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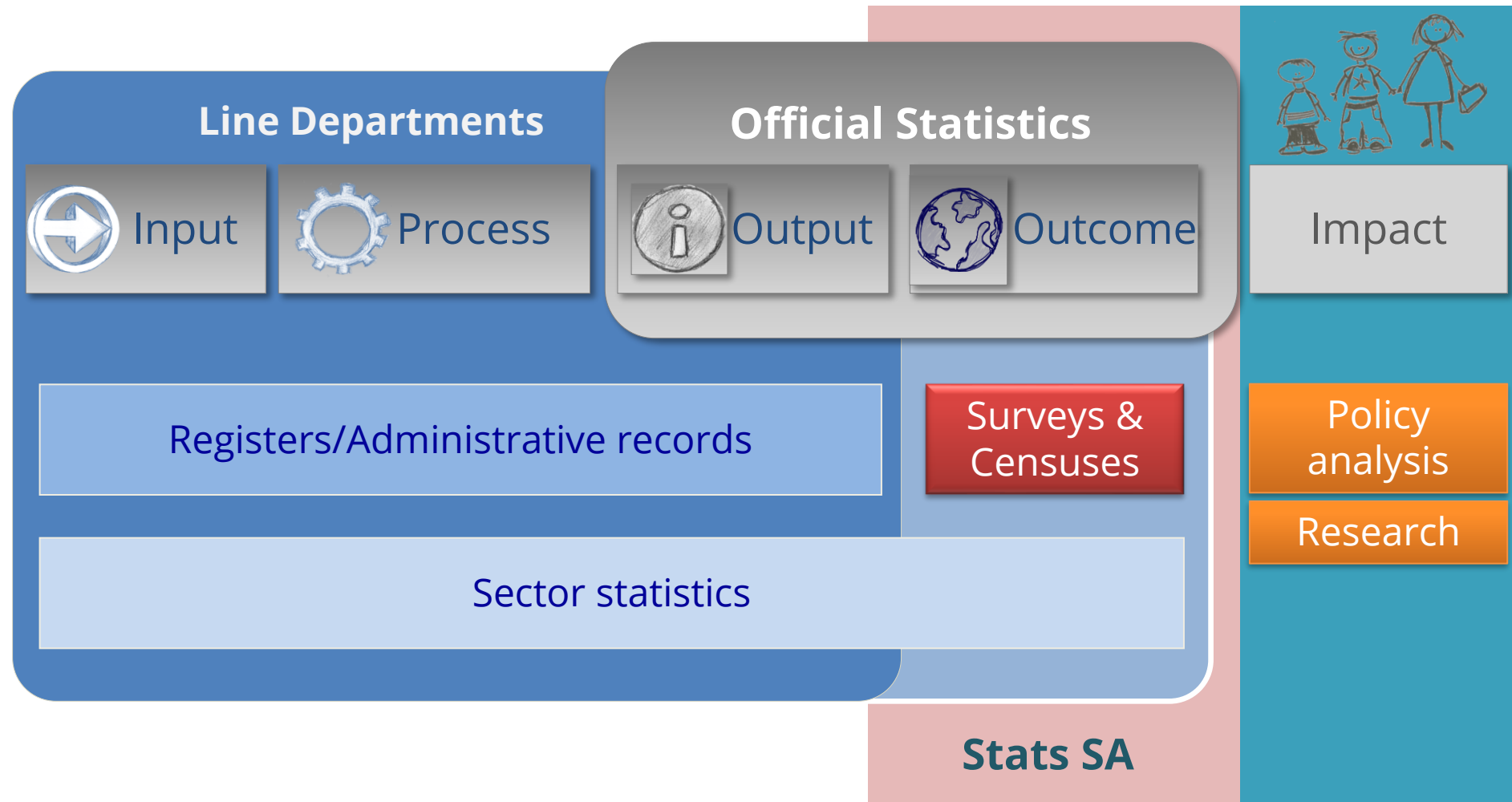


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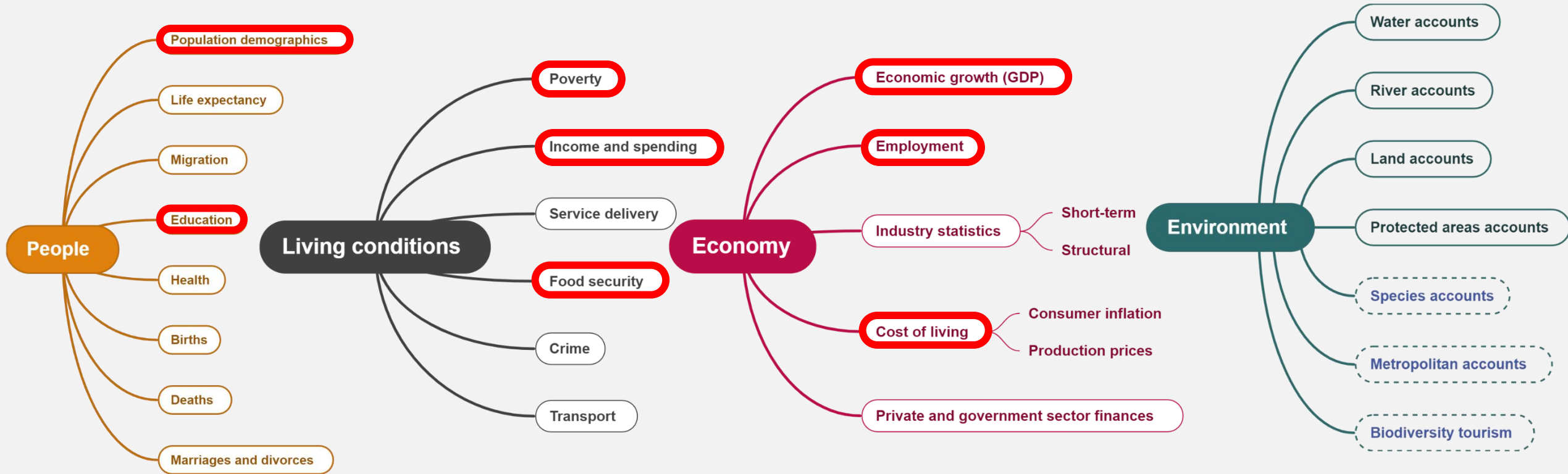


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The population of South Africa is estimated at **63,02 MILLION** in mid-2024



The population annual **growth rate is 1,33%**, up by 835 513 people since 2023

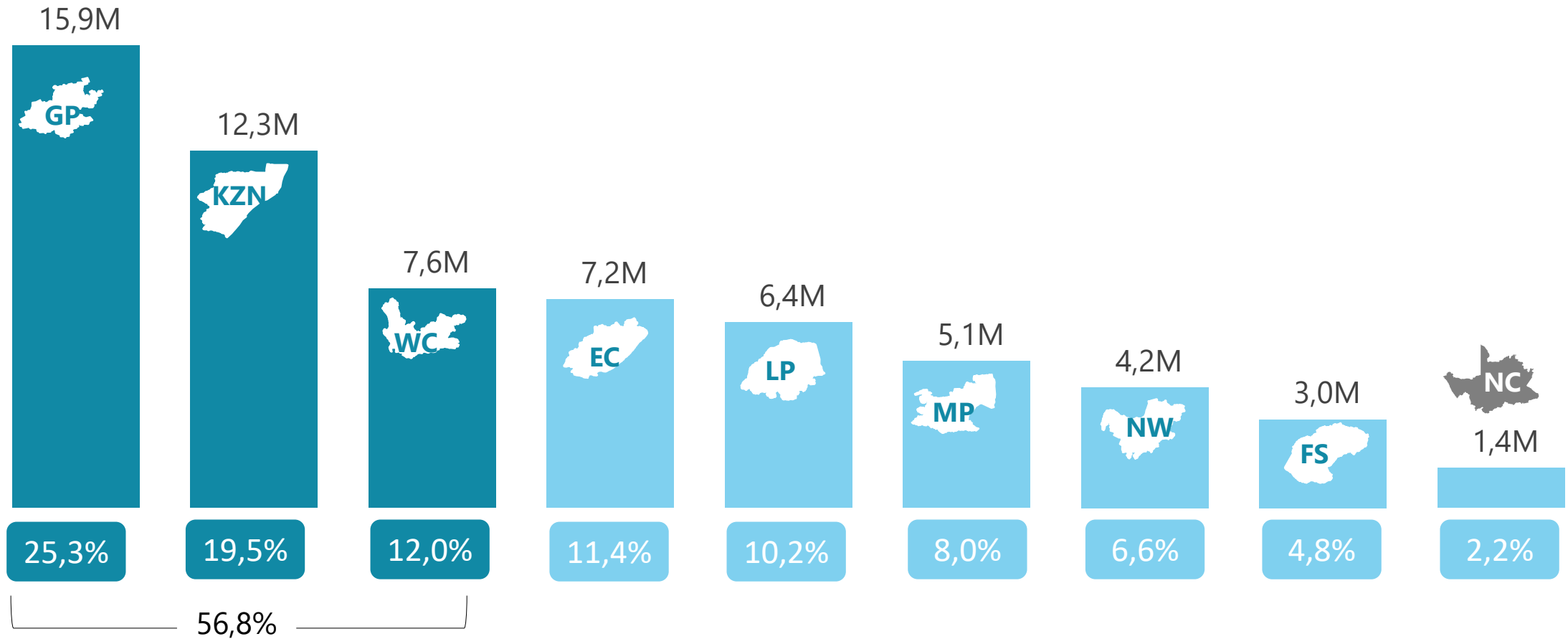
Source: Mid-Year Population estimates 2024

More than half of the population (**35,8 million**) live in 3 provinces (**GP, KZN and WC**)

GP remains SA's most populated province with over 15,9 million people (25,3%) living in this province.

