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Weekly Media Update on COVID-19

7 August 2020

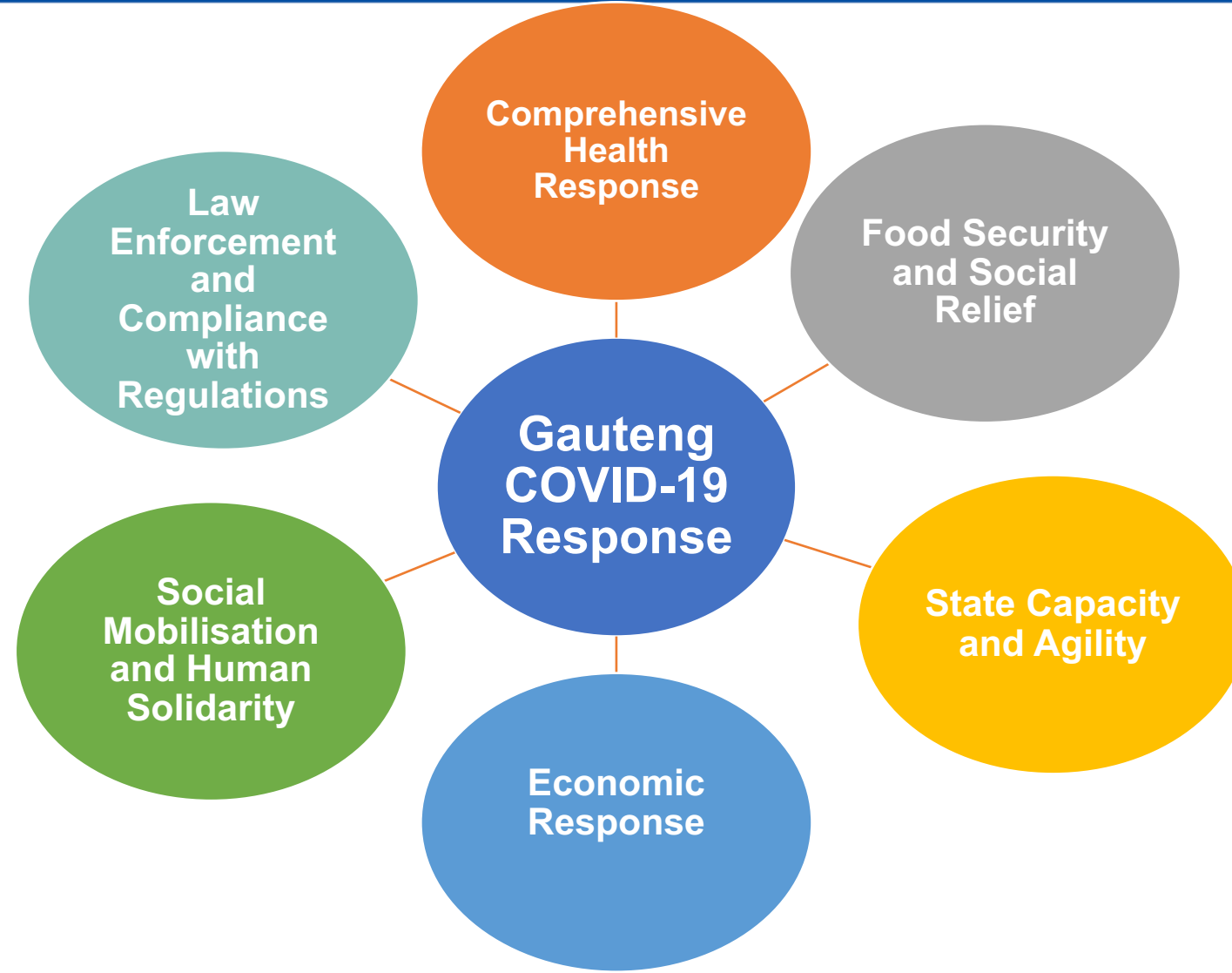


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Gauteng COVID-19 response: Six pillars



Comprehensive Health Response



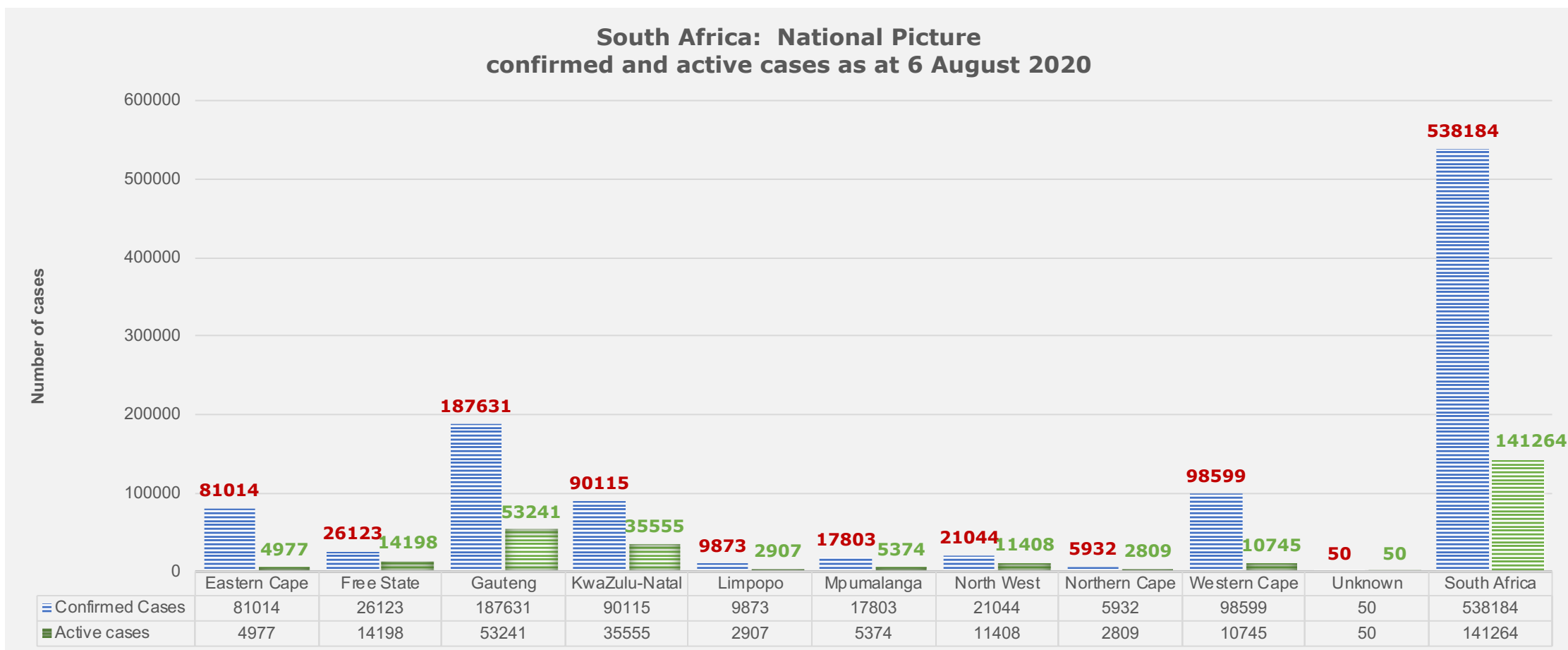
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National Picture: 6 August 2020

