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## 1. Introduction

The Coega Special Economic Zone (SEZ) was designated in 2001 and became South Africa's first SEZ. It is located in the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality in the Eastern Cape province, and it is strategically located on the east-west trade route to service both African and global markets. The Coega SEZ leverages public-sector investment to attract foreign and domestic direct investment in the manufacturing sector with an export orientation. The SEZ has attracted investment in the agro-processing, automotive, aquaculture, energy, metals, logistics and business process services sectors. This has advanced socioeconomic development in the Eastern Cape region through skills development, technology transfer and job creation.

Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) partnered with the Coega Special Economic Zone to conduct a survey of the zone's residents. The main objectives of the study were to determine:

- number of employees;
- value of imports and exports;
- expenditure on investments; and
- employment levels per skills category.

The data collected are published at aggregated levels and all care was taken to preserve confidentiality in terms of section 17 of the Statistics Act, 1999 (Act No. 6 of 1999).

## 2. Summary of findings for the year 2023

### 2.1 Income

**Table A – Number of enterprises in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2021 and 2023**

Type of activity	2021		2023	
	Number of enterprises	% contribution	Number of enterprises	% contribution
Manufacturing	15	40,5	15	34,9
Non-manufacturing	22	59,5	28	65,1
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>100,0</b>

The total number of tenants reporting in the Coega Special Economic Zone in 2023 was 43, this represents an increase of six enterprises when compared to 2021 (37 enterprises). There were more 'non-manufacturing' enterprises (28 or 65,1%) compared to 'manufacturing' enterprises (15 or 34,9%).

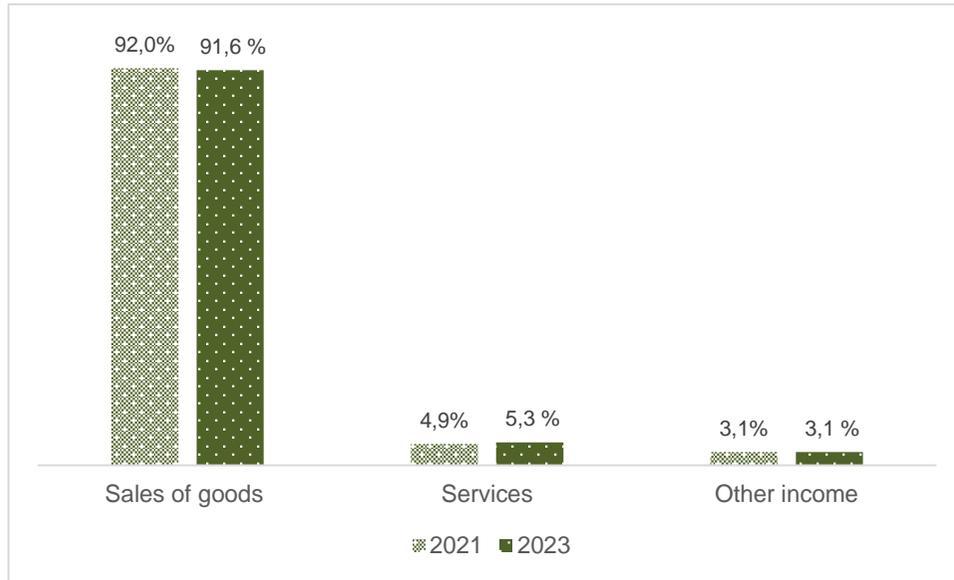
**Table B – Income in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2021 and 2023**

Type of activity	2021		2023		Annualised % change
	R million	% contribution	R million	% contribution	
Manufacturing	9 794	69,5	13 865	73,2	19,0
Non-manufacturing	4 294	30,5	5 070	26,8	8,7
<b>Total</b>	<b>14 088</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>18 935</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>15,9</b>

The total income in the Coega Special Economic Zone in 2023 was R18 935 million. The total income had an annualised increase of 15,9% over the income reported in the corresponding survey of 2021 (R14 088 million).

Between 2021 and 2023, 'manufacturing' increased by 3,7 percentage points from a contribution of 69,5% in 2021 to 73,2% in 2023.

**Figure 1 – Composition of income in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2021 and 2023**



The income in the Coega Special Economic Zone was composed mainly of ‘sales of goods on the graph’ in both 2021 and 2023. However, ‘services’ increased from 4,9% in 2021 to 5,3% in 2023 (Figure 1 and Table 4, page 13).