Mid-year population estimates for South Africa by province, 2024

Source: Mid Year Population Estimates 2024

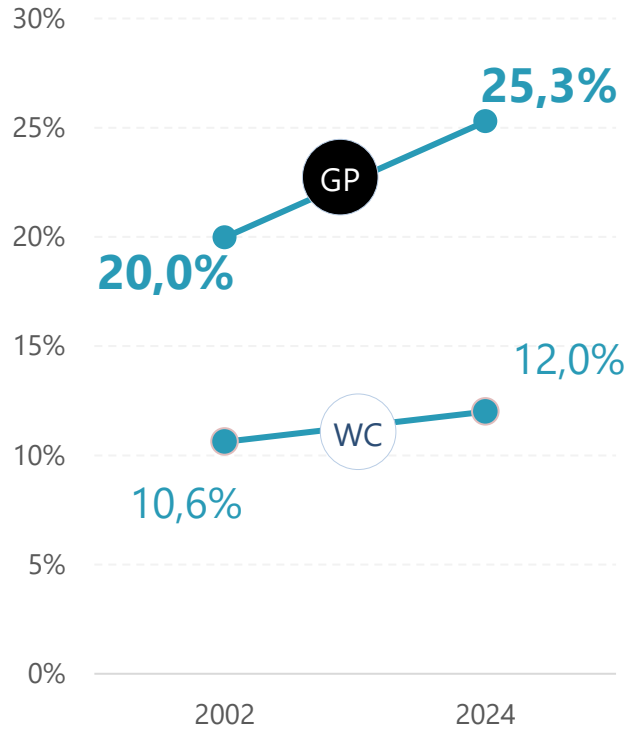


GP has increased its **share** of the total population from **20,0% to 25,3%** points between 2002 and 2024

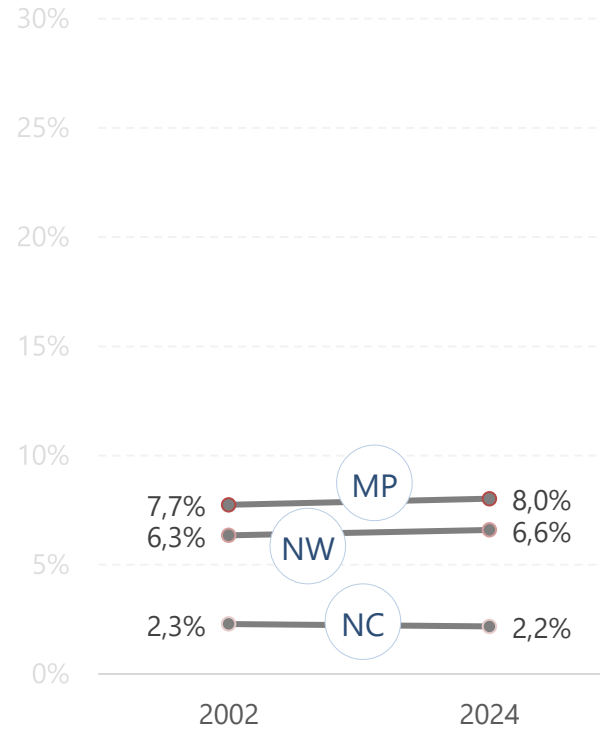
Change in provincial population proportions, 2002 – 2024

Source: Mid Year Population Estimates 2024

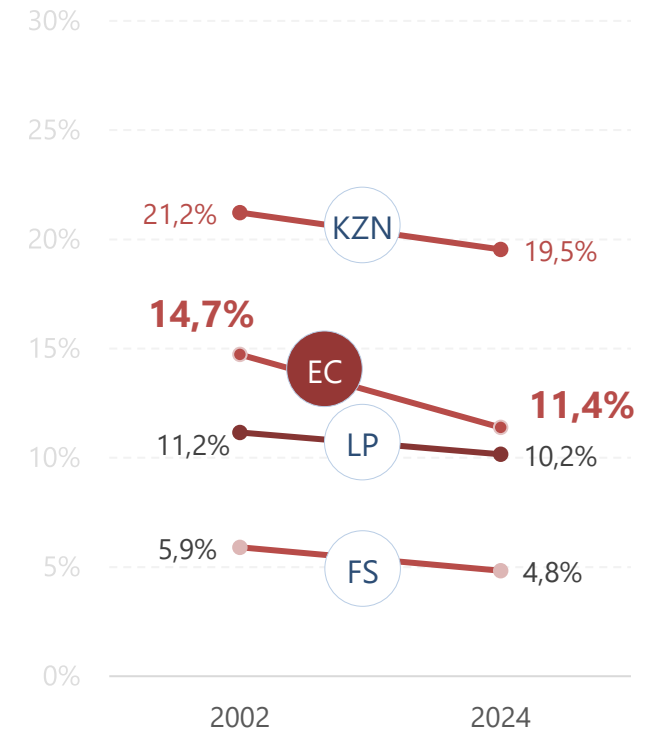
Provinces with **significant increase** in share



Provinces with **stable** share



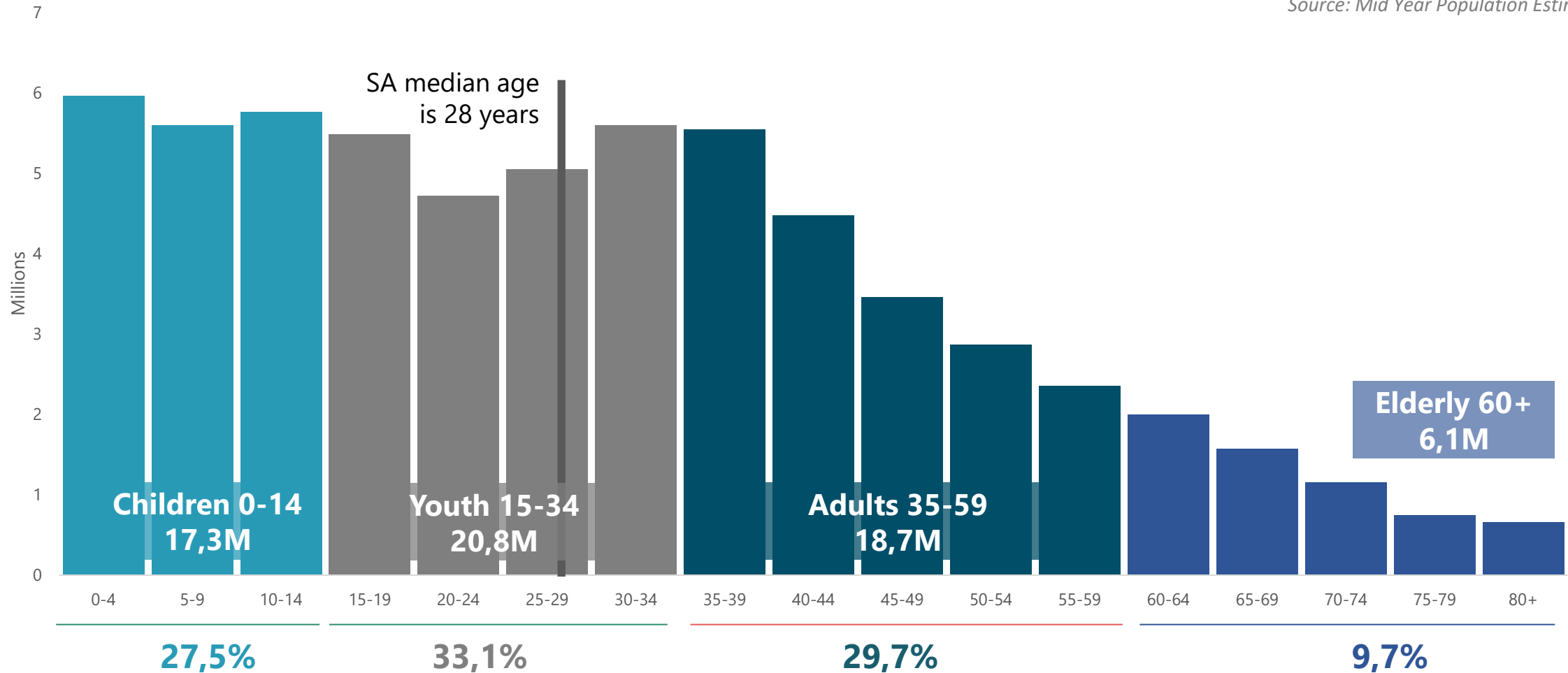
Provinces with **declining** share



Children and youth amount to just over 38 million in SA

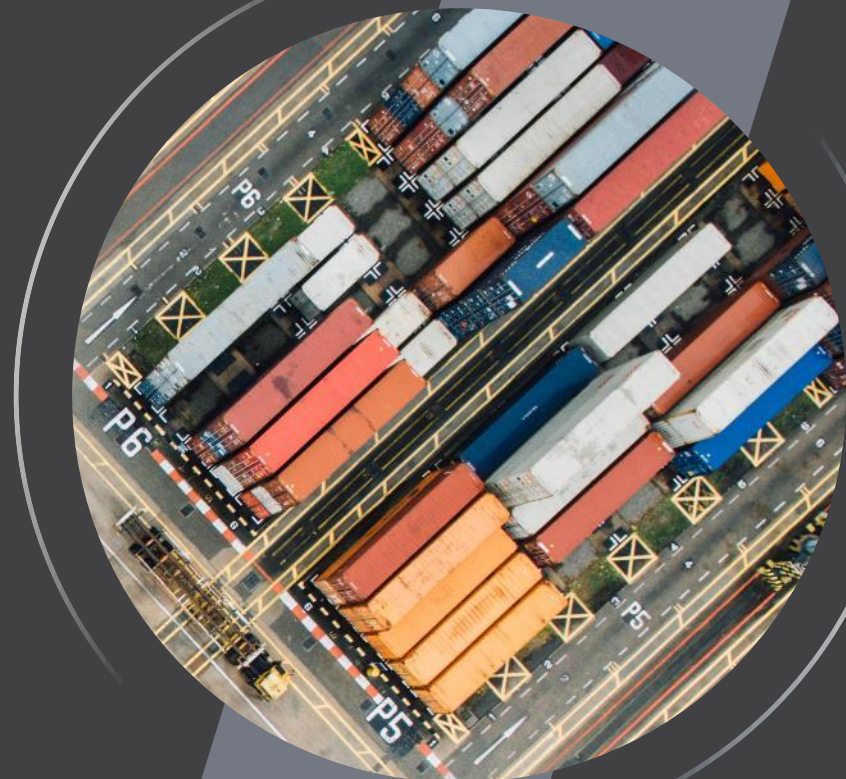
Population age structure 5-year age groups, 2024

Source: Mid Year Population Estimates 2024



*Due to rounding totals may not add up to 100%

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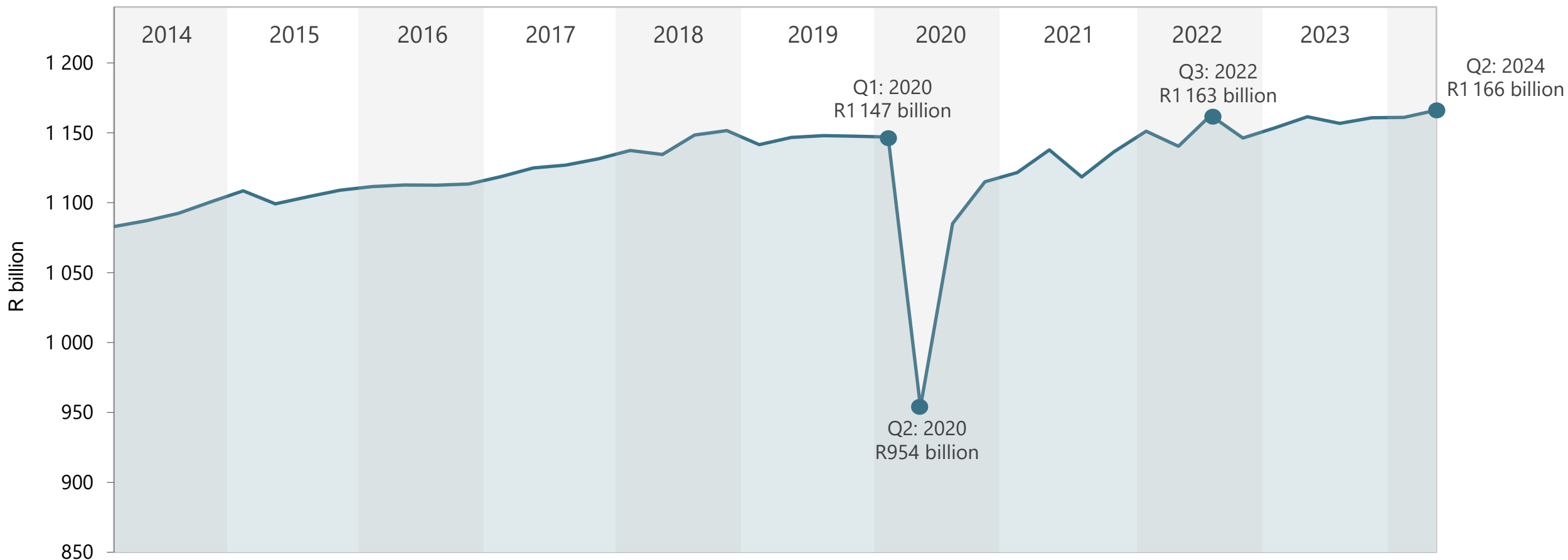


