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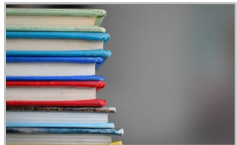
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Fuel continues to spur transport inflation



With the annual headline rate quickening for a second month (click [here](#) to read more).

Falling fees dent higher education revenue



With 18 of 26 higher education institutions recording a decrease (click [here](#) to read more).

New business samples are here



For manufacturing, retail trade sales and five other Stats SA surveys (click [here](#) to read more).

Gauteng and Western Cape the odd ones out



The two provinces spend more on healthcare than education (click [here](#) to read more).

Gold and iron ore push up mining production



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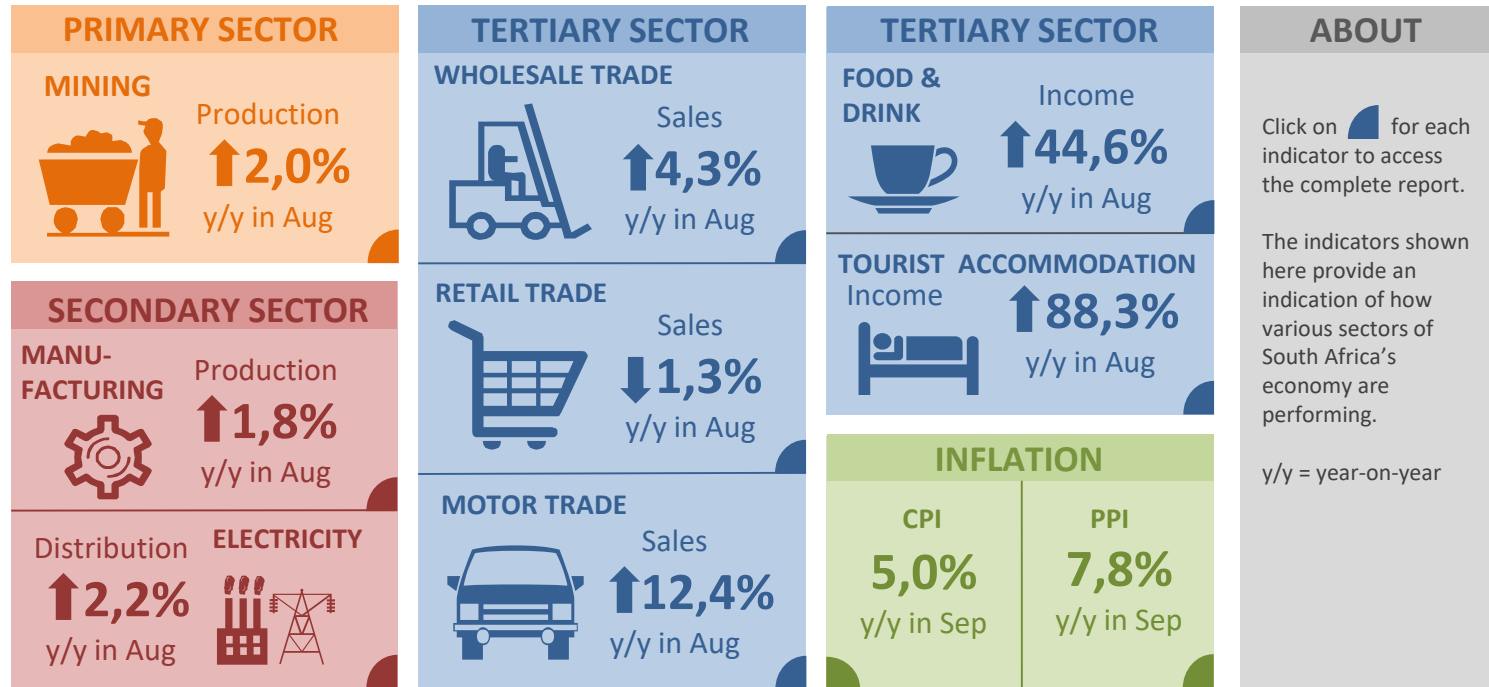
Census 2022 is just around the corner!



South Africa's next population census will take place in February 2022. (read more [here](#)).

