

## STATE OF THE ECONOMY

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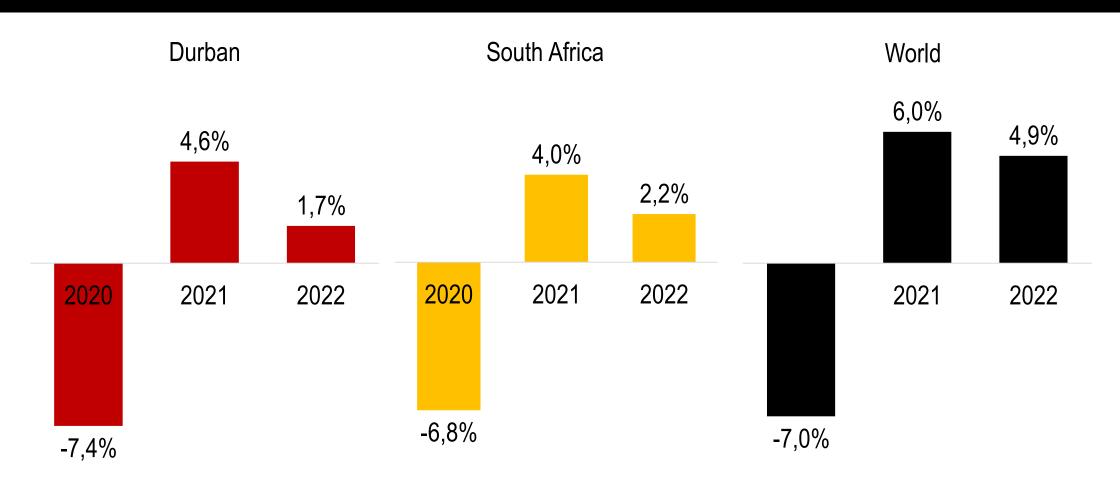


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# GDP PROJECTIONS WORLD, SOUTH AFRICA AND DURBAN (2020-2022)





Emerging economies will grow at 6,3% this year, according to the IMF. African economies will grow at 4,1%. This is places South Africa on par with its African counterparts. Vaccine access has emerged as the dividing factor of economic recovery.

## SOUTH AFRICA GROWTH PROSPECTS



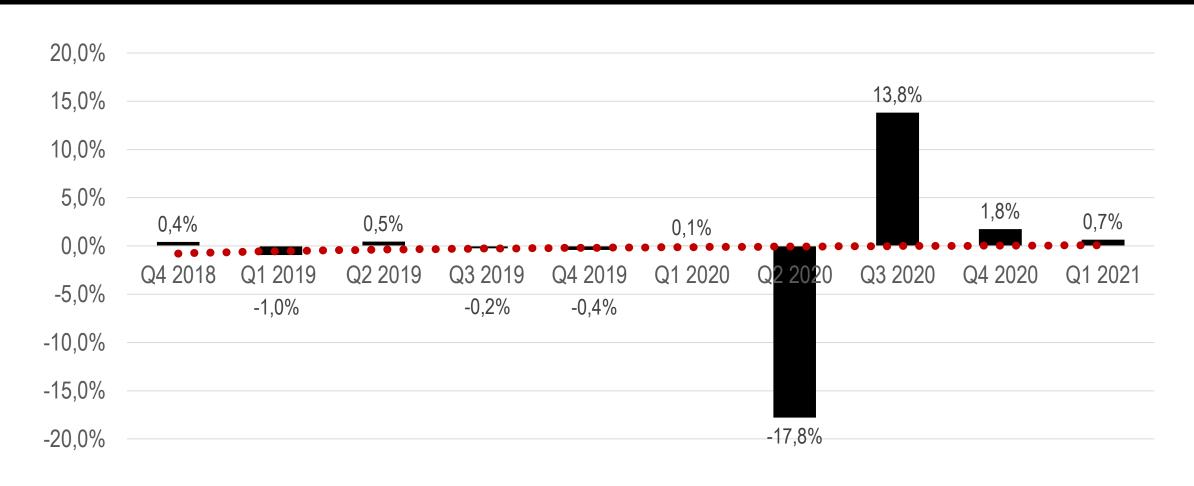
#### **GOOD NEWS!**

- Commodity boom which is lifting national growth good agricultural output and growth in precious metals.
- **Tax revenue increase:** Tax revenue amounted to R377-billion for the period from April to June 2021, an increase of 56.2% on the previous year. This will increase government's spending power.
- RCL has reported a return to profit and even though the chicken side is still struggling, the business as a whole is doing well.
- Checkers has recorded a profit and created 4000 new jobs.
- Renewable energy is another area of growth and the City has put out a request for interest on IPPs for 400mw.
   This is attracting significant interest and will create growth.
- **Tech and innovation** present inherent opportunities for economic growth which is essential for the City's future.

