



## **Sector trends:**

*Performance of the primary and secondary sectors  
of the South African economy*

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## Agriculture

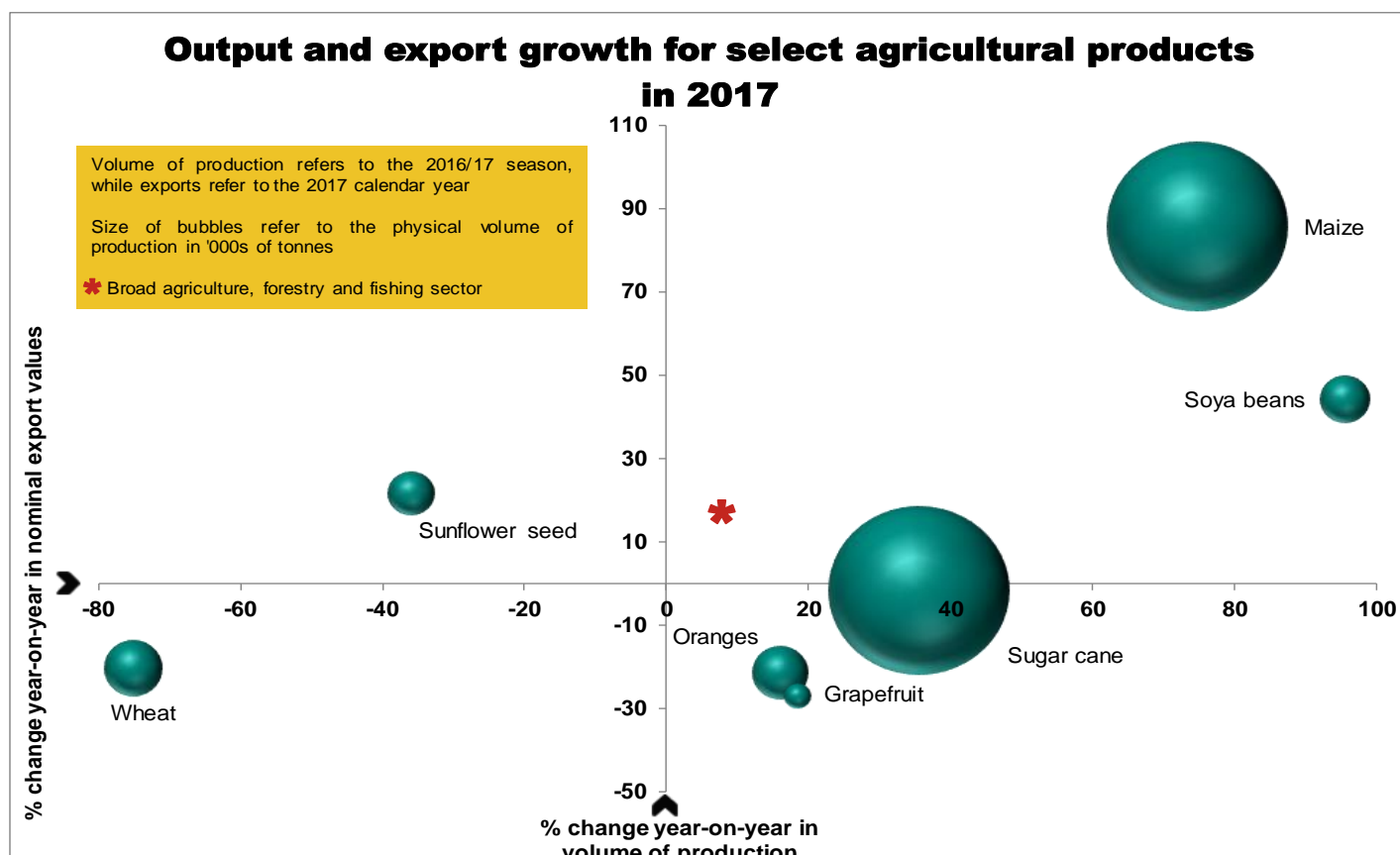
Improved weather conditions in the summer crop regions of South Africa during 2017 resulted in a significant turnaround in agricultural production volumes. It should be recalled that, in 2016, most parts of the country experienced the worst drought on record, which adversely affected production across basically all segments of the agriculture sector.

The strong rebound is best illustrated by maize production, which turned from the smallest harvest in the past 10 years in 2016, to a new all-time record of 16.8 million tonnes in 2017. However, severe drought conditions persisted in the southern parts of the country, affecting negatively the production of agricultural products such as wheat and oranges in 2017. All in all, the gross domestic product of the agriculture sector increased by 17.7% in 2017, being the principal contributor to the 1.3% growth of the economy at large.

Fixed investment activity in the sector has stagnated in recent years, with the overall annual value having remained just above the R16 billion mark in real terms since 2015. Contributing factors have included profitability, difficult climatic conditions, as well as uncertainty over land reform and restitution.

The agricultural sector reported almost 70 000 job losses, or a 7.6% drop, over the twelve-month period ending in the fourth quarter of 2017. The decline in employment initially impacted seasonal workers engaged in, for example, the picking of fruit.

The recovery in maize production is clearly evident in the overall trade performance of the broad agricultural sector in 2017. Cereal imports declined by R7.5 billion, taking overall agricultural imports downward by 29% for the year. Cereals exports, in turn, increased by R1.5 billion, while those of fruits and nuts rose by R2.7 billion in 2017. Agricultural exports totalled R66.2 billion, of which R45 billion were fruit exports.



Maize production is expected to be substantially lower in 2018, with the first production forecasts pointing towards a drop of about 27% to an estimated total harvest of 12.2 million tonnes, compared to the 16.8 million tonnes harvested in the 2017 season. The higher harvest in 2017 reduced prices and, consequently, the incentive for producers to expand the area being planted in the current season. Soybean and dry bean production volumes, however, are anticipated to rise.

The intensity of the drought and resultant water restrictions that are still affecting major parts of the Western Cape, Eastern Cape and Northern Cape provinces, will curtail production volumes in these areas in 2018. South Africa's fruit exports will be significantly impacted as a result. The impact of the drought may even become structural for quite some time, especially if permanent damage is caused to major crops, for it would lower production capacity for a number of years.

The intensification of drought in parts of the country towards the end of last year and early in 2018 is expected to impact on permanent employment, such as in fruit and wine farms in the Western Cape. Continued mechanisation and automation in the country's farms are also reducing the labour-intensity of South Africa's agricultural sector, although it remains one of the largest employers in the economy.

## Mining

South Africa's mining sector experienced a challenging year in 2017, despite generally rising commodity prices in rand terms. Globally, demand conditions remained difficult in various markets for mineral commodities, while the sector continued to face major challenges on the home front.

Some of the challenges facing the domestic mining industry are of a structural nature, such as the costs associated with deep-level mining in the gold and platinum group metals sub-sectors, as well as with addressing the environmental damage resulting from many decades of mining activity, particularly with regard to water resources. The incidence of accidents in mines remains a major problem, although the sector has shown progress in this regard. Furthermore, industry players continued to voice concern over policy and regulatory uncertainty, which has also hampered investor interest, and inadequate consultation in policy formulation. The industrial relations environment, in turn, has weighed on productivity as well as on investment prospects in the industry in recent years. Several mining companies have, however, started to realise the benefits of cost-saving initiatives, which are being reflected in lower operating costs.

Overall mining production increased by 4% in 2017, compared to a 4% contraction in 2016. The rebound in output growth was largely underpinned by the strong performance of the iron ore mining sub-sector, which contributed 1.7 percentage points to the mining sector's overall growth rate, as well as the manganese mining sub-sector, which contributed one percentage point to sectoral growth. The manganese sub-sector in fact recorded the highest growth rate, at almost 31% in 2017, followed by the sub-sectors producing diamonds (+16.7%), chrome (+12.8%) and iron ore (+12.6%). Key drivers of growth in industrial metals production included demand associated with infrastructure development. Large investments by De Beers at its Venetia mine, as well as by Petra Diamonds, contributed to the recovery in diamond production.

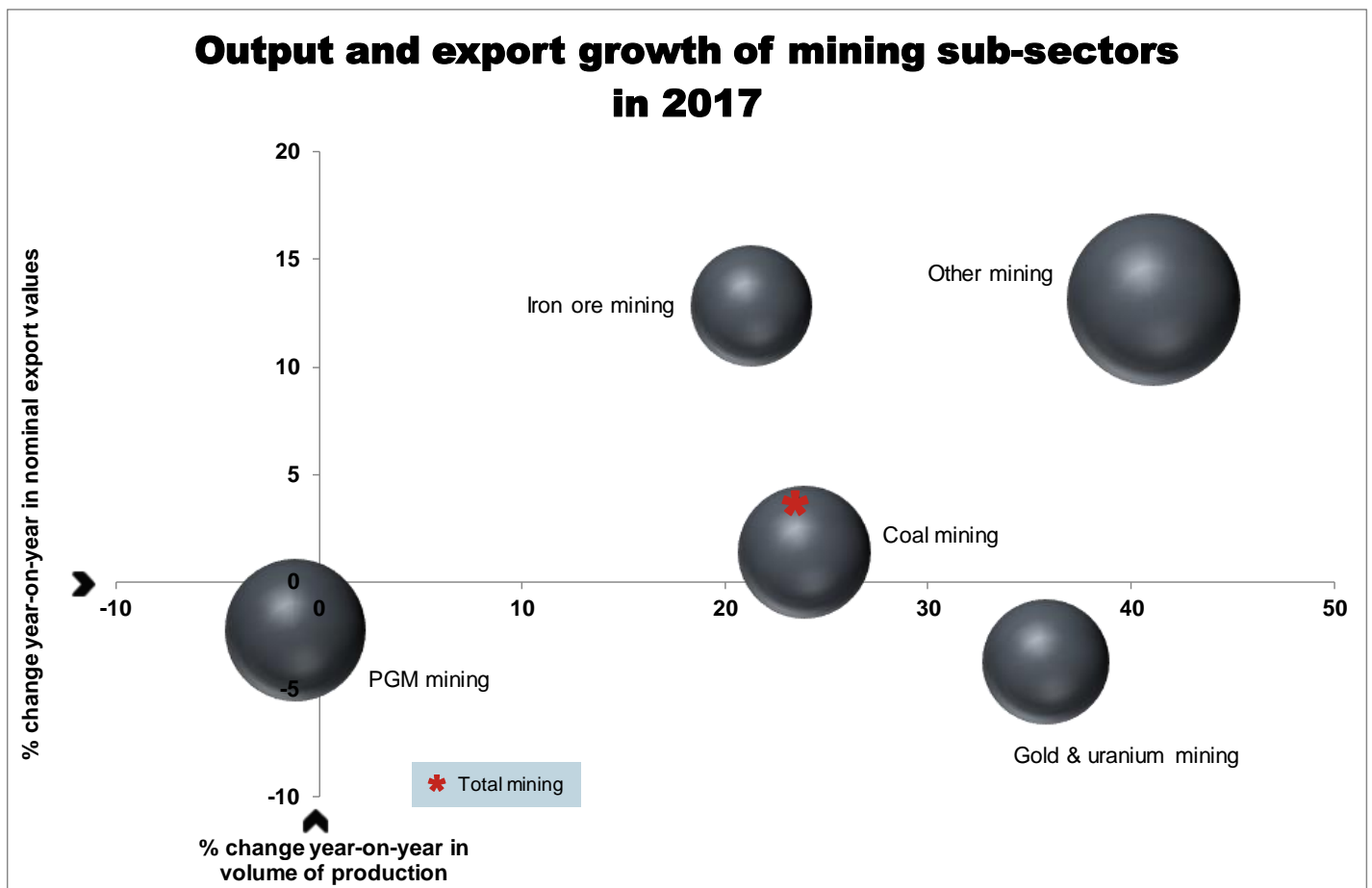
In contrast, gold production continued to decline, with low gold prices in rand terms aggravating the situation. However, the introduction of remote-controlled or autonomous machines into mines could contribute positively to profitability and towards the extension of life-of-mine in certain operations, while also reducing the risk to human lives.

A low-price environment is affecting the platinum mining sub-sector. Demand for platinum has been adversely affected by the continuing loss of market share by diesel vehicles in the automotive industry, particularly in

Europe. The VW emissions scandal in Europe and in the United States did not assist in this regard. Lower growth in spending on jewellery in China has added to the demand-side constraints. Further curtailment in supply capacity may thus be required in order to set off a price recovery.

The precious metals segment of the mining industry has been subject to a corporate mergers and acquisitions activity, which have benefited the industry in general. The most notable transaction has been that of Sibanye and US-based Stillwater, which has assisted Sibanye in developing into a fully integrated player within the upstream segment of the PGMs value chain.

Coal mining recorded a modest 1.4% increase in production volume, as the slow pace of construction of Eskom’s two new power stations is holding back domestic demand for coal, while global efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions are hampering export market growth. The latter is also being adversely affected by India’s efforts to develop its own coal industry, for this large emerging economy has been the leading destination for South Africa’s coal exports.



Collectively, the GDP of the mining and quarrying sector increased by 4.6% in 2017, thereby making the second largest contribution to the economy’s overall growth performance last year. Rising commodity prices propelled mining companies to increase fixed investment activity, by 16% in real terms to R56.3 billion, in 2017. As a result, the sector’s overall capital stock expanded by 1.5% to R614 billion. Such investment should support further gains in mining production.

Formal employment in the mining sector remained relatively flat, as job figures increased by only 0.4% in the year to the fourth quarter of 2017. In an effort to contain labour costs in a difficult operating and trading

environment, many mining operations have opted for job cuts. Gold mining employment declined during the year, and several mining companies recently announced further retrenchments. Other mining sub-sectors are also reducing employment levels. In platinum mining, for instance, Lonmin has signalled that it might retrench up to 6 000 workers as it restructures its operations in the near future, while Anglo American Platinum has stated that it will be reducing its workforce in the Rustenburg area from 24 000 to 16 500 workers.

The trade surplus recorded by the mining sector widened to just under R317 billion in 2017. Exports increased by 23.5%, driven mainly by higher export earnings from non-ferrous metal ores, gold, petroleum products, coal and iron ore. South Africa's mining exports, which totalled R427 billion in 2017, were dominated by platinum group metals, non-ferrous metal ores (chrome, manganese and titanium ore), coal, gold and iron ore.

Imports of mining products amounted to R110 billion in 2017, representing a 5% decline compared to 2016. These consisted mainly of crude oil, which accounted for 80% of the import basket, diamonds, coal, gold and natural gas. The drop in overall imports was mainly due to the large decline in the value of imported crude oil, reflecting subdued levels of economic activity in South Africa.

The performance of South Africa's mining industry is expected to improve over the short- to medium-term on the back of rising external demand for mined products as global economic growth and investment activity increase. Importantly, despite relatively slower growth, the Chinese economy will continue to support activity levels across the minerals value chain and export volume growth (China accounts for approximately 50% of global demand for industrial commodities). The imposition of tariffs on the United States' steel imports may affect global steel production and, in the process, impact on demand for iron ore. This may, however, be countered by increasing fixed investment activity in infrastructure and building activity in a number of developed and developing countries, which should also support demand for other industrial commodities, such as chrome, manganese and copper.

Recent changes in South Africa's political landscape have also boosted business confidence levels in the sector, which should impact positively on capital investment going forward. Accordingly, the positive output growth momentum is expected to be maintained in 2018.

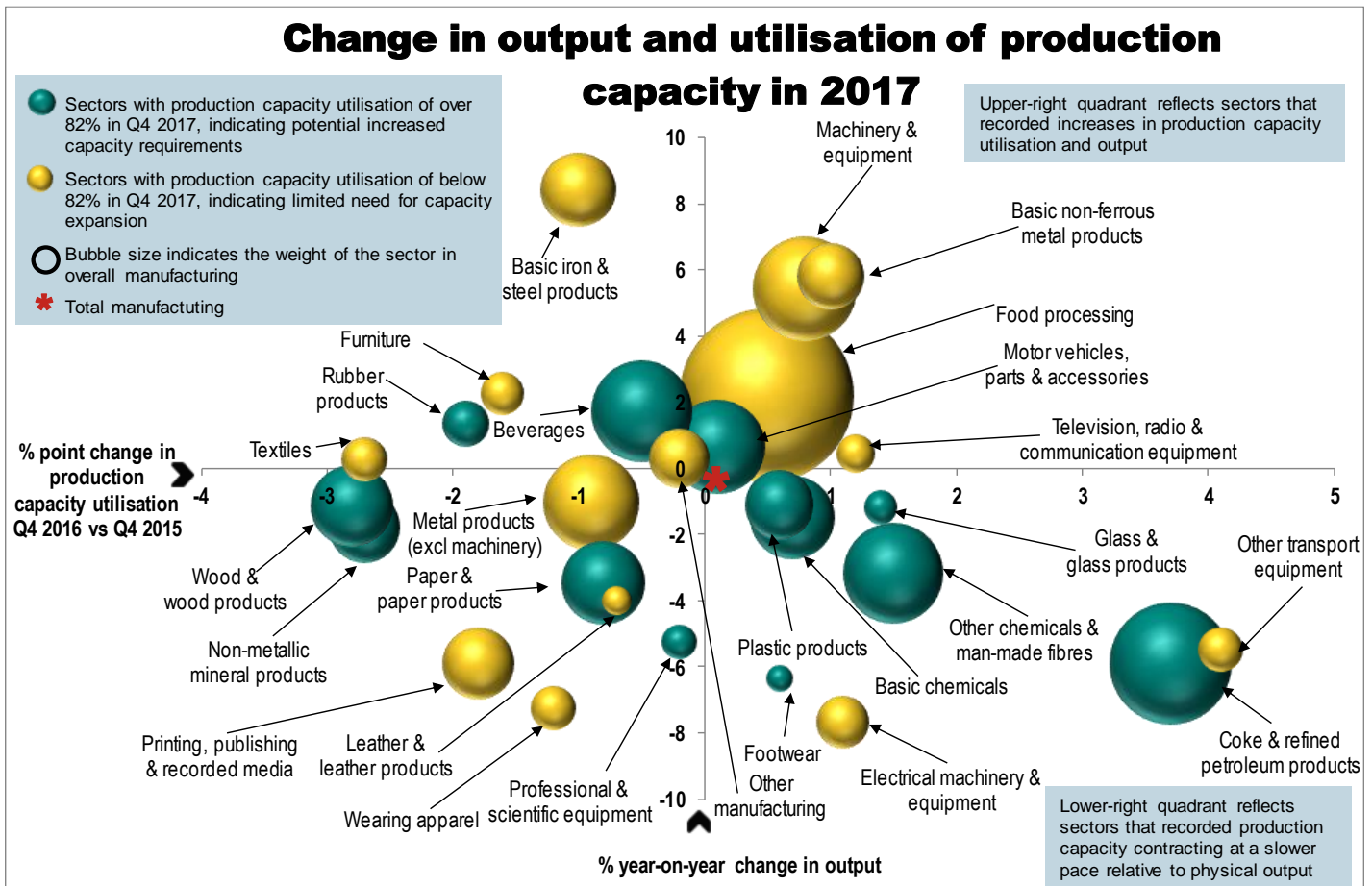
## Manufacturing

Weak demand for manufactured goods in the South African economy, rising operational costs, as well as concerns over the political landscape and policy uncertainty, weighed on activity levels in the manufacturing sector in 2017. However, positive economic developments in some of South Africa's key external markets, including Europe, supported production in export-oriented industries.

The physical volume of manufacturing production declined by 0.4% (using seasonally adjusted StatsSA data), while the sector's value-add (GDP) increased by 0.2% in real terms. Several manufacturing sub-sectors reported lower volumes of production in 2017, particularly chemicals; wood and paper; non-metallic mineral products; textiles and clothing; and electrical machinery. These largely offset the strong increases in output reported by metals and machinery, as well as food and beverages. The utilisation of production capacity rose by a mere 0.1 of a percentage point to 82.8% in the fourth quarter of 2017.

Fixed investment spending increased by a modest 1.4%, in real terms, in 2017, after having declined considerably (-15.7%) in 2016. With production activity still relatively subdued and significantly under-utilised production capacity in several manufacturing sub-sectors, much of this investment was directed towards maintenance, replacement and technology upgrades, as opposed to expansionary investment. The

manufacturing sector's total capital stock declined by 2.8% to R564 billion, the lowest level in real terms since 1996.



Although marginal at 0.4% in real terms, growth in overall fixed investment in the economy in 2017 had a beneficial impact on the manufacturing sub-sectors producing machinery and equipment; iron and steel; as well as basic non-ferrous metal products. This was reflected in the output growth of these particular sectors.

The improvement in household consumption expenditure towards the latter part of 2017, which was supported by rising disposable incomes in real terms and lower interest rates, benefitted the food and beverages, as well as the furniture sub-sectors, which register growth rates of around 2%.

The export-oriented motor vehicles, parts and accessories sub-sector recorded only a marginal 0.4% increase in production in 2017. During the year, General Motors divested from South Africa and VW retooled its plant for the production of the new Polo model. External demand remained weak, as indicated by the fact that the overall value of this sub-sector's exports declined by 4.2% in nominal value terms, despite a weakening exchange rate of the rand over a major part of the year.

Nevertheless, the motor vehicles, parts and accessories sub-sector remains the largest contributor to South Africa's manufactured exports, accounting for R130 billion out of the R676 billion in foreign earnings generated by manufactured exports in 2017. It has in fact been the top-ranked manufacturing export sector since 2012. Its share of the of the overall manufactured export basket stood at 17.5% in 2017, compared to the 12.3% share claimed by basic iron and steel, which claimed second spot.

Overall manufacturing exports increased by a mere 0.3% in nominal value terms to R676.2 billion in 2017. Product categories that recorded increases in export values above the R2 billion mark included basic iron and steel (+R4.8 billion); basic chemicals (+R4.0 billion); non-ferrous metal products (+R3.4 billion); and refined petroleum products (+R2.8 billion). These increases were, however, countered by declines in the export values of motor vehicles, parts and accessories (-R6.7 billion); other transport equipment (-R2.8 billion); and, among others, television, radio and communication equipment (-R2.2 billion).

At the individual country level, Germany and the United States are the principal destinations for South Africa's manufactured exports. In the African continent, the leading markets in 2017 were Namibia, Botswana and Zambia.

The increase in the value of manufactured imports to R970 billion widened South Africa's trade deficit in manufactured goods to R294 billion in 2017. Substantially higher imports were recorded for refined petroleum products, which increased by R22.7 billion (or by 51%), to R67.3 billion in 2017. Weak private sector investment in new productive capacity was reflected in lower imports of electrical and non-electrical machinery and equipment.

Manufacturing employment contracted marginally (-0.6%) over the year to the fourth quarter of 2017. Higher employment in the sub-sectors producing machinery and equipment (+2 862 jobs) and other chemicals (+2 277), was insufficient to offset the job losses reported in sub-sectors such as beverages (-4 727), wearing apparel (-3 610) as well as wood and wood products (-2 410).

Business conditions in the manufacturing sector are expected to remain largely unsatisfactory in the near term. Although business confidence in the manufacturing sector rebounded by 13 points to a reading of 37 points in the first quarter of 2018, sentiment remains low, which is indicative of the difficult operating environment at present. However, improving business and investor sentiment, combined with favourable prospects for growth in global demand, including key export markets such as the European and Sub-Saharan regions, should be supportive of increased manufacturing production activity going forward.



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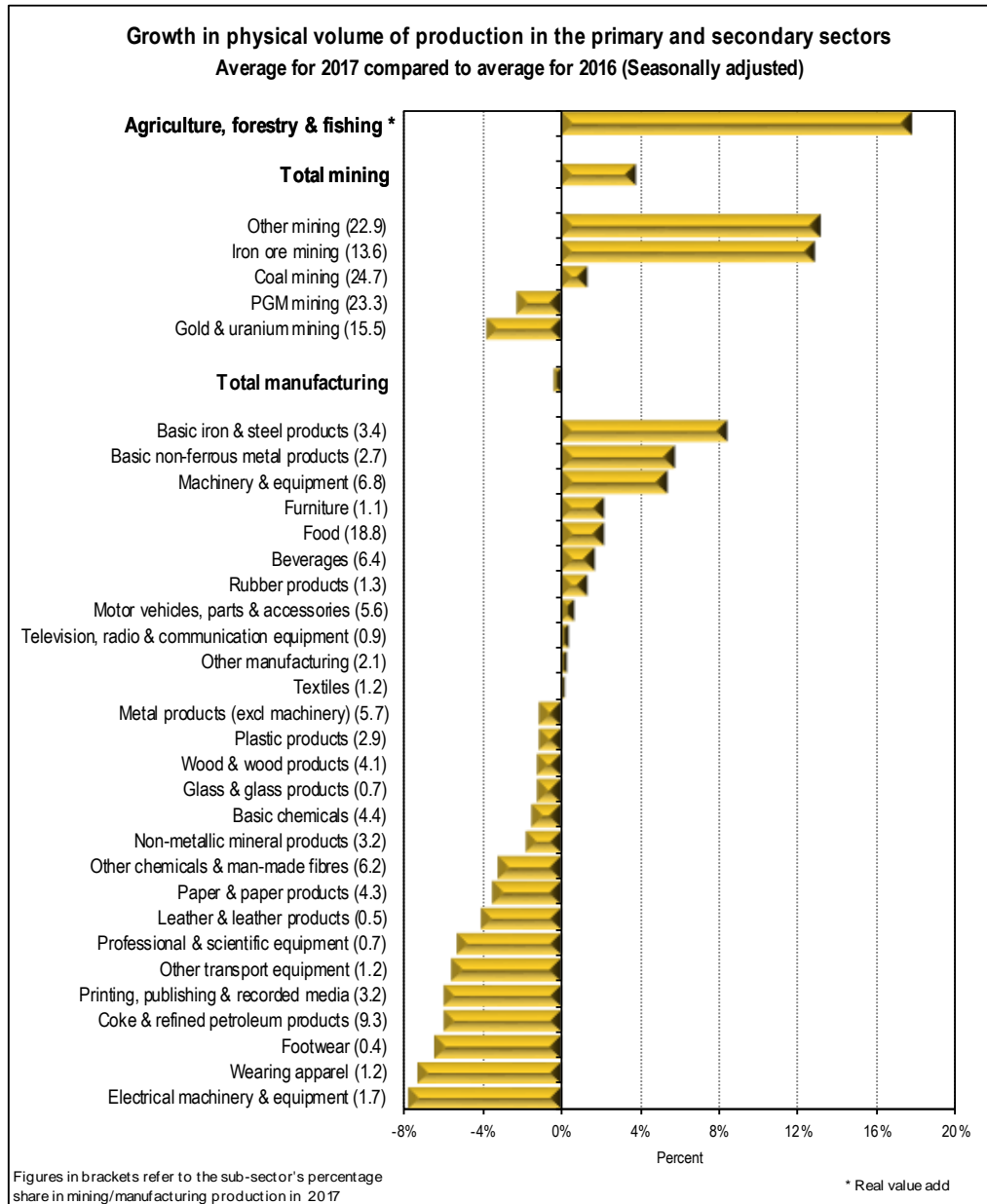


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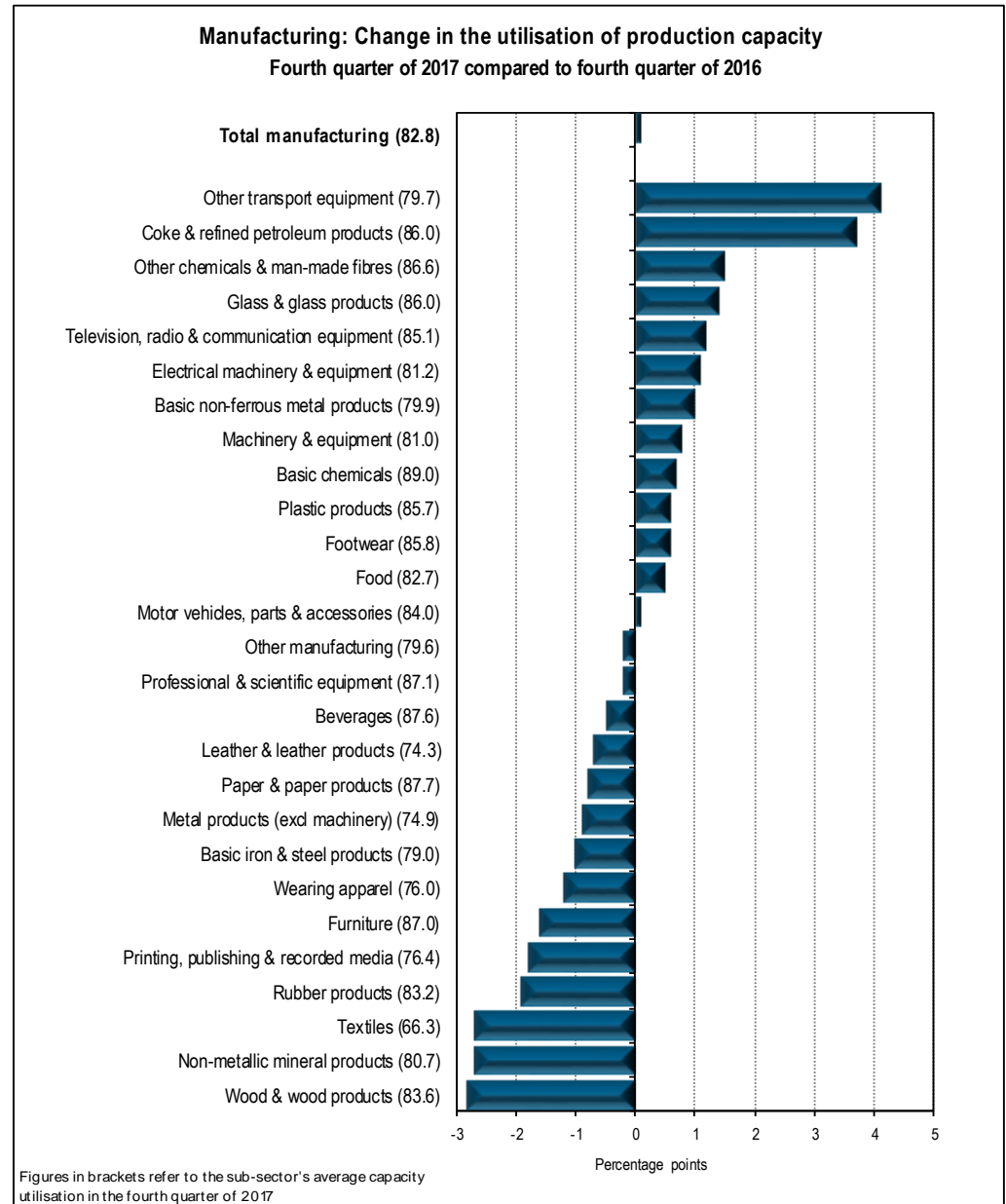


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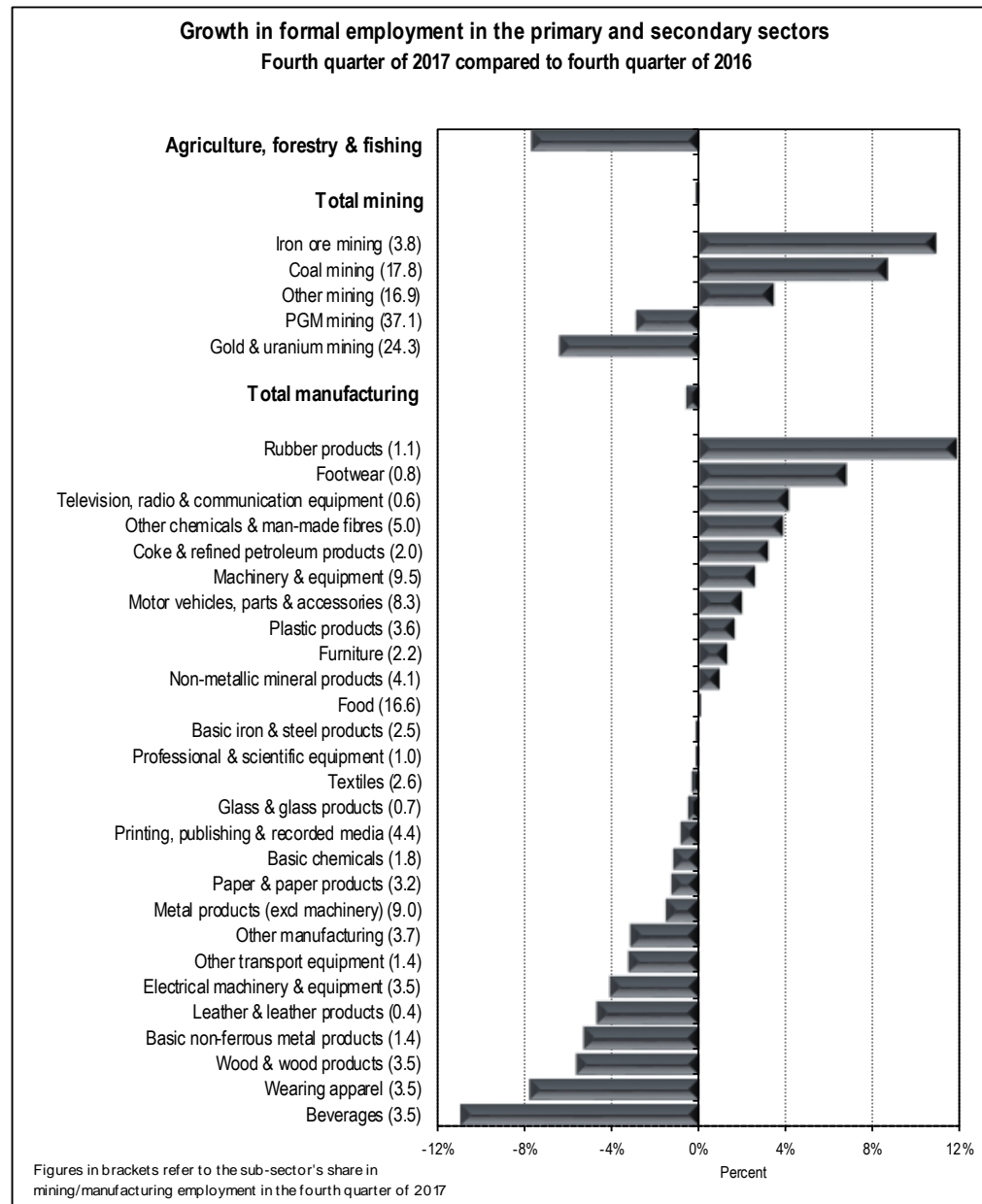


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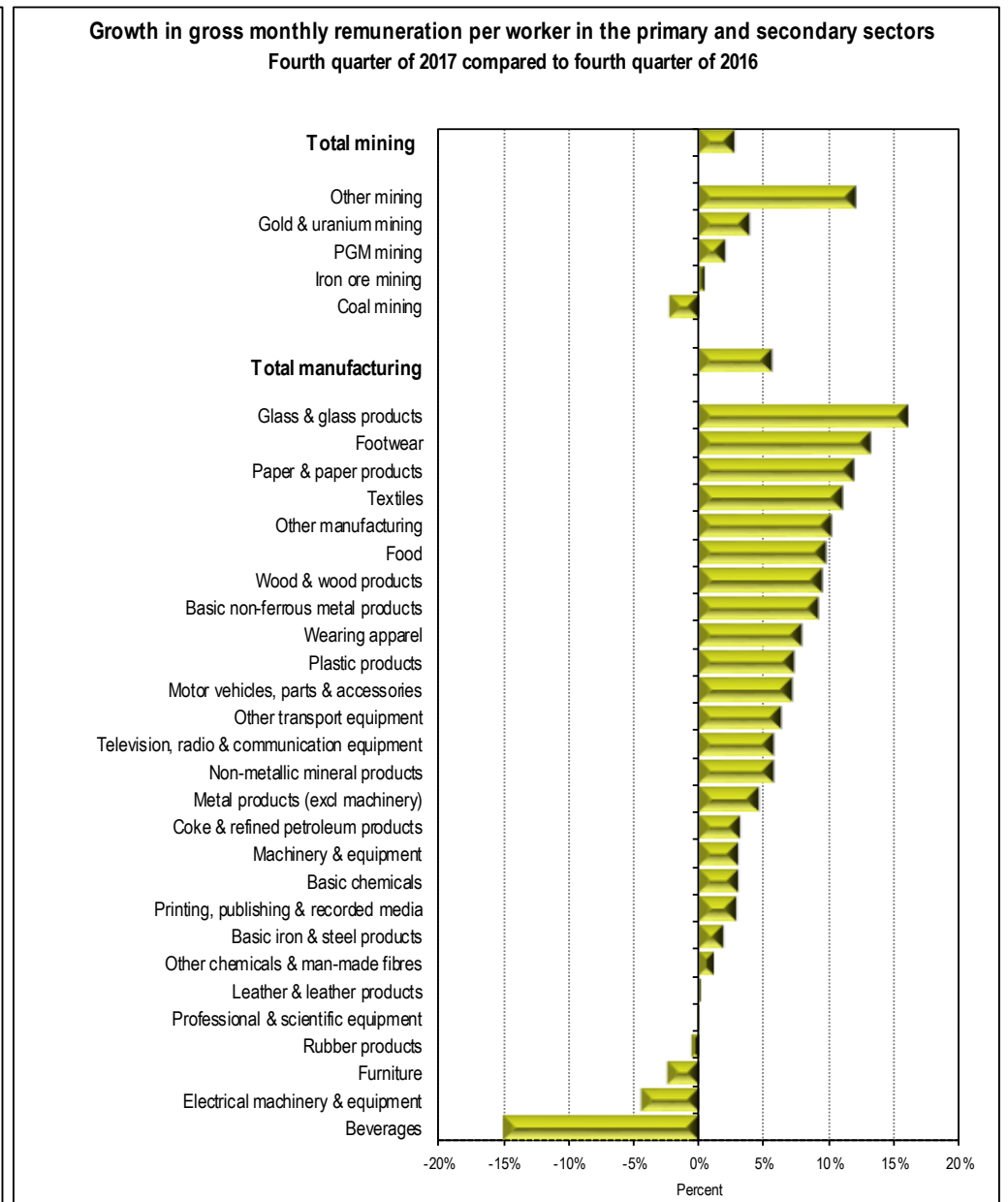


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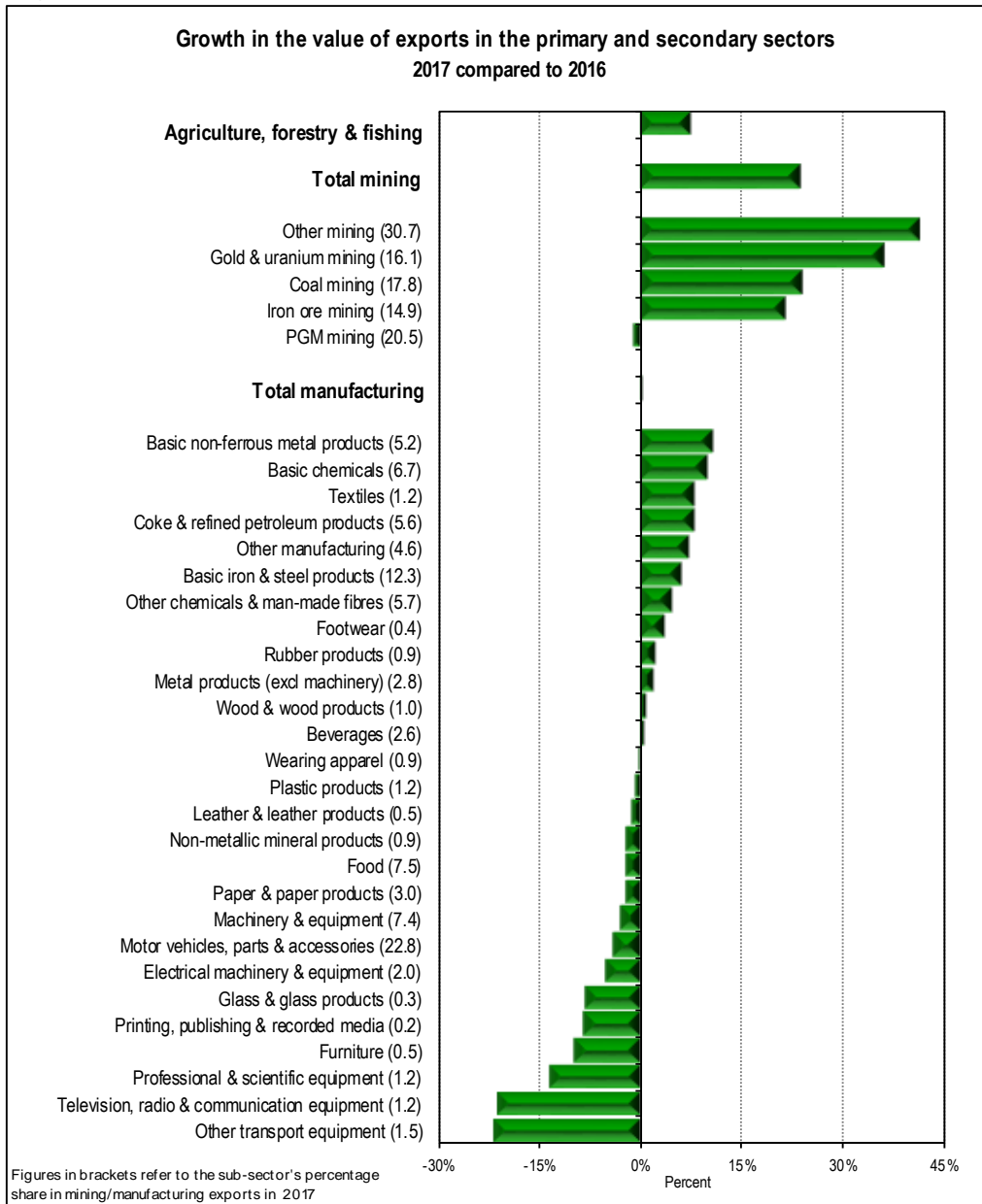
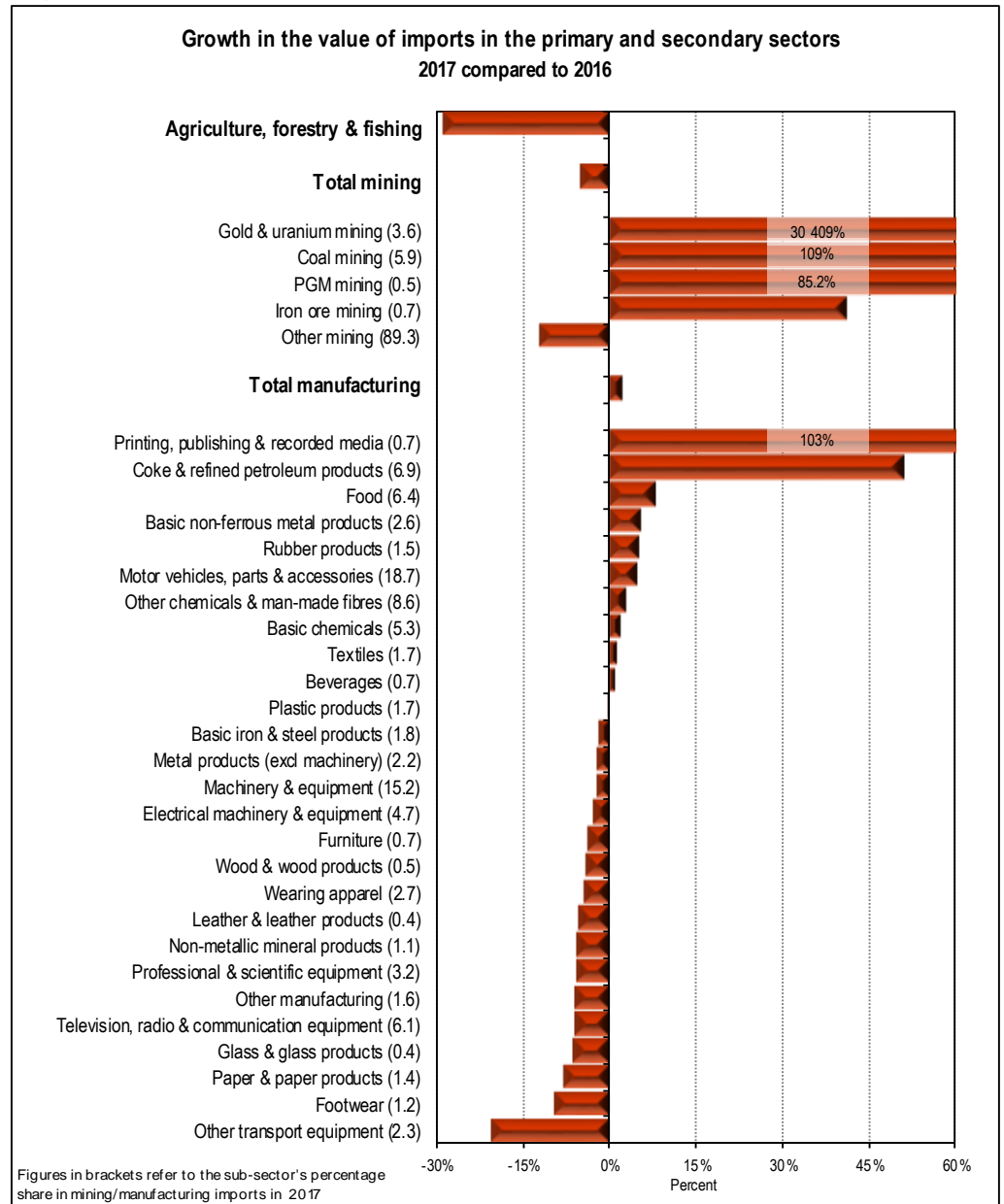
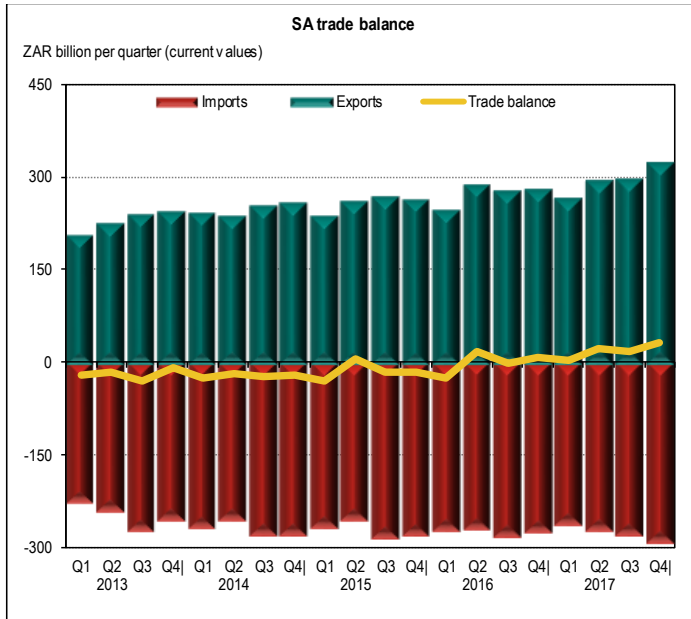


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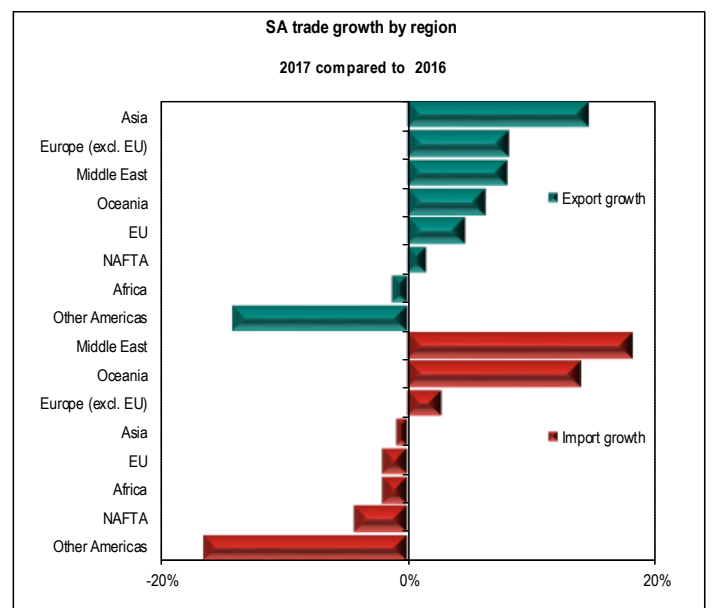
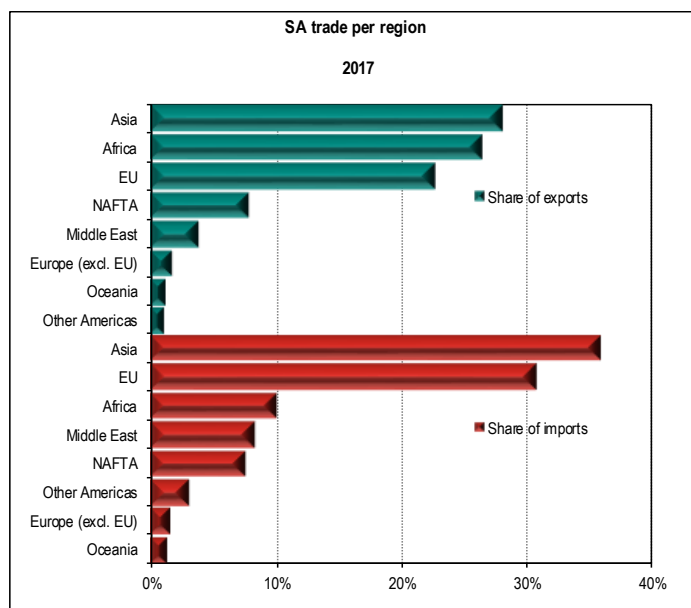
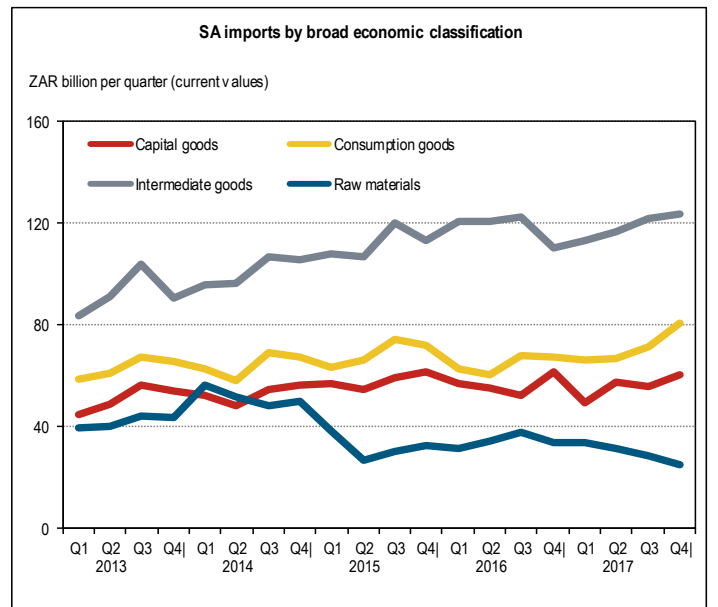
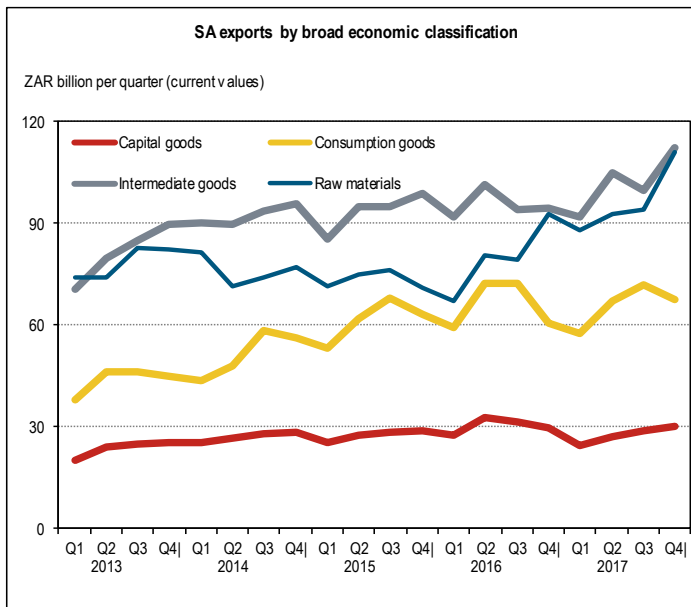


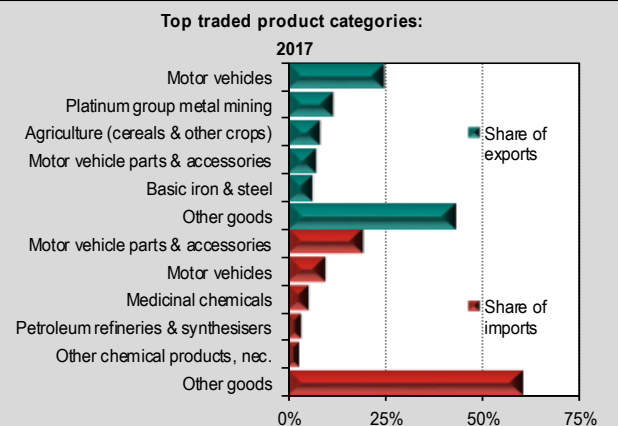
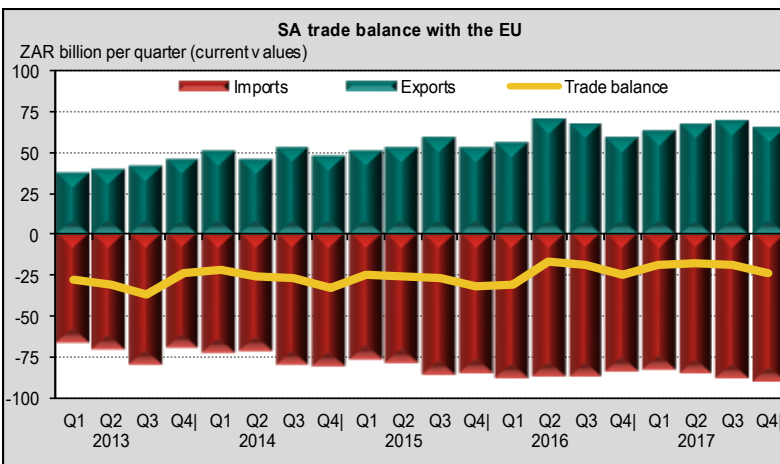
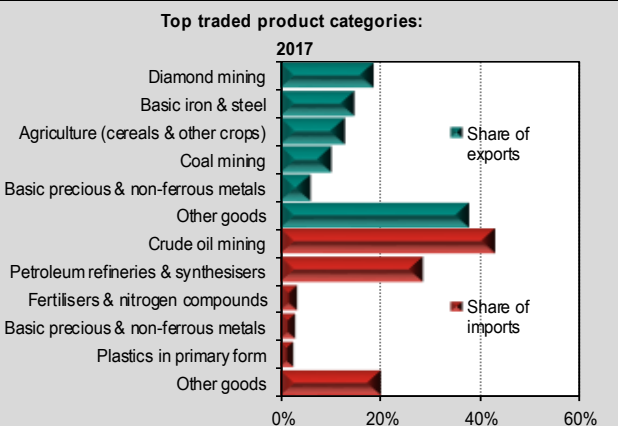
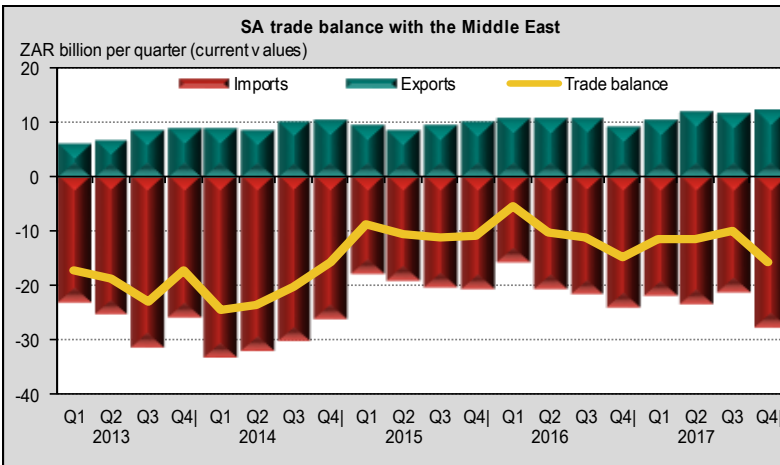
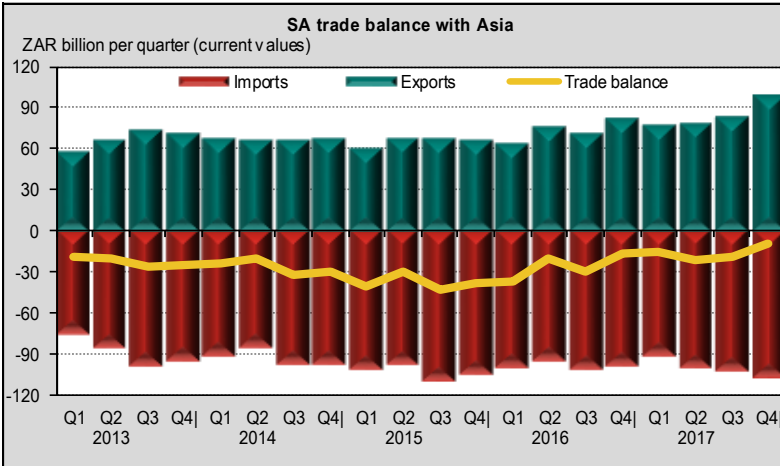
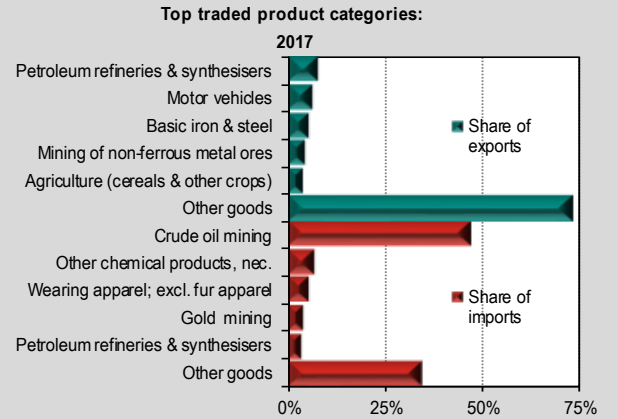
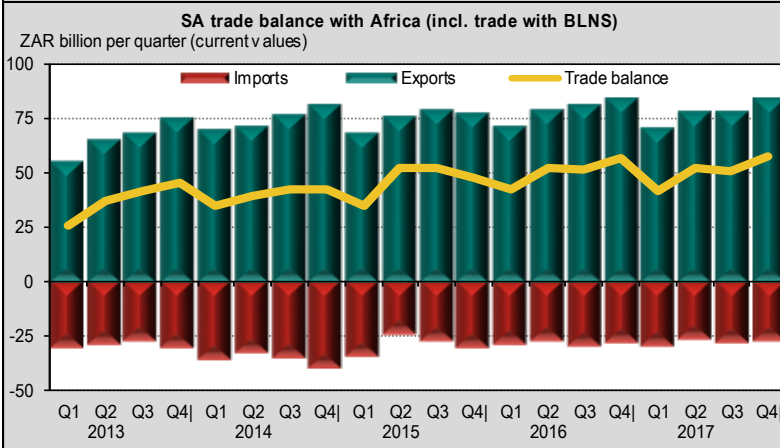


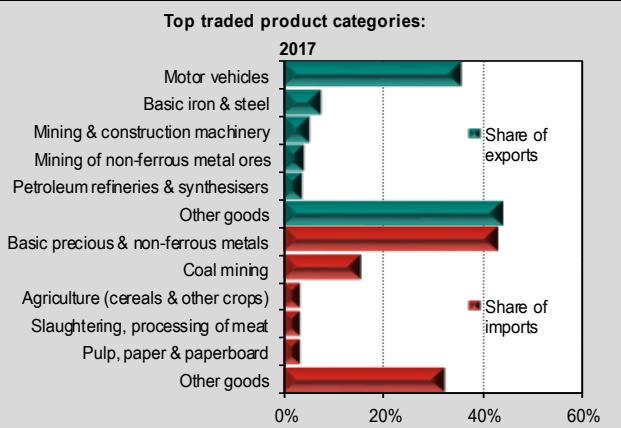
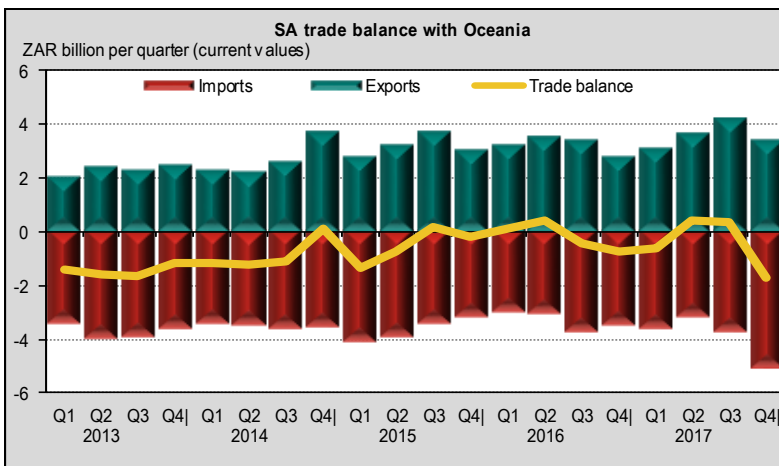
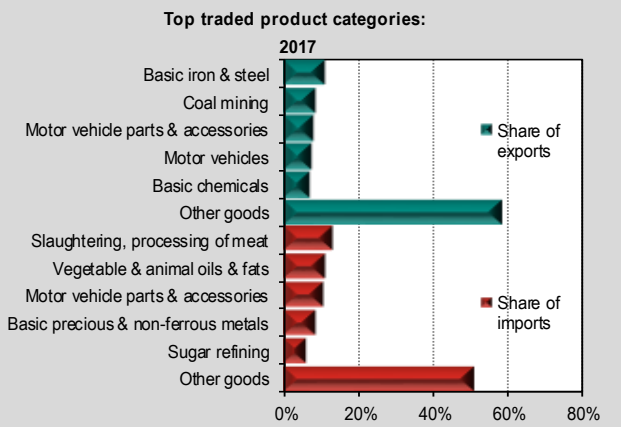
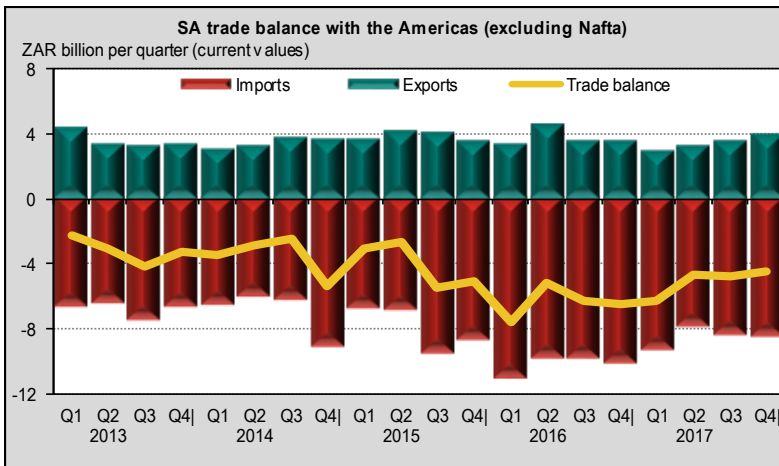
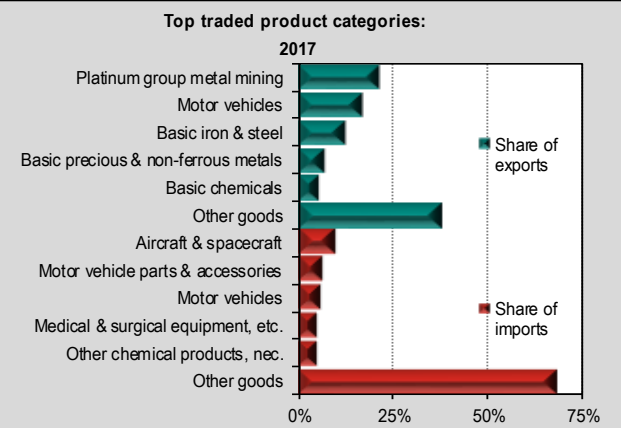
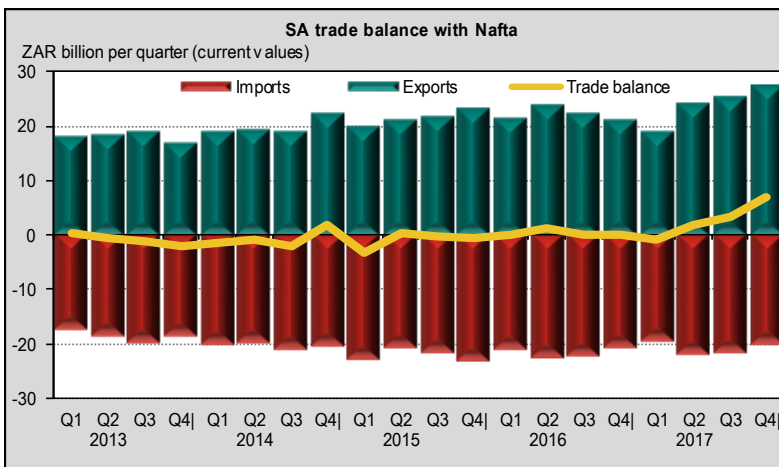
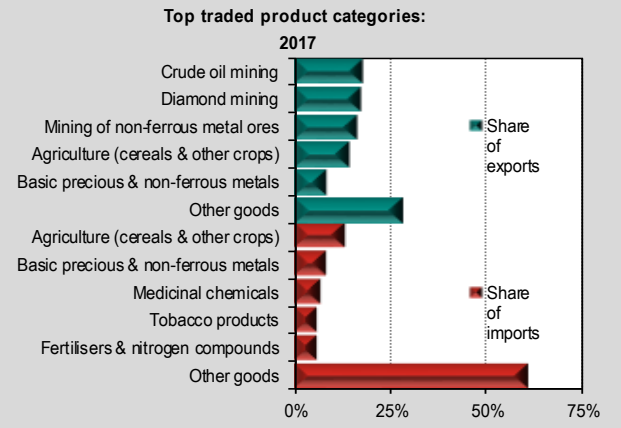
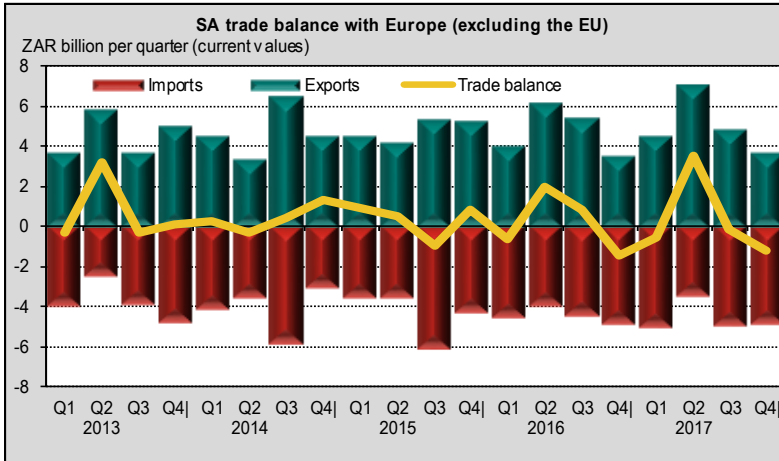
### Major traded products

2017

HS2 code	ZAR m
<b>Exports</b>	
H71: Natural or cultured pearls, precious stones and metals	198 559.30
H26: Ores, slag and ash	151 241.91
H27: Coal, petroleum and petroleum products	140 369.36
H87: Vehicles, parts and accessories	130 560.28
H72: Iron and steel	80 583.62
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>1181 828.00</b>
<b>Imports</b>	
H27: Coal, petroleum and petroleum products	163 140.94
H84: Machinery and equipment, mechanical appliances	146 280.31
H85: Electrical machinery and electronic equipment	113 250.15
H87: Vehicles, parts and accessories	92 973.95
H98: Original equipment components for the motor vehicle industry	89 981.61
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>1106 970.00</b>

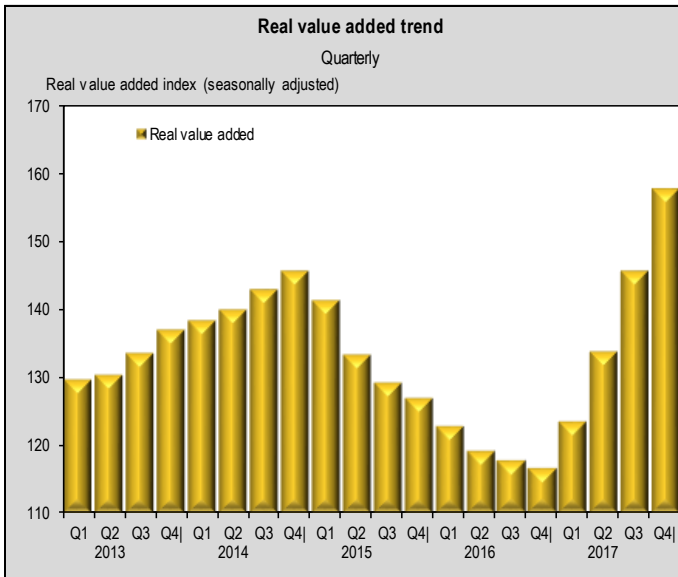






## Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)

↑ 17.7%      -- (percentage points)      ↓ -7.6%      ↑ 14.3%      ↑ 7.4%      ↓ -28.9%  
**Real value added (seas. adj.)**      **Capacity utilisation**      **Employment\***      **Gross monthly remuneration per worker**      **Exports (ZAR)**      **Imports (ZAR)**

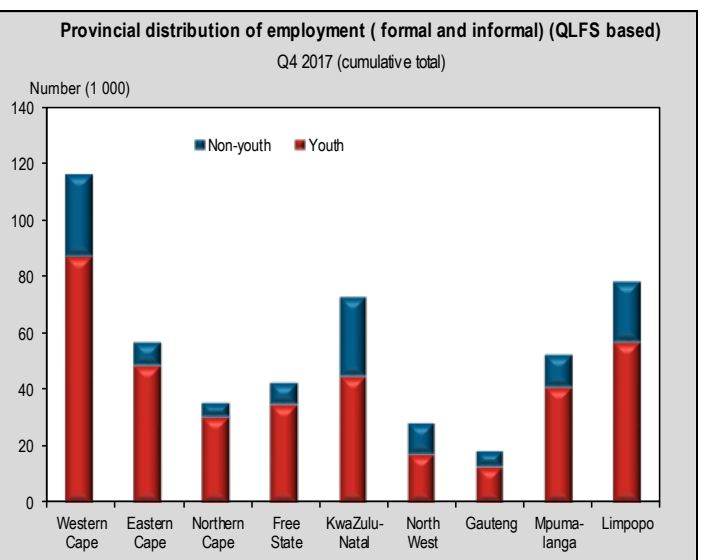
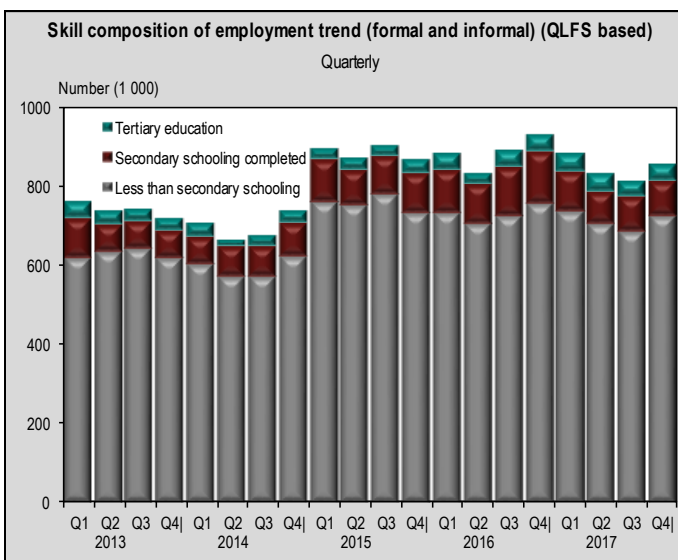
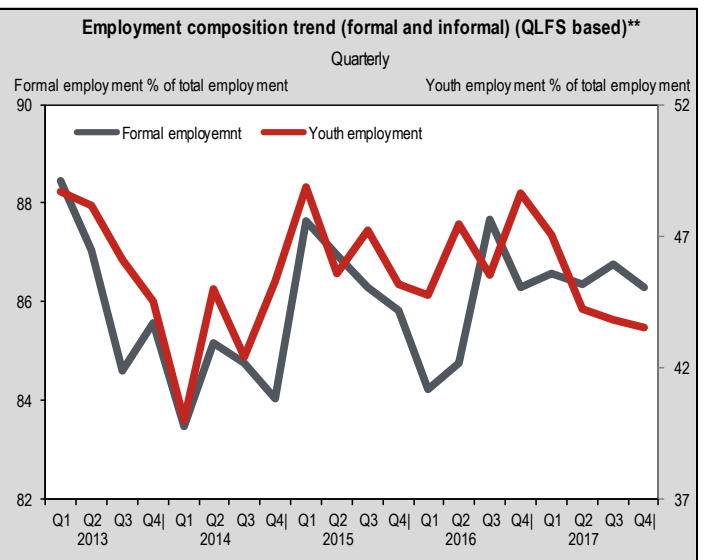
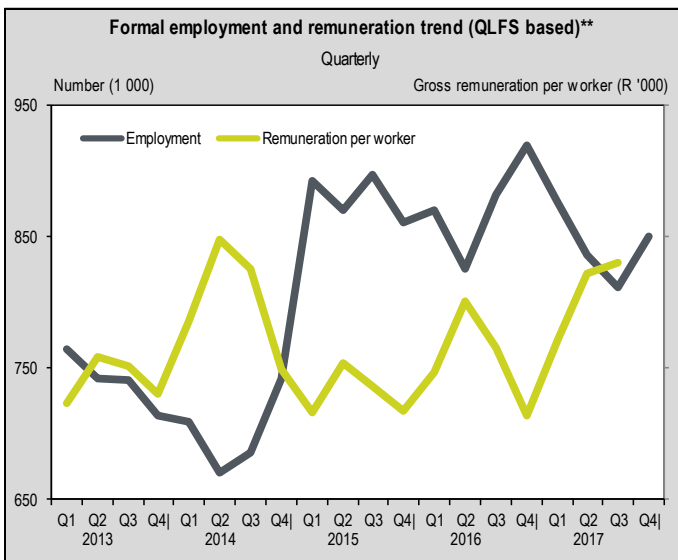


### Crop harvest estimates

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

Crop	2018 season (tonnes)	% change compared to previous season
White maize	6 108 000	-38.4%
Yellow maize	6 114 950	-11.4%
<b>Total Maize</b>	<b>12 222 950</b>	<b>-27.3%</b>
Sunflower seed	731 505	-16.3%
Soybeans	1 374 700	4.5%
Groundnuts	88 850	-3.5%
Sorghum	78 200	-48.6%
Dry beans	70 770	3.3%
<b>Total summer crops</b>	<b>14 566 975</b>	<b>-24.6%</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.

