

# Unlocking Limpopo's Investment Potential through Data

Economic and Demographic Insights

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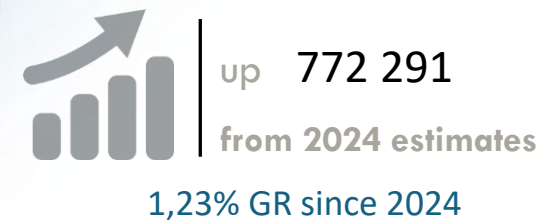
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The **South African** population in  
2025 is estimated at

**63 100 945**



Source: Mid-Year Population estimates 2025

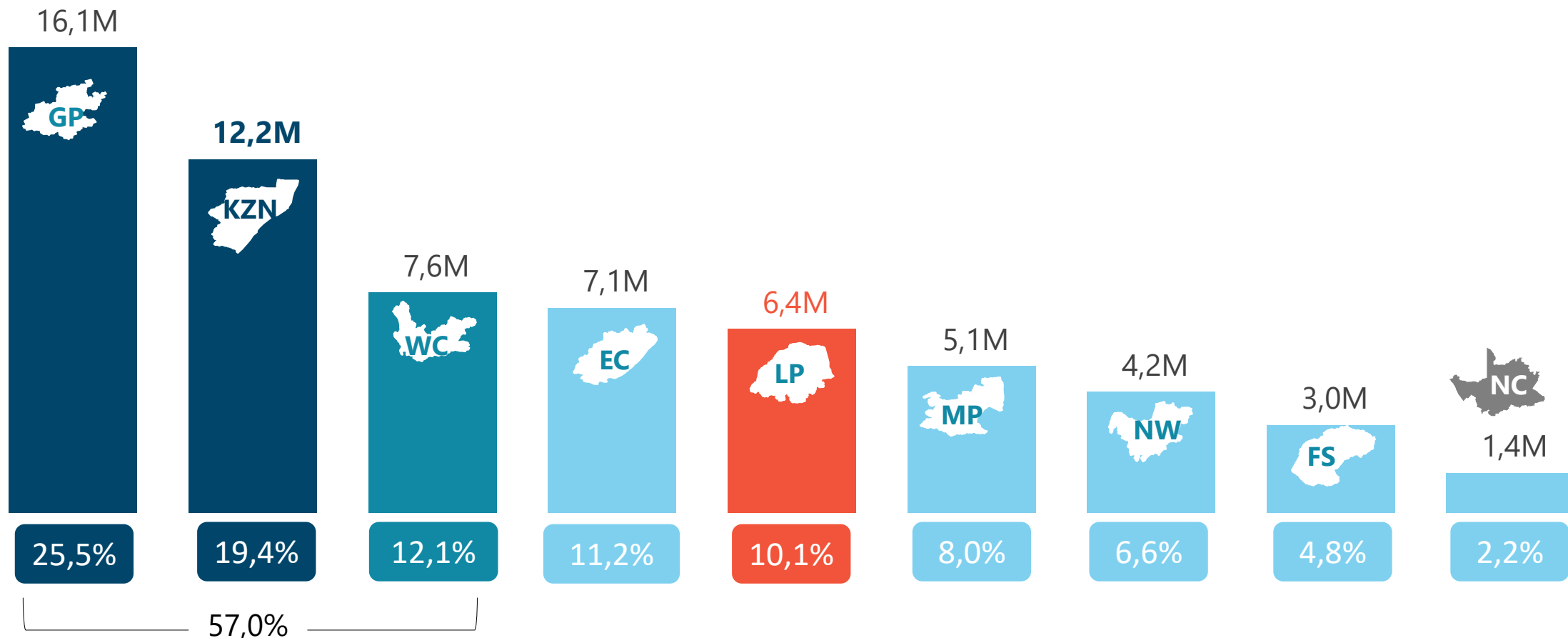


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More than half (57.0%) of the population (36 million) live in 3 provinces.

**Limpopo Province has around 10,1% of the SA population**

Mid-year population estimates for South Africa by province, 2025



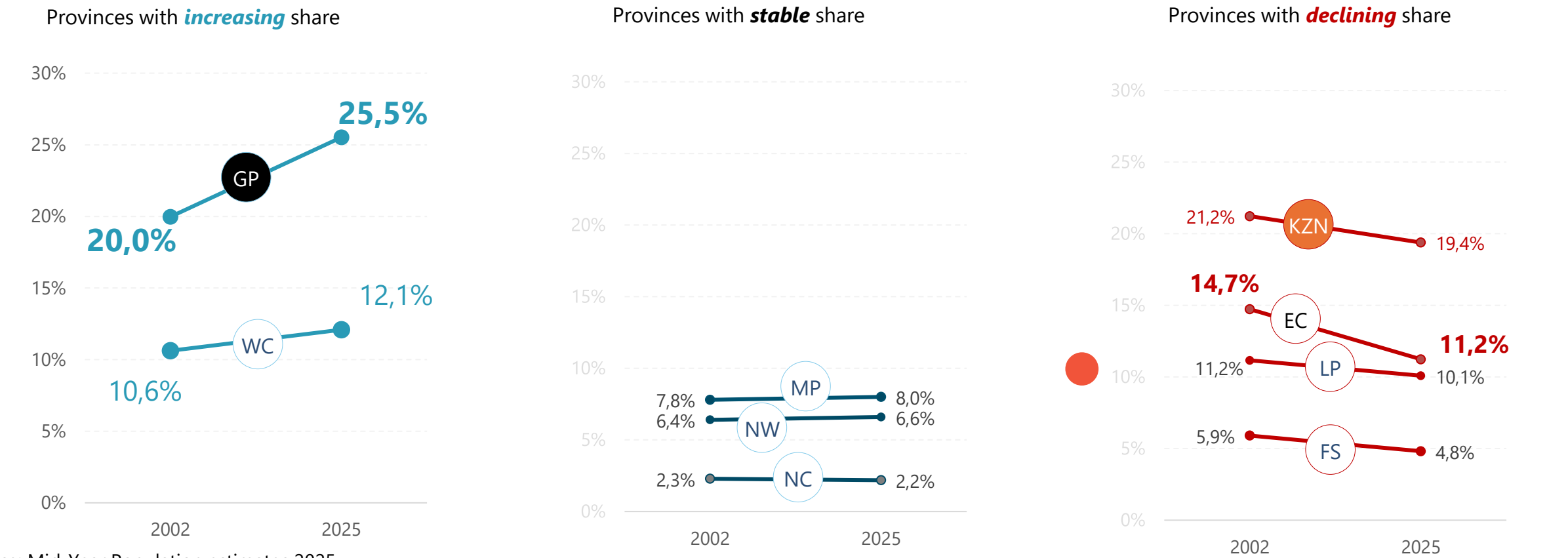
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LP has seen a decreased share of the total population **from 11,2% to 10,1%** between 2002 and 2025