#### **DURBAN'S GROWTH TRAJECTORY**

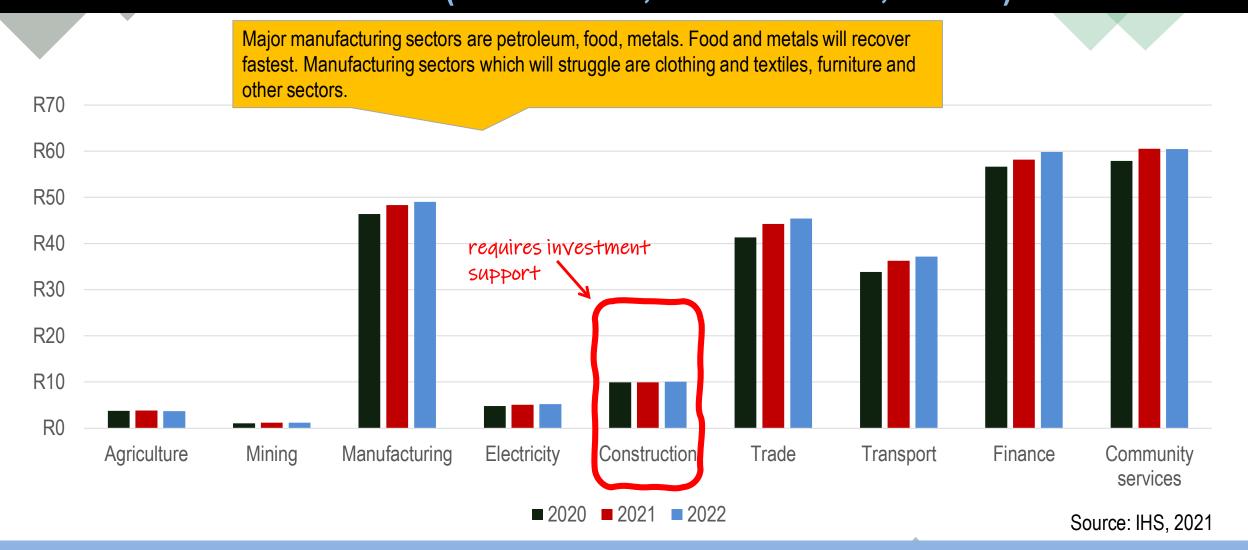


#### PROLONGED DAMPENED GROWTH, NEW OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE A LIFELINE



# GDP PROJECTIONS OF DURBAN'S BROAD SECTORS 2020-2022 (CONSTANT, 2010 PRICES, R1000)





Manufacturing, trade and business/ finance are the fastest recovering sectors. Construction, energy and agriculture will struggle to recover and require more assistance.



#### **NET ECONOMIC IMPACT: -R12.8 BILLION**

#### **BASED ON 720 RESPONSES**

**JOBS AT RISK: 91 000** 

91 000



**VALUE OF LOST SALES AND STOCK: R** 

**R40 BN** 



**VALUE OF DAMAGE TO PROPERTY: R15 BN R15 BN** 



**VALUE OF LOST EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY: R20 BN** 

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**BUSINESSES NEGATIVELY IMPACTED:** 

16 000



#### **DURBAN'S FORECASTED ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE**

**FULL RECOVERY EXPECTED IN 2022** 







#### PRELIMINARY SURVEY RESULTS

**720**Survey Respondents

41,824

JOBS IMPACTED

7,789

JOBS CONFIRMED LOST

R2.32bn

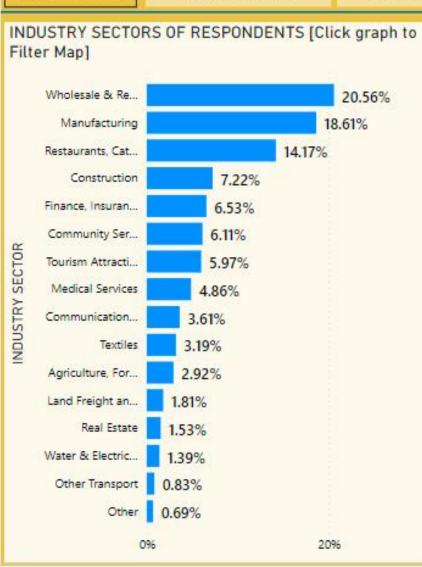
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