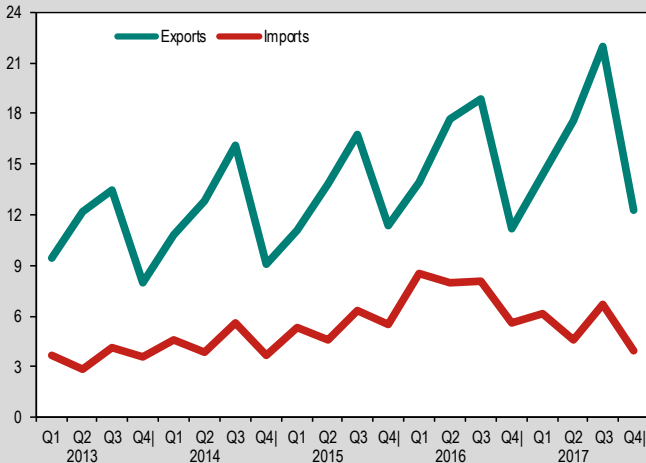


\* QES - Q1 2012 to Q1 2015 data compiled from the 2013 Business Sample Frame, Q2 2015 onwards compiled from the 2015 Business Sample Frame  
 \*\* QLFS - Q1 2012 to Q4 2014 data compiled from the 2007 Master Sample, Q1 2015 onwards compiled from the 2013 Master Sample

### 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

2017

HS2 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H08: Edible fruit, nuts, peel of citrus fruit, melons	45 012.47
H10: Cereals	6 910.11
H51: Wool, animal hair, horsehair yarn and fabric thereof	4 601.53
H07: Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers	2 507.71
H12: Oil seed, oleag fruits, grain, seed, fruit, etc	2 422.79
H09: Coffee, tea, mate and spices	1 341.48
H06: Live trees, plants, bulbs, roots, cut flowers etc	1 081.37
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>66 230.41</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H08: Edible fruit, nuts, peel of citrus fruit, melons	2 682.10
H10: Cereals	1 488.36
H51: Wool, animal hair, horsehair yarn and fabric thereof	749.26
H12: Oil seed, oleag fruits, grain, seed, fruit, etc	1 58.37
H44: Wood and articles of wood, wood charcoal	1 316.00
<b>Top losers</b>	
H03: Fish, crustaceans, molluscs, aquatic invertebrates nes	- 566.91
H01: Live animals	- 102.68
H07: Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers	- 99.45
H04: Dairy products, eggs, honey, edible animal product nes	- 80.05
H13: Lac, gums, resins, vegetable saps and extracts nes	- 38.89

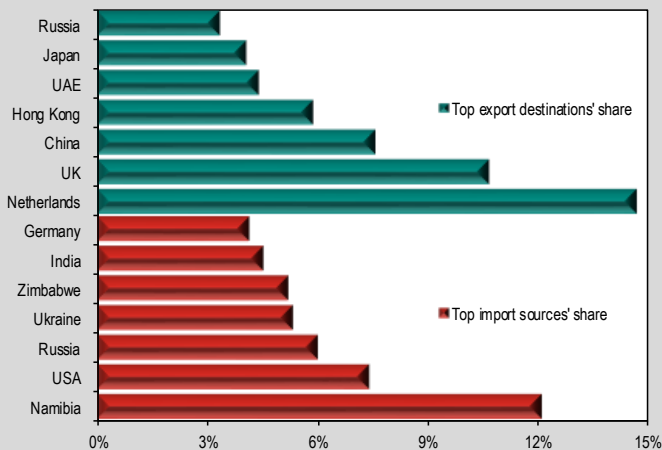
### Major traded import products

2017

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<b>Top imports</b>	
H10: Cereals	6 604.68
H01: Live animals	2 796.32
H09: Coffee, tea, mate and spices	2 541.40
H08: Edible fruit, nuts, peel of citrus fruit, melons	2 037.34
H12: Oil seed, oleag fruits, grain, seed, fruit, etc	1 798.38
H24: Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	1 714.56
H40: Rubber and articles thereof	969.54
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>21 451.12</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H01: Live animals	1 298.42
H52: Cotton, yarn and woven fabric	1 36.48
H40: Rubber and articles thereof	1 35.58
H06: Live trees, plants, bulbs, roots, cut flowers etc	52.31
H08: Edible fruit, nuts, peel of citrus fruit, melons	25.75
<b>Top losers</b>	
H10: Cereals	- 7 533.40
H12: Oil seed, oleag fruits, grain, seed, fruit, etc	- 1 999.34
H24: Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	- 294.16
H07: Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers	- 227.53
H09: Coffee, tea, mate and spices	- 183.16

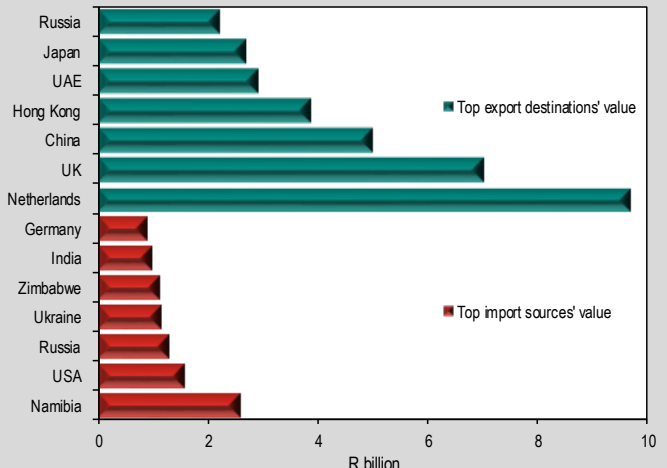
### Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

2017



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

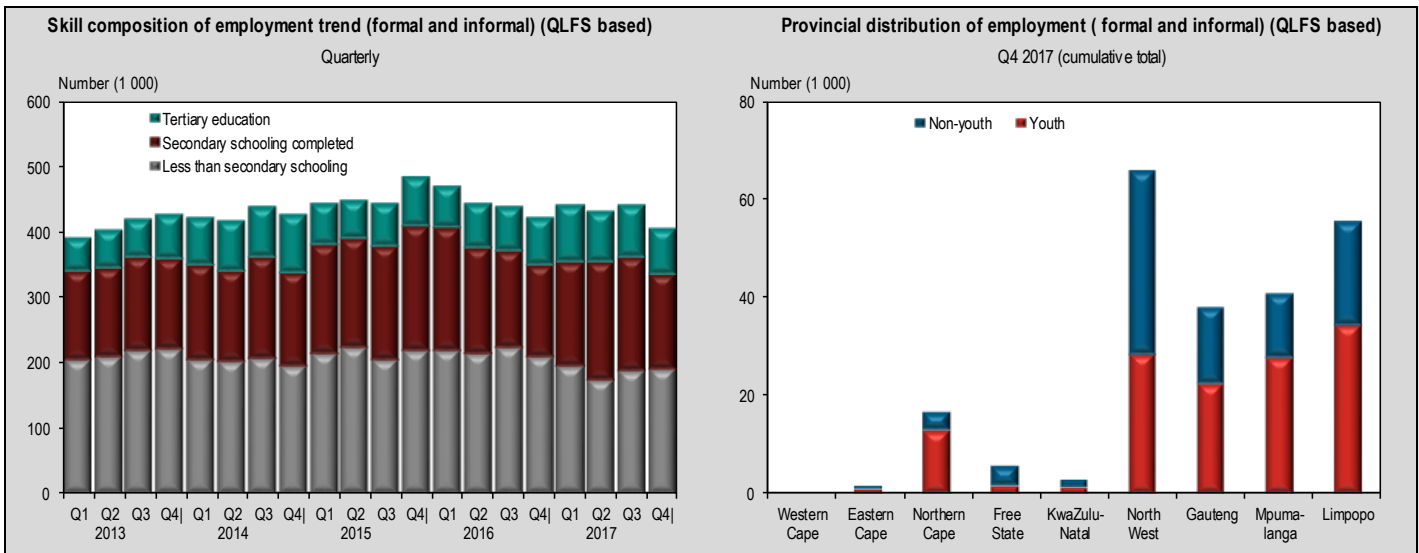
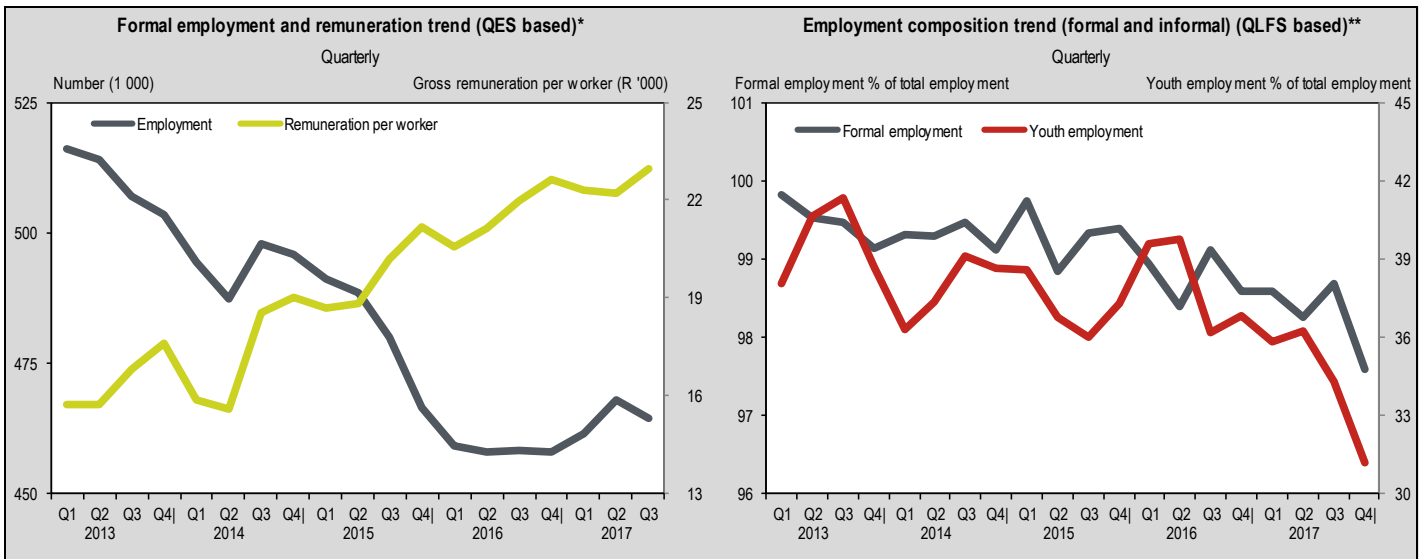
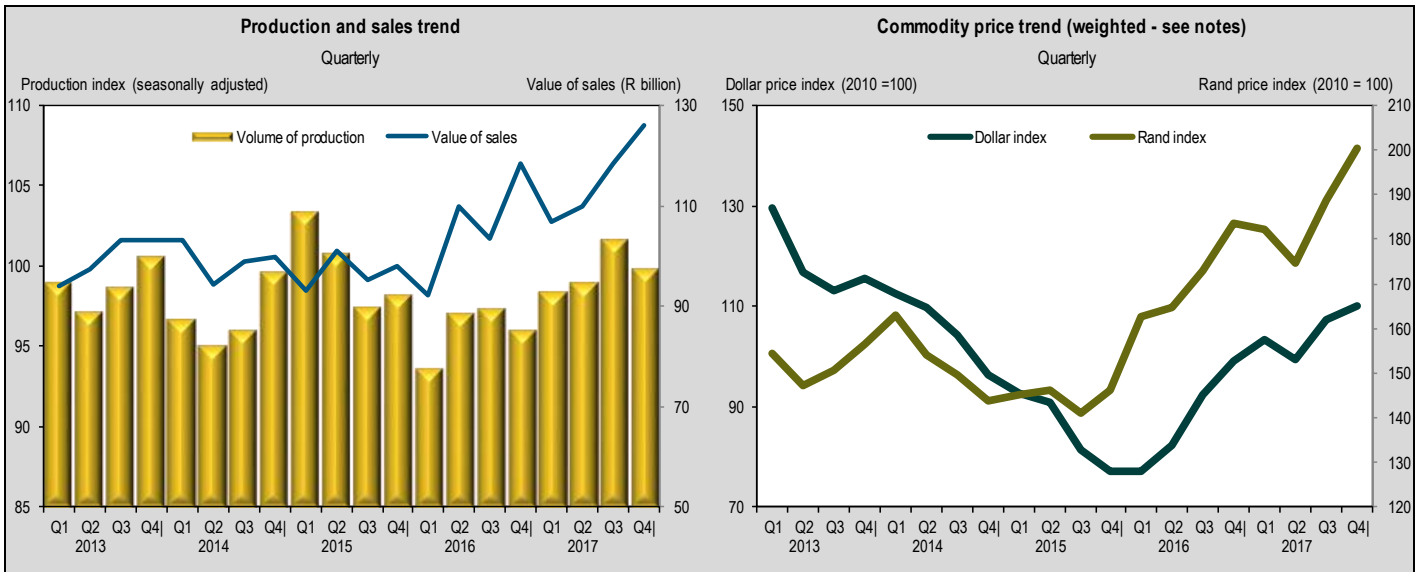
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**Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)**

↑ 3.8%	-- (percentage points)	↓ -0.1%	↑ 2.7%	↑ 23.5%	↓ -5.0%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



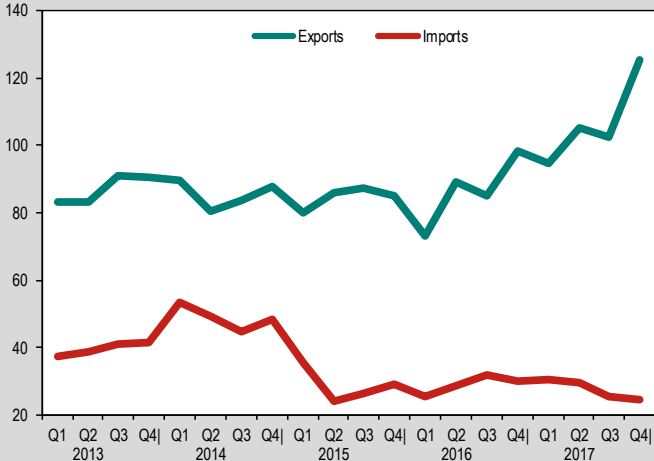
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**Trade trends (value terms)**

Total per quarter

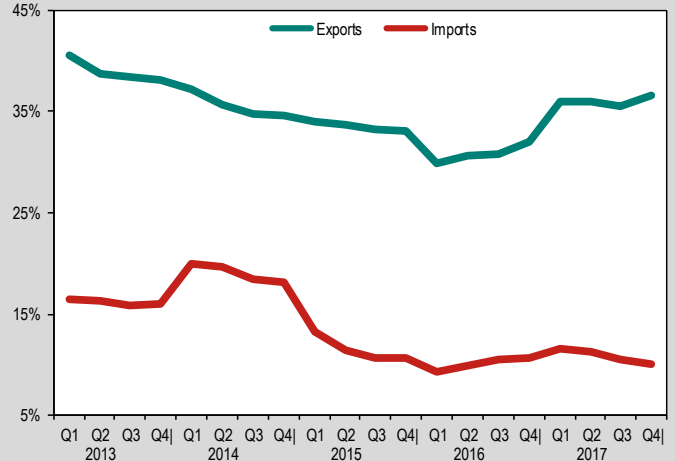
ZAR billion per quarter (current v values)



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

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



**Major traded export products**

2017

HS2 code: sector description

ZAR m

Top exports	
H71: Natural or cultured pearls, precious stones and metals	131876.29
H26: Ores, slag and ash	147737.94
H27: Coal, petroleum and petroleum products	93300.30
H25: Salt, sulphur, earth, stone, plaster, lime and cement	4368.87
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>427283.39</b>
Top gainers	
H26: Ores, slag and ash	116867.08
H27: Coal, petroleum and petroleum products	60401.81
H71: Natural or cultured pearls, precious stones and metals	17275.12
H25: Salt, sulphur, earth, stone, plaster, lime and cement	579.17
Top losers	

**Major traded import products**

2017

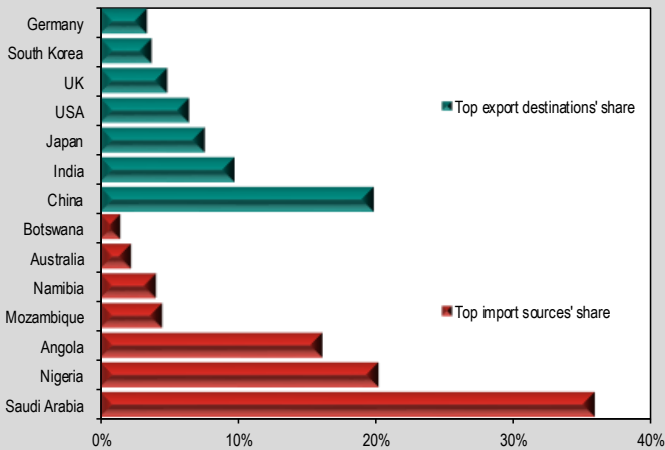
HS2 code: sector description

ZAR m

Top imports	
H27: Coal, petroleum and petroleum products	95230.52
H71: Natural or cultured pearls, precious stones and metals	11539.72
H25: Salt, sulphur, earth, stone, plaster, lime and cement	2276.95
H26: Ores, slag and ash	1302.25
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>110349.44</b>
Top gainers	
H27: Coal, petroleum and petroleum products	5119.16
H71: Natural or cultured pearls, precious stones and metals	3775.06
H25: Salt, sulphur, earth, stone, plaster, lime and cement	280.25
Top losers	
H26: Ores, slag and ash	-3617.40

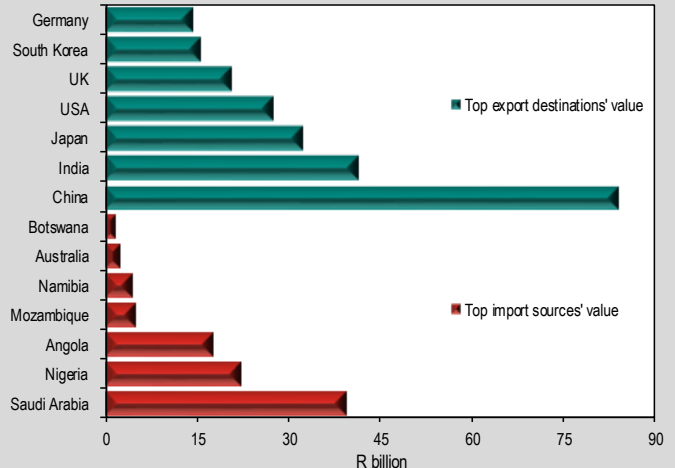
**Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)**

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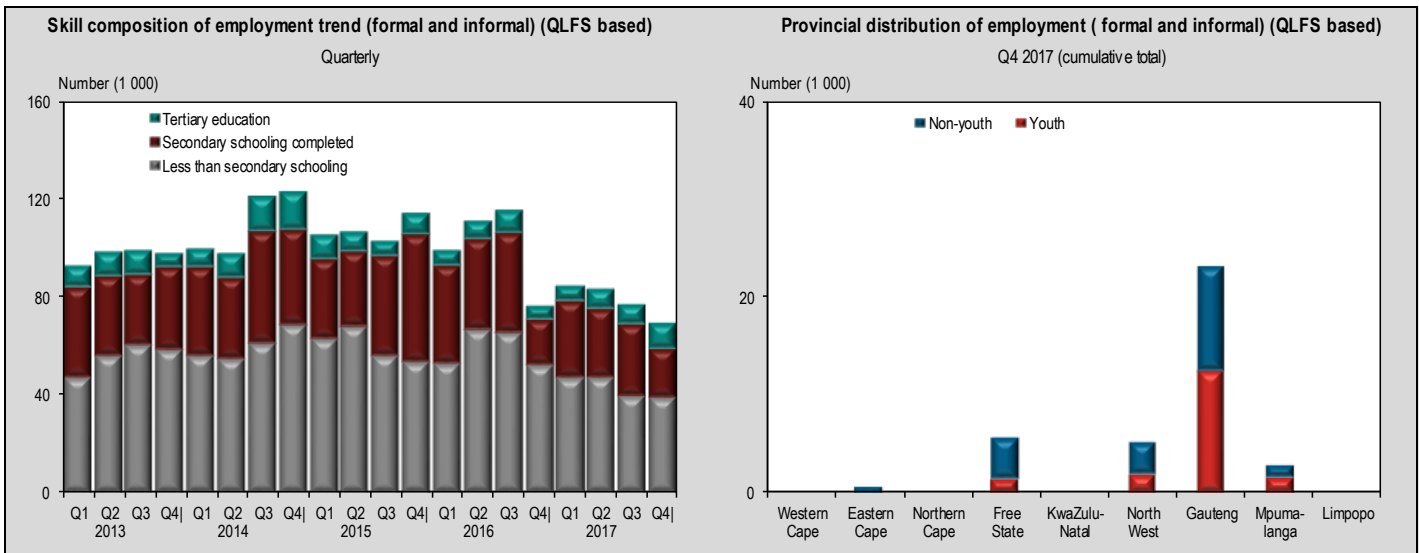
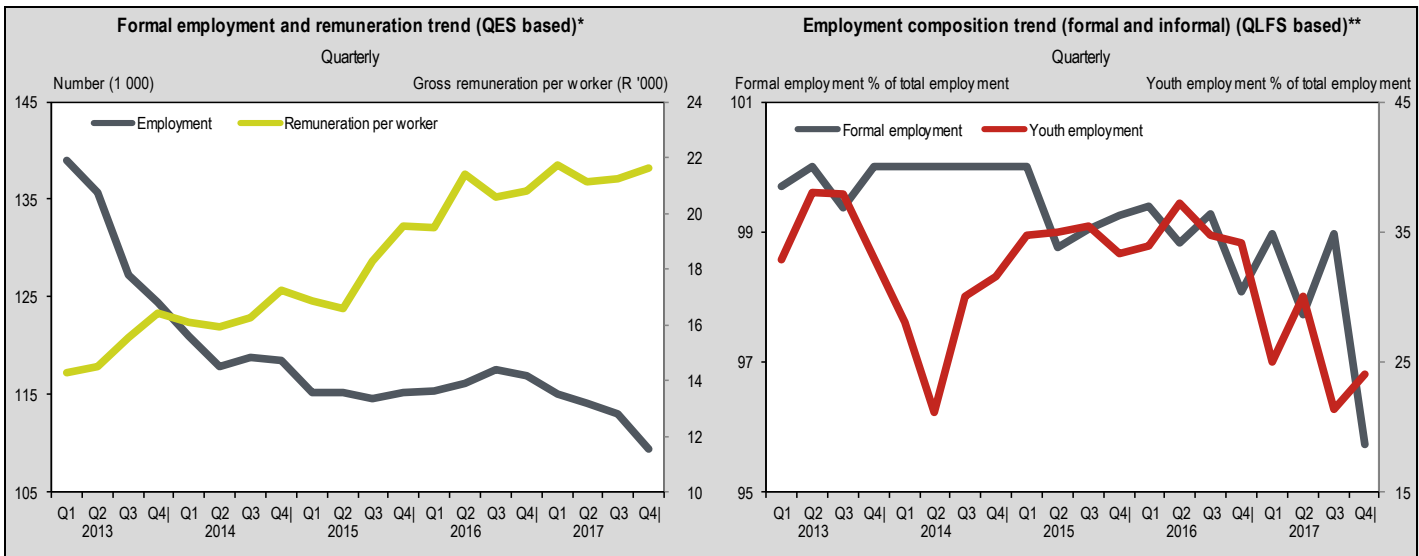
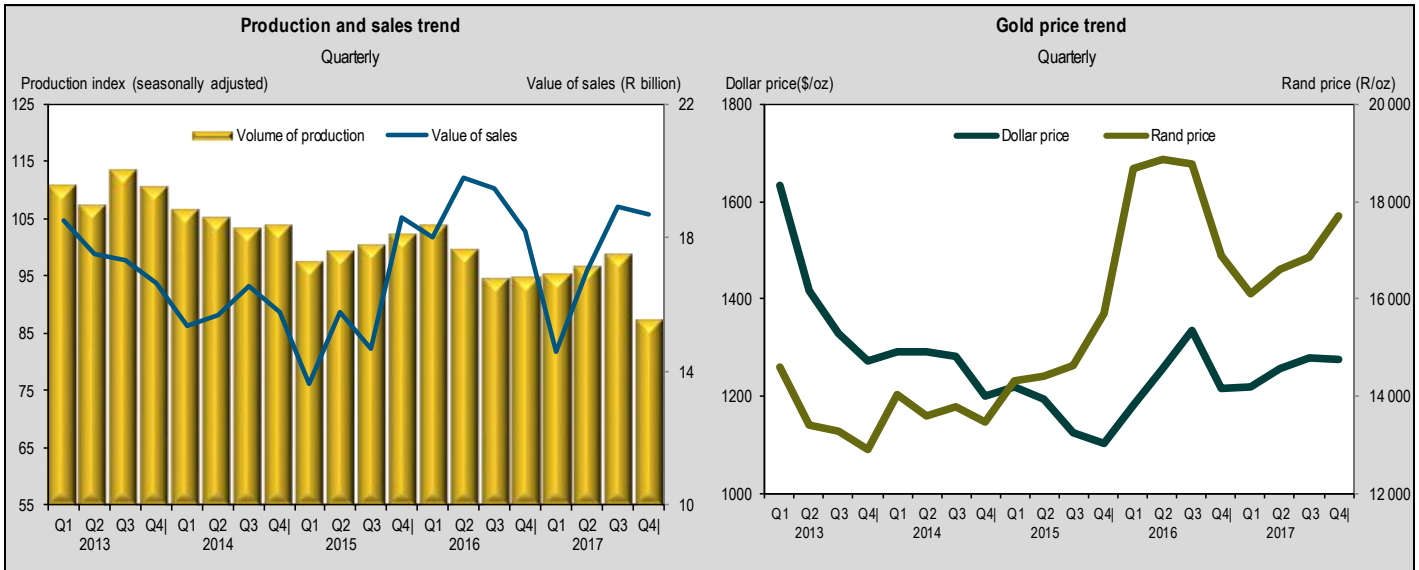
**Top trading partners (value of export/imports)**

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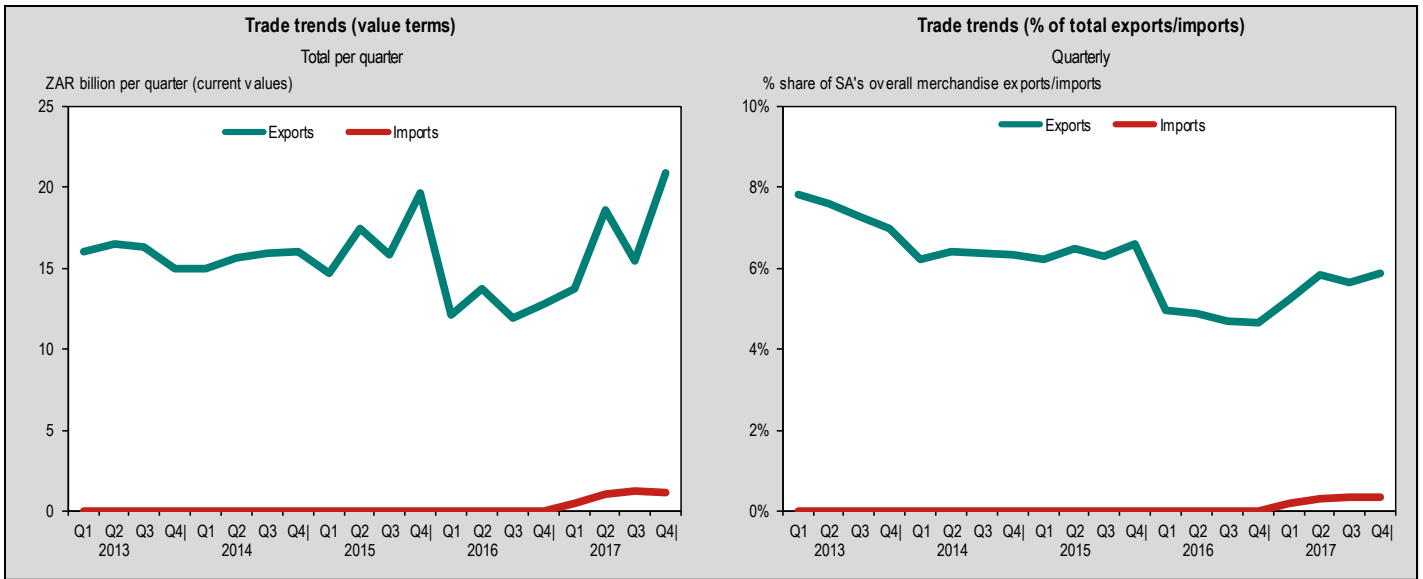
**Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)**

↓ -3.7%	-- (percentage points)	↓ -6.3%	↑ 3.9%	↑ 35.8%	↑ 30409.0%
<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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### Major traded export products

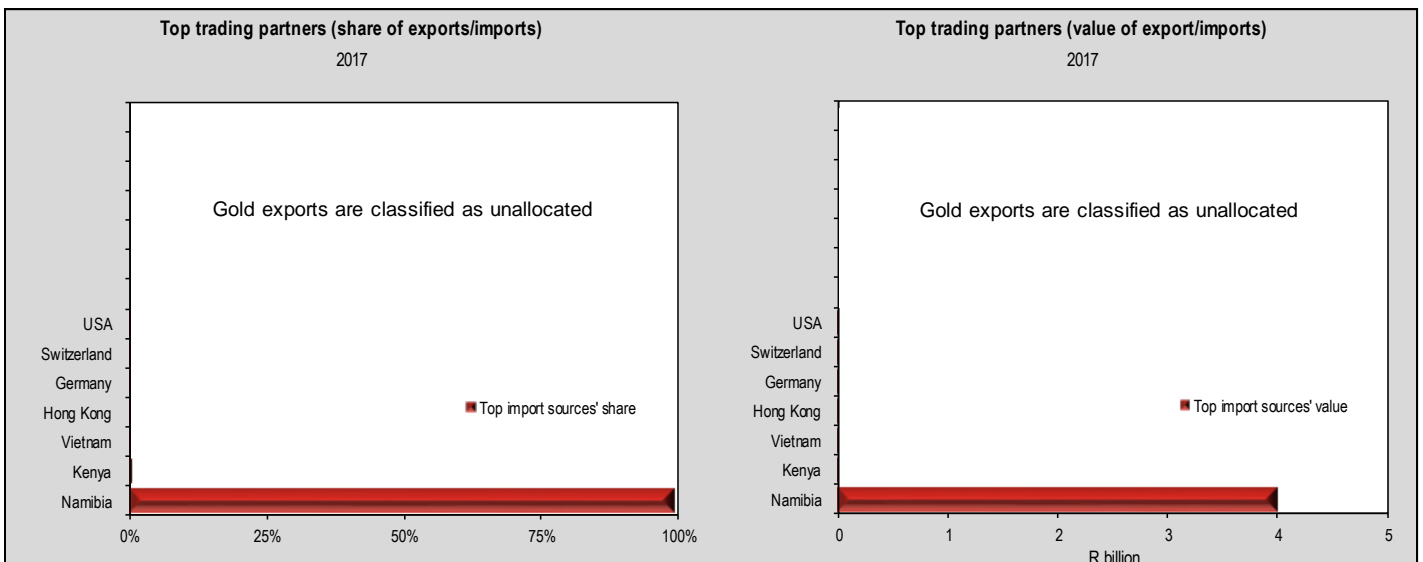
2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b> H7108: Gold, unwrought, semi-manufactured, etc	68 710.79
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	68 710.79
<b>Top gainers</b> H7108: Gold, unwrought, semi-manufactured, etc	18 124.47
<b>Top losers</b>	

### Major traded import products

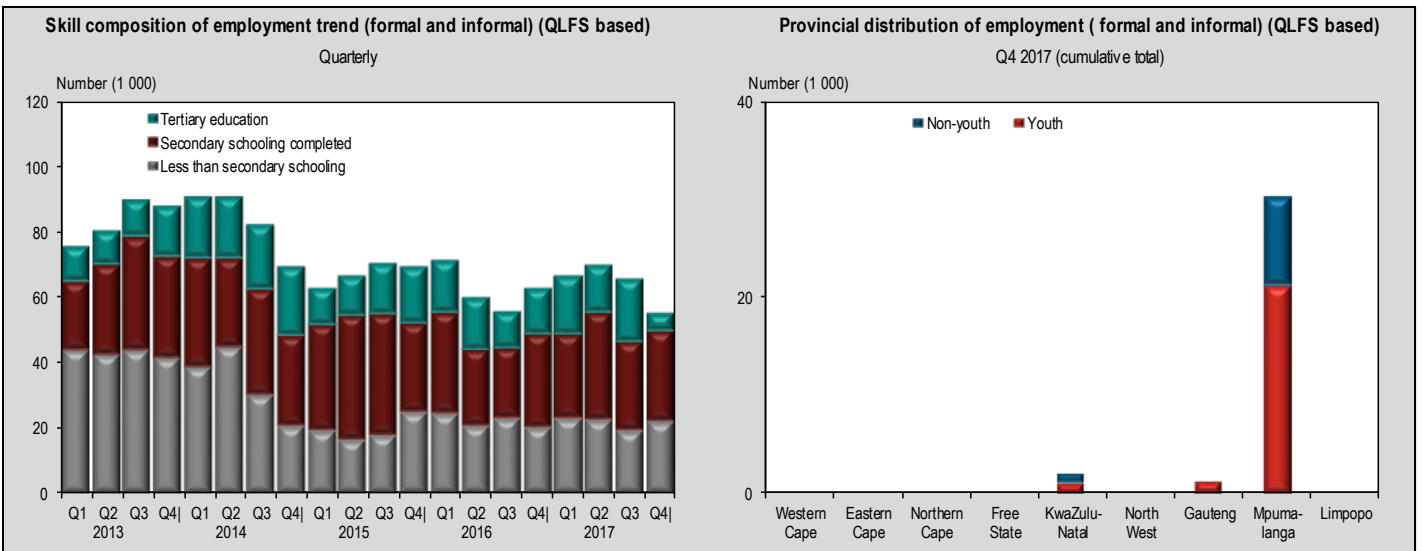
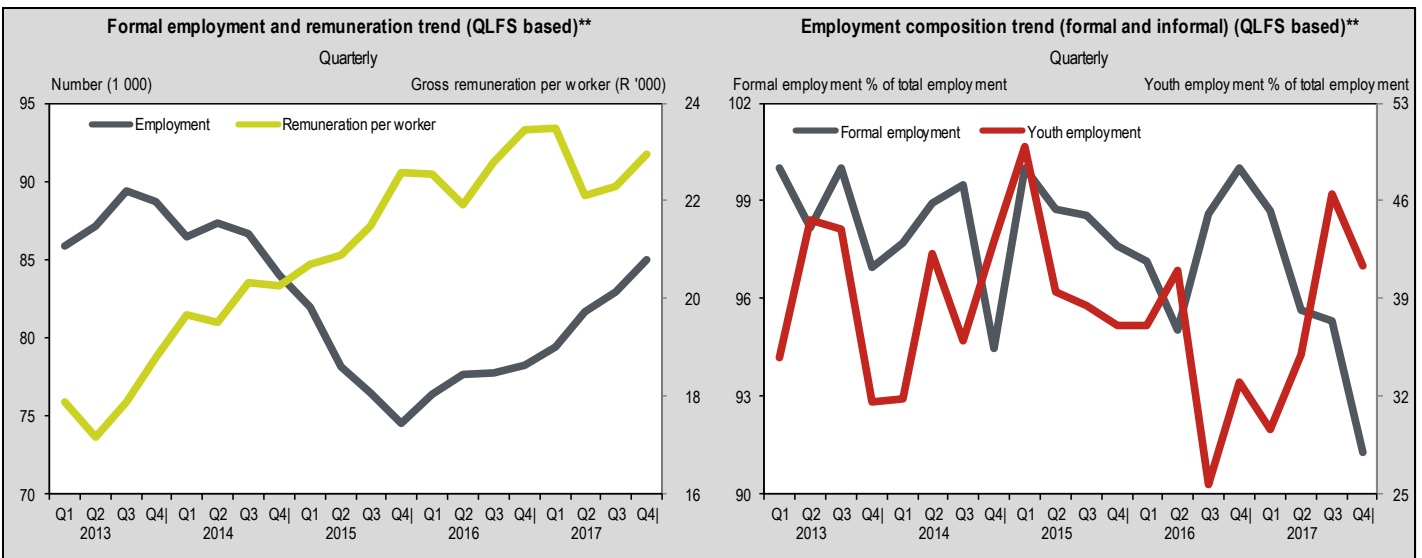
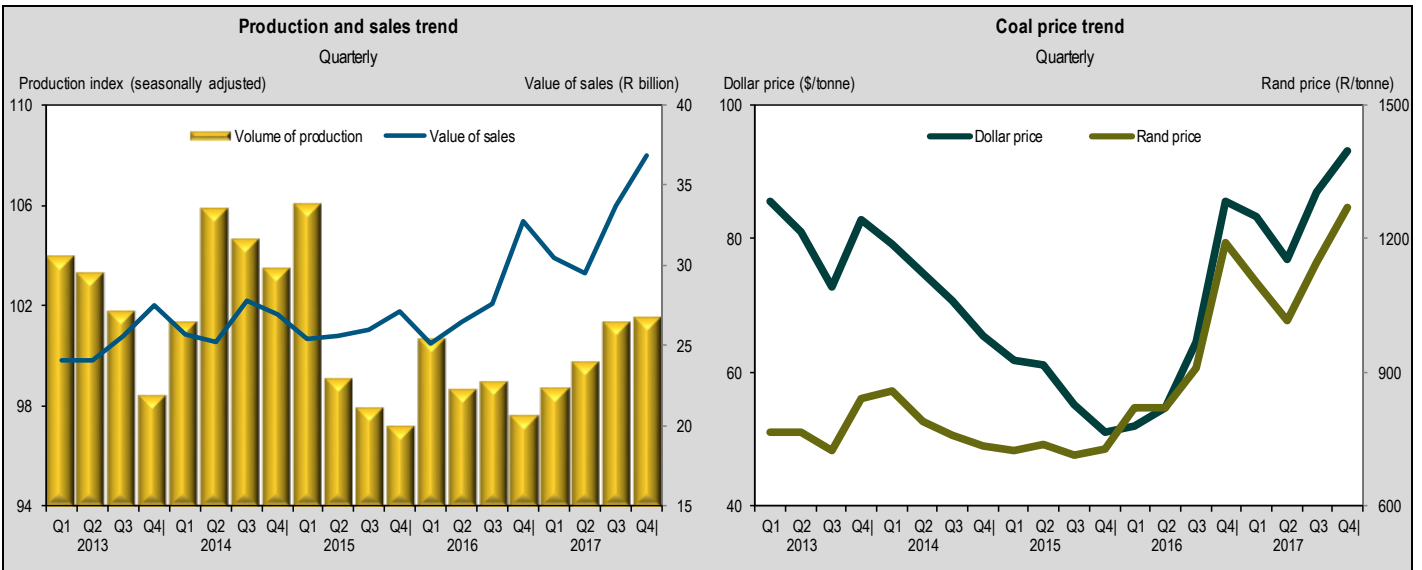
2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b> H7108: Gold, unwrought, semi-manufactured, etc	4 024.21
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	4 024.21
<b>Top gainers</b> H7108: Gold, unwrought, semi-manufactured, etc	4 011.02
<b>Top losers</b>	



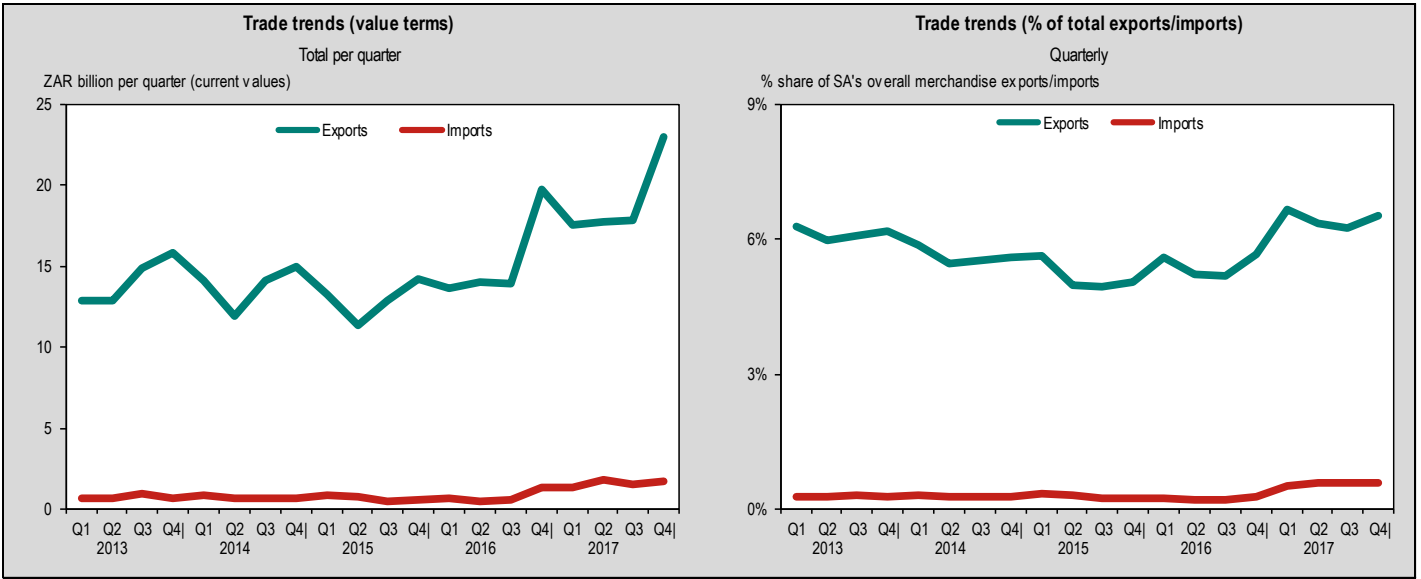
**Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)**

↑ 1.4%	-- (percentage points)	↑ 8.6%	↓ -2.2%	↑ 23.9%	↑ 109.2%
<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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### Major traded export products

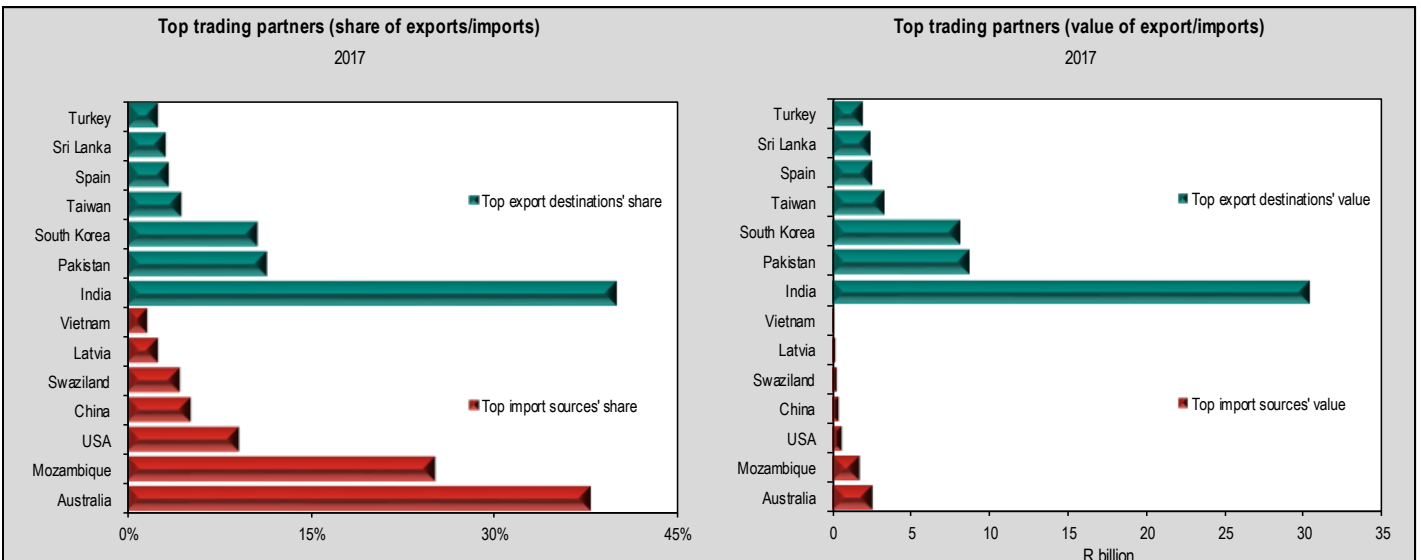
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HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H270t Coal, briquettes, ovoids etc, made from coal	76 388.23
H2703: Peat (including peat litter)	2.64
H2702: Lignite, except jet	197
	0.00
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	76 428.83
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H270t Coal, briquettes, ovoids etc, made from coal	14 713.34
<b>Top losers</b>	
H2703: Peat (including peat litter)	- 0.60
H2702: Lignite, except jet	- 0.38

### Major traded import products

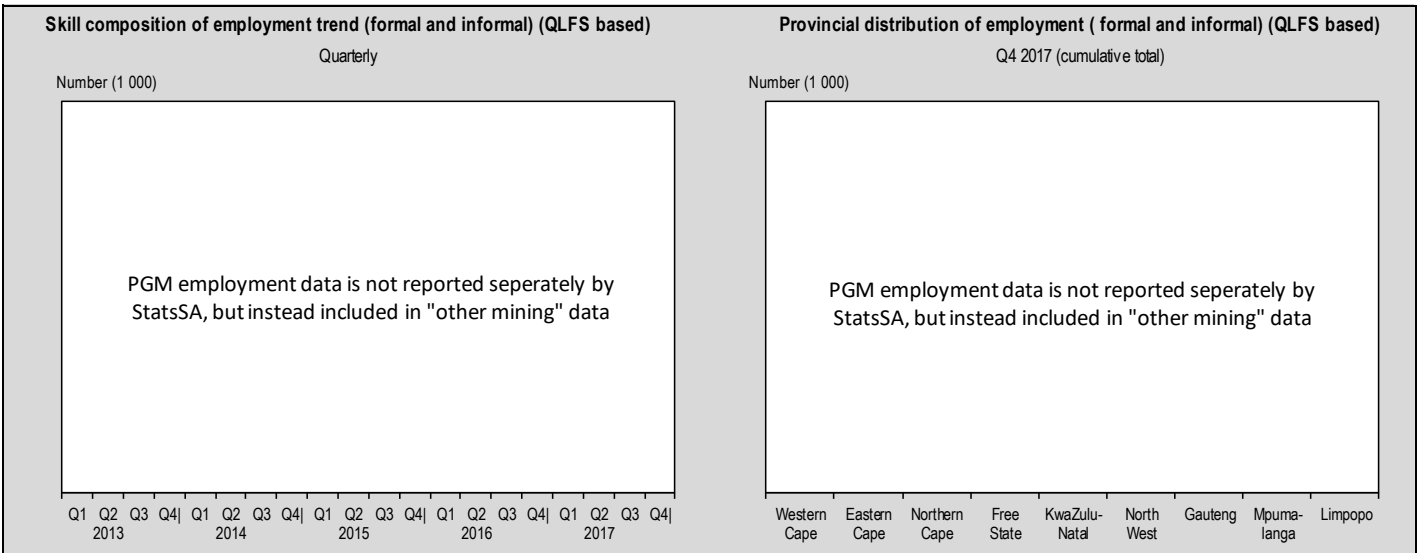
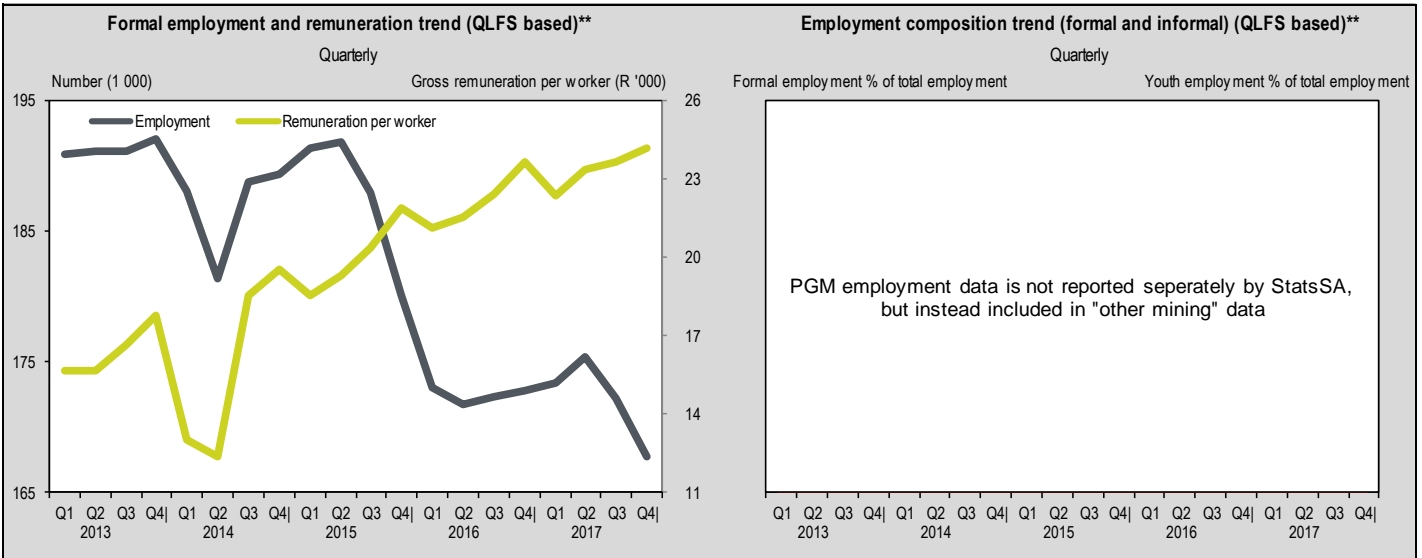
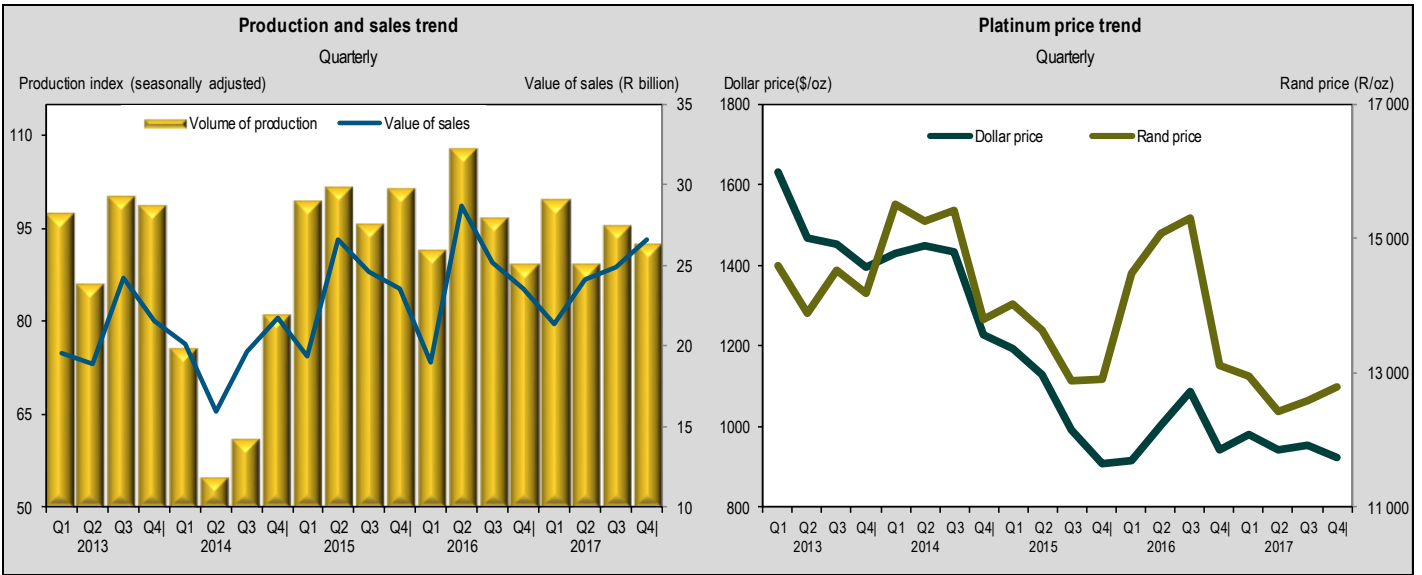
2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H270t Coal, briquettes, ovoids etc, made from coal	6 389.45
H2703: Peat (including peat litter)	84.00
H2702: Lignite, except jet	0.00
	0.00
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	6 473.46
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H270t Coal, briquettes, ovoids etc, made from coal	3 384.11
<b>Top losers</b>	
H2702: Lignite, except jet	- 2.37
H2703: Peat (including peat litter)	- 198



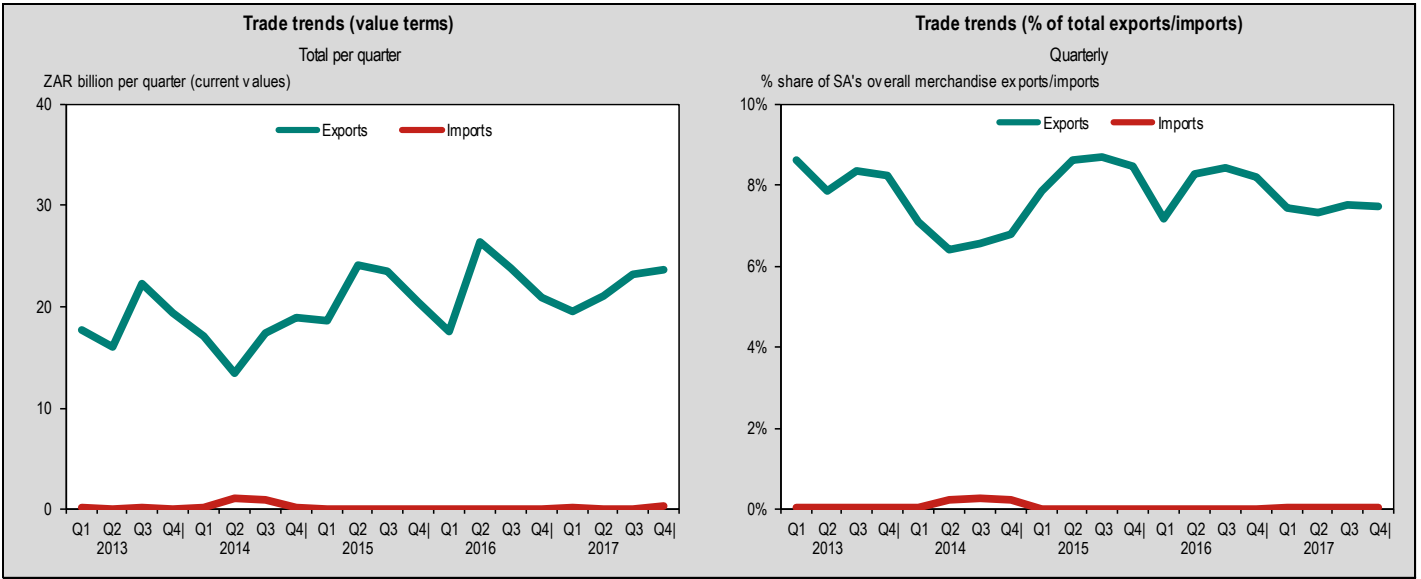
**Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)**

↓ -2.2%	-- (percentage points)	↓ -2.9%	↑ 2.1%	↓ -1.1%	↑ 85.2%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)

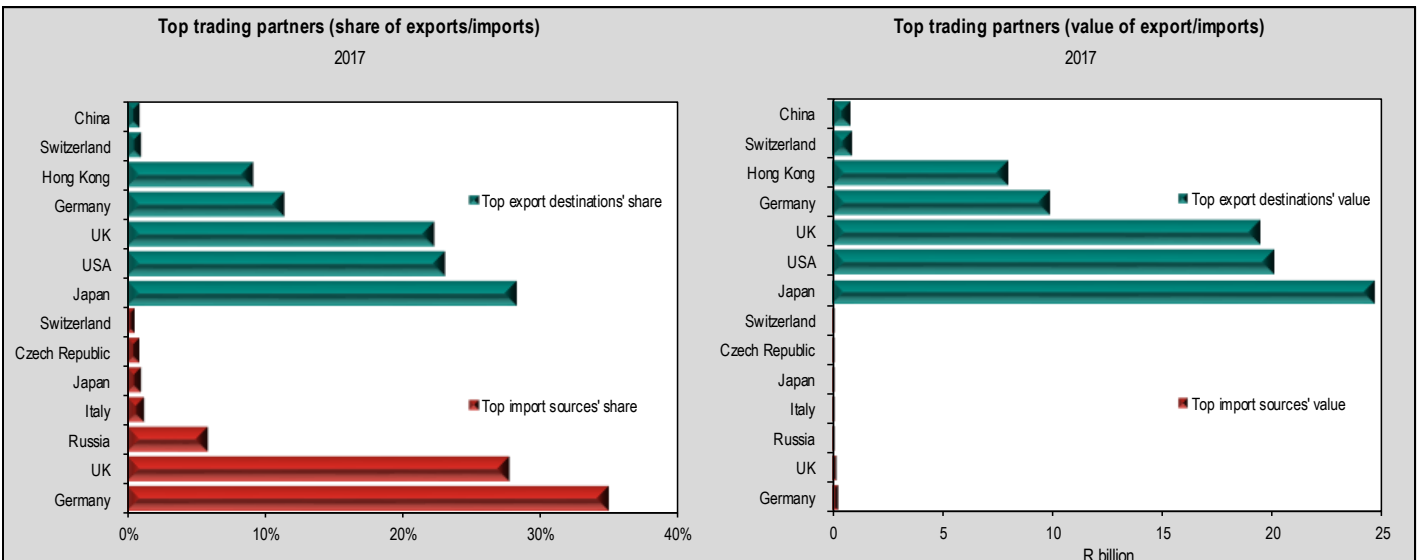


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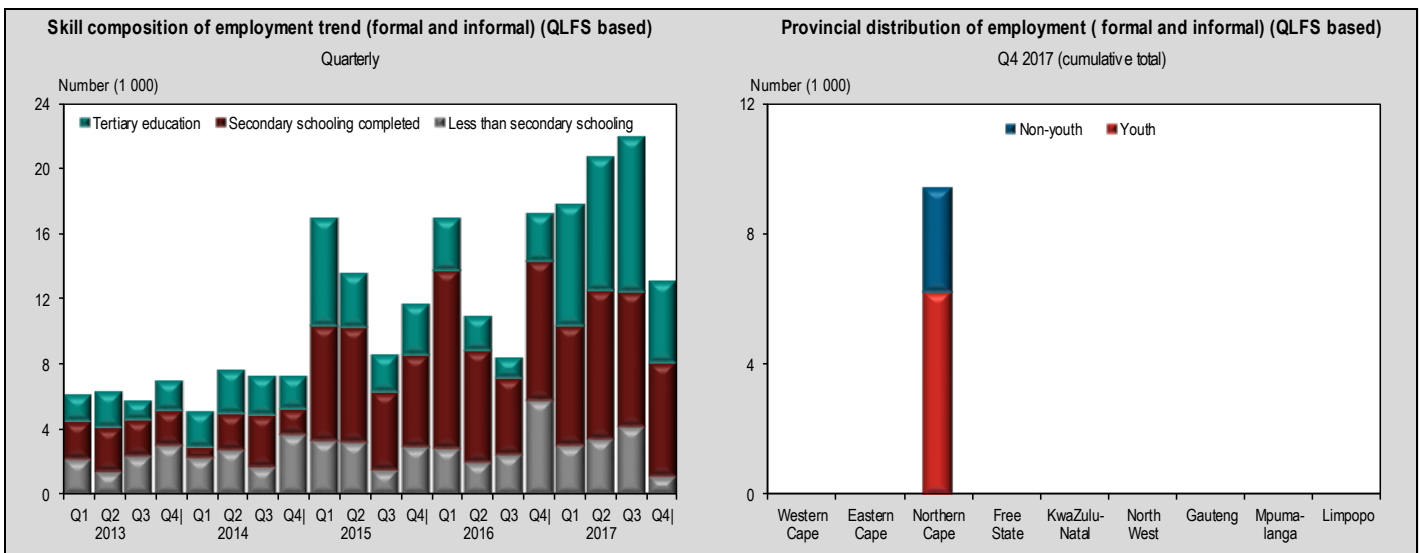
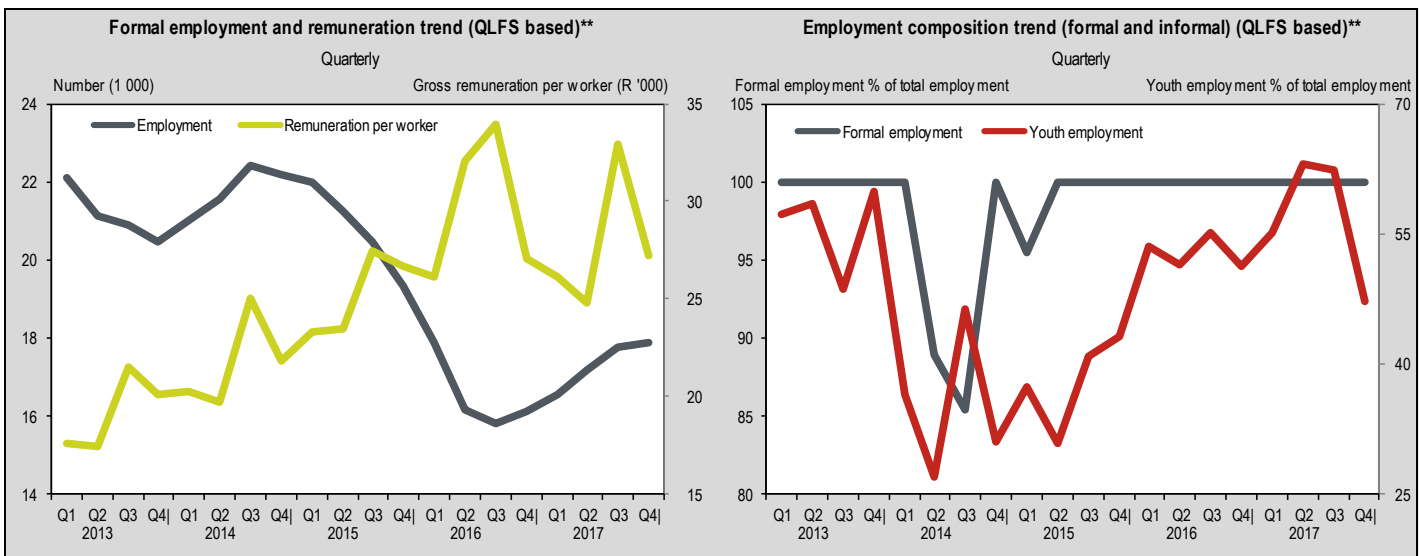
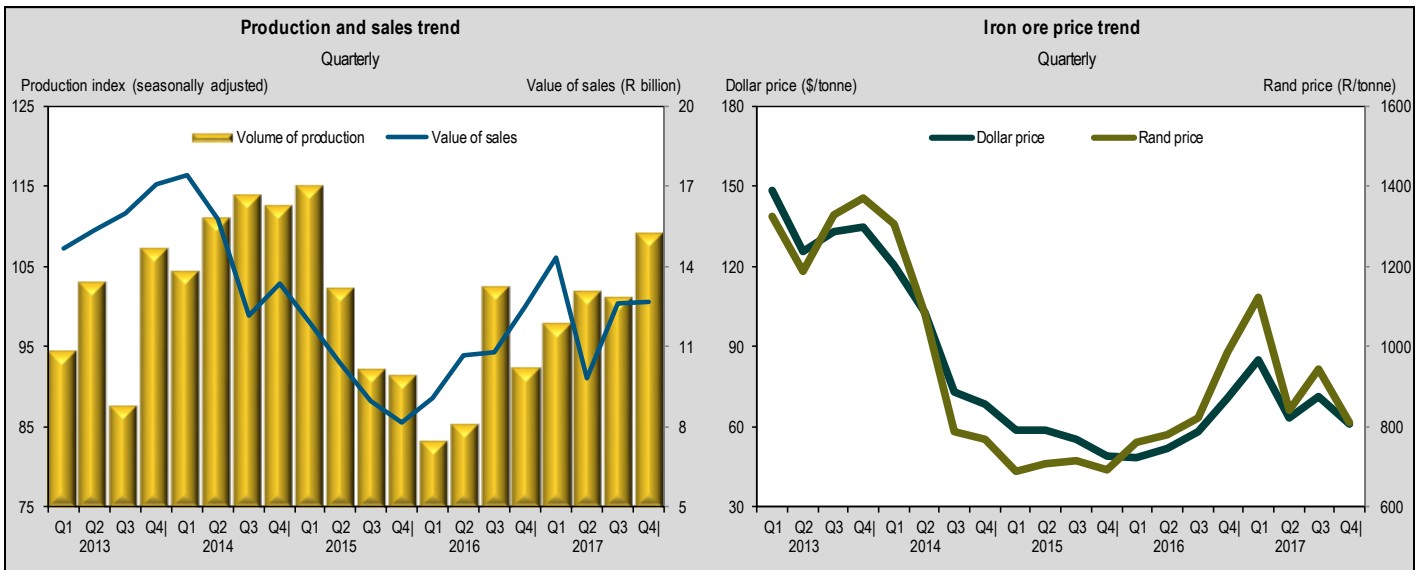
Major traded export products		Major traded import products	
2017		2017	
HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m	HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	H7110: Platinum, unwrought, semi-manufactured	H7110: Platinum, unwrought, semi-manufactured	504.05
	H7111: Metals, clad with platinum, semi-manufactured	H7111: Metals, clad with platinum, semi-manufactured	0.05
	<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>		H7110: Platinum, unwrought, semi-manufactured	232.15
<b>Top losers</b>	H7110: Platinum, unwrought, semi-manufactured	H7111: Metals, clad with platinum, semi-manufactured	-0.25
	H7111: Metals, clad with platinum, semi-manufactured		





Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)

↑ 12.8%	-- (percentage points)	↑ 10.9%	↑ 0.5%	↑ 21.3%	↑ 41.1%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



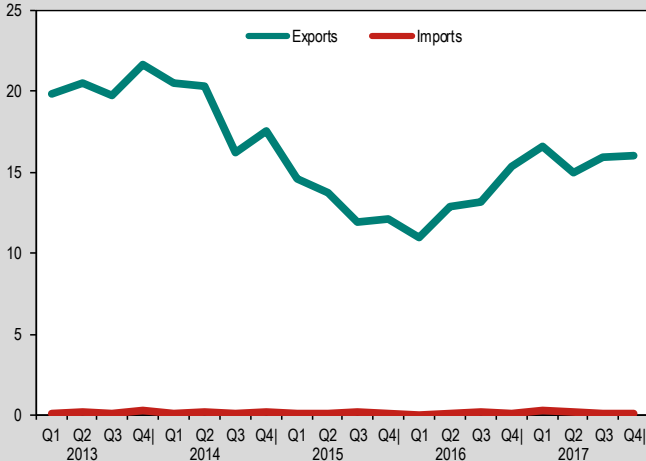
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Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

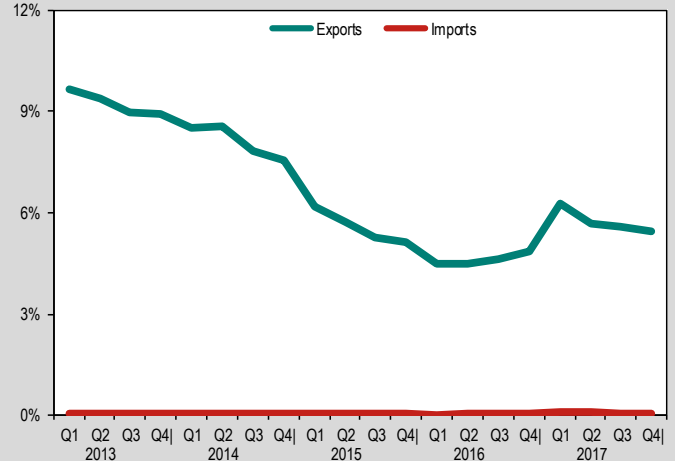
ZAR billion per quarter (current v values)



Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



Major traded export products

2017

HS4 code: sector description

ZAR m

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
H260t: Iron ores and concentrates, roasted iron pyrites	63 649.30
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>63 649.30</b>
H260t: Iron ores and concentrates, roasted iron pyrites	11 190.67
<b>Top gainers</b>	
<b>Top losers</b>	

Major traded import products

2017

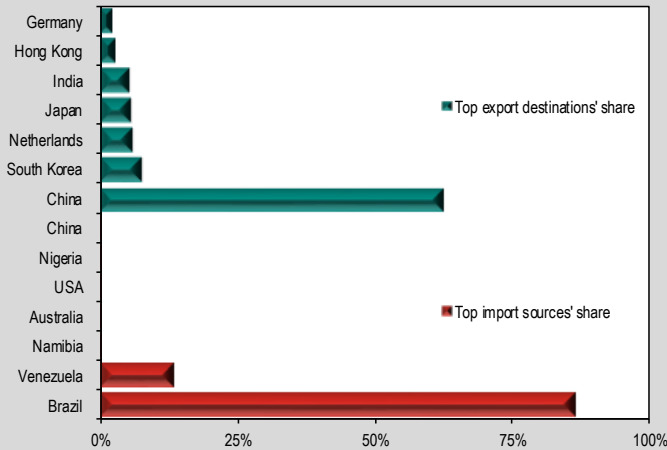
HS4 code: sector description

ZAR m

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
H260t: Iron ores and concentrates, roasted iron pyrites	750.65
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>750.65</b>
H260t: Iron ores and concentrates, roasted iron pyrites	218.67
<b>Top gainers</b>	
<b>Top losers</b>	

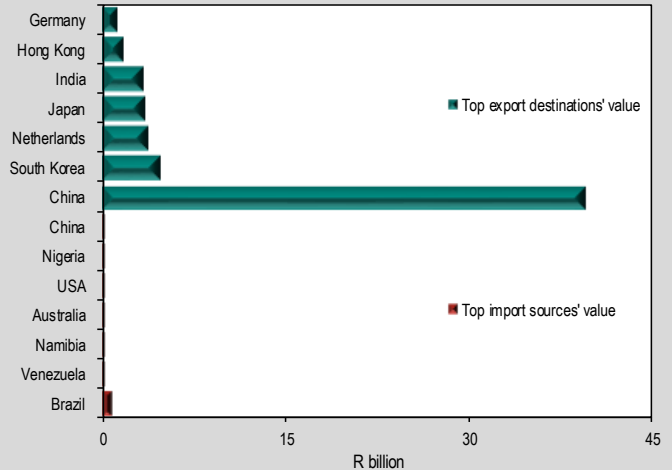
Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

2017



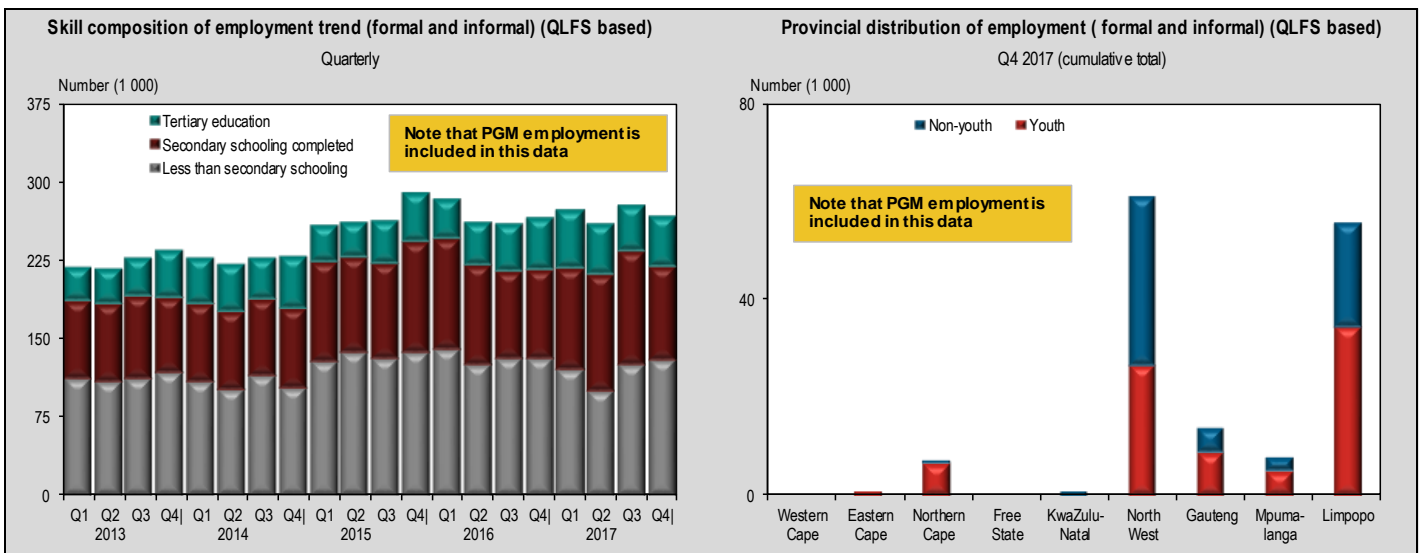
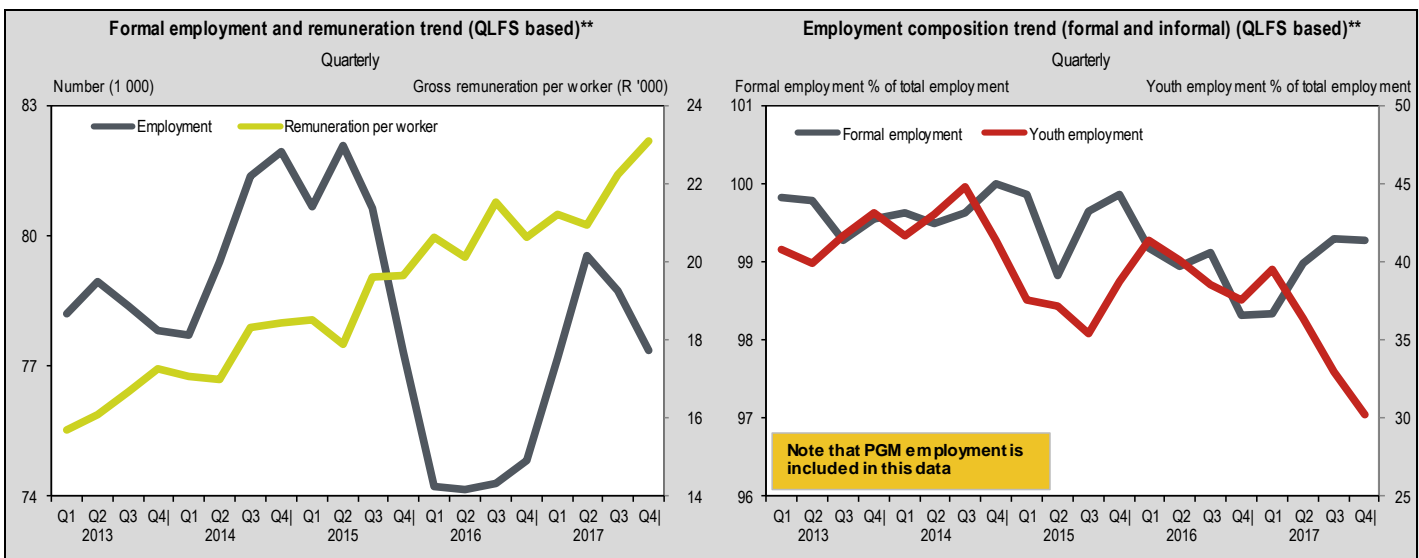
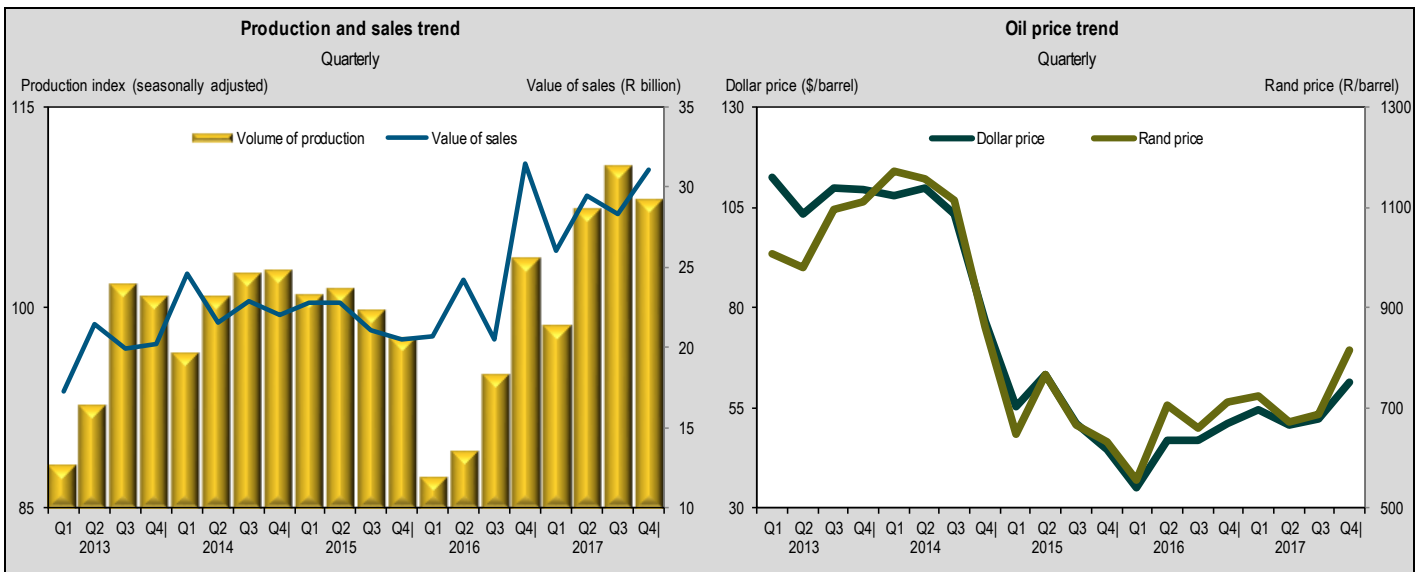
Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

2017



Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)

↑ 13.1%	-- (percentage points)	↑ 3.4%	↑ 12.0%	↑ 41.1%	↓ -12.1%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



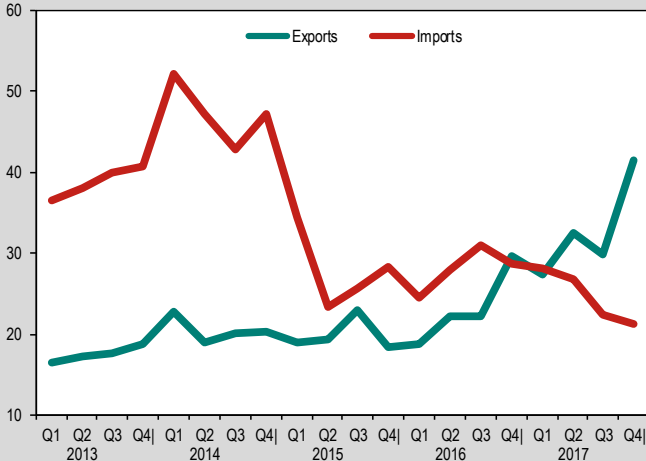
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Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

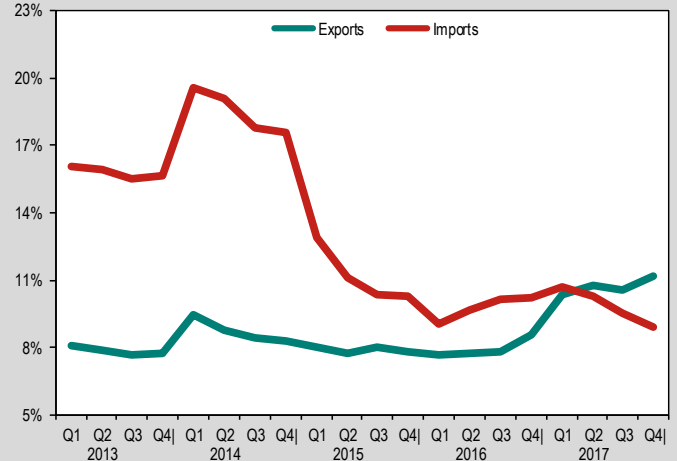
ZAR billion per quarter (current v values)



Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



Major traded export products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H2602: Manganese ores, iron ores >20% Manganese	33 586.77
H2610: Chromium ores and concentrates	27 761.29
H7102: Diamonds, not mounted or set	25 274.06
H2709: Petroleum oils, oils from bituminous minerals, crude	16 980.32
H2614: Titanium ores and concentrates	8 512.50
H2615: Niobium tantalum vanadium zirconium ores, etc	5 045.86
H2616: Precious metal ores and concentrates	3 691.20
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>131 126.67</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H2709: Petroleum oils, oils from bituminous minerals, crude	15 183.65
H2602: Manganese ores, iron ores >20% Manganese	12 937.12
H2610: Chromium ores and concentrates	8 919.14
H2614: Titanium ores and concentrates	3 045.90
H2603: Copper ores and concentrates	1 272.42
<b>Top losers</b>	
H7102: Diamonds, not mounted or set	-3 734.49
H2604: Nickel ores and concentrates	-1 151.82
H2519: Natural magnesium carbonate, magnesium oxide	-193.00
H2516: Granite, porphyry, basalt, sandstone, etc	-96.26
H2714: Bitumen, asphalt, oil shales, tar sands, asphaltites	-52.74

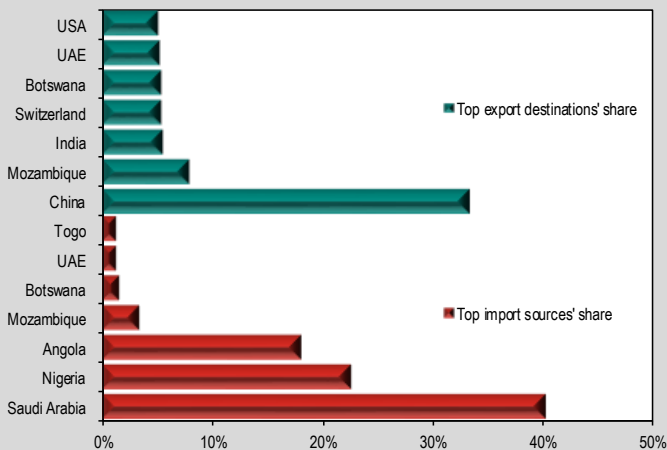
Major traded import products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H2709: Petroleum oils, oils from bituminous minerals, crude	85 398.35
H7102: Diamonds, not mounted or set	6 866.13
H2711: Petroleum gases & other gaseous hydrocarbons	3 355.38
H2503: Sulphur, except sublimated, precipitated, colloidal	778.40
H2519: Natural magnesium carbonate, magnesium oxide	375.75
H2610: Chromium ores and concentrates	290.51
H2501: Salt including solution, salt water	268.61
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>98 597.02</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H2503: Sulphur, except sublimated, precipitated, colloidal	247.72
H2711: Petroleum gases & other gaseous hydrocarbons	245.54
H2610: Chromium ores and concentrates	163.37
H7106: Silver, unwrought or semi-manufactured, etc	26.83
H2501: Salt including solution, salt water	26.79
<b>Top losers</b>	
H2709: Petroleum oils, oils from bituminous minerals, crude	-10 679.60
H2604: Nickel ores and concentrates	-1 366.72
H7103: Mounted precious or semi-precious stones	-1 360.80
H7102: Diamonds, not mounted or set	-719.04
H2519: Natural magnesium carbonate, magnesium oxide	-192.74

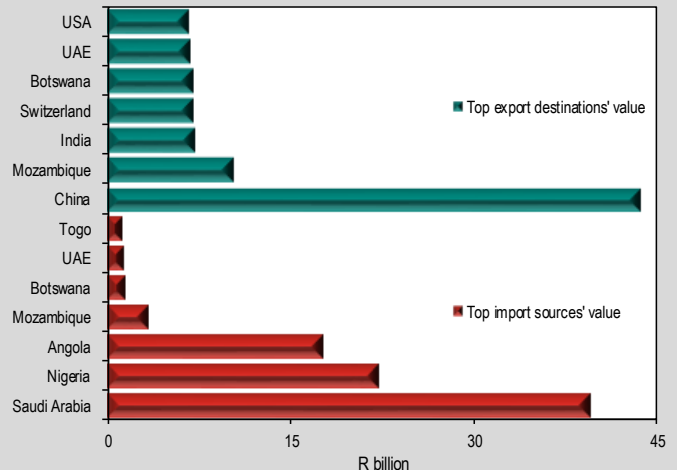
Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

2017



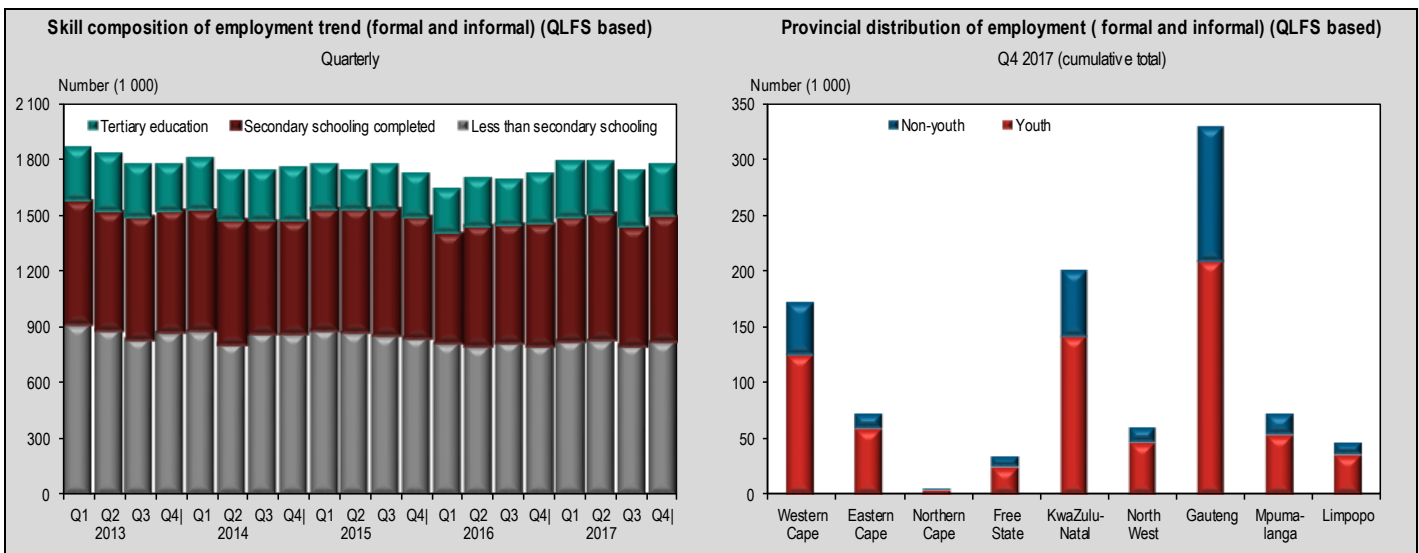
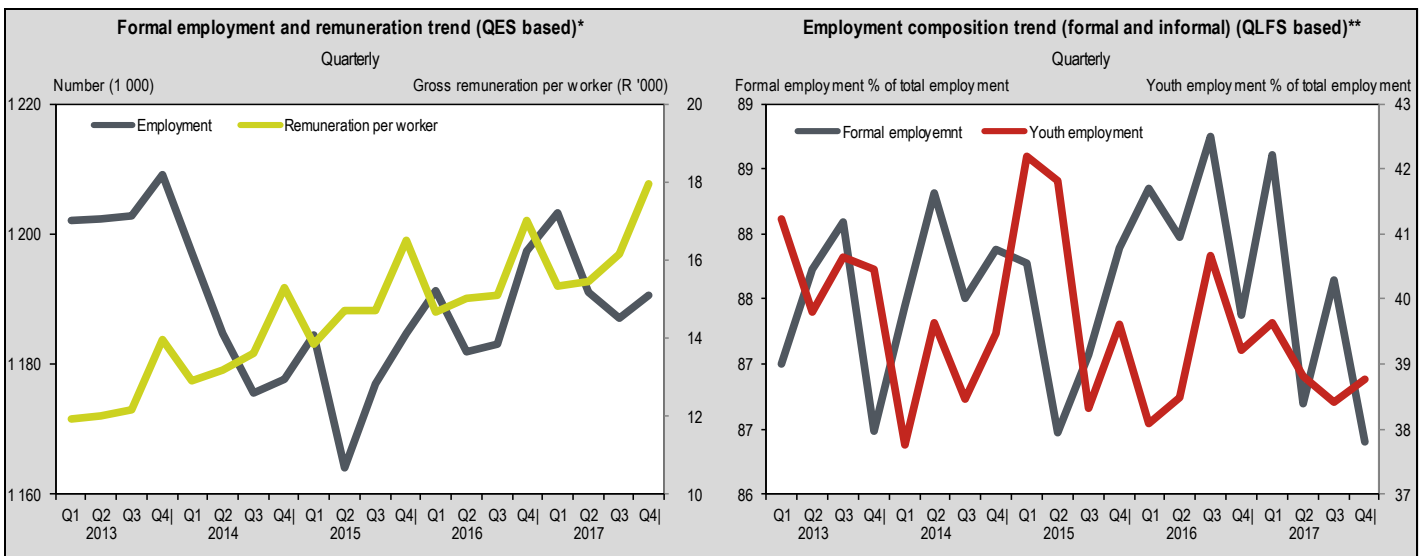
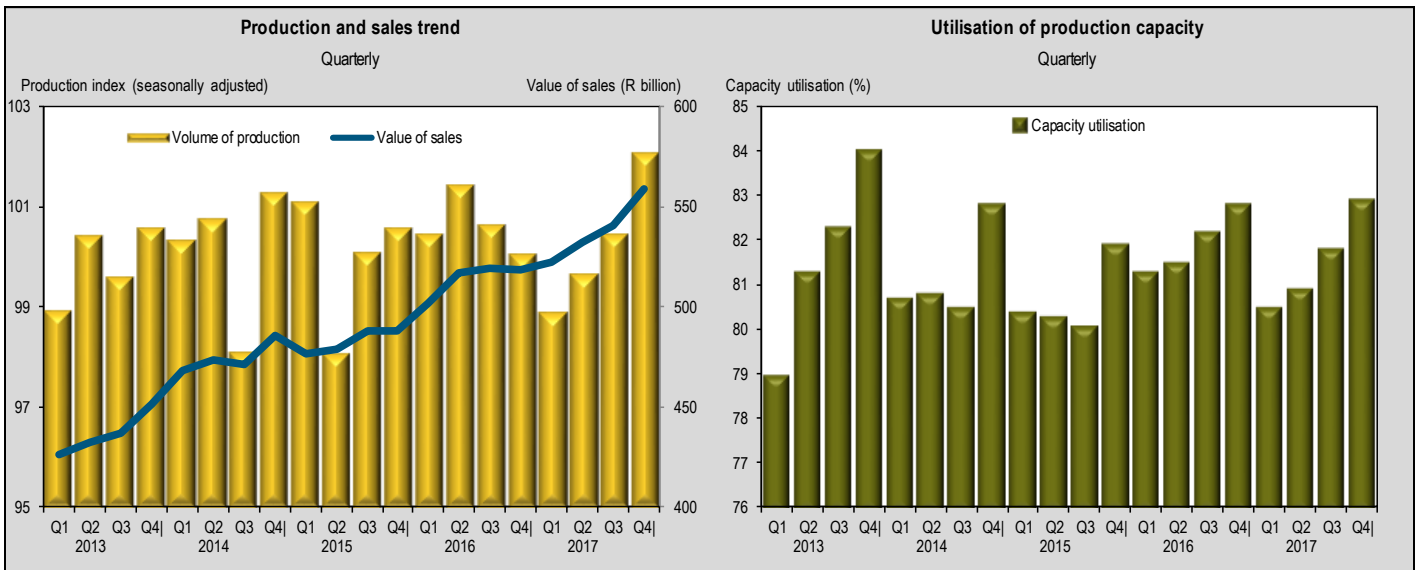
Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

2017



**Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)**

↓ -0.4%	↑ 0.1 (percentage points)	↓ -0.6%	↑ 5.5%	↑ 0.3%	↑ 2.2%
<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>



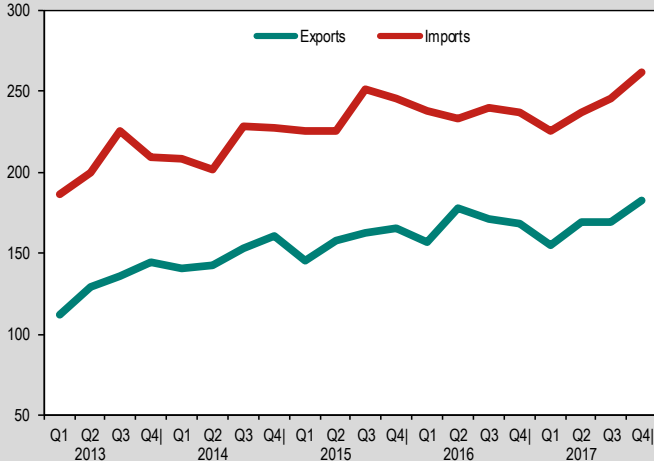
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Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

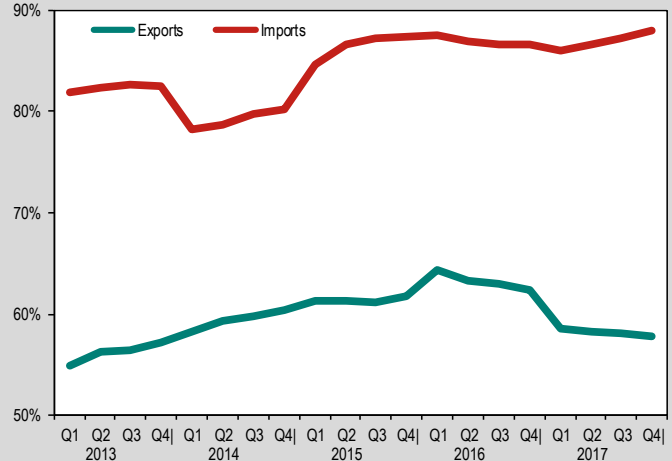
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



Major traded export products

2017

HS2 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H87: Vehicles, parts and accessories	130 560.28
H72: Iron and steel	80 583.62
H84: Machinery and equipment, mechanical appliances	71 555.99
H27: Coal, petroleum and petroleum products	38 471.68
H85: Electrical machinery and electronic equipment	24 020.53
H76: Aluminium and articles thereof	23 768.16
H22: Beverages, spirits and vinegar	17 612.80
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>676 225.46</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H27: Coal, petroleum and petroleum products	3 298.73
H72: Iron and steel	3 063.14
H71: Natural or cultured pearls, precious stones and metals	2 574.91
H29: Organic chemicals	2 040.87
H28: Inorganic chemicals, precious metal compound, isotopes	1 994.38
<b>Top losers</b>	
H84: Machinery and equipment, mechanical appliances	-4 391.98
H87: Vehicles, parts and accessories	-4 033.55
H85: Electrical machinery and electronic equipment	-2 827.02
H88: Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof	-2 469.05
H23: Residues, wastes of food industry, animal fodder	-1 284.06

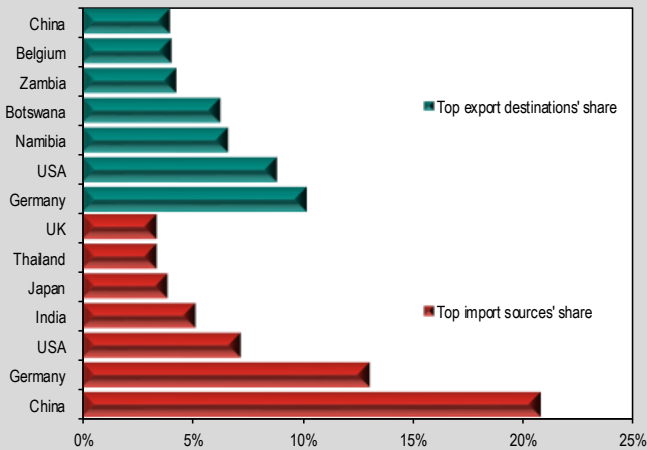
Major traded import products

2017

HS2 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H84: Machinery and equipment, mechanical appliances	146 280.31
H85: Electrical machinery and electronic equipment	113 250.15
H87: Vehicles, parts and accessories	92 973.95
H98: Original equipment components for the motor vehicle industry	89 490.61
H27: Coal, petroleum and petroleum products	65 753.42
H39: Plastics and articles thereof	32 116.99
H30: Pharmaceutical products	29 537.24
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>970 040.23</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H27: Coal, petroleum and petroleum products	22 885.76
H87: Vehicles, parts and accessories	8 023.37
H49: Printed books, newspapers, pictures etc	3 231.74
H28: Inorganic chemicals, precious metal compound, isotopes	2 193.95
H17: Sugars and sugar confectionery	1 934.73
<b>Top losers</b>	
H85: Electrical machinery and electronic equipment	-5 540.80
H84: Machinery and equipment, mechanical appliances	-4 467.10
H88: Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof	-4 147.22
H75: Nickel and articles thereof	-2 133.71
H64: Footwear, gaiters and the like, parts thereof	-1 206.35

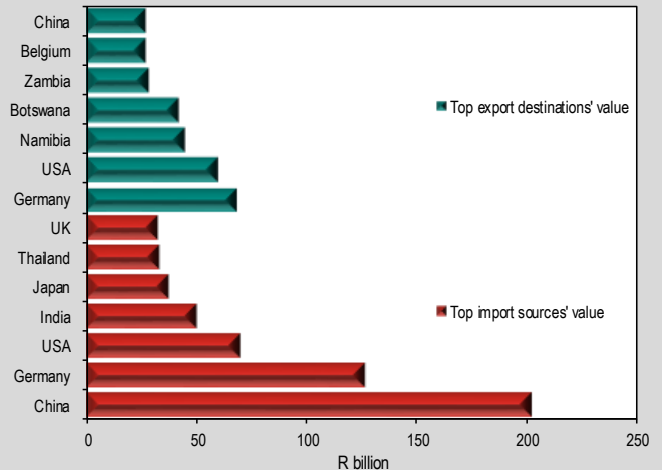
Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

2017



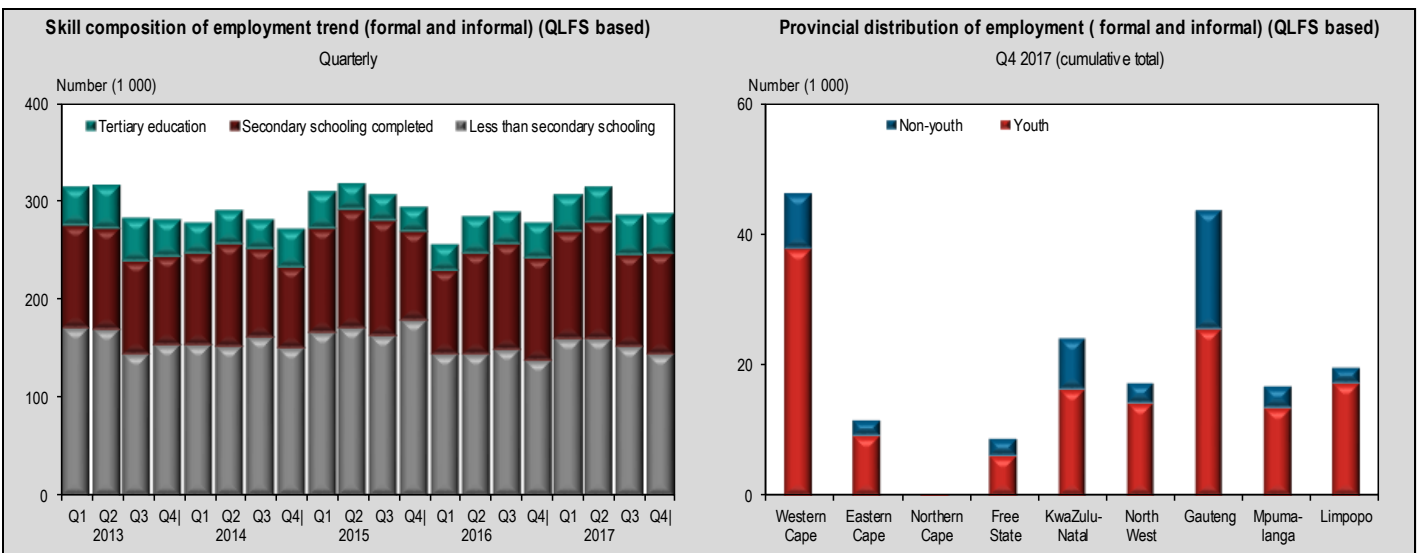
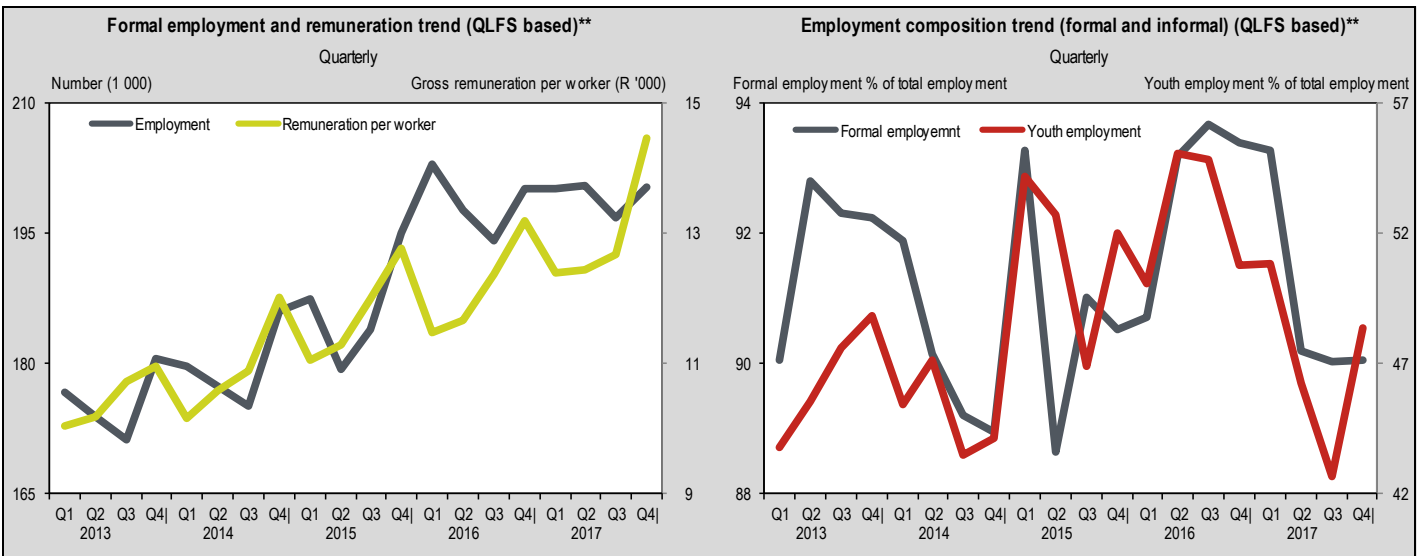
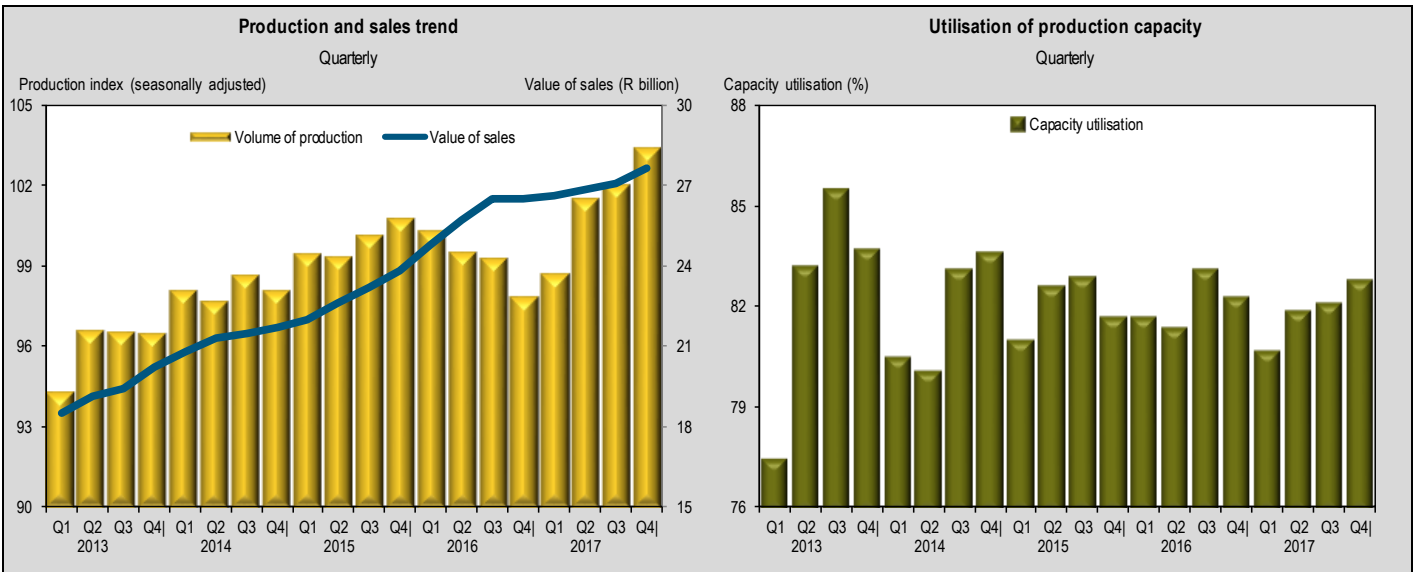
Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

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**Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)**

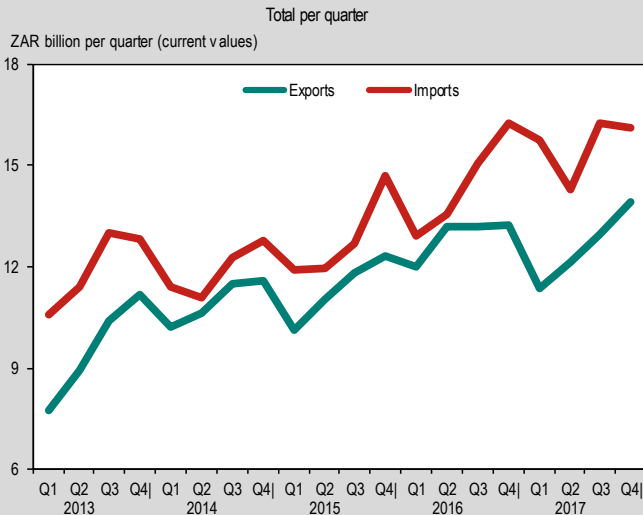
↑ 2.2%	↑ 0.5 (percentage points)	↑ 0.1%	↑ 9.6%	↓ -2.3%	↑ 8.0%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



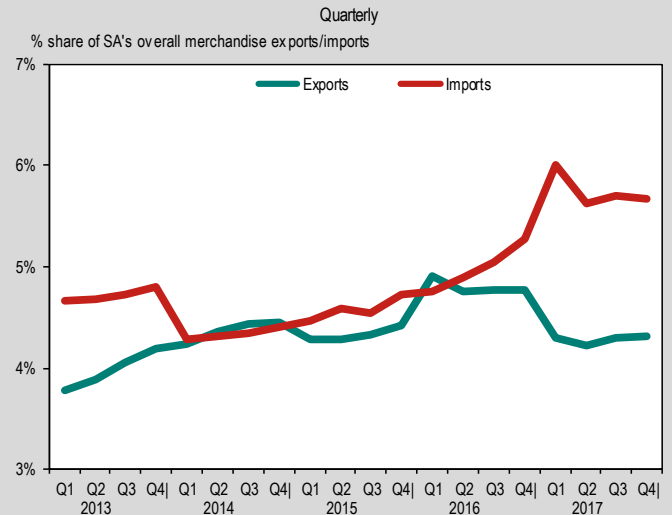
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Trade trends (value terms)



Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)



Major traded export products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H 1701: Solid cane/ beet sugar & chemically pure sucrose	3 657.77
H 2009: Fruit and vegetable juices, not fermented/ spirited	3 362.78
H 2106: Food preparations, nes	2 637.30
H 2008: Fruit, edible plant parts nes, prepared/preserved	2 573.96
H 2309: Animal feed preparations	1 760.12
H 2103: Sauce, condiments, mixed seasoning & mustard	1 675.93
H 0303: Fish, frozen, whole	1 550.59
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>50 393.80</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H 1701: Solid cane/ beet sugar & chemically pure sucrose	1 607.66
H 0307: Molluscs	500.52
H 0402: Milk and cream, concentrated or sweetened	295.44
H 2104: Soups, broths & homogenized food preparations	173.44
H 1806: Chocolate and other foods containing cocoa	160.00
<b>Top losers</b>	
H 2301: Flour etc of meat, fish or offal for animal feed	- 529.73
H 2304: Soya-bean oil-cake and other solid residues	- 511.34
H 2009: Fruit and vegetable juices, not fermented/ spirited	- 389.17
H 1103: Cereal groats, meal and pellets	- 370.81
H 1507: Soya-bean oil, fractions, not chemically modified	- 361.39

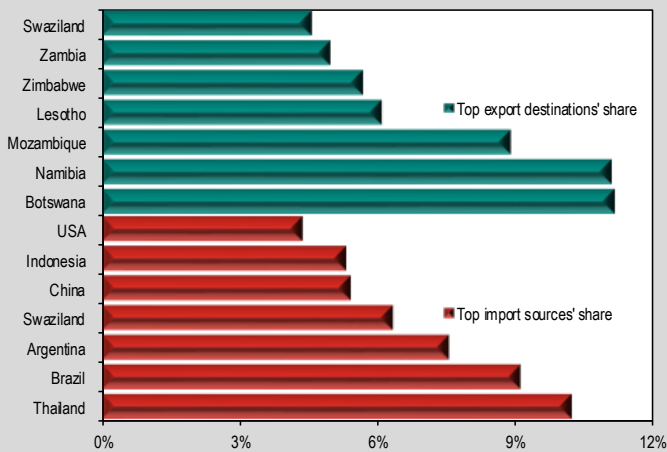
Major traded import products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H 1006: Rice	6 917.86
H 0207: Meat, edible offal of domestic poultry	6 409.97
H 1701: Solid cane/ beet sugar & chemically pure sucrose	6 320.40
H 1511: Palm oil and its fractions, not chemically modified	4 371.84
H 2304: Soya-bean oil-cake and other solid residues	2 454.66
H 2106: Food preparations, nes	2 418.02
H 1507: Soya-bean oil, fractions, not chemically modified	2 058.26
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>62 417.56</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H 1701: Solid cane/ beet sugar & chemically pure sucrose	1 823.49
H 0207: Meat, edible offal of domestic poultry	948.71
H 1006: Rice	804.01
H 0504: Guts, bladders & stomachs of animals except fish	511.38
H 1512: Safflower, sunflower & cotton-seed oil, fractions	351.64
<b>Top losers</b>	
H 2304: Soya-bean oil-cake and other solid residues	- 517.45
H 2306: Oil-cake other than soya-bean or groundnut	- 272.26
H 1507: Soya-bean oil, fractions, not chemically modified	- 227.37
H 2009: Fruit and vegetable juices, not fermented/ spirited	- 209.36
H 1513: Coconut, palm kernel, babassu oil, etc, refined	- 124.87

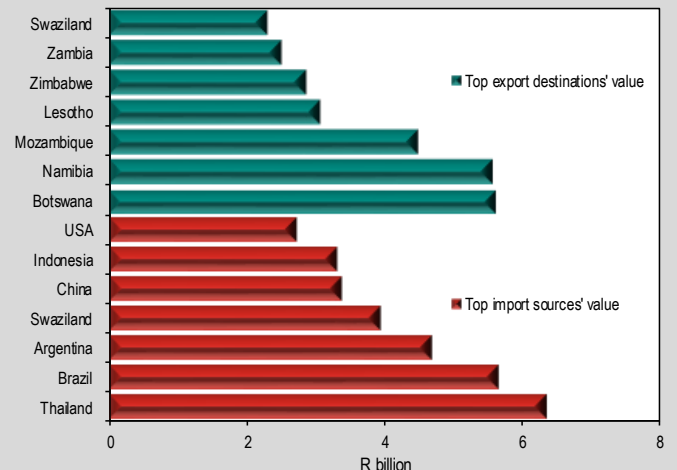
Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

2017



Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

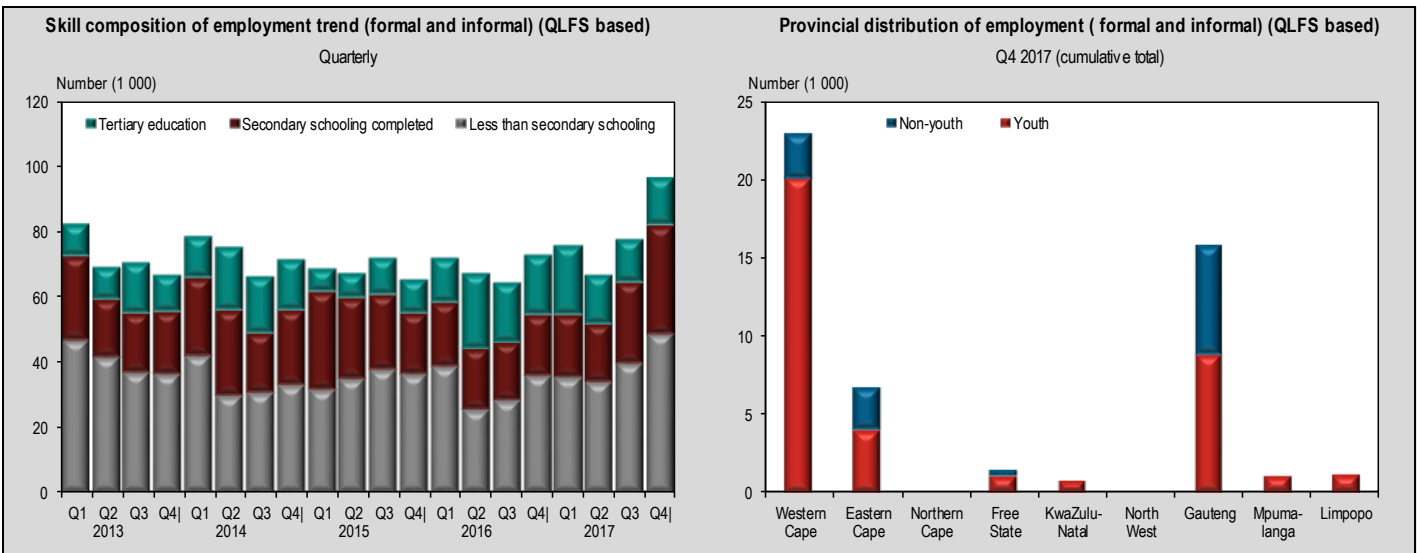
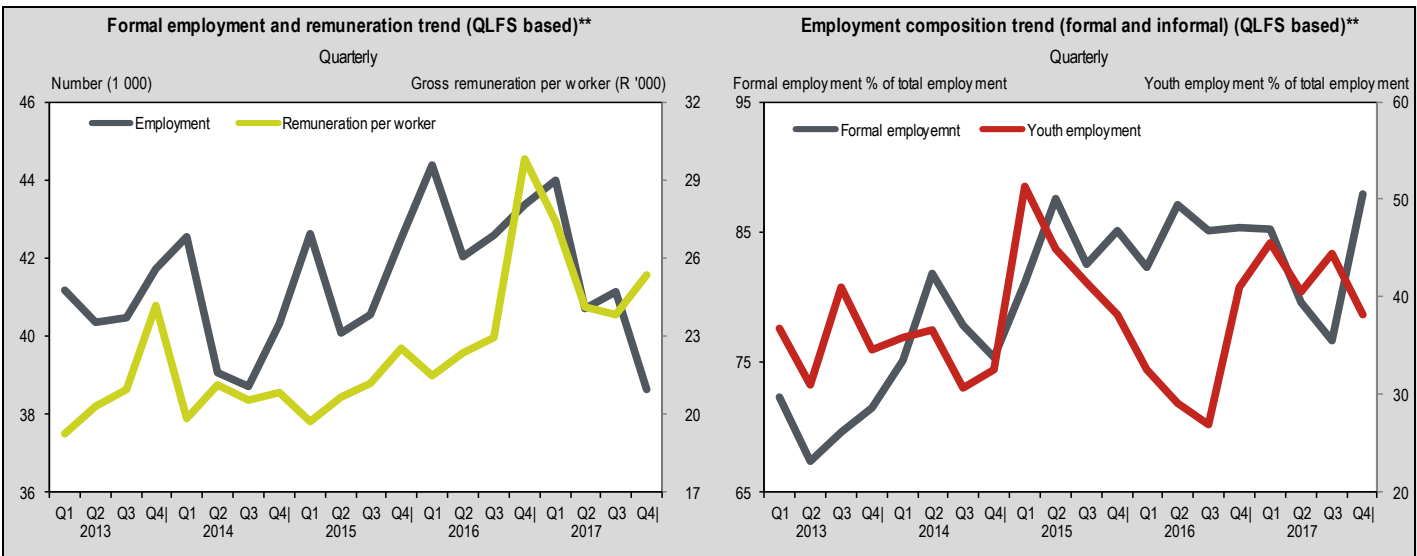
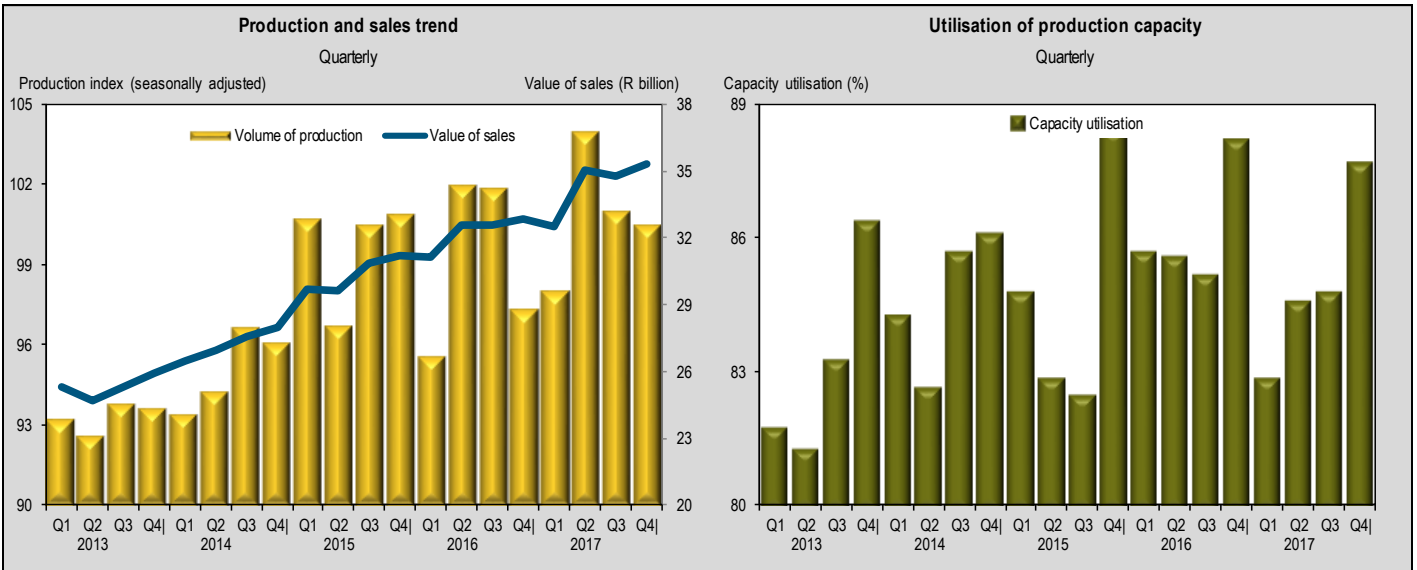
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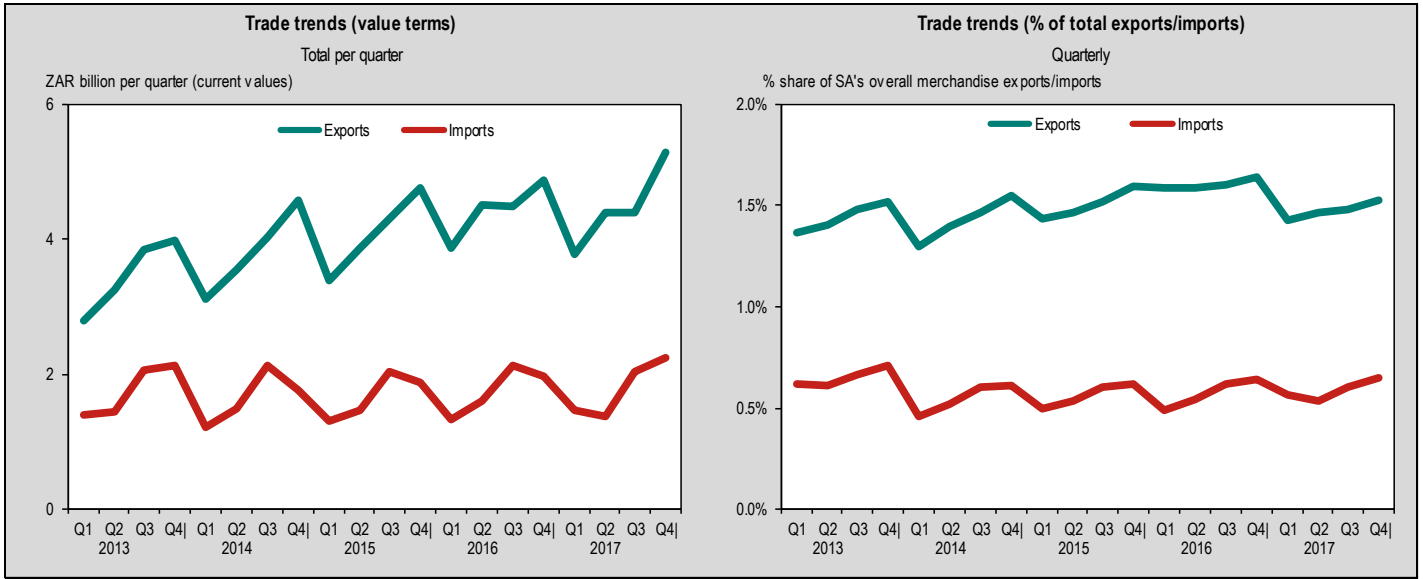
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↑ 1.7%	↓ -0.5 (percentage points)	↓ -10.9%	↓ -14.8%	↑ 0.5%	↑ 1.1%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



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### Major traded export products

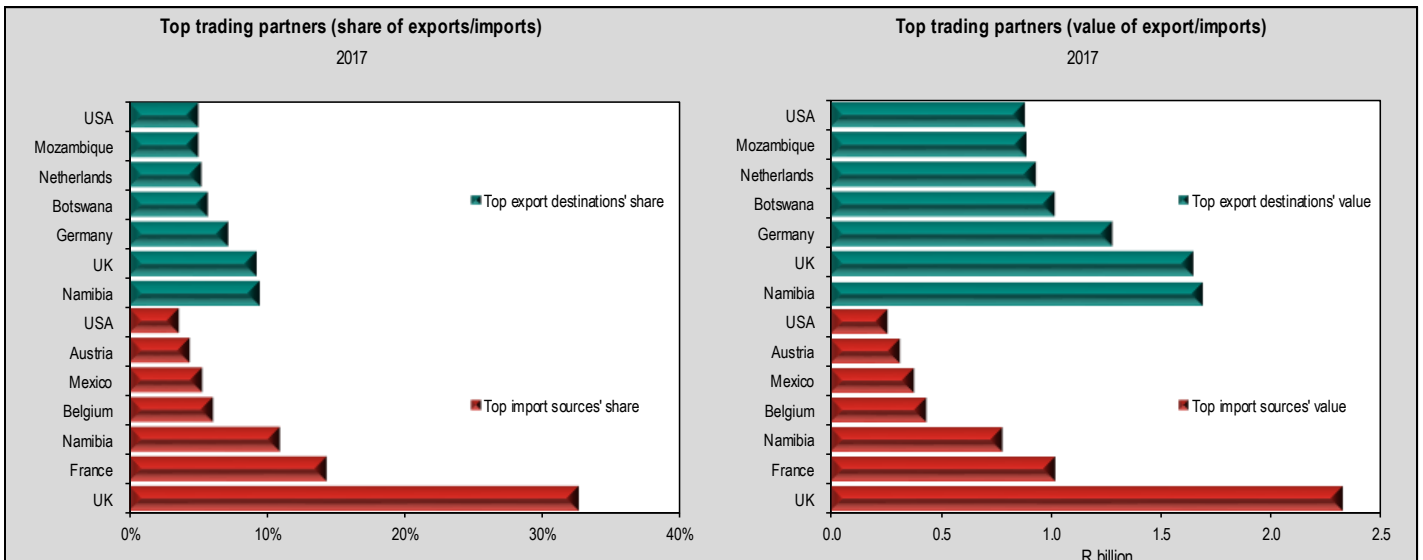
2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H2204: Grape wines (including fortified), grape must	9 554.96
H2208: Liqueur, spirits & undenatured ethyl alcohol <80%	2 285.34
H2202: Waters, non-alcoholic flavoured beverages	2 011.46
H2207: Ethyl alcohol, undenatured and > 80% /denatured	1 881.01
H2203: Beer made from malt	837.34
H2206: Fermented beverages (eg cider, perry, mead)	837.17
H1107: Malt	270.35
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>17 838.80</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H2208: Liqueur, spirits & undenatured ethyl alcohol <80%	421.61
H1107: Malt	116.15
H2207: Ethyl alcohol, undenatured and > 80% /denatured	45.81
H2205: Vermouth and other flavoured grape wine	19.32
H2203: Beer made from malt	0.67
<b>Top losers</b>	
H2202: Waters, non-alcoholic flavoured beverages	- 284.29
H2204: Grape wines (including fortified), grape must	- 176.00
H2201: Unsweetened beverage waters, ice and snow	- 34.41
H2206: Fermented beverages (eg cider, perry, mead)	- 14.46

### Major traded import products

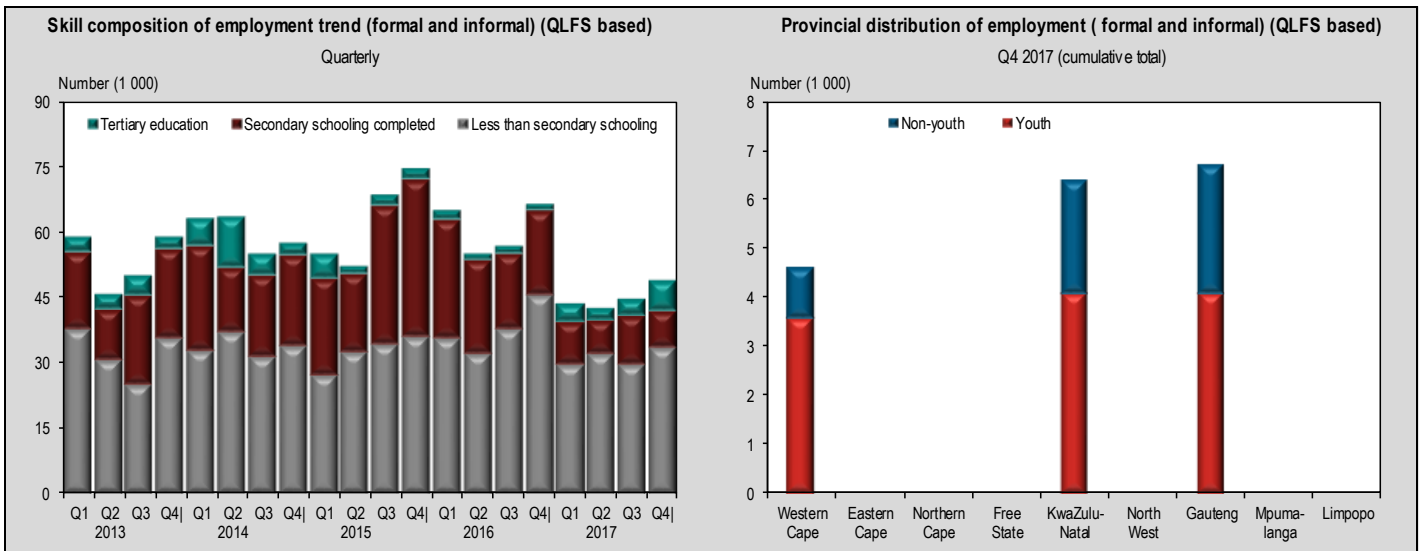
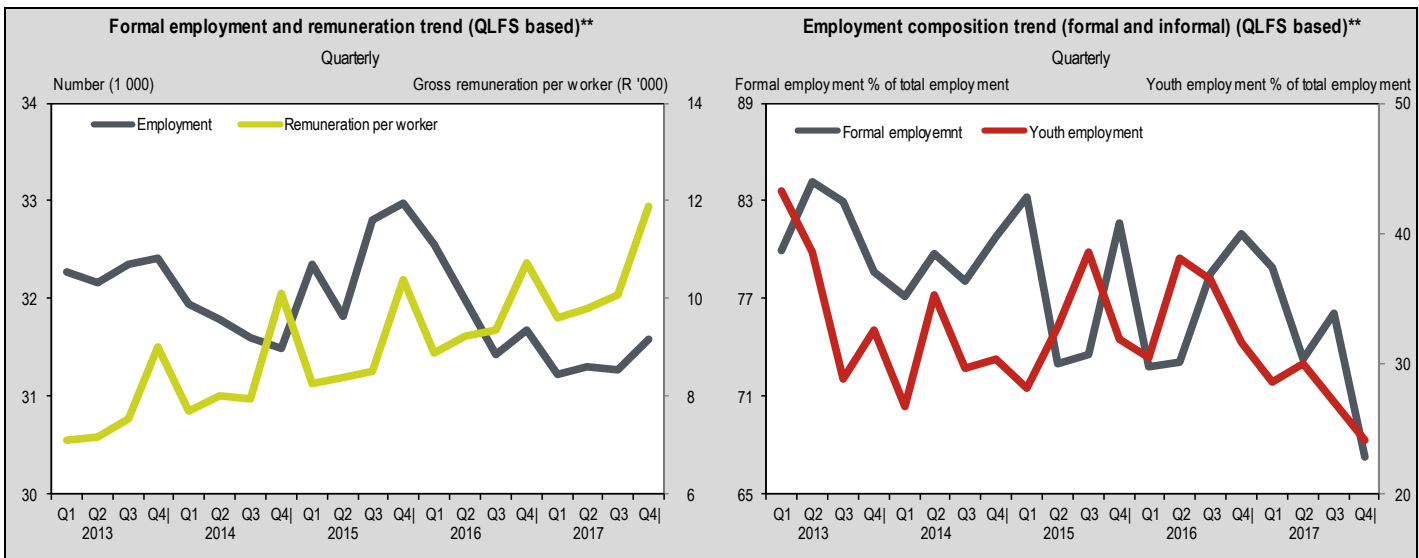
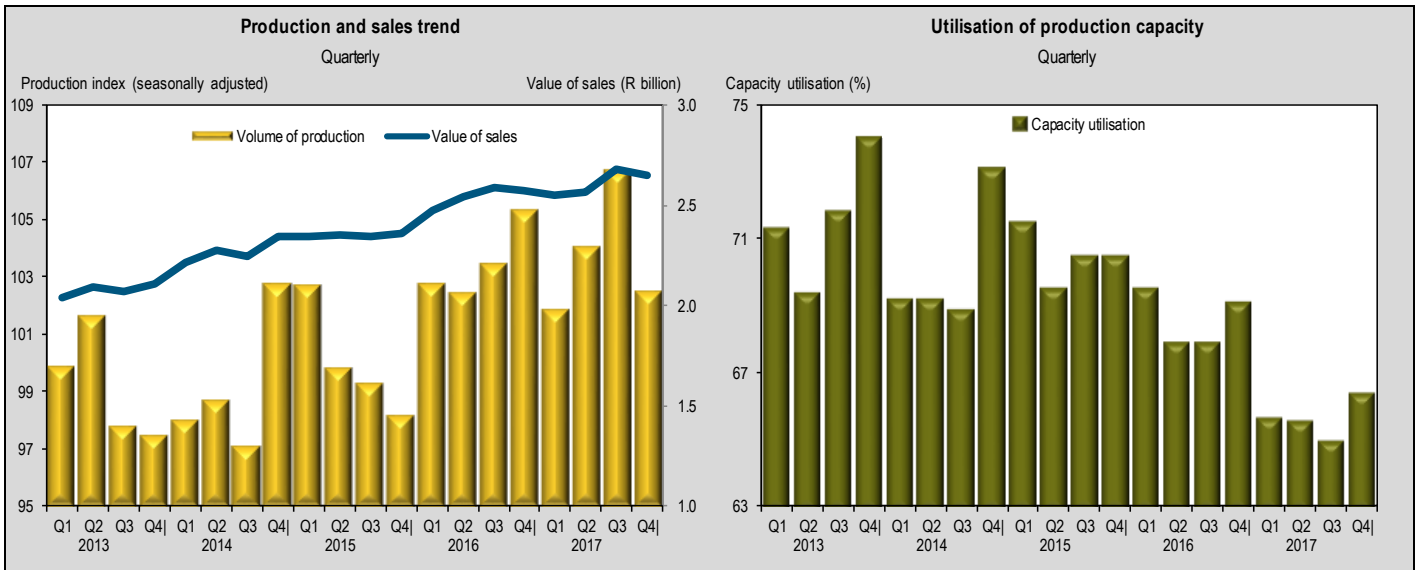
2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H2208: Liqueur, spirits & undenatured ethyl alcohol <80%	3 699.76
H2203: Beer made from malt	1 269.67
H2202: Waters, non-alcoholic flavoured beverages	1 059.91
H1107: Malt	430.14
H2204: Grape wines (including fortified), grape must	377.79
H2207: Ethyl alcohol, undenatured and > 80% /denatured	139.62
H2206: Fermented beverages (eg cider, perry, mead)	120.77
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>7 135.39</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H2203: Beer made from malt	337.40
H2206: Fermented beverages (eg cider, perry, mead)	56.94
H2207: Ethyl alcohol, undenatured and > 80% /denatured	20.48
<b>Top losers</b>	
H1107: Malt	- 168.19
H2202: Waters, non-alcoholic flavoured beverages	- 111.38
H2204: Grape wines (including fortified), grape must	- 36.95
H2208: Liqueur, spirits & undenatured ethyl alcohol <80%	- 10.70
H2201: Unsweetened beverage waters, ice and snow	- 3.57



**Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)**

↑ 0.3%	↓ -2.7 (percentage points)	↓ -0.3%	↑ 10.9%	↑ 8.0%	↑ 1.2%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



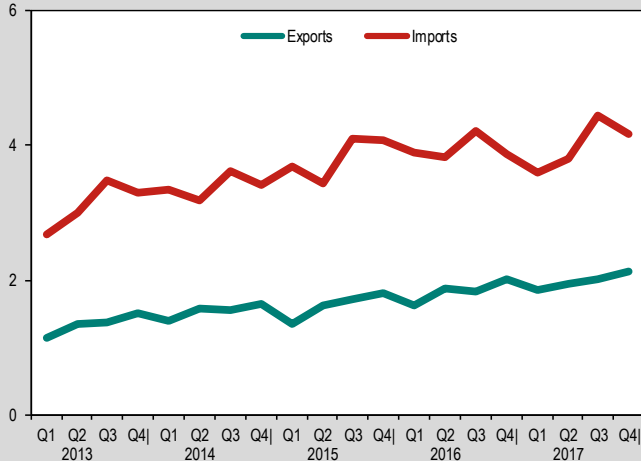
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Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

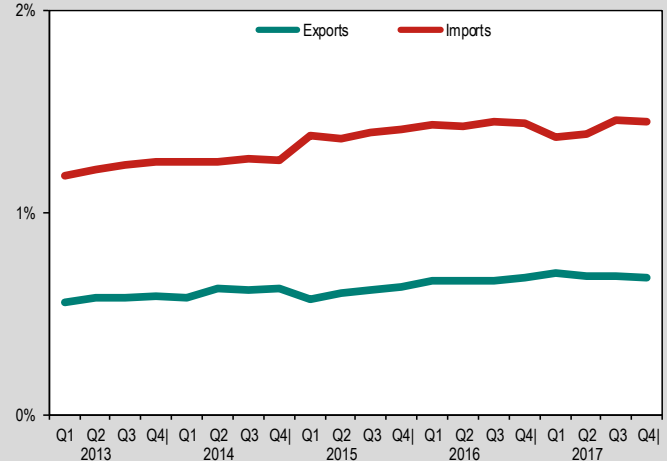
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



Major traded export products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H9619: Sanitary towels and tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies	1244.03
H5105: Wool and animal hair, carded or combed	123.55
H6306: Textile tarpaulin, sail, awning, tent, camping goods	596.41
H5407: Woven synth filament yarn, monofilament >67dtex	359.60
H6305: Sacks & bags of a kind used for packing of goods	353.44
H8804: Parachutes, parts and accessories thereof	337.88
H9404: Mattress supports, mattresses, bedding	320.59
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>7 956.61</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H5105: Wool and animal hair, carded or combed	102.51
H6306: Textile tarpaulin, sail, awning, tent, camping goods	93.35
H5903: Fabric impregnated, coated/ covered with plastic	88.77
H9619: Sanitary towels and tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies	86.76
H5209: Woven cotton nes, >85% cotton, >200g/m2	79.21
<b>Top losers</b>	
H6305: Sacks & bags of a kind used for packing of goods	-39.57
H5101: Wool, not carded or combed	-39.14
H5407: Woven synth filament yarn, monofilament >67dtex	-25.76
H5901: Textile fabric coated with gum or stiffened nes	-17.76
H5515: Woven fabric of synthetic staple fibres	-15.13

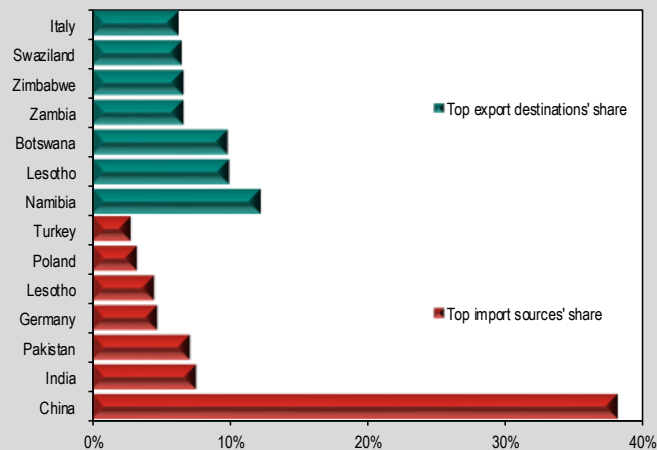
Major traded import products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H9619: Sanitary towels and tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies	1710.57
H5407: Woven synth filament yarn, monofilament >67dtex	1689.17
H5603: Nonwoven textiles, except felt	1223.85
H6302: Bed, table, toilet and kitchen linens	907.44
H5208: Woven cotton fabric, >85% cotton, < 200g/m2	852.86
H6307: Made up articles nes, including dress patterns	628.86
H5903: Fabric impregnated, coated/ covered with plastic	591.12
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>16 006.20</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H5901: Textile fabric coated with gum or stiffened nes	381.16
H9619: Sanitary towels and tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies	204.01
H5516: Woven fabric <85% artificial staple fibre	144.96
H5208: Woven cotton fabric, >85% cotton, < 200g/m2	95.40
H6304: Furnishing articles nes, except mattresses, etc	88.66
<b>Top losers</b>	
H5512: Woven fabric with >85% synthetic staple fibres	-78.33
H5603: Nonwoven textiles, except felt	-77.11
H5514: Woven fabric >85% synth+cotn >170g/m2 unblchd	-72.20
H5513: Woven fabric >85% synth+cotn <170g/m2 unblchd	-69.22
H6302: Bed, table, toilet and kitchen linens	-64.51

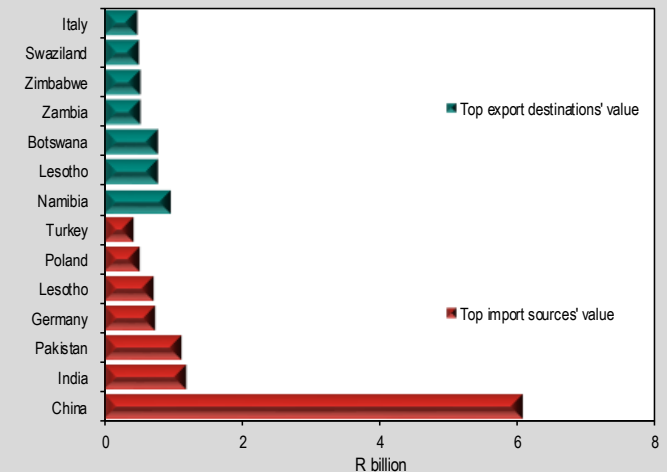
Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

2017



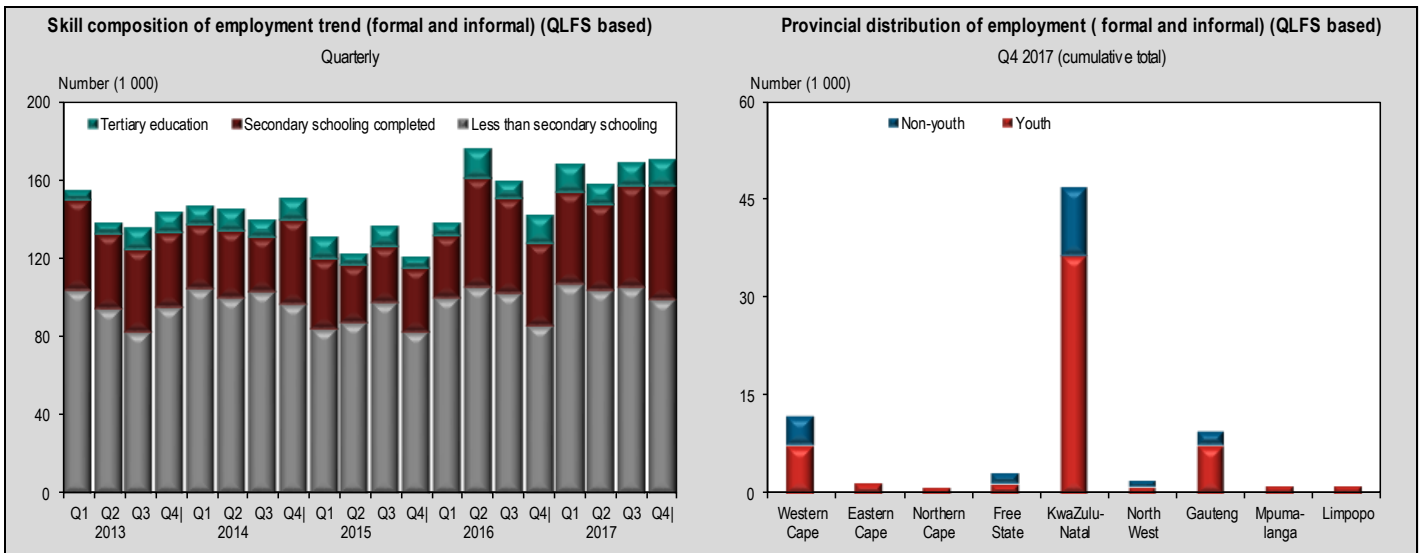
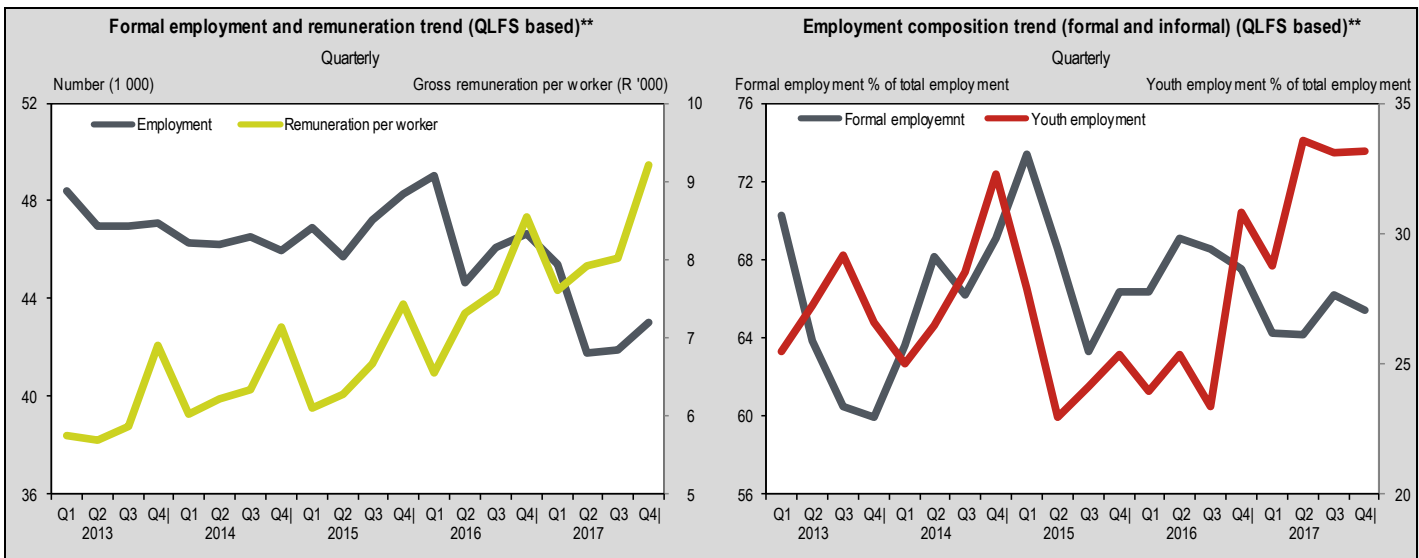
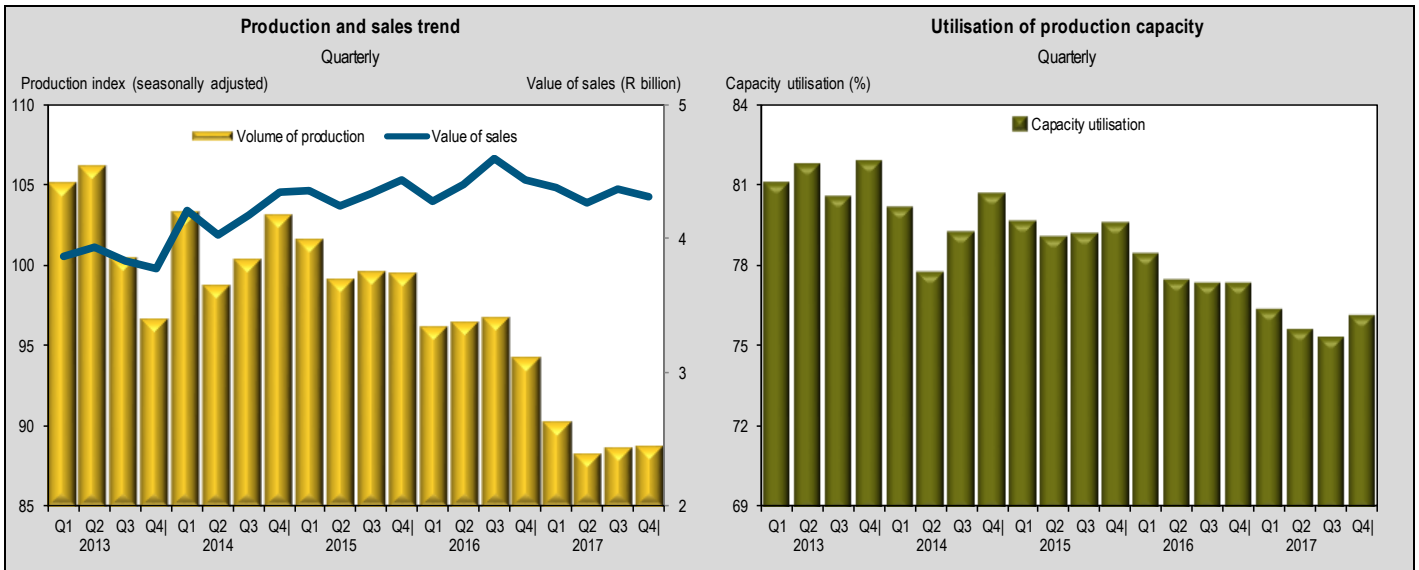
Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

2017



**Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)**

↓ -7.3%	↓ -1.2 (percentage points)	↓ -7.7%	↑ 7.8%	↓ -0.2%	↓ -4.6%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



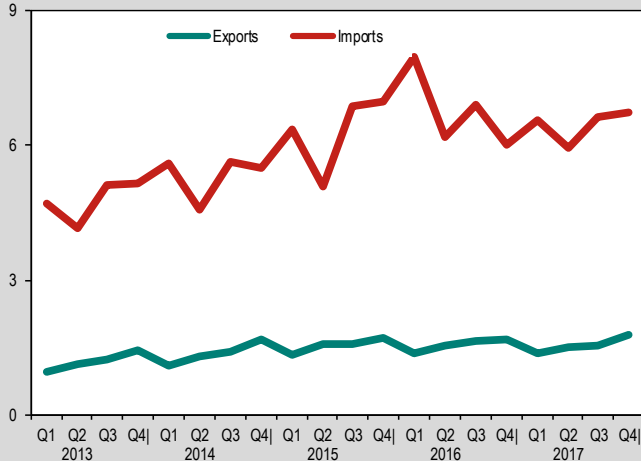
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Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

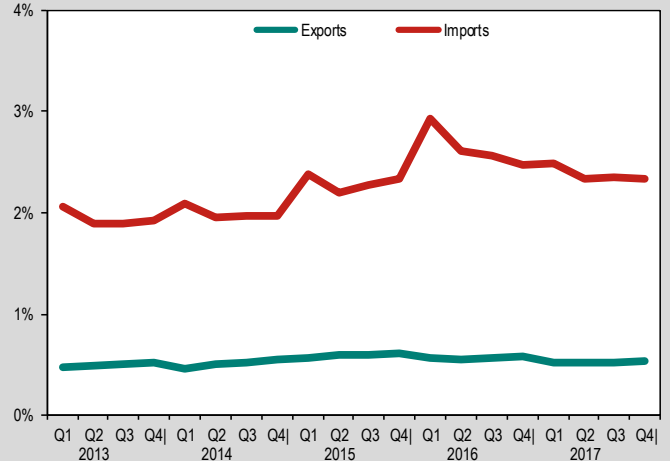
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



Major traded export products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H6203: Mens or boys suits, jackets, trousers, etc not knit	853.58
H6109: T-shirts, singlets and other vests, knit or crochet	602.74
H6204: Woven female suits, jacket, dress, etc	587.26
H6104: Female suit, dress, skirt, etc, knit or crochet	463.04
H6103: Mens, boys suits, jackets, trousers, etc knit/crochet	390.89
H6205: Men's or boys' shirts	268.24
H6115: Panty hose, tights, hosiery, etc, knit or crochet	266.63
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>6 239.84</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H6104: Female suit, dress, skirt, etc, knit or crochet	68.54
H6110: Jerseys, pullovers, cardigans, etc, knit or crochet	42.40
H6106: Womens, girls blouses & shirts, knit or crochet	22.28
H6203: Mens or boys suits, jackets, trousers, etc not knit	19.63
H6108: Womens, girls underwear, nightwear, knit/crochet	19.11
<b>Top losers</b>	
H6217: Clothing accessories or parts, not knit or crochet	-68.67
H6204: Woven female suits, jacket, dress, etc	-48.11
H6210: Garments made up of felt or coated fabric	-43.81
H6206: Womens or girls' blouses, shirts and shirt-blouses	-25.05
H6105: Mens, boys shirts, knit or crochet	-23.41

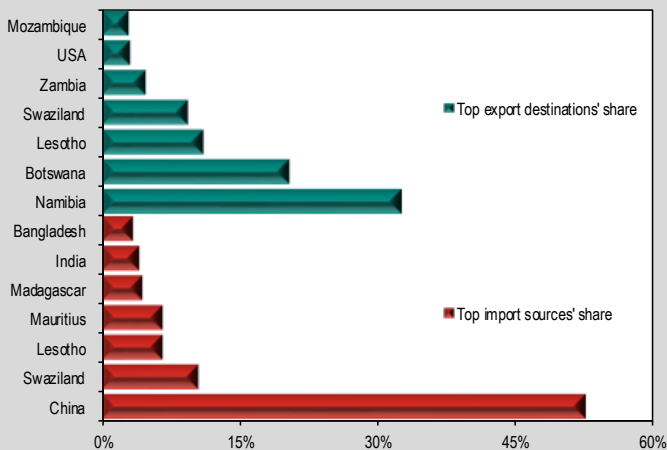
Major traded import products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H6203: Mens or boys suits, jackets, trousers, etc not knit	3 843.27
H6204: Woven female suits, jacket, dress, etc	3 422.22
H6109: T-shirts, singlets and other vests, knit or crochet	2 752.77
H6110: Jerseys, pullovers, cardigans, etc, knit or crochet	1 370.46
H6104: Female suit, dress, skirt, etc, knit or crochet	1 178.47
H6205: Men's or boys' shirts	1 067.81
H6006: Other knitted or crocheted fabrics	974.01
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>25 818.21</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H6004: Knitted/crocheted fabrics of a width > 30 cm	153.65
H6001: Pile fabric, knit or crochet	85.43
H6006: Other knitted or crocheted fabrics	39.18
H6209: Babies garments and clothing accessories	37.53
H6112: Track suits, ski suits and swimwear, knit/ crochet	20.76
<b>Top losers</b>	
H6203: Mens or boys suits, jackets, trousers, etc not knit	-309.13
H6110: Jerseys, pullovers, cardigans, etc, knit or crochet	-238.59
H6109: T-shirts, singlets and other vests, knit or crochet	-217.92
H6205: Men's or boys' shirts	-189.12
H6206: Womens or girls' blouses, shirts and shirt-blouses	-102.36

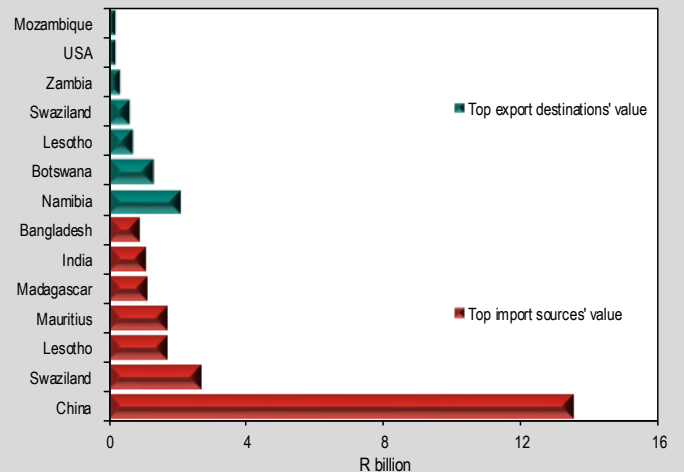
Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

2017



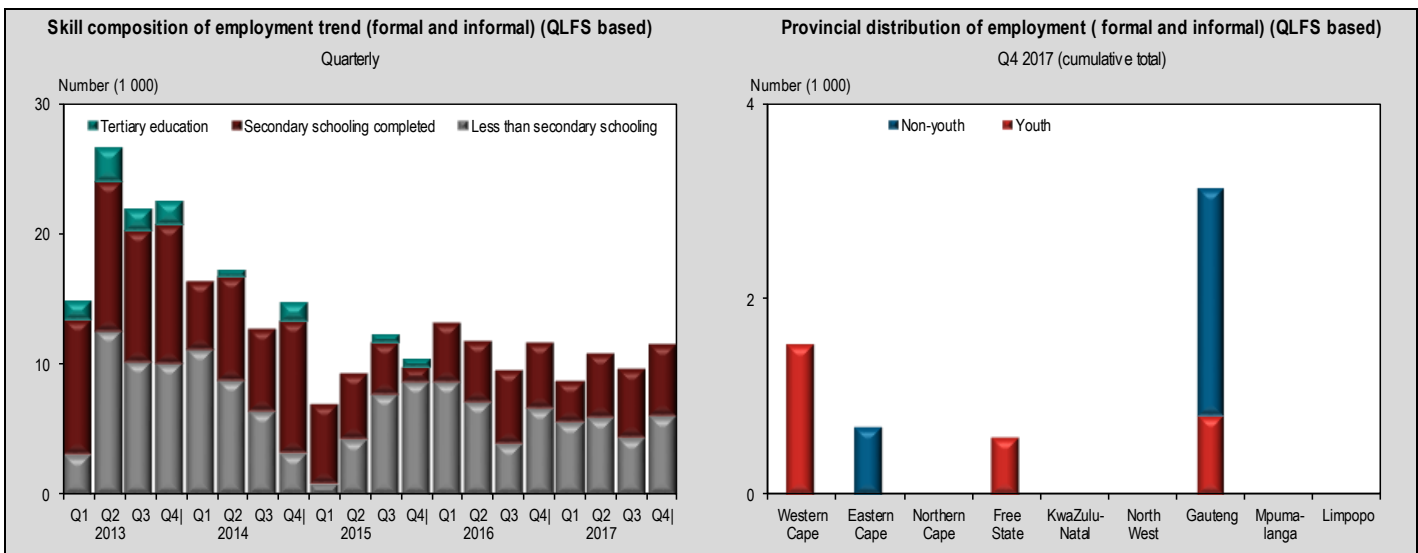
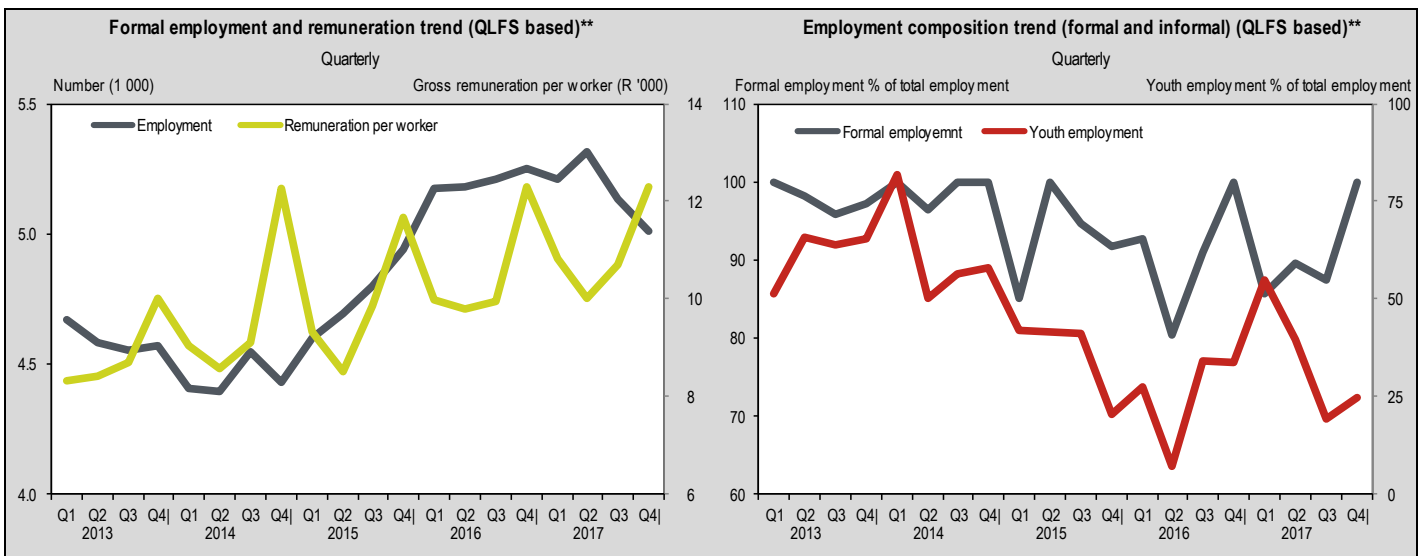
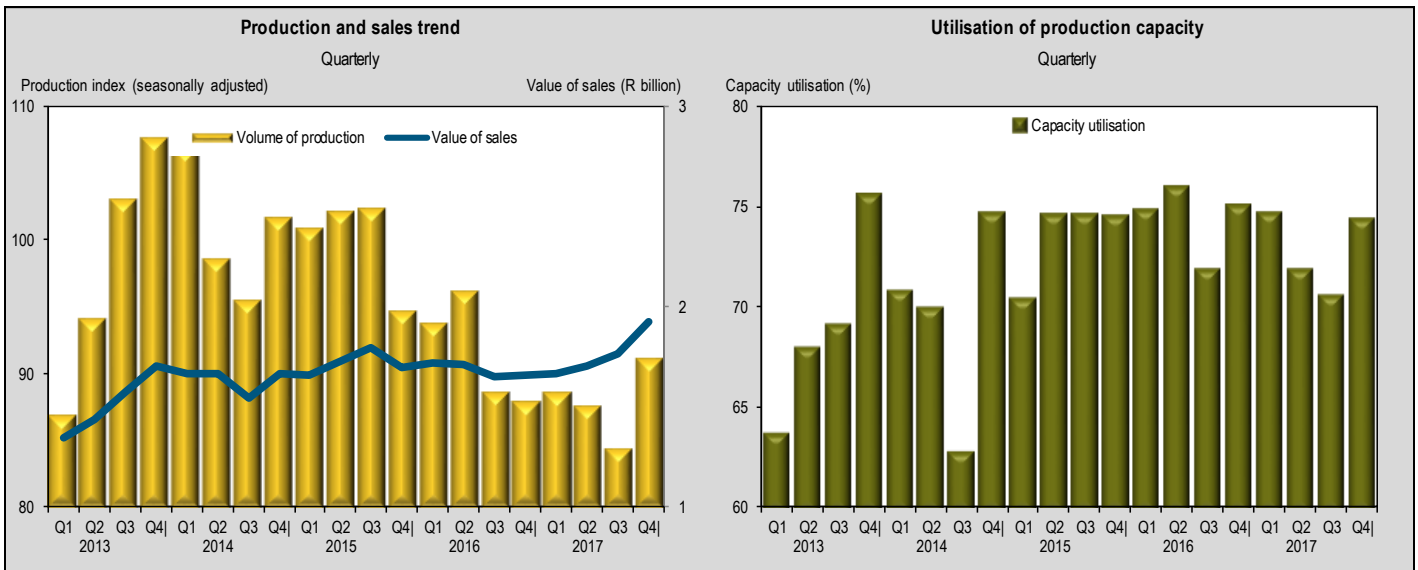
Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

2017



## Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)

↓ -4.0%	↓ -0.7 (percentage points)	↓ -4.6%	↑ 0.1%	↓ -1.4%	↓ -5.3%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



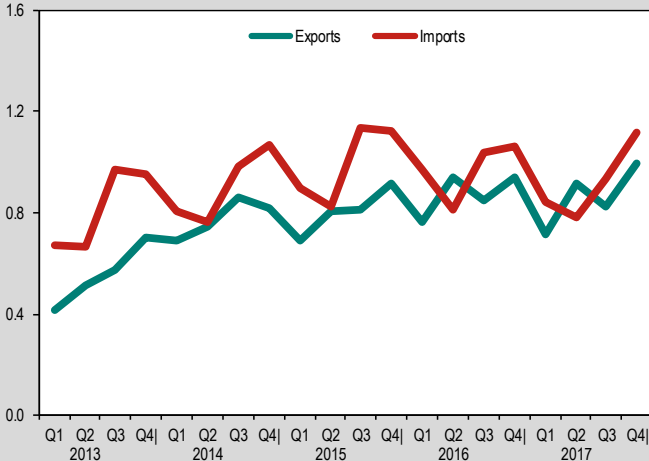
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**Trade trends (value terms)**

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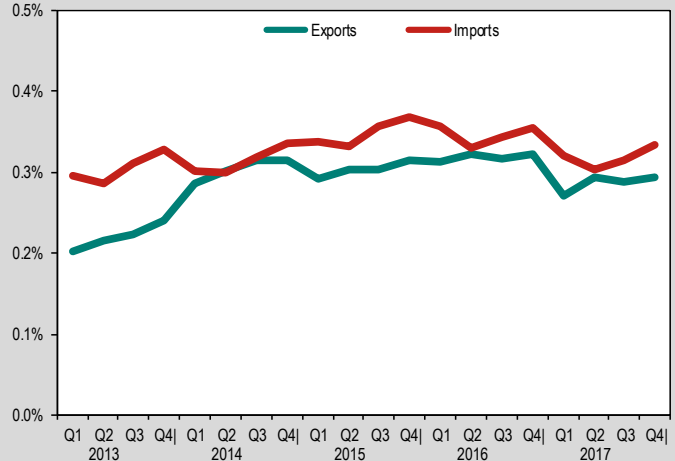
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



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

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



**Major traded export products**

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H4104: Bovine/equine leather, no hair, not chamois, patent	1085.49
H4107: Leather of other animals, no hair, not chamois, etc	844.42
H4202: Trunks, suit-cases, camera cases, handbags, etc	505.80
H4205: Articles of leather and composition leather, nes	366.99
H4113: Composition leather, in slabs, sheets or strips	348.29
H4106: Goat or kid skin leather, without hair	150.43
H4115: Composition leather, in slabs, sheets or strips	63.60
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>3 445.48</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H4107: Leather of other animals, no hair, not chamois, etc	190.30
H4106: Goat or kid skin leather, without hair	53.56
H4115: Composition leather, in slabs, sheets or strips	42.57
H4105: Sheep or lamb skin leather, without wool on	4.33
H4202: Trunks, suit-cases, camera cases, handbags, etc	4.09
<b>Top losers</b>	
H4205: Articles of leather and composition leather, nes	-145.10
H4104: Bovine/equine leather, no hair, not chamois, patent	-112.54
H4113: Composition leather, in slabs, sheets or strips	-39.52
H4102: Raw skins of sheep or lambs	-36.15
H4201: Saddlery and harness, of any material	-11.37

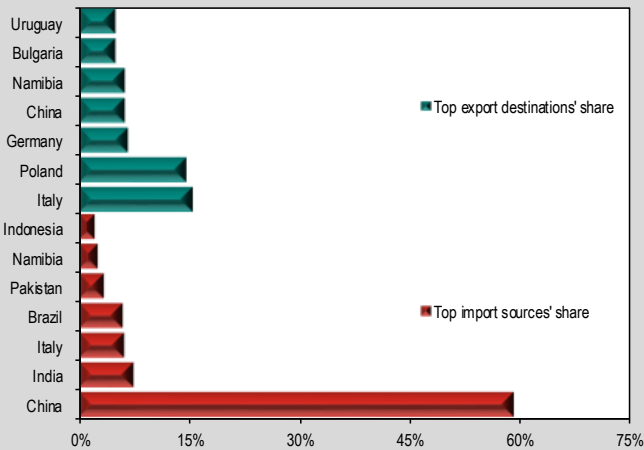
**Major traded import products**

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H4202: Trunks, suit-cases, camera cases, handbags, etc	2 648.03
H4107: Leather of other animals, no hair, not chamois, etc	453.84
H4104: Bovine/equine leather, no hair, not chamois, patent	364.41
H4201: Saddlery and harness, of any material	52.24
H9113: Watch straps, bands, bracelets, & parts thereof	34.04
H4115: Composition leather, in slabs, sheets or strips	30.38
H4205: Articles of leather and composition leather, nes	27.68
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>3 674.80</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H4104: Bovine/equine leather, no hair, not chamois, patent	64.84
H9113: Watch straps, bands, bracelets, & parts thereof	4.19
H4112: Composition leather, in slabs, sheets or strips	2.36
H4106: Goat or kid skin leather, without hair	1.08
H4102: Raw skins of sheep or lambs	0.01
<b>Top losers</b>	
H4205: Articles of leather and composition leather, nes	-128.40
H4202: Trunks, suit-cases, camera cases, handbags, etc	-99.25
H4113: Composition leather, in slabs, sheets or strips	-30.46
H4115: Composition leather, in slabs, sheets or strips	-8.43
H4201: Saddlery and harness, of any material	-3.89

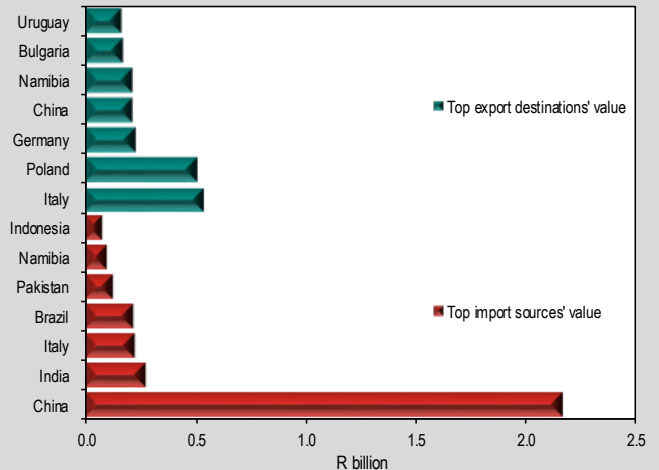
**Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)**

2017



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

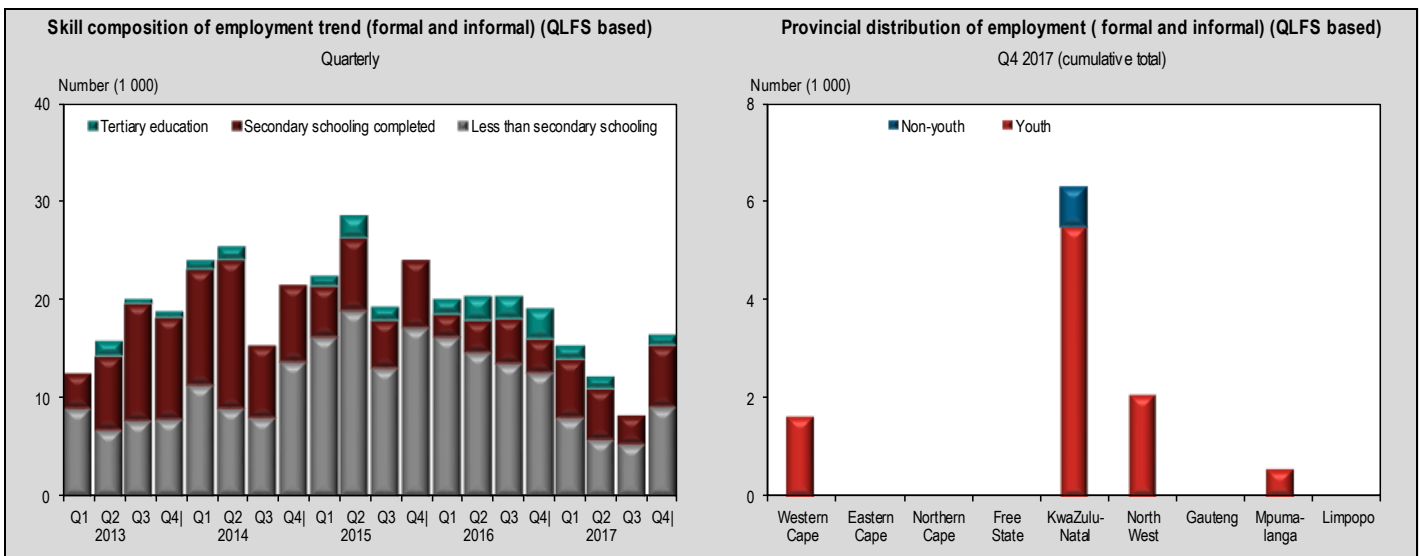
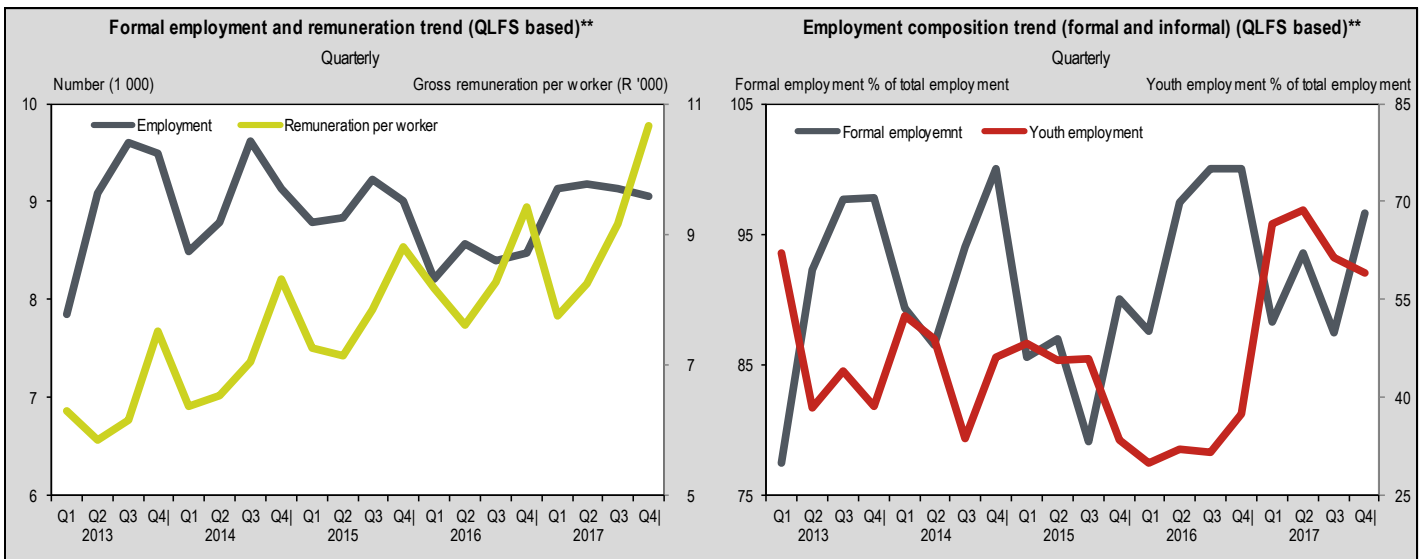
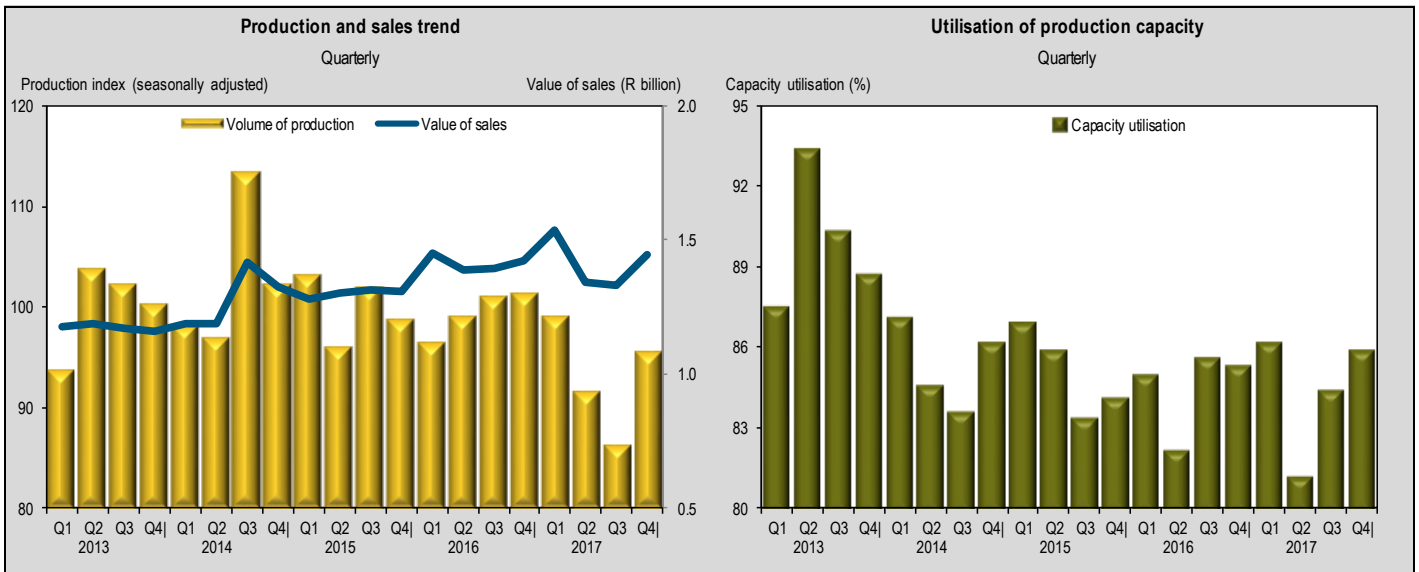
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Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)

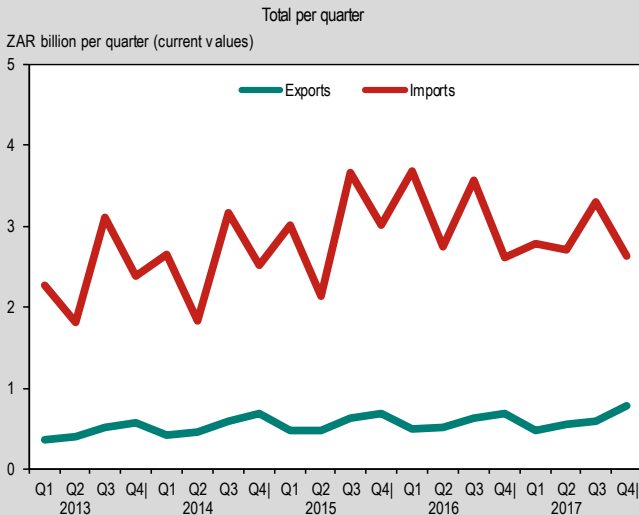
↓ -6.3%	↑ 0.6 (percentage points)	↑ 6.7%	↑ 13.2%	↑ 3.6%	↓ -9.5%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



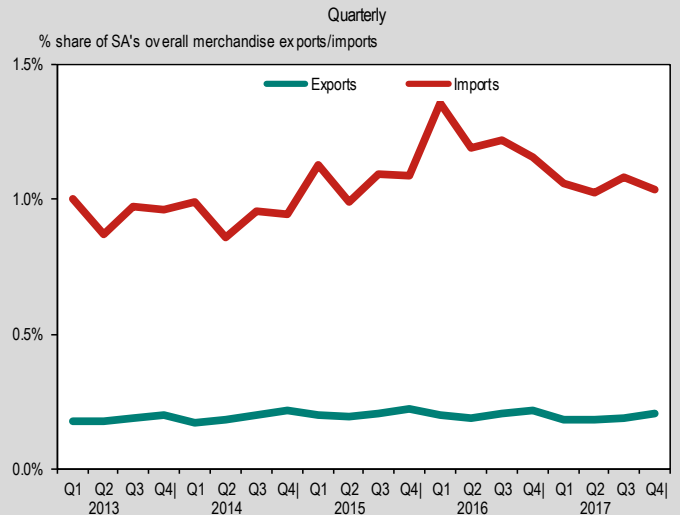
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Trade trends (value terms)



Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)



Major traded export products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H6403: Footwear with uppers of leather	657.03
H6402: Footwear, with outer sole, upper rubber or plastic	647.87
H6404: Footwear with uppers of textile materials	566.48
H6405: Footwear nes, sole not leather, rubber or plastic	366.58
H6401: Waterproof of footwear, rubber, plastic	144.48
H6406: Parts of footwear, in-soles, heel cushion, etc	36.16
	0.00
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>2 418.60</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H6403: Footwear with uppers of leather	3169
H6402: Footwear, with outer sole, upper rubber or plastic	24.90
H6401: Waterproof of footwear, rubber, plastic	14.37
H6405: Footwear nes, sole not leather, rubber or plastic	13.36
H6404: Footwear with uppers of textile materials	8.51
<b>Top losers</b>	
H6406: Parts of footwear, in-soles, heel cushion, etc	- 8.50

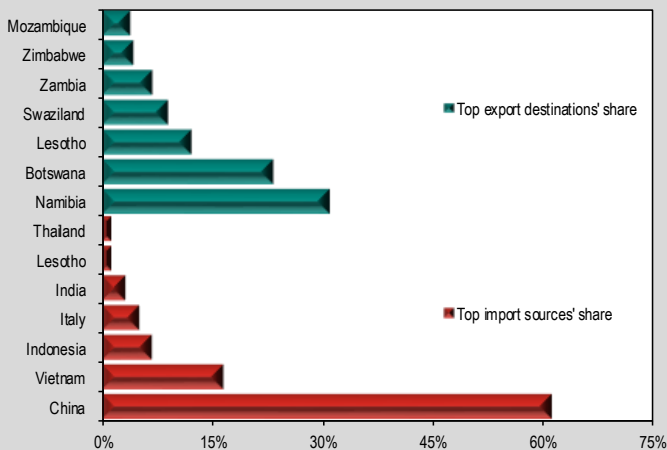
Major traded import products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H6404: Footwear with uppers of textile materials	4 263.74
H6402: Footwear, with outer sole, upper rubber or plastic	4 098.16
H6403: Footwear with uppers of leather	2 622.35
H6406: Parts of footwear, in-soles, heel cushion, etc	214.49
H6405: Footwear nes, sole not leather, rubber or plastic	186.76
H6401: Waterproof of footwear, rubber, plastic	45.78
	0.00
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>1143127</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H6405: Footwear nes, sole not leather, rubber or plastic	4137
H6401: Waterproof of footwear, rubber, plastic	9.72
<b>Top losers</b>	
H6404: Footwear with uppers of textile materials	- 833.72
H6403: Footwear with uppers of leather	- 310.71
H6402: Footwear, with outer sole, upper rubber or plastic	- 103.67
H6406: Parts of footwear, in-soles, heel cushion, etc	- 9.34

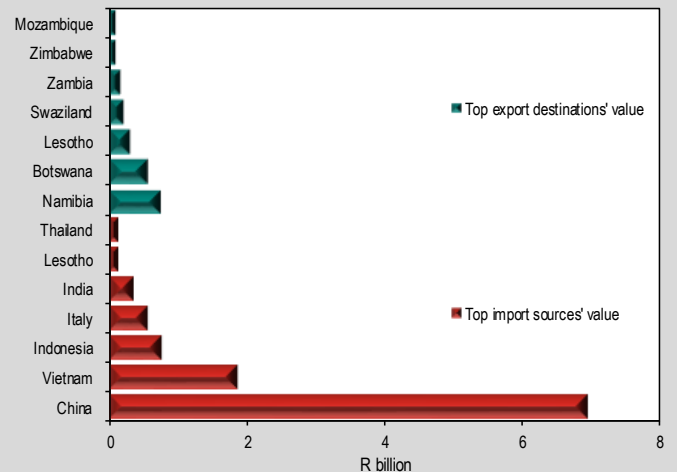
Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

2017



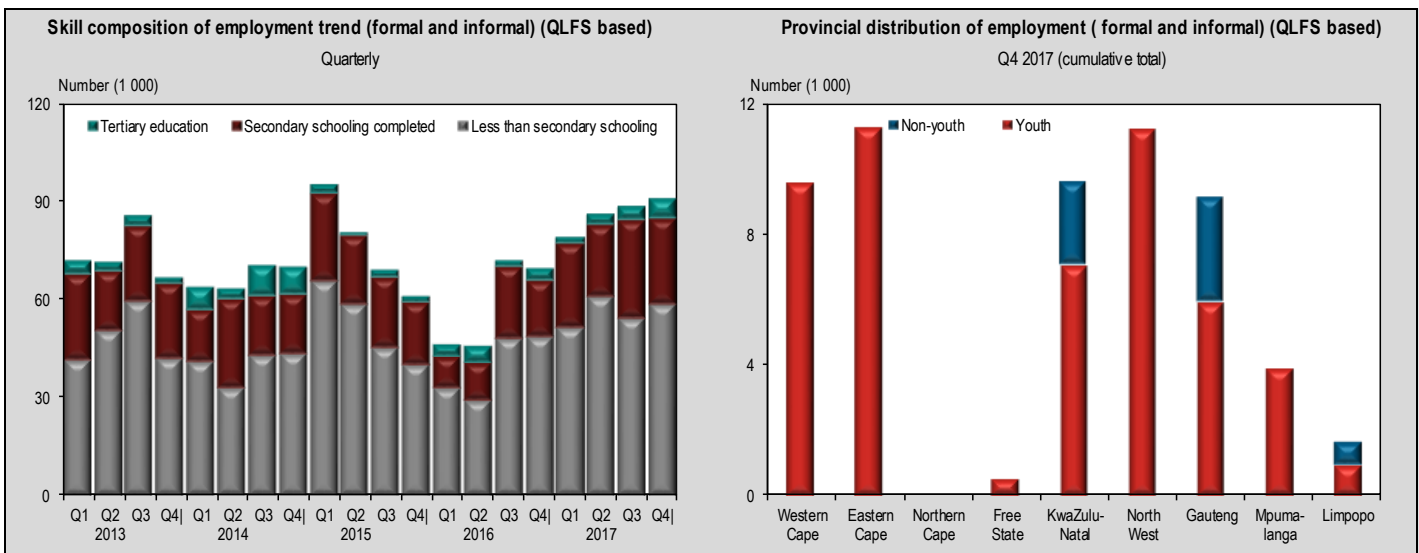
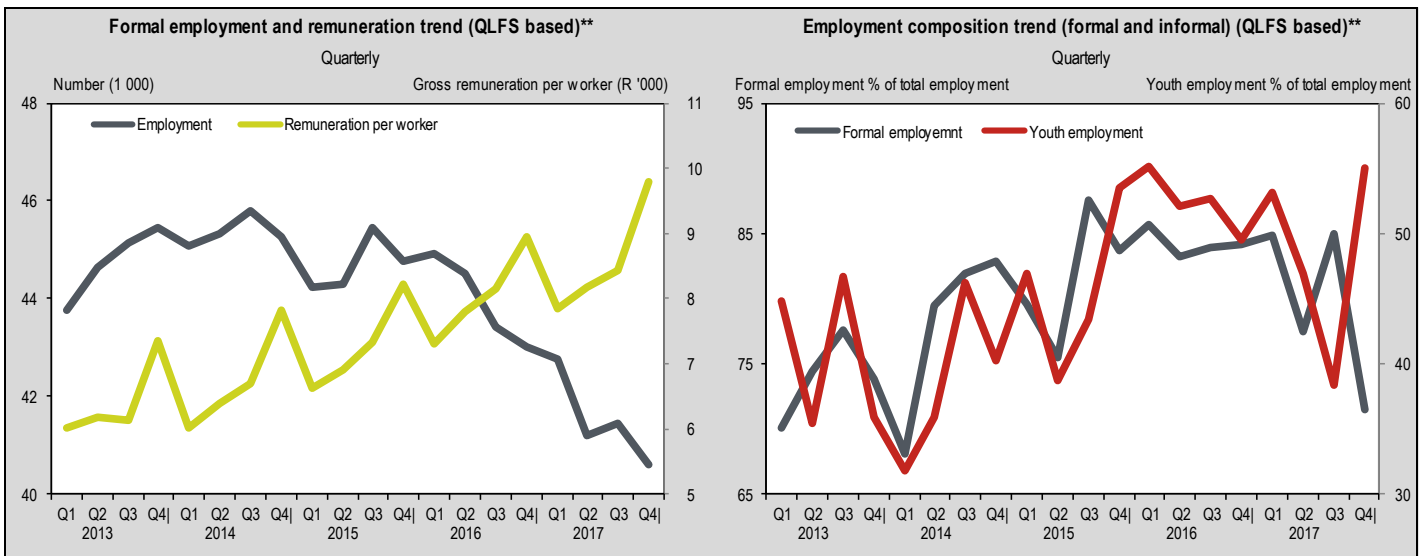
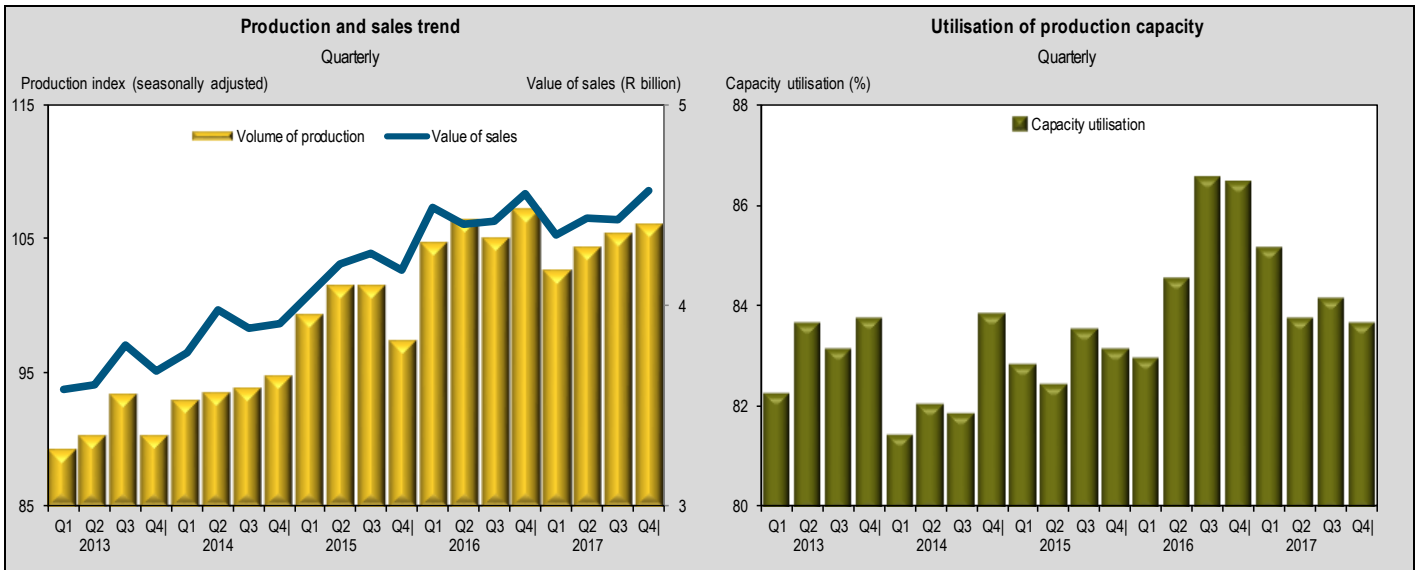
Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

2017



## Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)

↓ -1.1%	↓ -2.8 (percentage points)	↓ -5.6%	↑ 9.4%	↑ 0.8%	↓ -4.1%
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

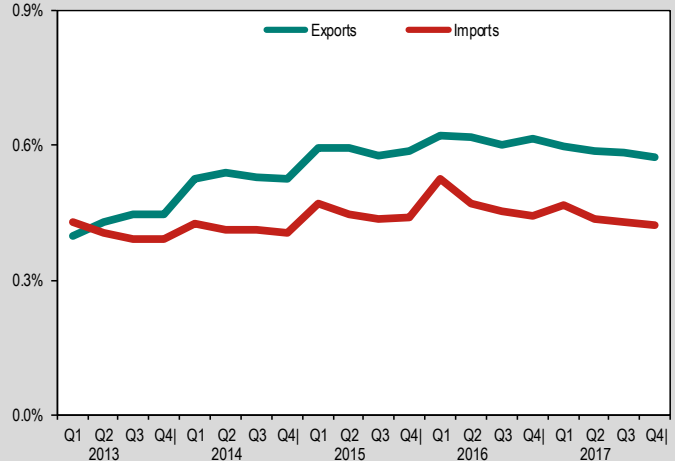
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



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

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



**Major traded export products**

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H4401: Fuel wood, wood in chips/ particles, wood waste	2 911.69
H4418: Builders joinery and carpentry, of wood	762.62
H4407: Wood sawn, chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled	698.25
H4410: Particle board, wood, ligneous material	563.01
H4403: Wood in the rough or roughly squared	428.45
H4415: Wooden cases, boxes, crates, drums, pallets, etc	286.14
H4412: Plywood, veneered panels, etc	227.14
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>6 700.97</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H4412: Plywood, veneered panels, etc	74.59
H4410: Particle board, wood, ligneous material	69.41
H4407: Wood sawn, chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled	58.20
H4402: Wood charcoal (including shell or nut charcoal)	39.03
H4503: Articles of natural cork	7.40
<b>Top losers</b>	
H4403: Wood in the rough or roughly squared	-47.52
H4421: Articles of wood, nes	-45.50
H4418: Builders joinery and carpentry, of wood	-45.05
H4411: Fibreboard of wood or other ligneous materials	-33.95
H4408: Veneers and sheets for plywood, etc <6mm thick	-26.89

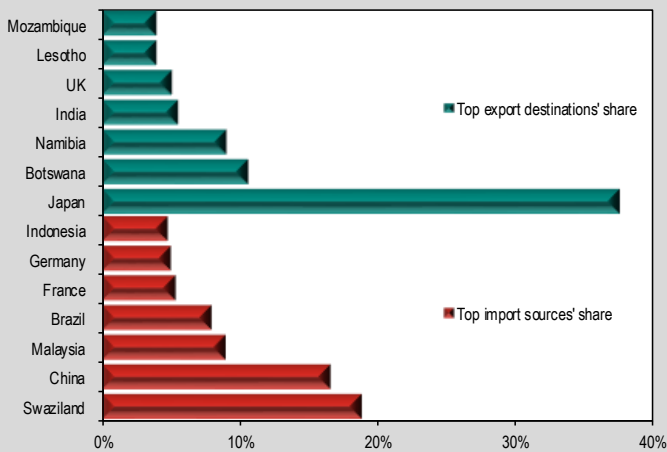
**Major traded import products**

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H4407: Wood sawn, chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled	1434.53
H4412: Plywood, veneered panels, etc	640.20
H4411: Fibreboard of wood or other ligneous materials	562.89
H4418: Builders joinery and carpentry, of wood	298.41
H4409: Wood continuously shaped along any edges	262.48
H4415: Wooden casks, barrels, vats, tubs, etc	257.42
H4503: Articles of natural cork	176.19
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>4 643.09</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H4403: Wood in the rough or roughly squared	57.02
H4409: Wood continuously shaped along any edges	2133
H4503: Articles of natural cork	20.99
H4411: Fibreboard of wood or other ligneous materials	1179
H4420: Ornaments of wood, jewel, cutlery caskets, etc	1104
<b>Top losers</b>	
H4407: Wood sawn, chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled	-96.62
H4415: Wooden casks, barrels, vats, tubs, etc	-85.50
H4408: Veneers and sheets for plywood, etc <6mm thick	-64.34
H4412: Plywood, veneered panels, etc	-33.39
H4421: Articles of wood, nes	-27.43

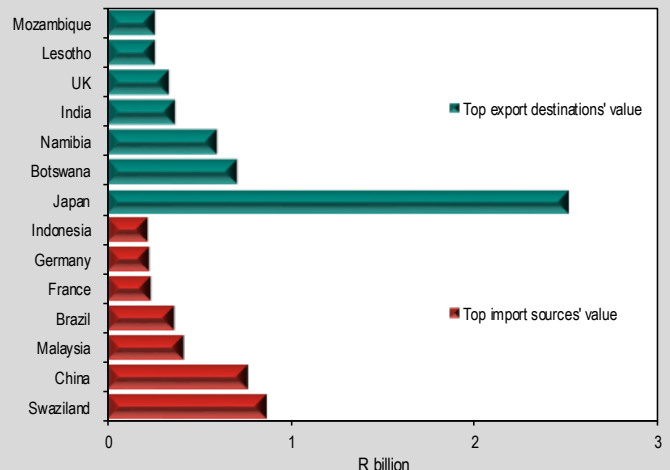
**Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)**

2017



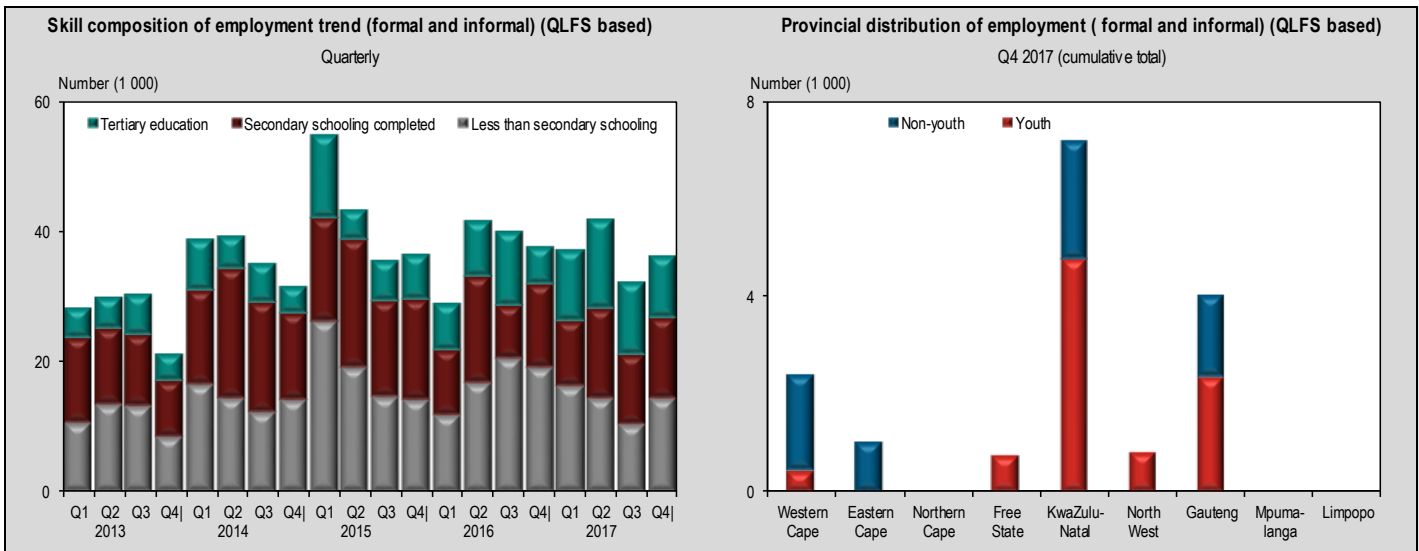
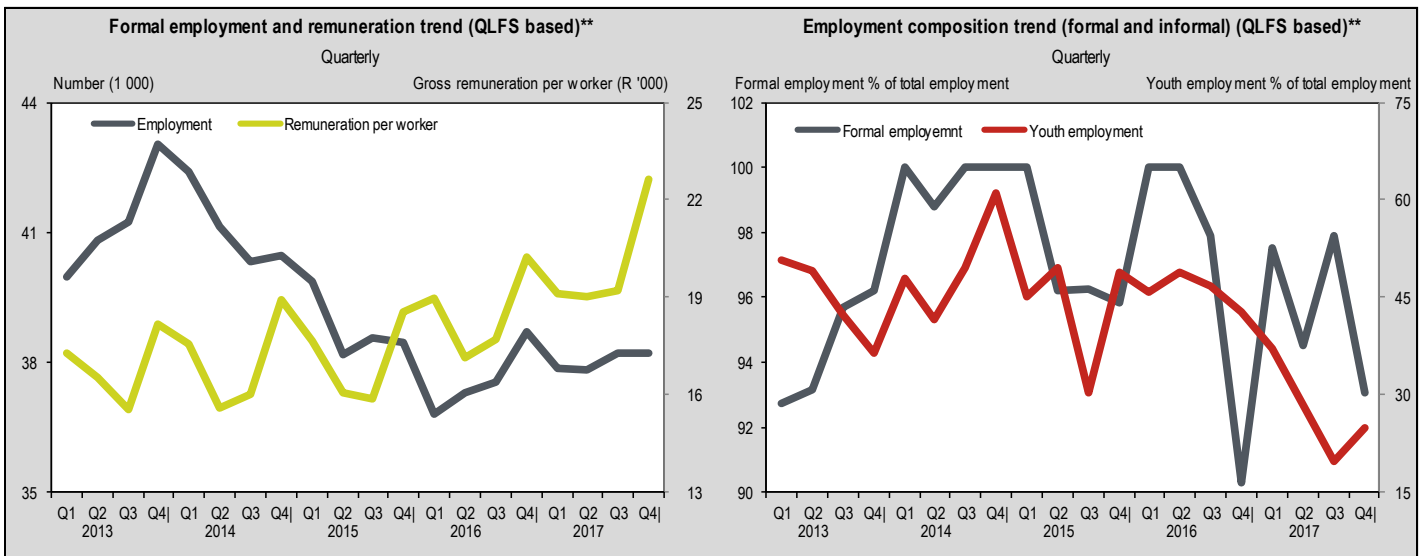
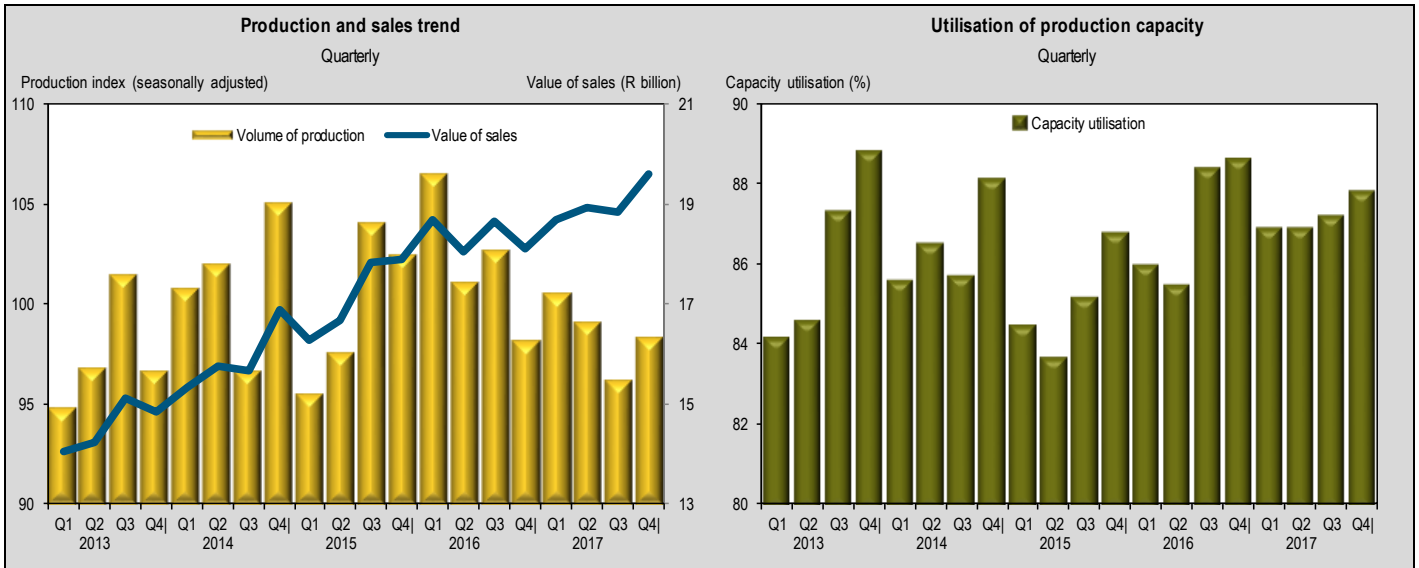
**Top trading partners (value of export/imports)**