South African GDP over time

Real GDP reached its highest quarterly level in Q2: 2024

Constant 2015 prices, seasonally adjusted

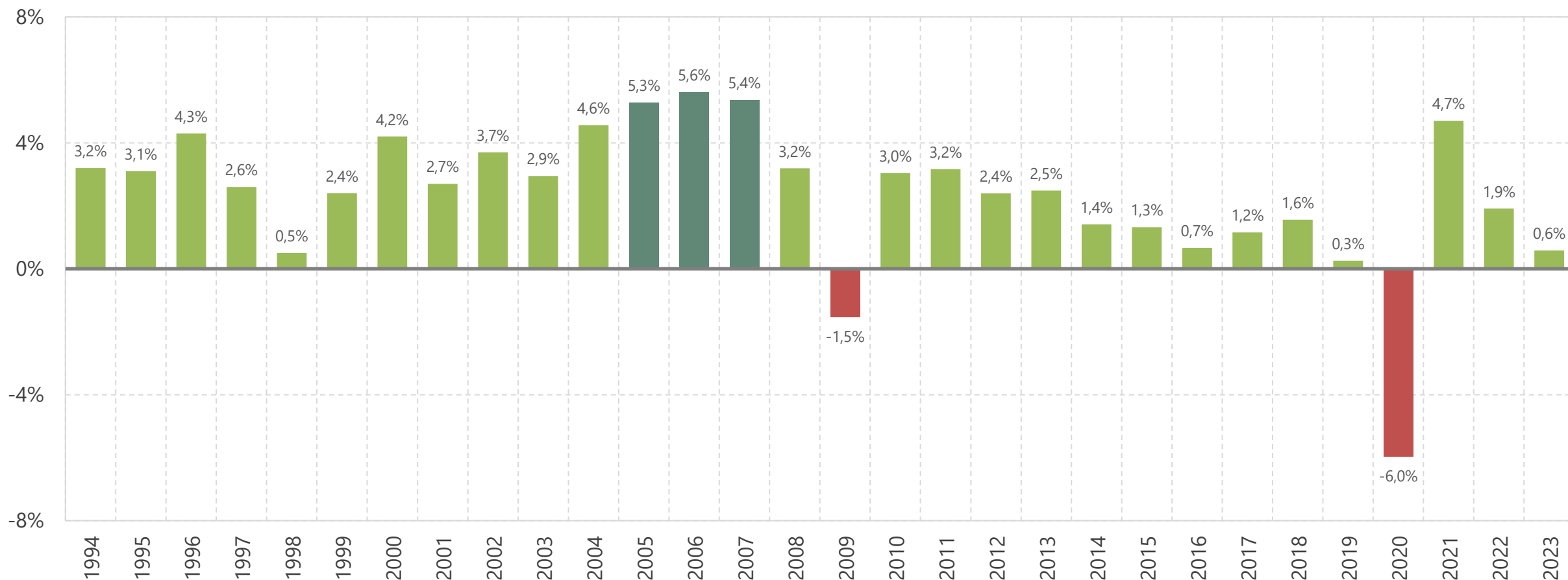
Source: GDP Q2 2024



South Africa's economy grew by 0,6% in 2023

Annual GDP growth rate (constant 2015 prices)

Source: GDP Q1 2024



The official unemployment rate in SA increased by 0,6 of a percentage point to **33,5 %** in Q2:2024 compared to Q1:2024.

41,3 million

People of working age in South Africa (15 – 64-year-old)

Labour force

Not Economically Active

25,0 million

16,3 million



SA's official unemployment rate stands at **33,5%**
 Increased by 0,6 of a percentage point between Q1:2024 and Q2:2024

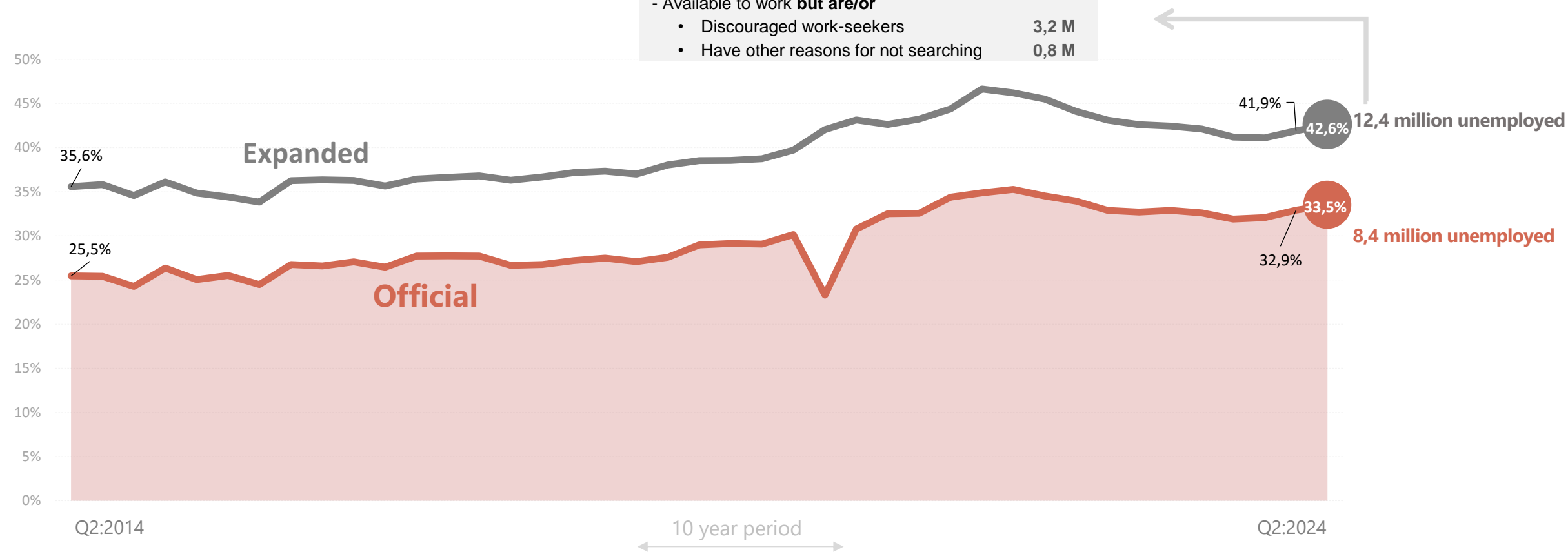
ILO hierarchy – Employed first then unemployed and the remainder is NEA (including discouraged job-seekers). 3 mutually exclusive groups. Cannot be in two groups at the same time.

Source: Quarterly Labour Force Survey, Q2 :2024

The expanded unemployment rate increased by 0,7 of a percentage point to 42,6% when comparing Q2:2024 and Q1:2024.

Official vs Expanded unemployment: Q2:2014-Q2:2024

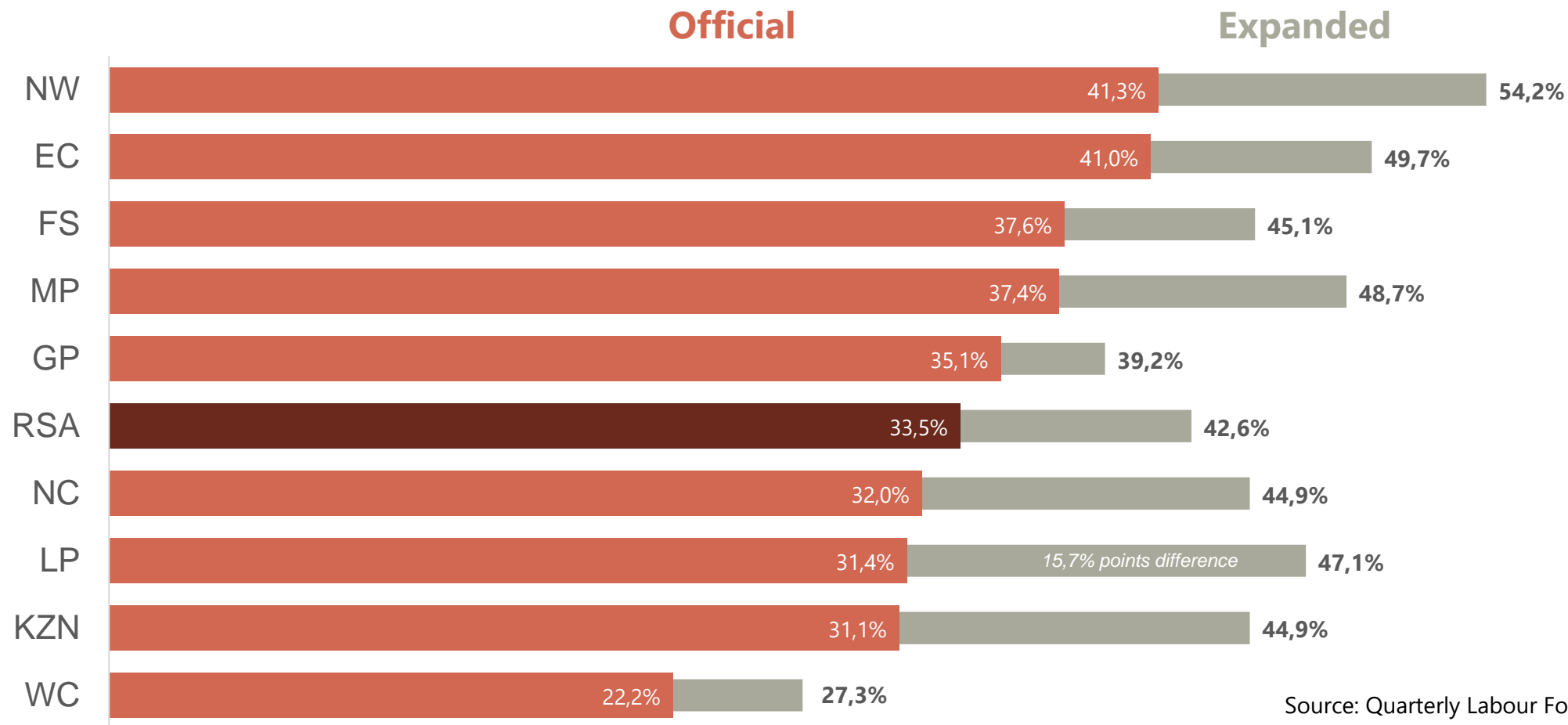
Expanded Definition includes the following	
- Official unemployment (searched and available)	8,4 M
- Available to work but are/or	
• Discouraged work-seekers	3,2 M
• Have other reasons for not searching	0,8 M



