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PROFILE

West Coast District Municipality

2021



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West Coast District: At a Glance

Demographics

Population Estimates, 2020; Estimated households, 2019



Population

467 175



Households

123 836

Education

2020



Matric Pass Rate 82.2%

Retention Rates 69.4%

Learner-Teacher Ratio 31.0

Poverty

2020



Gini Coefficient 0.62

Human Development Index 0.74

Health

2020



Primary Health Care Facilities

27

Immunisation Rate

69.0%

Maternal Mortality Ratio (per 100 000 live births)

43

Teenage Pregnancies - Delivery rate to women U/18

0.5%

Safety and Security

Actual number of reported cases in 2020/21



Residential Burglaries

2 406

DUI

408

Drug-related Crimes

3 505

Murder

116

Sexual Offences

434

Access to Basic Service Delivery

Percentage of households with access to basic services, 2020



Water

98.3%

Refuse Removal

76.8%



Electricity

94.0%



Sanitation

87.1%



Housing

86.4%



Road Safety

2020/21

Fatal Crashes 61

Road User Fatalities 74

Labour

2020

Unemployment Rate (narrow definition)

11.7%



Socio-economic Risks

Risk 1 Poverty

Risk 2 Growing informal sector

Risk 3 Provision of basic services

Largest 3 Sectors

Contribution to GDP, 2029

Manufacturing

22.8%

Agriculture, forestry and fishing

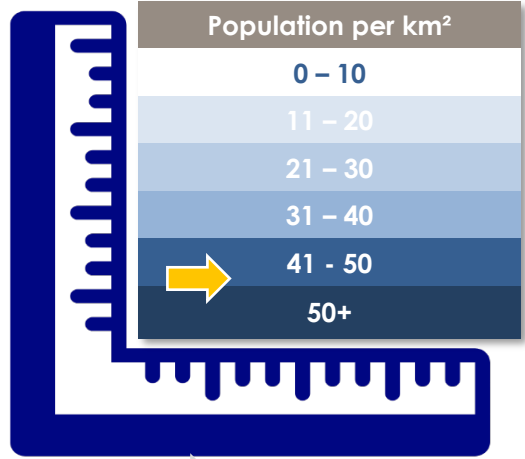
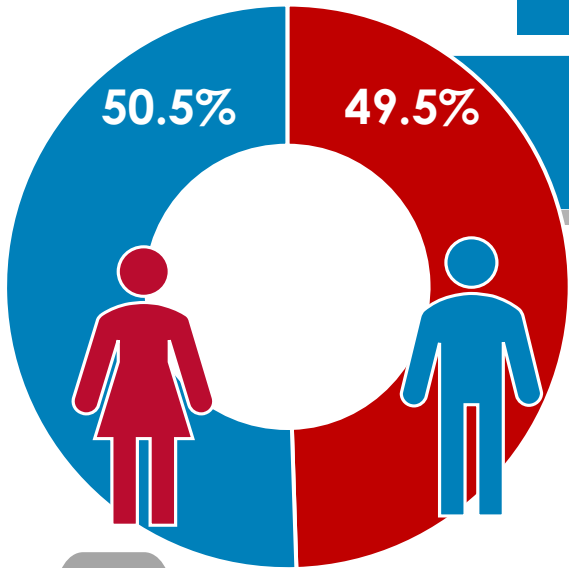
16.4%

Wholesale and retail trade, catering and accommodation

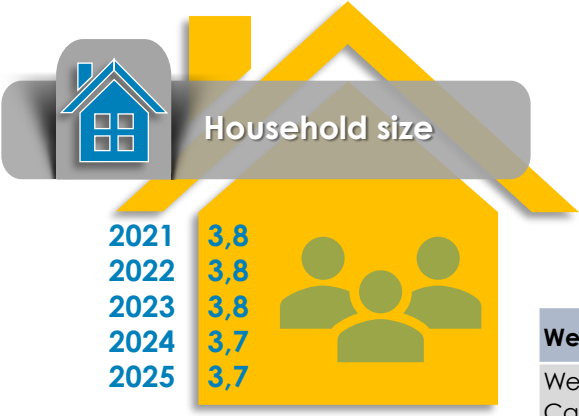
16.2%

West Coast District

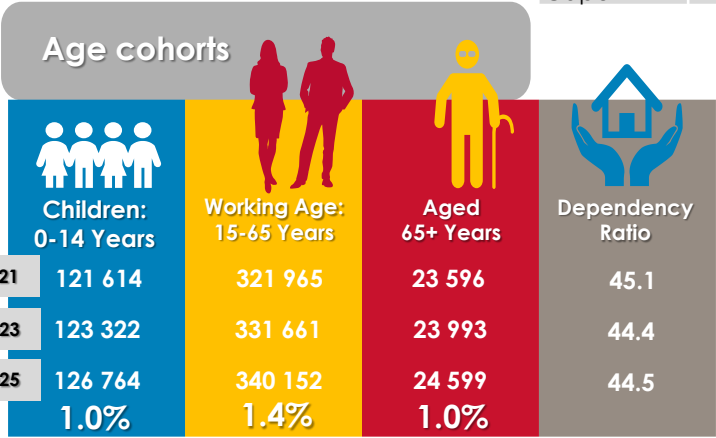
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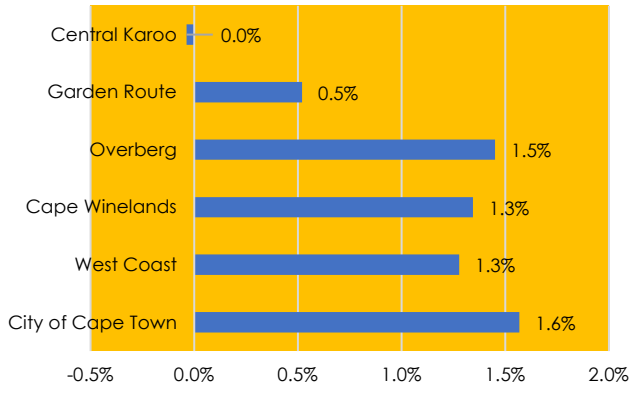
| | 2021 | 2022 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Western Cape | 97.5 | 98.2 | 98.5 | 98.8 | 99.1 |
| City of Cape Town | 98.1 | 98.9 | 99.3 | 99.6 | 100.0 |
| West Coast | 98.0 | 98.6 | 98.9 | 99.1 | 99.3 |
| Cape Winelands | 97.4 | 98.0 | 98.1 | 98.3 | 98.4 |
| Overberg | 102.0 | 102.6 | 102.7 | 102.8 | 102.8 |
| Garden Route | 91.6 | 92.2 | 92.4 | 92.5 | 92.7 |
| Central Karoo | 89.4 | 89.8 | 89.8 | 89.8 | 89.8 |



| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| West Coast | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Western Cape | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 |



Population growth 2021 - 2025



Demographics

Population

The population of the West Coast District (WCD) is 467 175 people in 2021, making it, outside of the metro, the third most populated district in the Province. This total is expected to grow to 491 515 by 2025, equating to an average annual growth rate of 1.3 per cent.

Sex Ratio

The overall sex ratio depicts the number of males per 100 females in the population. The data indicates that there are more females than males in the West Coast District municipal area with a ratio of 98.0 males per 100 females in 2021, rising to 99.3 males per 100 females in 2025. The increasing sex ratio for the West Coast District municipal area could be attributed to a wide range of factors such as an increase in female mortality rates as well as the potential inflow of working males to the municipal area.

Age Cohorts

Between 2021 and 2025, the highest population growth is estimated for the working age 15-65 aged cohort, with expected growth for the period reaching an average annual rate of 1.4 per cent. Similar, marginally lower growth of 1.0 per cent is expected for the working age 65+ population for the same period. The predicted growth decreases the dependency ratio towards 2026.

Household size

Household size refers to the number of people per household. In the West Coast District municipal area, no change in household size is expected between 2024 and 2025, with the actual size of households is estimated to remain at 3.7 persons per household.

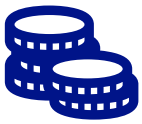
Population density

Amidst rapid urbanisation across the Western Cape, population density figures will aid public sector decision makers to mitigate environmental, health and service delivery risks. In 2021, the population density of the West Coast District was 15 persons per square kilometer. In order of highest to lowest, the various District in the Province compare as follows:

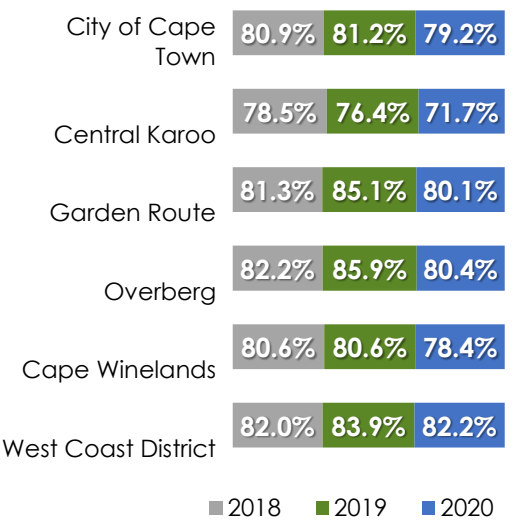
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| ● | City of Cape Town | 1 915 people/km ² |
| ● | Cape Winelands | 44 people/km ² |
| ● | Garden Route | 27 people/km ² |
| ● | Overberg | 25 people/km ² |
| ● | West Coast | 15 people/km² |
| ● | Central Karoo | 2 people/km ² |
| ● | Western Cape | 55 people/km ² |

EDUCATION

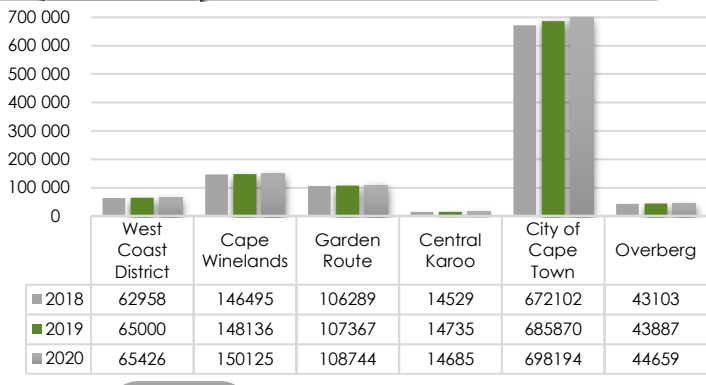
Educational facilities



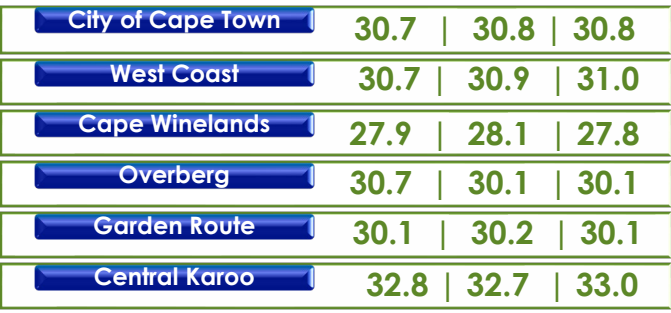
Education outcomes



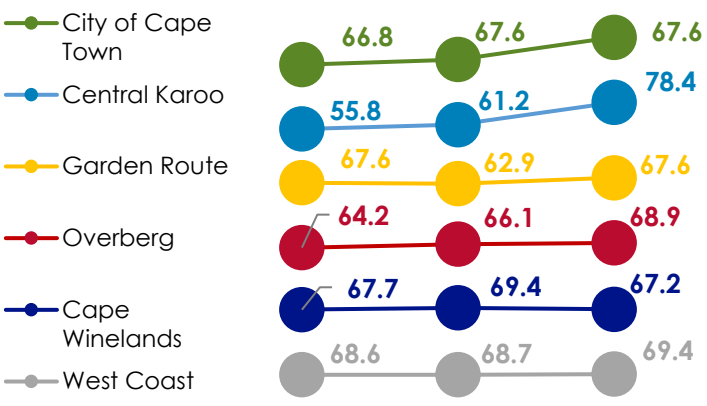
Learner enrolment



Learner-Teacher Ratio 2018 -2020



Learner retention



Education

Learner enrolment, the learner-teacher ratio and learner retention rate

Learner enrolment in the West Coast District municipal area increased from 64 276 in 2019 to 65 426 in 2020. The learner teacher ratio marginally increased from 30.9 in 2019 to 31.0 in 2020.