R566.45M

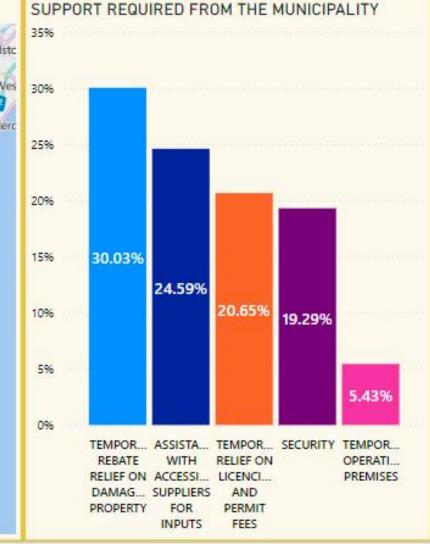
DAMAGE TO MACHINERY AND EQUIP.

STOCK LOST TO LOOTING

R1.07bn

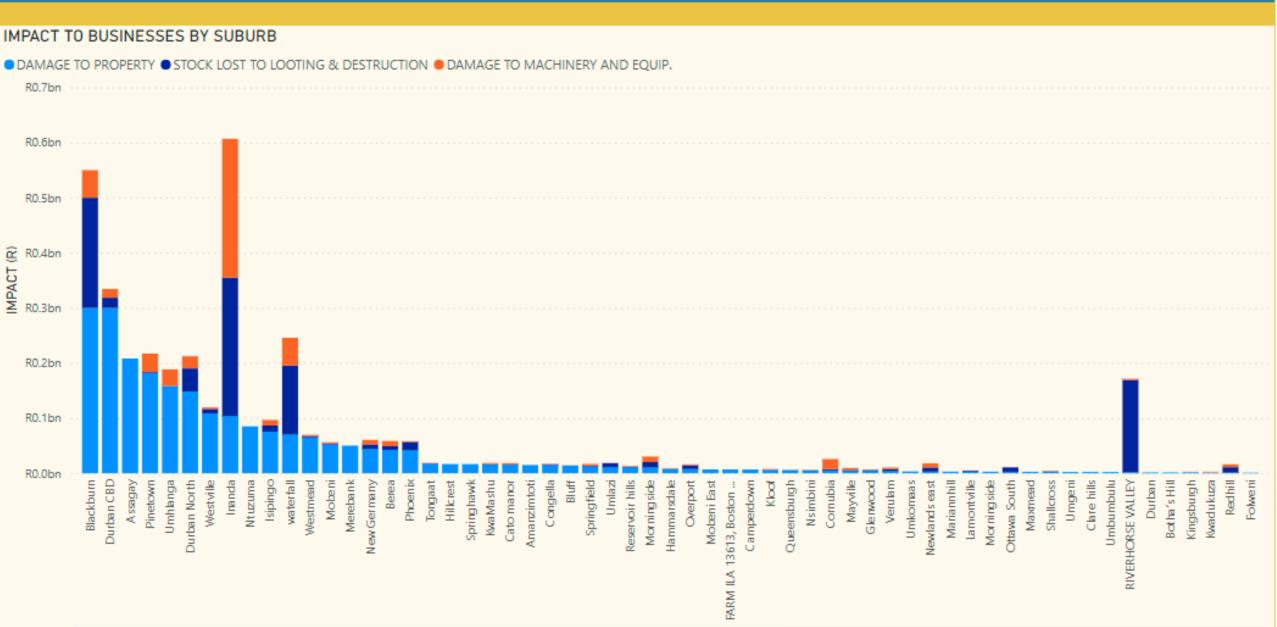








#### **IMPACT ON BUSINESSES PER SUBURB**





#### **OVERALL IMPACT ON BUSINESSES**



7,789

JOBS CONFIRMED LOST

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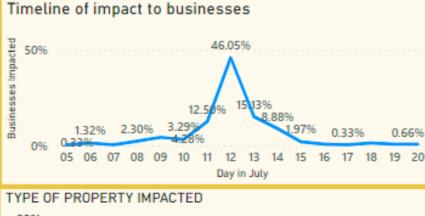
