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# 1 Introduction

After a swift rebound in economic activity in the second-quarter of 2020, a resurgence in COVID-19 cases threatens to return the global economy to a deeper recession in the fourth quarter. Most major economies are, again, implementing lockdown measures to curb this resurgence. This indicates that the last global economic projections in October may be too optimistic. However, the recently initiated distribution of the various vaccines may boost economic growth in 2021.

Current projections from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) suggest a global contraction of 4.4 per cent<sup>1</sup>. This is an improved figure from the initial June projections of -4.9 per cent, which was heavily influenced by the second-quarter rebound. However, the April projection is likely to be less optimistic due to COVID-19.

Emerging markets such as South Africa were not spared from the recent resurgence in COVID-19 cases. However, the resurgence in cases in emerging markets seemingly lag those of advanced economies. Therefore, the expectations are that 2021 contraction in economic activity will be worse than in 2020. South Africa only implemented more restrictive lockdown measures in the middle of December 2020, suggesting that there may be further restrictions in early 2021 (depending on the response to current COVID-19 lockdown). The negative impact of the COVID-19 lockdown in South Africa is also likely in 2021.

In this edition, we contextualize the current economic environment based on the latest available data. We focus on the global, South African, and Gauteng economies. There is no doubt that the uncertainty caused by COVID-19 is unprecedented. Therefore, the economic situation remains highly fluid with constant developments which may not be covered fully in this current edition.

## 2 Global Economy

### 2.1 Economic growth

The global economy was heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in the first half of 2020, especially in the second quarter of 2020 as most economies experienced significant contractions. However, most of the economies seem to have rebounded. The threat of the resurgence of the in the spike of COVID-19, however, looms. Some countries have reinstated much stricter lockdown regulation (for example Australia, Japan, Spain, and France) as they respond to the increasing numbers of the COVID-19 cases<sup>2</sup>.

Moreover, the rebound in most economies in the second quarter has boosted the global economy to higher growth than initially projected for 2020. The global economy will contract by 4.4 per cent in the 2020<sup>3</sup>, as per the IMF's October projection, which is lower than the -4.9 per cent June projection.

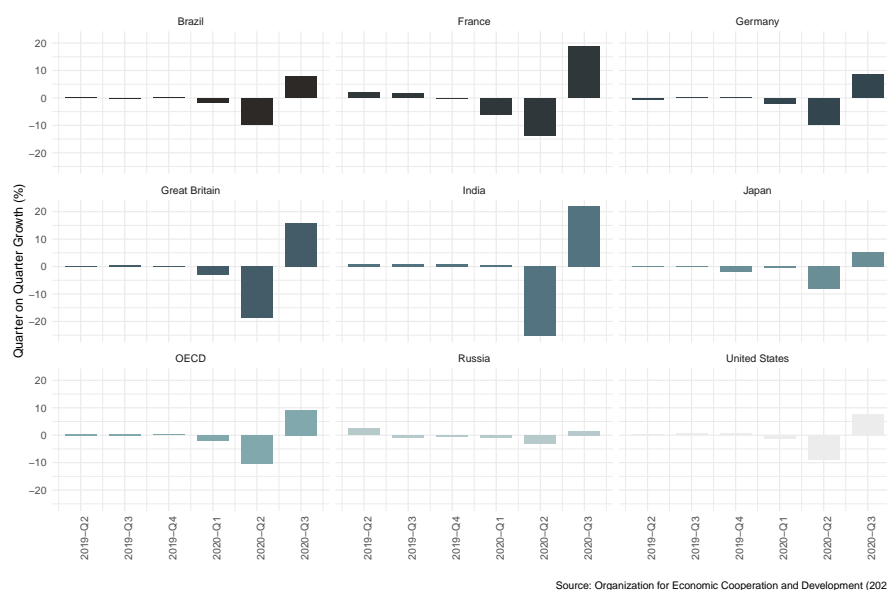
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<sup>1</sup> International Monetary Fund. (2020). World Economic Outlook: A Long and Difficult Ascent.

<sup>2</sup> International Monetary Fund. (2020). World Economic Outlook: A Long and Difficult Ascent.

<sup>3</sup> International Monetary Fund. (2020). World Economic Outlook: A Long and Difficult Ascent.

**Figure 1: Economic Growth in Key Economies**



The improvement in the aggregate economic growth of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) member countries from -10.5 per cent quarter-on-quarter (q-o-q) to 9 per cent q-o-q, as most of the member countries, resumed with most of their economic operation in the third quarter. Nevertheless, the year-on-year (y-o-y) numbers show the deep recession asserted by the 2020 IMF growth projection. Y-o-y OECD growth for the third was -4.1 per cent. Which means, although the growth improved in the third quarter when compared to the second, the economic performance is still lower than should have been without the impact of COVID-19. The exception was China as it recorded positive y-o-y growth for the third quarter due to its success in managing the COVID-19 pandemic.

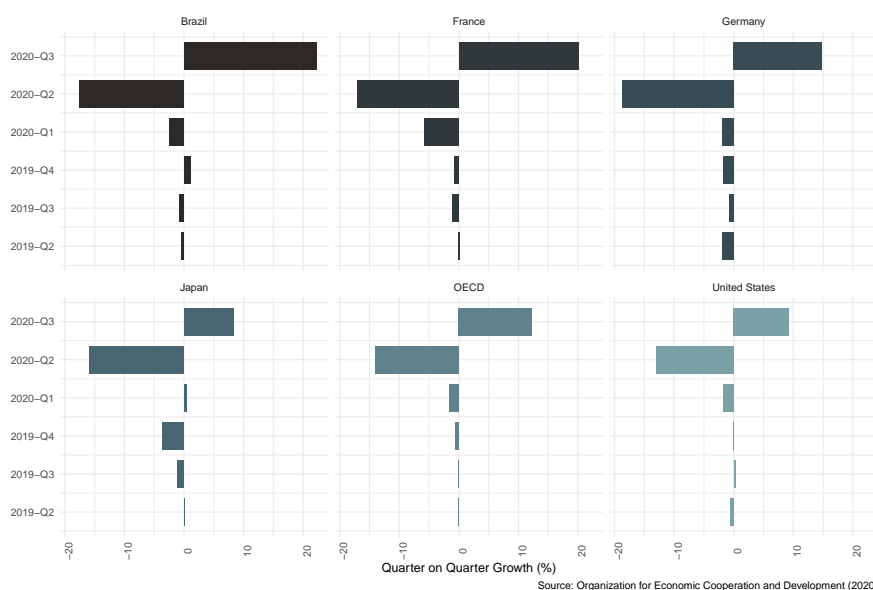
In the second-quarter of 2020, industrial production improved in most economies from its trough in April. China showed almost stable growth throughout 2020 and is the only country which achieved above baseline industrial output growth in the third quarter<sup>4</sup>.

## 2.2 Industrial Production

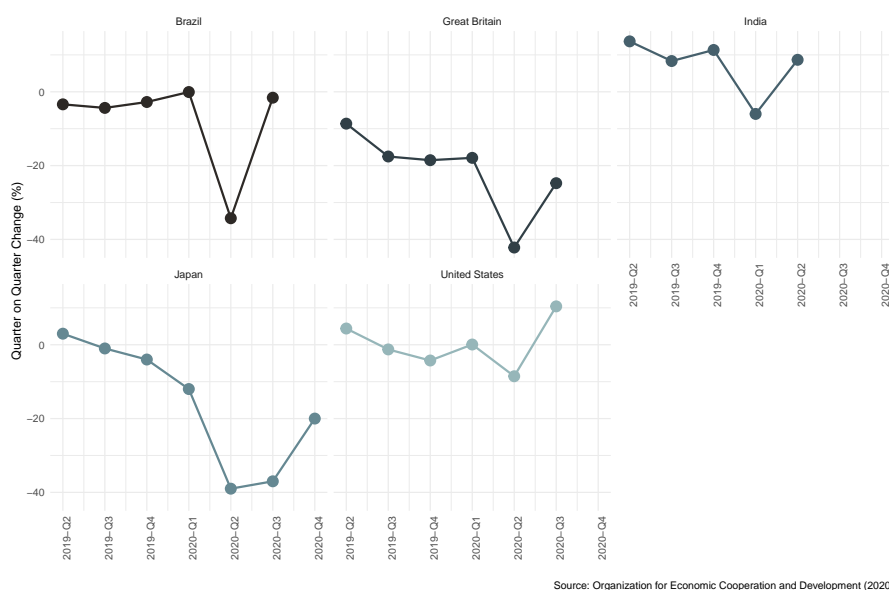
In some countries, the downturn in the industrial output was not unique to 2020, as global industrial output had already slowed down in 2019. The impact of the COVID-19 just made the drop in output to be much steeper. However, in the third quarter, some signs of recovery were visible in most economies, but production remains lower than 2019, hence the y-o-y comparison remains in the negative territory. In addition, some of the industrialized economies have experienced a second COVID-19 wave and this is expected to negatively impact on future growth.

<sup>4</sup> International Monetary Fund. (2020). World Economic Outlook: A Long and Difficult Ascent.

**Figure 2: Industrial Output in Key Economies**



**Figure 3: Manufacturing Confidence Index in Key Economies**



Sentiment in the manufacturing sector remains depressed as the future in the manufacturing sector remains uncertain as a result of a spike in COVID-19 cases in some economies. It is also important to note the future of manufacturing distribution across the world will also weigh on uncertainty, as most industrialized economies are likely to considering take-over the previously outsourced manufacturing operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic<sup>5</sup>. Thus, affecting countries which depend on these outsourced operations.

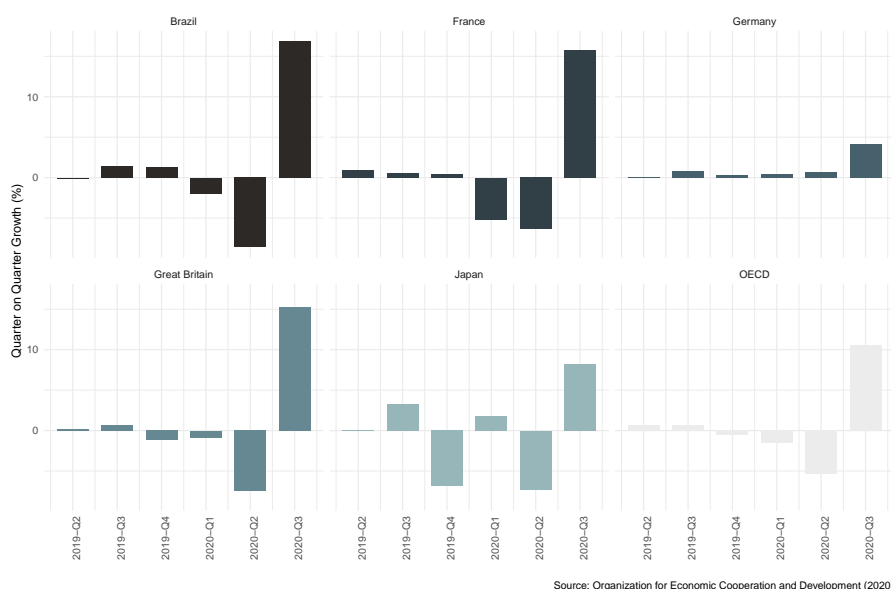
<sup>5</sup> United Nations Industrial Development Organization. (2020). World Manufacturing Production Statistics for Quarter III 2020.



## 2.3 Retail Sales

The retail sector was significantly hit in the second quarter when social distancing regulations in most economies were stringent. As regulations were relaxed, the retail sector was able to recover in the third quarter.

**Figure 4: Retail Sales**



However, the OECD data shows the global retail sales started to grow above baseline since the last month of the second quarter, and retail sales for the OECD countries only breakthrough the baseline in the third quarter<sup>6</sup>.

## 2.4 Policy interventions

Most economies continue to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 through macro-economic policies, a slower rate of new infections, and managing health systems to handle testing and recoveries was achieved. Hence, economic growth rate projections were stronger than projected, and the lockdown regulations were relaxed. However, many economies experienced a resurgence of COVID-19 cases, which increased the need to enforce the interventions which were already in place during the first wave of infections<sup>7</sup>. Therefore, to reduce the uncertainty related to the second wave becoming a reality more economies need to emphasize on the successful policies and revise when it is needed to address the existing challenges.

