

# Garden Route

# November 2022

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This destination sector fact sheet provides key trade and investment related statistics for the Garden Route district municipality. Specifically, it shows the Garden Route district's area, population, employment, trade, investment, and tourism trends with the rest of the world. The key highlights are provided below:

### ECONOMY

- In 2021, the Garden Route district economy grew by 4.68% as recovery from the adverse impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic got underway.
- The George local municipality was the largest contributor to GDP in the Garden Route district in 2021, accounting for 40.23% of regional GDP, followed by Mossel Bay and Oudtshoorn, which accounted for 17.55% and 12.74%, respectively.
- The finance, insurance, real estate, and business services sector was the largest contributor to the Garden Route's GDP in 2021, accounting for 32.78%, followed by the wholesale and retail trade, catering, and accommodation sector at 14.78%, and the manufacturing sector at 13.35%.
- The food, beverages and tobacco sector were the largest contributor to the Garden Route's manufacturing sector, accounting for 26.71% of output in 2021.
- Business services was the largest contributor to the Garden Route's services sector, accounting for 35.03% of output in 2021.

### TRADE

- Total export receipts for the Garden Route amounted to ZARR5.78 billion in 2021, an increase of 14.50% on 2020s value of ZAR5.04bn. Imports in turn posted a 42.63% y-o-y growth to a cost of ZAR9.6 billion in 2021, up from ZAR6.8 billion in 2020.
- The United Kingdom has been the top destination market for Garden Route exports over the past five years. More recently, ZAR611.94m worth of exports were destined for the UK in 2021, equivalent to 10.60% of global exports in 2021.
- Zimbabwe was the only country from the African continent that featured among the district's top 10 destination markets, with ZAR16.61 million worth of grain sorghum products destined for this country in 2021.
- The top import source market for the region in 2021 was India, with ZAR1,992.79m worth of products imported into the region in 2021. This was equivalent to 20.71% of global imports in the said year.

### INVESTMENT

- Between January 2010 and October 2022, seven foreign direct investment projects with a combined value of ZAR22.97bn were recorded into the Garden Route. These projects created a total of 580 jobs. Four of these projects originated from European countries, two projects were from the United States, and one from China.

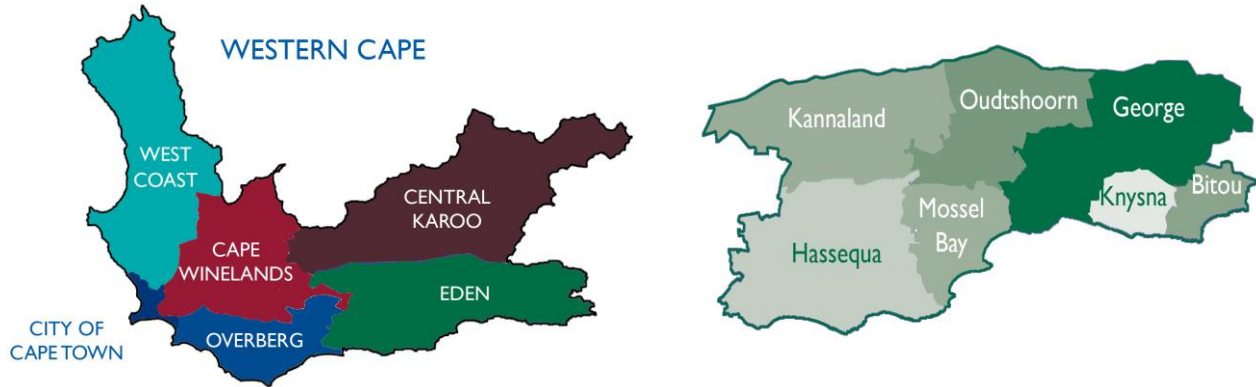
### TOURISM

- The 4 participating Garden Route & Klein Karoo attractions received a total of 195 082 visitors over the period January to June 2022. During the first half of 2022, January saw the highest recorded number of visitors (53 160 visitors) to the region followed by March (38 579 visitors) and April (37 664 visitors).
- The top three domestic markets were the Western Cape (50.7%), Gauteng (11.9%) and KwaZulu-Natal (10.4%).
- The United States (20.0%), France (14.3%), Germany (14.3%), UK (14.3%), and Switzerland (11.4%) were the top source countries for visitors into the Garden Route and Klein Karoo in 2021.

## 1. AREA

The Garden Route district is one of six districts located in the Western Cape and it is located in the south-east of the province. The district occupies a total land area of 23,331km<sup>2</sup> and has a population of 626, 649 people. By population, the largest group in the district are Coloured people (53.77%), followed by Black Africans (29.55%) and Whites (16.53%). The district is comprised of seven municipalities, namely, Kannaland, Hessequa, Mossel Bay, George, Oudtshoorn, Bitou, and Knysna.

**FIGURE 1: DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE WESTERN CAPE, 2021**



## 2. GENERAL INFORMATION

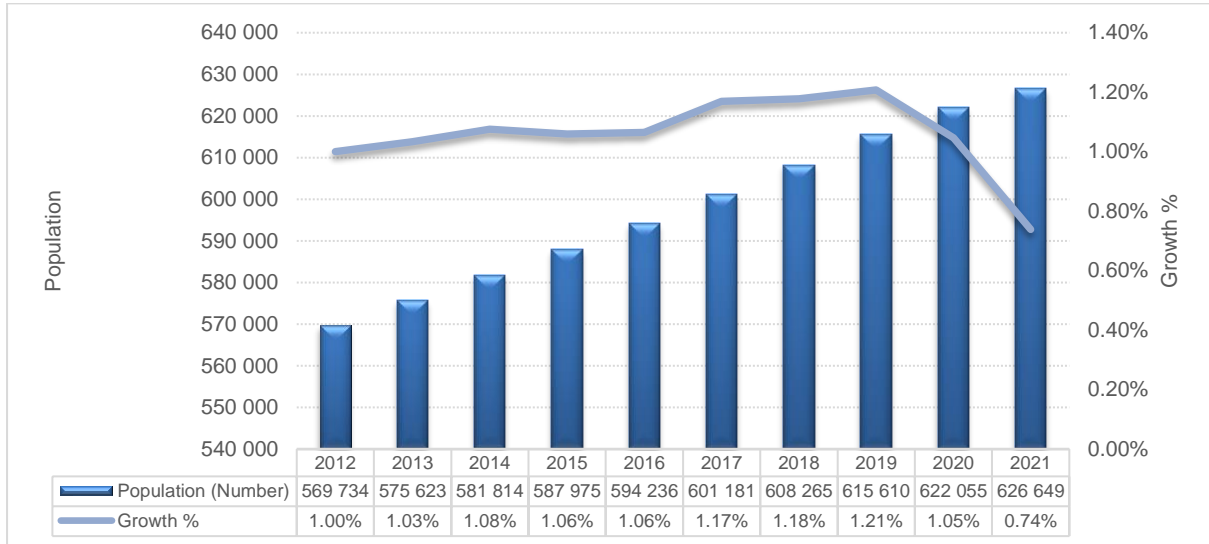
TABLE 1: GARDEN ROUTE DISTRICT KEY INDICATORS	
Executive Mayor	Ald. Memory Booysen
Population (2021)	626, 649
Total Area	23, 331 km <sup>2</sup>
GVA at basic prices (constant 2015 prices) (2021)	ZAR43.34bn
Real GDP Growth (2021)	4.68%
Unemployment Rate (2021)	21.06%
Population Groups (2021)	Coloured (53.67%), Black African (29.55%), White (16.35%), and Indian and Asian (0.43%)
Languages	Afrikaans (75.6%); Xhosa (17.3%); English (6.2%)
Matric Pass Rate (2020)	80.1%
Gini Coefficient (2020)	0.63
HDI (2020)	0.76

Sources: Quantec, 2022; Garden Route District Municipality Socio-economic Profile 2021

## 2.1. DEMOGRAPHICS

With a population of 626, 649 in 2021, the Garden Route district was the third most populous district in the Western Cape, after the City of Cape Town, and the Cape Winelands district. The Garden Route’s population is estimated to have grown by an annual average annual growth rate of 1.07% from 2017 to 2021.