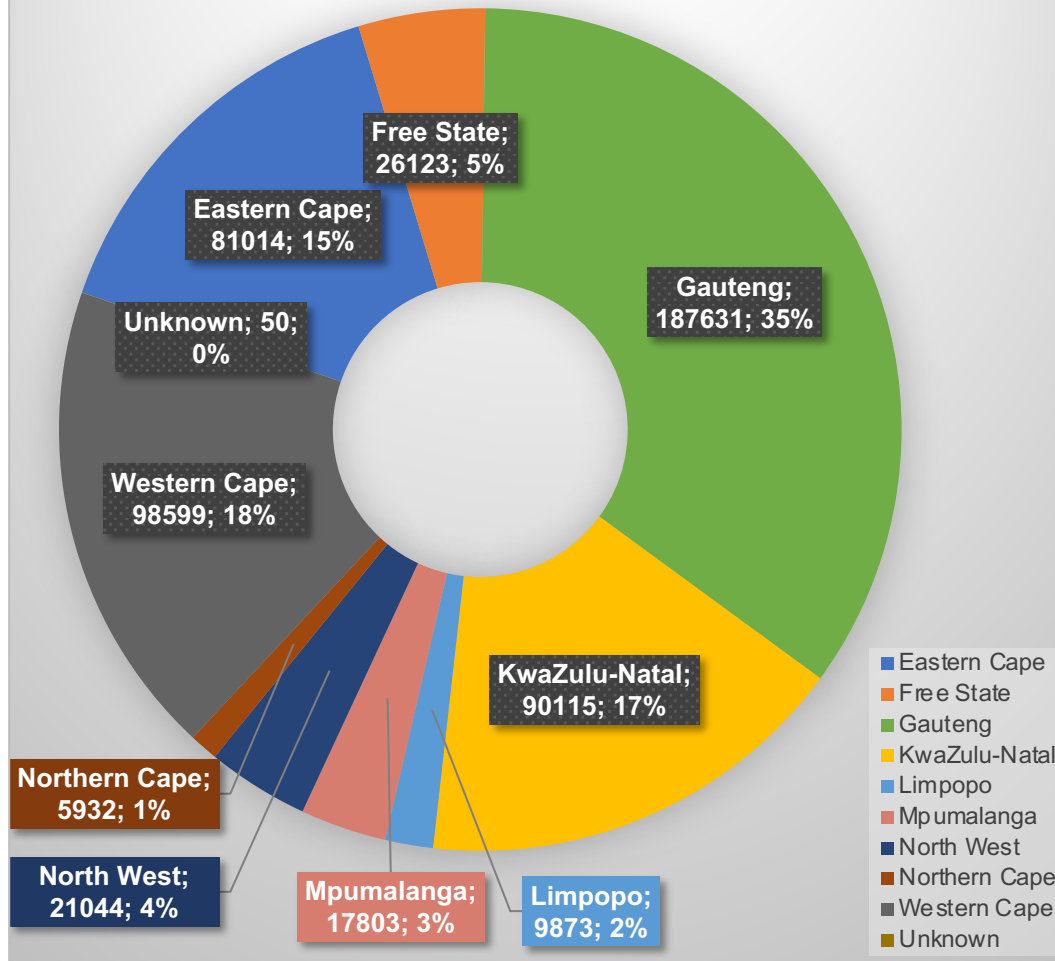
Confirmed cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests Conducted	New cases
538 184	387 316	9 604	3 149 807	8 307



