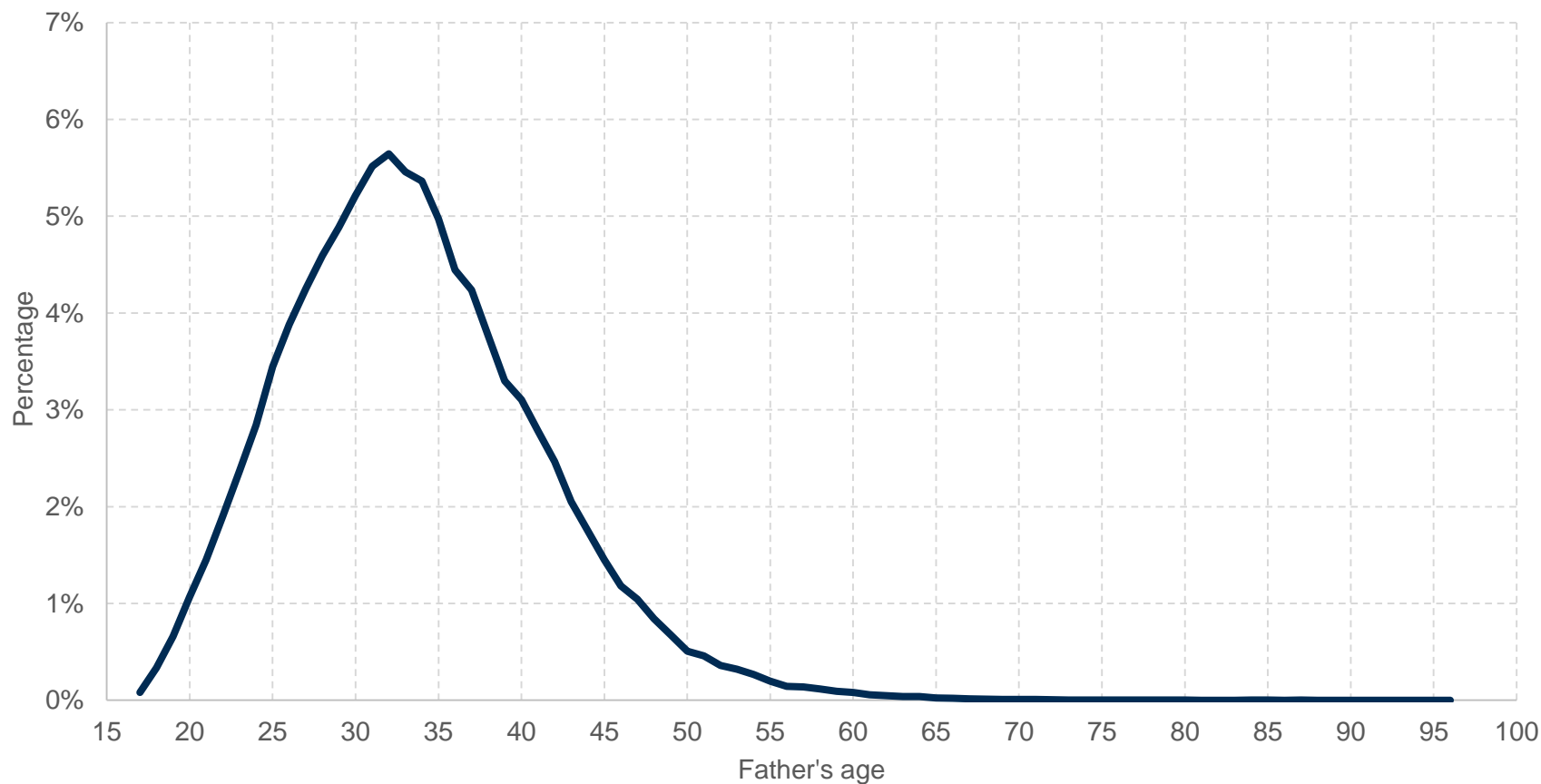
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