The US has differentiated the COVID-19 containment measures according to states. Most of the states in the US imposed new restrictions on business and activities to respond to the second wave<sup>8</sup>. Although, the US president has signed an order to cease the fiscal stimulus packages. Stimulus packages remain the fundamental part

<sup>6</sup> Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. (2020). OECD Economic Outlook, Volume 2020 Issue 2.

<sup>7</sup> Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. (2020). OECD Economic Outlook, Volume 2020 Issue 2.

<sup>8</sup> International Monetary Policy. (2020). Policy Responses to COVID-19.



of protecting the economy and the social security of its citizens from the impact of the COVID-19. The US Congress has since approved the stimulus package.

The United Kingdom has protected their citizens from the challenge of unemployment from deteriorating even further by offering compensation of 1000 pounds per person who retained a worker during the crisis and has also offered minimum wage for 25 hours per week for six months for young workers at risk of long-term unemployment. These are amongst other relieves which were implemented by the UK government.

On the other hand, many emerging-market economies and developing countries have extensive borrowing abroad to reduce the impact of the COVID-19 which has added to existing challenges from the high sovereign or corporate debt before the crisis. This has forced most of these economies to focus on debt restructuring for some of these, increased transparency about the full extent of indebtedness, including contingent liabilities, and a more developed framework on how to deal with sovereign bankruptcy that includes all major creditors.

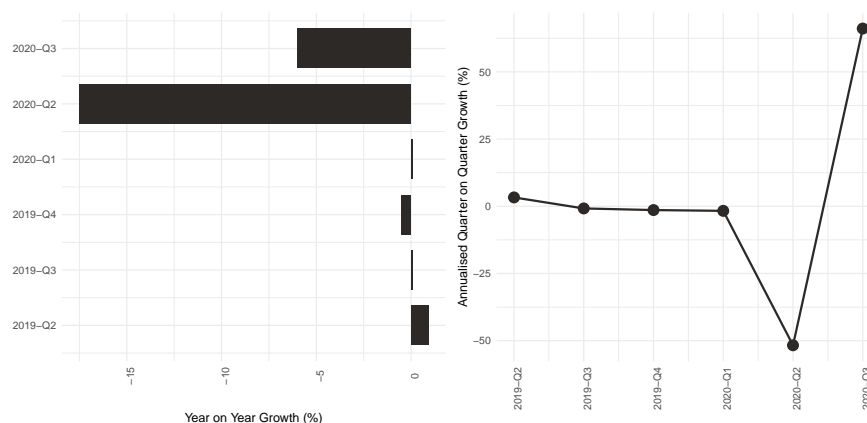
### 3 South Africa Economy

#### 3.1 Economic growth

The South African economy was already facing a low-growth environment with growth rates fluctuating around 0 per cent in 2019 due to global factors such as trade tensions between the US and China, and the volatile oil prices. As well as domestic factors such as load-shedding, credit-rating downgrades and drought.

Then, in the second-quarter of 2020, a national lockdown was implemented to slow the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic and the growth rate fell to negative 17.5 per cent y-o-y, or negative 51.7 per cent q-o-q (seasonally adjusted and annualised (s-a-a)). This heavily reduced economic activity across the board as non-essential business was prohibited. In the third quarter, the lockdown was relaxed, and there was a recovery with a 66.1 per cent q-o-q growth rate due to strong base effects, though the y-o-y growth rate remained negative at negative 6 per cent.

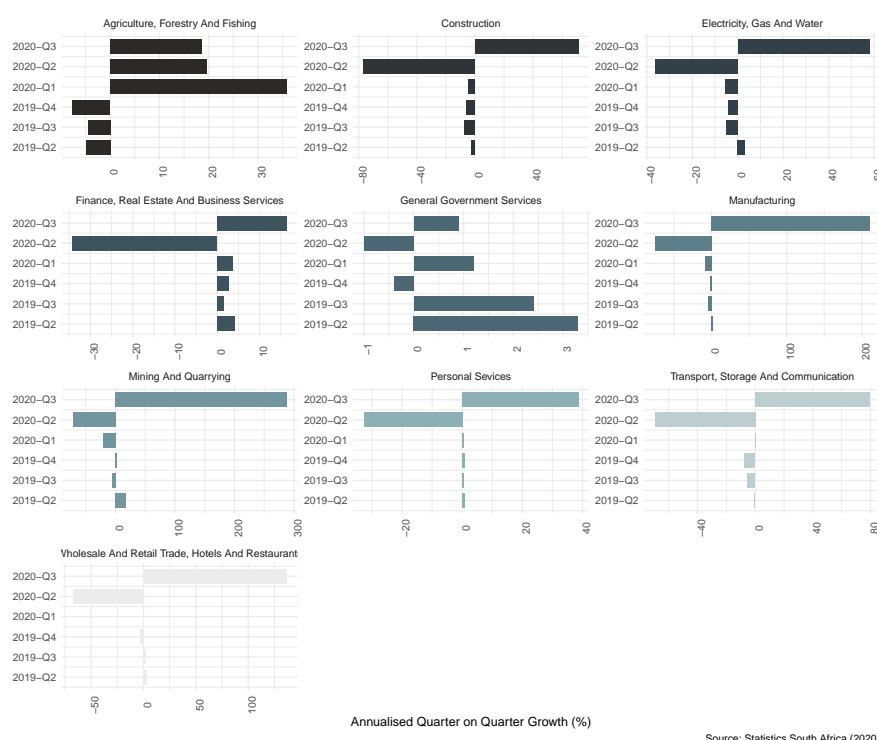
**Figure 5: Gross Domestic Product**



The agriculture, forestry and fishing sector performed well in 2020 growing by 19.6 per cent q-o-q (s-a-a) in the second quarter of 2020 when most sectors lost a large percentage of their production. This was due to good harvests and the fact that much of the industry is considered essential and was able to operate during the lockdown. Unfortunately, the industry's small size limited the degree to which it could offset the overall effect of the lockdown. The mining and quarrying sector recorded low growth in 2019 and the first half of 2020 due to reduced global demand and domestic electricity supply disruptions and lockdown restrictions. There was a recovery in the third quarter, driven by the iron ore, gold and platinum group metals<sup>9</sup>.

The low growth of industries such as construction, manufacturing and the wholesale and retail trade reflects low business and consumer confidence, with the large percentage increases in the third quarter of 2020 being attributable to the very strong base effect that follows from losing an average of about 70 per cent of their production in the second quarter. The resilient finance and business services sector was recording positive growth rates in 2019 and the first quarter of 2020 and then had one of smaller contractions in the second quarter of 2020, at negative 34.2 per cent, as much of the industry can work effectively from home. This did, however, translate into also recording one of the smaller recoveries in the third quarter due to the smaller base effects, at 16.5 per cent. The government services sector was also resilient as government must always keep providing service delivery to South Africans and recorded rates of change in the single digits over the period under review.

**Figure 6: Industry Growth**

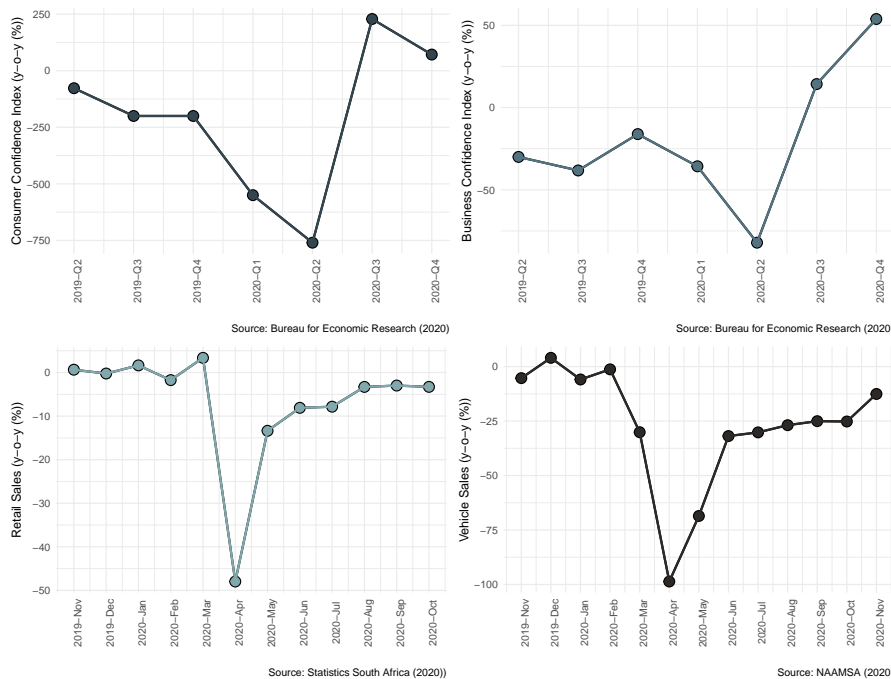


<sup>9</sup> Statistics South Africa. (2020). Mining: Production and sales - August 2020. Accessed (on December 2020) at [www.statssa.gov.za](http://www.statssa.gov.za)

### 3.2 Consumer and business confidence

Business and consumer confidence have been low and trending downwards due to low economic growth, persistently high unemployment and downgrades of South Africa's debt rating by credit rating agencies. Confidence declined more sharply when news about COVID-19 began to spread and did so even further when the national lockdown was imposed. The lifting of the lockdown and easing of restrictions led to confidence recovering, with high growth rates recorded for both due to the base effects of the large lockdown decreases. The effect of this reduced confidence can be seen in the falling retail and vehicle sales over the same period (see Figure 7). Retail and vehicle sales have since recovered somewhat, but remain below pre-lockdown growth levels.

**Figure 7: Consumer and Business Confidence**



### 3.3 Labour market

Statistics South Africa's data collection has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic<sup>10</sup>. Face-to-face data collection has been suspended for the safety of field staff and respondents and replaced with telephonic surveys. This has necessitated various assumptions and corrections on behalf of Statistics South Africa. Households with telephones that could not be contacted in the second quarter of 2020 were assumed to have maintained the same employment status assigned to them in the first quarter of 2020. These households were also assumed to have maintained the same employment status that they were assigned in the fourth quarter of 2019, except for the workers who became employed in the fourth quarter of 2019 after being unemployed or Not Economically Active (NEA).

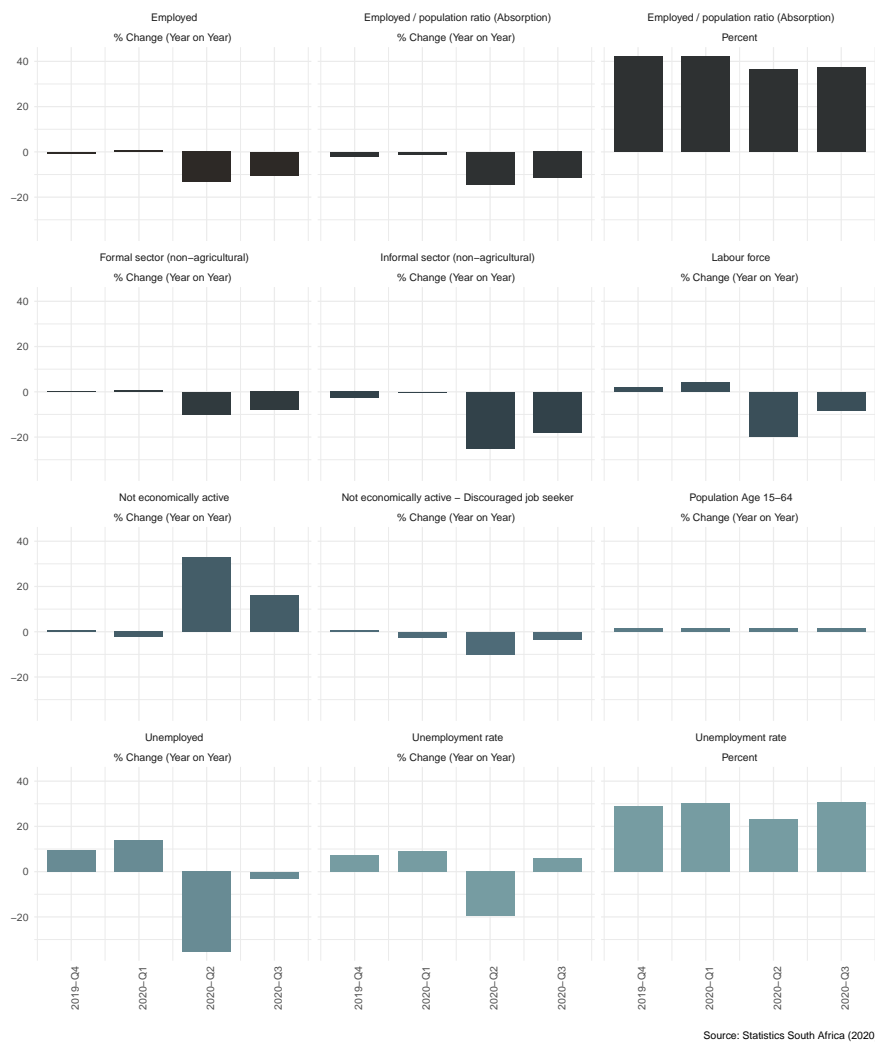
<sup>10</sup> Statistics South Africa. (2020), Quarterly Labour Force Survey 2020Q3

Since temporary jobs that exist only in the fourth quarter of each year are commonplace, these temporary job holders were treated as non-respondents for the first quarter of 2020 as their employment status could not be estimated to an acceptable degree. Households without telephones could not be contacted as a group and therefore this group has significantly different labour market characteristics from households with telephones. As a result, bias correction techniques were applied. Additional estimation required for the publications surveyed under COVID-19 resulted in publications with a larger margin of error. Furthermore, changes in data collection methodology mean that these publications are not truly comparable with publications that were unaffected by the pandemic.