With an average learner retention rate of 69.4 for the West Coast area, learner retention is a challenge across the District. The learner retention rate is influenced by a wide array of factors, including economic influences such as unemployment, poverty/ very low household income/ indigent households, as well as social concerns such as teenage pregnancies. Retention rates should be kept in mind when considering education outcomes/ results, as low retention rates are likely to skew outcomes, as drop-outs are automatically excluded from any outcomes/ results. Being able to retain learners is essential for overall positive education outcomes.

Number of schools

In 2020, the West Coast District municipal area had a total of 82 public ordinary schools. The number of schools has declined from 123 in 2019 to 82 in 2020.

Number of no-fee schools

The number of no-fee schools followed a similar trend, declining from 86 in 2019 to 66 in 2020. This translates into a total of 84 per cent of schools being registered with the Western Cape Department of Education as no-fee schools.

Schools with libraries and media centres

The number of schools with libraries /media centres has remained the same at 46 between 2019 and 2020. At only 46 of the 82 (56.0 per cent in 2020) schools in the West Coast District area with such facilities, there is considerable scope for the extension of such facilities to other schools in the area.

Education outcomes (matric pass rate)

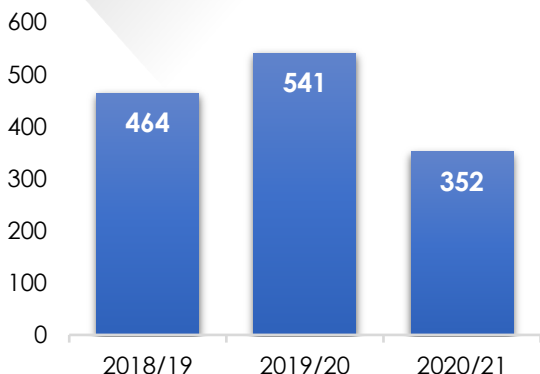
Education remains one of the key avenues through which the state is involved in the economy. In preparing individuals for future engagements in the labour market, policy decisions and choices in the sphere of education play a critical role in determining the extent to which future economic and poverty reduction plans may be realised.

The West Coast District's matric outcomes decreased slightly from 83.9 per cent in 2019, to 82.2 per cent in 2020. Better results could improve access to learners to higher education to broaden their employment opportunities

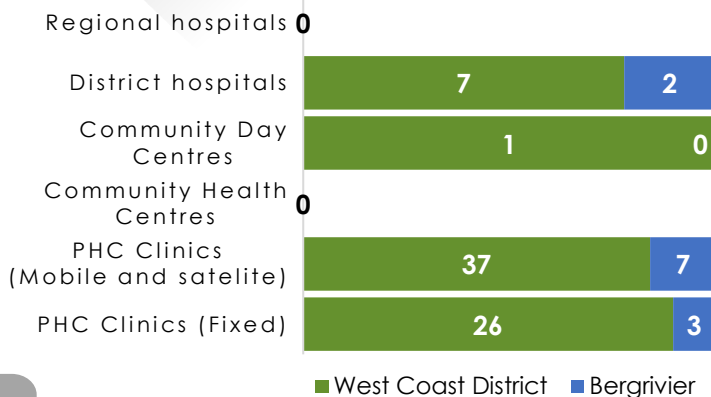
HEALTH



Tuberculosis



Healthcare facilities



Maternal health

| | Maternal Mortality Rate | | Delivery rate to women under 20 years | | Termination of pregnancy rate | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 |
| Bergrivier | 0.0 | 0.0 | 19.1 | 16.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| West Coast District | 0.0 | 43.0 | 16.3 | 14.7 | 0.4 | 0.5 |

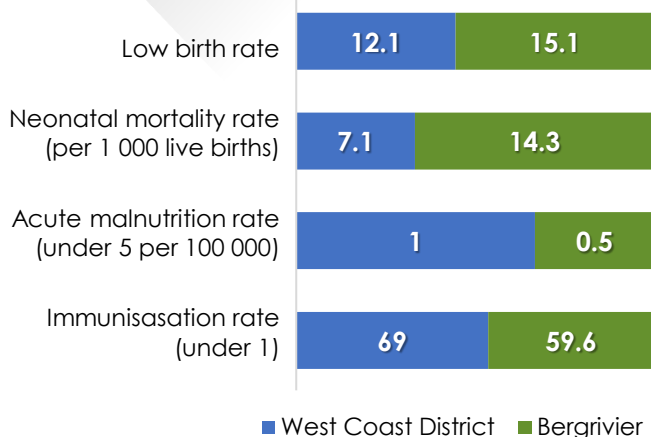


Emergency medical services

| Health Indicator | West Coast District | Bergrivier |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| EMS Operational Ambulances | 29 | 5 |
| No of operational ambulances per 10 000 people | 2 | 1 |



Child health



HIV/AIDS

| Area | Registered patients receiving ART | | Number of new ART patients | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 |
| Bergrivier | 1 377 | 1 418 | 170 | 146 |
| West Coast District | 12 879 | 13 154 | 2 110 | 1 589 |

Health

Healthcare facilities

According to the 2019 Inequality Trend report by Statistics South Africa, in 2017, 75.1 per cent of households in South Africa usually use public healthcare facilities when a household member gets ill, compared to 24.9 per cent who use private healthcare facilities. This is associated with the low proportion of households with access to medical aid, which in 2017 was approximately 17 per cent for South Africa and 25 per cent for the Western Cape.