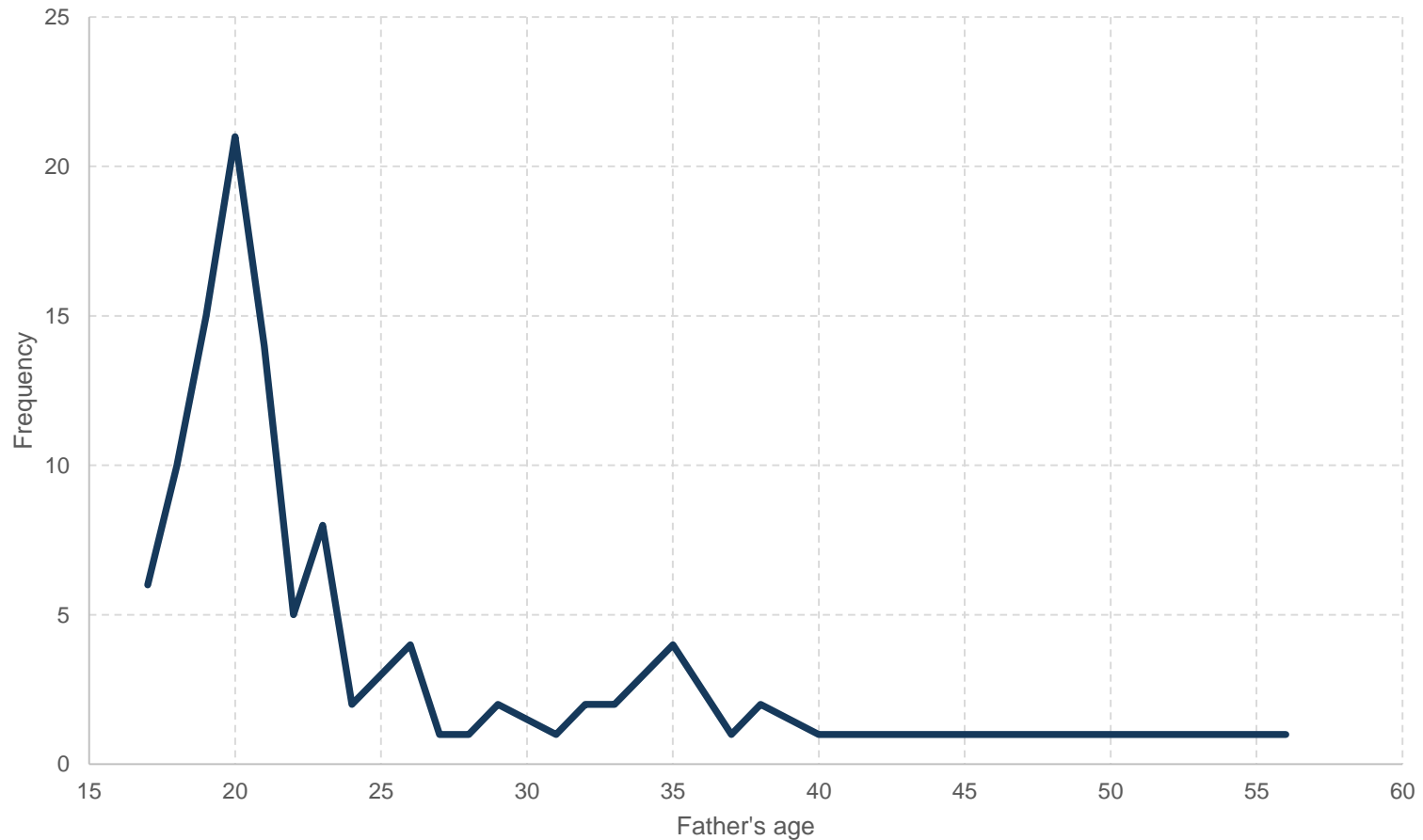
897 750

