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## ***Sector trends:***

*Performance of the primary and secondary sectors  
of the South African economy: Statistical overview*

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This section provides a snapshot, on an aggregated basis, of the performance of the agriculture, mining and manufacturing sectors (either in value terms, or as a proportion of the total and/or as a percentage change year-on-year (y-o-y)) during the first semester of 2018 compared to the same period in 2017.

**-0.6% y-o-y**

Growth in real value added by agriculture, mining and manufacturing

**R570 billion**

Value of SA exports to the world  
**+1.5% y-o-y**

**2.5 million**

Total formal employment in agriculture (843 472), mining (452 024) and manufacturing (1.2 mil.)  
**-0.8% y-o-y**

**+1.5% y-o-y**

Estimated change in total manufacturing production capacity

**R158 billion**

SA exports to Asia  
**28% of total exports**

**39.3%**

Proportion of youth formally and informally employed in agriculture, mining and manufacturing

**R1.1 trillion**

Value of nominal mining and manufacturing sales  
**+4.8% y-o-y**

**R571 billion**

Value of SA imports from the world  
**+6.6% y-o-y**

**23.7%**

Proportion of formally and informally employed individuals located in Gauteng

**+3.7% y-o-y**

Change in rand prices of SA commodity basket (production weighted utilising select commodities)

**R8 billion**

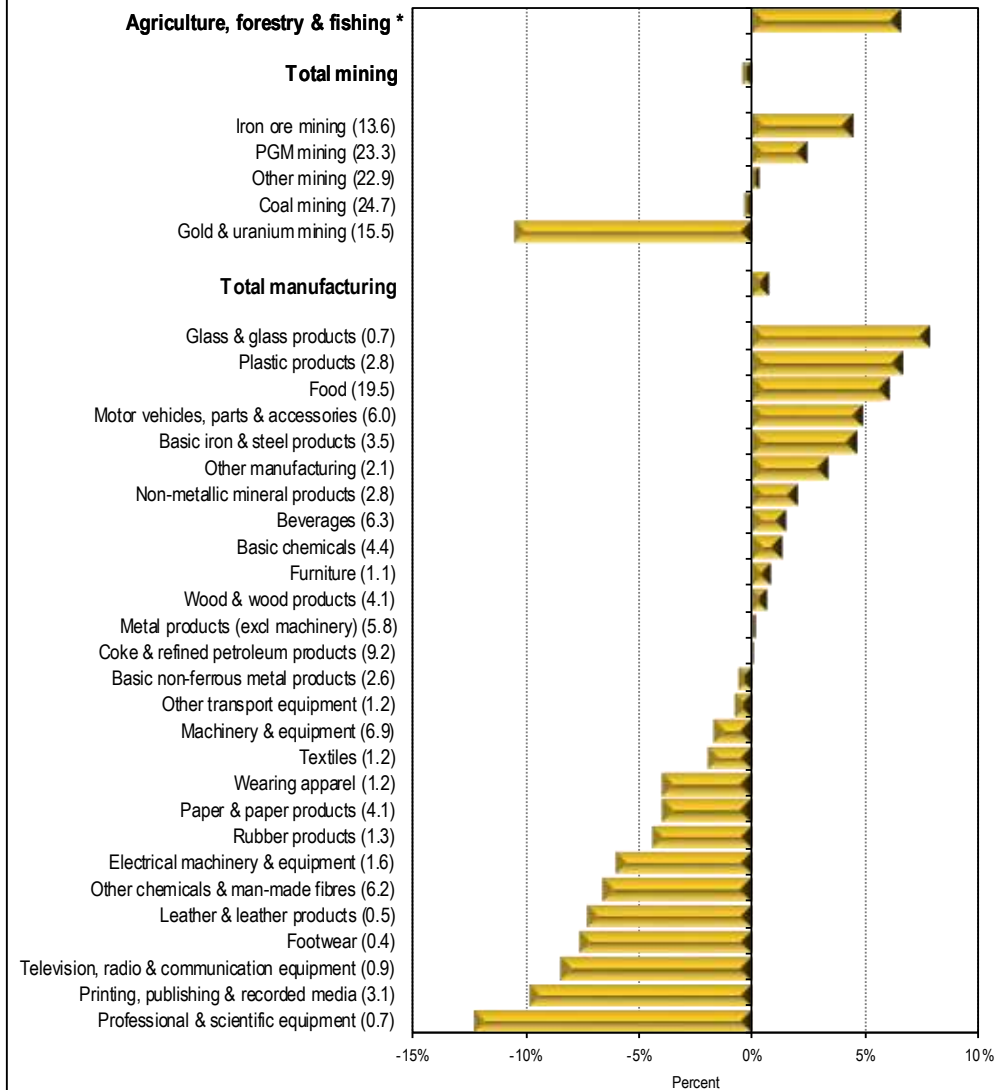
SA imports of postage and revenue stamps as well as banknotes  
**+698% y-o-y**

**56.3%**

Proportion of the formally and informally employed with less than secondary schooling completed

Figure 1

**Growth in physical volume of production in the primary and secondary sectors**  
Average for the first half of 2018 compared to average for the first half of 2017 (Seasonally adjusted)

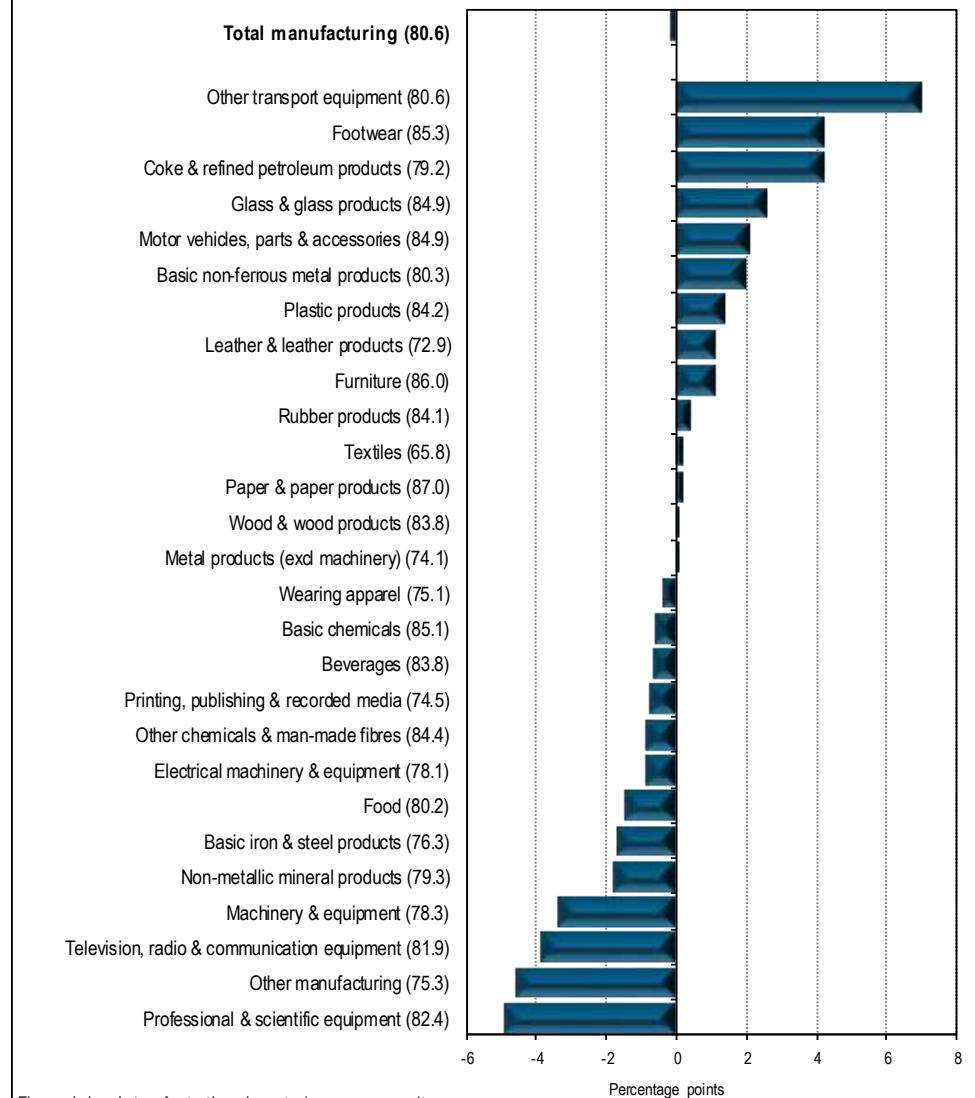


Figures in brackets refer to the sub-sector's percentage share in mining/manufacturing production in the second quarter of 2018

\* Real value add

Figure 2

**Manufacturing: Change in the utilisation of production capacity**  
Second quarter of 2018 compared to second quarter of 2017



Figures in brackets refer to the sub-sector's average capacity utilisation in the second quarter of 2018

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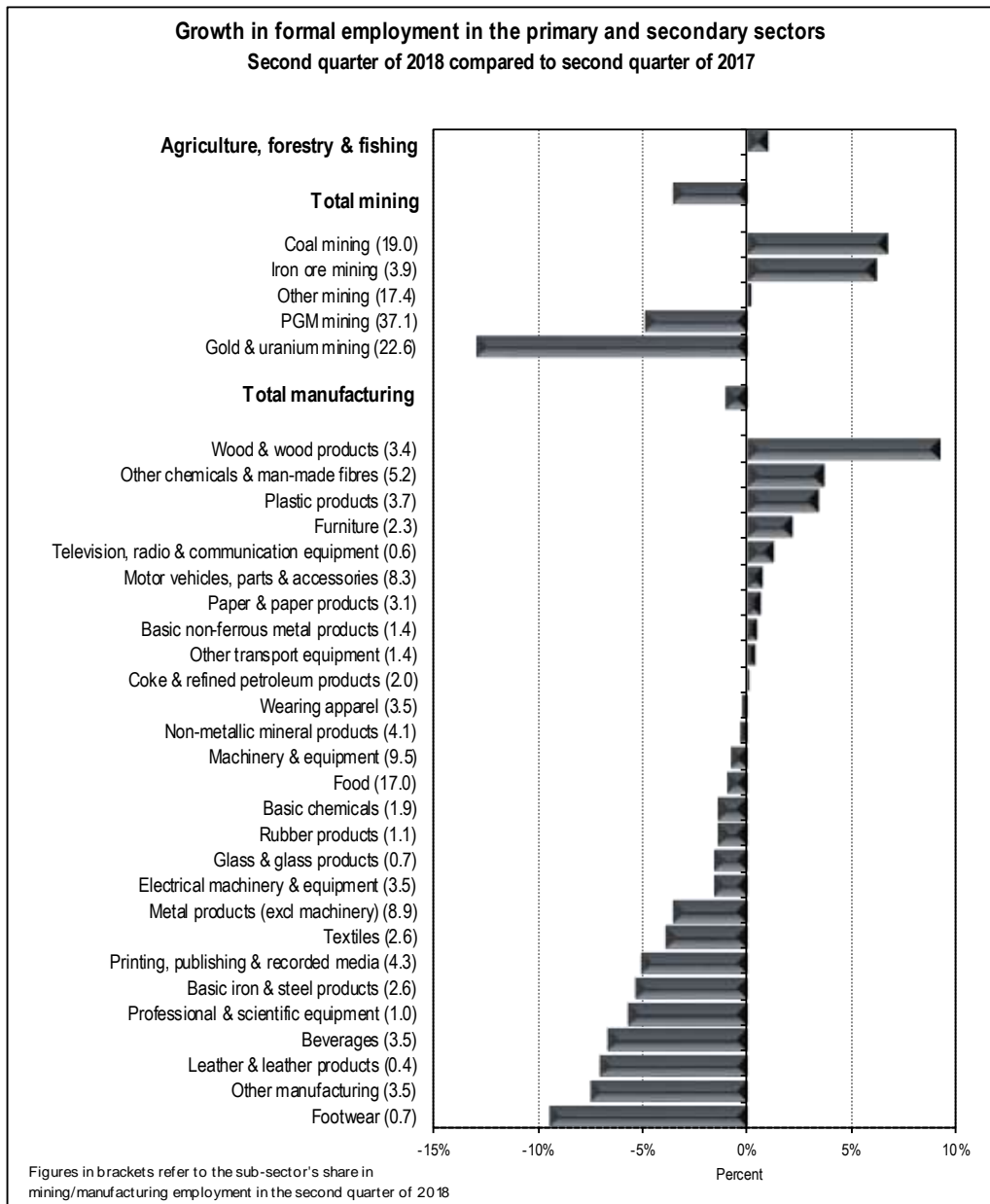


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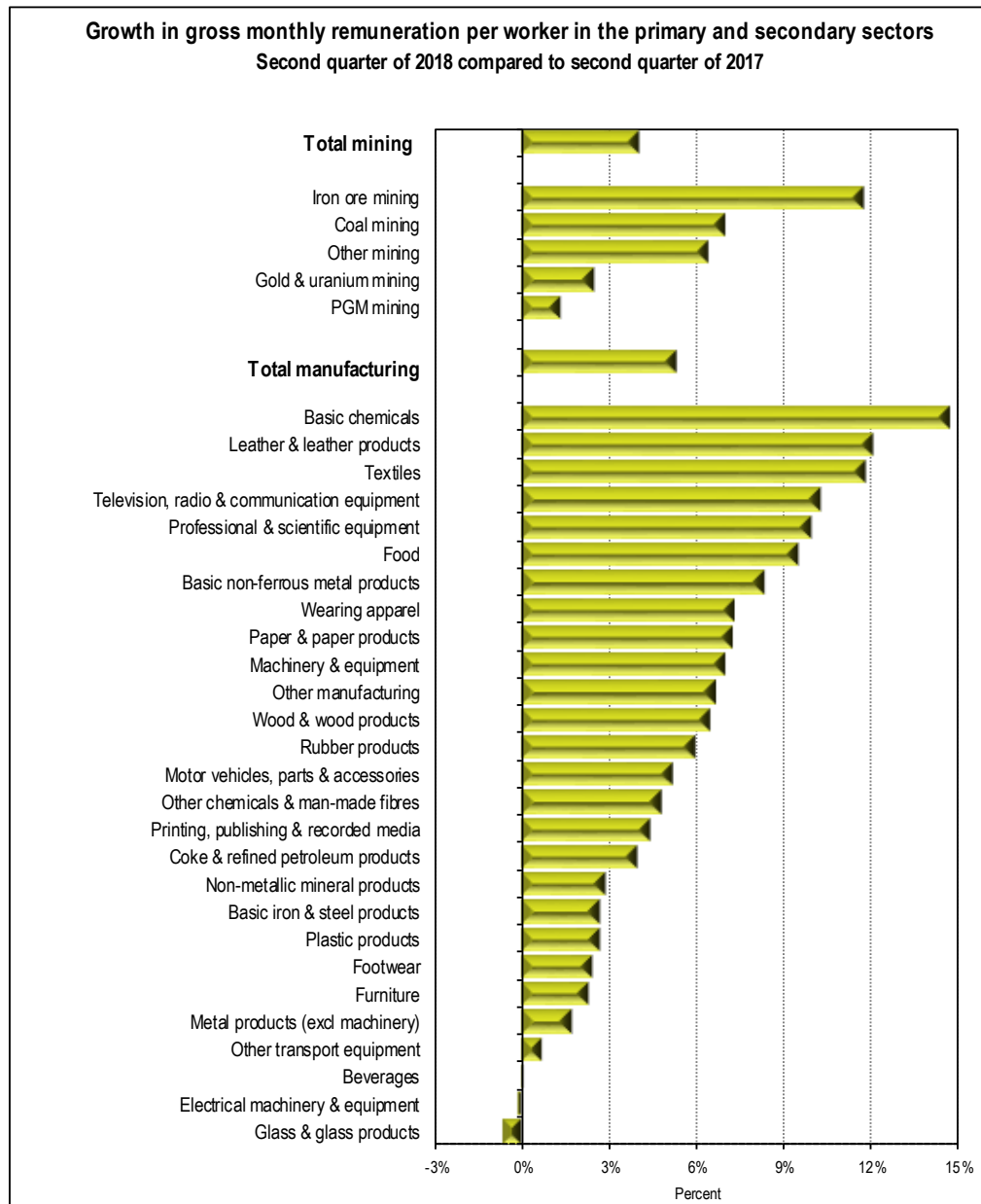




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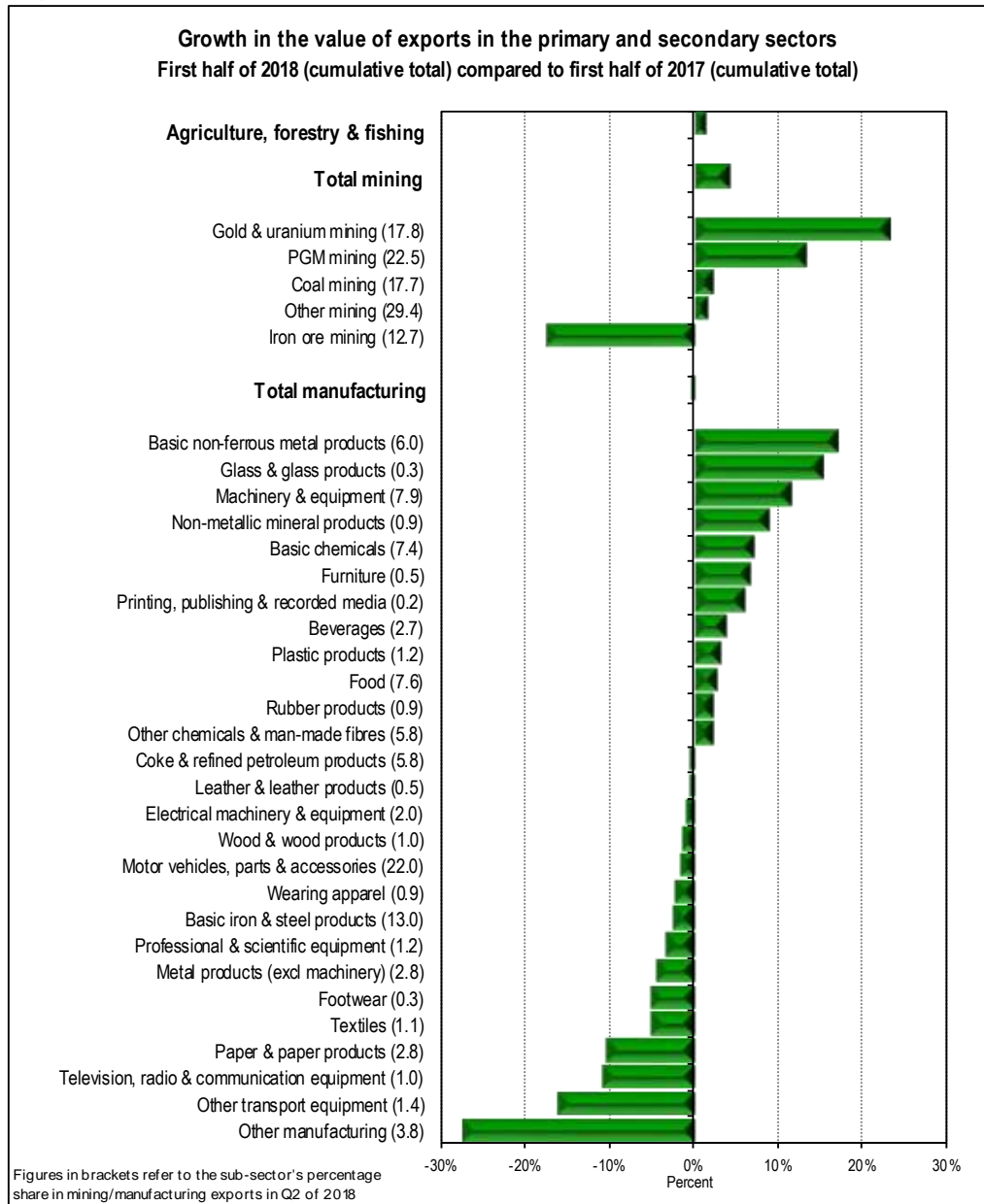
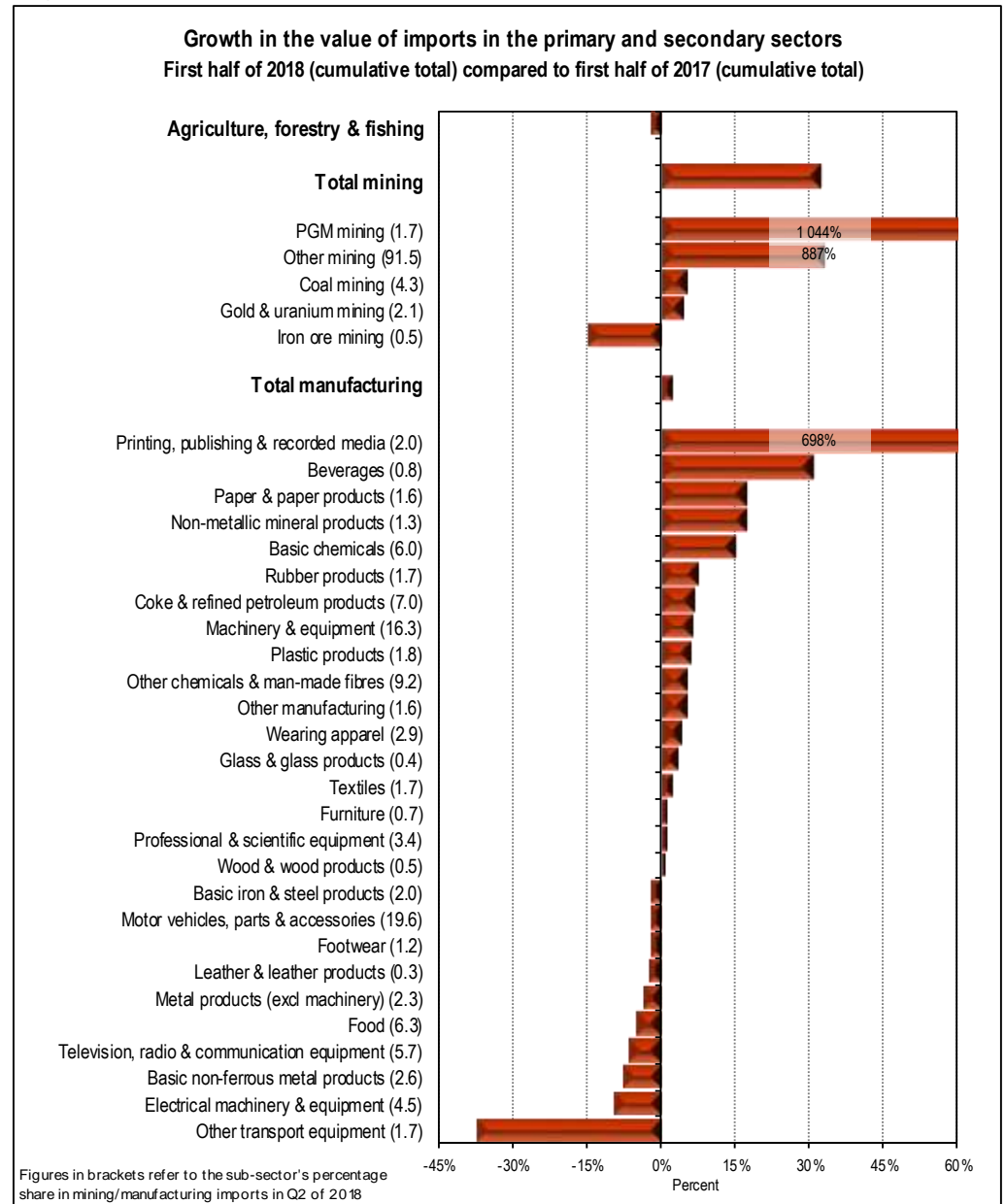
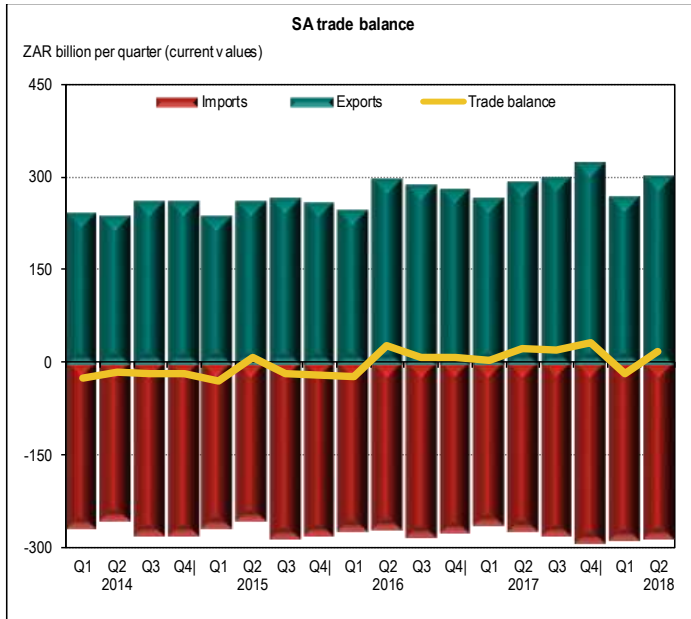


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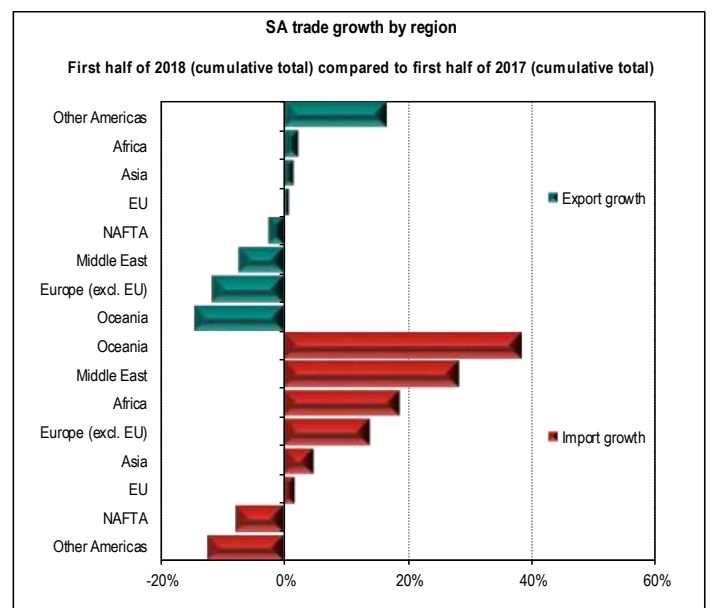
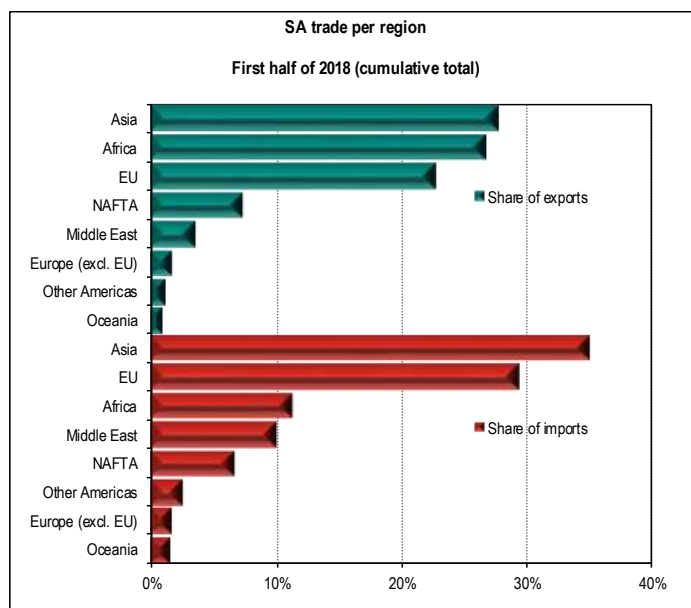
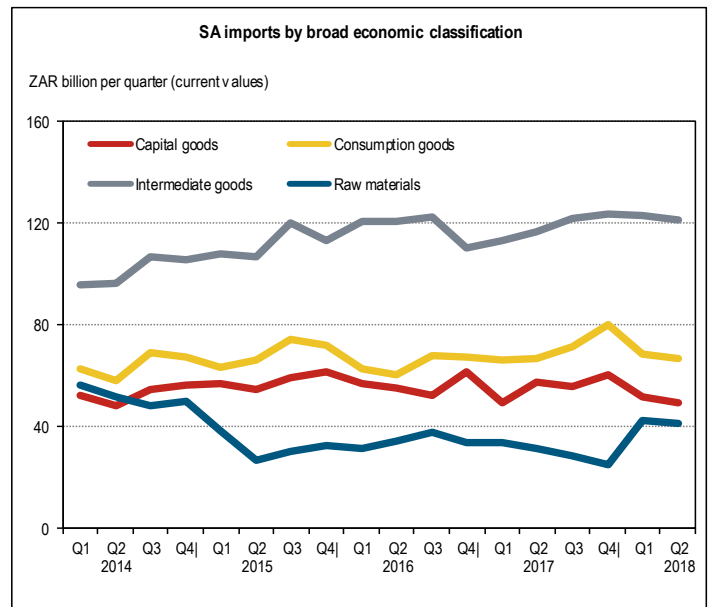
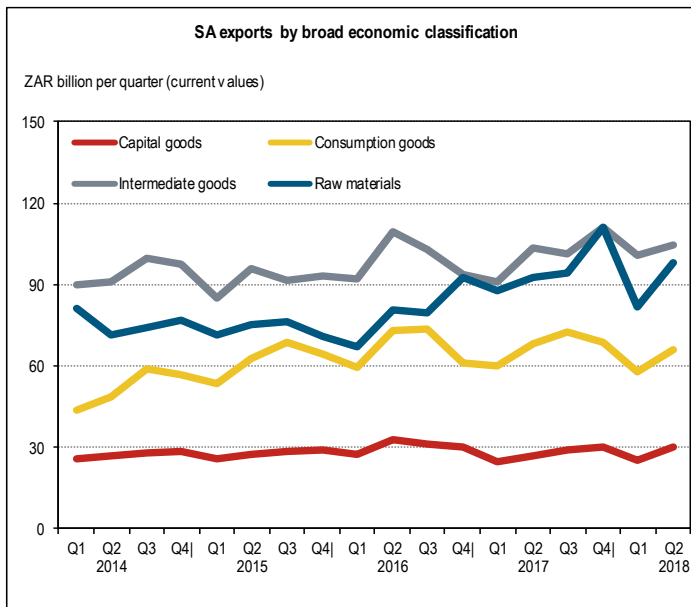


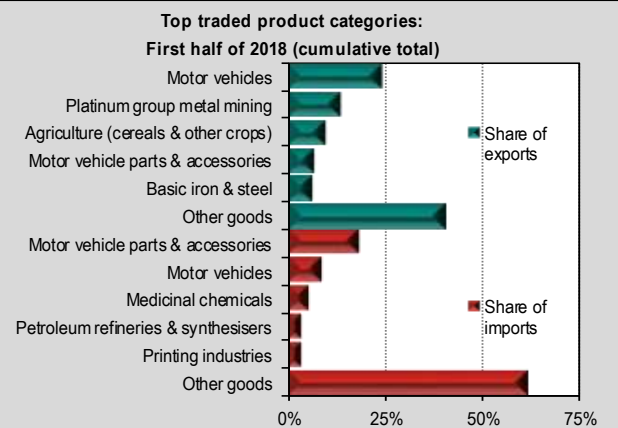
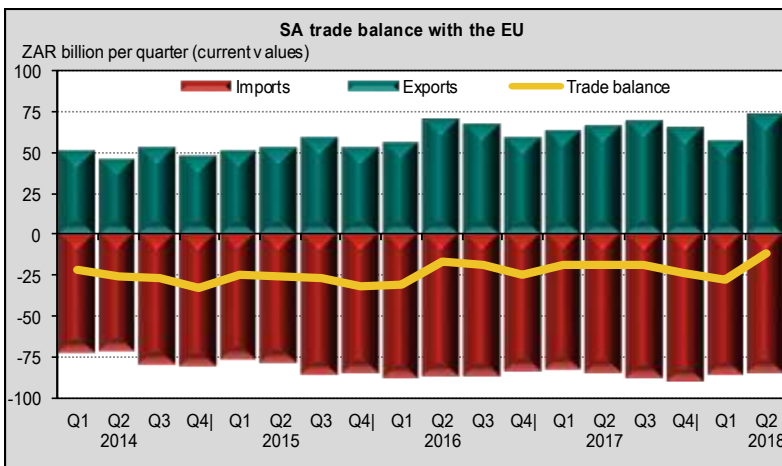
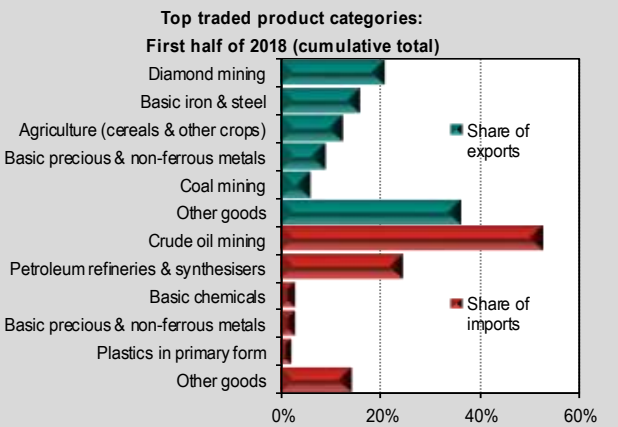
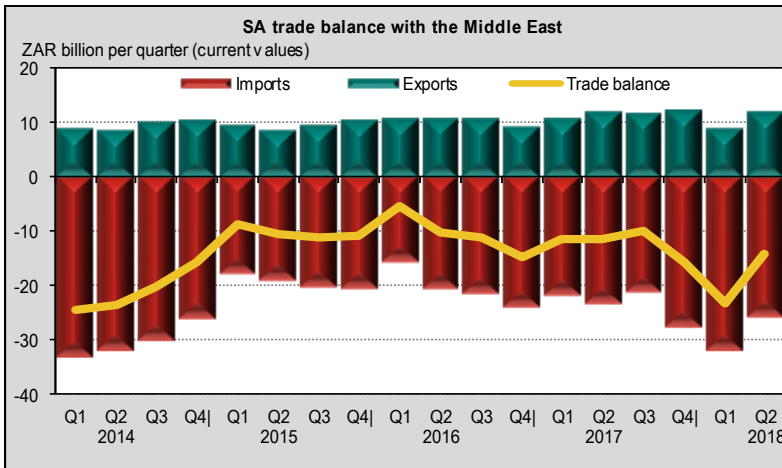
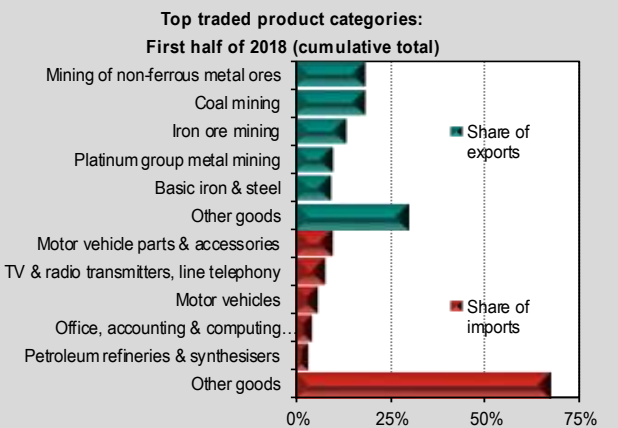
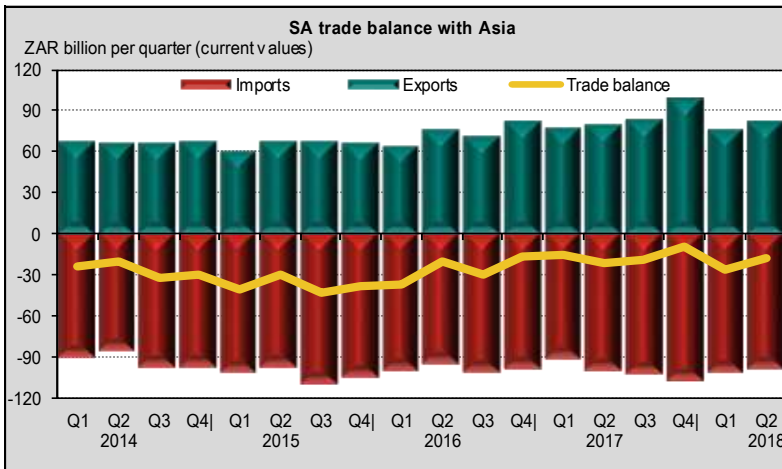
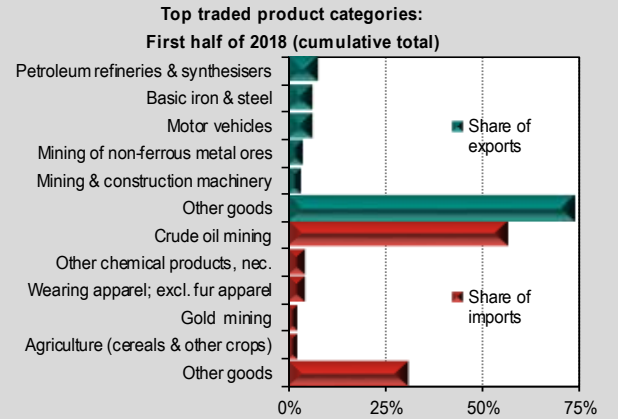
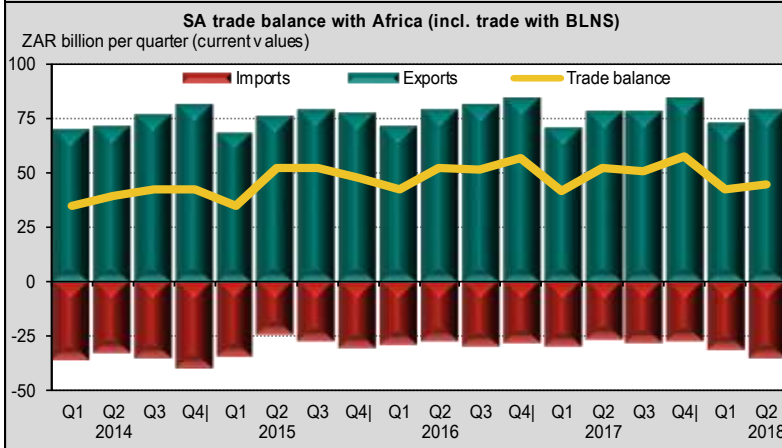


### Major traded products

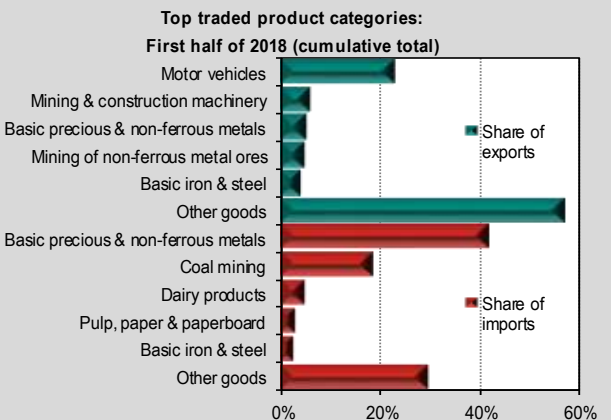
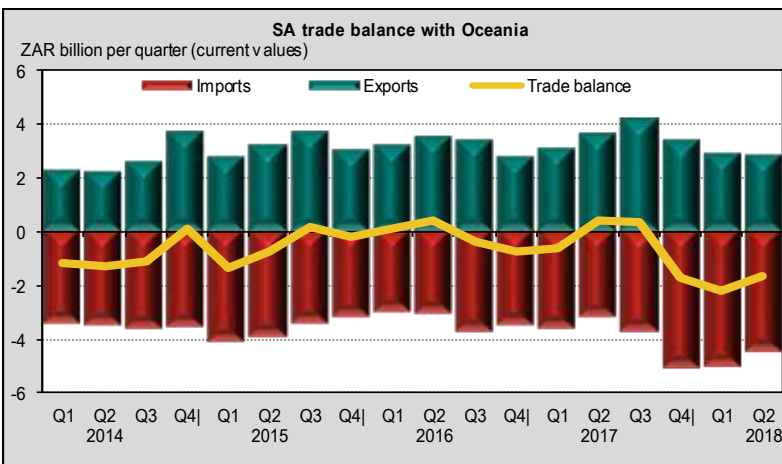
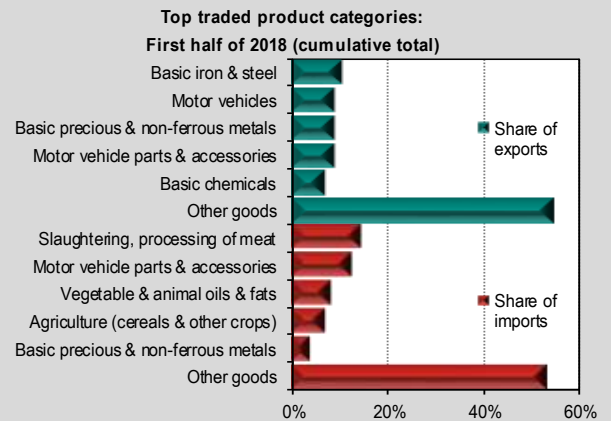
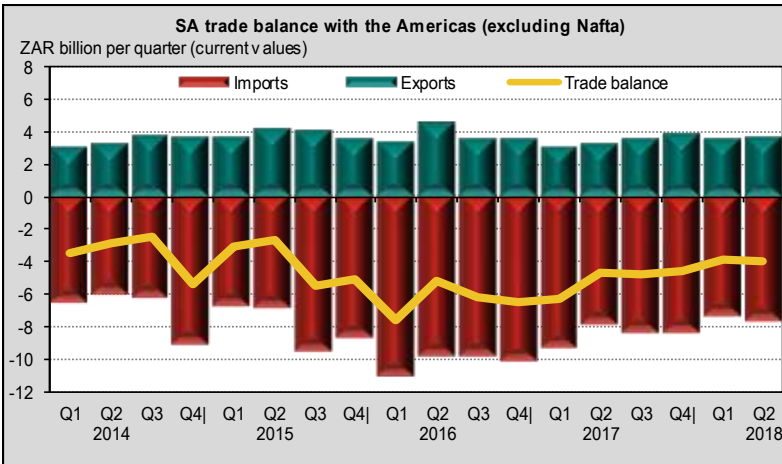
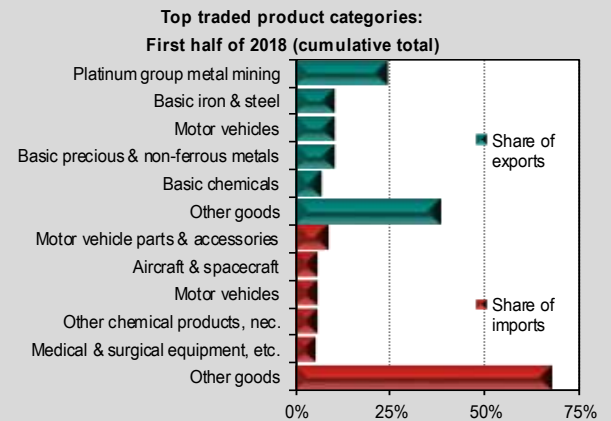
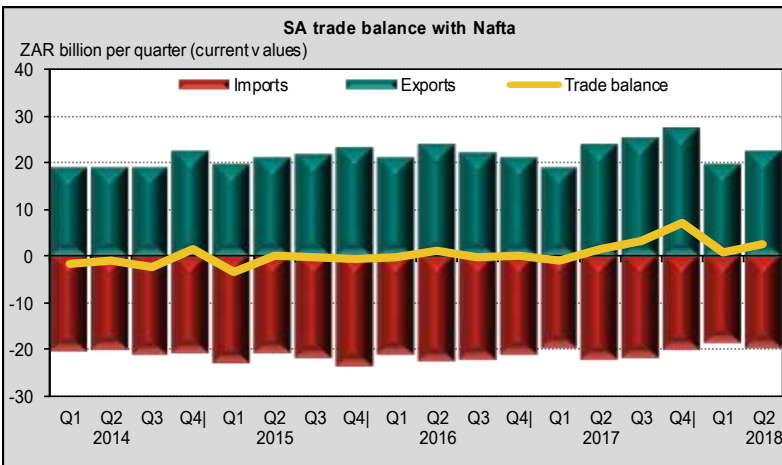
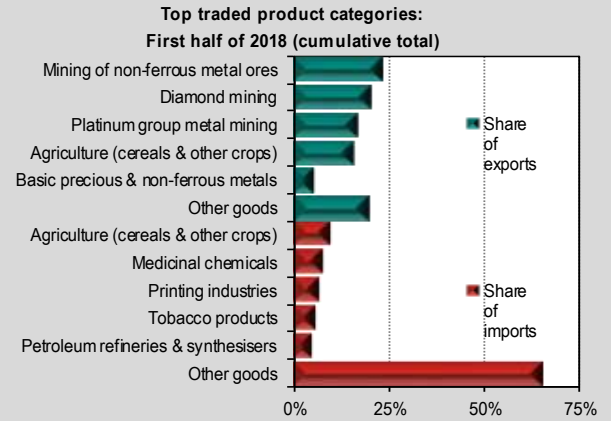
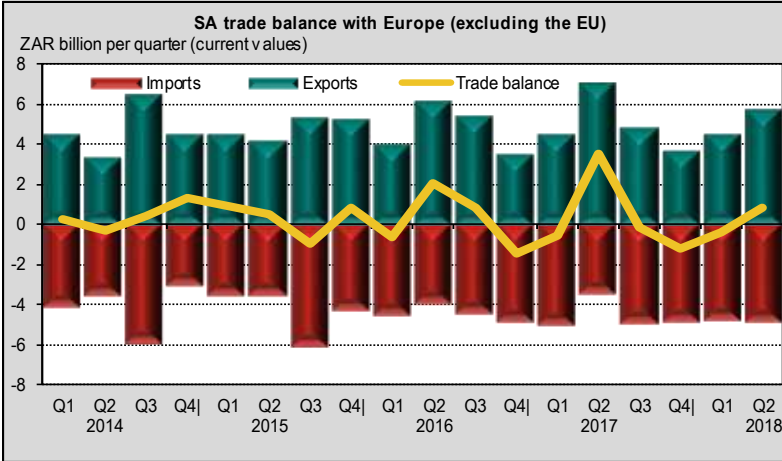
First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS2 code	ZAR m
<b>Exports</b>	
H71: Natural or cultured pearls, precious stones and metals	100 525.71
H26: Ores, slag and ash	73 591.98
H27: Coal, petroleum and petroleum products	59 467.57
H87: Vehicles, parts and accessories	58 488.63
H72: Iron and steel	40 048.64
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>570 063.39</b>
<b>Imports</b>	
H27: Coal, petroleum and petroleum products	103 676.06
H84: Machinery and equipment, mechanical appliances	72 050.80
H85: Electrical machinery and electronic equipment	50 006.62
H98: Original equipment components for the motor vehicle industry	46 245.95
H87: Vehicles, parts and accessories	42 992.45
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>571 849.05</b>



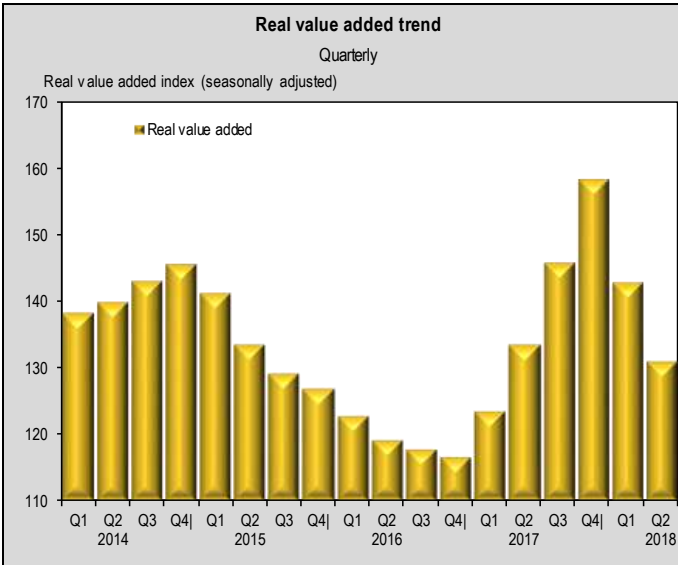






**Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)**

↑ 6.5%      -- (percentage points)    ↑ 1.0%    ↑ 4.2%    ↑ 1.4%    ↓ -2.0%  
**Real value added (seas. adj.)**    **Capacity utilisation**    **Employment\***    **Gross monthly remuneration per worker**    **Exports (ZAR)**    **Imports (ZAR)**

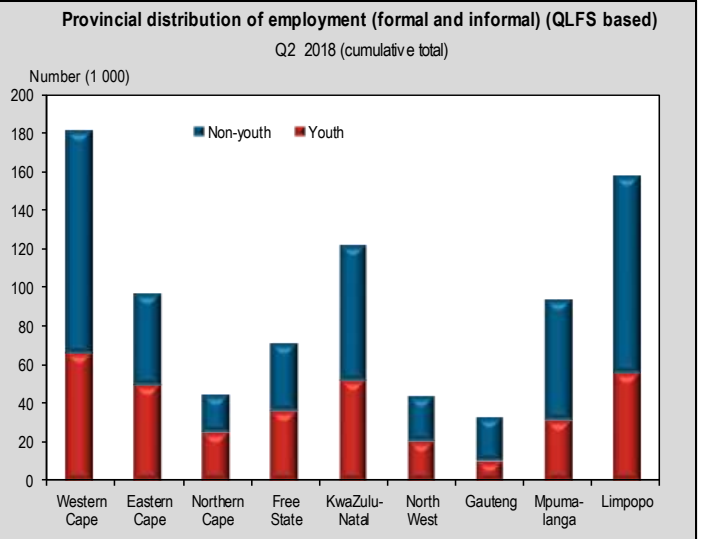
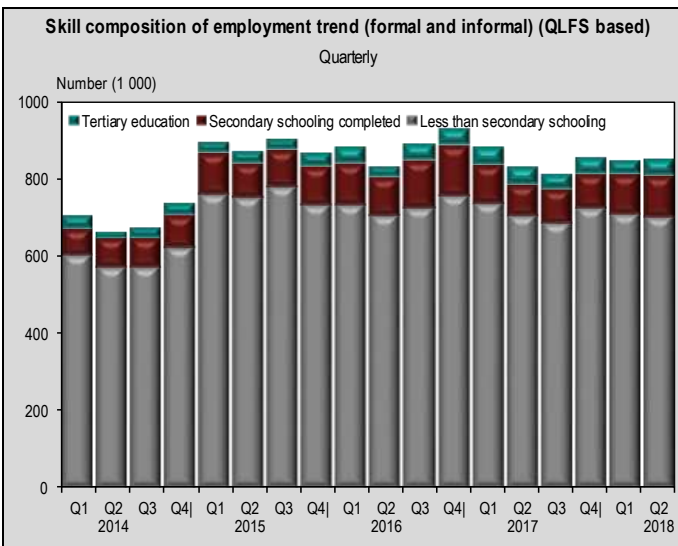
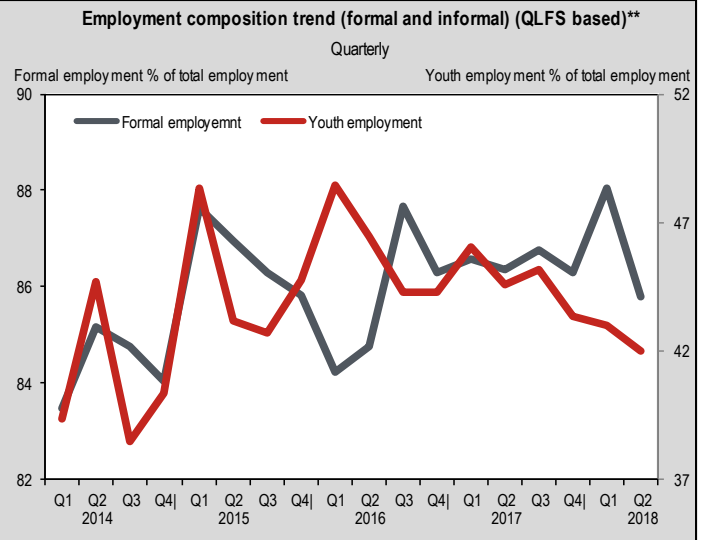
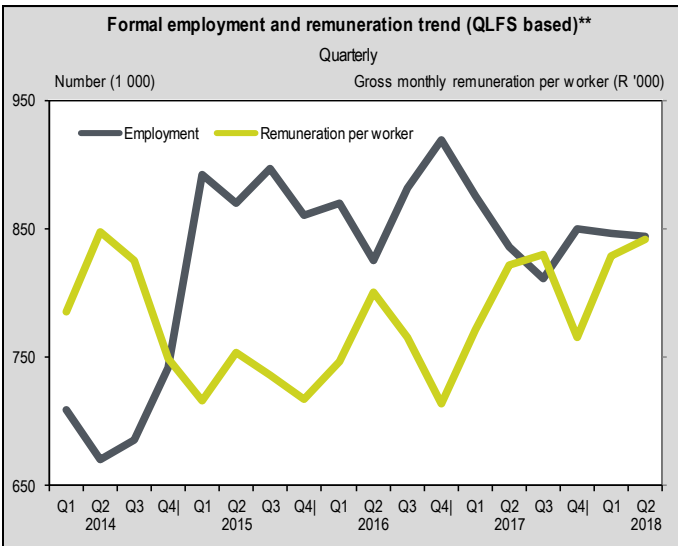


### Crop harvest estimates

Crop Estimates Committee's final summer production forecast for 2018\*

Crop	2018 season (tonnes)	% change compared to previous season
White maize	6 801 560	-31.4%
Yellow maize	6 129 650	-11.2%
Non-commercial maize	593 975	-18.7%
<b>Total Maize</b>	<b>13 525 185</b>	<b>-22.9%</b>
Sunflower seed	858 605	-1.8%
Soybeans	1 550 800	17.8%
Groundnuts	53 750	-41.6%
Sorghum	109 588	-27.9%
Dry beans	69 360	1.2%
<b>Total summer crops</b>	<b>16 167 288</b>	<b>-19.4%</b>

\* The Crop Estimates Committee is responsible for the official crop forecasts and estimates of summer and winter field crops for South Africa, with members not having a vested interest in the estimates.

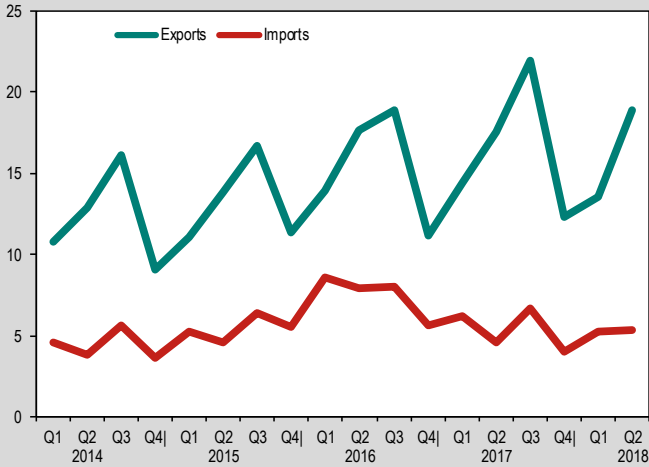


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### Trade trends

Total per quarter

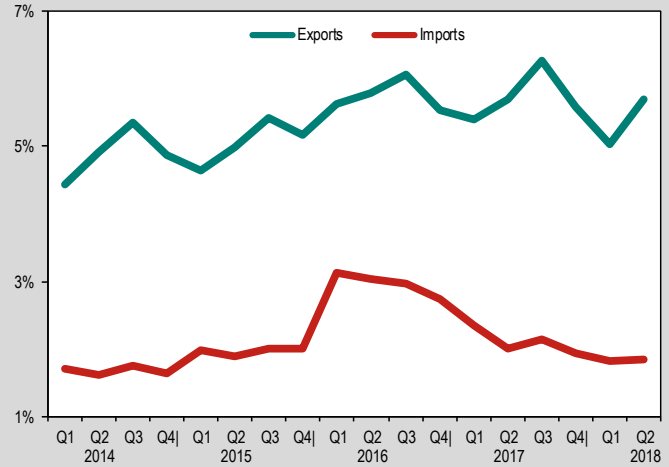
ZAR billion per quarter (current v values)



### Trade trends

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



### Major traded export products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS2 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H08: Edible fruit, nuts, peel of citrus fruit, melons	22 064.83
H10: Cereals	2 950.56
H51: Wool, animal hair, horsehair yarn and fabric thereof	2 559.64
H07: Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers	1 317.63
H12: Oil seed, oleag fruits, grain, seed, fruit, etc	1 249.58
H09: Coffee, tea, mate and spices	632.59
H06: Live trees, plants, bulbs, roots, cut flowers etc	460.65
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>32 426.21</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H51: Wool, animal hair, horsehair yarn and fabric thereof	414.00
H08: Edible fruit, nuts, peel of citrus fruit, melons	211.25
H24: Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	66.88
H06: Live trees, plants, bulbs, roots, cut flowers etc	63.23
H13: Lac, gums, resins, vegetable saps and extracts nes	62.54
<b>Top losers</b>	
H10: Cereals	-344.73
H07: Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers	-130.66
H04: Dairy products, eggs, honey, edible animal product nes	-418.3
H14: Vegetable plaiting materials, vegetable products nes	-194
H05: Products of animal origin, nes	-0.13

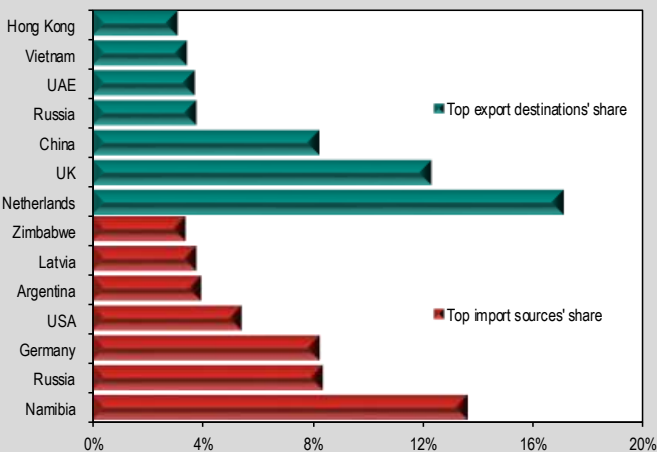
### Major traded import products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS2 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H08: Edible fruit, nuts, peel of citrus fruit, melons	3 908.51
H09: Coffee, tea, mate and spices	1 882.79
H10: Cereals	1 448.29
H07: Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers	1 134.00
H03: Fish, crustaceans, molluscs, aquatic invertebrates nes	404.31
H12: Oil seed, oleag fruits, grain, seed, fruit, etc	372.73
H06: Live trees, plants, bulbs, roots, cut flowers etc	370.22
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>10 572.48</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H10: Cereals	329.26
H43: Furskins and artificial fur, manufactures thereof	5187
H05: Products of animal origin, nes	5184
H09: Coffee, tea, mate and spices	50.69
H12: Oil seed, oleag fruits, grain, seed, fruit, etc	38.27
<b>Top losers</b>	
H08: Edible fruit, nuts, peel of citrus fruit, melons	-670.23
H07: Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers	-82.71
H03: Fish, crustaceans, molluscs, aquatic invertebrates nes	-43.17
H40: Rubber and articles thereof	-20.94
H24: Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	-4.80

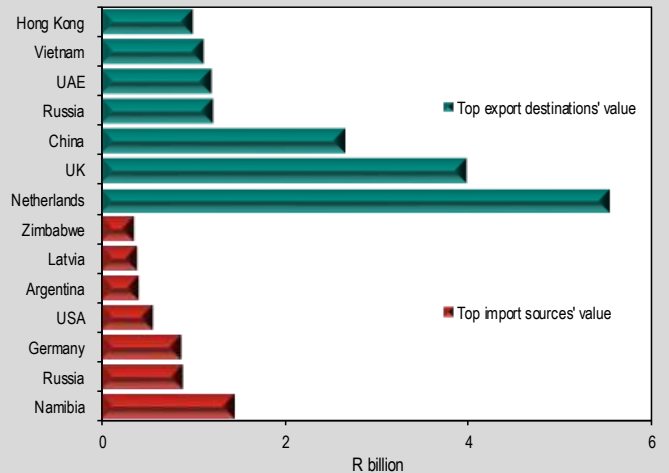
### Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



### Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

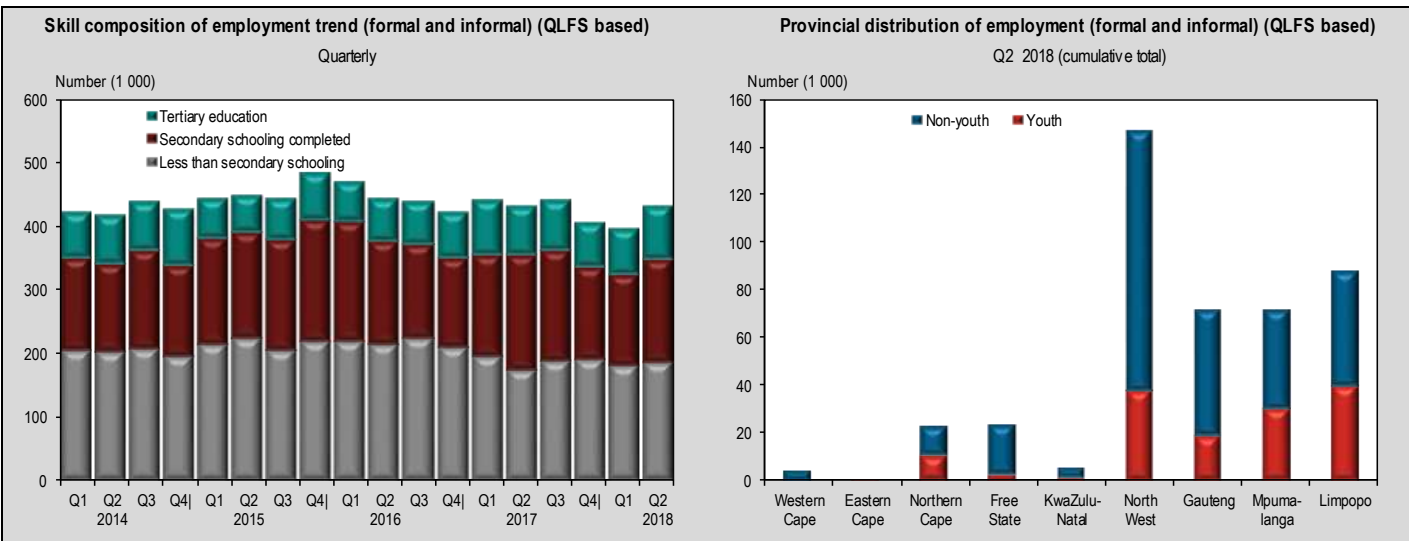
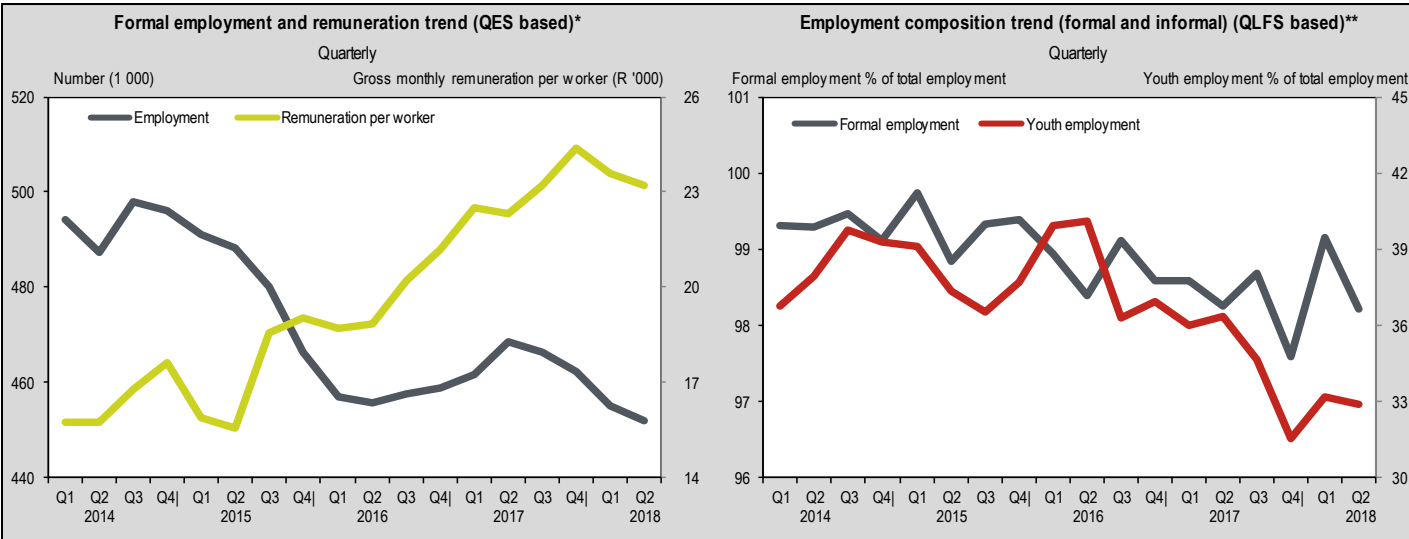
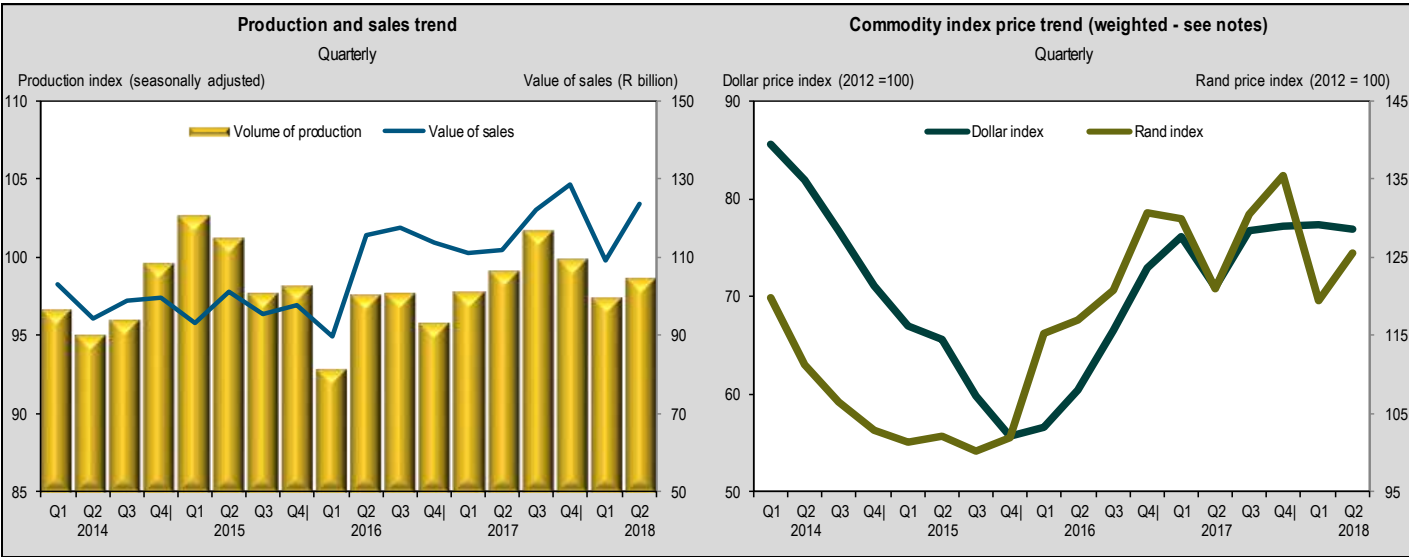
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**Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: commodity price, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)**

