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Economic headlines

Inflation holds steady as food prices rise



Beef continues to push meat inflation higher (click [here](#) to read more).

Government finances in two tables



A handy summary of government revenue and spending (click [here](#) to read more).

Jobs down in the formal business sector



The trade industry experienced the biggest loss of jobs (click [here](#) to read more).

Economic wrap-up for June 2025



Stats SA published 28 statistical releases in the month (click [here](#) to read more).

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Monthly economic indicators

	y/y percentage change			m/m percentage change			3-month
	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	Feb-Apr
Mining production 	-9,7	-2,5	-7,7	-3,9	3,6	0,6	-2,7
Manufacturing production 	-3,1	-1,2	-6,3	0,0	-2,5	1,9	-1,4
Electricity generation 	0,2	1,2	0,0	-2,8	0,9	0,1	-2,4
Buildings completed (value) 	1,5	8,2	-13,7	18,3	-2,7	13,1	-9,9
Wholesale trade sales 	-7,5	-1,7	-6,5	-2,0	0,2	0,9	-0,8
Retail trade sales 	4,1	1,2	5,1	-1,1	-0,3	0,9	-0,5
Motor trade sales 	-5,9	3,4	-0,9	-1,1	1,4	-1,0	-0,2
Income from tourist accommodation 	12,6	5,7	14,8	-2,0	-1,5	3,9	0,7
Restaurants, catering & fast-food income 	-0,8	1,3	4,7	0,6	2,5	-1,2	1,6
Rail transport: Freight payload 	6,9	4,2	7,8	1,1	0,0	0,0	3,4
Road transport: Freight payload 	-6,5	-5,4	-8,3	1,3	-1,5	-1,3	0,4
Rail transport: Passenger journeys 	46,7	64,5	51,7	-5,7	4,1	2,0	-0,9
Road transport: Passenger journeys 	-6,3	0,3	-9,3	-6,7	4,2	-2,5	0,6
	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	
Consumer Price Index (CPI) 	2,7	2,8	2,8	0,4	0,3	0,2	
Producer Price Index (PPI) 	0,5	0,5	0,1	0,6	0,5	-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 (November–January) and the latest 3 months (February–April)

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Feature article

Free municipal services: A 10-year review

More consumer units are receiving services, but fewer are receiving these services for free.

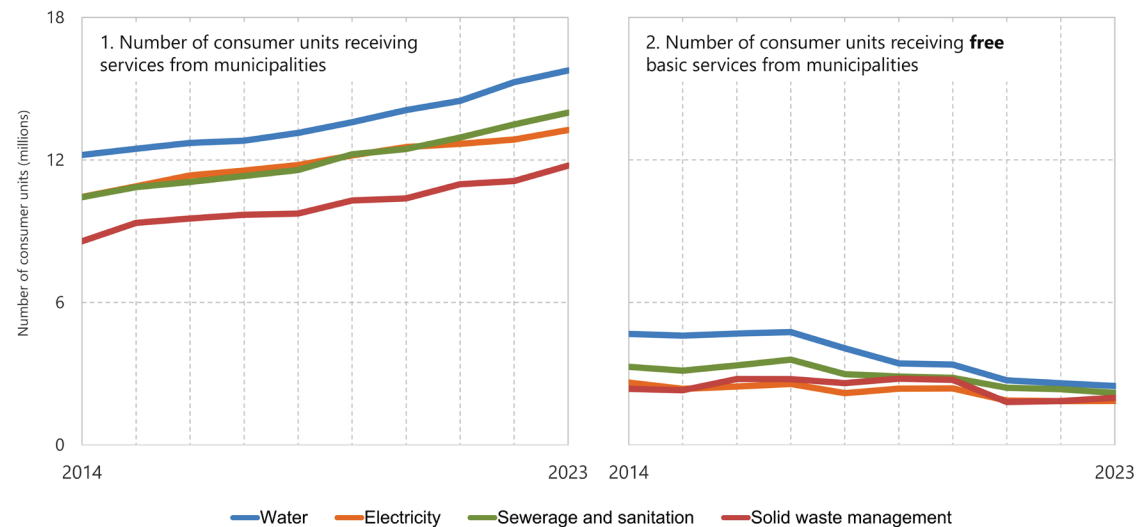
Municipalities have expanded the provision of services to households and businesses. In 2014, 12,2 million consumer units were serviced with water, rising to 15,8 million in 2023.

However, the number receiving water for free (or at a subsidised rate) declined over this period, from 4,7 million to 2,5 million.

The widening gap has dragged the coverage rate lower, with the percentage of consumer units benefiting from free basic water falling from 38% in 2014 to 16% in 2023. The same held true for electricity, sewerage & sanitation and solid waste management.

A provincial breakdown is available [here](#).