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Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)

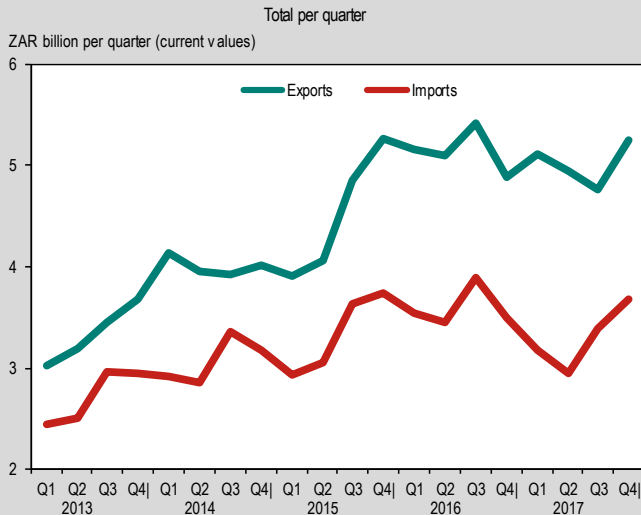
↓ -3.5%	↓ -0.8 (percentage points)	↓ -1.3%	↑ 11.8%	↓ -2.4%	↓ -8.1%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



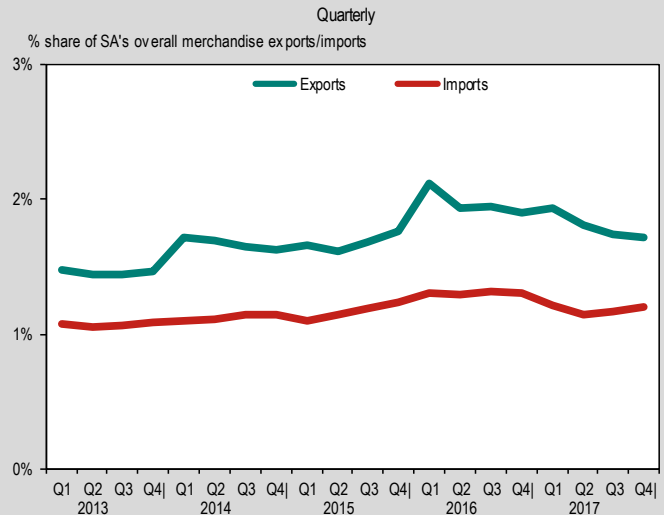
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### Trade trends (value terms)



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



### Major traded export products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H4702: Chemical wood pulp, dissolving grades	10 372.34
H4804: Uncoated kraft paper and paperboard	2 337.52
H4703: Chemical wood pulp, soda/sulphate, undissolving	1855.22
H4819: Paper, board containers, packing items, box files	1179.72
H4802: Uncoated paper for writing, printing office machine	995.48
H4805: Uncoated paper and paperboard nes	657.96
H4818: H.Hold, sanitary, hospital paper articles, clothing	620.44
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>20 072.63</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H4703: Chemical wood pulp, soda/sulphate, undissolving	523.06
H4821: Paper/ paperboard labels including printed labels	45.44
H4818: H.Hold, sanitary, hospital paper articles, clothing	29.67
H4810: Paper, board, inorganic coated at least one side	15.50
H4802: Uncoated paper for writing, printing office machine	11.16
<b>Top losers</b>	
H4804: Uncoated kraft paper and paperboard	-367.50
H4702: Chemical wood pulp, dissolving grades	-367.22
H4808: Paper, board corrugated, creped, embossed, etc	-163.48
H4819: Paper, board containers, packing items, box files	-111.67
H4801: Newsprint	-97.55

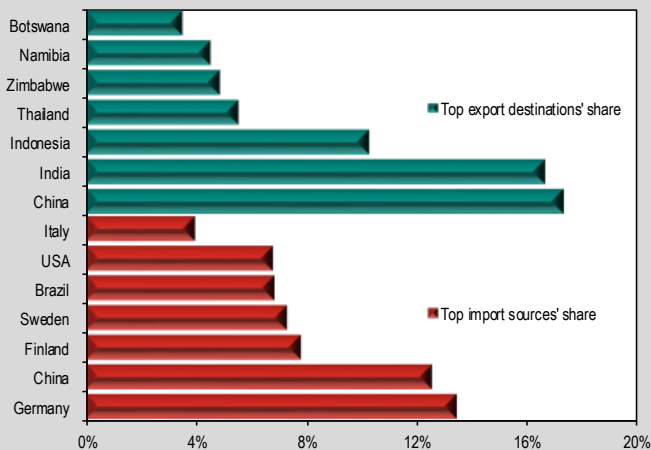
### Major traded import products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H4811: Paper, board, etc coated, impregnated, coloured	3 111.37
H4810: Paper, board, inorganic coated at least one side	2 687.55
H4802: Uncoated paper for writing, printing office machine	1506.18
H4804: Uncoated kraft paper and paperboard	1174.77
H4703: Chemical wood pulp, soda/sulphate, undissolving	917.63
H4819: Paper, board containers, packing items, box files	641.93
H4823: Paper and paper articles nes	465.86
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>13 198.46</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H4803: Paper, household, sanitary, width > 36 cm	714.7
H4701: Mechanical wood pulp	18.79
H4801: Newsprint	17.57
H4818: H.Hold, sanitary, hospital paper articles, clothing	7.51
H4812: Filter blocks, slabs and plates, of paper pulp	1.89
<b>Top losers</b>	
H4810: Paper, board, inorganic coated at least one side	-396.31
H4802: Uncoated paper for writing, printing office machine	-265.32
H4819: Paper, board containers, packing items, box files	-103.60
H4704: Chemical wood pulp, sulphite, not dissolving grade	-86.73
H4804: Uncoated kraft paper and paperboard	-82.47

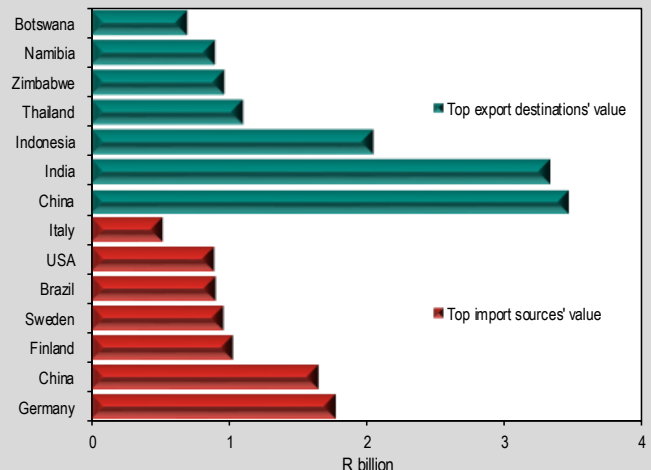
### Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

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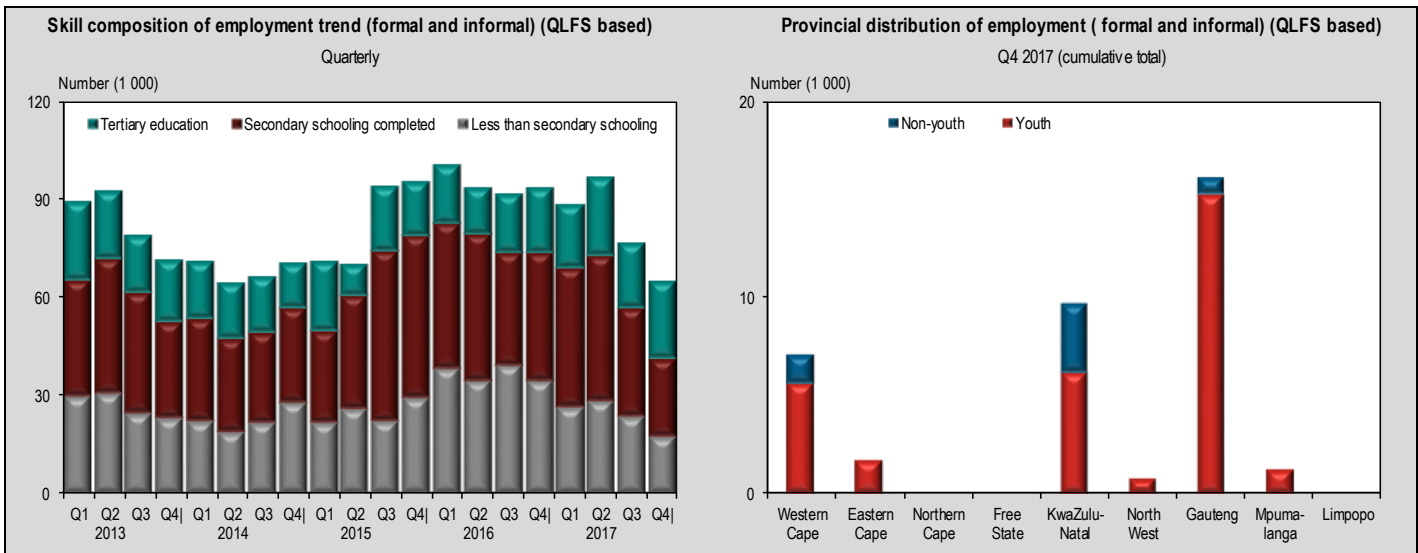
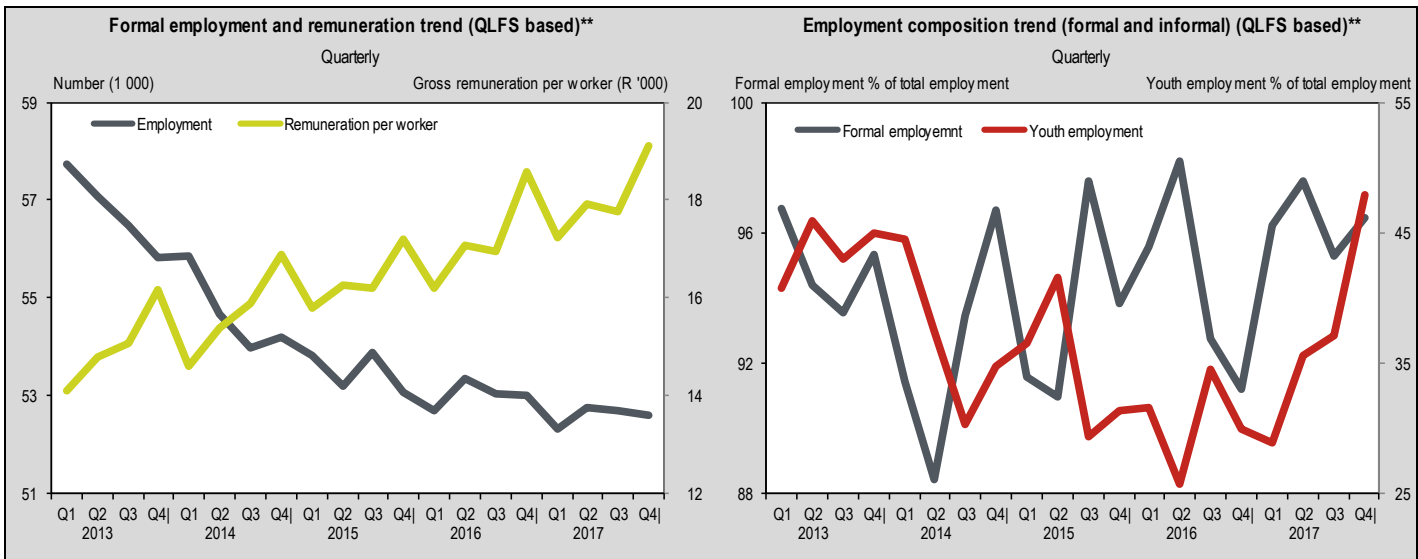
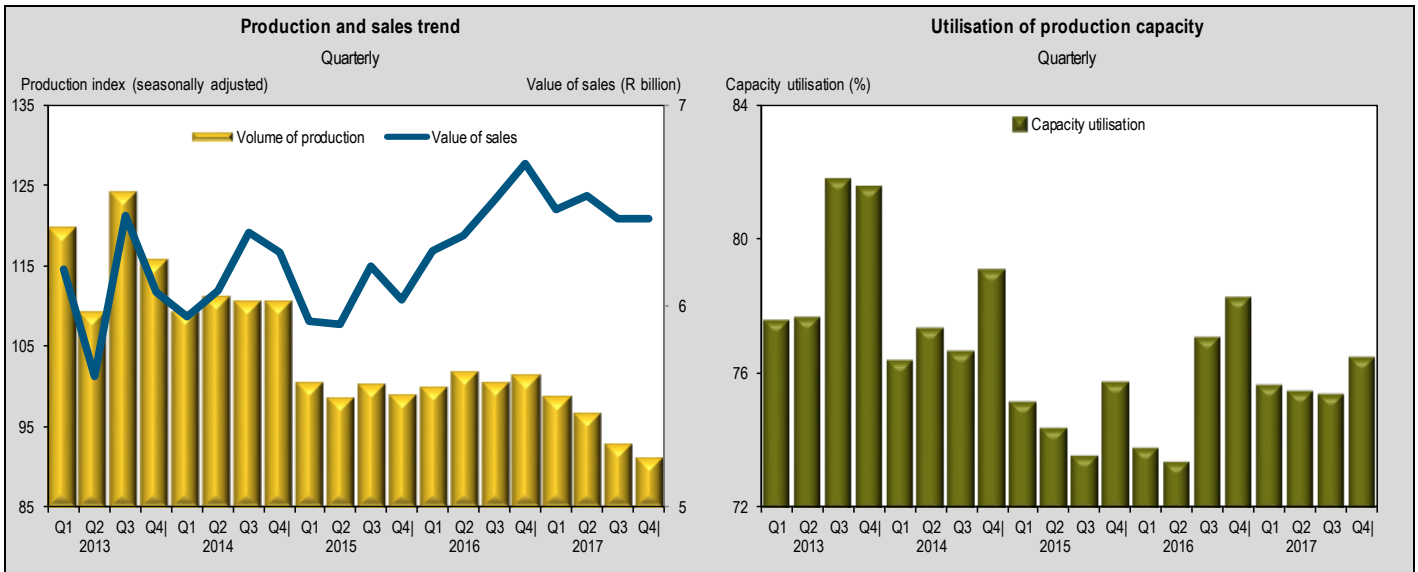
### Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

2017



**Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)**

↓ -5.9%	↓ -1.8 (percentage points)	↓ -0.8%	↑ 2.9%	↓ -8.6%	↑ 103.5%
<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>



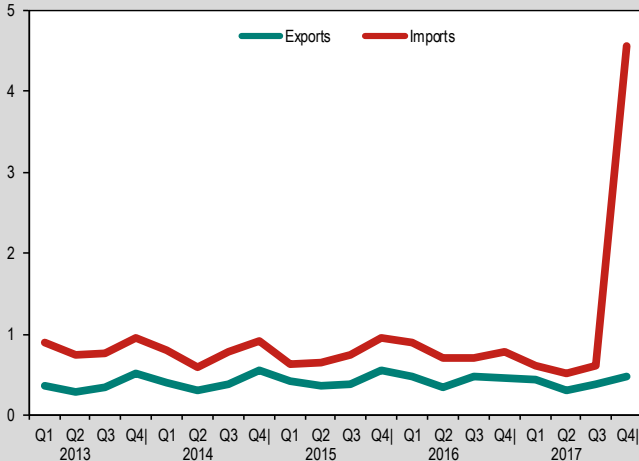
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Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

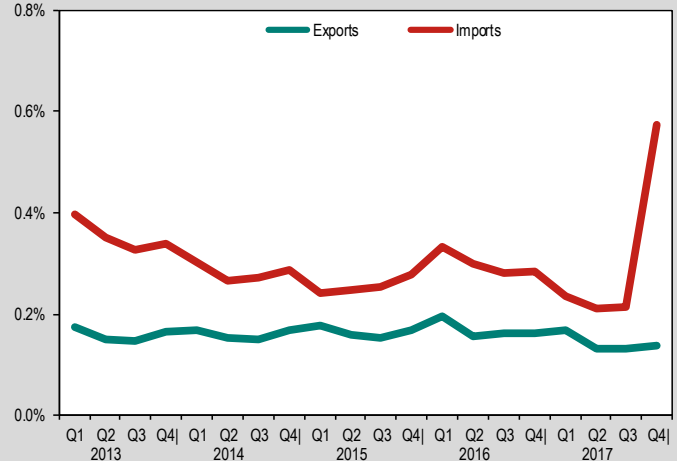
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



Major traded export products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H4901: Printed reading books, brochures, leaflets, etc	620.12
H4820: Office books, forms, exercise books, folders, etc	463.95
H4911: Printed matter, catalogues, pictures and photos	275.04
H4902: Newspapers, journals and periodicals	124.09
H4908: Transfers (decalcomanias)	42.26
H8442: Machinery or equipment for print preparation	23.83
H4910: Calendars, printed	17.54
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>1604.71</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H4820: Office books, forms, exercise books, folders, etc	44.24
H4904: Music, printed or in manuscript	14.80
H4902: Newspapers, journals and periodicals	4.07
H4909: Postcards, printed or illustrated, greeting cards	0.45
H4905: Printed maps, charts and atlases	0.43
<b>Top losers</b>	
H4901: Printed reading books, brochures, leaflets, etc	-152.26
H4911: Printed matter, catalogues, pictures and photos	-39.70
H4908: Transfers (decalcomanias)	-14.24
H8442: Machinery or equipment for print preparation	-7.53
H4910: Calendars, printed	-1.58

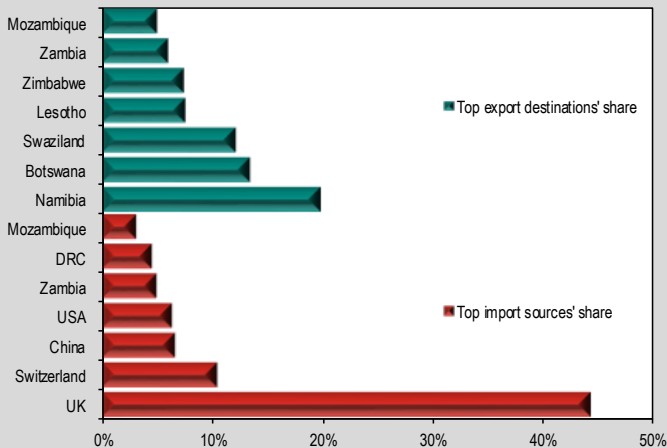
Major traded import products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H4907: Documents of title (bonds etc), unused stamps, etc	3 882.64
H4901: Printed reading books, brochures, leaflets, etc	1501.86
H4911: Printed matter, catalogues, pictures and photos	490.88
H4820: Office books, forms, exercise books, folders, etc	191.45
H4902: Newspapers, journals and periodicals	63.80
H4903: Children's picture, drawing or colouring books	57.57
H8442: Machinery or equipment for print preparation	45.75
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>6 314.45</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H4907: Documents of title (bonds etc), unused stamps, etc	3 692.50
H4908: Transfers (decalcomanias)	2.47
H4910: Calendars, printed	0.84
H8442: Machinery or equipment for print preparation	0.45
<b>Top losers</b>	
H4901: Printed reading books, brochures, leaflets, etc	-239.19
H4911: Printed matter, catalogues, pictures and photos	-140.38
H4902: Newspapers, journals and periodicals	-67.29
H4820: Office books, forms, exercise books, folders, etc	-20.50
H4903: Children's picture, drawing or colouring books	-8.31

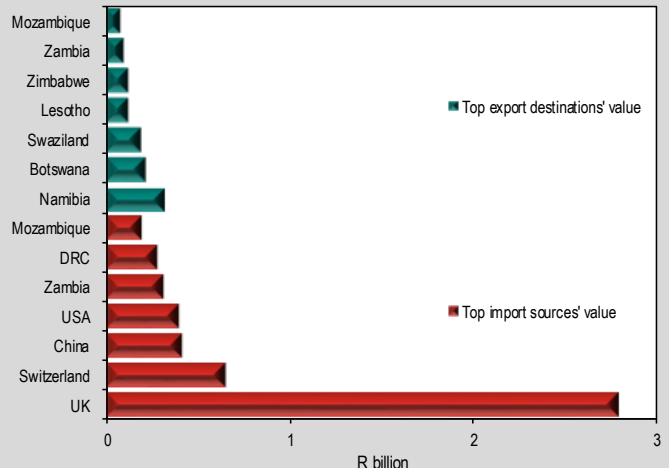
Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

2017



Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

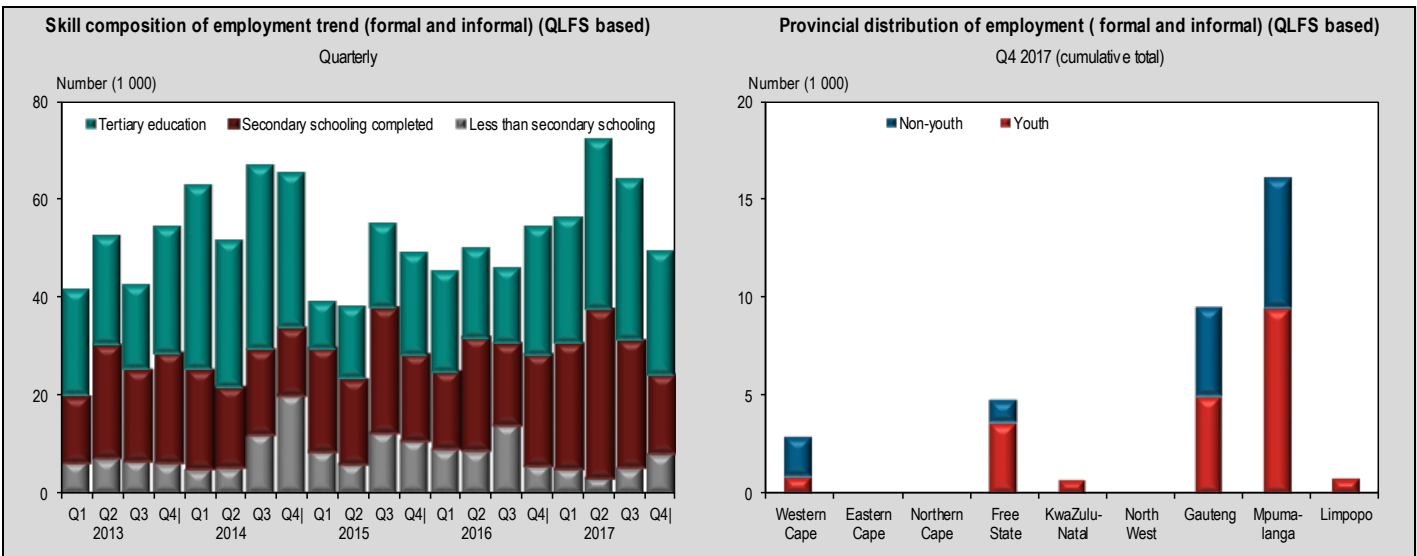
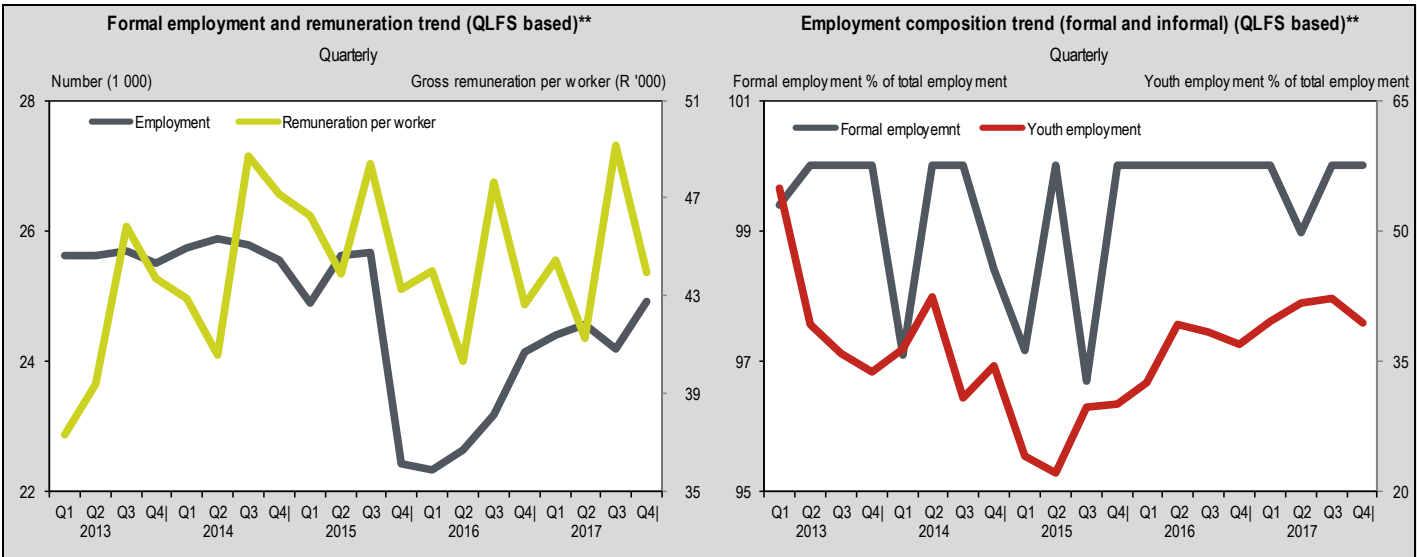
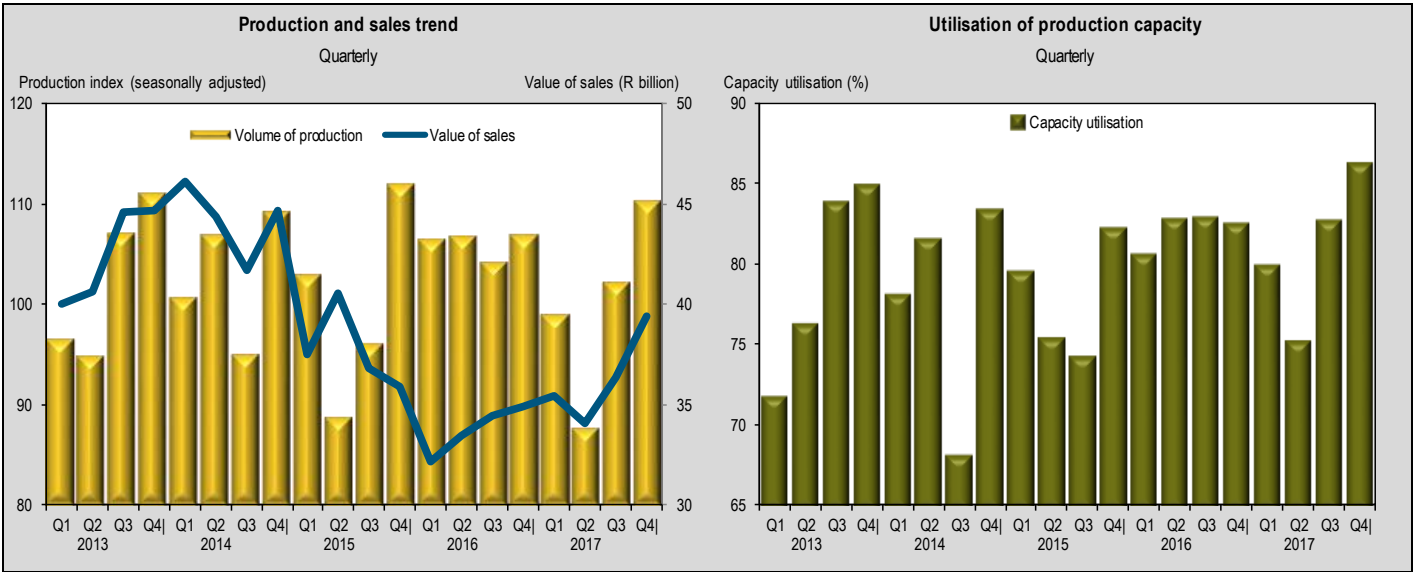
2017





**Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)**

↓ -5.9%	↑ 3.7 (percentage points)	↑ 3.2%	↑ 3.1%	↑ 7.9%	↑ 51.0%
<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>



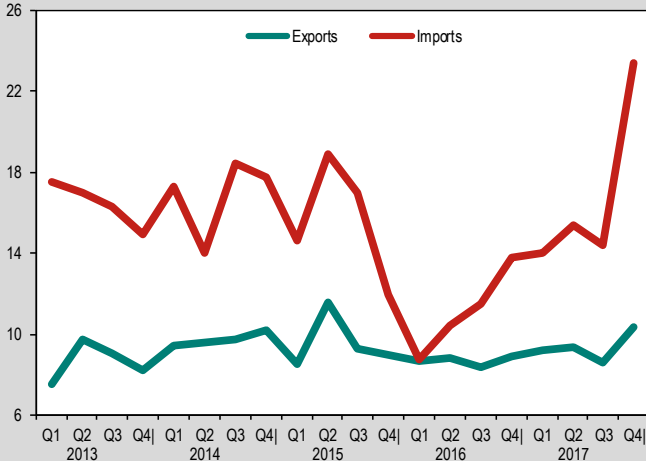
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Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

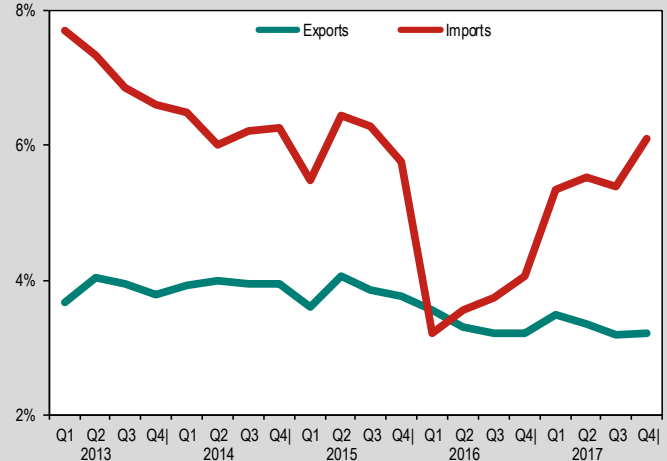
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Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



Major traded export products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H2710: Petroleum oils, bituminous, distillates, except crude	31949.54
H2712: Petroleum jelly and wax, other mineral waxes	3210.95
H2844: Radioactive elements, isotopes, compounds and mixtures	946.67
H2711: Petroleum gases & other gaseous hydrocarbons	752.31
H2704: Retort carbon, coke/semi-coke of coal, lignite, peat	36125
H2713: Petroleum coke, bitumen & other oil industry residues	336.33
H2706: Tar from coal, lignite or peat, other mineral tars	13.23
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>37 579.55</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H2710: Petroleum oils, bituminous, distillates, except crude	2 108.89
H2712: Petroleum jelly and wax, other mineral waxes	47.67
H2704: Retort carbon, coke/semi-coke of coal, lignite, peat	292.99
H2711: Petroleum gases & other gaseous hydrocarbons	218.89
H8401: Nuclear reactors, fuel elements, isotope separators	2.56
<b>Top losers</b>	
H2844: Radioactive elements, isotopes, compounds and mixtures	-235.46
H2713: Petroleum coke, bitumen & other oil industry residues	-48.56

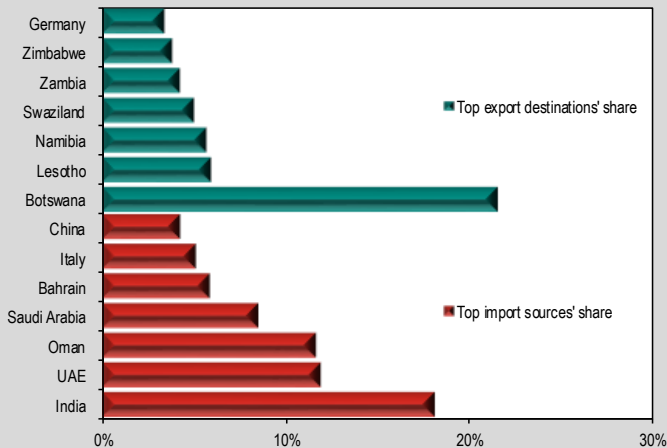
Major traded import products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H2710: Petroleum oils, bituminous, distillates, except crude	59 274.11
H2704: Retort carbon, coke/semi-coke of coal, lignite, peat	3 358.93
H8401: Nuclear reactors, fuel elements, isotope separators	1653.82
H2713: Petroleum coke, bitumen & other oil industry residues	1303.08
H2711: Petroleum gases & other gaseous hydrocarbons	1006.86
H2712: Petroleum jelly and wax, other mineral waxes	547.69
H2844: Radioactive elements, isotopes, compounds and mixtures	107.28
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>67 256.18</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H2710: Petroleum oils, bituminous, distillates, except crude	21535.91
H2704: Retort carbon, coke/semi-coke of coal, lignite, peat	932.50
H2713: Petroleum coke, bitumen & other oil industry residues	326.88
H2711: Petroleum gases & other gaseous hydrocarbons	175.96
H2706: Tar from coal, lignite or peat, other mineral tars	121
<b>Top losers</b>	
H2712: Petroleum jelly and wax, other mineral waxes	-166.31
H8401: Nuclear reactors, fuel elements, isotope separators	-67.44
H2844: Radioactive elements, isotopes, compounds and mixtures	-25.51

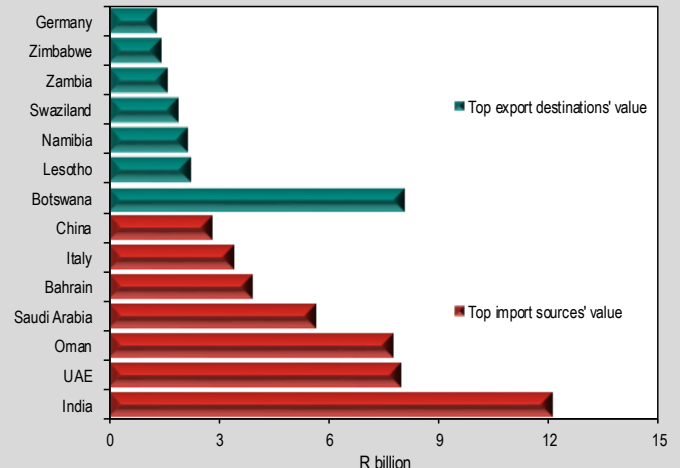
Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

2017



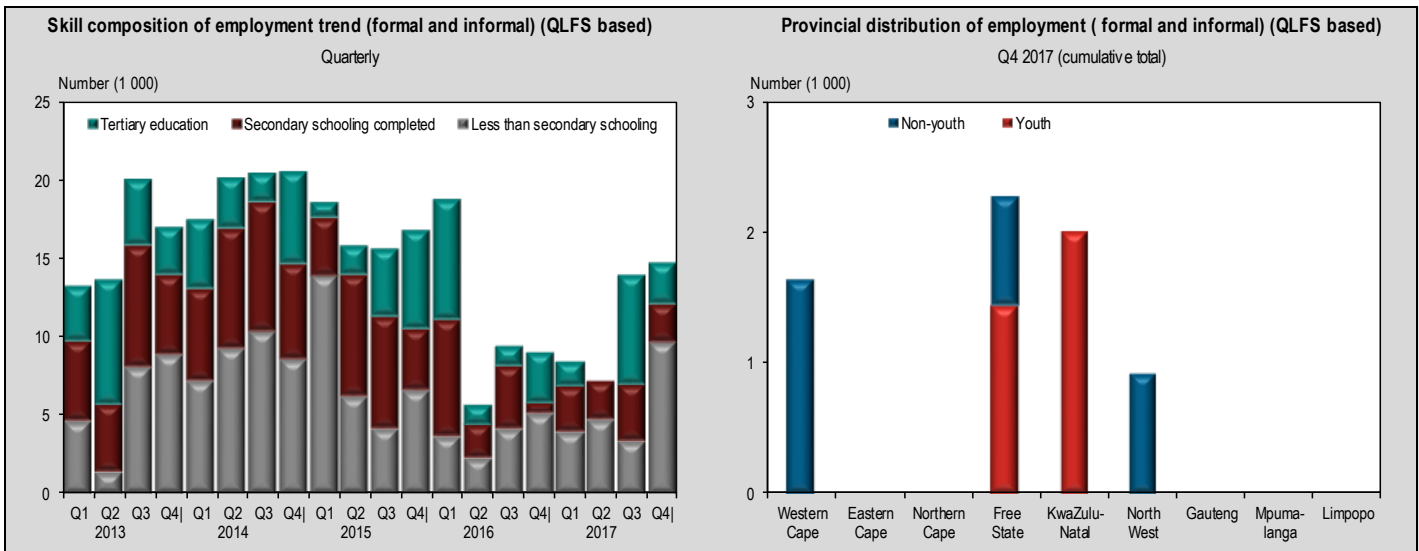
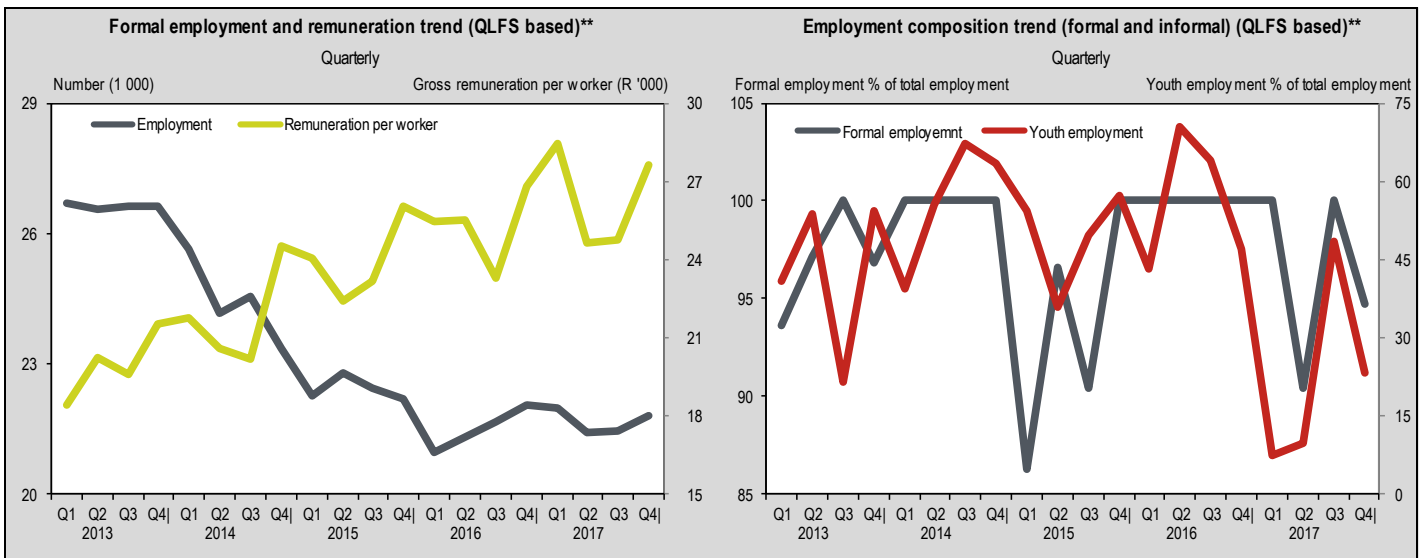
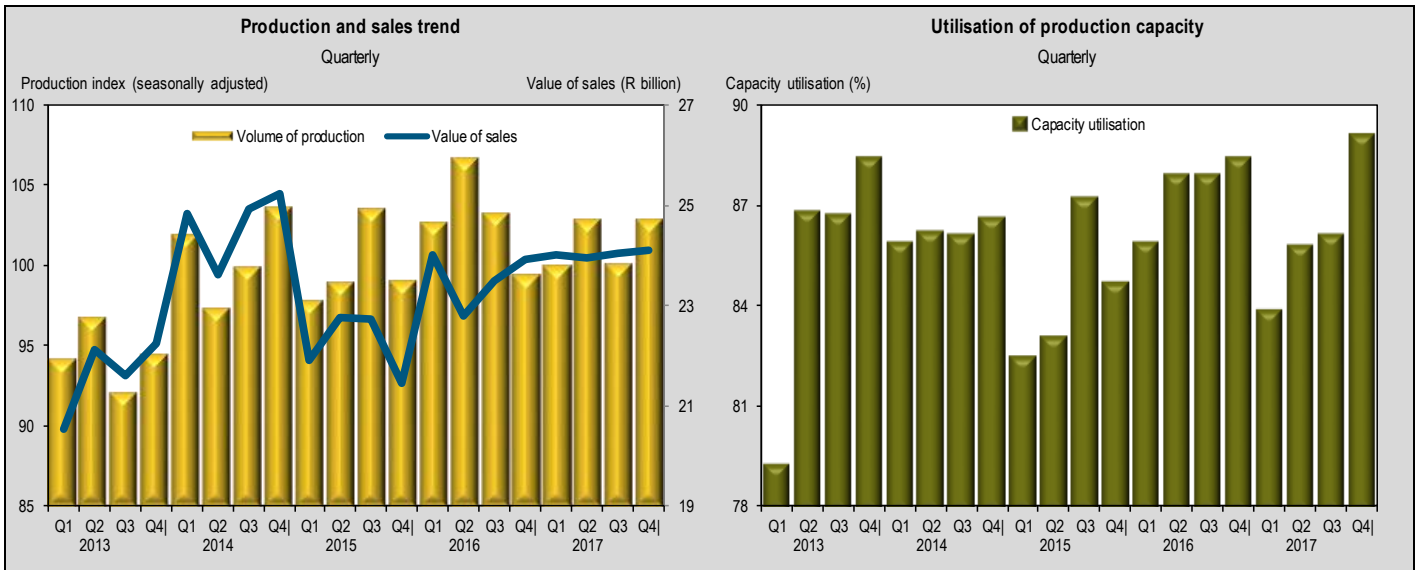
Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

2017



**Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)**

↓ -1.5%	↑ 0.7 (percentage points)	↓ -1.2%	↑ 3.0%	↑ 9.9%	↑ 2.0%
<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>



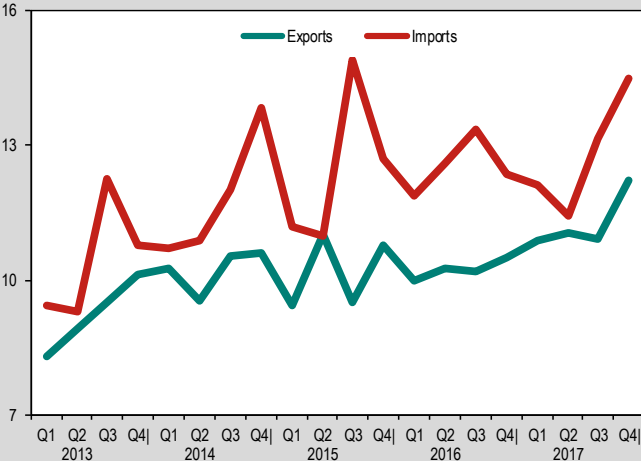
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Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

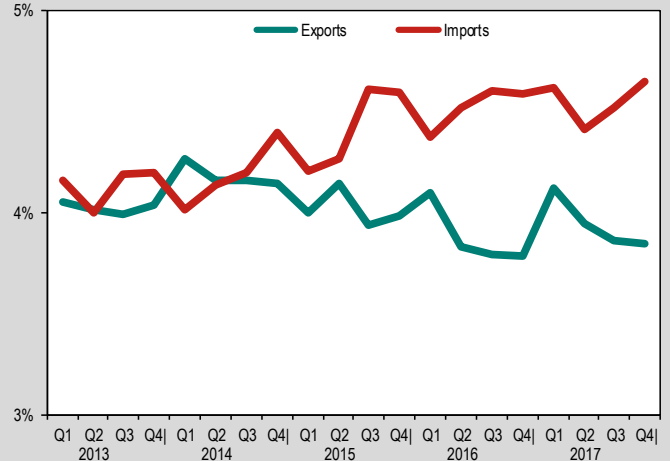
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Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



Major traded export products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H2901: Acyclic hydro carbons	5 387.71
H3902: Polymers of propylene, olefins in primary forms	5 144.94
H2905: Acyclic alcohols and their derivatives	2 861.85
H3102: Mineral or chemical fertilizers, nitrogenous	2 831.98
H2833: Sulphates, alums, peroxosulphates (persulphates)	2 730.46
H2914: Ketones and quinones, their derivatives	2 671.93
H3901: Polymers of ethylene, in primary forms	1 727.90
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>45 044.03</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H2833: Sulphates, alums, peroxosulphates (persulphates)	1 339.52
H2914: Ketones and quinones, their derivatives	929.52
H2905: Acyclic alcohols and their derivatives	798.16
H2825: Hydrazine, hydroxylamine, metal oxides etc	459.48
H2707: Coal-tar distillation products including oils	452.36
<b>Top losers</b>	
H2804: Hydrogen, rare gases, non-metallic elements	- 595.29
H3102: Mineral or chemical fertilizers, nitrogenous	- 341.51
H3902: Polymers of propylene, olefins in primary forms	- 286.12
H2708: Pitch and pitch coke, from coal, mineral tars	- 207.55
H2822: Cobalt oxides and hydroxides	- 132.55

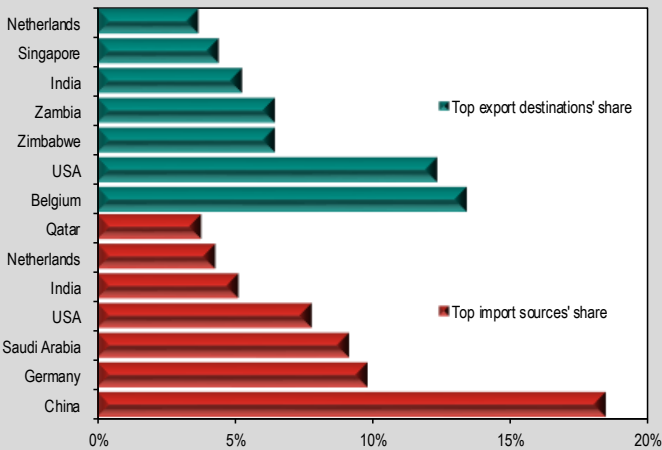
Major traded import products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H3901: Polymers of ethylene, in primary forms	4 767.13
H3102: Mineral or chemical fertilizers, nitrogenous	3 862.87
H3907: Polyacetals, polyethers, etc, primary	2 722.09
H2836: Carbonates	2 188.52
H3903: Polymers of styrene, in primary forms	1 543.49
H2905: Acyclic alcohols and their derivatives	1 513.92
H3906: Acrylic polymers in primary forms	1 414.99
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>51 200.13</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H3102: Mineral or chemical fertilizers, nitrogenous	556.51
H2836: Carbonates	446.88
H2815: Hydroxides and peroxides of sodium & potassium	357.15
H2901: Acyclic hydro carbons	194.33
H3507: Enzymes, prepared enzymes	180.31
<b>Top losers</b>	
H3907: Polyacetals, polyethers, etc, primary	- 587.52
H2834: Nitrites, nitrates	- 212.55
H3912: Cellulose, chemical derivatives nes(primary forms)	- 184.90
H3901: Polymers of ethylene, in primary forms	- 167.75
H3104: Mineral or chemical fertilizers, potassic	- 163.43

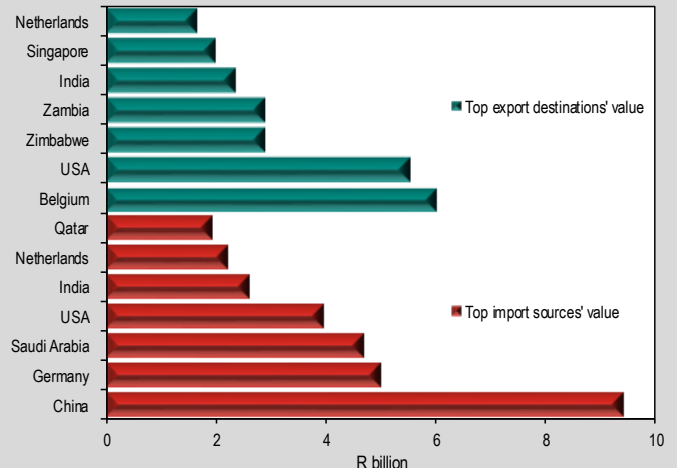
Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

2017



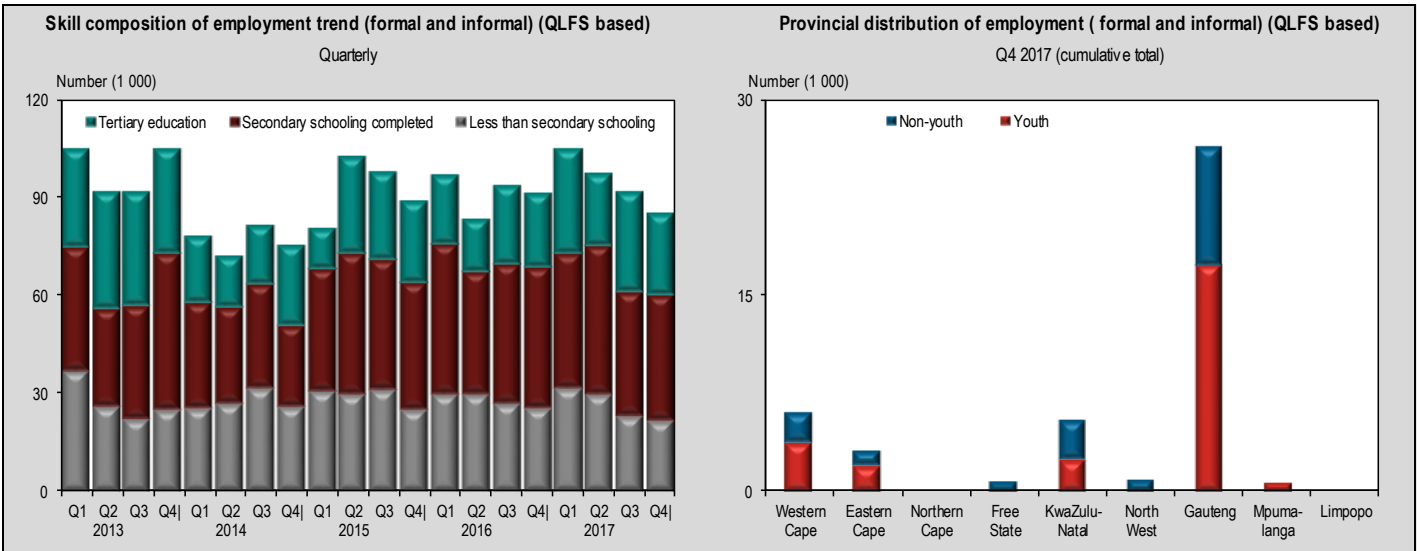
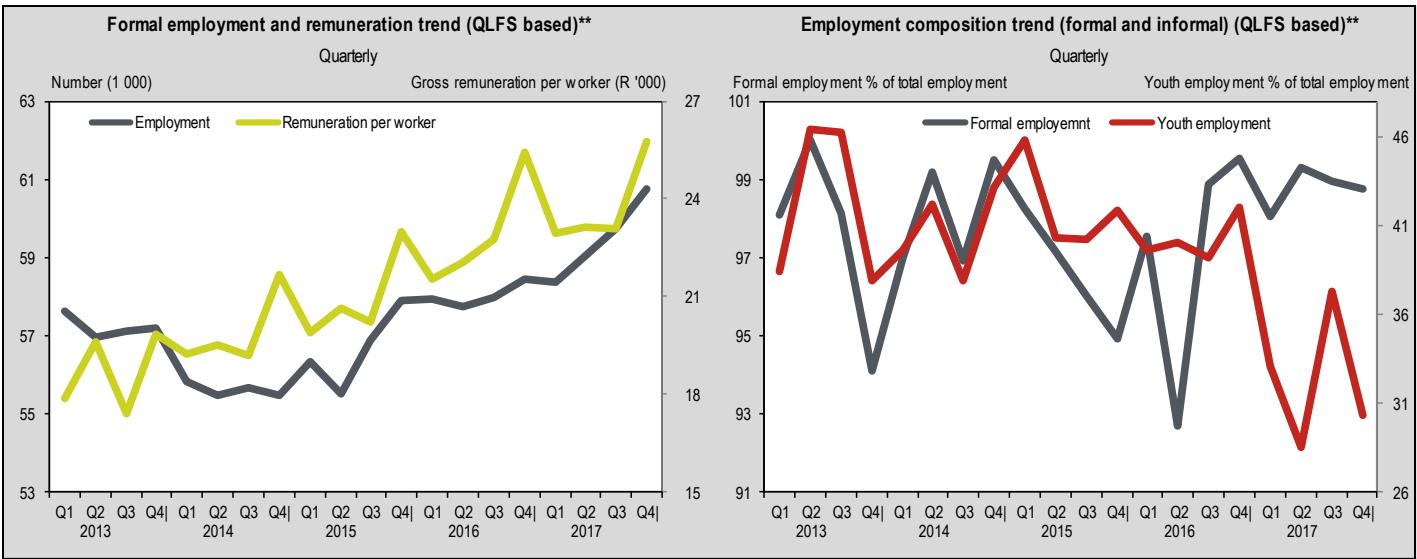
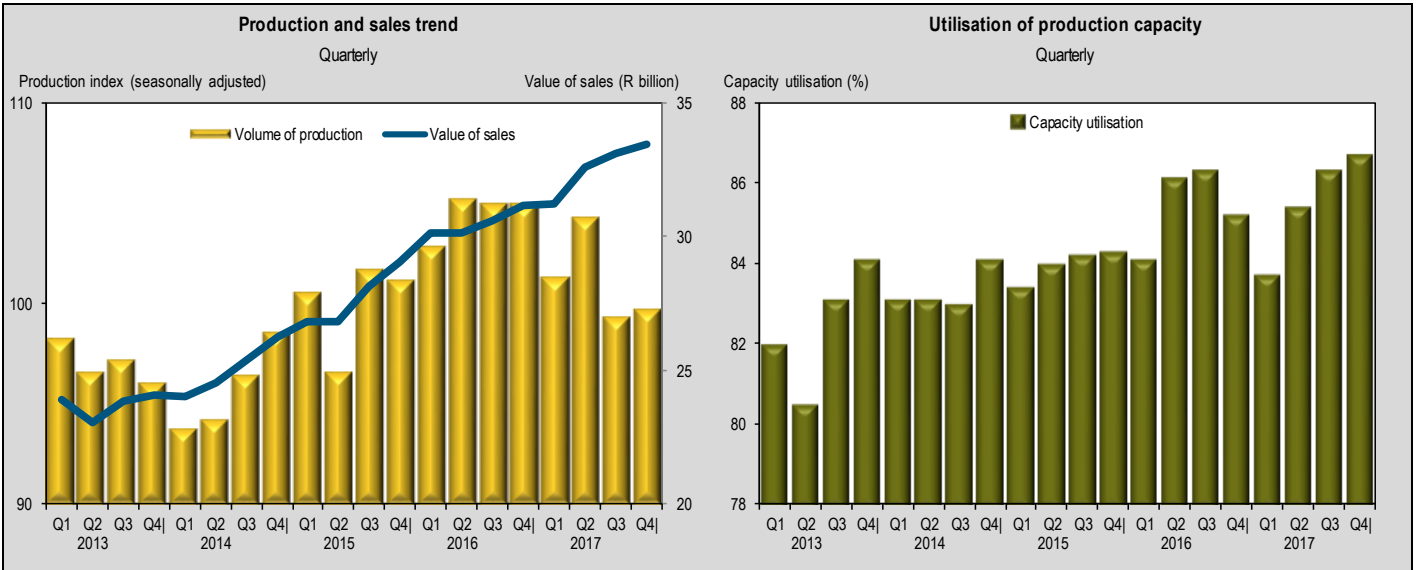
Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

2017



**Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)**

↓ -3.2%	↑ 1.5 (percentage points)	↑ 3.9%	↑ 1.2%	↑ 4.5%	↑ 2.8%
<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>



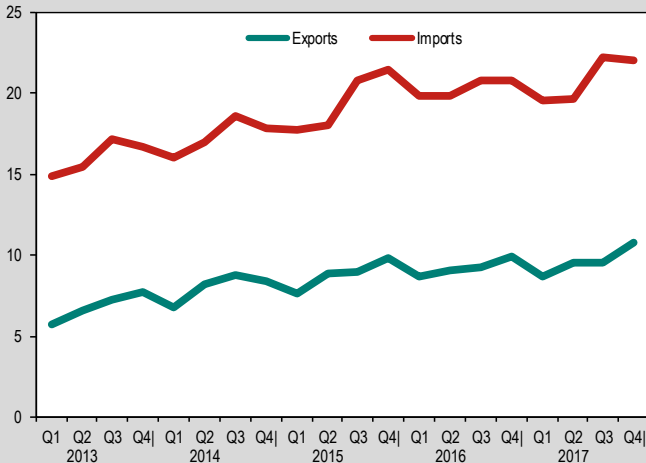
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**Trade trends (value terms)**

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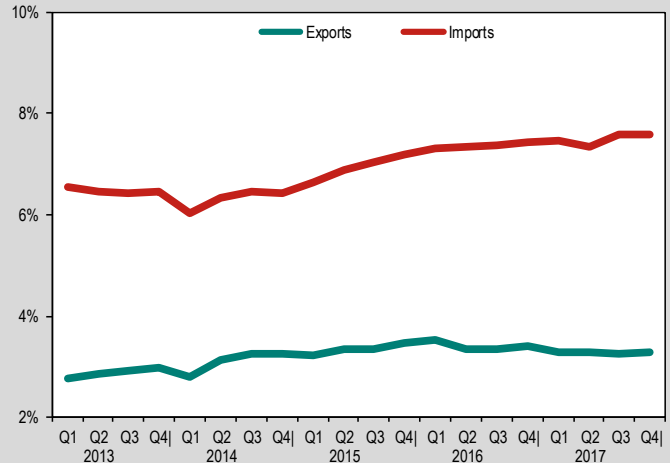
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**Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)**

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



**Major traded export products**

2017

HS4 code: sector description

ZAR m

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H3004: Medicaments, therapeutic, prophylactic use	4 374.89
H3815: Reaction initiators, accelerators & catalysts	4 296.22
H3304: Beauty, make-up and skin care preparations	3 373.74
H3808: Insecticides, fungicides, herbicides etc (retail)	3 224.68
H3402: Organic surface active agent, preparation, except soap	2 410.43
H3401: Soaps	2 164.28
H3824: Prepared binders for foundry moulds or cores	1 530.84
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>38 601.93</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H3815: Reaction initiators, accelerators & catalysts	1 233.44
H3808: Insecticides, fungicides, herbicides etc (retail)	239.71
H3603: Safety or detonating fuses, detonators, igniters	211.11
H3822: Composite diagnostic or laboratory reagents	117.50
H2936: Provitamins and vitamins, their derivatives	89.70
<b>Top losers</b>	
H3004: Medicaments, therapeutic, prophylactic use	- 283.30
H3302: Mixed odoriferous substances for industrial use	- 148.28
H3401: Soaps	- 97.41
H3306: Oral and dental hygiene preparations	- 76.95
H3215: Ink	- 67.05

**Major traded import products**

2017

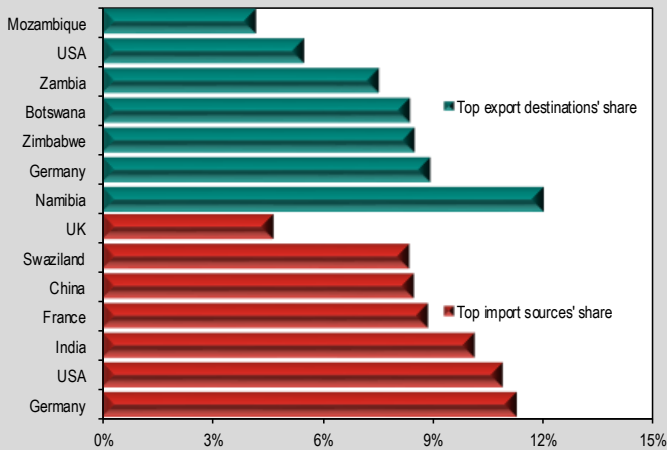
HS4 code: sector description

ZAR m

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H3004: Medicaments, therapeutic, prophylactic use	22 552.06
H3302: Mixed odoriferous substances for industrial use	7 619.73
H3808: Insecticides, fungicides, herbicides etc (retail)	5 874.02
H3002: Blood, antisera, vaccines, toxins and cultures	5 125.73
H3824: Prepared binders for foundry moulds or cores	4 222.69
H8523: Prepared unrecorded sound recording media	3 725.10
H3822: Composite diagnostic or laboratory reagents	3 110.69
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>83 537.11</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H3004: Medicaments, therapeutic, prophylactic use	1 677.49
H3808: Insecticides, fungicides, herbicides etc (retail)	1 067.52
H3302: Mixed odoriferous substances for industrial use	916.48
H3002: Blood, antisera, vaccines, toxins and cultures	237.10
H3215: Ink	167.30
<b>Top losers</b>	
H3402: Organic surface active agent, preparation, except soap	- 185.96
H3824: Prepared binders for foundry moulds or cores	- 140.24
H3817: Mixed alkylbenzenes & mixed alkyl naphthalenes	- 134.07
H2941: Antibiotics	- 119.34
H3504: Peptones, proteins, derivatives, nes, hide powder	- 116.37

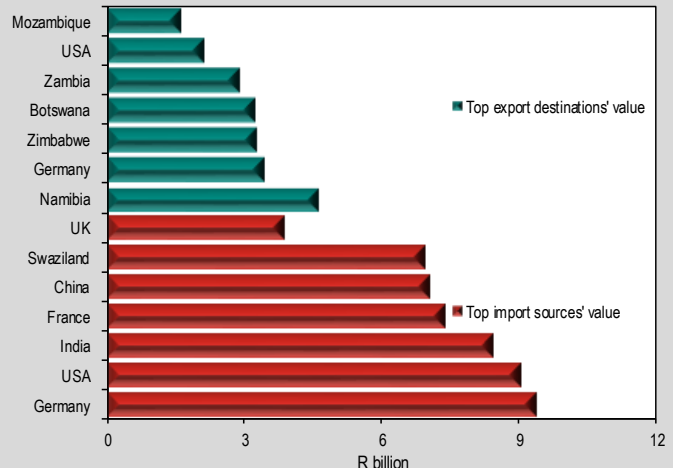
**Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)**