**FIGURE 2: GARDEN ROUTE DISTRICT POPULATION, 2012 - 2021**



Source: Quantec, 2022

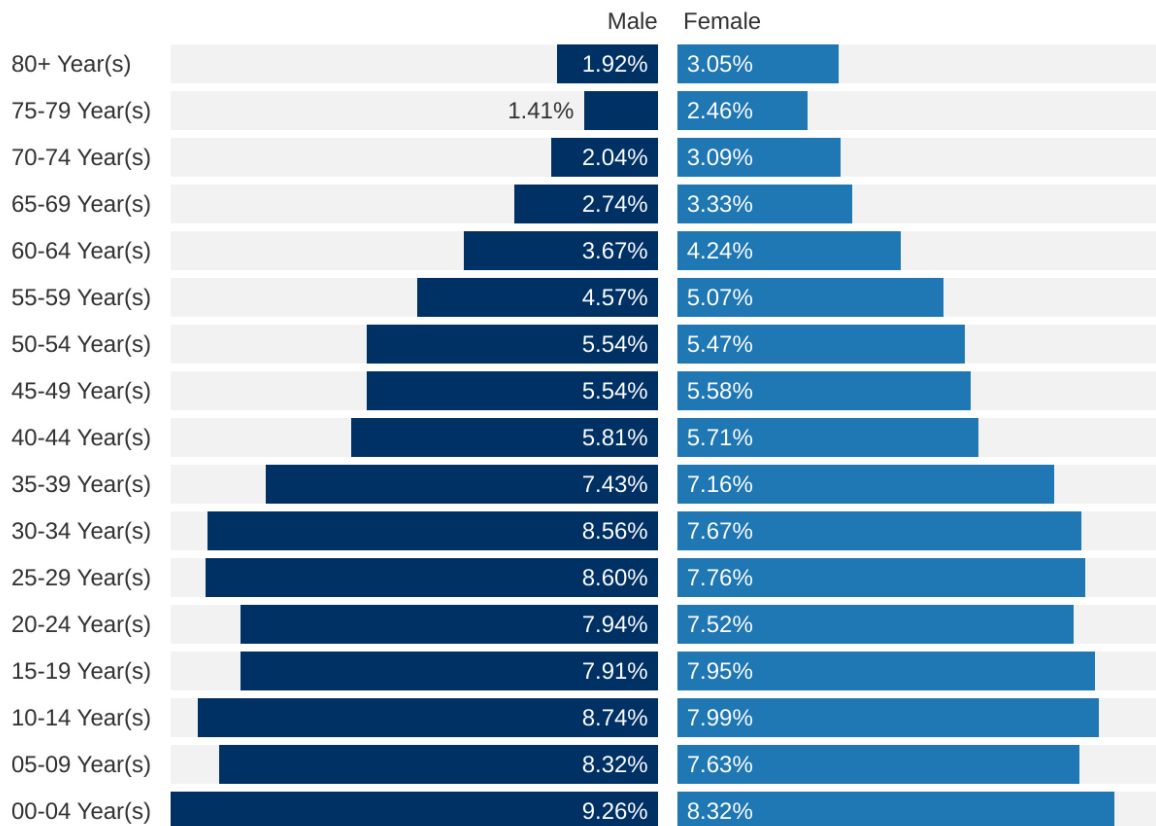
The table below shows the Garden Route district’s population breakdown by racial groups. In 2021, the Coloured population represented the largest racial group, accounting for 53.67%, followed by the African population (29.55%), and White population who accounted for 16.35%. Asian/Indians were a minority group within the Garden Route representing 0.43% of the population. However, within this grouping, a slight increment in number has been witnessed over the years with the Asians/Indians growing 1.88% y-o-y from 2,622 in 2020 to 2,671 in 2021.

TABLE 2: GARDEN ROUTE POPULATION BREAKDOWN BY GROUP (2019-2021)					
GROUP	2019	2020	2021	% SHARE 2021	% CHANGE, 2020 - 2021
Coloured	330 786	333 820	336 321	53,67%	0,75%
Black African	178 197	182 256	185 189	29,55%	1,61%
White	104 084	103 357	102 467	16,35%	-0,86%
Asian/Indian	2 544	2 622	2 671	0,43%	1,88%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>615 610</b>	<b>622 055</b>	<b>626 649</b>	<b>100,00%</b>	<b>0,74%</b>

Source: Quantec, 2022

The bar chart below shows the age and gender breakdown of the population of the Garden Route district. As is shown in the graph, the largest percentage of the population are below 35 years of age, indicating that the majority of the population is still young.

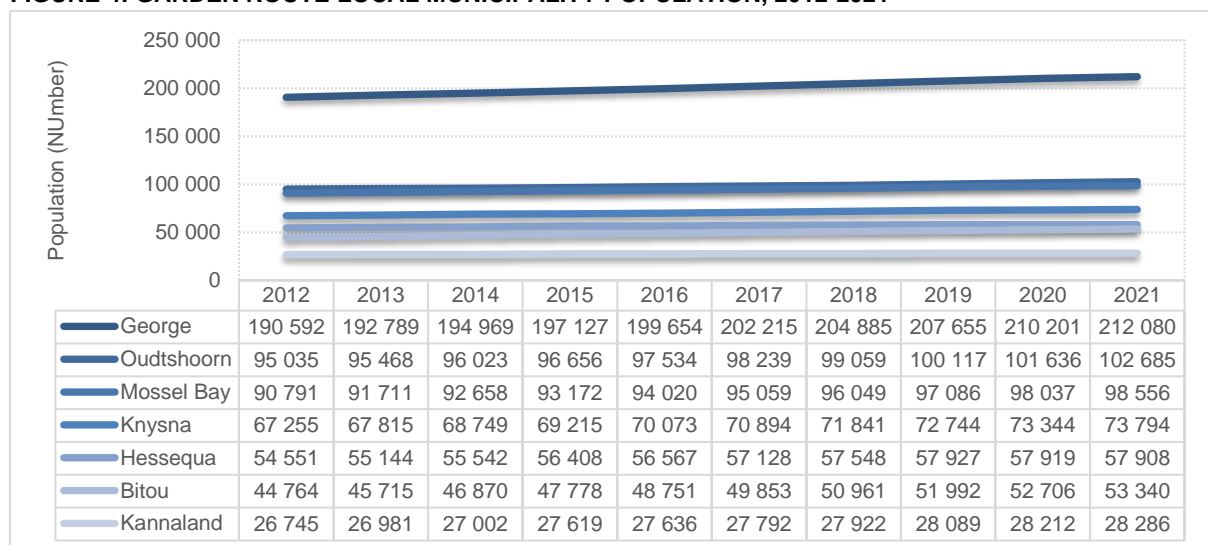
**FIGURE 3: GARDEN ROUTE POPULATION BY AGE & GENDER, 2021**



Source: Quantec, 2022

Within the Garden Route district, the George local municipality recorded the biggest population between 2012 and 2021. This local municipality recorded a population of 212, 080 in 2021, followed by the Oudtshoorn and Mossel Bay local municipalities with 102, 685 and 98, 556 people, respectively.

**FIGURE 4: GARDEN ROUTE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY POPULATION, 2012-2021**

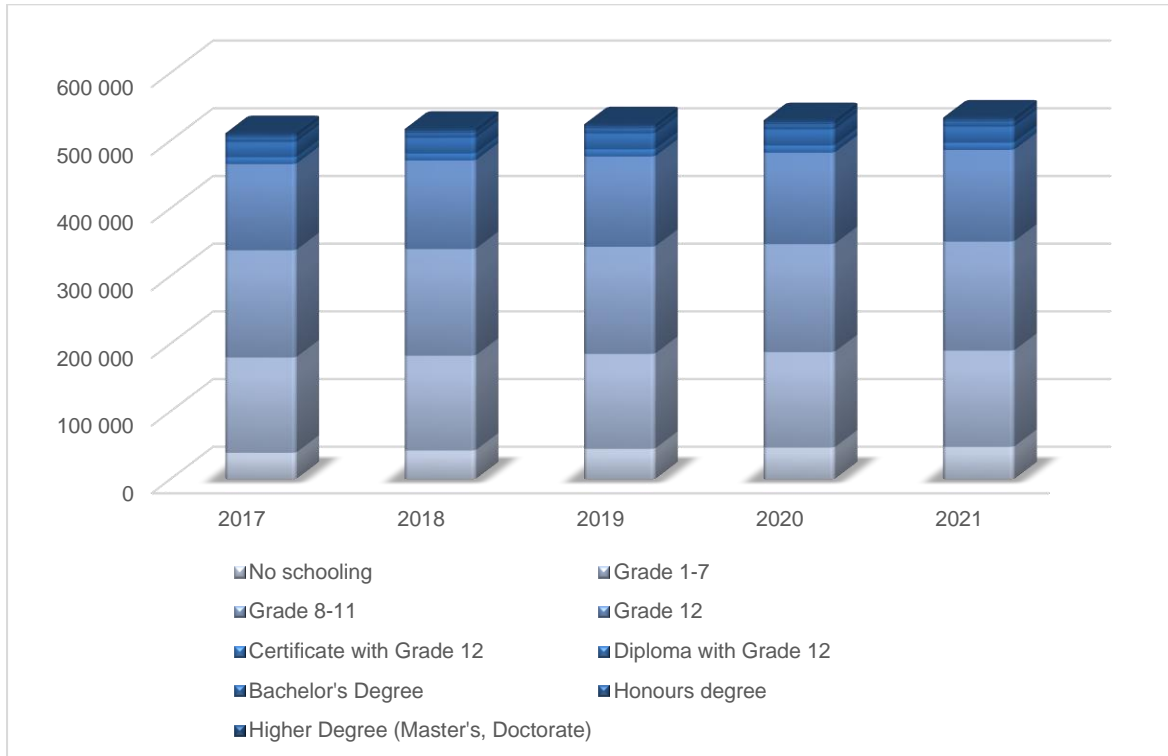


Source: Quantec, 2022

## Education

Around 21.60% of Garden Route's population was recorded to have matric (Grade 12) in 2021. The percentage of the population with no schooling totalled 7.61% in 2021. Those with bachelors, masters and higher education degrees only made up 2.09%.