Employment growth was already marginally negative in the second half of 2019 due to a low-growth environment and the resulting low business confidence. The lockdown saw many businesses retrenching workers as the restrictions to their operations reduced their ability to afford staff.

The recovery should lead to the rehiring of many workers as businesses will need labour to bring their operations back online, but changes in employment typically lag changes in economic growth so this effect will likely be somewhat delayed. Despite this, unemployment decreased under lockdown due to many of those who lost their jobs becoming Not Economically Active rather than unemployed. Usually, these persons would enter the discouraged work seekers category because they had given up on finding work. In this case, however, large numbers of persons listed their reason for not working as being unable to travel, which placed them in the Other Not Economically Active category instead of discouraged work-seekers.

**Figure 8: Labour Market**



The figure above shows that South Africa's labour force was estimated at 21.2 million persons in the third quarter of 2020. This was an increase of approximately 15.1 per cent quarter on quarter and a decrease of approximately 8.2 per cent y-o-y. The quarterly increase of the labour force reflects a recovery from a relatively lower labour force in the second quarter caused by a significantly higher number of NEA persons resulting from the imposed lockdown regulations.

The lockdown also harmed employment opportunities, with a decrease of 13.6 per cent quarter on quarter and a decrease of 13.3 per cent year y-o-y estimated for the second quarter of 2020. This decline in employment opportunities left approximately 14.1 million workers employed. The informal and private household sectors were hit particularly hard, with quarter on quarter decreases of 21.9 and 23.6 per cent in employment, respectively. The relatively smaller employment decrease of 10.8 per cent in the formal sector was likely influenced by the increased difficulty retrenching formal workers due to fixed-term contracts and the fact that a larger portion of formal sector jobs can be performed remotely. However, employment rebounded in the third quarter, when it increased by 15.1 per cent, and the largest employment increase in absolute terms was the sector. Moreover, despite the third-quarter in-

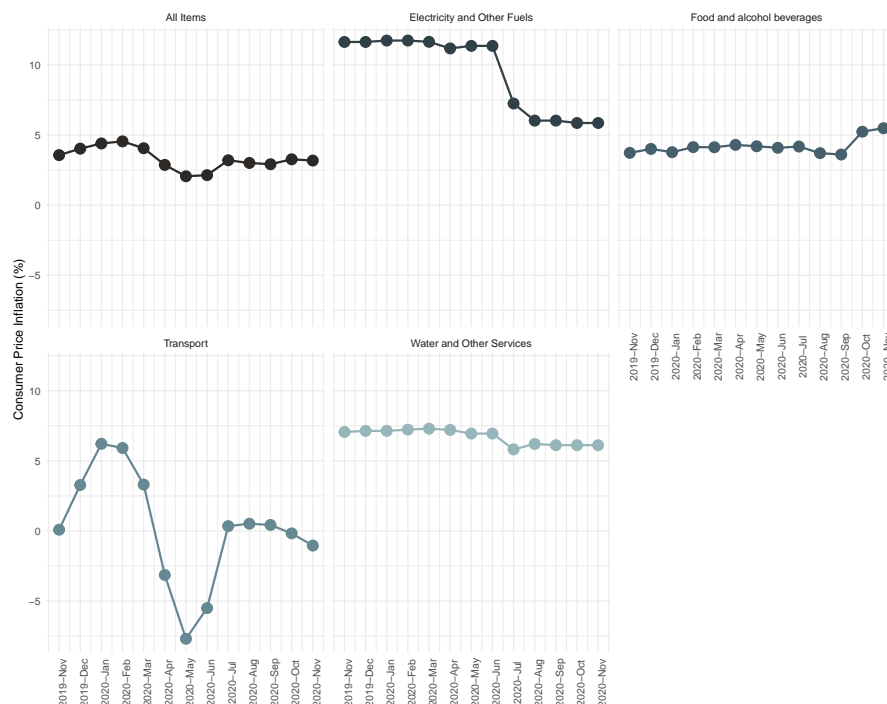
crease in employment, an annual comparison shows a decrease in employment.

The number of unemployed persons increased by 52.1 per cent and reached 6.5 million in the third-quarter after it decreased by 39.2 per cent to 4.3 million during the second quarter. The increase was largely due to discouraged work-seekers re-entering the market and increase the labour force, thus unemployment number. Hence the labour force participation rate recovered after it had dropped by 13pp to 47 per cent in the second and recovered to 54.2 per cent in the third quarter. The second quarter movements in the labour market are in line with those observed in the rest of the world as a result of the pandemic.

### 3.4 Consumer prices

Consumer Price Inflation (CPI) remained relatively low due to the weak demand brought on by sluggish economic growth. In the second quarter of 2020, this was exacerbated by the lockdown. There has been a recovery since the lockdown was lifted but not to pre-pandemic levels. Essential products such as food and water have remained relatively steady as demand for these is more reliable. Transport costs fell sharply due to reduced demand during the lockdown and have not returned to pre-pandemic levels due to reduced fuel costs that in turn resulted from a stronger rand and lower oil prices. However, oil prices have been rising again recently after an oil tanker exploded in a Saudi Arabian port and this will likely translate into fuel prices rising again in South Africa which would lead to the prices of other goods increased as transport costs rise.

**Figure 9: Consumer Inflation**



Source: Statistics South Africa (2020)

### 3.5 Policy interventions

The government of South Africa responded swiftly and decisively to the COVID-19 pandemic. The country was placed into lockdown at Alert Level 5 on the 26th of March, per the Regulations to Address, Prevent and Combat the Spread of Coronavirus COVID-19 amendment to the Disaster Management Act<sup>11</sup>. At Alert Level 5, every person was required to remain within their place of residence, unless strictly to perform an essential service, obtain an essential good or service, collecting a social grant, pension or seeking life-saving, emergency, or chronic medical attention. There were also restrictions on the transport of non-essential goods for this period and the sale of non-essential goods was prohibited. Those stores and other workplaces that were permitted to operate were required to ensure social distancing of employees and customers and the following of hygiene regulations within their premises, while all other gatherings besides funerals were banned. This was done to limit the spread of the highly contagious COVID-19, saving lives by preventing the health system being overwhelmed by a massive initial wave of cases.

From the 1st of May, the Alert Level was lowered to 4 and it has continued to be lowered as the spread of the virus has remained relatively contained while the capacity of the health system has been expanded. Currently, Alert Level 1 is in place, but the government has warned that the Alert Level may be raised again if needed. To slow the further spread of COVID-19 as the second wave of infections has begun, the curfew has been extended to begin at 22:00 in hotspot areas and 23:00 in the rest of the country until 04:00 in both cases<sup>12</sup>. Municipalities are required to state on their websites and in local media if they are being declared a hotspot. Hygiene and social distancing regulations remain in place across the country.

The government recognises that these measures, while needed in these challenging times, are disruptive to the economy and the livelihoods of citizens. As such, the government has provided a range of economic relief measures. Examples of these include the COVID-19 Agricultural Disaster Support Fund offers support for small-holders and communal farmers with a minimum annual turnover of R20 000 but not exceeding R1mn, who are South African citizens, have been farming for at least 12 months and who grow food.

Furthermore, the Debt Relief Finance Scheme, which is a soft-loan facility that is available to existing Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) that have been negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in order keep them afloat for a period of up to 6 months. SMMEs who locally manufacture or supply hygiene, medical products, and food items which are in demand to curb and manage the spread of the COVID-19 virus can also apply for funding under the Business Growth/Resilience Facility.

The tourism sector has been particularly hard hit by COVID-19 with restrictions

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<sup>11</sup> South African Government. (2020). Disaster Management Act: Regulations to address, prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19: Amendment. Accessed (on September 2020) at [www.gov.za](http://www.gov.za)

<sup>12</sup> South African Government. (2020). Government Gazette No. 43997, 15 December 2020, page 3. Government printers



on travel and a likelihood that consumers will, for a significant time, remain less comfortable with travel than they were pre-pandemic. The Tourism Relief Fund provides once-off grant assistance of up to R50 000 to SMMEs in the tourism value chain to ensure their sustainability. South African businesses that are tax compliant and have a turnover of R50mn or less will be allowed to delay 20 per cent of their employees tax liabilities over four months, as well as a portion of their provisional corporate income tax payments without penalties or interest over six months. This intervention is expected to assist 75 000 small and medium enterprises. Also, all tax compliant South African businesses can apply to the South African Revenue Service (SARS) for tax relief measures including, a tax subsidy to employers of up to R500 per month for the four months for private-sector employees earning below R6 500 under the Employment Tax Incentive; this is expected to assist over 4 million workers. SARS will also accelerate the payment of employment tax incentive reimbursements from twice a year to monthly, to get cash to tax compliant employers as soon as possible. Any employee that contributed to the Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) and whose employer is unable to pay salaries as a result of the lockdown period can apply for the UIF COVID-19 Relief Benefit while their salary is unavailable. Employees are encouraged to apply through their employer so that applications can be aggregated to facilitate the filing of an unusually high number of applications. Any unemployed South African who is over 18 years of age and does not currently receive any other social grant, UIF payment or National Student Financial Aid Scheme stipend may apply for the Social Relief Grant.

The Loan Guarantee Scheme is an initiative to provide loans, guaranteed by the government, to businesses with an annual turnover of less than R300mn, to meet some of their operational expenses. Government and commercial banks are sharing the risks of these loans and businesses can apply for these loans at their bank. National Treasury has provided a guarantee of R100bn to this scheme, with the option to increase the guarantee to R200bn if it is deemed necessary and if the scheme is deemed successful. Government has also regulated against unfair price increases during the COVID-19 pandemic for basic foods and consumer items, emergency products and services and medical and hygiene supplies<sup>13</sup>. A price increase is prohibited when it does not correspond to the increase in the cost of providing that good or service and companies may not increase their net margin above the average margin they recorded in the three months before the first of March 2020.

South Africa saw a resurgence in COVID-19 cases in early December 2020 which prompted a return to Alert Level 3 adjusted restrictions. This is most likely to have placed a damper on festive spending and therefore on fourth-quarter GDP growth. The extent and period of these current lockdown measures remain to be seen.

