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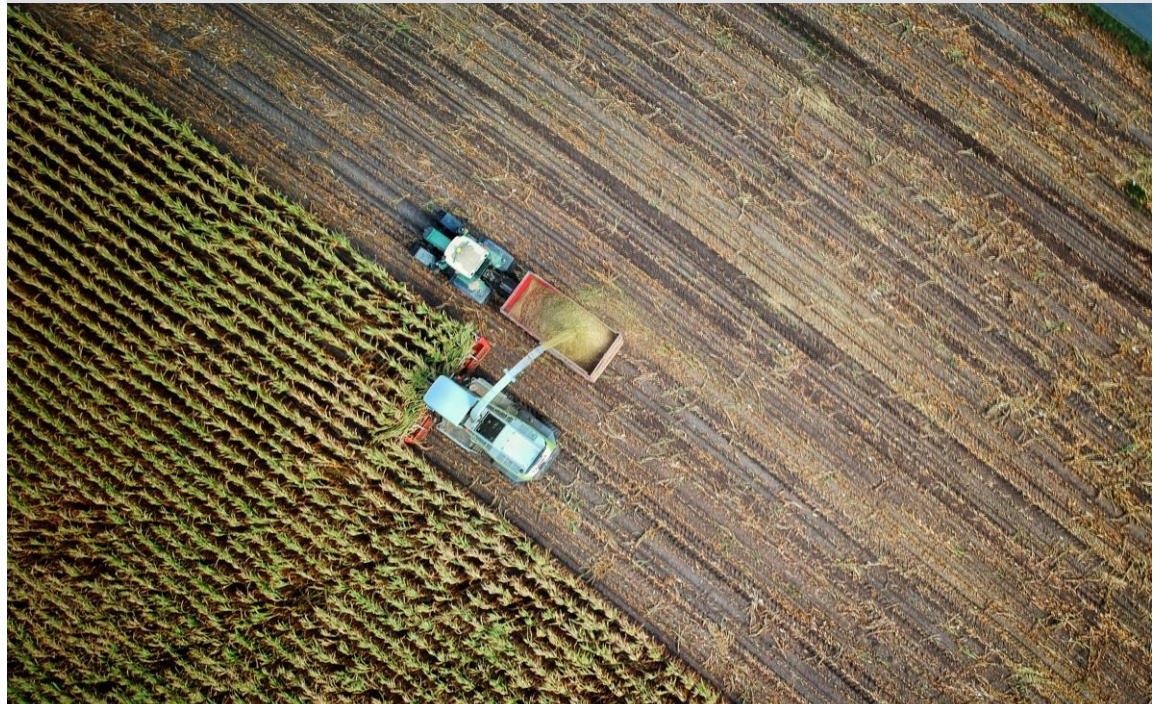
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## Economic headlines

### Municipal bucket toilet use on the decline



The number of consumer units supplied with municipal bucket toilets fell by almost 30% in 2018 (click [here](#) to read more).

### Constitutional institutions: a financial snapshot



The Auditor-General was the largest recipient of revenue in 2017/18 (click [here](#) to read more).

### Inflation dips lower in July



A fall in fuel prices and a rise in municipal tariffs were the key price movers (click [here](#) to read more).