**FIGURE 5: LEVELS OF EDUCATION IN GARDEN ROUTE, 2017-2021**



Source: Quantec, 2022

## 2.2. EMPLOYMENT

The table below provides a snapshot of indicators for employment in the Garden Route district in 2021. The unemployment rate at this time was 21.06%, with 203, 493 people employed from a working age population of 406, 194 people.

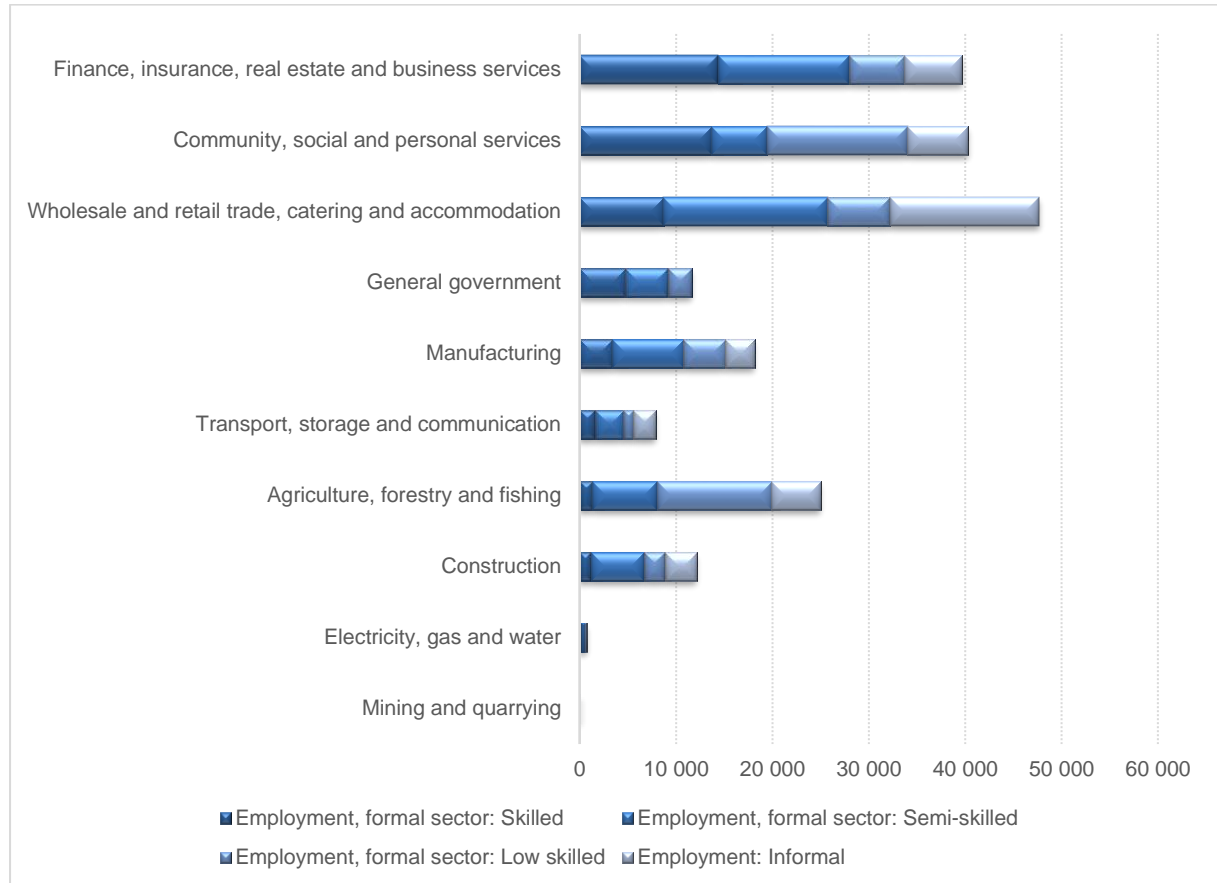
TABLE 3: EMPLOYMENT INDICATORS GARDEN ROUTE, 2021	
Population aged 15-64 years	406, 194
Labour force participation rate (%)	63.46%
Employed	203, 493
Formally Employed	161, 882
Informally Employed	41, 611
Unemployed	54, 285
Not economically active	148, 416
Unemployment rate (%)	21.06%

Source: Quantec, 2022

The Garden Route’s wholesale and retail trade, catering and accommodation sector was the largest employer in 2021 with 40,307 people, followed by the finance, insurance, real estate, and business services, which employed 39,673 people. The community, social and personal services sector in turn employed 47,696 people.

In terms of sector employment by skills, the finance, insurance, real estate, and business services sector employed the largest number of highly skilled people (14,354). While the wholesale and retail trade, catering and accommodation sector employed mostly the semi-skilled (17,044). Both the low skilled and informally employed were found in the community, social and personal services sector.

**FIGURE 6: EMPLOYMENT IN THE GARDEN ROUTE BY SECTOR & SKILLS, 2021**



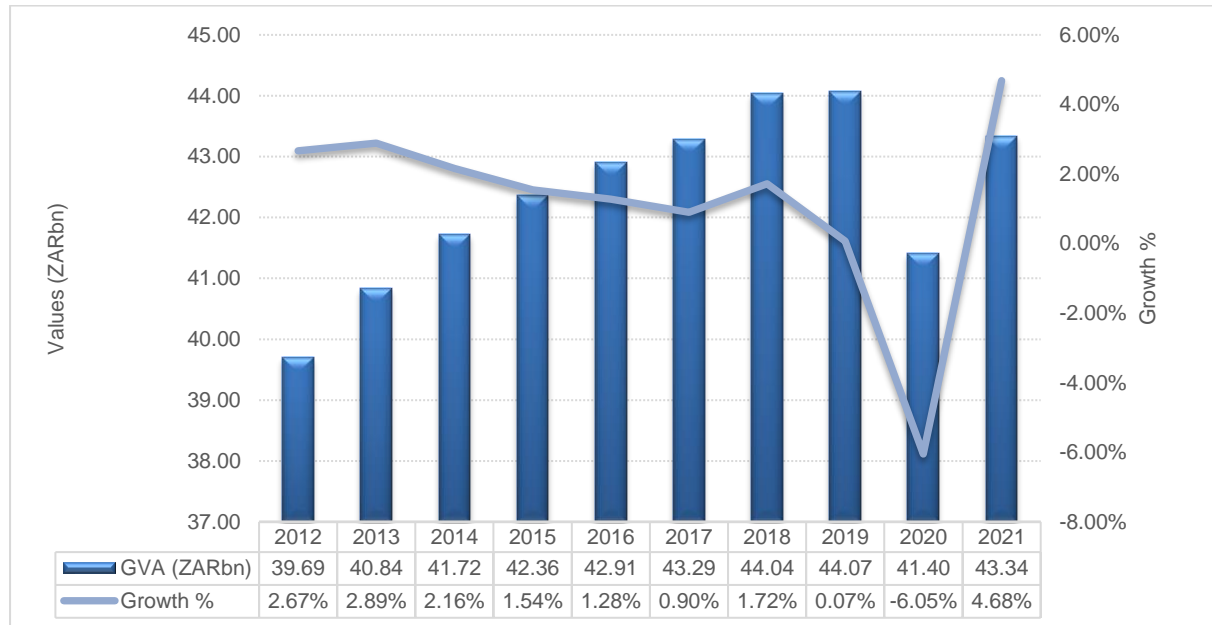
Source: Quantec, 2022

### 3. ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

Economic growth in the district depends on effective capitalizing of competitive advantages. The district is an ideal location for various agricultural and niche activities due to its topographical and climatic diversity. Agricultural activities include dairy, fruit, vegetable, and sheep products, as well as unique products like ostriches, forestry products, aloe, hops, and essential oils. Agro-processing and forestry form a large part of the manufacturing base and are supported by niche industries. The construction industry is well supported by tourism and real estate investments which have continued to increase. The upgrading of facilities has also contributed to the growth of this sector.