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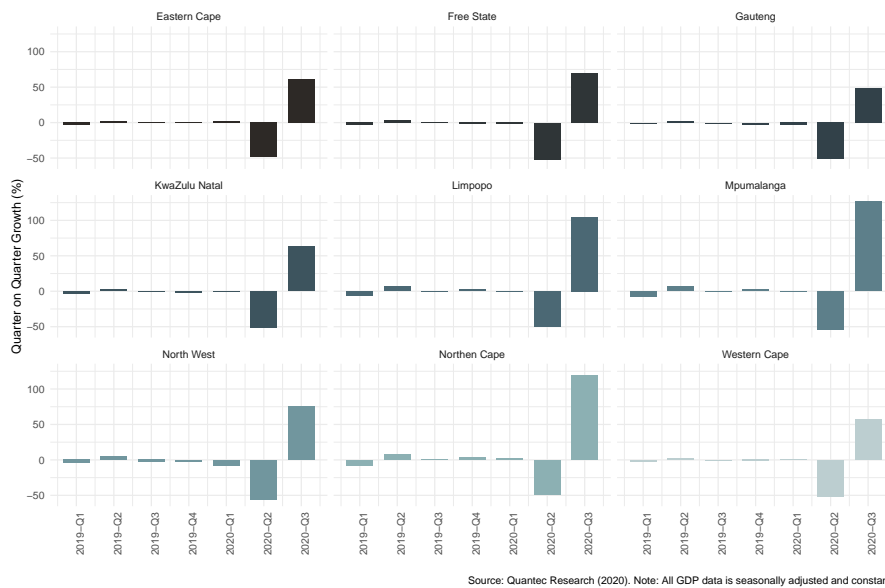
<sup>13</sup> South African Government. (2020). Coronavirus Lockdown: Regulations on Price Increase Protection Fact Sheet. Accessed (on September 2020) at [www.gov.za](http://www.gov.za)

## 4 Gauteng Economy

### 4.1 Economic growth

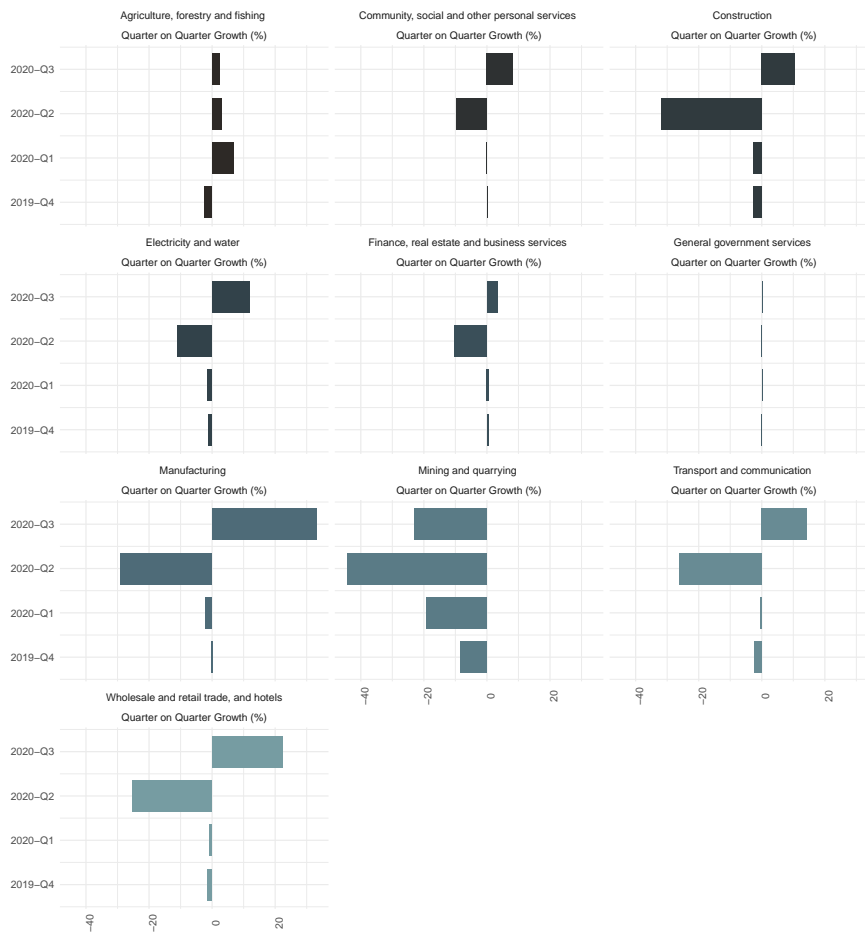
The Gauteng economy rebounded by 49.2 per cent q-o-q in the third quarter, after it had contracted by 49.16 per cent in the second quarter. However, the magnitude of the rebound was due to base effects from the second-quarter. Moreover, the magnitude of the rebound was less than the second-quarter's significant contraction, which means the economy's production capacity is yet to reach pre-COVID-19 impact levels. Evidently, the Gauteng's GDP in the first quarter (prior to the COVID-19 shock) was R1.1 trillion, and the third quarter was R1 trillion after it rebounded from second-quarter's R900 billion.

**Figure 10: Regional Gross Domestic Product**



The rebound in the Gauteng economy came after the government relaxed most the lockdown regulations, this allows most of the productive sectors to resume their production. The resumption of the of most businesses together with the relaxation in COVID-19 restrictions was able to improve consumer and business confidence, and thus improving economic activity. This has allowed some provinces, particularly Mpumalanga, Northern Cape and Limpopo, to grow by more 100 per cent. This was due, to the mining sector doing exceptionally well in these provinces, as they resumed with their operations. As shown above, economic growth in Gauteng was dragged by the mining sector, as its economic growth rate was lower than the national growth rate.

**Figure 11: Gauteng Industry Growth**



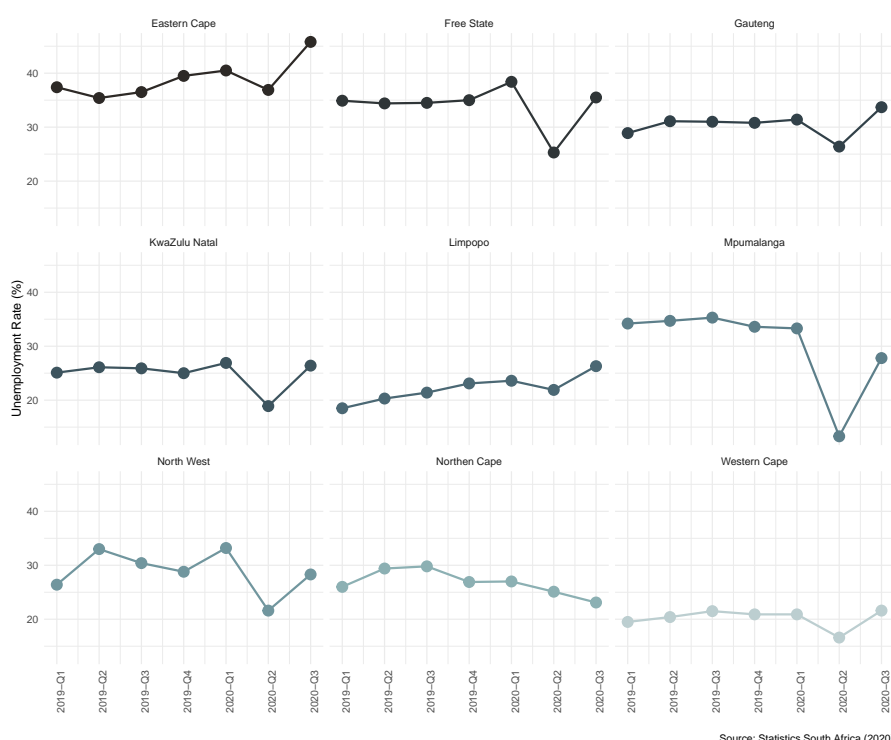
Source: Quantec Research (2020)

All the sectors in the Gauteng economy recovered during the third quarter, except for the mining sector which contracted by 64.8 per cent q-o-q. This was not in line with the national mining sector growth which grew by 288 per cent q-o-q and had the highest growth amongst other sectors. Moreover, the Gauteng mining sector has been contracting in five consecutive quarters since the third quarter of 2019. On the other hand, the manufacturing sector had the highest growth rate in third-quarter and which was also a recovery point after contracting in the previous four quarters. The wholesale and retail trade, hotels and restaurants sector performed well in the third quarter with a growth rate of 124 per cent, recovering from 69 per cent contraction. It is important to note that, although all the sectors except mining had positive growth in the third quarter, in real GDP value terms they are all yet to grow above the pre-COVID-19 pandemic levels (except for the agricultural sector).

## 4.2 Labour market

The Gauteng unemployment rate declined in the second quarter of 2020 to reach 26.4 per cent, equating to 5 percentage points (pp) when compared to the first quarter. This was the lowest unemployment rate since the fourth quarter of 2014<sup>14</sup>. The decline was not, however, indicative of an improving labour market but instead reflects the unemployment rate definition used in Statistics South Africa's Quarterly Labour Force Survey (QLFS). This definition requires that eligible job seekers actively look for work to be classified as unemployed, which was impossible during the lockdown. Thus, as per the official definition, the unemployment rate fell. This is despite job losses of over half a million in the second quarter of 2020, which were the highest since the QLFS started.

**Figure 12: Provincial Unemployment Rates**



The lockdown restrictions were relaxed in the third quarter of 2020, which increased the number of people who were looking for work, and the unemployment rate reverted to its trend of high unemployment; reaching 33.7 per cent in the third quarter of 2020. Moreover, employment in the third was very low relative to the labour force growth and high levels of unemployment, hence the spike in the unemployment rate.

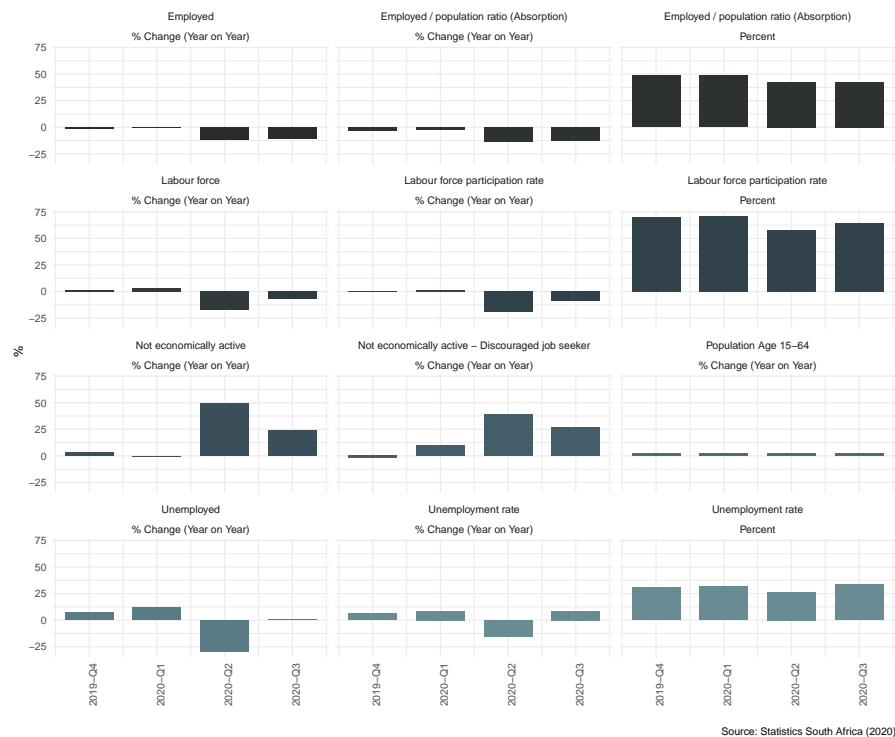
The number of discouraged work-seekers grew further in the second quarter of 2020. This indicates that the labour market in Gauteng was not favourable to those who were looking for work, resulting in more people dropping out of the active labour market. Subsequently, the labour force participation rate also fell, as a result of lower labour force activity combined with an increase in discouraged work-seekers,

<sup>14</sup> Statistics South Africa. (2014). Quarterly Labour Force Survey- 2014Q4.

caused by the lockdown.

Although the lockdown has caused historical job losses, average quarterly employment growth was -1.0 per cent between the first quarter of 2019 and the first quarter of 2020. During this same period, the size of the labour force increased by 1.0 per cent. This means that employment growth was declining even before the impact of the lockdown.

**Figure 13: Gauteng Labour Profile**



### 4.3 Policy interventions

The current expectations are that as holiday markers return to Gauteng, COVID-19 cases in the province will rise rapidly. As of January 3, 2021, Gauteng had a total number of 298 068 COVID-19 cases<sup>15</sup>. Therefore, the province is currently implementing the current Alert Level 3 regulations.