In 2020, the West Coast District municipal area had 27 primary healthcare facilities, which comprised of 26 fixed clinics and 1 community day centre; there were also 37 mobile/satellite clinics. In addition to these primary healthcare facilities, there are also 7 district hospitals.

HIV/AIDS

The West Coast District's total registered patients receiving antiretroviral treatment increased by 275 between 2019 and 2020. The number of new antiretroviral patients increased from 12 879 in 2019 to 13 154 in 2020. This could be an indication that less people are being tested and receiving access to HIV treatment.

In 2020, a total of 13 154 registered patients received antiretroviral treatment in the West Coast District.

Child health

Even after a small improvement from 61.5 per cent in 2019 to 69.0 per cent in 2020, the immunisation rate in the West coast District remains low. The number of malnourished children under five years (per 100 000) in District in 2020 was 1.0 a slight improvement from the 1.7 in 2019. The neonatal mortality rate (per 1 000 live births) in the West Coast area improved from 8.2 in 2019 to 7.1 in 2020, while the low birth-weight indicator was recorded at 12.1 in 2020, a marginal decrease from the 13.9 recorded in 2019.

Maternal health

The maternal mortality rate in the West Coast District recorded 43 deaths per 100 000 live births in 2020.

The delivery rate to women under 20 years in the West Coast District municipal area was recorded at 14.7per cent in 2020, while the termination of pregnancy rate increased from 0,4 in 2019 to 0.5 in 2020.

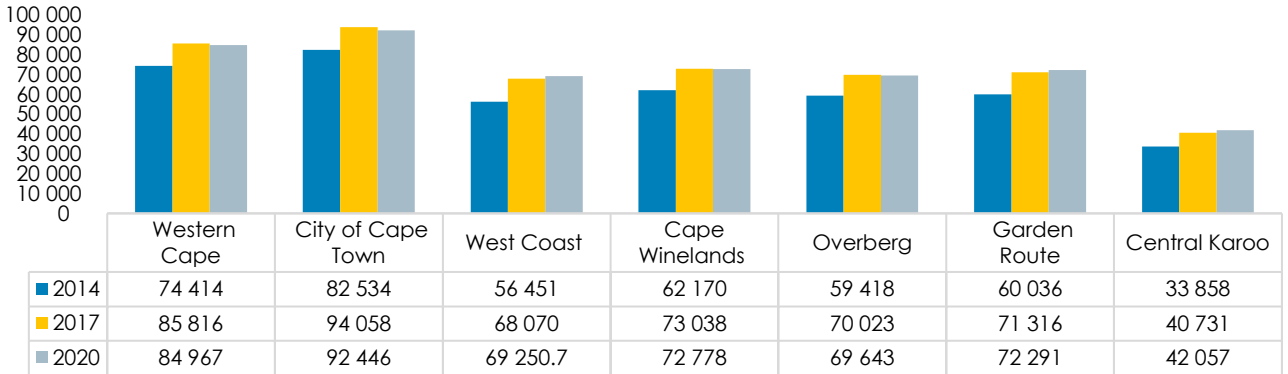
Emergency medical services

The provision of more operational ambulances can provide greater coverage of emergency medical services. The West Coast District area has 2 ambulances per 10 000 people in 2020. It is worth noting that this number only refers to Provincial ambulances and excludes all private service providers.

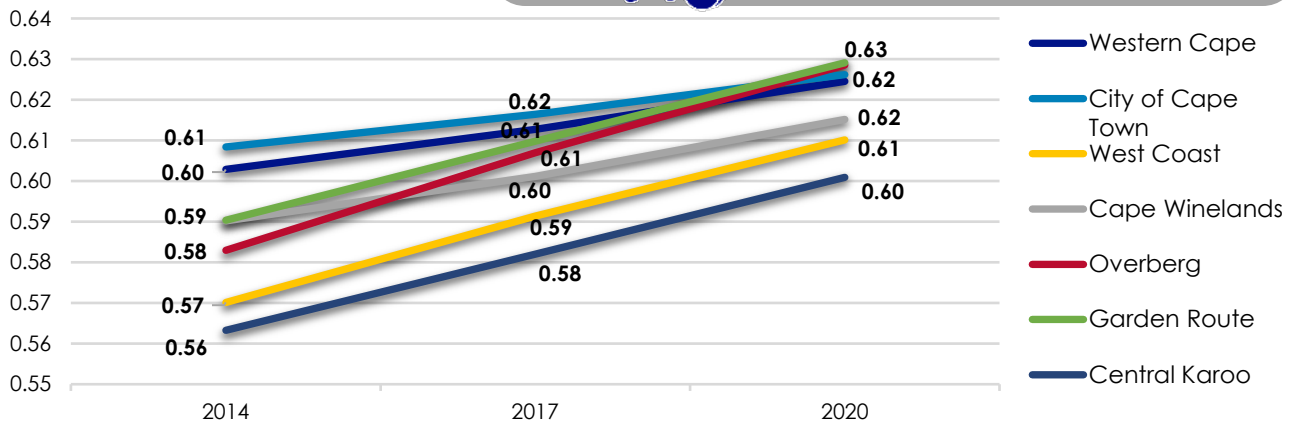
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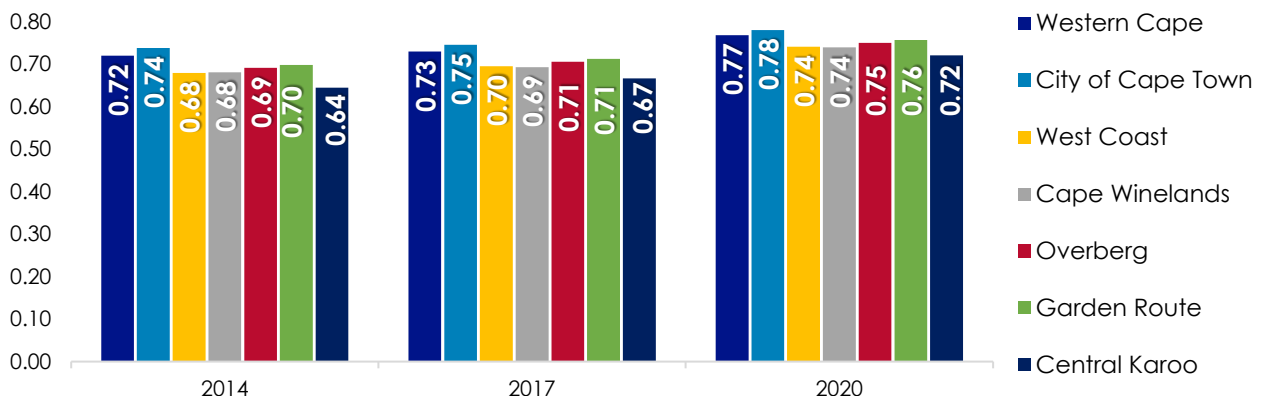
GDP per capita