In 2021, the Garden Route economy experienced growth of 4,68%, recovering from the adverse effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, which resulted in the economy contracting by -6.05% in the said year.

**FIGURE 7: GARDEN ROUTE GVA & GROWTH, 2012-2021**



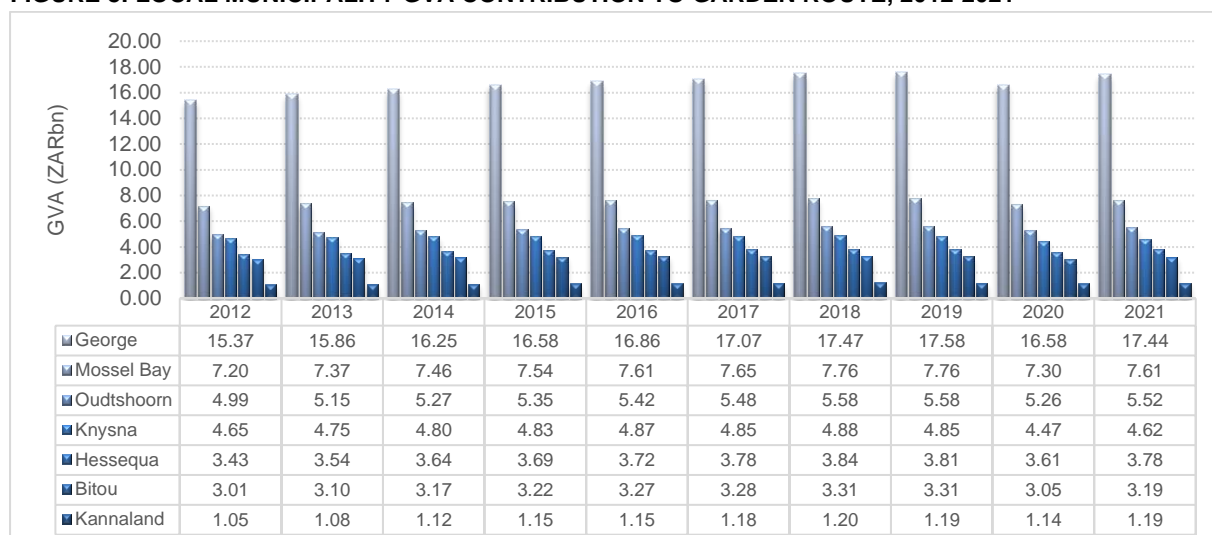
Source: Quantec, 2022

Concept: GVA at basic prices

Unit: ZAR - constant 2015 prices

The figure below shows the contribution share of Garden Route local municipalities to regional GDP for the period 2012 to 2021. The George local municipality has always been the largest contributor to GVA in the Garden Route district. In 2021, George contributed ZAR17.44bn to the Garden Route district, accounting for 40.23% of total GVA. Mossel Bay and Oudtshoorn were the second and third largest contributors to the district's GVA, at a value of at ZAR7.61bn and ZAR5.52bn, respectively.

**FIGURE 8: LOCAL MUNICIPALITY GVA CONTRIBUTION TO GARDEN ROUTE, 2012-2021**



Source: Quantec, 2022

Concept: GVA at basic prices

Unit: ZAR - constant 2015 prices

### Sector GVA

The finance, insurance, real estate, and business services sector was the largest contributor to the Garden Route's GDP in 2021, accounting for 32.78% of total GVA. It was followed by the wholesale and retail trade, catering, and accommodation sector at 14.78%, and the manufacturing sector at 13.35%.

TABLE 4: SECTOR BREAKDOWN OF GVA, 2017-2021							
SECTOR	VALUE 2017 (ZARbn)	VALUE 2018 (ZARbn)	VALUE 2019 (ZARbn)	VALUE 2020 (ZARbn)	VALUE 2021 (ZARbn)	% SHARE 2021	% CHANGE, 2020-2021
Finance, insurance, real estate, and business services	12,56	13,03	13,43	13,62	14,21	32,78%	4,32%
Wholesale and retail trade, catering, and accommodation	6,99	7,07	7,05	5,99	6,40	14,78%	6,96%
Manufacturing	5,92	6,13	6,11	5,39	5,79	13,35%	7,33%
Community, social and personal services	4,20	4,18	4,23	4,13	4,42	10,19%	7,02%
General government	3,88	3,91	3,94	3,92	3,88	8,96%	-0,97%
Transport, storage, and communication	3,89	4,01	3,99	3,35	3,53	8,14%	5,30%
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing	2,31	2,24	2,01	2,26	2,43	5,61%	7,63%
Construction	2,52	2,44	2,31	1,81	1,74	4,02%	-3,78%
Electricity, gas, and water	0,92	0,93	0,90	0,82	0,84	1,95%	2,68%
Mining and quarrying	0,11	0,11	0,11	0,11	0,10	0,22%	-14,04%
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,29</b>	<b>44,04</b>	<b>44,07</b>	<b>41,40</b>	<b>43,34</b>	<b>100,00%</b>	<b>4,68%</b>

Source: Quantec, 2022

Concept: GVA at basic prices

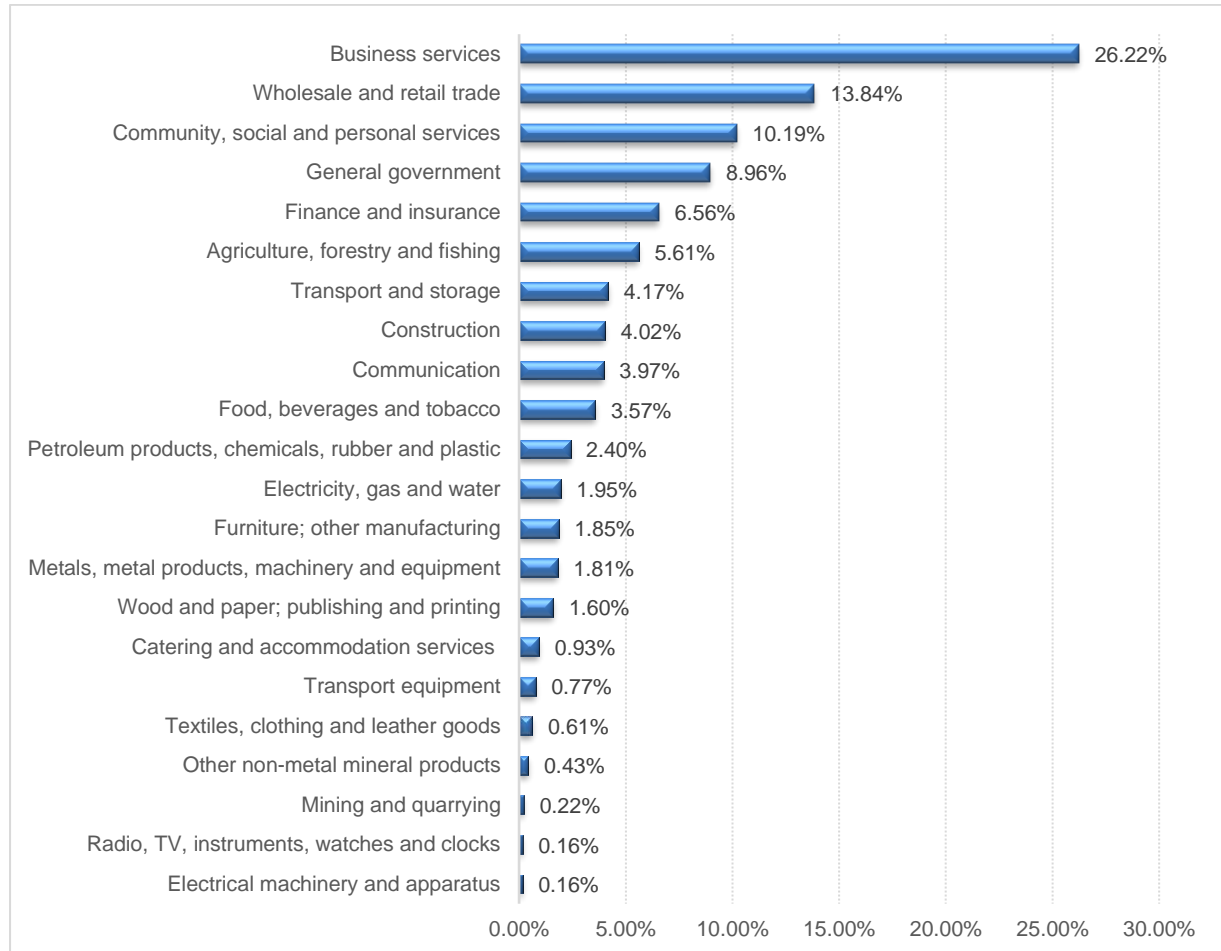
Unit: ZAR - constant 2015 prices



### Sub-Sector Distribution

For contribution to GVA by sub-sector, business services were the largest contributor in 2021, accounting for 26.22% of output. This was followed by wholesale and retail trade at 13.84%, and community, social and personal services at 10.19%.