2017



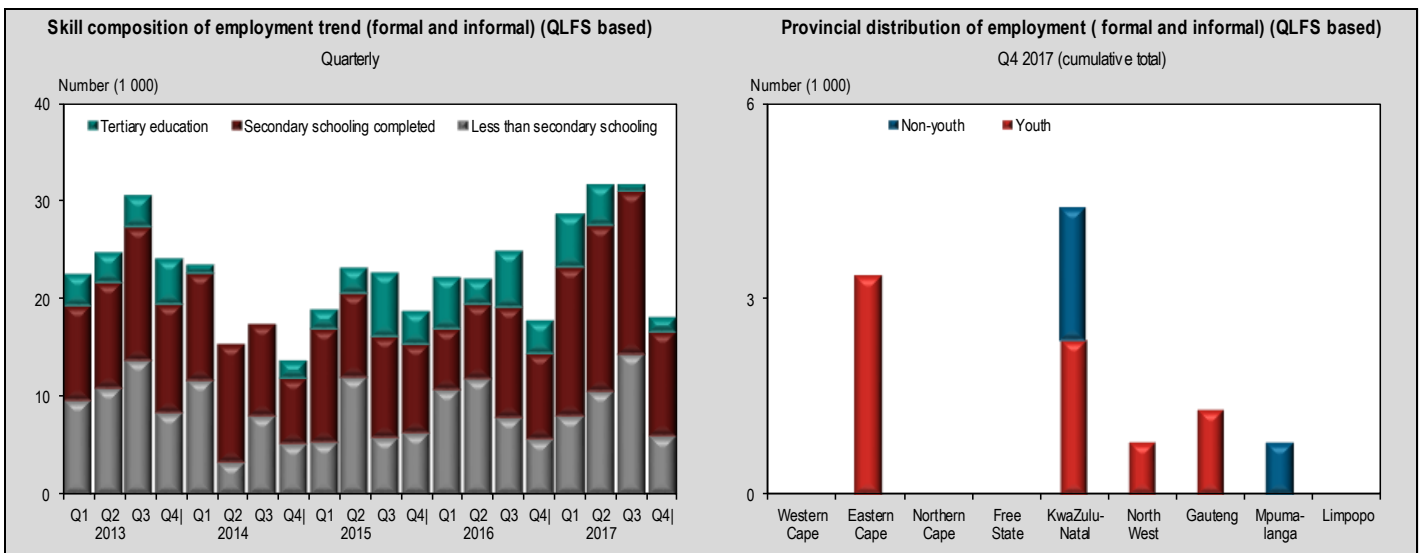
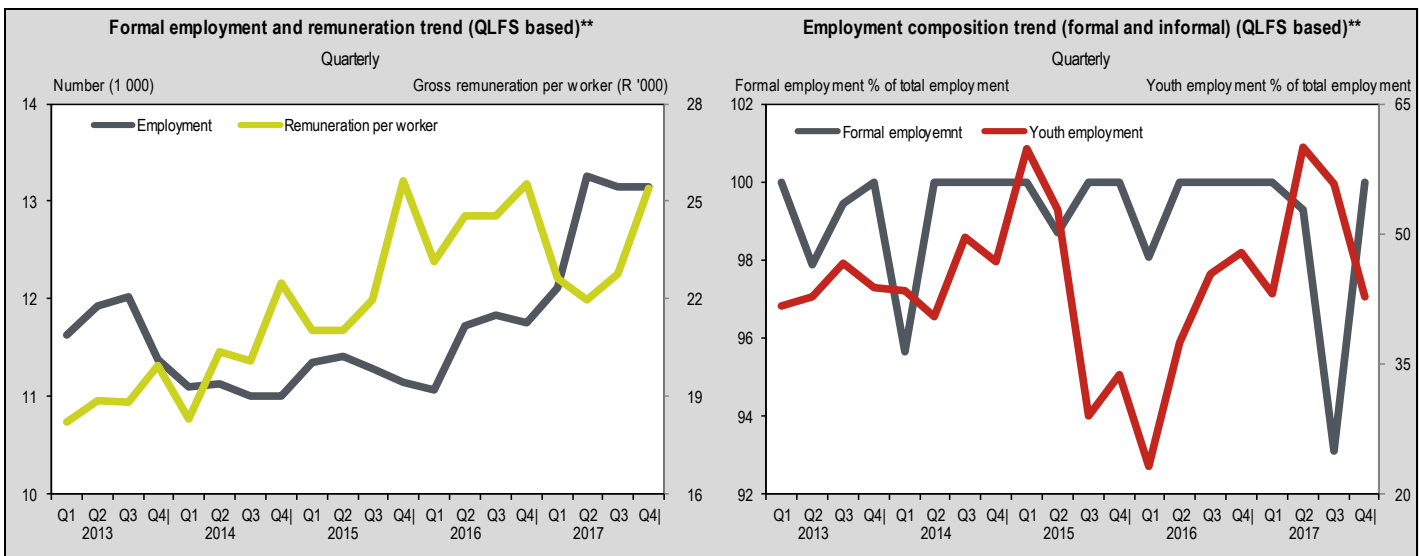
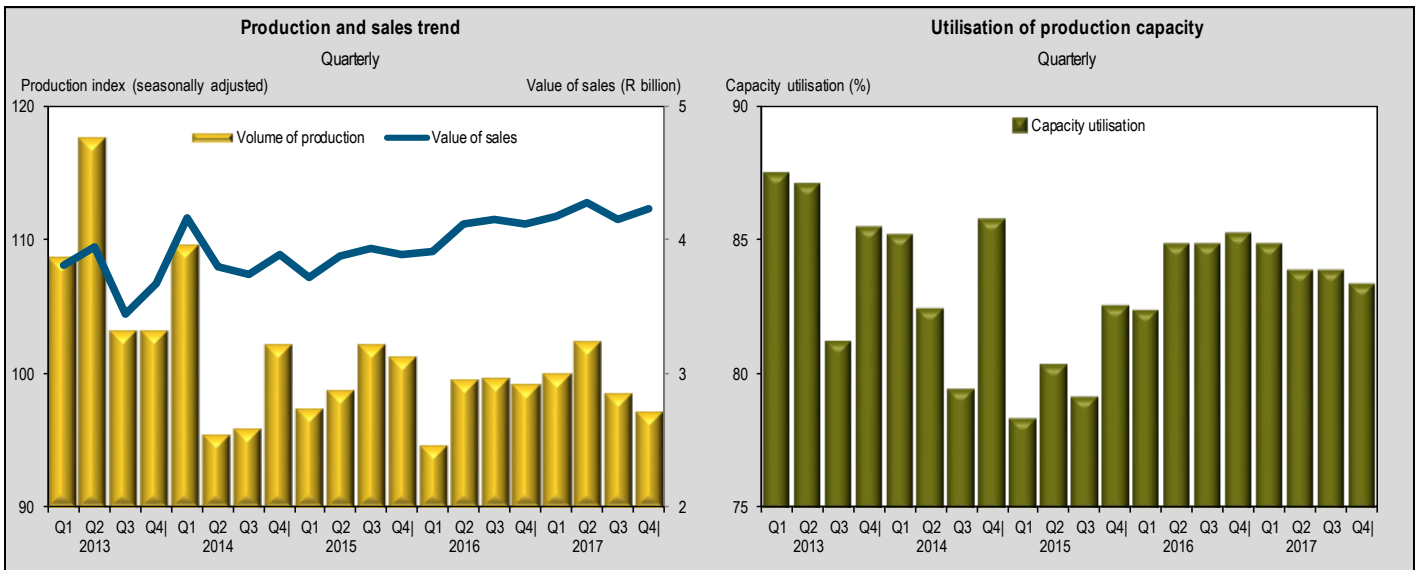
**Top trading partners (value of export/imports)**

2017



**Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)**

 1.3%	 -1.9 (percentage points)	 11.8%	 -0.6%	 2.0%	 5.0%
<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>



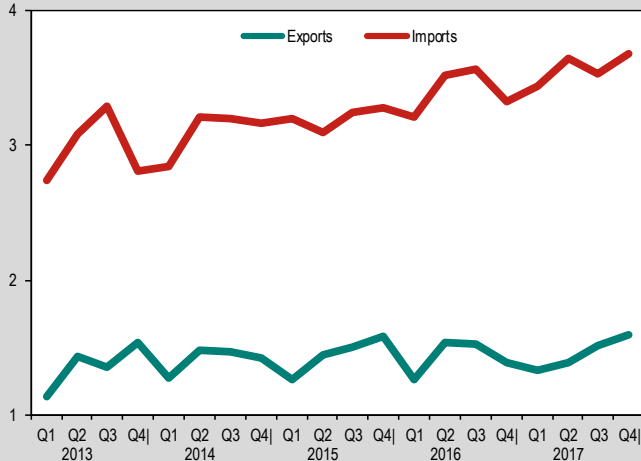
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### Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

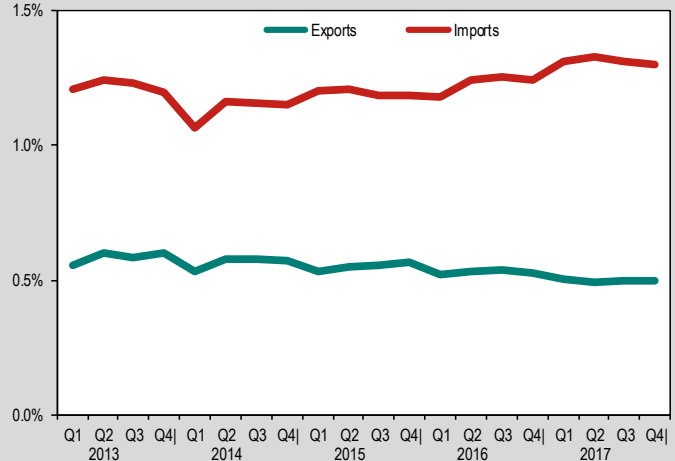
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



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

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



### Major traded export products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H401t New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	3 700.36
H4016: Articles of vulcanised rubber except hard rubber	658.45
H4010: Conveyor and similar belts or belting of rubber	558.92
H4009: Rubber tube, pipe, hose, except hard rubber	418.61
H4012: Tyres nes, retreaded, etc, solid, cushioned	143.32
H4015: Rubber clothing & accessories, but hard rubber	87.84
H4005: Compounded unvulcanised rubber in primary form	84.19
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>5 844.92</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H4016: Articles of vulcanised rubber except hard rubber	70.05
H4010: Conveyor and similar belts or belting of rubber	48.38
H4015: Rubber clothing & accessories, but hard rubber	2192
H4009: Rubber tube, pipe, hose, except hard rubber	15.64
H4012: Tyres nes, retreaded, etc, solid, cushioned	5.46
<b>Top losers</b>	
H5906: Rubberised textile fabric, except tyre cord	-20.79
H401t New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	-12.06
H4008: Rubber plate, sheet, strip, rod, etc, except hard	-7.52
H4014: Hygienic or pharmaceutical articles of rubber	-6.01
H4003: Reclaimed rubber in primary forms or in sheets	-1.32

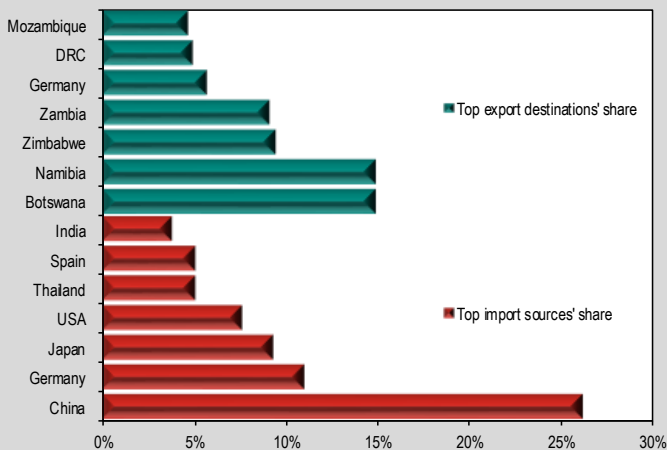
### Major traded import products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H401t New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	8 227.86
H4016: Articles of vulcanised rubber except hard rubber	191121
H4009: Rubber tube, pipe, hose, except hard rubber	984.77
H4010: Conveyor and similar belts or belting of rubber	977.81
H4015: Rubber clothing & accessories, but hard rubber	462.16
H4014: Hygienic or pharmaceutical articles of rubber	345.28
H4008: Rubber plate, sheet, strip, rod, etc, except hard	270.04
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>14 299.14</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H4010: Conveyor and similar belts or belting of rubber	90.93
H4009: Rubber tube, pipe, hose, except hard rubber	76.14
H4016: Articles of vulcanised rubber except hard rubber	62.44
H4012: Tyres nes, retreaded, etc, solid, cushioned	38.17
H4005: Compounded unvulcanised rubber in primary form	24.37
<b>Top losers</b>	
H4014: Hygienic or pharmaceutical articles of rubber	-38.56
H401t New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	-28.92
H4006: Unvulcanised rubber as rods, tubes, discs, etc	-23.08
H4015: Rubber clothing & accessories, but hard rubber	-21.02
H4013: Inner tubes of rubber	-13.84

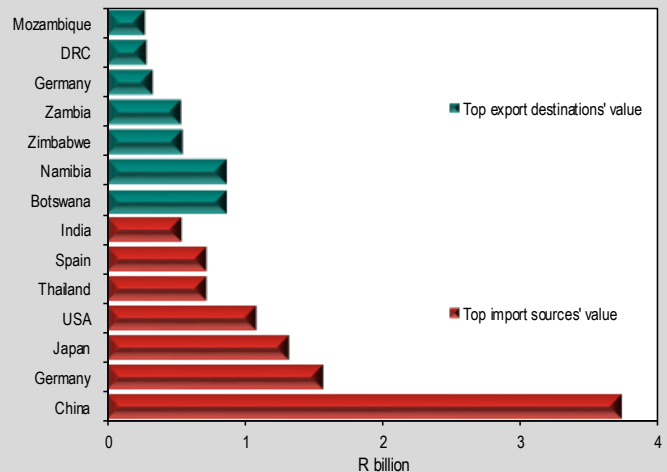
### Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

2017



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

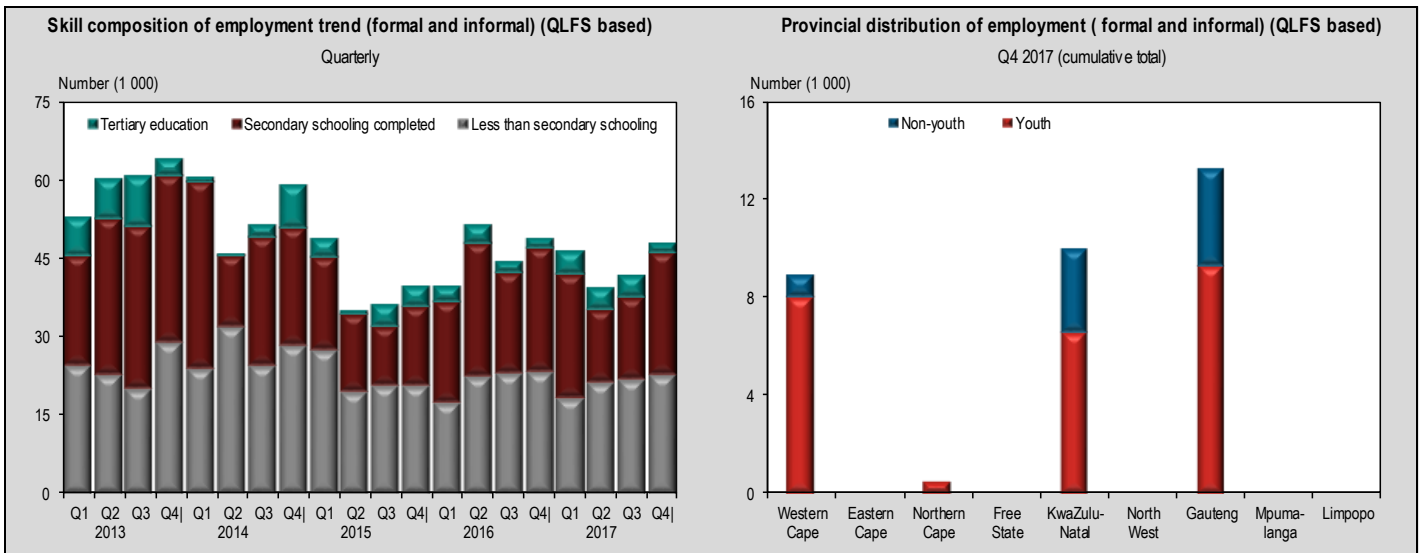
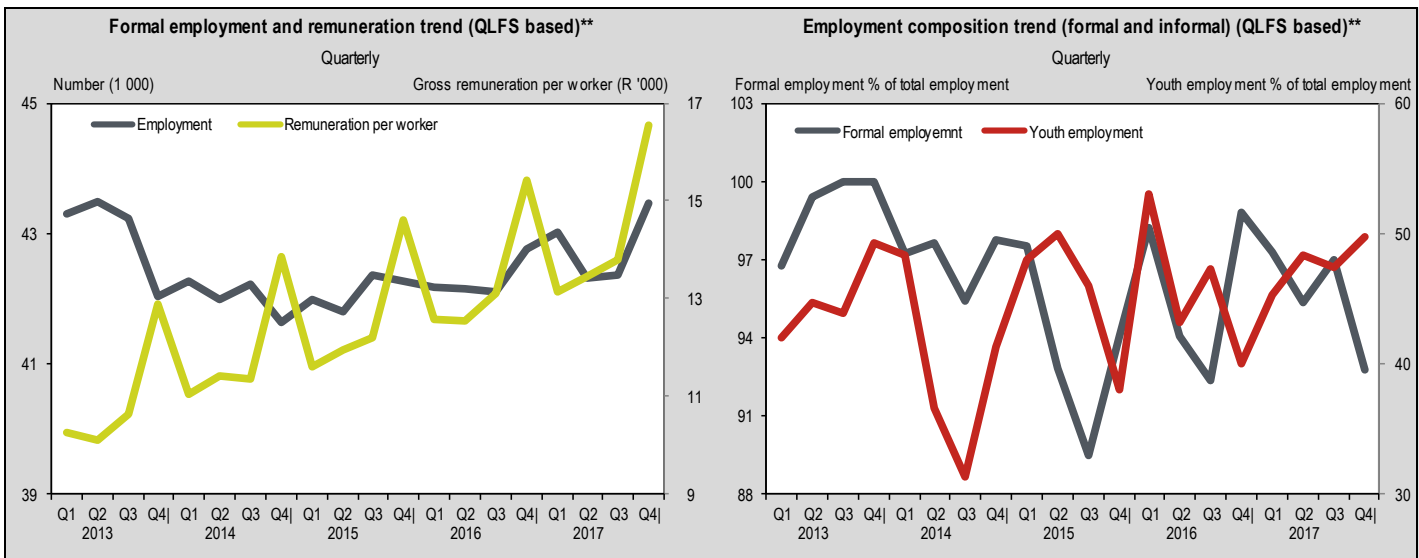
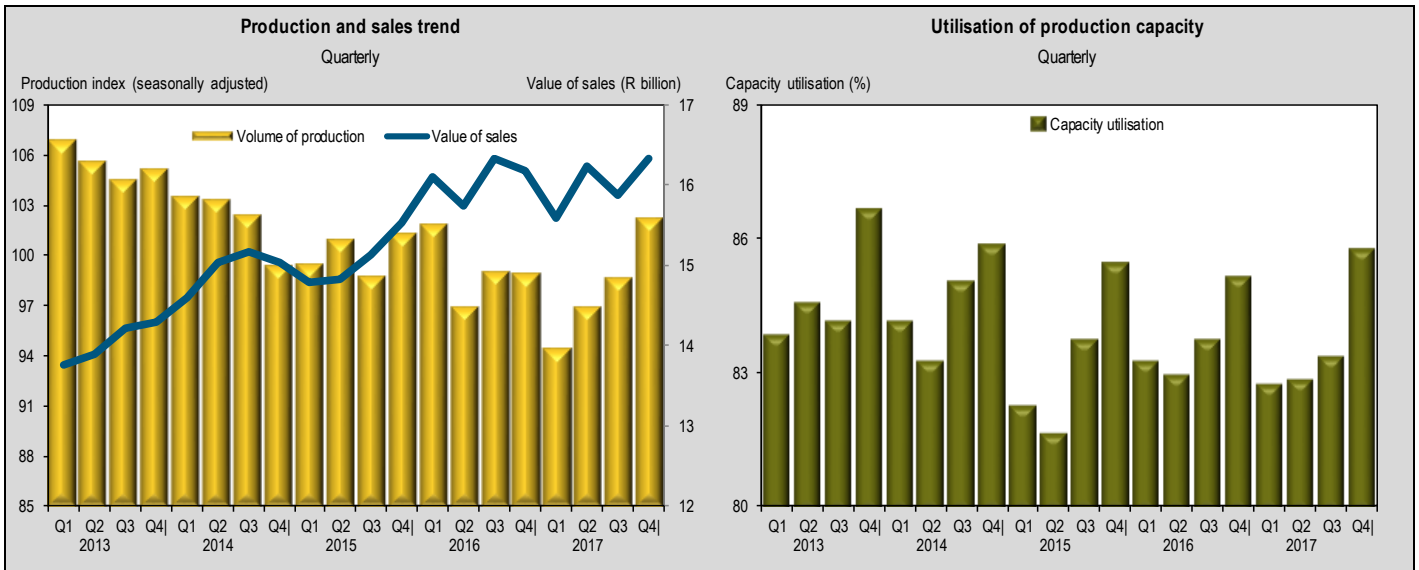
2017





**Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)**

↓ -1.1%	↑ 0.6 (percentage points)	↑ 1.6%	↑ 7.4%	↓ -1.0%	↓ -0.4%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



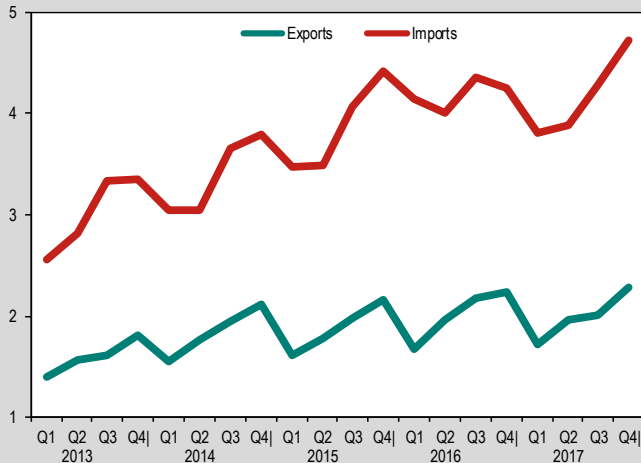
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Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

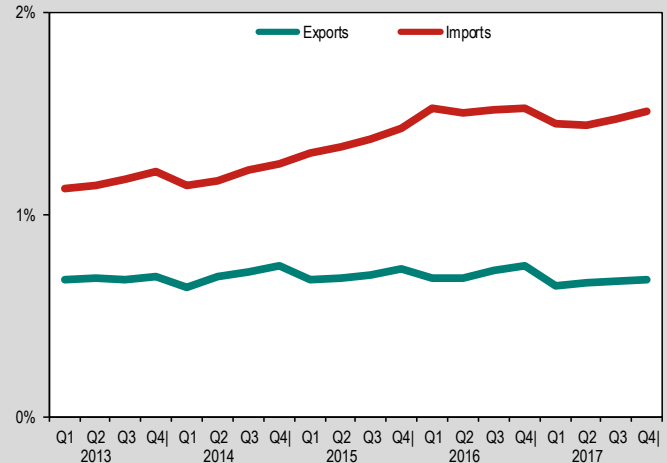
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



Major traded export products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H3923: Containers, bobbins and packages, of plastics	2 446.14
H3917: Plastic tube, pipe, hose and fittings	1 450.45
H3926: Plastic articles nes	1 270.85
H3920: Plastic plate, sheet, film not cellular, reinforced	798.63
H3924: Plastic table, kitchen, household, toilet articles	509.83
H3921: Plastic plate, sheet, film, foil, strip, cellular, nes	408.14
H3919: Self-adhesive plates, sheets, film, etc of plastic	353.26
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>7 980.33</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H3923: Containers, bobbins and packages, of plastics	74.52
H3922: Bathroom wares, of plastics	10.99
H3918: Plastic floor, wall or ceiling covering, roll or tiles	3.23
H3916: Monofilament (>1mm), rods, etc, of plastics	2.92
H3919: Self-adhesive plates, sheets, film, etc of plastic	1.02
<b>Top losers</b>	
H3926: Plastic articles nes	- 48.59
H3917: Plastic tube, pipe, hose and fittings	- 42.60
H3920: Plastic plate, sheet, film not cellular, reinforced	- 27.72
H3925: Plastic articles for use in construction nes	- 17.65
H3924: Plastic table, kitchen, household, toilet articles	- 15.79

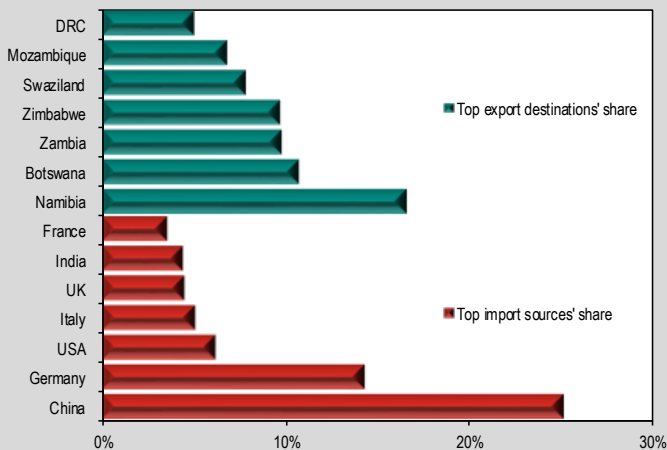
Major traded import products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H3920: Plastic plate, sheet, film not cellular, reinforced	3 503.68
H3926: Plastic articles nes	2 903.02
H3923: Containers, bobbins and packages, of plastics	2 160.10
H3919: Self-adhesive plates, sheets, film, etc of plastic	2 089.56
H3921: Plastic plate, sheet, film, foil, strip, cellular, nes	1 913.35
H3917: Plastic tube, pipe, hose and fittings	1 534.88
H3924: Plastic table, kitchen, household, toilet articles	867.83
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>16 687.00</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H3920: Plastic plate, sheet, film not cellular, reinforced	125.20
H3919: Self-adhesive plates, sheets, film, etc of plastic	66.40
H3916: Monofilament (>1mm), rods, etc, of plastics	32.18
H6506: Headgear, not felt, plaited, knit or crochet	15.07
H3924: Plastic table, kitchen, household, toilet articles	11.00
<b>Top losers</b>	
H3917: Plastic tube, pipe, hose and fittings	- 143.77
H3918: Plastic floor, wall or ceiling covering, roll or tiles	- 88.27
H3925: Plastic articles for use in construction nes	- 23.63
H3922: Bathroom wares, of plastics	- 21.58
H3921: Plastic plate, sheet, film, foil, strip, cellular, nes	- 19.51

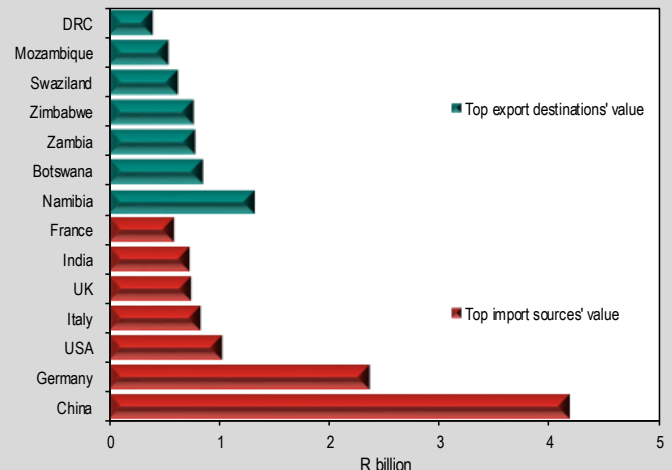
Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

2017



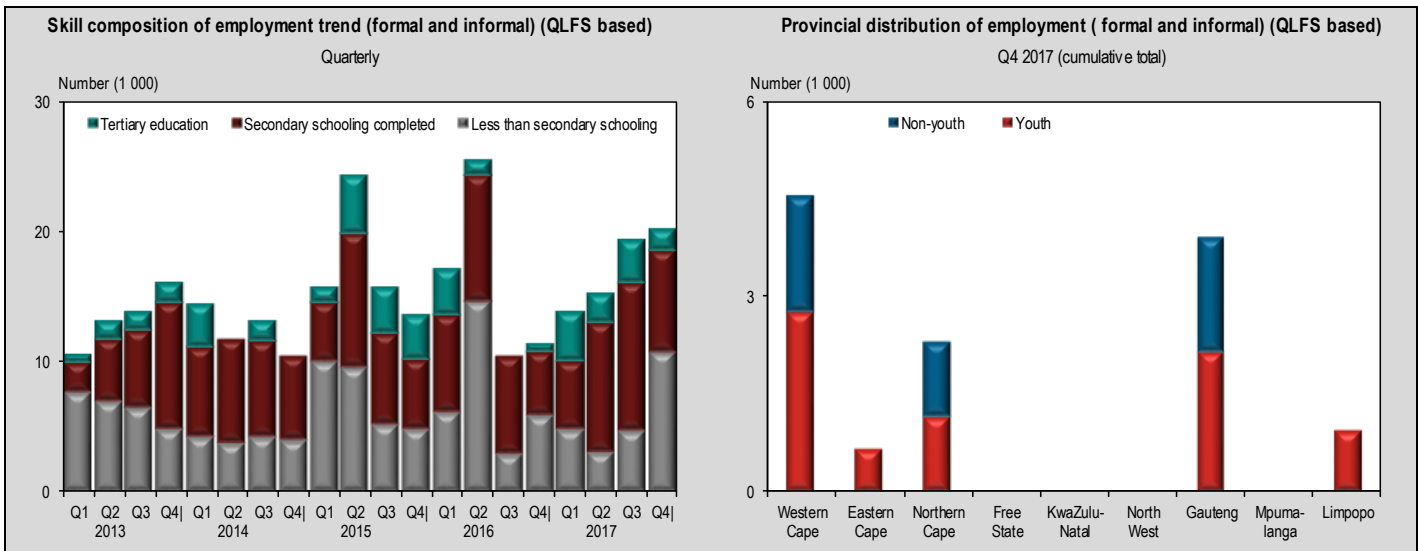
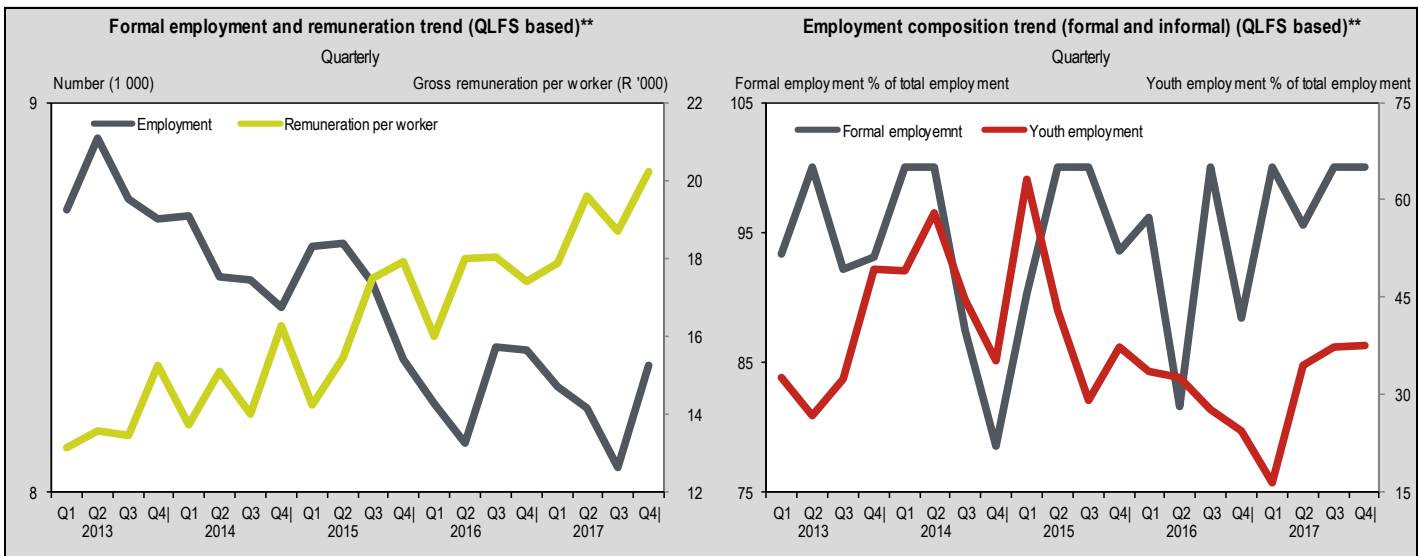
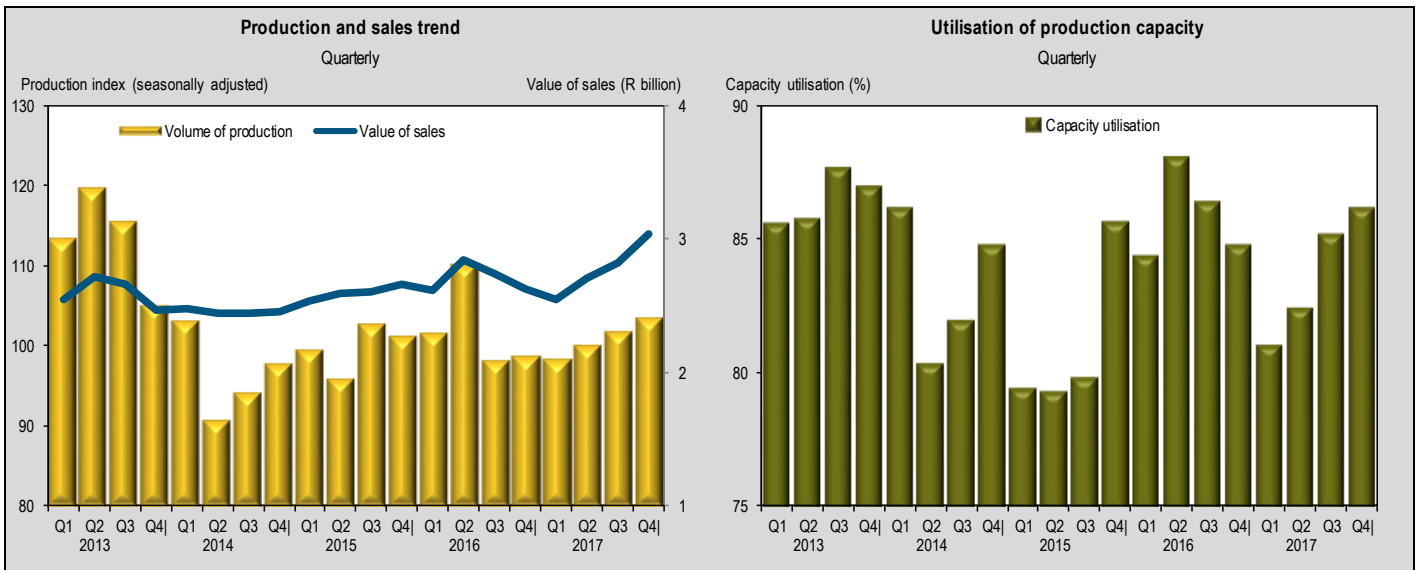
Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

2017



## Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)

↓ -1.2%	↑ 1.4 (percentage points)	↓ -0.4%	↑ 16.0%	↓ -8.3%	↓ -6.3%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



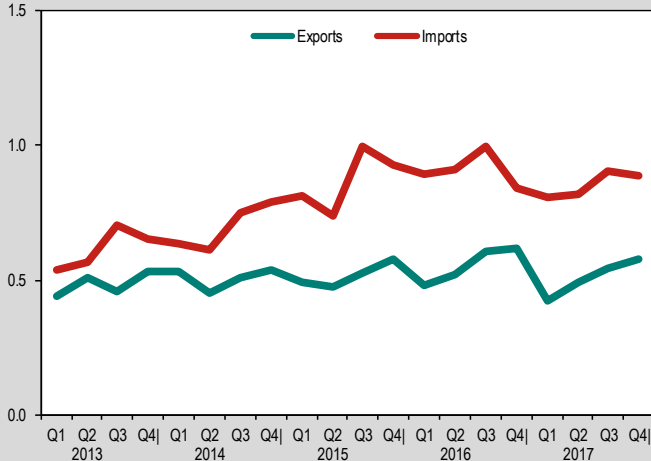
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**Trade trends (value terms)**

Total per quarter

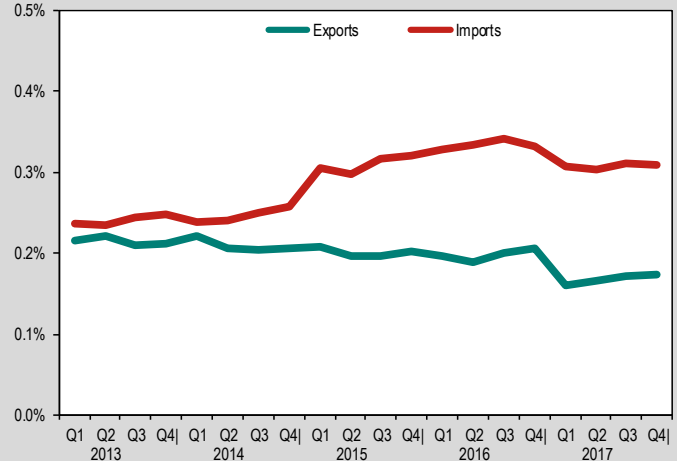
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



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

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



**Major traded export products**

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H7010: Glass bottles, flasks, jars, phials, stoppers, etc	613.02
H7007: Safety glass (toughened, tempered, laminated)	575.46
H7005: Float glass, surface ground, polished glass	389.70
H7013: Glassware for table, kitchen, toilet, decoration	177.69
H7019: Glass fibres, glass wool, and articles thereof	84.91
H7009: Glass mirrors, whether or not framed	62.40
H7020: Articles of glass, nes	30.07
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>2 044.40</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H7005: Float glass, surface ground, polished glass	12.32
H7013: Glassware for table, kitchen, toilet, decoration	2.92
H7006: Cast, drawn/float at glass sheet, edge worked/ bent	1.56
H7015: Glasses for spectacles, clocks, watches, unworked	1.29
H8546: Electrical insulators of any material	1.25
<b>Top losers</b>	
H7010: Glass bottles, flasks, jars, phials, stoppers, etc	-88.66
H7007: Safety glass (toughened, tempered, laminated)	-318.8
H7003: Cast and rolled glass, sheets and profiles	-310.3
H7020: Articles of glass, nes	-22.99
H7016: Glass blocks, bricks, tiles, leaded lights, etc	-8.30

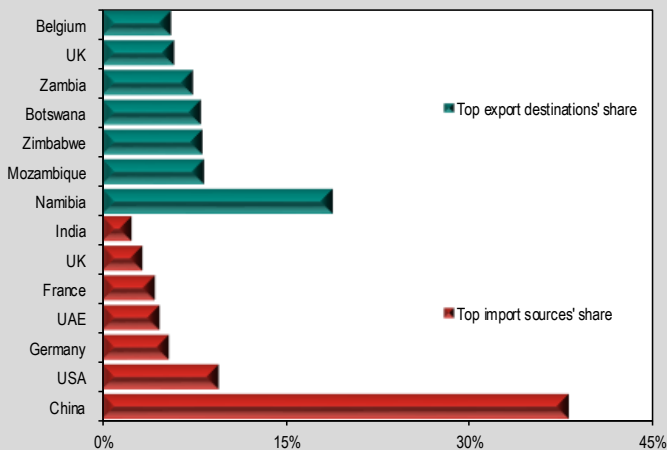
**Major traded import products**

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H7013: Glassware for table, kitchen, toilet, decoration	785.79
H7007: Safety glass (toughened, tempered, laminated)	630.72
H7009: Glass mirrors, whether or not framed	486.63
H7019: Glass fibres, glass wool, and articles thereof	398.93
H7010: Glass bottles, flasks, jars, phials, stoppers, etc	380.52
H7005: Float glass, surface ground, polished glass	334.95
H7020: Articles of glass, nes	89.60
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>3 414.46</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H7009: Glass mirrors, whether or not framed	38.17
H7002: Glass in balls, rods or tubes, unworked	12.38
H7005: Float glass, surface ground, polished glass	8.74
H7006: Cast, drawn/float at glass sheet, edge worked/ bent	6.35
H7001: Glass cullet, waste or scrap, glass in the mass	1.34
<b>Top losers</b>	
H7013: Glassware for table, kitchen, toilet, decoration	-96.16
H7019: Glass fibres, glass wool, and articles thereof	-62.33
H7016: Glass blocks, bricks, tiles, leaded lights, etc	-33.89
H7007: Safety glass (toughened, tempered, laminated)	-33.67
H8546: Electrical insulators of any material	-20.22

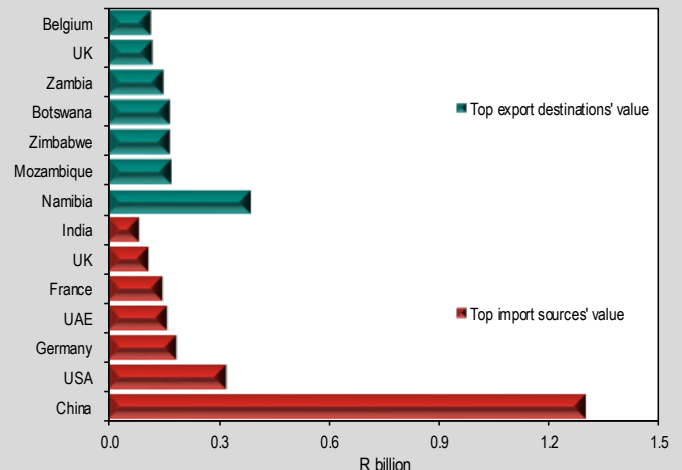
**Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)**

2017



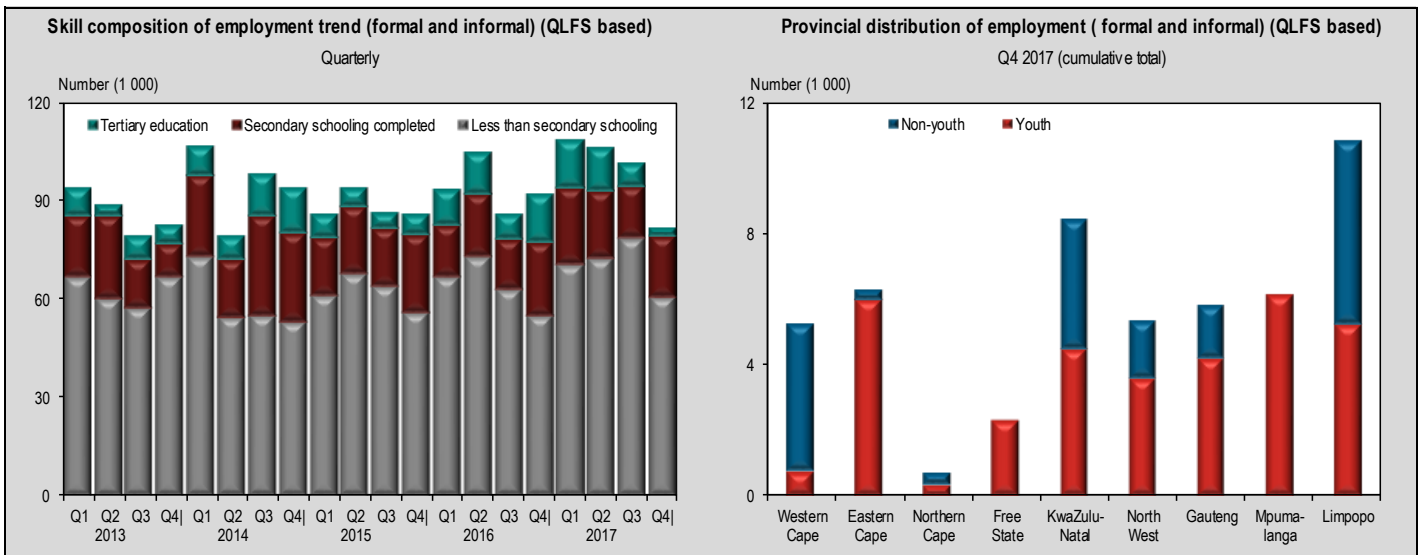
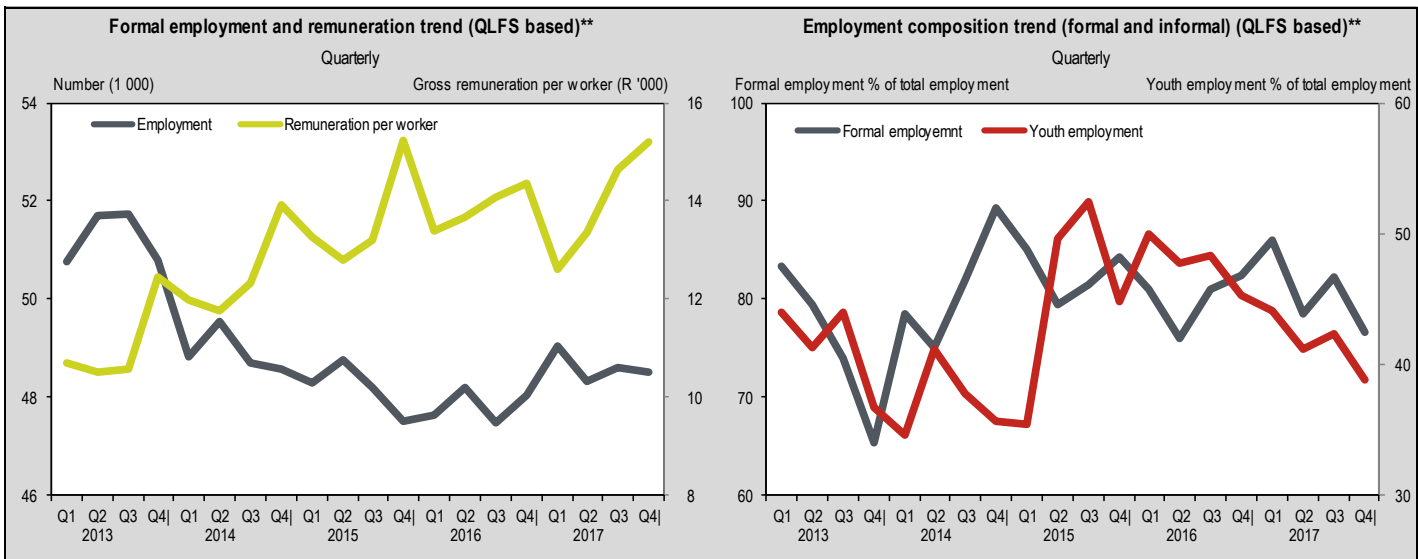
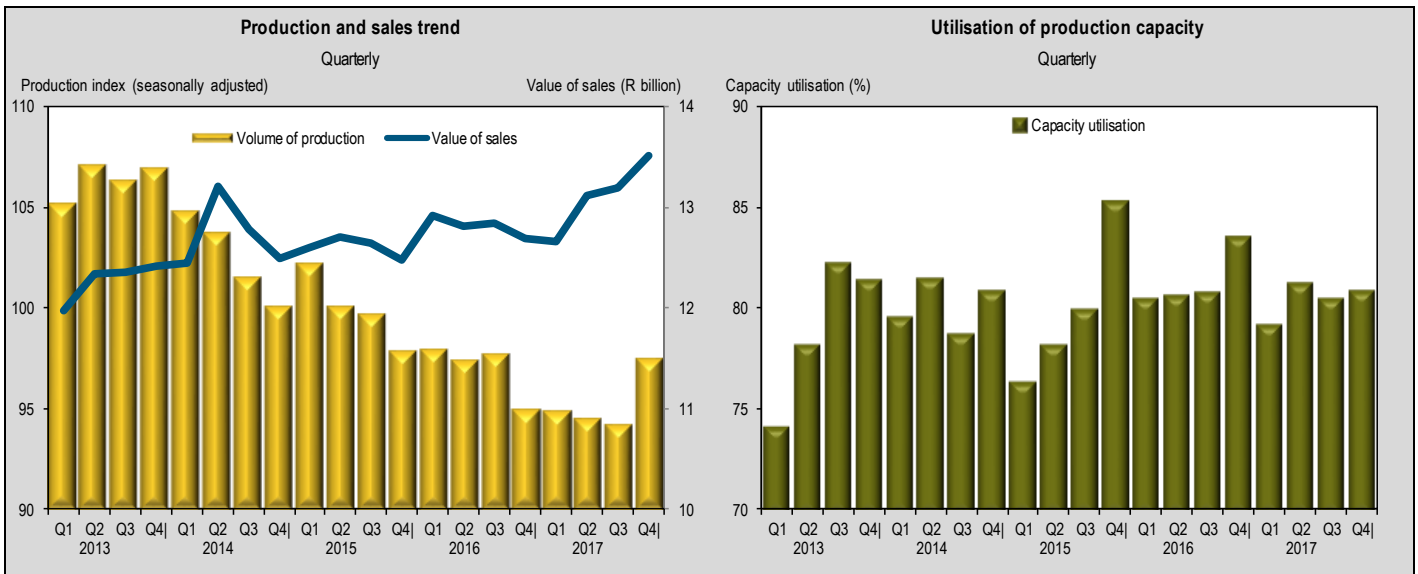
**Top trading partners (value of export/imports)**

2017



**Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)**

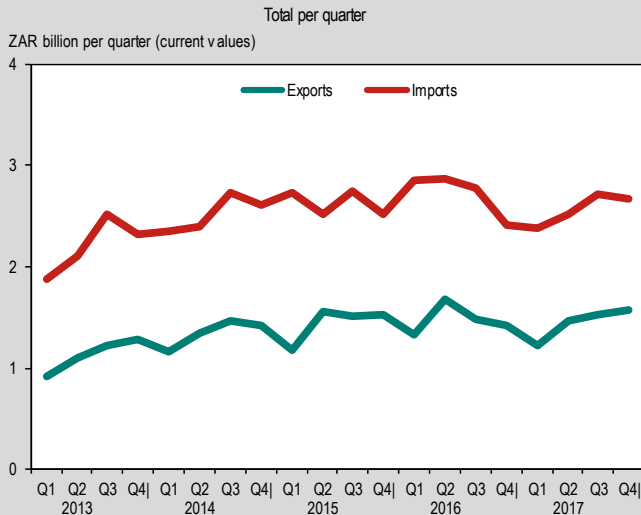
↓ -1.8%	↓ -2.7 (percentage points)	↑ 1.0%	↑ 5.8%	↓ -2.2%	↓ -5.6%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



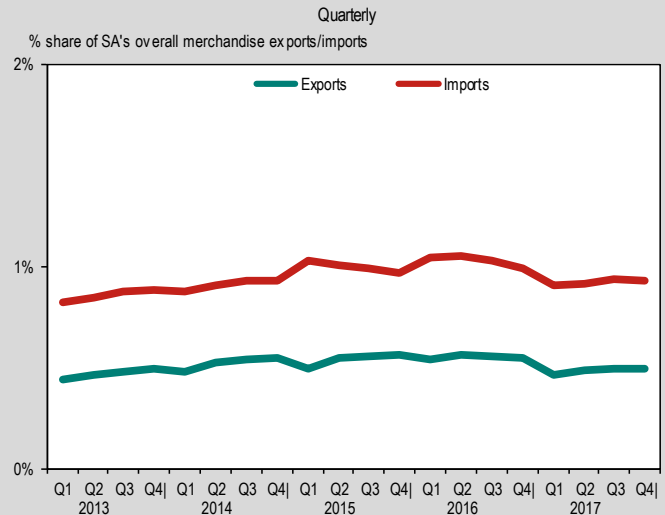
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Trade trends (value terms)



Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)



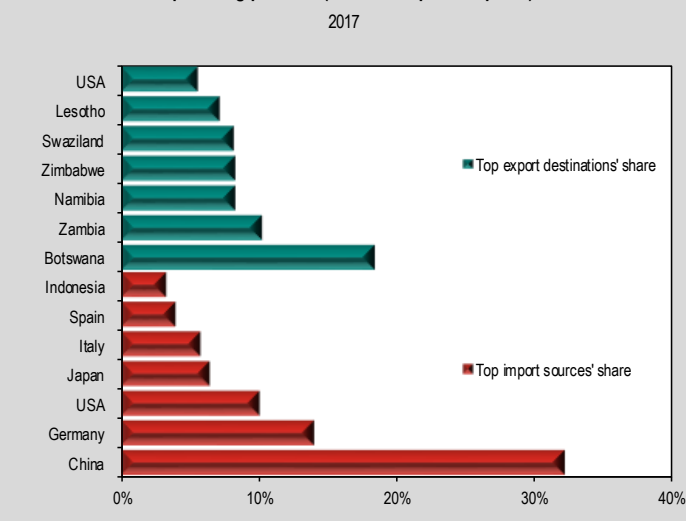
Major traded export products

2017		ZAR m
HS4 code: sector description		
<b>Top exports</b>		
H2523: Cement (portland, aluminous, slag or hydraulic)		1207.94
H6907: Unglazed ceramic flags, paving, hearth / wall tiles		559.68
H6909: Ceramic laboratory, technical, packaging articles		487.45
H6802: Worked monumental, building stone, articles thereof		366.01
H2522: Quicklime, slaked, hydraulic lime for construction		291.57
H6804: Millstones, grinding stones and grinding wheels		243.08
H6910: Ceramic bathroom, kitchen & other sanitary fixtures		236.28
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>		<b>5792.45</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>		
H6907: Unglazed ceramic flags, paving, hearth / wall tiles		52184
H2745: Bituminous mix, mastic from asphalt, bitumen etc		6188
H3801: Artificial, graphite and preparations		55.92
H2522: Quicklime, slaked, hydraulic lime for construction		55.78
H6804: Millstones, grinding stones and grinding wheels		37.75
<b>Top losers</b>		
H6908: Glazed ceramic flags and paving, hearth, wall tiles		-629.76
H6909: Ceramic laboratory, technical, packaging articles		-183.04
H6802: Worked monumental, building stone, articles thereof		-39.44
H6905: Ceramic roofing tiles, chimney pots, etc		-33.73
H6808: Boards of veg. fibre, mineral binder, cement		-28.01

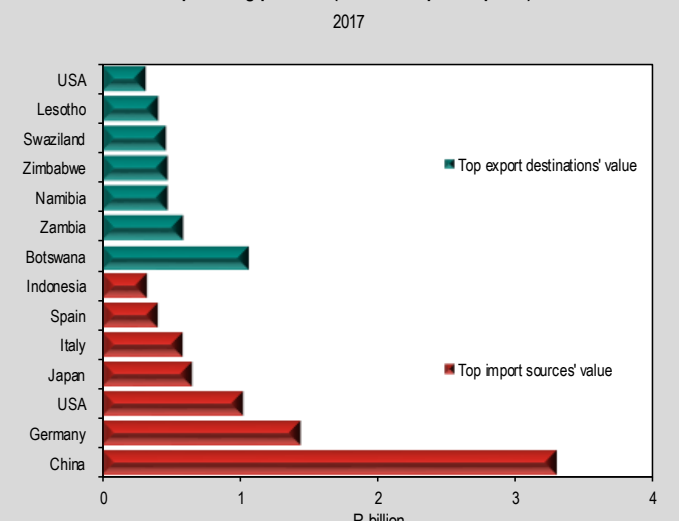
Major traded import products

2017		ZAR m
HS4 code: sector description		
<b>Top imports</b>		
H6909: Ceramic laboratory, technical, packaging articles		2353.18
H6907: Unglazed ceramic flags, paving, hearth / wall tiles		1702.54
H6902: Refractory brick, block, tile, etc not siliceous-earths		858.36
H6806: Slag wool, rock wool, insulating minerals		838.91
H2523: Cement (portland, aluminous, slag or hydraulic)		463.83
H6845: Articles of stone or other mineral substances		395.51
H6804: Millstones, grinding stones and grinding wheels		388.96
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>		<b>10297.23</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>		
H6907: Unglazed ceramic flags, paving, hearth / wall tiles		1372.11
H6804: Millstones, grinding stones and grinding wheels		109.98
H2523: Cement (portland, aluminous, slag or hydraulic)		92.62
H2522: Quicklime, slaked, hydraulic lime for construction		42.79
H6811: Articles of asbestos & cellulose fibre cement		24.53
<b>Top losers</b>		
H6908: Glazed ceramic flags and paving, hearth, wall tiles		-1621.58
H6909: Ceramic laboratory, technical, packaging articles		-174.22
H6902: Refractory brick, block, tile, etc not siliceous-earths		-142.68
H6810: Articles of cement, concrete or artificial stone		-68.17
H6802: Worked monumental, building stone, articles thereof		-68.09

Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

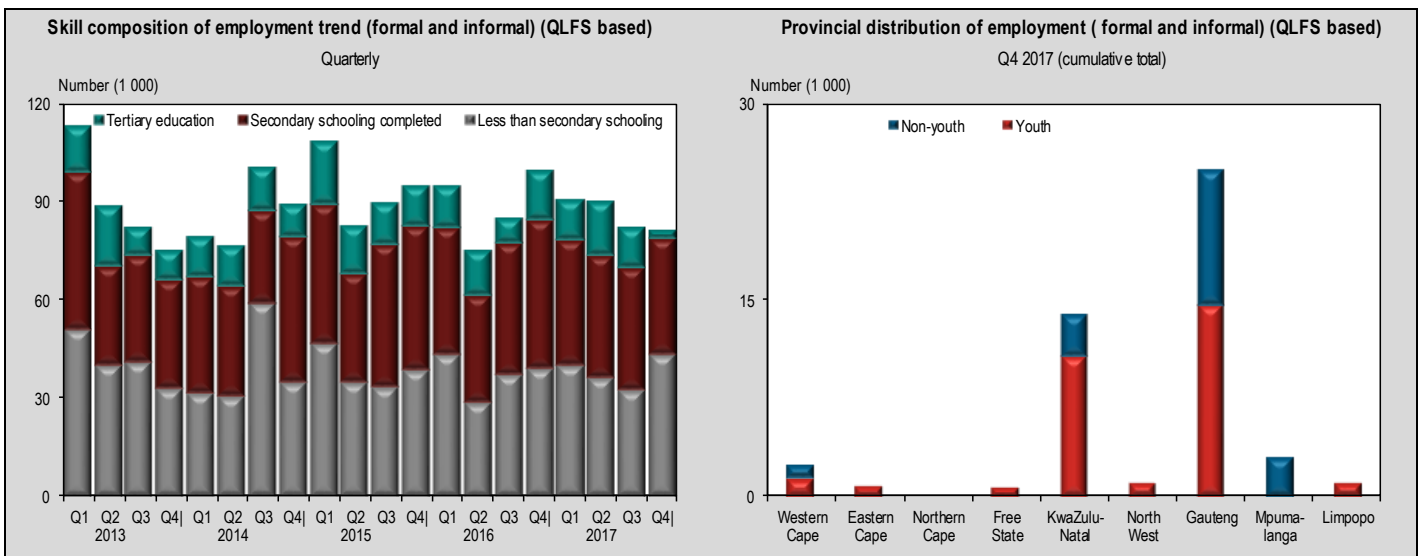
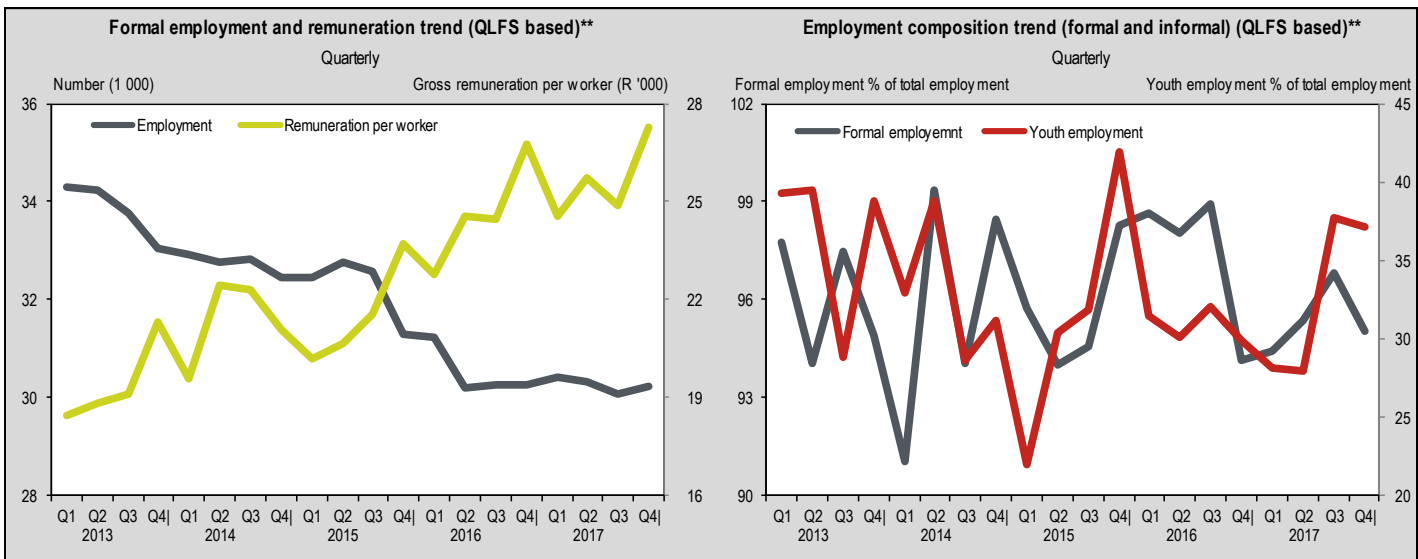
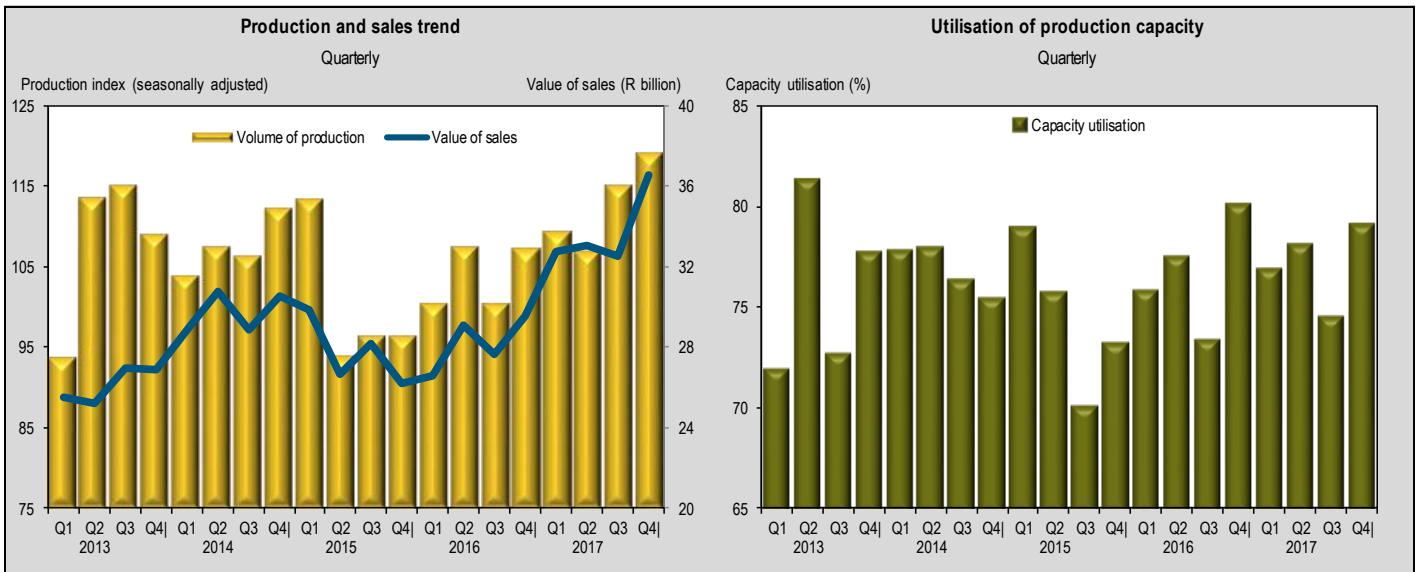


Top trading partners (value of export/imports)



## Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)

↑ 8.4%	↓ -1 (percentage points)	↓ -0.1%	↑ 1.9%	↑ 6.1%	↓ -1.8%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



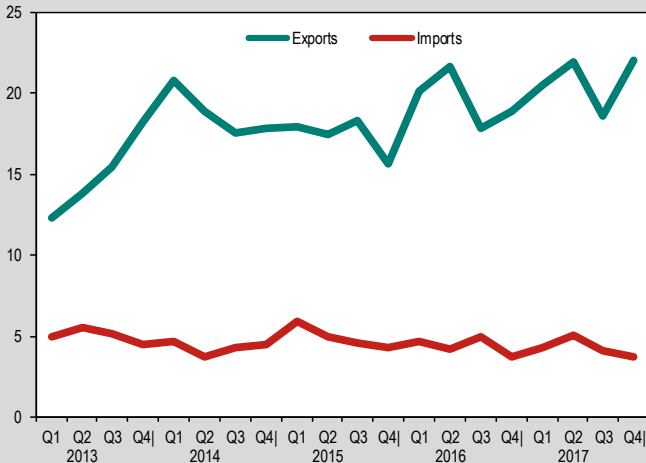
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**Trade trends (value terms)**

Total per quarter

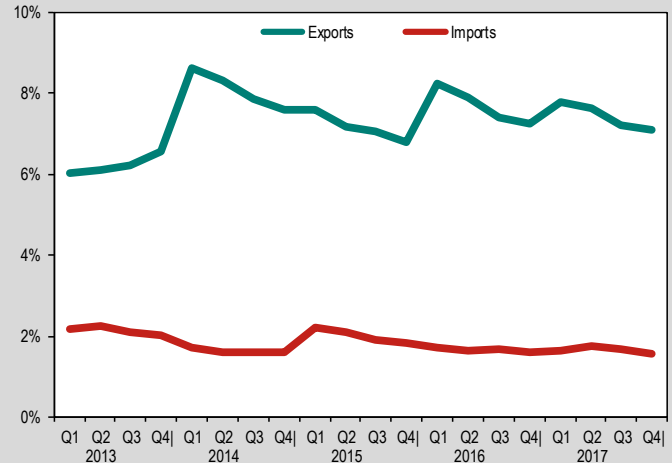
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



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

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



**Major traded export products**

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H7202: Ferro-alloys	49 943.58
H7219: Rolled stainless steel sheet, width >600mm	10 015.10
H7210: Flat-rolled iron/steel, >600mm, clad, plated/ coated	3 859.75
H7208: Hot-rolled products, iron/steel, width>600mm, etc	3 749.42
H7201: Pig iron and spiegeleisen in primary forms	2 512.40
H7207: Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel	2 008.64
H7306: Tube, pipe of iron/steel, not seamless > 406.4mm	1 366.38
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>83 177.37</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H7207: Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel	1 373.84
H7201: Pig iron and spiegeleisen in primary forms	1 087.87
H7219: Rolled stainless steel sheet, width > 600mm	875.01
H7205: Granules and powders, of pig iron, iron or steel	680.55
H7306: Tube, pipe of iron/steel, not seamless > 406.4mm	624.22
<b>Top losers</b>	
H7202: Ferro-alloys	-174 129
H7228: Bar, rod, angle, etc nes, hollow steel drill bars	-113.66
H7215: Bar and rod of iron or non-alloy steel nes	-55.69
H7214: Iron/steel bar, forged hot-rolled drawn, extruded	-44.51
H7212: Flat-rolled iron/steel, <600mm, clad, plated/ coated	-38.24

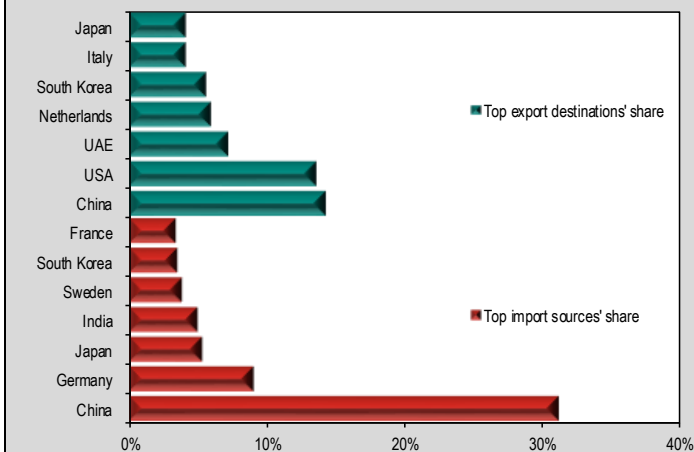
**Major traded import products**

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H7210: Flat-rolled iron/steel, >600mm, clad, plated/ coated	3 310.20
H7225: Flat-rolled alloy steel, width >600mm	2 603.22
H7202: Ferro-alloys	2 045.22
H7307: Pipe fittings, of iron or steel	1 431.30
H7208: Hot-rolled products, iron/steel, width>600mm, etc	1 082.62
H7304: Tube/ hollow profile, seamless iron/steel not cast	916.39
H7306: Tube, pipe of iron/steel, not seamless > 406.4mm	835.07
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>17 238.69</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H7210: Flat-rolled iron/steel, >600mm, clad, plated/ coated	473.67
H7304: Tube/ hollow profile, seamless iron/steel not cast	287.84
H7203: Ferrous prodts from reduction of pure iron ore	128.59
H7209: Flat-rolled iron/steel, >600mm, not clad, plated, etc	95.73
H7307: Pipe fittings, of iron or steel	74.55
<b>Top losers</b>	
H7216: Angles, shapes & sections of iron/ non-alloy steel	-370.81
H7225: Flat-rolled alloy steel, width >600mm	-370.25
H7302: Railway & tramway track material of iron or steel	-203.40
H7212: Flat-rolled iron/steel, <600mm, clad, plated/ coated	-123.97
H7220: Rolled stainless steel sheet, width < 600mm	-94.20

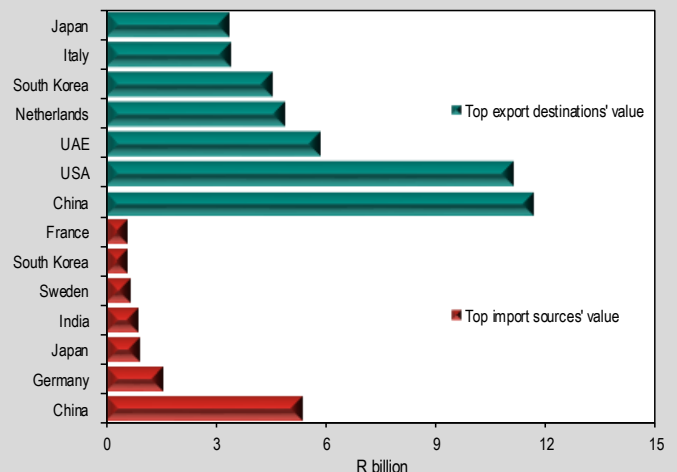
**Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)**