Also implemented are province-specific initiatives such as testing returning motorists and improving bed capacity in hospital in anticipation of the resurgence in COVID-19 cases. The Department of Community Safety continues to implement various initiatives to ensure that motorist comply with current regulations. The aim the first-quarter of 2021 will continue to be to minimise COVID-19 related disruptions to the economy

<sup>15</sup> Gauteng Government. (2021). Media Statement: Gauteng Confirmed COVID-19 Cases District Breakdown

## 5 Concluding Remarks

Indications are that from an economic perspective 2021 will be a difficult year for several reasons. First, the resurgence of COVID-19 cases in the second wave is more aggressive than in the first wave suggesting that the death toll will be higher. Second, vaccination programs are likely to take longer than expected to have an impact as health systems are overwhelmed by the current number of COVID-19 cases. Lastly, the positive impact of the vaccination programs will likely be outweighed by the realization of the full economic impact of the pandemic which may include sovereign debt crises in some countries. It is now clear that South Africa will not avert the second wave of COVID-19 cases, and this will have an impact of 2021 economic prospects, Gauteng included.

# Selected Data

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# A South African Economy

## A.1 Economic Growth

**Panel A: Gross Domestic Product (%)**

Period	R million	Annualised Quarter on Quarter	Quarter on Quarter	Year on Year
2016 Q1	3054386.12	-0.25	-0.98	-0.74
2016 Q2	3078481.51	0.79	3.19	0.64
2016 Q3	3085352.41	0.22	0.90	0.87
2016 Q4	3087640.58	0.07	0.30	0.84
2017 Q1	3085654.82	-0.06	-0.26	1.02
2017 Q2	3108211.73	0.73	2.96	0.97
2017 Q3	3129728.19	0.69	2.80	1.44
2017 Q4	3156342.28	0.85	3.45	2.23
2018 Q1	3134781.13	-0.68	-2.70	1.59
2018 Q2	3130668.53	-0.13	-0.52	0.72
2018 Q3	3150985.23	0.65	2.62	0.68
2018 Q4	3161721.04	0.34	1.37	0.17
2019 Q1	3136301.99	-0.80	-3.18	0.05
2019 Q2	3161916.50	0.82	3.31	1.00
2019 Q3	3155289.79	-0.21	-0.84	0.14
2019 Q4	3143839.89	-0.36	-1.44	-0.57
2020 Q1	3130555.65	-0.42	-1.68	-0.18
2020 Q2	2609569.68	-16.64	-51.72	-17.47
2020 Q3	2962669.09	13.53	66.13	-6.10

Source: Statistics South Africa, 2020

**Panel B: Gross Domestic Product by Industry (%)**

Sector	Measure	2019 Q4	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020 Q3
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	% Change	-1.95	7.96	4.58	4.33
	% Change (Year on Year)	-8.59	3.34	9.45	15.50
Mining and quarrying	% Change	0.46	-5.89	-27.28	40.37
	% Change (Year on Year)	0.05	-3.12	-32.32	-3.49
Manufacturing	% Change	-0.46	-2.19	-29.19	32.71
	% Change (Year on Year)	-3.34	-3.25	-31.84	-8.52
Electricity, gas and water	% Change	-1.02	-1.44	-10.71	12.12
	% Change (Year on Year)	-3.32	-2.88	-13.97	-2.34
Construction	% Change	-1.52	-1.19	-30.40	14.37
	% Change (Year on Year)	-5.13	-4.99	-33.48	-22.54
Wholesale and retail trade, hotels and restaurants	% Change	-0.96	-0.18	-24.57	24.08
	% Change (Year on Year)	-0.38	0.36	-24.94	-7.48
Transport, storage and communication	% Change	-1.86	0.13	-25.60	15.72
	% Change (Year on Year)	-4.37	-3.16	-27.90	-15.40
Finance, real estate and business services	% Change	0.67	0.92	-9.93	3.89
	% Change (Year on Year)	2.38	3.05	-8.13	-4.94
General government services	% Change	-0.10	0.30	-0.25	0.24
	% Change (Year on Year)	1.95	1.61	0.54	0.18
Personal services	% Change	0.16	0.12	-9.44	8.51
	% Change (Year on Year)	0.74	0.58	-9.10	-1.46

Source: Statistics South Africa, 2020

## A.2 Investment

Panel C: Investment by Organisation Type (R million)

Period	General Government	Public Corporations	Private Business	Total
2016 Q1	27409	26310	97106	150824
2016 Q2	25751	30065	96188	152004
2016 Q3	24645	30312	97382	152338
2016 Q4	25245	29094	102605	156945
2017 Q1	25454	25408	99151	150012
2017 Q2	25575	27332	101855	154763
2017 Q3	26002	25252	103126	154381
2017 Q4	26233	24262	108864	159360
2018 Q1	25248	21742	103104	150094
2018 Q2	25012	23035	104156	152202
2018 Q3	24311	22714	106649	153674
2018 Q4	24130	21954	107558	153643
2019 Q1	24023	20856	100912	145791
2019 Q2	22971	22373	106129	151473
2019 Q3	21919	22646	110489	155055
2019 Q4	20967	22129	108512	151609
2020 Q1	20878	19324	97452	137654
2020 Q2	21615	13858	76933	112407
2020 Q3	22037	14661	84932	121629

Source: South African Reserve Bank, 2020

## A.3 Labour Profile

**Panel D: Labour Profile**

Sector	Measure	2019 Q4	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020 Q3
Population Age 15-64	Thousands	38727.42	38873.94	39021.02	39167.43
	% Change (Year on Year)	1.56	1.54	1.53	1.52
Labour force	Thousands	23146.40	23452.20	18443.07	21223.75
	% Change (Year on Year)	2.11	4.27	-19.70	-8.16
Employed	Thousands	16420.27	16382.56	14148.22	14690.87
	% Change (Year on Year)	-0.66	0.56	-13.27	-10.28
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	Thousands	11331.12	11281.53	10063.74	10306.14
	% Change (Year on Year)	-0.13	0.55	-9.92	-8.10
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	Thousands	2918.05	2920.60	2280.29	2456.15
	% Change (Year on Year)	-2.78	-0.43	-25.18	-17.99
Industry Agriculture	Thousands	885.21	864.70	799.03	807.88
	% Change (Year on Year)	4.23	3.28	-5.11	-8.16
Industry Private households	Thousands	1285.89	1315.73	1005.16	1120.70
	% Change (Year on Year)	-3.45	1.16	-19.68	-12.87
Unemployed	Thousands	6726.13	7069.65	4294.85	6532.88
	% Change (Year on Year)	9.56	14.01	-35.47	-2.98
Not economically active	Thousands	15581.02	15421.74	20577.95	17943.68
	% Change (Year on Year)	0.75	-2.34	33.06	15.96
Not economically active - Discouraged job seeker	Thousands	2855.05	2918.03	2470.78	2695.84
	% Change (Year on Year)	0.50	-2.65	-10.12	-3.47
Unemployment rate	Percent	29.10	30.10	23.30	30.80
	% Change (Year on Year)	7.38	9.06	-19.66	5.84
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	Percent	42.40	42.10	36.30	37.50
	% Change (Year on Year)	-2.08	-1.17	-14.39	-11.56

Source: Statistics South Africa, 2020

**Panel E: Employment by Industry**

Sector	Measure	2019 Q4	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020 Q3
Agriculture	Thousands	885.21	864.70	799.03	807.88
	% Change	0.63	-2.32	-7.59	1.11
Mining and quarrying	Thousands	429.51	435.76	373.20	418.75
	% Change	2.51	1.46	-14.36	12.21
Manufacturing	Thousands	1720.39	1705.84	1455.82	1459.59
	% Change	-2.24	-0.85	-14.66	0.26
Utilities	Thousands	119.71	115.55	112.93	90.41
	% Change	-10.19	-3.48	-2.27	-19.94
Construction	Thousands	1350.42	1343.33	1065.82	1079.66
	% Change	0.87	-0.53	-20.66	1.30
Trade	Thousands	3249.34	3319.86	2946.46	3008.38
	% Change	-4.66	2.17	-11.25	2.10
Transport	Thousands	1011.20	994.51	884.68	877.86
	% Change	3.74	-1.65	-11.04	-0.77
Finance	Thousands	2567.67	2517.21	2234.28	2434.42
	% Change	3.05	-1.97	-11.24	8.96
Community and social services	Thousands	3792.11	3758.89	3243.98	3381.23
	% Change	3.08	-0.88	-13.70	4.23
Private households	Thousands	1285.89	1315.73	1005.16	1120.70
	% Change	-0.02	2.32	-23.60	11.49

Source: Statistics South Africa, 2020

## A.4 Consumer Price Index

Panel F: Consumer Price Index (%)

Period	All Items	Food and alcohol beverages	Electricity and Other Fuels	Water and Other Services	Transport
Jan 2016	6.20	7.37	10.99	9.86	5.30
Feb 2016	6.94	9.47	11.26	9.86	8.50
Mar 2016	6.53	10.56	11.12	9.86	4.52
Apr 2016	6.46	12.25	11.12	9.86	2.64
May 2016	6.56	11.96	11.12	9.86	3.05
Jun 2016	6.53	11.95	11.12	9.86	3.32
Jul 2016	6.47	12.66	7.53	8.11	2.98
Aug 2016	6.25	12.67	7.53	8.11	1.98
Sep 2016	6.47	12.77	7.53	8.11	3.27
Oct 2016	6.77	12.80	7.53	8.11	4.10
Nov 2016	6.87	12.47	7.53	8.11	6.02
Dec 2016	7.07	12.74	7.64	8.11	5.49
Jan 2017	6.79	12.51	7.64	8.11	6.40
Feb 2017	6.49	10.49	7.64	8.11	6.79
Mar 2017	6.13	9.02	7.64	8.76	7.48
Apr 2017	5.25	6.65	7.64	8.76	4.52
May 2017	5.34	6.95	7.64	8.76	5.11
Jun 2017	5.01	6.74	7.64	8.97	3.12
Jul 2017	4.36	6.39	2.10	7.00	1.00
Aug 2017	4.56	5.21	2.20	7.10	3.78
Sep 2017	4.86	5.00	2.20	7.20	5.52
Oct 2017	4.63	4.86	2.20	7.20	5.05
Nov 2017	4.42	4.74	2.20	7.30	4.18
Dec 2017	4.50	4.30	2.10	7.30	6.40
Jan 2018	4.27	3.84	2.20	7.30	4.54
Feb 2018	3.83	3.33	2.20	7.40	3.52
Mar 2018	3.72	2.82	2.10	6.76	3.04
Apr 2018	4.30	3.31	3.00	7.16	5.11
May 2018	4.29	2.72	3.10	7.16	5.05
Jun 2018	4.38	2.91	3.00	7.04	7.21
Jul 2018	5.05	3.00	7.75	11.03	9.78
Aug 2018	4.85	3.21	7.74	11.02	9.24
Sep 2018	4.83	3.50	7.64	10.91	8.71
Oct 2018	5.00	3.09	7.74	10.91	10.57
Nov 2018	5.10	3.08	7.74	10.90	10.61
Dec 2018	4.40	2.68	7.74	10.90	6.02
Jan 2019	3.91	2.94	7.53	10.90	3.21
Feb 2019	4.07	2.94	7.53	10.80	3.78
Mar 2019	4.53	3.22	7.64	10.89	6.47
Apr 2019	4.40	3.02	6.80	10.58	7.39
May 2019	4.39	3.49	6.69	10.85	7.12
Jun 2019	4.47	3.77	6.80	10.75	5.73
Jul 2019	3.97	3.48	10.37	6.99	3.15
Aug 2019	4.35	4.14	11.55	7.06	3.42
Sep 2019	4.14	4.13	11.65	7.15	2.58
Oct 2019	3.67	3.75	11.64	7.15	0.52
Nov 2019	3.57	3.73	11.64	7.06	0.09
Dec 2019	4.03	4.01	11.64	7.14	3.28
Jan 2020	4.40	3.78	11.74	7.14	6.22
Feb 2020	4.55	4.14	11.74	7.23	5.92
Mar 2020	4.06	4.13	11.65	7.30	3.31
Apr 2020	2.87	4.30	11.18	7.21	-3.14
May 2020	2.06	4.20	11.36	6.95	-7.69
Jun 2020	2.14	4.09	11.36	6.95	-5.50
Jul 2020	3.20	4.18	7.25	5.82	0.35
Aug 2020	3.01	3.71	6.03	6.21	0.52
Sep 2020	2.92	3.61	6.03	6.12	0.43
Oct 2020	3.27	5.24	5.86	6.12	-0.17
Nov 2020	3.18	5.49	5.86	6.12	-1.04