**FIGURE 9: GARDEN ROUTE SECTOR DISTRIBUTION, 2021**



Source: Quantec, 2022

Concept: GVA at basic prices

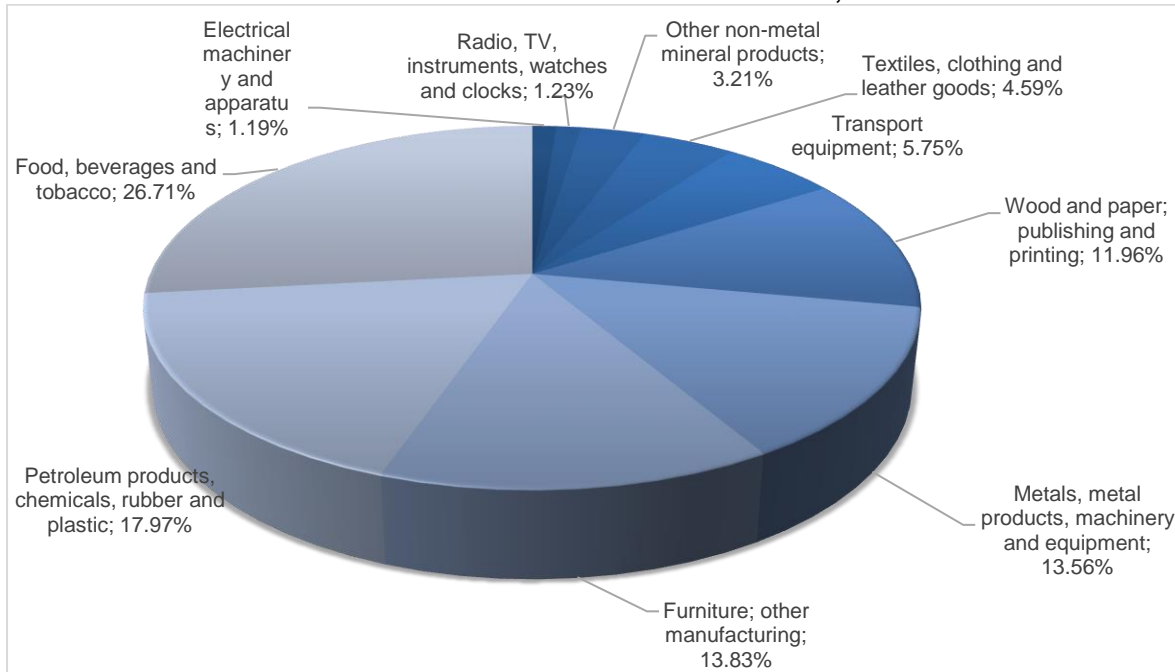
Unit: ZAR - constant 2015 prices

### Manufacturing Sector breakdown

The figure below shows the contribution share of the Garden Route's manufacturing sub-sectors to the district's GVA for 2021. The figure shows that:

- The food and beverages and tobacco sub-sector was the largest contributor to the Garden Route's manufacturing sector accounting for 26.71%, followed by
- Petroleum products, chemicals, rubber and plastic sub-sector, accounting for 17.97%, and
- Furniture; other manufacturing sub-sector, accounting for 13.83%.

**FIGURE 10: GARDEN ROUTE MANUFACTURING SECTOR BREAKDOWN, 2021**



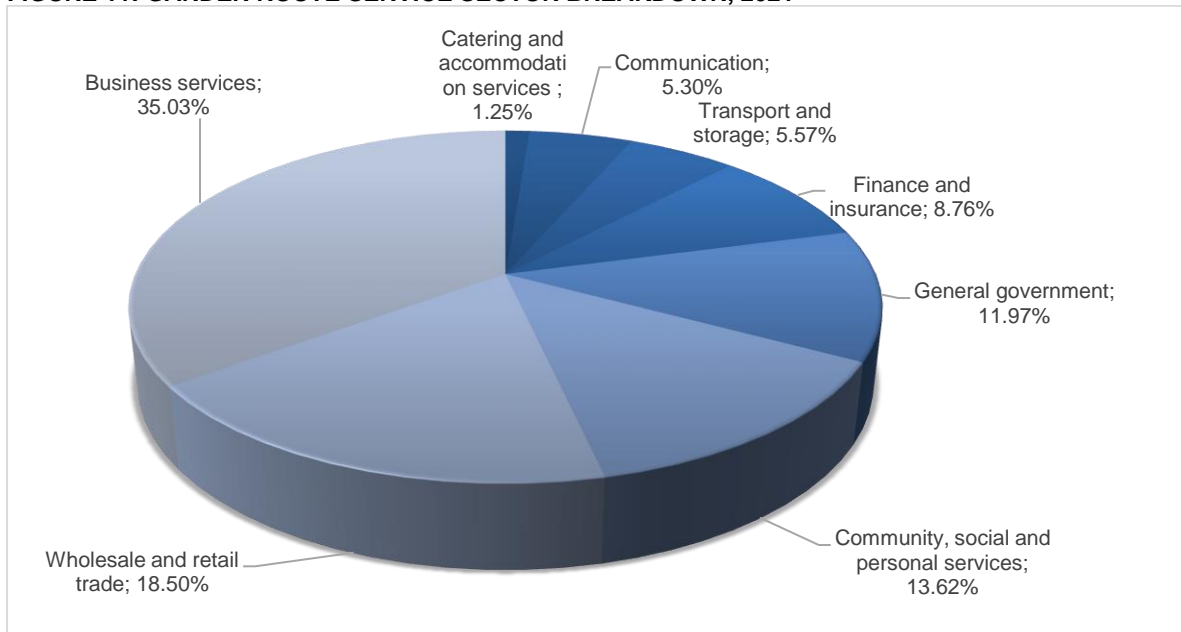
Source: Quantec, 2022  
 Concept: GVA at basic prices  
 Unit: ZAR - constant 2015 prices

**Services Sector Breakdown**

The figure below shows the contribution share of the Garden Route's services sub-sectors to the district's GVA for 2021. The figure shows that:

- Business services was the largest contributor to Garden Route's services sector, accounting for 35.03%; followed by
- Wholesale and retail trade, accounting for 18.50%; and
- Community, social and personal services, accounting for 18.50%.

**FIGURE 11: GARDEN ROUTE SERVICE SECTOR BREAKDOWN, 2021**

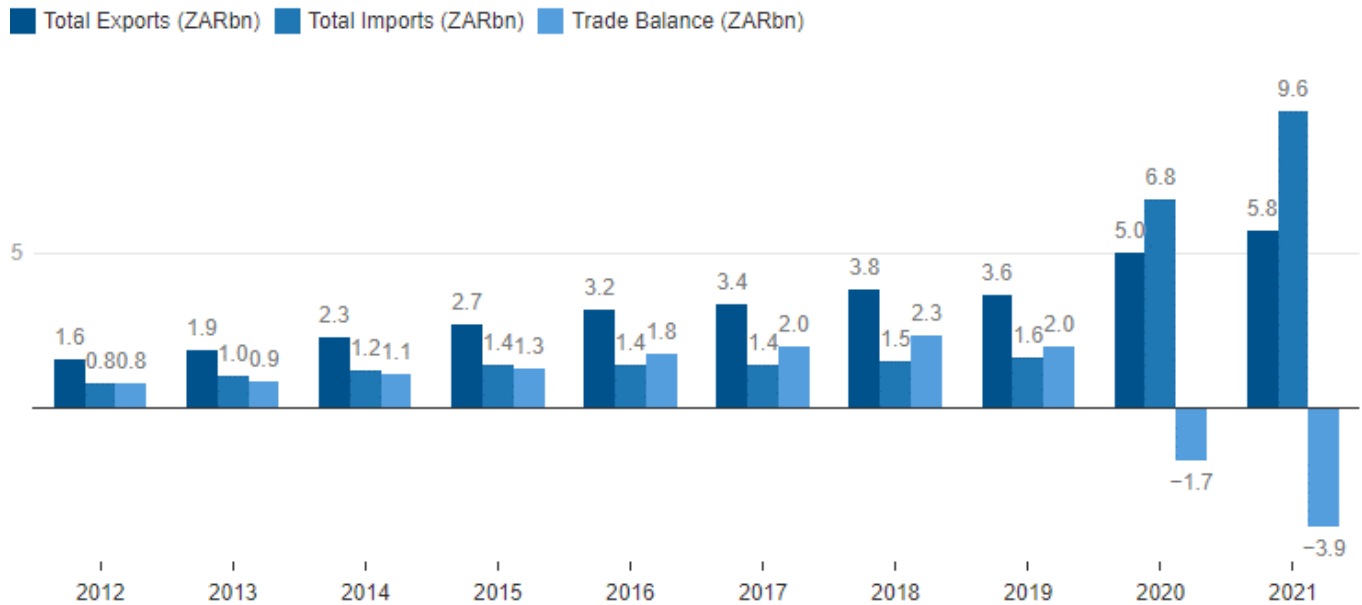


Source: Quantec, 2022  
 Concept: GVA at basic prices  
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## 4. TRADE

Except for 2020 and 2021, the Garden Route has maintained a positive trade balance over the past decade. For the period under review, the largest export earnings were recorded in 2021, with export receipts recording a 14.50% y-o-y increase to value of ZAR5.8bn, up from ZAR5bn earned in 2020. Imports in turn surged by 42.63% y-o-y to a cost of ZAR9.6bn in 2021, from ZAR6.8bn accrued in 2020. The trade shortfall widened as a result, more than doubling to a deficit of ZAR3.9bn in 2021.