Source: Quarterly Labour Force Survey, Q2 :2024

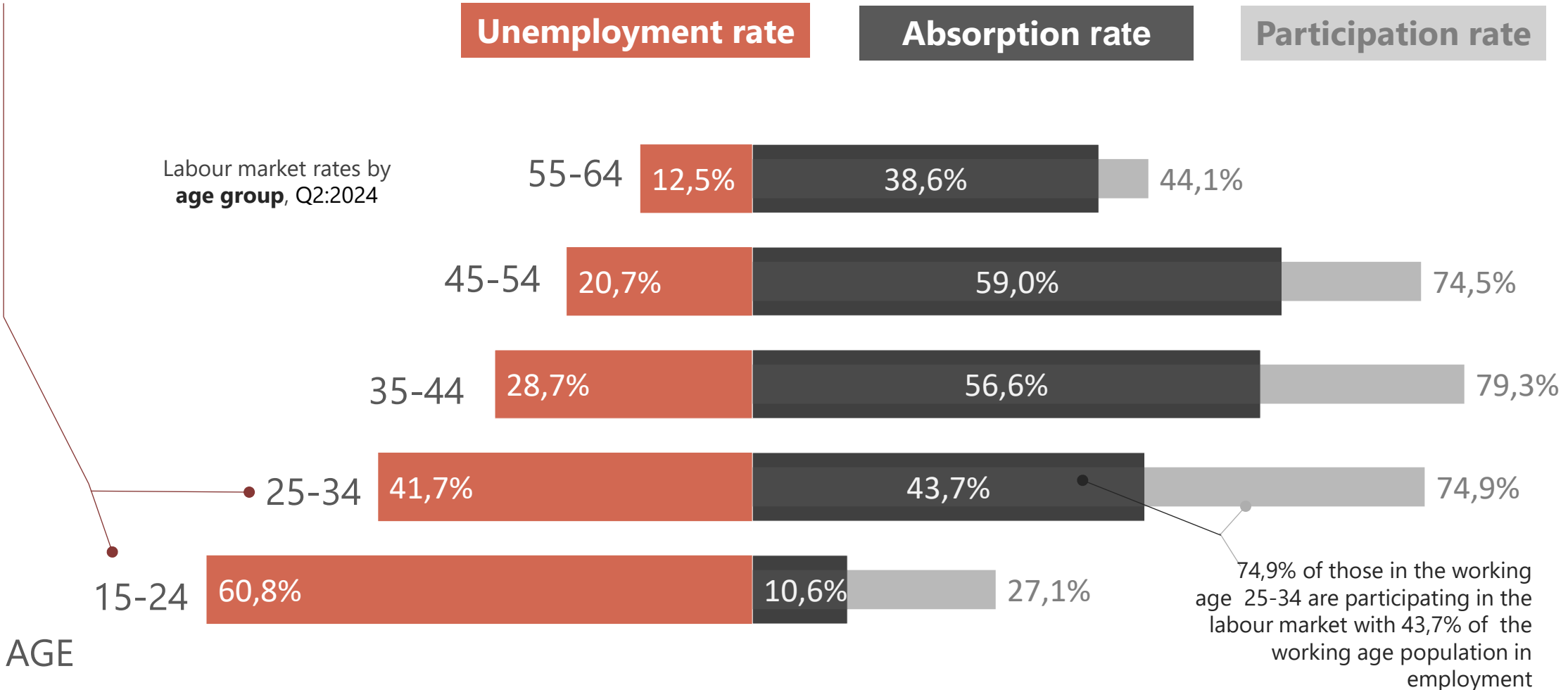
KZN recorded the second lowest official unemployment rate at 31,1% in Q2:2024.

Provincial unemployment rate: **Official** vs Expanded Q2:2024



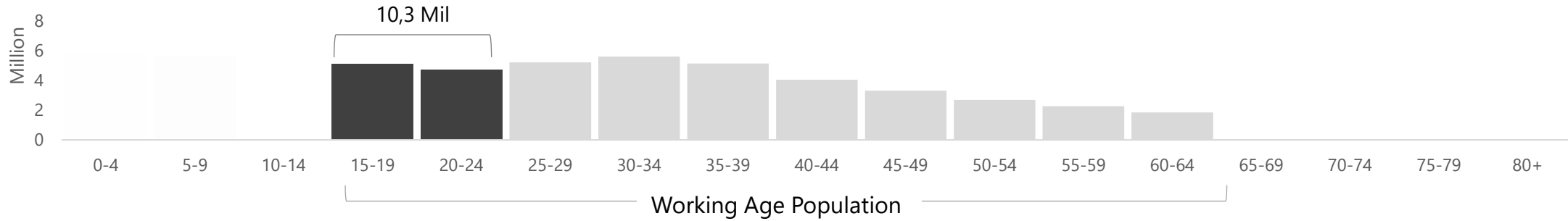
Source: Quarterly Labour Force Survey, Q2 :2024

Youth aged 15-24 years and 25-34 years continue to have the highest unemployment rates at **60,8%** and **41,7%** respectively.



Source: Quarterly Labour Force Survey, Q2 :2024

Approximately **3,6 million (35,2%)** out of **10,3 million** young people aged 15-24 years were not in employment, education or training (NEET).



Number of NEET for ages 15-24
Q2:2024

3,6 Million
NEET

6,6 Million

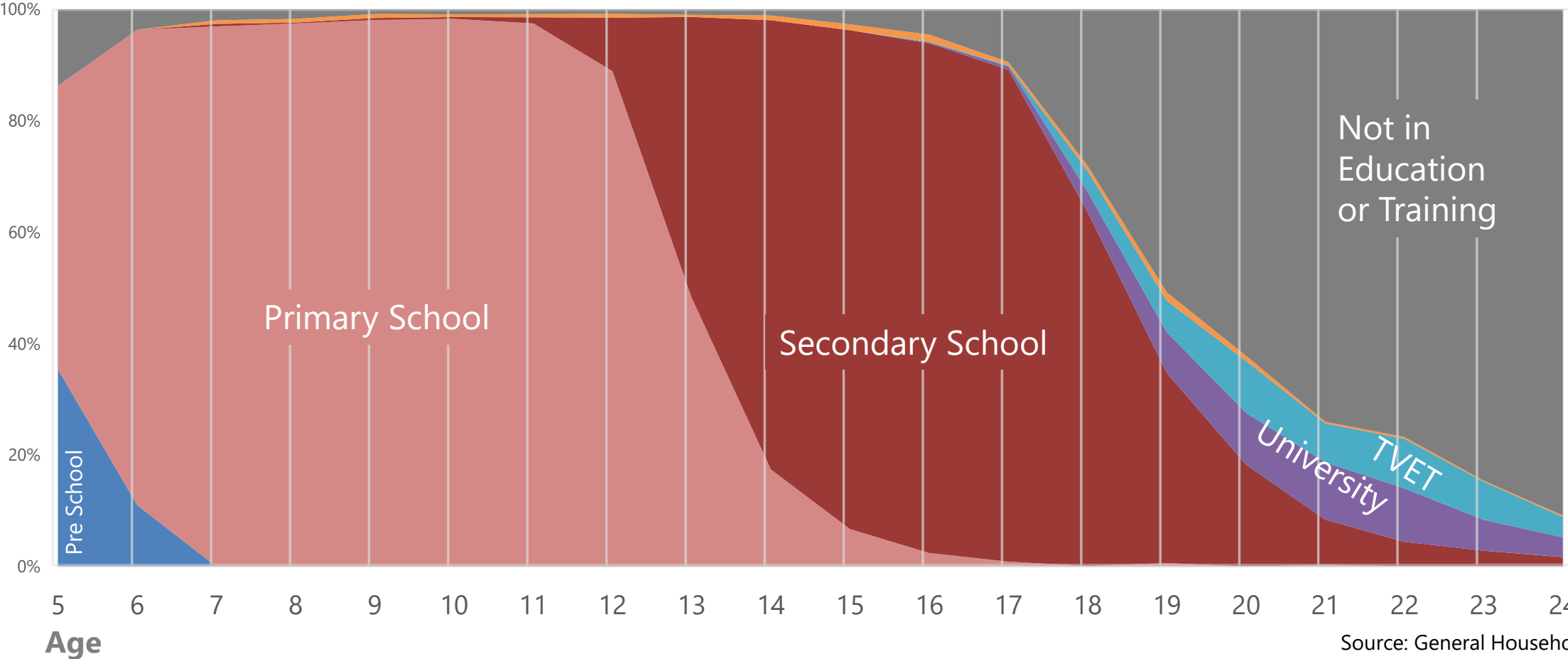
**Employed or in
Education or Training**

Due to rounding numbers may not add up

Source: Quarterly Labour Force Survey, Q2 :2024

High Transition between Primary School and **Secondary School**, however smaller transition rates to TVET or University.

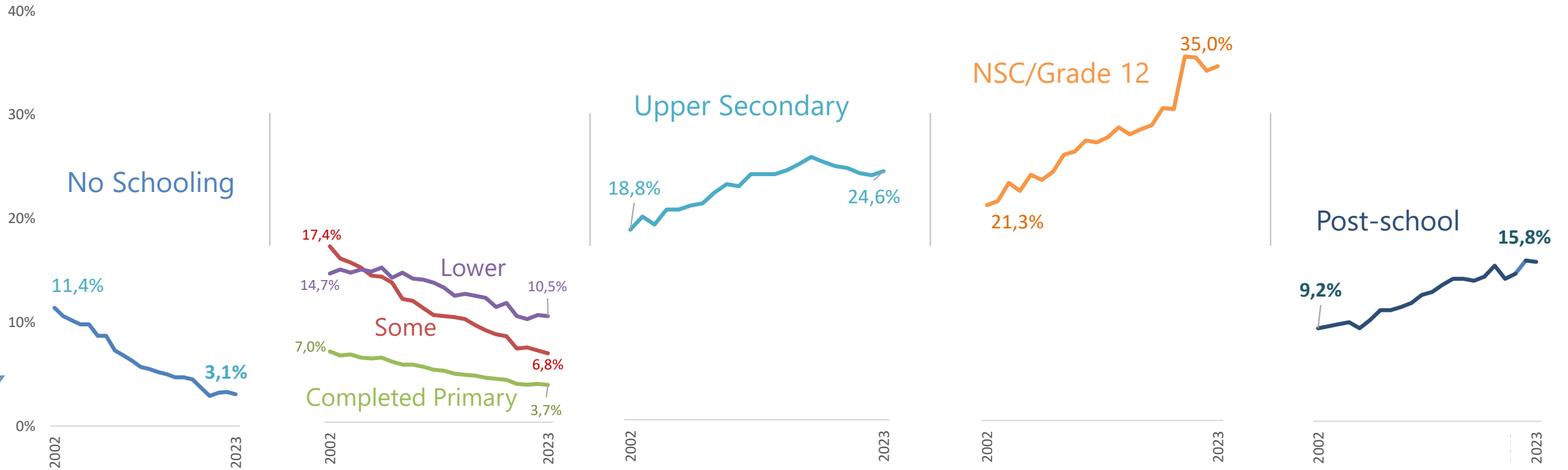
Type of educational institution attended by individuals aged 5–24 years, 2023



Source: General Household Survey, 2023

The percentage of individuals aged 20 years and older who **did not have any education** decreased from **11,4% in 2002 to 3,1% in 2023**. Those with *grade 12 qualification or higher* increased from 30,5% to 50,8% over the same period.