Source: Statistics South Africa, 2020

## A.5 Business Confidence

Panel G: Business Confidence

Period	Index	Quarter to Quarter % Change	Year to Year % Change
2016 Q1	35	-2.78	-23.91
2016 Q2	32	-8.57	-23.81
2016 Q3	40	25.00	8.11
2016 Q4	39	-2.50	8.33
2017 Q1	37	-5.13	5.71
2017 Q2	27	-27.03	-15.62
2017 Q3	32	18.52	-20.00
2017 Q4	33	3.12	-15.38
2018 Q1	44	33.33	18.92
2018 Q2	40	-9.09	48.15
2018 Q3	34	-15.00	6.25
2018 Q4	31	-8.82	-6.06
2019 Q1	28	-9.68	-36.36
2019 Q2	28	0.00	-30.00
2019 Q3	21	-25.00	-38.24
2019 Q4	26	23.81	-16.13
2020 Q1	18	-30.77	-35.71
2020 Q2	5	-72.22	-82.14
2020 Q3	24	380.00	14.29
2020 Q4	40	66.67	53.85

Source: Bureau of Economic Research, 2020

## A.6 Consumer Confidence

**Panel H: Consumer Confidence**

Period	Index	Month to Month % Change	Annualised Month to Month % Change	Year to Year % Change
2016 Q1	-9	-35.71	-82.92	125.00
2016 Q2	-11	22.22	123.15	-26.67
2016 Q3	-3	-72.73	-99.45	-40.00
2016 Q4	-10	233.33	12245.68	-28.57
2017 Q1	-5	-50.00	-93.75	-44.44
2017 Q2	-9	80.00	949.76	-18.18
2017 Q3	-9	0.00	0.00	200.00
2017 Q4	-8	-11.11	-37.57	-20.00
2018 Q1	26	-425.00	11056.64	-620.00
2018 Q2	22	-15.38	-48.74	-344.44
2018 Q3	7	-68.18	-98.98	-177.78
2018 Q4	7	0.00	0.00	-187.50
2019 Q1	2	-71.43	-99.33	-92.31
2019 Q2	5	150.00	3806.25	-77.27
2019 Q3	-7	-240.00	284.16	-200.00
2019 Q4	-7	0.00	0.00	-200.00
2020 Q1	-9	28.57	173.26	-550.00
2020 Q2	-33	266.67	17975.31	-760.00
2020 Q3	-23	-30.30	-76.40	228.57
2020 Q4	-12	-47.83	-92.59	71.43

Source: Bureau of Economic Research, 2020

## A.7 Retail Sales

Panel I: Retail Sales

Period	R million	Month to Month % Change	Annualised Month to Month % Change	Year to Year % Change
Jan 2016	74420	-0.91	-10.35	4.08
Feb 2016	73300	-1.50	-16.64	0.76
Mar 2016	74623	1.80	23.94	3.97
Apr 2016	72893	-2.32	-24.53	-1.47
May 2016	74558	2.28	31.13	4.06
Jun 2016	75274	0.96	12.15	4.47
Jul 2016	74368	-1.20	-13.52	0.68
Aug 2016	73622	-1.00	-11.40	0.19
Sep 2016	74076	0.62	7.66	1.41
Oct 2016	74370	0.40	4.87	1.12
Nov 2016	73911	-0.62	-7.16	0.23
Dec 2016	74719	1.09	13.94	-0.51
Jan 2017	74225	-0.66	-7.65	-0.26
Feb 2017	74998	1.04	13.24	2.32
Mar 2017	75399	0.53	6.61	1.04
Apr 2017	76230	1.10	14.06	4.58
May 2017	76233	0.00	0.05	2.25
Jun 2017	76726	0.65	8.04	1.93
Jul 2017	76905	0.23	2.84	3.41
Aug 2017	78380	1.92	25.61	6.46
Sep 2017	77648	-0.93	-10.65	4.82
Oct 2017	77416	-0.30	-3.53	4.10
Nov 2017	80428	3.89	58.10	8.82
Dec 2017	79303	-1.40	-15.55	6.13
Jan 2018	77713	-2.00	-21.58	4.70
Feb 2018	78810	1.41	18.32	5.08
Mar 2018	78351	-0.58	-6.77	3.92
Apr 2018	77796	-0.71	-8.18	2.05
May 2018	79025	1.58	20.69	3.66
Jun 2018	77268	-2.22	-23.65	0.71
Jul 2018	78191	1.19	15.31	1.67
Aug 2018	80148	2.50	34.53	2.26
Sep 2018	79246	-1.13	-12.70	2.06
Oct 2018	79412	0.21	2.54	2.58
Nov 2018	80651	1.56	20.42	0.28
Dec 2018	78855	-2.23	-23.68	-0.56
Jan 2019	79345	0.62	7.72	2.10
Feb 2019	79828	0.61	7.55	1.29
Mar 2019	78083	-2.19	-23.30	-0.34
Apr 2019	78890	1.03	13.13	1.41
May 2019	80203	1.66	21.91	1.49
Jun 2019	80220	0.02	0.25	3.82
Jul 2019	80024	-0.24	-2.89	2.34
Aug 2019	79651	-0.47	-5.45	-0.62
Sep 2019	80200	0.69	8.59	1.20
Oct 2019	80257	0.07	0.86	1.06
Nov 2019	81174	1.14	14.61	0.65
Dec 2019	78670	-3.08	-31.34	-0.23
Jan 2020	80649	2.52	34.73	1.64
Feb 2020	78440	-2.74	-28.34	-1.74
Mar 2020	80712	2.90	40.87	3.37
Apr 2020	41055	-49.13	-99.97	-47.96
May 2020	69483	69.24	55126.82	-13.37
Jun 2020	73720	6.10	103.46	-8.10
Jul 2020	73747	0.04	0.44	-7.84
Aug 2020	77026	4.45	68.54	-3.30
Sep 2020	77801	1.01	12.76	-2.99
Oct 2020	77620	-0.23	-2.76	-3.29

Source: Statistics South Africa, 2020



## A.8 Vehicle Sales

Panel J: Vehicle Sales

Period	Total Sales	Month to Month % Change	Year to Year % Change	Export Sales	Month to Month % Change	Year to Year % Change
Jan 2016	46488	-0.61	-6.84	13001	-25.47	-22.19
Feb 2016	46138	-0.75	-7.14	29323	125.54	-1.52
Mar 2016	45289	-1.84	-13.48	27718	-5.47	-18.54
Apr 2016	38146	-15.77	-9.14	32832	18.45	39.11
May 2016	40592	6.41	-10.89	33619	2.40	0.61
Jun 2016	42584	4.91	-10.42	31201	-7.19	-0.69
Jul 2016	42491	-0.22	-16.99	29024	-6.98	2.34
Aug 2016	43922	3.37	-9.55	34359	18.38	22.22
Sep 2016	45271	3.07	-14.37	32764	-4.64	-6.80
Oct 2016	46820	3.42	-9.48	30773	-6.08	11.03
Nov 2016	44362	-5.25	-9.10	31494	2.34	12.02
Dec 2016	40049	-9.72	-14.38	18707	-40.60	7.23
Jan 2017	49006	22.37	5.42	11651	-37.72	-10.38
Feb 2017	46444	-5.23	0.66	29154	150.23	-0.58
Mar 2017	46542	0.21	2.77	29859	2.42	7.72
Apr 2017	33539	-27.94	-12.08	24229	-18.86	-26.20
May 2017	40203	19.87	-0.96	28749	18.66	-14.49
Jun 2017	43478	8.15	2.10	31595	9.90	1.26
Jul 2017	44709	2.83	5.22	34720	9.89	19.63
Aug 2017	47430	6.09	7.99	29930	-13.80	-12.89
Sep 2017	48804	2.90	7.80	36341	21.42	10.92
Oct 2017	49525	1.48	5.78	28233	-22.31	-8.25
Nov 2017	48130	-2.82	8.49	33527	18.75	6.46
Dec 2017	39387	-18.17	-1.65	20107	-40.03	7.48
Jan 2018	44471	12.91	-9.25	14129	-29.73	21.27
Feb 2018	44669	0.45	-3.82	27529	94.84	-5.57
Mar 2018	47381	6.07	1.80	30161	9.56	1.01
Apr 2018	35122	-25.87	4.72	21519	-28.65	-11.18
May 2018	41433	17.97	3.06	32716	52.03	13.80
Jun 2018	44901	8.37	3.27	26785	-18.13	-15.22
Jul 2018	45992	2.43	2.87	28081	4.84	-19.12
Aug 2018	46248	0.56	-2.49	32341	15.17	8.06
Sep 2018	47920	3.62	-1.81	36754	13.65	1.14
Oct 2018	50302	4.97	1.57	34125	-7.15	20.87
Nov 2018	45592	-9.36	-5.27	35577	4.25	6.11
Dec 2018	38771	-14.96	-1.56	31422	-11.68	56.27
Jan 2019	41656	7.44	-6.33	18250	-41.92	29.17
Feb 2019	42385	1.75	-5.11	33675	84.52	22.33
Mar 2019	45863	8.21	-3.20	36788	9.24	21.97
Apr 2019	35316	-23.00	0.55	32829	-10.76	52.56
May 2019	38788	9.83	-6.38	30152	-8.15	-7.84
Jun 2019	44312	14.24	-1.31	30667	1.71	14.49
Jul 2019	44491	0.40	-3.26	35087	14.41	24.95
Aug 2019	43925	-1.27	-5.02	43960	25.29	35.93
Sep 2019	47601	8.37	-0.67	36270	-17.49	-1.32
Oct 2019	50347	5.77	0.09	41266	13.77	20.93
Nov 2019	43187	-14.22	-5.28	34588	-16.18	-2.78
Dec 2019	40334	-6.61	4.03	13560	-60.80	-56.85
Jan 2020	39198	-2.82	-5.90	16303	20.23	-10.67
Feb 2020	41854	6.78	-1.25	32143	97.16	-4.55
Mar 2020	32057	-23.41	-30.10	28889	-10.12	-21.47
Apr 2020	478	-98.51	-98.65	901	-96.88	-97.26
May 2020	12194	2451.05	-68.56	11901	1220.87	-60.53
Jun 2020	30190	147.58	-31.87	18808	58.04	-38.67
Jul 2020	31064	2.89	-30.18	25310	34.57	-27.87
Aug 2020	32118	3.39	-26.88	23028	-9.02	-47.62
Sep 2020	35685	11.11	-25.03	28388	23.28	-21.73
Oct 2020	37667	5.55	-25.19	32912	15.94	-20.24
Nov 2020	37767	0.27	-12.55	31811	-3.35	-8.03

