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Your monthly update on South Africa's economic indicators

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## Economic headlines

### What are you paying more for?



Some prices might be coming down, but you're forking out more for these goods and services. (Click [here](#) to read more.)

### 3,5 million travellers visited SA in August



We provide a breakdown of where they came from. (Click [here](#) to read more.)

### Keeping the non-insured healthy



Only 17 in 100 South Africans have medical aid. How well is government looking after the non-insured? (Click [here](#) to read more.)

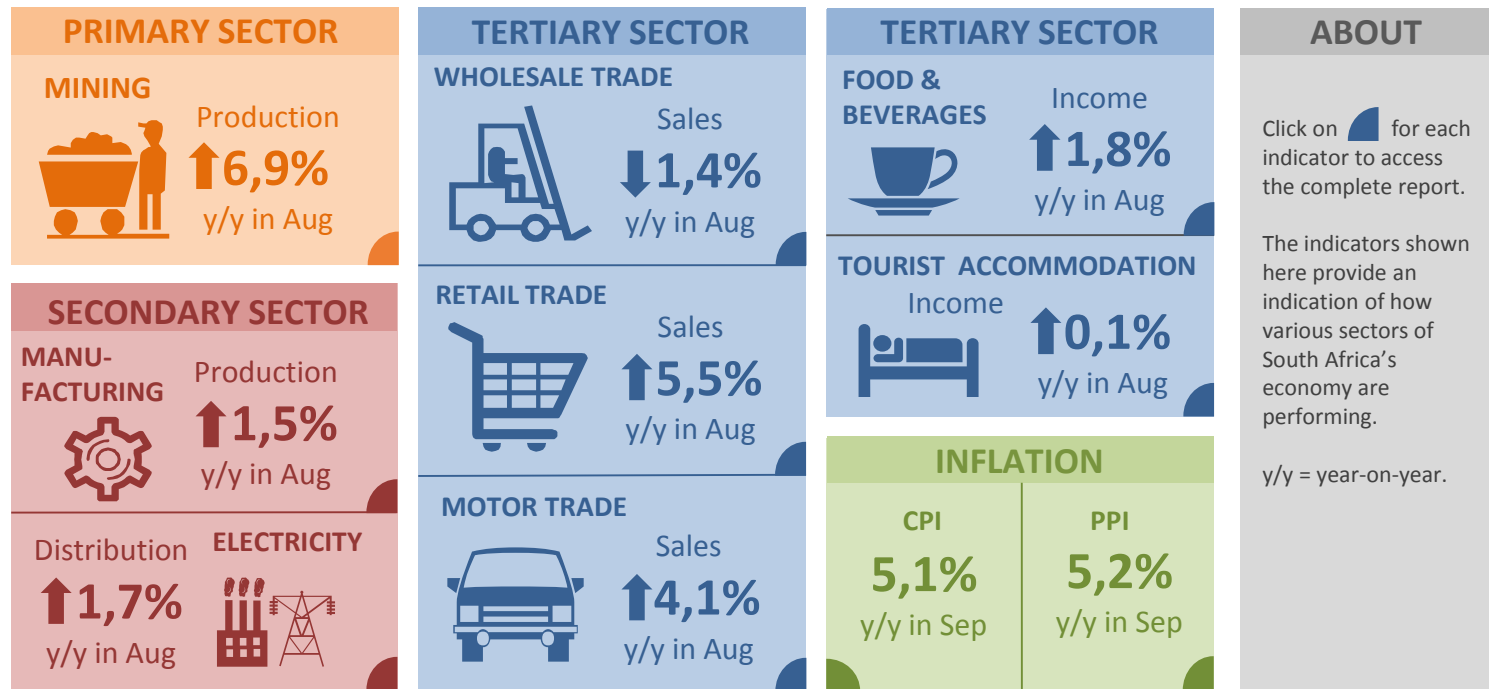
### The impact of #FeesMustFall



Where did higher education institutions get their money from in 2016? (Click [here](#) to read more.)

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## Monthly economic indicators



## Feature article

### Falling prices: the good, the better, and the best

It's hard to believe. It goes against what we often hear. Whether chatting with friends around the braai or debating with family at the dinner table, almost everyone has a story to tell about their own experiences with rising prices.

Happily for consumers, the data show that there are items for which prices have actually come down, if we compare figures from August 2017 with those recorded in January 2017.