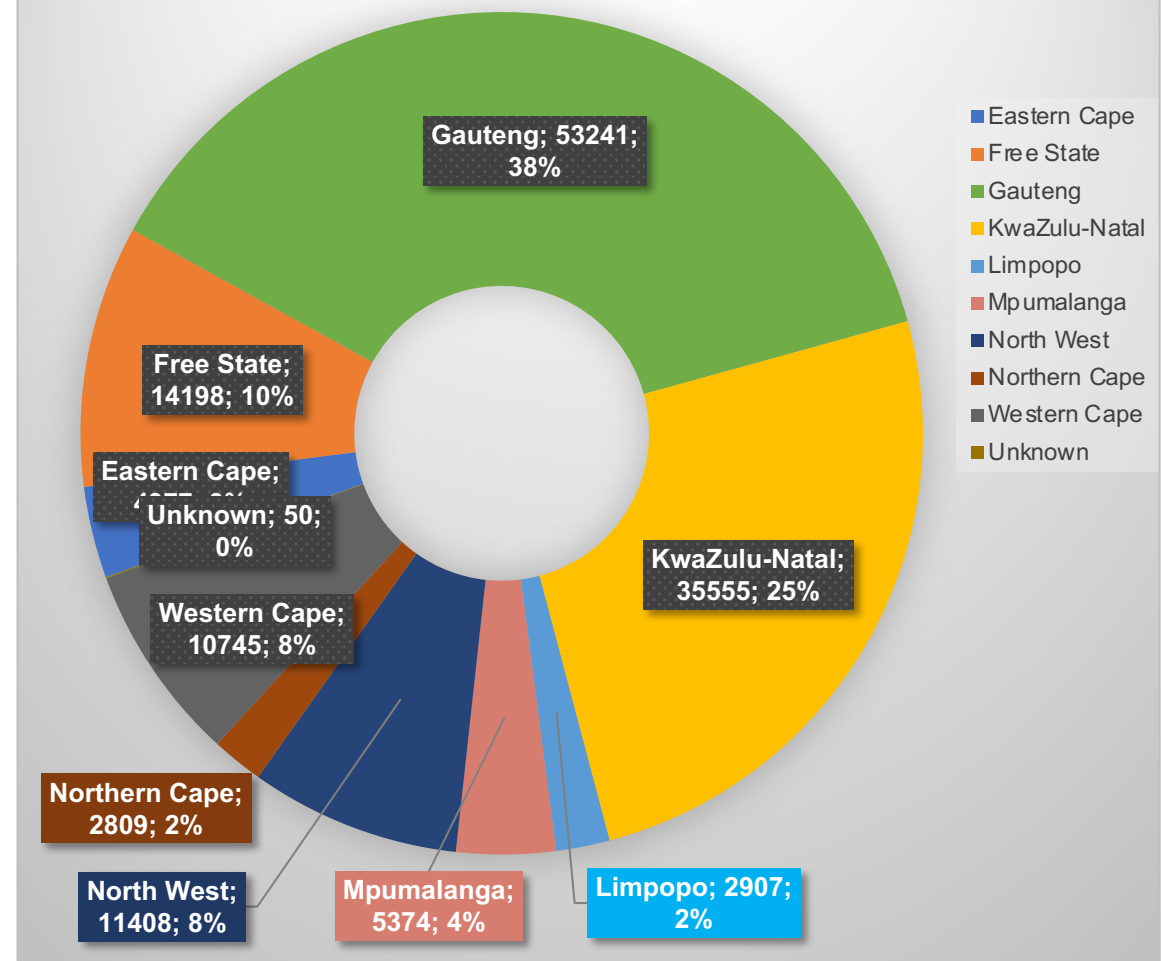


National picture: Confirmed and active cases

South Africa: Confirmed Cases as at 6 August 2020



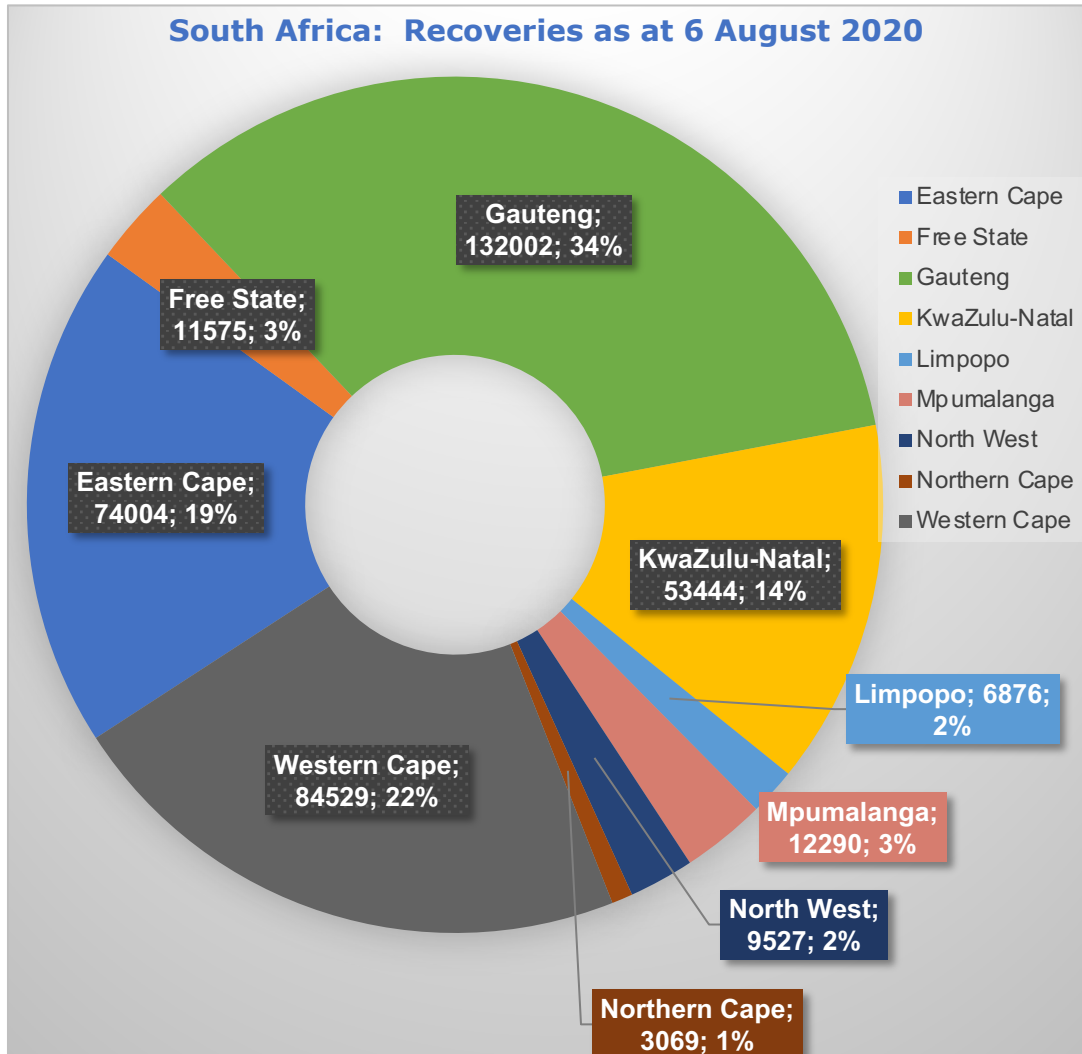
South Africa: Active cases as at 6 August 2020