Source: National Association of Automobile Manufacturers, 2020

## A.9 Commodity Prices

Panel K: Commodity Prices

Period	Gold (Rand)	Month to Month % Change	Platinum (Rand)	Month to Month % Change	Brent Crude (Rand)	Month to Month % Change
Jan 2016	17927.46	11.82	13946.64	8.52	30.93	-18.84
Feb 2016	18876.76	5.30	14518.31	4.10	32.14	3.91
Mar 2016	19237.53	1.91	14910.74	2.70	38.32	19.23
Apr 2016	18152.63	-5.64	14511.39	-2.68	41.37	7.96
May 2016	19375.30	6.74	15789.88	8.81	46.77	13.05
Jun 2016	19134.73	-1.24	14850.29	-5.95	48.29	3.25
Jul 2016	19279.89	0.76	15728.45	5.91	45.26	-6.27
Aug 2016	18432.29	-4.40	15302.80	-2.71	45.51	0.55
Sep 2016	18622.57	1.03	14695.83	-3.97	46.40	1.96
Oct 2016	17659.86	-5.17	13350.15	-9.16	49.68	7.07
Nov 2016	17260.73	-2.26	13238.39	-0.84	45.03	-9.36
Dec 2016	15955.74	-7.56	12721.50	-3.90	53.22	18.19
Jan 2017	16176.18	1.38	13203.35	3.79	54.53	2.46
Feb 2017	16288.38	0.69	13274.63	0.54	55.06	0.97
Mar 2017	15929.36	-2.20	12432.43	-6.34	51.58	-6.32
Apr 2017	17051.58	7.04	12918.03	3.91	52.55	1.88
May 2017	16517.90	-3.13	12336.56	-4.50	50.26	-4.36
Jun 2017	16282.08	-1.43	12010.88	-2.64	46.41	-7.66
Jul 2017	16255.98	-0.16	12044.63	0.28	48.25	3.96
Aug 2017	16969.23	4.39	12841.41	6.62	51.64	7.03
Sep 2017	17316.64	2.05	12670.65	-1.33	56.16	8.75
Oct 2017	17554.58	1.37	12597.42	-0.58	57.39	2.19
Nov 2017	18065.28	2.91	13141.99	4.32	62.75	9.34
Dec 2017	16639.40	-7.89	11951.60	-9.06	64.37	2.58
Jan 2018	16263.27	-2.26	12051.15	0.83	69.08	7.32
Feb 2018	15758.90	-3.10	11697.57	-2.93	65.30	-5.47
Mar 2018	15695.00	-0.41	11294.55	-3.45	66.07	1.18
Apr 2018	16295.29	3.82	11117.29	-1.57	71.88	8.79
May 2018	16349.56	0.33	11329.52	1.91	76.97	7.08
Jun 2018	17054.95	4.31	11676.49	3.06	74.50	-3.21
Jul 2018	16593.30	-2.71	11185.15	-4.21	74.24	-0.35
Aug 2018	17043.74	2.71	11251.71	0.60	72.82	-1.91
Sep 2018	17751.44	4.15	11871.68	5.51	79.00	8.49
Oct 2018	17616.49	-0.76	12021.78	1.26	81.06	2.61
Nov 2018	17169.28	-2.54	11863.41	-1.32	64.80	-20.06
Dec 2018	17759.42	3.44	11227.72	-5.36	56.61	-12.64
Jan 2019	17890.09	0.74	11189.76	-0.34	59.24	4.65
Feb 2019	18243.85	1.98	11266.88	0.69	64.05	8.12
Mar 2019	18716.85	2.59	12072.94	7.15	66.15	3.28
Apr 2019	18215.73	-2.68	12530.84	3.79	71.36	7.88
May 2019	18521.21	1.68	11948.24	-4.65	71.35	-0.01
Jun 2019	19808.54	6.95	11810.28	-1.15	64.16	-10.08
Jul 2019	19916.11	0.54	11848.02	0.32	64.39	0.36
Aug 2019	22687.89	13.92	13073.87	10.35	59.21	-8.04
Sep 2019	22416.20	-1.20	13979.82	6.93	62.78	6.03
Oct 2019	22316.37	-0.45	13379.37	-4.30	59.78	-4.78
Nov 2019	21762.05	-2.48	13349.08	-0.23	63.06	5.49
Dec 2019	21356.09	-1.87	13372.31	0.17	67.15	6.49
Jan 2020	22498.61	5.35	14217.70	6.32	64.04	-4.63
Feb 2020	23998.79	6.67	14382.43	1.16	55.64	-13.12
Mar 2020	26517.47	10.50	12610.41	-12.32	32.81	-41.03
Apr 2020	31180.15	17.58	14058.74	11.49	18.68	-43.07
May 2020	31115.30	-0.21	14528.15	3.34	29.48	57.82
Jun 2020	29688.37	-4.59	14055.15	-3.26	39.94	35.48
Jul 2020	30858.43	3.94	14452.68	2.83	43.26	8.31
Aug 2020	33859.76	9.73	16239.93	12.37	44.70	3.33
Sep 2020	32213.10	-4.86	15187.52	-6.48	41.02	-8.23
Oct 2020	31241.22	-3.02	14394.24	-5.22	40.12	-2.19
Nov 2020	29028.96	-7.08	14226.88	-1.16	42.51	5.96

Source: Bloomberg, 2020

## A.10 Fuel Prices

**Panel L: Fuel Prices (R cents)**

Period	93 Octane Unleaded	95 Octane Unleaded	Diesel - 0.005% Sulphur	Diesel - 0.05% Sulphur
Jan 2016	1209	1237	1010.57	1005.17
Feb 2016	1215	1243	947.57	943.17
Mar 2016	1146	1174	961.57	958.17
Apr 2016	1232	1262	1059.27	1053.87
May 2016	1244	1274	1057.27	1052.87
Jun 2016	1296	1326	1133.27	1128.87
Jul 2016	1307	1334	1174.27	1170.87
Aug 2016	1208	1235	1101.27	1096.87
Sep 2016	1190	1217	1052.27	1048.87
Oct 2016	1234	1260	1075.27	1071.87
Nov 2016	1279	1305	1138.27	1134.87
Dec 2016	1259	1285	1107.23	1102.83
Jan 2017	1309	1333	1144.23	1141.83
Feb 2017	1338	1362	1165.23	1162.83
Mar 2017	1330	1354	1163.23	1160.83
Apr 2017	1308	1330	1152.73	1150.33
May 2017	1357	1379	1184.73	1180.33
Jun 2017	1332	1354	1161.73	1157.33
Jul 2017	1263	1286	1101.73	1097.33
Aug 2017	1282	1305	1131.73	1126.33
Sep 2017	1349	1372	1175.73	1170.33
Oct 2017	1374	1401	1217.73	1212.33
Nov 2017	1378	1405	1244.73	1235.33
Dec 2017	1449	1476	1302.03	1275.63
Jan 2018	1420	1442	1276.03	1273.63
Feb 2018	1390	1412	1259.03	1256.63
Mar 2018	1354	1376	1215.03	1209.63
Apr 2018	1423	1448	1280.23	1274.83
May 2018	1472	1497	1333.23	1333.83
Jun 2018	1554	1579	1425.23	1418.83
Jul 2018	1580	1602	1449.23	1444.83
Aug 2018	1581	1603	1445.23	1440.83
Sep 2018	1586	1608	1445.23	1440.83
Oct 2018	1685	1708	1569.23	1564.83
Nov 2018	1685	1708	1620.15	1612.75
Dec 2018	1501	1524	1472.74	1467.34
Jan 2019	1379	1401	1316.82	1313.42
Feb 2019	1386	1408	1318.82	1314.42
Mar 2019	1460	1482	1411.82	1405.42
Apr 2019	1594	1613	1494.52	1487.12
May 2019	1648	1667	1494.52	1488.12
Jun 2019	1657	1676	1527.68	1521.28
Jul 2019	1561	1581	1451.90	1446.50
Aug 2019	1572	1592	1437.61	1433.21
Sep 2019	1583	1603	1463.61	1459.21
Oct 2019	1579	1621	1488.61	1484.21
Nov 2019	1566	1608	1474.61	1468.21
Dec 2019	1588	1630	1458.66	1453.26
Jan 2020	1584	1616	1467.66	1462.26
Feb 2020	1571	1603	1462.60	1457.26
Mar 2020	1552	1584	1408.66	1403.26
Apr 2020	1376	1396	1273.96	1269.56
May 2020	1202	1222	1117.96	1108.56
Jun 2020	1320	1340	1138.96	1130.56
Jul 2020	1483	1512	1307.96	1303.56
Aug 2020	1488	1517	1352.96	1348.56
Sep 2020	1489	1518	1331.96	1327.56
Oct 2020	1466	1486	1238.96	1237.56
Nov 2020	1439	1459	1227.96	1225.56
Dec 2020	1426	1446	1247.82	1245.42

Source: Department of Minerals and Energy, 2020

## A.11 Exchange Rates

**Panel M: Exchange Rates**

Period	SA Rand per Dollar	Quarter to Quarter % Change	SA Rand per Pound	Quarter to Quarter % Change	SA Rand per Euro	Quarter to Quarter % Change	SA Rand per Japanese Yen	Quarter to Quarter % Change
2016 Q1	15.86	11.80	22.69	5.46	17.47	12.52	0.14	17.71
2016 Q2	15.01	-5.31	21.54	-5.08	16.96	-2.93	0.14	1.14
2016 Q3	14.07	-6.33	18.48	-14.22	15.70	-7.40	0.14	-1.22
2016 Q4	13.90	-1.19	17.27	-6.55	15.01	-4.39	0.13	-7.20
2017 Q1	13.23	-4.79	16.39	-5.10	14.10	-6.10	0.12	-8.73
2017 Q2	13.21	-0.17	16.89	3.04	14.53	3.07	0.12	2.15
2017 Q3	13.17	-0.32	17.22	1.97	15.47	6.48	0.12	-0.20
2017 Q4	13.64	3.60	18.11	5.17	16.07	3.85	0.12	1.88
2018 Q1	11.95	-12.37	16.63	-8.15	14.70	-8.52	0.11	-8.66
2018 Q2	12.63	5.68	17.19	3.32	15.06	2.47	0.12	4.89
2018 Q3	14.09	11.57	18.37	6.87	16.39	8.83	0.13	9.24
2018 Q4	14.25	1.14	18.34	-0.14	16.27	-0.72	0.13	-0.11
2019 Q1	14.01	-1.69	18.25	-0.49	15.92	-2.19	0.13	0.66
2019 Q2	14.39	2.66	18.49	1.28	16.17	1.61	0.13	2.96
2019 Q3	14.68	2.04	18.08	-2.22	16.32	0.91	0.14	4.48
2019 Q4	14.72	0.25	18.94	4.76	16.29	-0.16	0.14	-1.05
2020 Q1	15.34	4.25	19.63	3.66	16.93	3.89	0.14	4.13
2020 Q2	17.95	17.01	22.26	13.40	19.74	16.64	0.17	18.41
2020 Q3	16.91	-5.82	21.85	-1.83	19.77	0.16	0.16	-4.59

Source: Bloomberg, 2020

## A.12 Current Account

**Panel N: Current Account**

Period	Current Account to GDP (%)	Quarter to Quarter % Change	Quarter to Quarter % Change Annualised	Year to Year % Change
2016 Q1	-4.9	-7.55	-26.94	0.00
2016 Q2	-2.1	-57.14	-96.63	-38.24
2016 Q3	-2.8	33.33	216.05	-41.67
2016 Q4	-1.7	-39.29	-86.41	-67.92
2017 Q1	-2.2	29.41	180.48	-55.10
2017 Q2	-3.1	40.91	294.24	47.62
2017 Q3	-2.2	-29.03	-74.63	-21.43
2017 Q4	-2.7	22.73	126.86	58.82
2018 Q1	-4.6	70.37	742.51	109.09
2018 Q2	-3.8	-17.39	-53.43	22.58
2018 Q3	-3.7	-2.63	-10.12	68.18
2018 Q4	-2.2	-40.54	-87.50	-18.52
2019 Q1	-3.0	36.36	245.78	-34.78
2019 Q2	-4.1	36.67	248.86	7.89
2019 Q3	-3.7	-9.76	-33.68	0.00
2019 Q4	-1.3	-64.86	-98.48	-40.91
2020 Q1	1.2	-192.31	-27.40	-140.00
2020 Q2	-2.9	-341.67	3310.88	-29.27
2020 Q3	5.9	-303.45	1613.23	-259.46

Source: South African Reserve Bank, 2020

# B Provincial Economies

## B.1 Economic Growth

Panel O: Gross Domestic Product by Region (%)

Period	Gauteng	Western Cape	Eastern Cape	Northen Cape	Free State	KwaZulu Natal	North West	Mpumalanga	Limpopo
2016 Q1	1.17	1.22	0.80	-5.91	-1.89	-0.00	-13.25	-2.30	-4.98
2016 Q2	3.16	2.38	2.04	4.42	3.25	2.51	3.14	5.52	5.02
2016 Q3	1.00	0.45	0.25	1.73	0.78	0.61	0.41	1.72	1.98
2016 Q4	1.10	0.94	0.82	-1.81	-0.44	0.99	-2.61	-1.46	-1.52
2017 Q1	-1.19	-1.33	-1.71	3.04	0.51	-0.07	3.85	0.60	1.87
2017 Q2	2.28	3.32	1.78	4.89	2.90	3.71	3.33	3.82	3.38
2017 Q3	1.65	2.45	1.37	6.44	2.98	3.28	4.78	4.66	4.82
2017 Q4	3.16	4.43	3.33	3.51	2.83	5.04	1.64	2.79	2.12
2018 Q1	-1.38	-2.91	-2.32	-4.54	-4.81	-3.85	-2.81	-3.95	-3.06
2018 Q2	0.27	-1.77	-0.94	-1.01	-1.53	-2.38	1.40	0.62	0.82
2018 Q3	3.19	3.62	3.04	0.77	1.67	3.82	-0.26	1.08	0.11
2018 Q4	1.69	2.05	1.18	0.72	0.67	2.06	-0.23	0.69	-0.13
2019 Q1	-1.18	-2.69	-3.26	-8.12	-3.68	-3.32	-4.30	-7.20	-6.45
2019 Q2	2.35	2.21	2.71	7.48	3.67	2.14	5.35	6.78	6.91
2019 Q3	-1.35	-0.66	0.65	1.28	-0.97	-1.13	-3.01	0.35	0.53
2019 Q4	-2.77	-1.70	-0.43	3.83	-1.61	-2.30	-2.68	2.41	2.19
2020 Q1	-3.01	0.20	1.53	2.22	-1.97	-0.46	-8.24	-0.87	-1.17
2020 Q2	-51.55	-51.23	-48.11	-49.03	-51.93	-52.17	-56.18	-54.48	-50.24
2020 Q3	49.16	57.71	61.90	119.54	69.21	62.84	75.38	126.51	104.87