## 2.2 Employment

**Table C – Employment by type of activity in the Coega Special Economic Zone as at the end of June, 2021 and 2023**

<b>Total employees (excluding employees employed through labour brokers)</b>					
<b>Type of activity</b>	<b>2021</b>		<b>2023</b>		<b>Annualised % change</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>% contribution</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>% contribution</b>	
Manufacturing	3 555	60,1	3 550	58,4	-0,1
Non-manufacturing	2 357	39,9	2 529	41,6	3,6
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>5 912</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>6 079</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>1,4</b>
<b>Employees employed through labour brokers)</b>					
Manufacturing	1 655	78,2	2 029	81,2	10,7
Non-manufacturing	462	21,8	469	18,8	0,8
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>2 117</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>2 498</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>8,6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8 029</b>		<b>8 577</b>		<b>3,4</b>

The total number of persons employed (excluding employees employed through labour brokers) in the Coega Special Economic Zone as at the end of June 2023 was 6 079. Manufacturing employed the largest number of persons (3 550 or 58,4%).

Employment increased by an annualised percentage of 1,4% (or 167 jobs) in 2023 compared with the 2021. Non -manufacturing gained 172 jobs between the two periods.

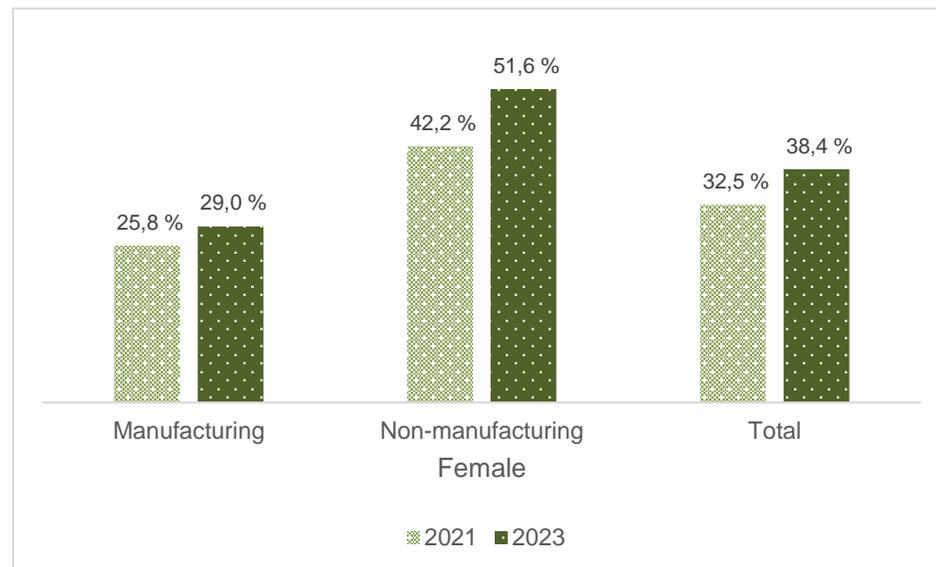
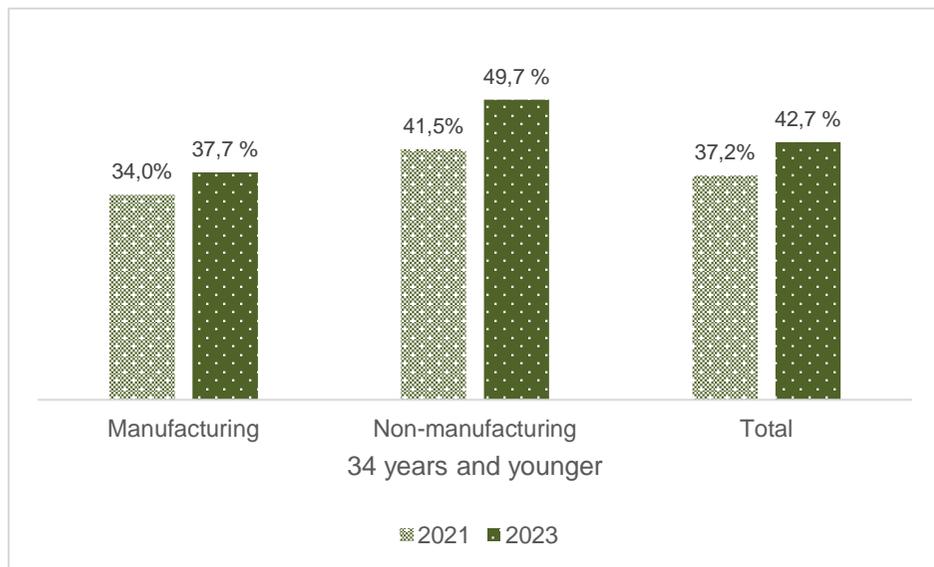
**Table D – Employment by gender in the Coega Special Economic Zone as at the end of June, 2021 and 2023**