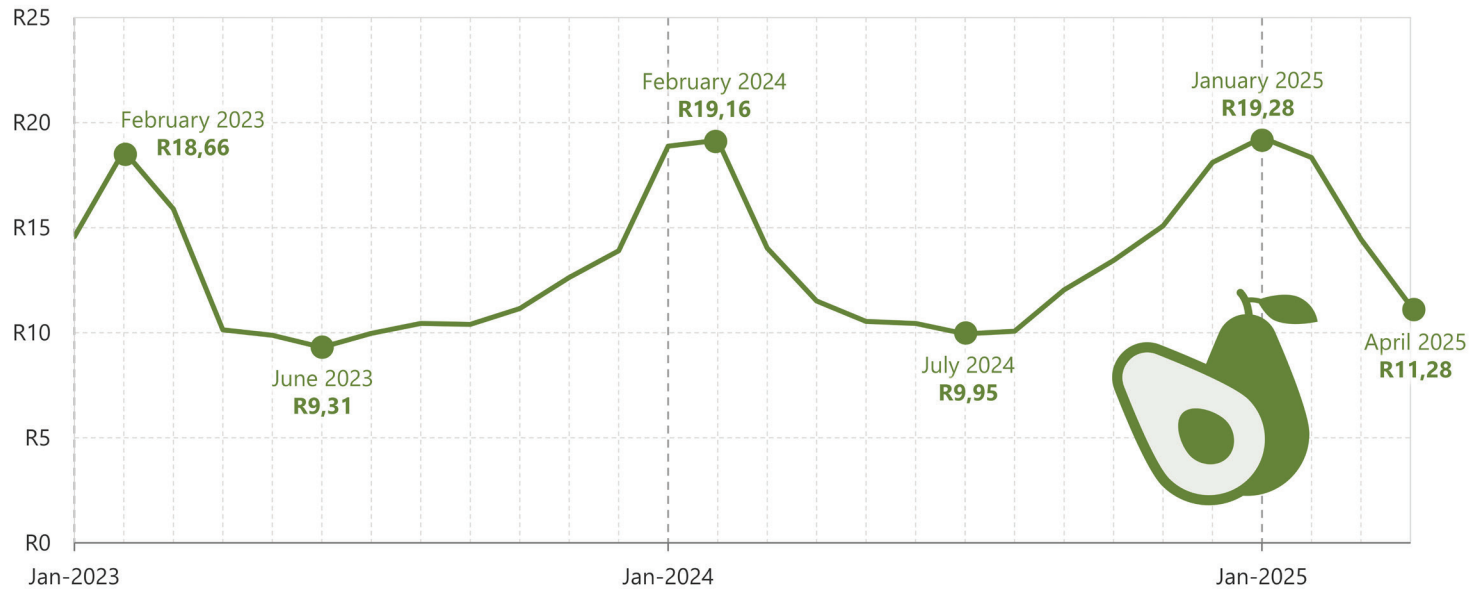
Services supplied by municipalities across South Africa, 2014–2023



Infographic of the month

As a seasonal fruit, avocado prices fluctuate markedly over the course of the year

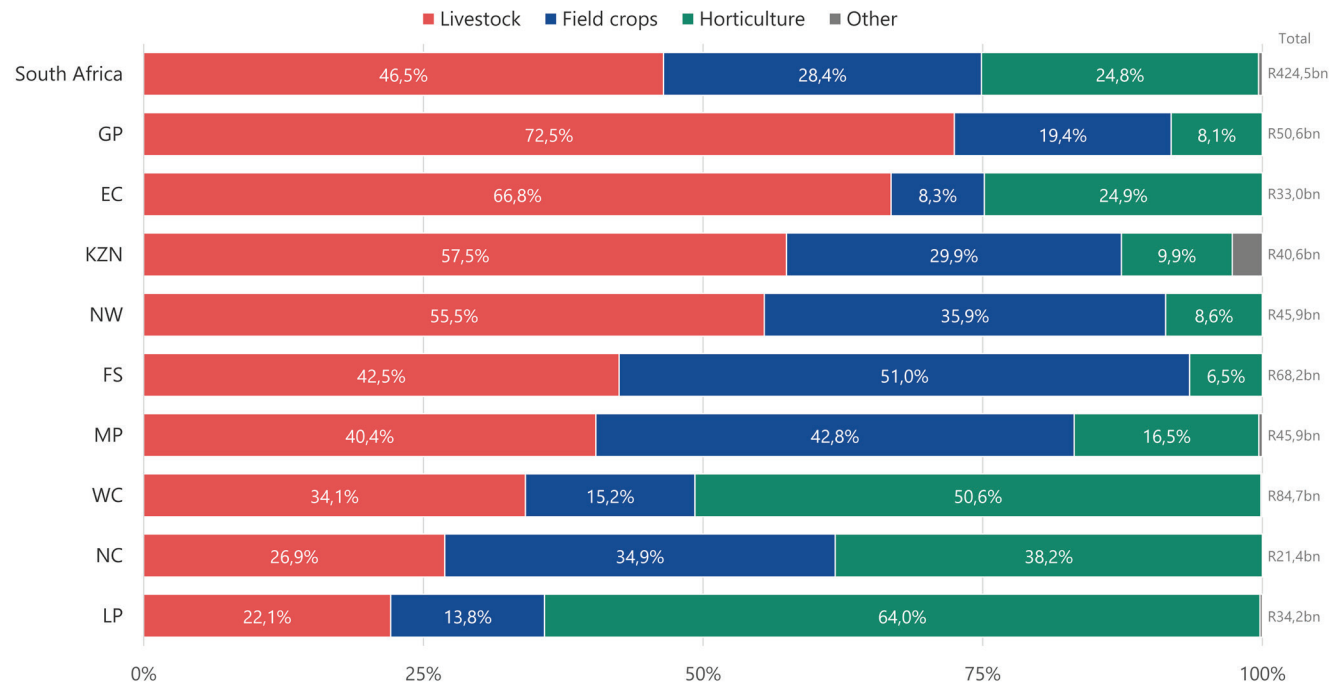
Average price for a single avocado



Data source: CPI_Average Prices_All urban(202505) Excel file [Download the data here](#)

Provincial snapshot

Livestock dominated commercial agriculture in Gauteng, accounting for **72,5%** of gross farming income



Data source: *Agricultural industry, Report No. 11-01-01 (2023)* Download [here](#)

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