2017



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

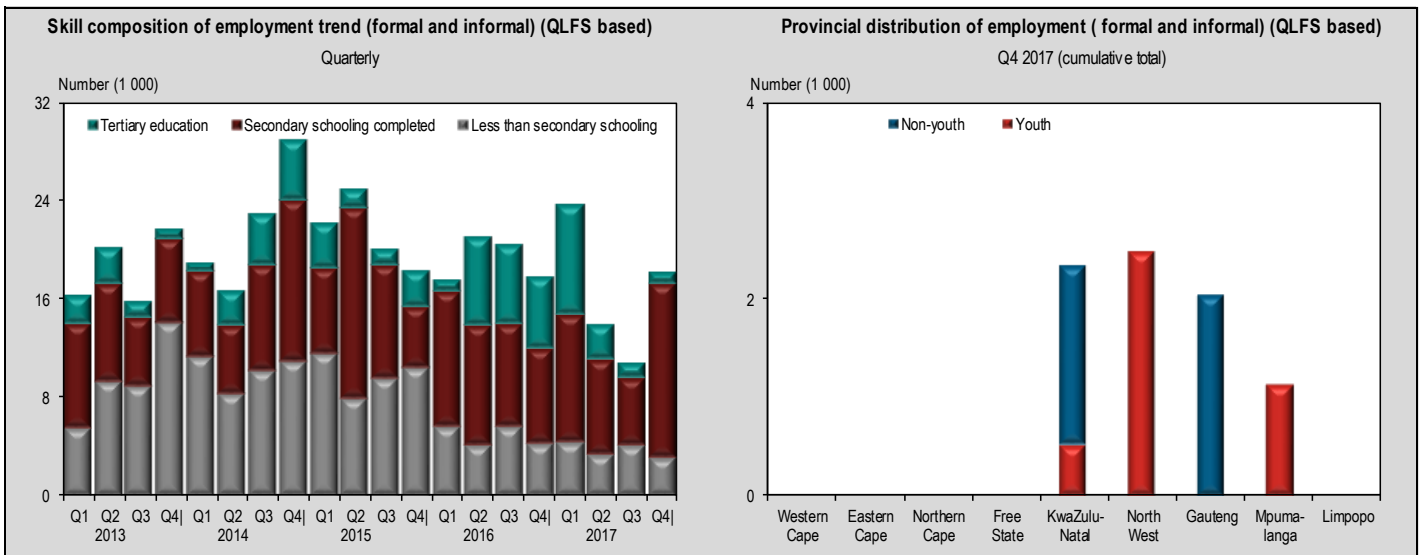
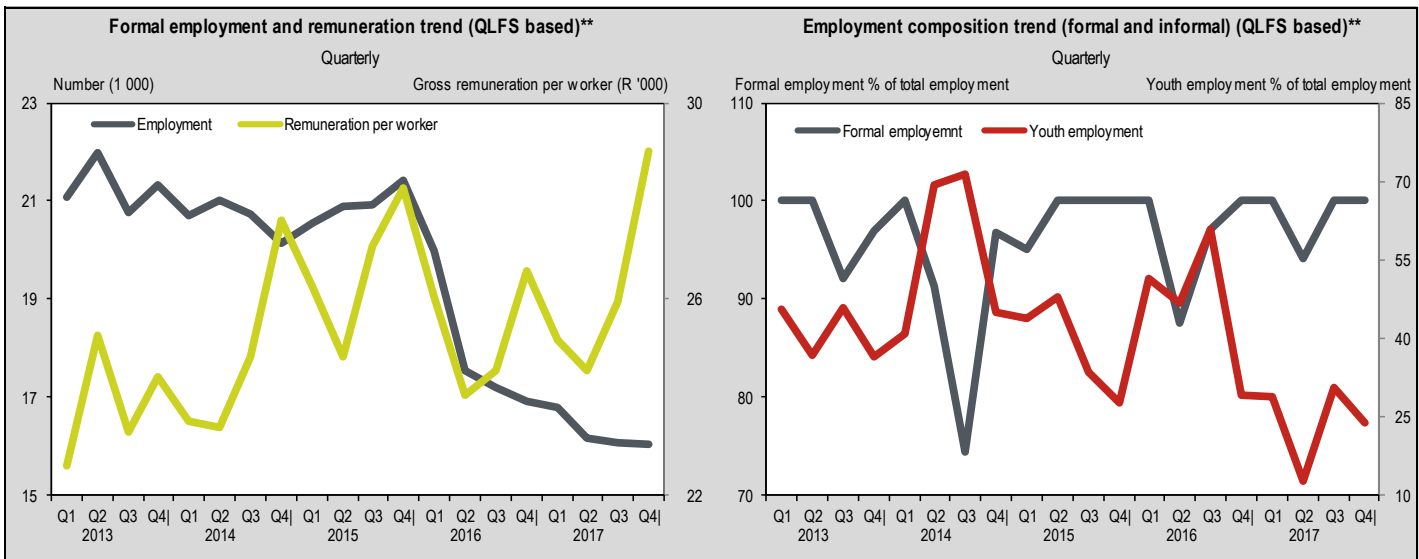
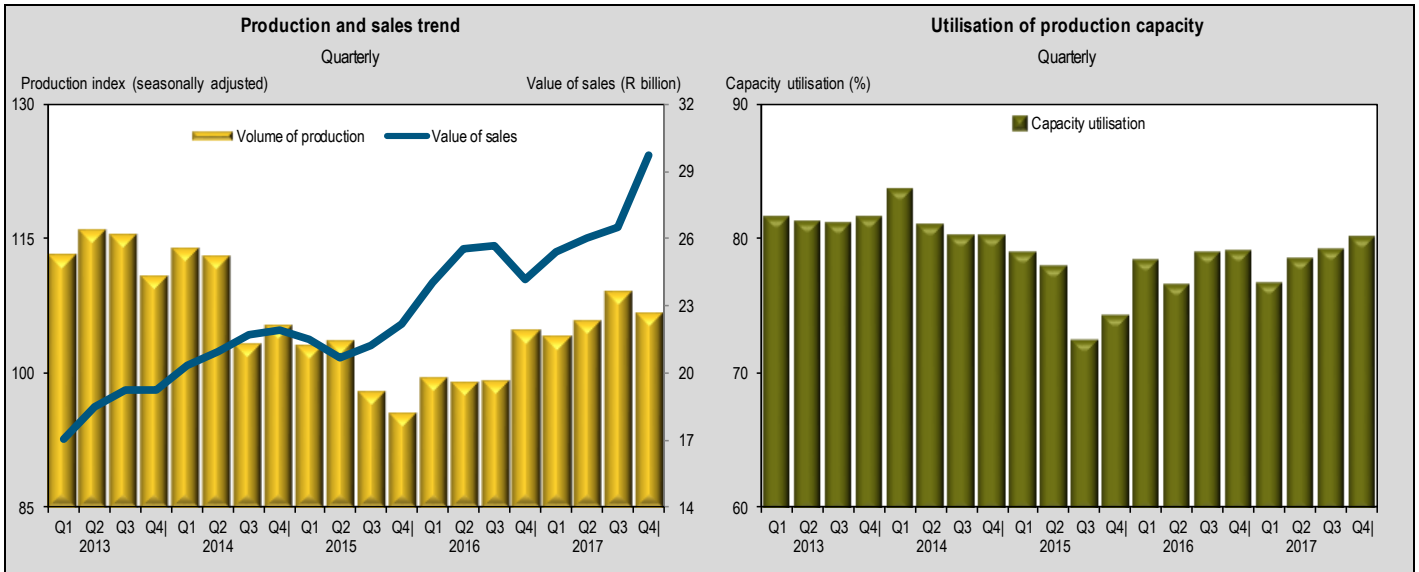
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**Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)**

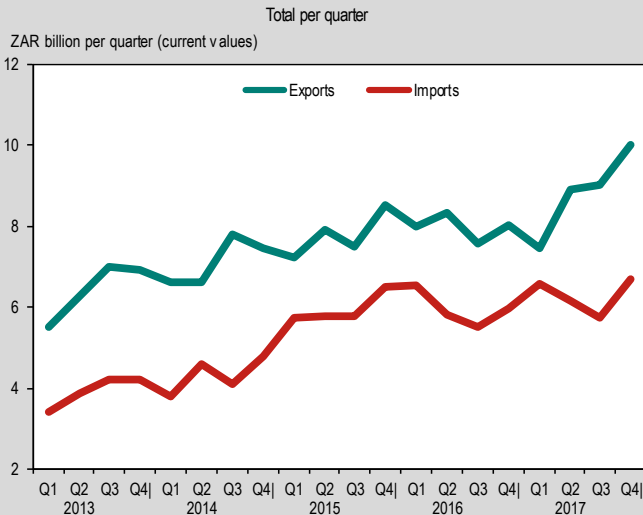
↑ 5.8%	↑ 1 (percentage points)	↓ -5.2%	↑ 9.2%	↑ 10.7%	↑ 5.5%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



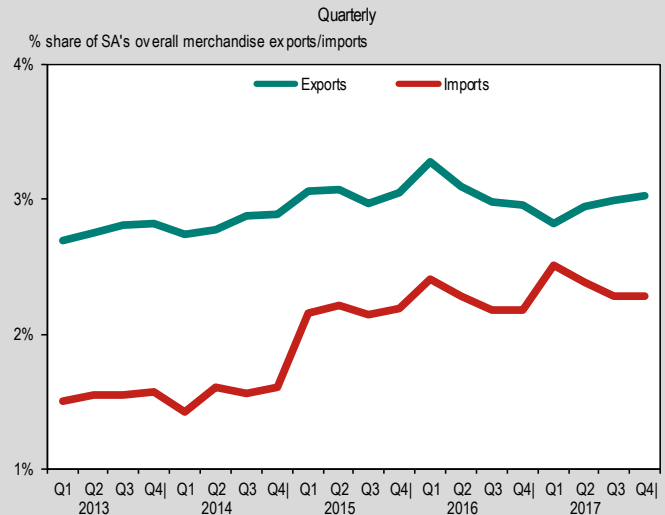
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Trade trends (value terms)



Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)



Major traded export products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H760t: Unwrought aluminium	13 496.75
H7606: Aluminium plates, sheets & strip, thickness > 0.2 mm	5 871.19
H7502: Unwrought nickel	4 017.45
H7403: Refined copper and copper alloys, unwrought	3 513.02
H7402: Unrefined copper, copper anodes, etc	1855.82
H7608: Aluminium tubes and pipes	1295.24
H7407: Copper bars, rods and profiles	1268.65
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>35 414.15</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H760t: Unwrought aluminium	1939.35
H7403: Refined copper and copper alloys, unwrought	699.89
H7402: Unrefined copper, copper anodes, etc	526.38
H7407: Copper bars, rods and profiles	489.25
H8105: Cobalt mattes, etc, articles, waste or scrap	268.27
<b>Top losers</b>	
H7502: Unwrought nickel	-346.49
H7606: Aluminium plates, sheets & strip, thickness > 0.2 mm	-218.63
H7607: Aluminium foil of a thickness < 0.2mm	-167.97
H7409: Copper plates, sheets & strips, thickness > 0.15mm	-98.26
H8109: Zirconium, articles thereof, waste or scrap	-95.42

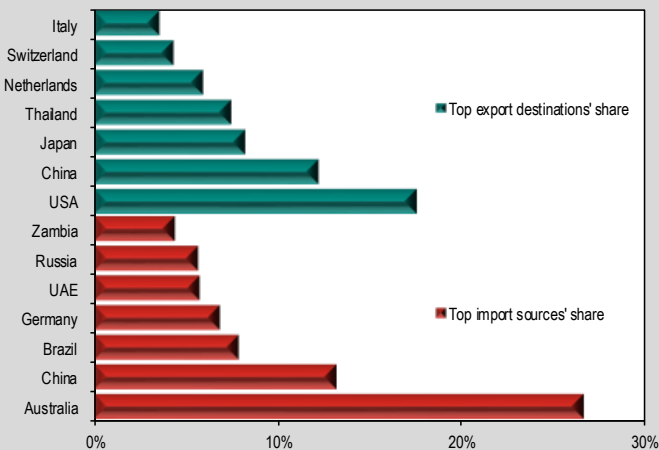
Major traded import products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H2818: Aluminium oxide, hydroxide & artificial corundum	6 658.71
H7408: Copper wire	4 414.82
H790t: Unwrought zinc	2 650.12
H7606: Aluminium plates, sheets & strip, thickness > 0.2 mm	2 295.42
H7604: Aluminium bars, rods and profiles	1561.67
H760t: Unwrought aluminium	1300.95
H7403: Refined copper and copper alloys, unwrought	1 168.46
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>25 197.26</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H7408: Copper wire	1905.45
H2818: Aluminium oxide, hydroxide & artificial corundum	1550.14
H790t: Unwrought zinc	448.97
H760t: Unwrought aluminium	233.86
H7604: Aluminium bars, rods and profiles	167.28
<b>Top losers</b>	
H750t: Nickel matte, interim products of nickel metallurgy	-2 229.14
H7403: Refined copper and copper alloys, unwrought	-808.24
H8108: Titanium, articles thereof, waste or scrap	-12.99
H7605: Aluminium wire	-88.03
H7409: Copper plates, sheets & strips, thickness > 0.15mm	-84.54

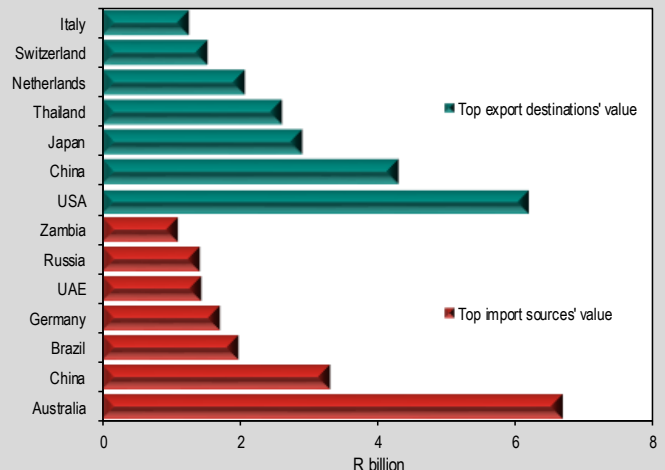
Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

2017



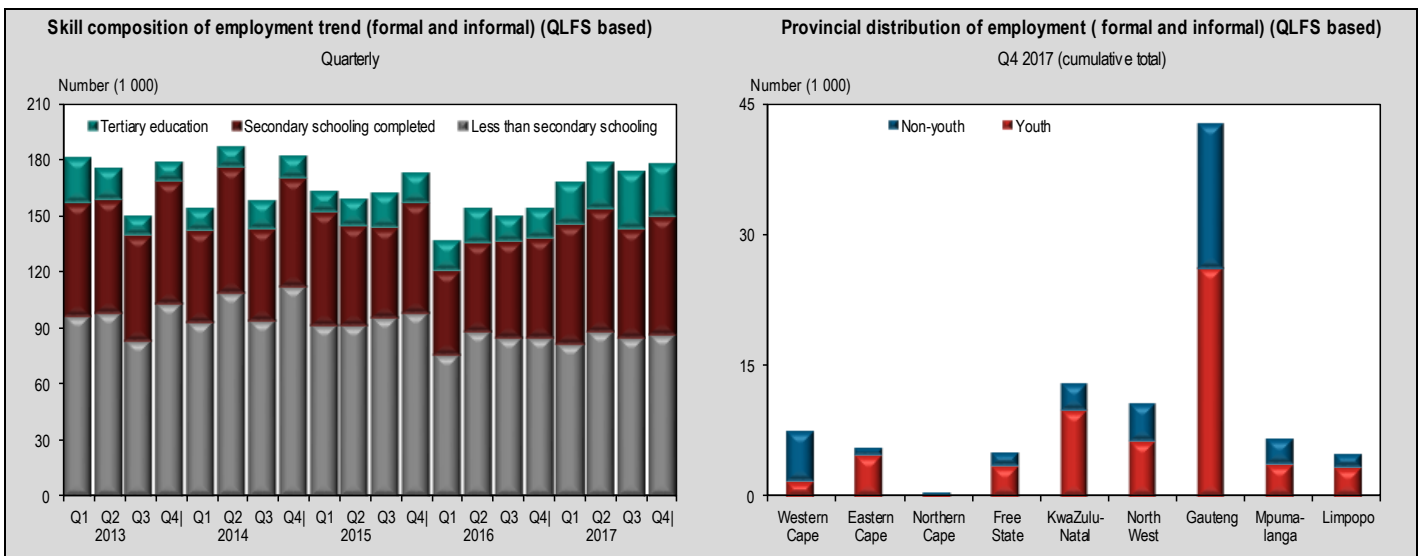
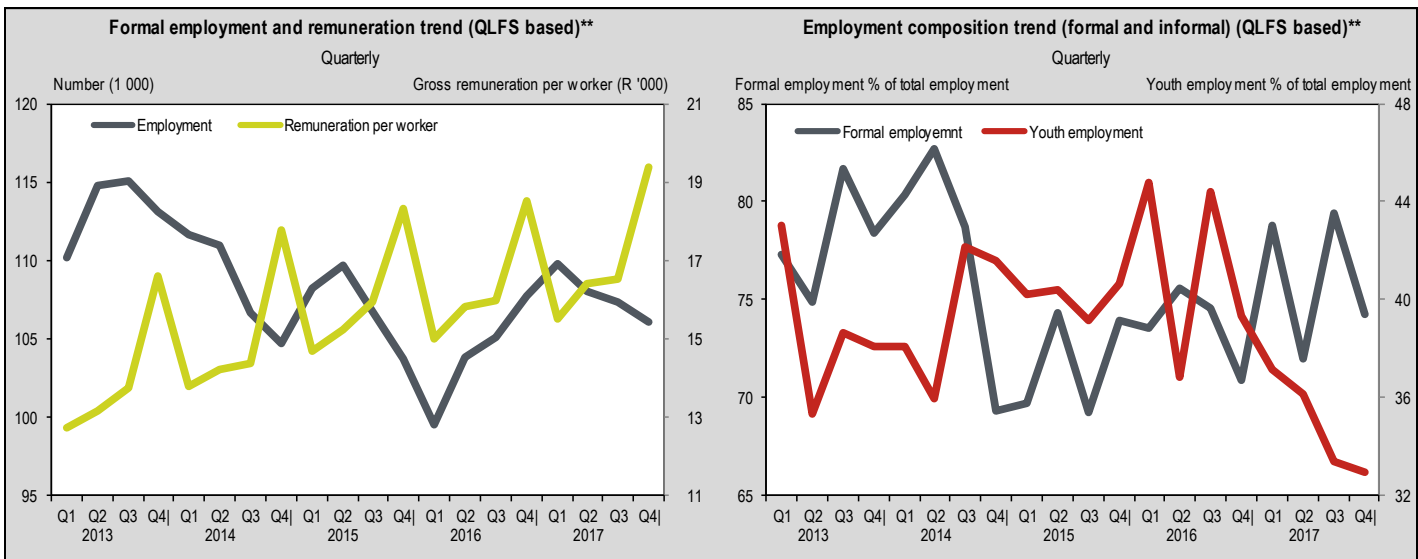
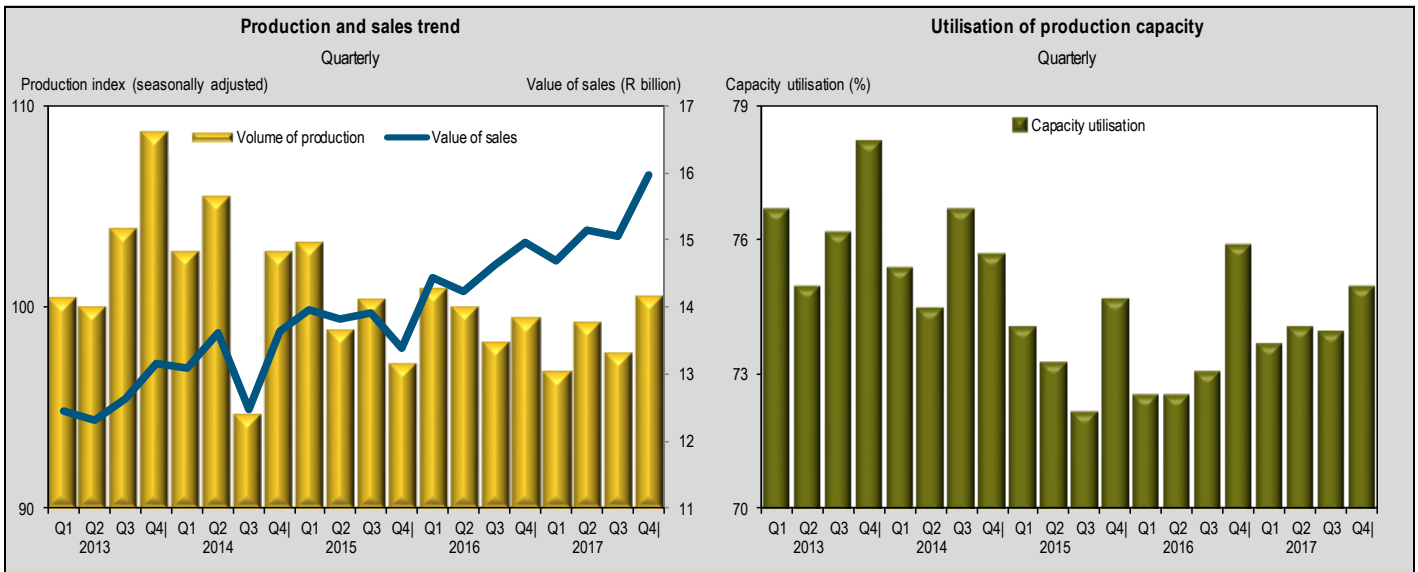
Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

2017



**Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)**

↓ -1.0%	↓ -0.9 (percentage points)	↓ -1.5%	↑ 4.6%	↑ 1.9%	↓ -2.1%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



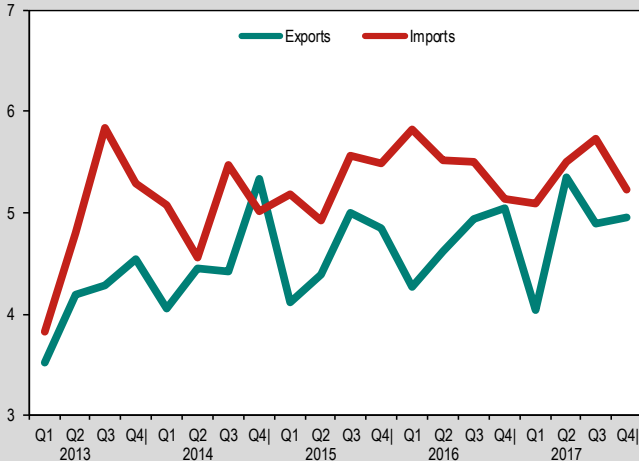
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**Trade trends (value terms)**

Total per quarter

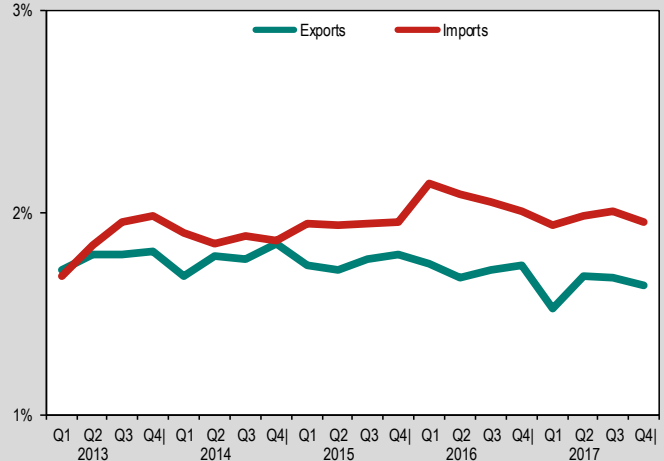
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



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

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



**Major traded export products**

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H7326: Articles of iron or steel nes	4 039.76
H7308: Structures, parts of structures of iron or steel	3 983.54
H8207: Interchangeable tools & dies for hand/power tools	1346.76
H7318: Screws, bolts, nuts, rivets, etc, iron or steel	1004.51
H7314: Iron/ steel cloth, grill, fencing and expanded metal	724.19
H7612: Aluminium casks, drums, etc capacity <300l	621.63
H7610: Aluminium structures, parts nes, for construction	526.28
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>19 235.94</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H7326: Articles of iron or steel nes	724.97
H8207: Interchangeable tools & dies for hand/power tools	340.18
H7419: Articles of copper nes	274.66
H8309: Stoppers, caps, lids, etc of base metal	172.83
H8404: A uxiliary plant for boilers	59.34
<b>Top losers</b>	
H7308: Structures, parts of structures of iron or steel	- 808.02
H7309: Reservoirs, tanks, vats, etc, iron/ steel cap >300l	- 126.64
H7310: Tank, box, container, iron/steel, capacity <300l	- 124.51
H7314: Iron/ steel cloth, grill, fencing and expanded metal	- 94.26
H8402: Steam/vapour generating boiler	- 68.09

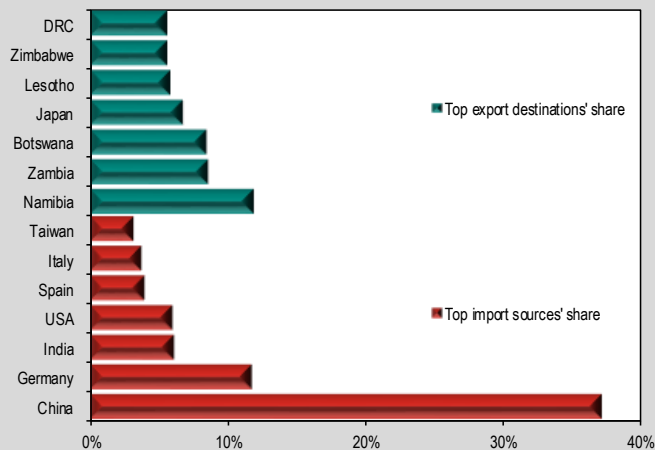
**Major traded import products**

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H8207: Interchangeable tools & dies for hand/power tools	2 895.01
H7318: Screws, bolts, nuts, rivets, etc, iron or steel	2 476.31
H7326: Articles of iron or steel nes	2 289.48
H8302: Base metal fittings for furniture, doors, cars, etc	1594.28
H8301: Padlocks, locks, clasps with locks, keys	913.19
H7308: Structures, parts of structures of iron or steel	903.64
H7312: Stranded steel wire, etc, with out electric insulation	672.07
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>21547.27</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H8207: Interchangeable tools & dies for hand/power tools	1009.97
H9406: Prefabricated buildings	39.79
H8309: Stoppers, caps, lids, etc of base metal	36.30
H7315: Chain and parts thereof, of iron or steel	33.95
H7614: Aluminium stranded wire, cables, etc, uninsulated	33.95
<b>Top losers</b>	
H7326: Articles of iron or steel nes	- 237.45
H8402: Steam/vapour generating boiler	- 161.31
H7308: Structures, parts of structures of iron or steel	- 139.55
H7318: Screws, bolts, nuts, rivets, etc, iron or steel	- 132.87
H7610: Aluminium structures, parts nes, for construction	- 129.59

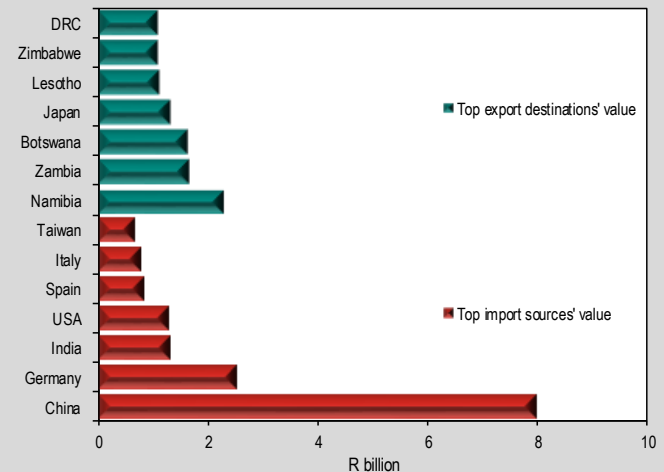
**Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)**

2017



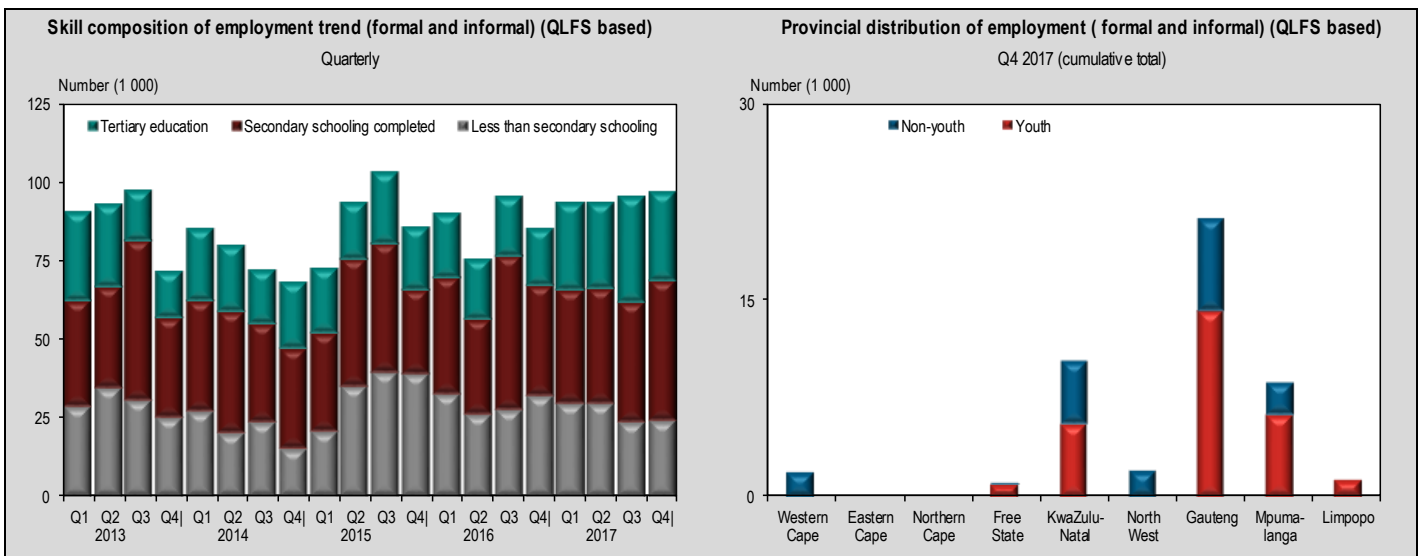
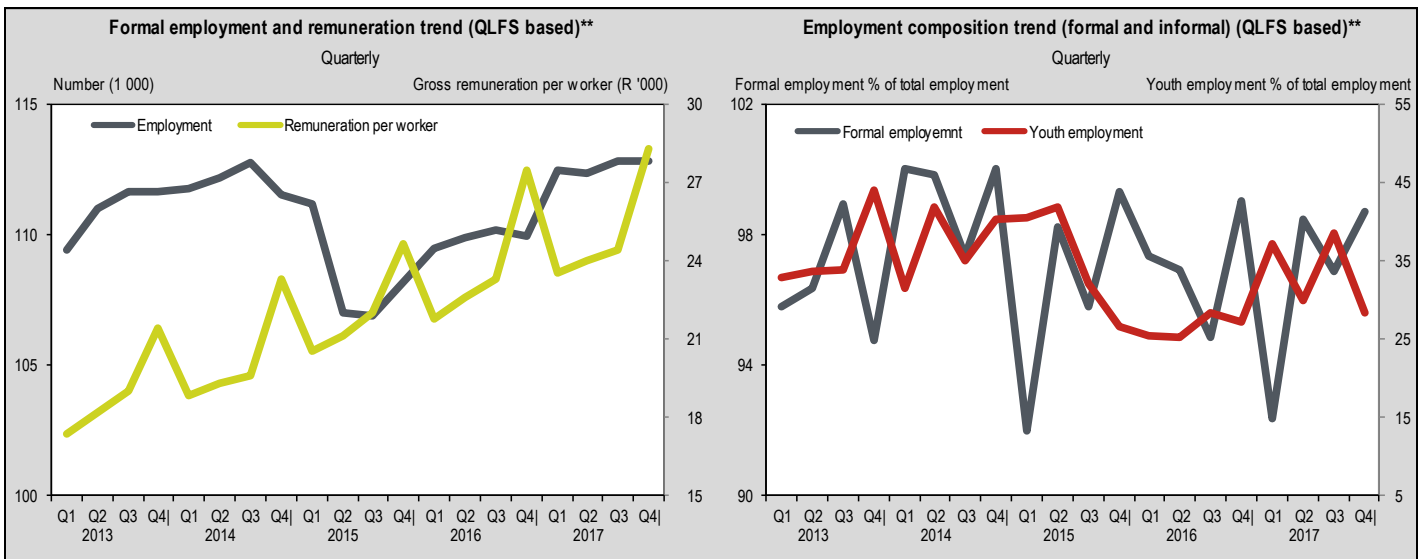
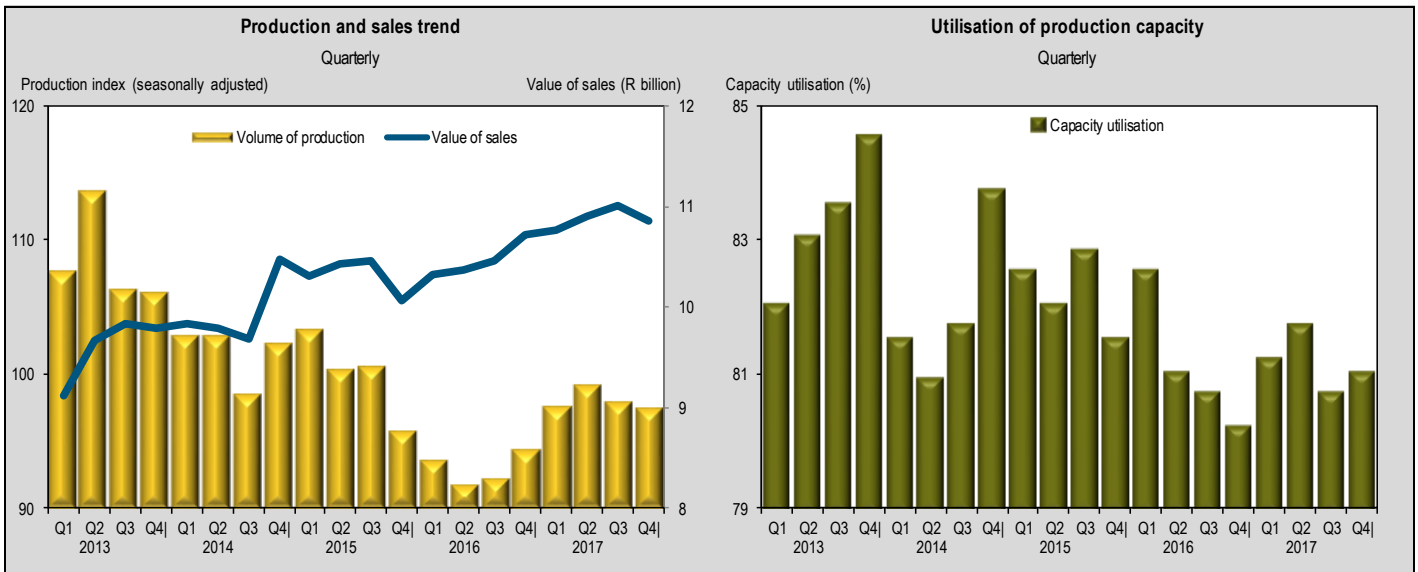
**Top trading partners (value of export/imports)**

2017



## Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)

↑ 5.4%	↑ 0.8 (percentage points)	↑ 2.6%	↑ 3.1%	↓ -3.0%	↓ -2.2%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



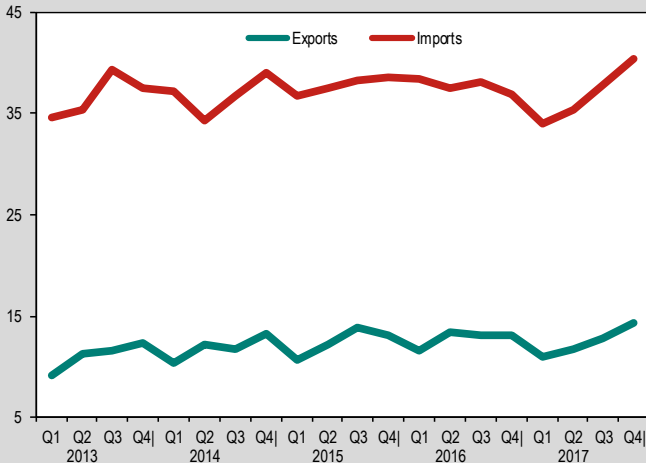
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**Trade trends (value terms)**

Total per quarter

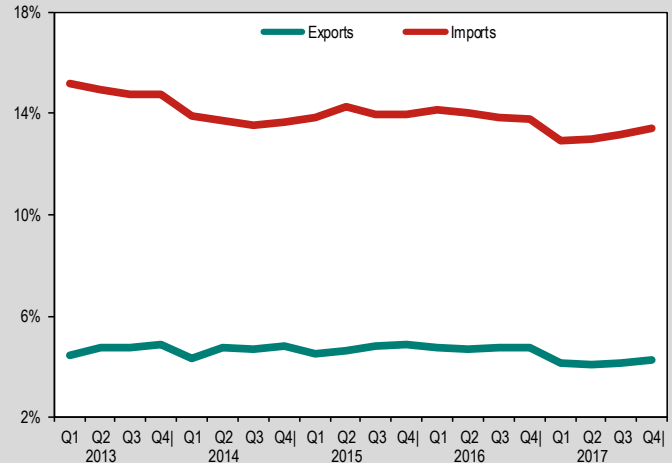
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



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

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



**Major traded export products**

2017

HS4 code: sector description

ZAR m

Category	HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
Top exports	H8431: Parts for use with lifting, moving machinery	5 153.66
	H8474: Machinery to sort, screen, etc mineral products	4 558.42
	H8413: Pumps for liquids	4 194.10
	H8471: Automatic data processing machines (computers)	2 967.50
	H8421: Liquid, gas centrifuges, filtering, purifying machine	2 105.55
	H8429: Self-propelled earth moving, road making machines	2 028.47
	H8483: Shafts, cranks, gears, clutches, flywheel, pulleys, etc	2 009.96
	<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>49 724.25</b>
Top gainers	H8413: Pumps for liquids	492.89
	H8406: Steam turbines and other vapour turbines	291.24
	H8421: Liquid, gas centrifuges, filtering, purifying machine	246.10
	H8408: Compression-ignition engines (diesel, etc)	220.24
	H8474: Machinery to sort, screen, etc mineral products	183.30
Top losers	H8431: Parts for use with lifting, moving machinery	- 885.06
	H8710: Tanks and other armoured fighting vehicles	- 614.15
	H8429: Self-propelled earth moving, road making machines	- 452.85
	H8473: Parts, except covers, for office machines	- 288.90
	H8426: Derricks, cranes, straddle carriers, crane trucks	- 189.99

**Major traded import products**

2017

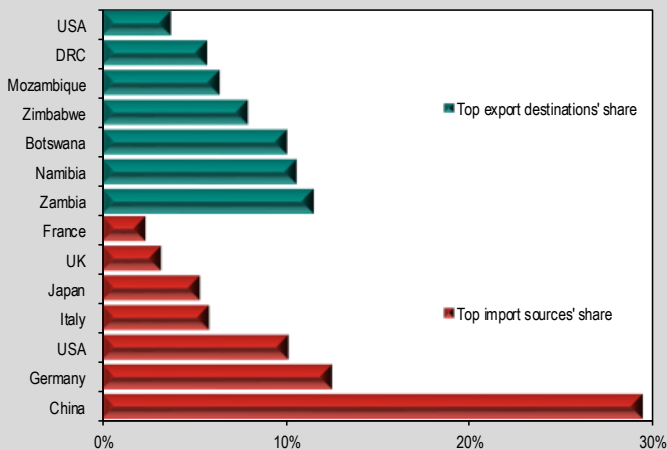
HS4 code: sector description

ZAR m

Category	HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
Top imports	H8471: Automatic data processing machines (computers)	21 080.80
	H8429: Self-propelled earth moving, road making machines	9 495.12
	H8443: Printing and ancillary machinery	8 967.01
	H8431: Parts for use with lifting, moving machinery	7 526.83
	H8481: Taps, cocks, valves for pipes, tanks, boilers, etc	5 409.48
	H8483: Shafts, cranks, gears, clutches, flywheel, pulleys, etc	5 067.18
	H8413: Pumps for liquids	5 032.74
	<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>147 616.05</b>
Top gainers	H8429: Self-propelled earth moving, road making machines	3 241.71
	H8710: Tractors (besides works, warehouse equipment)	1 254.42
	H8433: Harvesting, produce cleaning & grading machinery	619.89
	H8480: Moulds for metals (except ingot), plastic, etc	503.58
	H8427: Fork-lift trucks, other trucks with lifting equipment	400.13
Top losers	H8406: Steam turbines and other vapour turbines	- 2 838.02
	H8419: Machinery, non-domestic, for heating or cooling	- 1 556.83
	H8415: Air conditioning equipment, machinery	- 1 168.38
	H8417: Industrial, lab furnaces, ovens, incinerators	- 585.42
	H8473: Parts, except covers, for office machines	- 506.50

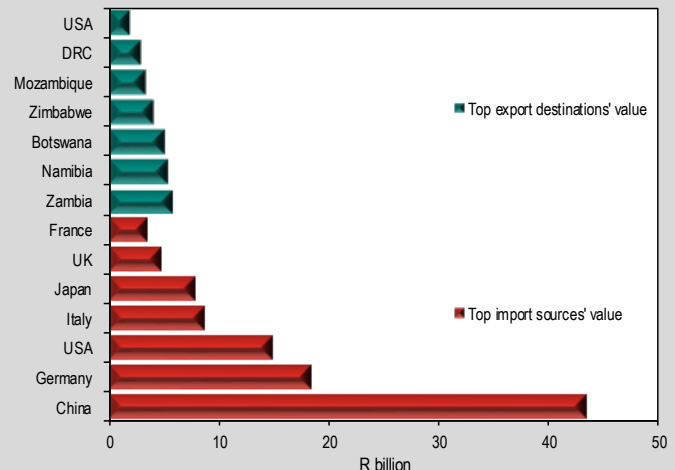
**Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)**

2017



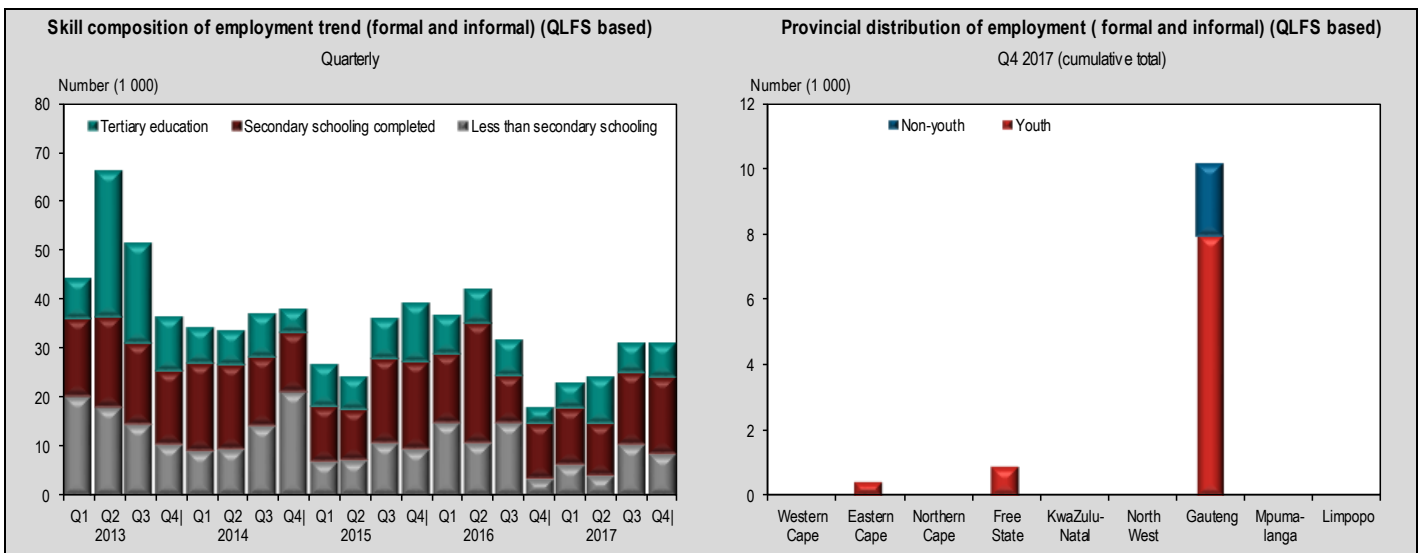
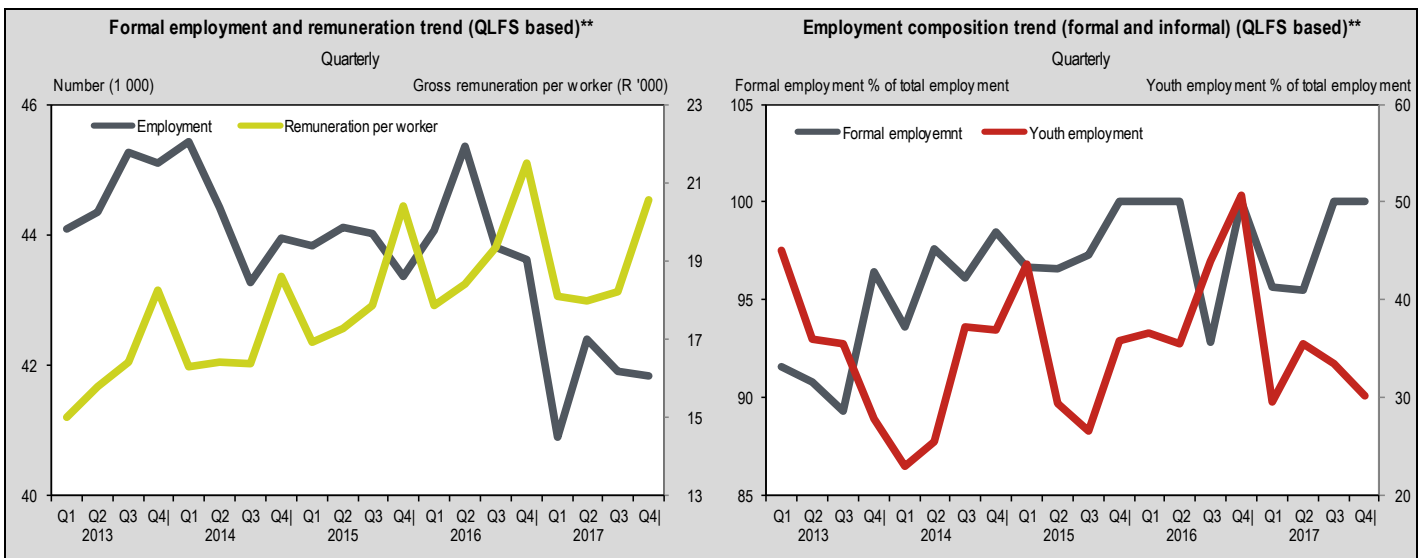
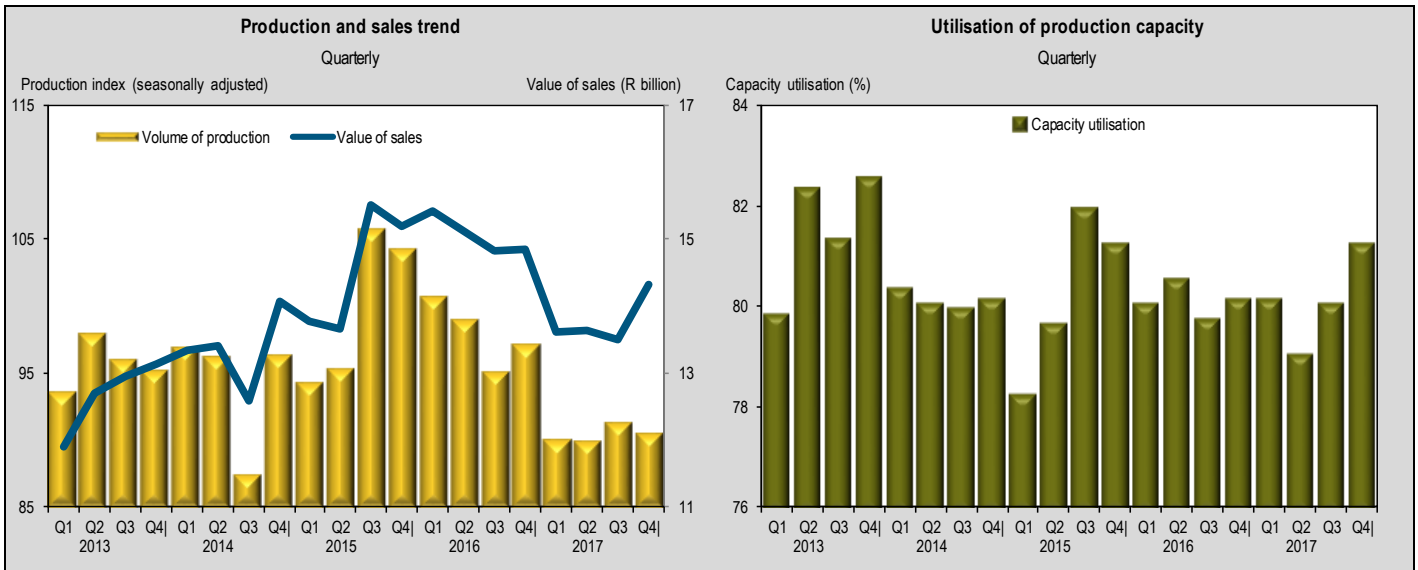
**Top trading partners (value of export/imports)**

2017



## Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)

↓ -7.7%	↑ 1.1 (percentage points)	↓ -4.1%	↓ -4.3%	↓ -5.4%	↓ -2.9%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



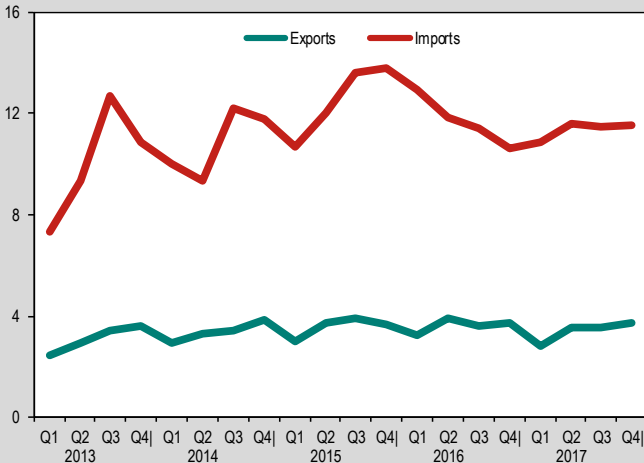
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Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

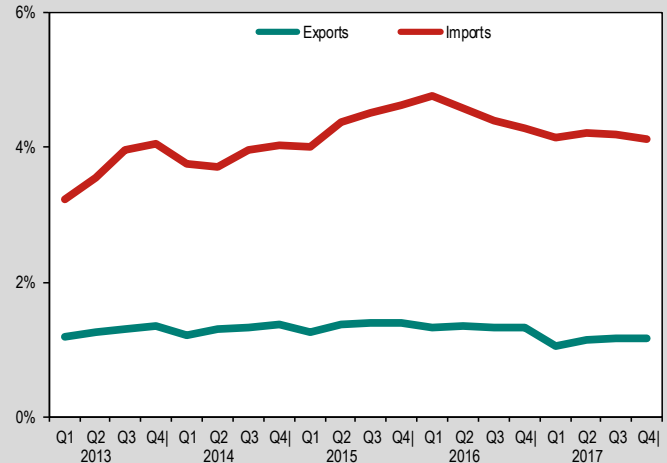
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



Major traded export products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H8544: Insulated wire and cable, optical fibre cable	2 270.11
H8536: Electrical switches, connectors, etc, for < 1kV	1 620.95
H8504: Electric transformers, static converters & rectifiers	1 355.38
H8537: Electrical power, etc, control & distribution boards	1 239.36
H8501: Electric motors and generators, except generating sets	940.26
H8543: Electrical machinery and apparatus	880.79
H9405: Lamps and lighting fittings, illuminated signs, etc	716.53
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>13 692.06</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H8531: Electric sound or visual signal equipment nes	95.61
H8546: Electrical insulators of any material	86.37
H8506: Primary cells and primary batteries	80.58
H8538: Parts for electrical switches, protectors, etc	59.65
H8511: Ignition equipment, internal combustion engine	41.29
<b>Top losers</b>	
H8504: Electric transformers, static converters & rectifiers	-283.44
H8544: Insulated wire and cable, optical fibre cable	-272.44
H8502: Electric generating sets and rotary converters	-211.10
H8501: Electric motors and generators, except generating sets	-89.97
H8543: Electrical machinery and apparatus	-89.52

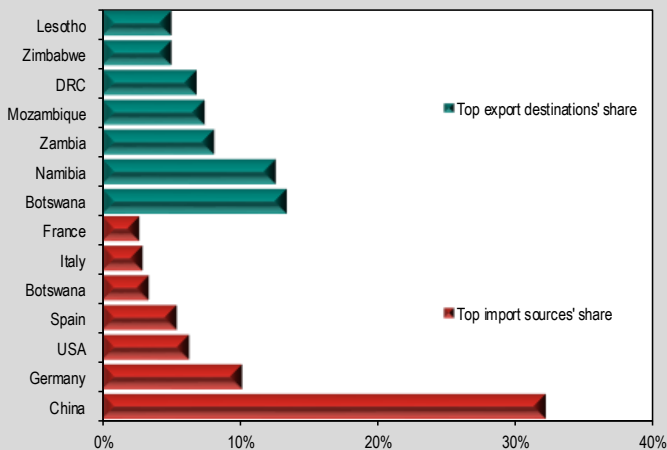
Major traded import products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H8504: Electric transformers, static converters & rectifiers	6 188.82
H8502: Electric generating sets and rotary converters	5 798.78
H8544: Insulated wire and cable, optical fibre cable	5 308.71
H8536: Electrical switches, connectors, etc, for < 1kV	4 863.69
H8501: Electric motors and generators, except generating sets	3 431.37
H8507: Electric accumulators	2 875.52
H8537: Electrical power, etc, control & distribution boards	2 841.05
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>45 482.82</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H8504: Electric transformers, static converters & rectifiers	7 113.1
H8507: Electric accumulators	592.50
H8537: Electrical power, etc, control & distribution boards	478.47
H8545: Carbon electrodes, brushes and electrical items	315.84
H8539: Electric filament, discharge lamps	123.04
<b>Top losers</b>	
H8502: Electric generating sets and rotary converters	-1 328.23
H8503: Parts for electric motors and generators	-479.51
H9405: Lamps and lighting fittings, illuminated signs, etc	-445.36
H8536: Electrical switches, connectors, etc, for < 1kV	-376.78
H8501: Electric motors and generators, except generating sets	-332.75

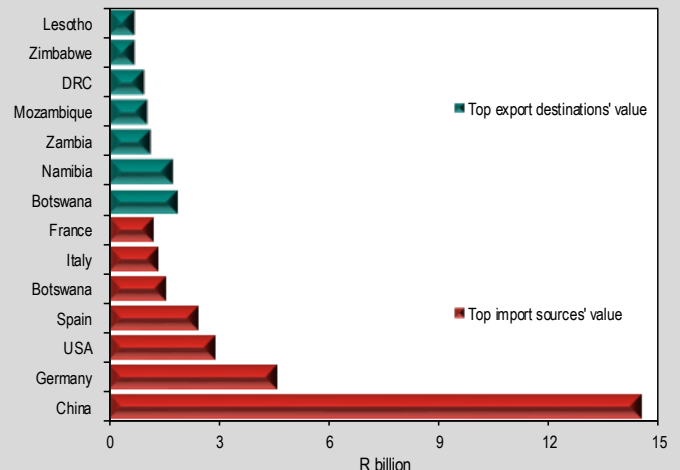
Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

2017



Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

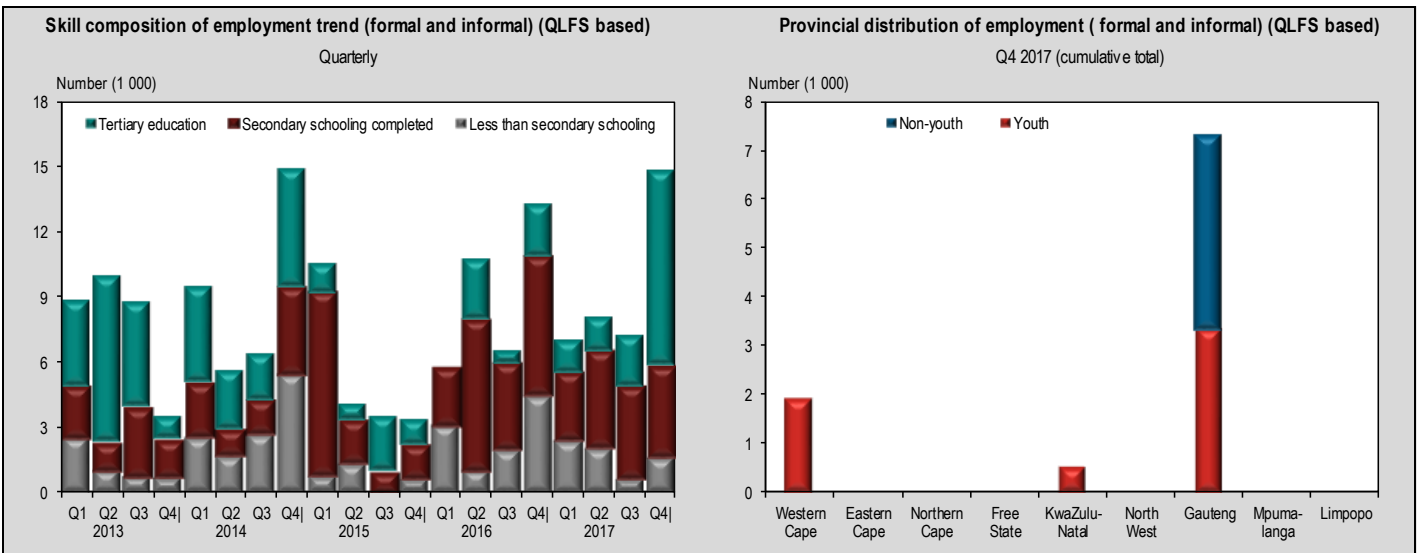
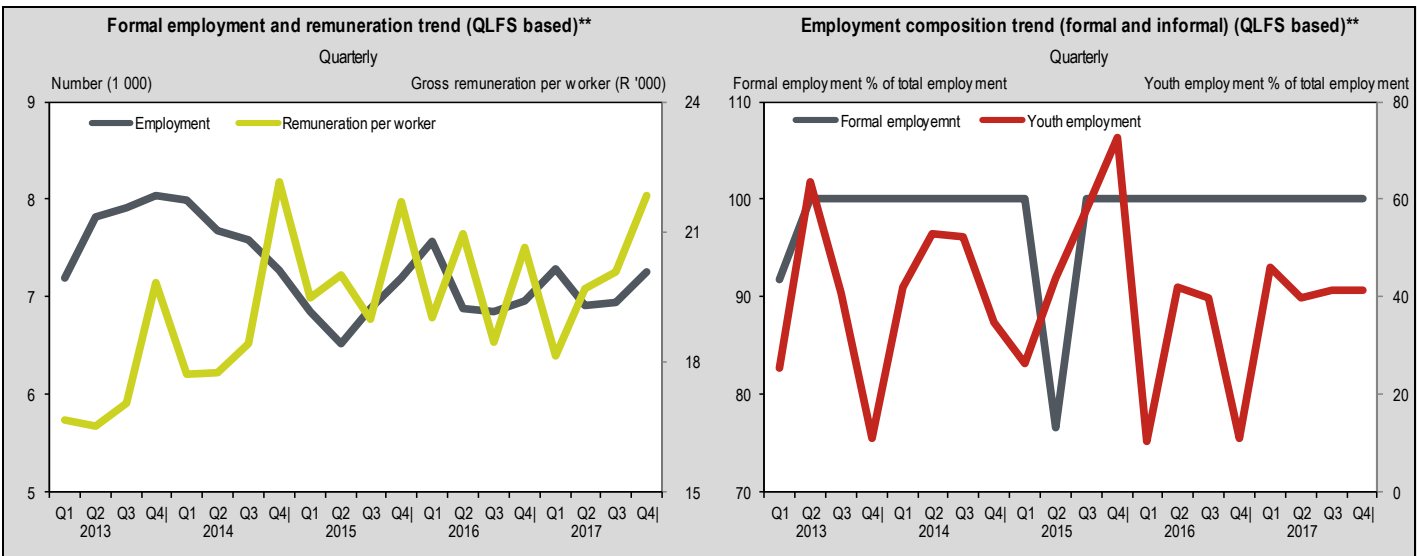
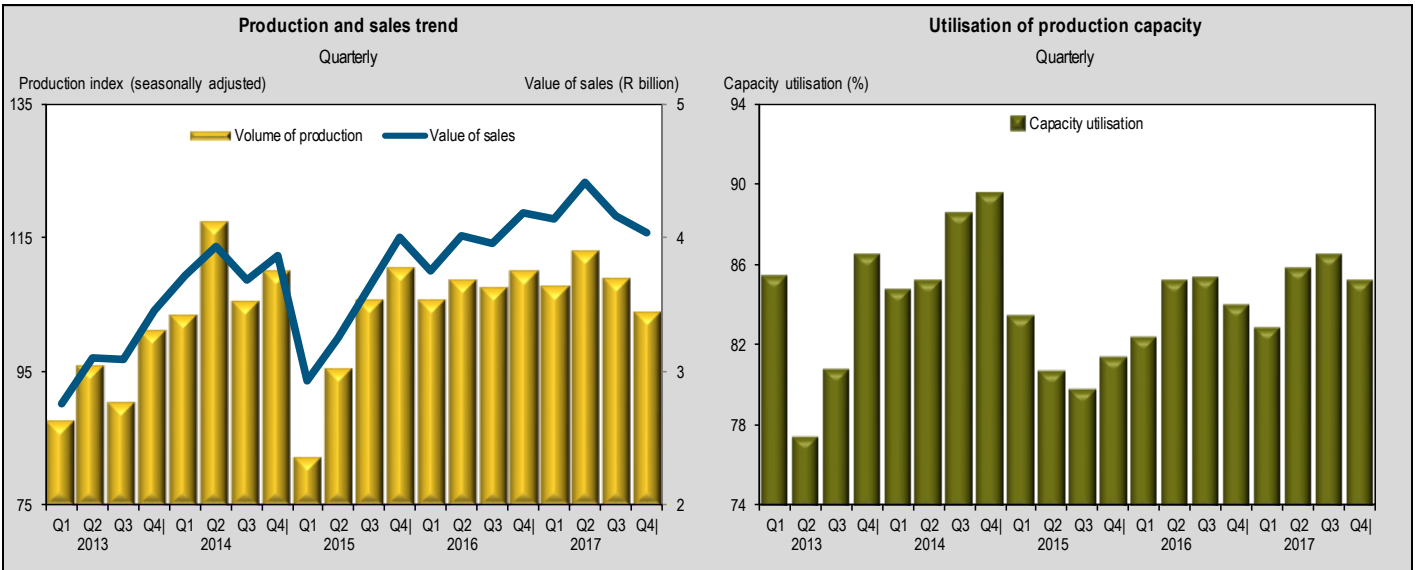
2017





**Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)**

↑ 0.4%	↑ 1.2 (percentage points)	↑ 4.1%	↑ 5.8%	↓ -21.3%	↓ -6.2%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



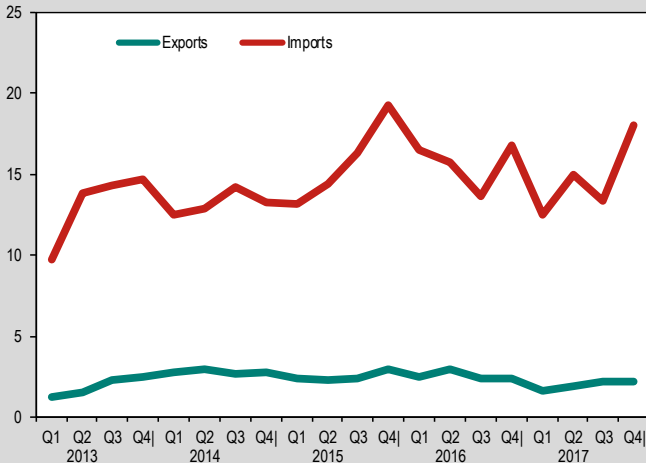
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Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

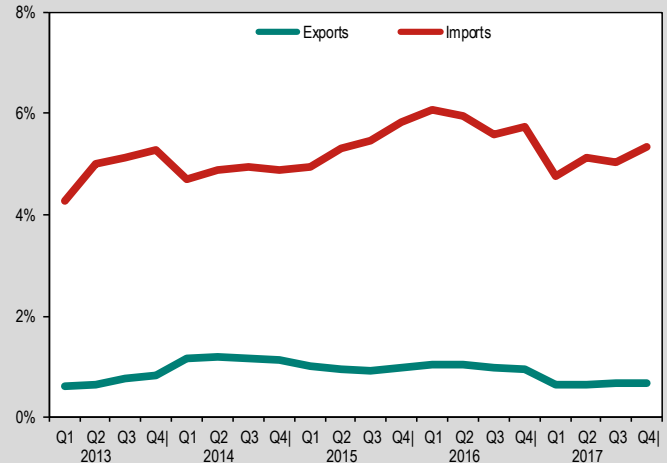
ZAR billion per quarter (current v values)



Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



Major traded export products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H8517: Electric apparatus for line telephony, telegraphy	3 119.37
H8528: Television receivers, video monitors, projectors	1494.57
H8541: Diodes, transistors, semi-conductors, etc	1035.83
H8529: Parts for radio, tv transmission, receive equipment	839.92
H8525: Radio and TV transmitters, television cameras	541.16
H8542: Electronic integrated circuits and microassemblies	308.12
H8518: Audio-electronic equipment non-recording devices	285.36
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>8 065.52</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H8542: Electronic integrated circuits and microassemblies	97.81
H8534: Electronic printed circuits	38.66
H8518: Audio-electronic equipment non-recording devices	23.39
H8527: Radio, radio-telephony receivers	5.28
H8533: Electrical resistors & rheostats except for heating	1.19
<b>Top losers</b>	
H8517: Electric apparatus for line telephony, telegraphy	- 895.54
H8541: Diodes, transistors, semi-conductors, etc	- 515.69
H8528: Television receivers, video monitors, projectors	- 438.31
H8525: Radio and TV transmitters, television cameras	- 244.49
H8529: Parts for radio, tv transmission, receive equipment	- 191.19

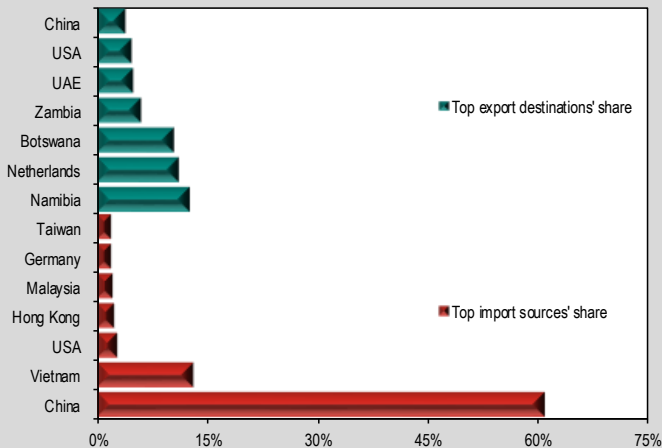
Major traded import products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H8517: Electric apparatus for line telephony, telegraphy	41908.70
H8529: Parts for radio, tv transmission, receive equipment	4 034.38
H8528: Television receivers, video monitors, projectors	2 361.28
H8525: Radio and TV transmitters, television cameras	2 082.40
H8542: Electronic integrated circuits and microassemblies	2 063.53
H8541: Diodes, transistors, semi-conductors, etc	1995.17
H8518: Audio-electronic equipment non-recording devices	1840.26
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>58 835.60</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H8518: Audio-electronic equipment non-recording devices	222.62
H8540: Thermionic and cold cathode valves and tubes	106.78
H8528: Television receivers, video monitors, projectors	71.75
H8534: Electronic printed circuits	31.68
<b>Top losers</b>	
H8517: Electric apparatus for line telephony, telegraphy	-1948.04
H8541: Diodes, transistors, semi-conductors, etc	-1431.37
H8542: Electronic integrated circuits and microassemblies	-303.03
H8525: Radio and TV transmitters, television cameras	-273.10
H8529: Parts for radio, tv transmission, receive equipment	-161.44

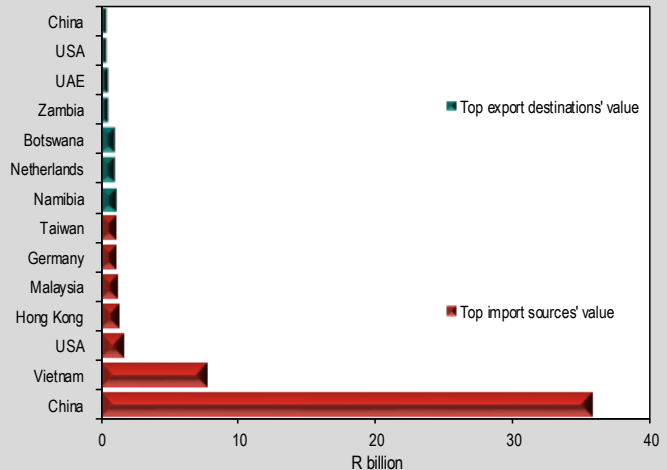
Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

