



Free State



Province

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW OF THE FREE STATE PROVINCE

A WARM WELCOME TO THE FREE STATE PROVINCE – THE PROVINCE WITH GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES

A developing economy cannot market itself successfully as a sound investment destination without offering the executives of global companies a standard of living comparable to the country of their birth. Boasting an abundance of natural resources, a year long temperate climate and a sociable outlook on life, the Free State and its citizens offer the long term visitor or resident a quality of life unsurpassed anywhere else in the world.



Embraced by several of South Africa's provinces, the Free State assumes its rightful place at the heart of the country. After all, it is the hearts of the visitors and inhabitants alike that are won by the majesty of the land and the spiritual ethos. The Free State is proud of what it has to offer to visitors and business people: our rich cultural heritage, our spacious plains and magnificent scenery, our economic resources, and above all, the warm-hearted people of the Free State.

Geographically the province is the third largest in South Africa and occupies 10.6% of the total land area. The population of the Free State Province is approximately 2.7 million. Its annual population growth rate of 2.8% is the third lowest among the other provinces. The Free State's GDP amounted to approximately R54,690 billion in 2003, which represents a 5.5% contribution to the South African economy. In 2003 total output increased to R69,094 billion.

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Foreign visitors and residents are able to purchase fully serviced properties at a significant discount compared to similar properties in the western world. The low cost of living, the first world health care, access to primary, secondary and tertiary education, sporting and recreation facilities and availability of all the modern conveniences and luxuries, the South African lifestyle is recognized as world-class.

Your decision to join us in our endeavours to realize our vision of a prosperous Free State will not be a charitable gesture, but one of the best strategic decisions you could ever make. With everything it has to offer, our province can rightly be called the “**The Province with Golden Opportunities**”.

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