**FIGURE 12: GARDEN ROUTE'S GLOBAL TRADE, 2012-2021**



Source: Quantec, 2022

### Key Trade Markets

Figure 13 below presents the top ten global destination markets for products exported from the Garden Route between 2017 and 2021. Zimbabwe was the only country from the African continent that featured among the district's top 10 destination markets.

In 2021, the United Kingdom was the top destination market for exported products from the Garden Route, accounting for a 10.60% share of total export earnings. The United States (8.76%) and the Netherlands (7.69%) ranked second and third, respectively.

**FIGURE 13: TOP 10 EXPORT MARKETS FOR THE GARDEN ROUTE, 2017-2021**

	VALUE 2021 (ZARm)	AVE GROWTH %, 2017-2021	% SHARE, 2021
United Kingdom	611.94	34.02	10.60
United States	503.14	36.26	8.72
Netherlands	443.70	21.08	7.69
China	400.84	29.70	6.94
Germany	260.51	32.18	4.51
United Arab Emirates	239.92	47.35	4.16
France	227.34	34.23	3.94
Zimbabwe	208.87	46.19	3.62
Malaysia	175.20	66.45	3.03
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China	165.06	33.46	2.86

Source: Quantec, 2022

The leading import source market for the Garden Route in 2021 period was India, accounting for a 20.71% share of total imports. China (11.59%) and Qatar (6.75%) ranked second and third respectively. Mozambique was the only African country in the top ten source markets for imported products into the Garden Route in 2021.

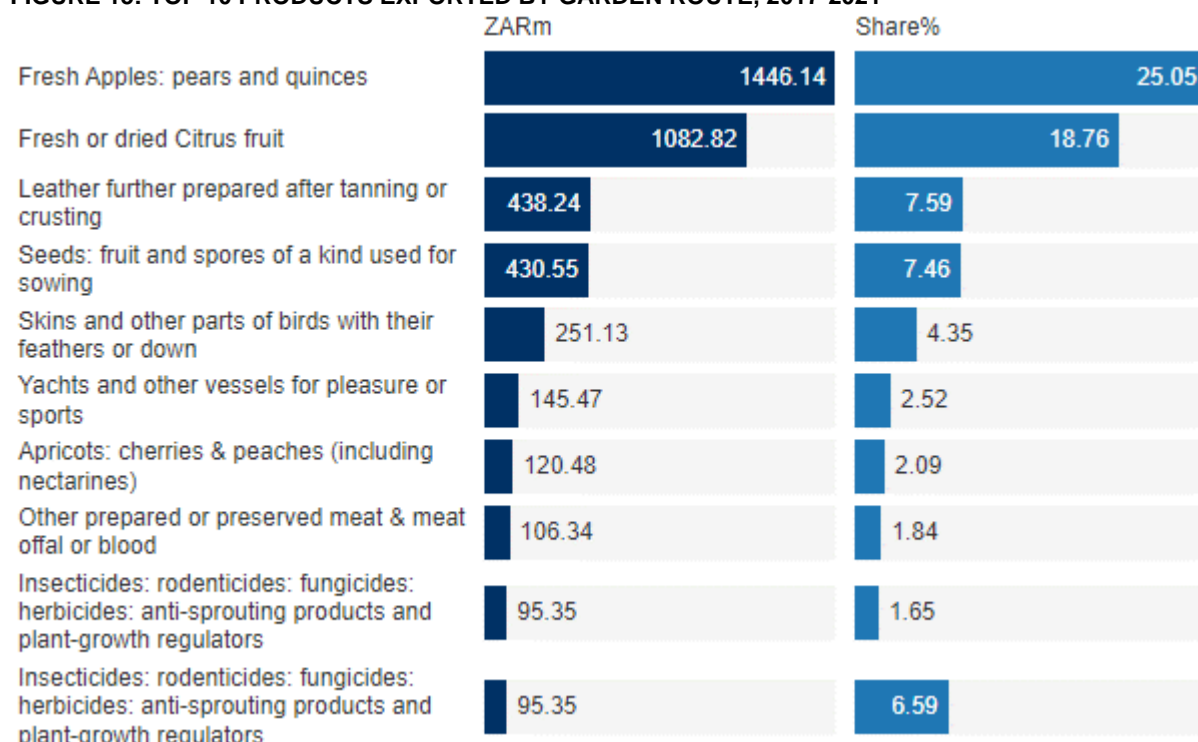
**FIGURE 14: TOP 10 IMPORT MARKETS FOR GARDEN ROUTE, 2017-2021**

	VALUE 2021 (ZARm)	AVE GROWTH %, 2017-2021	% SHARE, 2021
India	1992.79	36.32	20.71
China	1699.14	54.54	11.59
Qatar	1115.12		6.75
United Arab Emirates	649.87		6.54
Malaysia	629.61	514.74	4.59
Oman	441.32		4.36
Mozambique	419.66		3.70
Tunisia	356.17		3.61
Singapore	347.28		3.59
Turkey	345.34	159.26	3.15

Source: Quantec, 2022

The top ten exported products from the Garden Route accounted for 72.89% of the district's total exports in 2021. Fresh apples, pears, and quinces (with a share of 25.05%) were the leading export category from the Garden Route during the period under consideration. Fresh, or dried citrus fruits, were the second largest export product category (18.76%), followed by leather further prepared after tanning or crusting (7.59%).

**FIGURE 15: TOP 10 PRODUCTS EXPORTED BY GARDEN ROUTE, 2017-2021**



Source: Quantec, 2022

In turn, the Garden Route's top ten imported products accounted for 82.11% of the district's total import costs in 2021. The top three products imported into the Garden Route during this period were Refined petroleum oils (73.23%), New pneumatic tyres of rubber (2.41%), and Automatic data processing machines (11.15%).

**FIGURE 16: TOP 10 PRODUCTS IMPORTED INTO GARDEN ROUTE, 2017-2021**

	ZARm	Share%
Refined Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals	7045.26	73.23
New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	232.07	2.41
Automatic data processing machines and units thereof	110.17	1.15
Parts and accessories (other than covers, carrying cases and the like)	89.15	0.93
Aluminium bars, rods and profiles	81.90	0.85
Frozen fish: excluding fish fillets and other fish meat of heading 03.04	75.01	0.78
T-shirts: singlets and other knitted or crocheted vests	68.41	0.71
Trunks: suit-cases: vanity-cases: executive-cases: brief-cases: & school satchels	67.95	0.71
Hydrazine and hydroxylamine and their inorganic salts	66.41	0.69
Printing machinery used for printing by means of plates: cylinders and other printing components of heading 84.42	63.90	0.66

Source: Quantec, 2022

## 5. INVESTMENTS

The Garden Route district attracted seven FDI projects from seven multinational companies over the period 2003 to October 2022. The cumulative value of this investment reached a total of ZAR22.97bn over this period and created 580 jobs in the region. The majority of FDI projects were invested into Mossel Bay, which attracted five out of the seven projects invested, while George and Knysna each attracted one project over the period 2003 to October 2022.

The energy sector attracted two out of the seven projects, while the agribusiness sector attracted one, and retail trade and consumer goods sectors each attracted one project over the period under review.

The United States was the top source market for FDI into the Garden Route, with two projects invested. The largest FDI project emanated from Norway, where Equinor invested one project into Mossel Bay in the energy sector in 2004, with a total capex of ZAR21.24bn over the period January 2003 to July 2022.