<b>Gender</b>	<b>2021</b>		<b>2023</b>		<b>Annualised % change</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>% contribution</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>% contribution</b>	
Female employees	1 910	32,3	2 334	38,4	10,5
Male employees	4 002	67,7	3 745	61,6	-3,3
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 912</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>6 079</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>1,4</b>

The Coega Special Economic Zone employed (excluding employees employed through labour brokers) more males than females in both 2021 and 2023. The proportion of females increased from 32,3% in 2021 to 38,4% in 2023.

**Figure 2 – Age ratios of employees in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2021 and 2023**

**Figure 3 – Gender ratios of employees in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2021 and 2023**

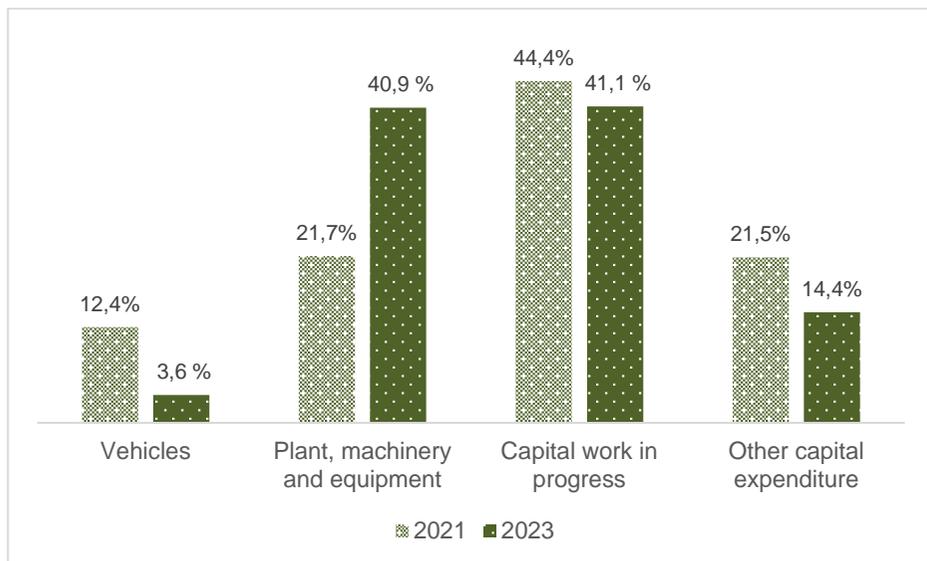


In 2023, the proportion of youth out of the total number of persons employed (excluding employees employed through labour brokers) was 42,7% in the Coega Special Economic Zone (an increase of 5,5 percentage share compared to 2021). The type of activity with the highest proportion of employees 34 years and younger was ‘non-manufacturing’ (49,7%) (Figure 2 and Table 17, page 20).

Out of the total number of persons employed (excluding employees employed through labour brokers), the proportion of females was 38,4% in 2023 (an increase of 6,1 percentage share compared to 2021). The type of activity with the highest proportion of female employees was ‘non-manufacturing’ (51,6%) in 2023 (Figure 3 and Table 16, page 19).

