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Economic headlines

Data on insolvencies now available



After a long hiatus, Stats SA has resumed the publication of insolvency data (click [here](#) to read more).

Inflation rises to a two-year high



Fuel prices continue to drive the headline rate higher (click [here](#) to read more).

Finance, real estate and business services



Unpacking employment and financial data from South Africa's largest industry (click [here](#) to read more).

Population growth remains steady



South Africa's population continues to expand despite declining fertility (click [here](#) to read more).

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Monthly economic indicators

	y/y percentage change			m/m percentage change			3-month
	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Mar-May
Mining production 	2,4	8,0	-5,4	-4,9	3,1	-5,2	-1,7
Manufacturing production 	1,5	-2,9	-4,3	1,1	-2,6	1,1	-1,0
Electricity generation 	-6,6	-8,7	-9,0	-1,4	-1,7	0,6	-2,2
Buildings completed (value) 	22,5	-2,8	-40,7	-0,9	-12,2	-24,7	-8,8
Wholesale trade sales 	8,9	3,3	-6,9	6,4	-2,3	-7,4	2,0
Retail trade sales 	2,5	1,2	2,3	0,1	0,8	0,1	0,3
Motor trade sales 	15,3	6,1	0,0	6,5	-4,3	-2,2	3,4
Income from tourist accommodation 	13,7	5,9	2,2	2,2	-1,3	0,7	3,6
Restaurants, catering & fast-food income 	1,9	-2,4	-0,3	0,9	-3,6	3,6	-0,6
Rail transport: Freight payload 	0,1	4,5	-1,0	-2,3	3,4	-4,6	-3,6
Road transport: Freight payload 	1,2	7,4	4,0	2,4	3,6	1,1	5,7
Rail transport: Passenger journeys 	31,9	28,6	24,2	8,3	-4,6	1,7	5,7
Road transport: Passenger journeys 	-2,1	-1,4	-3,3	3,4	0,6	-0,7	2,9
	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	
Consumer Price Index (CPI) 	4,0	4,5	5,0	1,1	0,7	0,7	
Producer Price Index (PPI) 	4,8	7,8	7,5	3,0	2,6	-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 (December–February) and the latest 3 months (March–May)

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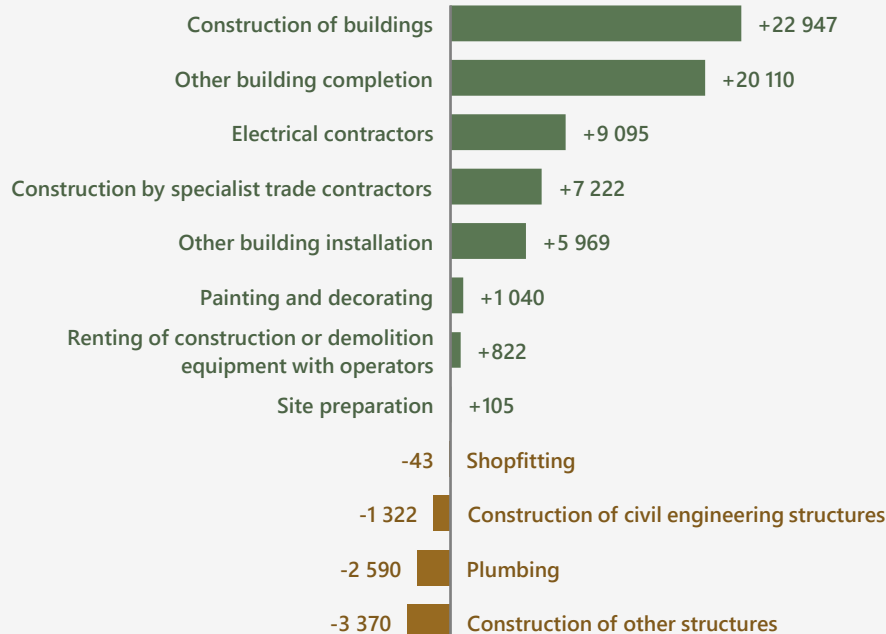
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Feature article

Change in the number of employed by type of activity in the construction industry in 2024 compared with 2020



Based on a large sample survey of enterprises registered for value-added tax (VAT) Source: Construction industry, Report No. 50-02-01 (2024) Table D

Employment in the construction industry

Total employment in construction has fluctuated over the years, but without a clear long-term trend. The industry employed 539 056 individuals in 2024, a rise of 3,0% per annum from 479 071 individuals in 2020. Despite this increase, the workforce in 2024 was still smaller than in 2017 (592 125 individuals).

The rise in the number of employees in the 2020–2024 period was driven by 8 of 12 construction activities. In total, the industry created 59 985 jobs. The construction of buildings was the most significant positive contributor, expanding by 22 947 jobs.

