

Welcome to Mpumalanga

Mpumalanga - place of the rising sun - lies in the north-eastern region of South Africa and shares international borders with Swaziland and Mozambique. The province is endowed with spectacular natural beauty, a wealth of natural resources and is one of the fastest growing provinces in South Africa. There are approximately 3 million people living in the province, most of whom are Swazi and Ndebele. More than 60% of the population lives in non-urban areas.

Mpumalanga enjoys a sub-tropical climate with hot summers and mild to cool winters. The province displays a high biological diversity, with three recognised centres of endemism. Many areas of the province are still in pristine condition.

The main economic activities in Mpumalanga include:

- Manufacturing;
- Mining;
- Electricity generation;
- Agriculture;
- Forestry; and
- Tourism.

The urban centres in the province show one of South Africa's fastest growing employment rates (2% per year) and the highest economic growth rate in the country (4% per year).

The information in this report is presented for the four district municipalities found in Mpumalanga, namely: Ehlanzeni District Municipality; Nkangala District Municipality; Eastvaal District Municipality and Sekhukhune Cross Boundary District Municipality (CBDM). Sekhukhune is known as a CBDM as it crosses over Mpumalanga's provincial borders and resides within two provinces. Local municipalities that are cross boundary, and do not fall into one of the four district municipalities listed here, have not been included in this study.



Municipal boundaries of Mpumalanga province