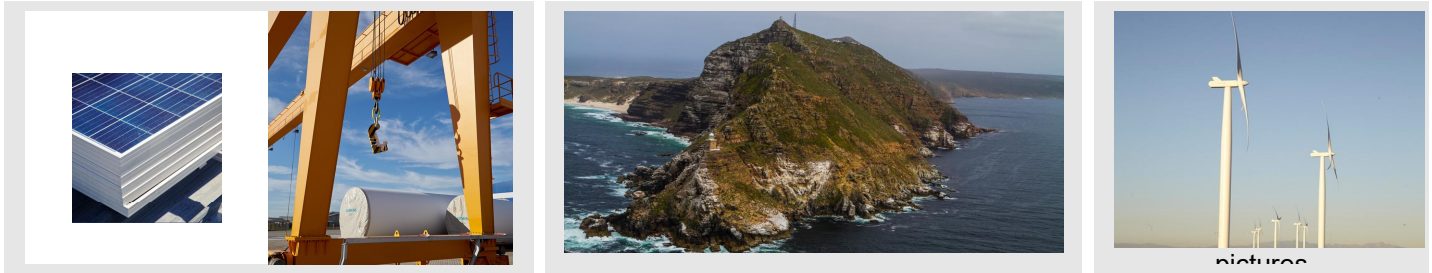
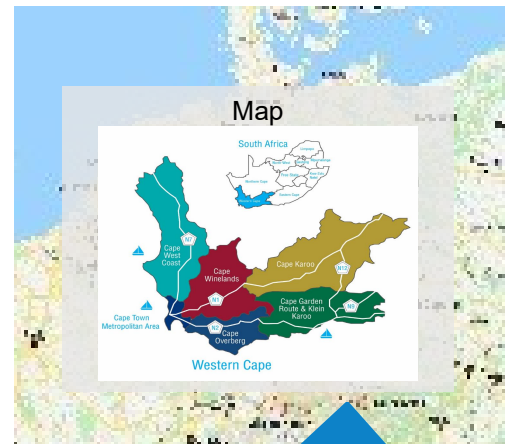


Western Cape



The Western Cape's natural beauty, complemented by its hospitality, cultural diversity, excellent wine and colourful cuisine, makes it one of the world's greatest tourist attractions. Its offerings vary from catering for the sports enthusiast (e.g. Cape Town Cycle Tour – the world's biggest timed cycle race, Two Oceans Ultra Marathon – described as the most beautiful marathon in the World) to the renowned Cape Town International Jazz festival, as well as extensive mountain biking, sailing and extreme sports. Cape Town also boasts the top venue for international conferences in Africa - the Cape Town International Convention Centre.



Capital: Cape Town
Population: 6 510 300 (2017)
Area: 129 462 km²
Language: Afrikaans (49.7%), English (20.2%), Xhosa (24.7%)
Unemployment Rate: official - 19.5 % & expanded - 23%
GDP (WC): R 428 bn (2016)
GDP per capita: R 68 036 (2016)
GDP (RSA): R 3.1 trn (2017 Real GDP)
GDP per capita: R 55 286 (2017)

GOVERNMENT

Head of Government Ms Helen Zille	Re-Election 2014
Party Affiliation Democratic Alliance	Length of Term 5 years
Assumed Office 2009	

MAJOR INDUSTRIES

- Retail
- Asset Management
- Tech
- Oil and Gas
- Tourism
- Agribusiness
- Sustainable Energy
- BPO
- Agriculture

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

- Shoprite
- Sanlam Ltd
- Mediclinic International Ltd
- Foschini Group
- Woolworths
- Pick 'n Pay Holdings
- Naspers
- Mediclinic Pty Ltd
- Pepkor Holdings
- KAP Industrial Holdings Ltd

TRADE

Exports (2017): R 124 bn
 Major products: Refined petroleum oils & oils obtained from bituminous minerals, citrus fruit & grapes (fresh & dried), wine & grapes (fresh & dried)

Imports (2017): R 185 bn
 Major products: Crude petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, refined petroleum oils, undenatured ethyl alcohol-spirits, liquors & telephone sets