Change in provincial population proportions, 2002 – 2025

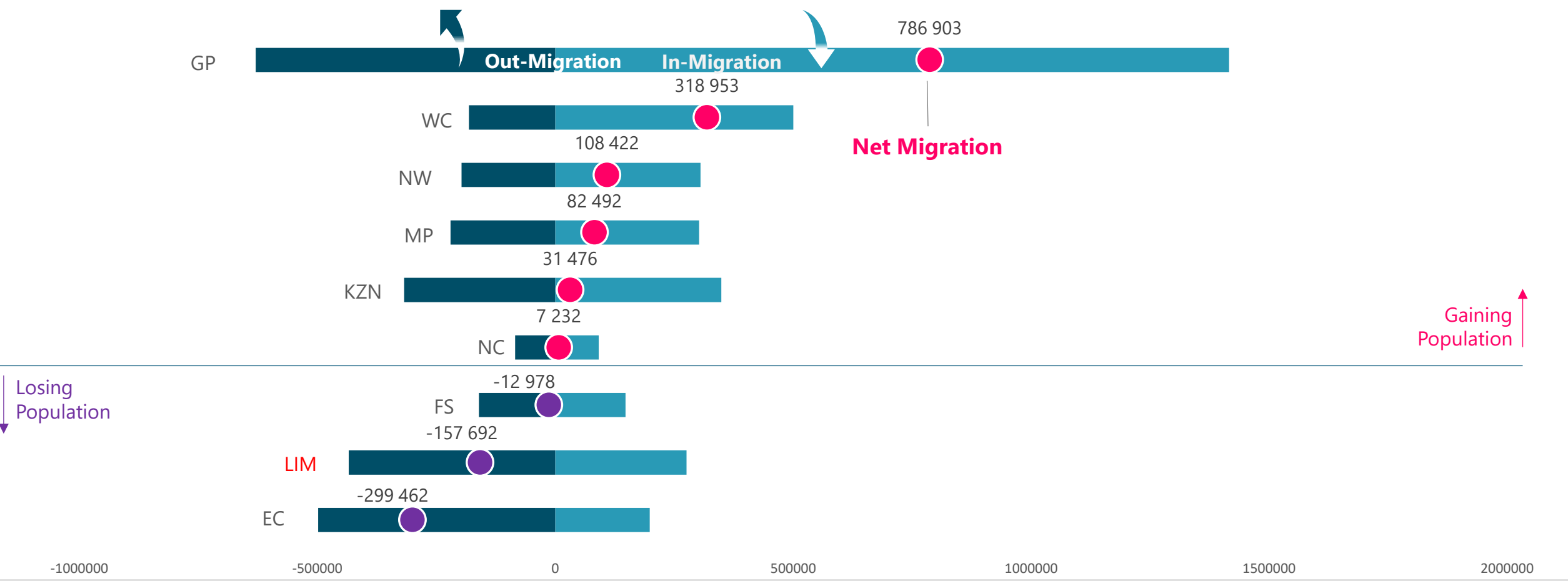


Source: Mid-Year Population estimates 2025

# Over the period 2021 to 2026, Limpopo is estimated to have a negative net migration of people (157 692)

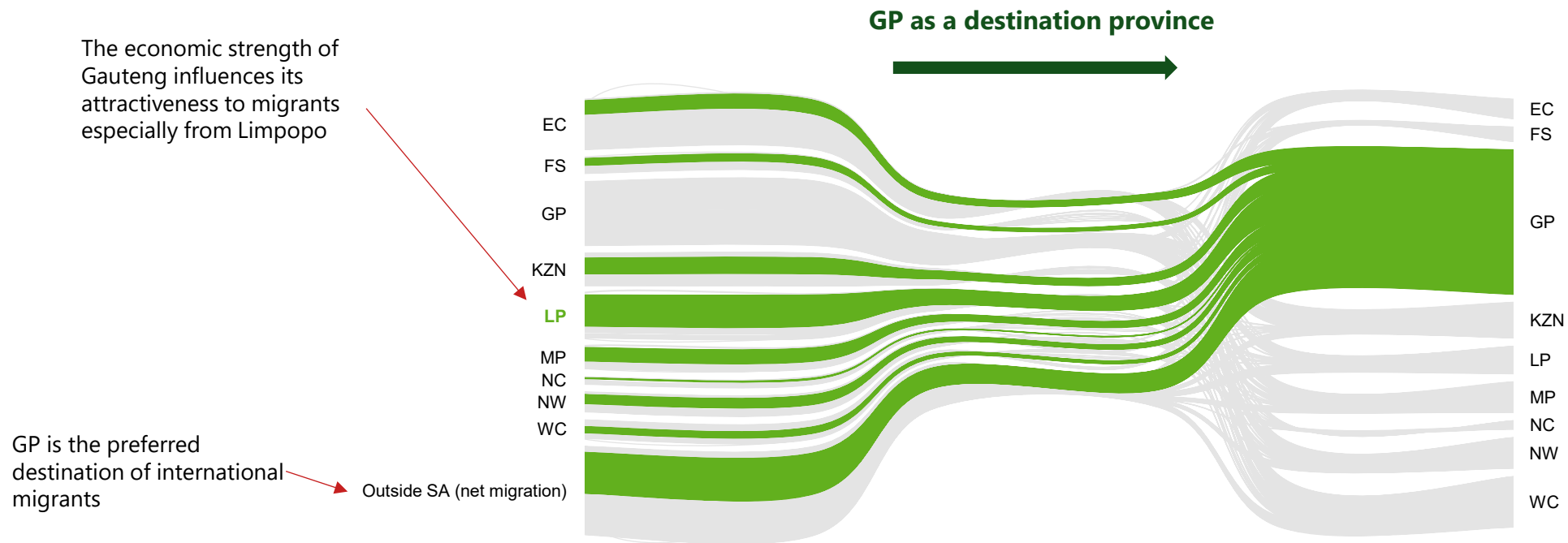
Net migration, 2021 – 2026 by province

Source: Mid-Year Population estimates 2025



# Limpopo provides a large share of migrants to GP

*Provincial Migratory Flows, 2021 – 2026: GP as a destination province*



Source: Mid-Year Population estimates 2025

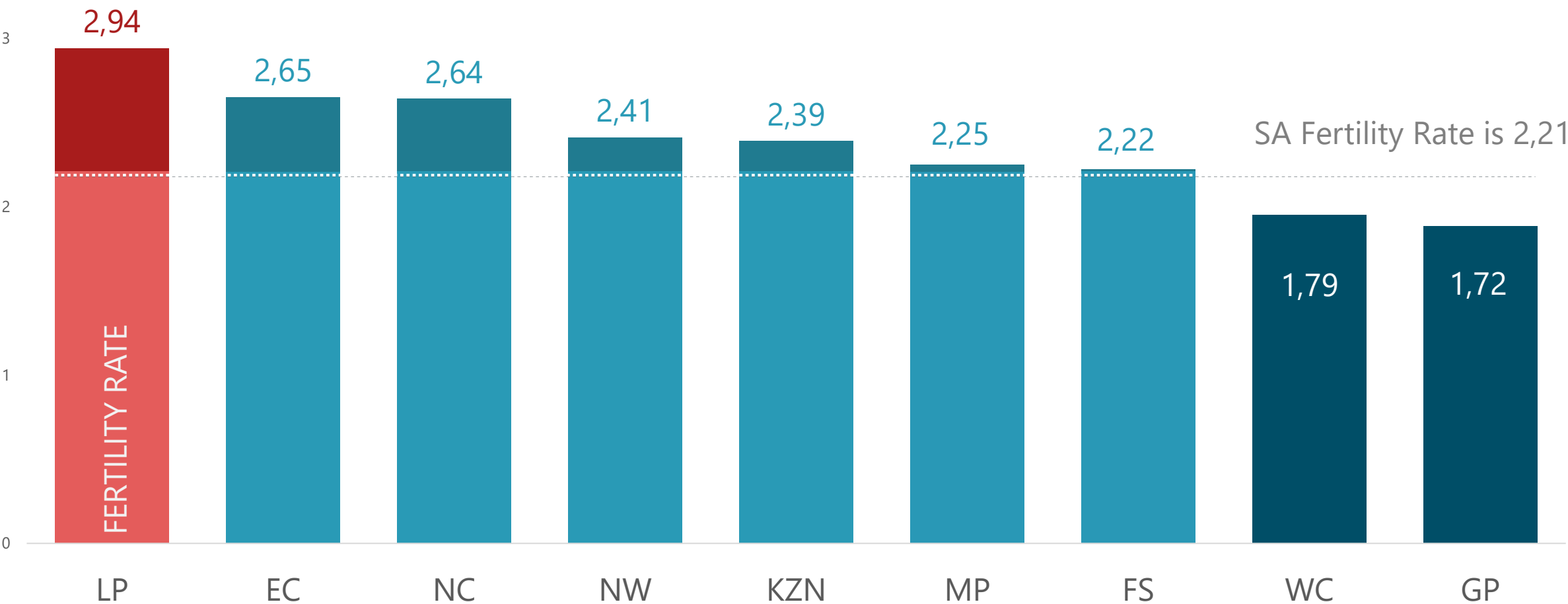


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**GP and WC** are the only provinces who are below the national fertility rate of South Africa (2,21). **LP** has the **highest fertility rate at 2,94**.

