

Economic Snapshot: Nelson Mandela Bay Metro

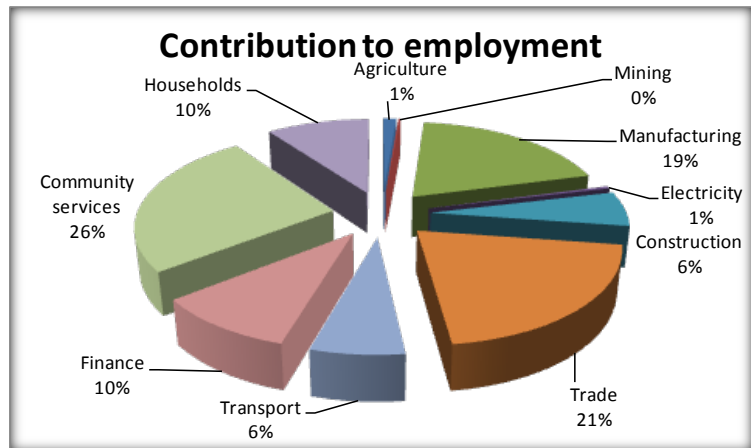
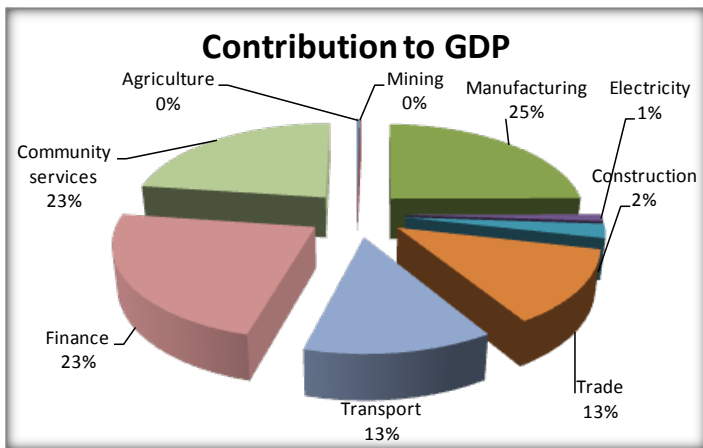
Incorporating Port Elizabeth, Uitenhage and Despatch, the NMBM covers an area of 1 950 km. NMBM's main economic assets are the Coega Industrial Development Zone (IDZ), Port Elizabeth Harbour, Port of Ngqura, and coastal areas suitable for tourism (Port Elizabeth Waterfront and the NMB South coast).

Socio-Economic Indicators 2010

Population	1 176 082	No of people unemployed (official)	120 036
Population of working age	839 241	Official Unemployment rate	30%
No of households	327 414	No of people with Matric and certificate/diploma	61 561
GDP growth rate	2.1%	Access to electricity	92%
GDP per capita (ZAR)	52 147	Access to formal housing	85%
Poverty rate	32%	Access to hygienic toilets	84%
Literacy	90%	Access to water at or above RDP standard	94%
No of people employed	272 130		

Economic Sector Overview

The largest economic sectors in the Nelson Mandela Metro are manufacturing, finance, community services and transport. Community services, trade and manufacturing sectors are the sector that create the most employment in the Metro.



IDP and LED strategic priorities

IDP focuses on the integration of sustainable human settlement and on the provision of basic services such as water services, sanitation, roads, storm water, electricity and integrated transport.

LED Priority areas include promotion of investment, basic services and poverty relief, community empowerment and skills development. The LED strategy also aims to support the second economy through business activities of emerging business and informal traders.

Opportunities to facilitate economic growth and create jobs

The Auto-sector remains the mainstay of NMBM's economy and the recently established auto-cluster is an important mechanism for identifying how the investment climate can be improved, with respect to logistics, skills and local supplier development.

World-class logistics are critical to industrial investment promotion. Priority areas for investment should be the NMB-Gauteng Logistics Corridor and strategic roads such as the M19 from Uitenhage to N2 and Coega).