Income inequality



Human development



Poverty

GDPR per capita

An increase in regional gross domestic product (GDPR) per capita, i.e. GDPR per person, is experienced only if the real economic growth rate exceeds the population growth rate. Even though real GDPR per capita reflects changes in the overall well-being of the population, not everyone within an economy will earn the same amount of money as estimated by the real GDPR per capita indicator.

At a per capita GDPR of R69 250 in 2020 (nominal value), the West Coast District remains significantly below that of the Province's R84 967.

Income inequality

The National Development Plan (NDP) has set a target of reducing income inequality in South Africa from a Gini coefficient of 0.7 in 2010 to 0.6 by 2030. However, between 2015 and 2018, income inequality has worsened in West Coast area, with the Gini-coefficient increasing from 0.58 in 2014 to 0.62 in 2020. Worsening income inequality could also be seen across the Western Cape Province (0.58 in 2014 and 0.62 in 2020).

Human development

The HDI (Human Development Index) is a composite indicator reflecting on education levels, health, and income. It is a measure of peoples' ability to live a long and healthy life, to communicate, participate in the community and to have sufficient means to be able to afford a decent living. The HDI is represented by a number between 0 and 1, where 1 indicates a high level of human development and 0 represents no human development. The United Nations uses the Human Development Index (HDI) to assess the relative level of socio-economic development within countries.

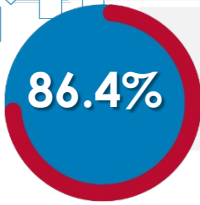
There has been a general increase in the HDI for the West Coast area, from 0.68 in 2014 to 0.74 in 2020. There has been a similar upward trend for the Western Cape from 0.72 in 2014 to 0.77 in 2020.

BASIC SERVICE DELIVERY



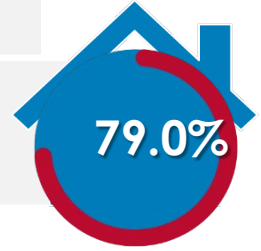
Total number of households

123 836 West Coast District (WCD) **1 945 891** Western Cape



Formal main dwelling

107 015 West Coast District **1 537 538** Western Cape



78.2% West Coast
61.3% Western Cape
House/brick structure on separate stand/yard



0.6% West Coast
0.5% Western Cape
Traditional dwelling



6.9% West Coast
16.3% Western Cape
Flat/simplex/duplex/triplex or room/flat on shared property

1.3% West Coast
1.0% Western Cape



1.3% West Coast
1.5% Western Cape
House/flat/room in backyard



4.9% West Coast
6.8% Western Cape
Informal dwelling in backyard



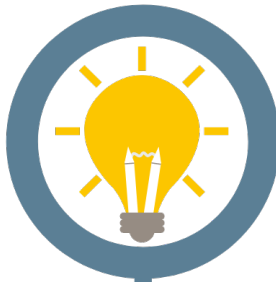
6.8% West Coast
12.7% Western Cape
Informal dwelling not in backyard

Other/Unspecified



Piped water inside dwelling/within 200m

West Coast **98.3%**
Western Cape **96.6%**



Electricity as primary source of lighting

West Coast **94.0%**
Western Cape **93.0%**



Flush/chemical toilet

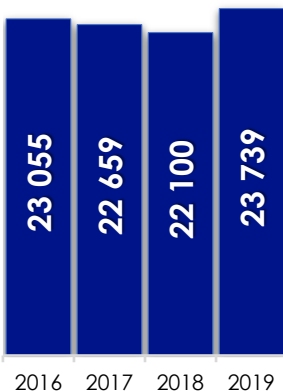
West Coast **87.1%**
Western Cape **90.0%**



Refuse removed at least once a week

West Coast **76.8%**
Western Cape **89.8%**

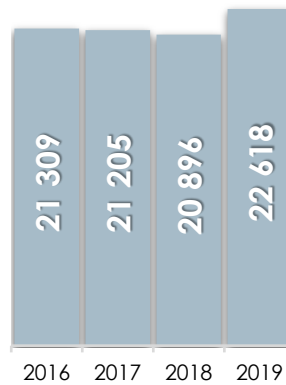
Free basic water



Free basic electricity



Free basic sanitation



Free basic refuse removal



Basic Service Delivery

The Constitution stipulates that every citizen has the right to access to adequate housing and that the state must take reasonable legislative and other measures within its available resources to achieve the progressive realisation of this right. Access to housing also includes access to services such as potable water, basic sanitation, safe energy sources and refuse removal services, to ensure that households enjoy a decent standard of living.