Total Fertility Rate, by province, 2021 – 2026

Source: Mid-Year Population estimates 2025



# The population profile can differ significantly by province

Source: Mid-Year Population estimates 2025

Limpopo and Gauteng age structure by single ages, 2025

Median Age in Limpopo is 25 years

Limpopo Province  
Total Population

Gauteng Province  
Total Population

Median Age in Gauteng is 32 years

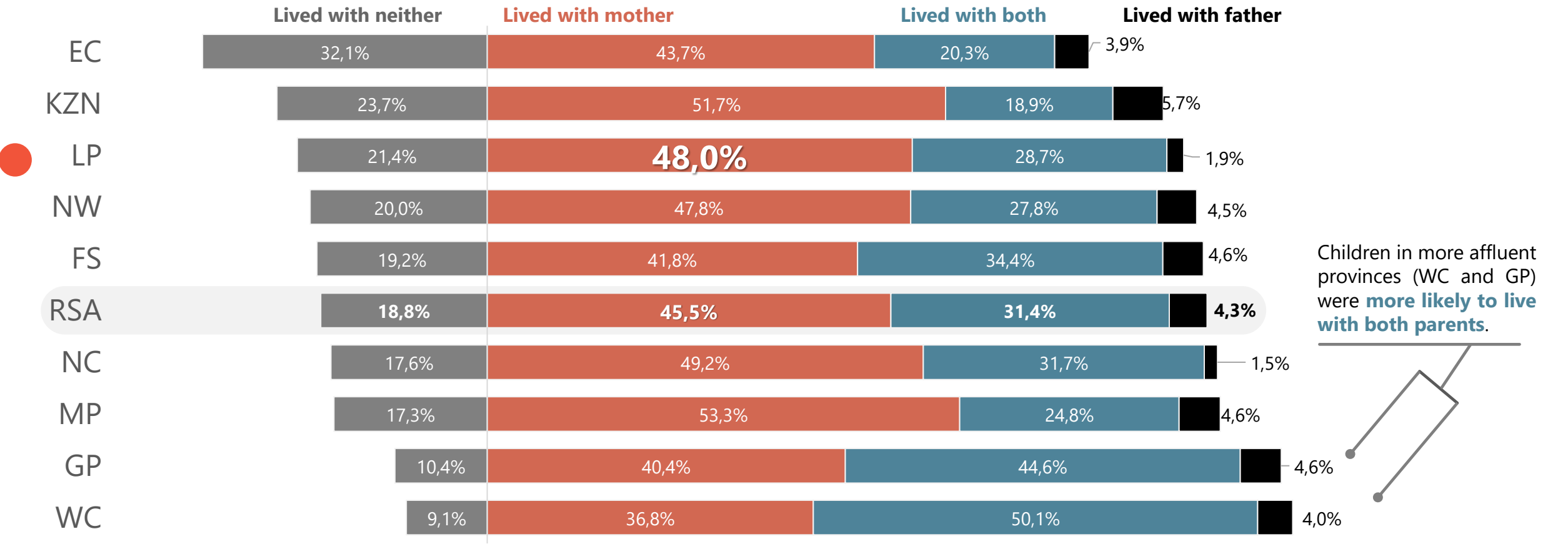




In LP, **48,0%** of children live with their mother only.

Percentage of children living arrangements by province, 2024

Source: General Household Survey 2024



# Economy and Labour

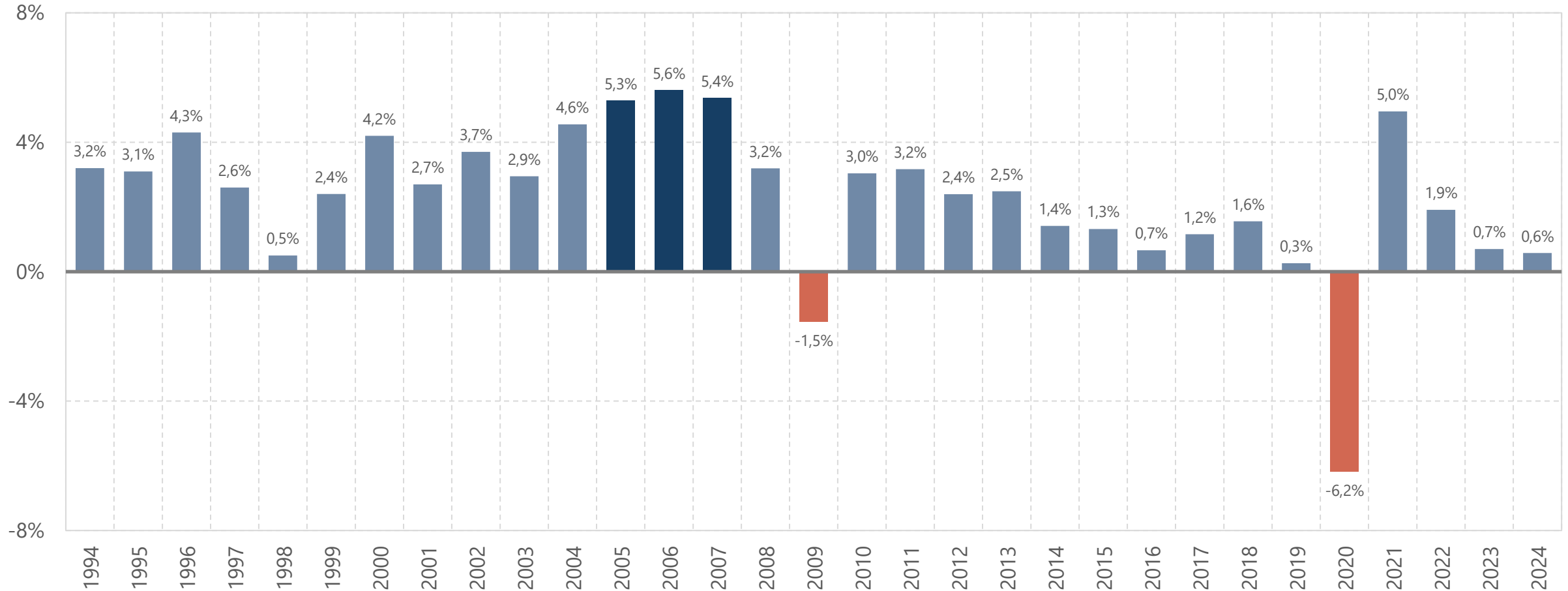


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# South Africa's economy grew by 0,6% in 2024

Annual GDP growth rate (constant 2015 prices)