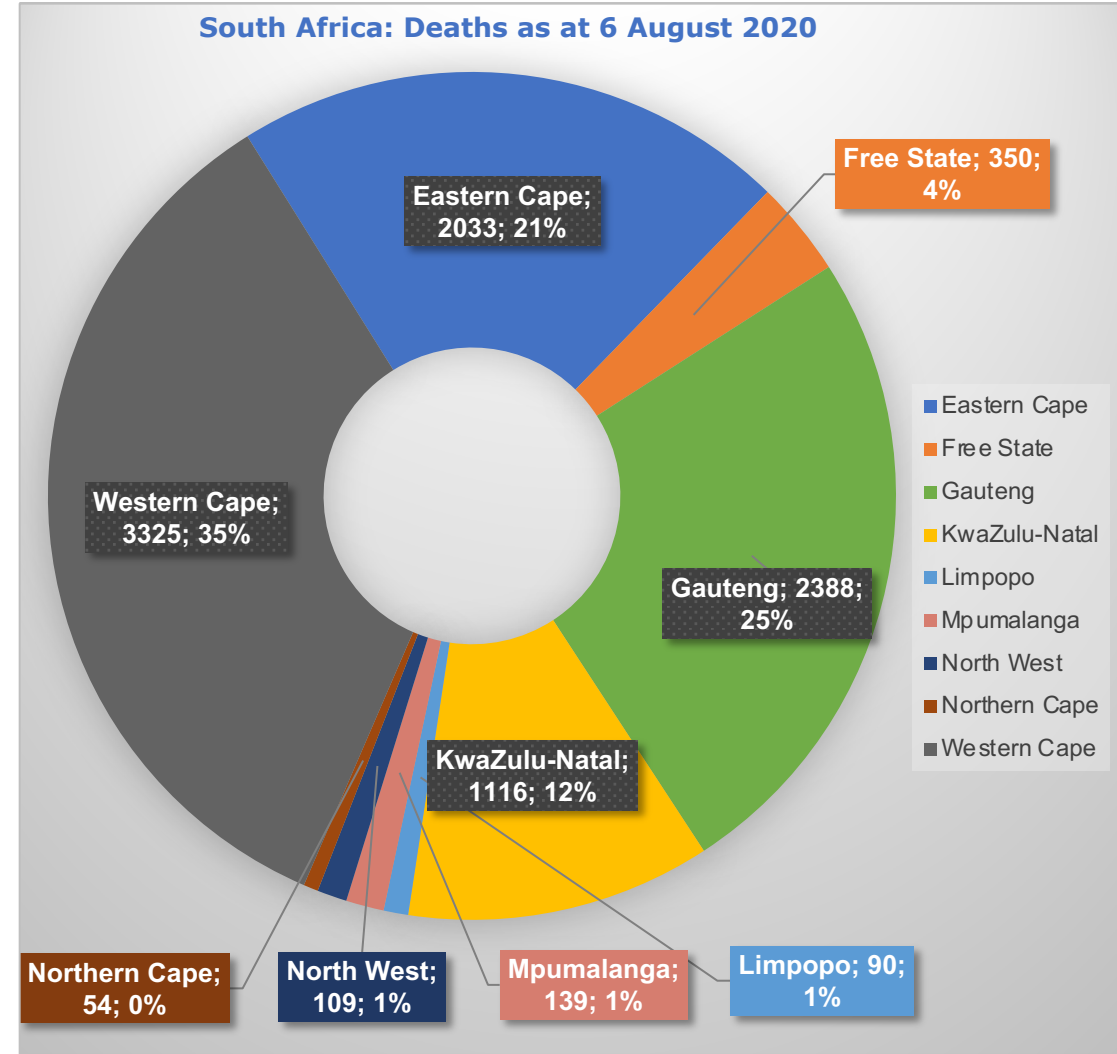


National picture: Recoveries and deaths

South Africa: Recoveries as at 6 August 2020

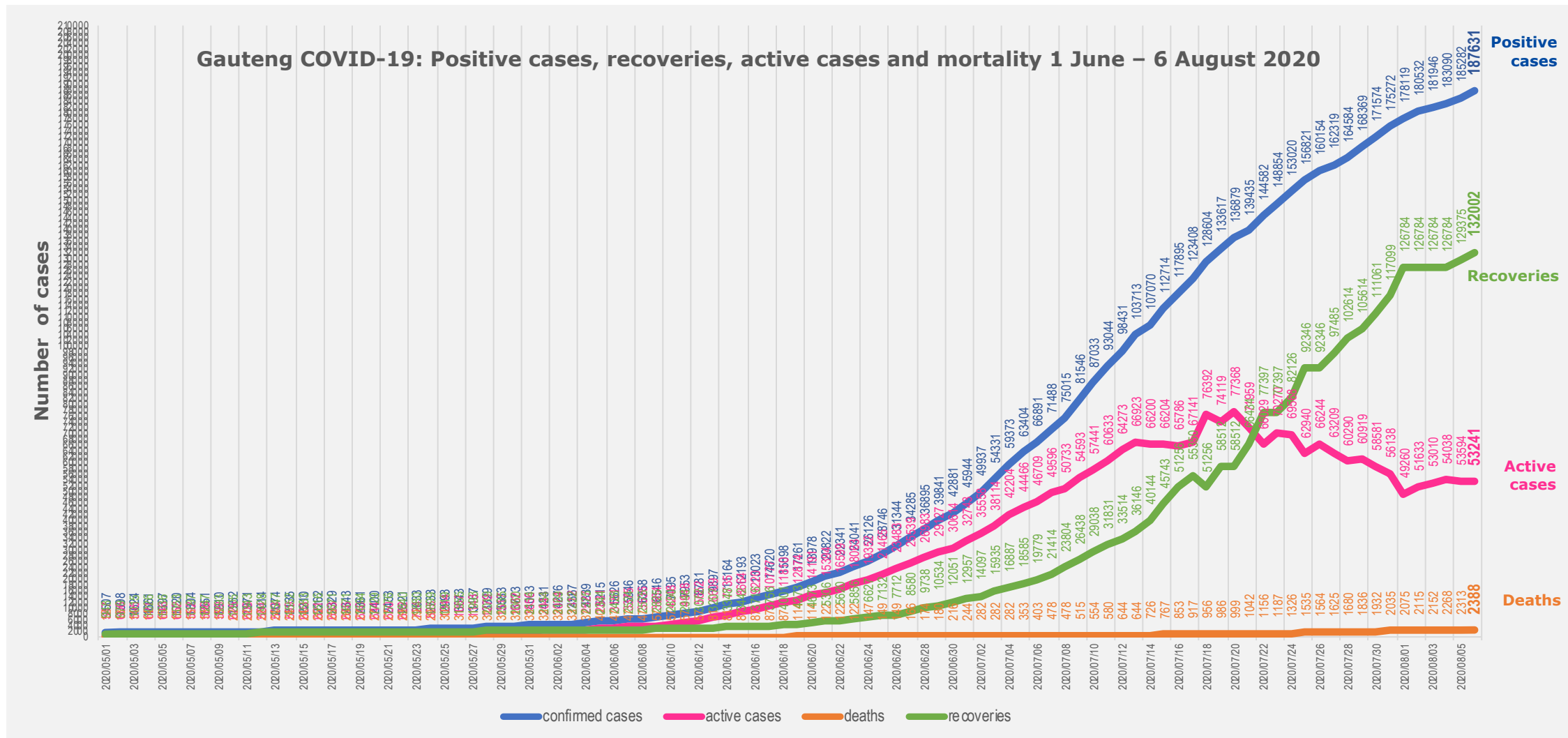


South Africa: Deaths as at 6 August 2020





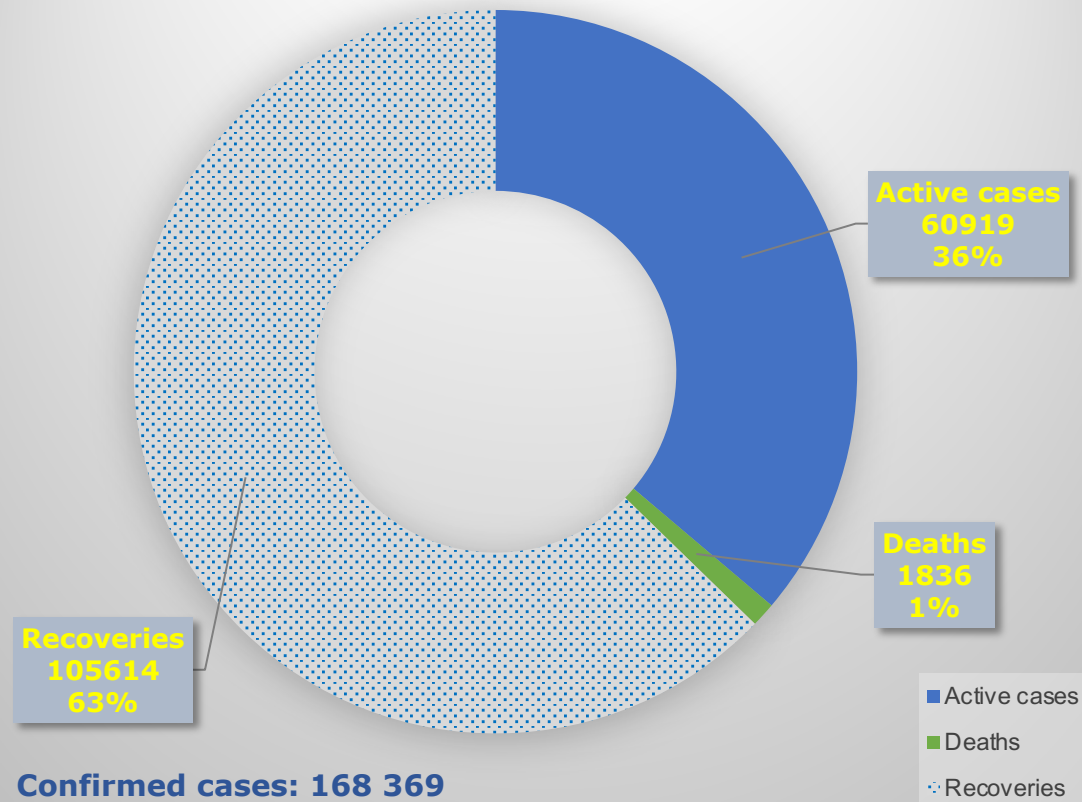
Gauteng COVID-19: Positive cases, recoveries, active cases and mortality