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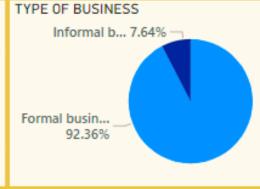
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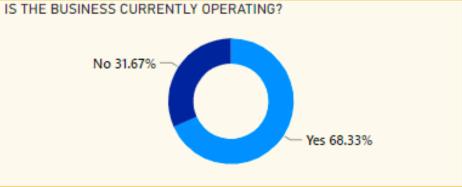
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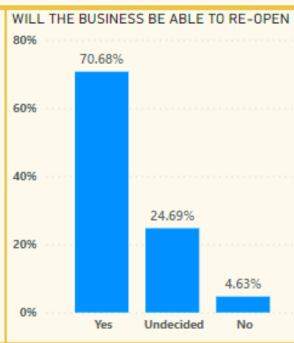
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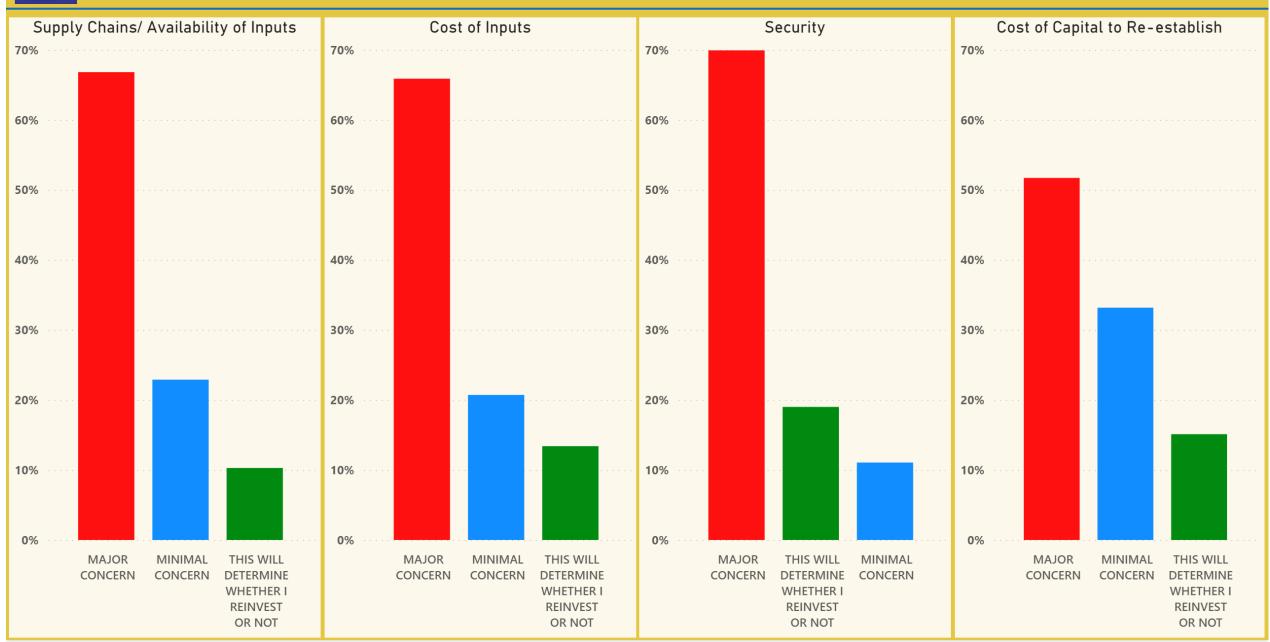