Source: GDP Q4 2024

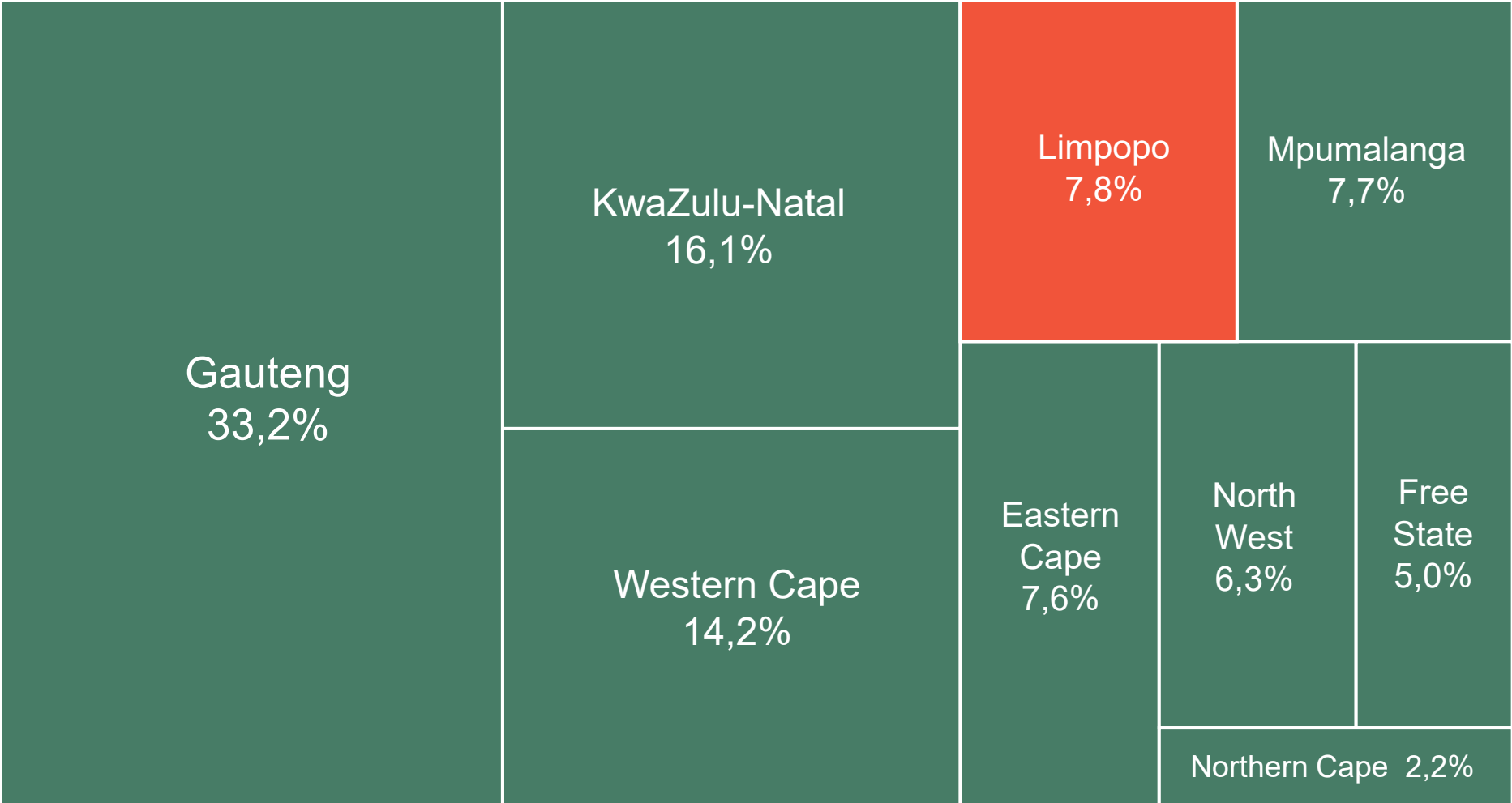


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# Gauteng remains the largest economy, accounting for a third of South African GDP

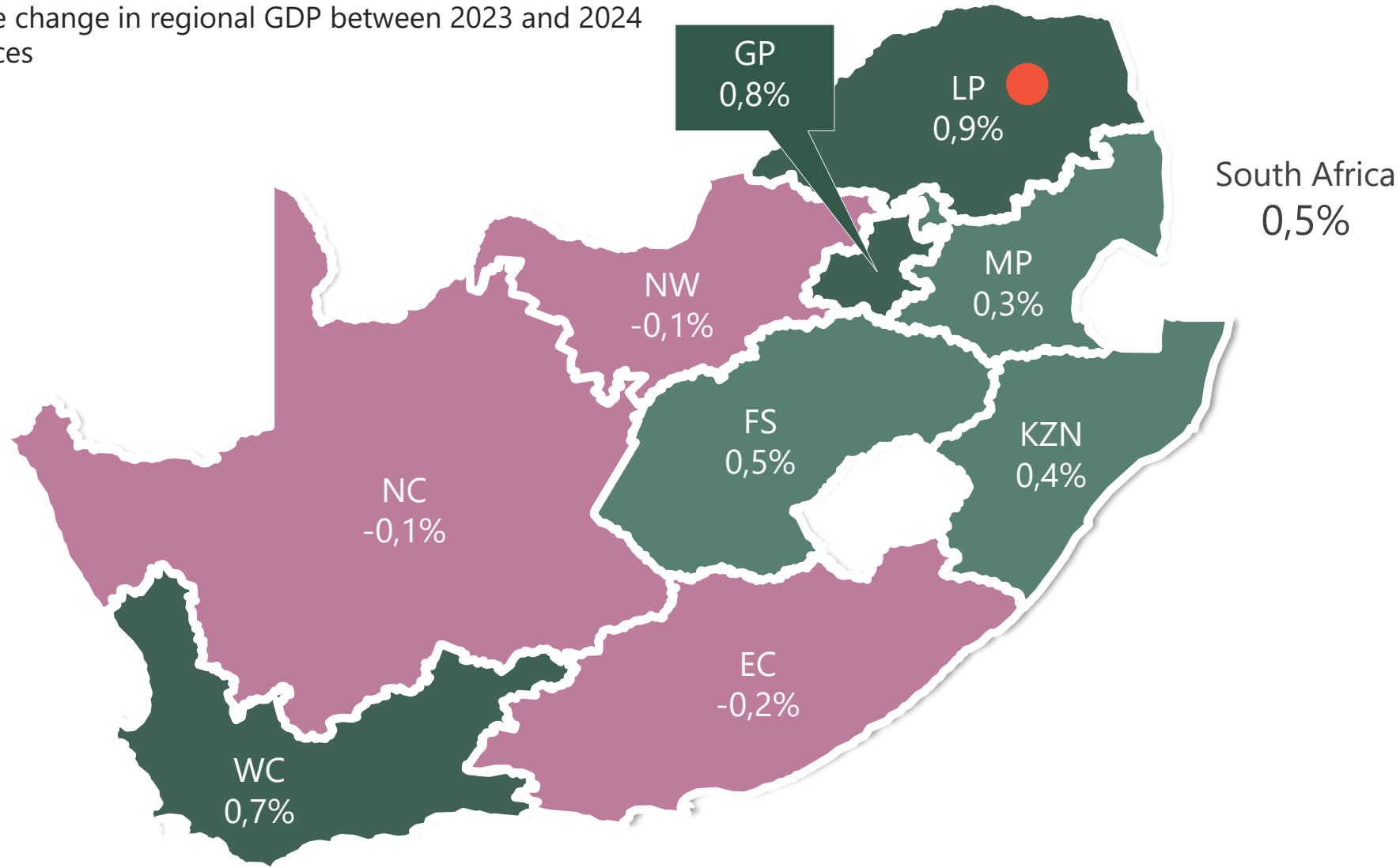
Percentage contribution to national GDP in 2024, current prices (Total: R7,4 trillion)