Educational attainment for persons aged 20 years and older, 2002-2023



Source: General Household Survey, 2023

Poverty, Grants and sources of income



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Poverty

Poverty is a complex issue that manifests itself in economic, social and political ways

No single definition will ever be suitable to measure all facets and dimensions of poverty

Stats SA applies and measures various definitions



Money-metric (lack of income)



Multidimensional poverty (lack of basic services, education, etc.)



Subjective poverty (self-perceived)



Inequality (Gini coefficient, share of expenditure, etc.)



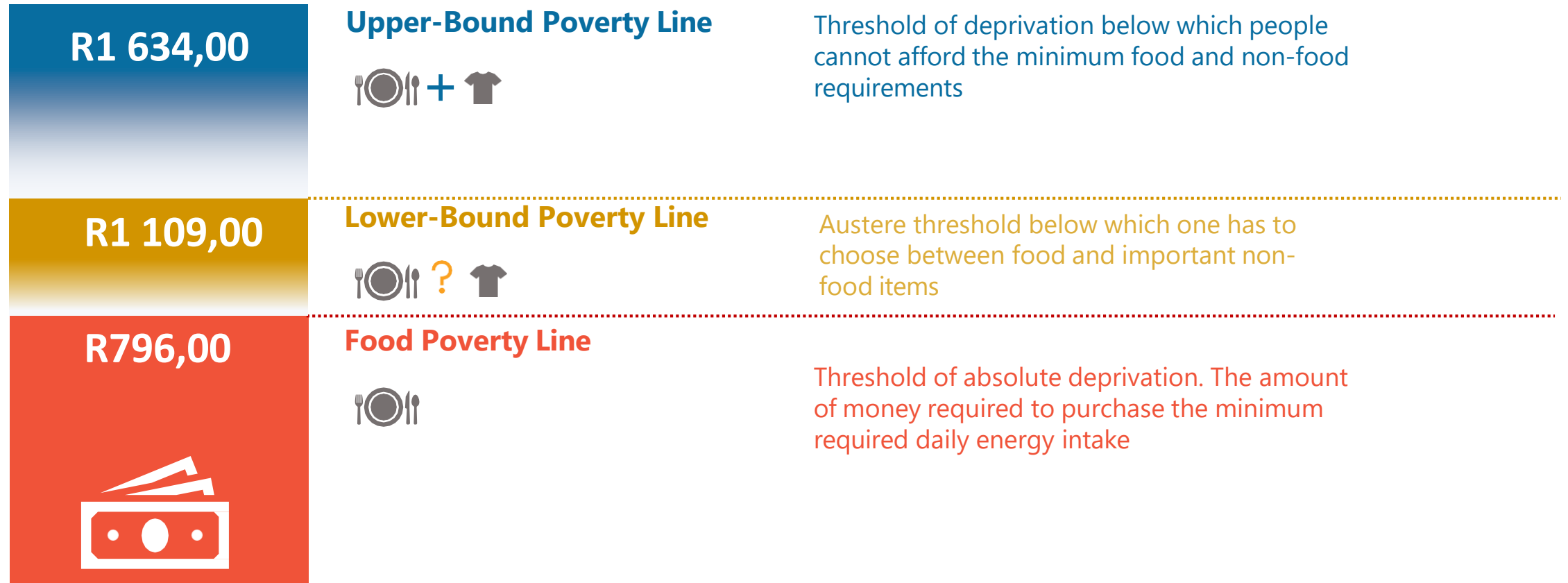
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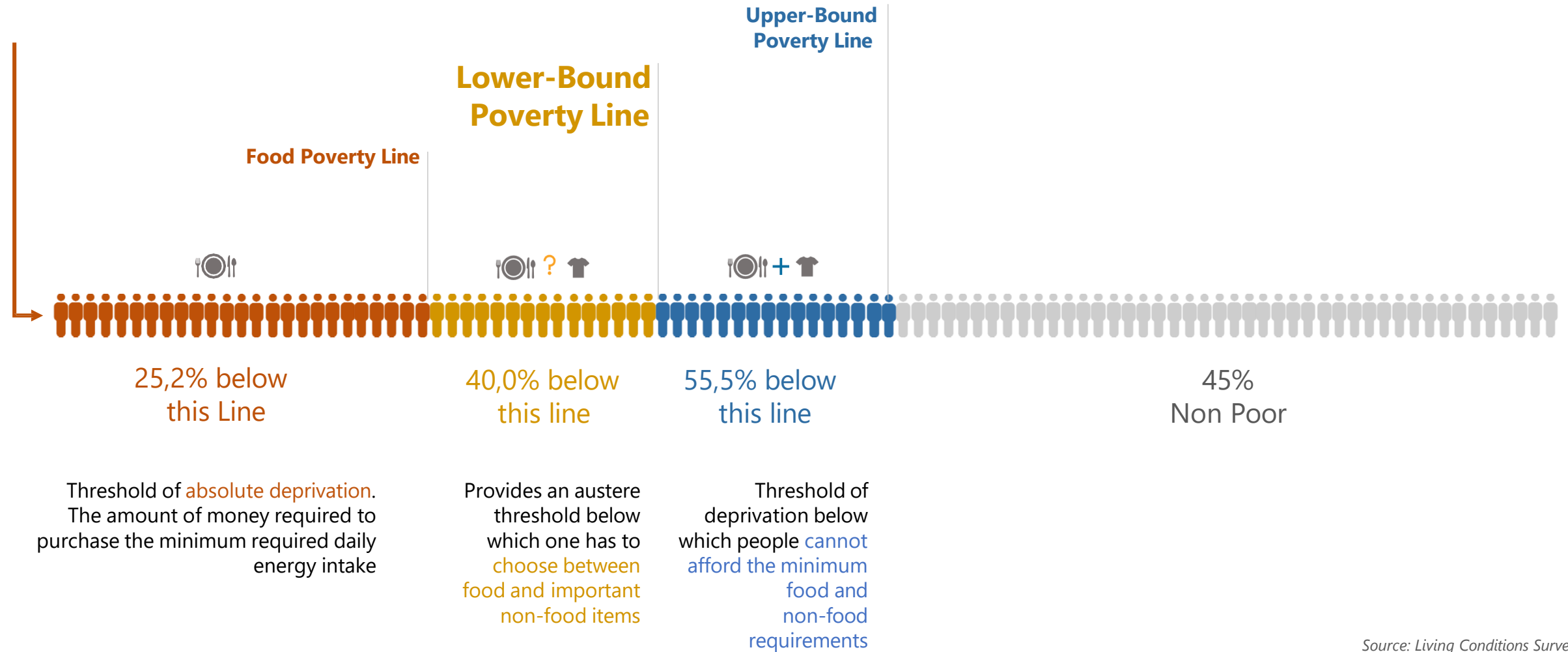
Inflation-adjusted national poverty lines for 2024 (MAY) (per person per month in Rands)



The NPLs for 2023 are set to May 2023 prices. The LBPL and UBPL lines contain both food and non-food components of household consumption expenditure.

In 2015, more than a quarter of the population were living below the food poverty line

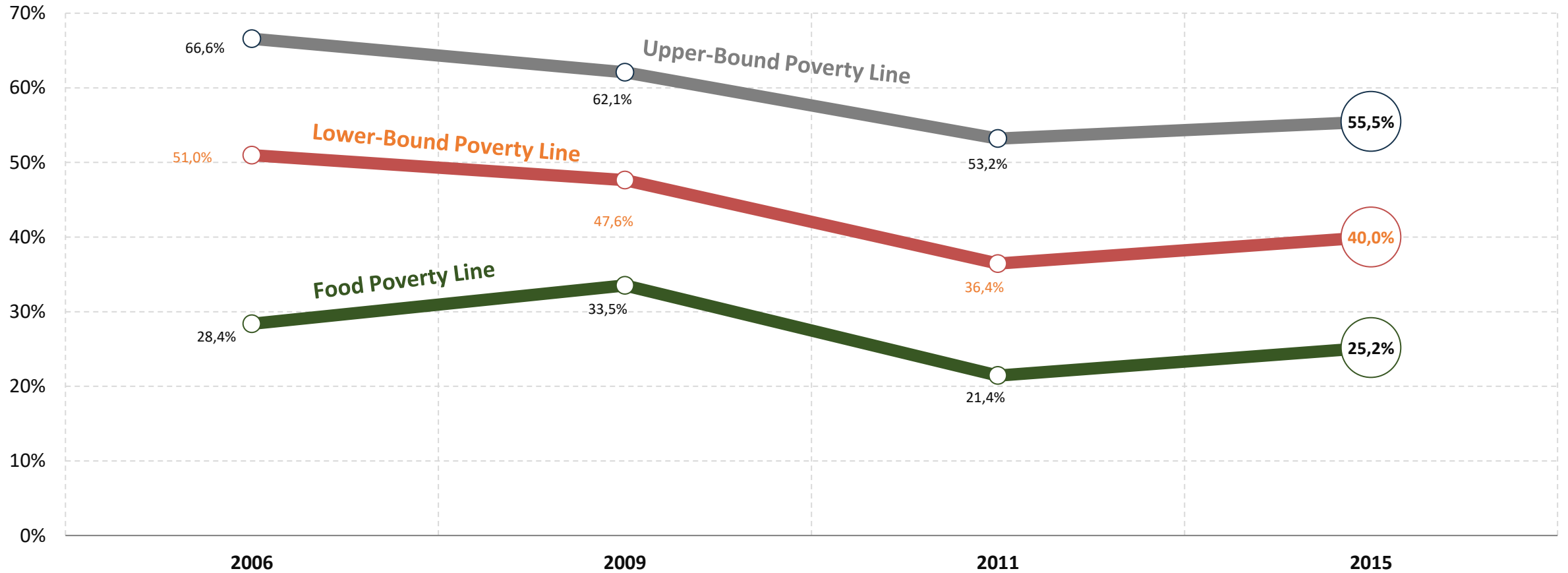
Money-metric Poverty headcounts in 2015



Source: Living Conditions Survey 2015

Approximately **13,8 million South Africans** were living below the FPL in 2015, down from a peak of 16,7 million in 2009.