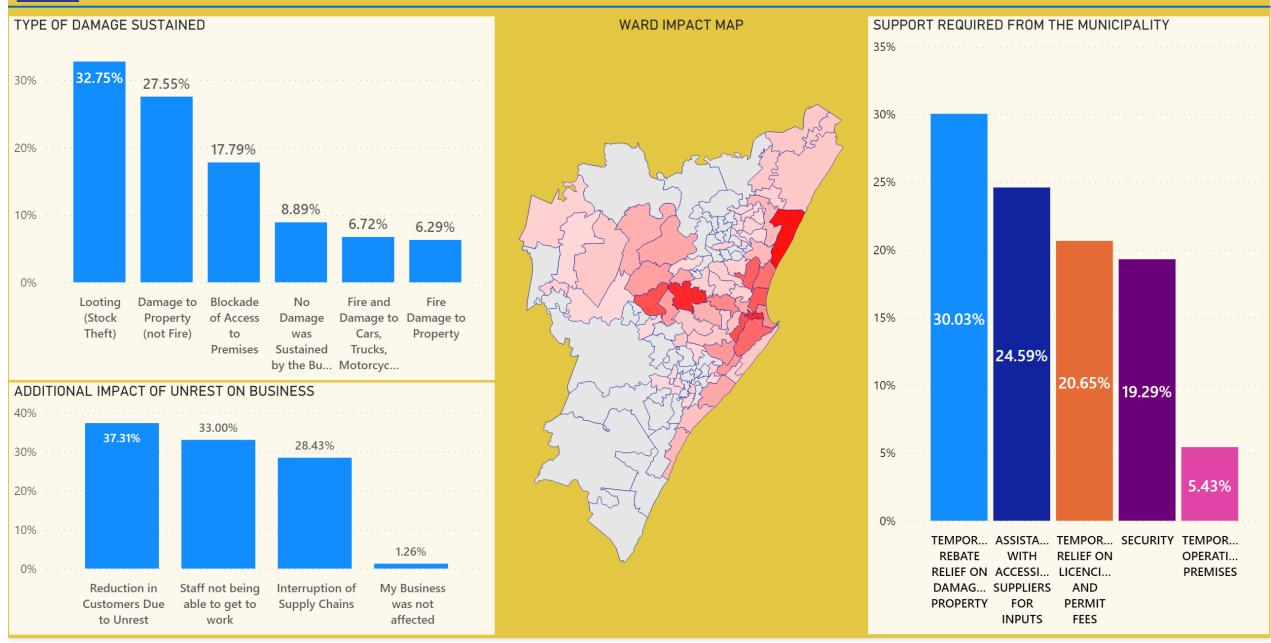


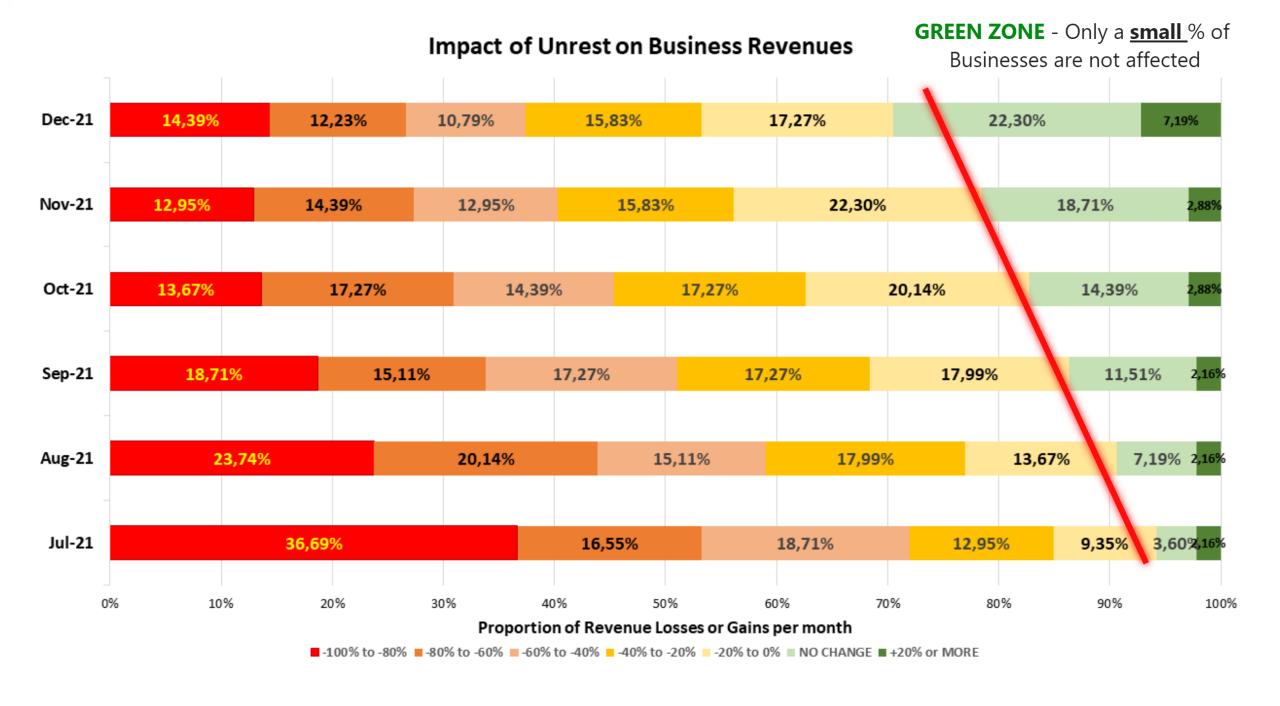
#### **BUSINESS CONCERNS BY CATEGORY**





#### **IMPACT ON BUSINESSES - 2**







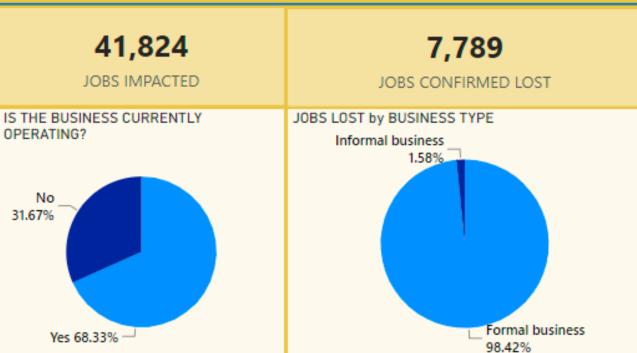
#### **JOBS IMPACT**

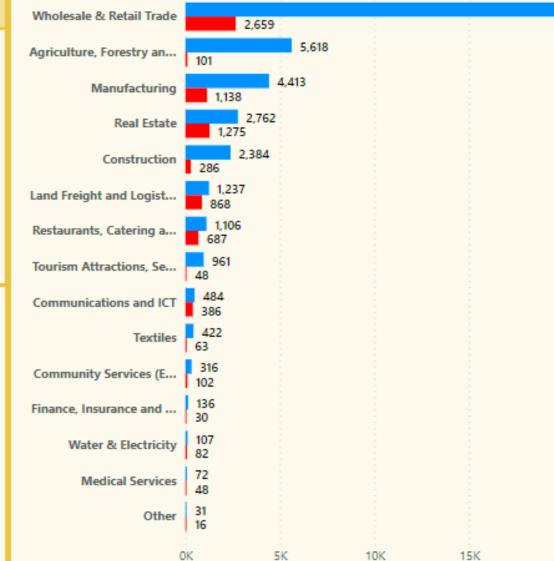