Source: Provincial  
Gross Domestic  
Product, 2024

# LP was the fastest growing economy in 2024 at 0,9% points

Annual percentage change in regional GDP between 2023 and 2024  
Constant 2015 prices



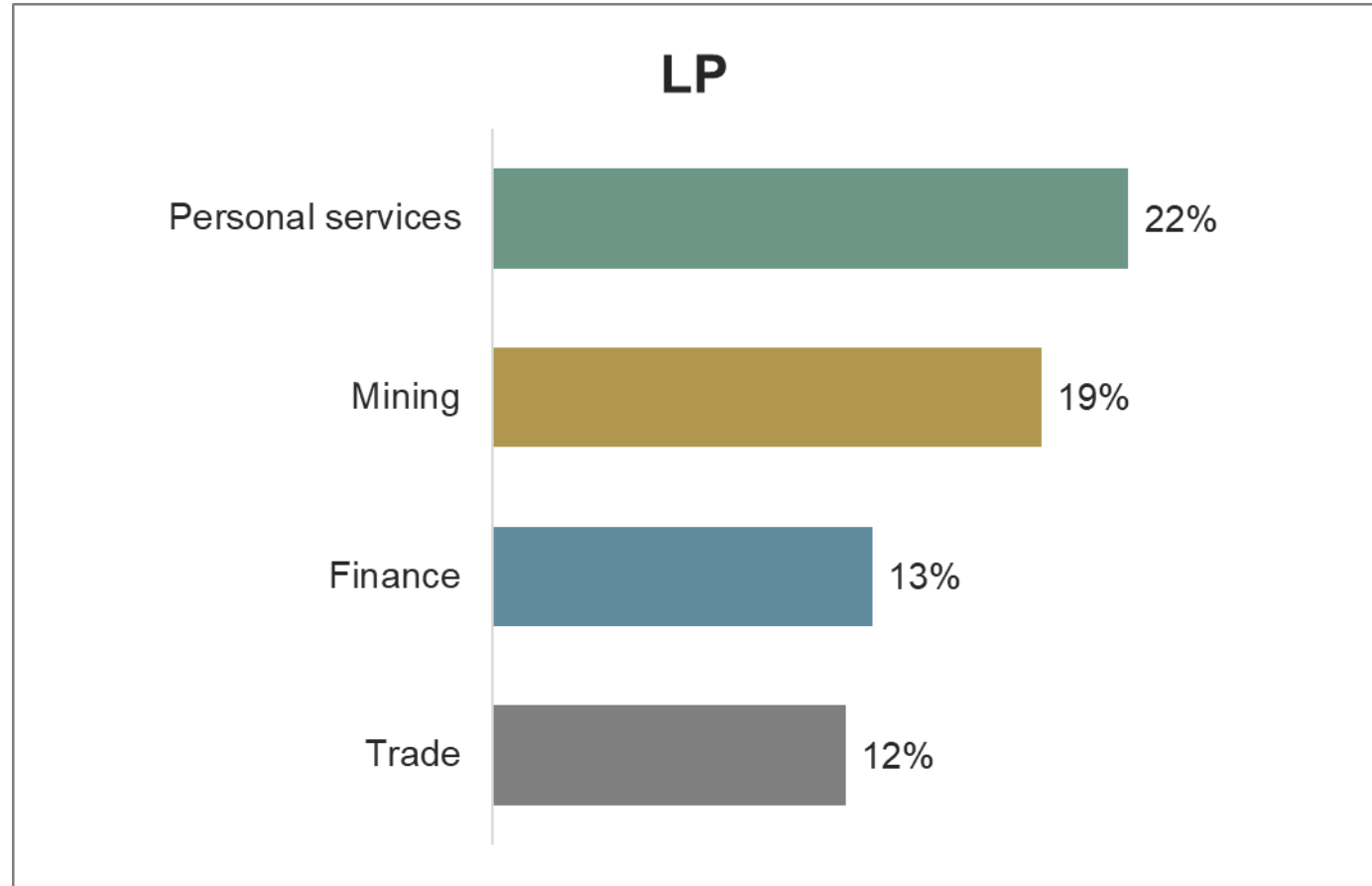
Source: Provincial  
Gross Domestic  
Product, 2024



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# In 2024, personal services was the largest industry in Limpopo

Industry percentage contribution to provincial GDP, current prices



Source: Provincial  
Gross Domestic  
Product, 2024



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# Limpopo: By 2022, five of ten industries had recovered from the COVID-19 pandemic

Industry recovery to 2019 levels of economic activity. GDP in constant prices (index 2019=100)

Below 2019 level   Equal or greater than in 2019

Industry	2019	2020	2021	2022
Agriculture, forestry and fishing				
Mining and quarrying				
Manufacturing				
Electricity, gas and water				
Construction				
Trade, catering and accommodation				
Transport, storage and communication				
Finance, real estate and business services				
Personal services				
General government services				
Provincial GDP				

Below 2019 level

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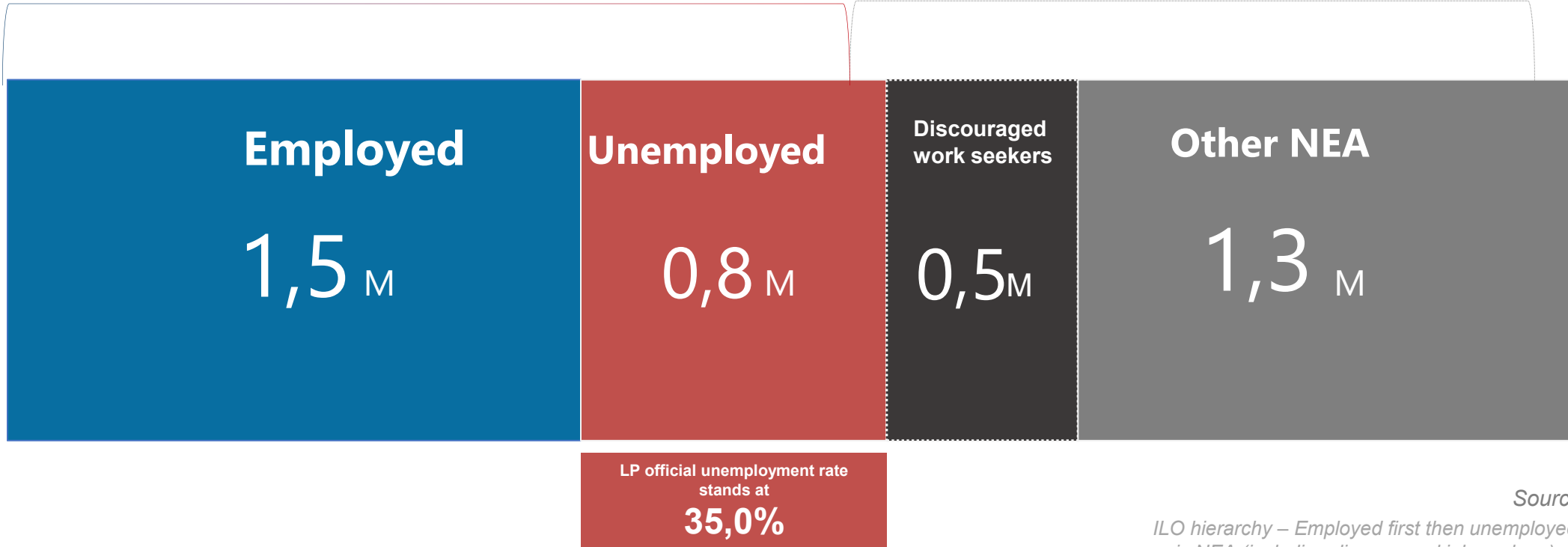
1,5 million people were **employed in LP** in Q2:2025

