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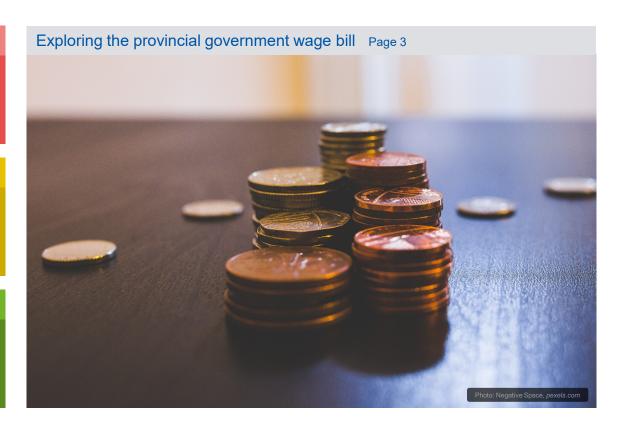
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Economic headlines

Consumer inflation edges higher



Meat inflation continues to surge, while milk and eggs are cheaper than a year ago (click <u>here</u> to read more).

Transport Month: Key data and sector insights



October marks Transport Month in South Africa (click <u>here</u> to read more).

New samples for business cycle indicators



Fresh samples are drawn annually for several monthly surveys (click here to read more).

Retail sales continue to rise



Consumer spending remained upbeat, with sales increasing by 2,3% year-on-year. Listen to the results here.

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Monthly economic indicators

	y/y percentage change			m/m percentage change			3-month
	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Jun-Aug
Mining production 💏	2,5	5,1	-0,2	0,3	1,2	-1,2	3,3
Manufacturing production	1,6	-1,3	-1,5	-0,1	-0,8	0,4	1,5
Electricity generation 🔏	-1,3	-2,3	-3,1	-1,4	0,1	-1,1	-0,6
Buildings completed (value)	0,0	10,8	-21,9	-21,3	40,9	-29,7	1,7
Wholesale trade sales 📜	1,0	-0,6	1,7	0,7	0,3	1,0	0,6
Retail trade sales	1,7	5,7	2,3	-0,2	2,3	-1,2	1,2
Motor trade sales 🥽	3,3	3,1	1,9	0,4	0,9	0,5	1,5
Income from tourist accommodation	6,8	10,7	9,6	-0,9	-0,5	1,5	3,6
Restaurants, catering & fast-food income	-2,7	2,2	6,4	-4,4	-0,3	5,3	-1,5
Rail transport: Freight payload 💂	4,2	-11,1	7,0	-0,4	-3,5	3,6	-2,9
Road transport: Freight payload 📮	3,6	2,6	-0,6	2,3	-3,1	-0,7	0,7
Rail transport: Passenger journeys 📋	79,1	29,7	26,4	6,1	6,3	-3,0	12,9
Road transport: Passenger journeys 🚍	4,7	4,3	2,6	-1,6	0,2	-3,0	-1,8
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	
Consumer Price Index (CPI)	3,5	3,3	3,4	0,9	-0,1	0,2	
Producer Price Index (PPI)	1,5	2,1	2,3	0,7	0,3	-0,1	

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 (March–May) and the latest 3 months (June–August)

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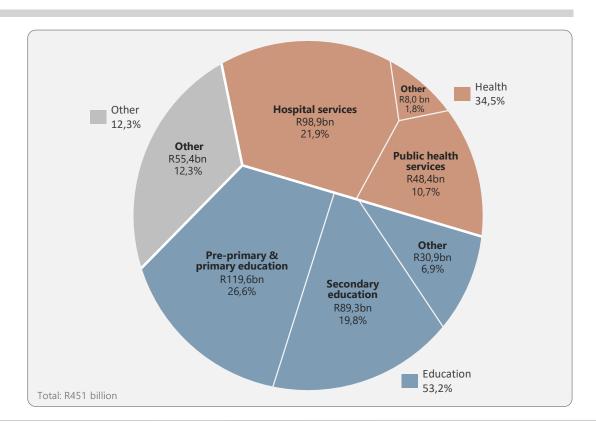
Exploring the provincial government wage bill

Provincial government provides a wide range of essential services, from education and health to infrastructure development. Recent data show how much money provincial government spends, in particular on compensation of employees.