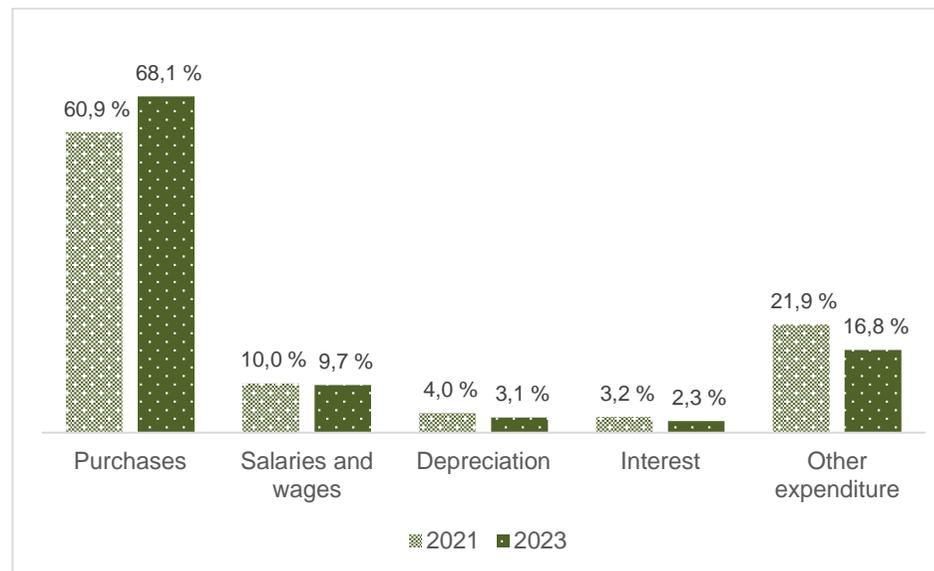
### 2.3 Expenditure

**Figure 4 – Capital expenditure on new assets in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2021 and 2023**



The total capital expenditure on new assets in the Coega Special Economic Zone for 2023 was R558 million compared to R346 million (an annualised increase of 27,0%). The largest categories of capital expenditure were ‘capital work in progress’ (R230 million or 41,2%) and ‘plant, machinery and equipment’ (R228 million or 40,9%) (Figure 4 and Table 14, page 18).

**Figure 5 – Expenditure in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2021 and 2023**



Total expenditure in the Coega Special Economic Zone in 2023 was R17 856 million compared with R12 683 million in 2021 (an annualised increase of 18,7%). The largest contributors to the total expenditure were ‘purchases’ (R12 164 million or 68,1%), ‘salaries and wages’ (R1 726 million or 9,7%) and ‘depreciation’ (R551 million or 3,1%) (Figure 5 and Table 6, page 14).

  
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### 3. Tables

**Table 1 – Principal statistics in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2021 and 2023**

Items	2021**	2023*	Annualised % change
	R million		
Total income	14 088	18 935	15,9
Total expenditure	12 683	17 856	18,7
Total value of opening inventory	1 927	2 185	6,5
Total value of closing inventory	2 137	2 132	-0,1
Net profit before tax	1 615	1 026	
Carrying value of assets at the end of financial year	7 985	8 128	0,9
Capital expenditure on new assets	346	558	27,0
Salaries and wages	1 267	1 726	16,7
Total employees (including employees employed through labour brokers)	Number of employees		Annualised % change
	8 029	8 577	3,4

\*\* Revised.

\* Preliminary.

**Table 2 – Principal statistics by type of activity in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2023\***

Type of activity	Total income	Total expenditure	Total value of opening inventory	Total value of closing inventory	Net profit before tax	Total expenditure on new assets
	R million					
Manufacturing	13 865	13 459	1 910	1 800	294	485
Non-manufacturing	5 070	4 397	275	332	732	73
<b>Total</b>	<b>18 935</b>	<b>17 856</b>	<b>2 185</b>	<b>2 132</b>	<b>1 026</b>	<b>558</b>

\* Preliminary.

**Table 3 – Profit margin by type of activity in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2021 and 2023**

Type of activity	Turnover			Net profit after tax		Profit margin***	
	2021**	2023*	Annualised % change	2021**	2023*	2021**	2023*
	R million			R million		%	
Manufacturing	9 441	13 493	19,5	817	88	8,7	0,7
Non-manufacturing	4 256	5 011	8,5	582	520	13,7	10,4
<b>Total</b>	<b>13 697</b>	<b>18 504</b>	<b>16,2</b>	<b>1 399</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>10,2</b>	<b>3,3</b>

\*\*\* Net profit after tax divided by turnover multiplied by 100.

\*\* Revised.

\* Preliminary.

**Table 4 – Income in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2021 and 2023**

Income items	2021**	2023*	2021**	2023*	Annualised % change
	R million		% contribution to total		
Sales	12 965	17 345	92,0	91,6	15,7
Services	692	1 011	4,9	5,3	20,9
Other income	431	579	3,1	3,1	15,9
<b>Total income</b>	<b>14 088</b>	<b>18 935</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>15,9</b>

\*\* Revised.

\* Preliminary.

**Table 5 – Income by type of activity in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2023\***

Type of activity	Sales	Services	Other income	Total income
	R million			
Manufacturing	13 455	9	401	13 865
Non-manufacturing	3 890	1 002	178	5 070
<b>Total</b>	<b>17 345</b>	<b>1 011</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>18 935</b>

\* Preliminary.

**Table 6 – Expenditure in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2021 and 2023**

Expenditure items	2021**	2023*	2021**	2023*	Annualised % change
	R million		% contribution to total		
Purchases	7 724	12 164	60,9	68,1	25,5
Salaries and wages	1 267	1 726	10,0	9,7	16,7
Logistics and transport-out	225	312	1,8	1,7	17,8
Depreciation	505	551	4,0	3,1	4,5
Interest	409	419	3,2	2,3	1,2
Subcontractors	76	96	0,6	0,5	12,4
Other expenditure	2 477	2 588	19,5	14,6	2,2
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>12 683</b>	<b>17 856</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>18,7</b>

\*\* Revised.