## 4,1 million

People of working age in LP (15 – 64 - year olds)

**Labour force** 2,2 million

**Not Economically Active** 1,81 million



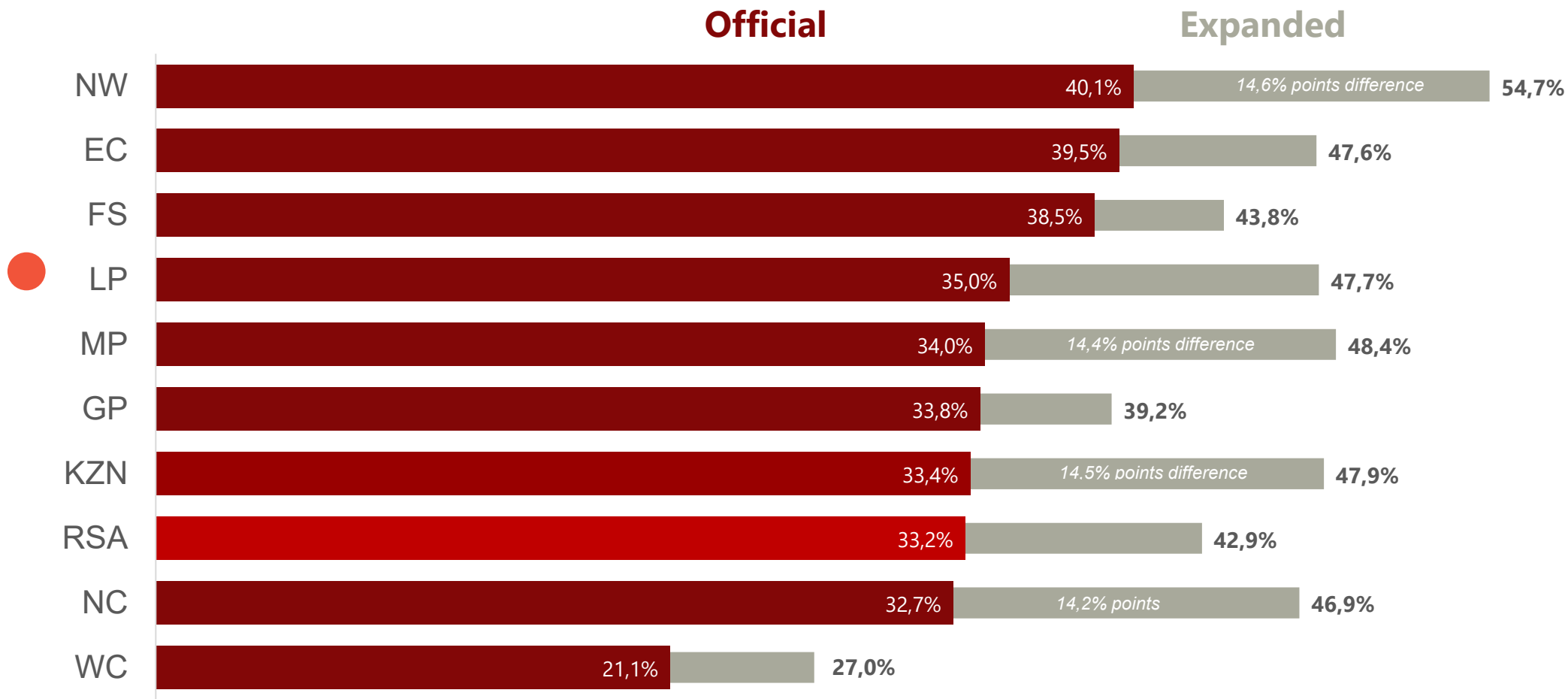
Source: QLFS Q4:2024

*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.*



**LP** had an **official unemployment** rate sitting at **33,0%**  
**NW, KZN, MP, and NC** recorded more than 14 percentage points difference between expanded and official unemployment rates

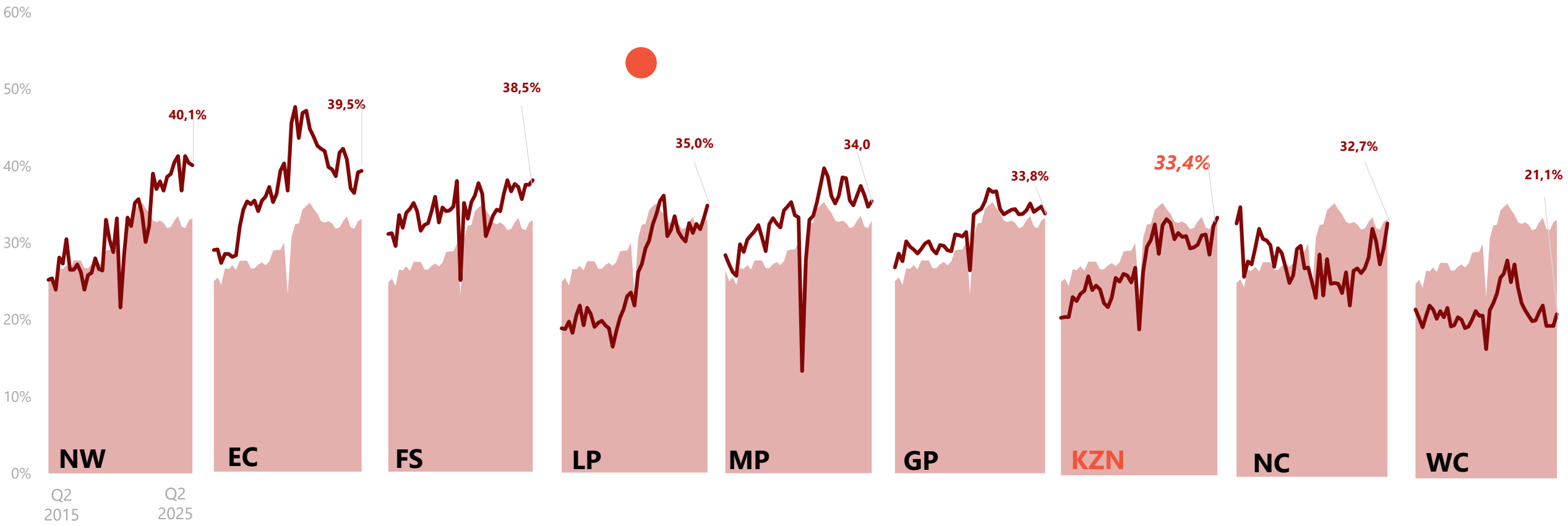
Provincial unemployment rates: **Official** vs Expanded Q2:2025



Over the past ten years, the unemployment rate in LP has generally remained below South Africa's national average, but in the most **recent period, it exceeded the national average.**

