

Economic Snapshot: Alfred Nzo District

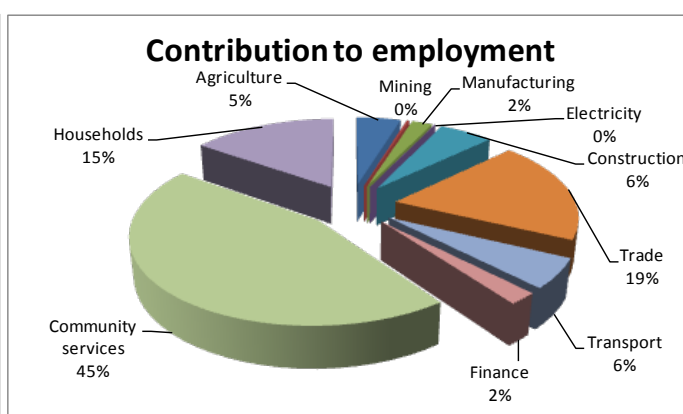
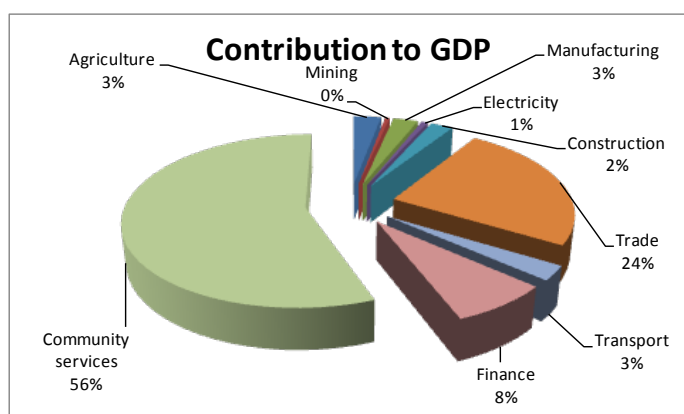
Alfred Nzo District is located on the north-eastern side of the Eastern Cape. The district stretches from the Drakensberg Mountains and borders Lesotho in the north. The local municipalities that make up Alfred Nzo District Municipality are Mbizana, Ntabankulu, Umzimvubu and Matatiele.

District Socio-Economic Indicators 2010

Population	832 121	Official Unemployment rate	44%
Population of working age	441 078	No of people with Matric and certificate/diploma	19 044
No of households	199 944	Access to electricity	35%
GDP growth rate	1.1%	Access to formal housing	26%
GDP per capita	3 172	Access to hygienic toilets	24%
Poverty rate	63%	Access to water at or above RDP Standards	36%
Literacy	49%	Number of people unemployed	33 145
Number of people employed	39 253		

Economic Sector Overview

The district economy is largely driven by government, both in terms of employment and economic growth.



IDP and LED strategic priorities

Alfred Nzo District Municipality IDP's focus is on spatial development, service delivery, financial viability, good governance and public participation.

Current LED initiatives focus on agriculture, cropping and livestock, tourism development and small scale mining.

Opportunities to facilitate economic growth and create jobs

Economic infrastructure priorities for economic growth are upgrading airstrips at Mount Ayliff, Matatiele and Cedarville and revival of the district rail network from Matatiele to Franklin, Gauteng and Durban.

There is potential for growth and job creation in bio-fuels production, livestock farming (goats, sheep, beef and dairy) and crop production.

Approximately 3862 hectares is currently under forestry plantations and an estimated 15000 Hectares of land has been identified as having forestry potential.

