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Consumer
inflation
July 2020
3,2%

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Economic headlines

Baking bad during lockdown



Your friends have tried it, you've seen the videos, you're feeling the FOMO (click [here](#) to read more).

EBA spending on transport declines



SANRAL and the Gautrain Management Agency were two of five transport institutions to cut spending (click [here](#) to read more).


Lockdown affects collection of July CPI



The COVID-19 pandemic has affected the compilation of inflation indices (click [here](#) to read more).


Mining output falls by 30,2% in Q2: 2020



All miners experienced a slump in activity. Juan-Pierre Terblanche provides a quick overview of the figures [here](#). 


Manufacturing production down in Q2: 2020



The automotive division experienced the biggest fall. Nicolai Claassen gives a rundown of the data [here](#). 

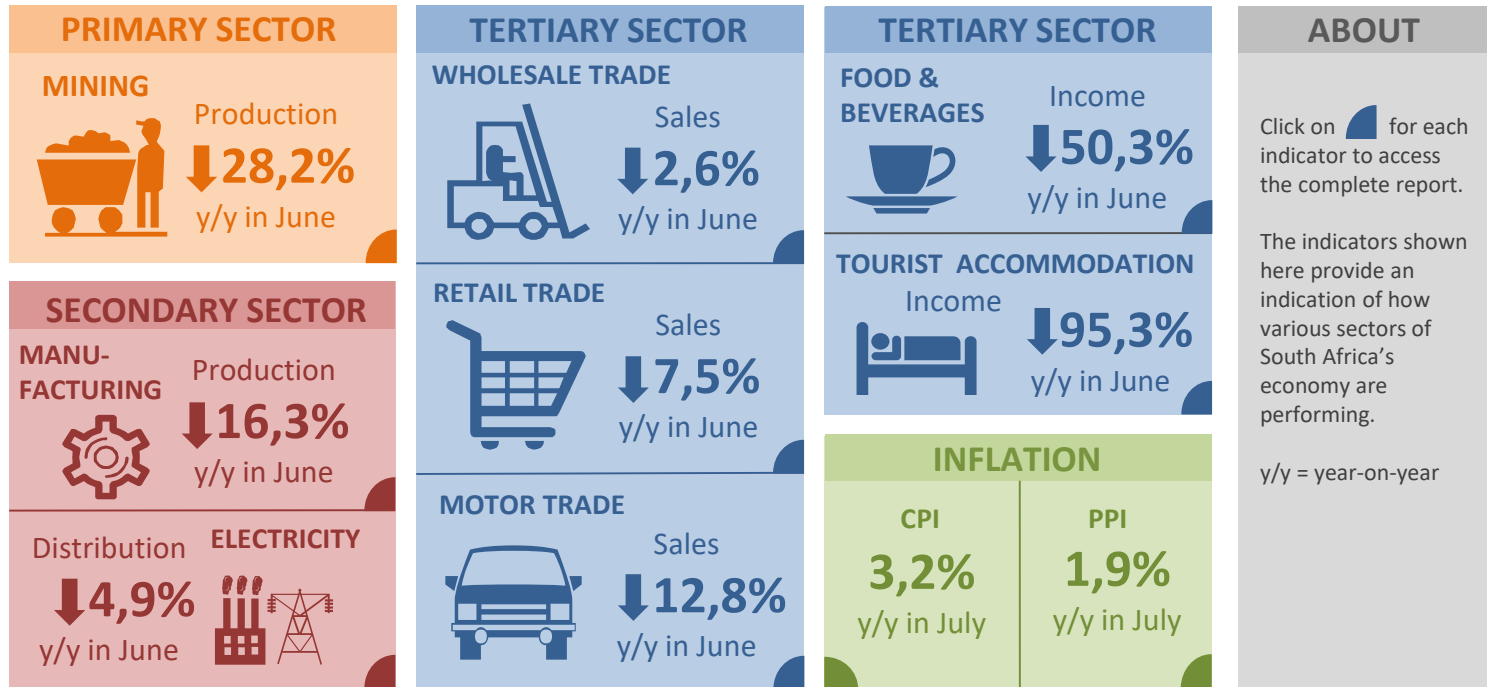
Retail trade increased in June from May



But sales remain below the levels seen last year. Raquel Floris provides a snapshot [here](#). 