JOBS IMPACT per SECTOR



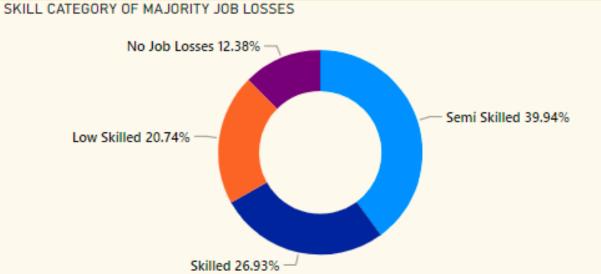


21,775

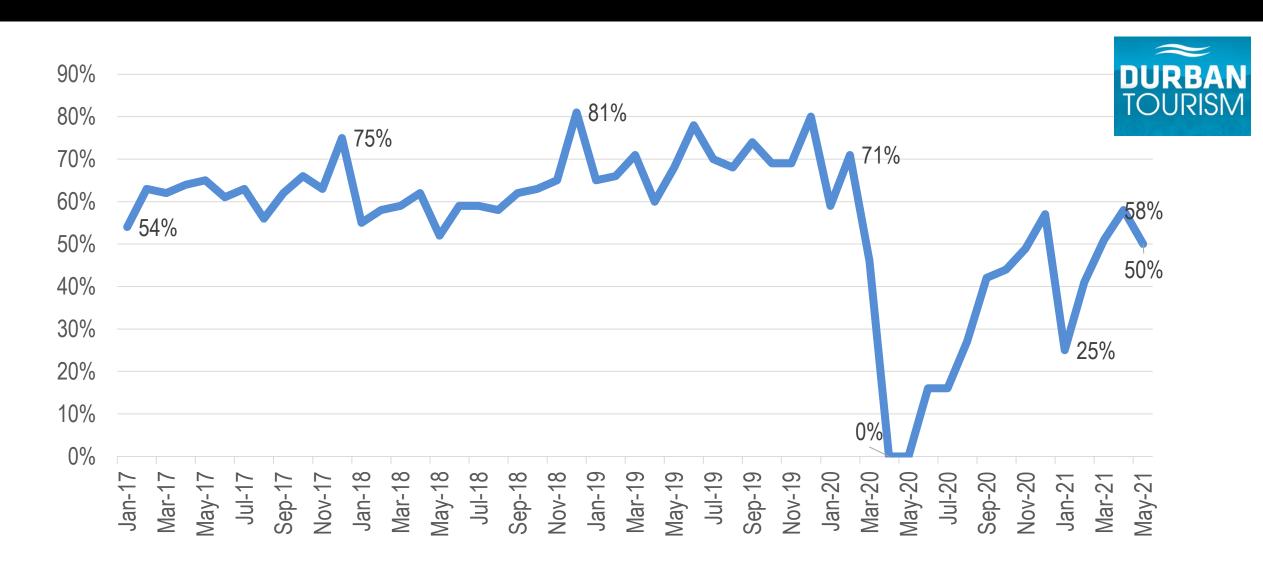




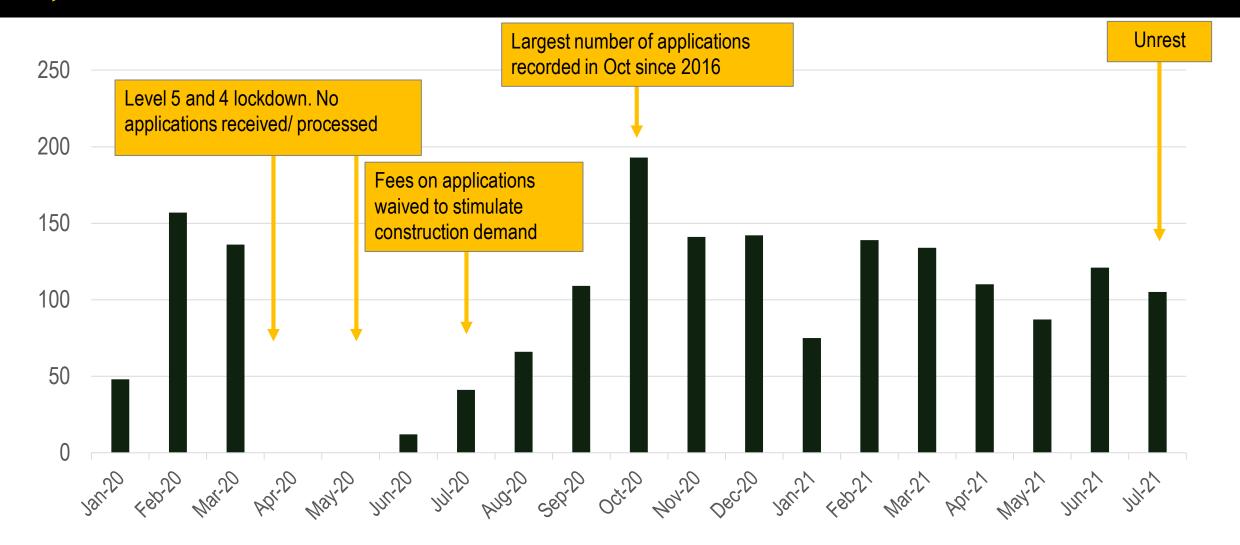
NUMBER OF PEOPLE NORMALLY EMPLOYED
 ANTICIPATED JOB LOSSES