↓ -0.4%    
 ↑ 3.7%    
 ↓ -3.6%    
 ↑ 4.0%    
 ↑ 4.4%    
 ↑ 32.2%

**Production (seas. adj.)**    
**Rand Commodity Index**    
**Employment\***    
**Gross monthly remuneration per worker**    
**Exports (ZAR)**    
**Imports (ZAR)**



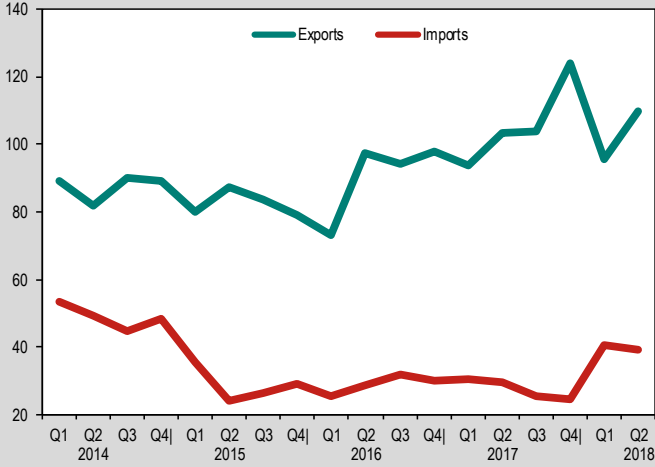
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**Trade trends (value terms)**

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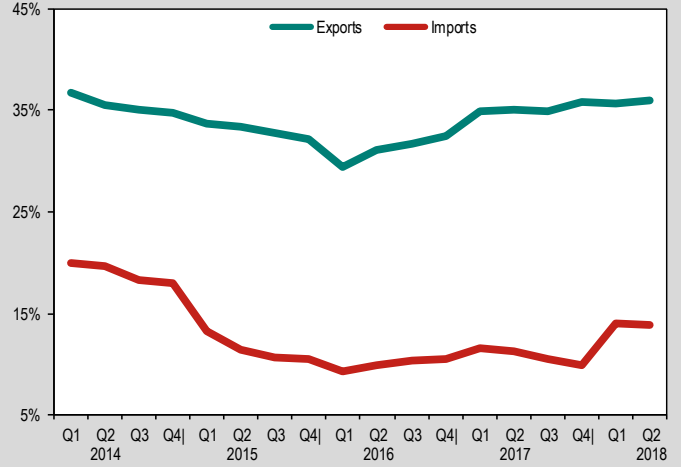
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



**Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)**

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



**Major traded export products**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS2 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H71: Natural or cultured pearls, precious stones and metals	94 312.96
H26: Ores, slag and ash	72 262.50
H27: Coal, petroleum and petroleum products	36 374.74
H25: Salt, sulphur, earth, stone, plaster, lime and cement	2 619.48
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>205 569.68</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H71: Natural or cultured pearls, precious stones and metals	11686.75
H26: Ores, slag and ash	456.95
H25: Salt, sulphur, earth, stone, plaster, lime and cement	447.72
<b>Top losers</b>	
H27: Coal, petroleum and petroleum products	-3 987.76

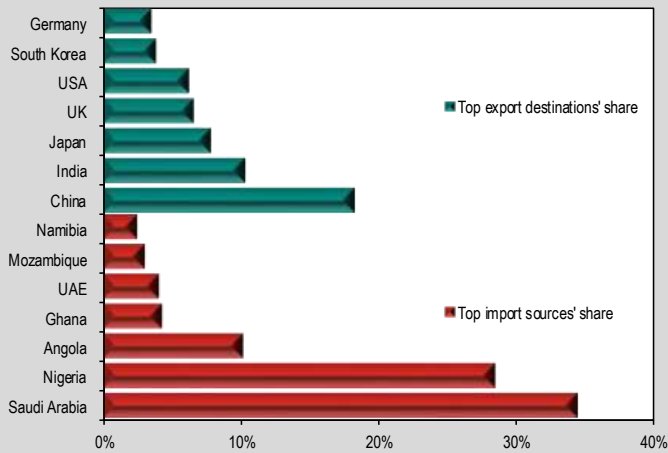
**Major traded import products**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS2 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H27: Coal, petroleum and petroleum products	70 654.15
H71: Natural or cultured pearls, precious stones and metals	7 331.78
H25: Salt, sulphur, earth, stone, plaster, lime and cement	1052.54
H26: Ores, slag and ash	699.87
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>79 738.34</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H27: Coal, petroleum and petroleum products	17 586.42
H71: Natural or cultured pearls, precious stones and metals	2 051.99
<b>Top losers</b>	
H25: Salt, sulphur, earth, stone, plaster, lime and cement	-118.78
H26: Ores, slag and ash	-8193

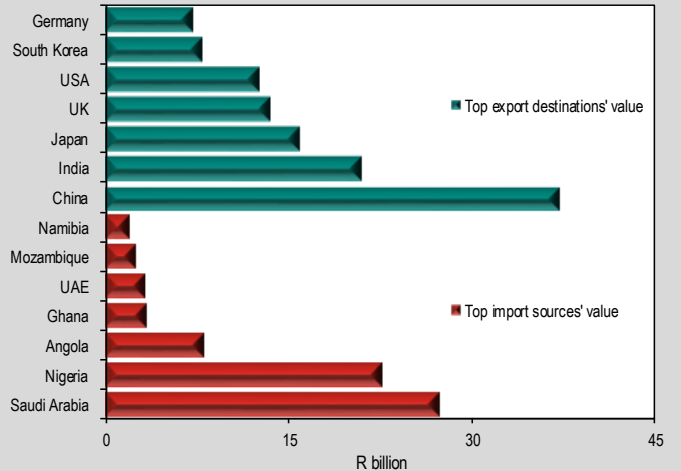
**Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



**Top trading partners (value of export/imports)**

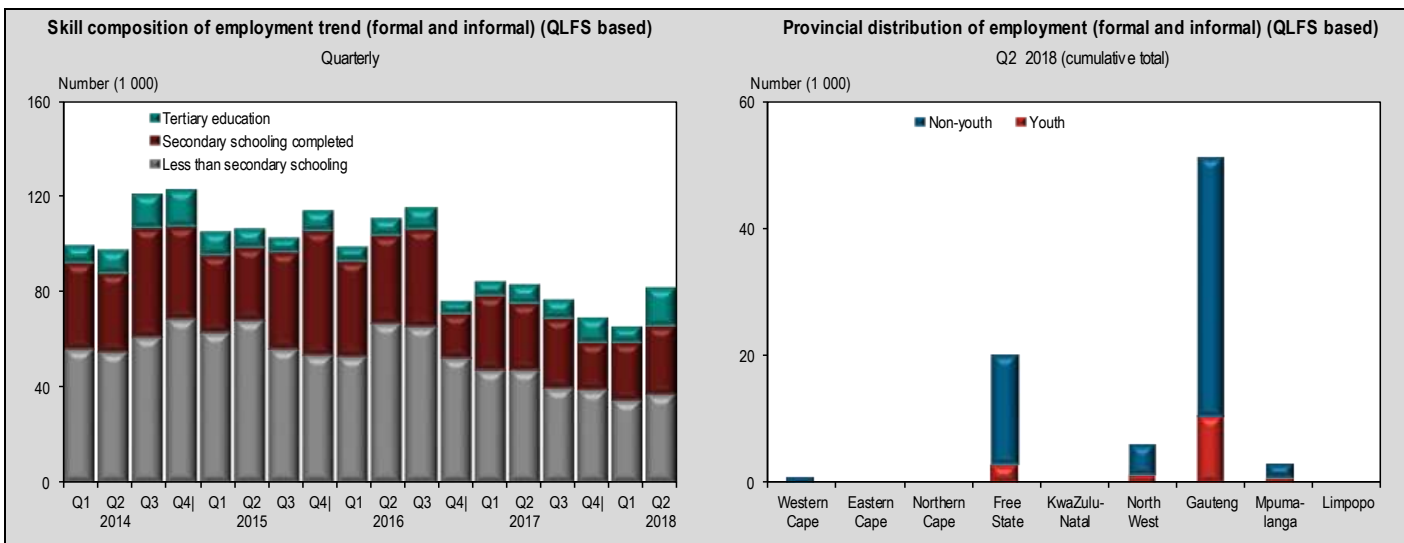
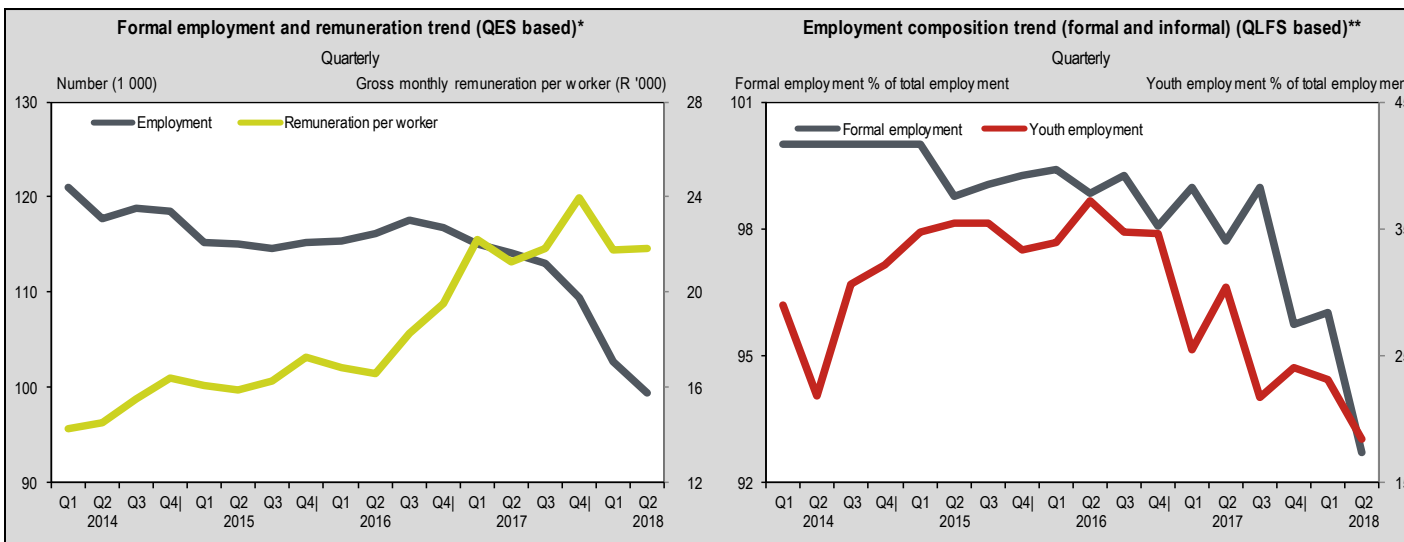
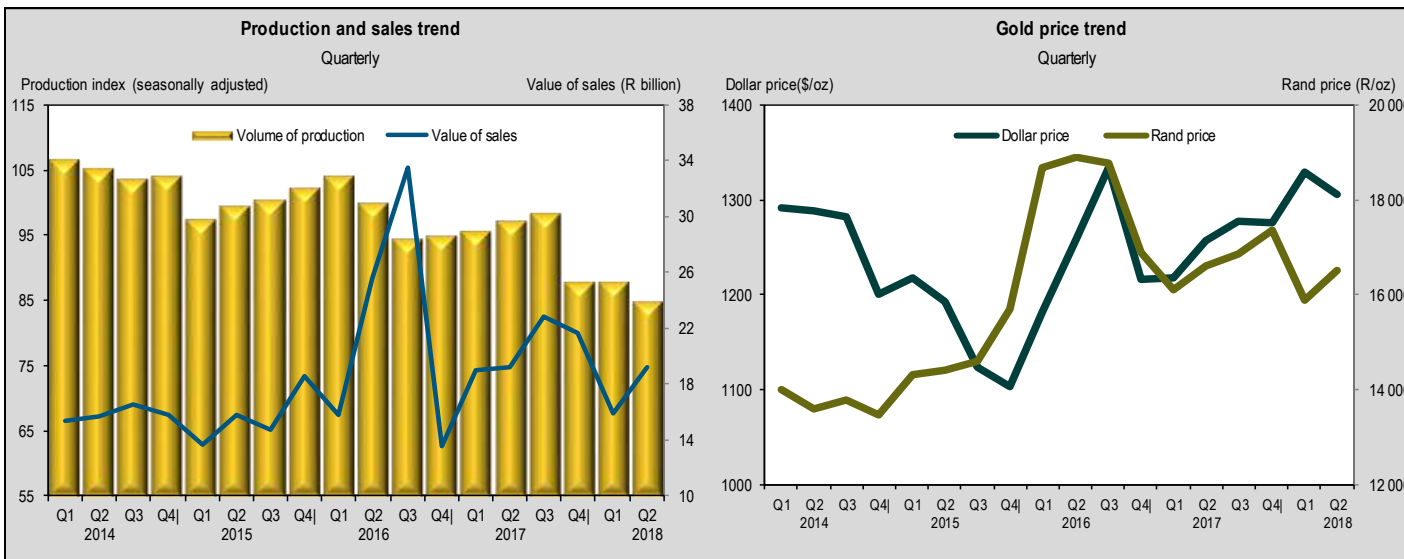
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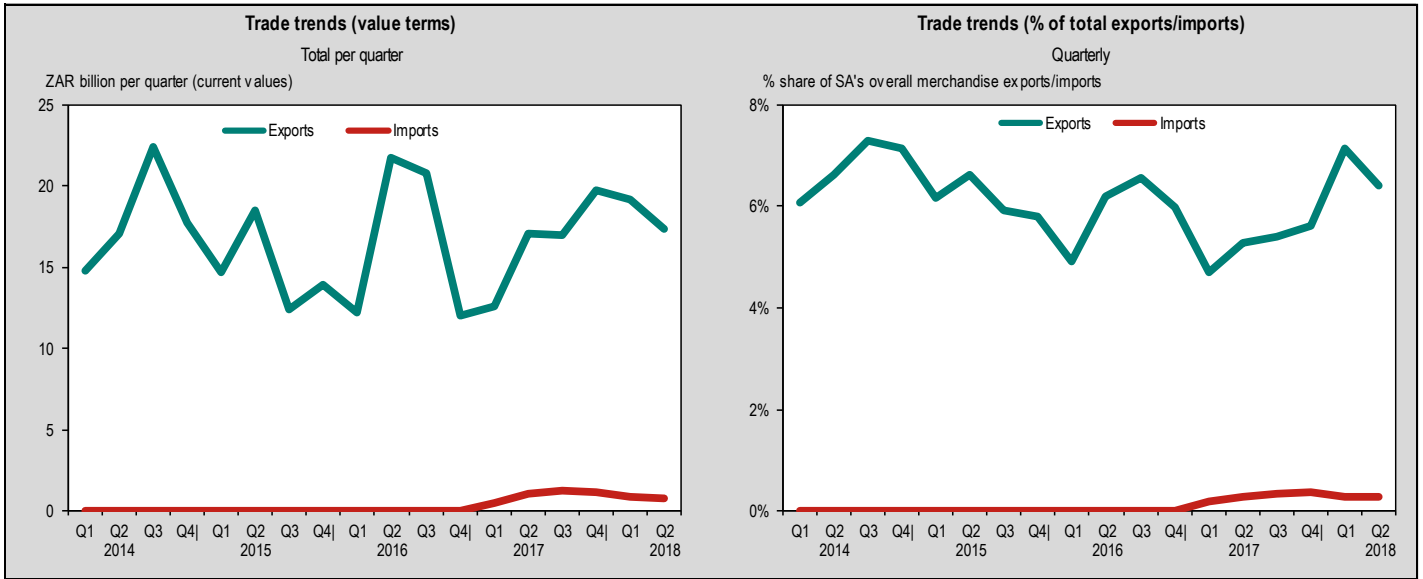


**Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: commodity price, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)**

↓ -10.4%	↓ -0.6%	↓ -12.9%	↑ 2.5%	↑ 23.2%	↑ 4.5%
Production (seas. adj.)	Rand gold price	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



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### Major traded export products

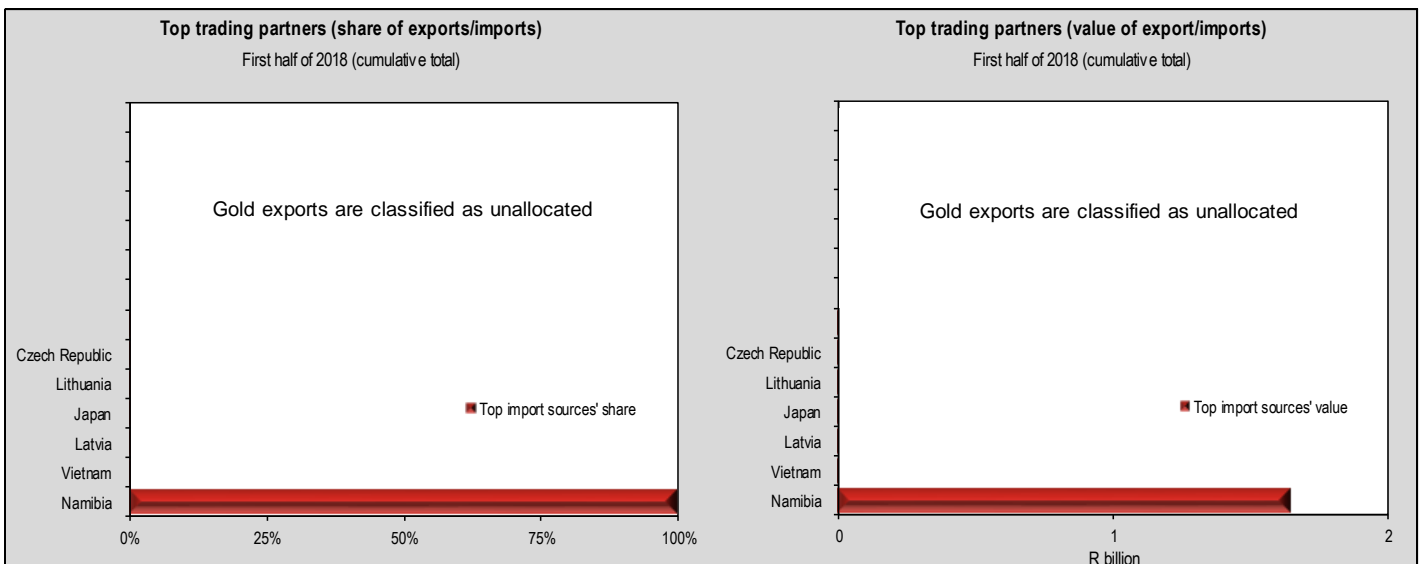
First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b> H7108: Gold, unwrought, semi-manufactured, etc	36 566.02
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	36 566.02
<b>Top gainers</b> H7108: Gold, unwrought, semi-manufactured, etc	6 875.93
<b>Top losers</b>	

### Major traded import products

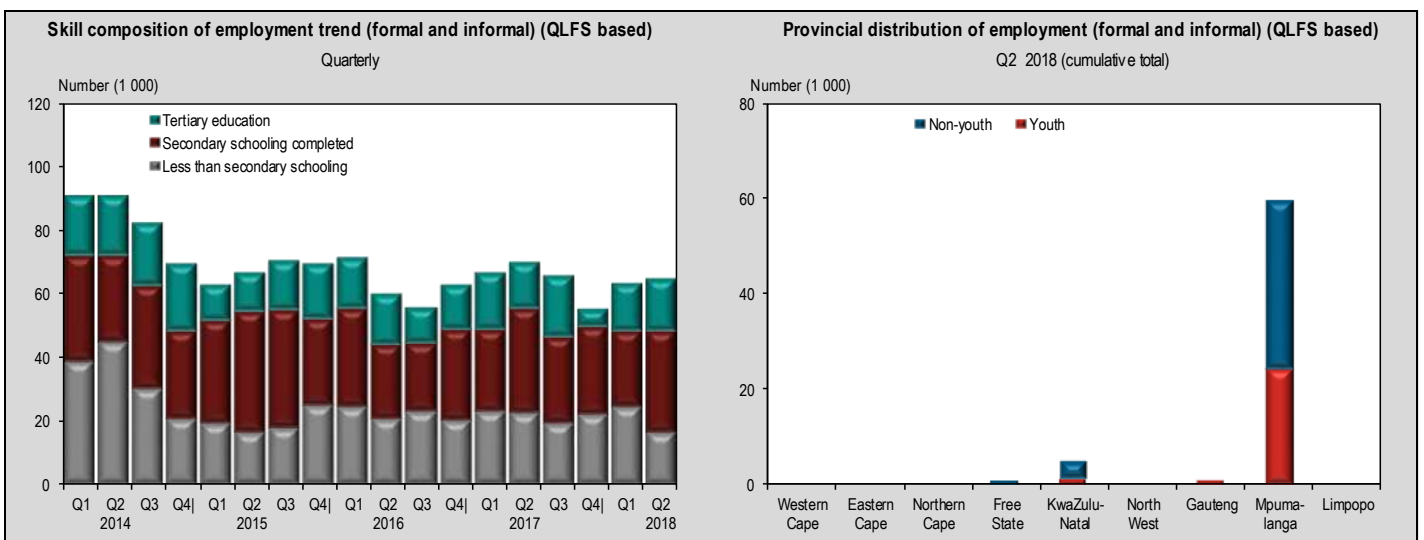
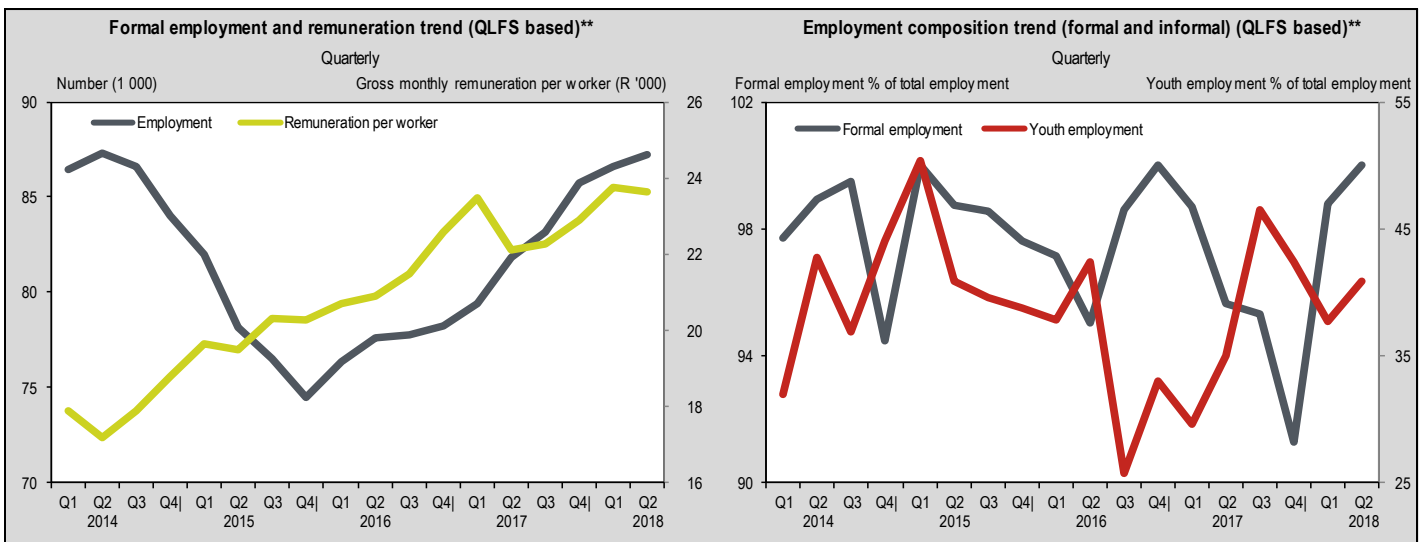
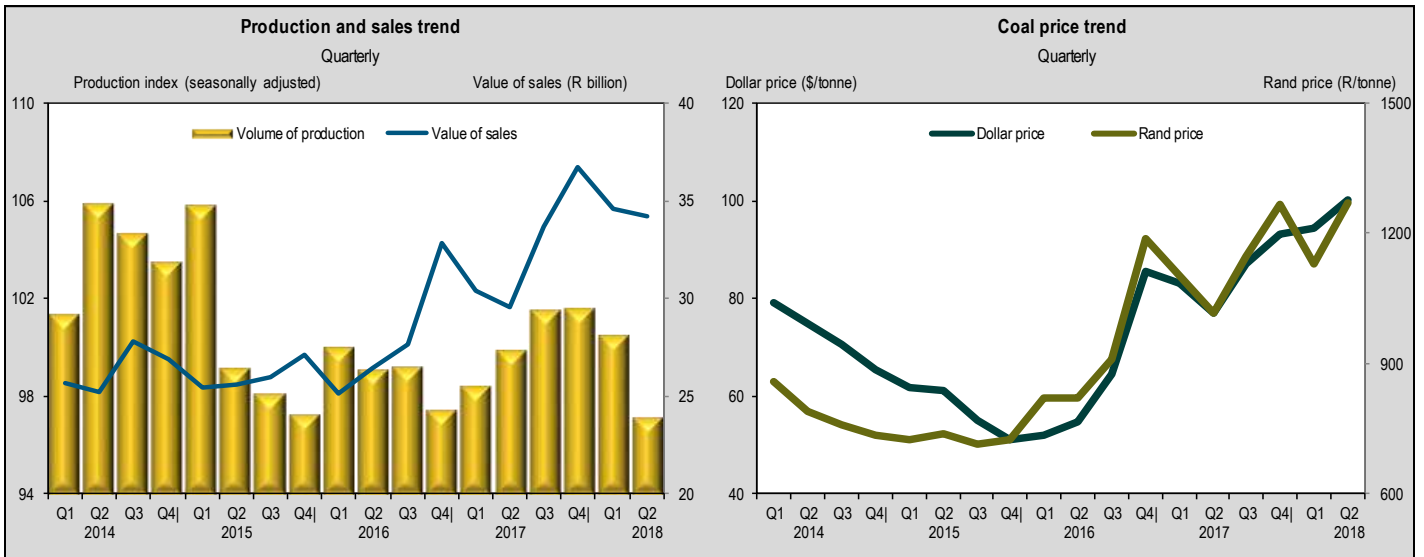
First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b> H7108: Gold, unwrought, semi-manufactured, etc	1649.65
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	1649.65
<b>Top gainers</b> H7108: Gold, unwrought, semi-manufactured, etc	70.67
<b>Top losers</b>	



**Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: commodity price, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)**

↓ -0.3%	↑ 25.0%	↑ 6.6%	↑ 7.0%	↑ 2.3%	↑ 5.3%
Production (seas. adj.)	Rand coal price	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)

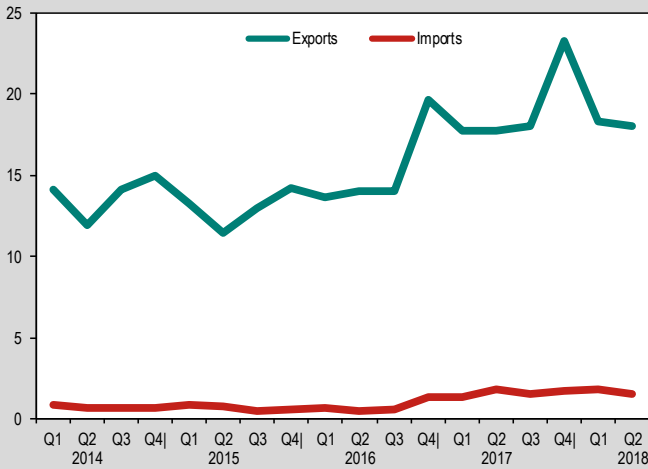


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**Trade trends (value terms)**

Total per quarter

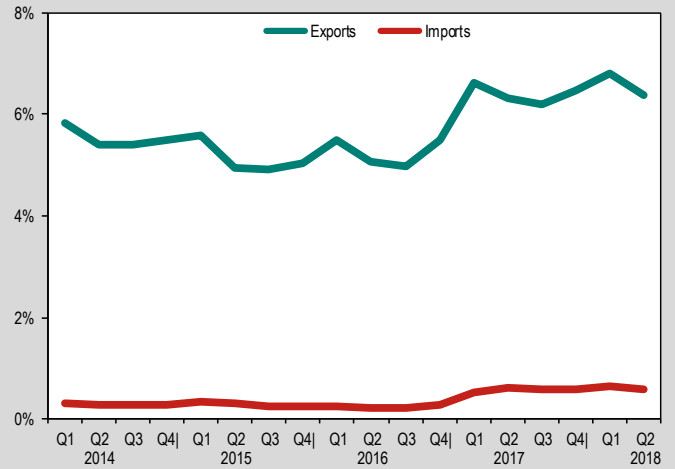
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



**Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)**

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



**Major traded export products**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description		ZAR m
Top exports	H2701: Coal, briquettes, ovoids etc, made from coal	36 294.39
	H2703: Peat (including peat litter)	156
	H2702: Lignite, except jet	0.00
	<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>36 295.96</b>
Top gainers	H2701: Coal, briquettes, ovoids etc, made from coal	816.79
	H2703: Peat (including peat litter)	0.06
	Top losers	H2702: Lignite, except jet

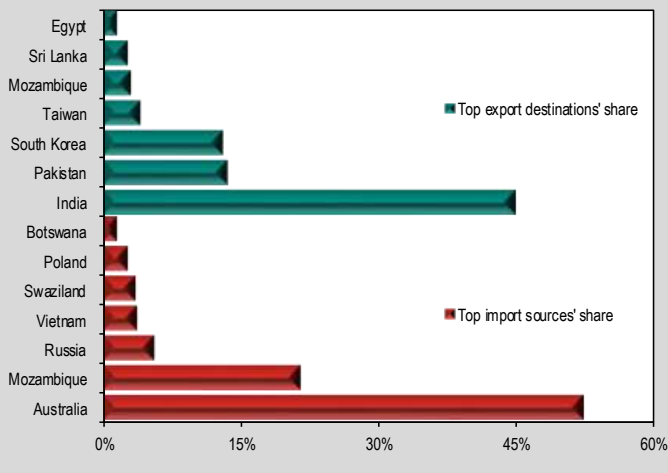
**Major traded import products**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description		ZAR m
Top imports	H2701: Coal, briquettes, ovoids etc, made from coal	3 357.75
	H2703: Peat (including peat litter)	44.15
	<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>3 401.90</b>
Top gainers	H2701: Coal, briquettes, ovoids etc, made from coal	162.33
	H2703: Peat (including peat litter)	9.69
Top losers		

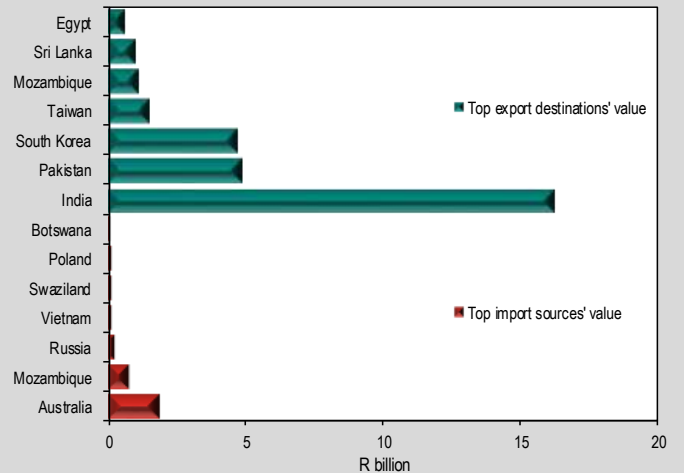
**Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



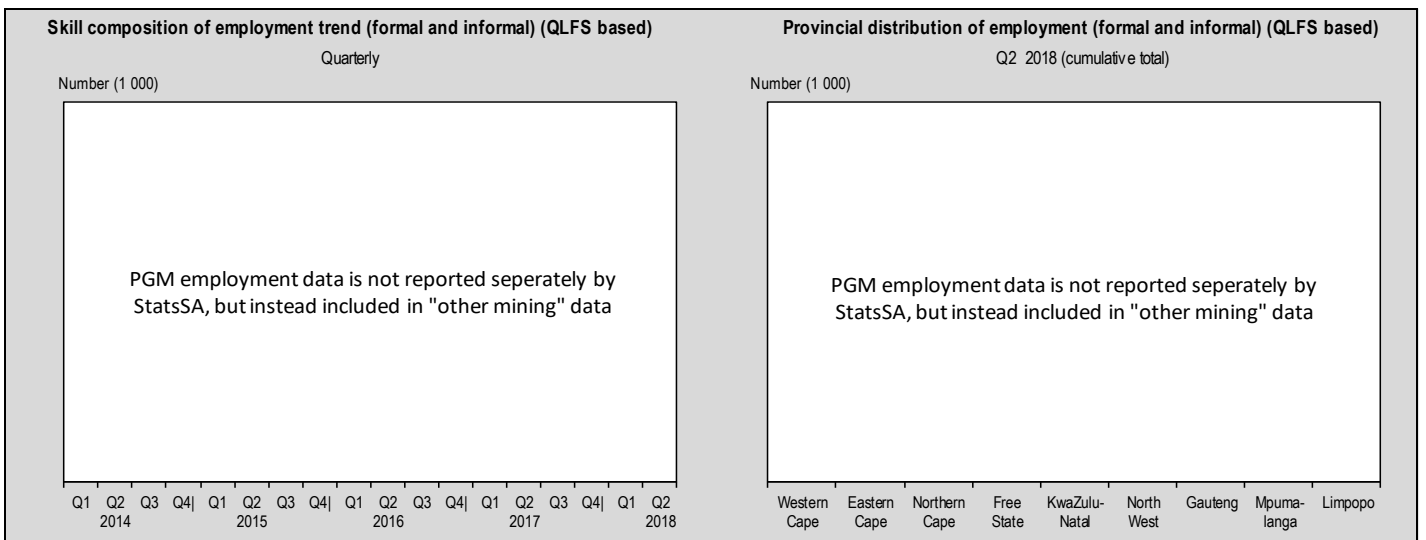
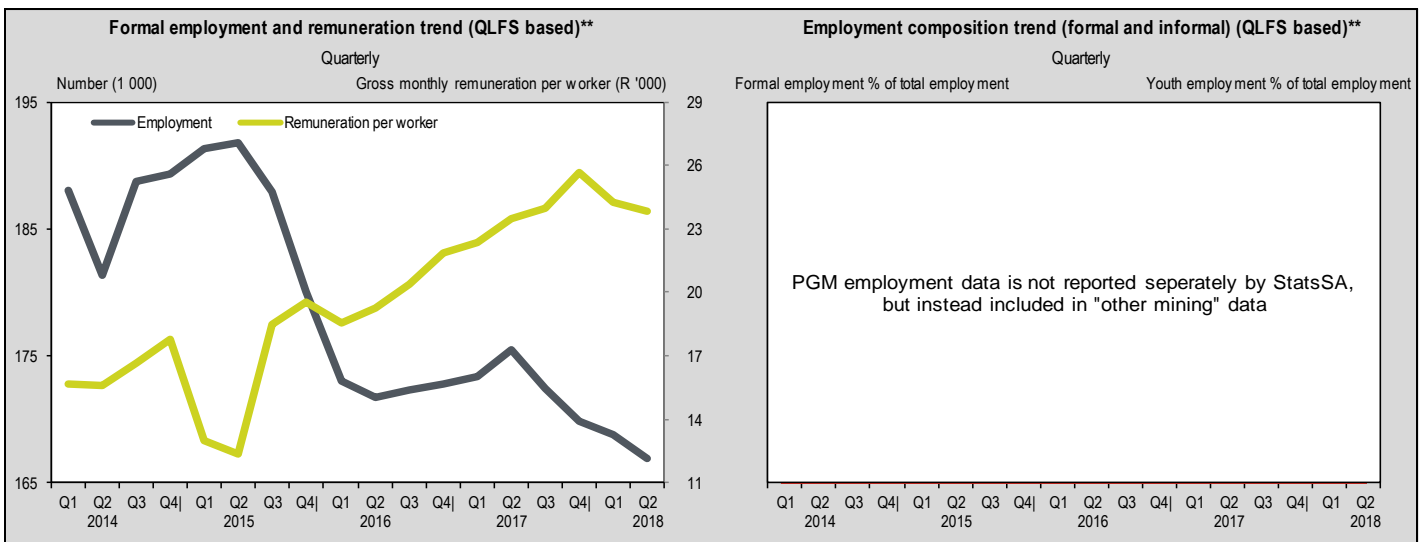
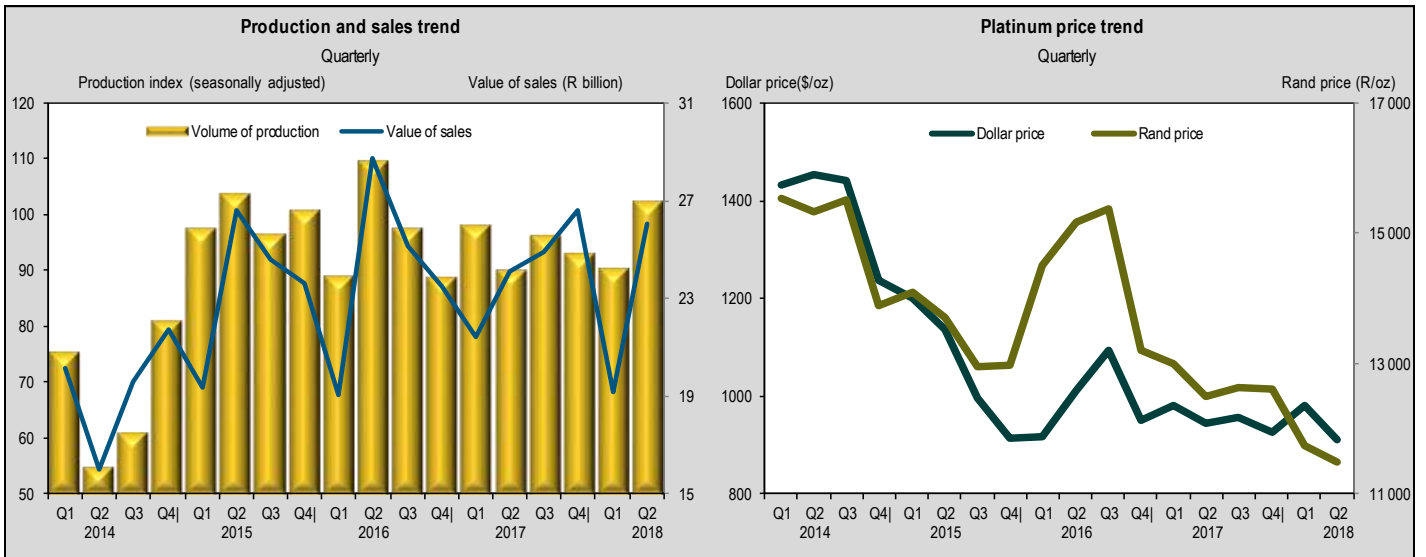
**Top trading partners (value of export/imports)**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



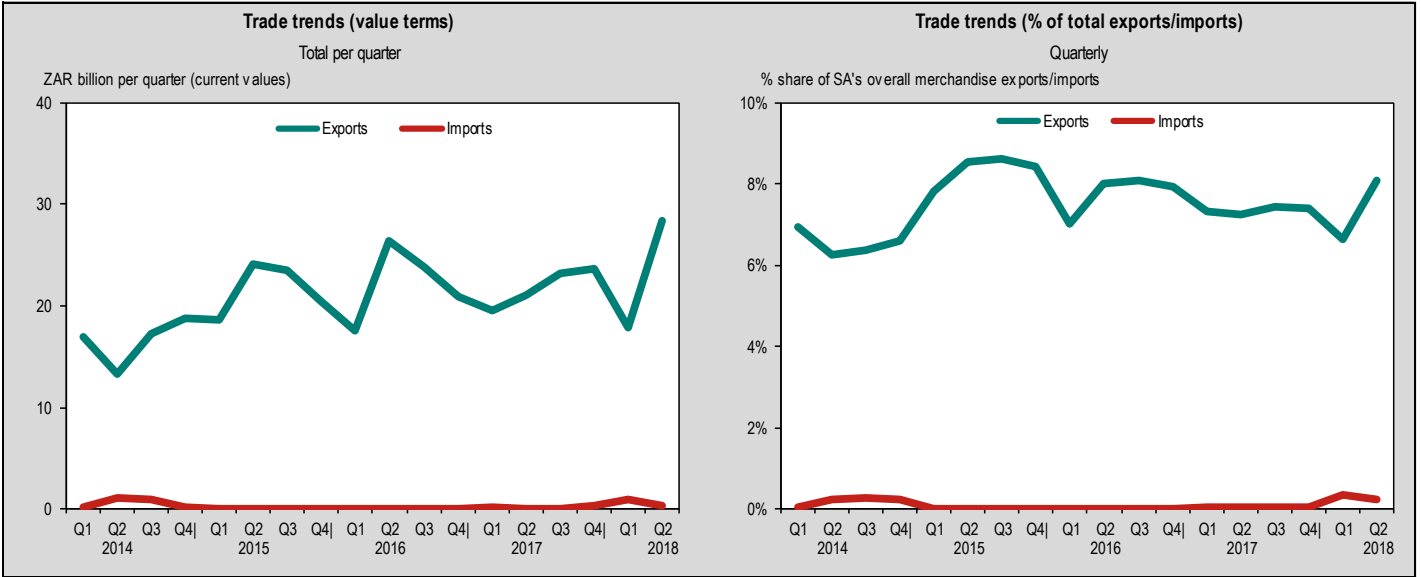
**Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: commodity price, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)**

↑ 2.4%	↓ -7.9%	↓ -4.9%	↑ 1.4%	↑ 13.3%	↑ 670.4%
Production (seas. adj.)	Rand platinum price	Employment	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



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### Major traded export products

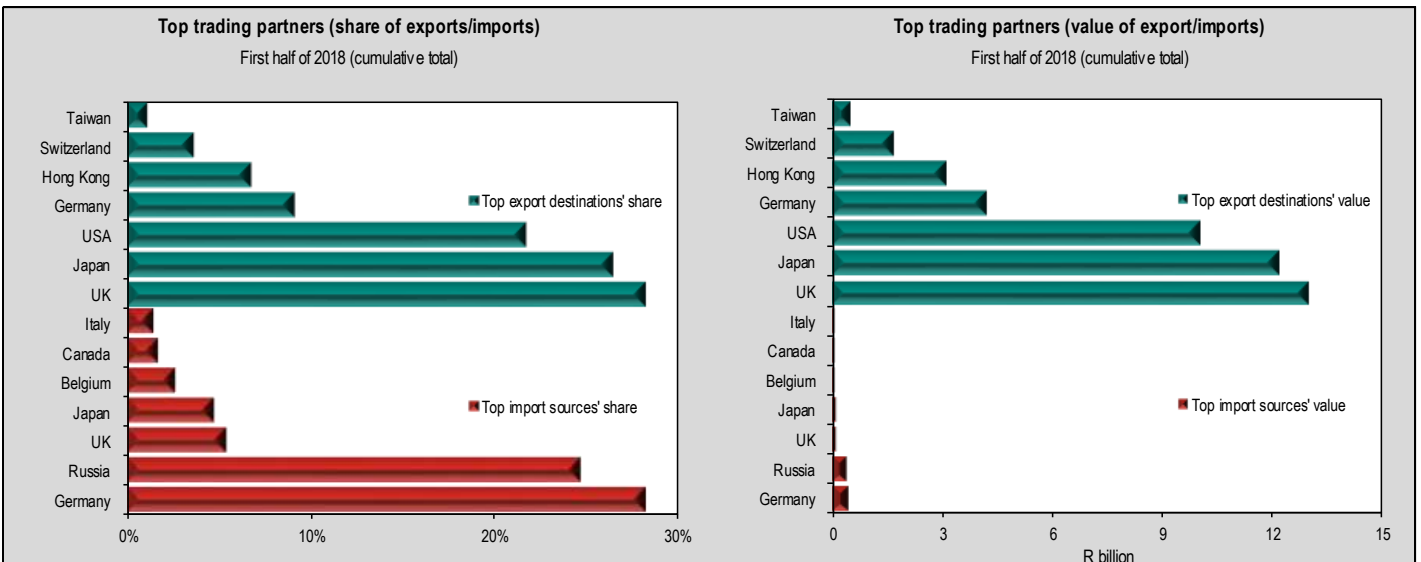
First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H7110: Platinum, unwrought, semi-manufactured	46 535.53
H711t Metals, clad with platinum, semi-manufactured	0.54
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	46 54.07
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H7110: Platinum, unwrought, semi-manufactured	5 409.73
H711t Metals, clad with platinum, semi-manufactured	0.34
<b>Top losers</b>	

### Major traded import products

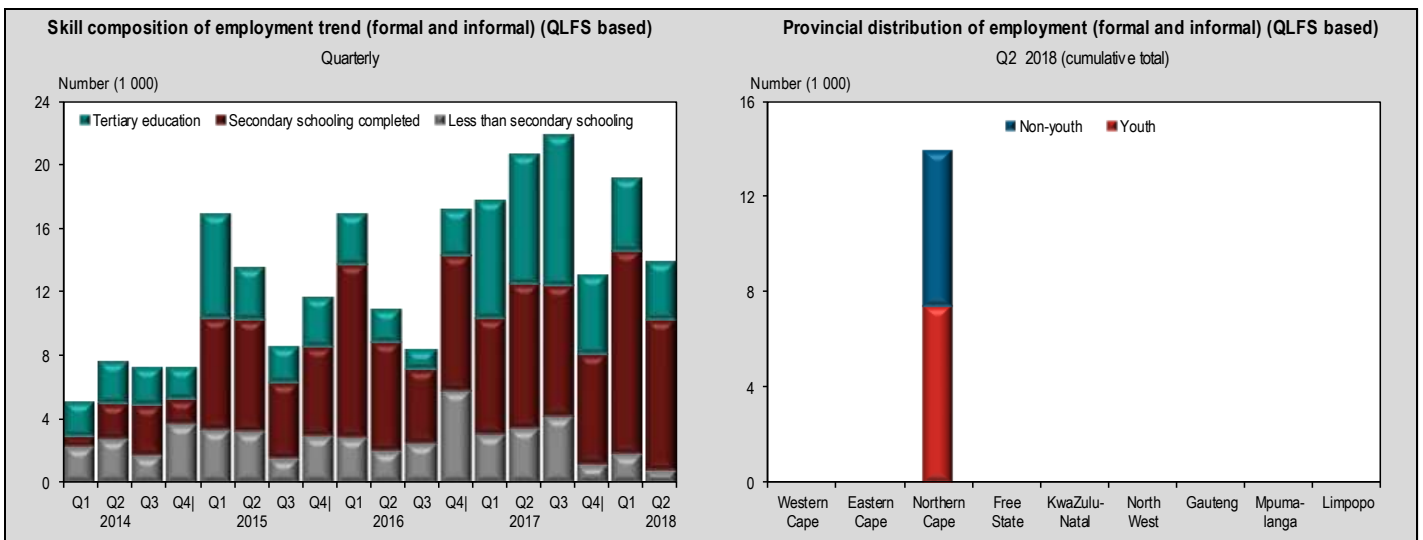
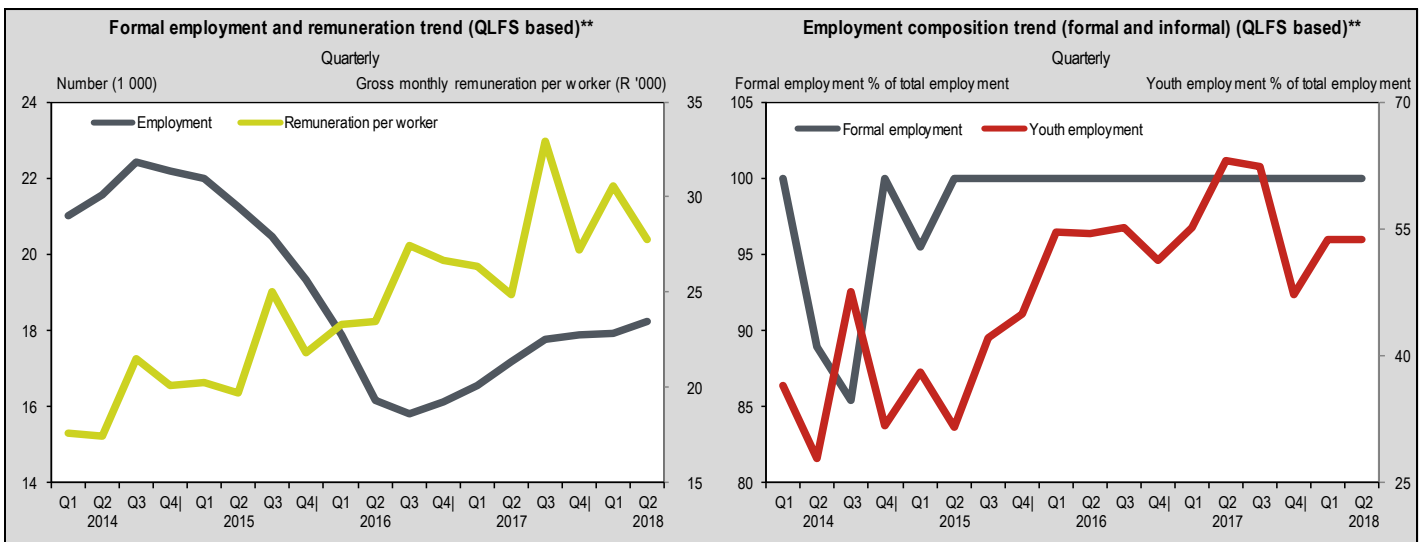
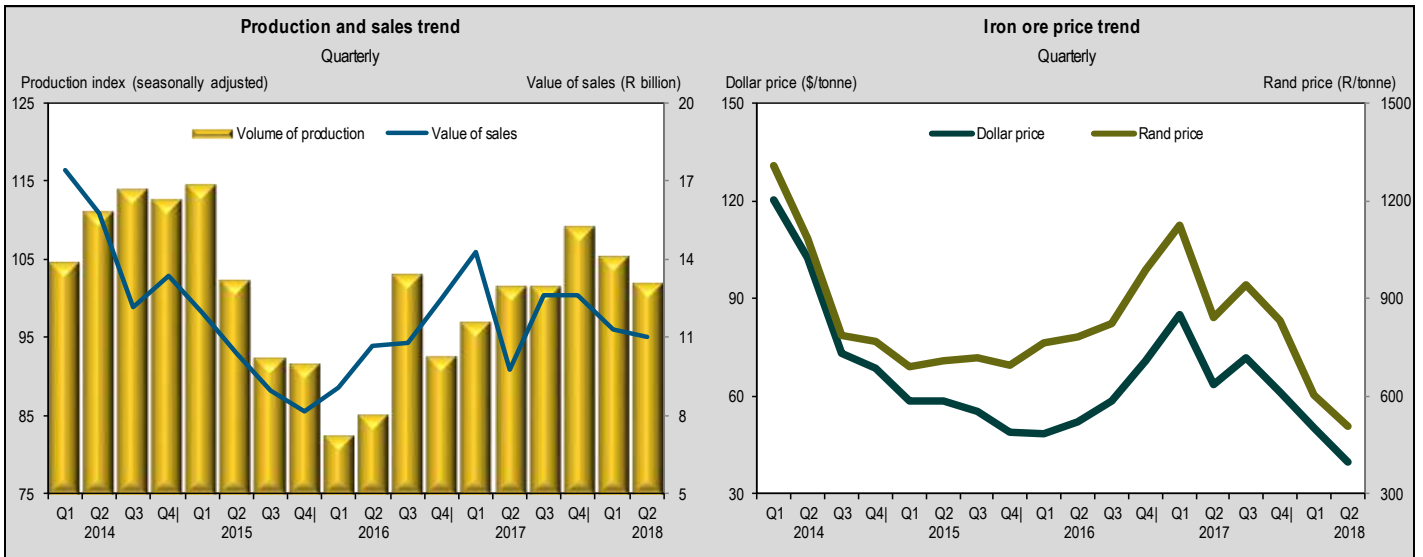
First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H7110: Platinum, unwrought, semi-manufactured	1325.00
H711t Metals, clad with platinum, semi-manufactured	0.01
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	1325.01
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H7110: Platinum, unwrought, semi-manufactured	1 53.05
<b>Top losers</b>	
H711t Metals, clad with platinum, semi-manufactured	- 0.04



**Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: commodity price, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)**

 4.5%	 -39.7%	 6.1%	 11.7%	 -17.5%	 -14.7%
<b>Production (seas. adj.)</b>	<b>Rand iron ore price</b>	<b>Employment*</b>	<b>Gross monthly remuneration per worker</b>	<b>Exports (ZAR)</b>	<b>Imports (ZAR)</b>

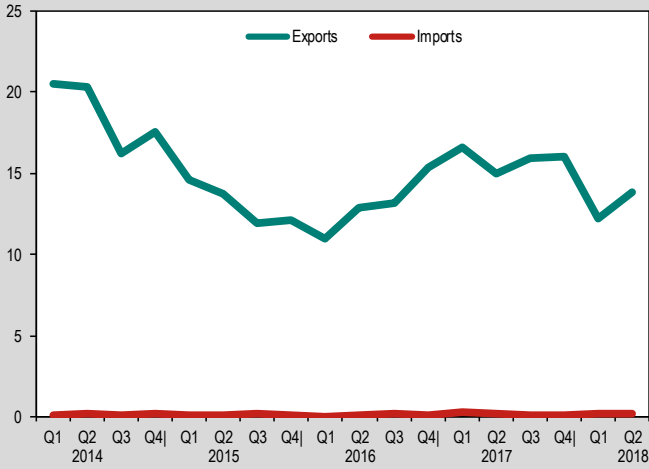


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### Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

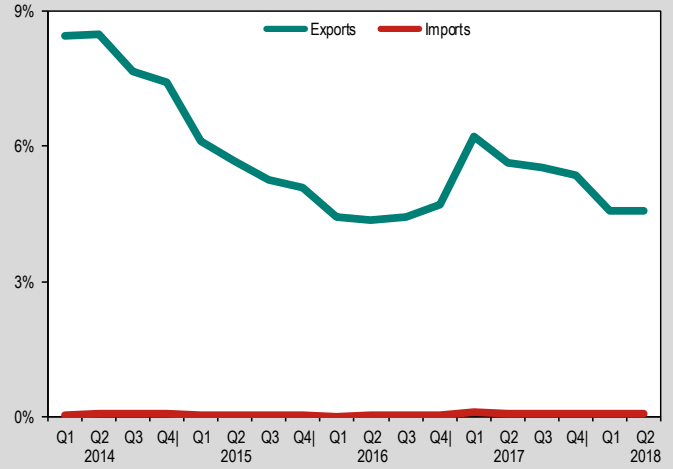
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



### Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



### Major traded export products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H2601: Iron ores and concentrates, roasted iron pyrites	26 117.30
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	26 117.30
<b>Top gainers</b>	
<b>Top losers</b>	
H2601: Iron ores and concentrates, roasted iron pyrites	-5 528.82

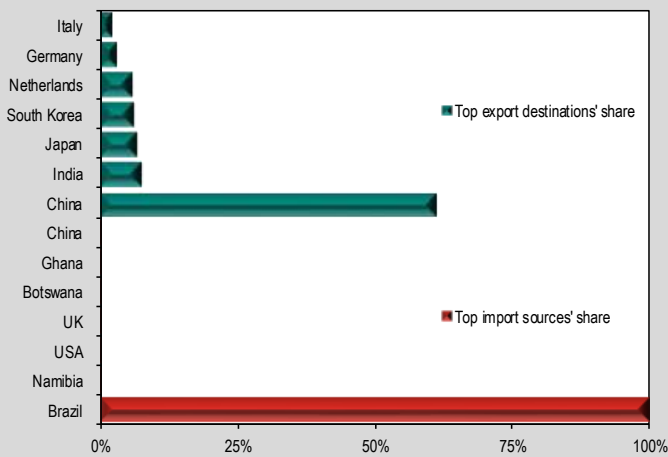
### Major traded import products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H2601: Iron ores and concentrates, roasted iron pyrites	378.72
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	378.72
<b>Top gainers</b>	
<b>Top losers</b>	
H2601: Iron ores and concentrates, roasted iron pyrites	- 65.16

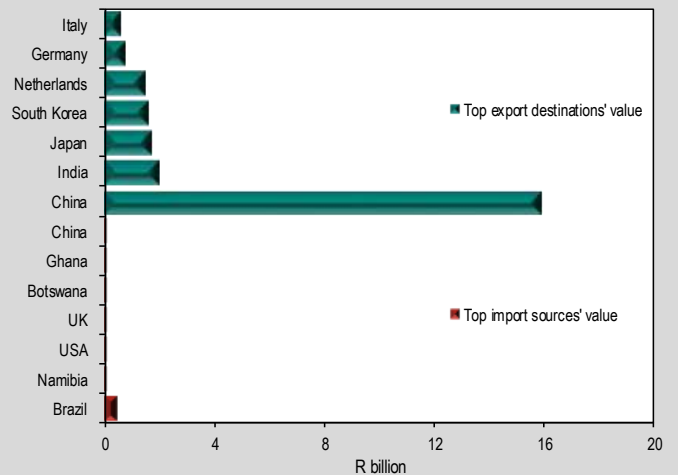
### Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



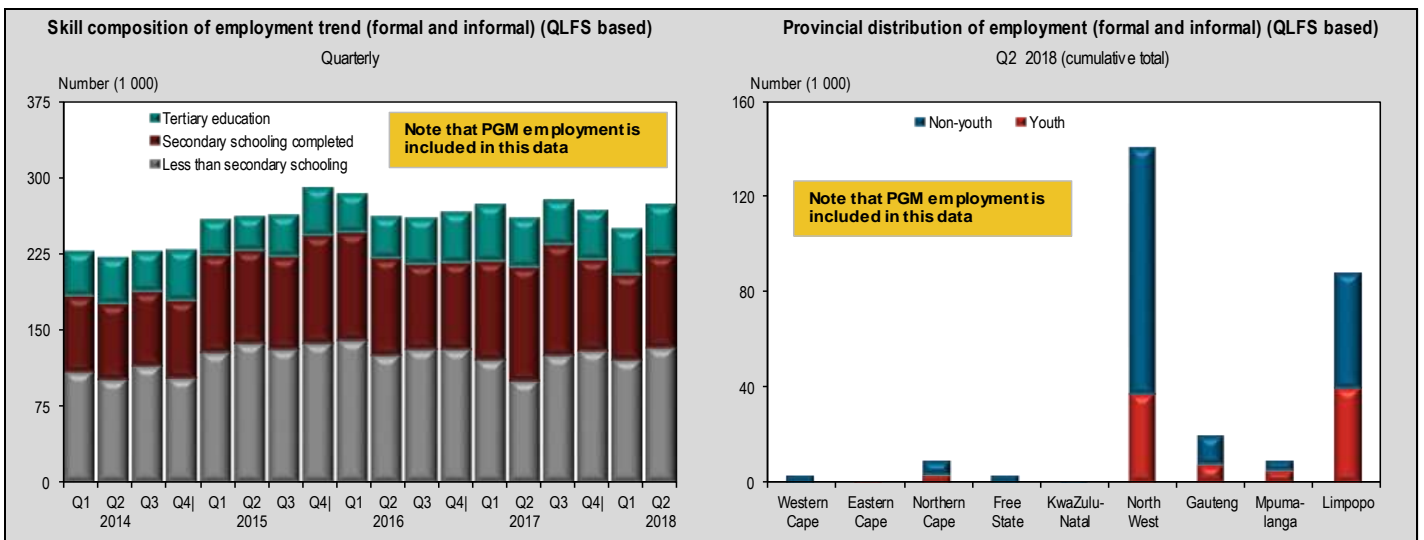
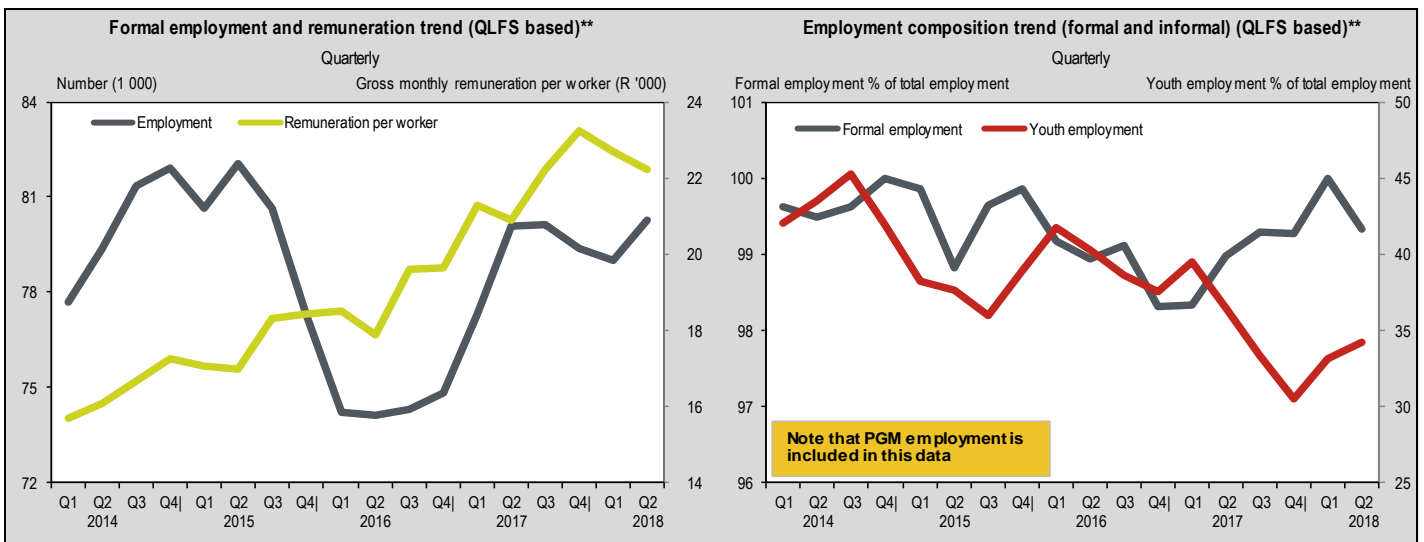
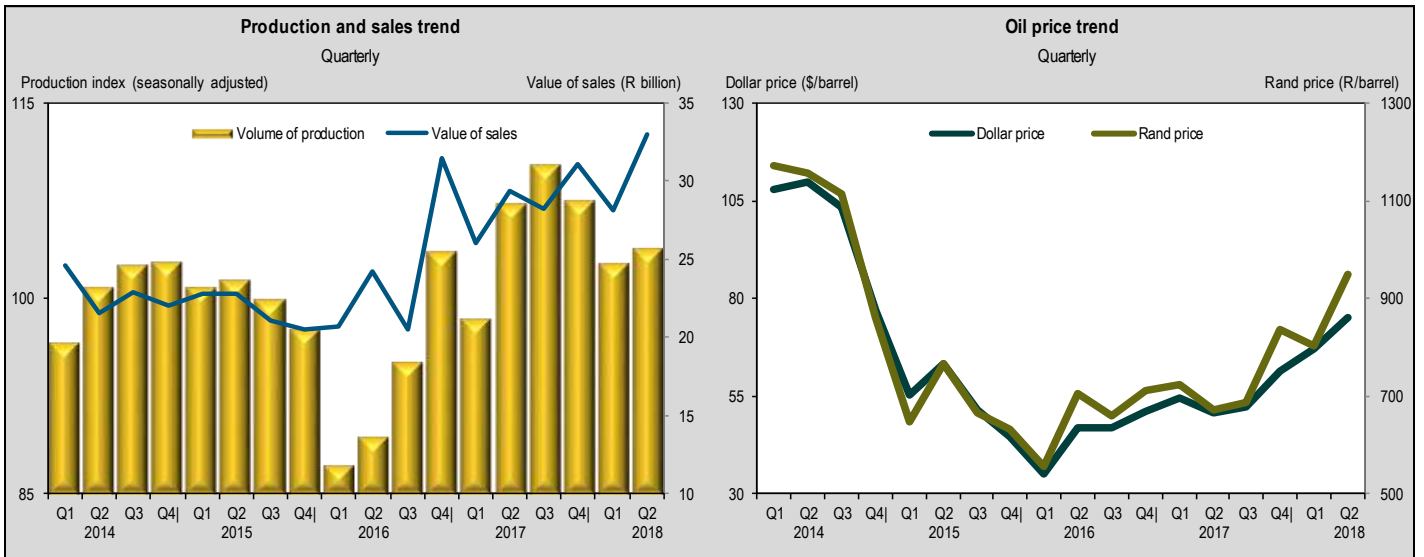
### Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



**Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: commodity price, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)**

↑ 0.4%	↑ 41.2%	↑ 0.2%	↑ 6.4%	↑ 1.7%	↑ 33.0%
Production (seas. adj.)	Rand oil price	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



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Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

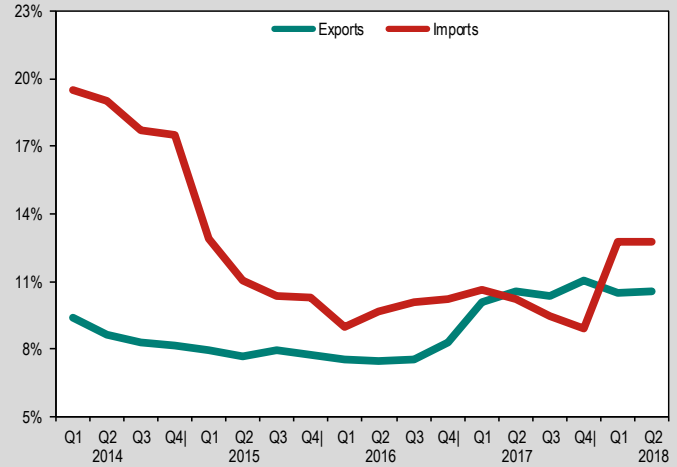
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



Major traded export products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H2602: Manganese ores, iron ores >20% Manganese	21838.46
H2610: Chromium ores and concentrates	13 189.75
H7102: Diamonds, not mounted or set	11407.90
H2614: Titanium ores and concentrates	3 358.72
H2615: Niobium tantalum vanadium zirconium ores, etc	2 991.55
H2616: Precious metal ores and concentrates	2 320.43
H2603: Copper ores and concentrates	1343.88
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>60 436.33</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H2602: Manganese ores, iron ores >20% Manganese	6 761.30
H2615: Niobium tantalum vanadium zirconium ores, etc	718.08
H2616: Precious metal ores and concentrates	460.49
H2503: Sulphur, except sublimated, precipitated, colloidal	274.18
H2529: Natural fluoride minerals	195.33
<b>Top losers</b>	
H2709: Petroleum oils, oils from bituminous minerals, crude	-4 795.70
H2614: Titanium ores and concentrates	-1269.70
H7102: Diamonds, not mounted or set	-742.39
H2610: Chromium ores and concentrates	-460.44
H2603: Copper ores and concentrates	-189.29

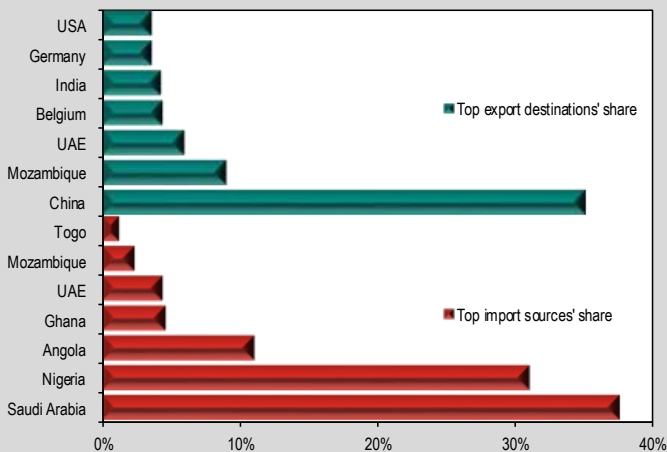
Major traded import products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H2709: Petroleum oils, oils from bituminous minerals, crude	65 543.20
H7102: Diamonds, not mounted or set	4 346.26
H2711: Petroleum gases & other gaseous hydrocarbons	1707.56
H2503: Sulphur, except sublimated, precipitated, colloidal	368.19
H2610: Chromium ores and concentrates	151.37
H2501: Salt including solution, salt water	133.93
H2530: Mineral substances, nes	120.79
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>72 983.06</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H2709: Petroleum oils, oils from bituminous minerals, crude	17 290.41
H7102: Diamonds, not mounted or set	938.05
H2711: Petroleum gases & other gaseous hydrocarbons	124.48
H2614: Titanium ores and concentrates	34.29
H2512: Siliceous fossil meals and earths	22.59
<b>Top losers</b>	
H2519: Natural magnesium carbonate, magnesium oxide	-136.44
H7106: Silver, unwrought or semi-manufactured, etc	-106.04
H2610: Chromium ores and concentrates	-60.42
H2503: Sulphur, except sublimated, precipitated, colloidal	-26.93
H2516: Granite, porphyry, basalt, sandstone, etc	-10.63

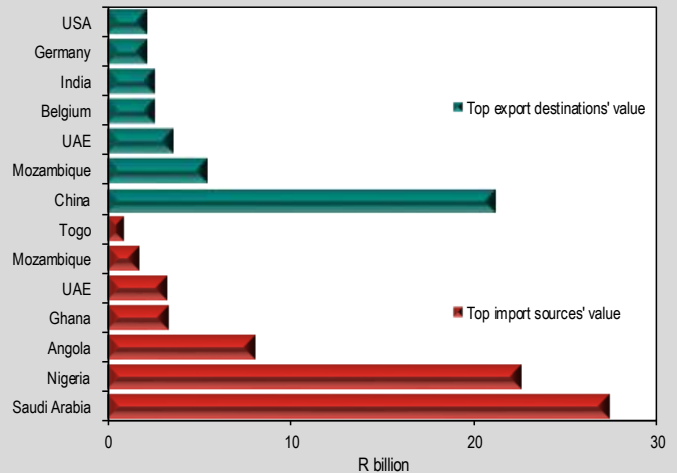
Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

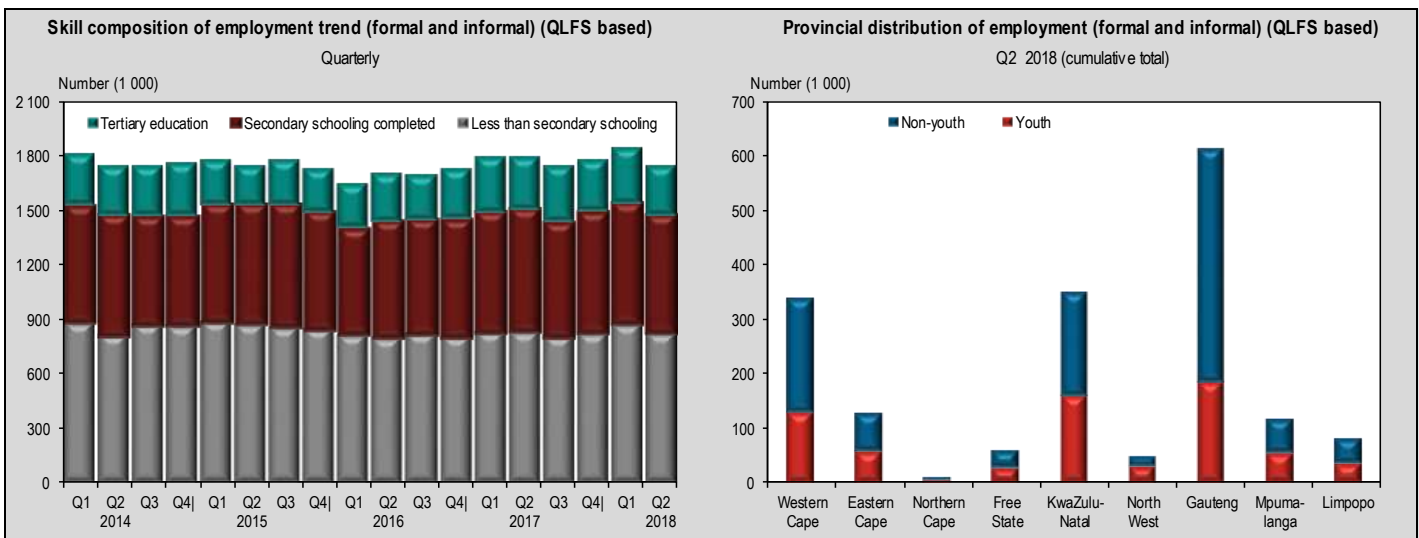
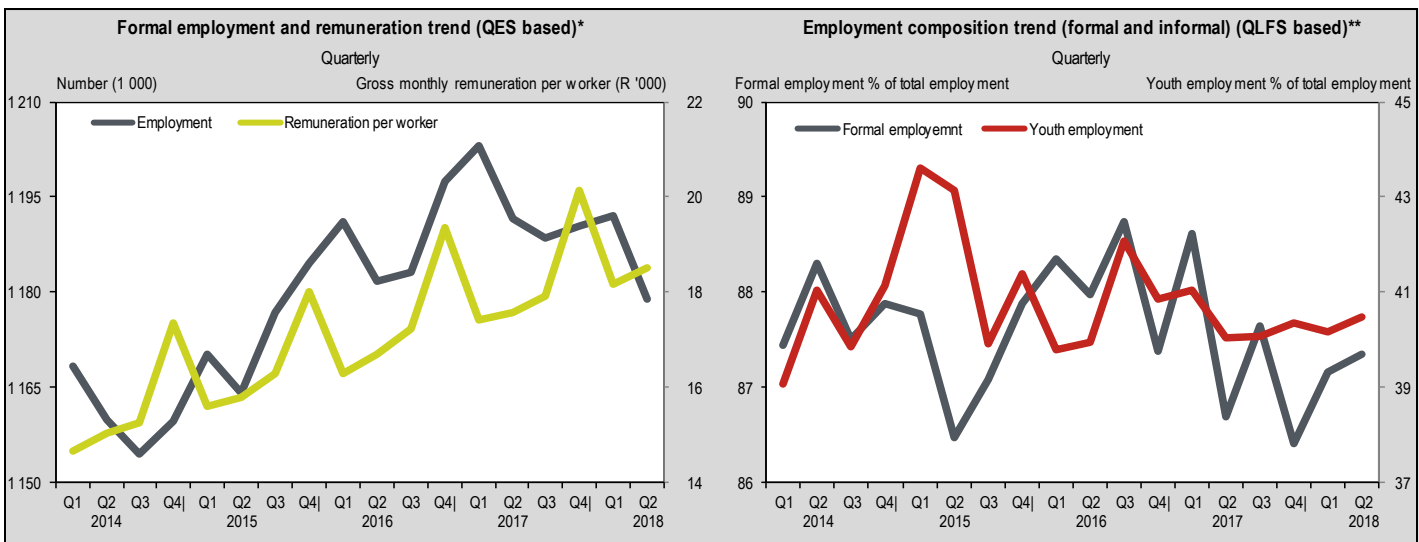
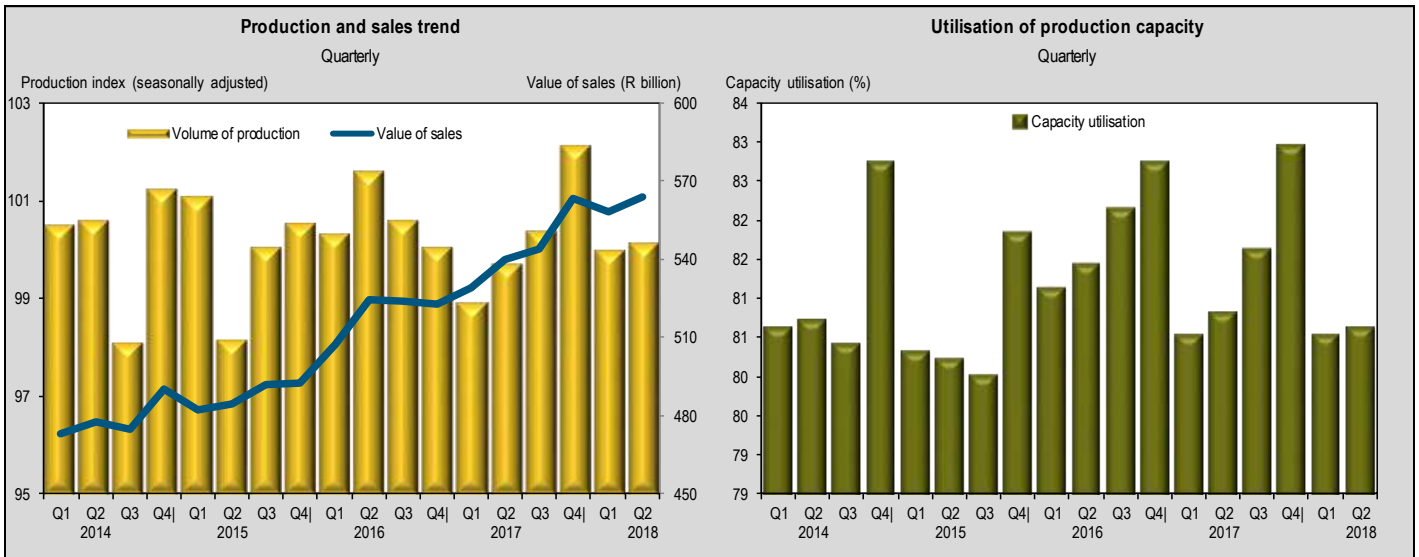
First half of 2018 (cumulative total)





## Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)

↑ 0.7%	↑ -0.2 (percentage points)	↓ -1.0%	↑ 5.3%	↓ -0.3%	↑ 2.5%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)

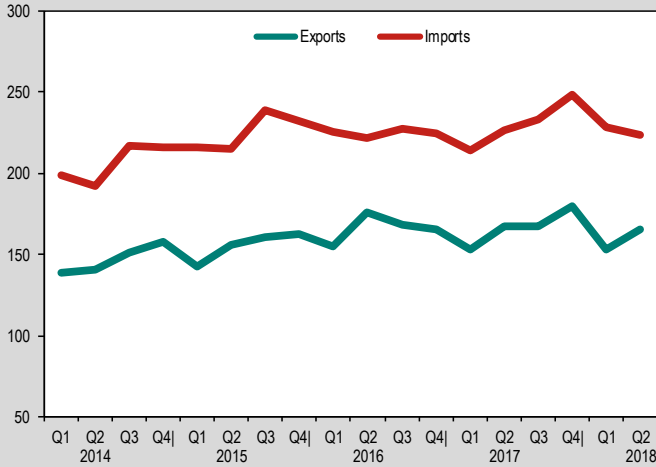


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Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

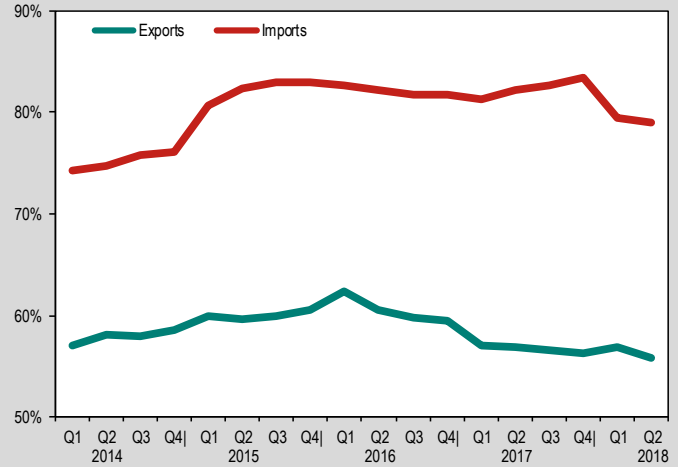
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



Major traded export products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS2 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H87: Vehicles, parts and accessories	58 488.63
H72: Iron and steel	40 048.64
H84: Machinery and equipment, mechanical appliances	35 677.69
H27: Coal, petroleum and petroleum products	19 103.33
H76: Aluminium and articles thereof	11 569.91
H85: Electrical machinery and electronic equipment	10 557.77
H73: Articles of iron or steel	8 555.97
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>322 505.98</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H84: Machinery and equipment, mechanical appliances	1846.57
H28: Inorganic chemicals, precious metal compound, isotopes	1659.75
H74: Copper and articles thereof	1217.66
H17: Sugars and sugar confectionery	1150.76
H73: Articles of iron or steel	655.57
<b>Top losers</b>	
H71: Natural or cultured pearls, precious stones and metals	-3 297.72
H72: Iron and steel	-1407.10
H47: Pulp of wood, fibrous cellulosic material, waste, etc	-1010.31
H87: Vehicles, parts and accessories	-987.56
H85: Electrical machinery and electronic equipment	-631.46

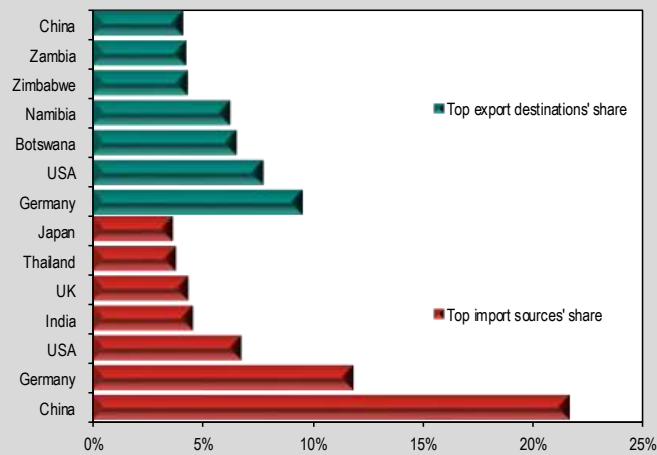
Major traded import products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS2 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H84: Machinery and equipment, mechanical appliances	72 050.80
H85: Electrical machinery and electronic equipment	50 006.62
H98: Original equipment components for the motor vehicle industry	46 245.95
H87: Vehicles, parts and accessories	42 992.45
H27: Coal, petroleum and petroleum products	31 628.95
H39: Plastics and articles thereof	16 738.18
H30: Pharmaceutical products	15 520.58
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>474 394.64</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H49: Printed books, newspapers, pictures etc	7 879.71
H84: Machinery and equipment, mechanical appliances	4 005.74
H27: Coal, petroleum and petroleum products	2 079.16
H39: Plastics and articles thereof	1 753.35
H28: Inorganic chemicals, precious metal compound, isotopes	1 718.71
<b>Top losers</b>	
H85: Electrical machinery and electronic equipment	-4 120.24
H88: Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof	-3 369.78
H87: Vehicles, parts and accessories	-3 169.18
H17: Sugars and sugar confectionery	-1 682.11
H74: Copper and articles thereof	-1 063.32

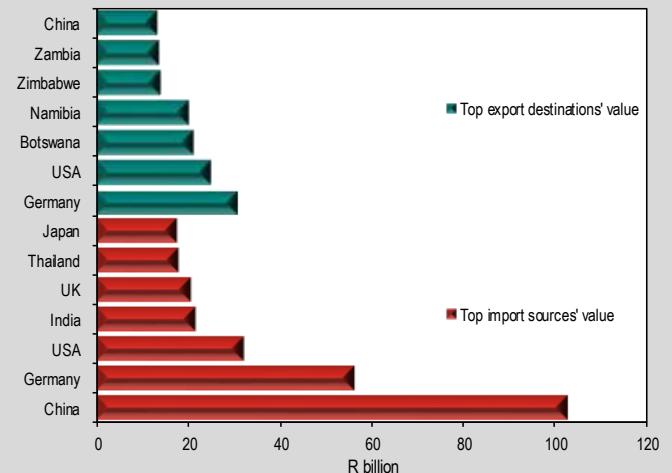
Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



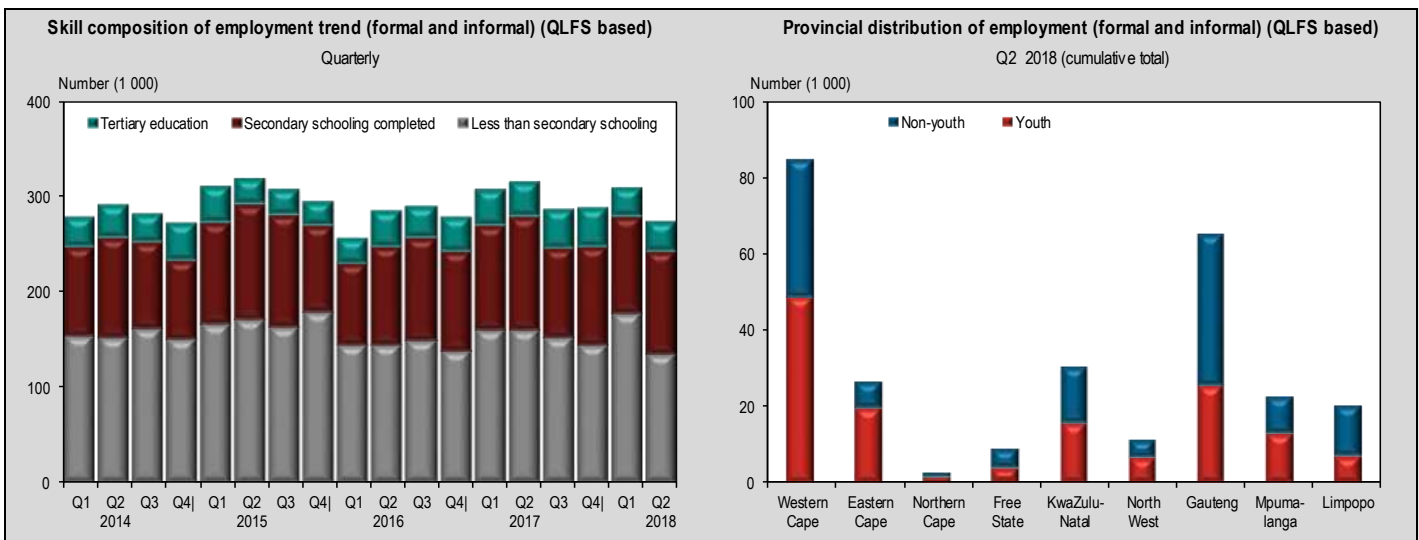
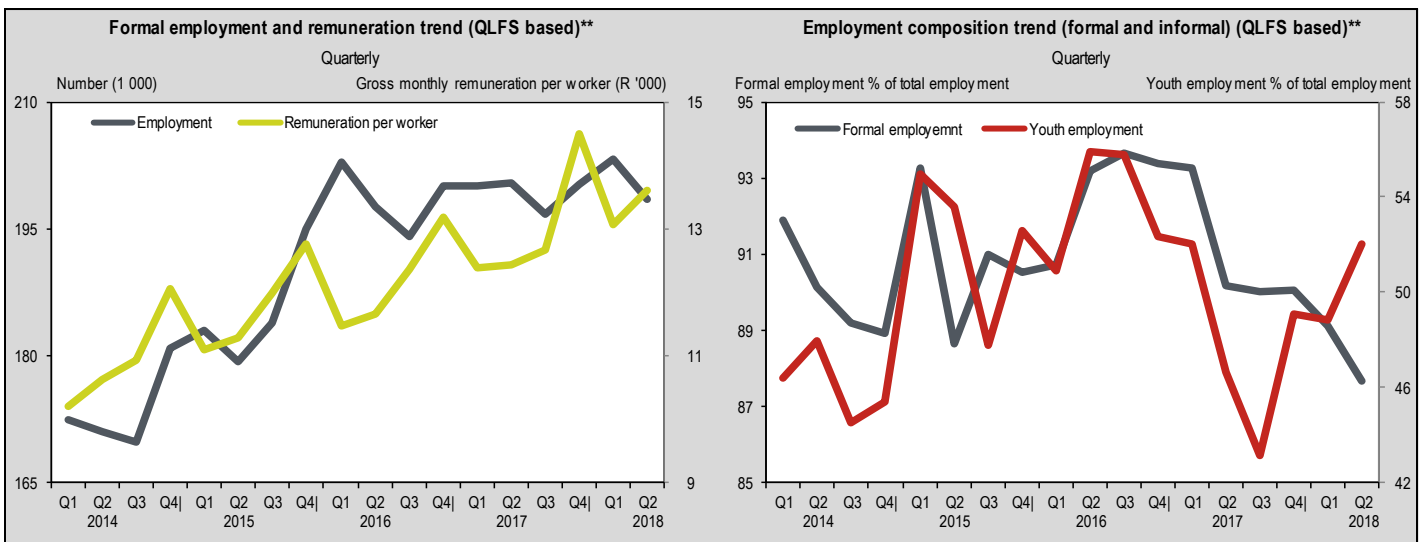
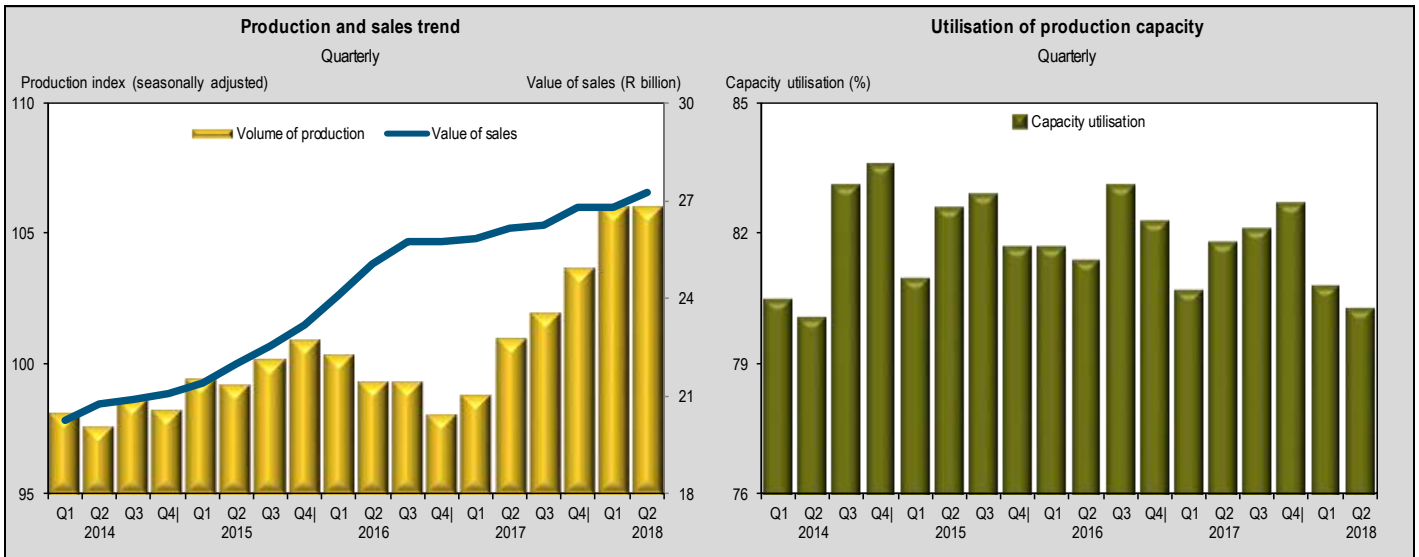
Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



**Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)**

↑ 6.1%	↓ -1.5 (percentage points)	↓ -1.0%	↑ 9.5%	↑ 2.7%	↓ -5.1%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



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**Trade trends (value terms)**

Total per quarter

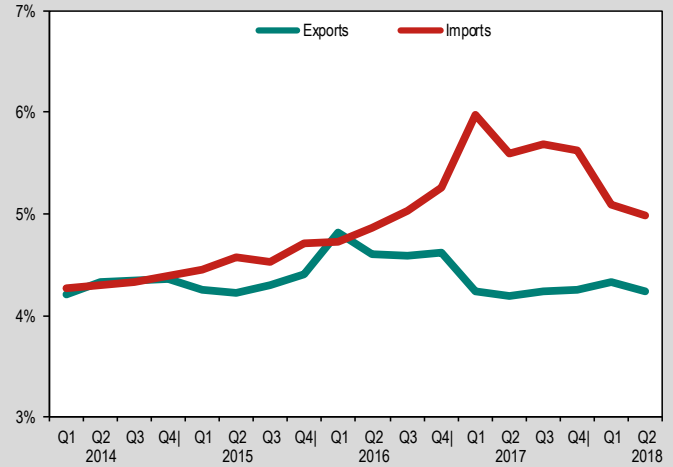
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



**Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)**

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



**Major traded export products**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H1701: Solid cane/ beet sugar & chemically pure sucrose	2 103.28
H2009: Fruit and vegetable juices, not fermented/ spirited	1682.34
H0307: Molluscs	1207.13
H2008: Fruit, edible plant parts nes, prepared/preserved	1201.93
H2106: Food preparations, nes	1126.13
H2309: Animal feed preparations	991.36
H0304: Fish fillets, fish meat, mince except liver, roe	940.13
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>24 161.68</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H1701: Solid cane/ beet sugar & chemically pure sucrose	1253.48
H0307: Molluscs	348.75
H2009: Fruit and vegetable juices, not fermented/ spirited	275.50
H0304: Fish fillets, fish meat, mince except liver, roe	174.05
H2104: Soups, broths & homogenized food preparations	163.10
<b>Top losers</b>	
H2103: Sauce, condiments, mixed seasoning & mustard	- 405.85
H1103: Cereal grouts, meal and pellets	- 381.17
H2106: Food preparations, nes	- 187.74
H1512: Safflower, sunflower & cotton-seed oil, fractions	- 173.41
H0201: Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled	- 123.63

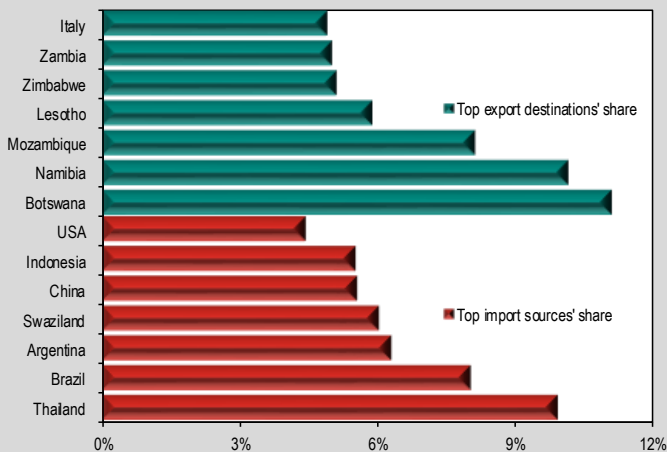
**Major traded import products**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H1006: Rice	3 001.62
H0207: Meat, edible ofal of domestic poultry	2 979.23
H1701: Solid cane/ beet sugar & chemically pure sucrose	2 005.97
H1511: Palm oil and its fractions, not chemically modified	1 964.18
H2106: Food preparations, nes	1 269.50
H2304: Soya-bean oil-cake and other solid residues	1 244.51
H0303: Fish, frozen, whole	1 150.07
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>28 513.95</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H0405: Butter and other fats and oils derived from milk	309.13
H1604: Prepared or preserved fish, fish eggs, caviar	218.46
H2309: Animal feed preparations	143.10
H2106: Food preparations, nes	128.45
H1806: Chocolate and other foods containing cocoa	121.91
<b>Top losers</b>	
H1701: Solid cane/ beet sugar & chemically pure sucrose	-1508.49
H1512: Safflower, sunflower & cotton-seed oil, fractions	- 453.39
H1511: Palm oil and its fractions, not chemically modified	- 348.42
H1507: Soya-bean oil, fractions, not chemically modified	- 209.73
H1703: Molasses from the extraction or refining of sugar	- 173.54

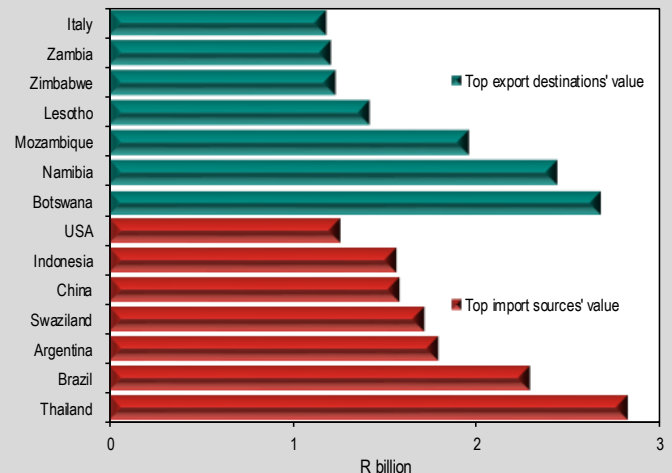
**Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



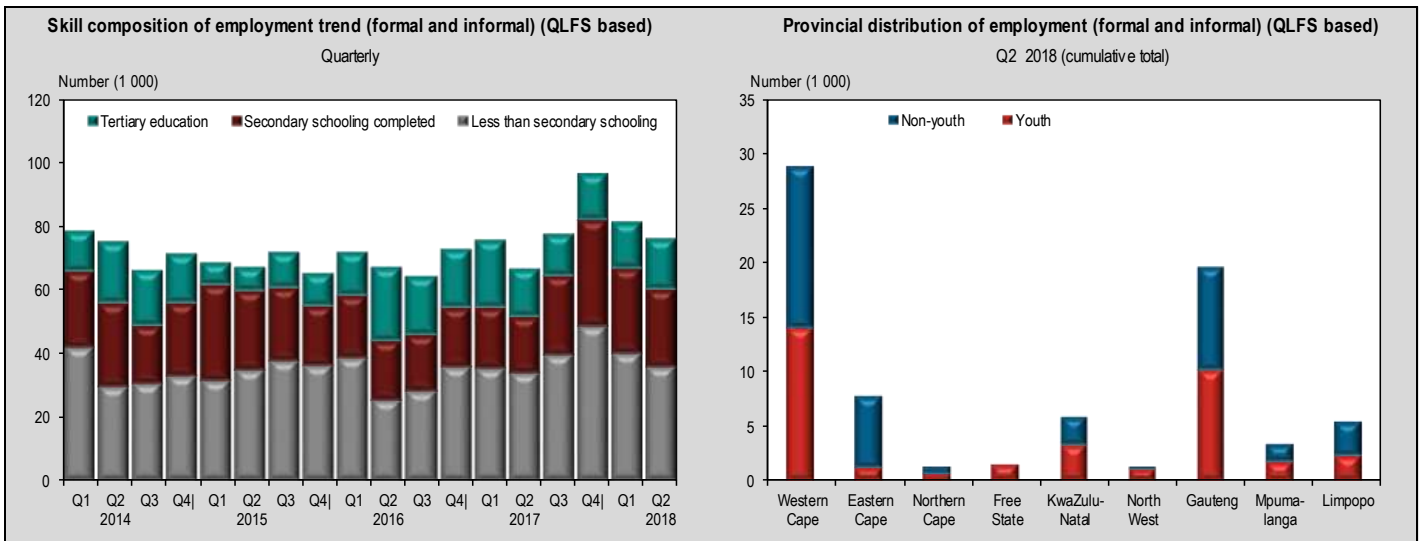
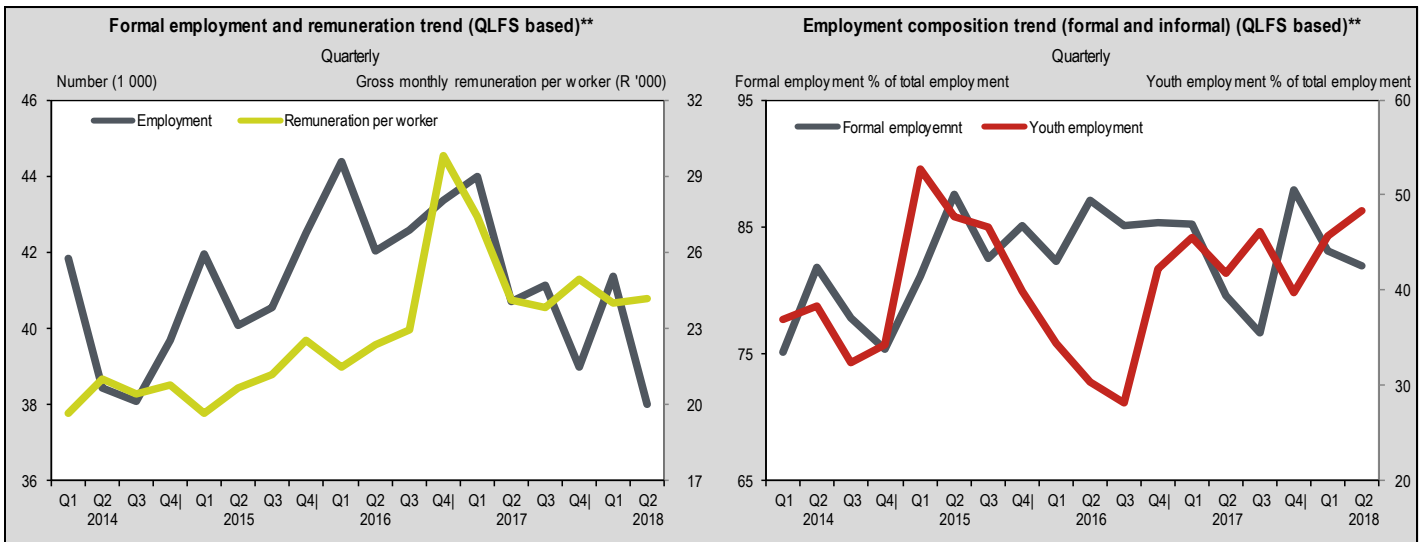
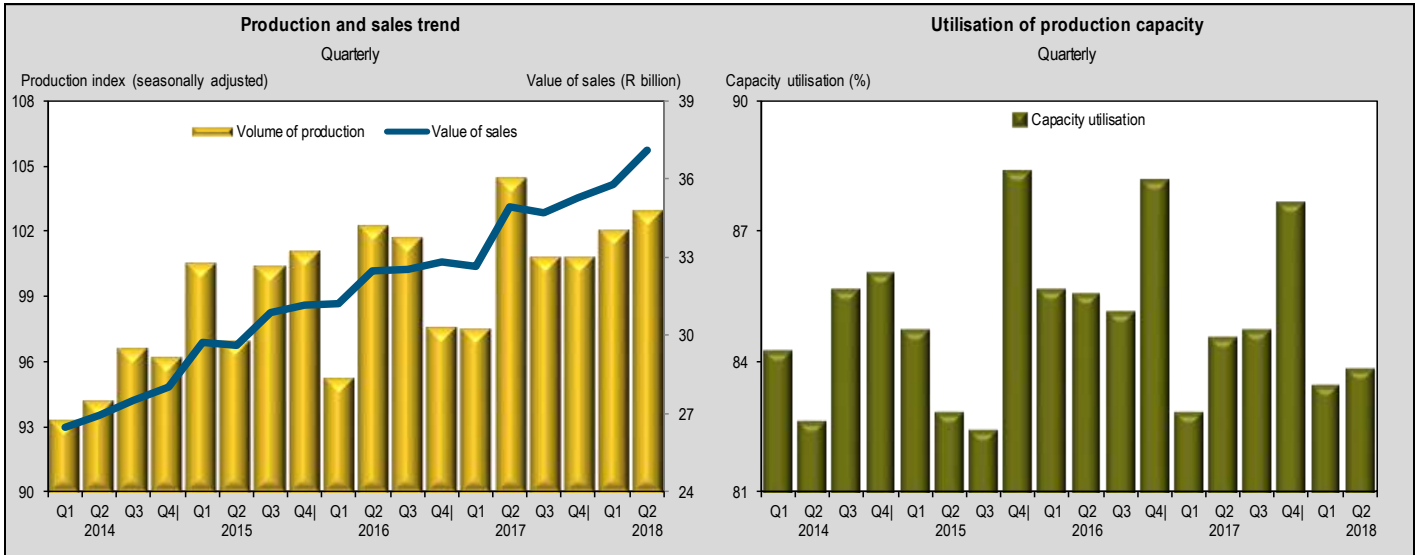
**Top trading partners (value of export/imports)**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)

↑ 1.5%	↓ -0.7 (percentage points)	↓ -6.7%	↑ 0.1%	↑ 3.8%	↑ 30.9%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)

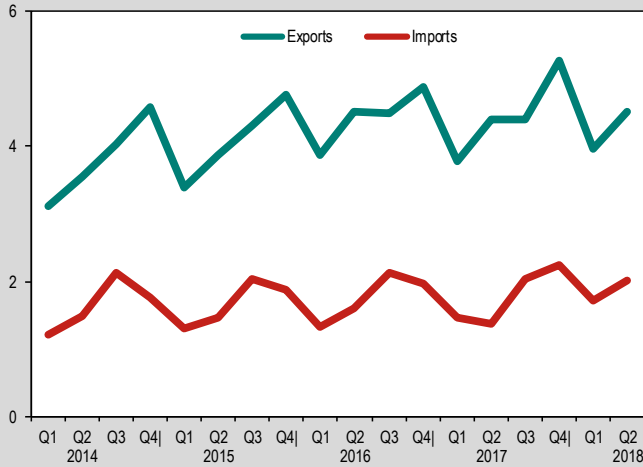


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**Trade trends (value terms)**

Total per quarter

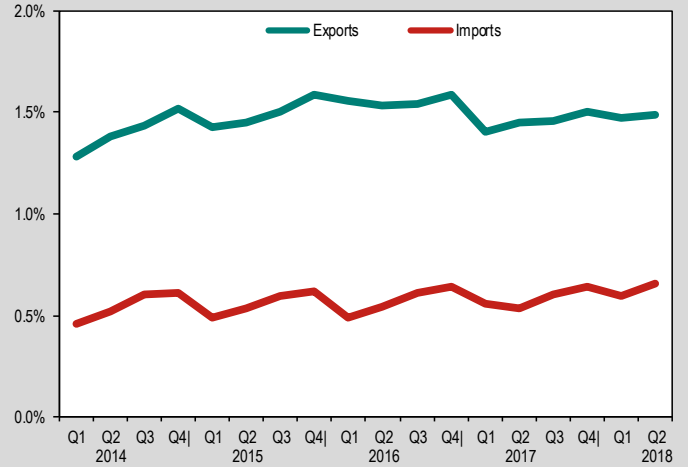
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



**Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)**

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



**Major traded export products**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H2204: Grape wines (including fortified), grape must	4 813.42
H2208: Liqueur, spirits & undenatured ethyl alcohol <80%	959.58
H2202: Waters, non-alcoholic flavoured beverages	932.62
H2207: Ethyl alcohol, undenatured and > 80% /denatured	779.97
H2203: Beer made from malt	422.31
H2206: Fermented beverages (eg cider, perry, mead)	391.56
H 1107: Malt	102.79
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>8 471.40</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H2204: Grape wines (including fortified), grape must	455.31
H2202: Waters, non-alcoholic flavoured beverages	93.22
H2203: Beer made from malt	74.31
H2206: Fermented beverages (eg cider, perry, mead)	37.56
<b>Top losers</b>	
H2207: Ethyl alcohol, undenatured and > 80% /denatured	- 194.36
H2208: Liqueur, spirits & undenatured ethyl alcohol <80%	- 103.33
H 1107: Malt	- 48.32
H2205: Vermouth and other flavoured grape wine	- 5.61
H2201: Unsweetened beverage waters, ice and snow	- 0.73

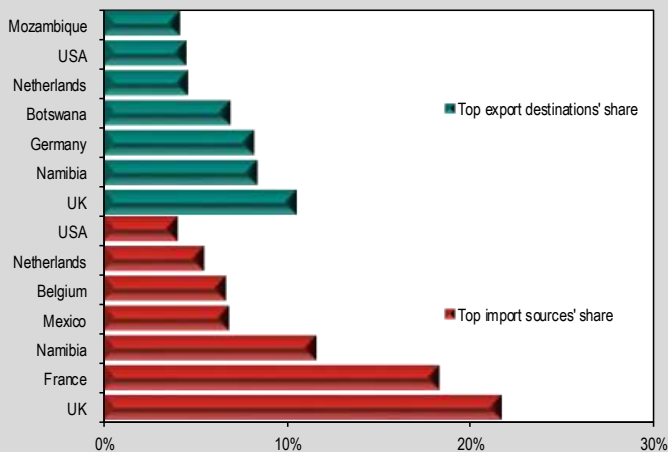
**Major traded import products**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H2208: Liqueur, spirits & undenatured ethyl alcohol <80%	1625.04
H2203: Beer made from malt	929.36
H2202: Waters, non-alcoholic flavoured beverages	478.04
H 1107: Malt	321.62
H2204: Grape wines (including fortified), grape must	273.95
H2207: Ethyl alcohol, undenatured and > 80% /denatured	59.03
H2206: Fermented beverages (eg cider, perry, mead)	26.62
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>3 736.74</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H2203: Beer made from malt	381.15
H2208: Liqueur, spirits & undenatured ethyl alcohol <80%	352.50
H2204: Grape wines (including fortified), grape must	146.63
H 1107: Malt	70.58
H2201: Unsweetened beverage waters, ice and snow	7.03
<b>Top losers</b>	
H2202: Waters, non-alcoholic flavoured beverages	- 46.65
H2206: Fermented beverages (eg cider, perry, mead)	- 27.69
H2207: Ethyl alcohol, undenatured and > 80% /denatured	- 2.61

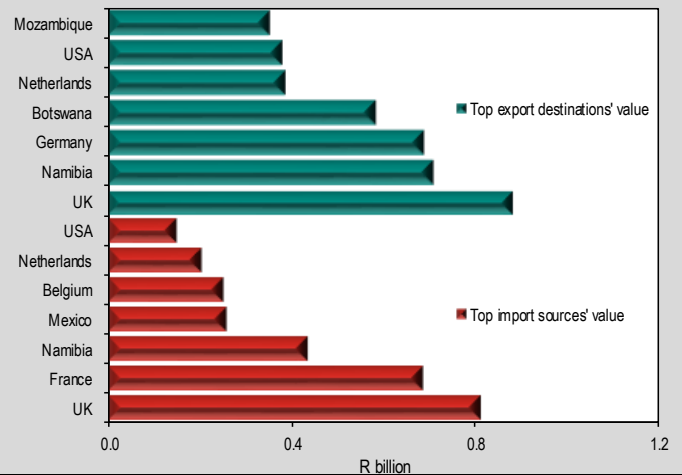
**Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



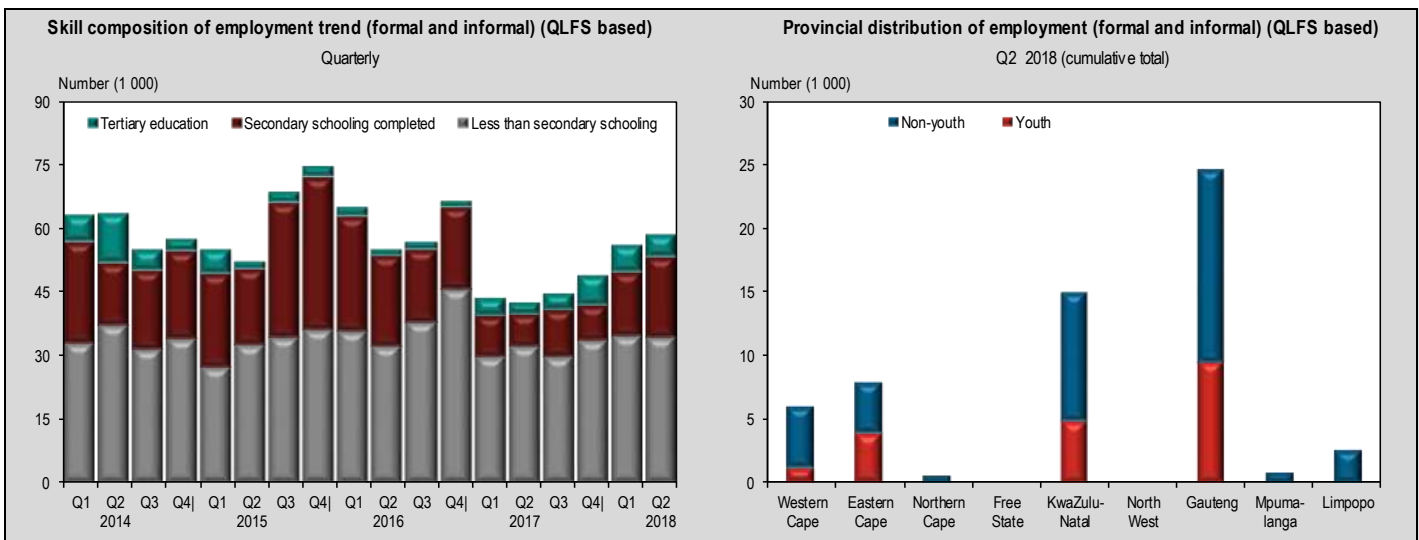
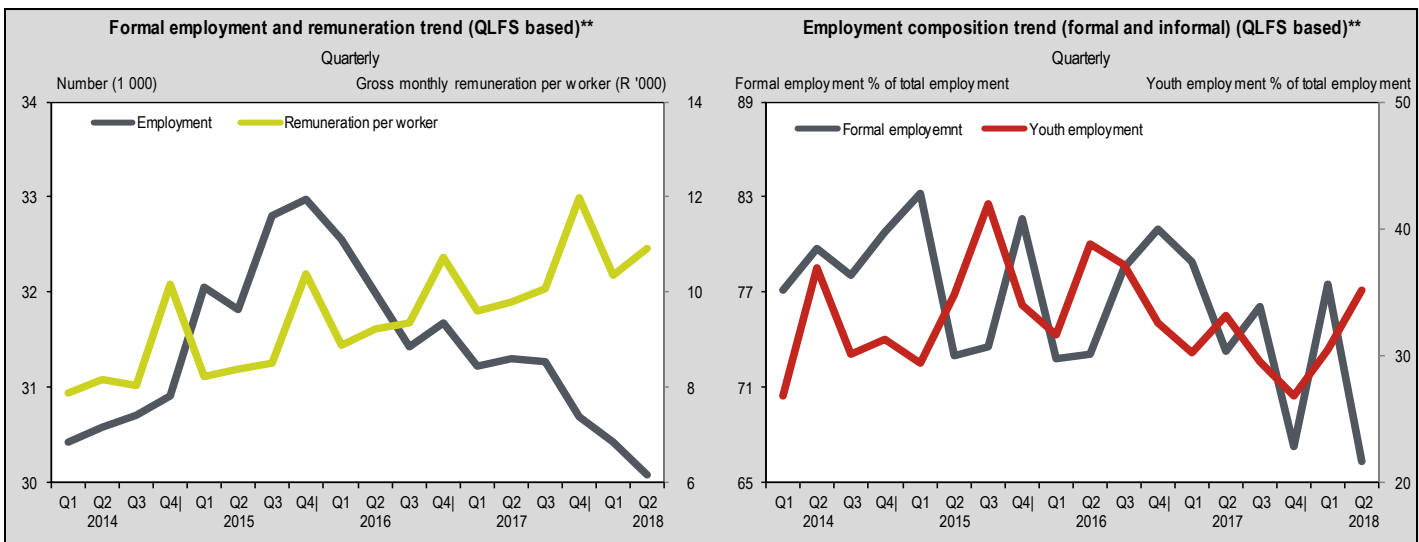
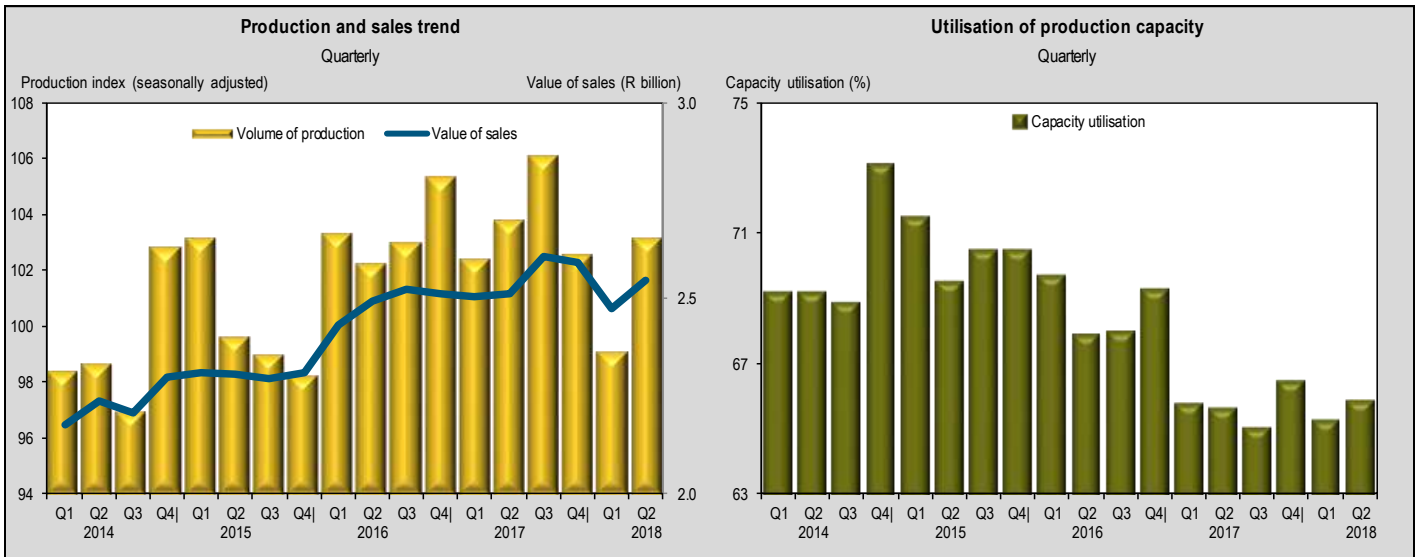
**Top trading partners (value of export/imports)**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)

↓ -1.9%     
 ↑ 0.2 (percentage points)     
 ↓ -3.9%     
 ↑ 11.8%     
 ↓ -5.2%     
 ↑ 2.5%  
**Production (seas. adj.)      Capacity utilisation      Employment\*      Gross monthly remuneration per worker      Exports (ZAR)      Imports (ZAR)**



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**Trade trends (value terms)**

Total per quarter

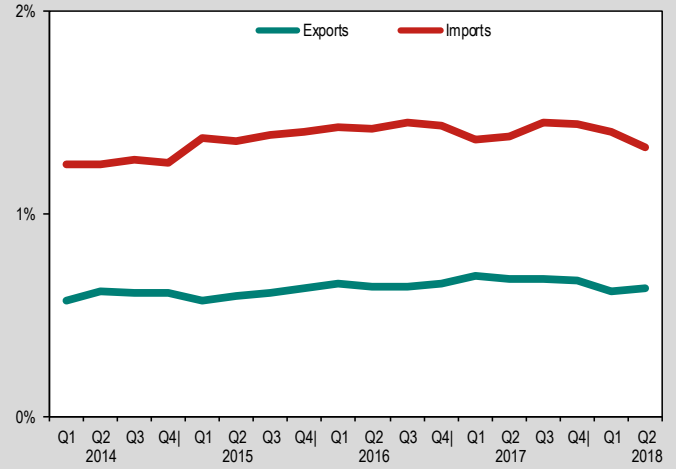
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



**Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)**

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



**Major traded export products**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H9619: Sanitary towels and tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies	606.40
H5105: Wool and animal hair, carded or combed	432.61
H6306: Textile tarpaulin, sail, awning, tent, camping goods	287.70
H5407: Woven synth filament yarn, monofilament >67dtex	198.94
H6305: Sacks & bags of a kind used for packing of goods	195.61
H5603: Nonwoven textiles, except felt	166.98
H9404: Mattress supports, mattresses, bedding	153.77
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>3 614.01</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H6305: Sacks & bags of a kind used for packing of goods	59.47
H5407: Woven synth filament yarn, monofilament >67dtex	30.65
H5208: Woven cotton fabric, >85% cotton, < 200g/m2	28.01
H5209: Woven cotton nes, >85% cotton, >200g/m2	24.90
H6307: Made up articles nes, including dress patterns	18.03
<b>Top losers</b>	
H8804: Parachutes, parts and accessories thereof	- 244.38
H5105: Wool and animal hair, carded or combed	- 125.38
H5903: Fabric impregnated, coated/ covered with plastic	- 44.61
H5101: Wool, not carded or combed	- 19.55
H5509: Yarn (unsewing), synthetic staple fibre, not retail	- 9.97

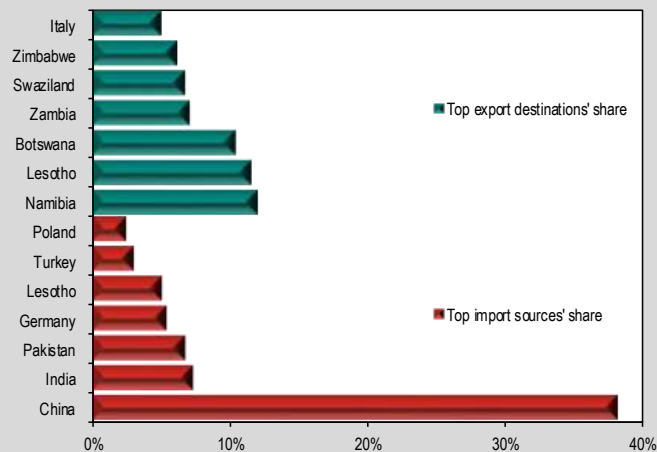
**Major traded import products**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H5407: Woven synth filament yarn, monofilament >67dtex	804.79
H9619: Sanitary towels and tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies	749.13
H5603: Nonwoven textiles, except felt	576.05
H6302: Bed, table, toilet and kitchen linens	450.87
H5208: Woven cotton fabric, >85% cotton, < 200g/m2	356.60
H6307: Made up articles nes, including dress patterns	310.04
H5903: Fabric impregnated, coated/ covered with plastic	309.46
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>7 589.12</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H6304: Furnishing articles nes, except mattresses, etc	167.74
H5105: Wool and animal hair, carded or combed	72.96
H6302: Bed, table, toilet and kitchen linens	61.59
H6305: Sacks & bags of a kind used for packing of goods	34.67
H5805: Hand-woven & needle-worked tapestries, kit sets	33.90
<b>Top losers</b>	
H5208: Woven cotton fabric, >85% cotton, < 200g/m2	- 108.72
H5407: Woven synth filament yarn, monofilament >67dtex	- 47.46
H5205: Cotton yarn not sewing thread >85% cotton, unretail	- 43.02
H5101: Wool, not carded or combed	- 38.87
H5603: Nonwoven textiles, except felt	- 33.05

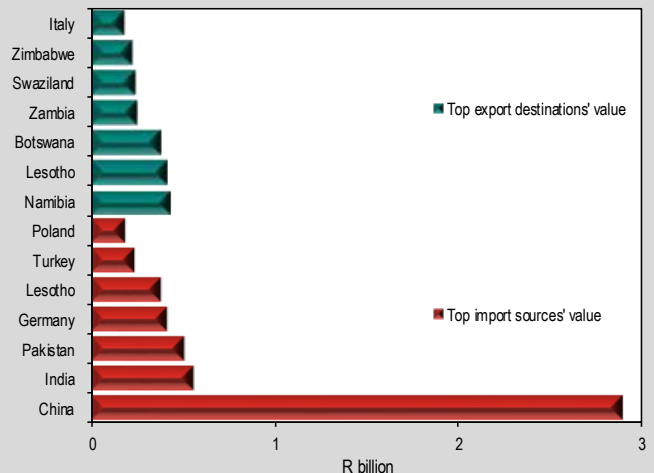
**Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



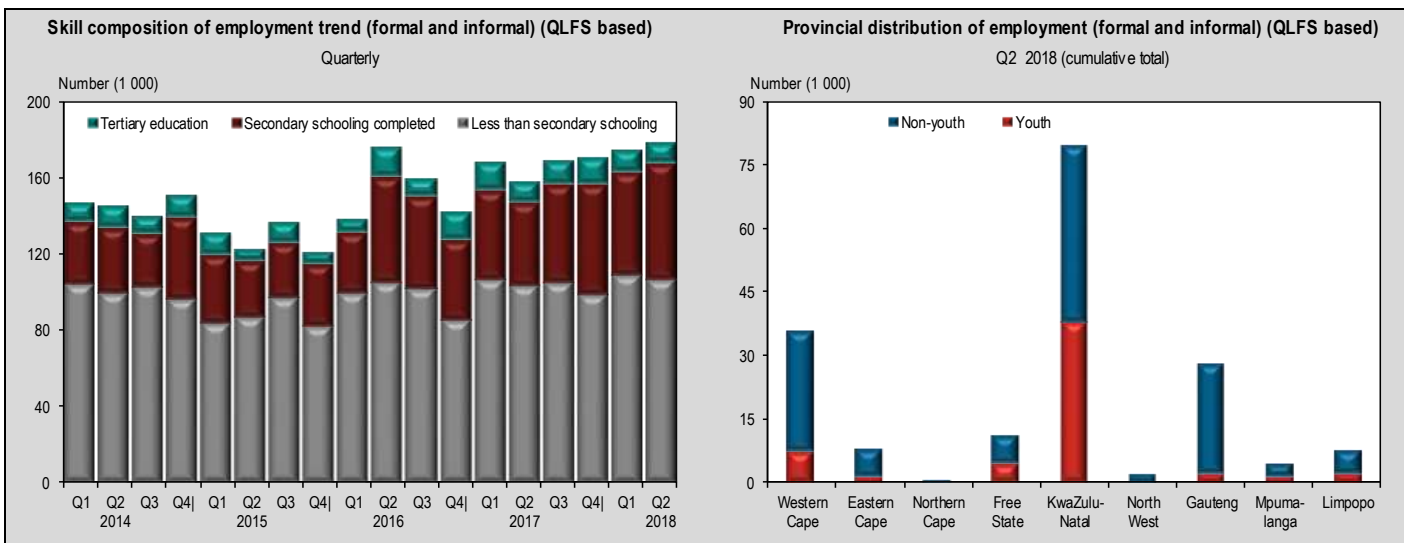
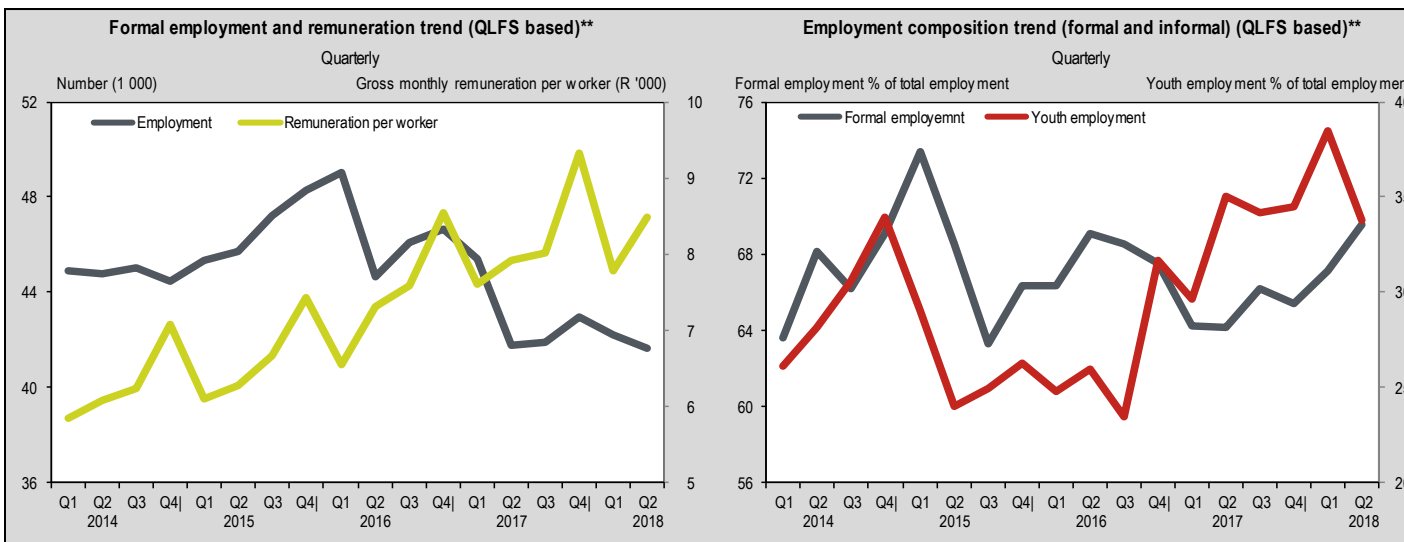
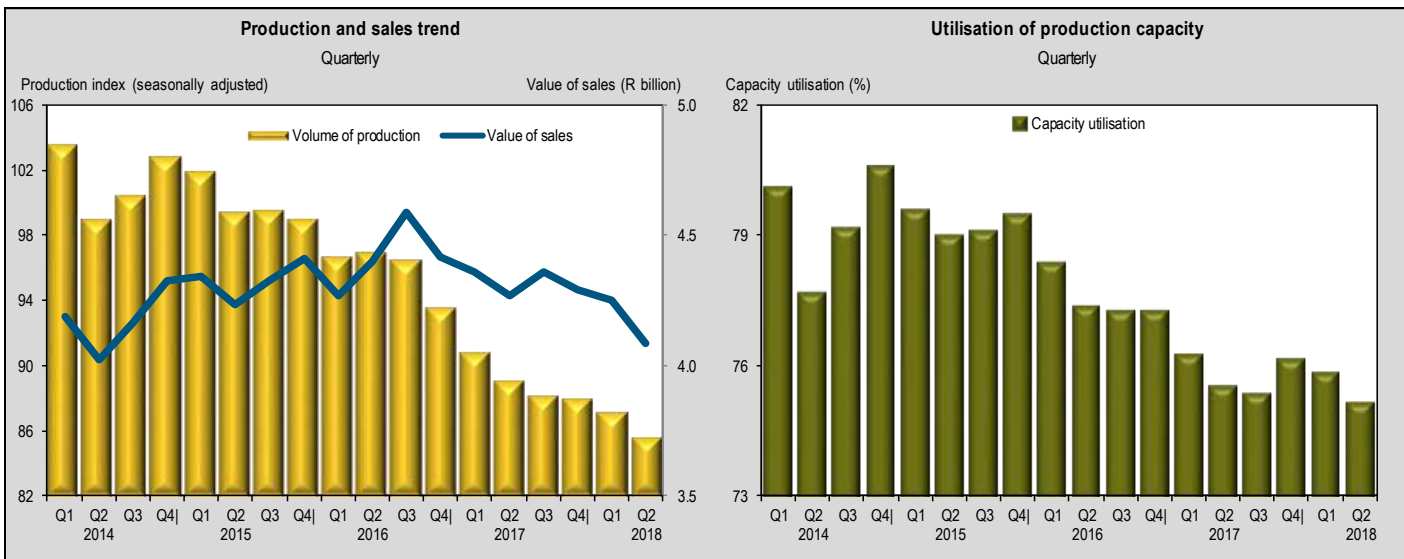
**Top trading partners (value of export/imports)**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



**Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)**

↓ -4.0%	↓ -0.4 (percentage points)	↓ -0.3%	↑ 7.3%	↓ -2.3%	↑ 4.2%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)

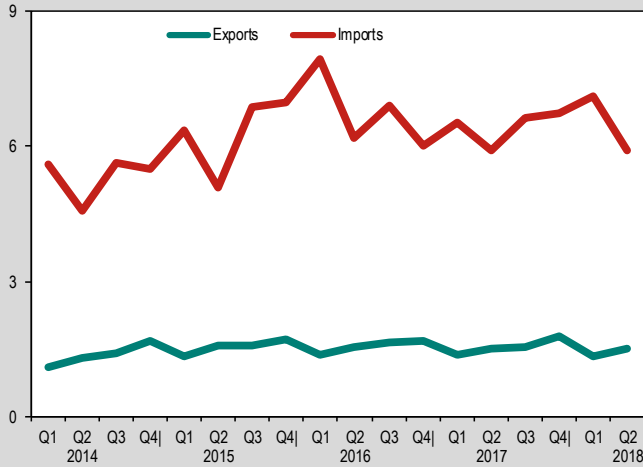


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Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

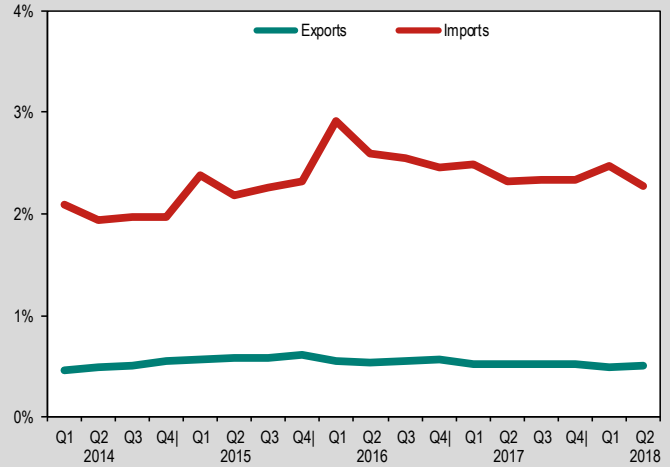
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



Major traded export products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H6203: Mens or boys suits, jackets, trousers, etc not knit	353.65
H6204: Woven female suits, jacket, dress, etc	235.43
H6109: T-shirts, singlets and other vests, knit or crochet	221.98
H6104: Female suit, dress, skirt, etc, knit or crochet	218.35
H6103: Mens, boys suits, jackets, trousers, etc knit/crochet	167.11
H6110: Jerseys, pullovers, cardigans, etc, knit or crochet	163.63
H6115: Panty hose, tights, hosiery nes, knit or crochet	118.73
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>2 844.41</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H6211: Track suits, ski suits & swimwear, other garments	24.55
H6114: Garments, knit or crochet, nes	11.57
H6107: Male underwear, nightwear, etc, knit/crochet	9.29
H6117: Clothing accessories or parts nes, knit or crochet	8.67
H6108: Womens, girls underwear, nightwear, knit/crochet	7.16
<b>Top losers</b>	
H6204: Woven female suits, jacket, dress, etc	-26.20
H6103: Mens, boys suits, jackets, trousers, etc knit/crochet	-20.21
H6105: Mens, boys shirts, knit or crochet	-12.00
H6111: Babies garments, clothing accessories, knit/crochet	-8.92
H6115: Panty hose, tights, hosiery nes, knit or crochet	-8.22

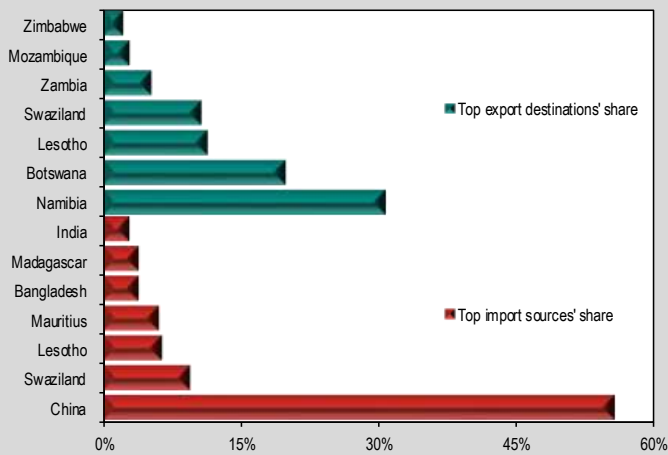
Major traded import products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H6203: Mens or boys suits, jackets, trousers, etc not knit	1712.67
H6204: Woven female suits, jacket, dress, etc	1527.42
H6110: Jerseys, pullovers, cardigans, etc, knit or crochet	1191.17
H6109: T-shirts, singlets and other vests, knit or crochet	1047.43
H6104: Female suit, dress, skirt, etc, knit or crochet	613.21
H6108: Womens, girls underwear, nightwear, knit/crochet	477.91
H6006: Other knitted or crocheted fabrics	477.32
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>12 996.67</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H6203: Mens or boys suits, jackets, trousers, etc not knit	210.46
H6204: Woven female suits, jacket, dress, etc	103.69
H6110: Jerseys, pullovers, cardigans, etc, knit or crochet	101.87
H6105: Mens, boys shirts, knit or crochet	69.71
H6001: Pile fabric, knit or crochet	64.19
<b>Top losers</b>	
H6109: T-shirts, singlets and other vests, knit or crochet	-120.61
H6004: Knitted/crocheted fabrics of a width > 30 cm	-40.38
H6205: Men's or boys' shirts	-34.96
H4203: Clothing, accessories and composition of leather	-27.80
H6006: Other knitted or crocheted fabrics	-23.31

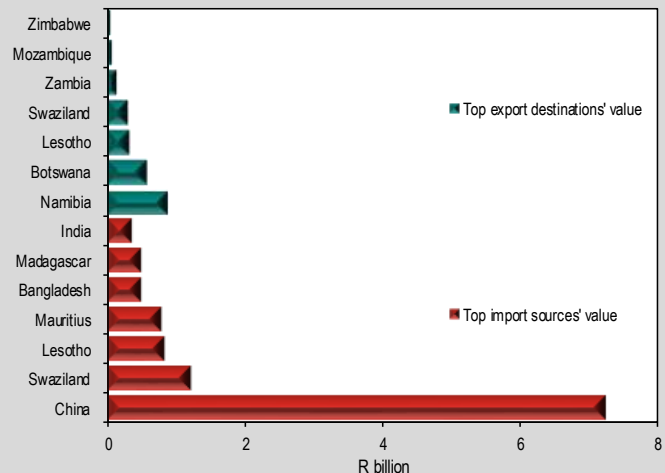
Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



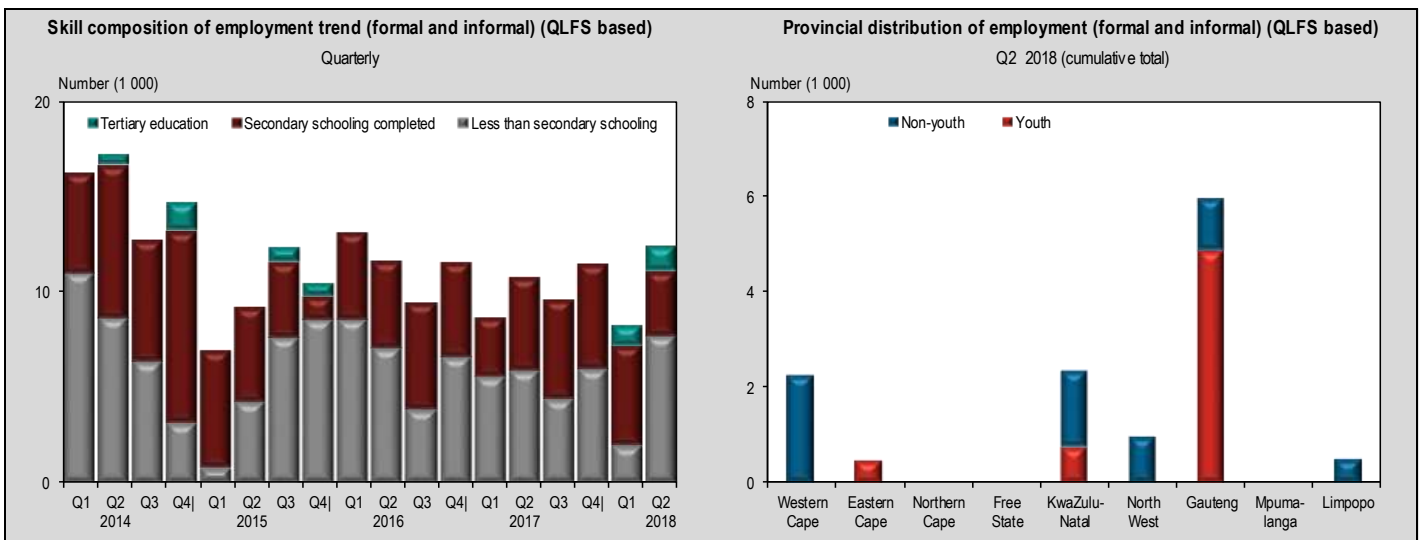
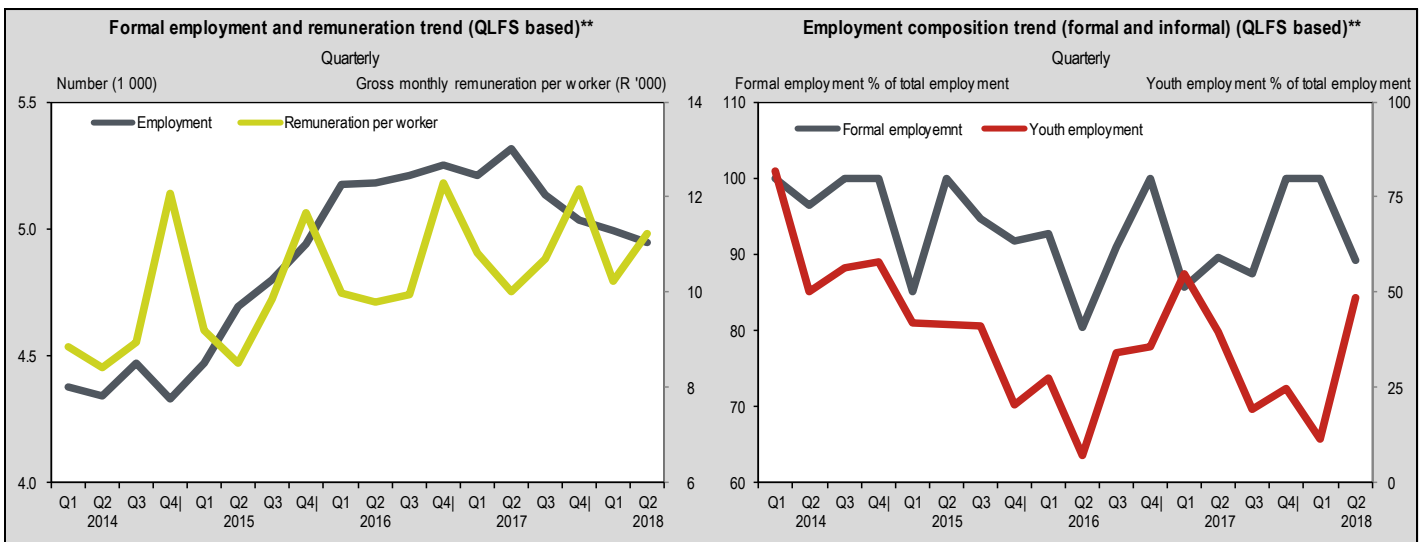
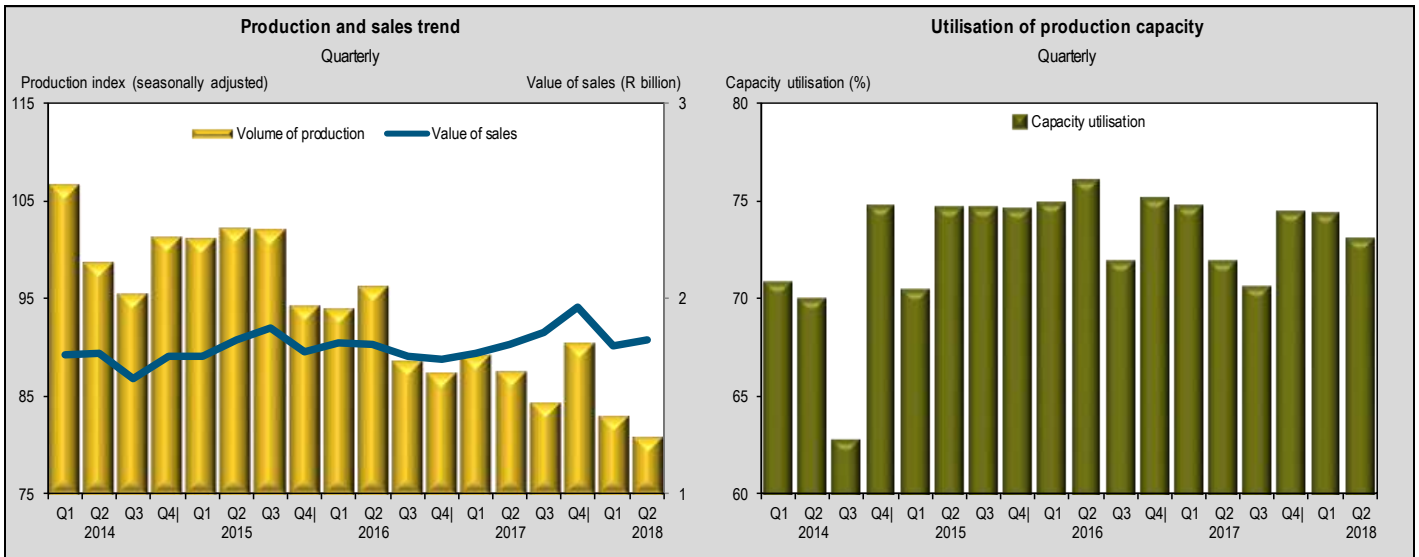
Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



**Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)**

↓ -7.3%	↑ 1.1 (percentage points)	↓ -7.0%	↑ 12.0%	↓ -0.6%	↓ -2.7%
<b>Production (seas. adj.)</b>	<b>Capacity utilisation</b>	<b>Employment*</b>	<b>Gross monthly remuneration per worker</b>	<b>Exports (ZAR)</b>	<b>Imports (ZAR)</b>

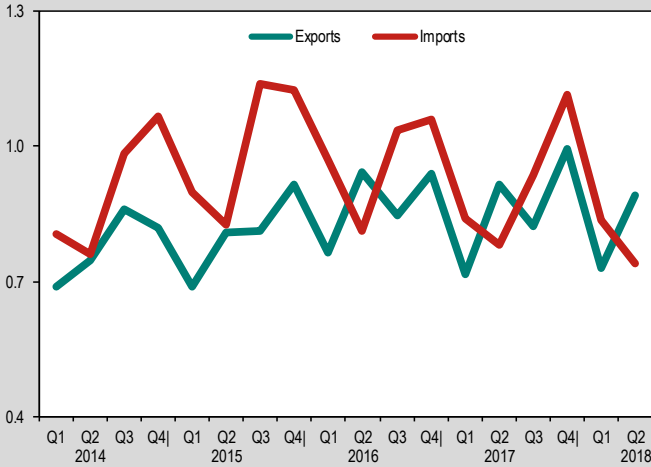


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**Trade trends (value terms)**

Total per quarter

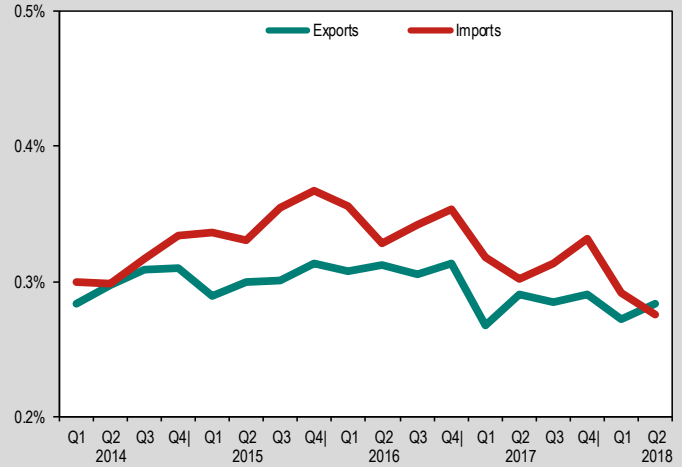
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



**Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)**

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



**Major traded export products**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H4107: Leather of other animals, no hair, not chamois, etc	52123
H4104: Bovine/equine leather, no hair, not chamois, patent	41456
H4202: Trunks, suit-cases, camera cases, handbags, etc	242.10
H4113: Composition leather, in slabs, sheets or strips	145.49
H4205: Articles of leather and composition leather, nes	122.74
H4106: Goat or kid skin leather, without hair	92.92
H4201: Saddlery and harness, of any material	38.96
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>1620.59</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H4107: Leather of other animals, no hair, not chamois, etc	138.64
H4202: Trunks, suit-cases, camera cases, handbags, etc	26.22
H4106: Goat or kid skin leather, without hair	13.94
H4115: Composition leather, in slabs, sheets or strips	10.60
H4201: Saddlery and harness, of any material	8.47
<b>Top losers</b>	
H4104: Bovine/equine leather, no hair, not chamois, patent	-156.23
H4205: Articles of leather and composition leather, nes	-43.98
H9113: Watch straps, bands, bracelets, & parts thereof	-4.19
H4105: Sheep or lamb skin leather, without wool on	-1.85
H4102: Raw skins of sheep or lambs	-1.53

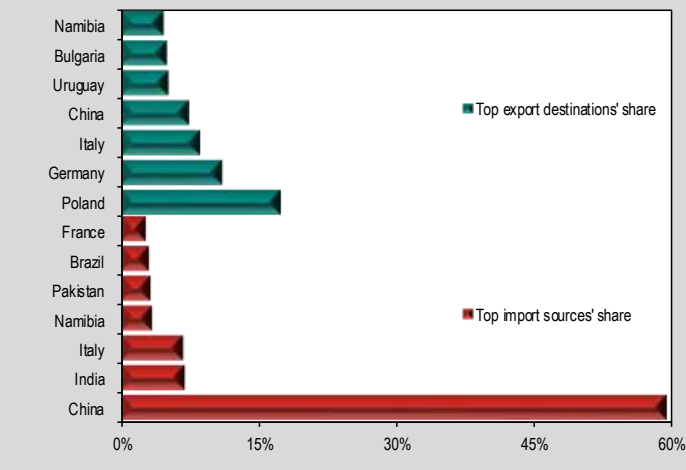
**Major traded import products**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H4202: Trunks, suit-cases, camera cases, handbags, etc	1167.17
H4107: Leather of other animals, no hair, not chamois, etc	87.34
H4104: Bovine/equine leather, no hair, not chamois, patent	30.80
H4201: Saddlery and harness, of any material	29.46
H9113: Watch straps, bands, bracelets, & parts thereof	14.29
H4115: Composition leather, in slabs, sheets or strips	12.87
H4113: Composition leather, in slabs, sheets or strips	11.18
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>1576.83</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H4202: Trunks, suit-cases, camera cases, handbags, etc	85.88
H4114: Composition leather, in slabs, sheets or strips	5.56
H4201: Saddlery and harness, of any material	5.06
H9605: Travel sets, toilet, sewing, shoe, clothes cleaning	0.66
H4112: Composition leather, in slabs, sheets or strips	0.09
<b>Top losers</b>	
H4104: Bovine/equine leather, no hair, not chamois, patent	-71.85
H4107: Leather of other animals, no hair, not chamois, etc	-44.03
H4106: Goat or kid skin leather, without hair	-16.98
H4205: Articles of leather and composition leather, nes	-3.68
H4115: Composition leather, in slabs, sheets or strips	-2.58

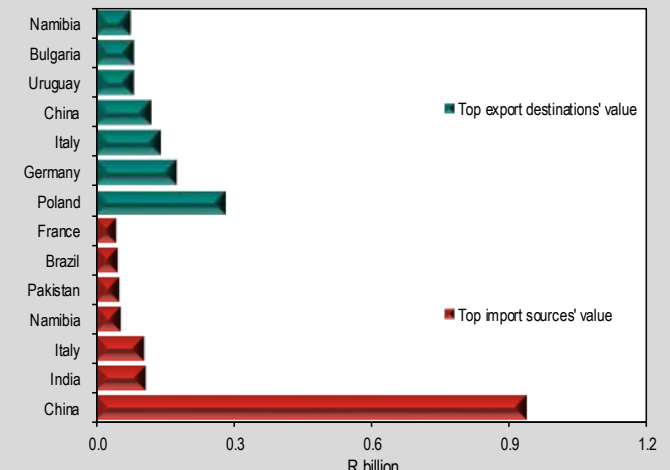
**Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



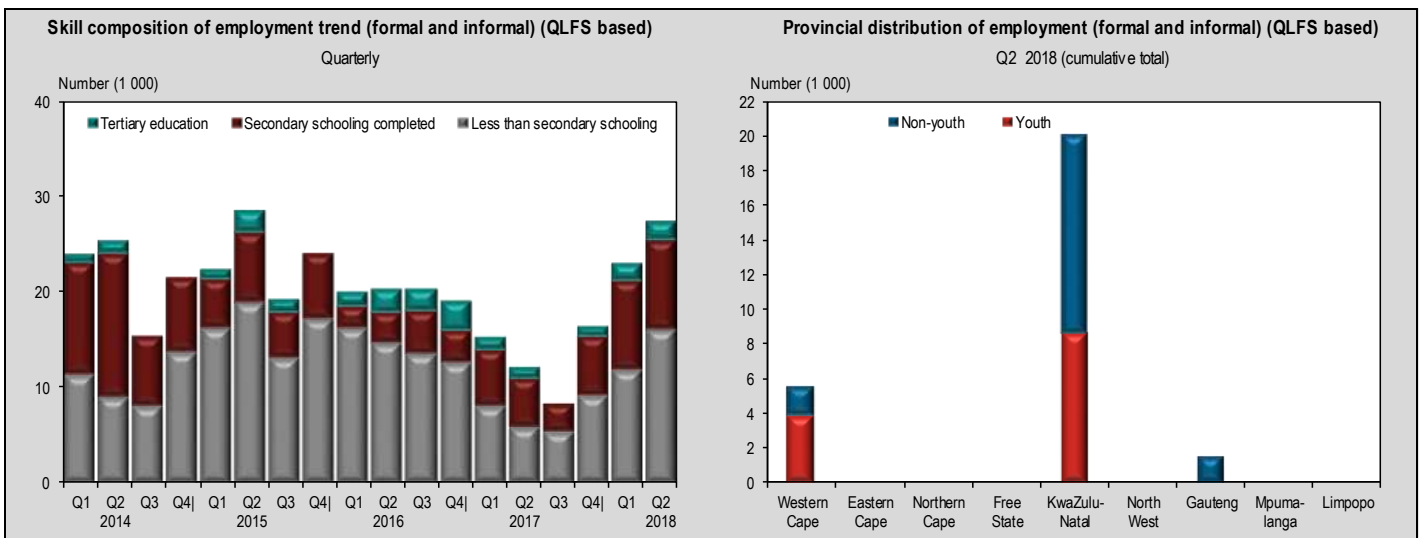
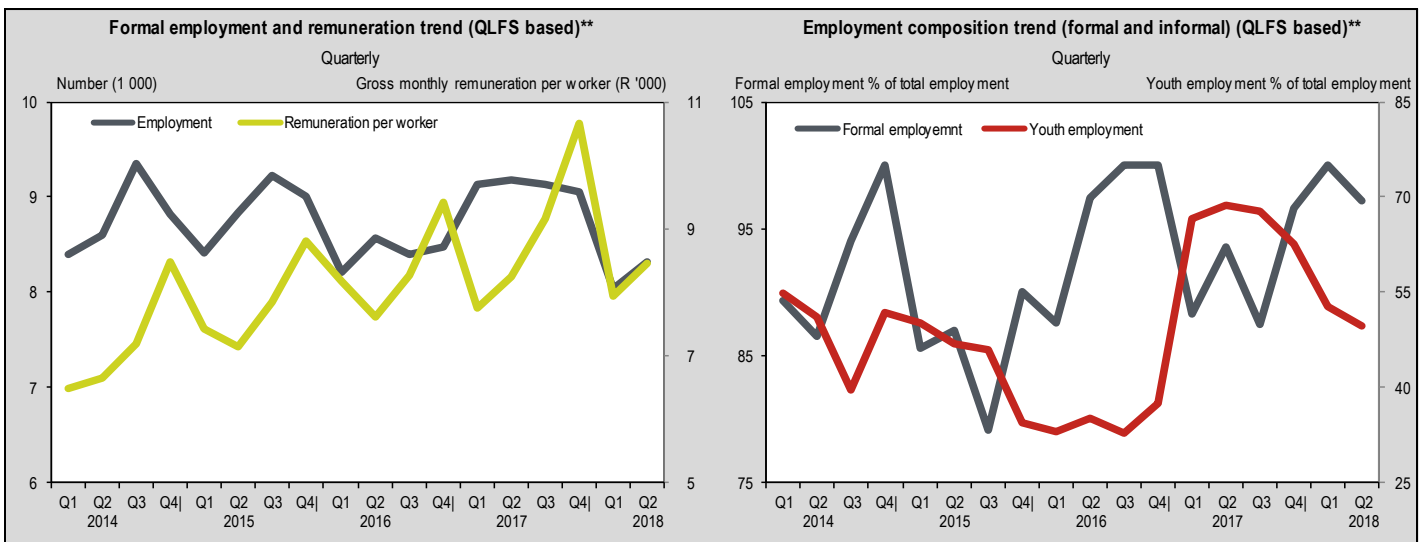
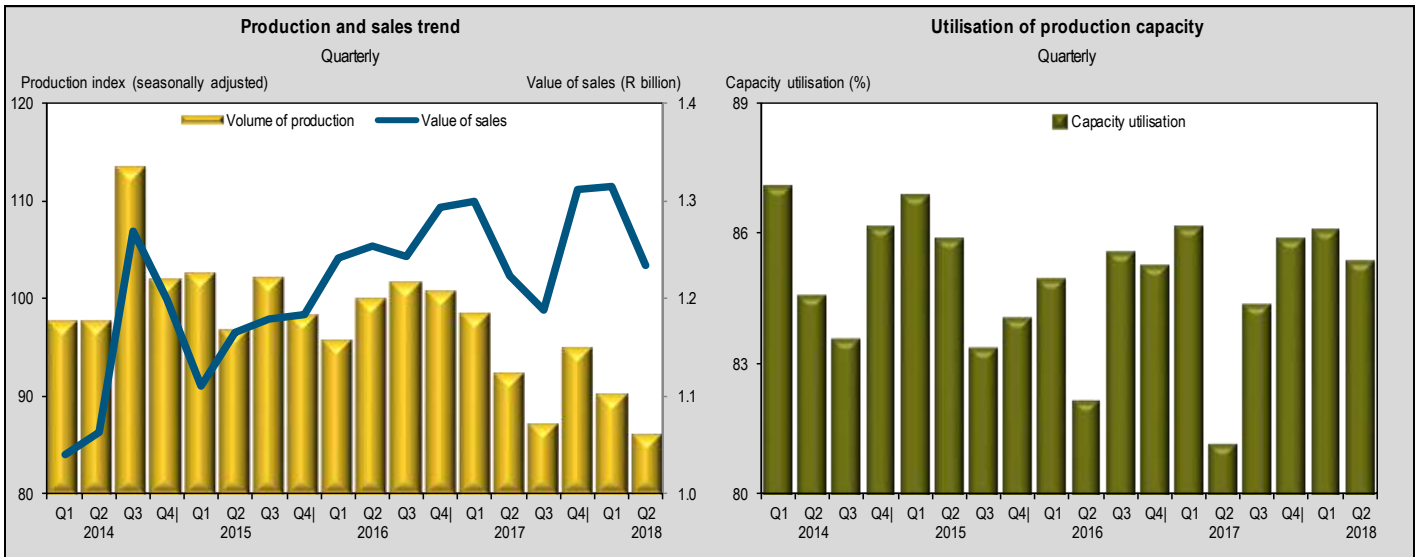
**Top trading partners (value of export/imports)**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)

↓ -7.6%	↑ 4.2 (percentage points)	↓ -9.4%	↑ 2.5%	↓ -5.1%	↓ -2.2%
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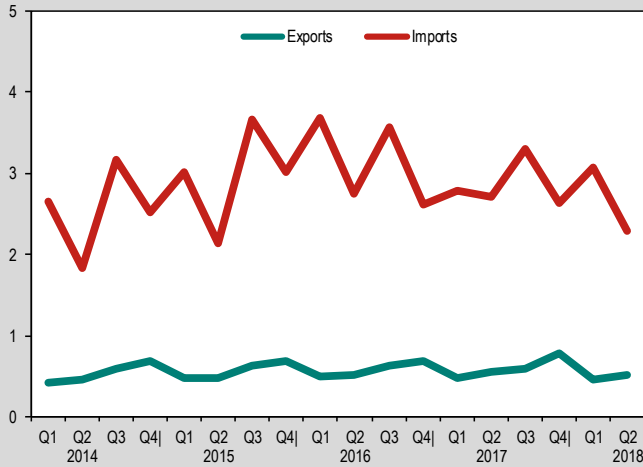


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**Trade trends (value terms)**

Total per quarter

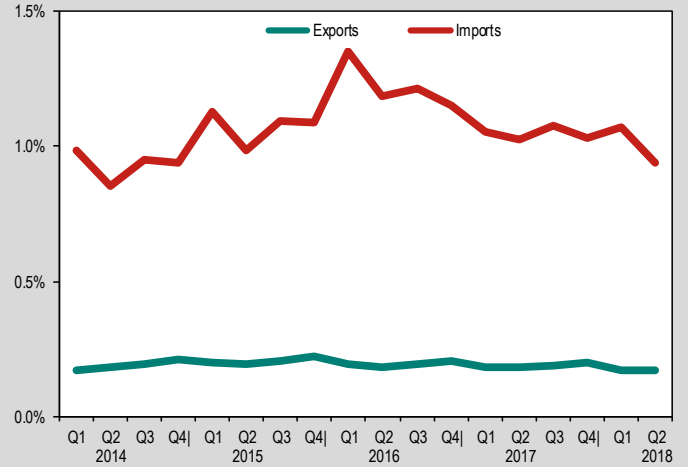
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



**Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)**

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



**Major traded export products**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H6403: Footwear with uppers of leather	288.35
H6404: Footwear with uppers of textile materials	251.77
H6402: Footwear, with outer sole, upper rubber or plastic	243.20
H6405: Footwear nes, sole not leather, rubber or plastic	118.29
H6401: Waterproof footwear, rubber, plastic	61.44
H6406: Parts of footwear, in-soles, heel cushion, etc	19.32
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>982.37</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H6403: Footwear with uppers of leather	7.33
H6406: Parts of footwear, in-soles, heel cushion, etc	4.47
<b>Top losers</b>	
H6405: Footwear nes, sole not leather, rubber or plastic	-27.15
H6404: Footwear with uppers of textile materials	-16.54
H6401: Waterproof footwear, rubber, plastic	-16.48
H6402: Footwear, with outer sole, upper rubber or plastic	-4.51

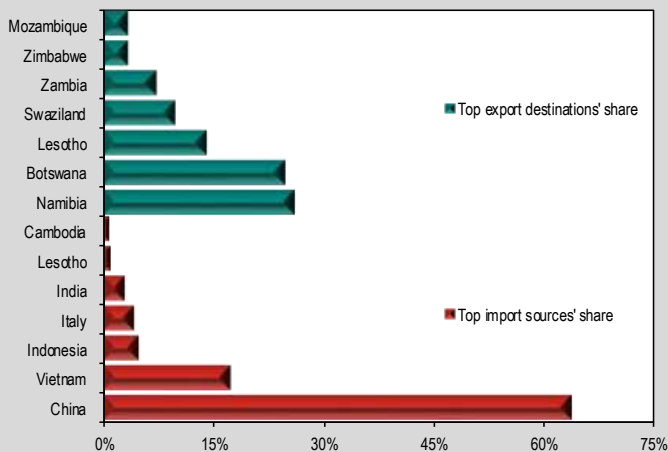
**Major traded import products**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H6404: Footwear with uppers of textile materials	2 262.99
H6402: Footwear, with outer sole, upper rubber or plastic	1 729.10
H6403: Footwear with uppers of leather	1 166.98
H6406: Parts of footwear, in-soles, heel cushion, etc	107.50
H6405: Footwear nes, sole not leather, rubber or plastic	73.50
H6401: Waterproof footwear, rubber, plastic	23.76
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>5 363.83</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H6402: Footwear, with outer sole, upper rubber or plastic	318.1
H6404: Footwear with uppers of textile materials	12.84
H6406: Parts of footwear, in-soles, heel cushion, etc	168
<b>Top losers</b>	
H6403: Footwear with uppers of leather	-116.75
H6405: Footwear nes, sole not leather, rubber or plastic	-38.76
H6401: Waterproof footwear, rubber, plastic	-12.63

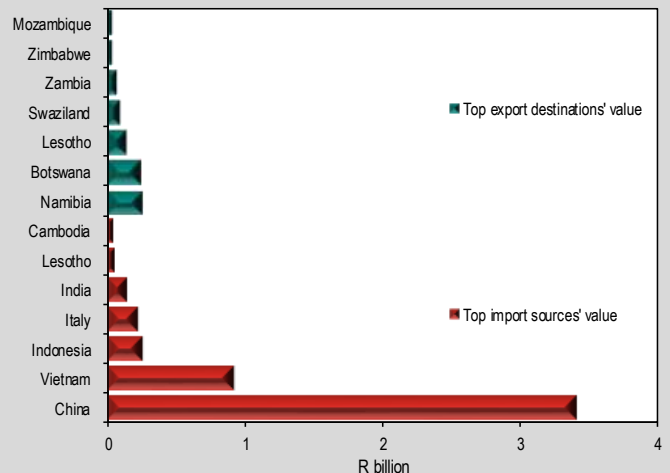
**Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



**Top trading partners (value of export/imports)**

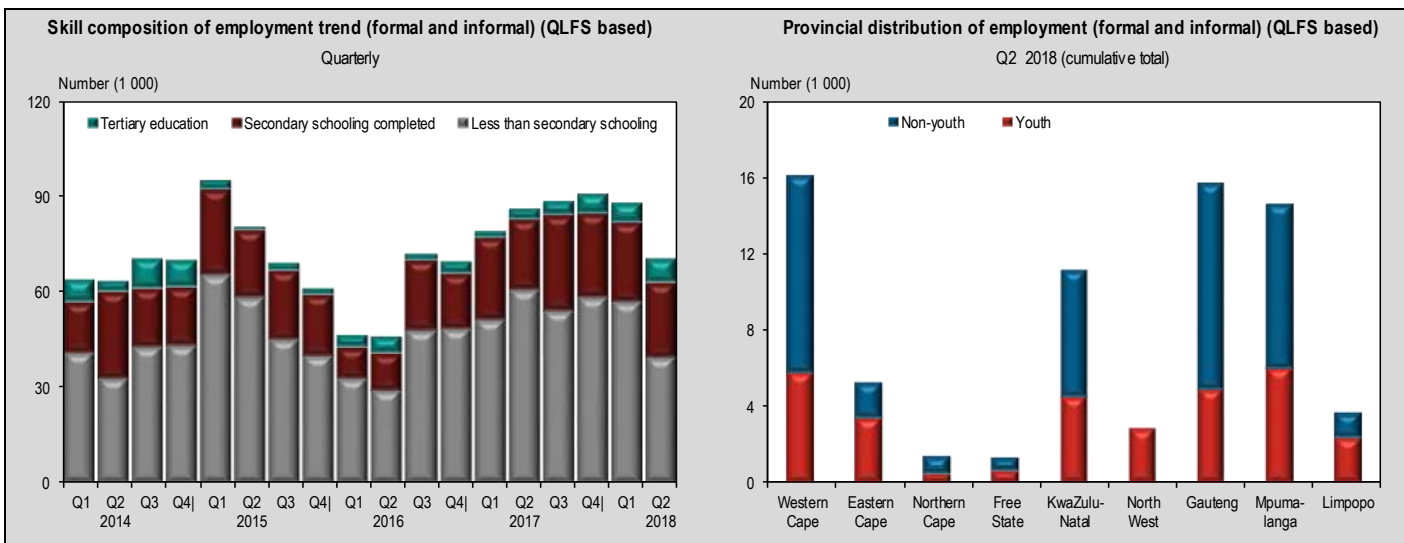
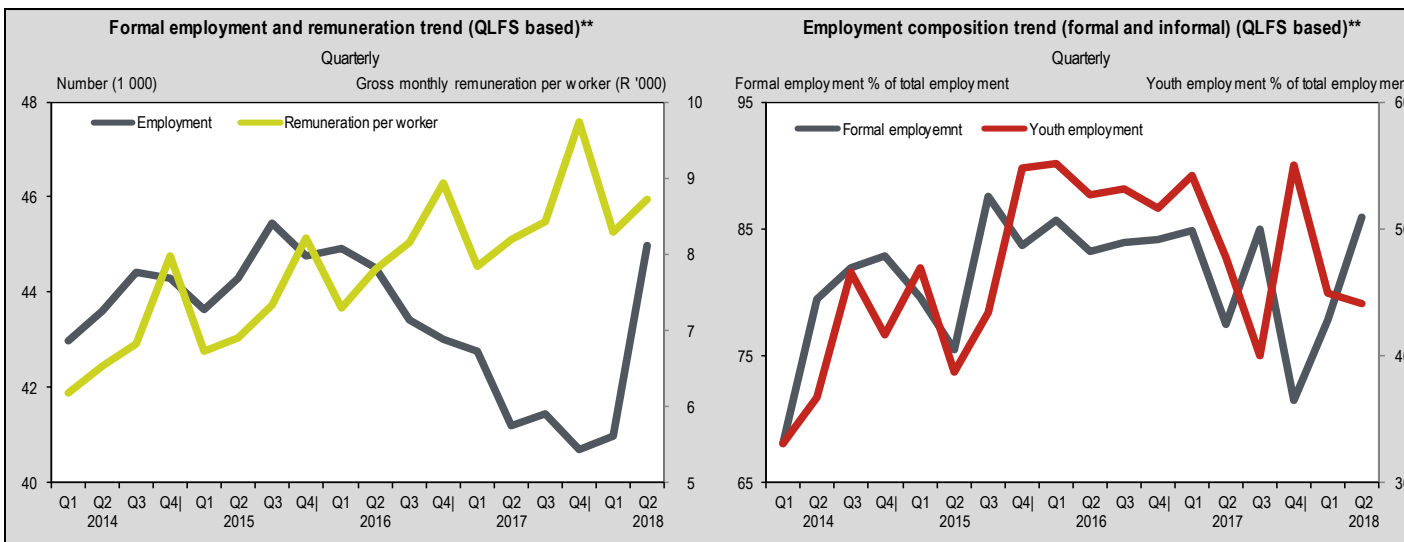
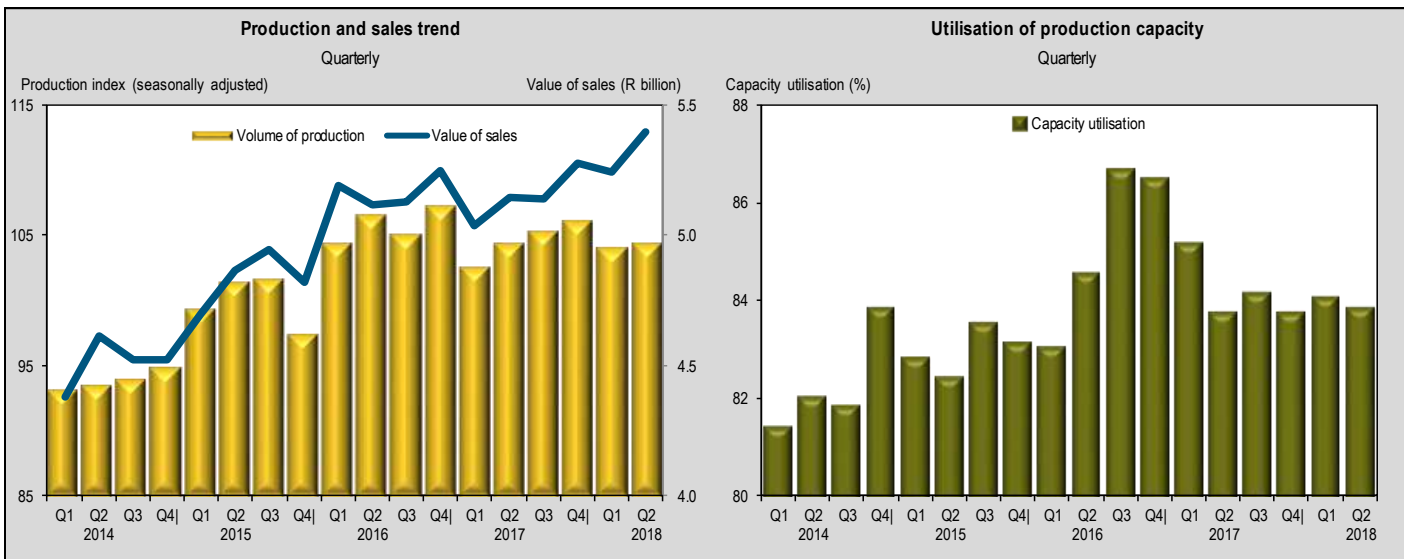
First half of 2018 (cumulative total)





**Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)**

↑ 0.7%     
 ↑ 0.1 (percentage points)     
 ↑ 9.2%     
 ↑ 6.5%     
 ↓ -1.5%     
 ↑ 1.1%  
**Production (seas. adj.)      Capacity utilisation      Employment\*      Gross monthly remuneration per worker      Exports (ZAR)      Imports (ZAR)**

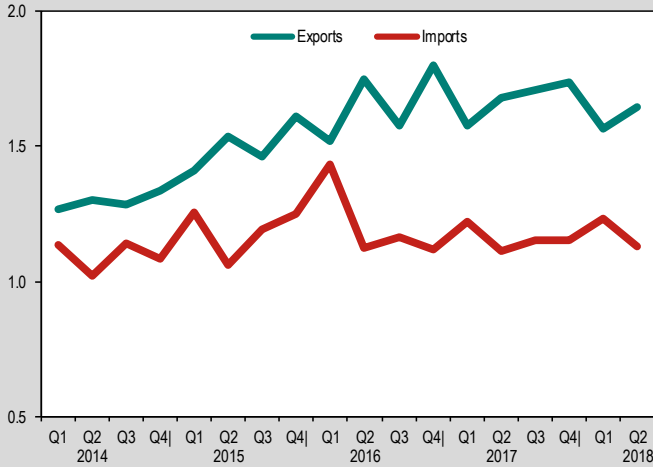


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### Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

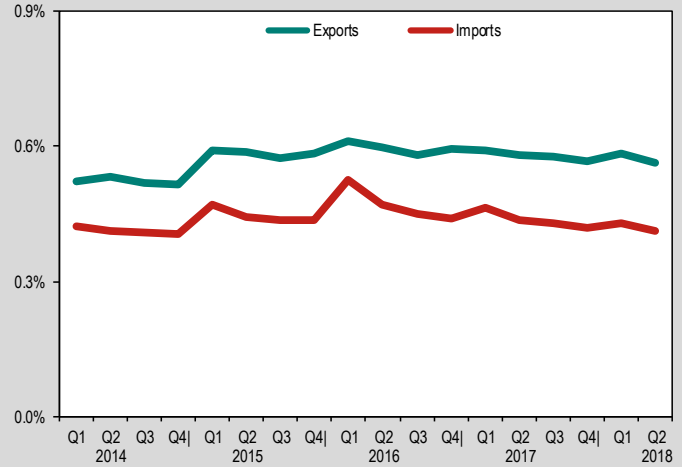
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### Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



### Major traded export products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H4401: Fuel wood, wood in chips/ particles, wood waste	1 193.03
H4418: Builders joinery and carpentry, of wood	380.15
H4410: Particle board, wood, ligneous material	335.02
H4407: Wood sawn, chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled	319.32
H4403: Wood in the rough or roughly squared	221.03
H4402: Wood charcoal (including shell or nut charcoal)	160.16
H4412: Plywood, veneered panels, etc	145.66
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>3 209.19</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H4410: Particle board, wood, ligneous material	87.56
H4412: Plywood, veneered panels, etc	53.83
H4418: Builders joinery and carpentry, of wood	40.97
H4402: Wood charcoal (including shell or nut charcoal)	29.13
H4403: Wood in the rough or roughly squared	27.25
<b>Top losers</b>	
H4401: Fuel wood, wood in chips/ particles, wood waste	- 338.11
H4409: Wood continuously shaped along any edges	- 8.15
H9406: Prefabricated buildings	- 2.60
H4420: Ornaments of wood, jewel, cutlery caskets, etc	- 2.02
H4601: Mats, screens, articles nes of plaiting materials	- 1.44

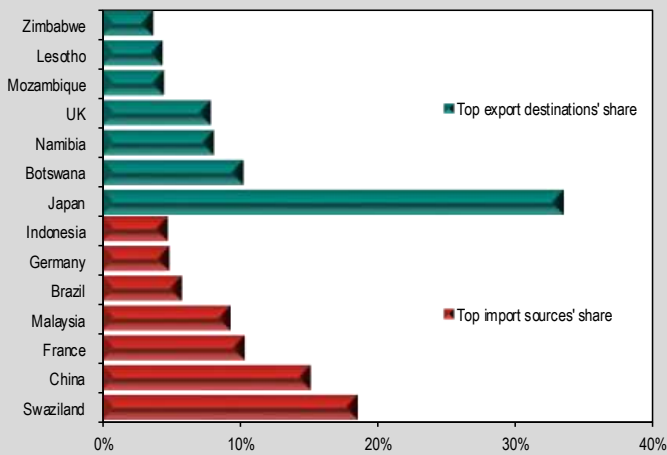
### Major traded import products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H4407: Wood sawn, chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled	743.48
H4412: Plywood, veneered panels, etc	312.72
H4416: Wooden casks, barrels, vats, tubs, etc	253.59
H4411: Fibreboard of wood or other ligneous materials	250.59
H4418: Builders joinery and carpentry, of wood	143.63
H4409: Wood continuously shaped along any edges	103.32
H4421: Articles of wood, nes	88.43
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>2 362.97</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H4407: Wood sawn, chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled	39.91
H4416: Wooden casks, barrels, vats, tubs, etc	20.28
H4418: Builders joinery and carpentry, of wood	10.43
H4402: Wood charcoal (including shell or nut charcoal)	10.38
H4421: Articles of wood, nes	9.94
<b>Top losers</b>	
H4403: Wood in the rough or roughly squared	- 15.61
H4409: Wood continuously shaped along any edges	- 14.83
H4411: Fibreboard of wood or other ligneous materials	- 13.73
H4408: Veneers and sheets for plywood, etc <6mm thick	- 13.54
H4420: Ornaments of wood, jewel, cutlery caskets, etc	- 12.48

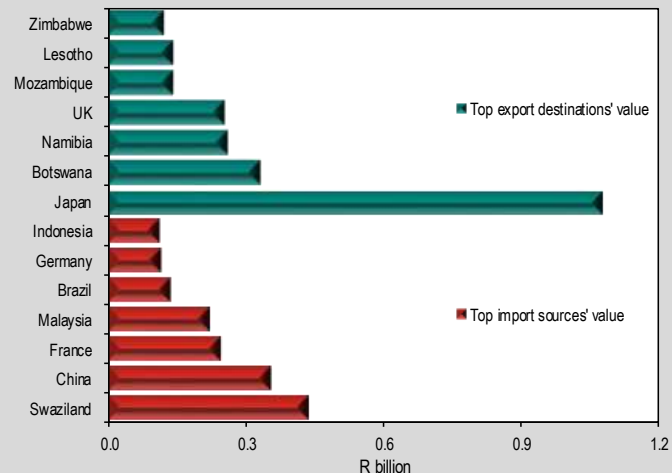
### Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



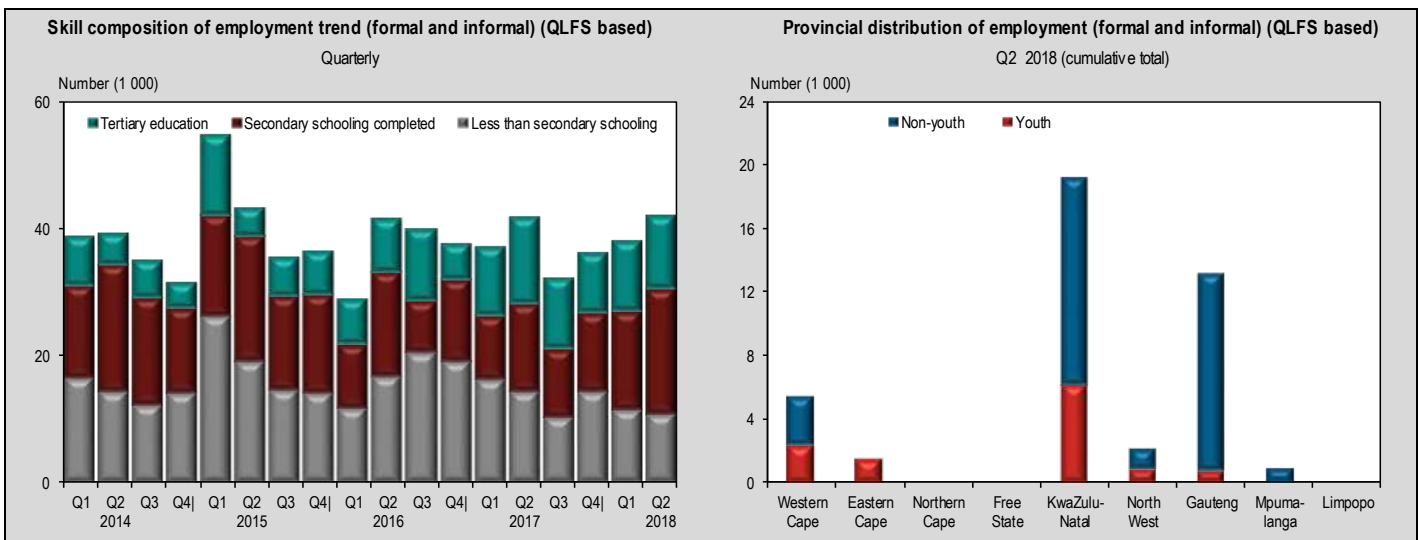
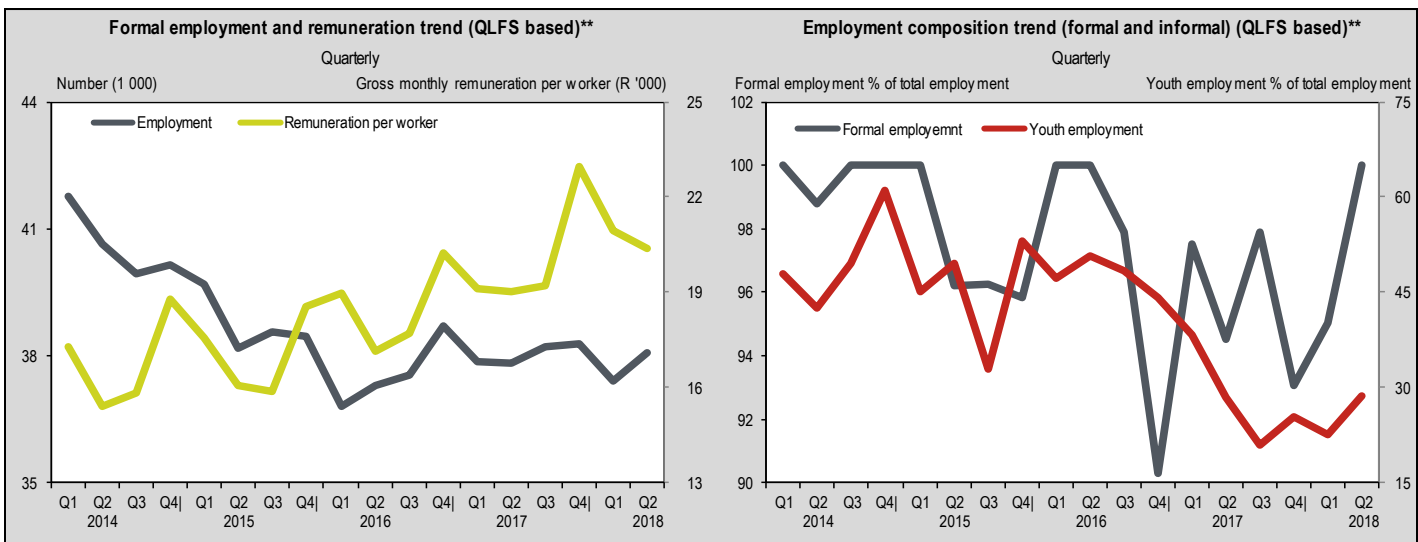
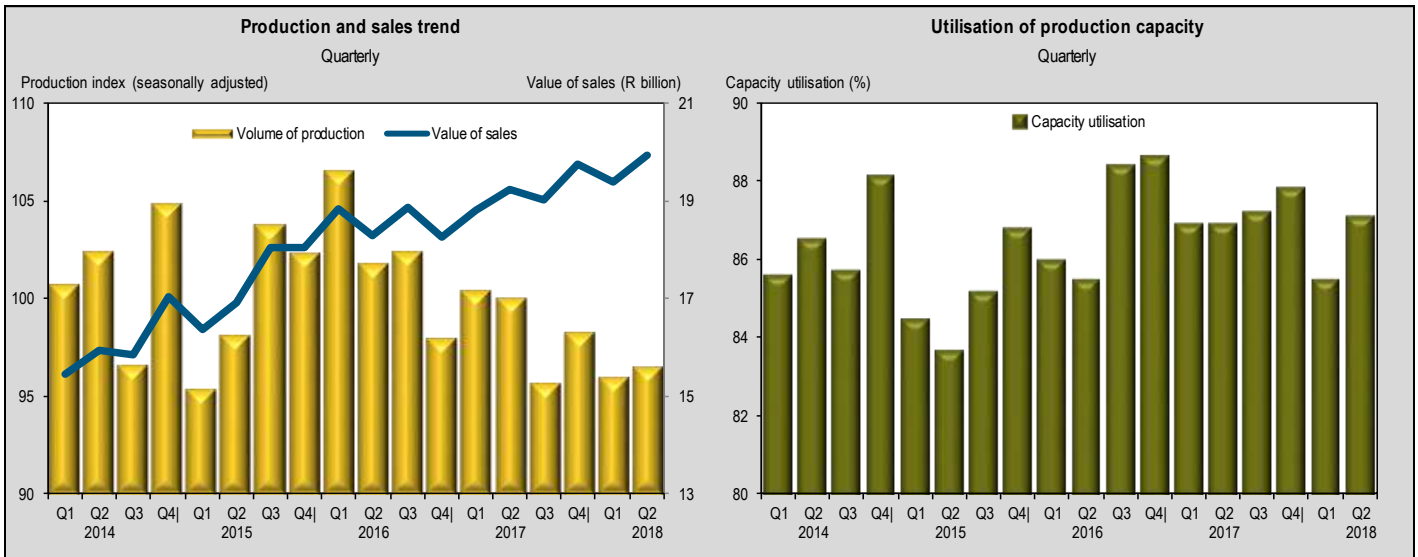
### Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)

↓ -4.0%	↑ 0.2 (percentage points)	↑ 0.7%	↑ 7.2%	↓ -10.4%	↑ 17.6%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)

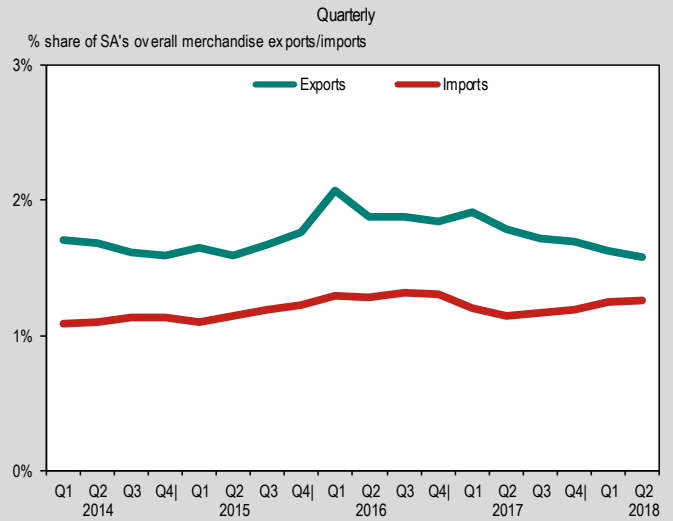


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### Trade trends (value terms)



### Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)



### Major traded export products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H4702: Chemical wood pulp, dissolving grades	4 578.97
H4804: Uncoated kraft paper and paperboard	945.90
H4802: Uncoated paper for writing, printing office machin	617.90
H4819: Paper, board containers, packing items, box files	580.12
H4703: Chemical wood pulp, soda/sulphate, undissolving	502.99
H4805: Uncoated paper and paperboard nes	379.62
H4818: H.Hold, sanitary, hospital paper articles, clothing	293.47
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>9 019.41</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H4802: Uncoated paper for writing, printing office machin	76.39
H4810: Paper, board, inorganic coated at least one side	64.80
H4819: Paper, board containers, packing items, box files	32.99
H4821: Paper/ paperboard labels including printed labels	23.05
H4823: Paper and paper articles nes	19.59
<b>Top losers</b>	
H4702: Chemical wood pulp, dissolving grades	- 566.86
H4703: Chemical wood pulp, soda/sulphate, undissolving	- 480.68
H4804: Uncoated kraft paper and paperboard	- 297.60
H4818: H.Hold, sanitary, hospital paper articles, clothing	- 5.49
H4816: Carbon, duplicating, stencil, offset plate paper	- 0.81

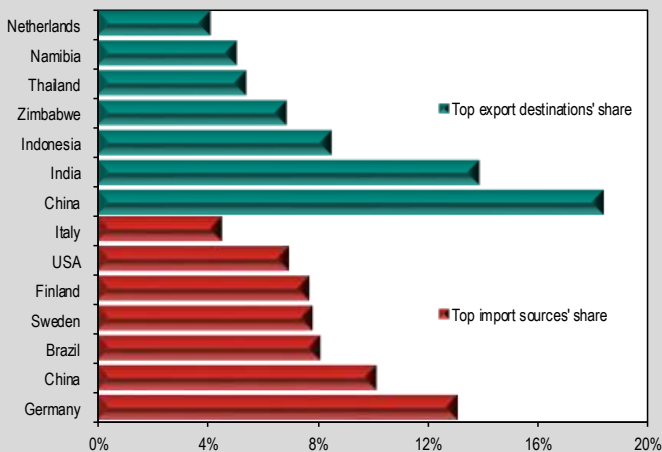
### Major traded import products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H4811: Paper, board, etc coated, impregnated, coloured	1546.83
H4810: Paper, board, inorganic coated at least one side	1399.29
H4802: Uncoated paper for writing, printing office machin	808.49
H4703: Chemical wood pulp, soda/sulphate, undissolving	738.30
H4804: Uncoated kraft paper and paperboard	690.07
H4819: Paper, board containers, packing items, box files	369.89
H4823: Paper and paper articles nes	254.67
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>7 203.72</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H4703: Chemical wood pulp, soda/sulphate, undissolving	306.71
H4801: Newsprint	217.39
H4811: Paper, board, etc coated, impregnated, coloured	216.51
H4810: Paper, board, inorganic coated at least one side	119.82
H4819: Paper, board containers, packing items, box files	99.98
<b>Top losers</b>	
H4704: Chemical wood pulp, sulphite, not dissolving grade	- 117.65
H4816: Carbon, duplicating, stencil, offset plate paper	- 13.50
H4821: Paper/ paperboard labels including printed labels	- 6.82
H4809: Carbon, self-copy paper, etc, width > 36 cm	- 6.68
H4808: Paper, board corrugated, creped, embossed, etc	- 2.02

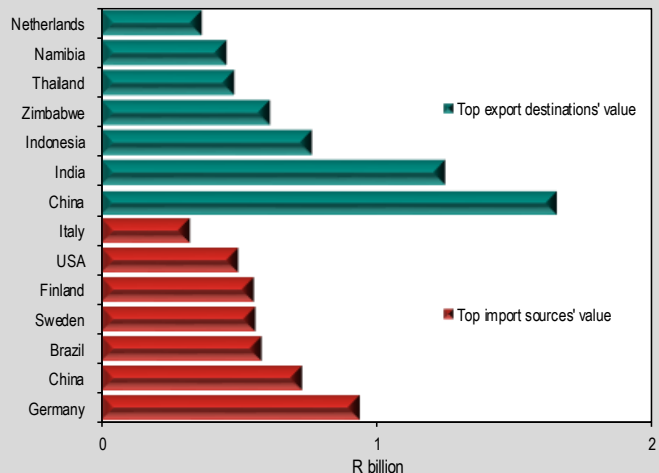
### Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



