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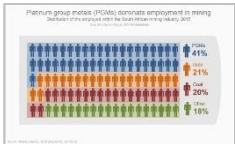
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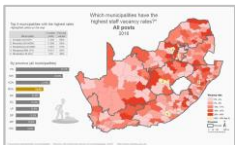
Don't despair. There is hope. We promise. Finding that special someone has just become a little bit easier. (Click [here](#) to read more.) – February 2017

### The South African economy: 1980 vs 2016



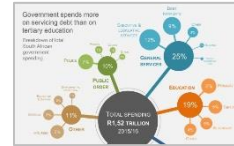
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### Municipalities: where are the staff vacancies?



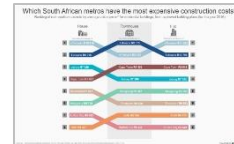
Stats SA provides a profile of the municipal workforce, shedding light on staff shortages. (Click [here](#) to read more.) – May 2017

### Want to know how your taxes are spent?



This infographic shows how government spends your money. (Click [here](#) to read more.) – November 2017

### Where are the most spacious homes?



If you're dreaming of one day purchasing a holiday home, and space is important to you, Durban might be the best option. (Click [here](#) to read more.) – September 2017

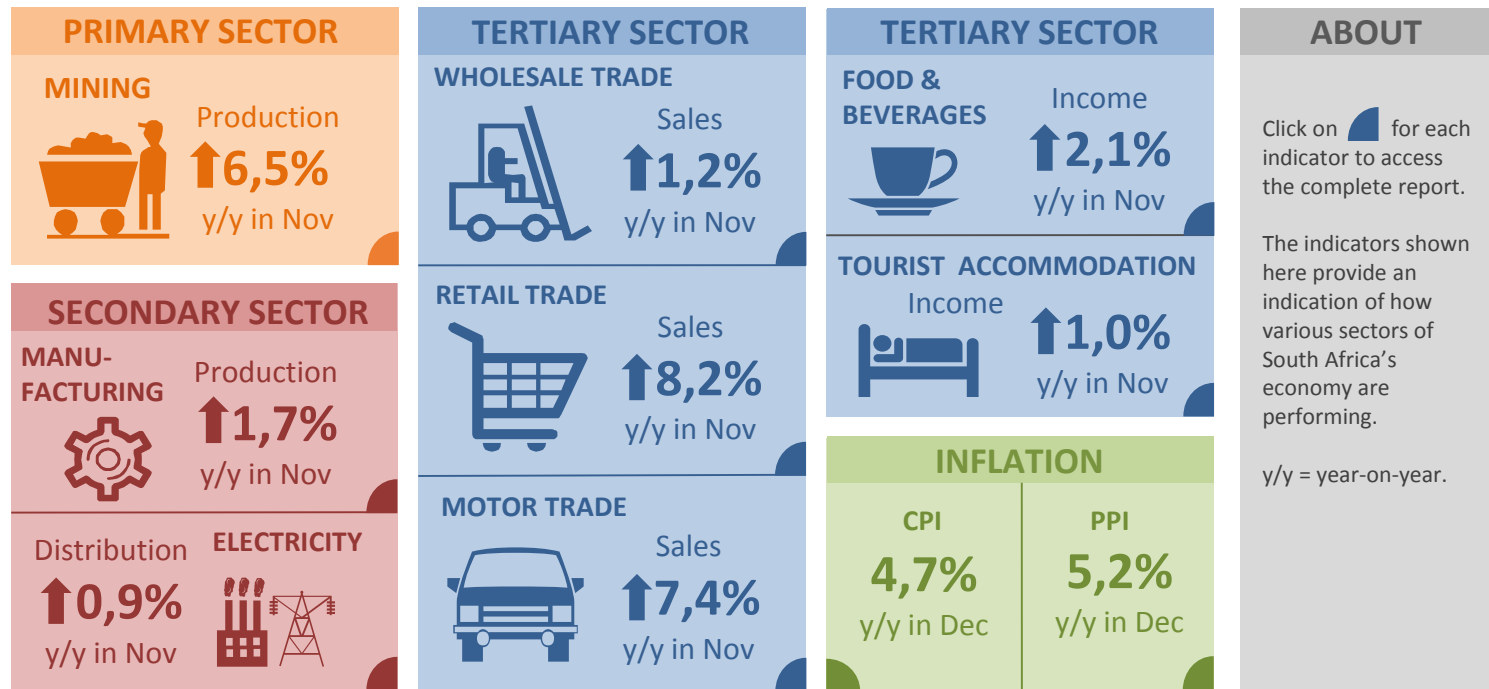
### Four current facts about the SA economy



A quick rundown of key economic statistics that might surprise you. (Click [here](#) to read more.) – November 2017

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## Monthly economic indicators



## Feature article

### Bumper harvest helps keep economy afloat

The South African economy grew by 2,0% in the third quarter of 2017, down from a revised 2,8% in the second quarter. This is according to the latest gross domestic product (GDP) figures.