Poverty headcounts based on the FPL, LBPL and UBPL



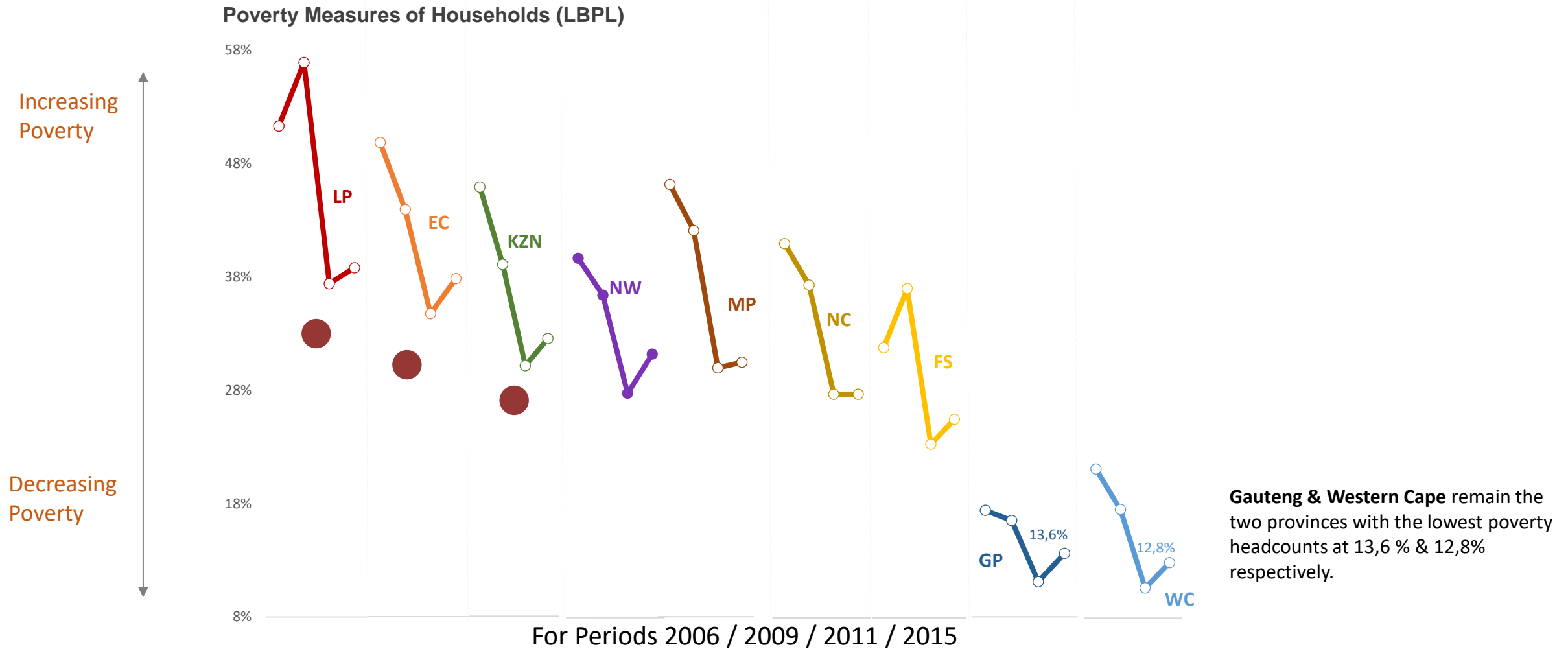
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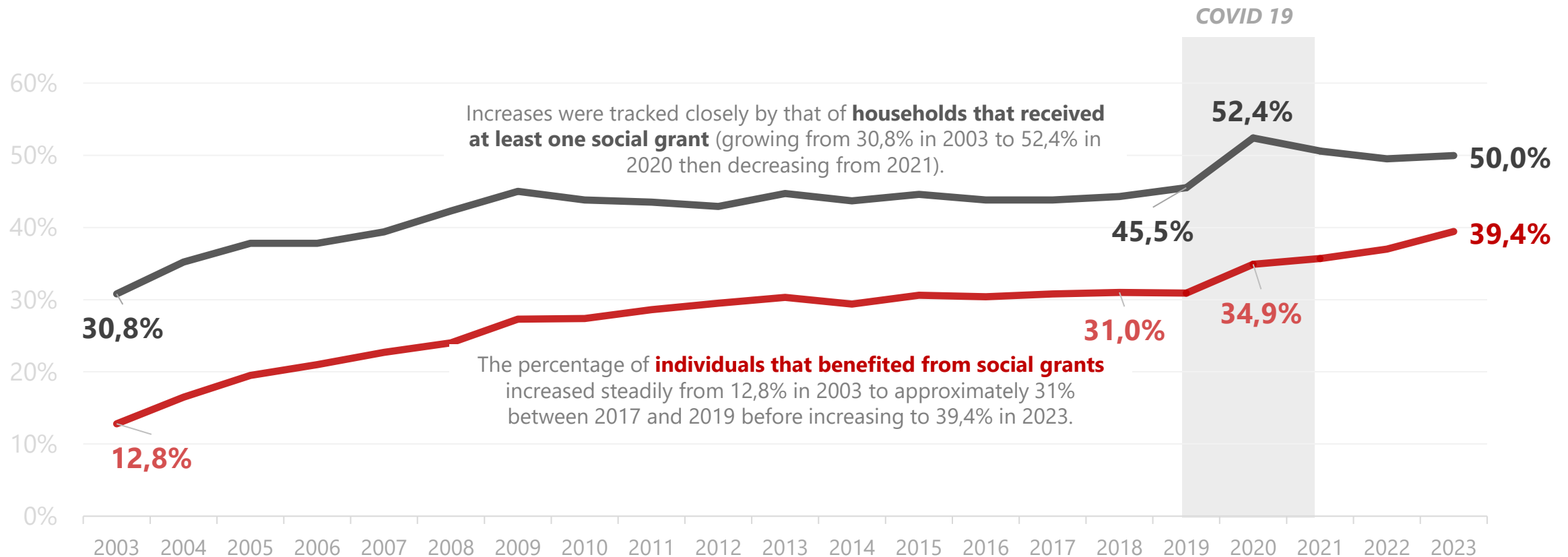
The poorest three provinces in the country have consistently been **Limpopo, Eastern Cape & KwaZulu-Natal**



Source: Poverty Trends Report

An increase in the percentage of individuals who accessed social grants in 2023 was mainly due to the large uptake of COVID-19 **Social Relief of Distress grants**.

Percentage of households and individuals who have benefited from social grants, 2003–2023

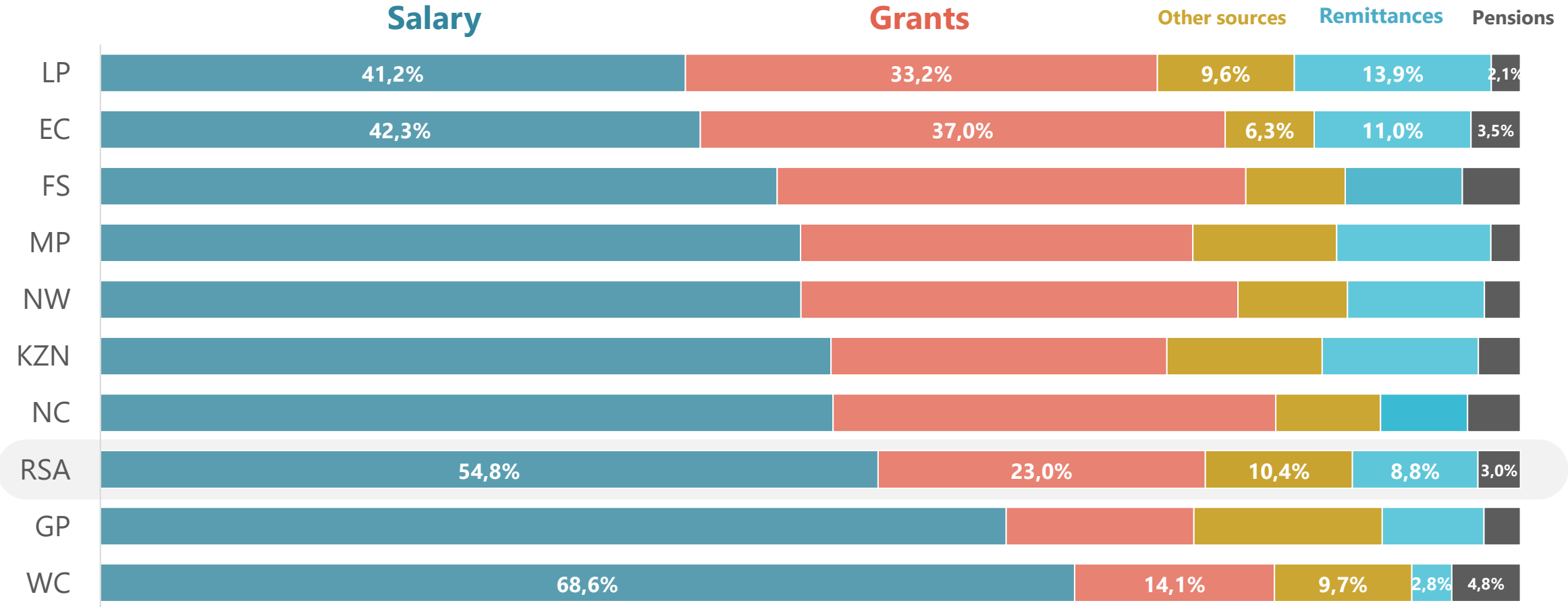


Source: General Household Survey (GHS) 2023

Grants are the main source of income for almost one-quarter (23,0%) of households nationally.

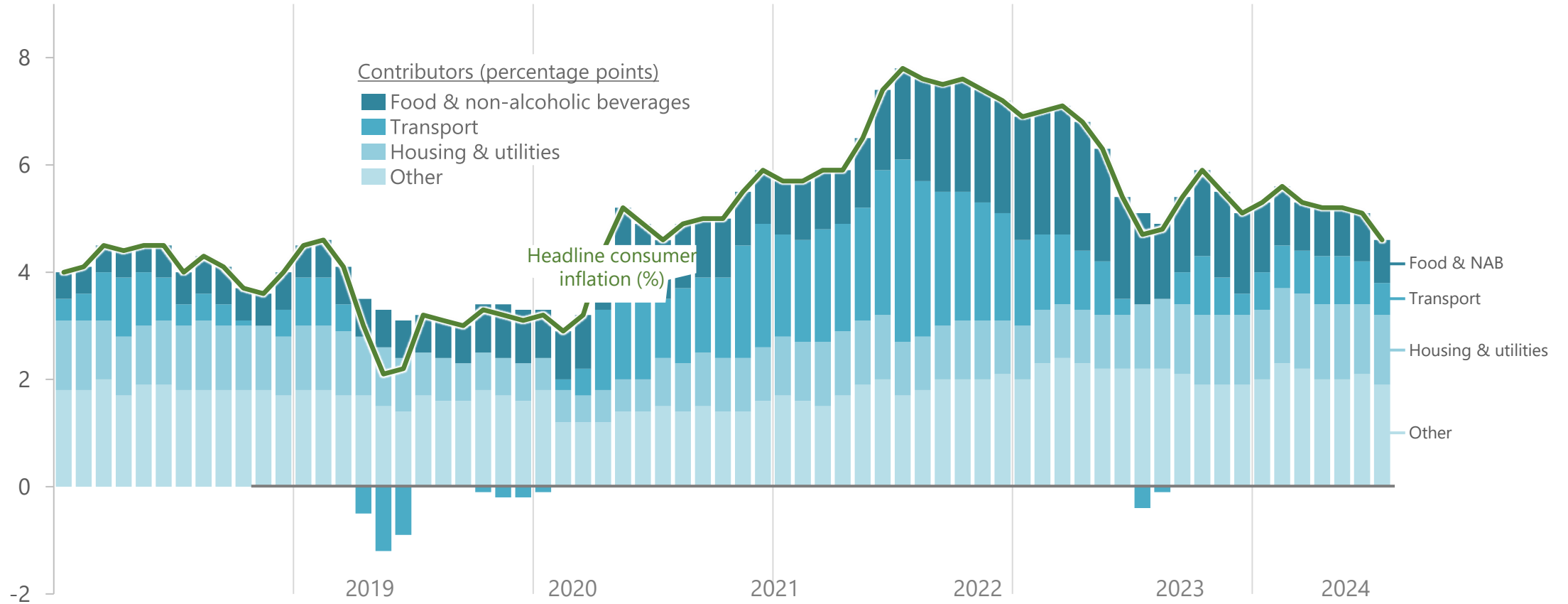
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Percentage distribution of main sources of household income by province, 2023



What drives consumer inflation?