Source: Statistics South Africa and Quantec Research, 2020

Panel P: Gauteng Gross Domestic Product by Industry (%)

Sector	Measure	2019 Q4	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020 Q3
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	% Change	-2.40	6.94	3.11	2.44
	% Change (Year on Year)	-5.98	2.51	6.44	10.24
Mining and quarrying	% Change	-8.39	-19.10	-44.38	-22.96
	% Change (Year on Year)	-11.54	-30.32	-61.63	-68.25
Manufacturing	% Change	-0.38	-2.07	-29.07	33.05
	% Change (Year on Year)	-3.26	-2.98	-31.55	-7.93
Electricity and water	% Change	-1.11	-1.57	-10.85	11.88
	% Change (Year on Year)	-3.53	-3.21	-14.36	-2.92
Construction	% Change	-2.56	-2.72	-31.97	10.50
	% Change (Year on Year)	-6.92	-8.47	-37.10	-28.74
Wholesale and retail trade; hotels and restaurants	% Change	-1.43	-0.88	-25.32	22.32
	% Change (Year on Year)	-0.97	-1.25	-26.77	-10.75
Transport and communication	% Change	-2.27	-0.47	-26.25	14.28
	% Change (Year on Year)	-4.91	-4.53	-29.43	-18.01
Finance, real estate and business services	% Change	0.51	0.66	-10.25	3.40
	% Change (Year on Year)	2.49	2.56	-8.89	-6.10
Community, social and other personal services	% Change	0.08	-0.00	-9.58	8.28
	% Change (Year on Year)	0.63	0.31	-9.47	-2.02
General government services	% Change	-0.09	0.30	-0.24	0.24
	% Change (Year on Year)	1.98	1.65	0.57	0.20

Source: Statistics South Africa, 2020

## B.2 Labour Profile

**Panel Q: Gauteng Labour Profile**

Sector	Measure	2019 Q4	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020 Q3
Population Age 15-64	Thousands	10458.53	10507.84	10557.31	10606.70
	% Change (Year on Year)	1.94	1.92	1.91	1.89
Labour force	Thousands	7369.13	7487.82	6081.16	6796.54
	% Change (Year on Year)	1.28	3.09	-17.35	-7.30
Employed	Thousands	5098.24	5134.27	4473.20	4505.87
	% Change (Year on Year)	-1.26	-0.53	-11.70	-10.96
Unemployed	Thousands	2270.89	2353.54	1607.96	2290.67
	% Change (Year on Year)	7.49	11.99	-29.84	0.86
Not economically active	Thousands	3089.40	3020.03	4476.15	3810.16
	% Change (Year on Year)	3.53	-0.86	49.11	23.78
Not economically active - Discouraged job seeker	Thousands	415.82	453.14	509.28	490.34
	% Change (Year on Year)	-2.06	9.64	38.63	26.75
Unemployment rate	Percent	30.80	31.40	26.40	33.70
	% Change (Year on Year)	6.21	8.65	-15.11	8.71
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	Percent	48.70	48.90	42.40	42.50
	% Change (Year on Year)	-3.18	-2.40	-13.29	-12.55
Labour force participation rate	Percent	70.50	71.30	57.60	64.10
	% Change (Year on Year)	-0.56	1.13	-18.87	-8.95

Source: Statistics South Africa, 2020

**Panel R: Unemployment by Province (%)**

Period	Western Cape	Eastern Cape	Northern Cape	Free State	KwaZulu Natal	North West	Gauteng	Mpumalanga	Limpopo
2016 Q1	20.9	28.6	27.8	33.9	23.1	28.1	30.2	29.8	18.3
2016 Q2	22.2	28.6	27.4	32.2	22.6	27.3	29.5	28.8	20.6
2016 Q3	21.7	28.2	29.6	34.2	23.5	30.5	29.1	30.4	21.9
2016 Q4	20.5	28.4	32.0	34.7	23.9	26.5	28.6	31.0	19.3
2017 Q1	21.5	32.2	30.7	35.5	25.8	26.5	29.2	31.5	21.6
2017 Q2	20.7	34.4	30.5	34.4	24.0	27.2	29.9	32.3	20.8
2017 Q3	21.9	35.5	29.9	31.8	24.6	26.2	30.2	30.7	19.1
2017 Q4	19.5	35.1	27.1	32.6	24.1	23.9	29.1	28.9	19.6
2018 Q1	19.7	35.6	29.5	32.8	22.3	25.8	28.6	32.4	19.9
2018 Q2	20.7	34.2	28.9	34.4	21.8	26.1	29.7	33.2	19.3
2018 Q3	20.4	35.6	27.0	36.3	23.0	28.0	29.6	32.5	18.9
2018 Q4	19.3	36.1	25.0	32.9	25.6	26.6	29.0	32.0	16.5
2019 Q1	19.5	37.4	26.0	34.9	25.1	26.4	28.9	34.2	18.5
2019 Q2	20.4	35.4	29.4	34.4	26.1	33.0	31.1	34.7	20.3
2019 Q3	21.5	36.5	29.8	34.5	25.9	30.4	31.0	35.3	21.4
2019 Q4	20.9	39.5	26.9	35.0	25.0	28.8	30.8	33.6	23.1
2020 Q1	20.9	40.5	27.0	38.4	26.9	33.2	31.4	33.3	23.6
2020 Q2	16.6	36.9	25.1	25.3	18.9	21.6	26.4	13.3	21.9
2020 Q3	21.6	45.8	23.1	35.5	26.4	28.3	33.7	27.8	26.3

Source: Statistics South Africa, 2020

**Panel AA: Gauteng Employment by Industry**

Sector	Measure	2019 Q4	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020 Q3
Agriculture	Thousands	29.62	30.23	31.75	40.67
	% Change	-26.23	2.06	5.01	28.11
Mining and quarrying	Thousands	73.16	82.83	53.35	61.05
	% Change	12.32	13.22	-35.59	14.44
Manufacturing	Thousands	624.22	616.03	533.62	503.85
	% Change	-0.47	-1.31	-13.38	-5.58
Utilities	Thousands	30.90	35.21	34.72	32.20
	% Change	-29.10	13.96	-1.39	-7.27
Construction	Thousands	367.44	382.13	343.48	305.20
	% Change	-4.12	4.00	-10.11	-11.14
Trade	Thousands	1008.37	1018.66	904.99	913.53
	% Change	-1.57	1.02	-11.16	0.94
Transport	Thousands	377.30	363.21	353.60	323.64
	% Change	5.30	-3.74	-2.65	-8.47
Finance	Thousands	1145.27	1151.79	1019.59	1074.61
	% Change	3.67	0.57	-11.48	5.40
Community and social services	Thousands	1038.06	1025.72	836.32	889.00
	% Change	-0.43	-1.19	-18.46	6.30
Private households	Thousands	395.08	418.04	341.01	351.09
	% Change	7.86	5.81	-18.43	2.95

Source: Statistics South Africa, 2020



## B.3 Consumer Confidence

**Panel BB: Gauteng Consumer Confidence**

Period	Index	Month to Month % Change	Annualised Month to Month % Change	Year to Year % Change
2016 Q1	-9	-40.00	-87.04	28.57
2016 Q2	-6	-33.33	-80.25	-62.50
2016 Q3	5	-183.33	-51.77	-200.00
2016 Q4	-8	-260.00	555.36	-46.67
2017 Q1	-3	-62.50	-98.02	-66.67
2017 Q2	-10	233.33	12245.68	66.67
2017 Q3	-5	-50.00	-93.75	-200.00
2017 Q4	-1	-80.00	-99.84	-87.50
2018 Q1	33	-3400.00	118592000.00	-1200.00
2018 Q2	31	-6.06	-22.13	-410.00
2018 Q3	14	-54.84	-95.84	-380.00
2018 Q4	11	-21.43	-61.89	-1200.00
2019 Q1	1	-90.91	-99.99	-96.97
2019 Q2	7	600.00	240000.00	-77.42

Source: Bureau of Economic Research, 2020

## B.4 Consumer Price Index

Panel CC: Consumer Price Index (%)

Period	Free State	Gauteng	Eastern Cape	KwaZulu Natal	Limpopo	Mpumalanga	North West	Northern Cape	Western Cape
Jan 2016	6.80	6.41	6.24	6.11	5.92	5.59	5.94	5.43	6.10
Feb 2016	7.43	7.02	7.57	6.98	7.59	6.89	6.46	6.28	6.98
Mar 2016	7.00	6.27	7.16	6.67	7.61	6.49	5.94	5.10	6.44
Apr 2016	6.71	6.22	6.96	6.95	8.20	6.43	6.11	4.83	6.17
May 2016	6.69	6.08	7.17	6.70	8.21	6.30	6.10	4.82	5.82
Jun 2016	6.89	6.28	7.70	7.00	7.36	6.05	6.07	5.46	6.24
Jul 2016	6.60	6.11	7.31	7.03	7.89	6.12	6.24	4.86	6.07
Aug 2016	6.48	5.89	7.28	6.82	7.77	6.00	6.12	4.75	5.85
Sep 2016	7.14	6.11	7.51	6.91	8.32	6.45	6.24	5.09	5.94
Oct 2016	7.46	6.31	7.48	7.11	8.17	6.87	6.65	5.73	6.14
Nov 2016	7.44	6.62	7.57	7.54	8.01	6.97	6.86	5.71	6.34
Dec 2016	7.30	6.50	7.76	7.53	8.34	6.95	6.84	5.60	7.18
Jan 2017	6.79	6.45	7.59	7.25	8.06	6.46	6.67	5.67	7.03
Feb 2017	6.39	6.04	6.62	6.95	6.63	5.41	6.38	5.08	7.26
Mar 2017	5.92	6.00	6.58	6.25	6.14	5.06	5.92	4.85	6.99
Apr 2017	5.46	5.24	5.58	5.26	4.61	4.30	4.73	4.30	6.33
May 2017	5.24	5.22	5.77	5.36	4.72	4.39	5.03	4.29	6.54
Jun 2017	5.01	5.09	4.90	4.91	4.81	4.38	4.50	3.65	5.97
Jul 2017	4.37	4.55	4.67	3.84	4.16	3.74	3.44	3.22	5.41
Aug 2017	4.56	4.76	4.15	4.26	3.96	3.64	3.54	3.53	5.73
Sep 2017	4.44	4.95	4.76	4.24	4.25	3.84	3.95	4.04	6.32
Oct 2017	4.23	4.83	4.64	4.12	4.13	3.52	3.52	3.51	6.29
Nov 2017	4.22	4.51	4.32	3.91	3.61	3.51	3.31	3.50	5.96
Dec 2017	4.10	4.80	4.60	4.10	4.10	3.80	3.30	3.80	5.30
Jan 2018	3.87	4.37	4.17	3.78	3.68	3.58	2.88	3.68	5.17
Feb 2018	3.84	4.03	4.04	3.25	3.55	3.25	2.75	3.55	4.71
Mar 2018	3.63	3.91	3.82	3.14	2.94	3.24	2.75	3.44	4.39
Apr 2018	4.01	4.59	4.50	3.72	3.53	3.83	3.43	4.03	5.27
May 2018	4.20	4.47	3.99	3.81	3.62	3.52	3.32	3.82	5.16
Jun 2018	4.58	4.55	4.28	3.70	3.61	3.71	3.62	4.11	5.44
Jul 2018	4.77	5.22	4.47	4.48	4.00	4.10	4.21	4.10	5.91
Aug 2018	4.36	5.22	4.67	4.18	4.30	4.00	4.00	3.89	5.81
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May 2020	2.06	1.69	1.89	2.17	1.62	1.90	1.73	2.45	2.64
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Source: Statistics South Africa, 2020



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