Official Unemployment rate by province, Q2:2015-Q2:2025

SA Unemployment Rate      Provincial Unemployment Rate



# Economic Disparities and Inequality



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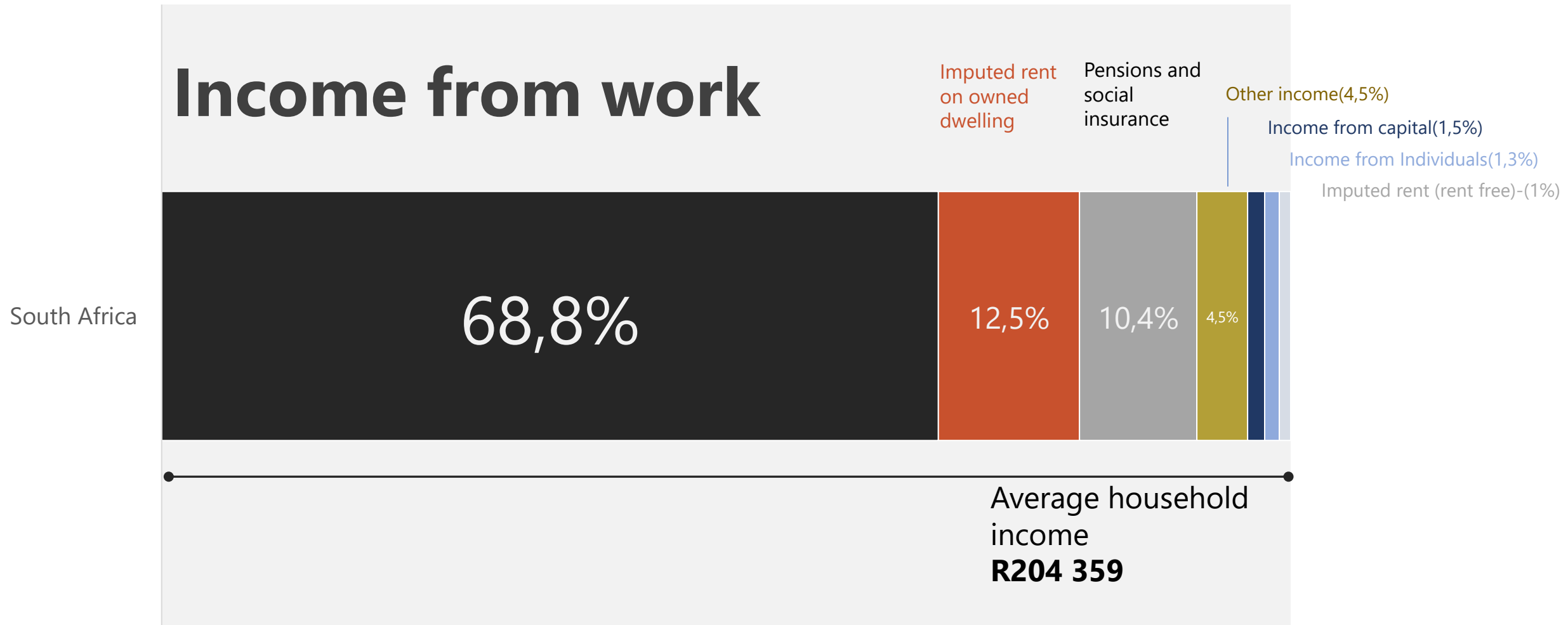
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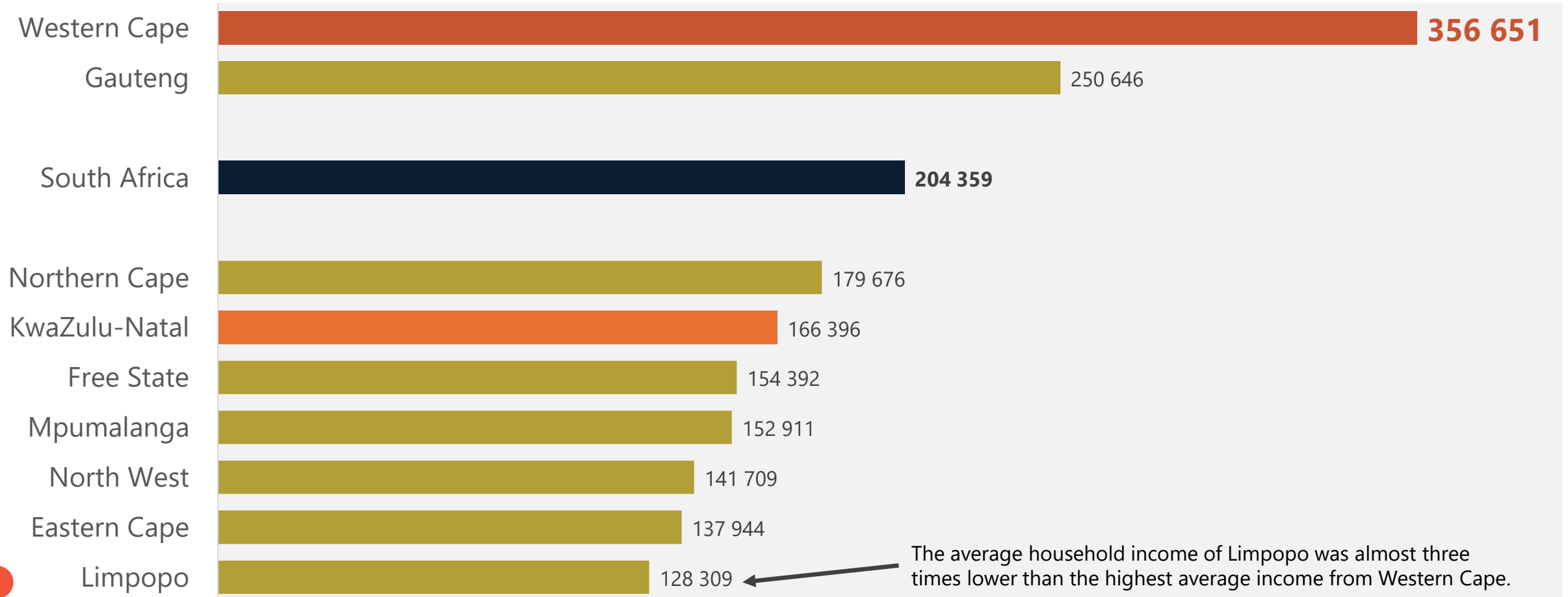
# Nationally, most of the income (almost 70%) was earned from work

Average annual household income, 2023



# Average annual household income (Rands) in LP is R128 309

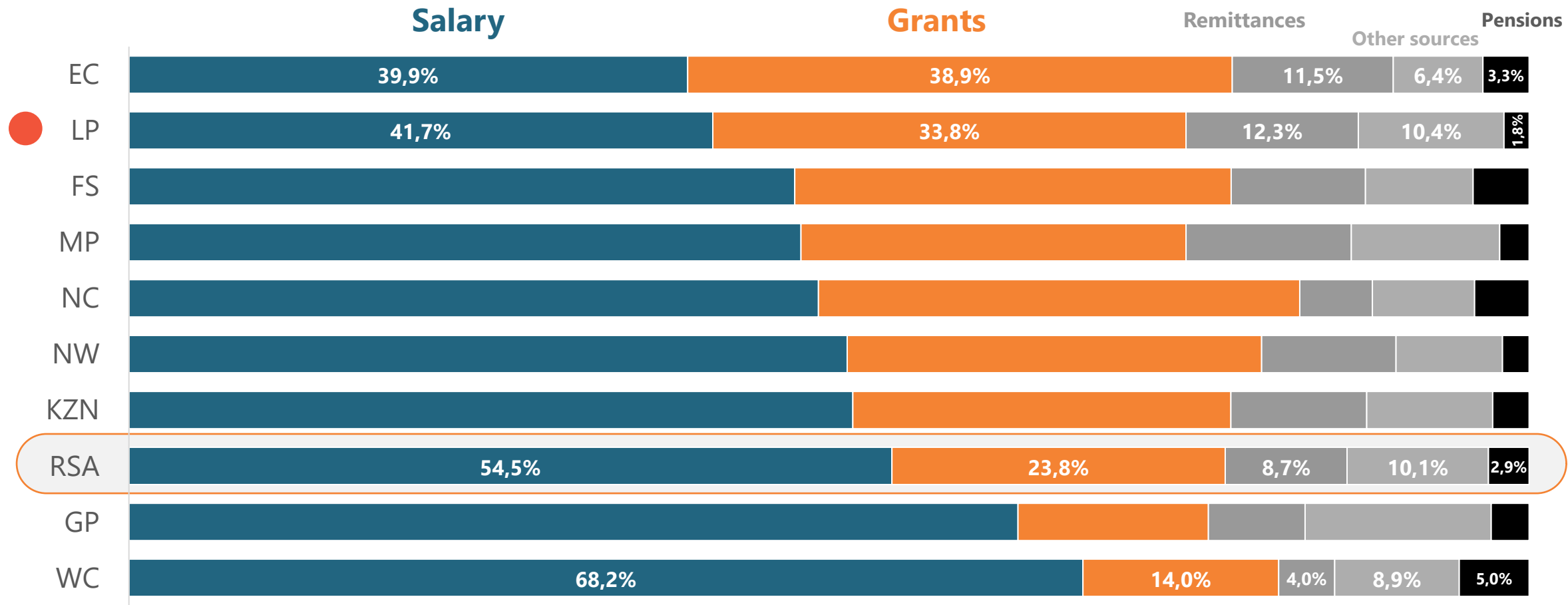
Average annual household income (Rands) by province 2023