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Feature article

Consumer inflation rises to four-month high

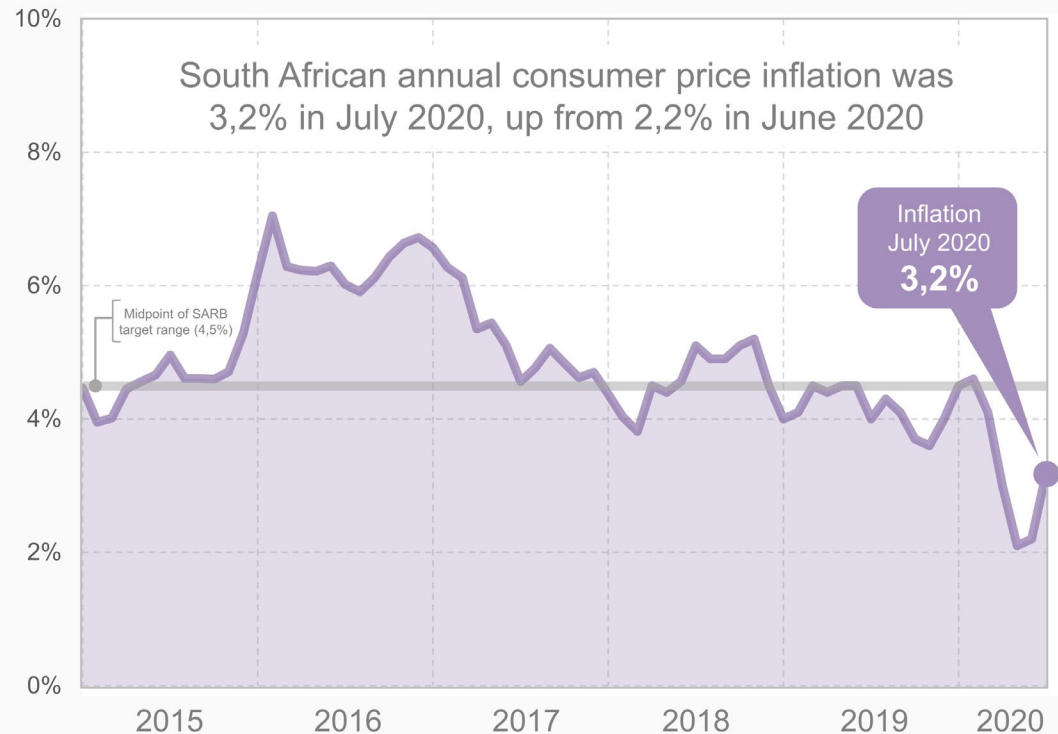
Annual CPI inflation quickened to 3,2% in July from 2,2% in June as lockdown restrictions continued to ease.

The monthly increase of 1,3% was driven largely by fuel prices and municipal tariffs. Motorists felt some pain as the price of inland 95-octane petrol climbed from R13,40 per litre in June to R15,12 per litre in July.