Major contributors to the headline rate (January 2019 to July 2024)

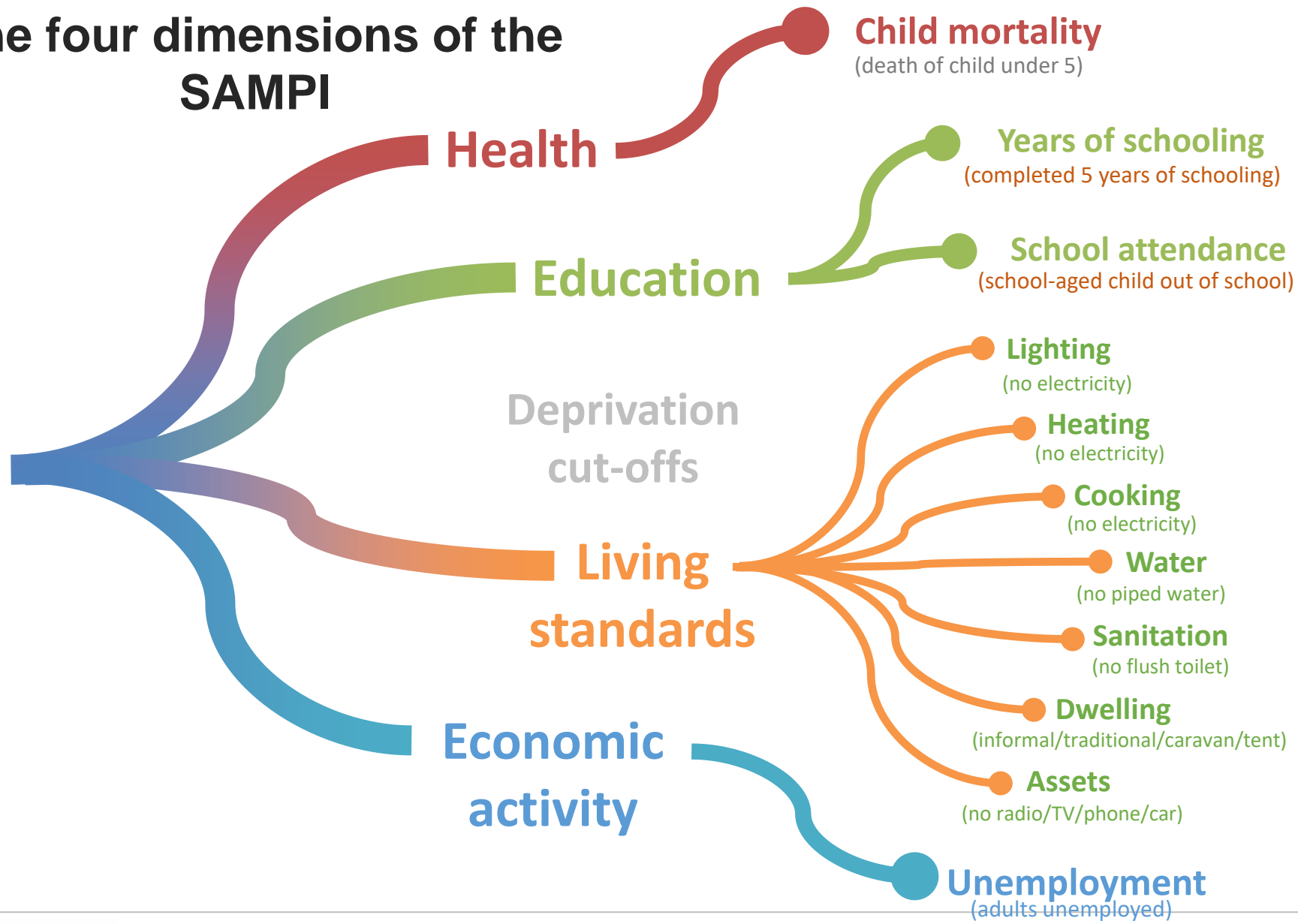


Source: Consumer Price Index (CPI), July 2024



The South African
Multidimensional
Poverty Index
(SAMPI) provides a
more holistic view
of poverty

The four dimensions of the SAMPI



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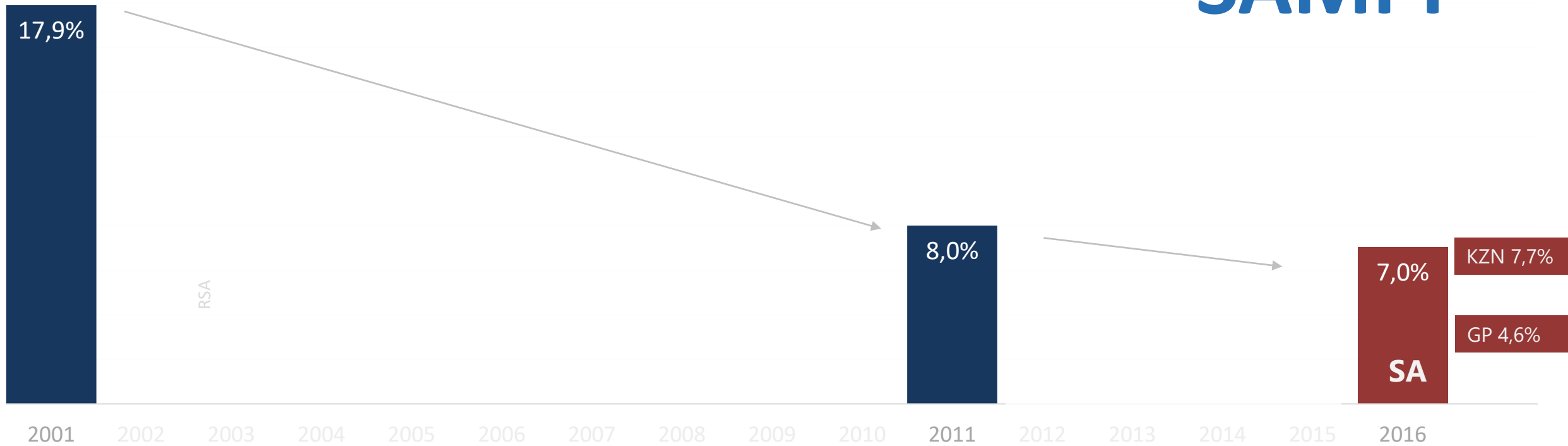
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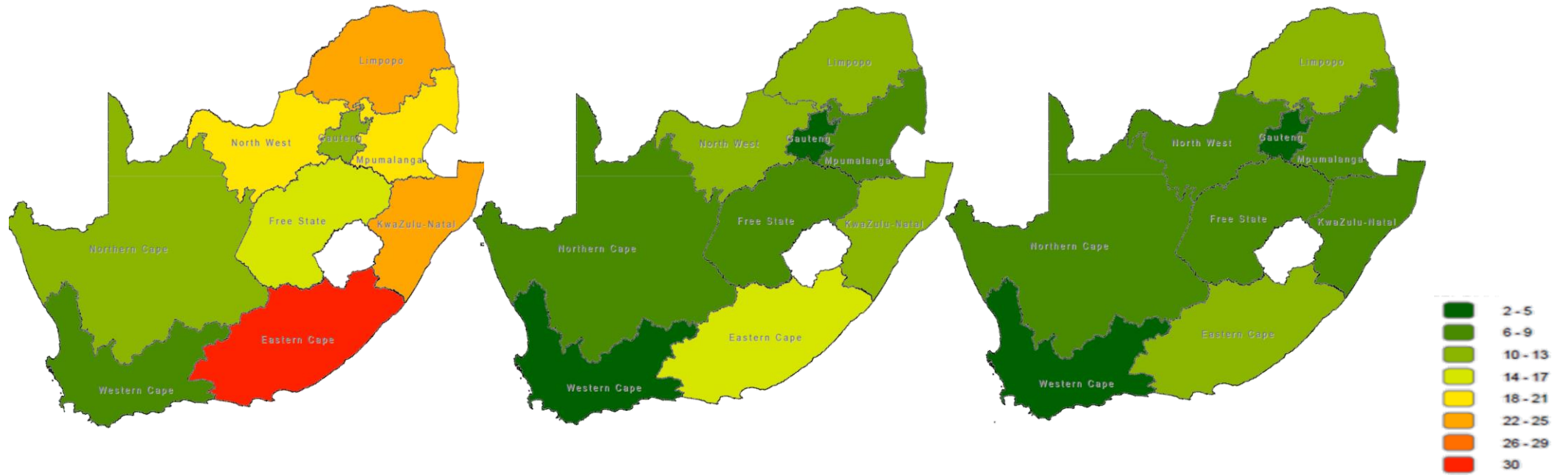
National headcount poverty decreased from 17,9% in 2001 to 7,0% in 2016

Multidimensional Poverty headcount by Geographic Various levels 2001-2016

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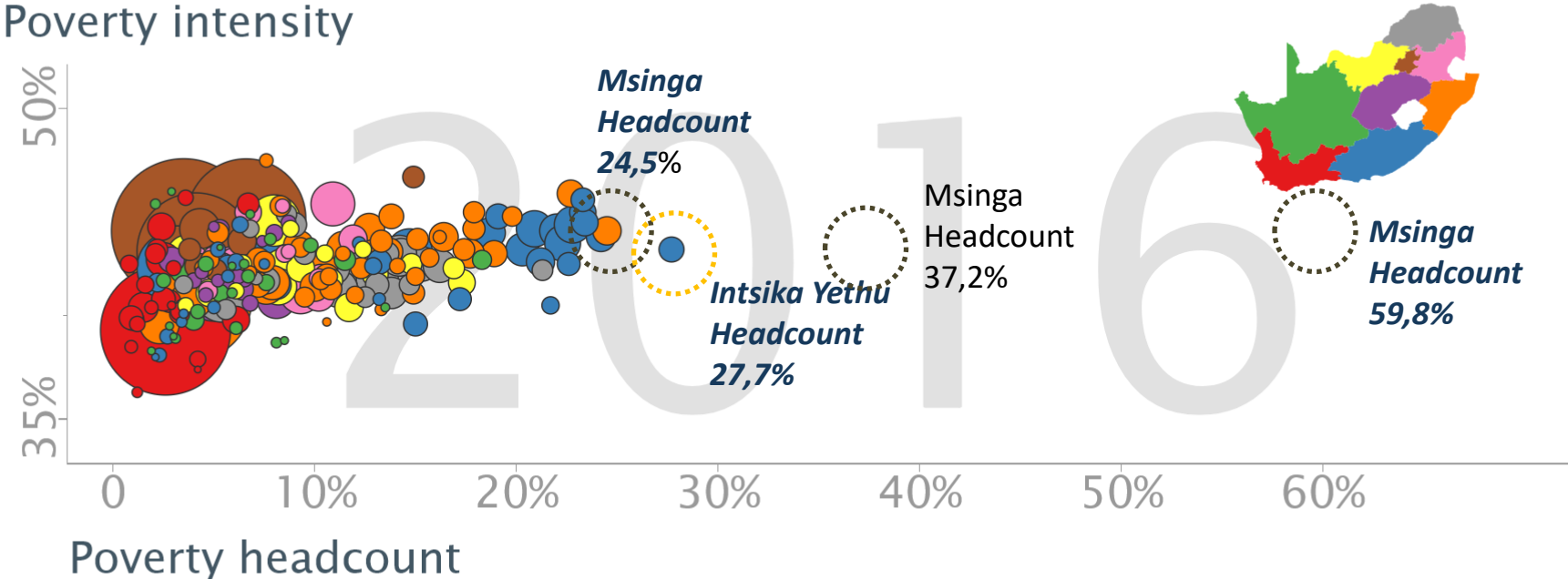