\* Preliminary.

**Table 7 – Expenditure by type of activity in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2023\***

Type of activity	Purchases	Salaries and wages	Logistics and transport-out	Depreciation	Interest	Subcontractors	Other expenditure	Total expenditure
	R million							
Manufacturing	9 538	1 109	246	357	185	88	1 935	13 458
Non-manufacturing	2 626	617	66	194	234	8	653	4 398
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 164</b>	<b>1 726</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>2 588</b>	<b>17 856</b>

\* Preliminary.

**Table 8 – Carrying value of assets at the end of the financial year in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2021 and 2023**

Year	Computers, network and other IT equipment	Motor vehicles and other transport equipment	Land, buildings, construction, plant, machinery & other office equipment	Intangible assets	Other assets	Total carrying value of fixed assets
	R million					
2021**	18	83	6 559	65	1 260	7 985
2023*	15	67	6 378	39	1 629	8 128
<b>Annualised % change</b>	<b>-8,7</b>	<b>-10,2</b>	<b>-1,4</b>	<b>-22,5</b>	<b>13,7</b>	<b>0,9</b>

\*\* Revised.

\* Preliminary.

**Table 9 – Carrying value of assets by type of activity as at the end of the financial year in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2023\***

Type of activity	Computers, network and other IT equipment	Motor vehicles and other transport equipment	Land, buildings, construction, plant, machinery & other office equipment	Intangible assets	Other assets	Total carrying value of fixed assets
	R million					
Manufacturing	9	36	3 592	33	1 321	4 991
Non-manufacturing	6	31	2 786	6	308	3 137
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>6 378</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1 629</b>	<b>8 128</b>

\* Preliminary.

**Table 10 – Details of assets in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2021 and 2023**

Year	Current assets					Non-current assets				Total assets
	Trade and other receivables	Cash and bank	Inventory	Other current assets	Total current assets	Property, plant and equipment	Long-term investments	Other non-current assets	Total non-current assets	
	R million									
2021**	1 671	1 414	1 881	267	5 233	8 115	200	136	8 451	13 684
2023*	4 262	1 351	2 134	332	8 079	8 128	175	620	8 923	17 002
<b>Annualised % change</b>	<b>59,7</b>	<b>-2,3</b>	<b>6,5</b>	<b>11,5</b>	<b>24,3</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>-6,4</b>	<b>113,2</b>	<b>2,8</b>	<b>11,5</b>

\*\* Revised.

\* Preliminary.

**Table 11 – Details of assets by type of activity in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2023\***

Type of activity	Current assets					Non-current assets				Total assets
	Trade and other receivables	Cash and bank	Inventory	Other current assets	Total current assets	Property, plant and equipment	Long-term investments	Other non-current assets	Total non-current assets	
	R million									
Manufacturing	3 738	915	1 802	156	6 611	4 991	171	527	5 689	12 300
Non-manufacturing	524	436	332	176	1 468	3 137	4	93	3 234	4 702
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 262</b>	<b>1 351</b>	<b>2 134</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>8 079</b>	<b>8 128</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>8 923</b>	<b>17 002</b>

\* Preliminary.

**Table 12 – Details of liabilities and equity in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2021 and 2023**

Year	Current liabilities				Non-current liabilities			Owners' equity	Equity and liabilities
	Trade and other payables	Bank overdraft	Other current liabilities	Total current liabilities	Long-term investments	Other non-current assets	Total non-current liabilities		
	R million								
2021**	4 873	110	1 696	6 679	3 782	940	4 722	2 283	13 684
2023*	7 027	101	2 444	9 572	2 810	1 211	4 021	3 409	17 002
<b>Annualised % change</b>	<b>20,1</b>	<b>-4,5</b>	<b>20,1</b>	<b>19,7</b>	<b>-13,8</b>	<b>13,5</b>	<b>-7,7</b>	<b>22,2</b>	<b>11,5</b>

\*\* Revised.

\* Preliminary.

**Table 13 – Details of liabilities and equity by type of activity in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2023\***

Type of activity	Current liabilities				Non-current liabilities			Owners' equity	Equity and liabilities
	Trade and other payables	Bank overdraft	Other current liabilities	Total current liabilities	Long-term investments	Other non-current assets	Total non-current liabilities		
	R million								
Manufacturing	6 491	101	2 062	8 654	222	746	968	2 678	12 300
Non-manufacturing	536	0	382	918	2 588	465	3 053	731	4 702
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 027</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>2 444</b>	<b>9 572</b>	<b>2 810</b>	<b>1 211</b>	<b>4 021</b>	<b>3 409</b>	<b>17 002</b>

\* Preliminary.