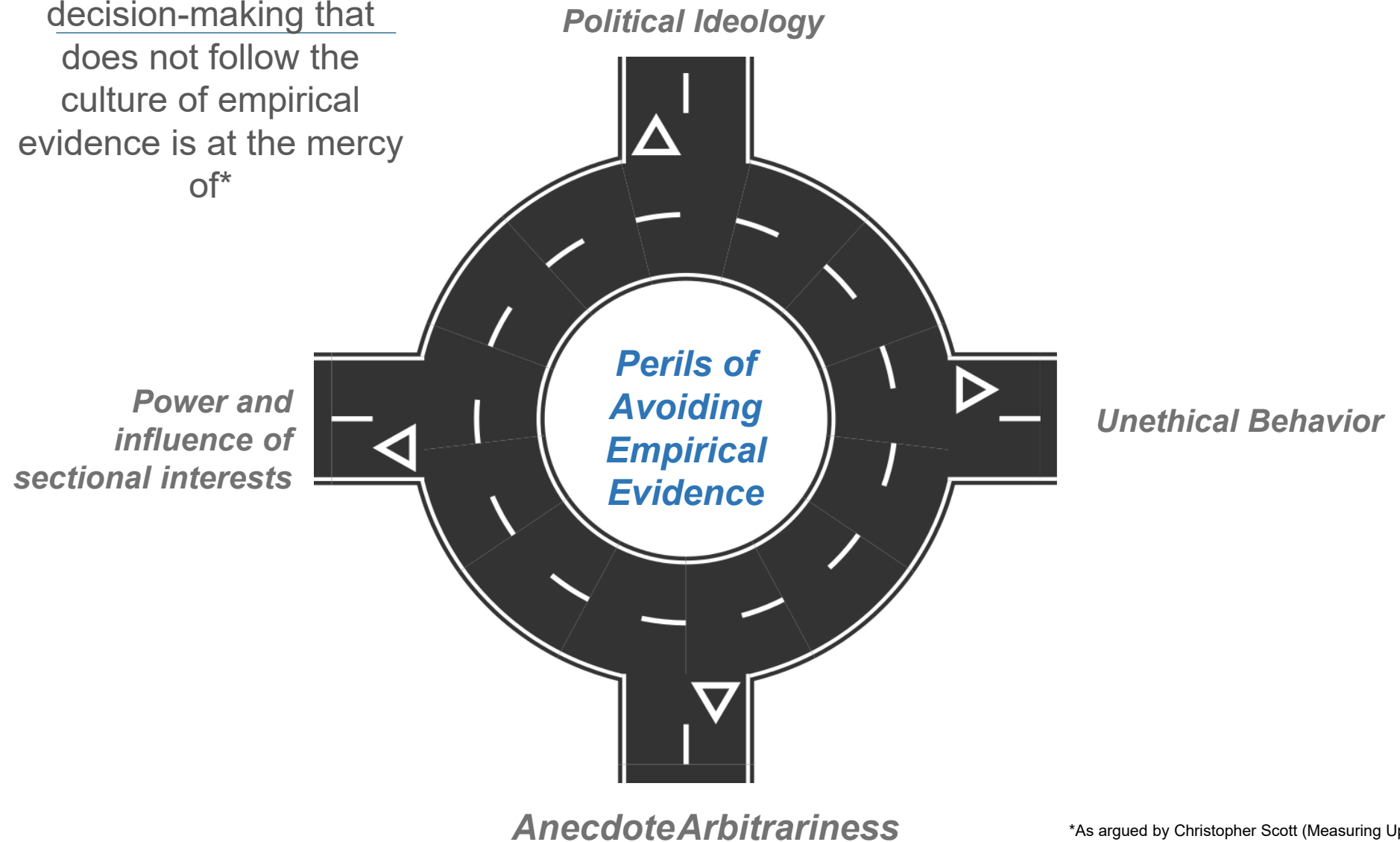
# 33,8% of Households in Limpopo relied on Grants as a main source of income.

Source: General Household Survey 2024

Percentage distribution of main sources of household income by province, 2024



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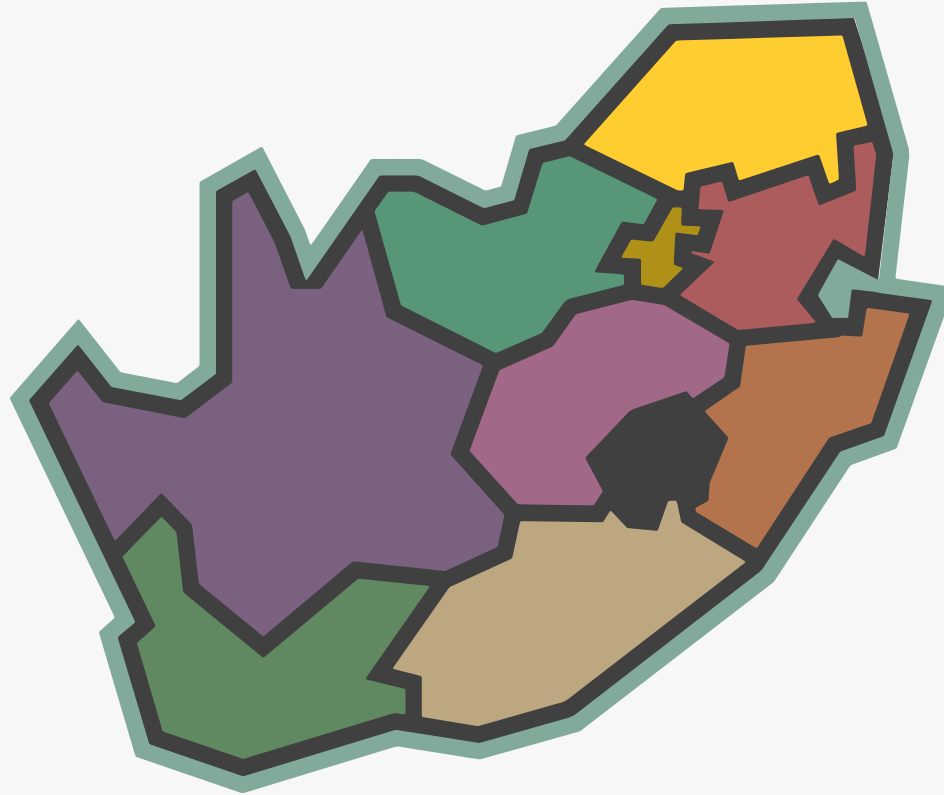
\*As argued by Christopher Scott (Measuring Up to the Measurement Problem)



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