#### TOURISM: OCCUPANCIES HAVE MAINLY BEEN DRIVEN BY BUSINESS TOURISM

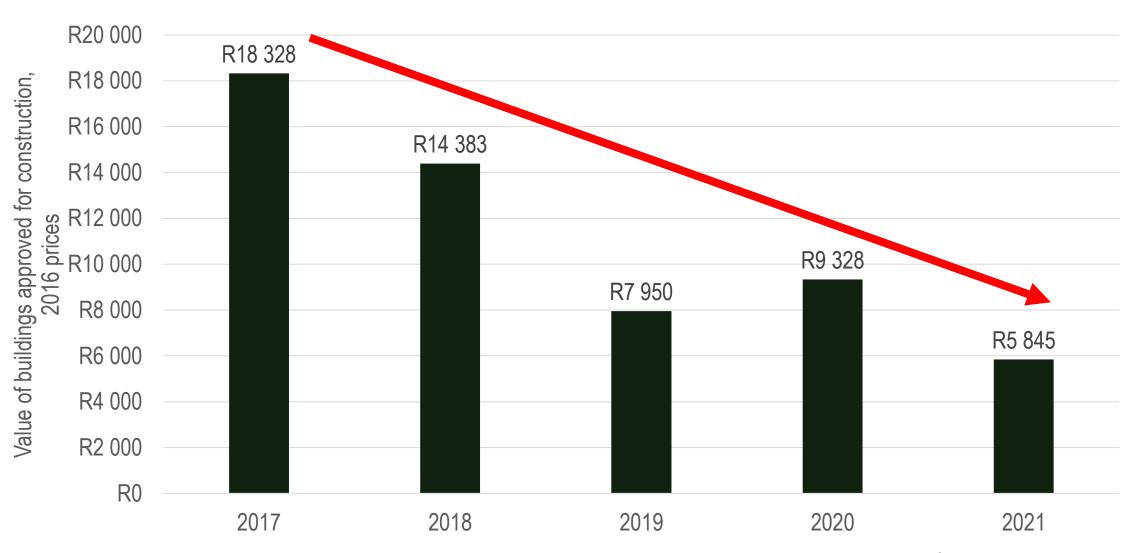


# TRENDS IN NEW CONSTRUCTION APPLICATIONS R6,9 BILLION IN INVESTMENT PLANNED



24 industrial properties and 9 commercial properties.