**Table 14 – Capital expenditure on new assets in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2021 and 2023**

Year	Vehicles	Plant, machinery and equipment	Capital work in progress	Other capital expenditure	Total expenditure on new assets
	R million				
2021**	43	75	154	74	346
2023*	20	228	230	80	558
<b>Annualised % change</b>	<b>-31,8</b>	<b>74,4</b>	<b>22,2</b>	<b>4,0</b>	<b>27,0</b>

\*\* Revised.

\* Preliminary.

**Table 15 – Capital expenditure on new assets by type of activity in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2023\***

Type of activity	Vehicles	Plant, machinery and equipment	Capital work in progress	Other capital expenditure	Total expenditure on new assets
	R million				
Manufacturing	11	200	202	72	485
Non-manufacturing	9	28	28	8	73
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>558</b>

\* Preliminary.

**Table 16 – Details of employment by type of activity and sex in the Coega Special Economic Zone as at the end of June 2023\***

Type of activity	Employees employed directly by the business							Employees employed through labour brokers	Total employees
	Permanent employees			Working proprietors, temporary and casual			Total		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total			
	Number of employees								
Manufacturing	885	2 305	3 190	144	216	360	3 550	2 029	5 579
Non-manufacturing	1 248	995	2 243	57	229	286	2 529	469	2 998
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 133</b>	<b>3 300</b>	<b>5 433</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>6 079</b>	<b>2 498</b>	<b>8 577</b>

\* Preliminary.

**Table 17 – Details of employment by type of activity and age in the Coega Special Economic Zone as at the end of June 2023\***

Type of activity	Employees employed directly by the business						Total	Employees employed through labour brokers	Total employees
	Permanent employees			Working proprietors, temporary and casual					
	34 years and younger	35 years and older	Total	34 years and younger	35 years and older	Total			
	Number of employees								
Manufacturing	1 042	2 148	<b>3 190</b>	296	64	<b>360</b>	<b>3 550</b>	2 029	<b>5 579</b>
Non-manufacturing	1 119	1 124	<b>2 243</b>	139	147	<b>286</b>	<b>2 529</b>	469	<b>2 998</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 161</b>	<b>3 272</b>	<b>5 433</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>6 079</b>	<b>2 498</b>	<b>8 577</b>

\* Preliminary.

**Table 18 – Details of employment by occupational group and gender in the Coega Special Economic Zone as at the end of June 2023\***

Occupational group	Employees employed directly by the business						Total employees
	Permanent employees			Working proprietors, temporary and casual			
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	
	Number of employees						
Managers	173	271	444	7	9	16	460
Professionals, associated professionals and technicians	220	625	845	13	19	32	877
Clerical support workers, service and sales workers	1 061	610	1 671	45	43	88	1 759
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers, craft and related trades workers, plant and machinery operators, assemblers and elementary occupations	679	1 794	2 473	136	374	510	2 983
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 133</b>	<b>3 300</b>	<b>5 433</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>6 079</b>

\* Preliminary.

**Table 19 – Details of employment by occupational group and age in the Coega Special Economic Zone as at the end of June 2023\***

Occupational group	Employees employed directly by the business						Total employees
	Permanent employees			Working proprietors, temporary and casual			
	34 years and younger	35 years and older	Total	34 years and younger	35 years and older	Total	
	Number of employees						
Managers	88	356	444	3	13	16	460
Professionals, associated professionals and technicians	202	643	845	18	14	32	877
Clerical support workers, service and sales workers	956	715	1 671	51	37	88	1 759
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers, craft and related trades workers, plant and machinery operators, assemblers and elementary occupations	915	1 558	2 473	363	147	510	2 983
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 161</b>	<b>3 272</b>	<b>5 433</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>6 079</b>

\* Preliminary.

**Table 20 – Selected expenditure items in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2023\***

Type of activity	Purchases			Admin and management fees			Subcontractor		
	Imported	Sourced domestically	Total	Imported	Sourced domestically	Total	Imported	Sourced domestically	Total
	R million								
Manufacturing	2 813	6 725	9 538	3	156	159	0	88	88
Non-manufacturing	323	2 303	2 626	0	11	11	0	8	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 136</b>	<b>9 028</b>	<b>12 164</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>96</b>

\* Preliminary.