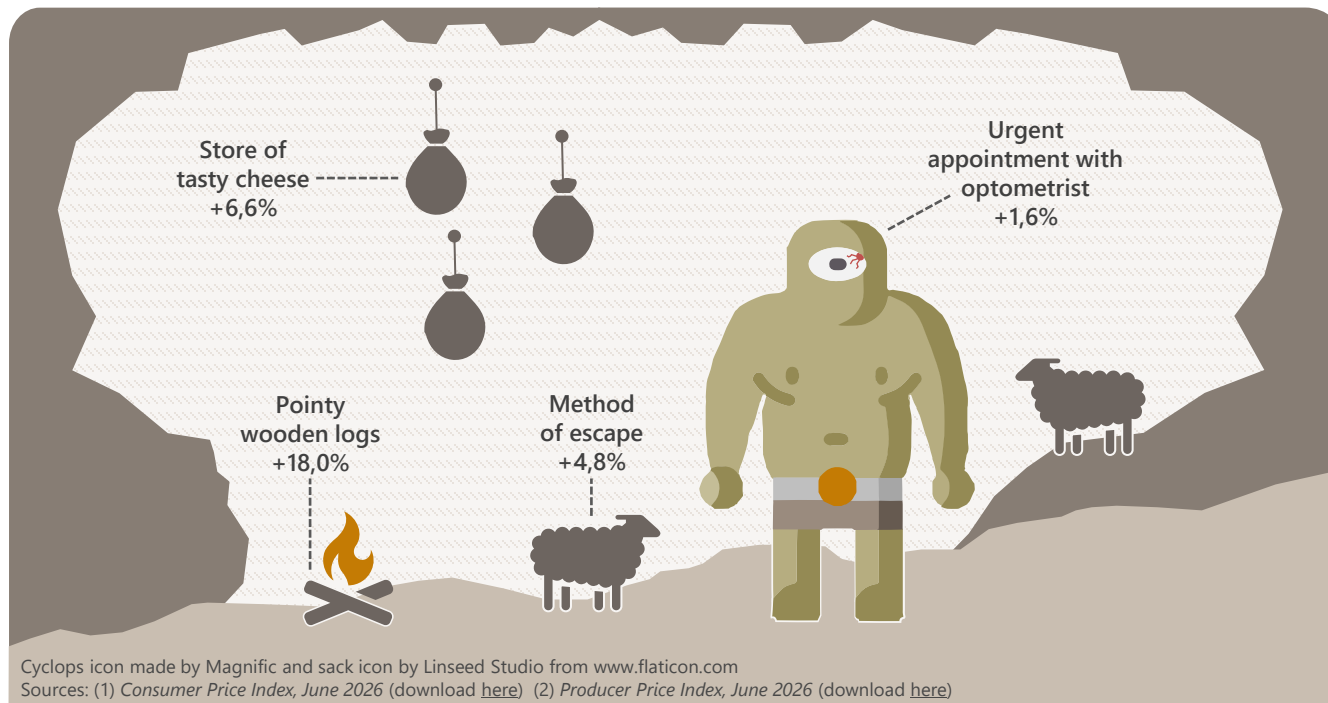
On the downside, shopfitting, construction of civil engineering structures, plumbing and construction of other structures recorded declines.

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Infographic of the month

Cyclops inflation: A statistical look at one of the Odyssey's famous characters

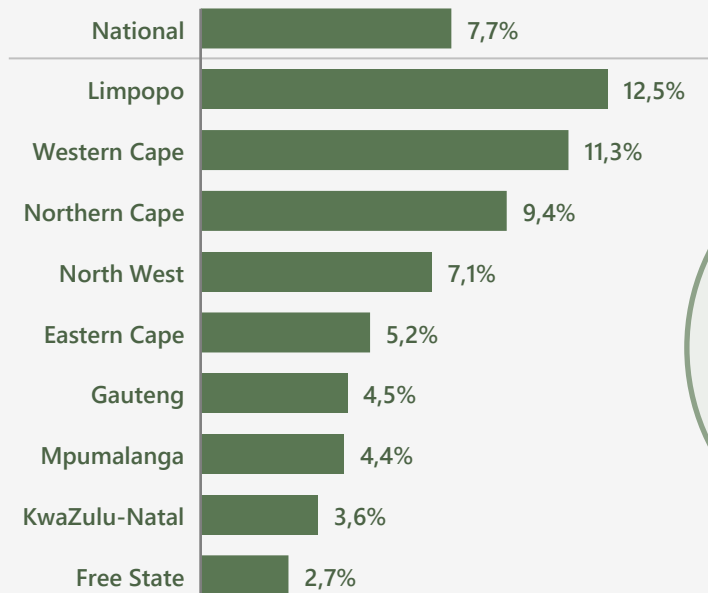
The rise in prices for selected goods and services, June 2026 vs June 2025



Provincial snapshot

Where have property prices risen the most?

Percentage change in residential property prices in February 2026 compared with February 2025



Source: Residential Property Price Index, February 2026 Download the release and Excel files [here](#)

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