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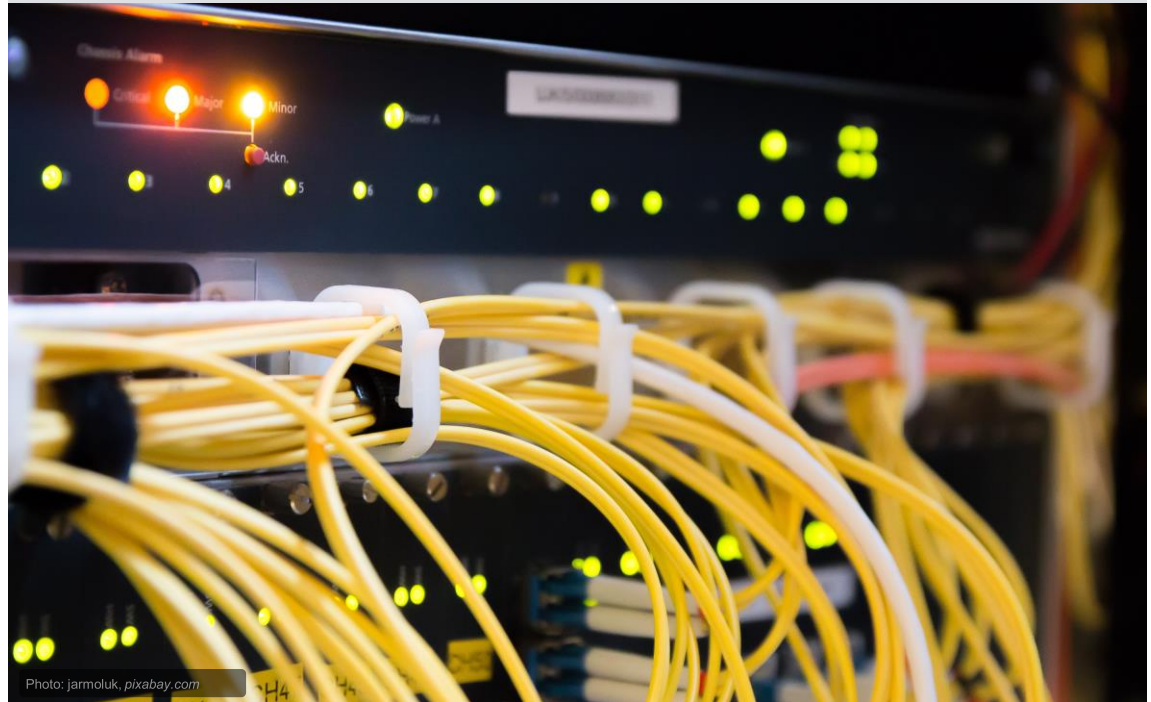


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Economic headlines

Biodiversity-based tourism in the spotlight



A new report outlines the sector's contribution to gross domestic product, employment and tourism spend (click [here](#) to read more).

Consumer inflation slows in June



Thanks to lower food inflation and softer fuel prices (click [here](#) to read more).

Which municipalities spend the most per resident?



Gamagara finds itself in the lead, thanks in part to the mining town of Kathu (click [here](#) to read more).
















SA's population surpasses 63 million



This is according to the *Mid-year population estimates* report for 2024 (click [here](#) to read more).

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Monthly economic indicators

	y/y percentage change			m/m percentage change			3-month
	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Mar-May
Mining production 	-4,2	1,4	0,0	-4,1	0,8	-0,6	-0,8
Manufacturing production 	-6,5	4,9	-0,6	-2,3	5,2	-3,2	-0,4
Electricity generation 	0,0	5,7	5,6	0,0	1,2	-0,5	1,1
Buildings completed (value) 	-35,5	-5,1	-28,2	-1,7	25,9	-10,1	-2,0
Wholesale trade sales 	-12,7	0,7	-6,6	-4,7	5,8	-3,6	-0,3
Retail trade sales 	2,3	0,7	0,8	1,0	0,5	-0,7	0,6
Motor trade sales 	-10,2	3,4	-8,6	-7,2	6,2	-4,9	-5,5
Income from tourist accommodation 	9,6	6,7	5,8	-0,8	1,3	7,6	3,1
Restaurants, catering & fast-food income 	3,3	-3,8	3,8	-2,1	-3,2	7,0	1,0
Rail transport: Freight payload 	11,1	1,5	9,2	2,3	-3,7	2,0	0,3
Road transport: Freight payload 	-6,6	-7,6	-12,2	-1,2	-4,4	-3,8	-5,7
Rail transport: Passenger journeys 	42,9	96,1	51,5	-2,0	2,2	2,4	4,5
Road transport: Passenger journeys 	-1,5	19,2	-1,6	-0,5	5,4	-5,0	-0,5
	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	
Consumer Price Index (CPI) 	5,2	5,2	5,1	0,3	0,2	0,1	
Producer Price Index (PPI) 	5,1	4,6	4,6	0,5	0,1	-0,3	

ABOUT

The indicators shown here provide an overview of how various sectors of South Africa's economy are performing.

