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Economic headlines

What do our farms produce?



Agriculture is known for its variety of crops, fruit and livestock (click [here](#) to read more).

Inflation hits a 10-month high



Household food budgets remain under pressure (click [here](#) to read more).

Gender gaps in the labour market



Women remain economically vulnerable (click [here](#) to read more).
















Gender equality and financial inclusion



Access to the internet has become a key driver of financial inclusion (click [here](#) to read more).

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Monthly economic indicators

	y/y percentage change			m/m percentage change			q/q
	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Q2: 2025
Mining production 	-7,8	0,3	2,4	0,0	3,9	0,2	3,9
Manufacturing production 	-6,2	0,7	1,9	1,6	2,2	0,0	1,5
Electricity generation 	0,1	2,3	-1,3	0,2	1,5	-1,4	0,4
Buildings completed (value) 	-13,8	19,1	2,0	12,9	16,6	-20,5	16,5
Wholesale trade sales 	-5,6	-3,7	-1,7	1,6	-1,7	-0,4	-0,4
Retail trade sales 	5,2	4,3	1,6	1,1	0,2	0,0	0,9
Motor trade sales 	0,2	4,1	3,1	0,0	0,2	0,0	0,6
Income from tourist accommodation 	14,3	13,5	6,5	3,4	4,0	-1,3	4,1
Restaurants, catering & fast-food income 	7,2	5,7	-0,7	0,4	2,6	-4,1	2,7
Rail transport: Freight payload 	7,8	1,7	4,0	0,0	-2,0	-0,4	-1,2
Road transport: Freight payload 	-8,3	-4,6	-3,7	-1,2	-0,7	2,2	-1,5
Rail transport: Passenger journeys 	51,7	59,7	79,1	2,8	3,5	7,1	8,8
Road transport: Passenger journeys 	-9,3	-3,1	-3,1	-2,5	0,4	-1,8	-2,6
	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	
Consumer Price Index (CPI) 	2,8	3,0	3,5	0,2	0,3	0,9	
Producer Price Index (PPI) 	0,1	0,6	1,5	-0,3	0,2	0,7	

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
q/q = quarter-on-quarter percentage change, Q2: 2025 compared with Q1: 2025

Keep up to date with our release schedule [here](#). A complete catalogue of Stats SA releases and reports is available [here](#).

Feature article

Appetite for gambling and betting grows

The gambling industry is booming, according to the National Gambling Board of South Africa. Gross gambling revenue was R59,3 billion in the 2023/24 financial year, representing a 25,7% rise from R47,2 billion in 2022/23.

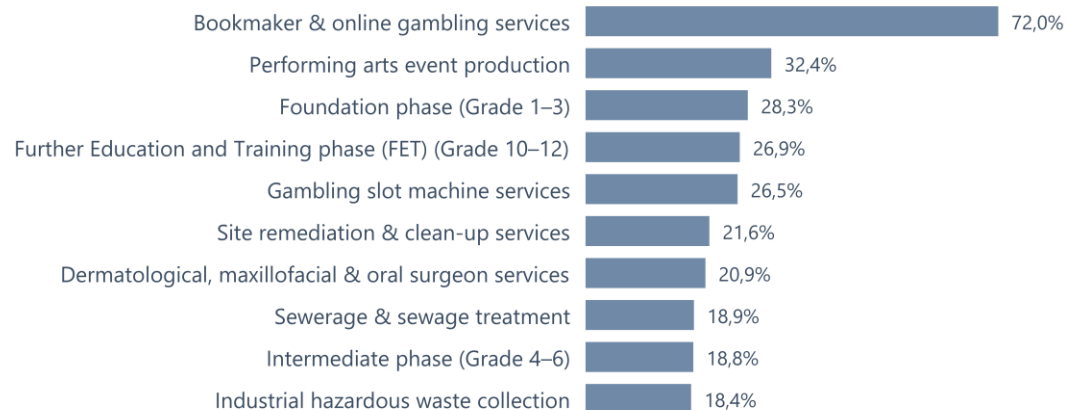
Stats SA's recent report on the personal services industry confirms this. The report showcases financial data for almost 100 economic activities across several industries, including education, health, entertainment and recreation.

The graphic highlights the top 10 activities based on annualised percentage growth in income between 2018 and 2023. Bookmaker and online gambling services experienced a rapid surge in income during this period, outpacing all other activities. Gambling slot machine services also feature in the top 10.

Read more [here](#).