2017



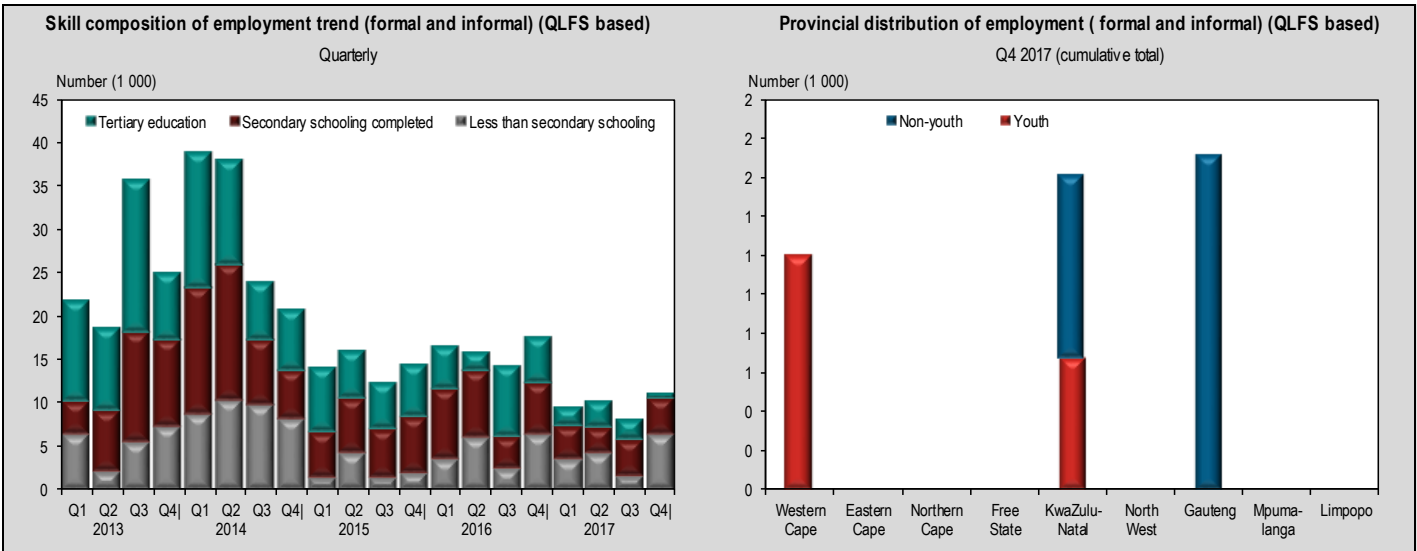
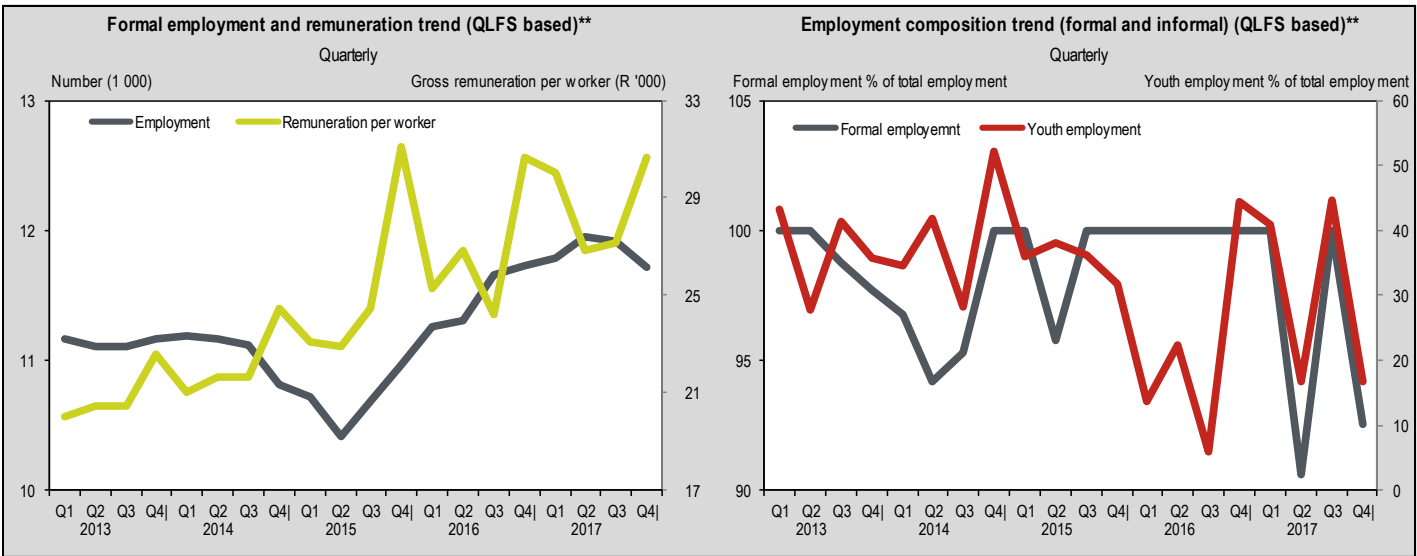
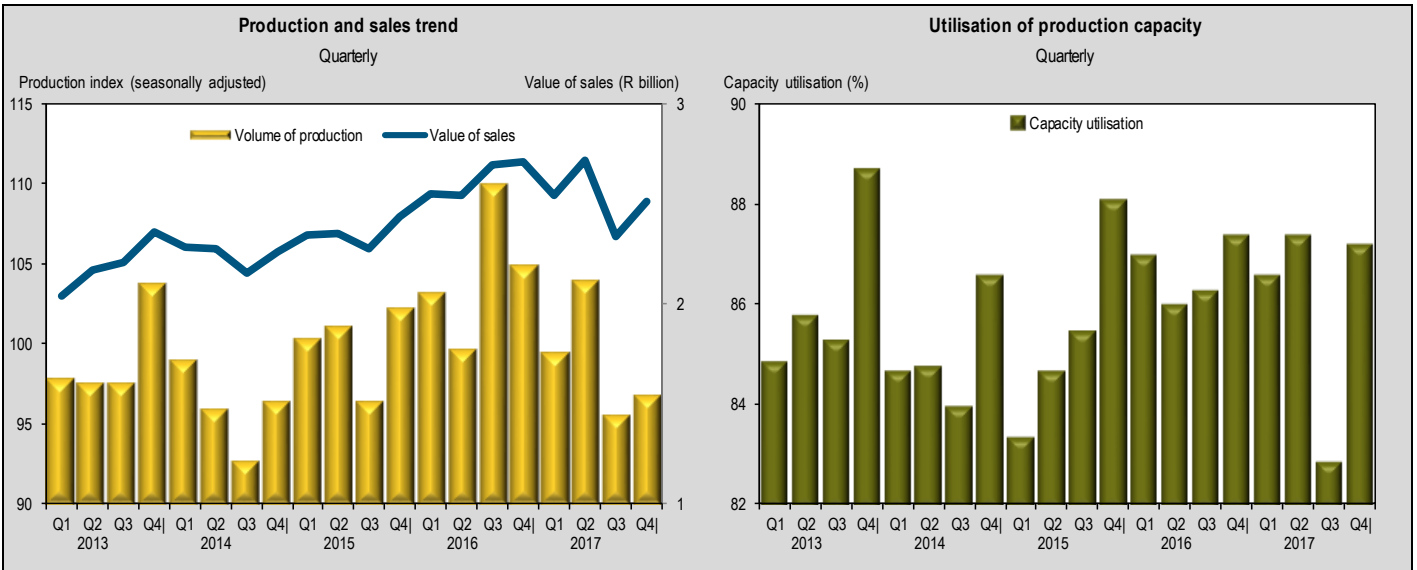
Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

2017



**Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)**

↓ -5.3%	↓ -0.2 (percentage points)	↓ -0.1%	↓ 0.0%	↓ -13.5%	↓ -5.8%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



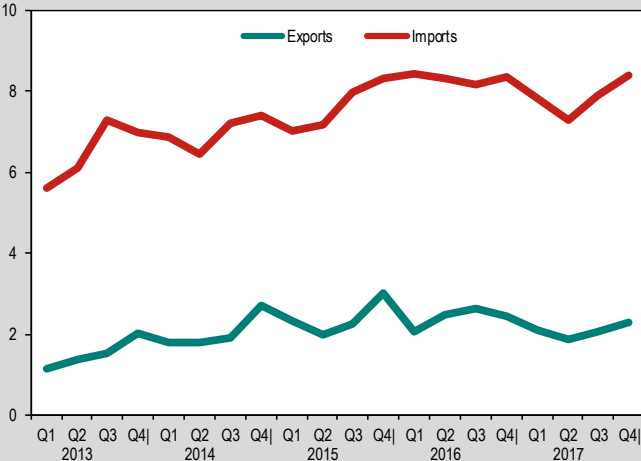
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**Trade trends (value terms)**

Total per quarter

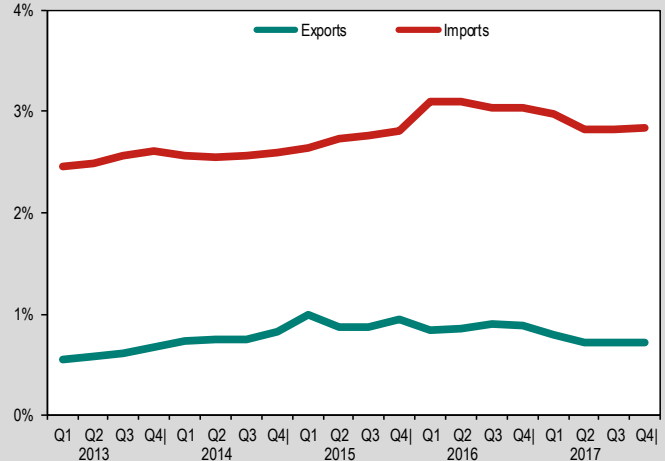
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



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

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



**Major traded export products**

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H9018: Instruments, etc for medical, surgical & dental use	1391.02
H9031: Measuring or checking instruments nes	1033.30
H9015: Survey, oceanographic, meteorological instruments	594.40
H9027: Equipment for physical and chemical analysis	578.78
H9028: Gas, liquid/ electricity supply or production meters	573.34
H9014: Navigational instrumts, direction finding compass	516.82
H9026: Equipment to measure level & pressure of fluidflow	500.86
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>8346.56</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H9013: Liquid crystal devices, lasers, optical appliances	75.75
H9021: Orthopaedic appliances	64.63
H9029: Revolution counters, taximeters & speedometers	54.05
H9018: Instruments, etc for medical, surgical & dental use	37.60
H9102: Watches with case of, or clad with, of base metal	34.49
<b>Top losers</b>	
H9014: Navigational instrumts, direction finding compass	-631.44
H9101: Watches with case of/ clad with, precious metal	-199.63
H9031: Measuring or checking instruments nes	-174.77
H9028: Gas, liquid/ electricity supply or production meters	-155.57
H9022: Equipment using X-rays, alpha, beta, gamma rays	-126.02

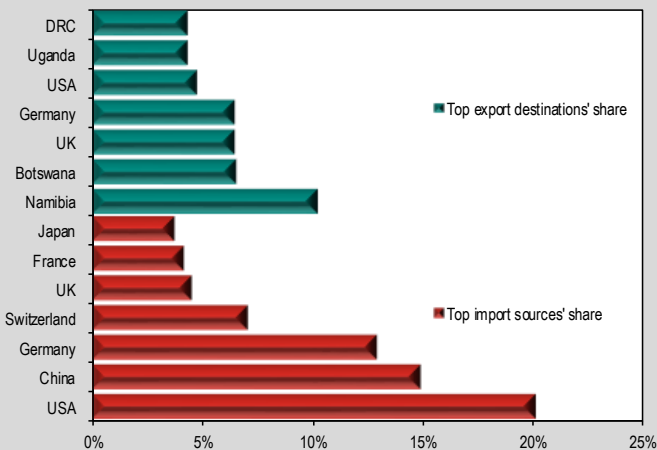
**Major traded import products**

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H9018: Instruments, etc for medical, surgical & dental use	7543.62
H9021: Orthopaedic appliances	3123.49
H9027: Equipment for physical and chemical analysis	2593.96
H9031: Measuring or checking instruments nes	2483.50
H9026: Equipment to measure level & pressure of fluidflow	1573.95
H9032: Automatic regulating or controlling equipment	1498.52
H9022: Equipment using X-rays, alpha, beta, gamma rays	1369.78
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>31368.00</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H9031: Measuring or checking instruments nes	208.25
H9028: Gas, liquid/ electricity supply or production meters	179.85
H9006: Photographic cameras (except cine), accessories	91.61
H9019: Therapeutic appliances, nes	84.49
H9020: Breathing appliances and gas masks	72.02
<b>Top losers</b>	
H8526: Radar, radio navigation & remote control apparatus	-348.95
H9018: Instruments, etc for medical, surgical & dental use	-345.92
H9014: Navigational instrumts, direction finding compass	-237.43
H9032: Automatic regulating or controlling equipment	-223.53
H9101: Watches with case of/ clad with, precious metal	-220.92

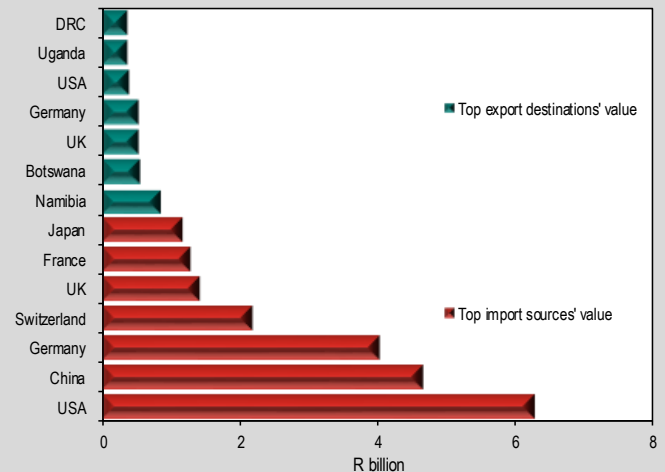
**Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)**

2017



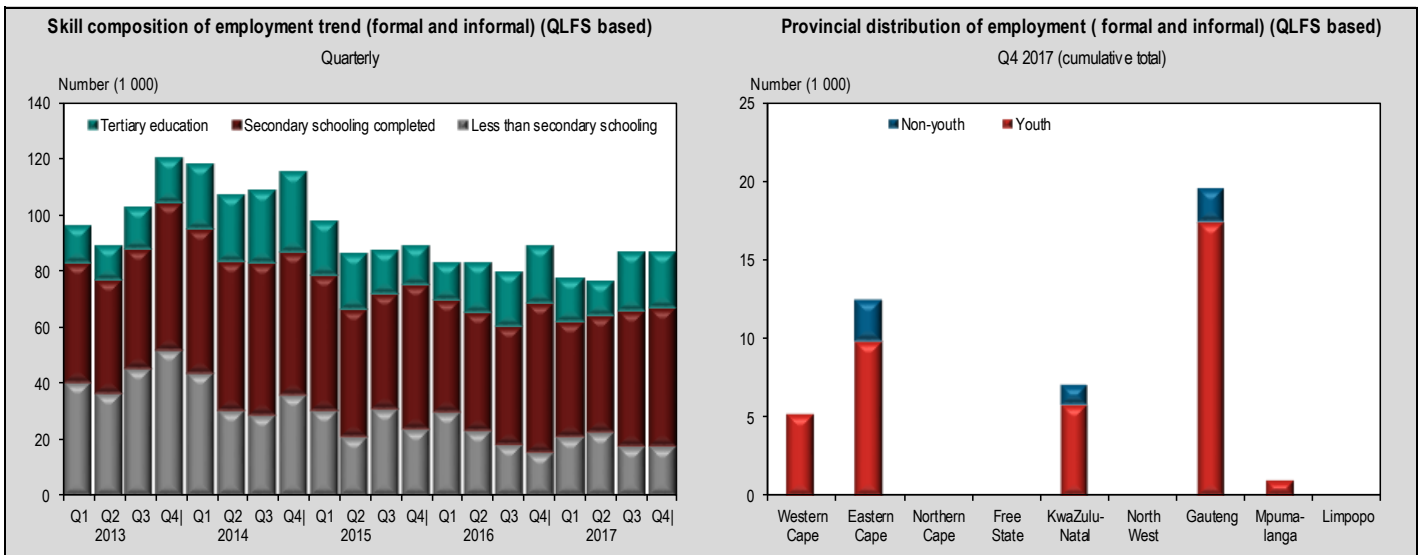
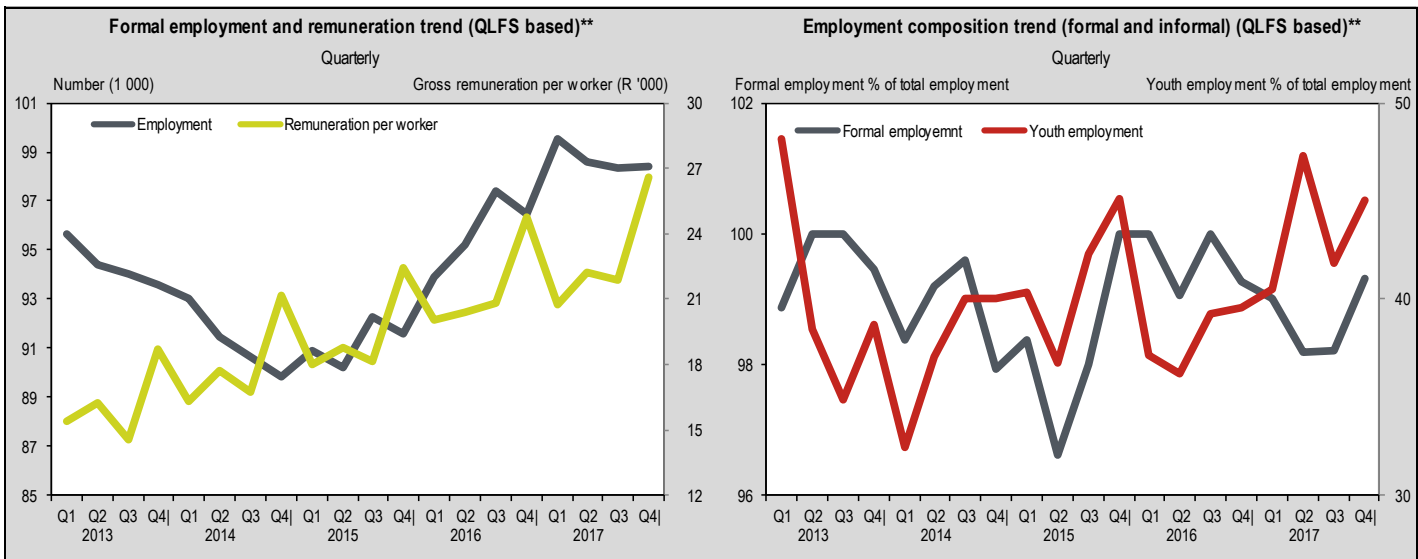
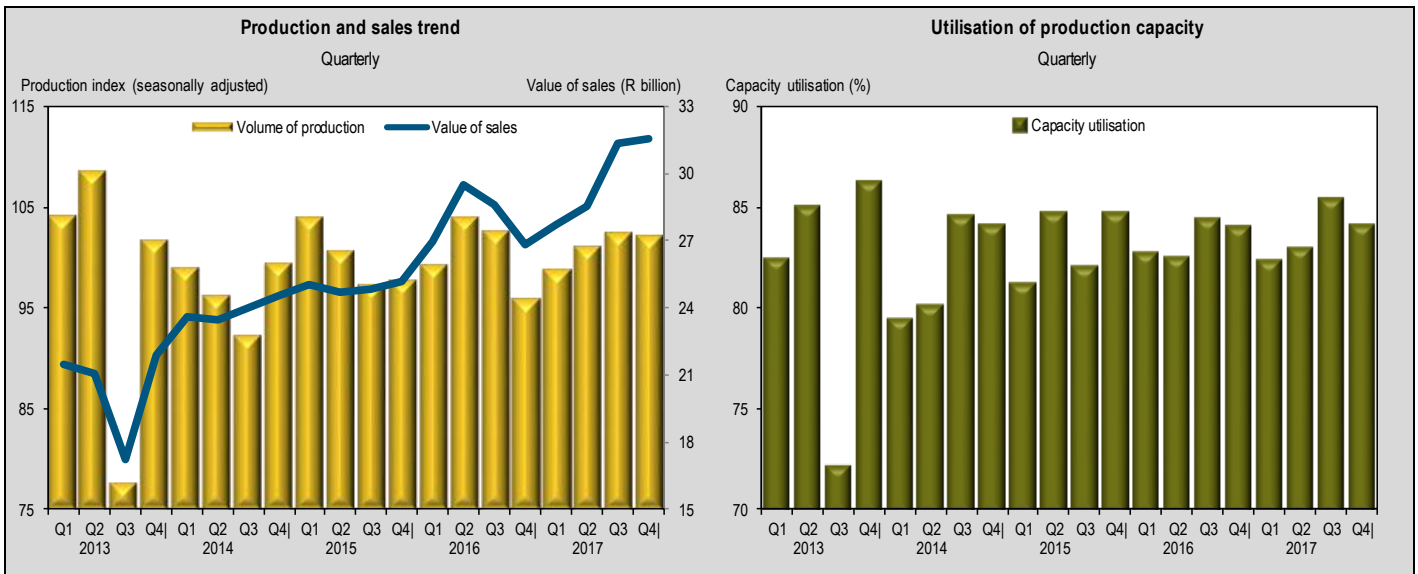
**Top trading partners (value of export/imports)**

2017



**Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)**

↑ 0.7%	↑ 0.1 (percentage points)	↑ 2.0%	↑ 7.2%	↓ -4.2%	↑ 4.8%
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

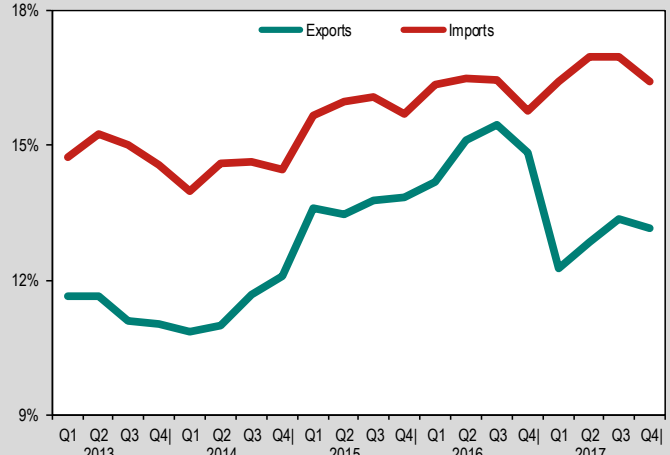
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Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



Major traded export products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H8703: Vehicles for transport of persons (except buses)	75 436.59
H8704: Motor vehicles for the transport of goods	39 503.48
H8421: Liquid, gas centrifuges, filtering, purifying machine	18 962.67
H8708: Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	9 000.61
H8409: Parts for internal combustion spark ignition engine	3 516.81
H8609: Cargo containers designed for carriage of goods	2 260.63
H8407: Spark-ignition internal combustion engines	1 611.00
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>153 928.06</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H8708: Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	215.10
H8407: Spark-ignition internal combustion engines	46.22
H8716: Trailers and non-mechanically propelled vehicles	43.31
H9801: Original equipment components	16.44
H8415: Air conditioning equipment, machinery	11.15
<b>Top losers</b>	
H8421: Liquid, gas centrifuges, filtering, purifying machine	-3 232.21
H8703: Vehicles for transport of persons (except buses)	-2 104.30
H8704: Motor vehicles for the transport of goods	-997.60
H8702: Public-transport type passenger motor vehicles	-192.55
H8409: Parts for internal combustion spark ignition engine	-158.71

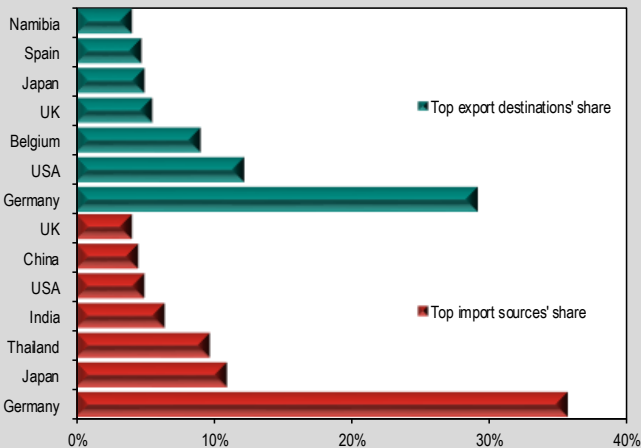
Major traded import products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H9801: Original equipment components	89 490.61
H8703: Vehicles for transport of persons (except buses)	52 944.06
H8708: Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	18 114.40
H8704: Motor vehicles for the transport of goods	10 478.39
H8409: Parts for internal combustion spark ignition engine	2 655.99
H8421: Liquid, gas centrifuges, filtering, purifying machine	2 123.42
H8702: Public-transport type passenger motor vehicles	1 428.80
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>180 977.68</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H8703: Vehicles for transport of persons (except buses)	3 794.38
H8704: Motor vehicles for the transport of goods	3 370.01
H9801: Original equipment components	1 400.46
H8716: Trailers and non-mechanically propelled vehicles	267.97
H8421: Liquid, gas centrifuges, filtering, purifying machine	205.55
<b>Top losers</b>	
H8708: Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	-666.70
H8409: Parts for internal combustion spark ignition engine	-176.34
H8705: Special purpose motor vehicles	-33.48
H8407: Spark-ignition internal combustion engines	-28.28
H8415: Air conditioning equipment, machinery	-4.27

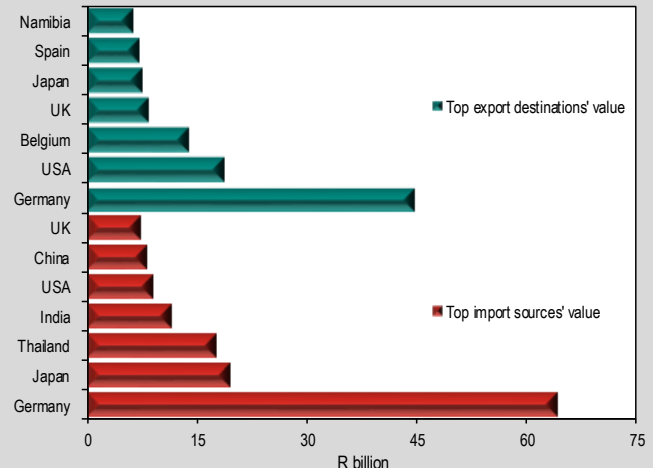
Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

2017



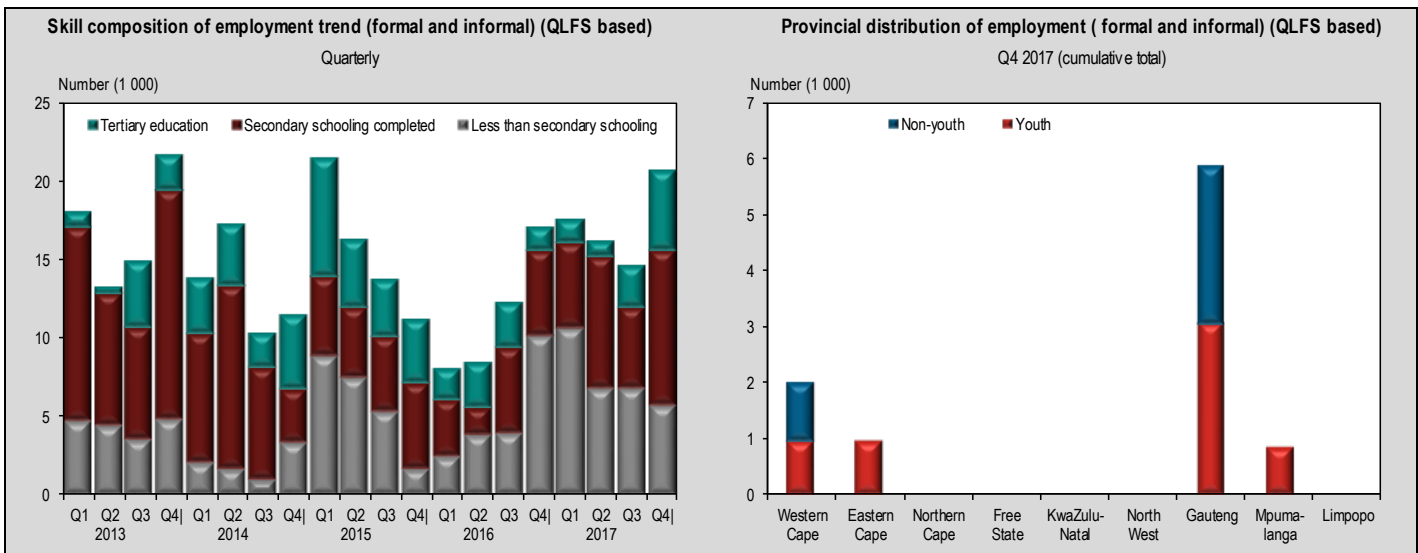
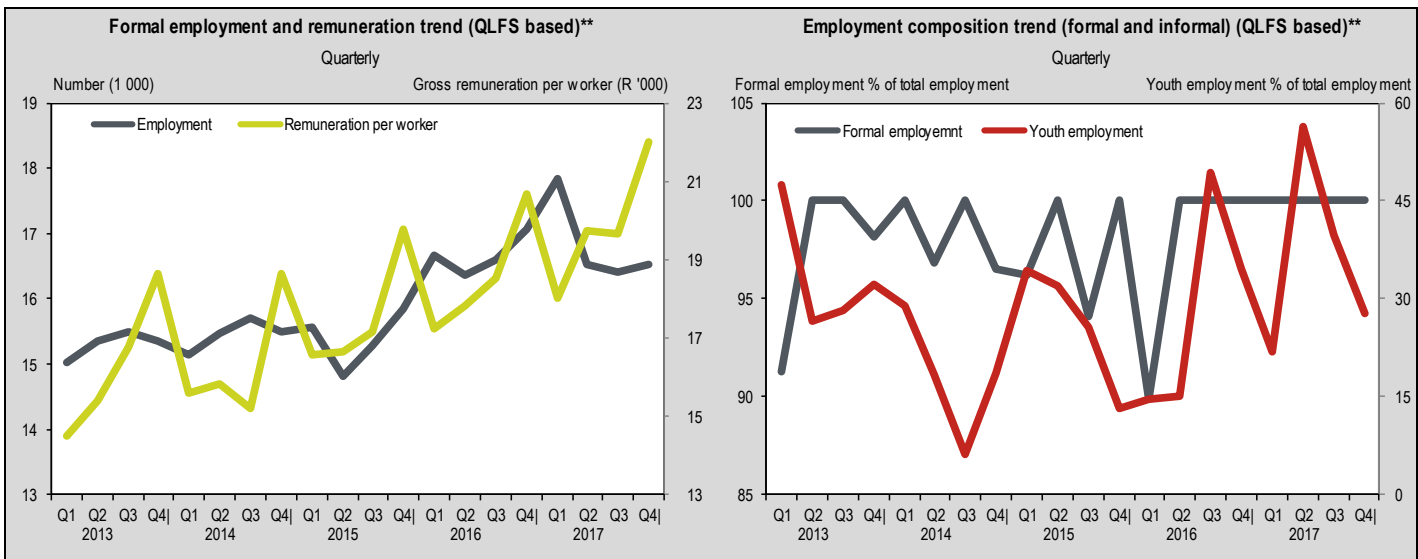
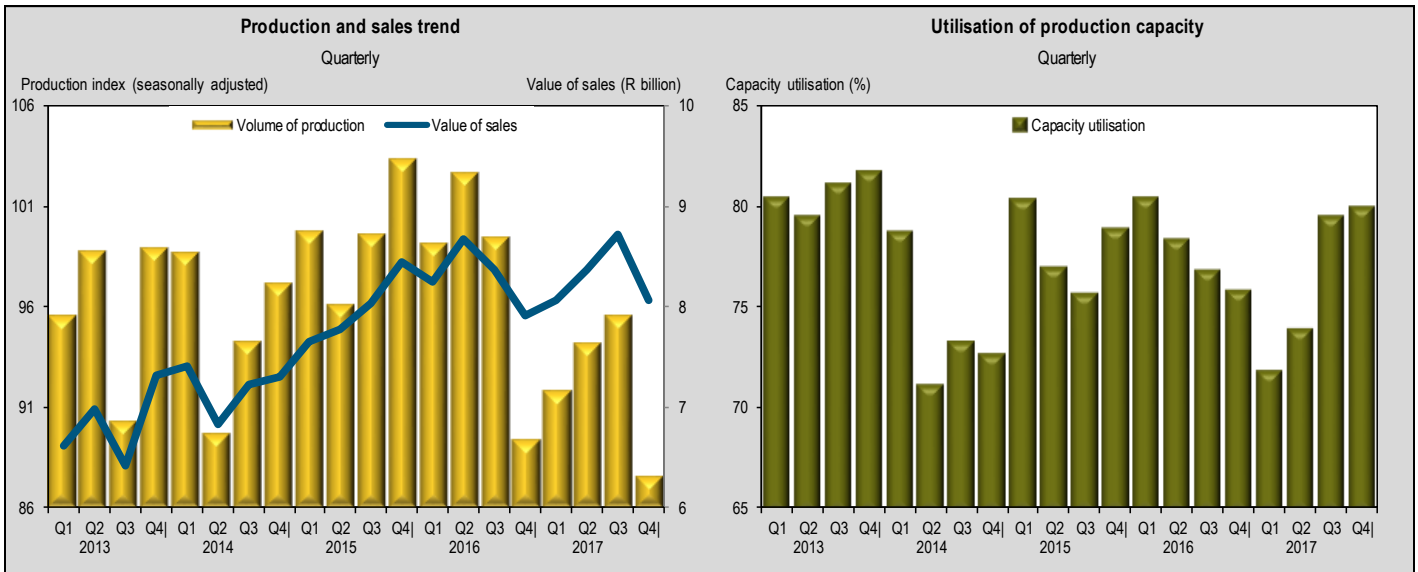
Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

2017



**Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)**

↓ -5.5%	↑ 4.1 (percentage points)	↓ -3.2%	↑ 6.3%	↓ -21.8%	↓ -20.6%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



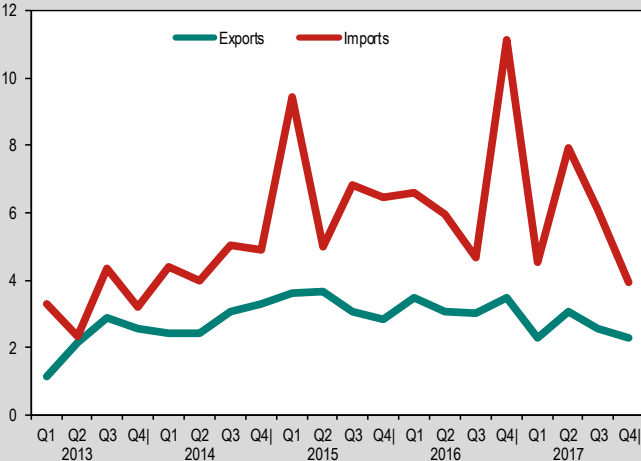
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**Trade trends (value terms)**

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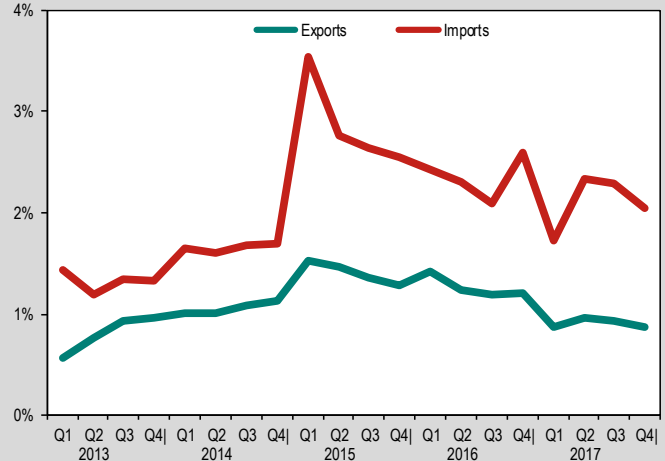
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



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

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



**Major traded export products**

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H8803: Parts of aircraft, spacecraft, etc	2 861.05
H8903: Yachts, pleasure, sports vessels, boats, canoes	1 626.14
H8802: Aircraft, spacecraft, satellites	1 437.75
H8407: Spark-ignition internal combustion engines	796.74
H841t Turbo-jets/-propellers/other gas turbine engines	790.00
H8906: Warships, lifeboats, hospital ships, vessels nes	706.29
H8607: Parts of railway, tramway locomotives, etc	424.74
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>10 231.02</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H8906: Warships, lifeboats, hospital ships, vessels nes	523.53
H8603: Self-propelled rail or tramway vehicles	398.13
H8407: Spark-ignition internal combustion engines	213.73
H8905: Special purpose ships, vessels, nes	16.93
H8805: Aircraft launching gear, flight simulators	9.54
<b>Top losers</b>	
H8802: Aircraft, spacecraft, satellites	-2 007.48
H8803: Parts of aircraft, spacecraft, etc	-534.32
H841t Turbo-jets/-propellers/other gas turbine engines	-385.51
H8901: Passenger and goods transport ships, boats	-284.87
H8606: Railway and tramway goods vans and wagons	-182.08

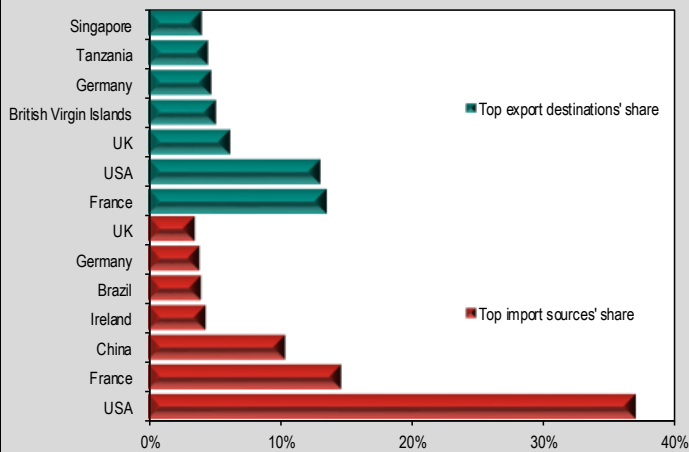
**Major traded import products**

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H8802: Aircraft, spacecraft, satellites	9 506.44
H8803: Parts of aircraft, spacecraft, etc	3 408.79
H841t Turbo-jets/-propellers/other gas turbine engines	1 634.62
H8603: Self-propelled rail or tramway vehicles	1 528.79
H8607: Parts of railway, tramway locomotives, etc	1 511.84
H871t Motorcycles, bicycles, etc with auxiliary motor	1 330.43
H8714: Parts & accessories of bicycles, motorcycles, etc	784.62
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>22 496.77</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H841t Turbo-jets/-propellers/other gas turbine engines	168.23
H8902: Fishing vessels and factory ships	84.75
H8412: Engines and motors, nes	40.40
H8608: Signals, etc for rail, tram, water-way, port, airfield	30.29
H8906: Warships, lifeboats, hospital ships, vessels nes	13.41
<b>Top losers</b>	
H8802: Aircraft, spacecraft, satellites	-3 319.34
H8803: Parts of aircraft, spacecraft, etc	-581.33
H8905: Special purpose ships, vessels, nes	-537.32
H8605: Railway passenger and special purpose coaches	-426.28
H8407: Spark-ignition internal combustion engines	-257.45

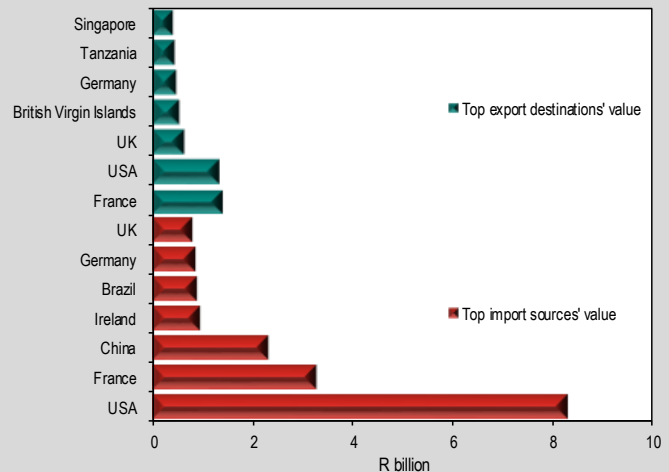
**Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)**

2017



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

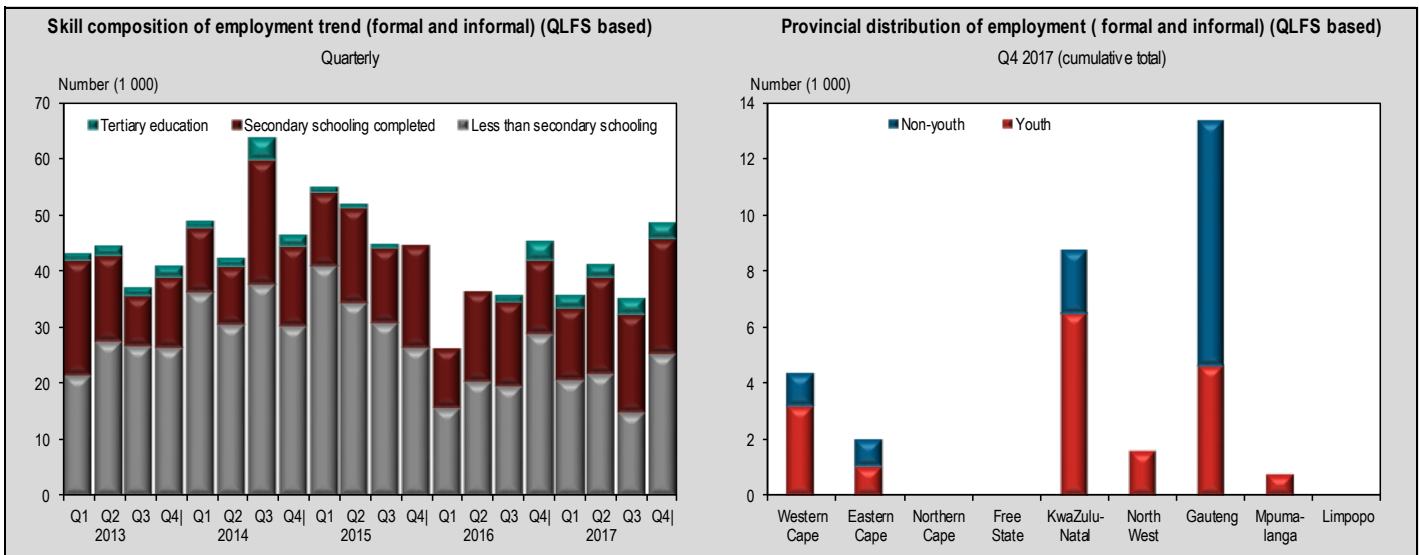
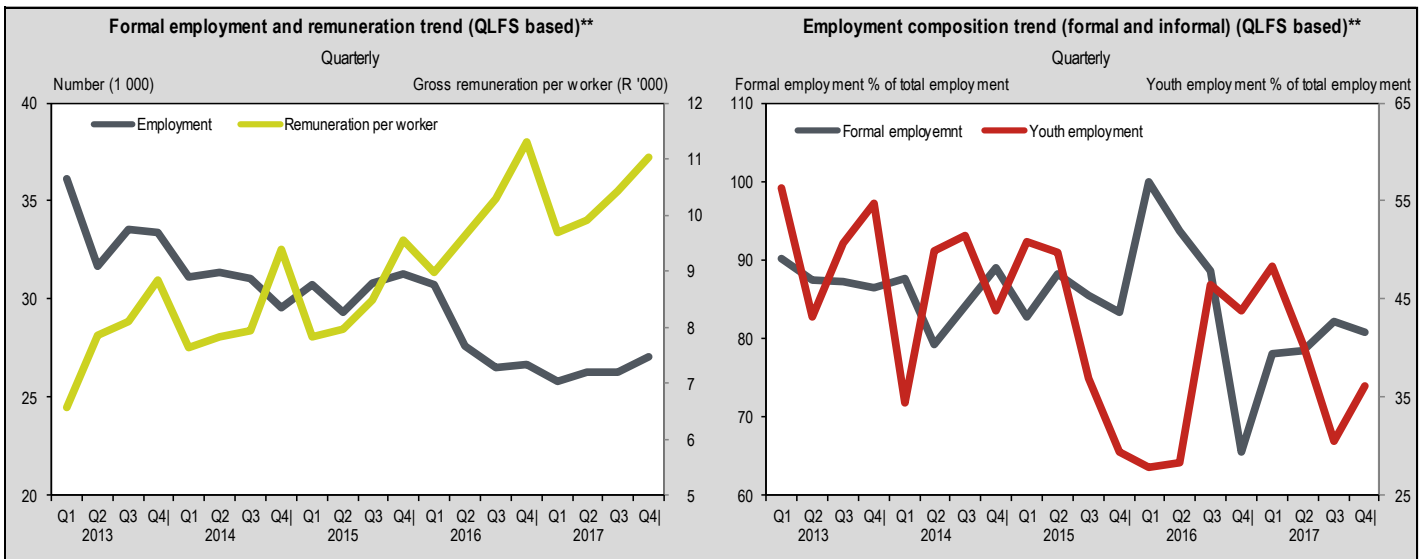
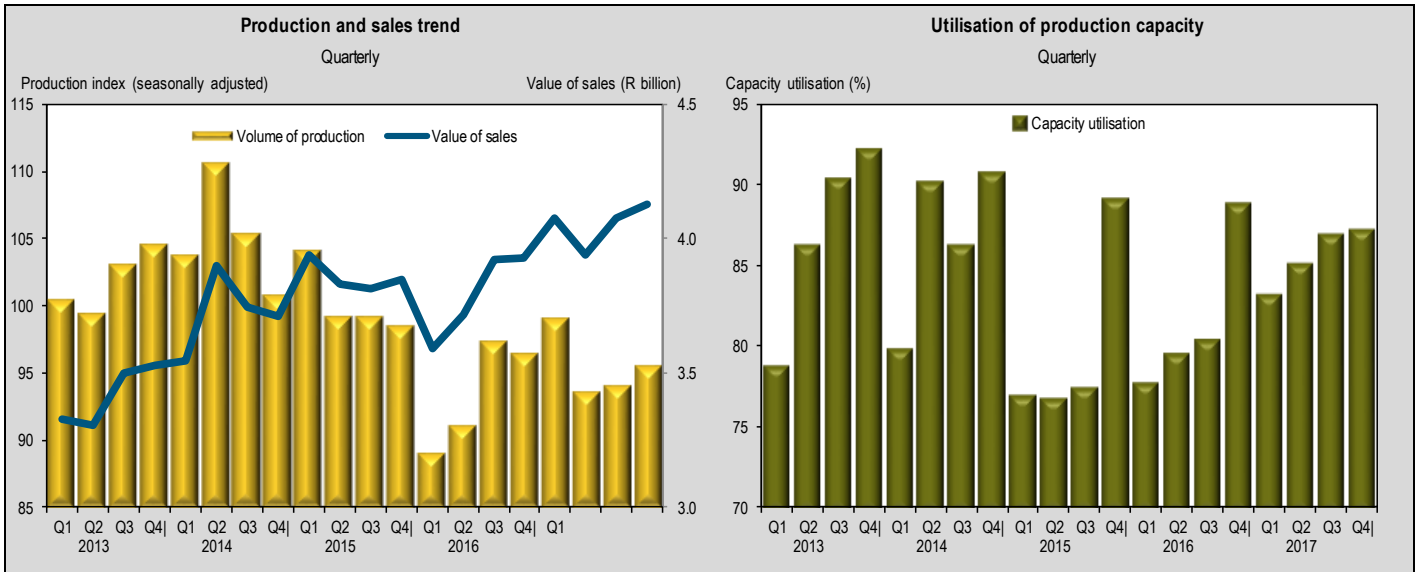
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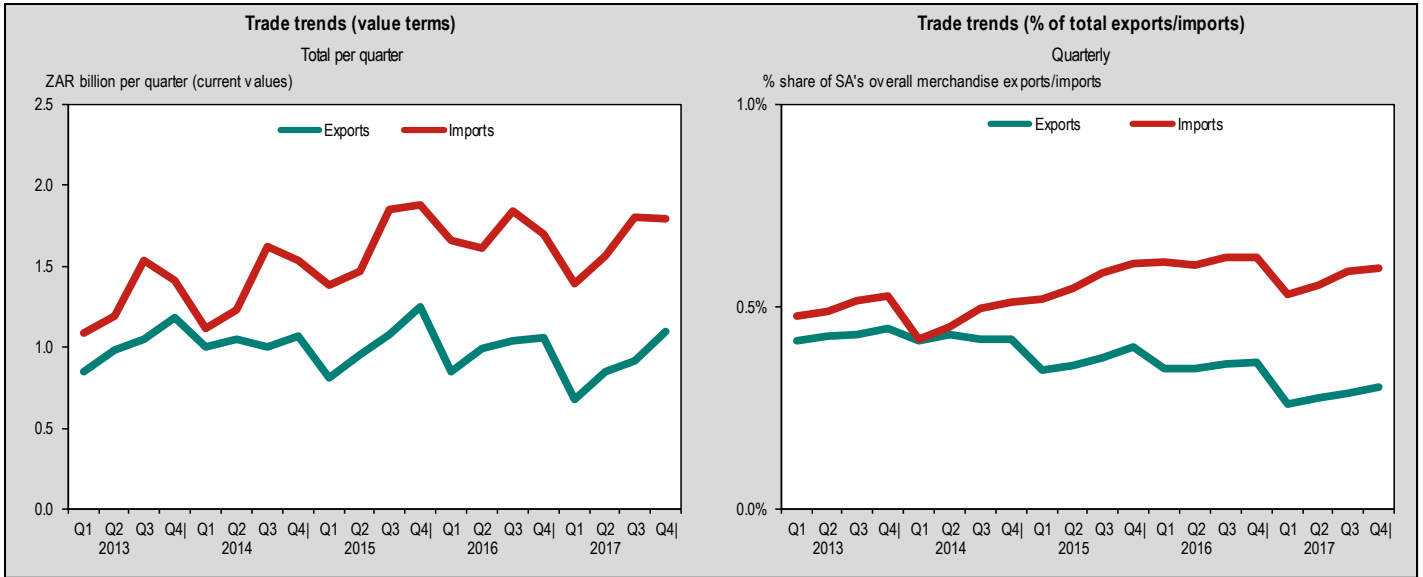
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↑ 2.3%	↓ -1.6 (percentage points)	↑ 1.3%	↓ -2.4%	↓ -9.9%	↓ -3.7%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



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### Major traded export products

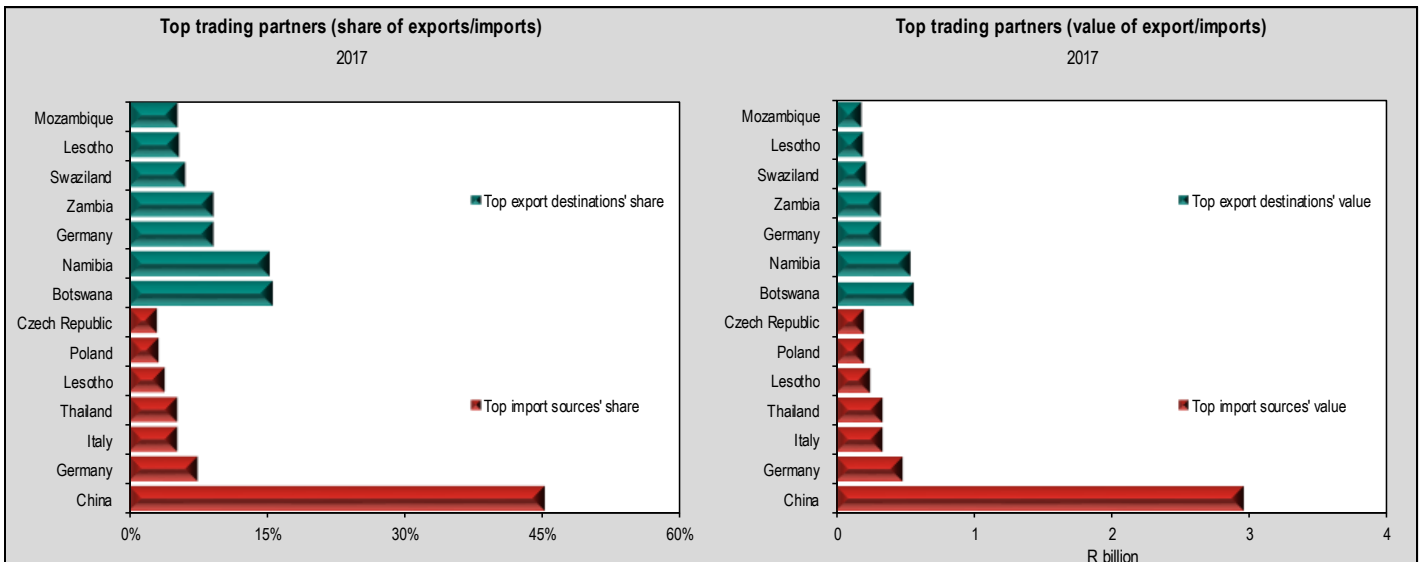
2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H9401: Seats (except dentist, barber, etc chairs)	1622.37
H9403: Other furniture and parts thereof	1569.36
H9404: Mattress supports, mattresses, bedding	357.91
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<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>3 549.63</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
<b>Top losers</b>	
H9401: Seats (except dentist, barber, etc chairs)	- 213.75
H9403: Other furniture and parts thereof	- 93.76
H9404: Mattress supports, mattresses, bedding	- 82.85

### Major traded import products

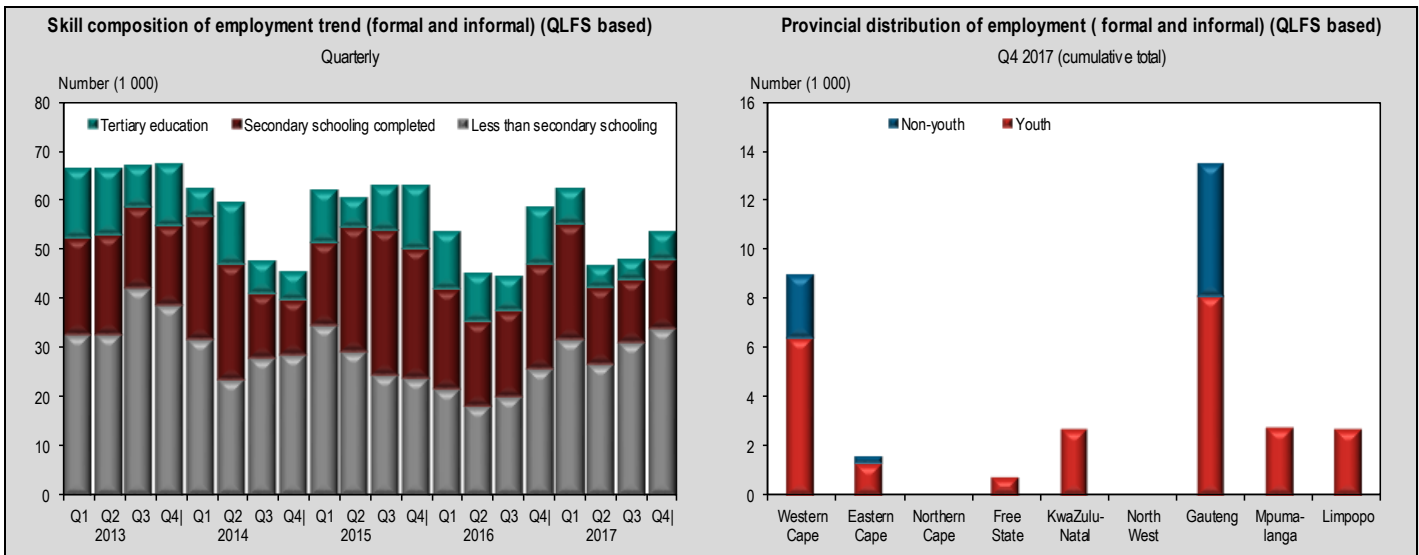
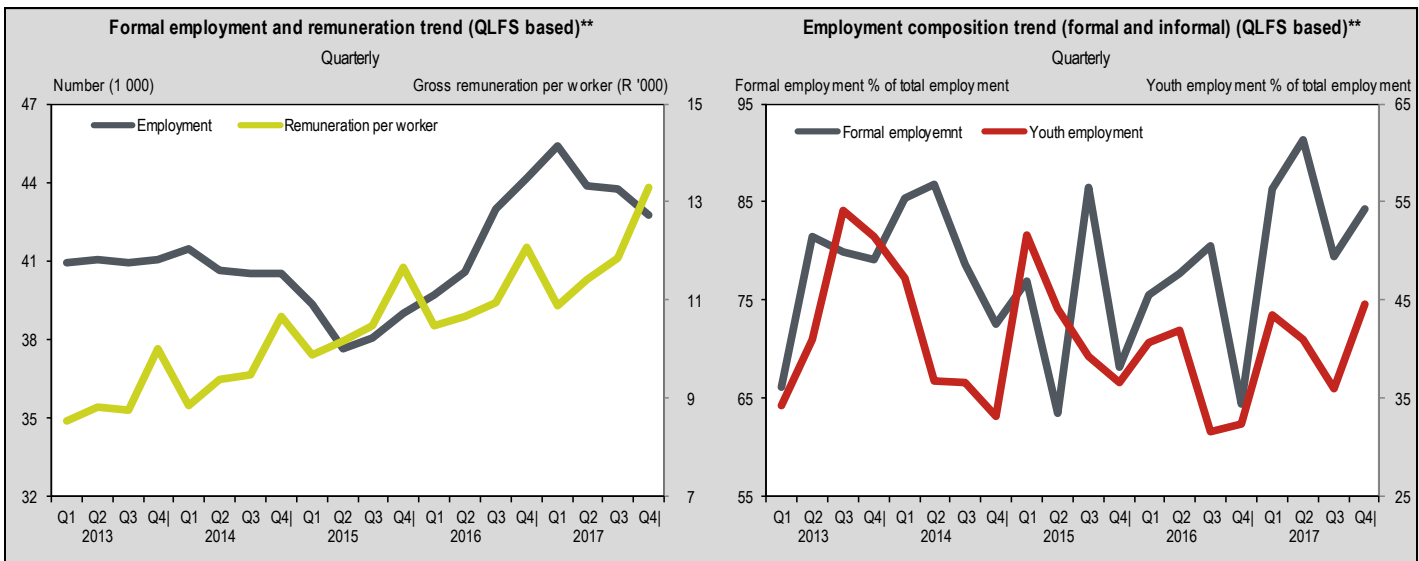
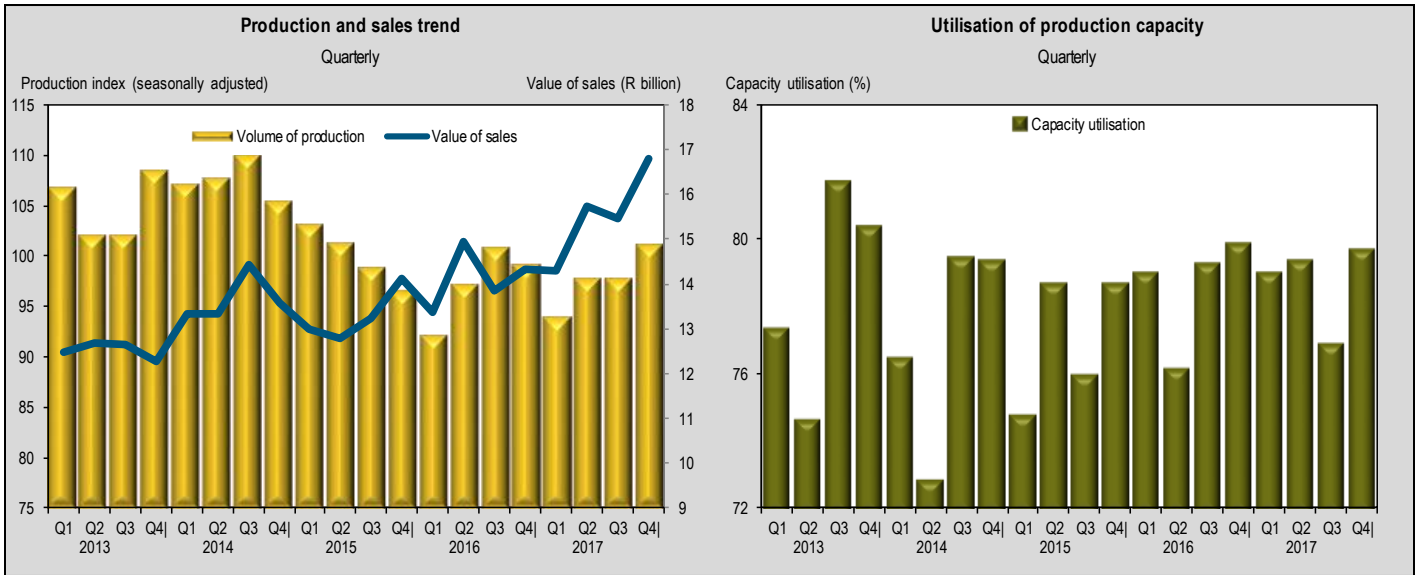
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HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H9401: Seats (except dentist, barber, etc chairs)	4 237.09
H9403: Other furniture and parts thereof	2 273.41
H9404: Mattress supports, mattresses, bedding	5161
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	0.00
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	0.00
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>6 562.11</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
<b>Top losers</b>	
H9403: Other furniture and parts thereof	- 239.05
H9401: Seats (except dentist, barber, etc chairs)	- 12.01
H9404: Mattress supports, mattresses, bedding	- 167



**Trend analysis: 2017 y-o-y (except: capacity utilisation, employment and remuneration - Q4 2017 y-o-y)**

↑ 0.3%	↓ -0.2 (percentage points)	↓ -3.1%	↑ 10.2%	↑ 7.1%	↓ -6.0%
Production (seas. adj.)	Capacity utilisation	Employment*	Gross monthly remuneration per worker	Exports (ZAR)	Imports (ZAR)



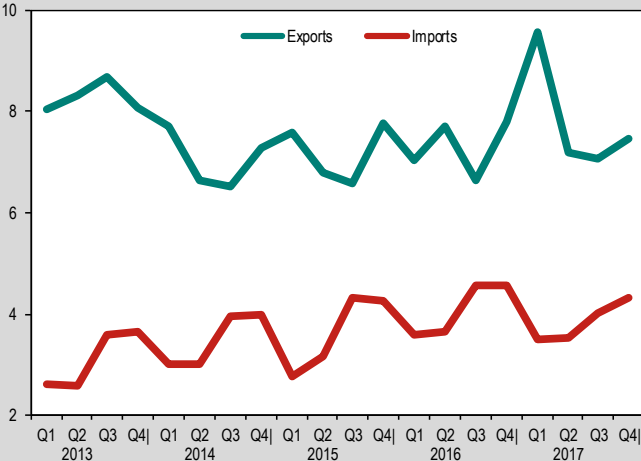
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Trade trends (value terms)

Total per quarter

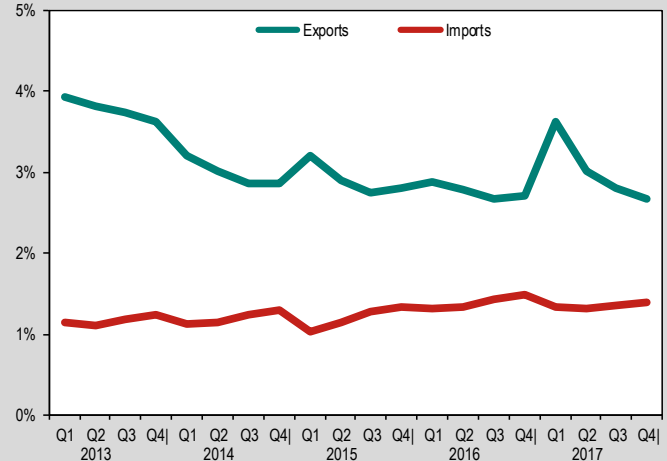
ZAR billion per quarter (current values)



Trade trends (% of total exports/imports)

Quarterly

% share of SA's overall merchandise exports/imports



Major traded export products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top exports</b>	
H7118: Coin	8 457.08
H7112: Waste or scrap of precious metal	6 179.43
H2618: Granulated slag from iron & steel industry	3 129.59
H2402: Cigars, cigarettes etc, tobacco/tobacco substitute	1940.38
H7113: Jewellery and parts, containing precious metal	1766.99
H7204: Ferrous waste or scrap, ingots or iron or steel	1638.60
H2403: Tobacco, tobacco substitute products nes	1005.40
<b>Exports Total (including others)</b>	<b>31302.14</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H7118: Coin	2 195.77
H2618: Granulated slag from iron & steel industry	902.76
H7112: Waste or scrap of precious metal	4315.4
H2620: Metal containing ash/ residue except iron or steel	129.46
H8548: Electrical parts of machinery and apparatus	89.11
<b>Top losers</b>	
H7404: Copper, copper alloy, waste or scrap	-1009.49
H7204: Ferrous waste or scrap, ingots or iron or steel	-272.04
H7602: Aluminium waste or scrap	-147.44
H7115: Articles of, or clad with, precious metal nes	-82.39
H9503: Other toys, scale models, puzzles, etc	-75.84

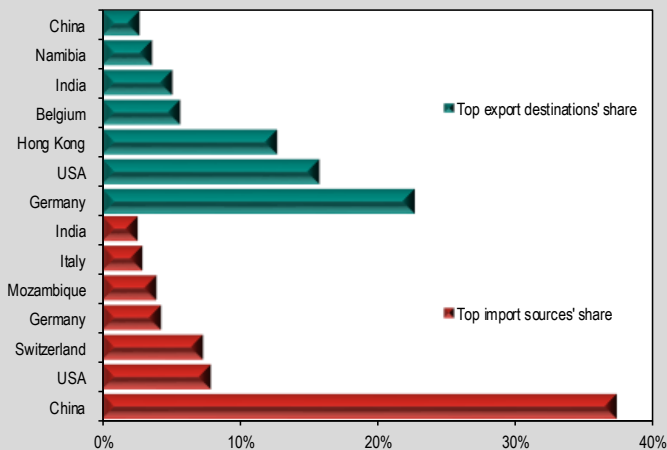
Major traded import products

2017

HS4 code: sector description	ZAR m
<b>Top imports</b>	
H9503: Other toys, scale models, puzzles, etc	2 283.70
H9504: Articles for funfairs, table and parlour games	1867.66
H9506: Equipment for gymnastics, sports, outdoor games nes	1606.77
H2402: Cigars, cigarettes etc, tobacco/tobacco substitute	1233.29
H9603: Brooms, brushes, mops, feather dusters, etc	69188
H6704: Wigs, false beards, eyebrows and eyelashes	666.47
H7113: Jewellery and parts, containing precious metal	652.51
<b>Imports Total (including others)</b>	<b>15 387.29</b>
<b>Top gainers</b>	
H9703: Original sculptures and statuary, in any material	177.94
H7115: Articles of, or clad with, precious metal nes	12172
H7204: Ferrous waste or scrap, ingots or iron or steel	108.24
H2402: Cigars, cigarettes etc, tobacco/tobacco substitute	76.88
H7105: Dust & powder of precious/ semi-precious stones	40.93
<b>Top losers</b>	
H7113: Jewellery and parts, containing precious metal	-375.88
H2302: Bran, sharps etc, from working cereals/ legumes	-177.53
H9701: Hand made paintings, drawings, pastels, collages	-164.88
H2308: Veg. waste, residues, etc for animal feed	-116.78
H9503: Other toys, scale models, puzzles, etc	-101.19

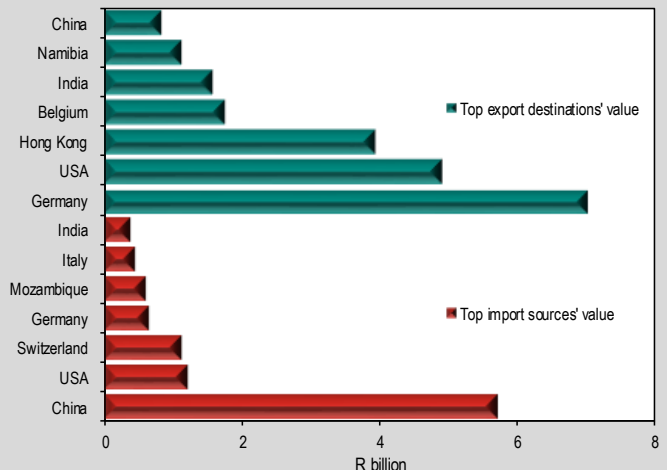
Top trading partners (share of exports/imports)

2017



Top trading partners (value of export/imports)

2017



## 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.
- Discrepancies may arise between preliminary trade data released by SARS and the Quantec data utilised in this report due to historical revisions.
- The methodology utilised by StatsSA 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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