Multidimensional Poverty headcounts by Province 2001/2011/2016

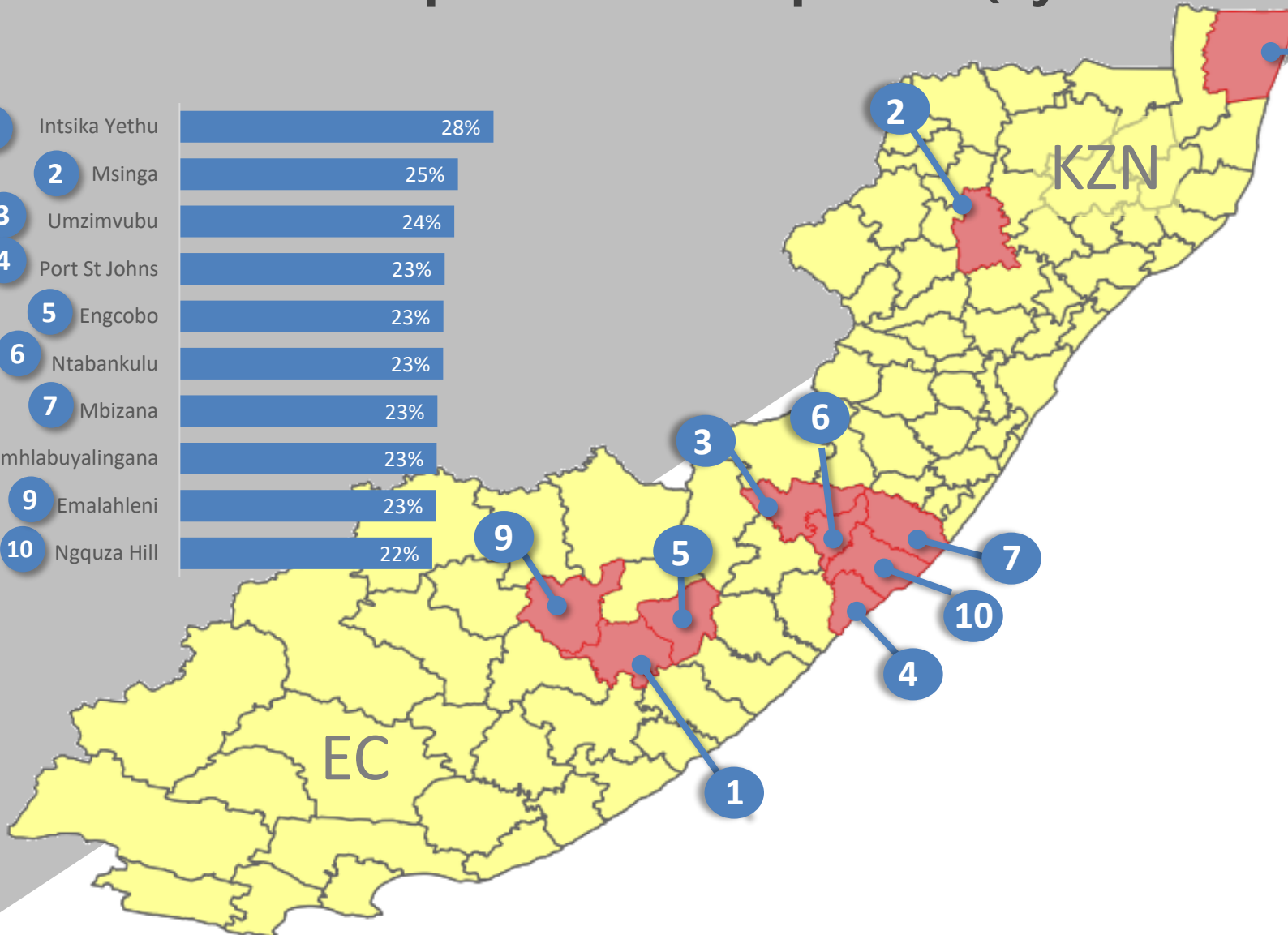
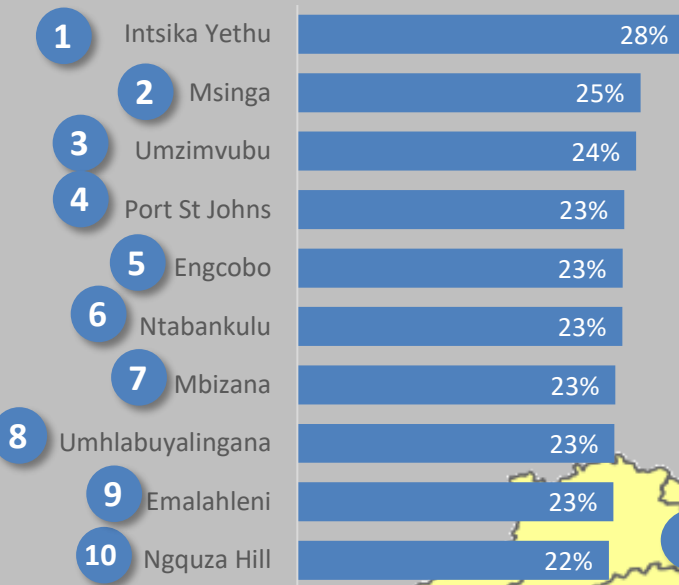


Source: Census 2001/2016/CS 2016

Multidimensional Poverty by Municipalities 2001-2016



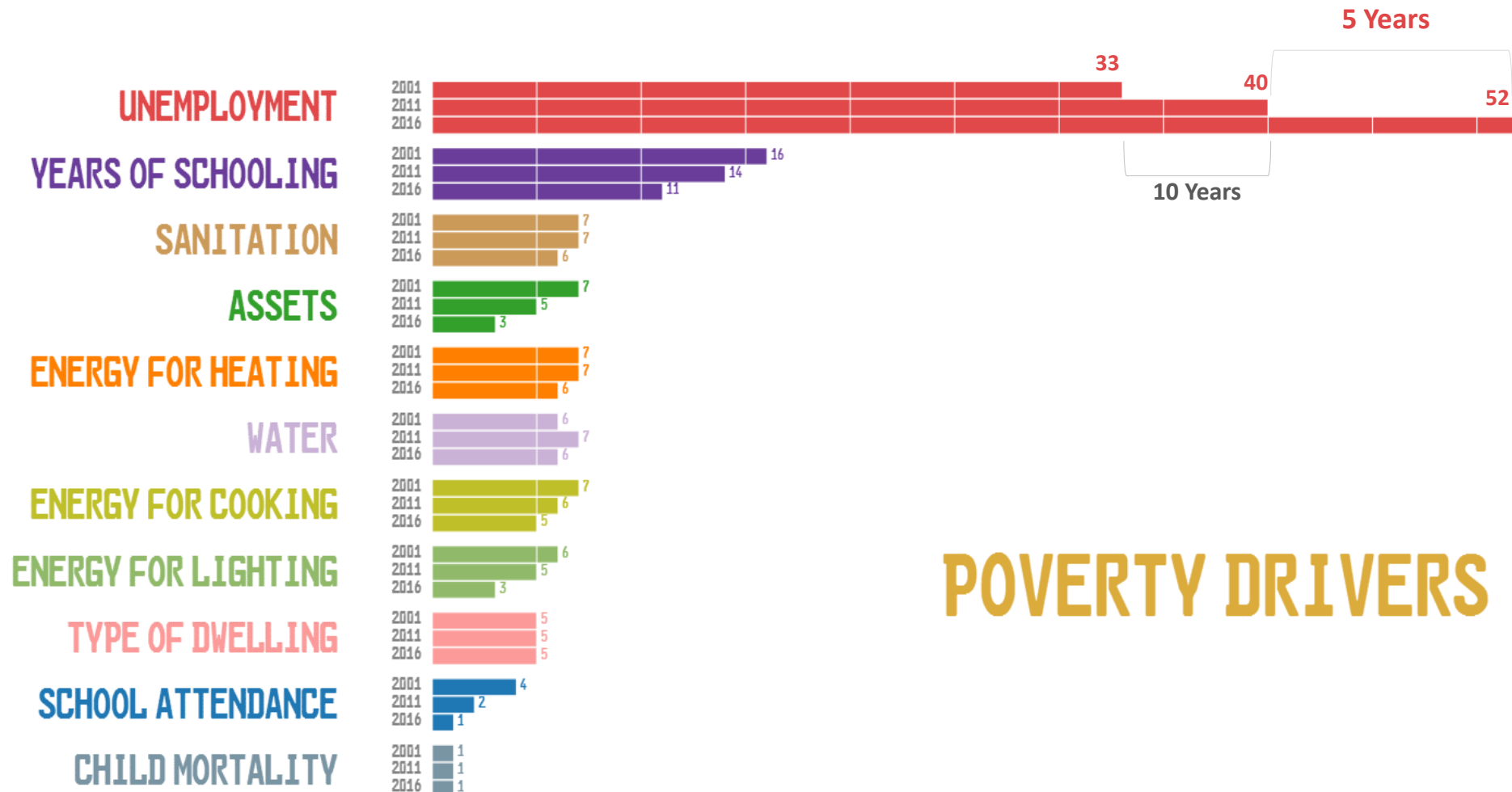
Location of the ten poorest municipalities (by headcount) in 2016.



High levels of multidimensional poverty in **rural areas** of SA

Source: The South African MPI

Multidimensional Poverty Drivers



POVERTY DRIVERS

Census 2001, 2011 and CS 2016

Improvements on the SAMPI

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New methodological developments applied to the global MPI

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Current socio-economic issues to be addressed by the government



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Data challenges and limitations on available data sources

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Additional indicators under the Health dimension include Food Adequacy (Food Insecurity), General Health and Functioning, Medical Aid Coverage, and Hunger.



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Inclusion of a new dimension on the environment



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The future of SAMPI

- Exploring the option of updating SAMPI with survey data, particularly the Envisage Continuous Population Survey instead of Census data.
- This survey will provide more detailed disaggregation and will be collected more frequently.



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