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Monthly economic indicators



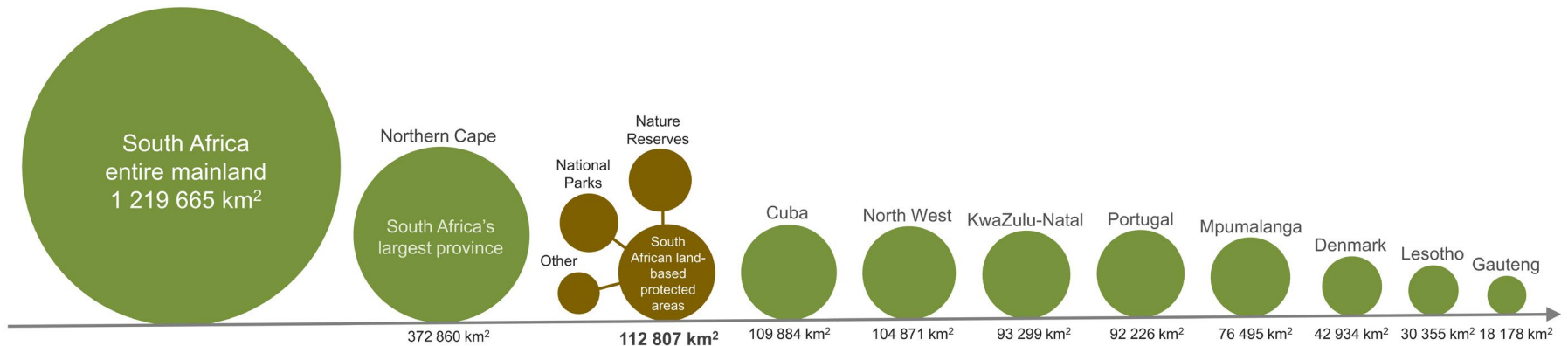
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This is how much land is protected in South Africa

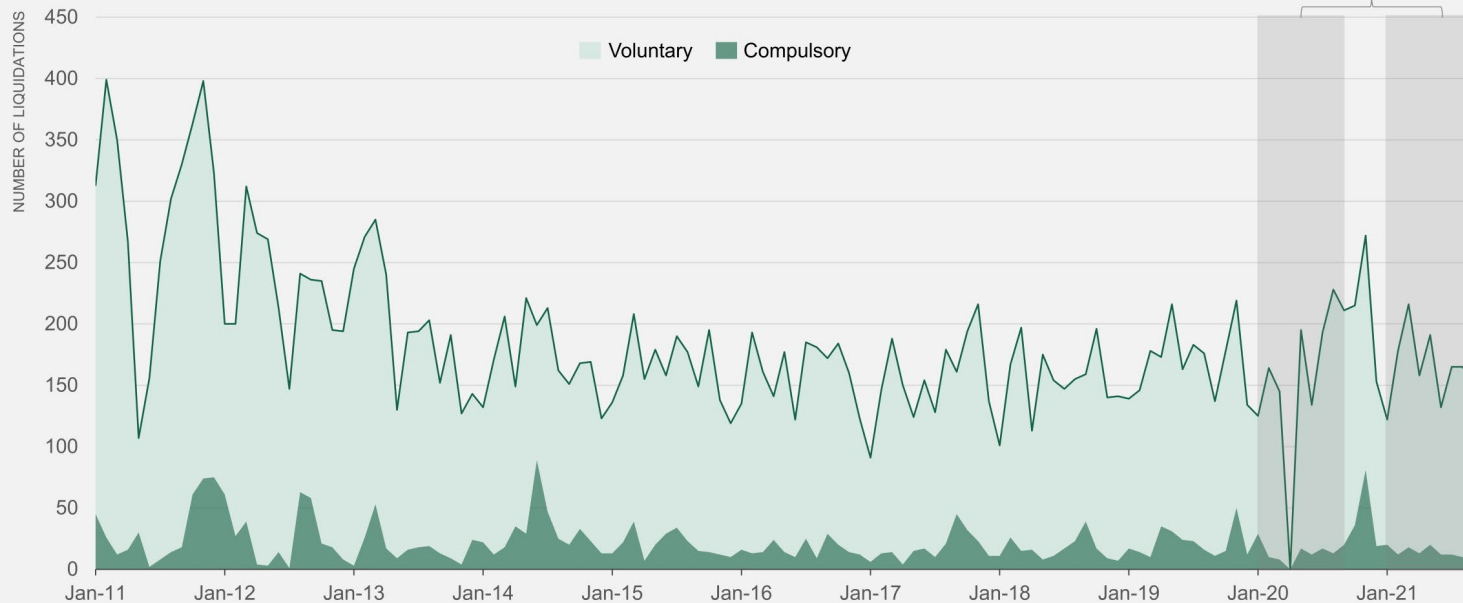
In 2020, protected land accounted for 112 807 km² of the South African mainland. This includes land covered by National Parks, Nature Reserves and other conservation areas. To provide some perspective of scale, this is about the same size as Cuba. It's also larger than countries such as Portugal, Denmark and Lesotho.