**Table 20 – Selected expenditure items in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2023\* (concluded)**

Type of activity	Other selected expenditure items			Total of selected expenditure items****		
	Imported	Sourced domestically	Total	Imported	Sourced domestically	Total
	R million					
Manufacturing	33	320	353	2 849	7 289	10 138
Non-manufacturing	31	92	123	354	2 414	2 768
<b>Total</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>3 203</b>	<b>9 703</b>	<b>12 906</b>

\*\*\*\* Selected expenditure items are 'purchases', 'admin and management fees', 'subcontractor', 'leasing and hiring of plant, machinery, equipment and vehicles', 'repair and maintenance', 'containers and packing materials' and 'total paper printing and stationery'.

\* Preliminary.

**Table 21 – Selected income items in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2021 and 2023**

Year	Goods and services exported or sold to domestic exporters	Goods and services sold to other domestic enterprises	Total
	R million		
2021**	2 800	10 743	13 543
2023*	4 732	13 621	18 353
<b>Annualised % change</b>	<b>30,0</b>	<b>12,6</b>	<b>16,4</b>

\*\* Revised.

\* Preliminary.

**Table 22 – Selected income items by type of activity in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2023\***

Type of activity	Goods and services exported or sold to domestic exporters	Goods and services sold to other domestic enterprises	Total
	R million		
Manufacturing	4 583	8 879	13 462
Non-manufacturing	149	4 742	4 891
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 732</b>	<b>13 621</b>	<b>18 353</b>

\* Preliminary.

**Table 23 – Information and communication technology usage by type of activity in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2023\***

Type of activity	Use computer	Use internet	Use internet banking	Have web page	Receive orders over internet	Place orders over internet
	%					
Manufacturing	100,0	100,0	93,3	100,0	53,3	53,3
Non-manufacturing	100,0	100,0	82,1	82,1	60,7	60,7
<b>Total</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>85,7</b>	<b>90,5</b>	<b>59,5</b>	<b>59,5</b>

\* Preliminary.

**Table 23 – Information and communication technology usage by type of activity in the Coega Special Economic Zone, 2023\* (concluded)**

Type of activity	Main uses of the internet					Internet connection speed		IT outsourced
	Email	Information services	Business promotions (advertising)	E-commerce	Other	Narrow band	Broadband	
	%							
Manufacturing	100,0	73,3	40,0	13,3	20,0	0,0	100,0	46,5
Non-manufacturing	100,0	67,4	32,1	25,0	0,0	0,0	100,0	50,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>63,8</b>	<b>34,8</b>	<b>20,3</b>	<b>7,4</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>48,3</b>

\* Preliminary.

## Explanatory notes

### Background

The results presented in this publication have been derived from the 2023 Coega Special Economic Zone survey, which measured economic activity in the Coega Special Economic Zone. This survey covers private and public businesses operating in the Coega Special Economic Zone

All figures exclude VAT.

### Reference period

The information was collected from businesses for their financial year which ended on any date between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023, according to their usual reporting schedules.

Examples:

- 01 October 2021 – 30 September 2022;
- 01 January 2022 – 31 December 2022;
- 01 February 2022 – 31 January 2023;
- 01 March 2022 – 29 February 2023;
- 01 April 2022 – 31 March 2023; and
- 01 July 2022 – 30 June 2023.

### Scope and coverage

This survey covers all the tenants within the Coega Special Economic Zone that were active during the period under review.

### Classification by industry

The 1993 edition of the *Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities* (SIC), Report No. 09-09-02, was used to classify the statistical units in the survey. The SIC is based on the 1990 *International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities* (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions. Each enterprise is classified to an industry which reflects its predominant activity.

### Survey methodology and design

The Coega Special Economic Zone survey was conducted mainly through personal visits. Of the 47 businesses that were active, 43 responded to the survey and 4 were not operational during the survey period. All businesses were stratified according to type of activity. The collection rate was 100,0%.

### Collection rate

Collection rate =  $((\text{collected} + \text{finalised investigations}) / \text{sample size}) \times 100$ .

### Relative standard error

Data presented in this publication are based on information obtained from a census and are, therefore, not subject to sampling variability; that is, there are no relative standard errors associated with the data.

### Non-sampling errors

Inaccuracies may occur because of imperfections in reporting by businesses and errors made in the collection and processing of the data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as non-sampling errors. Every effort is made to minimise non-sampling errors by careful design of questionnaires, testing them in pilot studies, editing reported data and implementing efficient operating procedures. Non-sampling errors occur in both sample surveys and censuses.

