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Inflation edges slightly lower in April



Food inflation remains stable, but rising petrol prices continue to haunt consumers (click [here](#) to read more).

Fewer jobs for young graduates



The youth unemployment rate now stands at 55,2% (click [here](#) to read more).

Retail trade edges up by 1,0% in Q1: 2019



Click [here](#) to watch how South African shoppers are spending their money.

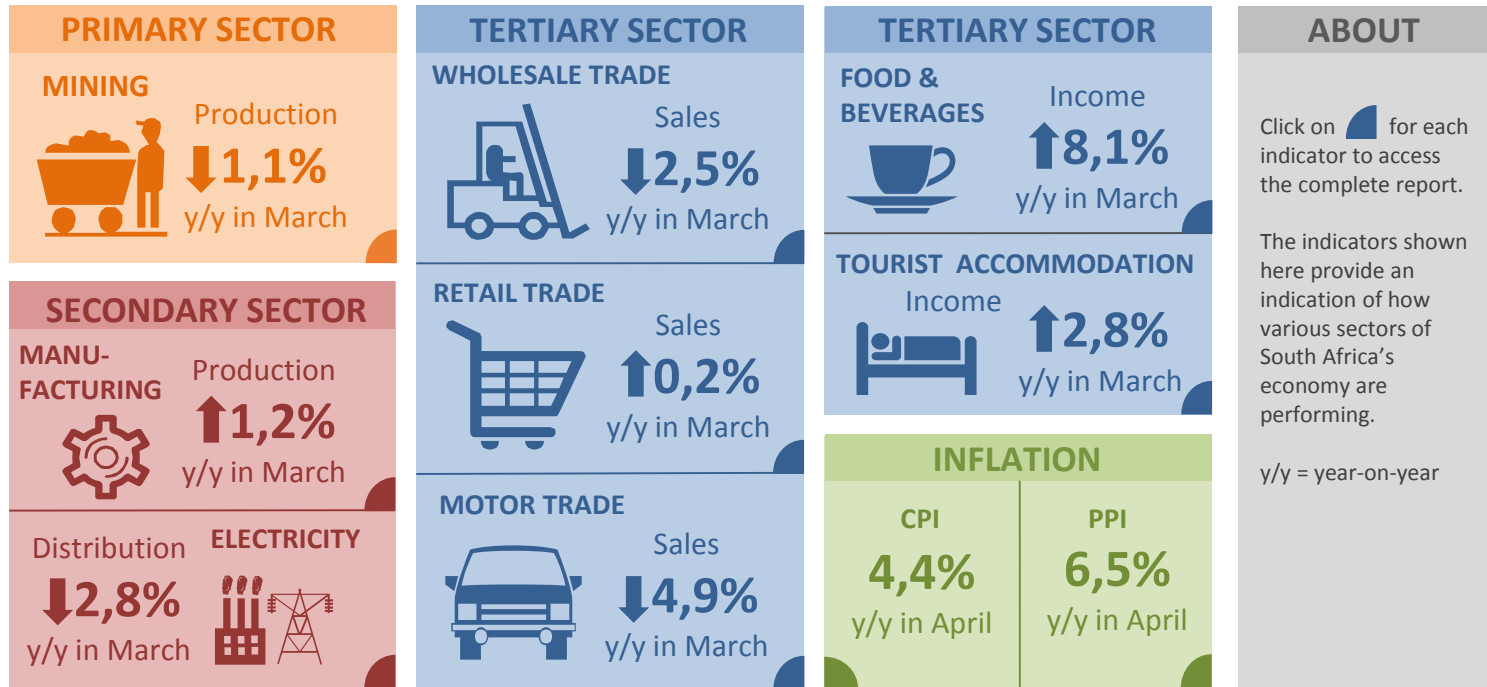
Hunger in South Africa



Almost 20% of households had inadequate access to food in 2017 (click [here](#) to read more).

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Monthly economic indicators



Feature article

Economy stumbles in the first quarter

The South African economy slumped sharply in the first three months of 2019, contracting by 3,2%. Seven of the ten industries took a knock, with manufacturing and mining the biggest contributors to the fall.

The manufacturing industry was the biggest drag on growth, falling by 8,8%. This was driven mostly by declines in petroleum, transport and wood and paper.

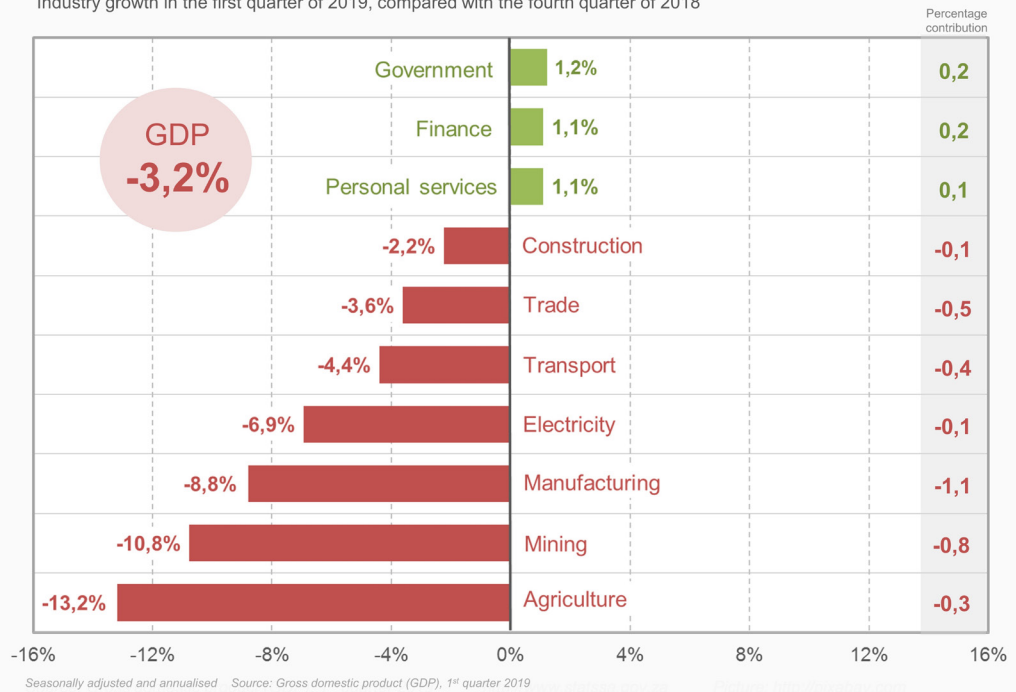
Mining registered its third consecutive quarter of negative growth. A fall-off in diamond, iron ore and coal production pulled the industry down by 10,8%. This is mining's biggest decline since the first quarter of 2016.

The 3,2% decline is the biggest quarterly fall in economic activity since the first quarter of 2009, when the economy – under strain from the global financial crisis – tumbled by 6,1%.

Click [here](#) to read more on the latest GDP figures.

How did South African industries perform in the first quarter of 2019?

Industry growth in the first quarter of 2019, compared with the fourth quarter of 2018



Infographic of the month

The number of civil summonses issued for debt fell by **3,8%**

in the first quarter of 2019 compared with the first quarter of 2018



Source: Statistics of civil cases for debt, March 2019 (Table A)

Provincial snapshot

Both red and white wines are most expensive in Western Cape

The average price of a 750 ml bottle, April 2019



Source: Consumer Price Index (CPI), April 2019

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