Click on an indicator name to access the complete report on Stats SA's website

y/y = year-on-year
m/m = month-on-month
3-month = percentage change between the previous 3 months (December–February) and the latest 3 months (March–May)

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Feature article

Fibre optic broadband soars as ADSL loses out

The most striking change in the telecommunications sector over the period 2019–2022 was a rapid fall of ADSL and the rise of fibre optic broadband. In 2019, ADSL was the largest generator of income in the internet access services category, falling to third place in 2022.

Fibre optic broadband expanded to fill the gap, increasing by more than three-fold. The rise in fibre optic could be due to several reasons, including increased demand during the pandemic.

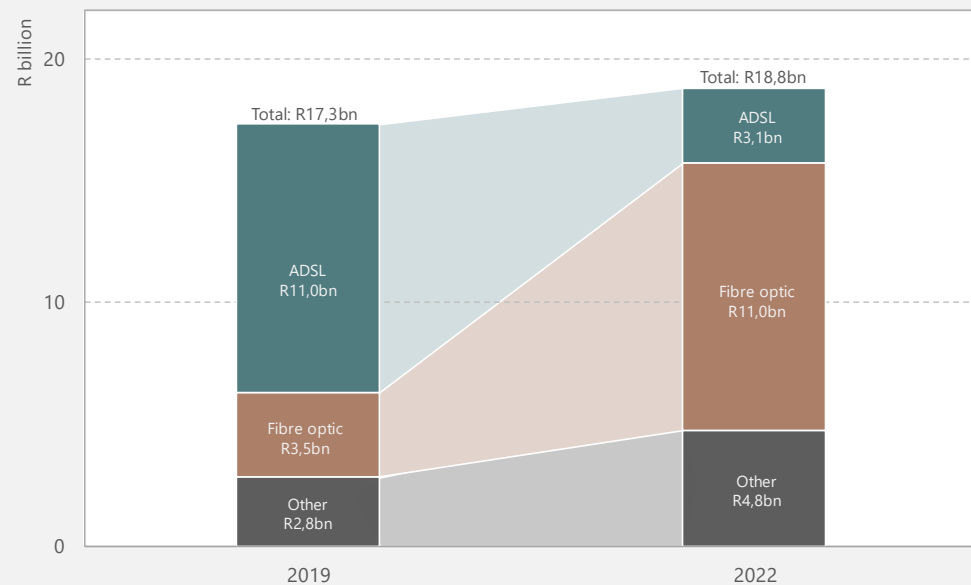
Other internet access services increased too, helping to push total income for the category up from R17,3 billion in 2019 to R18,8 billion in 2022.

This is one of several facts from Stats SA's recently published report on the post and telecommunications industry.

Click [here](#) to read more.

The great switch: Fibre-optic broadband overtakes ADSL

Breakdown of income generated from internet access services in the telecommunications sector (2019 and 2022)



Source: Post and telecommunications industry, Report No.: 75-01-01 (2022), Table 17



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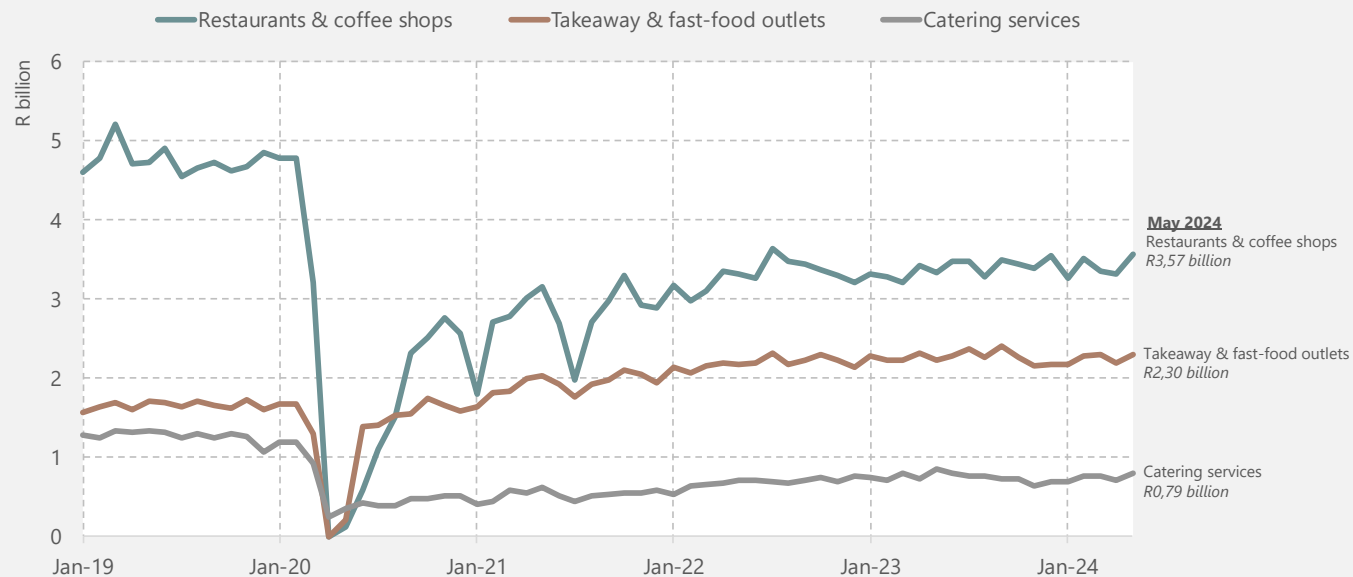
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Infographic of the month