This section considers to what extent this has been achieved by reflecting on the latest available information from Quantec Research for 2019. The latest official statistics was collected by Statistics South Africa for the 2016 Community Survey; the 2021 Census will provide the updated official statistics. The information on free basic services is obtained from Statistics South Africa's Non-Financial Census of Municipalities survey findings.

Housing and Household Services

With a total of 123 836 households in the West Coast District municipal area, 86.4 per cent had access to formal housing, which is well above the Provincial average of 79.0 per cent. Informal housing is a particular challenge in the Saldanha Bay municipal areas, with 13.5 per cent of informal dwellings in this municipal area.

With the exception of refuse removal services, service access levels were higher than access to formal housing, with access to piped water inside/within 200m of the dwelling at 98.3 per cent, access to electricity (for lighting) at 94.0 per cent and access to sanitation at 87.1 per cent.

Free Basic Services

Local municipalities also provide a package of free basic services to households who are financially vulnerable and struggle to pay for services. The number of households receiving free basic services in the West Coast District municipal area has shown an overall increasing trend between 2016 and 2019. The stressed economic conditions are anticipated to exert pressure on household income levels, which is in turn likely to see the number of indigent households and the demand for free basic services increase.

SAFETY AND SECURITY



| MURDER | | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 |
|---------------|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Actual Number | West Coast District | 127 | 129 | 116 |
| | Western Cape | 3 959 | 3 962 | 3 803 |
| Per 100 000 | West Coast District | 28 | 28 | 25 |
| | Western Cape | 57 | 56 | 53 |

| SEXUAL OFFENCES | | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Actual Number | West Coast District | 507 | 571 | 434 |
| | Western Cape | 7 082 | 7 325 | 6 430 |
| Per 100 000 | West Coast District | 112 | 124 | 93 |
| | Western Cape | 103 | 104 | 90 |



| DRUG-RELATED OFFENCES | | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Actual Number | West Coast District | 5 864 | 4 411 | 3 505 |
| | Western Cape | 81 015 | 62 453 | 44 441 |
| Per 100 000 | West Coast District | 1 293 | 956 | 750 |
| | Western Cape | 1 176 | 890 | 625 |

| DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE | | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Actual Number | West Coast District | 657 | 857 | 408 |
| | Western Cape | 12 510 | 12 290 | 3 746 |
| Per 100 000 | West Coast District | 145 | 186 | 87 |
| | Western Cape | 182 | 175 | 53 |



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|----------------------|---------------------|-----|-----|----|
| Fatal Crashes | West Coast District | 93 | 90 | 61 |
| Road User Fatalities | West Coast District | 121 | 103 | 74 |



| RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES | | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Actual Number | West Coast District | 2 779 | 2 908 | 2 406 |
| | Western Cape | 39 294 | 35 935 | 27 172 |
| Per 100 000 | West Coast District | 613 | 630 | 515 |
| | Western Cape | 571 | 512 | 382 |

Safety and Security

Murder

Murder is defined as the unlawful and intentional killing of another person.

Within the West Coast area, the number of murders decreased from 129 in 2019/20 to 116 in 2020/21. The District's murder rate (per 100 000 people) also decreased from 28 in 2019/20 to 25 in 2020/21, while the comparative Provincial murder rate was significantly higher at 53 (per 100 000 people) in 2020/21.

Sexual offences

Sexual offences include rape (updated to the new definition of rape to provide for the inclusion of male rape), sex work, pornography, public indecency and human trafficking.

In 2020/21, there were 434 sexual offences in the West Coast District municipal area. When comparing this to the Province, the West Coast's 2020/21 incidence of sexual offences per 100 000 population was higher than that of the Western Cape, at 93 and 90 for the West Coast District and Western Cape respectively.

Drug-related offences

Drug-related crimes refer to the situation where the perpetrator is found to be in possession of, under the influence of, or selling illegal drugs.

Drug-related crime within the West Coast area decreased significantly from 4 411 cases in 2019/20 to 3 505 cases in 2020/21. The Western Cape's drug-related offences also decreased sharply from 62 453 in 2019/20 to 44 441 in 2020/21. When comparing West Coast area and the Province's rate per 100 000 people, with 750 drug related offences per 100 000 people in 2020/21, the West Coast area's figure is above that of the Province's 625.

Driving under the influence (DUI)

A situation where the driver of a vehicle is found to be over the legal blood alcohol limit.

The number of cases of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs in the West Coast municipal area shows a decrease from 857 in 2019/20 to 408 in 2020/21. This translates into a rate of 87 per 100 000 people in 2020/21, which is slightly above the Province's 53 per 100 000 people in 2020/21.

Residential burglaries

The unlawful entry of a residential structure with the intent to commit a crime, usually a theft.

The number of residential burglaries in the West Coast area decreased from 2 908 in 2019/20 to 2 406 in 2020/21. However, the District's rate of 515 per 100 000 population was higher than that of the Province's rate of 382 per 100 000 population for 2020/21.

Economy and Labour Market Performance

| SECTOR | GDP | | | | Employment | |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| | R Million value 2019 | Trend 2015 – 2019 | Real GDP growth 2020e | Number of jobs 2019 | Average annual change 2015 - 2019 | Net change 2020e |
| PS Primary Sector | 5 432.8 | -2.2 | 12.4 | 69 688 | 1 245 | -4 324 |
| Agriculture, forestry & fishing | 5 100.1 | -2.2 | 14.4 | 69 290 | 1 257 | -4 292 |
| Mining & quarrying | 332.7 | -1.8 | -22.8 | 398 | -12 | -32 |
| SS Secondary sector | 9 155.2 | 1.4 | -7.4 | 23 322 | 227 | -1 544 |
| Manufacturing | 7 059.6 | 1.8 | -5.0 | 16 216 | 188 | -579 |
| Electricity, gas & water | 614.7 | -2.0 | -7.8 | 408 | 1 | -14 |
| Construction | 1 480.8 | 0.1 | -20.6 | 6 698 | 37 | -951 |
| TS Tertiary sector | 16 429.1 | 1.5 | -5.8 | 90 178 | 2 080 | -4 410 |
| Wholesale & retail trade, catering & accommodation | 5 017.8 | 1.6 | -9.9 | 32 033 | 1 050 | -1 869 |
| Transport, storage & communication | 2 514.2 | -0.5 | -16.5 | 4 693 | 92 | -229 |
| Finance, insurance, real estate & business services | 3 564.3 | 2.8 | -2.9 | 16 029 | 453 | -775 |
| General government | 3 373.6 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 17 554 | 86 | 229 |
| Community, social & personal services | 1 959.1 | 2.1 | -1.8 | 19 869 | 400 | -1 766 |
| West Coast | 31 017.1 | 0.6 | -2.7 | 183 188 | 3 552 | -10 278 |