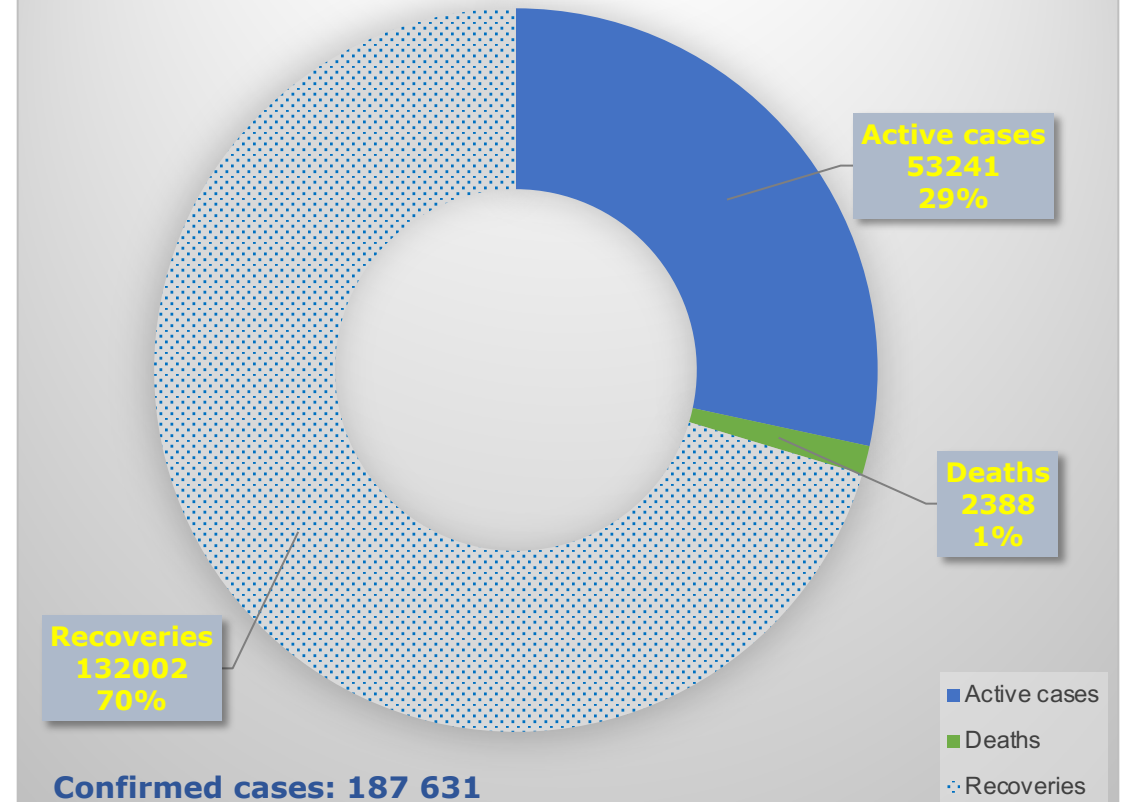


Gauteng COVID-19: Cases as at 6 August 2020

Gauteng COVID-19 cases as at 29 July 2020

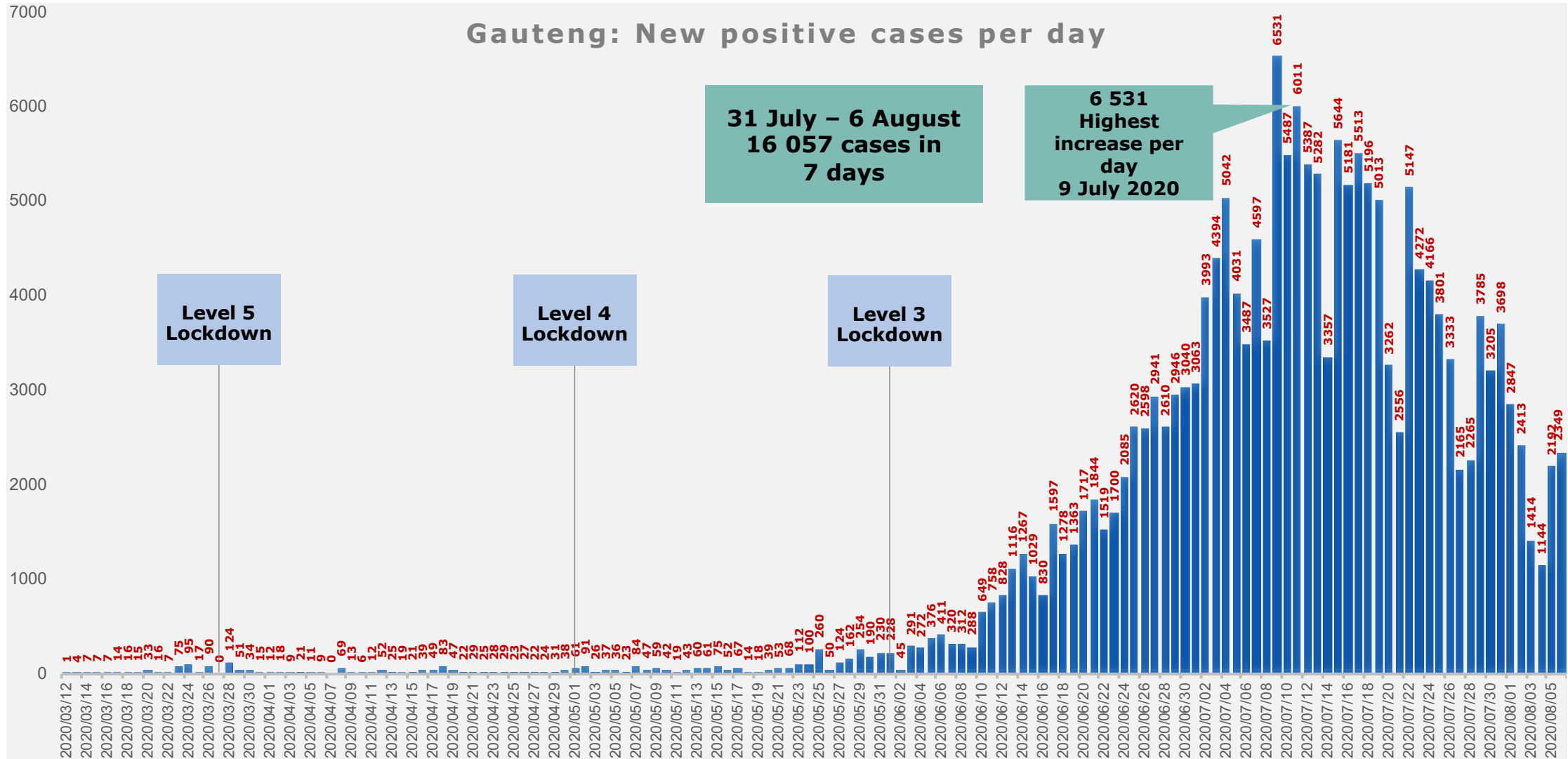


Gauteng COVID-19 cases as at 6 August 2020



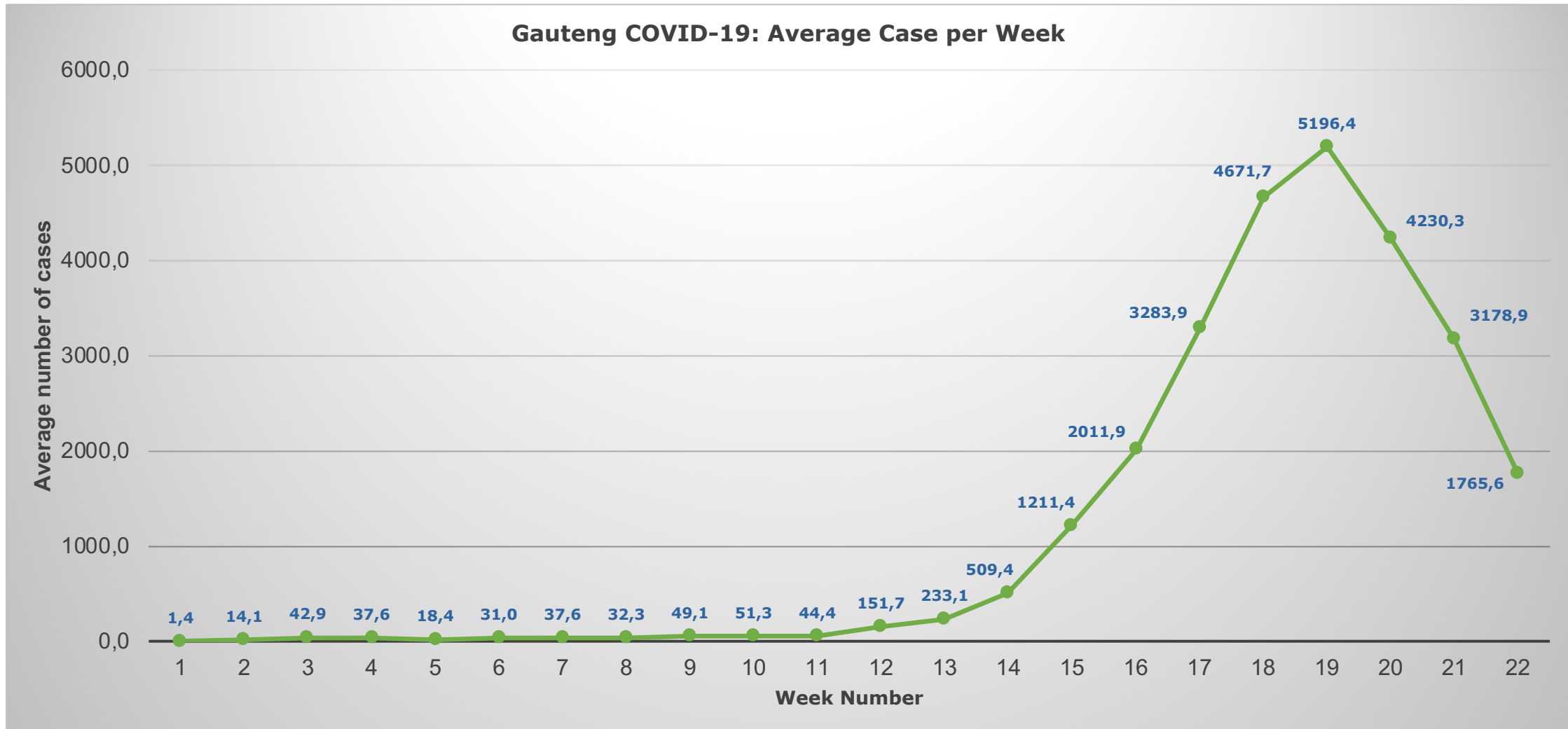