Income generated by restaurants & coffee shops and catering lags pre-pandemic levels

Data from the restaurant, catering and fast-food sector, January 2019 to May 2024



Monthly data. Seasonally adjusted. Constant 2019 prices

Source: Food and beverages, May 2024 (Table 7)

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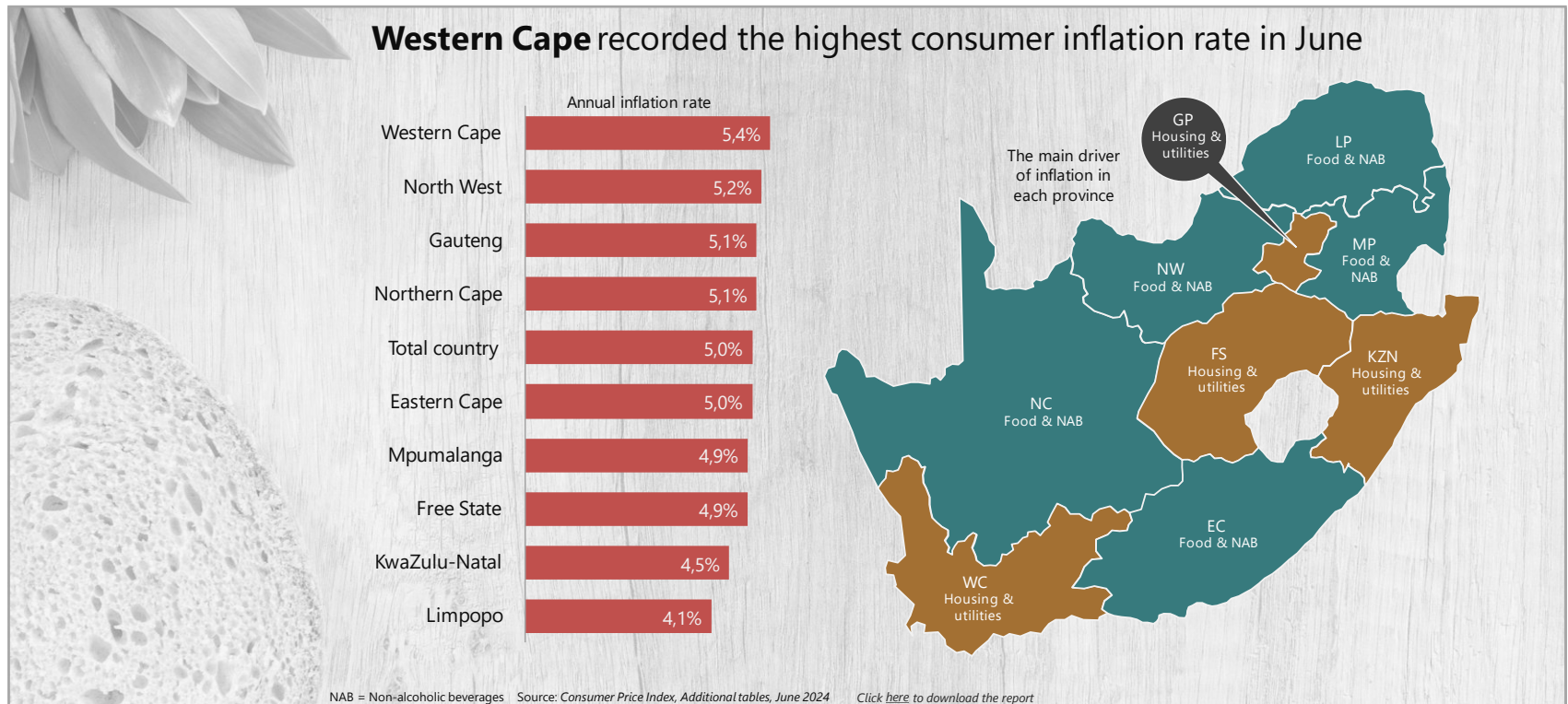
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