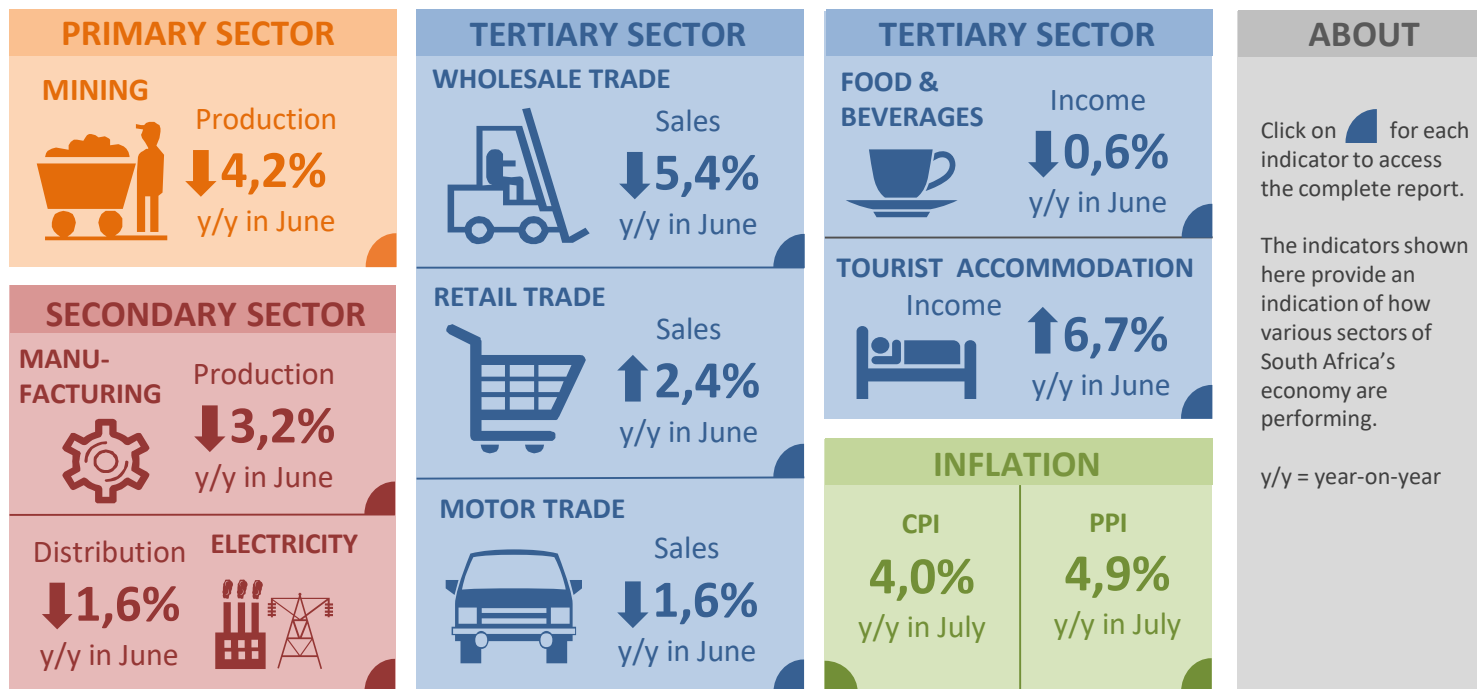
### Improving civil registration and vital statistics



The second African Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) Day was commemorated on 10 August (click [here](#) to read more).

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## Monthly economic indicators



## Feature article

### Economy dodges recession as GDP climbs 3,1%

After shrinking sharply in the first quarter of 2019, the economy rebounded from a low base to record positive growth of 3,1% in the second quarter (April–June). Mining, finance, trade and government services were the main drivers of growth.

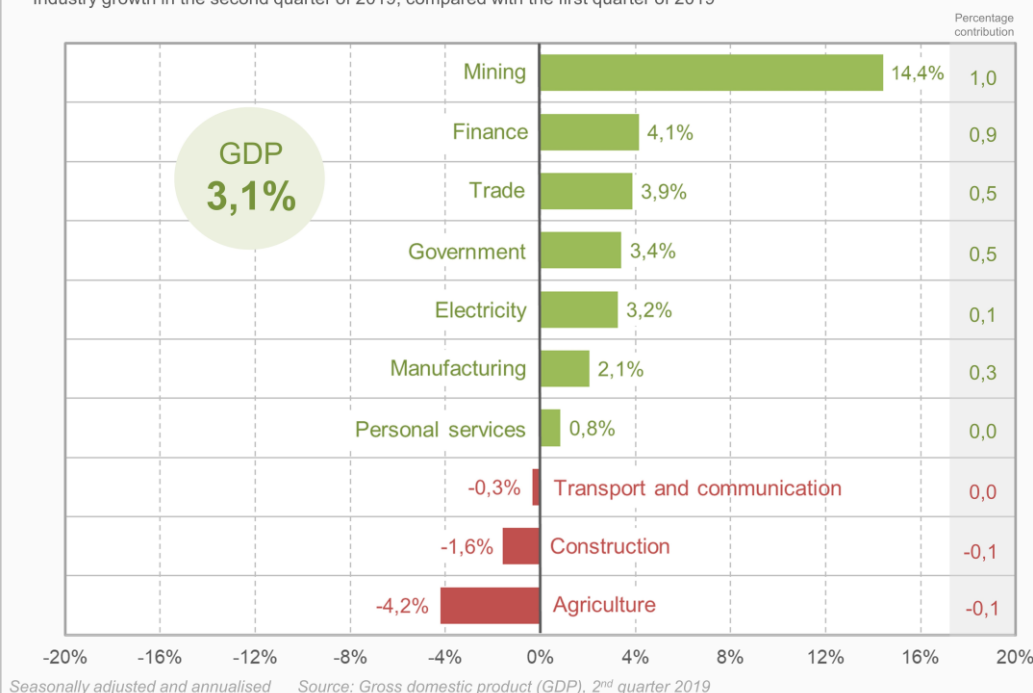
Mining was the strongest performer in the second quarter, expanding by 14,4%. This was the industry's strongest showing in three years since the second quarter of 2016, when production jumped by 16,3%. Iron ore, manganese and coal were the main contributors to growth.

