

Economic Snapshot: Cacadu District

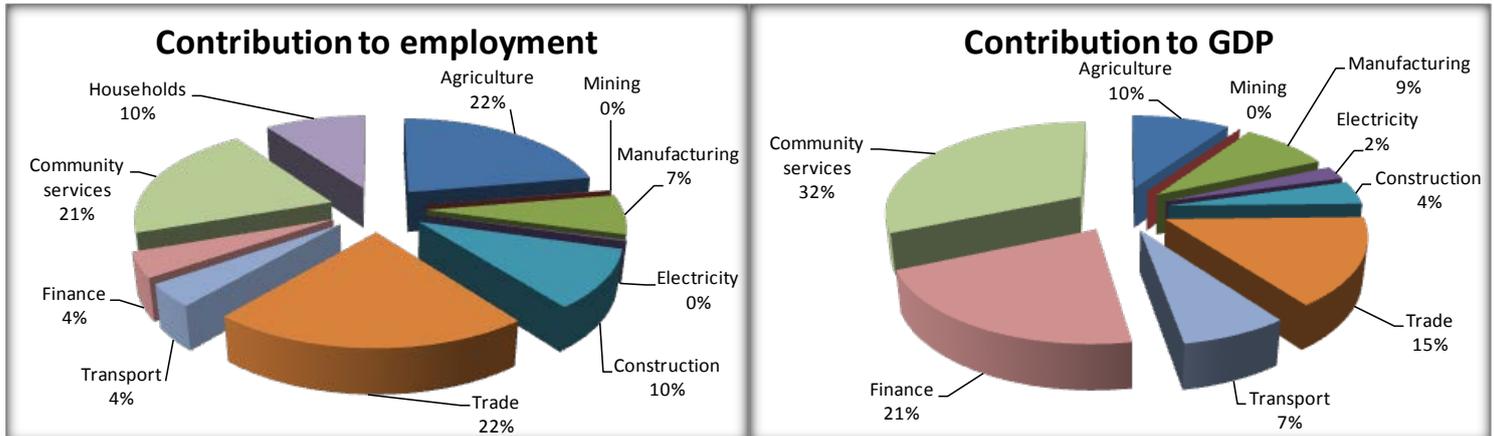
Cacadu District is situated in the western part of the Eastern Cape and is made up of nine local municipalities (see overleaf). The district also covers two national parks, namely the Addo Elephant Park and the Tsitsikamma National Park.

Socio-Economic Indicators 2010

Population	446 055	No of people unemployed (official)	26 662
Population of working age	303 339	Official Unemployment rate	20%
No of households	122 533	No of people with Matric and certificate/diploma	16 605
GDP growth rate	3%	Access to electricity	86%
GDP per capita (ZAR)	24 354	Access to formal housing	90%
Poverty rate	37%	Access to hygienic toilets	67%
Literacy	68%	Access to water at or above RDP standard	96%
No of people employed	108 046		

Economic Sector Overview

The district economy is largely driven by government, finance and trade. Trade, agriculture and government sectors create the largest number of jobs in Cacadu district.



IDP and LED strategic priorities

IDP focus is on municipal finance, planning and support, access to basic services, public employment through the community works programme and human settlements.

Current LED initiatives focus on agro-tourism, agro processing, renewable energy, natural fibre cluster, a fibre innovation hub and skills development.

Opportunities to facilitate economic growth and create jobs

Cacadu district is the largest producer of agricultural goods in the Eastern Cape Province. Agricultural production is centred on the citrus industry, with some production of pineapples, chicory, flowers, lucerne and vegetables. The district is the largest mohair producer in the world and harbours potential for agro-processing from beneficiation of animal and plant fibres.

There is potential for the mining of kaolin reserves and establishment of a ceramics industry. The district has a growing tourism industry based on natural, cultural and historical features in the area. In terms of location, Cacadu is in close proximity to an international airport and deep-water port for export in Nelson Mandela Bay as well as two industrial development zones (Coega IDZ and East London IDZ).