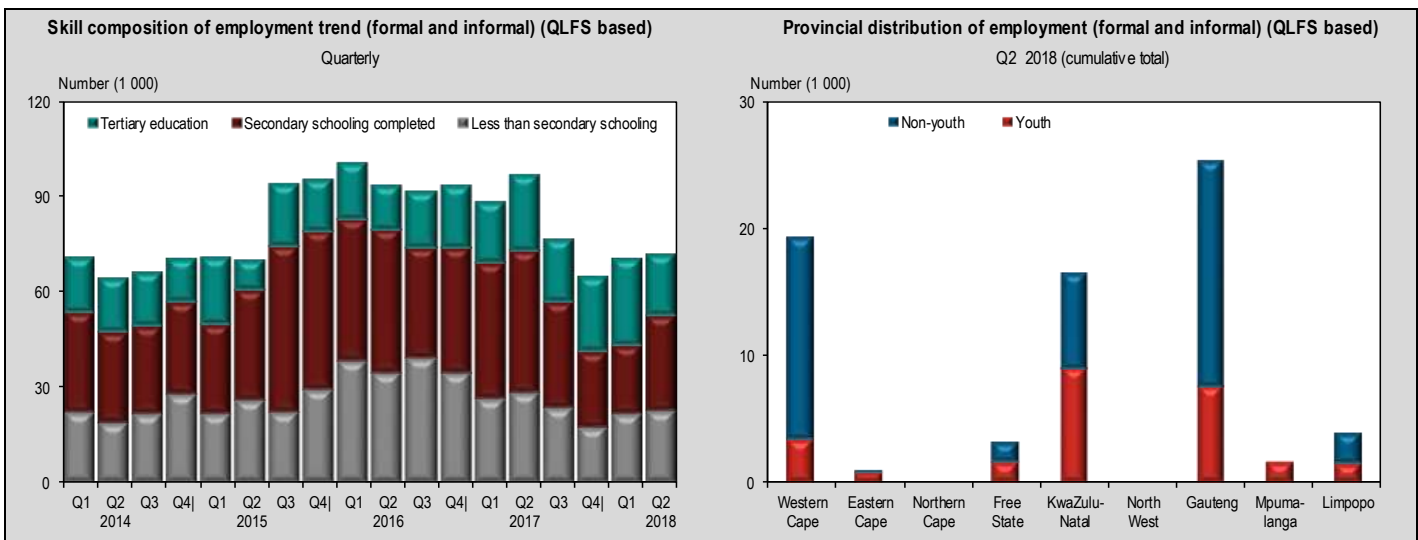
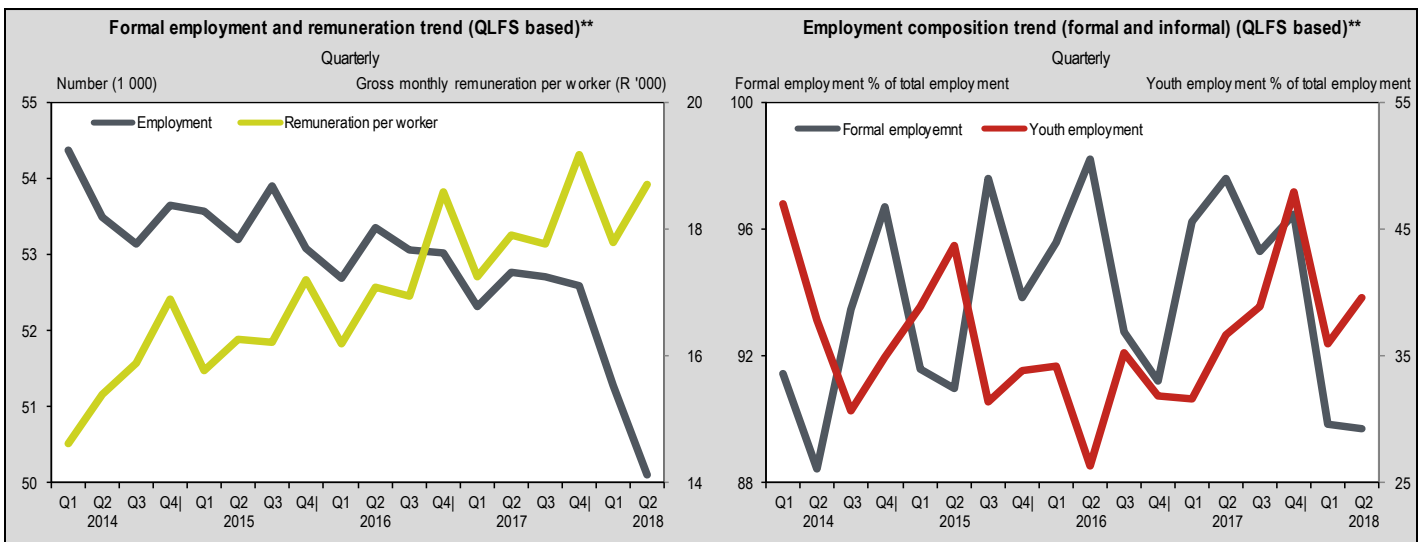
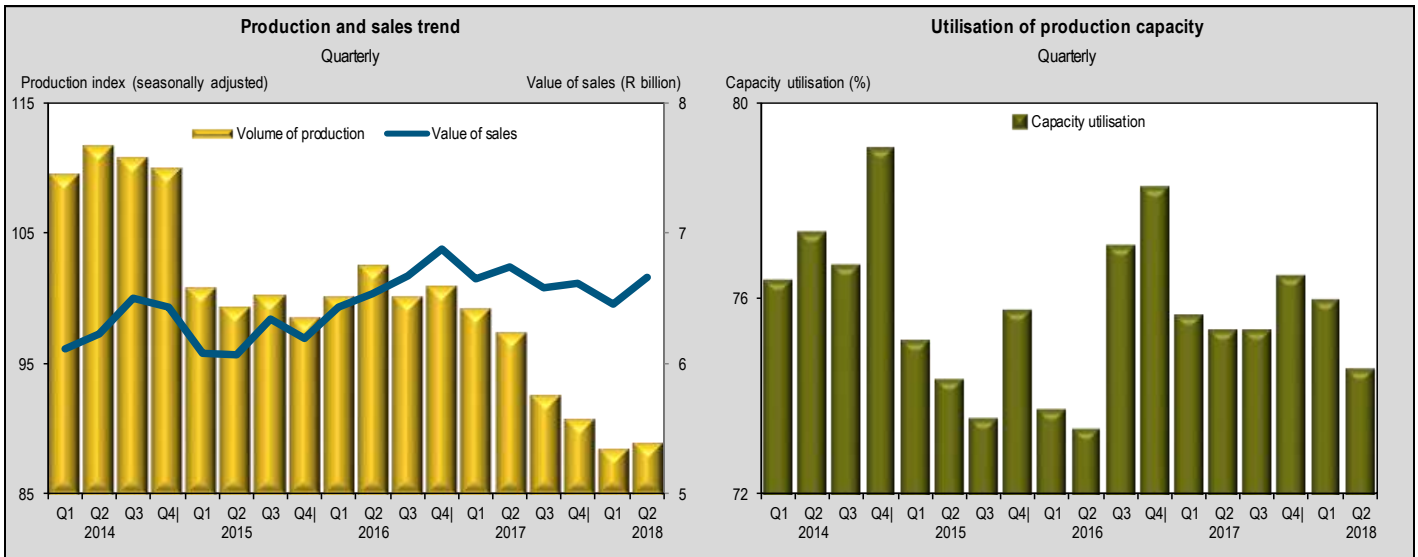
### Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



## Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)

↓ -9.7%	↓ -0.8 (percentage points)	↓ -5.0%	↑ 4.4%	↑ 6.0%	↑ 697.8%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)

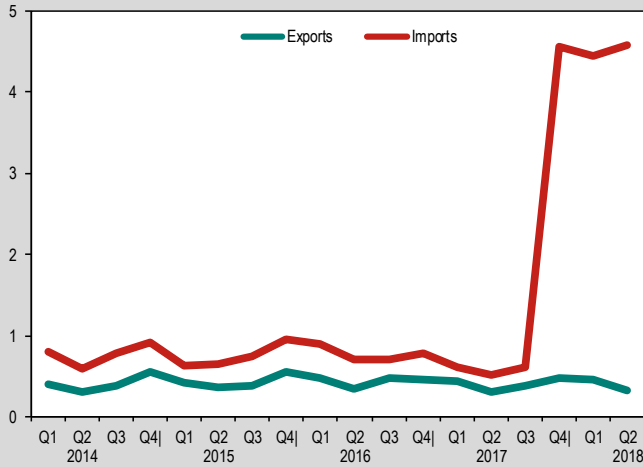


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### Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

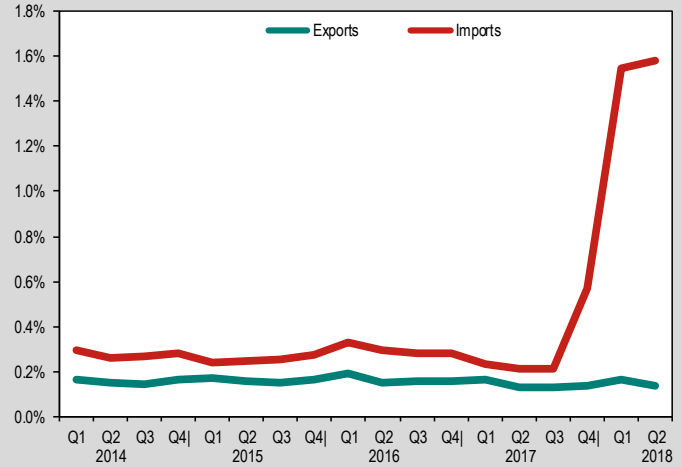
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### Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



### Major traded export products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H4901: Printed reading books, brochures, leaflets, etc	311.99
H4820: Office books, forms, exercise books, folders, etc	188.19
H4911: Printed matter, catalogues, pictures and photos	144.22
H4902: Newspapers, journals and periodicals	83.93
H4908: Transfers (decalcomanias)	17.67
H4904: Music, printed or in manuscript	17.06
H8442: Machinery or equipment for print preparation	10.26
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>784.77</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H4902: Newspapers, journals and periodicals	36.65
H4901: Printed reading books, brochures, leaflets, etc	19.80
H4911: Printed matter, catalogues, pictures and photos	18.30
H4904: Music, printed or in manuscript	17.04
H8442: Machinery or equipment for print preparation	2.68
<b>Top losers</b>	
H4820: Office books, forms, exercise books, folders, etc	-48.77
H4905: Printed maps, charts and atlases	-1.18
H4909: Postcards, printed or illustrated, greeting cards	-1.15
H4903: Children's picture, drawing or colouring books	-0.11

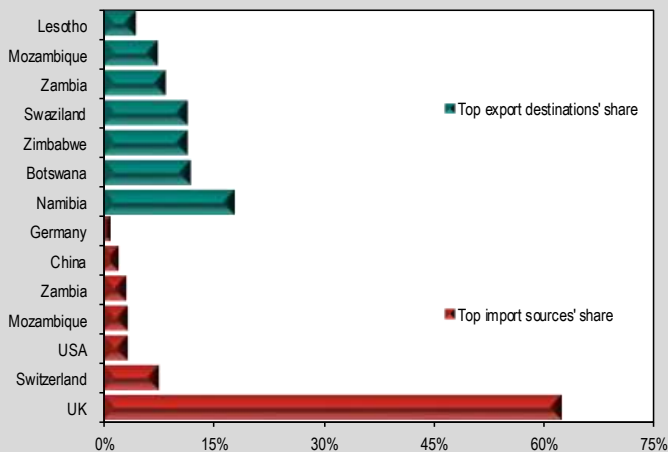
### Major traded import products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H4907: Documents of title (bonds etc), unused stamps, etc	7 914.40
H4901: Printed reading books, brochures, leaflets, etc	641.87
H4911: Printed matter, catalogues, pictures and photos	282.00
H4820: Office books, forms, exercise books, folders, etc	80.48
H4902: Newspapers, journals and periodicals	37.42
H8442: Machinery or equipment for print preparation	25.61
H4903: Children's picture, drawing or colouring books	19.89
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>9 031.84</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H4907: Documents of title (bonds etc), unused stamps, etc	7 897.17
H4911: Printed matter, catalogues, pictures and photos	63.38
H4820: Office books, forms, exercise books, folders, etc	14.00
H4902: Newspapers, journals and periodicals	10.69
H8442: Machinery or equipment for print preparation	5.98
<b>Top losers</b>	
H4901: Printed reading books, brochures, leaflets, etc	-87.12
H4903: Children's picture, drawing or colouring books	-5.68
H4905: Printed maps, charts and atlases	-0.57

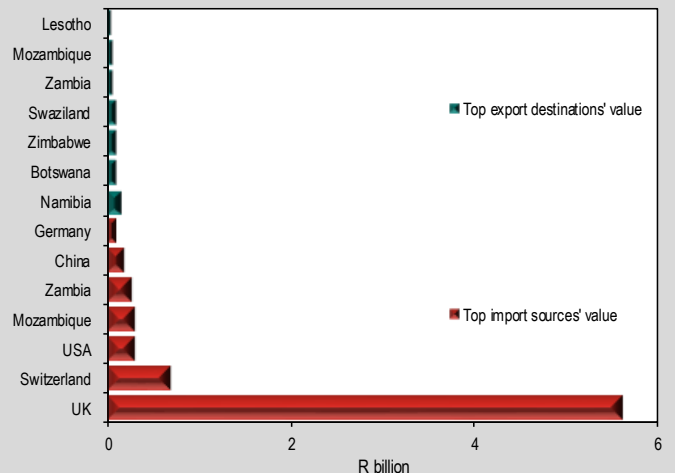
### Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



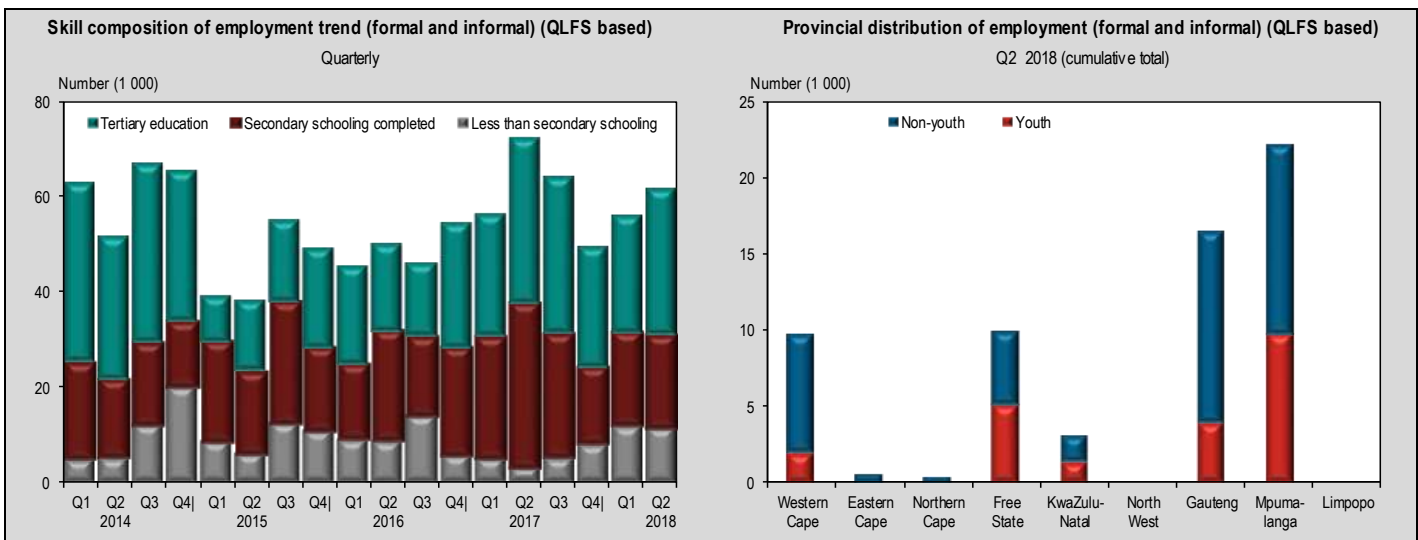
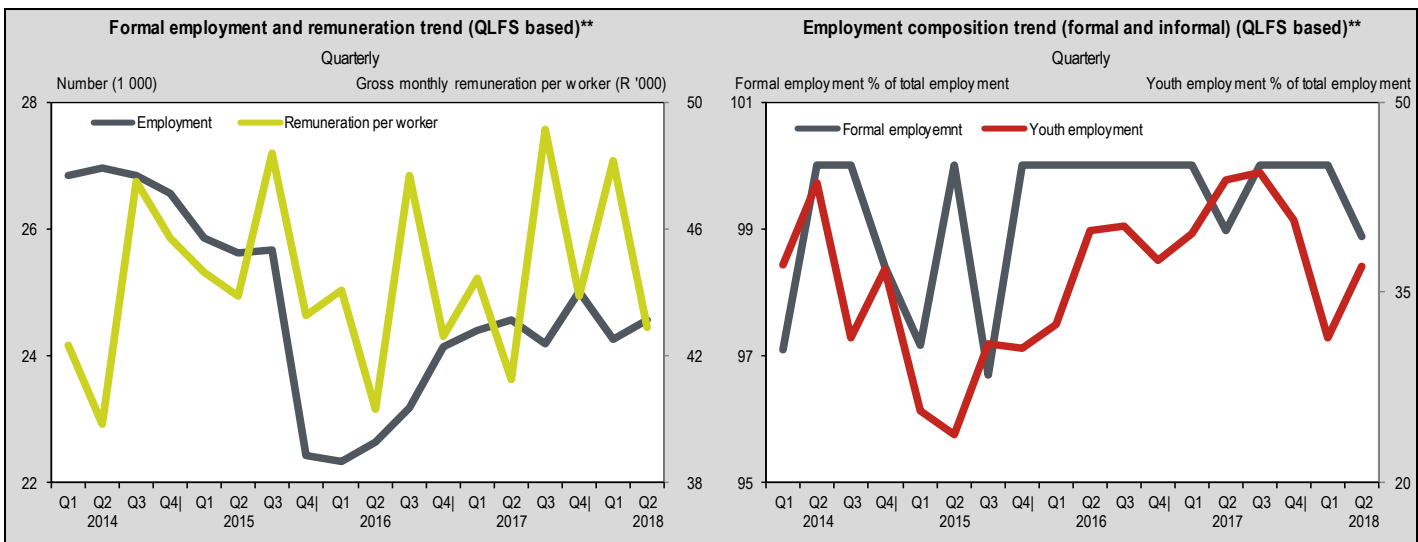
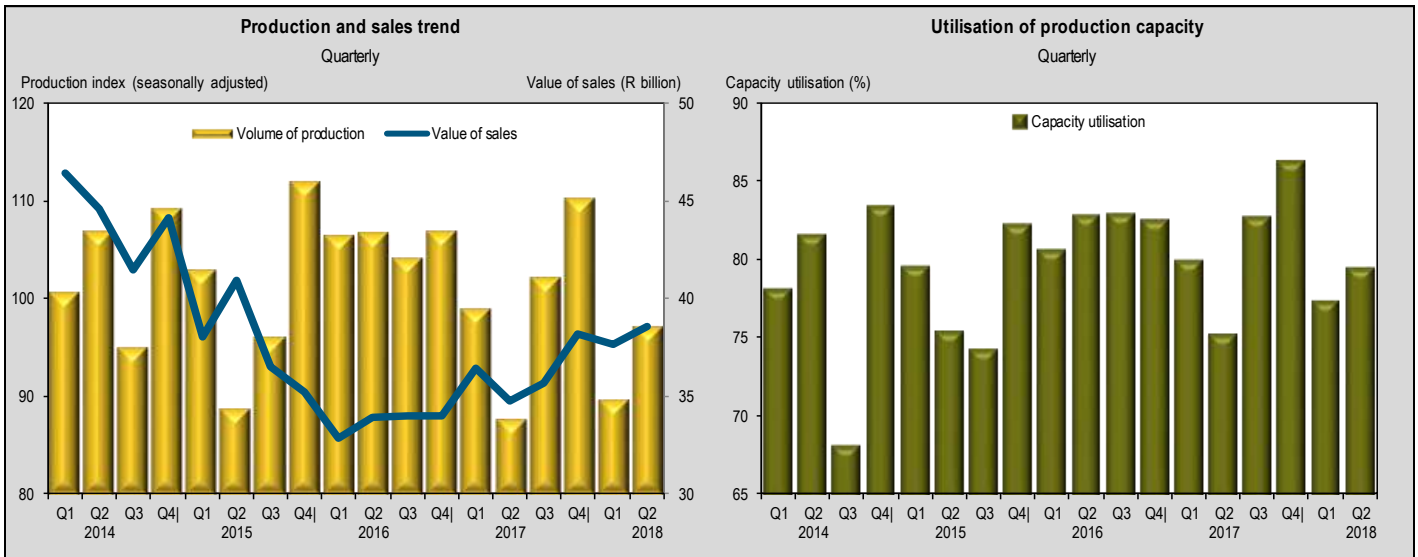
### Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



**Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)**

↑ 0.1%	↑ 4.2 (percentage points)	↑ 0.0%	↑ 4.0%	↓ -0.5%	↑ 6.9%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



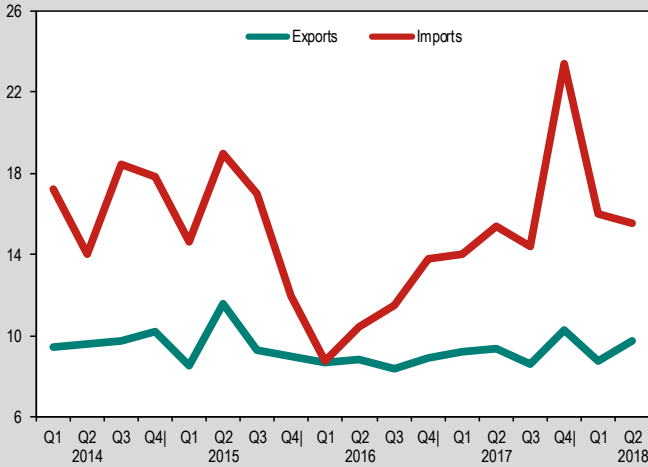
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### Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

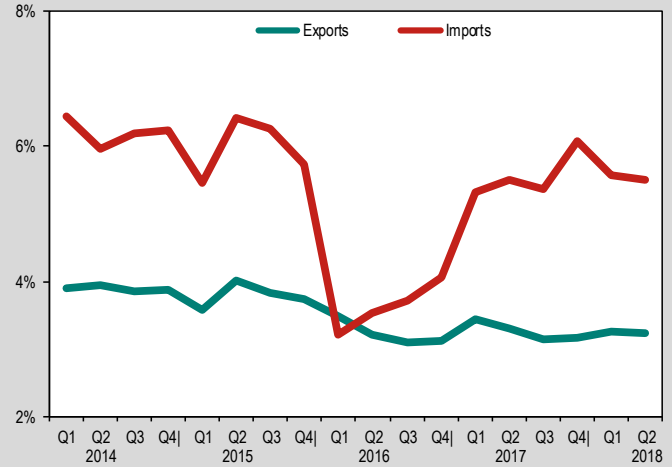
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### Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



### Major traded export products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H2710: Petroleum oils, bituminous, distillates, except crude	15 997.36
H2712: Petroleum jelly and wax, other mineral waxes	1297.72
H2711: Petroleum gases & other gaseous hydrocarbons	433.07
H2844: Radioactive elements, isotopes, compounds and mixtures	349.49
H2704: Retort carbon, coke/semi-coke of coal, lignite, peat	208.03
H2713: Petroleum coke, bitumen & other oil industry residues	192.76
H2706: Tar from coal, lignite or peat, other mineral tars	0.64
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>18 479.66</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H2711: Petroleum gases & other gaseous hydrocarbons	82.72
H2713: Petroleum coke, bitumen & other oil industry residues	67.34
H2704: Retort carbon, coke/semi-coke of coal, lignite, peat	59.31
<b>Top losers</b>	
H2844: Radioactive elements, isotopes, compounds and mixtures	- 193.72
H2712: Petroleum jelly and wax, other mineral waxes	- 56.97
H2710: Petroleum oils, bituminous, distillates, except crude	- 36.43
H2706: Tar from coal, lignite or peat, other mineral tars	- 10.09
H8401: Nuclear reactors, fuel elements, isotope separators	- 4.51

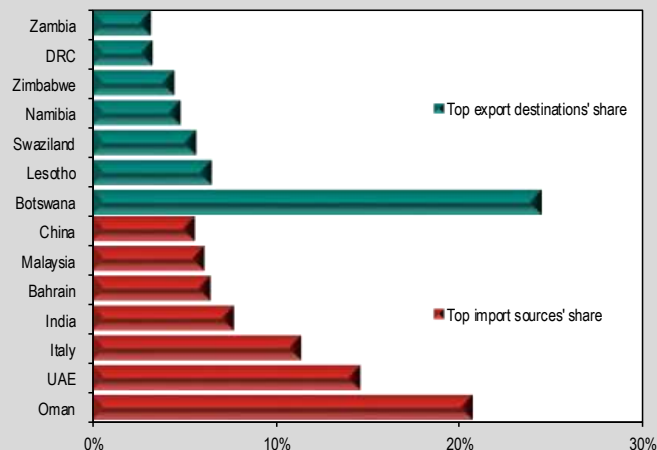
### Major traded import products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H2710: Petroleum oils, bituminous, distillates, except crude	28 387.72
H2704: Retort carbon, coke/semi-coke of coal, lignite, peat	1 371.54
H2713: Petroleum coke, bitumen & other oil industry residues	815.12
H2711: Petroleum gases & other gaseous hydrocarbons	626.48
H2712: Petroleum jelly and wax, other mineral waxes	237.91
H2844: Radioactive elements, isotopes, compounds and mixtures	74.89
H2706: Tar from coal, lignite or peat, other mineral tars	3.49
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>31 517.65</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H2710: Petroleum oils, bituminous, distillates, except crude	2 336.52
H2713: Petroleum coke, bitumen & other oil industry residues	3 310.5
H2711: Petroleum gases & other gaseous hydrocarbons	175.63
H2844: Radioactive elements, isotopes, compounds and mixtures	38.41
H2712: Petroleum jelly and wax, other mineral waxes	24.08
<b>Top losers</b>	
H2704: Retort carbon, coke/semi-coke of coal, lignite, peat	- 868.81
H3826: Biodiesel and mixtures thereof, containing ≤70 per cent by mass of	- 0.29
H8401: Nuclear reactors, fuel elements, isotope separators	0.00

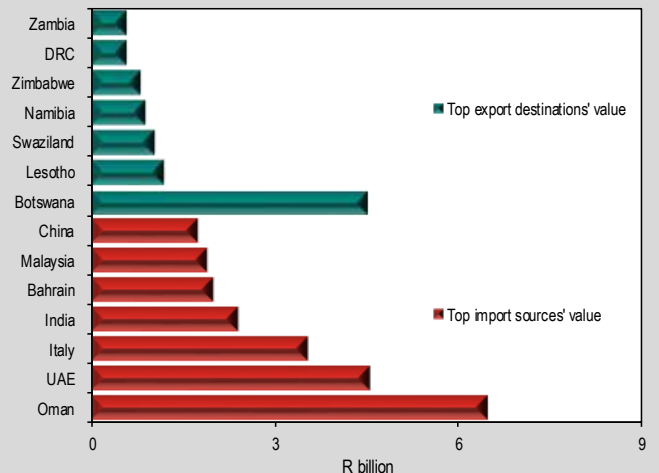
### Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



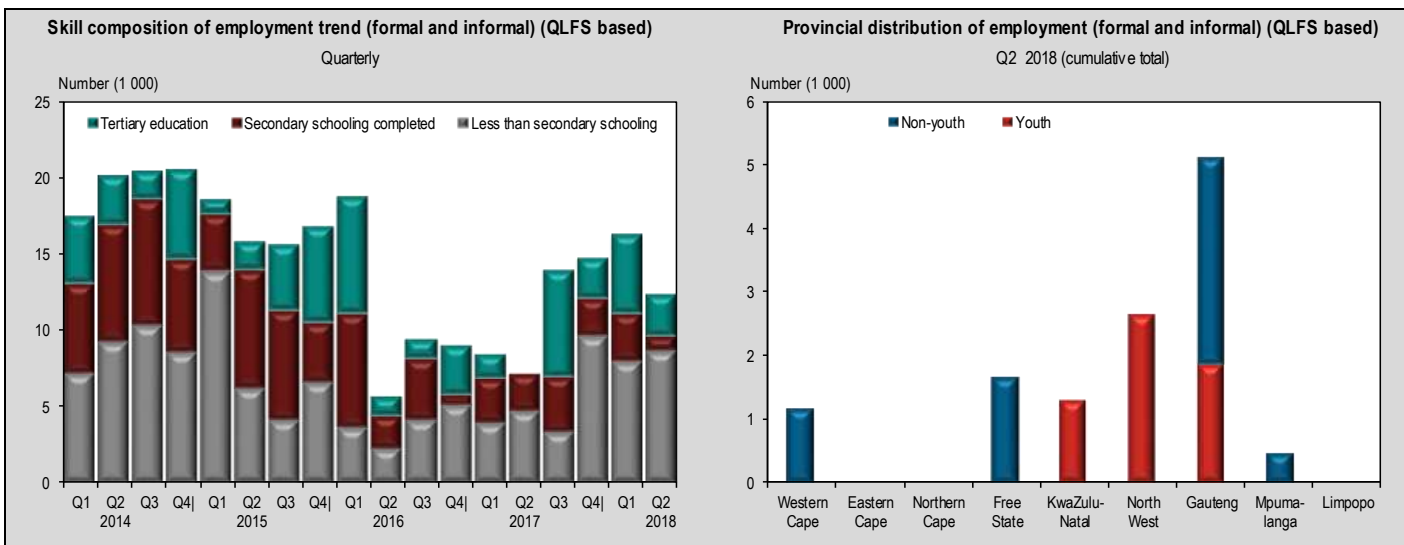
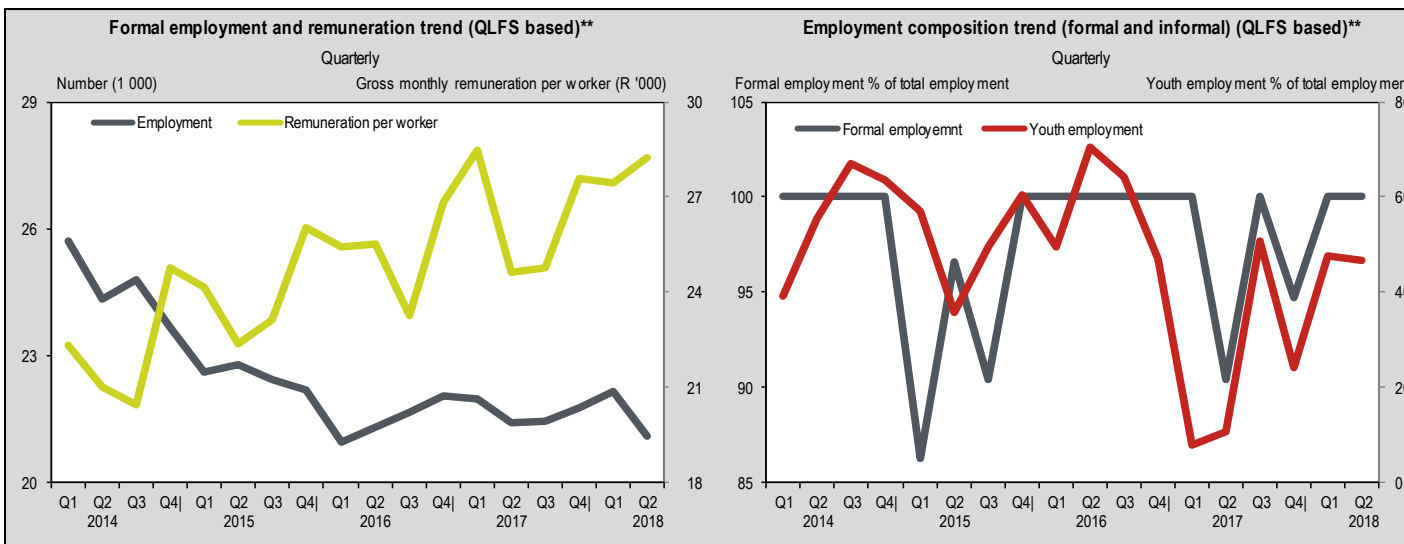
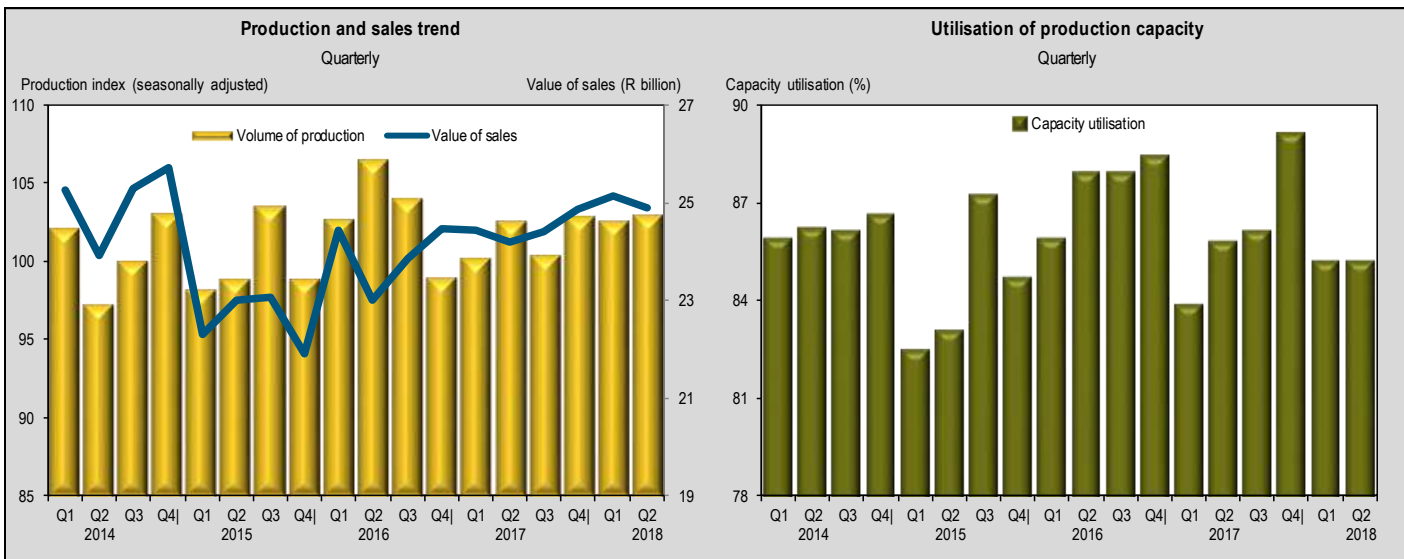
### Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



**Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)**

↑ 1.4%	↓ -0.6 (percentage points)	↓ -1.4%	↑ 14.7%	↑ 7.0%	↑ 15.0%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)

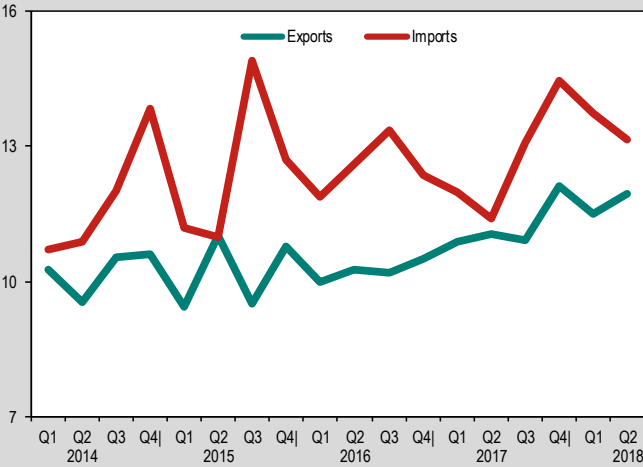


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Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

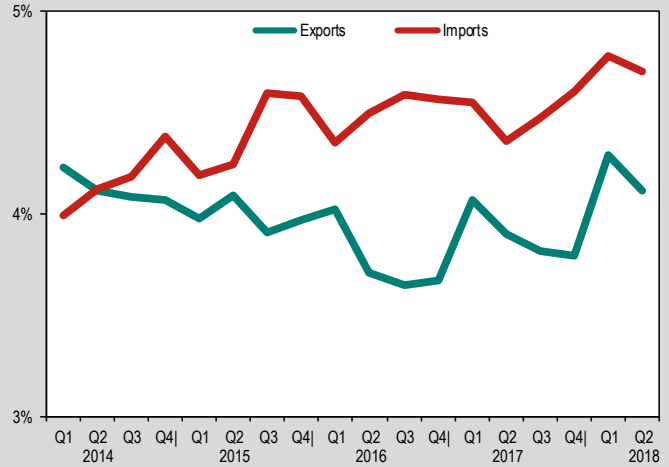
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



Major traded export products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H2901: Acyclic hydrocarbons	2 573.69
H3902: Polymers of propylene, olefins in primary forms	2 419.15
H3102: Mineral or chemical fertilizers, nitrogenous	1 506.29
H2833: Sulphates, alums, peroxosulphates (persulphates)	1 421.74
H2905: Acyclic alcohols and their derivatives	1 336.04
H2825: Hydrazine, hydroxylamine, metal oxides etc	1 322.78
H2914: Ketones and quinones, their derivatives	1 322.22
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>23 466.27</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H2825: Hydrazine, hydroxylamine, metal oxides etc	866.22
H2849: Carbides, whether or not chemically defined	449.21
H2804: Hydrogen, rare gases, non-metallic elements	422.05
H2833: Sulphates, alums, peroxosulphates (persulphates)	196.97
H3102: Mineral or chemical fertilizers, nitrogenous	180.19
<b>Top losers</b>	
H2843: Precious metal colloids, compounds & amalgams	- 448.73
H3901: Polymers of ethylene, in primary forms	- 411.08
H2901: Acyclic hydrocarbons	- 333.41
H3105: Fertilizer mixtures in packs of < 10kg	- 189.21
H2905: Acyclic alcohols and their derivatives	- 117.82

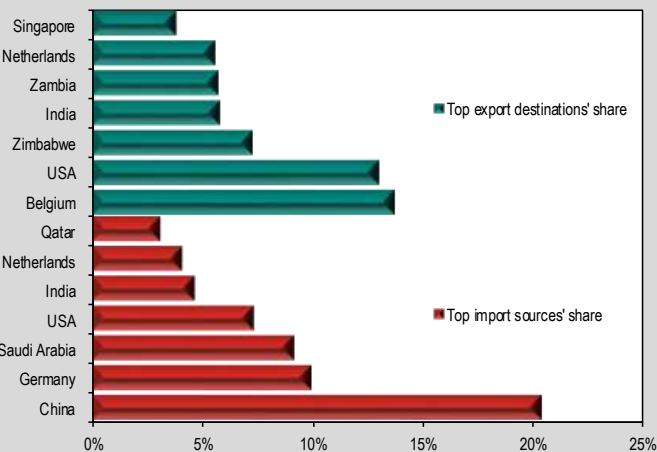
Major traded import products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H3901: Polymers of ethylene, in primary forms	2 111.84
H3907: Polyacetals, polyethers, etc, primary	1 960.58
H3102: Mineral or chemical fertilizers, nitrogenous	1 338.15
H2836: Carbonates	930.21
H2905: Acyclic alcohols and their derivatives	892.27
H3903: Polymers of styrene, in primary forms	886.61
H2815: Hydroxides and peroxides of sodium & potassium	775.29
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>26 895.70</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H3907: Polyacetals, polyethers, etc, primary	612.93
H2843: Precious metal colloids, compounds & amalgams	207.46
H2802: Sulphur, sublimed or precipitated, colloidal sulphur	201.77
H3206: Coloring matter nes, inorganic lumino phores	194.31
H2834: Nitrites, nitrates	192.05
<b>Top losers</b>	
H2901: Acyclic hydrocarbons	- 445.11
H3105: Fertilizer mixtures in packs of < 10kg	- 109.48
H3904: Polymers of vinyl chloride, halogenated olefins	- 80.72
H2926: Nitrile-function compounds	- 47.72
H2902: Cyclic hydrocarbons	- 40.61

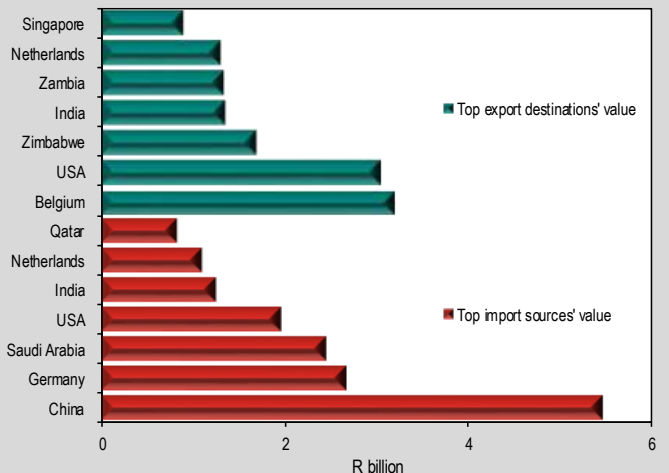
Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



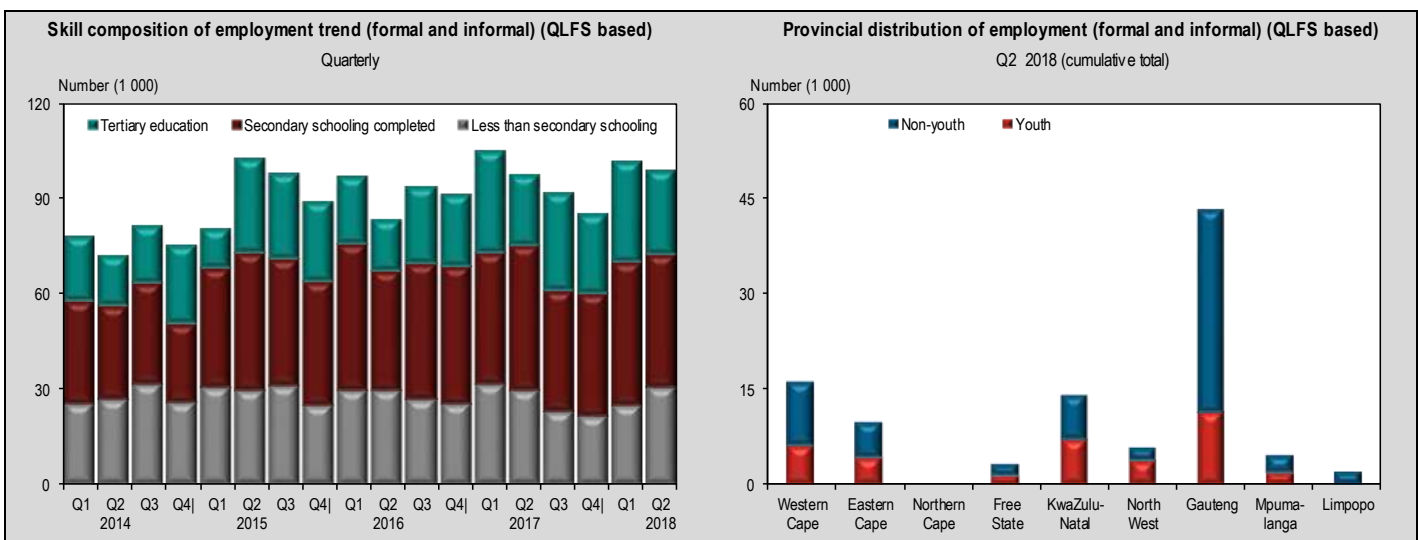
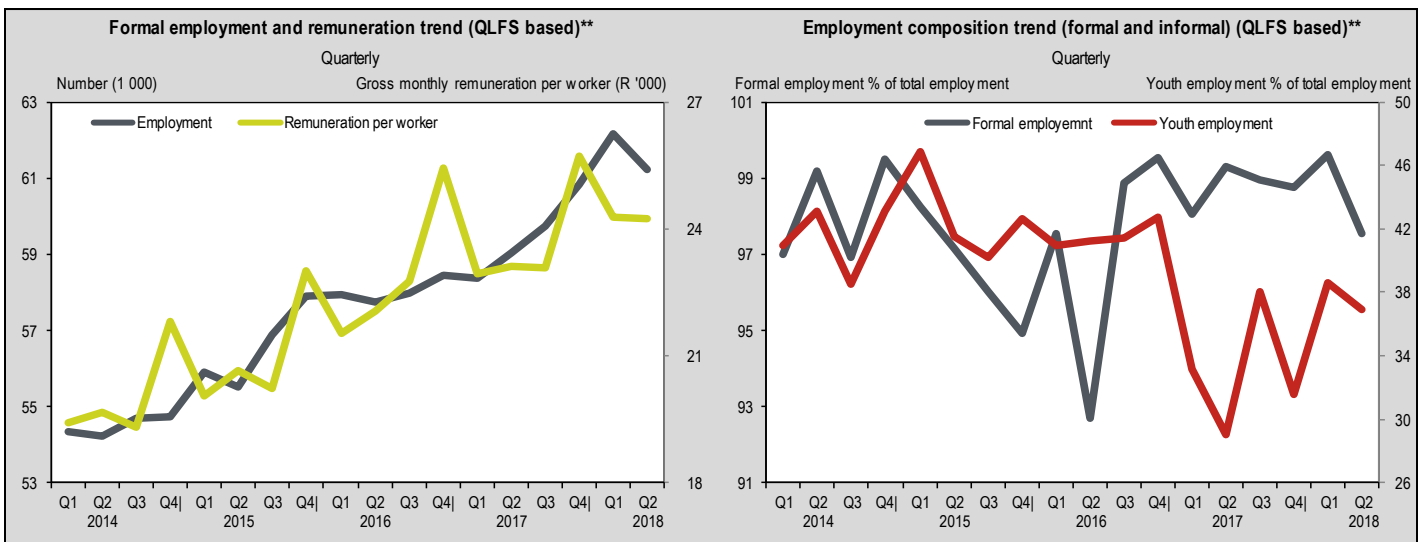
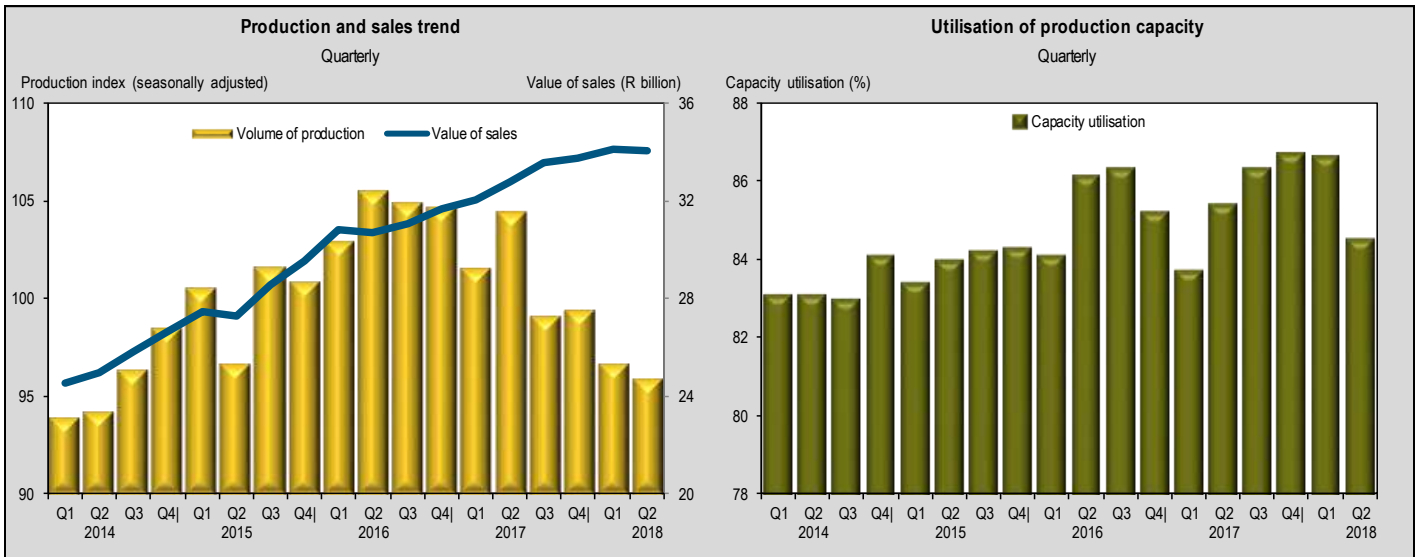
Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



## Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)

↓ -6.5%	↓ -0.9 (percentage points)	↑ 3.7%	↑ 4.8%	↑ 2.3%	↑ 5.3%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)

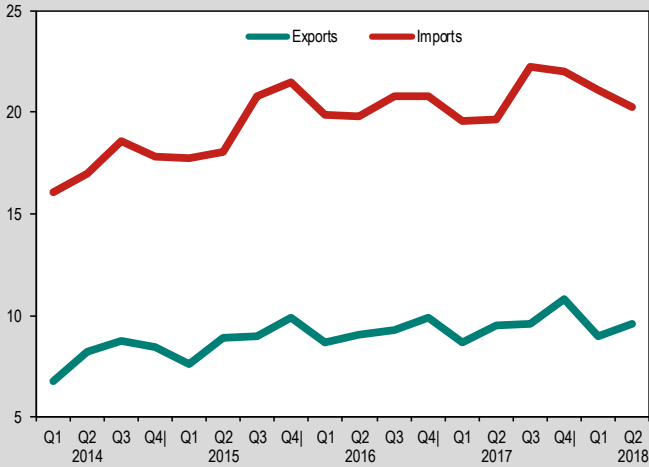


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### Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

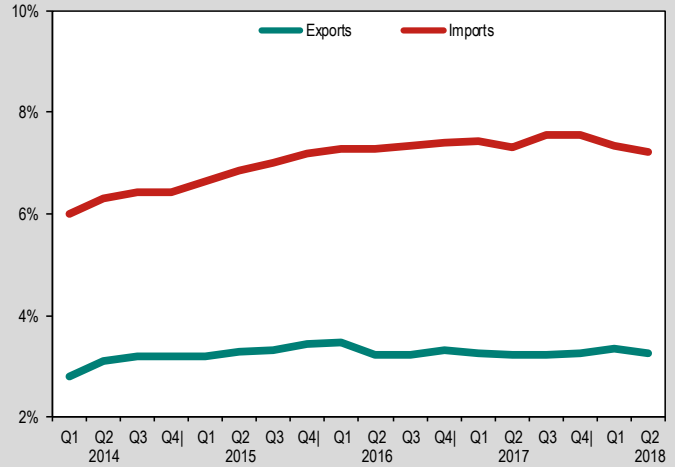
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



### Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



### Major traded export products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H3815: Reaction initiators, accelerators & catalysts	2 218.72
H3004: Medicaments, therapeutic, prophylactic use	1 949.74
H3304: Beauty, make-up and skin care preparations	1 702.95
H3808: Insecticides, fungicides, herbicides etc (retail)	1 650.89
H3402: Organic surface active agent, preparation, except soap	1 266.46
H3401: Soaps	1 021.46
H3824: Prepared binders for foundry moulds or cores	749.80
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>18 617.46</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H3402: Organic surface active agent, preparation, except soap	1 716.8
H3815: Reaction initiators, accelerators & catalysts	1 68.90
H3808: Insecticides, fungicides, herbicides etc (retail)	1 64.94
H3304: Beauty, make-up and skin care preparations	1 132.78
H3302: Mixed odoriferous substances for industrial use	1 85.60
<b>Top losers</b>	
H3004: Medicaments, therapeutic, prophylactic use	- 1 146.63
H3822: Composite diagnostic or laboratory reagents	- 1 111.29
H2936: Provitamins and vitamins, their derivatives	- 1 98.47
H3823: Chemical industry products nes	- 1 64.34
H3215: Ink	- 1 36.29

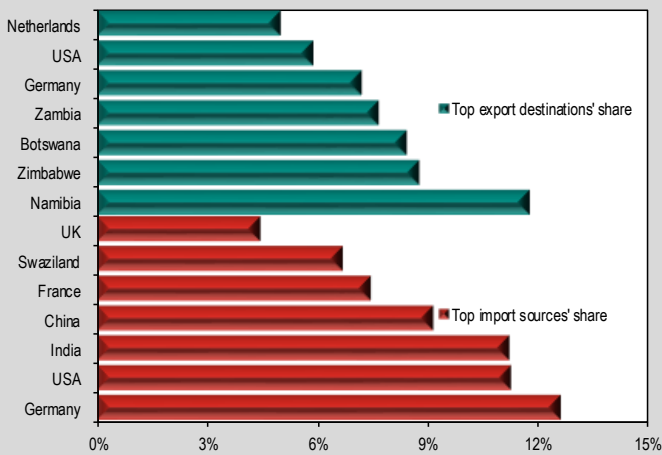
### Major traded import products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H3004: Medicaments, therapeutic, prophylactic use	12 254.14
H3302: Mixed odoriferous substances for industrial use	3 356.34
H3002: Blood, antisera, vaccines, toxins and cultures	2 319.90
H3824: Prepared binders for foundry moulds or cores	2 236.96
H3808: Insecticides, fungicides, herbicides etc (retail)	2 106.17
H8523: Prepared unrecorded sound recording media	1 681.85
H3822: Composite diagnostic or laboratory reagents	1 574.27
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>41 358.85</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H3004: Medicaments, therapeutic, prophylactic use	10 388.65
H3824: Prepared binders for foundry moulds or cores	3 965.6
H2936: Provitamins and vitamins, their derivatives	1 742.25
H3822: Composite diagnostic or laboratory reagents	1 674.0
H3302: Mixed odoriferous substances for industrial use	1 295.2
<b>Top losers</b>	
H3002: Blood, antisera, vaccines, toxins and cultures	- 523.08
H3808: Insecticides, fungicides, herbicides etc (retail)	- 2 162.23
H2941: Antibiotics	- 1 179.72
H3215: Ink	- 1 87.95
H3003: Medicaments mixed together for therapeutic use	- 1 63.52

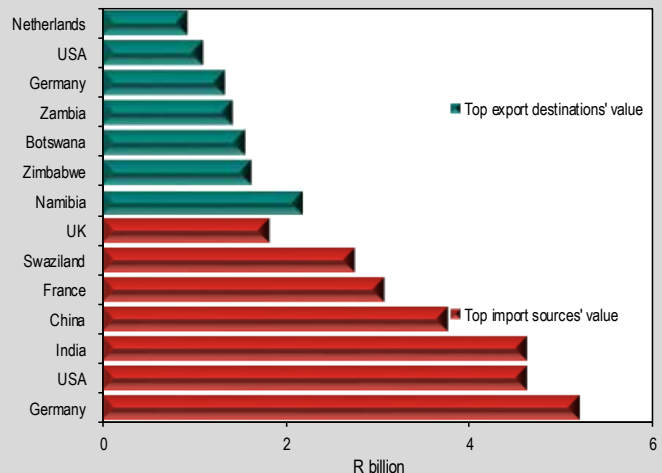
### Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



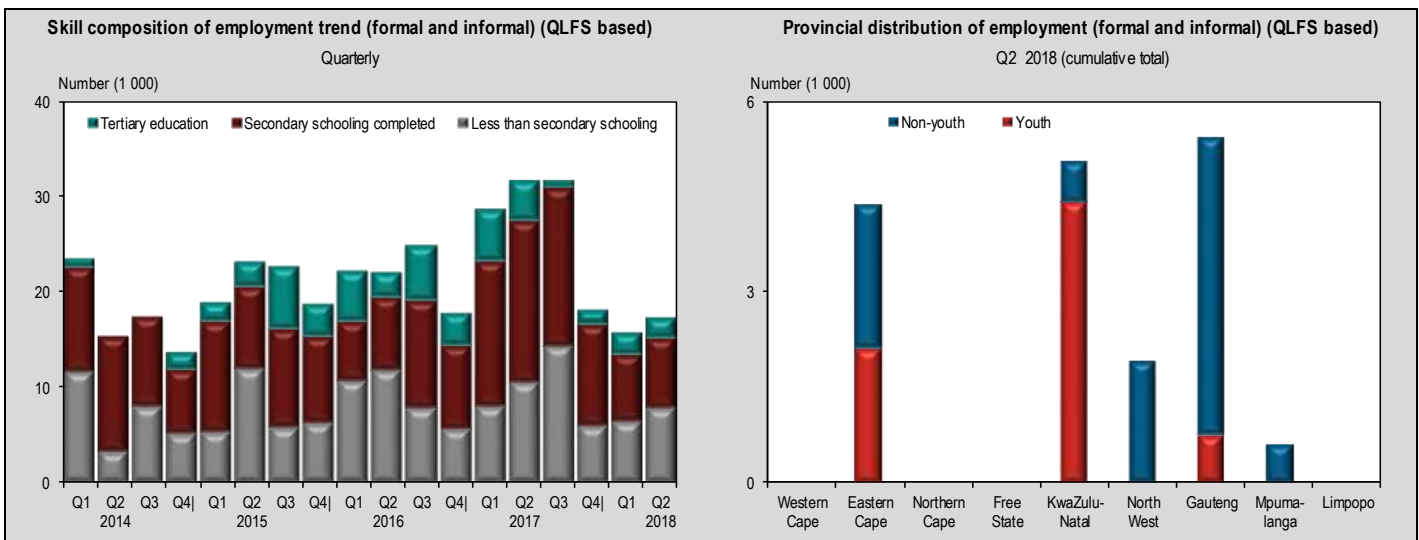
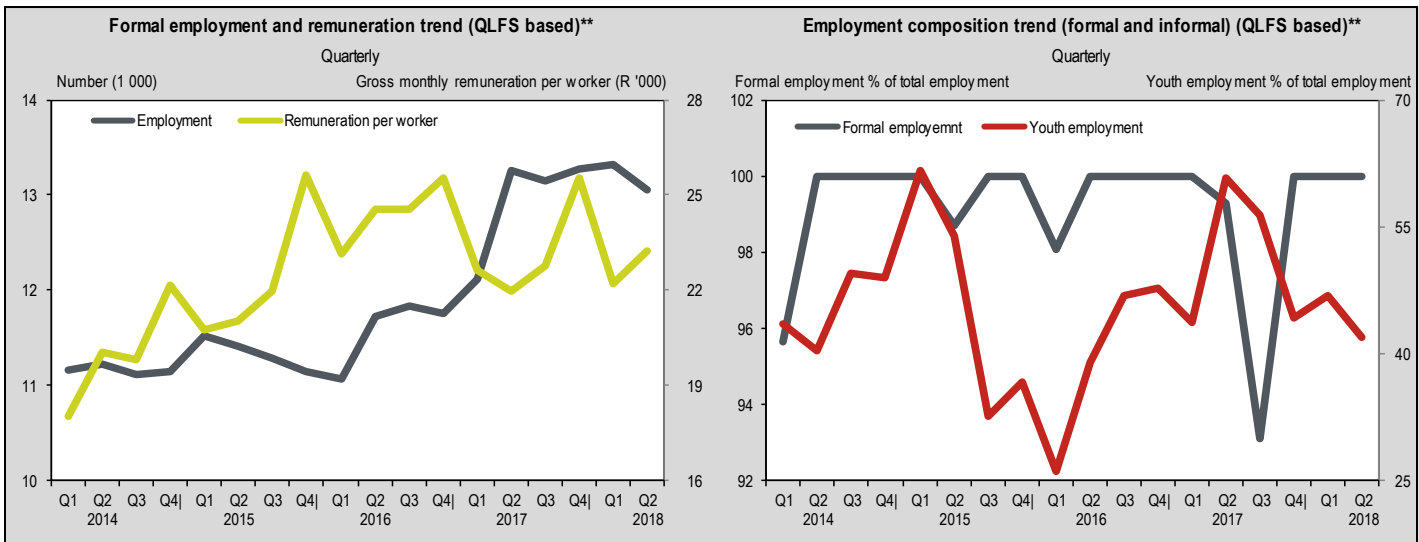
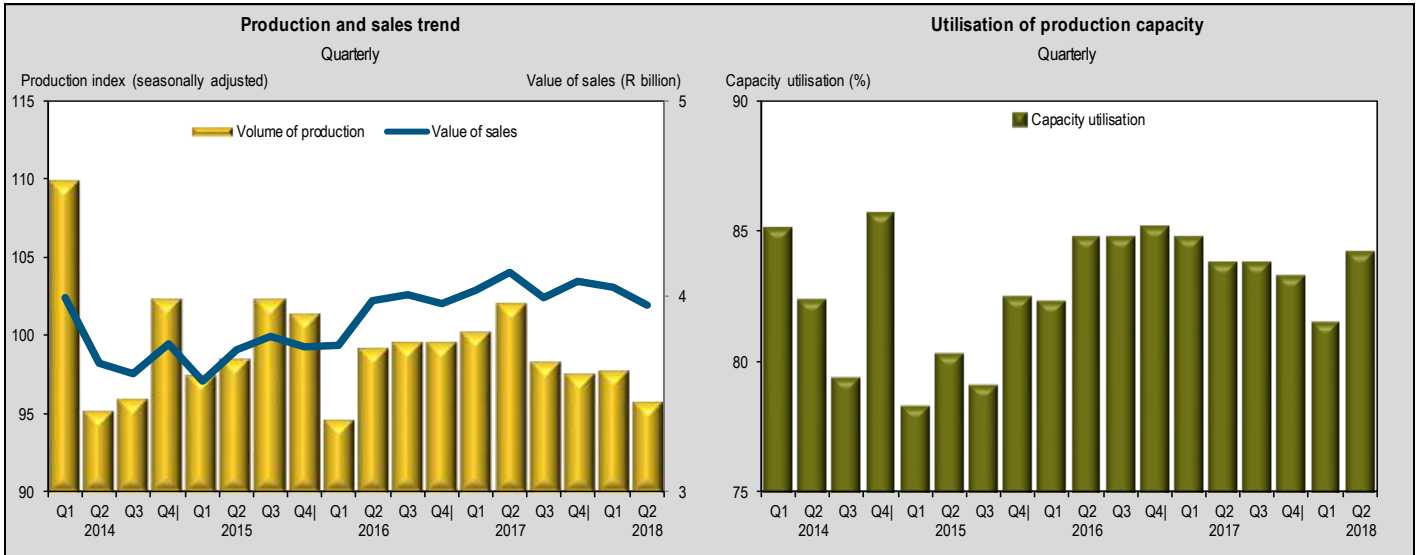
### Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



**Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)**

↓ -4.3%	↑ 0.4 (percentage points)	↓ -1.4%	↑ 5.9%	↑ 2.3%	↑ 7.8%
<b>Production (seas. adj.)</b>	<b>Capacity utilisation</b>	<b>Employment*</b>	<b>Gross monthly remuneration per worker</b>	<b>Exports (ZAR)</b>	<b>Imports (ZAR)</b>

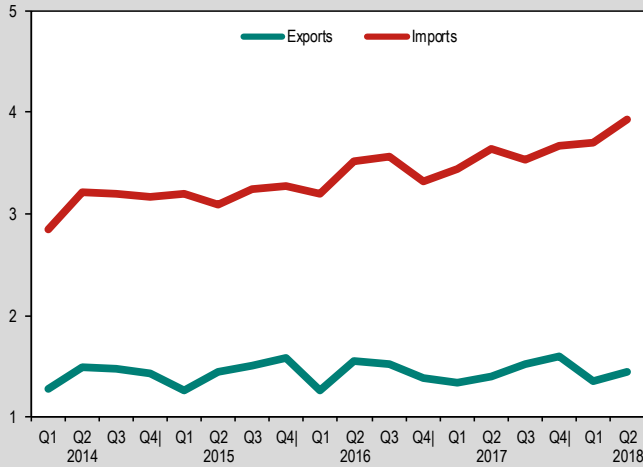


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Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

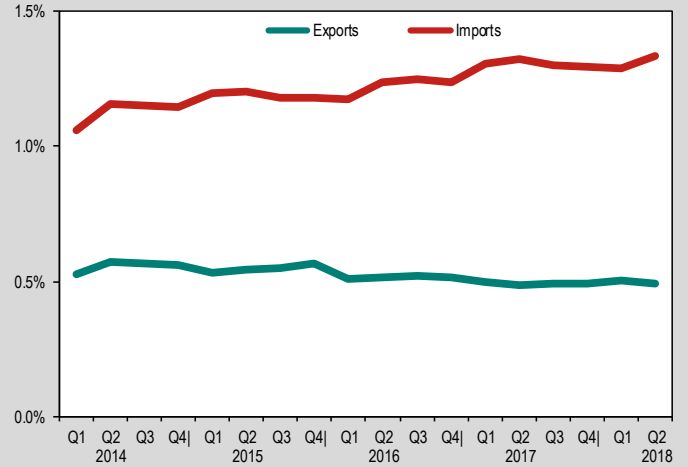
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



Major traded export products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H401t: New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	1661.15
H4010: Conveyor and similar belts or belting of rubber	326.65
H4016: Articles of vulcanised rubber except hard rubber	313.75
H4009: Rubber tube, pipe, hose, except hard rubber	236.95
H4012: Tyres nes, retreaded, etc, solid, cushioned	74.22
H4008: Rubber plate, sheet, strip, rod, etc, except hard	52.46
H4005: Compounded unvulcanised rubber in primary fo rm	44.90
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>2 794.93</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H4009: Rubber tube, pipe, hose, except hard rubber	42.49
H4010: Conveyor and similar belts or belting of rubber	25.05
H4008: Rubber plate, sheet, strip, rod, etc, except hard	17.99
H4005: Compounded unvulcanised rubber in primary fo rm	12.93
H4016: Articles of vulcanised rubber except hard rubber	7.76
<b>Top losers</b>	
H401t: New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	- 37.18
H5906: Rubberised textile fabric, except tyre co rd	- 13.49
H4014: Hygienic or pharmaceutical articles of rubber	- 2.38
H4017: Hard rubber(eg ebonite) in all fo rms,articles, scrap	- 1.05
H4013: Inner tubes of rubber	- 0.89