After recording an increase of 38,7% in the second quarter, the agriculture industry continued to power ahead, expanding by 44,2% in the third quarter.

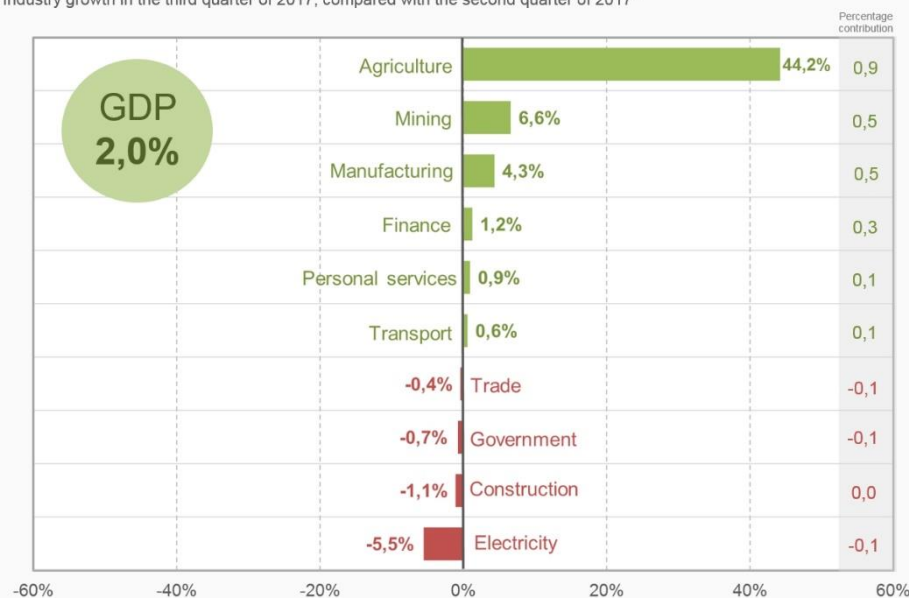
This is the largest quarterly jump in agriculture production since the second quarter of 1996. Increased production of field crops and horticultural products were the main contributors to growth.

This season's maize crop is expected to be the largest on record. The Crop Estimates Committee have pegged commercial maize production for this season at 16,74 million tonnes, higher than the current record of 14,66 million tonnes harvested in 1980/81.

Click [here](#) to read more.

#### How did South African industries perform in the third quarter of 2017?

Industry growth in the third quarter of 2017, compared with the second quarter of 2017\*



## Infographic of the month





## Provincial snapshot

### How much do you pay?

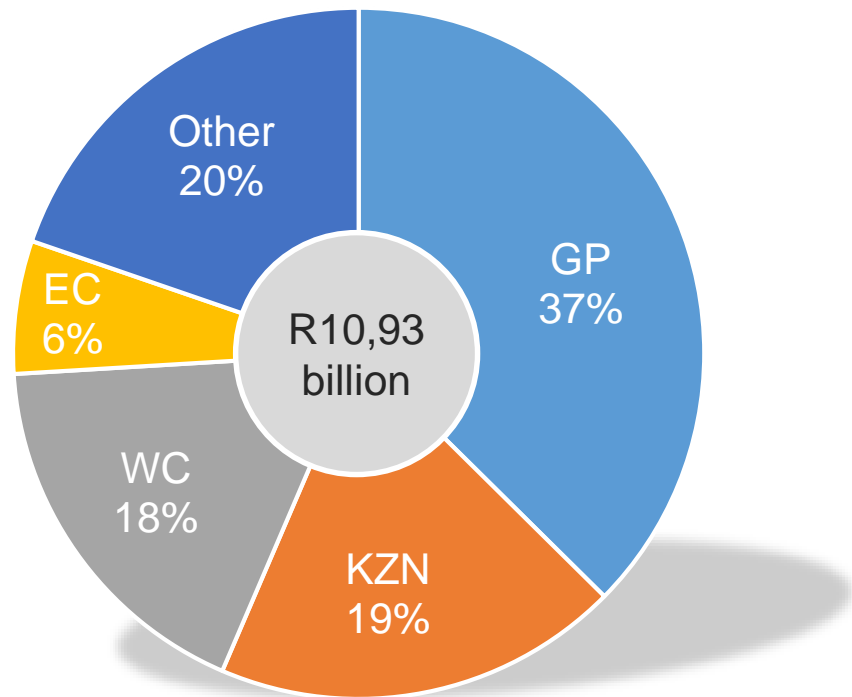
The money you pay for your motor vehicle licence goes to provincial government's tax coffers.

Provinces collected a total of R10,93 billion in taxes in the 2015/16 fiscal year, according to Stats SA's latest *Financial statistics of provincial government*. This includes money from motor vehicle licences and other sources, such as gambling licences.

Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal collected just over half of total taxes, followed by Western Cape.

Other spheres of government also collect tax from various sources. [This article](#) provides detail how much tax contributes to total government revenue.

For more on provincial government finances in particular, download the latest report [here](#).



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