The construction industry remained firmly in recession, contracting for the fourth quarter in a row. A drop-off in activity related to non-residential buildings and construction works constrained growth in the second quarter.

Click [here](#) to read more. Download the GDP media presentation [here](#).

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

Industry growth in the second quarter of 2019, compared with the first quarter of 2019



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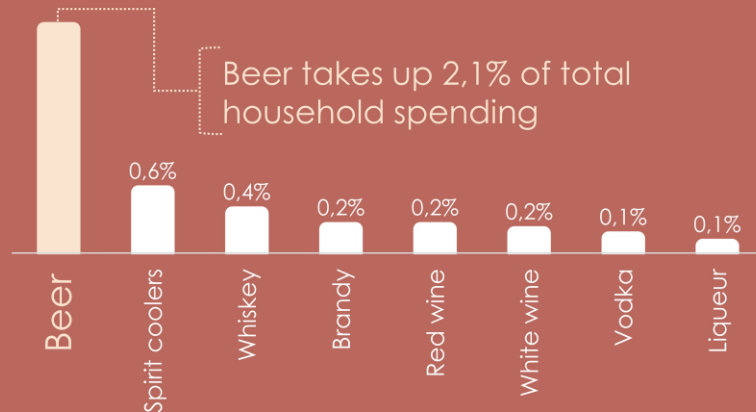
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## Infographic of the month

### South Africans absolutely love their **beer**

International  
Beer Day  
2019



Source: The South African CPI Sources and Methods Manual, 2017



## Provincial snapshot

### Exploring the mayoral glass ceiling

In 2018, four in every ten municipal mayors in South Africa were women. That's 101 mayors out of a total of 256.

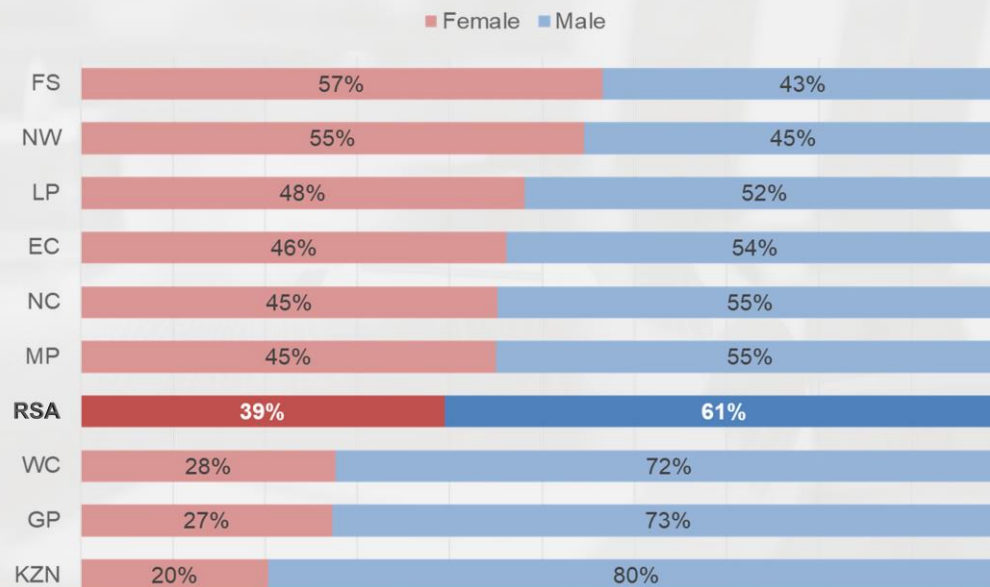
This was down from the 107 out of 257 mayors recorded in 2017.

The province with the highest gender representation was Free State, with 13 of its 23 (57%) municipalities headed by a female mayor.

The province with the lowest representation was KwaZulu-Natal at 20%, with only 11 female mayors out of a total of 54.

For more information, see Table 1.4 in the latest *Non-financial census of municipalities* report [here](#).

#### Provincial breakdown of executive mayors and mayors: 2018



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