TABLE 5: FDI INTO GARDEN ROUTE, JANUARY 2003, AND OCTOBER 2022							
PROJECT DATE	INVESTING COMPANY	SOURCE COUNTRY	DESTINATION CITY	SECTOR	CLUSTER	JOBS CREATED	CAPEX (ZARm)
July 2021	Mallcomm	United Kingdom	Knysna	Software & IT services	ICT & Electronics	8	79.77
Nov 2019	Klinger South Africa	Switzerland	Mossel Bay	Industrial equipment	Energy	12	44.49
June 2018	Nestle South Africa	Switzerland	Mossel Bay	Food & Beverages	Agribusiness	1	19.94
Feb 2013	Builders Warehouse	United States	George	Consumer products	Retail Trade	115	44.86
Dec 2012	Hisense	China	Mossel Bay	Consumer electronics	Consumer Goods	29	55.22
Dec 2005	Pioneer Natural Resources	United States	Mossel Bay	Coal, oil & gas	Energy	214	1 480.13
Mar 2004	Equinor (Statoil)	Norway	Mossel Bay	Coal, oil & gas	Energy	204	21 244.40

Source: FDI Markets, 2022

### 5.1 SELECTED INITIATIVES IN THE GARDEN ROUTE DISTRICT

Key selected investment opportunities in Garden Route district are as follows:

- Agri-Processing & Timber Economy
- Tourism & Film Industry
- Oil & Gas, Energy and Water, Waste Management
- SMME Development
- Integrated Transport and Infrastructure
- Information, Communication and Technology (Smart City Concept)
- Real Estate & Human Settlements

For further details on these investment opportunities please follow the link below, under the tab investment opportunities:

<https://invest.edendm.gov.za/>

## 5.2 COMPANIES

Some of the main companies in the Garden Route are shown in the table below:

TABLE 6: TOP COMPANIES IN THE GARDEN ROUTE DISTRICT			
COMPANY NAME	TOWN	SECTOR	BUSINESS ACTIVITY
Alcare Aloe	Albertinia	Agribusiness	Aloe beauty/health products
Aloe Ferox Africa	Albertinia	Agribusiness	Aloe beauty/health products
Calitzdorp Spa	Calitzdorp	Tourism	Catering & Accommodation
Cape Pine	George	Manufacturing	Wood
Distell	George	Logistics	Logistics and Distribution
Datadot Technology South Africa (Pty) Ltd	George	Manufacturing	Vehicle Security
Fancourt	George	Tourism	Hospitality and Real Estate
Fechters Furniture Manufacturers	Knysna	Manufacturing	Furniture
Fuzzy Logic	George	Film and media	Multimedia
Garden Route Casino	Mossel Bay	Tourism	Catering & Accommodation
Golden Harvest FPM	George	Agribusiness	Food & Beverages
Klein Karoo International	Oudtshoorn	Agriculture	Food & Beverage
Lancewood	Wilderness	Agriculture	Dairy-processing
Merchants	George	Business Services	Business Process Outsourcing
Morning Milk	George	Agriculture	Food-processing
Mosstrich Pty Ltd	Mossel Bay	Agriculture	Food & Beverages
Nikwaflora	George	Agriculture	Foliage
Oakhurst Insurance Company Ltd	George	Services	Insurance
Petro-SA	Mossel Bay	Manufacturing	Oil and Gas
Rheebok Bricks	Mossel Bay	Manufacturing	Construction materials
Robbeberg Fine Foods	Plettenberg Bay	Agriculture	Food-processing
Robins Nest Interiors	Knysna	Manufacturing & Services	Interior design & production
SA Breweries	George	Agriculture	Viticulture
Safari Ostrich Farm	Knysna	Tourism	Catering & Accommodation
Specialised Solar Systems	George	Renewable Energy	Solar energy
Turnkey Water Solutions	Hessequa	Manufacturing	Water
Tradelink	George	Manufacturing	Clothing manufacturing
Travelstar	Knysna	Manufacturing	Motorhome design & vehicle conversion

Source: *Who Owns Whom (2022), Wesgro's Top 100 Exporters, Garden Route District Municipality (2022)*



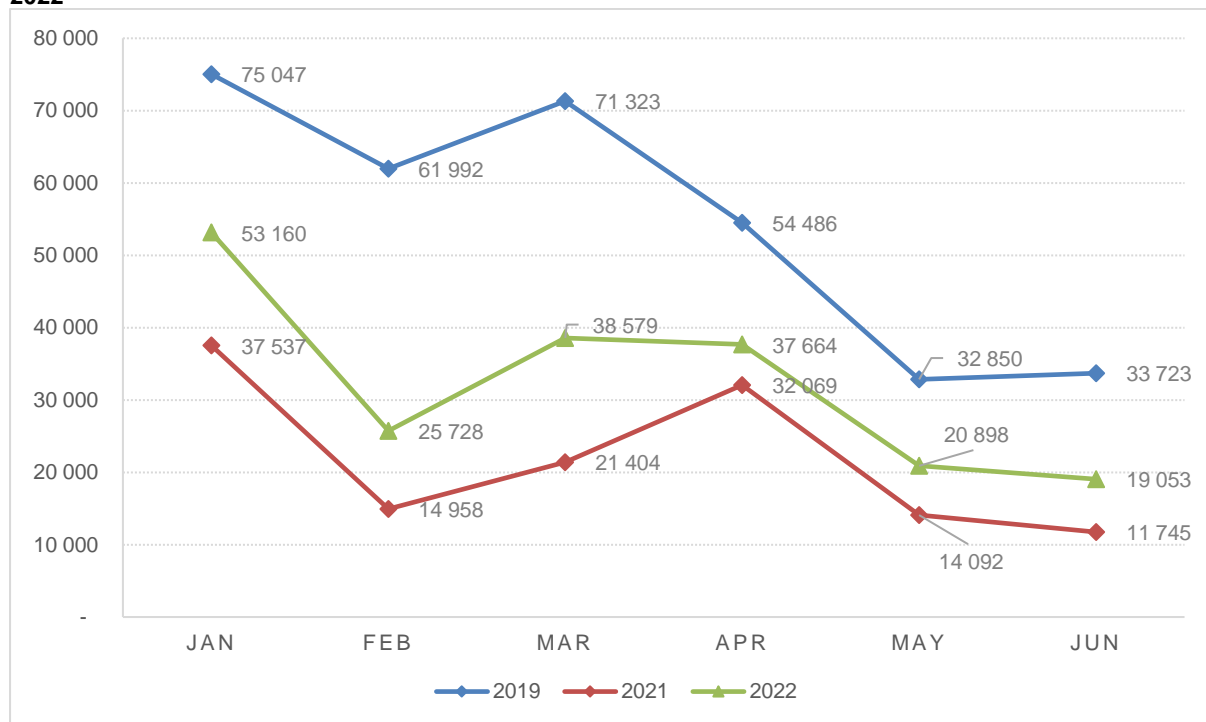
## 6. TOURISM

Stretching from Witsand to Plettenberg Bay, Oudtshoorn, Calitzdorp and Ladismith on the world-renowned Route 62, the Garden Route and Klein Karoo is a place of immense natural beauty, offering an abundance of adventure, world class golf courses and award-winning dining experiences. This section provides an overview of the tourism activity in the Garden Route and Klein Karoo based on airport passenger movement, visits to selected local attractions, visitor trends from regional tracking surveys and mobile-location data insights in selected towns. It is vital to note that this section does not represent tourism flows for the region in its entirety but only represents a selected sample size of visitors.

### 6.1. Performance of Attractions

The four participating Garden Route & Klein Karoo attractions received a total of 195 082 visitors over the period January to June 2022. Visitor numbers show an overall increase of 48% over the same period in 2021 and recovered to 59% of what it was in 2019. During the first half of 2022, January saw the highest recorded number of visitors (53 160 visitors) to the region followed by March (38 579 visitors) and April (37 664 visitors).