Gauteng COVID-19: New positive cases per day

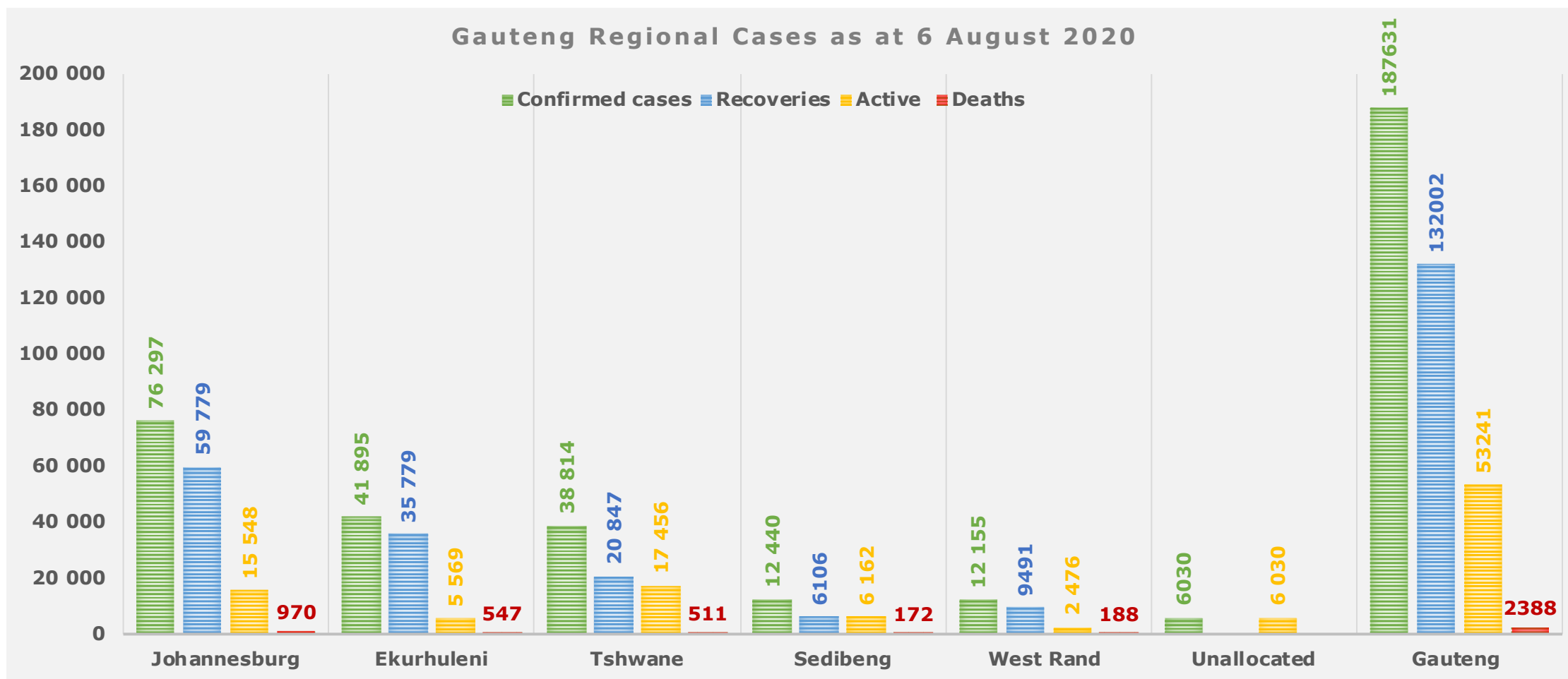




Gauteng COVID-19: Average cases per week



Gauteng COVID-19: Regional breakdown of positive, recovered, active and deaths



Recovery rate per district:

JHB: 45%

EKU: 27%

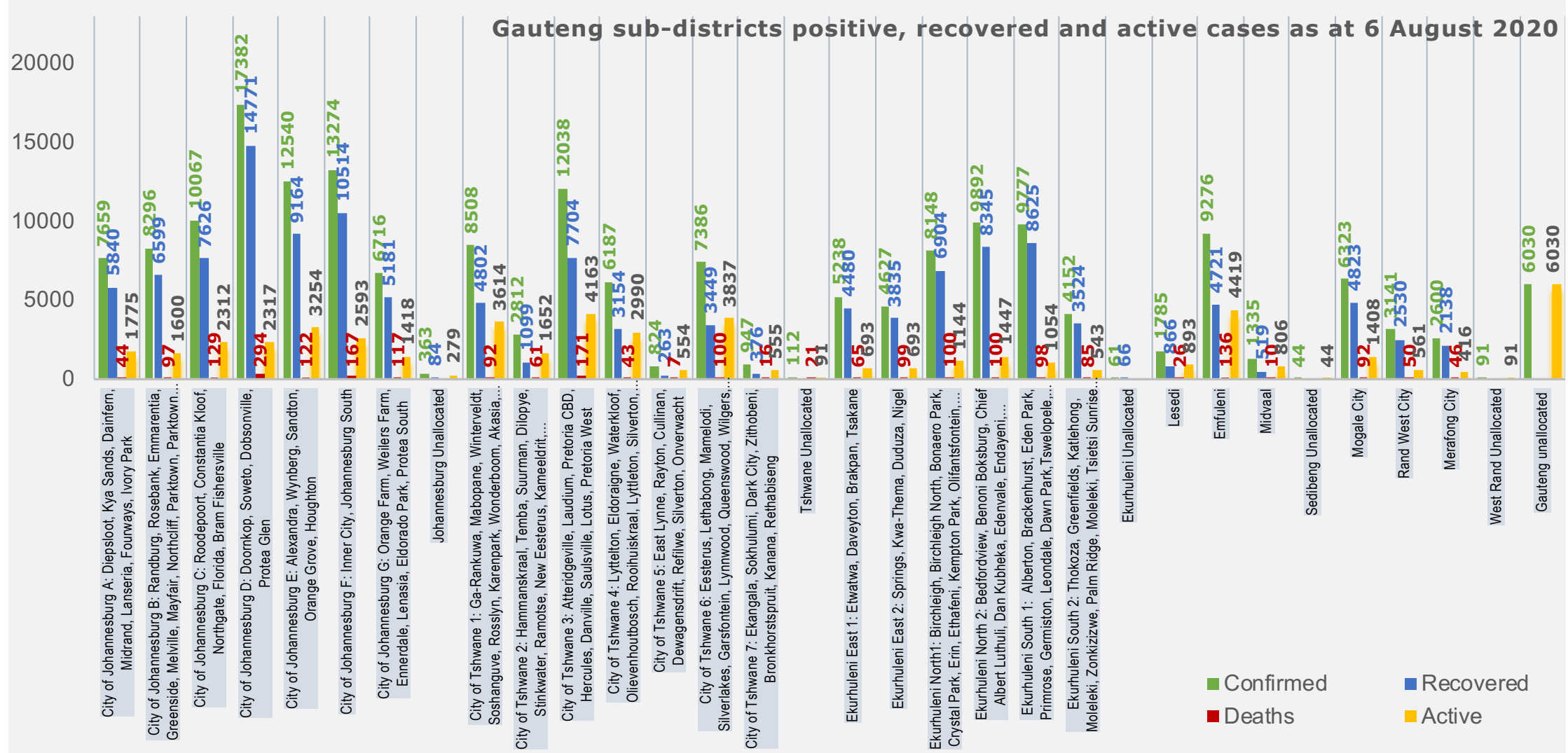
TSH: 16%

SED: 5%

WR: 7%

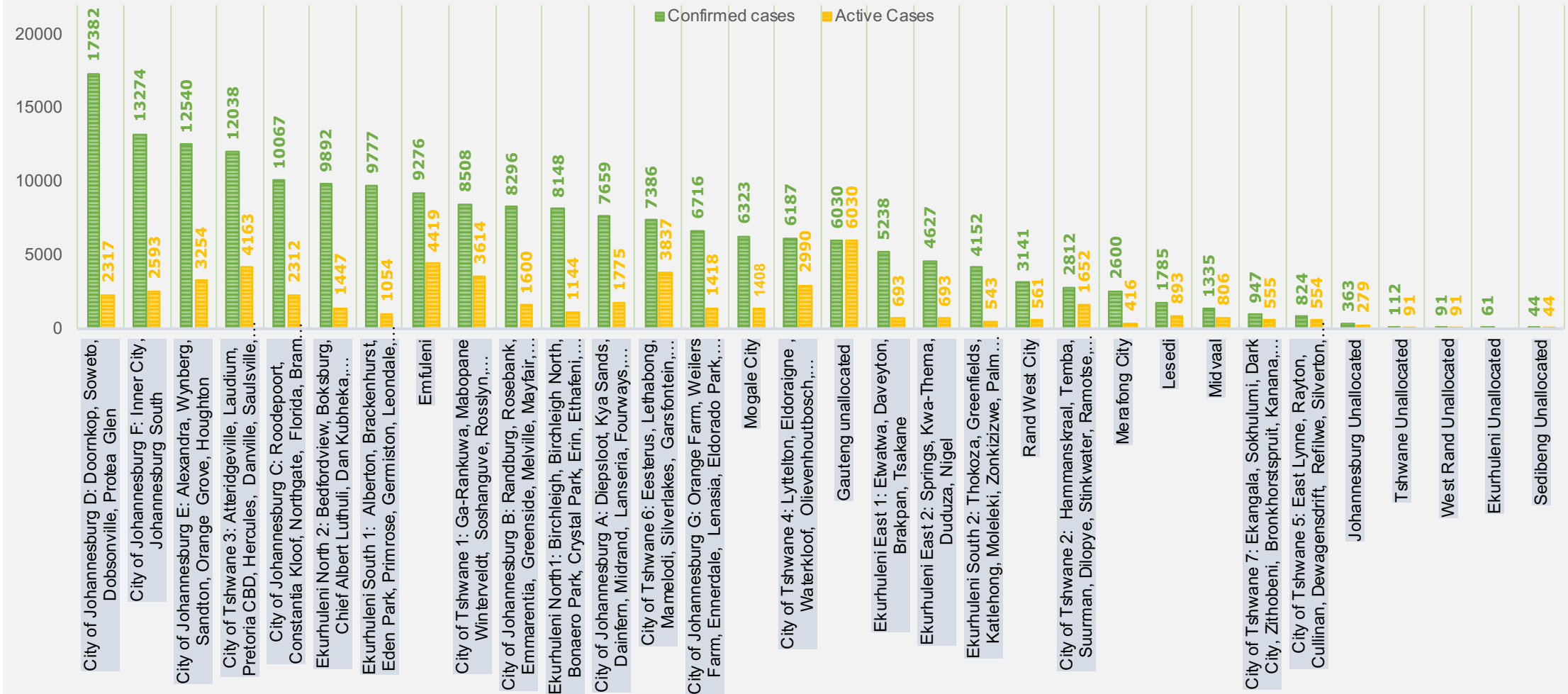


Gauteng sub-districts as at 6 August 2020