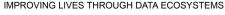
Provincial government expenses amounted to R704 billion in the 2023/2024 financial year. Compensation of employees was the main cost driver, accounting for almost two-thirds (R451 billion) of the total.

The chart shows the amount spent on compensation of employees by function. Over half was paid to civil servants working in education, followed by those in health. This is not surprising, as education and health are the two leading responsibilities of provincial government.

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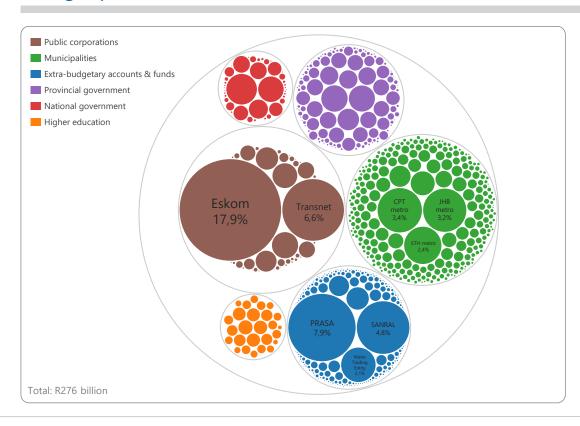
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Infographic of the month



Eskom the biggest public-sector spender on infrastructure

Public-sector capital expenditure continued an upward trajectory, rising to R276 billion in 2024 from R234 billion in 2023. This marks a third successive increase following a fiveyear downturn.

The public sector consists of 748 institutions, of which 727 incurred capital expenditure in 2024. Eskom was the most significant contributor, accounting for 17,9% of the total. Eskom and Transnet dominated the public corporations' category. As a group, public corporations accounted for 30,6% of total spend in 2024.

Municipalities contributed 25,9%, with the City of Cape Town, the City of Johannesburg and the eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality the heavyweights in this group.

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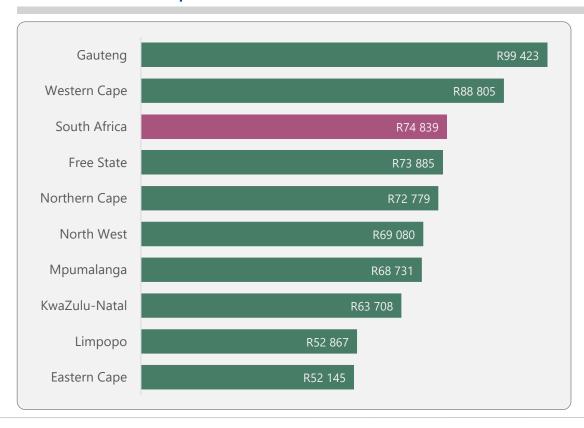
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GDP per capita: Gauteng and Western Cape lead

Gauteng and Western Cape are the two provinces that have a GDP per capita higher than the national average.

Using data from the latest regional gross domestic product (GDP) figures and Midyear population estimates, the chart shows how GDP per capita in 2024 ranged from R52145 per person in Eastern Cape to R99423 per person in Gauteng.

Free State and Northern Cape follow Gauteng and Western Cape, while Limpopo and KwaZulu-Natal are ranked seventh and eighth.

Download the provincial GDP figures <u>here</u> and the *Mid-year population* estimates statistical release <u>here</u>.



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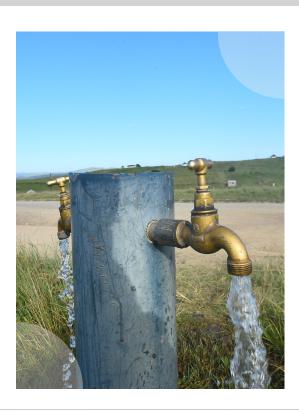
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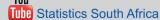
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