#### WHAT IS THE ROOT CAUSE OF DECLINING APPLICATION VALUES?



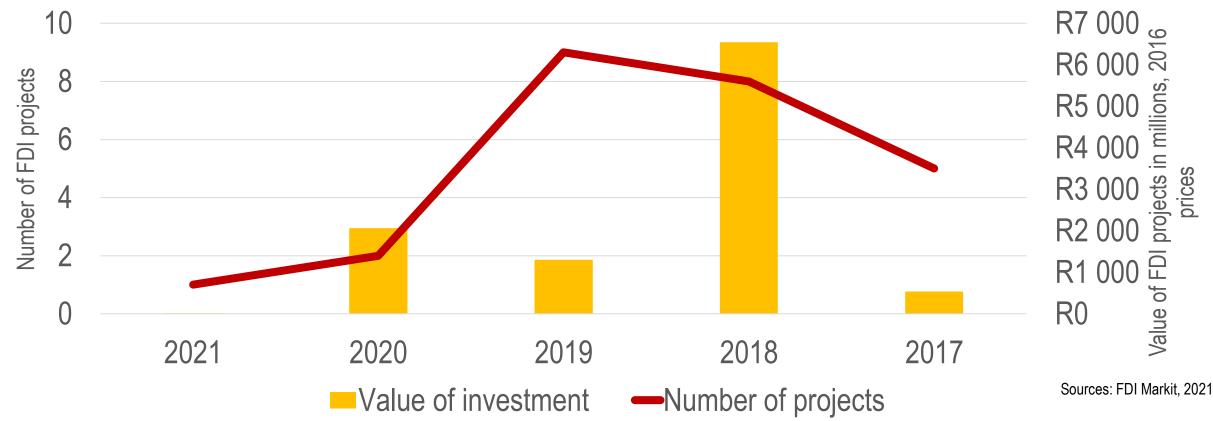
# FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT(FDI) GAINS IN DURBAN'S ECONOMY



R3,5 bn in FDI attracted

in 2020/2021 financial year

- Toyota is Durban's main investment attracted in 2020 (R2,43 bn).
- Number of announced projects: In 2020, Durban experienced a significant decline of 71% compared to the previous year



### THE JOB MARKET

#### **UNEMPLOYMENT IN DURBAN IS AT ITS HIGHEST IN HISTORY**

**AS AT JUNE 2021/ COMPARED TO MARCH 2021** 



Strict unemployment: 26% (up from 20,6%)



Number unemployed: 376 000 (up by 84 000)



**Exp unemployment: 36,9% (up from 34,9%)\*** 



Number employed people: 1,07 million (down by 51 000)



Likelihood of being employed in Durban: 42,7% (down 5%)



Strict youth unemployment: 31,5% (delayed one quarter, up from 30,7%)

#### THE CITY'S RESPONSE



#### **Unrest Impact - One Stop Centre**

- 6 to 12 month 75% rates holiday for completely non-functional buildings
- Re-evaluation of property value for completely damaged buildings (only if 75% rates holiday is not selected)
- Waiving of full building plan submissions for rebuilding of damaged properties
- Post construction brownfields development rates rebate (Economic Development Incentive Policy)
- Disconnection of services due to damaged buildings
- Waiving of reconnection fees where services have been disconnected due to unrest
- 3 month extension on rates holiday for Bed and Breakfasts (up to 64% rates relief)
- Rental holiday for SMMEs located on municipal properties that are non-functional due to the unrest
- 3 month rental holiday to informal traders, from 1 July 2021

Just under 200 applications received and processed (or referred) to date

## THE CITY'S RESPONSE



#### SAKHA ITHEKU SHAPE DURBAN



SFA 1: A compact, productive, and liveable city that connects citizens with economic opportunities



SFA 2: Re-industrialised economy through localisation and investment in targeted industries



SFA 3: An inclusive and shared economy



SFA 4: Government that is capable, customer-centric, enabling, efficient and integrated



SFA 5: Vibrant tourism destination that celebrates its cultural and creative endowments

## CONCLUSIONS



- Vaccination progress has generally determined the ace of global growth
- South Africa's economy in a good position due to global factors, and renewable energy provides growth opportunities locally.
- eThekwini economy is forecasted to grow at under 5% this year. However, this is optimistic.
- Looting has been devastating to the progress made by the economy and a significant drive of unit is required to rebuild the City
- Questions remain over the nagging issues resulting in the decline in real investment by domestic private sector in the City's economy.

- The City has been proactive in responses to assist business post the unrest, having set up the One Stop Centre with a range of concessions to encourage rebuilding building by business.
- Finally, the City's Five Year Economic Recovery and Shared Growth Path 2022 – 2027 is in draft form, in response to Durban's stagnant economic growth and will be presented to ECOD shortly.

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