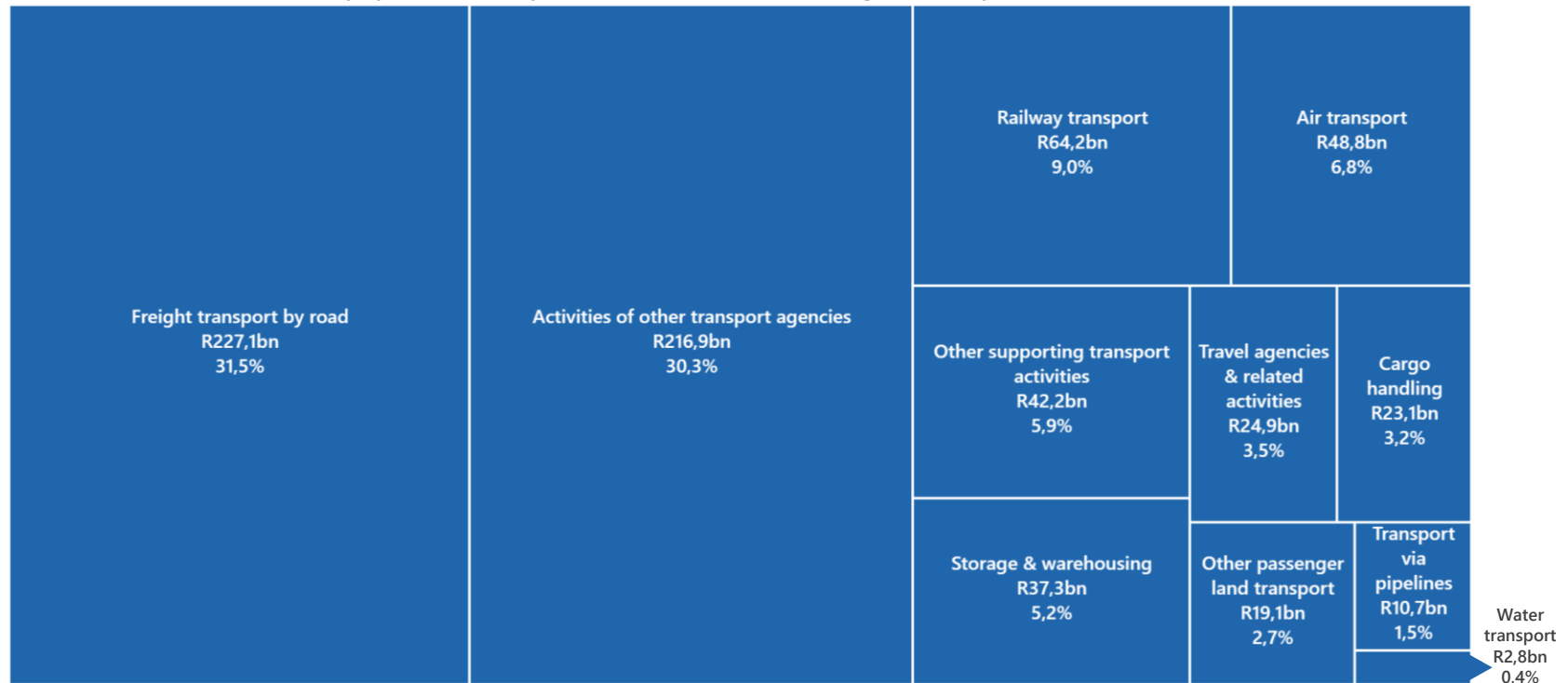
Income from bookmaker & online gambling services has risen sharply

Top 10 activities in the personal services industry that recorded the highest growth rates in 2023 compared with 2018
Annualised percentage change



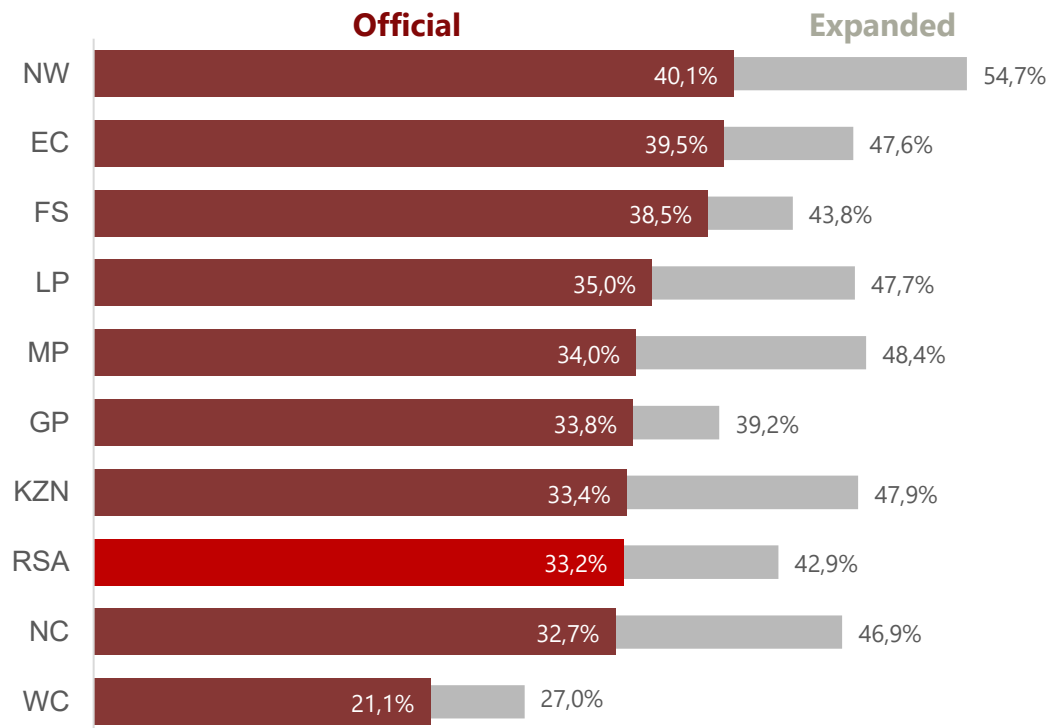
Infographic of the month

Income by type of activity in the transport and storage industry Total: R717,0 billion



Source: Transport and storage industry, Report No. 71-02-01 (2023) Download the report [here](#)

Provincial snapshot



Unemployment rate up in six provinces

The unemployment rate increased in six of the nine provinces in the second quarter of 2025 compared with the first quarter.

The largest increases were recorded in Northern Cape (29,5% to 32,7%) and Limpopo (33,3% to 35,0%). The rate was also higher in Western Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, Free State and Eastern Cape.

The chart shows provincial unemployment rates in the second quarter. North West had the highest official unemployment rate, followed by Eastern Cape and Free State. Western Cape and Northern Cape had the lowest.

Provincial unemployment figures are available in the latest *Quarterly Labour Force Survey (QLFS)* statistical release (see Table E), available [here](#).

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