**FIGURE 11: TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITORS TO THE GARDEN ROUTE & KLEIN KAROO, JAN 2019 – JUN 2022**



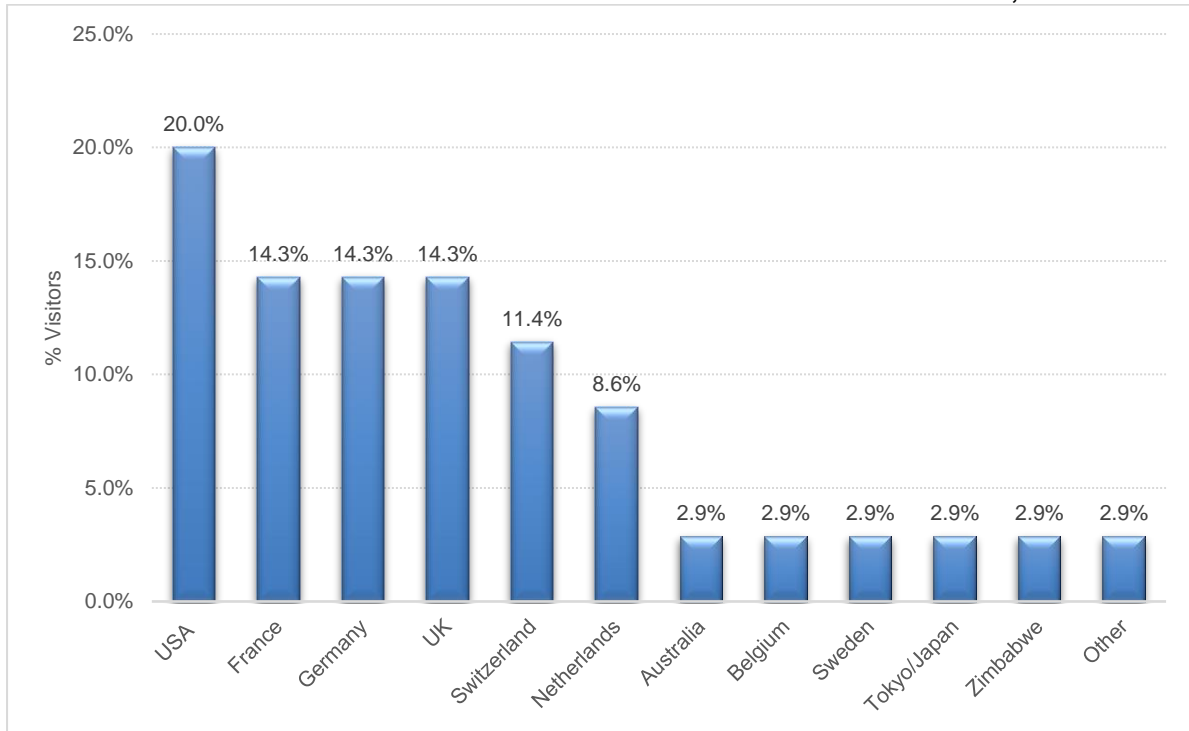
Sources: Vanrhynsdorp Tourism Office, Khwattu and SANParks, 2020

### 6.2. Origin of Visitors

The top five international markets who responded to the regional tracking surveys at the respective Garden Route Visitor Information Centres (VICs) included the United States (20.0%), France (14.3%), Germany (14.3%), UK (14.3%), and 11.4% from Switzerland.

Domestic visitors made up 79.3% of visitors surveyed at the Garden Route. The top three domestic markets were Western Cape (50.7%), Gauteng (11.9%) and KwaZulu-Natal (10.4%).

**FIGURE 18: TOP INTERNATIONAL VISITORS TO THE GARDEN ROUTE & KELIN KAROO, 2021**

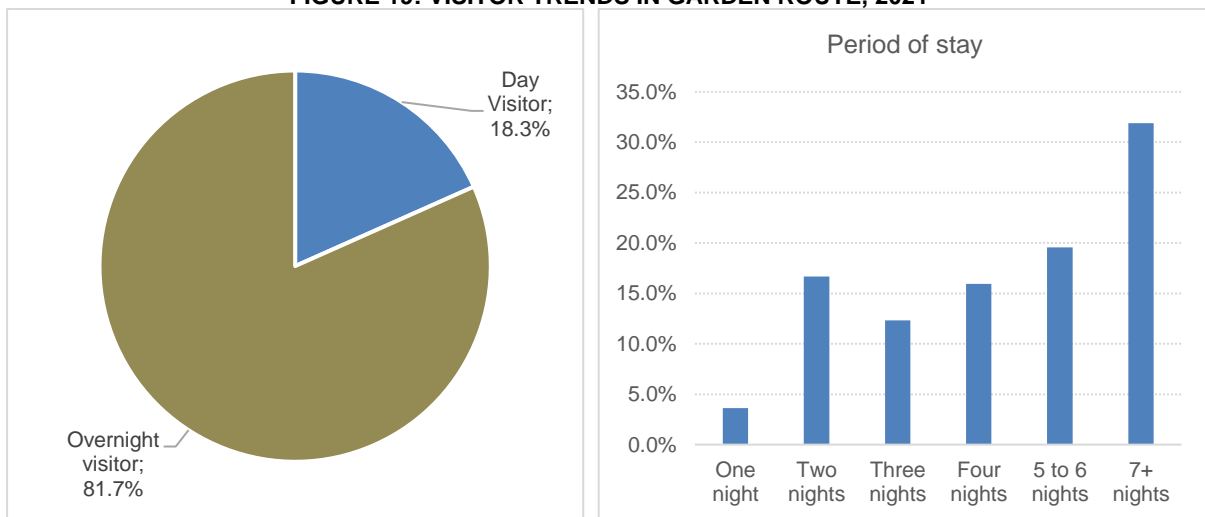


Source: George and Wilderness, 2022

### 6.3. Overnight Stays

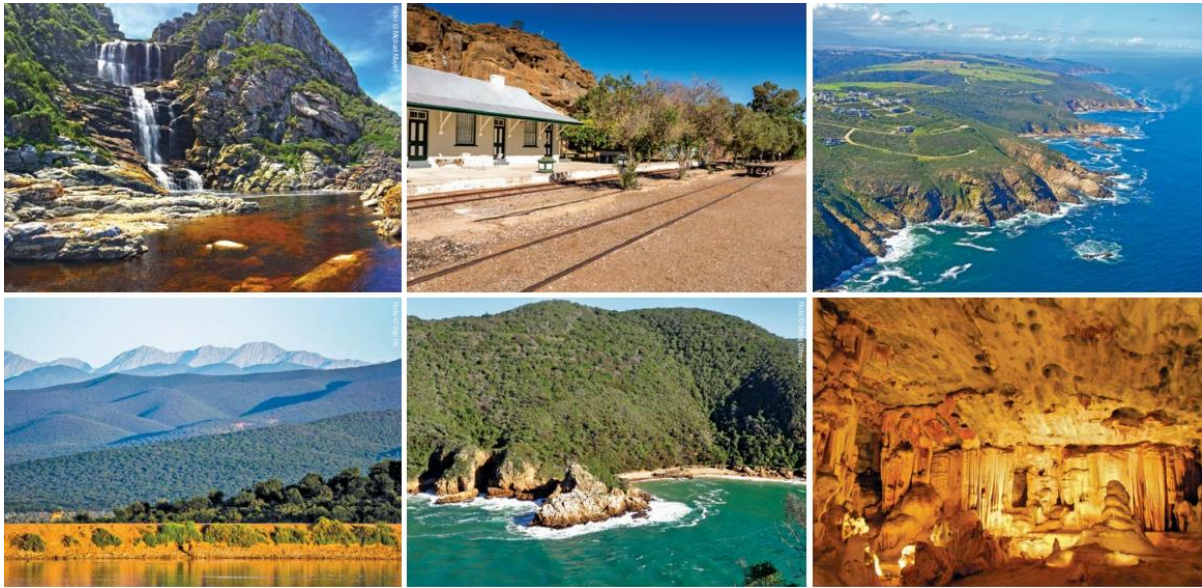
81.7% of visitors to the Garden Route VICs stayed overnight and of these 31.9% stayed for 7 plus nights and 3.6% indicated a stay of one night in the region.

**FIGURE 19: VISITOR TRENDS IN GARDEN ROUTE, 2021**



Source: George and Wilderness, 2022

## 7. FILM



Whether you are looking for white beaches, rugged rocky coastlines, lagoons, lakes, mystic forests, mountains, vibrant pastures, or even semi-arid desert, the Garden Route has it all. World-renowned as a tourist destination with a Mediterranean climate, the region is the ideal location for your next production. It has an abundance of diverse, scenic landscapes in close geographic proximity, and well-developed infrastructure.

### KEY INFORMATION

There is a regional process working towards establishing the Garden Route and Klein Karoo Film Office. Until the film office is in place, producers can contact [info@grkk-filmoffice.co.za](mailto:info@grkk-filmoffice.co.za) which is under the care of the Garden Route Regional Municipality. Alternatively, producers can contact the office for assistance in obtaining the necessary permits. The Garden Route and Klein Karoo Film Office is working with the Garden Route district Municipality to obtain permits.

**Permits:** During productions, when shooting on public property, or if the shoot has an impact on others or the environment, one must obtain a permit. This includes:

- Commercials
- If filming has an impact on traffic/pedestrians
- If planning to use dollies, wires, tripods, generators etc.
- If planning to use public spaces in a different/special way

For access to Cape Nature and SANParks, the normal processes still must be followed. There are more options available though, e.g., a larger variety of beaches than in some cities

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TABLE 7: FILMS SHOT ON LOCATION	
Films	Born to Win, Klein Karoo, Knysna, Faan se Trein, Fiela se Kind, The Breed, Lord of War
TV Series	Bear Grylls: Mission Survive S2, The Bachelor Finland S1 and S2, Black Sails, Crusoe

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