The protected area estate covers 9,2% of the size of mainland South Africa. In other words, for every 100 square metres of land across the country, just over 9 square metres are protected and managed for biodiversity conservation. Click [here](#) to read more.



Infographic of the month

The total number of liquidations increased by 6,0% in the first nine months of 2021 compared with the first nine months of 2020



Monthly data Source: Statistics of liquidations and insolvencies, September 2021

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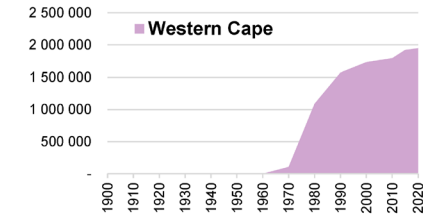
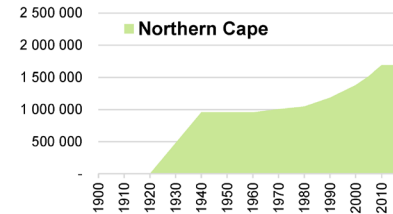
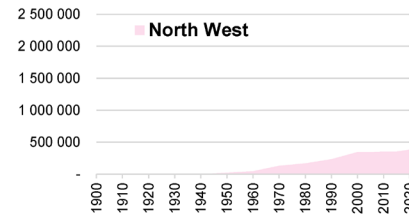
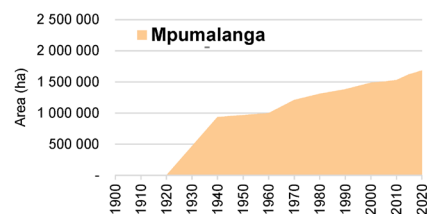
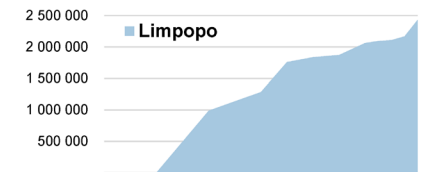
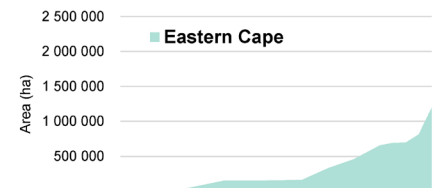
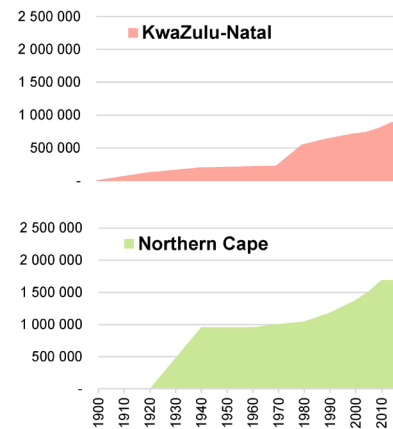
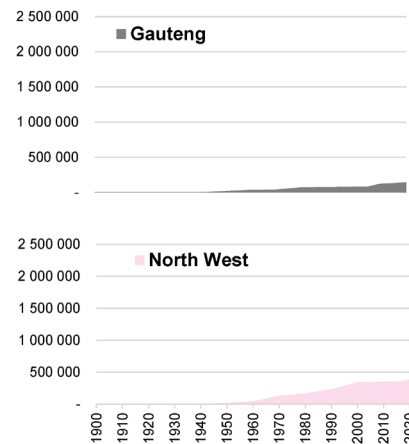
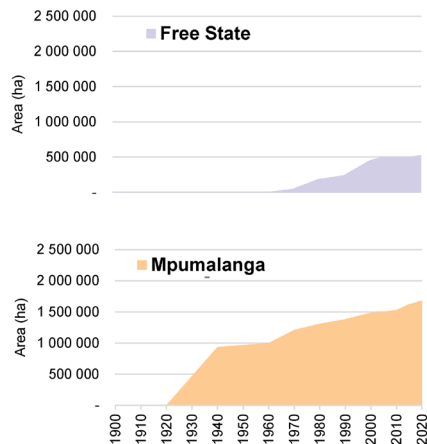
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Provincial snapshot

The growth of protected areas in each province (1900 to 2020)

South African protected areas include National Parks, Nature Reserves, Protected Environments, Forest Nature Reserves, Forest Wilderness Areas, Mountain Catchment Areas and World Heritage Sites. The growth of the protected area estate by province over the period 1900 to 2020 is shown below, based on declaration dates in the South African Protected Area Database (SAPAD). For more information, download the complete report [here](#).



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