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### Black Friday boosts store sales



Keshnee Naidoo provides a quick overview of the latest retail trade figures (watch the video [here](#)).

### Mining falls for the fourth month in a row



Juan-Pierre Terblanche breaks down the latest mining figures in [this](#) video.

### The formal sector loses 28 000 jobs



11 000 full-time and 17 000 part-time jobs were shed in the third quarter of 2019 (click [here](#) to read more).

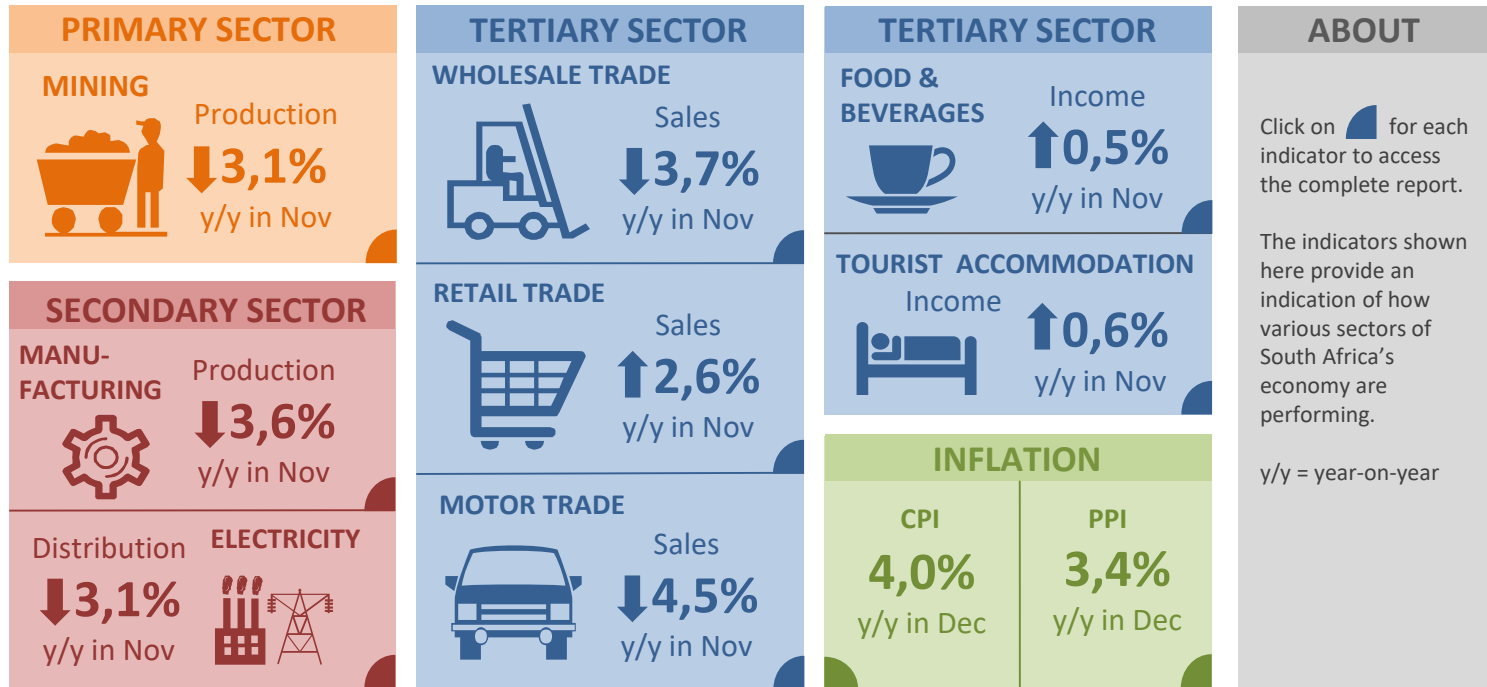
### Tracking the Sustainable Development Goals



You can now explore the SDGs data for South Africa using this new online tool (click [here](#) to read more).

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## Monthly economic indicators



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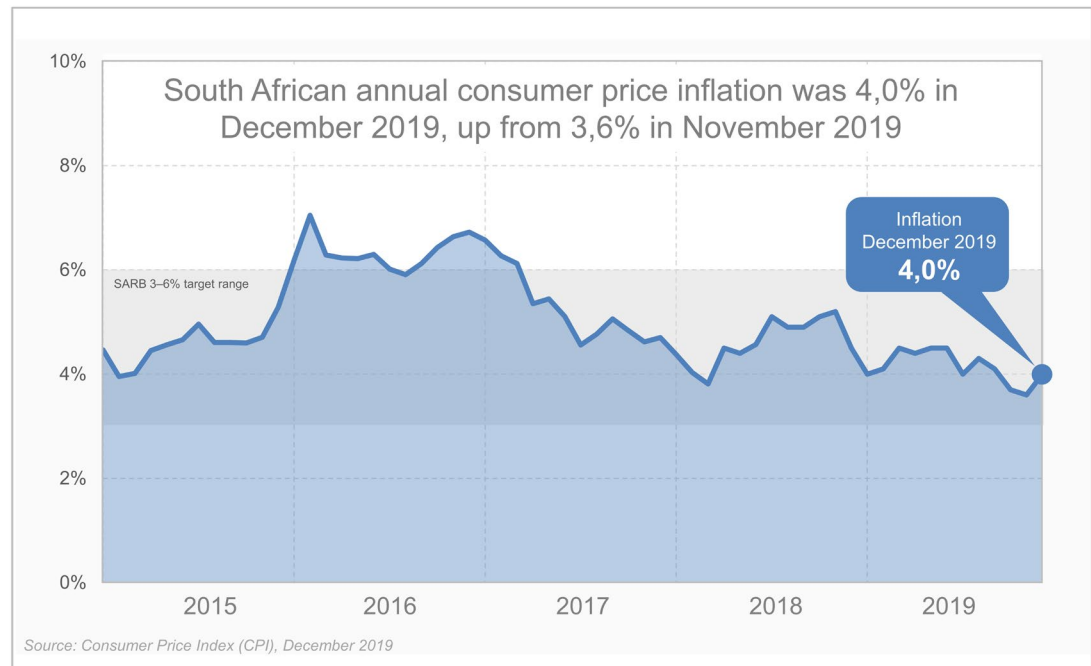
### Inflation quickens slightly in December

Annual consumer inflation edged up to 4,0% in December from November's 3,6%. The main contributors to the 4,0% rate were food and non-alcoholic beverages; housing and utilities; transport; and miscellaneous goods and services.

The food and non-alcoholic beverages category recorded an annual rate of 3,9%, slightly higher than the 3,5% recorded in November. Bread and cereal prices continue to place pressure on overall food inflation, increasing by 8,0%, which was unchanged from November's reading.

Meat inflation picked up from November's 1,8% to 2,0% in December. Meat products that experienced the biggest annual price increases were corned beef, chicken portions (both frozen and fresh) and ham. These increases were offset by falling prices in biltong, bacon and mutton.

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## Infographic of the month

How did South African  
retail trade sales perform  
in November 2019?

Year-on-year growth



Medical &  
cosmetics  
↓1,9%



Food & beverages  
↑6,2%



General dealers  
↑3,2%



Hardware & paint  
↑0,4%



Clothing  
↑2,7%



Furniture &  
appliances  
↑3,2%



Retail trade  
↑2,6%

Stats SA, Retail trade sales, November 2019





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