38% OF BIRTHS REGISTERED, INCLUDED INFORMATION ON THE FATHERS. Of these, 32,2% of the children born in 2017 were to fathers aged 30-35 years

Availability of Information on fathers 2017



A TOTAL OF 1 302 CHILDREN WERE BORN TO TEENAGERS AGED 10-14.
Most of the fathers were ages 17-25.





What Baby Names Reflect in South Africa

Unique Identity

Ethnicity

Pride

Thankfulness

Joy

Modernisation

Unisex trend

Religious beliefs

Social history

Political history

TOP TEN GIRLS **FIRST** NAMES



1.Enzokuhle

Translation: To do good



2. Melokuhle



3. Amahle



4. Lethabo



5. Amogelang



6. Omphile



7. Lesedi



8. Rethabile



9. Lutando



10.Thandolwethu

TOP TEN BOYS **FIRST** NAMES



1.Enzokuhle

Translation: To do good



2.Lethabo



3. Melokuhle



4. Lubanzi



5. Amogelang



6.Siyabonga



7. Bandile



8. Junior



9. Bokamoso



10. Mpho

TOP TEN GIRLS MIDDLE NAMES



TOP TEN BOYS MIDDLE NAMES



1. Precious



2. Princess



3. Angel



4. Blessing



5. Faith



6. Hope



7. Grace



8. Pretty



9. Amahle



10. Luthando



1. Junior



2. Blessing



5. Innocent



8. Enzokuhle



3. Gift



6. Lubanzi



9. Melokhule



4. Prince



7. Bandile



10. Siyabonga

POPULAR BABY NAMES BY PROVINCE, 2017

■ First name
■ Middle name

Western Cape

Boy: Liam

Junior

Girl: Mia

Grace

Eastern Cape

Boy: Enzokuhle

Junior

Girl: Iminathi

Angel

Northern Cape

Boy: Lethabo

Junior

Girl: Reatlegile

Precious

Free State

Boy: Amohelang

Junior

Girl: Amohelang

Precious

KwaZulu-Natal

Boy: Enzokuhle

Lubanzi

Girl: Enzokuhle

Luthando

North West

Boy: Lethabo

Junior

Girl: Amogelang

Precious

Gauteng

Boy: Luthando

Junior

Girl: Lethabo

Precious

Mpumalanga

Boy: Blessing

Blessing

Girl: Melokuhle

Princess

Limpopo

Boy: Amogelang

Junior

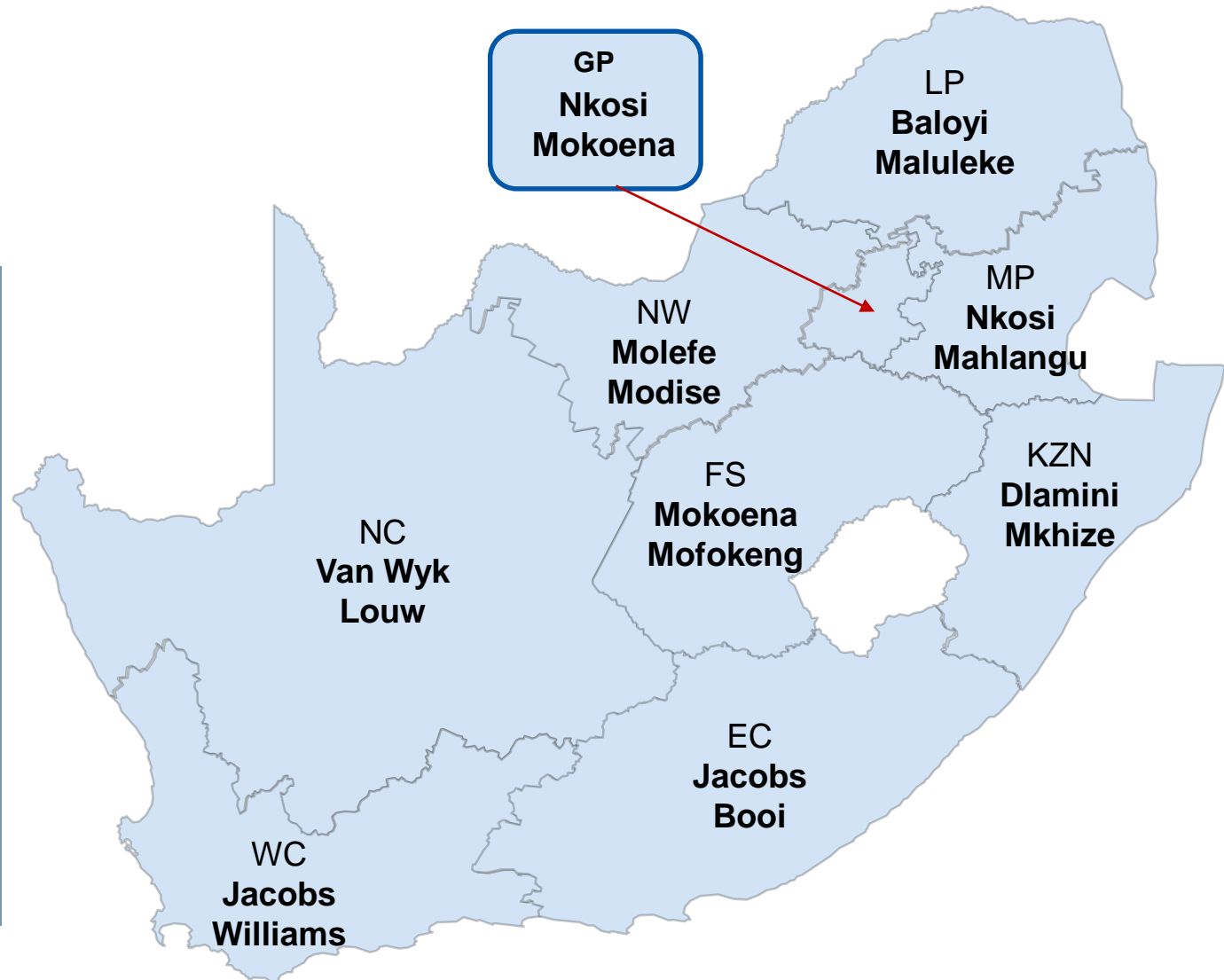
Girl: Lethabo

Precious

TEN MOST POPULAR BABY **SURNAMES** IN SA 2017

SA

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



Ndzi Hela Kwala!

THANK YOU