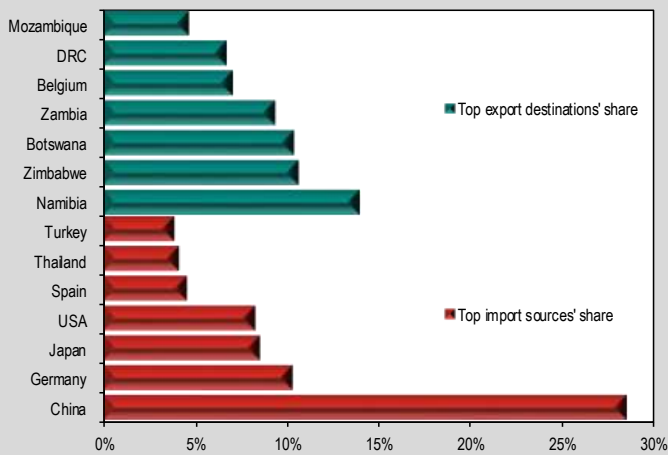
Major traded import products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H401t: New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	4 576.67
H4016: Articles of vulcanised rubber except hard rubber	923.41
H4010: Conveyor and similar belts or belting of rubber	506.66
H4009: Rubber tube, pipe, hose, except hard rubber	485.71
H980t: Original equipment components	273.10
H4015: Rubber clothing & accessories, but hard rubber	250.17
H4014: Hygienic or pharmaceutical articles of rubber	164.30
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>7 635.02</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H401t: New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	378.93
H980t: Original equipment components	72.66
H4016: Articles of vulcanised rubber except hard rubber	54.89
H4010: Conveyor and similar belts or belting of rubber	5172
H5906: Rubberised textile fabric, except tyre co rd	25.87
<b>Top losers</b>	
H4014: Hygienic or pharmaceutical articles of rubber	- 25.17
H4008: Rubber plate, sheet, strip, rod, etc, except hard	- 16.40
H4012: Tyres nes, retreaded, etc, solid, cushioned	- 12.51
H4005: Compounded unvulcanised rubber in primary fo rm	- 12.14
H4007: Vulcanised rubber thread and co rd	- 0.42

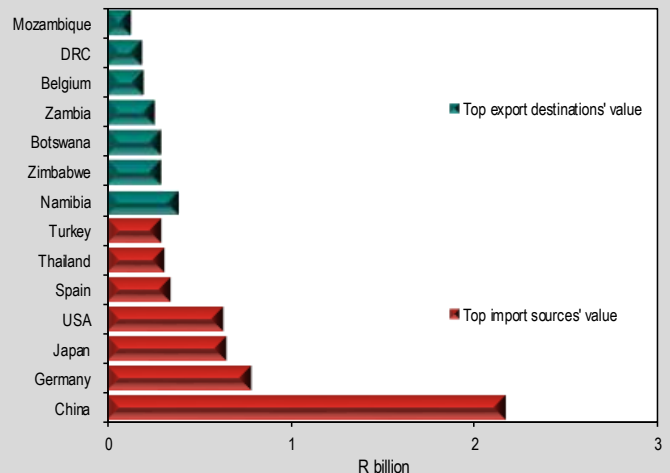
Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

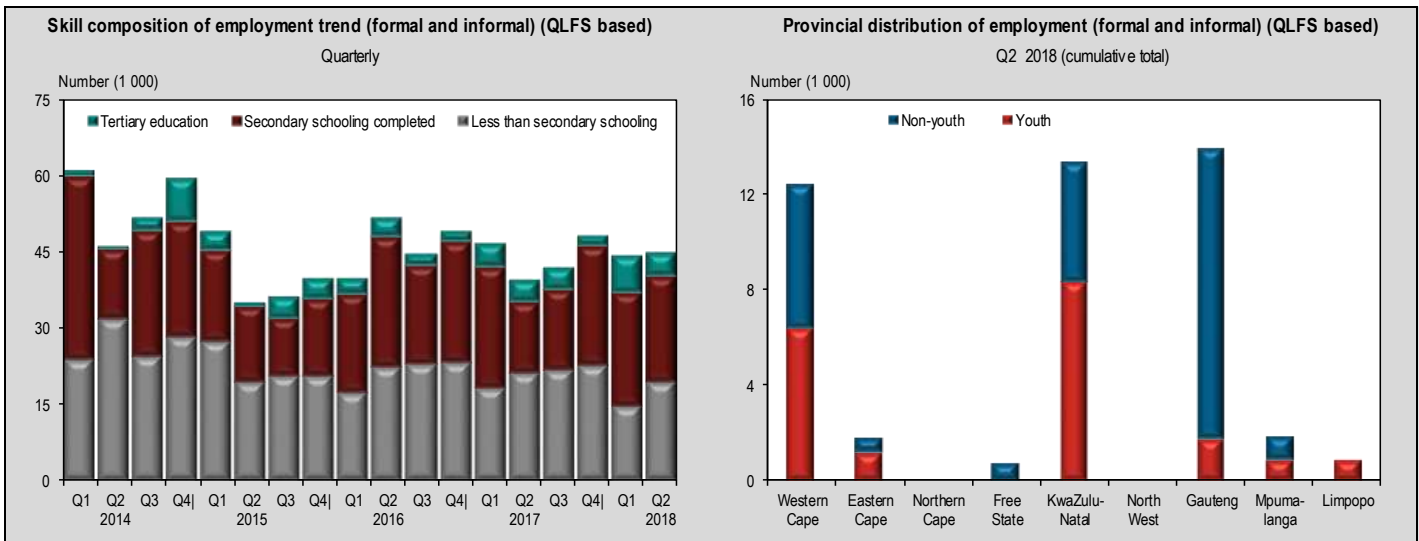
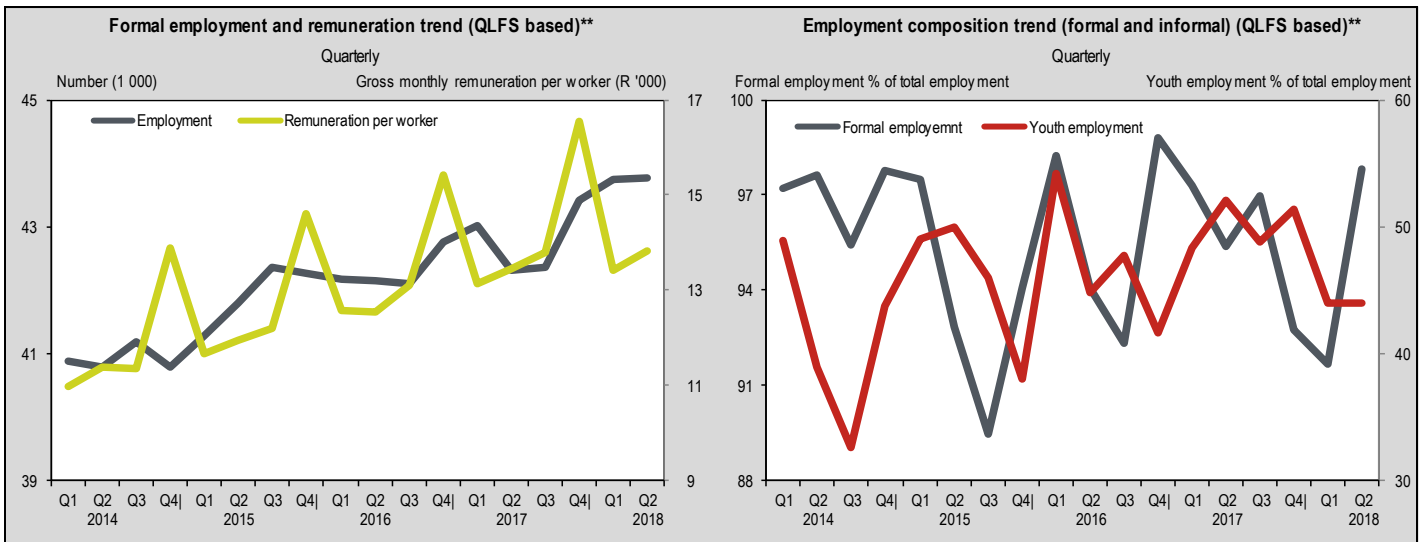
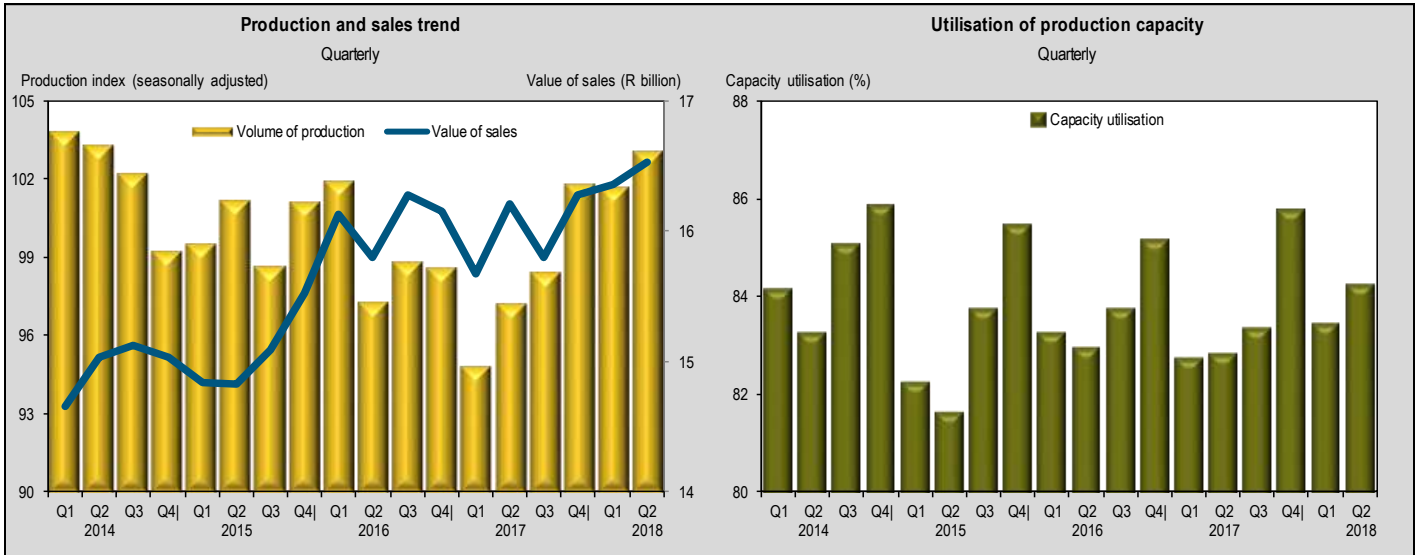




**Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)**

↑ 6.6%     
 ↑ 1.4 (percentage points)     
 ↑ 3.4%     
 ↑ 2.7%     
 ↑ 3.2%     
 ↑ 6.3%

**Production (seas. adj.)      Capacity utilisation      Employment\*      Gross monthly remuneration per worker      Exports (ZAR)      Imports (ZAR)**

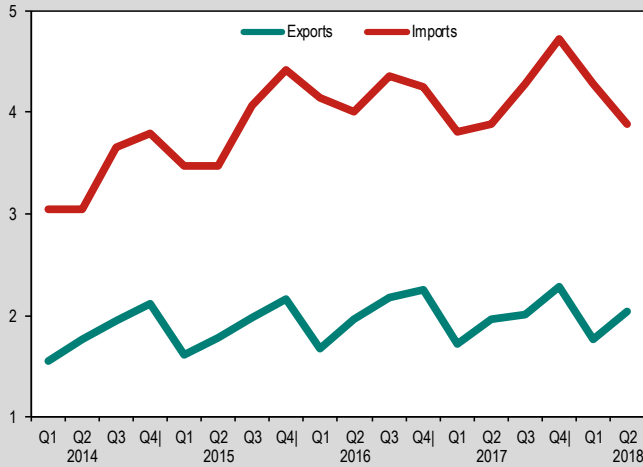


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Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

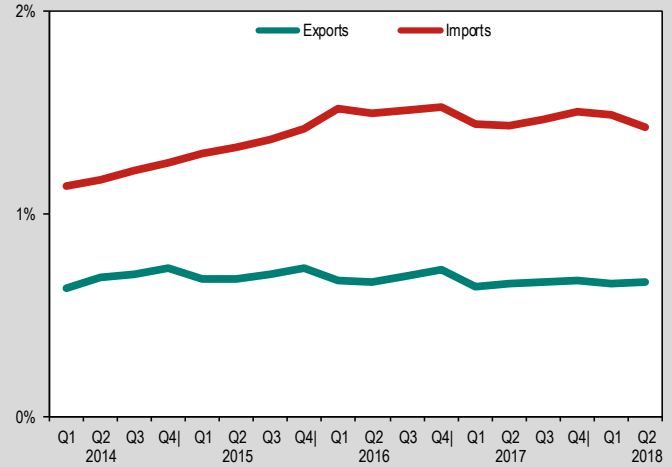
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



Major traded export products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H3923: Containers, bobbins and packages, of plastics	122141
H3917: Plastic tube, pipe, hose and fittings	68256
H3926: Plastic articles nes	60672
H3920: Plastic plate, sheet, film not cellular, reinforced	37549
H3924: Plastic table, kitchen, household, toilet articles	23802
H3921: Plastic plate, sheet, film, foil, strip, cellular, nes	18442
H3919: Self-adhesive plates, sheets, film, etc of plastic	15182
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>3 804.32</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H3923: Containers, bobbins and packages, of plastics	137.04
H3917: Plastic tube, pipe, hose and fittings	10.61
H3924: Plastic table, kitchen, household, toilet articles	7.96
H3925: Plastic articles for use in construction nes	7.78
H3916: Monofilament (>1mm), rods, etc, of plastics	4.30
<b>Top losers</b>	
H3926: Plastic articles nes	- 14.68
H3920: Plastic plate, sheet, film not cellular, reinforced	- 12.32
H3921: Plastic plate, sheet, film, foil, strip, cellular, nes	- 8.12
H6506: Headgear, not felt, plaited, knit or crochet	- 6.80
H3919: Self-adhesive plates, sheets, film, etc of plastic	- 3.51

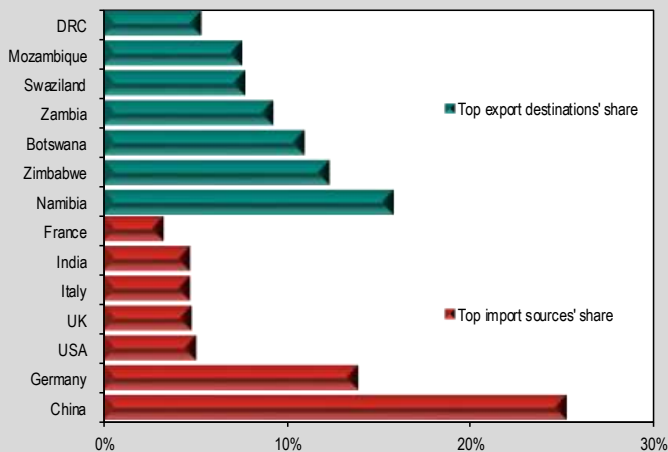
Major traded import products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H3920: Plastic plate, sheet, film not cellular, reinforced	166574
H3926: Plastic articles nes	146338
H3923: Containers, bobbins and packages, of plastics	107196
H3921: Plastic plate, sheet, film, foil, strip, cellular, nes	95574
H3919: Self-adhesive plates, sheets, film, etc of plastic	91164
H3917: Plastic tube, pipe, hose and fittings	85099
H3924: Plastic table, kitchen, household, toilet articles	41024
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>8 173.65</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H3923: Containers, bobbins and packages, of plastics	198.98
H3921: Plastic plate, sheet, film, foil, strip, cellular, nes	102.33
H3917: Plastic tube, pipe, hose and fittings	99.15
H3926: Plastic articles nes	77.92
H3924: Plastic table, kitchen, household, toilet articles	48.25
<b>Top losers</b>	
H3919: Self-adhesive plates, sheets, film, etc of plastic	- 37.64
H3920: Plastic plate, sheet, film not cellular, reinforced	- 24.91
H6506: Headgear, not felt, plaited, knit or crochet	- 4.62
H8547: Insulating fittings for electrical equipment	- 2.21

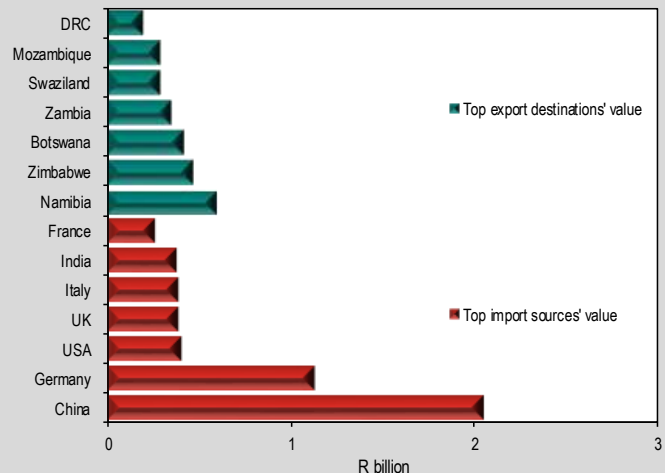
Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



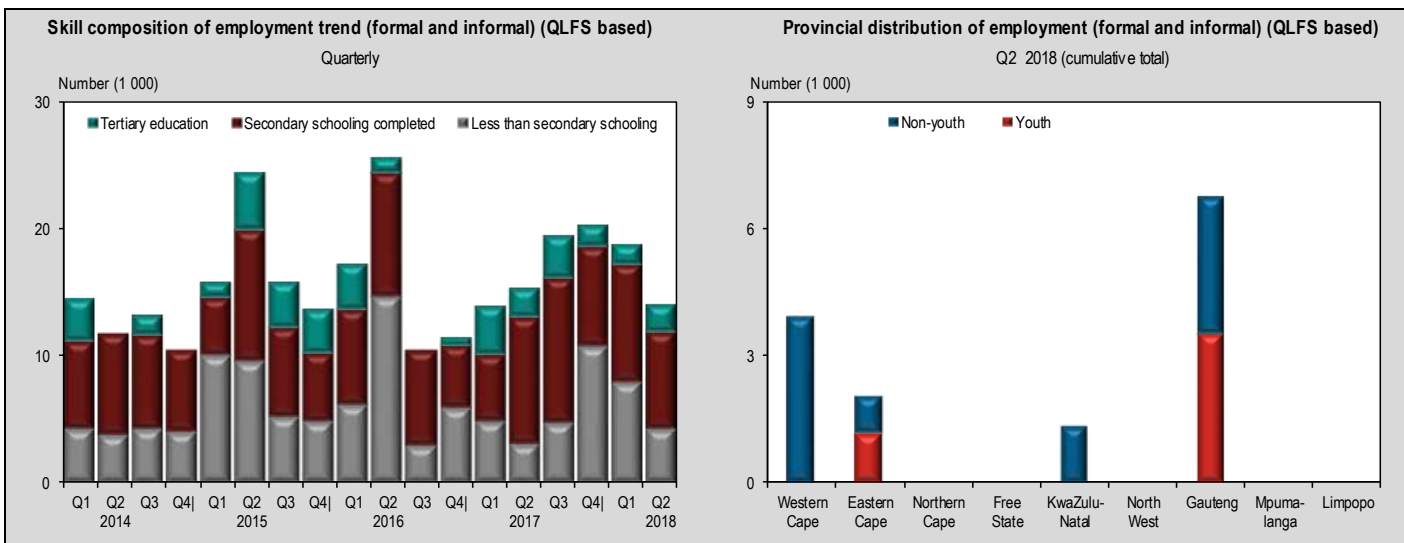
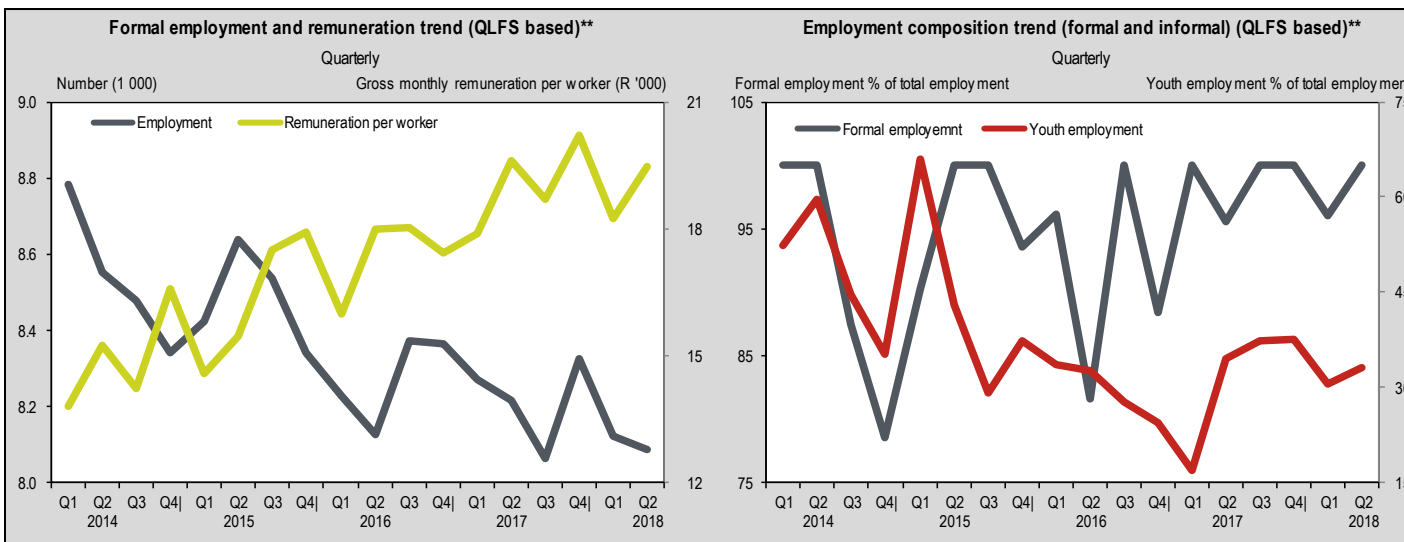
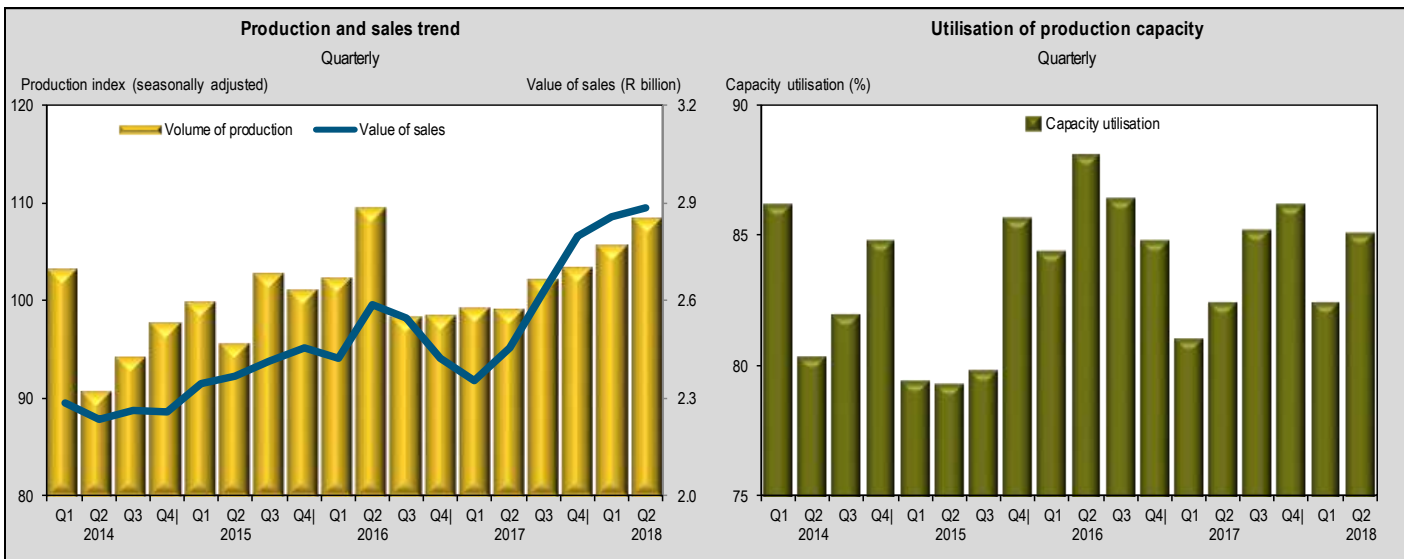
Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)

↑ 7.9%	↑ 2.6 (percentage points)	↓ -1.6%	↓ -0.6%	↑ 15.4%	↑ 3.5%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)

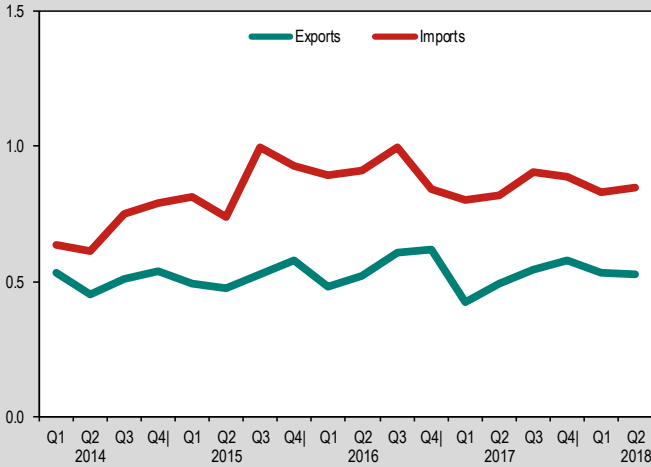


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### Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

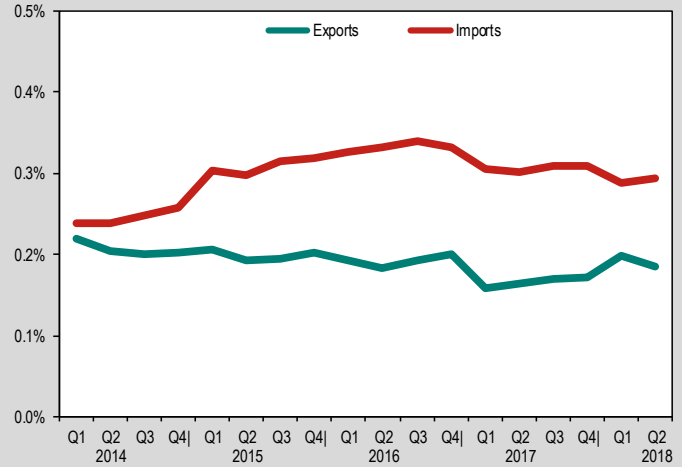
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



### Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



### Major traded export products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H7010: Glass bottles, flasks, jars, phials, stoppers, etc	340.35
H7007: Safety glass (toughened, tempered, laminated)	301.81
H7005: Float glass, surface ground, polished glass	218.37
H7013: Glassware for table, kitchen, toilet, decoration	63.18
H7019: Glass fibres, glass wool, and articles thereof	42.57
H7009: Glass mirrors, whether or not framed	30.48
H7020: Articles of glass, nes	11.65
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>1059.71</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H7010: Glass bottles, flasks, jars, phials, stoppers, etc	85.49
H7005: Float glass, surface ground, polished glass	48.16
H7007: Safety glass (toughened, tempered, laminated)	32.32
H7018: Glass beads, imitation stones (not jewelry), etc	5.55
H7019: Glass fibres, glass wool, and articles thereof	4.54
<b>Top losers</b>	
H7013: Glassware for table, kitchen, toilet, decoration	-26.21
H7008: Multiple-walled insulating units of glass	-9.04
H7020: Articles of glass, nes	-2.94
H9405: Lamps and lighting fittings, illuminated signs, etc	-2.91
H7011: Glass envelopes for electrical/electronic lamps, etc	-2.76

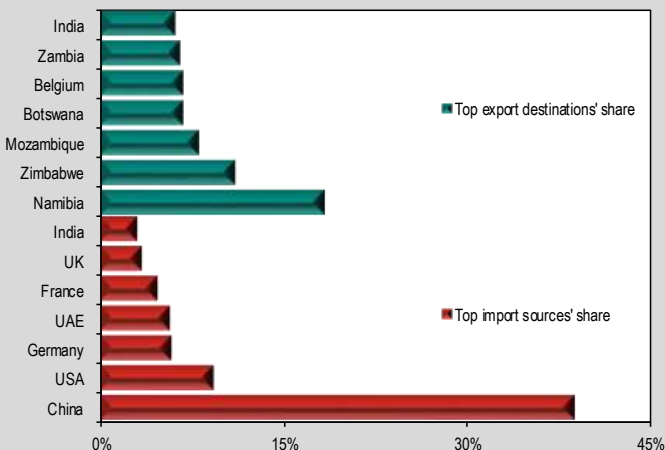
### Major traded import products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H7013: Glassware for table, kitchen, toilet, decoration	344.42
H7007: Safety glass (toughened, tempered, laminated)	326.50
H7009: Glass mirrors, whether or not framed	235.50
H7010: Glass bottles, flasks, jars, phials, stoppers, etc	218.40
H7019: Glass fibres, glass wool, and articles thereof	204.18
H7005: Float glass, surface ground, polished glass	146.34
H7020: Articles of glass, nes	51.09
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>1678.91</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H7010: Glass bottles, flasks, jars, phials, stoppers, etc	61.74
H7007: Safety glass (toughened, tempered, laminated)	16.08
H7009: Glass mirrors, whether or not framed	10.37
H7017: Laboratory, hygienic/ pharmaceutical glassware	4.54
H7020: Articles of glass, nes	4.47
<b>Top losers</b>	
H7005: Float glass, surface ground, polished glass	-15.69
H7002: Glass in balls, rods or tubes, unworked	-10.64
H7013: Glassware for table, kitchen, toilet, decoration	-6.75
H7014: Signalling glassware, unworked optical elements	-6.01
H7019: Glass fibres, glass wool, and articles thereof	-4.24

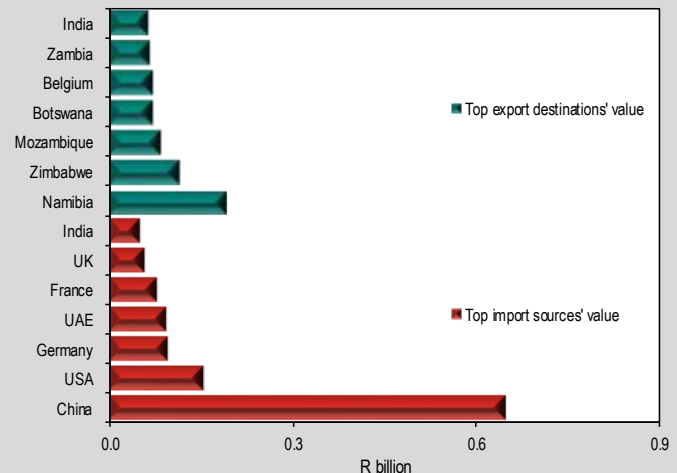
### Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



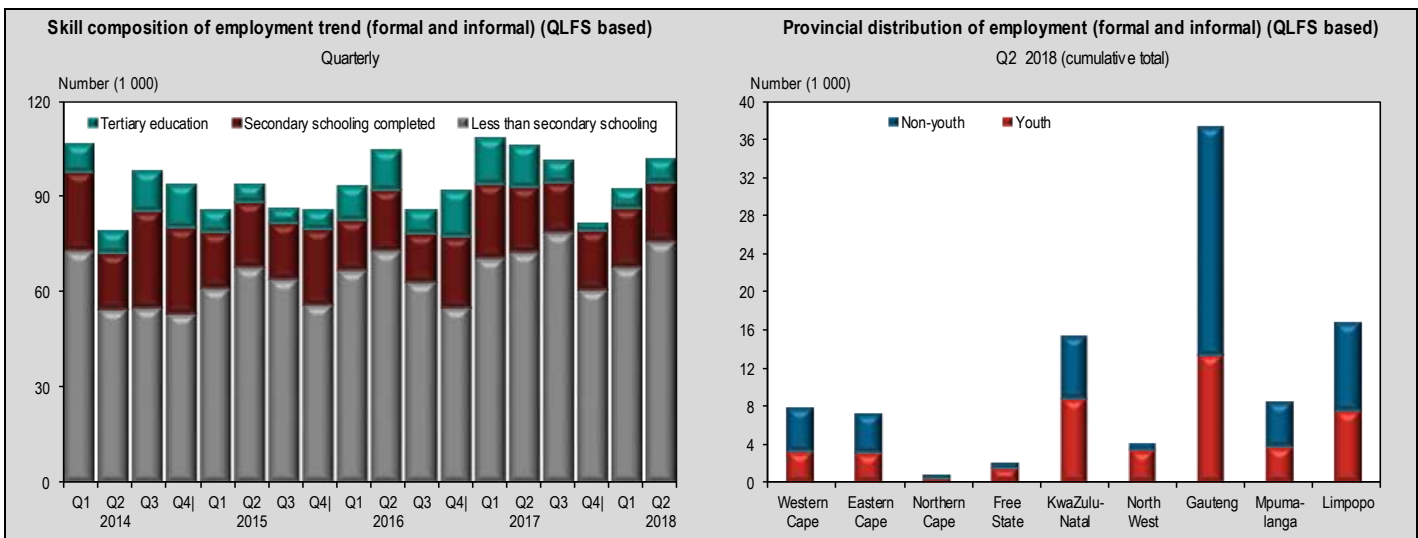
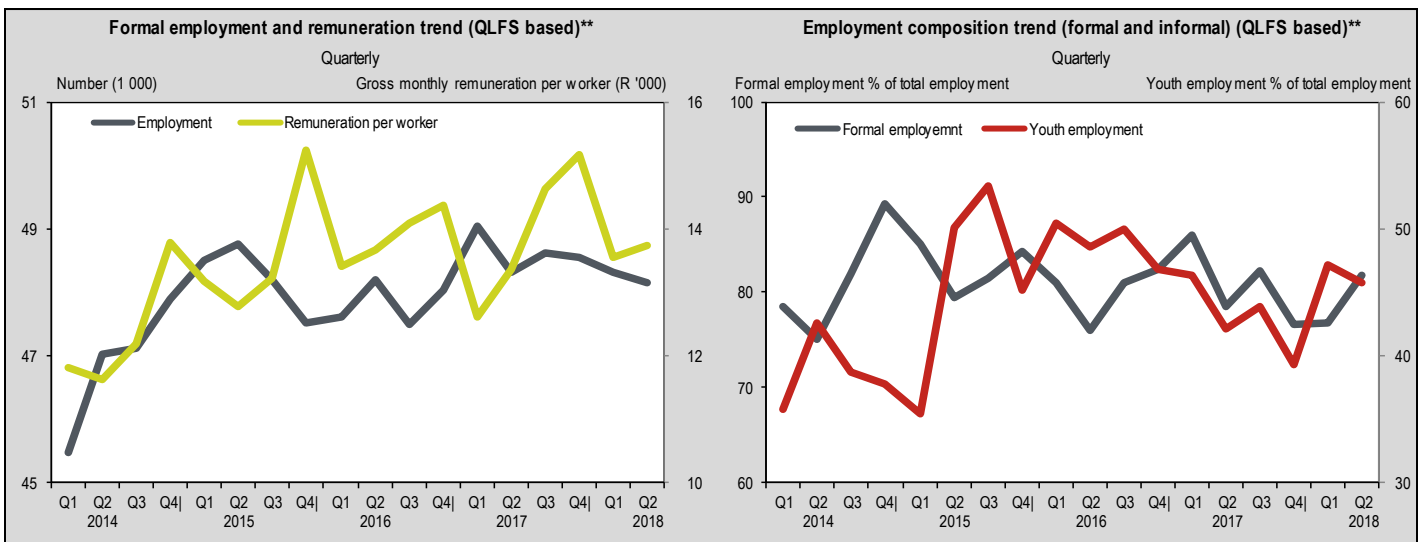
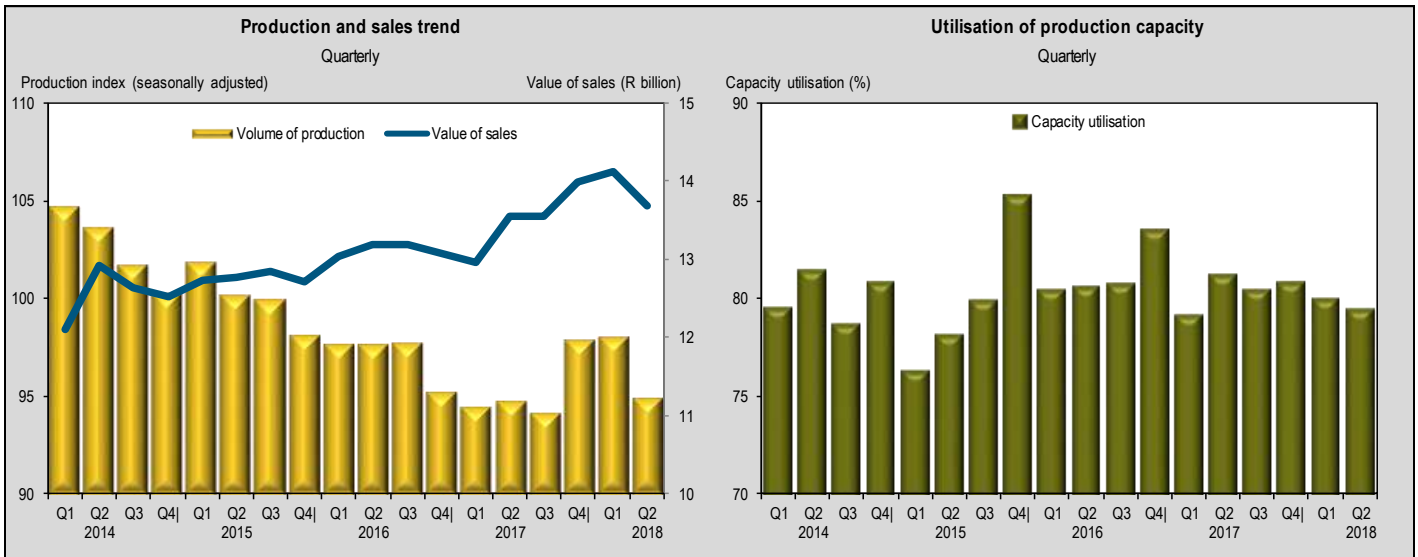
### Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



## Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)

↑ 2.0%	↓ -1.8 (percentage points)	↓ -0.4%	↑ 2.9%	↑ 8.9%	↑ 17.5%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)

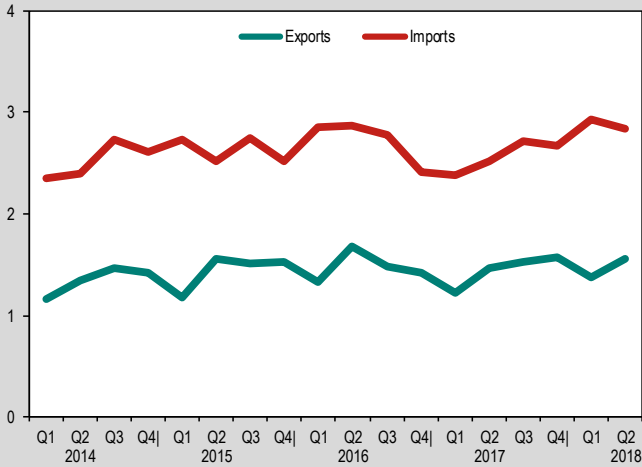


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### Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

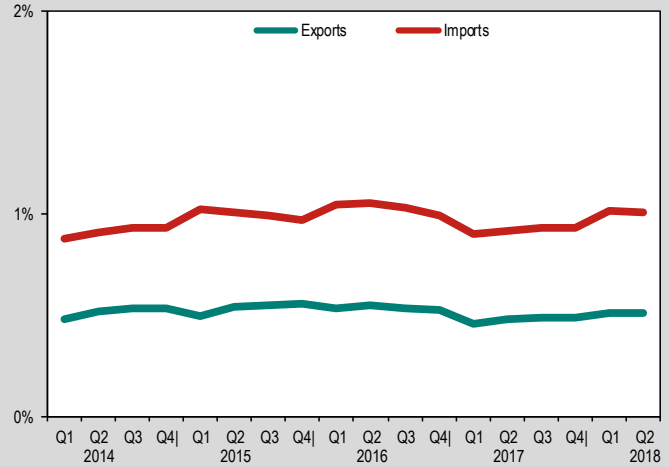
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



### Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



### Major traded export products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H2523: Cement (portland, aluminous, slag or hydraulic)	633.53
H6907: Unglazed ceramic flags, paving, hearth / wall tiles	309.89
H6909: Ceramic laboratory, technical, packaging articles	309.09
H6804: Millstones, grinding stones and grinding wheels	166.76
H6802: Worked monumental, building stone, articles thereof	144.78
H3801: Artificial, graphite and preparations	126.39
H2522: Quicklime, slaked, hydraulic lime for construction	120.86
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>2 941.37</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H6909: Ceramic laboratory, technical, packaging articles	147.51
H2523: Cement (portland, aluminous, slag or hydraulic)	66.73
H6804: Millstones, grinding stones and grinding wheels	52.76
H6907: Unglazed ceramic flags, paving, hearth / wall tiles	48.57
H3801: Artificial, graphite and preparations	25.11
<b>Top losers</b>	
H2522: Quicklime, slaked, hydraulic lime for construction	-56.25
H6802: Worked monumental, building stone, articles thereof	-33.05
H6815: Articles of stone or other mineral substances	-28.67
H6806: Slag wool, rock wool, insulating minerals	-16.90
H6901: Bricks, blocks & ceramic goods of siliceous earths	-12.12

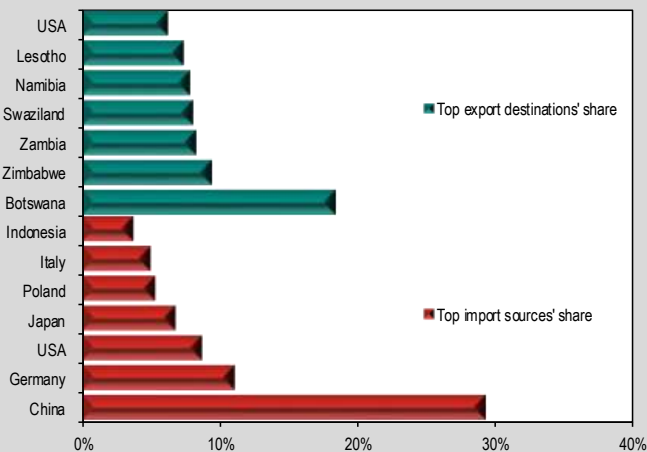
### Major traded import products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H6909: Ceramic laboratory, technical, packaging articles	1319.13
H6907: Unglazed ceramic flags, paving, hearth / wall tiles	800.37
H6902: Refractory brick, block, tile, etc not siliceous-earth	711.77
H6806: Slag wool, rock wool, insulating minerals	429.96
H2523: Cement (portland, aluminous, slag or hydraulic)	350.34
H6815: Articles of stone or other mineral substances	220.91
H6805: Abrasive cloths, papers, etc (including sandpaper)	194.05
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>5 760.37</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H6902: Refractory brick, block, tile, etc not siliceous-earth	248.82
H6909: Ceramic laboratory, technical, packaging articles	222.18
H2523: Cement (portland, aluminous, slag or hydraulic)	152.03
H6907: Unglazed ceramic flags, paving, hearth / wall tiles	68.74
H6910: Ceramic bathroom, kitchen & other sanitary fixtures	35.98
<b>Top losers</b>	
H6804: Millstones, grinding stones and grinding wheels	-78.91
H6904: Ceramic building bricks, flooring blocks and tiles	-13.31
H2715: Bituminous mix, mastic from asphalt, bitumen etc	-4.90
H6813: Asbestos friction materials and articles thereof	-3.66
H8546: Electrical insulators of any material	-3.30

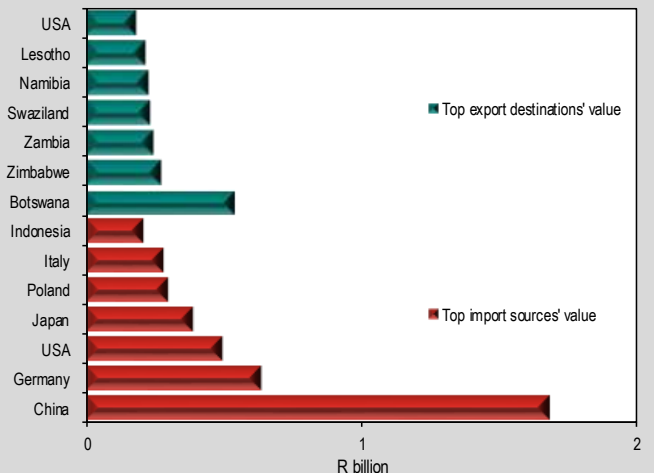
### Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



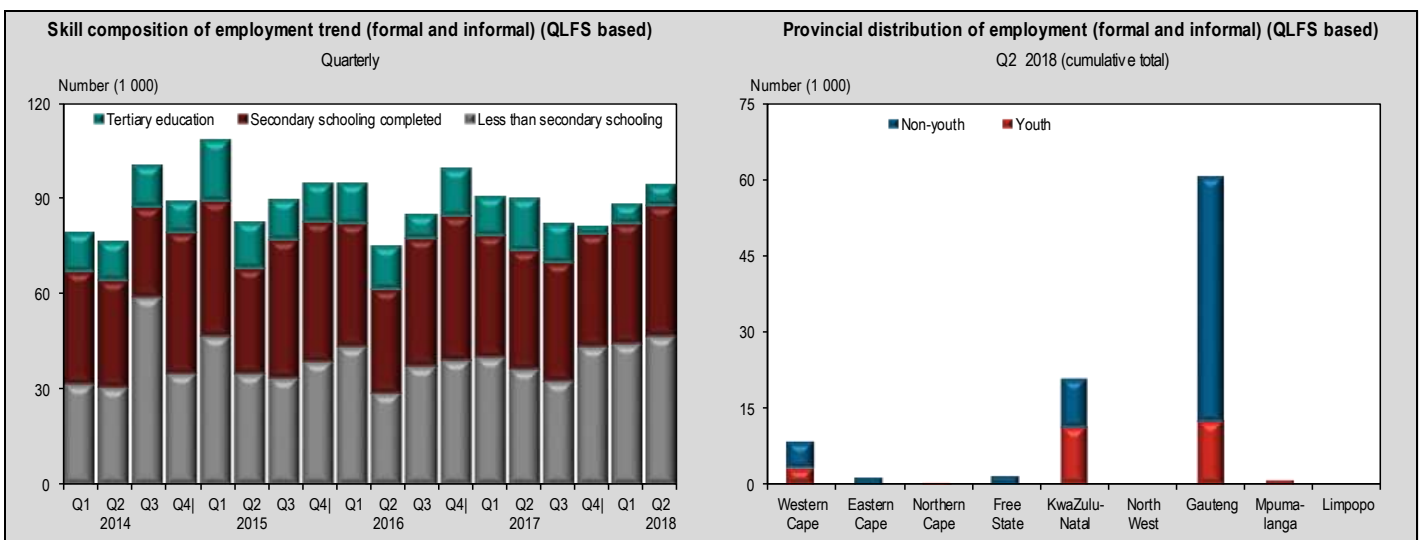
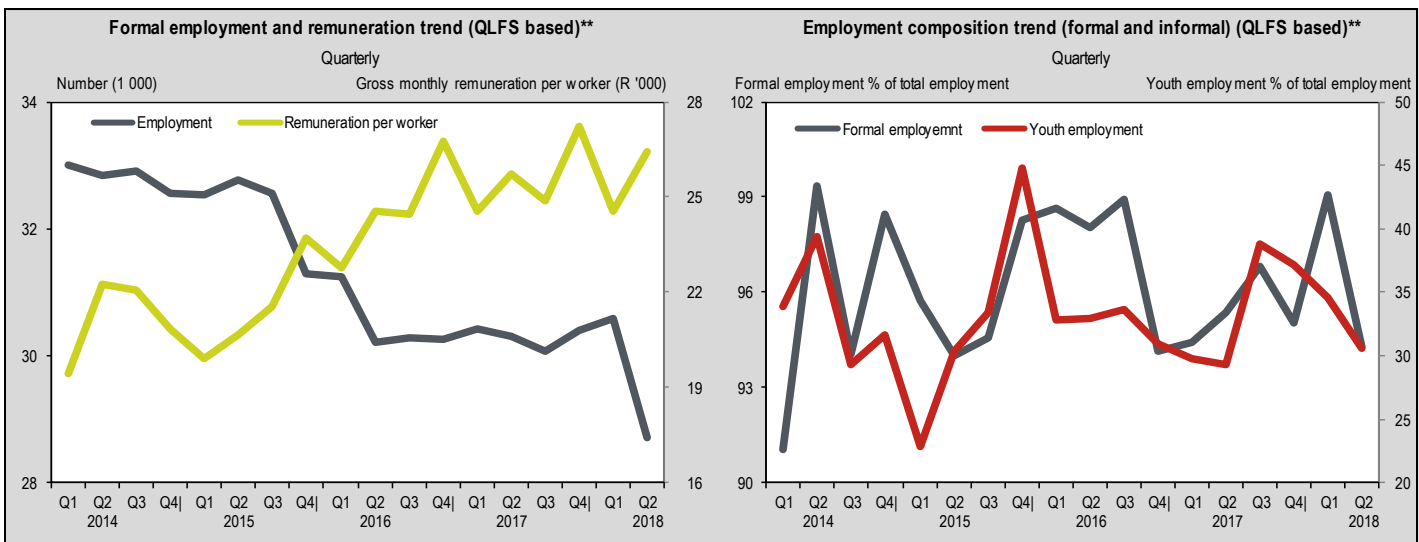
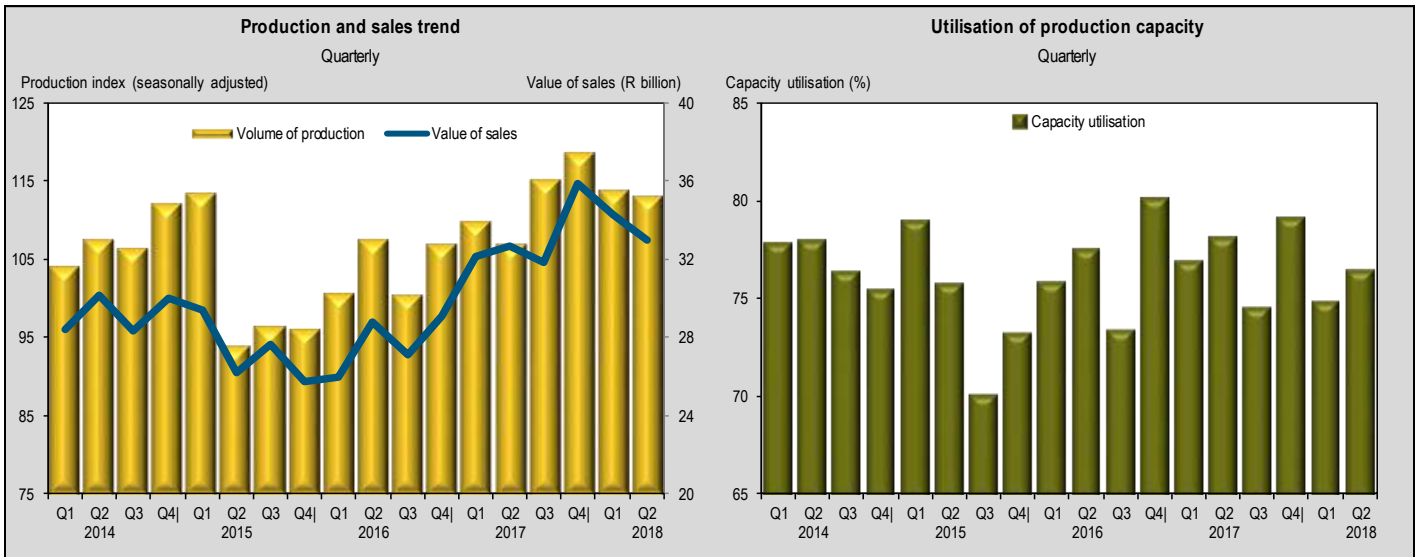
### Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



## Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)

↑ 4.6%	↓ -1.7 (percentage points)	↓ -5.3%	↑ 2.7%	↓ -2.5%	↓ -2.0%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



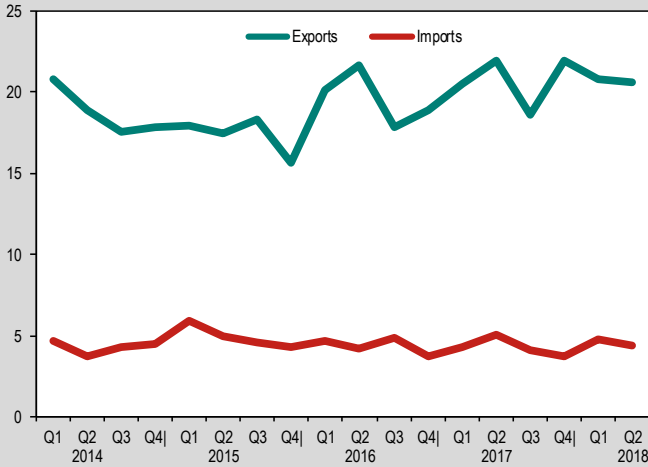
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### Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

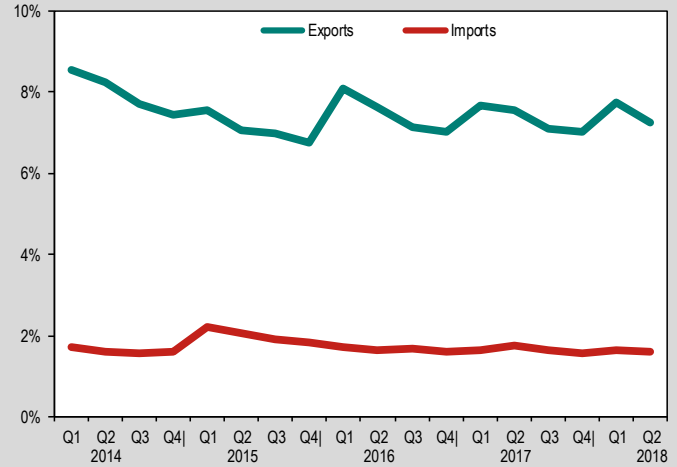
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



### Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



### Major traded export products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H7202: Ferro-alloys	23 700.55
H7219: Rolled stainless steel sheet, width >600mm	4 957.10
H7208: Hot-rolled products, iron/steel, width>600mm, etc	3 116.37
H7210: Flat-rolled iron/steel, >600mm, clad, plated/ coated	1540.88
H7201: Pig iron and spiegeleisen in primary forms	1235.02
H7207: Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel	932.20
H7304: Tube/ hollow profile, seamless iron/steel not cast	809.19
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>41426.76</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H7208: Hot-rolled products, iron/steel, width>600mm, etc	1202.49
H7216: Angles, shapes & sections of iron/ non-alloy steel	333.07
H7304: Tube/ hollow profile, seamless iron/steel not cast	274.85
H7214: Iron/steel bar, forged hot-rolled drawn, extruded	262.78
H7201: Pig iron and spiegeleisen in primary forms	238.62
<b>Top losers</b>	
H7202: Ferro-alloys	-2 189.01
H7205: Granules and powders, of pig iron, iron or steel	-674.81
H7210: Flat-rolled iron/steel, >600mm, clad, plated/ coated	-414.21
H7207: Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel	-381.60
H7209: Flat-rolled iron/steel, >600mm, not clad, plated, etc	-96.02

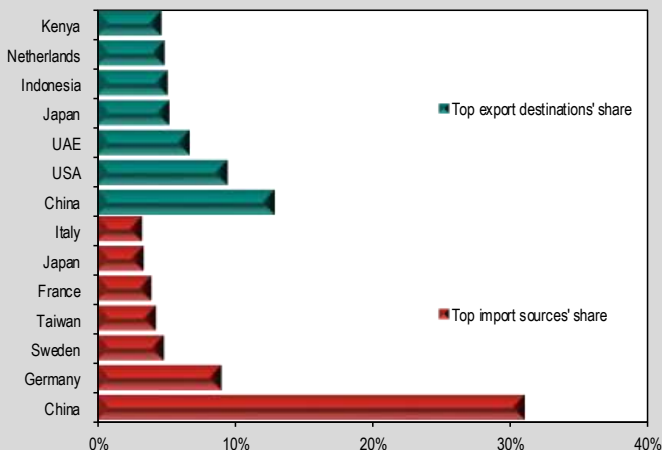
### Major traded import products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H7210: Flat-rolled iron/steel, >600mm, clad, plated/ coated	1657.76
H7225: Flat-rolled alloy steel, width >600mm	1629.96
H7202: Ferro-alloys	1412.04
H7307: Pipe fittings, of iron or steel	684.42
H7306: Tube, pipe of iron/steel, not seamless > 406.4mm	558.49
H7304: Tube/ hollow profile, seamless iron/steel not cast	435.56
H7219: Rolled stainless steel sheet, width > 600mm	409.65
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>9 221.11</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H7202: Ferro-alloys	332.81
H7225: Flat-rolled alloy steel, width >600mm	310.27
H7306: Tube, pipe of iron/steel, not seamless > 406.4mm	150.38
H7228: Bar, rod, angle, etc nes, hollow steel drill bars	124.77
H7302: Railway & tramway track material of iron or steel	113.16
<b>Top losers</b>	
H7208: Hot-rolled products, iron/steel, width>600mm, etc	-652.17
H7216: Angles, shapes & sections of iron/ non-alloy steel	-317.13
H7212: Flat-rolled iron/steel, <600mm, clad, plated/ coated	-117.62
H7203: Ferrous prodts from reduction of pure iron ore	-107.27
H7307: Pipe fittings, of iron or steel	-75.58

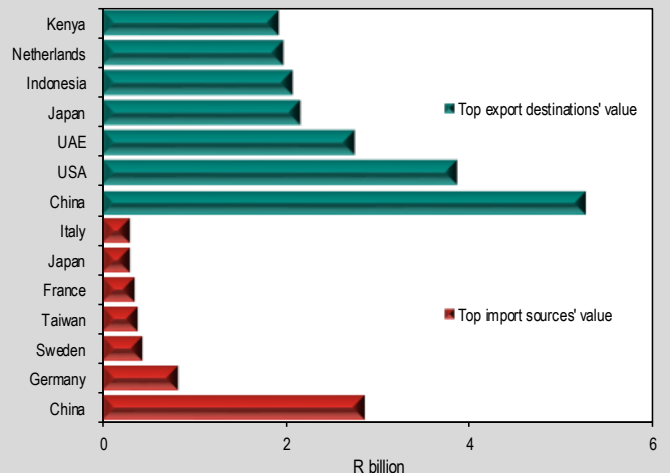
### Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



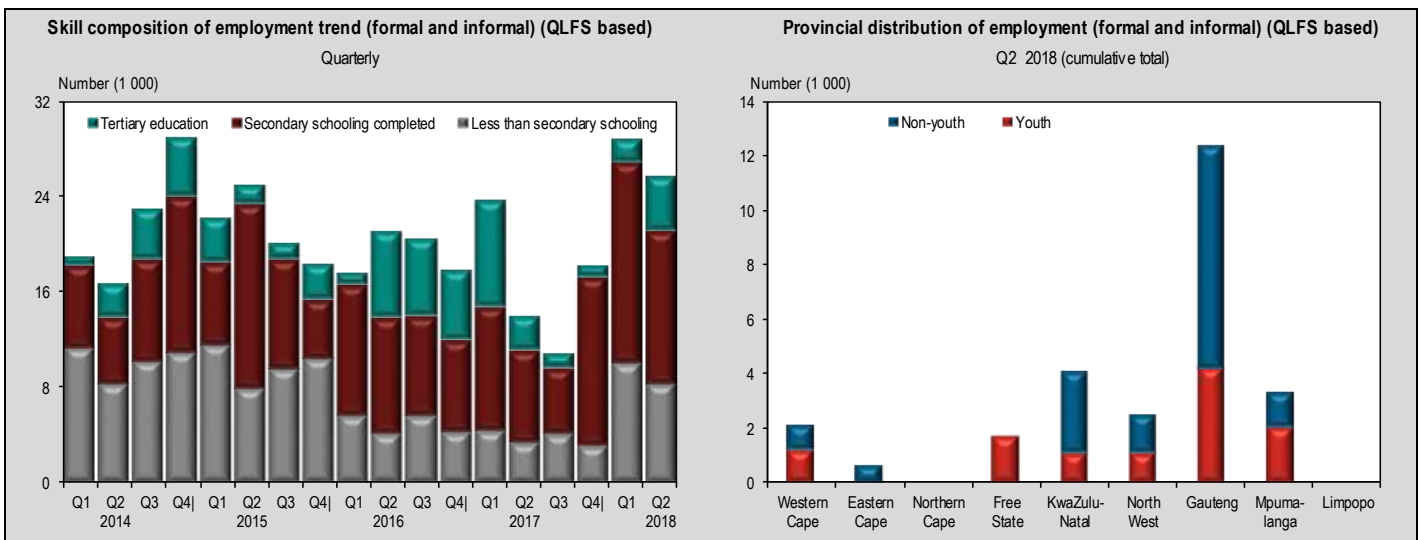
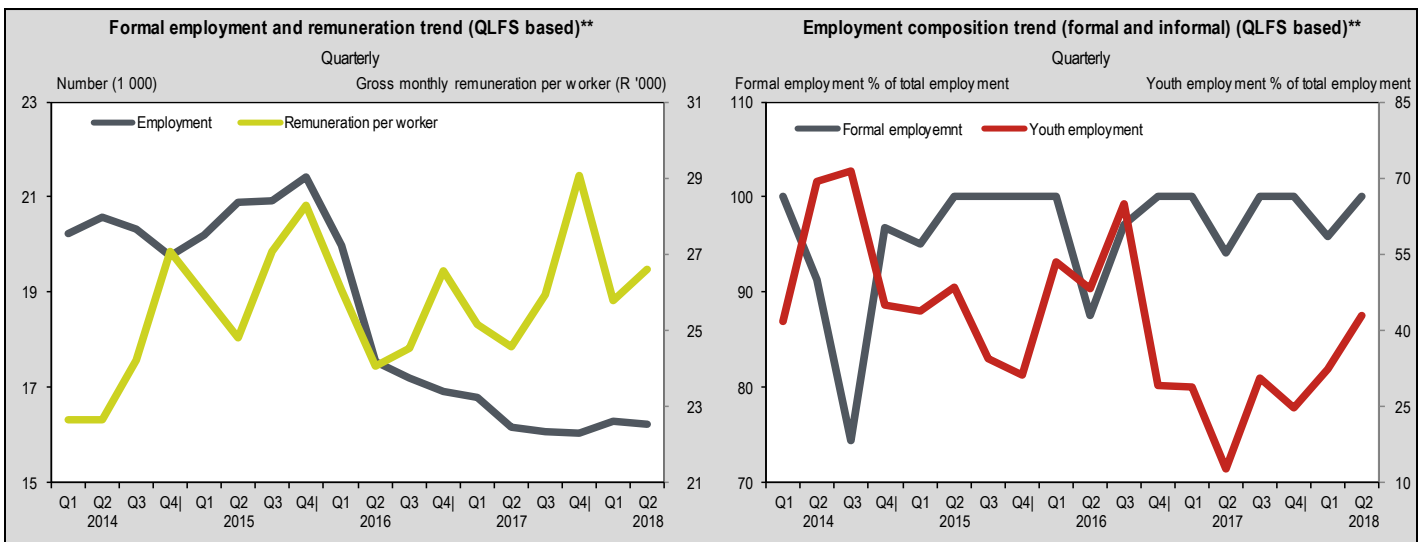
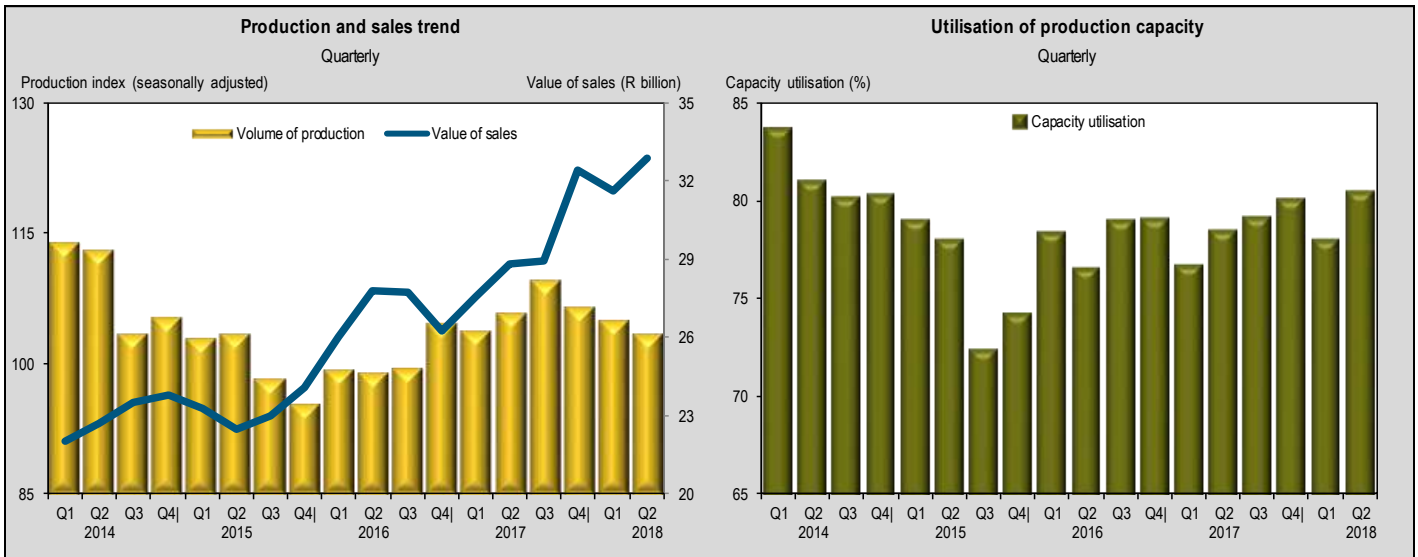
### Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



**Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)**

↓ -0.6%	↑ 2 (percentage points)	↑ 0.4%	↑ 8.3%	↑ 17.0%	↓ -7.6%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)

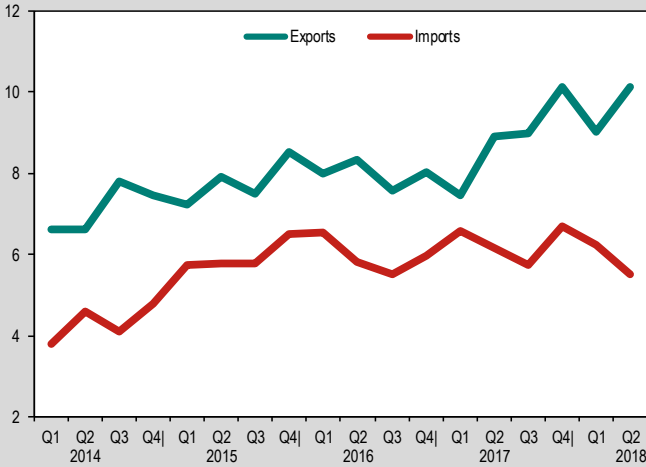


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**Trade trends (value terms)**

Total per quarter

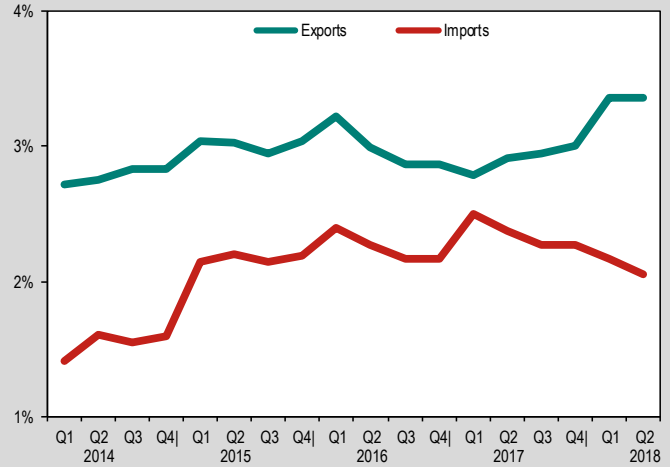
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



**Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)**

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



**Major traded export products**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H760t: Unwrought aluminium	6 708.82
H7606: Aluminium plates, sheets&strip, thickness> 0.2 mm	3 147.65
H7502: Unwrought nickel	2 141.10
H7402: Unrefined copper, copper anodes, etc	2 110.22
H7403: Refined copper and copper alloys, unwrought	1 796.67
H7608: Aluminium tubes and pipes	728.68
H7407: Copper bars, rods and profiles	491.46
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>19 166.69</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H7402: Unrefined copper, copper anodes, etc	1 681.25
H7502: Unwrought nickel	306.97
H760t: Unwrought aluminium	250.53
H8105: Cobalt mattes, etc, articles, waste or scrap	231.45
H7606: Aluminium plates, sheets&strip, thickness> 0.2 mm	192.58
<b>Top losers</b>	
H7408: Copper wire	- 244.00
H7106: Silver, unwrought or semi-manufactured, etc	- 39.88
H7406: Copper powders and flakes	- 22.56
H811t: Manganese, articles thereof, waste or scrap	- 12.71
H741t: Copper pipes, tubes	- 11.67

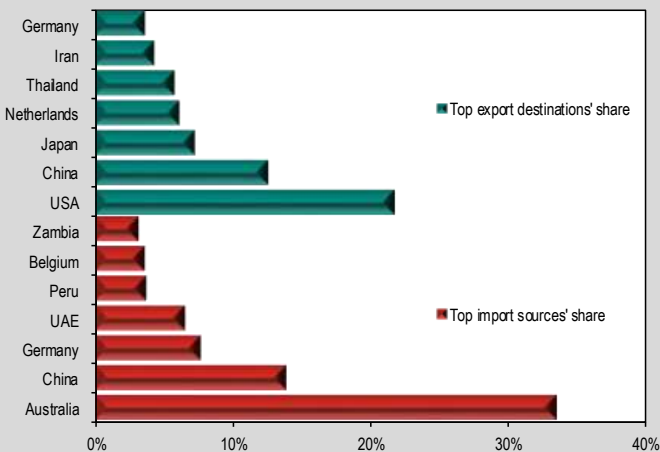
**Major traded import products**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H2818: Aluminium oxide, hydroxide & artificial corundum	3 728.25
H7606: Aluminium plates, sheets&strip, thickness> 0.2 mm	1 636.09
H7408: Copper wire	1 523.29
H790t: Unwrought zinc	866.81
H7604: Aluminium bars, rods and profiles	724.66
H760t: Unwrought aluminium	579.88
H7605: Aluminium wire	446.53
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>11 777.09</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H7606: Aluminium plates, sheets&strip, thickness> 0.2 mm	644.09
H2818: Aluminium oxide, hydroxide & artificial corundum	636.70
H7409: Copper plates, sheets & strips, thickness> 0.15mm	128.34
H7607: Aluminium foil of a thickness < 0.2mm	60.27
H7904: Zinc bars, rods, profiles and wire	59.65
<b>Top losers</b>	
H790t: Unwrought zinc	- 828.79
H7408: Copper wire	- 788.88
H7403: Refined copper and copper alloys, unwrought	- 444.01
H7502: Unwrought nickel	- 282.54
H780t: Unwrought lead	- 67.38

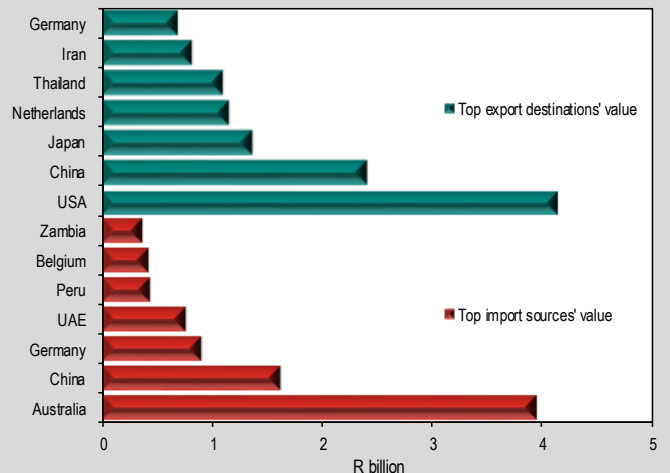
**Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



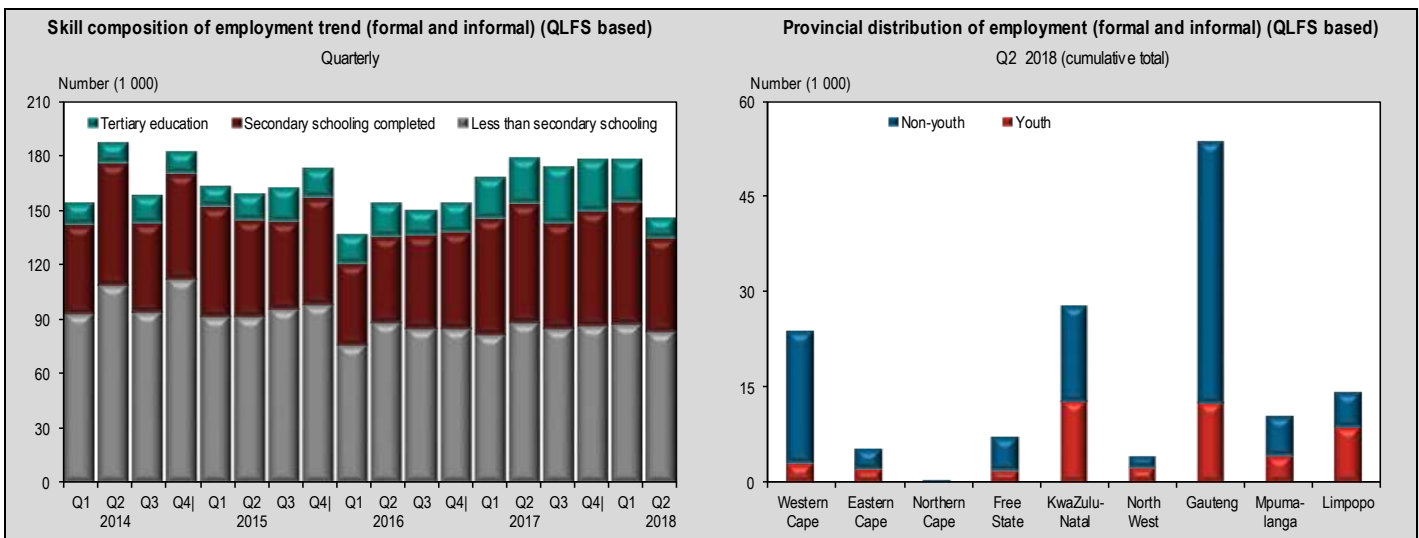
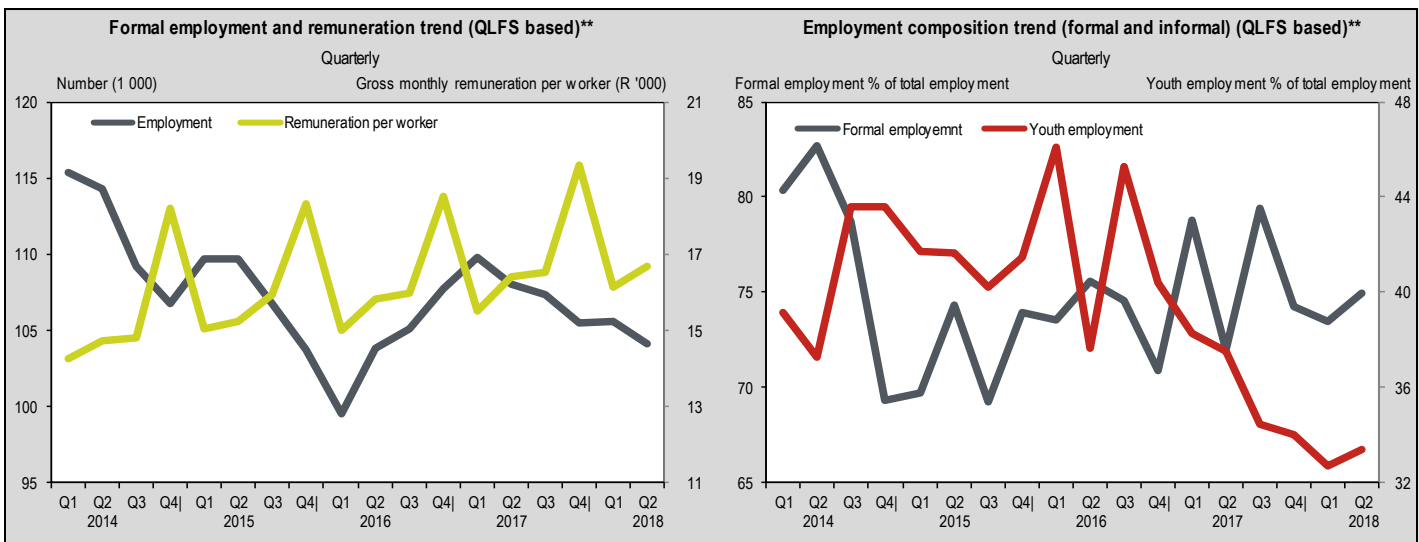
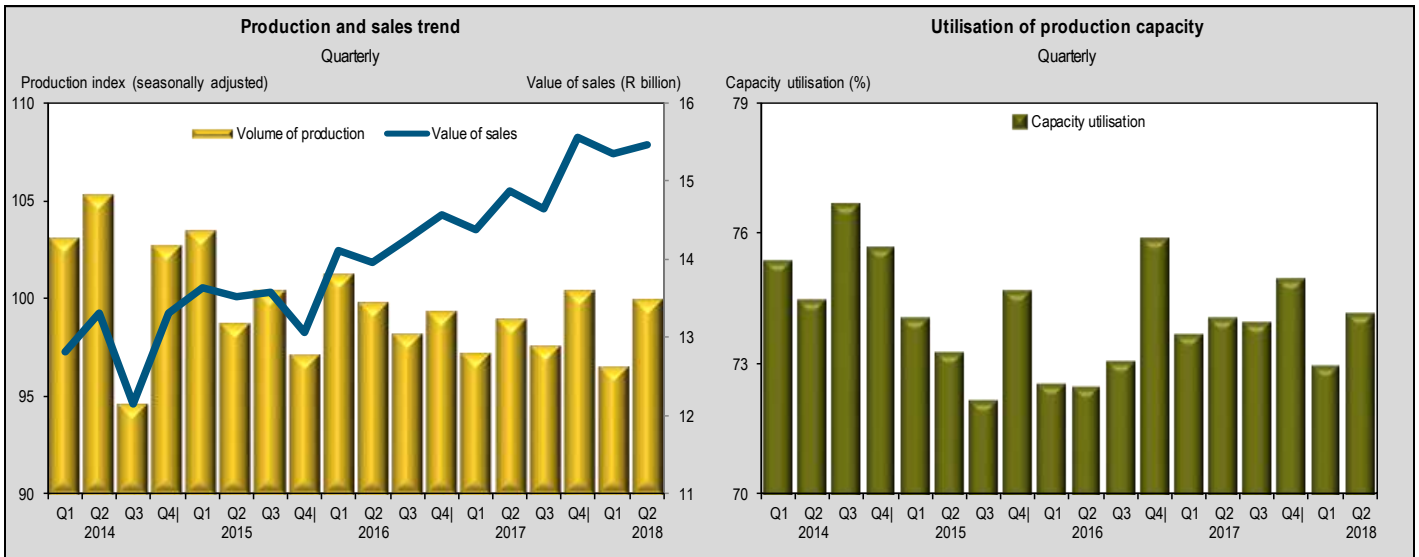
**Top trading partners (value of export/imports)**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



## Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)

↑ 0.2%	↑ 0.1 (percentage points)	↓ -3.6%	↑ 1.7%	↓ -4.5%	↓ -3.7%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



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### Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

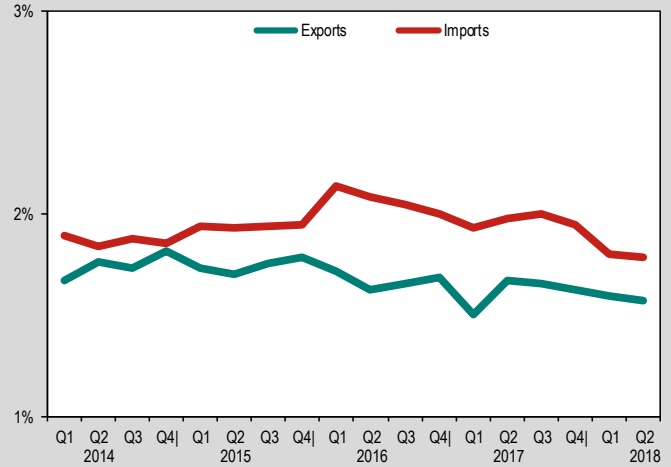
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



### Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



### Major traded export products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H7308: Structures, parts of structures of iron or steel	2 350.76
H7326: Articles of iron or steel nes	1 566.65
H8207: Interchangeable tools & dies for hand/power tools	615.12
H7318: Screws, bolts, nuts, rivets, etc, iron or steel	517.91
H7314: Iron/ steel cloth, grill, fencing and expanded metal	356.97
H7312: Stranded steel wire, etc, without electric insulation	298.94
H7612: Aluminium casks, drums, etc capacity <300l	284.21
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>8 966.62</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H7308: Structures, parts of structures of iron or steel	573.33
H7312: Stranded steel wire, etc, without electric insulation	89.96
H7806: Articles of lead nes	59.77
H731t Containers for compressed gas (iron/steel)	3134
H7318: Screws, bolts, nuts, rivets, etc, iron or steel	3120
<b>Top losers</b>	
H7326: Articles of iron or steel nes	-604.88
H9406: Prefabricated buildings	-297.14
H7419: Articles of copper nes	-206.19
H7616: Articles of aluminium nes	-79.84
H8207: Interchangeable tools & dies for hand/power tools	-68.75

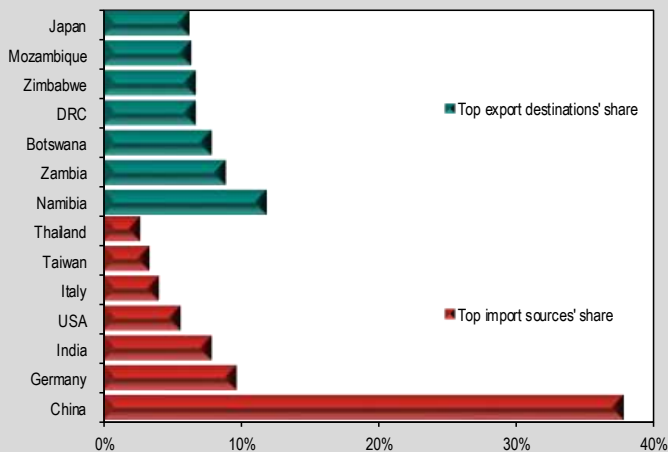
### Major traded import products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H7318: Screws, bolts, nuts, rivets, etc, iron or steel	1 673.32
H8207: Interchangeable tools & dies for hand/power tools	1 080.49
H7326: Articles of iron or steel nes	958.52
H8302: Base metal fittings for furniture, doors, cars, etc	832.69
H8301: Padlocks, locks, clasps with locks, keys	460.34
H7312: Stranded steel wire, etc, without electric insulation	41134
H7308: Structures, parts of structures of iron or steel	409.25
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>10 208.38</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H8402: Steam/vapour generating boiler	82.09
H7312: Stranded steel wire, etc, without electric insulation	78.99
H7323: Table, kitchen, household items of iron or steel	68.86
H8212: Razors & razor blades (including blanks in strips)	56.40
H8309: Stoppers, caps, lids, etc of base metal	53.49
<b>Top losers</b>	
H8207: Interchangeable tools & dies for hand/power tools	-249.15
H7326: Articles of iron or steel nes	-228.49
H9406: Prefabricated buildings	-162.23
H7308: Structures, parts of structures of iron or steel	-88.25
H7318: Screws, bolts, nuts, rivets, etc, iron or steel	-64.36

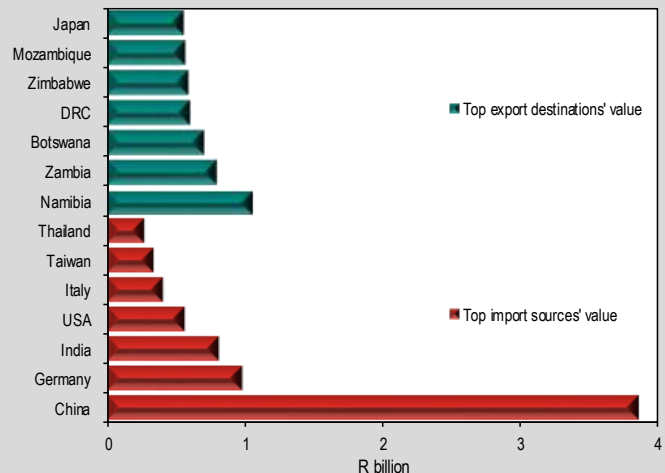
### Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



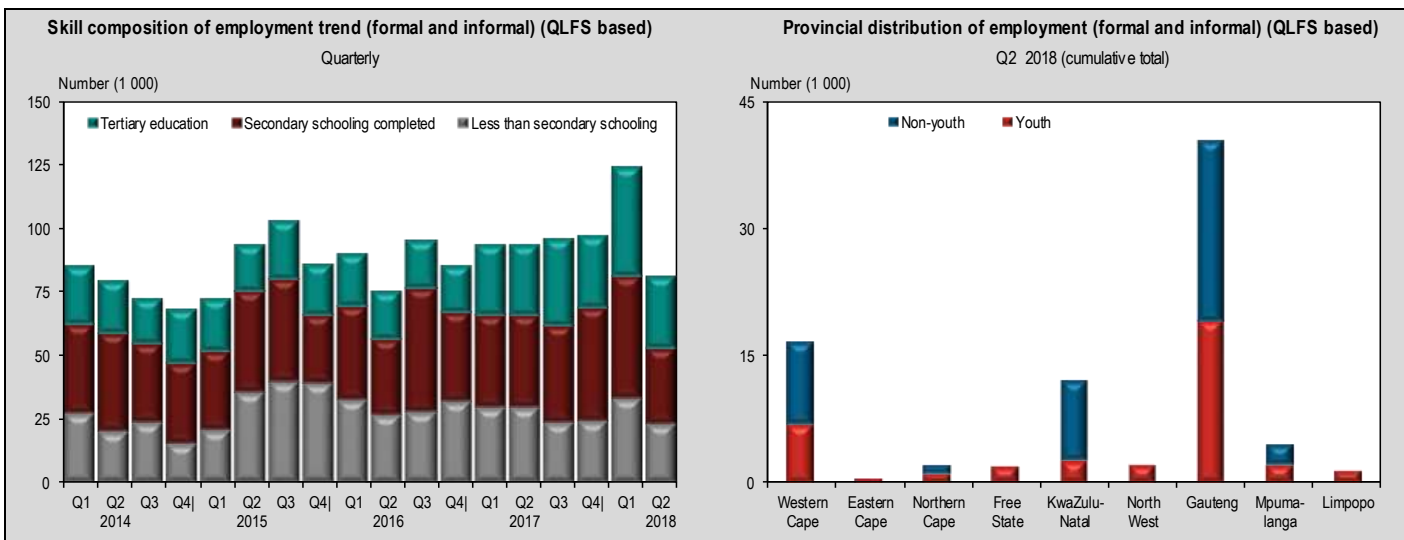
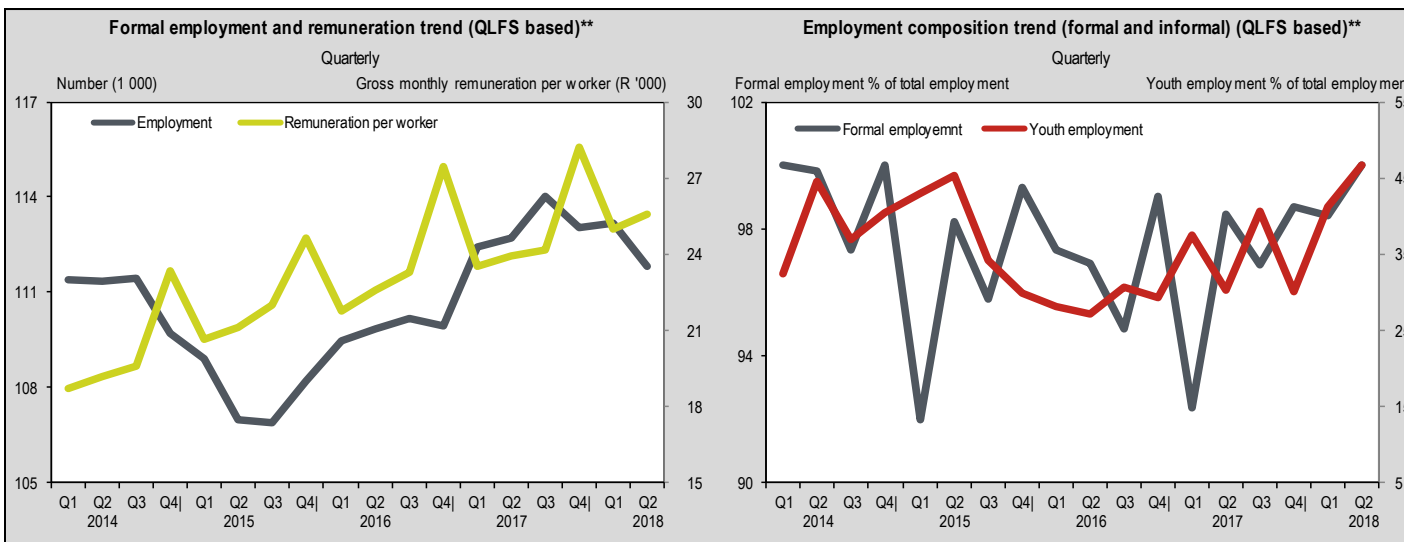
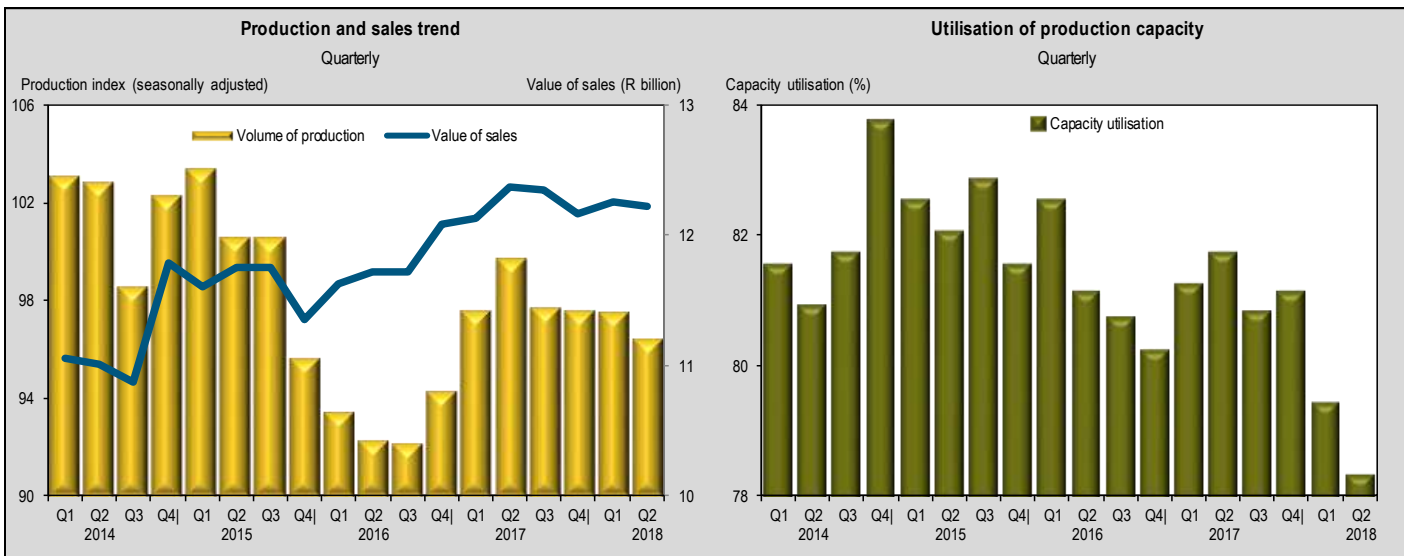
### Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)

↓ -1.7%	↓ -3.4 (percentage points)	↓ -0.8%	↑ 7.0%	↑ 11.5%	↑ 6.4%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)

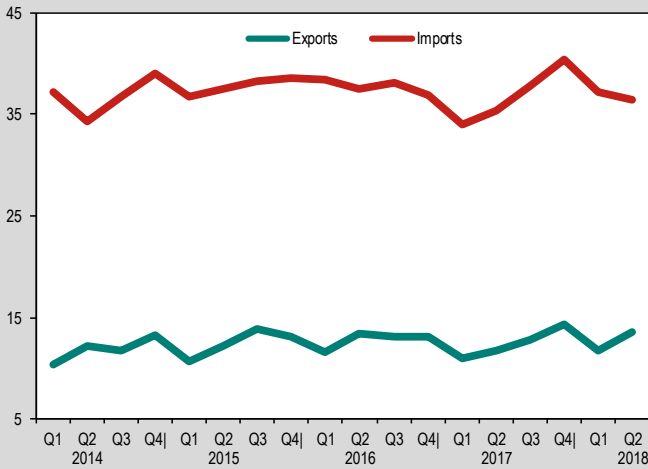


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### Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

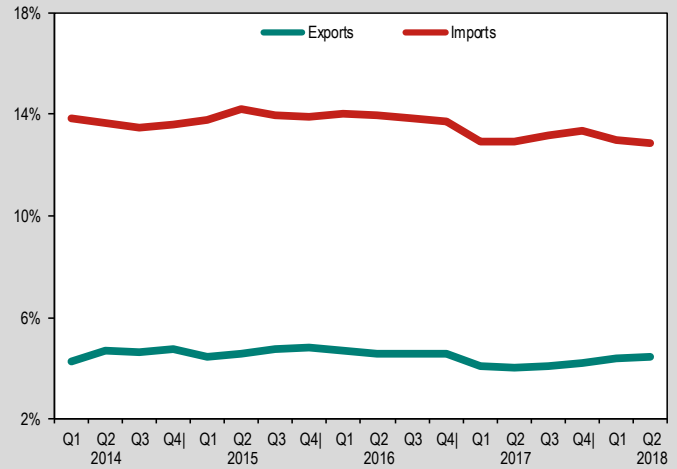
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



### Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



### Major traded export products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H8431: Parts for use with lifting, moving machinery	2 538.13
H8413: Pumps for liquids	2 222.39
H8474: Machinery to sort, screen, etc mineral products	2 130.75
H8429: Self-propelled earth moving, road making machines	1 388.31
H8471: Automatic data processing machines (computers)	1 218.17
H8421: Liquid, gas centrifuges, filtering, purifying machine	1 125.34
H8483: Shafts, cranks, gears, clutches, flywheel, pulleys, etc	1 027.21
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>25 277.92</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H8429: Self-propelled earth moving, road making machines	419.30
H8426: Derricks, cranes, straddle carriers, crane trucks	330.71
H8413: Pumps for liquids	313.52
H8421: Liquid, gas centrifuges, filtering, purifying machine	228.38
H8424: Equipment to project, disperse liquid or powder	190.85
<b>Top losers</b>	
H8471: Automatic data processing machines (computers)	-461.92
H8431: Parts for use with lifting, moving machinery	-172.77
H8406: Steam turbines and other vapour turbines	-128.40
H8415: Air conditioning equipment, machinery	-65.58
H8455: Metal-rolling mills and rolls thereof	-32.51

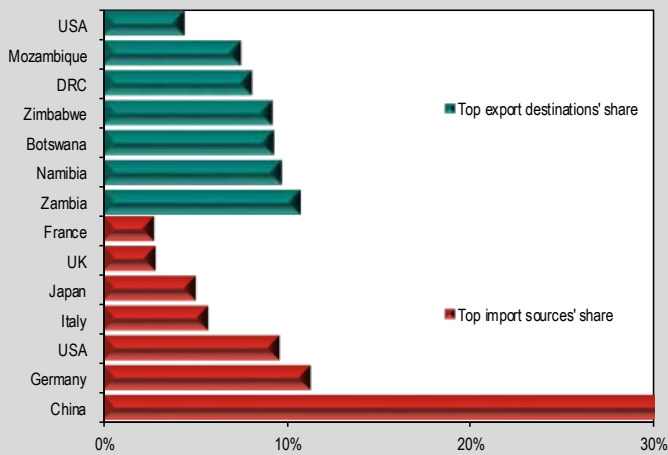
### Major traded import products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H8471: Automatic data processing machines (computers)	10 838.07
H8429: Self-propelled earth moving, road making machines	5 079.81
H8443: Printing and ancillary machinery	4 498.53
H8431: Parts for use with lifting, moving machinery	3 754.17
H8481: Taps, cocks, valves for pipes, tanks, boilers, etc	2 837.36
H8413: Pumps for liquids	2 779.96
H8483: Shafts, cranks, gears, clutches, flywheel, pulleys, etc	2 454.64
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>73 754.45</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H8429: Self-propelled earth moving, road making machines	114.18
H8471: Automatic data processing machines (computers)	74.43
H8474: Machinery to sort, screen, etc mineral products	657.39
H8413: Pumps for liquids	422.80
H8431: Parts for use with lifting, moving machinery	375.71
<b>Top losers</b>	
H8477: Machinery for rubber, plastics industry	-438.66
H8480: Moulds for metals (except ingot), plastic, etc	-399.42
H8411: Turbo-jets/-propellers/other gas turbine engines	-356.44
H8408: Compression-ignition engines (diesel, etc)	-211.00
H8515: Electric solder, weld, hot metal spray equipment	-200.92

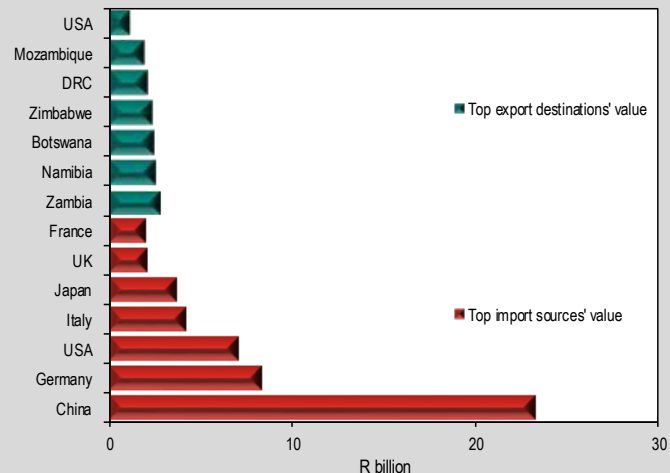
### Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



### Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

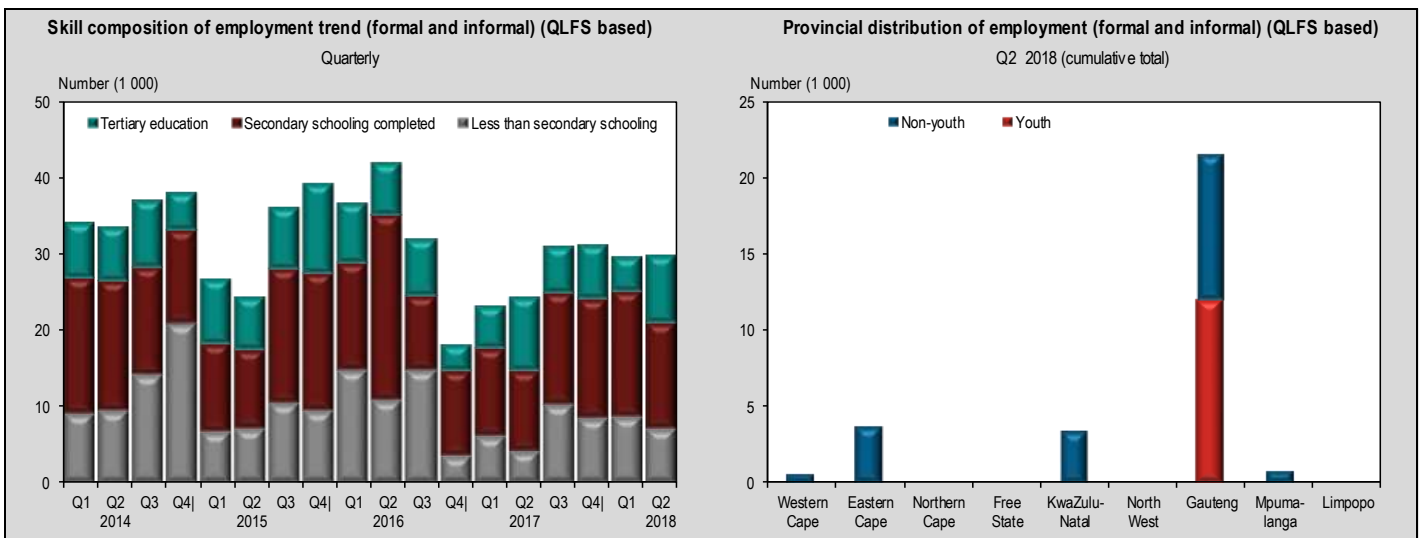
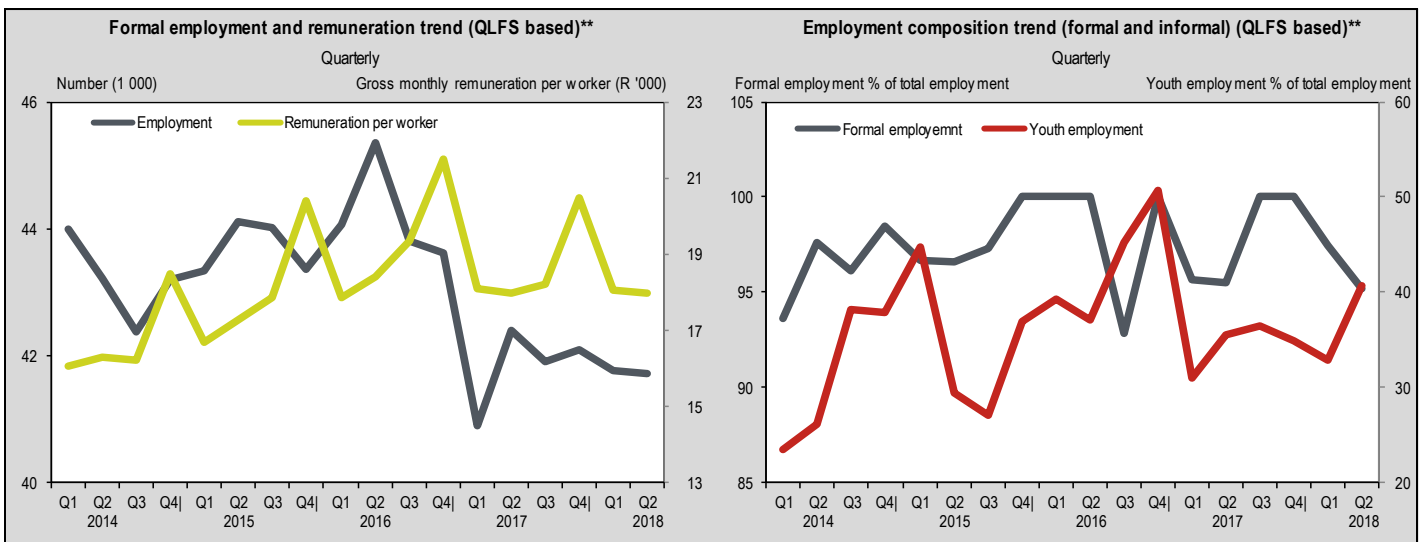
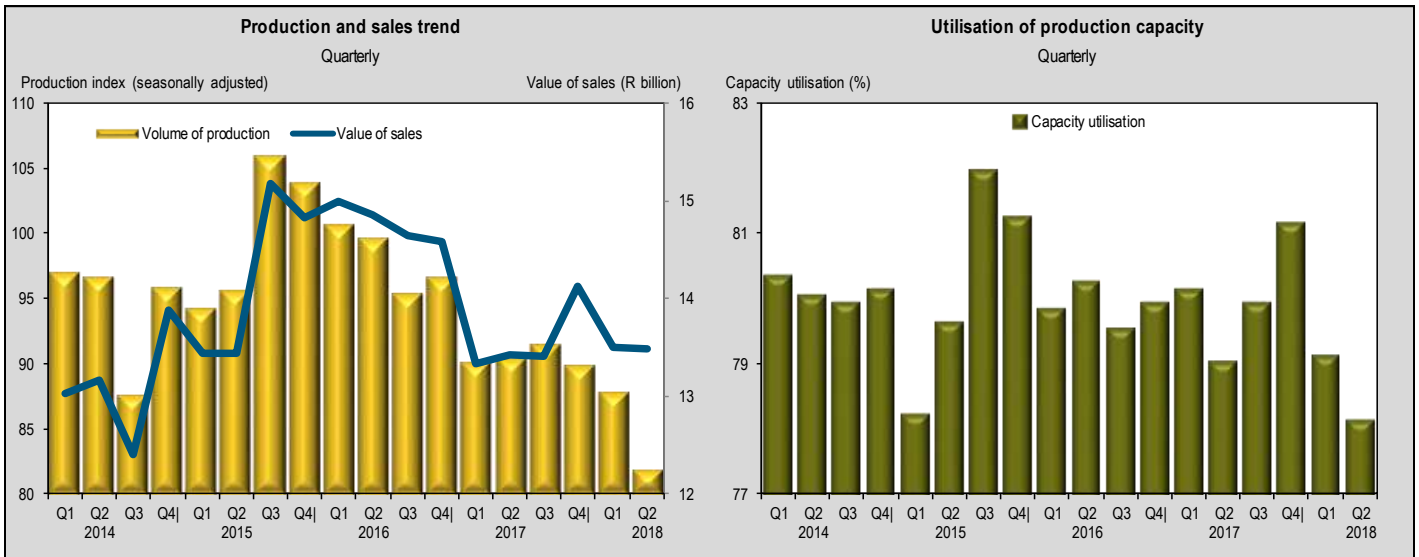
First half of 2018 (cumulative total)





## Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)

↓ -5.9%	↓ -0.9 (percentage points)	↓ -1.6%	↓ -0.1%	↓ -1.1%	↓ -9.6%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



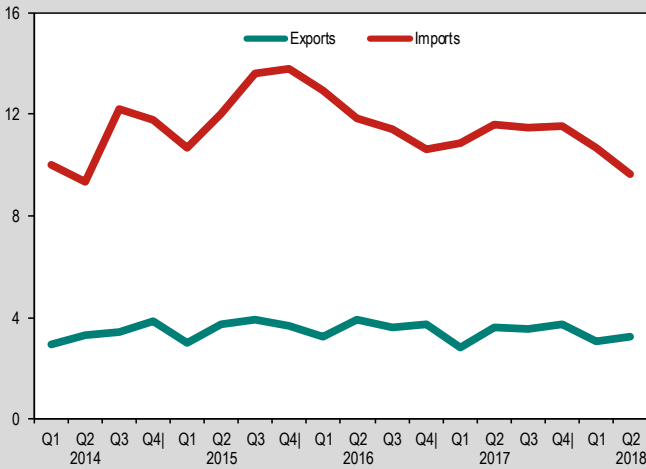
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**Trade trends (value terms)**

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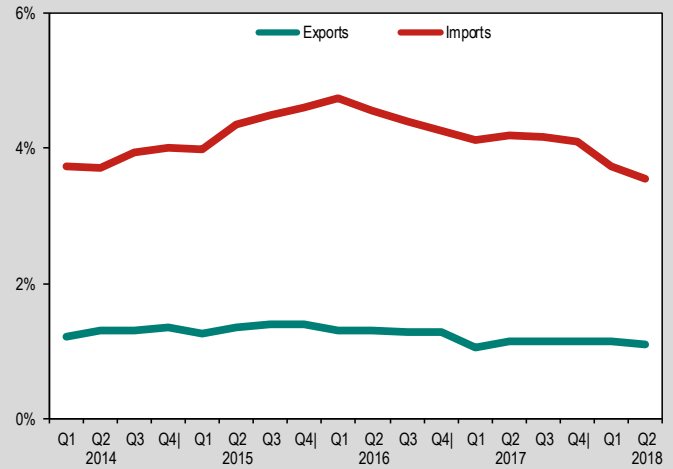
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



**Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)**

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



**Major traded export products**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H8544: Insulated wire and cable, optical fibre cable	1106.52
H8536: Electrical switches, connectors, etc, for < 1kV	744.24
H8504: Electric transformers, static converters & rectifiers	598.74
H8537: Electrical power, etc, control & distribution boards	576.75
H9405: Lamps and lighting fittings, illuminated signs, etc	449.73
H8501: Electric motors and generators, except generating sets	367.00
H8507: Electric accumulators	364.59
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>6 329.63</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H9405: Lamps and lighting fittings, illuminated signs, etc	12124
H8544: Insulated wire and cable, optical fibre cable	109.13
H8537: Electrical power, etc, control & distribution boards	43.94
H8507: Electric accumulators	42.66
H8503: Parts for electric motors and generators	35.14
<b>Top losers</b>	
H8501: Electric motors and generators, except generating sets	-116.36
H8531: Electric sound or visual signal equipment nes	-114.79
H8543: Electrical machinery and apparatus	-95.02
H8546: Electrical insulators of any material	-25.85
H8504: Electric transformers, static converters & rectifiers	-22.83

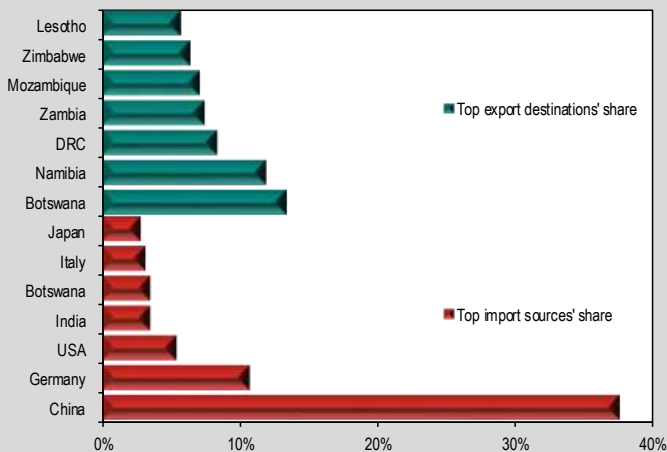
**Major traded import products**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H8504: Electric transformers, static converters & rectifiers	2 797.75
H8544: Insulated wire and cable, optical fibre cable	2 595.28
H8536: Electrical switches, connectors, etc, for < 1kV	2 196.31
H8507: Electric accumulators	1 802.61
H8501: Electric motors and generators, except generating sets	1 413.59
H8537: Electrical power, etc, control & distribution boards	1 256.58
H8545: Carbon electrodes, brushes and electrical items	1 060.44
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>20 324.72</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H8545: Carbon electrodes, brushes and electrical items	792.94
H8507: Electric accumulators	557.05
H8503: Parts for electric motors and generators	150.13
H8539: Electric filament, discharge lamps	145.82
H8544: Insulated wire and cable, optical fibre cable	34.88
<b>Top losers</b>	
H8502: Electric generating sets and rotary converters	-2 127.98
H8504: Electric transformers, static converters & rectifiers	-670.84
H8501: Electric motors and generators, except generating sets	-353.12
H8537: Electrical power, etc, control & distribution boards	-255.49
H8536: Electrical switches, connectors, etc, for < 1kV	-230.10

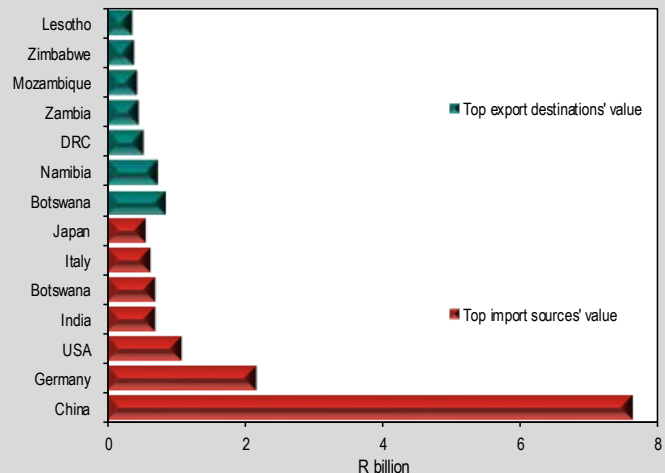
**Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



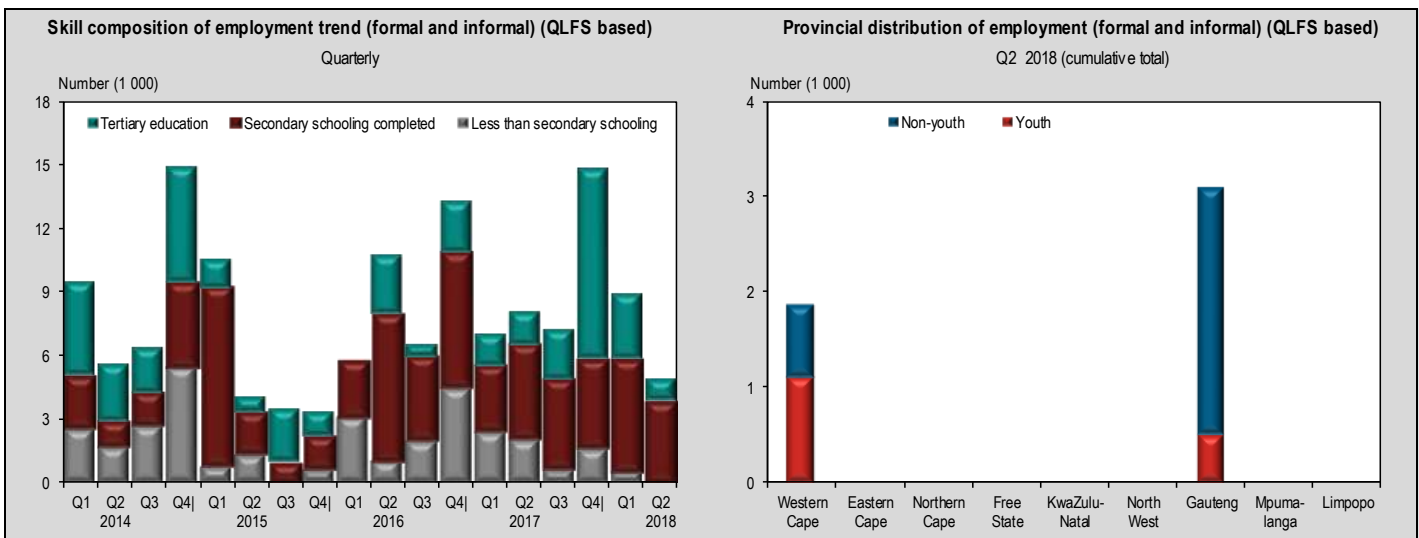
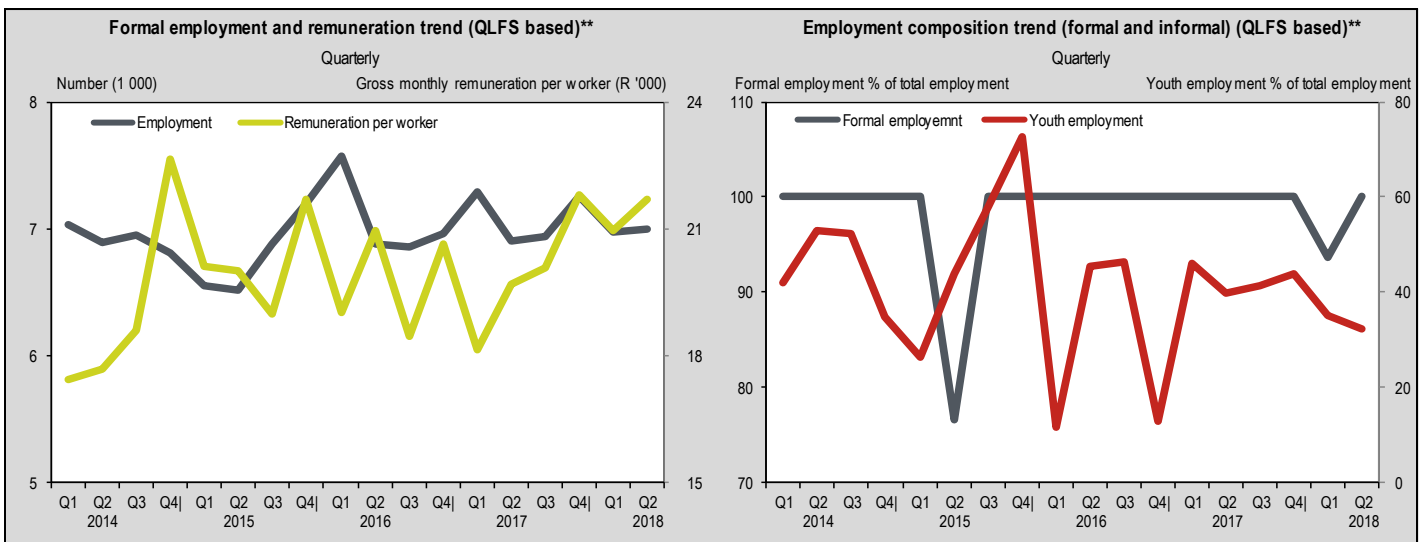
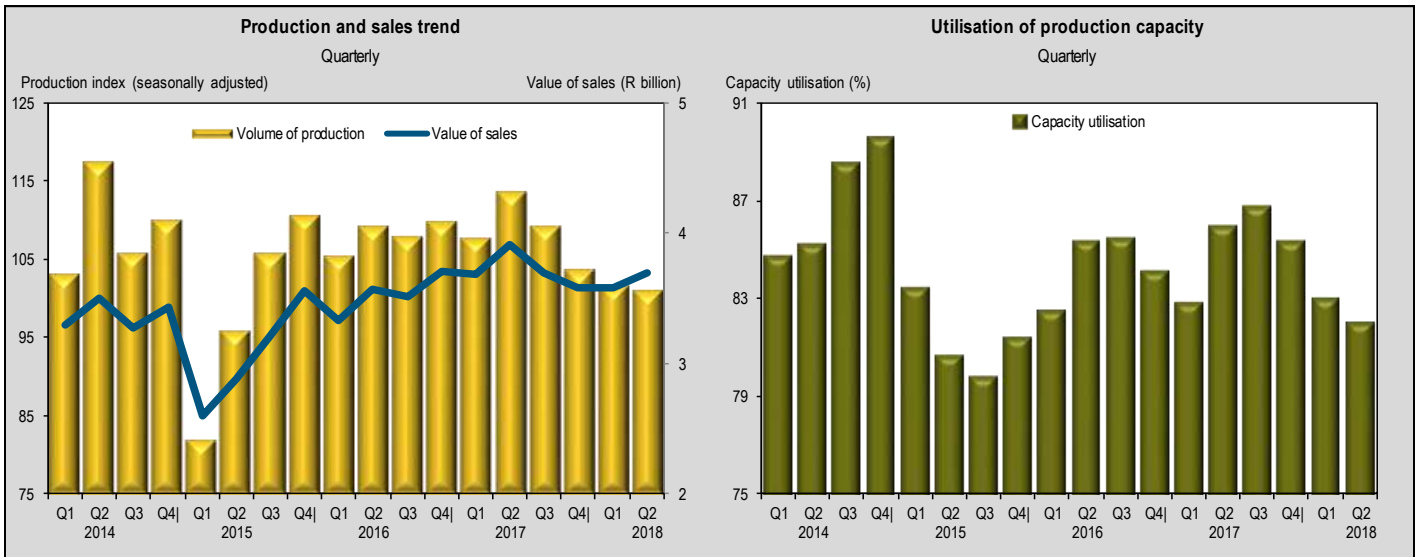
**Top trading partners (value of export/imports)**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



**Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)**

↓ -8.4%	↓ -3.9 (percentage points)	↑ 1.3%	↑ 10.2%	↓ -10.9%	↓ -6.7%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)

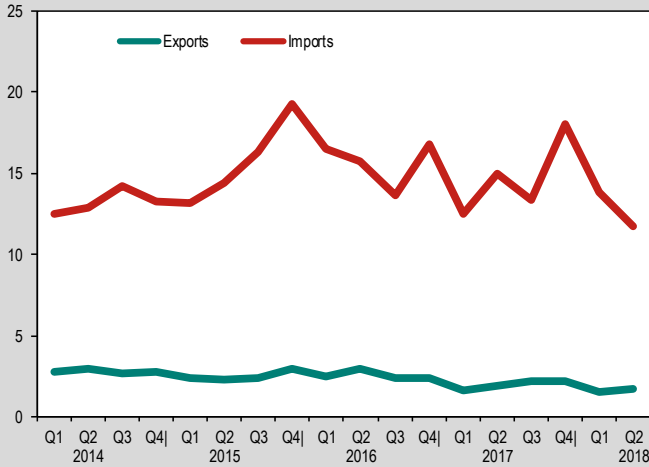


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### Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

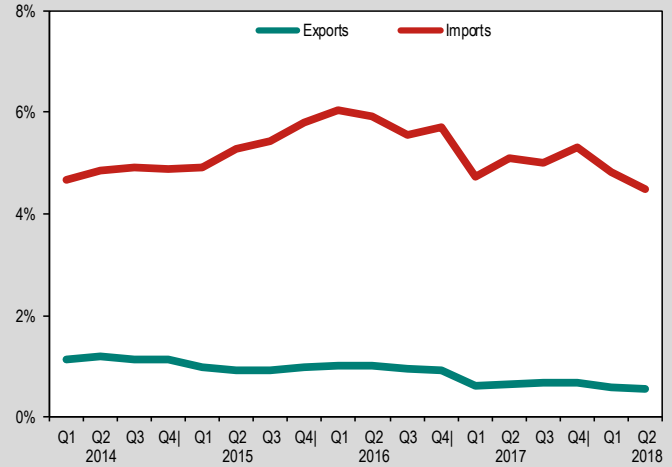
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



### Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



### Major traded export products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H8517: Electric apparatus for line telephony, telegraphy	1204.37
H8528: Television receivers, video monitors, projectors	861.32
H8529: Parts for radio, tv transmission, receive equipment	387.63
H8525: Radio and TV transmitters, television cameras	222.26
H8541: Diodes, transistors, semi-conductors, etc	153.36
H8518: Audio-electronic equipment non-recording devices	127.16
H8542: Electronic integrated circuits and microassemblies	109.04
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>3 240.21</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H8528: Television receivers, video monitors, projectors	157.69
H8542: Electronic integrated circuits and microassemblies	33.21
H8529: Parts for radio, tv transmission, receive equipment	26.17
H8534: Electronic printed circuits	19.00
H8533: Electrical resistors & rheostats except for heating	4.36
<b>Top losers</b>	
H8541: Diodes, transistors, semi-conductors, etc	-383.98
H8517: Electric apparatus for line telephony, telegraphy	-235.26
H8527: Radio, radio-telephony receivers	-13.09
H8519: Non-recording sound reproducing equipment	-5.58
H8525: Radio and TV transmitters, television cameras	-3.31

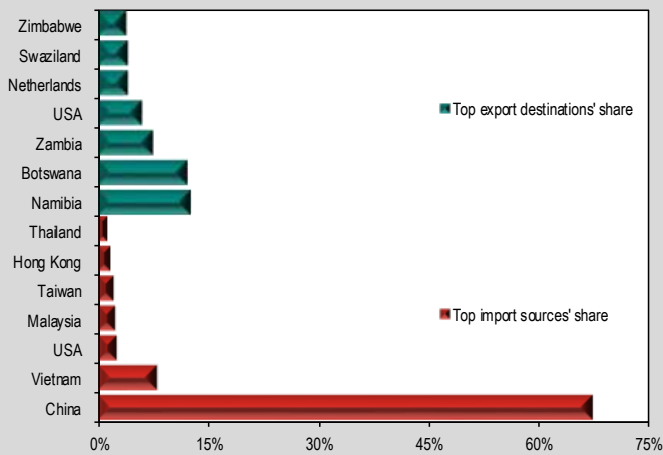
### Major traded import products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H8517: Electric apparatus for line telephony, telegraphy	17 496.48
H8529: Parts for radio, tv transmission, receive equipment	1851.91
H8528: Television receivers, video monitors, projectors	1 192.35
H8542: Electronic integrated circuits and microassemblies	1035.73
H8541: Diodes, transistors, semi-conductors, etc	1035.52
H8518: Audio-electronic equipment non-recording devices	906.28
H8525: Radio and TV transmitters, television cameras	859.94
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>25 587.67</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H8518: Audio-electronic equipment non-recording devices	100.46
H8528: Television receivers, video monitors, projectors	64.64
H8527: Radio, radio-telephony receivers	49.25
H8532: Electrical capacitors, fixed, variable or adjustable	28.79
H8534: Electronic printed circuits	25.50
<b>Top losers</b>	
H8517: Electric apparatus for line telephony, telegraphy	-1983.60
H8540: Thermionic and cold cathode valves and tubes	-96.25
H8525: Radio and TV transmitters, television cameras	-52.00
H8519: Non-recording sound reproducing equipment	-30.33
H8533: Electrical resistors & rheostats except for heating	-2.58

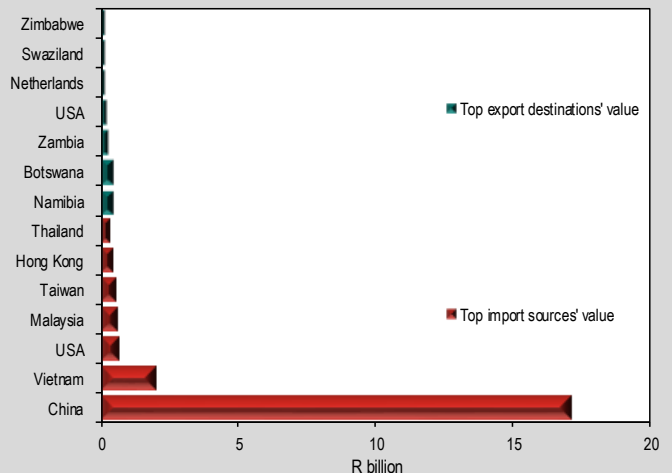
### Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



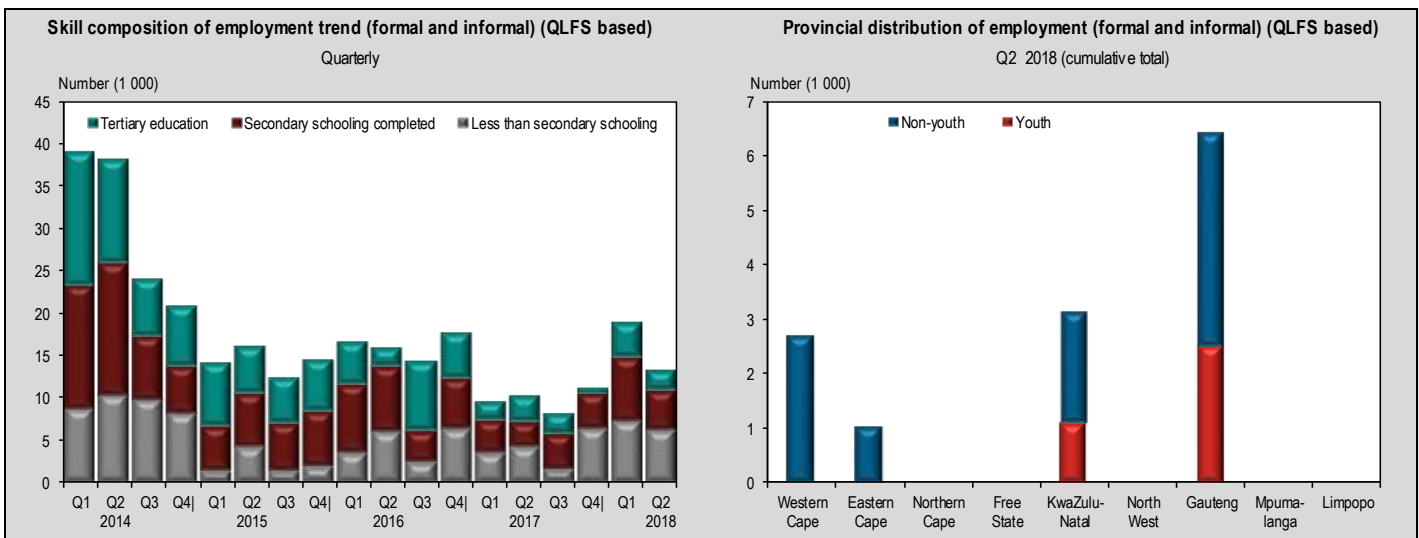
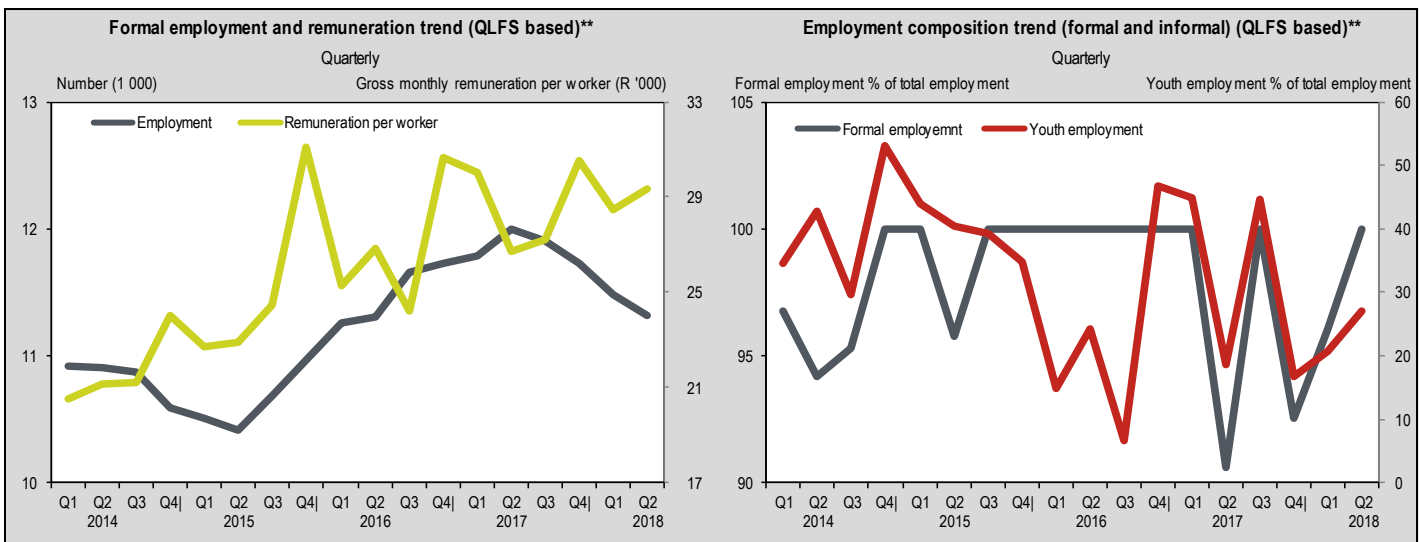
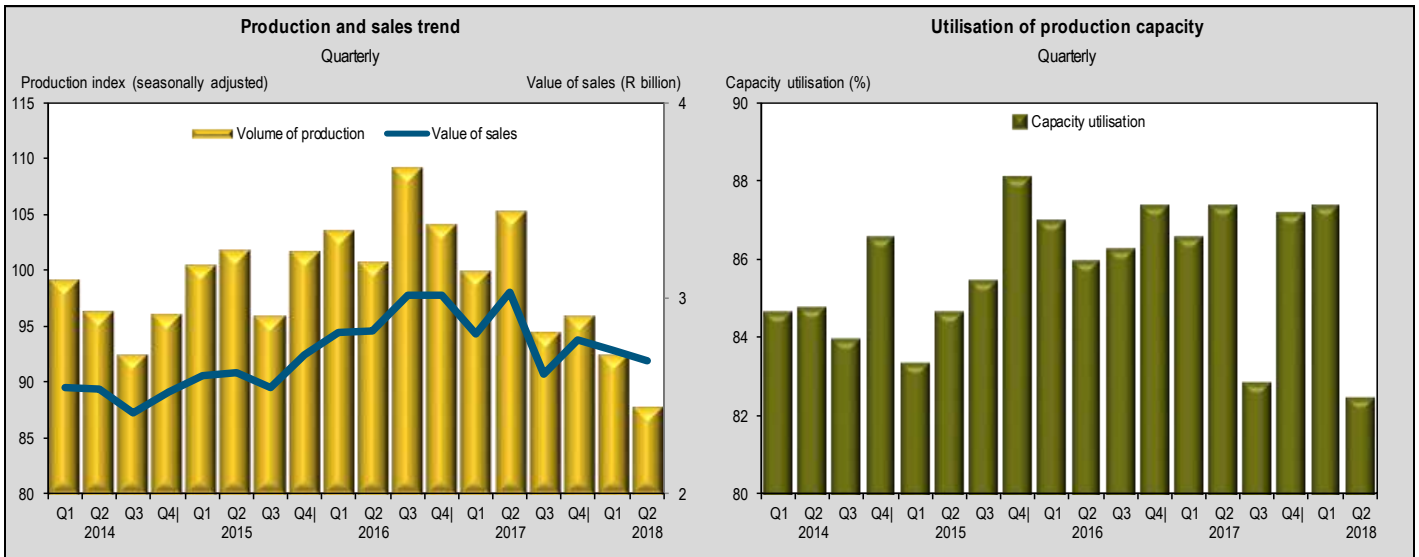
### Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



## Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)

↓ -12.2%	↓ -4.9 (percentage points)	↓ -5.7%	↑ 9.9%	↓ -3.4%	↑ 1.1%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)

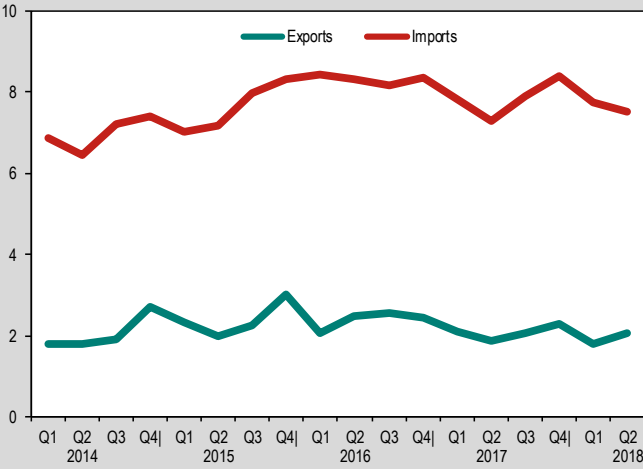


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### Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

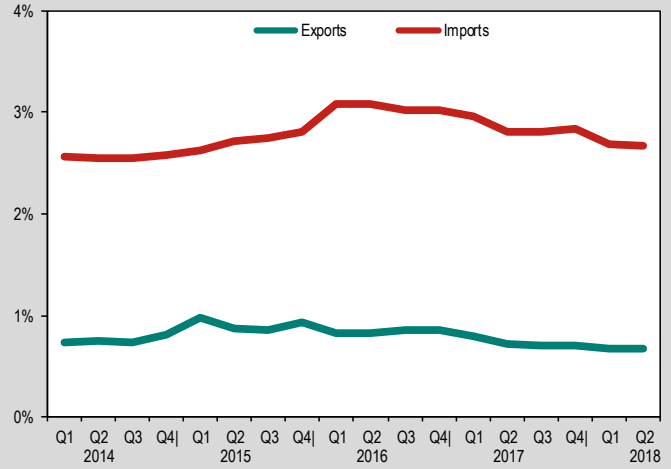
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



### Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



### Major traded export products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H9018: Instruments, etc for medical, surgical & dental use	631.25
H9031: Measuring or checking instruments nes	389.96
H9028: Gas, liquid/ electricity supply or production meters	336.44
H9021: Orthopaedic appliances	266.22
H9026: Equipment to measure level & pressure of fluidflow	259.61
H9027: Equipment for physical and chemical analysis	248.64
H9022: Equipment using X-rays, alpha, beta, gamma rays	188.41
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>3 868.09</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H9021: Orthopaedic appliances	166.14
H9028: Gas, liquid/ electricity supply or production meters	62.47
H9013: Liquid crystal devices, lasers, optical appliances	34.80
H9102: Watches with case of, or clad with, of base metal	29.32
H9022: Equipment using X-rays, alpha, beta, gamma rays	21.03
<b>Top losers</b>	
H9014: Navigational instruments, direction finding compass	-200.89
H9031: Measuring or checking instruments nes	-152.40
H8526: Radar, radio navigation & remote control apparatus	-81.32
H9010: Equipment for photographic laboratories nes	-41.49
H9018: Instruments, etc for medical, surgical & dental use	-23.08

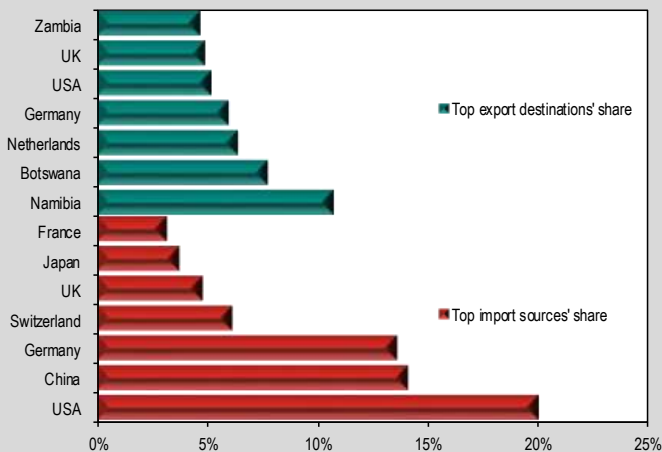
### Major traded import products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H9018: Instruments, etc for medical, surgical & dental use	3 774.86
H9021: Orthopaedic appliances	1 838.92
H9027: Equipment for physical and chemical analysis	1 219.54
H9031: Measuring or checking instruments nes	1 044.82
H9032: Automatic regulating or controlling equipment	837.70
H9026: Equipment to measure level & pressure of fluidflow	796.20
H9022: Equipment using X-rays, alpha, beta, gamma rays	688.25
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>15 254.54</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H9021: Orthopaedic appliances	322.13
H9018: Instruments, etc for medical, surgical & dental use	192.60
H9032: Automatic regulating or controlling equipment	125.09
H9001: Optical fibres, lenses, mirrors, prisms, etc	56.79
H9014: Navigational instruments, direction finding compass	40.65
<b>Top losers</b>	
H9031: Measuring or checking instruments nes	-328.02
H9013: Liquid crystal devices, lasers, optical appliances	-47.68
H9006: Photographic cameras (except cine), accessories	-47.01
H9020: Breathing appliances and gas masks	-44.85
H9027: Equipment for physical and chemical analysis	-44.45

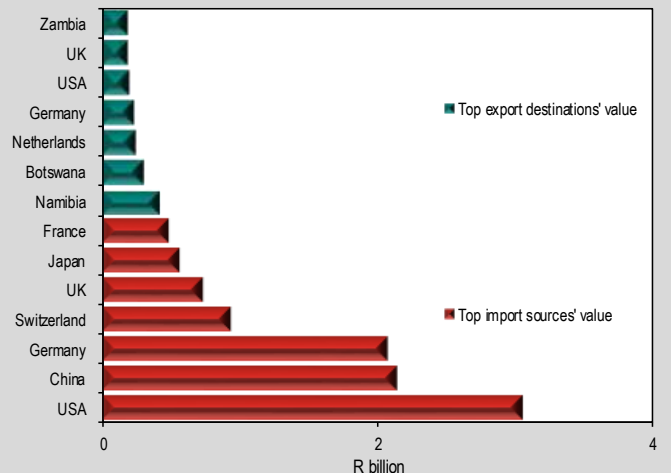
### Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



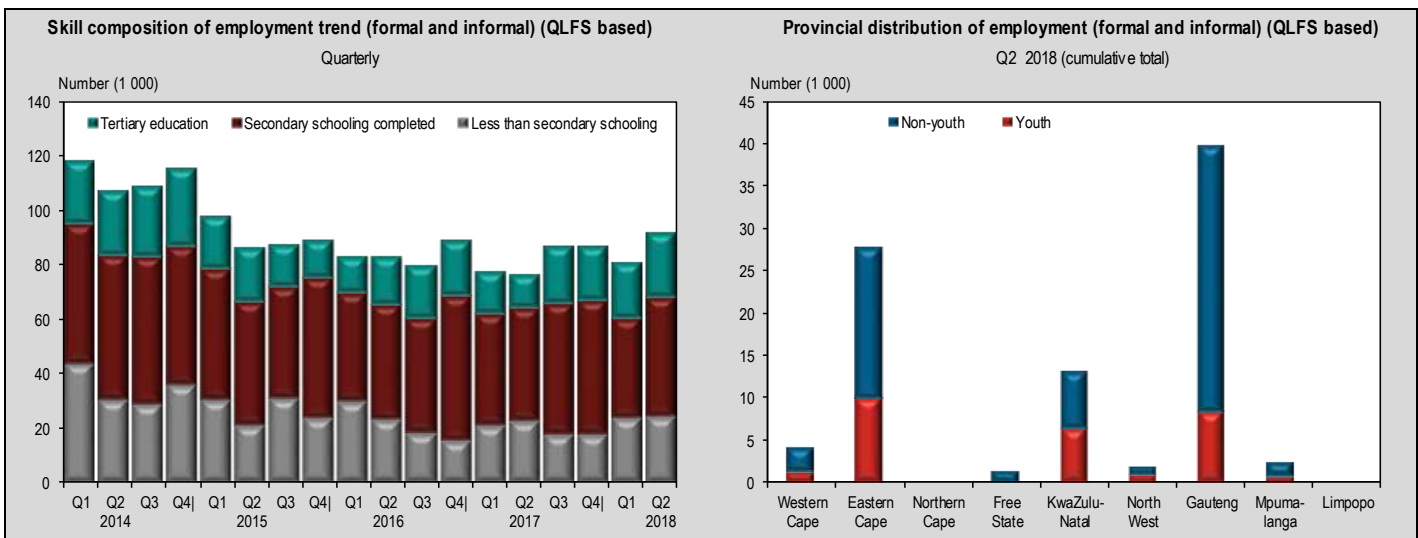
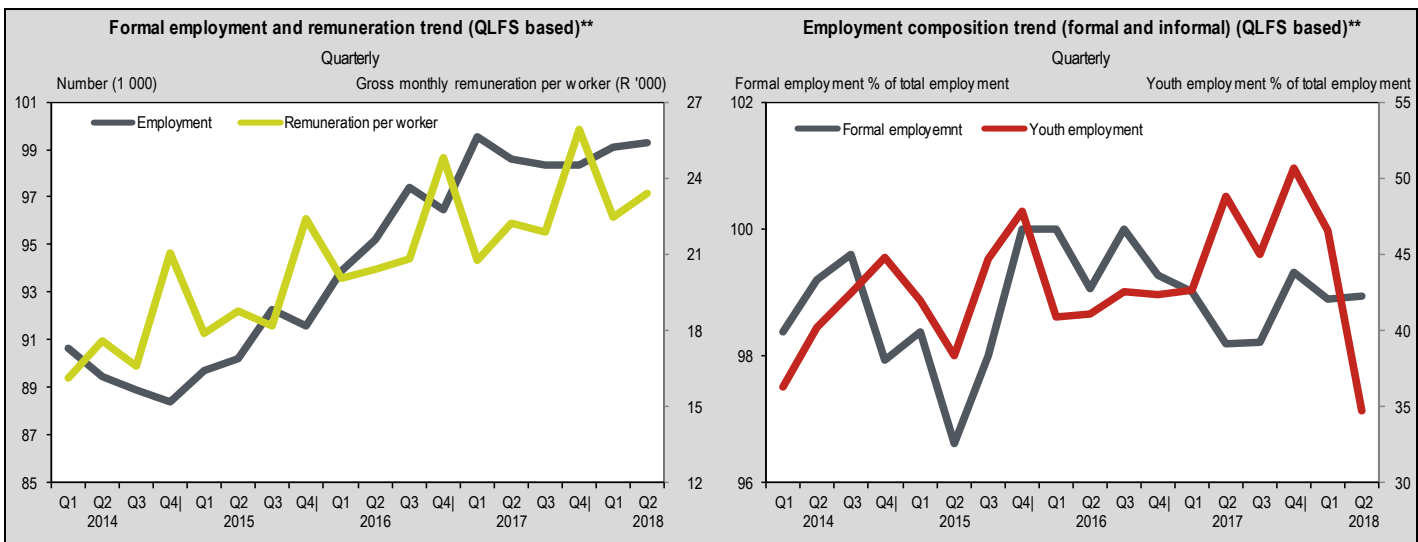
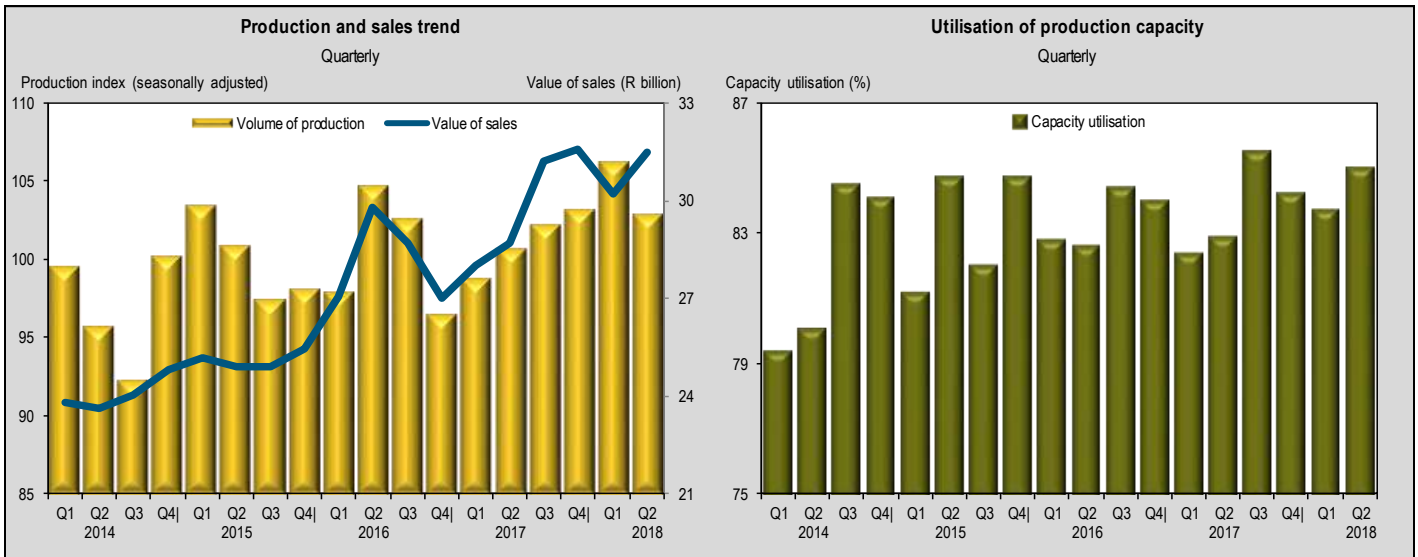
### Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



## Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)

↑ 4.9%	↑ 2.1 (percentage points)	↑ 0.7%	↑ 5.2%	↓ -1.6%	↓ -2.1%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



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**Trade trends (value terms)**

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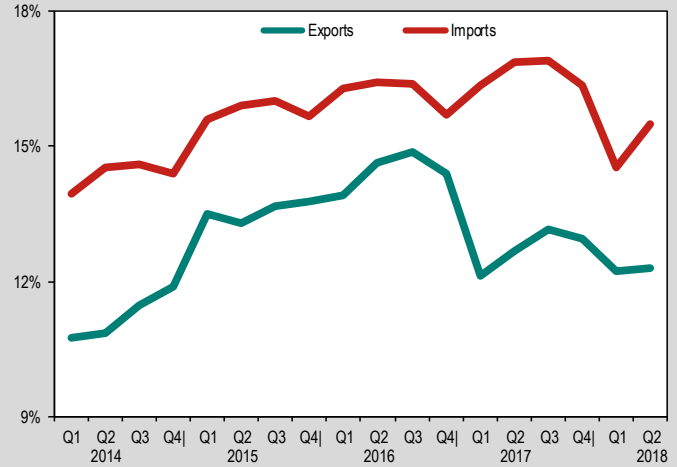
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



**Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)**

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



**Major traded export products**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H8703: Vehicles for transport of persons (except buses)	30 829.64
H8704: Motor vehicles for the transport of goods	20 285.52
H8421: Liquid, gas centrifuges, filtering, purifying machine	9 242.41
H8708: Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	4 401.22
H8409: Parts for internal combustion spark ignition engine	1 855.85
H8609: Cargo containers designed for carriage of goods	951.26
H8716: Trailers and non-mechanically propelled vehicles	805.90
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>70 071.72</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H8704: Motor vehicles for the transport of goods	2 401.29
H8409: Parts for internal combustion spark ignition engine	223.92
H8716: Trailers and non-mechanically propelled vehicles	176.07
H8408: Compression-ignition engines (diesel, etc)	80.31
H8708: Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	57.50
<b>Top losers</b>	
H8703: Vehicles for transport of persons (except buses)	-3 782.76
H8609: Cargo containers designed for carriage of goods	-165.46
H8407: Spark-ignition internal combustion engines	-135.80
H8702: Public-transport type passenger motor vehicles	-64.20
H8415: Air conditioning equipment, machinery	-2.67

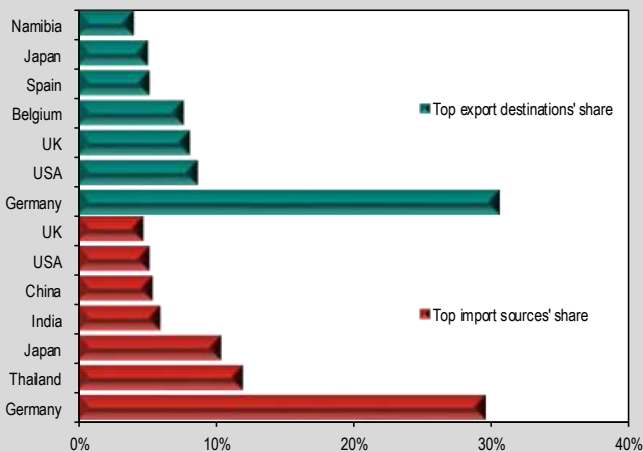
**Major traded import products**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H9801: Original equipment components	45 972.85
H8703: Vehicles for transport of persons (except buses)	23 395.19
H8708: Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	9 171.39
H8704: Motor vehicles for the transport of goods	5 456.02
H8409: Parts for internal combustion spark ignition engine	1 203.03
H8421: Liquid, gas centrifuges, filtering, purifying machine	923.18
H8716: Trailers and non-mechanically propelled vehicles	634.18
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>88 656.25</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H9801: Original equipment components	912.69
H8708: Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	557.11
H8704: Motor vehicles for the transport of goods	200.83
H8408: Compression-ignition engines (diesel, etc)	134.26
H8705: Special purpose motor vehicles	28.92
<b>Top losers</b>	
H8703: Vehicles for transport of persons (except buses)	-3 420.63
H8702: Public-transport type passenger motor vehicles	-221.80
H8409: Parts for internal combustion spark ignition engine	-67.19
H8421: Liquid, gas centrifuges, filtering, purifying machine	-57.78
H8716: Trailers and non-mechanically propelled vehicles	-29.97

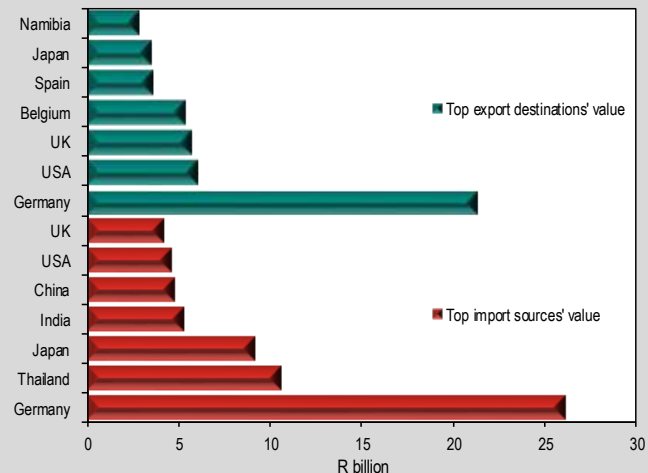
**Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



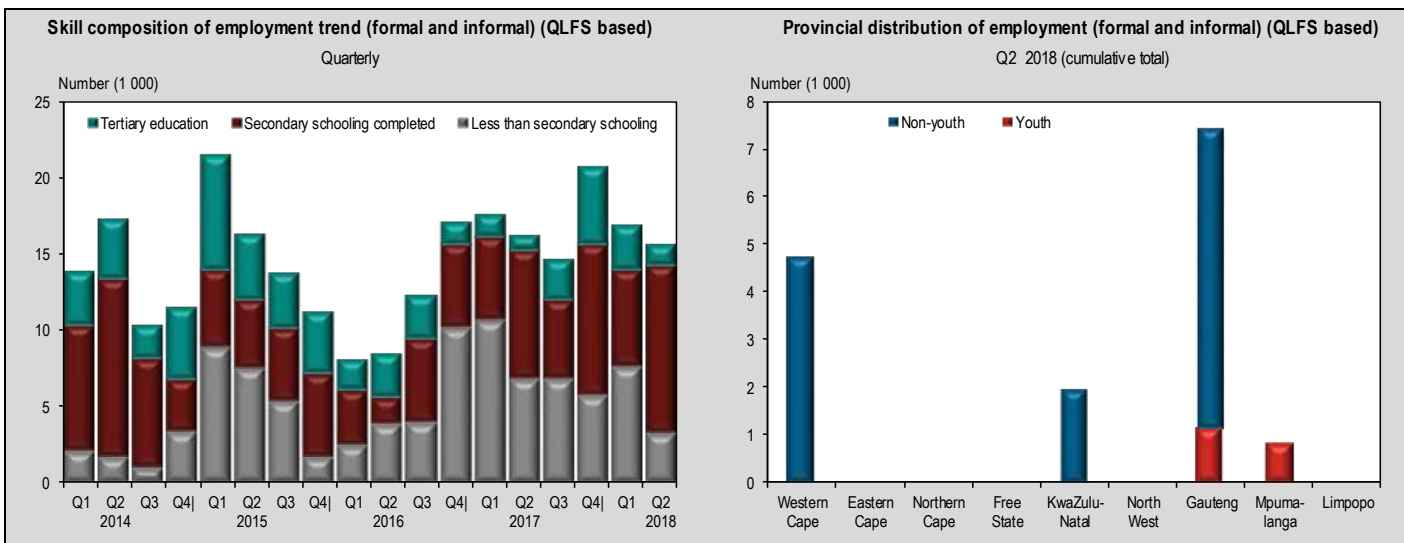
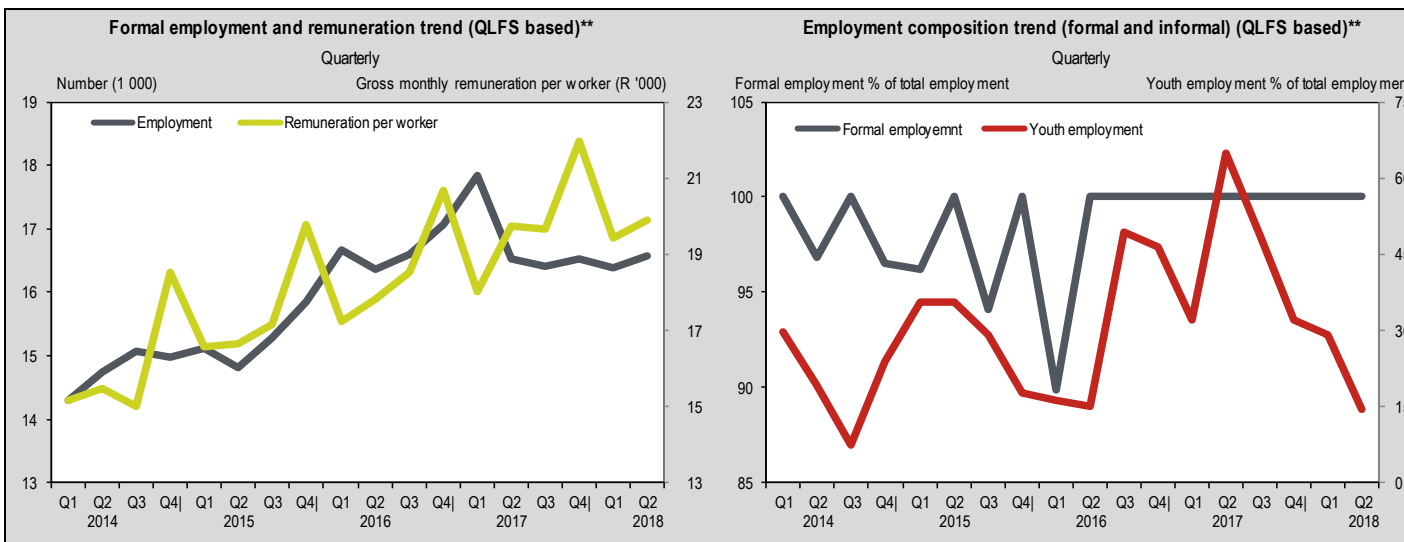
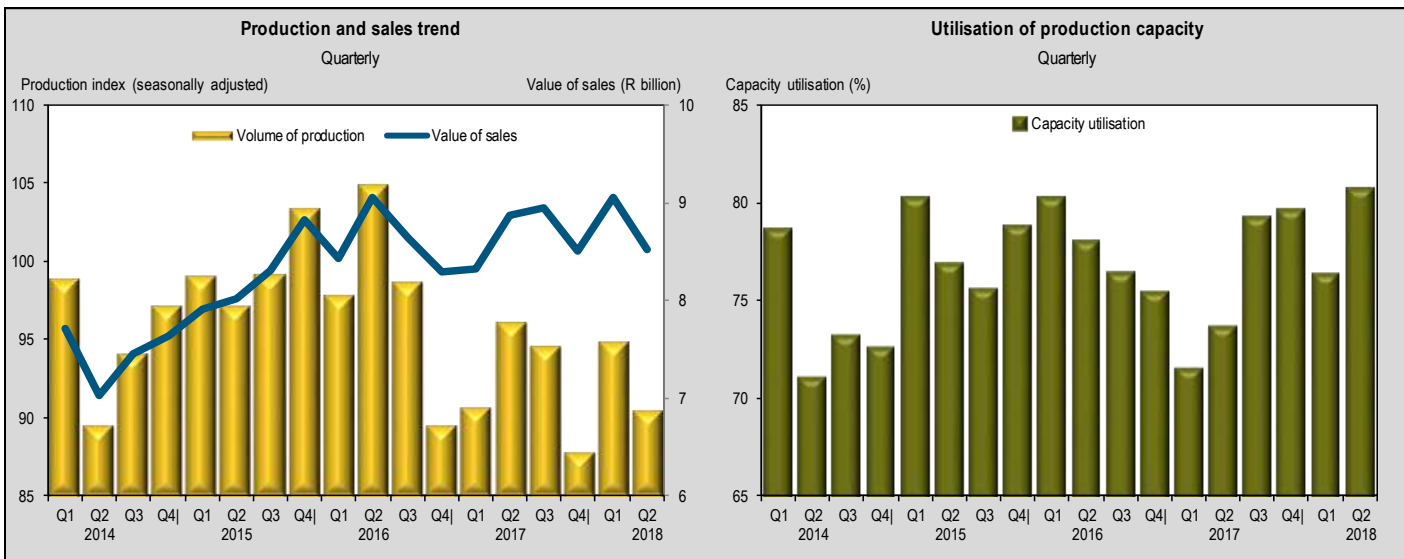
**Top trading partners (value of export/imports)**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



**Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)**

↓ -0.7%	↑ 7 (percentage points)	↑ 0.4%	↑ 0.7%	↓ -16.3%	↓ -37.2%
<b>Production (seas. adj.)</b>	<b>Capacity utilisation</b>	<b>Employment*</b>	<b>Gross monthly remuneration per worker</b>	<b>Exports (ZAR)</b>	<b>Imports (ZAR)</b>

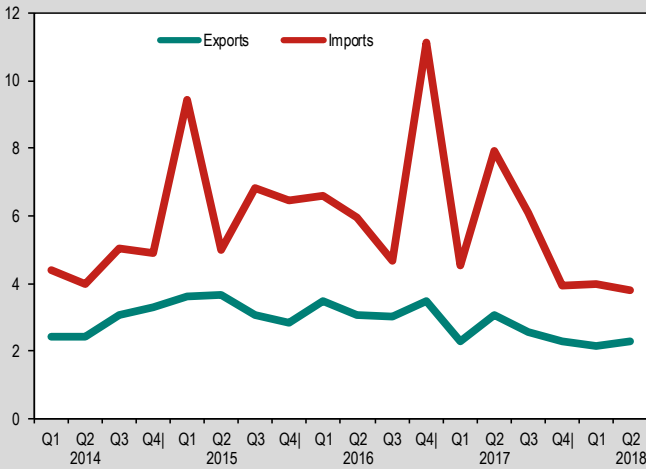


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**Trade trends (value terms)**

Total per quarter

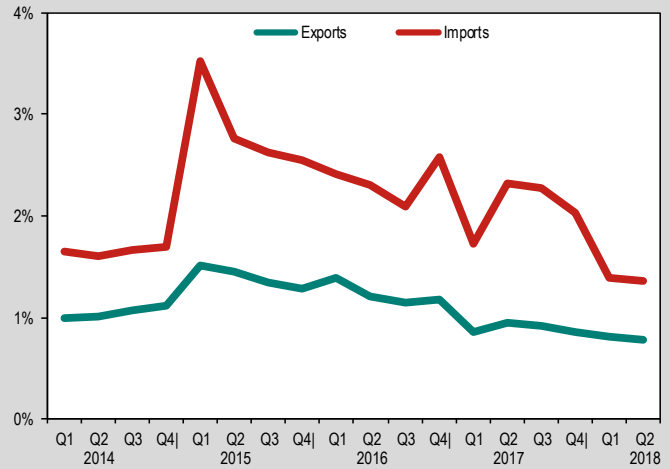
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



**Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)**

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



**Major traded export products**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H8803: Parts of aircraft, spacecraft, etc	1295.89
H8802: Aircraft, spacecraft, satellites	1097.17
H8903: Yachts, pleasure, sports vessels, boats, canoes	901.33
H8407: Spark-ignition internal combustion engines	61.10
H8607: Parts of railway, tramway locomotives, etc	53.32
H841t: Turbo-jets/-propellers/other gas turbine engines	51.19
H871t: Motorcycles, bicycles, etc with auxiliary motor	109.18
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>4 491.35</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H8802: Aircraft, spacecraft, satellites	266.89
H8906: Warships, lifeboats, hospital ships, vessels nes	86.68
H8902: Fishing vessels and factory ships	66.37
H8602: Rail locomotives, diesel, steam, locomotive tenders	38.17
H8805: Aircraft launching gear, flight simulators	32.34
<b>Top losers</b>	
H8603: Self-propelled rail or tramway vehicles	-407.18
H8407: Spark-ignition internal combustion engines	-374.95
H841t: Turbo-jets/-propellers/other gas turbine engines	-197.80
H8803: Parts of aircraft, spacecraft, etc	-141.06
H8901: Passenger and goods transport ships, boats	-134.39

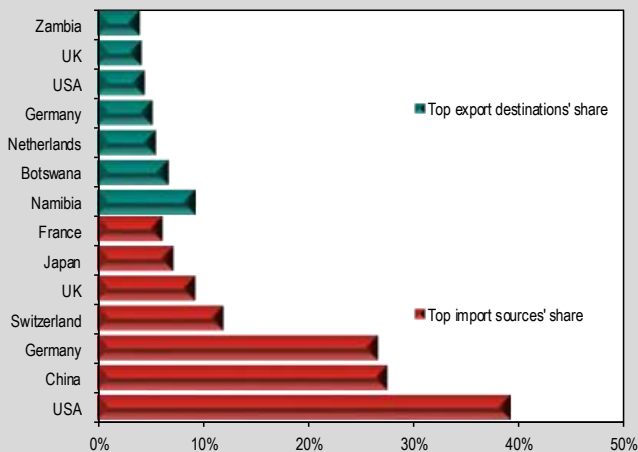
**Major traded import products**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H8802: Aircraft, spacecraft, satellites	3 014.63
H8803: Parts of aircraft, spacecraft, etc	1432.59
H8607: Parts of railway, tramway locomotives, etc	812.50
H841t: Turbo-jets/-propellers/other gas turbine engines	573.14
H871t: Motorcycles, bicycles, etc with auxiliary motor	495.06
H8714: Parts & accessories of bicycles, motorcycles, etc	251.07
H8902: Fishing vessels and factory ships	197.88
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>7 820.74</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H8604: Railway maintenance-of-way service vehicles	178.50
H8901: Passenger and goods transport ships, boats	157.69
H8902: Fishing vessels and factory ships	145.34
H8607: Parts of railway, tramway locomotives, etc	114.54
H8905: Special purpose ships, vessels, nes	81.32
<b>Top losers</b>	
H8802: Aircraft, spacecraft, satellites	-3 045.90
H8603: Self-propelled rail or tramway vehicles	-782.00
H8803: Parts of aircraft, spacecraft, etc	-330.79
H841t: Turbo-jets/-propellers/other gas turbine engines	-275.43
H871t: Motorcycles, bicycles, etc with auxiliary motor	-247.87

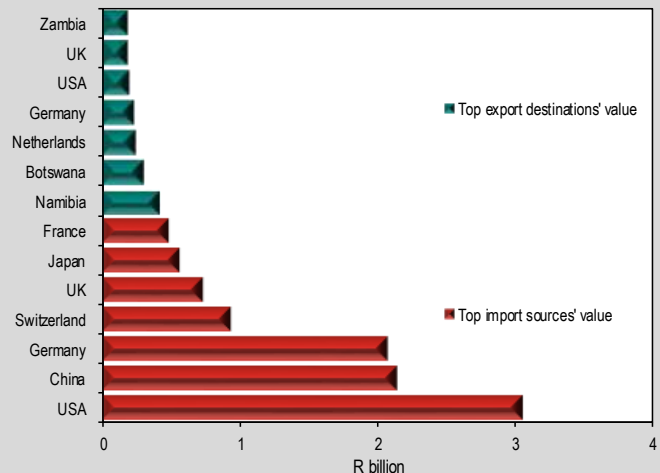
**Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



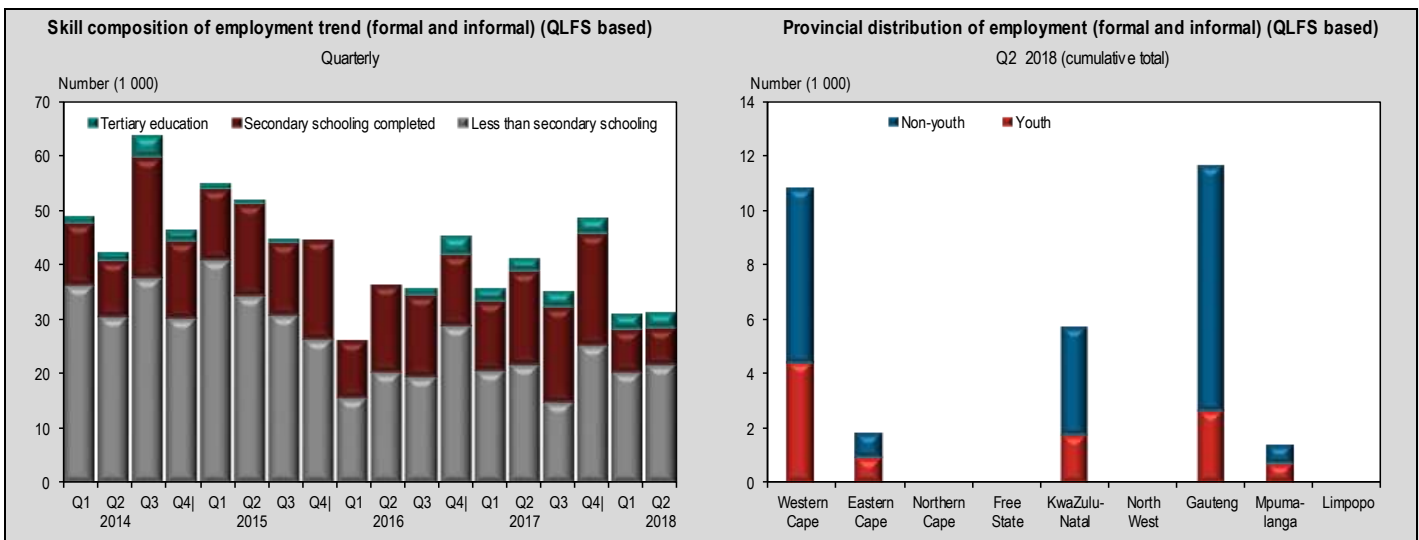
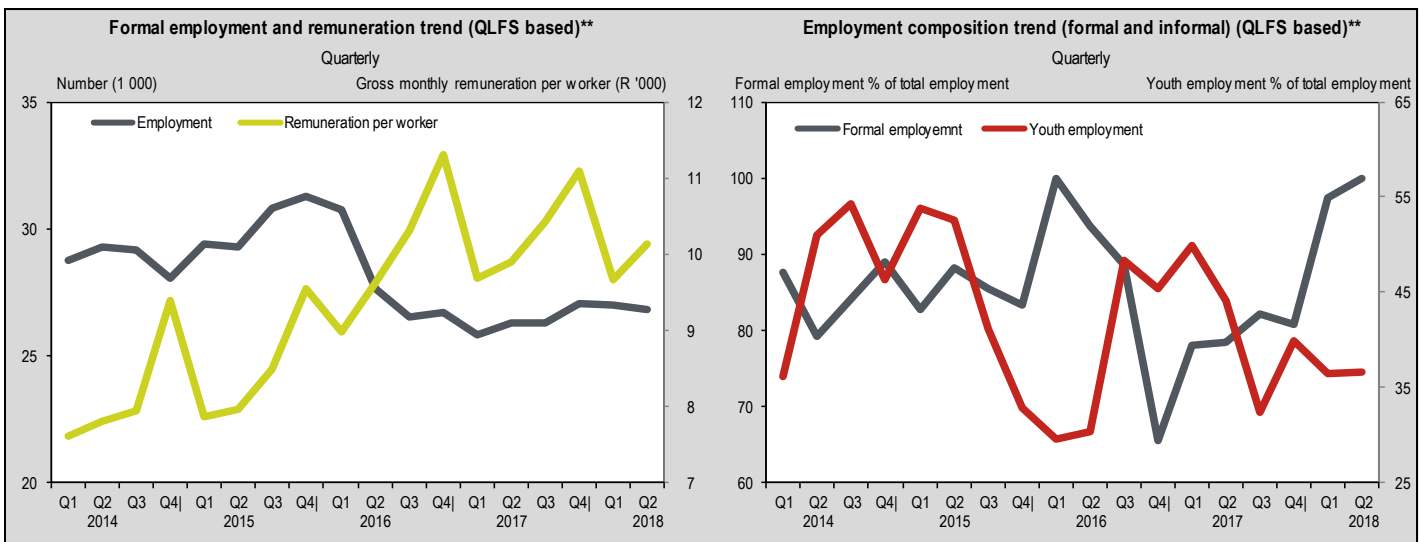
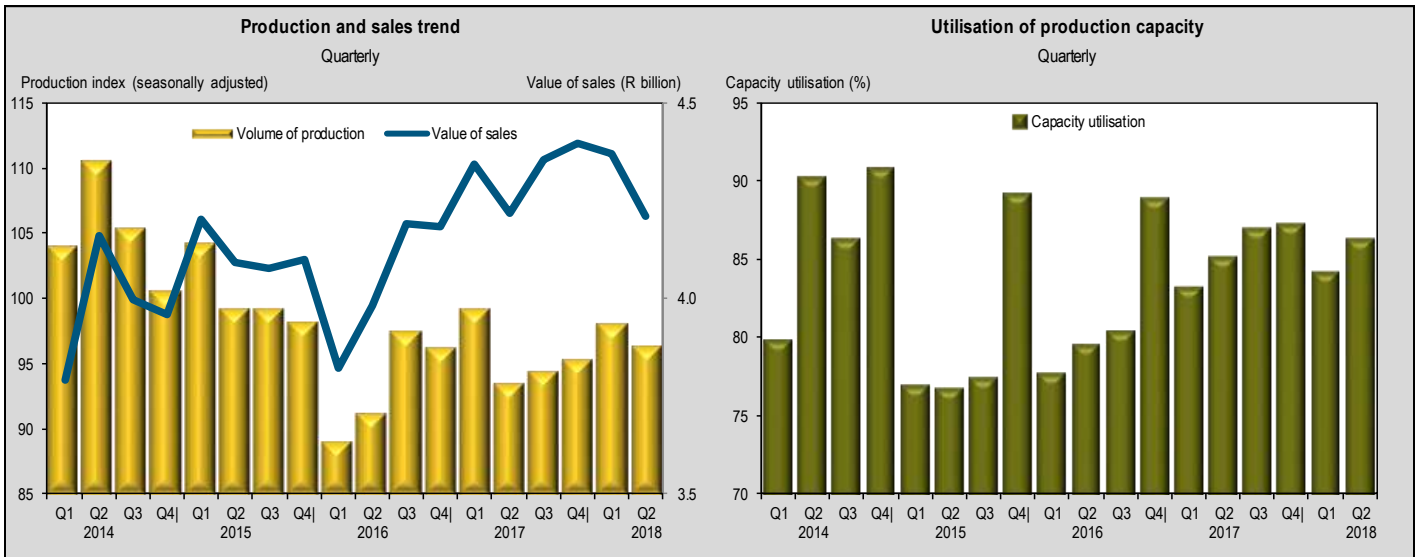
**Top trading partners (value of export/imports)**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)

↑ 0.8%     
 ↑ 1.1 (percentage points)     
 ↑ 2.1%     
 ↑ 2.3%     
 ↑ 6.7%     
 ↑ 1.2%  
**Production (seas. adj.)      Capacity utilisation      Employment\*      Gross monthly remuneration per worker      Exports (ZAR)      Imports (ZAR)**

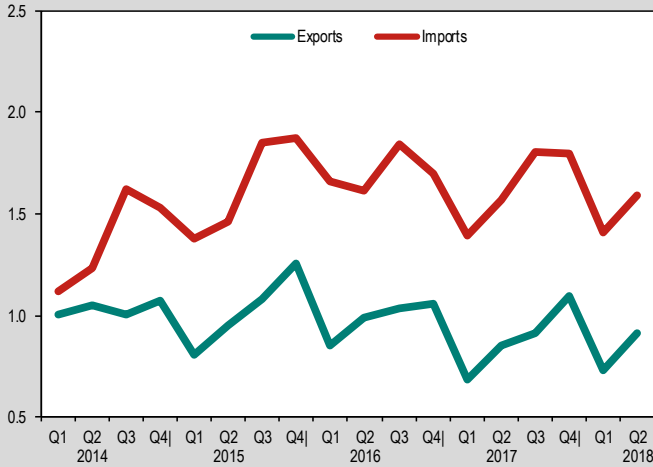


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**Trade trends (value terms)**

Total per quarter

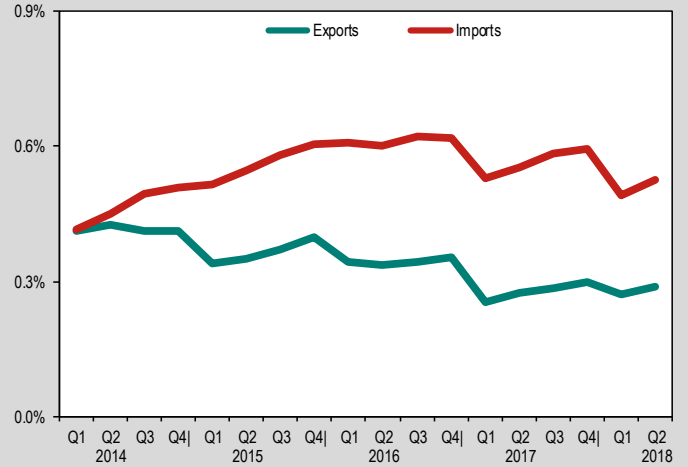
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



**Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)**

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



**Major traded export products**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H9401: Seats (except dentist, barber, etc chairs)	802.06
H9403: Other furniture and parts thereof	668.72
H9404: Mattress supports, mattresses, bedding	168.61
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	1639.39
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H9401: Seats (except dentist, barber, etc chairs)	63.69
H9403: Other furniture and parts thereof	26.36
H9404: Mattress supports, mattresses, bedding	12.66
<b>Top losers</b>	

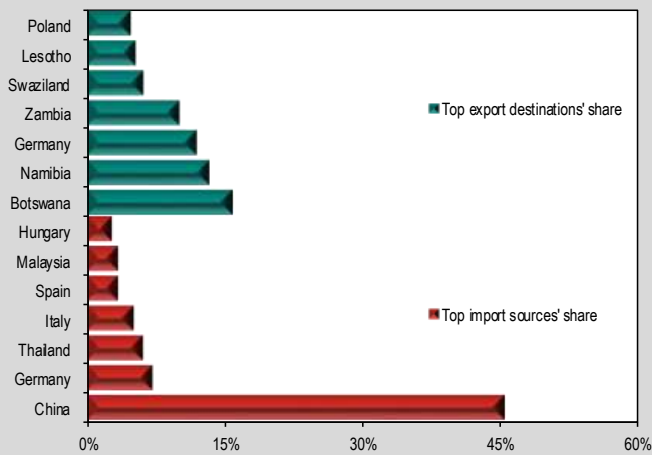
**Major traded import products**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H9401: Seats (except dentist, barber, etc chairs)	1911.09
H9403: Other furniture and parts thereof	1062.53
H9404: Mattress supports, mattresses, bedding	27.26
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	3 000.88
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H9403: Other furniture and parts thereof	83.07
H9404: Mattress supports, mattresses, bedding	11.14
<b>Top losers</b>	
H9401: Seats (except dentist, barber, etc chairs)	- 57.31

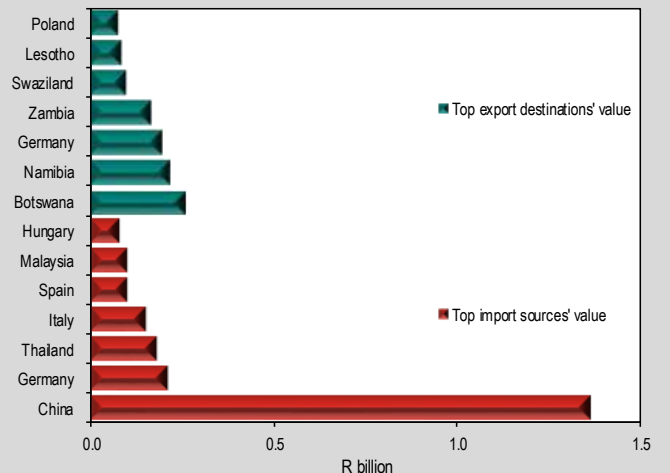
**Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



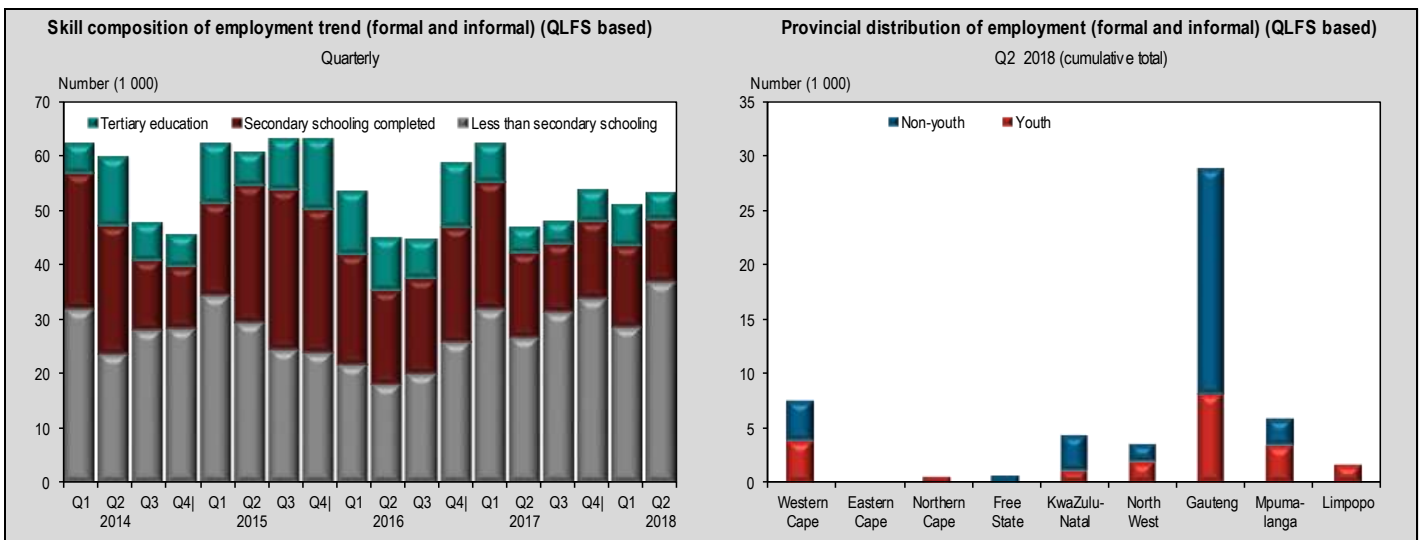
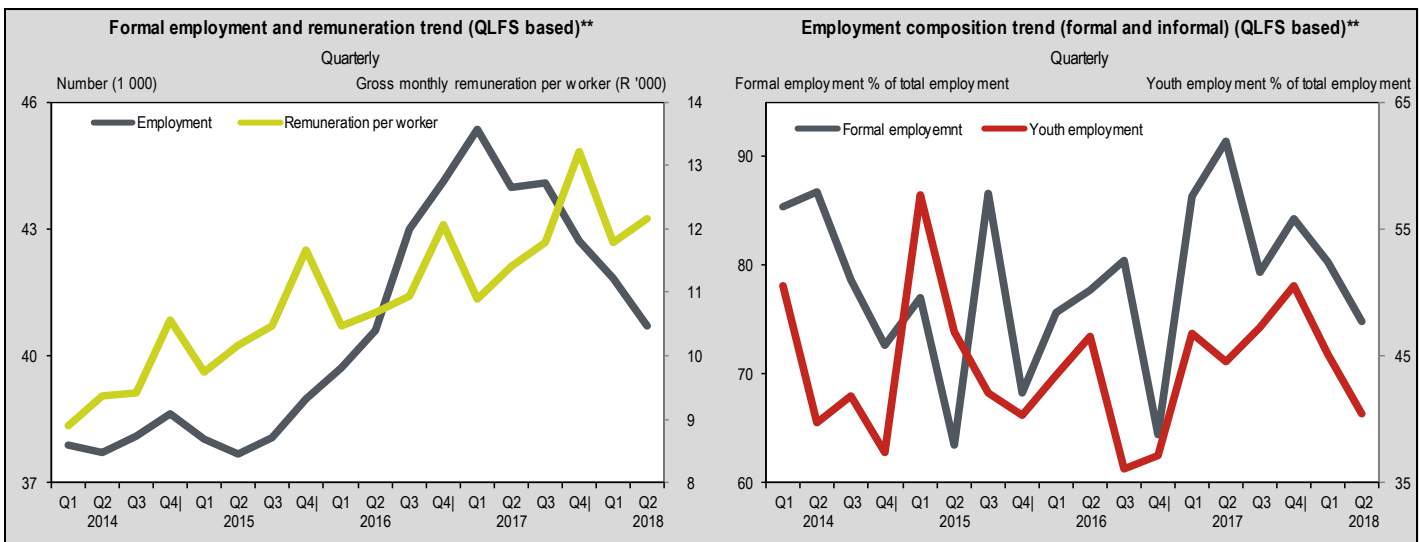
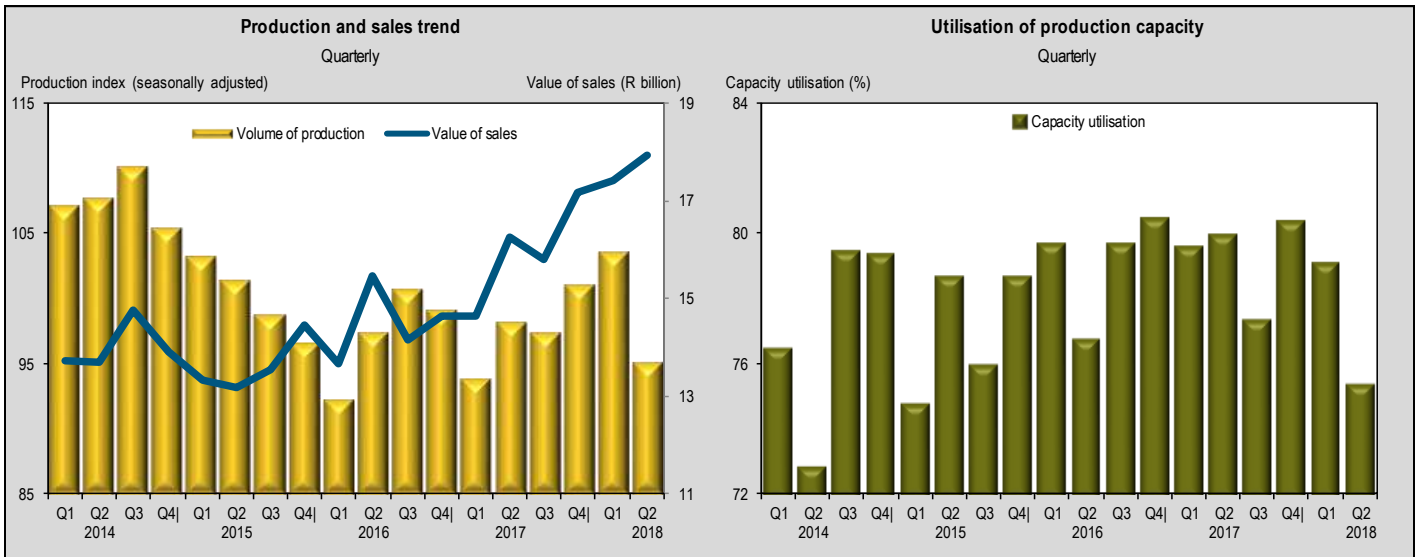
**Top trading partners (value of export/imports)**

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



## Trend analysis: first half of 2018 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q2 2018 y-o-y)

↑ 3.4%	↓ -4.6 (percentage points)	↓ -7.4%	↑ 6.6%	↓ -27.4%	↑ 5.2%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)

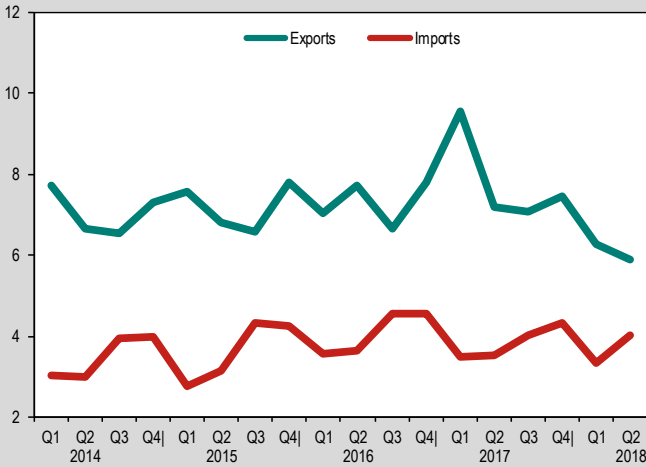


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### Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

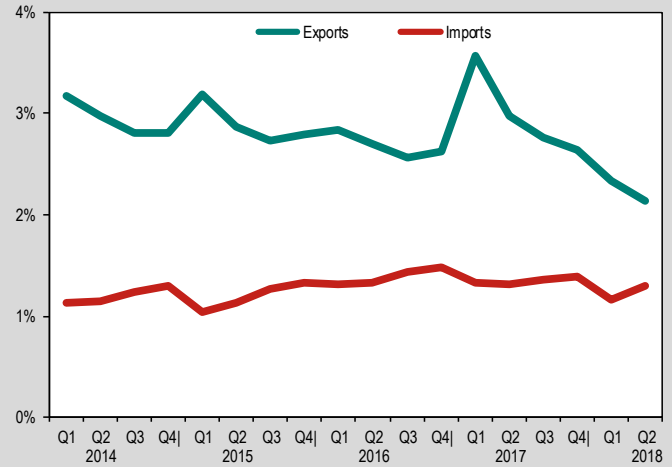
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



### Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



### Major traded export products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H7112: Waste or scrap of precious metal	2 976.77
H7118: Coin	1 893.32
H7113: Jewellery and parts, containing precious metal	1 243.89
H2618: Granulated slag from iron & steel industry	1 172.16
H7204: Ferrous waste or scrap, ingots or iron or steel	916.01
H2402: Cigars, cigarettes etc, tobacco/tobacco substitute	762.89
H2403: Tobacco, tobacco substitute products nes	341.00
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>12 156.06</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H7113: Jewellery and parts, containing precious metal	497.08
H2302: Bran, sharps etc, from working cereals/ legumes	155.71
H9703: Original sculptures and statuary, in any material	122.09
H7204: Ferrous waste or scrap, ingots or iron or steel	112.97
H6701: Bird skins, feathers, articles therefrom	58.94
<b>Top losers</b>	
H7118: Coin	-3 791.27
H7602: Aluminium waste or scrap	-509.82
H2618: Granulated slag from iron & steel industry	-370.76
H9701: Hand made paintings, drawings, pastels, collages	-350.57
H2402: Cigars, cigarettes etc, tobacco/tobacco substitute	-150.87

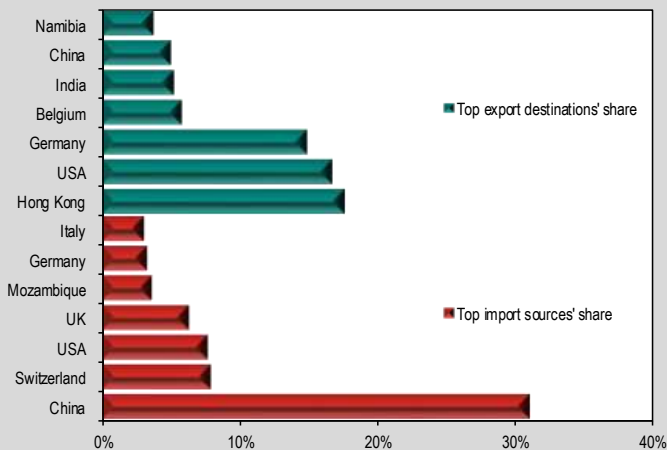
### Major traded import products

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H9503: Other toys, scale models, puzzles, etc	912.39
H9504: Articles for funfairs, table and parlour games	749.85
H9506: Equipment for gymnastics, sports, outdoor games nes	731.68
H2402: Cigars, cigarettes etc, tobacco/tobacco substitute	602.23
H9603: Brooms, brushes, mops, feather dusters, etc	382.10
H9701: Hand made paintings, drawings, pastels, collages	375.64
H7118: Coin	343.43
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>7 392.99</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H7118: Coin	316.56
H9701: Hand made paintings, drawings, pastels, collages	160.51
H7204: Ferrous waste or scrap, ingots or iron or steel	90.92
H7404: Copper, copper alloy, waste or scrap	54.54
H2402: Cigars, cigarettes etc, tobacco/tobacco substitute	44.22
<b>Top losers</b>	
H9504: Articles for funfairs, table and parlour games	-1 912.6
H9703: Original sculptures and statuary, in any material	-128.80
H7112: Waste or scrap of precious metal	-612.3
H2308: Veg. waste, residues, etc for animal feed	-56.28
H2302: Bran, sharps etc, from working cereals/ legumes	-37.68

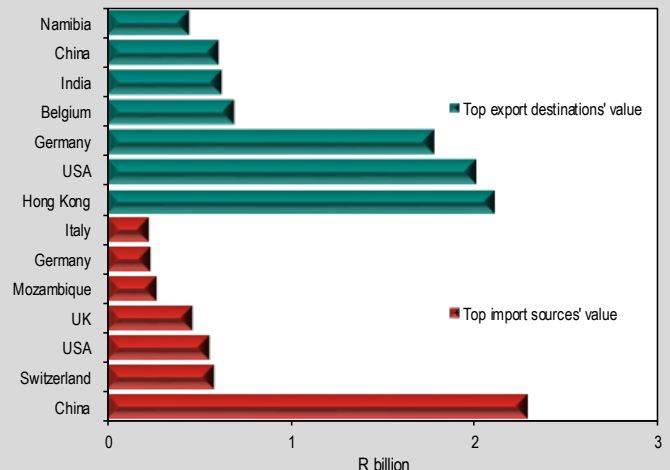
### Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)



### Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

First half of 2018 (cumulative total)





## Acronyms

<b>COMESA</b>	Common Market for Eastern & Southern Africa members are: Burundi, Comoros, DRC, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sudan, Swaziland, Uganda, Zambia & Zimbabwe.
<b>DRC</b>	Democratic Republic of Congo.
<b>EU</b>	European Union member states are: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Germany, Denmark, Estonia, Spain, Finland, France, United Kingdom, Bulgaria, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Latvia, Malta, The Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Sweden, Slovenia and Slovakia.
<b>GDP</b>	Gross domestic product.
<b>HS Codes</b>	Harmonized system codes.
<b>Middle East</b>	The countries in the Middle East grouping are: Bahrain, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, United Arab Emirates and Yemen
<b>NAFTA</b>	North American Free Trade Agreement members are: Canada, Mexico and the United States of America.
<b>n.e.s.</b>	Not elsewhere specified.
<b>PGM</b>	Platinum group metals
<b>ZAR or R</b>	South African rand.
<b>SA</b>	Republic of South Africa.
<b>SACU</b>	Southern African Customs Union members are: Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland.
<b>SADC</b>	Southern African Development Community members are: Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.
<b>QES</b>	Quarterly Employment Survey – based on surveying companies that are registered for VAT. Employees are counted if they received remuneration in the preceding payment period, with contractors, employees on unpaid leave (e.g. maternity leave) and persons that are work at the company but is not paid by the company (e.g. persons on secondment).
<b>QLFS</b>	Quarterly Labour Force Survey – based on a sample of households being surveyed regarding their employment levels in the 7 days preceding the interview. Employed is defined as having done paid work for at least 1-hour in the previous 7 days. Formal employment is defined as where there are more than 5 employees working and/or having PAYE deducted and/or having a formal employment contract.
<b>UK</b>	United Kingdom.
<b>USA or US</b>	United States of America.
<b>USD</b>	United States dollar.
<b>y-o-y</b>	Year-on-year growth rate.
<b>q-o-q</b>	Quarter-on-quarter growth rate.

## Notes

- All volume of production data (value add data in the case of the agriculture, forestry and fishing sector) is seasonally adjusted. All other data is not seasonally adjusted.
- The total South African commodity price index is weighted according to the production weights as reported by Stats SA. The PGM group metals are equally weighted between platinum and palladium. The aluminium price is used for the other metallic minerals component. Mining segments not included in the price index include: diamonds; chromium ore; copper; manganese ore, nickel, building materials and other non-metallic minerals.
- The methodology utilised by Stats SA and DMR in relation to remuneration data differs in that the DMR includes all income derived due to employment, such as severance, retrenchment and termination payments as well as income derived from employee share schemes. Therefore, direct comparisons between remuneration per worker in the mining and manufacturing sectors reported in this document should be done with great care.

## Data sources

**Quantec Research based on South African Revenue Services (SARS):** South African trade data.

**Statistics South Africa (Stats SA):** South African employment, production and capacity utilization data.

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