**Rounding-off of figures**

The figures in the tables have, where necessary, been rounded off to the nearest final digit shown. There may therefore be slight discrepancies between the sums of the constituent items and the totals shown.

**Symbols and abbreviations**

SIC	Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities
SARS	South African Revenue Service
SEZ	Special Economic Zone
SNA	System of National Accounts
Stats SA	Statistics South Africa
VAT	Value added tax
0	Nil or less than half the final digit shown

## Glossary

<b>Current assets</b>	Assets that are expected to be turned into cash within one year during the normal course of business. They include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• trade and other receivables;</li><li>• cash and bank;</li><li>• inventories; and</li><li>• other current assets.</li></ul>
<b>Current liabilities</b>	Debts or obligations that are due within one year. They include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• trade and other payables;</li><li>• bank overdraft; and</li><li>• other current liabilities.</li></ul>
<b>Employees</b>	Persons employed by a business or organisation and who received payment (in salaries, wages, commission, piece rates or payments in kind) for the last pay period ended on or before 30 June 2023.
<b>Business</b>	A legal entity or a combination of legal units that includes and directly controls all functions necessary to carry out its activities.
<b>Equity</b>	The residual interest in the entity's assets after deducting its liabilities.
<b>Income from rental and leasing</b>	Includes: income from rental and leasing of land, buildings and other structures and income from leasing and hiring of motor vehicles, other transport equipment, plant, machinery and equipment.
<b>Industry</b>	An industry consists of a group of businesses engaged in the same or similar kinds of economic activity. Industries are defined in the <i>System of National Accounts (SNA)</i> in the same way as in the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> , Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02 of January 1993 (SIC).
<b>Labour brokers</b>	Labour brokers are agents who recruit and administer workers on behalf of businesses. They do not provide any other service.
<b>Manufacturing</b>	Manufacturing is defined as the physical or chemical transformation of materials or compounds into new products, whether the work is performed by power-driven machines or by hand, whether it is done in a factory or in the worker's home and whether the products are sold wholesale or retail.

<b>Net profit or loss after tax</b>	<p>Net profit or loss after tax is derived as:</p> <p>Net profit or loss before tax <i>minus</i> company tax</p>
<b>Non-manufacturing</b>	<p>Non-manufacturing activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• storage and warehousing;</li> <li>• courier activities other than national port office;</li> <li>• wholesale trade;</li> <li>• other business activities n.e.c. (e.g. call centre activities); and</li> <li>• electricity generation, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Net profit or loss before tax</b>	<p>Net profit or loss before tax is derived as:</p> <p>Total income <i>plus</i> closing inventories <i>minus</i> total expenditure <i>minus</i> opening inventories</p>
<b>Non-current assets</b>	<p>Assets which are not easily convertible to cash or not expected to become cash within the next year. They include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• property, plant and equipment and intangible assets;</li> <li>• long-term investments; and</li> <li>• other non-current assets.</li> </ul>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>	<p>Liabilities not due to be paid within one year during the normal course of business. They include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• long-term loans; and</li> <li>• other non-current liabilities.</li> </ul>
<b>Other expenditure</b>	<p>Includes:</p> <p>administration and management fees; leasing and hiring of plant; amortisation; computer expenditure; bank charges, containers and packaging materials; total paper, printing and stationery; postal and courier services; provisions; research and development; losses on financial and other liabilities; insurance premium; skills development levy; staff training; donations; and other expenditure.</p>

<b>Other income</b>	<p>Includes:</p> <p>Dividends received; government subsidies and incentives; government capital transfers; customs duty received; excise duty received; and other income.</p>
<b>Profit margin</b>	<p>Profit margin is derived as:</p> <p>Net profit or loss after tax <b><i>divided by</i></b> turnover <b><i>multiplied by</i></b> 100</p>
<b>Statistical unit</b>	<p>A unit about which statistics are tabulated, compiled or published. In this survey it was all enterprises active within the Coega Special Economic Zone.</p>
<b>Turnover</b>	<p>Turnover includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the value of sales;</li><li>• amounts received for work done;</li><li>• amounts received for services rendered;</li><li>• rent and/or lease payments received for land and buildings;</li><li>• rent, leasing and hiring received for machinery, vehicles and other equipment; and</li><li>• mineral rights leases.</li></ul> <p>Turnover excludes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• value added tax (VAT);</li><li>• net profit or loss on sales or revaluation of fixed assets (including profit or loss on foreign exchange);</li><li>• export freight charges;</li><li>• interest received; and</li><li>• excise duty.</li></ul>

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