| Skill Levels Formal employment | Skill Level Contribution 2020 (%) | Average growth (%) 2016 - 2020 | Number of jobs | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | 2019 | 2020 |
| Skilled | 15.8 | 0.7 | 21 791 | 21 041 |
| Semi-skilled | 35.4 | -0.7 | 50 288 | 47 207 |
| Low-skilled | 48.8 | -0.8 | 68 859 | 65 137 |
| TOTAL | 100.0 | -0.5 | 140 938 | 133 385 |

| Informal Employment | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Number of informal jobs | 40 374 | 39 608 | 40 837 | 44 192 | 44 294 | 48 926 | 45 009 | 45 771 | 44 019 | 42 250 | 39 525 |
| % of Total Employment | 27.1 | 26.5 | 26.1 | 26.8 | 26.8 | 26.9 | 24.8 | 25.2 | 24.1 | 23.1 | 22.9 |

| Unemployment rates | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| West Coast | 10.0 | 10.4 | 10.1 | 9.6 | 10.2 | 9.1 | 10.1 | 10.9 | 11.1 | 12.0 | 11.7 |
| Cape Winelands | 10.1 | 10.3 | 10.1 | 9.7 | 10.0 | 9.1 | 10.0 | 10.4 | 10.3 | 11.1 | 10.8 |
| Overberg | 9.1 | 9.4 | 9.2 | 8.9 | 9.3 | 8.3 | 9.4 | 9.8 | 9.8 | 10.8 | 10.9 |
| Garden Route | 15.0 | 15.0 | 14.7 | 14.3 | 14.3 | 13.9 | 14.8 | 15.2 | 14.9 | 15.9 | 15.4 |
| Central Karoo | 23.0 | 22.7 | 22.3 | 21.6 | 21.7 | 20.4 | 21.3 | 22.0 | 21.5 | 22.3 | 20.3 |
| City of Cape Town | 18.2 | 18.3 | 18.6 | 18.7 | 19.1 | 19.8 | 21.1 | 21.9 | 21.7 | 23.2 | 22.4 |
| Western Cape | 15.9 | 16.1 | 16.1 | 16.0 | 16.4 | 16.5 | 17.7 | 18.4 | 18.3 | 19.6 | 18.9 |

Economy and Labour Market Performance

Sectoral overview

In 2019, the economy of West Coast District was valued at R31.017 billion (current prices) and employed 183 188 people. Historical trends between 2015 and 2019 indicate that the municipal economy realised an average annual growth rate of 0.6 per cent which can be attributed to the relatively good tertiary and secondary sector growth of 1.5 per cent and 1.4 per cent respectively.

In terms of sectoral contribution, the manufacturing (R7.059 billion; 22.7 per cent in 2019 of total GDP), agriculture, forestry and fishing (R5.100 billion; 16.4 per cent), wholesale and retail trade, catering and accommodation (R5.017 billion; 16.1 per cent), finance, insurance, real estate and business services (R3.564 billion; 11.4 per cent) and general government (R3.373 billion; 10.8 per cent) were the main drivers that contributed to the positive growth between 2015 and 2019. The agriculture, forestry and fishing finance as well as general government sectors are estimated to have performed relatively well in 2020, coming in with estimated growth of 14.4 per cent and 1.0 per cent respectively while all other sectors contracted.

Employment creation for 2020 was poor overall, with most sectors registering poor employment growth or contractions in the number of jobs per sector. Overall, 10 278 jobs were lost, mostly through the losses in the agriculture, forestry and fishing sector (4 292 jobs) as well as wholesale, retail trade, catering and accommodation (1 869 jobs) and community, social and personal services (1 766 jobs) sectors.

Formal and Informal Employment

It is estimated that the West Coast District's total employed will in 2020 amount to 172 910 workers of which 133 385 (77.2 per cent) are in the formal sector while 39 525 (22.8 per cent) are informally employed.

Most of the formally employed consisted of low-skilled (48.8 per cent) and semi-skilled (35.4 per cent) workers. Although the skilled category only contributed 15.8 per cent to total formal employment (2020), it outpaced the other two categories in terms of average annual growth – between 2016 and 2020, the skilled cohort grew on average by 0.7 per cent (albeit off a small base) while the semi-skilled and low-skilled categories grew at -0.7 and -0.8 per cent respectively. The growth in the skilled category reflects the market demand for more skilled labour. Evidently, the demand for skilled labour is on the rise which implies the need to capacitate and empower low-skilled and semi-skilled workers.