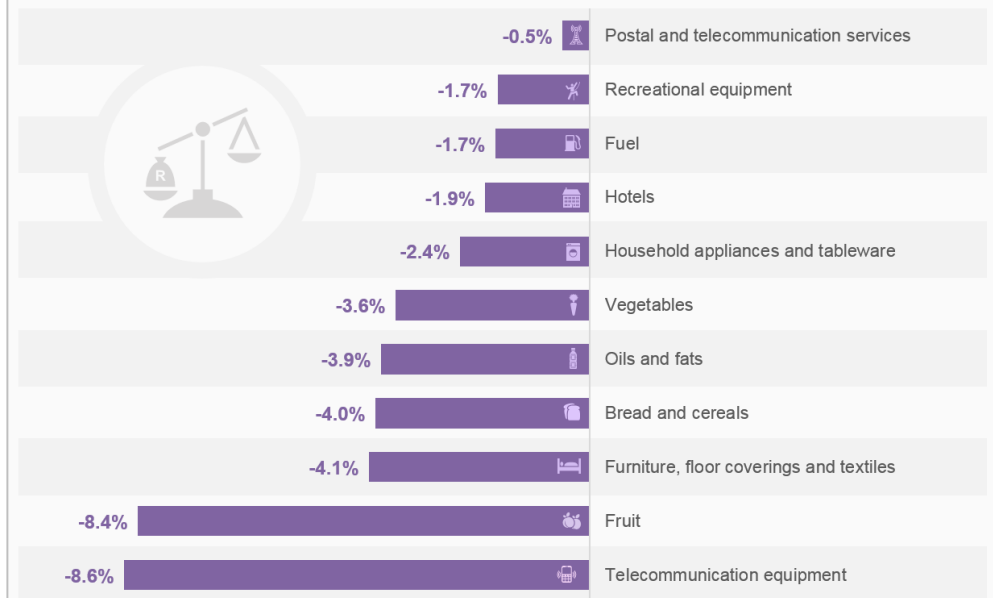
For those of you that prefer your greens, it might come as some comfort to learn that vegetable prices fell by 3,6% in the first eight months of this year, after rising rapidly in the second half of 2015 to peak in early 2016.

Lettuce, tomatoes, pumpkins and potatoes in particular will provide some cash relief to your healthy lifestyle.

Click [here](#) to read more.

### Products that have become cheaper in 2017

Percentage change in price indices, August 2017 compared with January 2017



Source: Consumer Price Index (CPI), August 2017

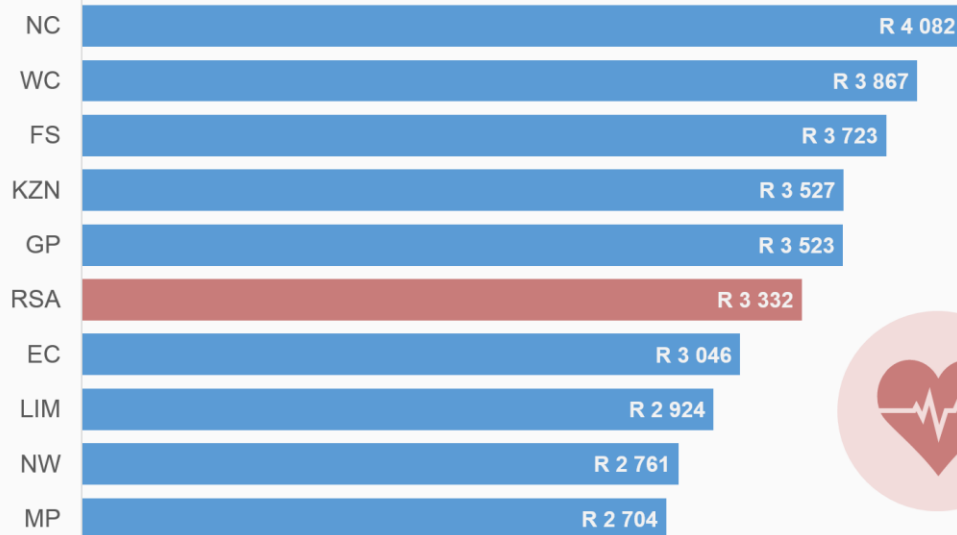
## Infographic of the month



## Provincial snapshot

### Northern Cape spends the most on healthcare per person

For the population without medical aid. Government spending for the 2015/16 fiscal year



Sources: Financial statistics of provincial government 2015/2016; General Household Survey, 2016

### Which provinces lead in health spending?

Updated information in Stats SA's latest *Financial statistics of provincial government* sets the healthcare bill for provincial government at R150 billion for 2015/16.

This translates to R3 332 spent per person for the 45 million who do not have medical aid cover.

By province, the Northern Cape government comes out as the top healthcare spender, setting the bar at R4 082 per person in 2015/16. Western Cape takes second spot, followed by Free State and KwaZulu-Natal.

Find out more [here](#).

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