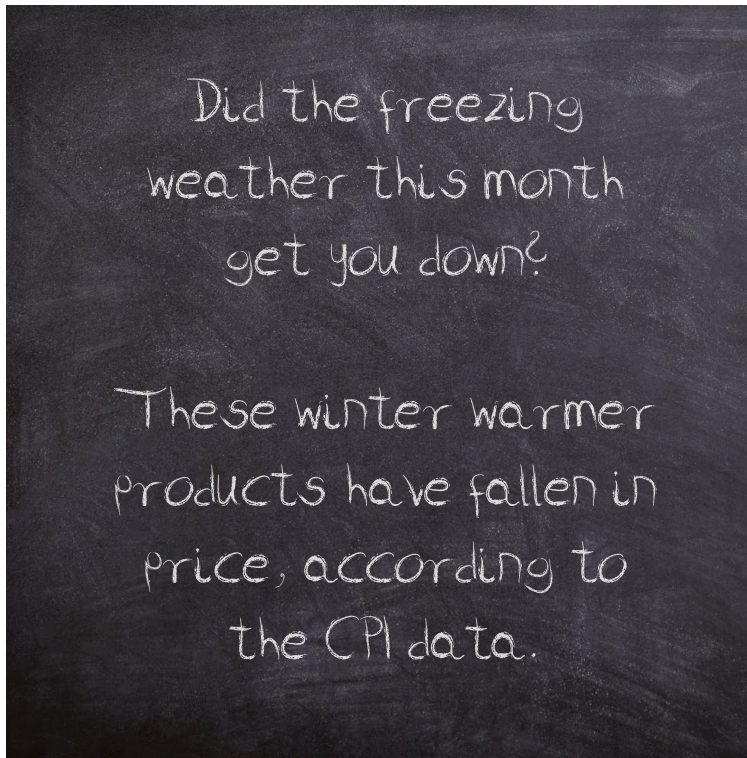
Municipalities increased tariffs and municipal rates. The increases, though, were lower than the increases recorded in July 2019.

Funeral expenses increased sharply in July, rising by 8,7% year-on-year. This is far higher than the 1,1% annual rise recorded in April. Prices for gravestones were up by 3,2% in July, higher than April's 0,3%.

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Infographic of the month



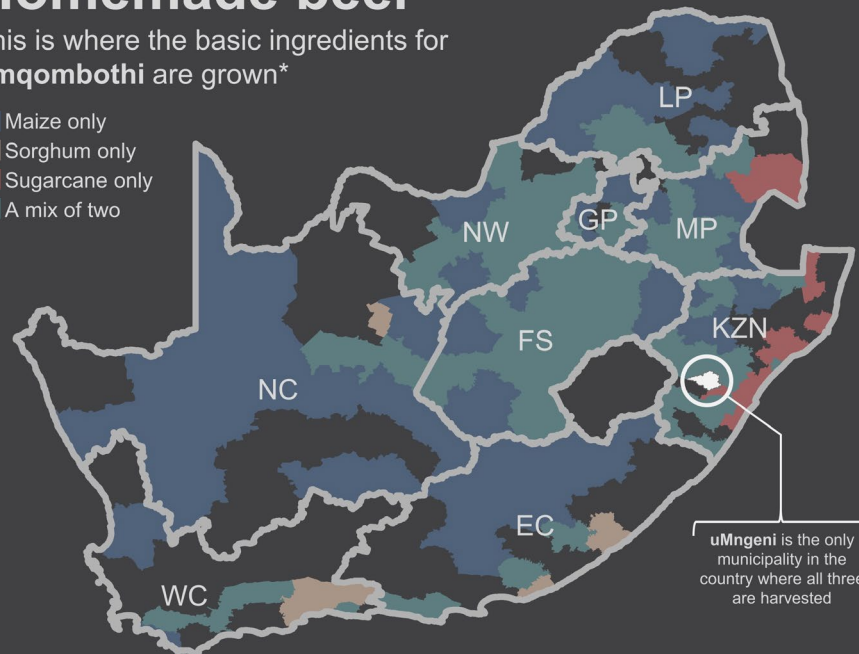
Provincial snapshot

The ban on alcoholic drinks during the national lockdown prompted many to try their hand at brewing beer.

Homemade beer

This is where the basic ingredients for **umqombothi** are grown*

- Maize only
- Sorghum only
- Sugarcane only
- A mix of two



*On commercial farms

Source: Census of Commercial Agriculture, 2017

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