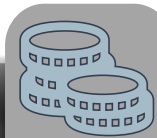
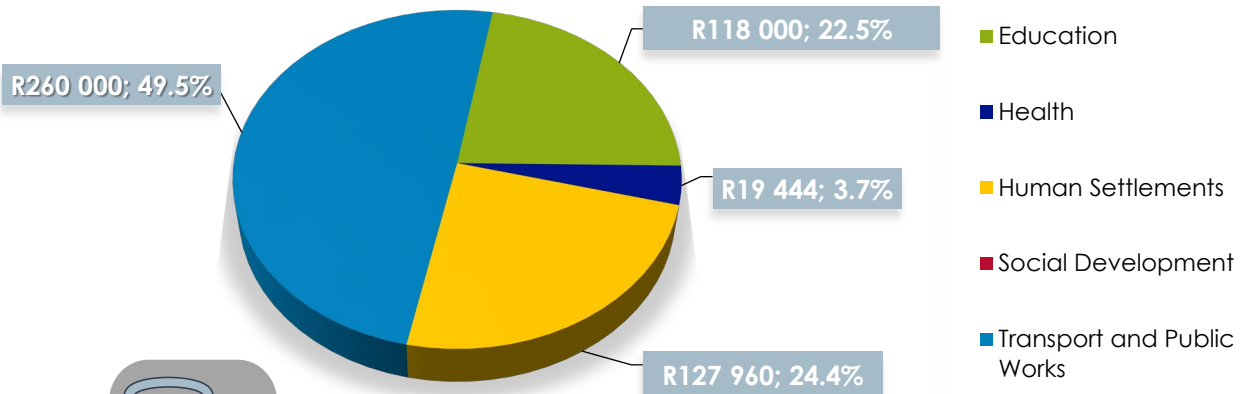
Unemployment

The West Coast District's unemployment rate of 11.7 per cent in 2020 was notably lower than that the Western Cape's unemployment rate of 18.9 per cent. The unemployment rates are concerning given that this estimate is based on the narrow definition of unemployment i.e. the percentage of people that are actively looking for work, but unable to find employment. In turn, the broad definition refers to people that want to work but are not actively seeking employment (excludes those who have given up looking for work).

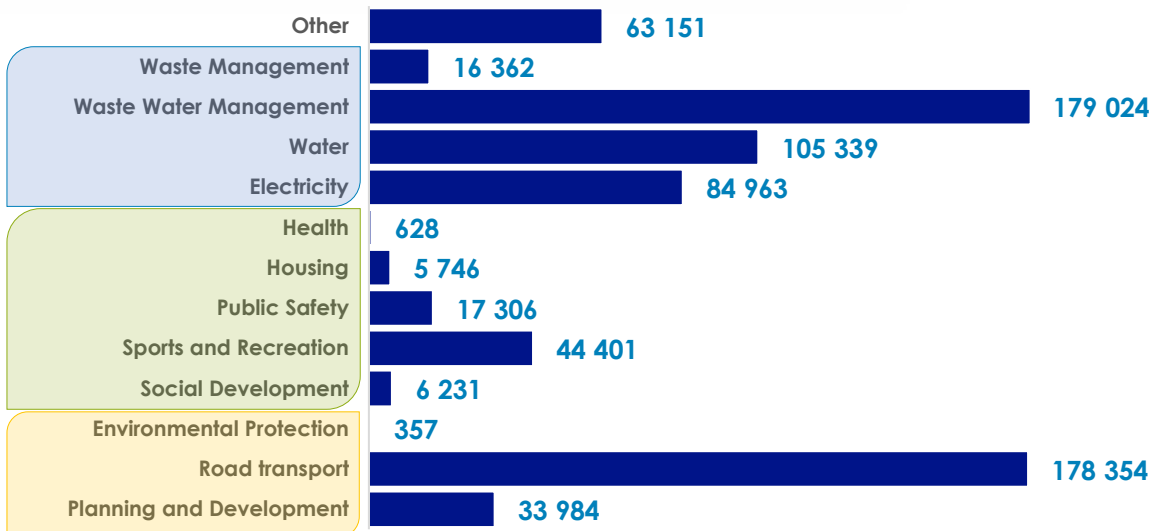
PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE SPEND



Provincial infrastructure spend (R'000)



Municipal infrastructure spend (R'000)



Public Infrastructure Spend

Spending on social infrastructure

Spending on social infrastructure aids in social development and has the spill-over effect of enabling economic growth. The Western Cape Government (WCG) will spend 50.6 per cent of its 2021/22 infrastructure budget for the West Coast District on social infrastructure.

As displayed in the pie chart the WCG will be allocating 24.4 per cent of the budget (R127.960 million) towards Human Settlement. Spending on human settlement is crucial as this will address the backlogs in housing in the West Coast municipal area. In addition to Provincial spend, the District has allocated R5.746 million of its own 2021/22 capital spending to human settlement.

Spending on education is crucial as it can serve to improve education outcomes and skills levels within a community, and more importantly alleviate poverty through increased long-term income for individuals. WCG will be allocating 22.5 per cent of the budget (R118.0 million) towards Education in the West Coast District municipal area. The District will complement this spending by allocating R44.401 million towards sport and recreation.

A healthy and resilient community increases productivity and reduces pressures on government resources. The WCG will be allocating 3.7 per cent of the budget (R19.444 million) towards Health in the West Coast District municipal area. In addition to the Provincial spend, the District has allocated R628 000 of its capital budget towards the Health function.

In addition to Provincial spend, the West Coast District Municipality has allocated R6.231 million of its own capital budget to community and social development. Crime has a negative impact on the quality of lives of individuals, but also on the economy by deterring private investment and causing business losses. It further creates a burden on government resources in terms of justice system costs, victim assistance and replacement of assets. The West Coast District Municipality has allocated R17.306 million of its capital budget towards public safety.

Spending on economic infrastructure

Economic infrastructure is defined as infrastructure that promotes economic activity. Considering the sluggish economic growth throughout the country, spending on economic infrastructure is crucial to stimulating economic activity.

The WCG allocated R260.0 million (49.5 per cent in 2021/22) towards economic infrastructure across the entire West Coast District, more specifically towards road transport infrastructure. In addition to the Provincial spend, the West Coast District Municipality has allocated R178.354 million of its 2021/22 capital budget towards road transport. Road transport infrastructure goes a long way towards unlocking the region's economic potential, especially due to it having the largest natural port in Africa and being a tourist destination.

As part of their economic and environmental services allocation, the Municipality has budgeted R33.984 million towards planning and development.

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