Gauteng COVID-19: Highest Confirmed and active cases per sub-district

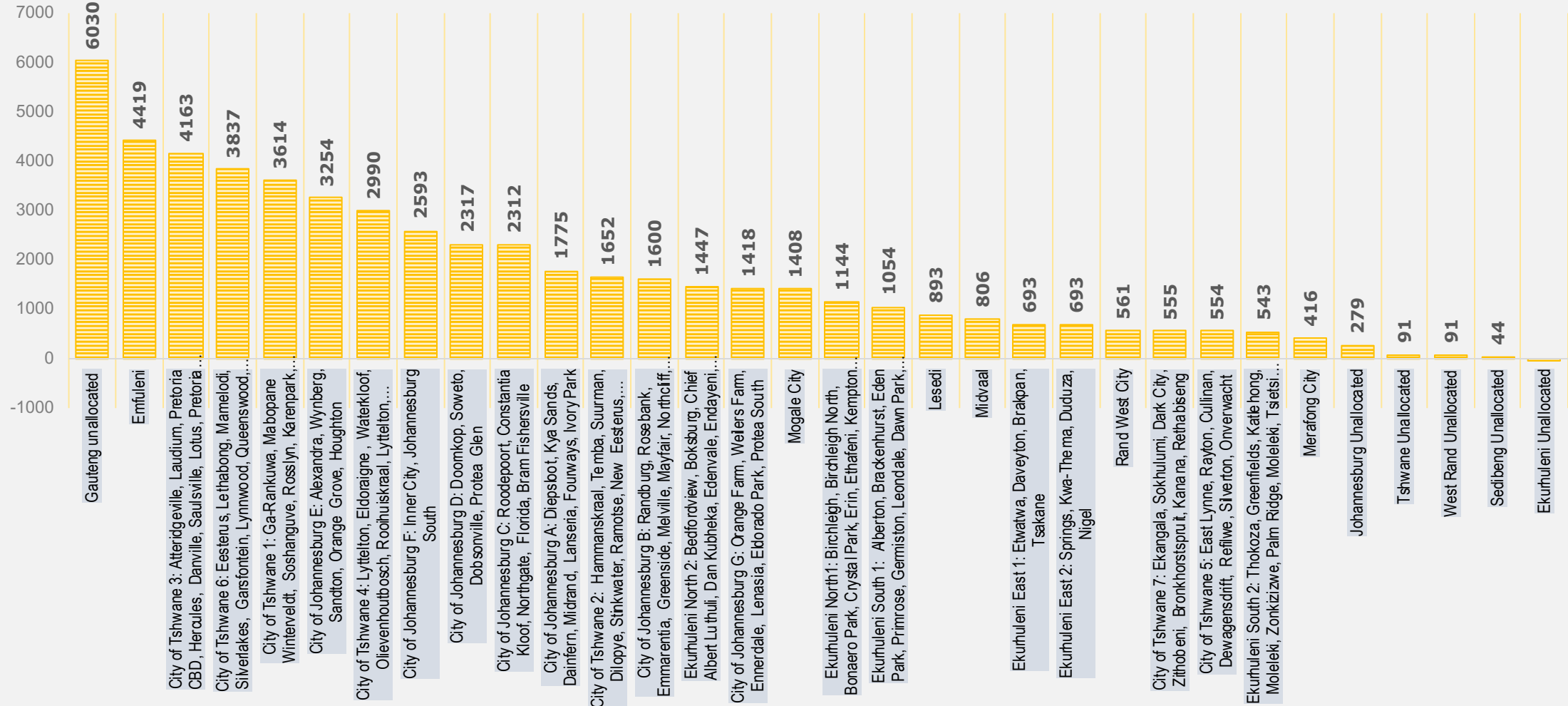
Gauteng COVID-19: Highest confirmed and active cases per sub-district as at 6 August m 2020





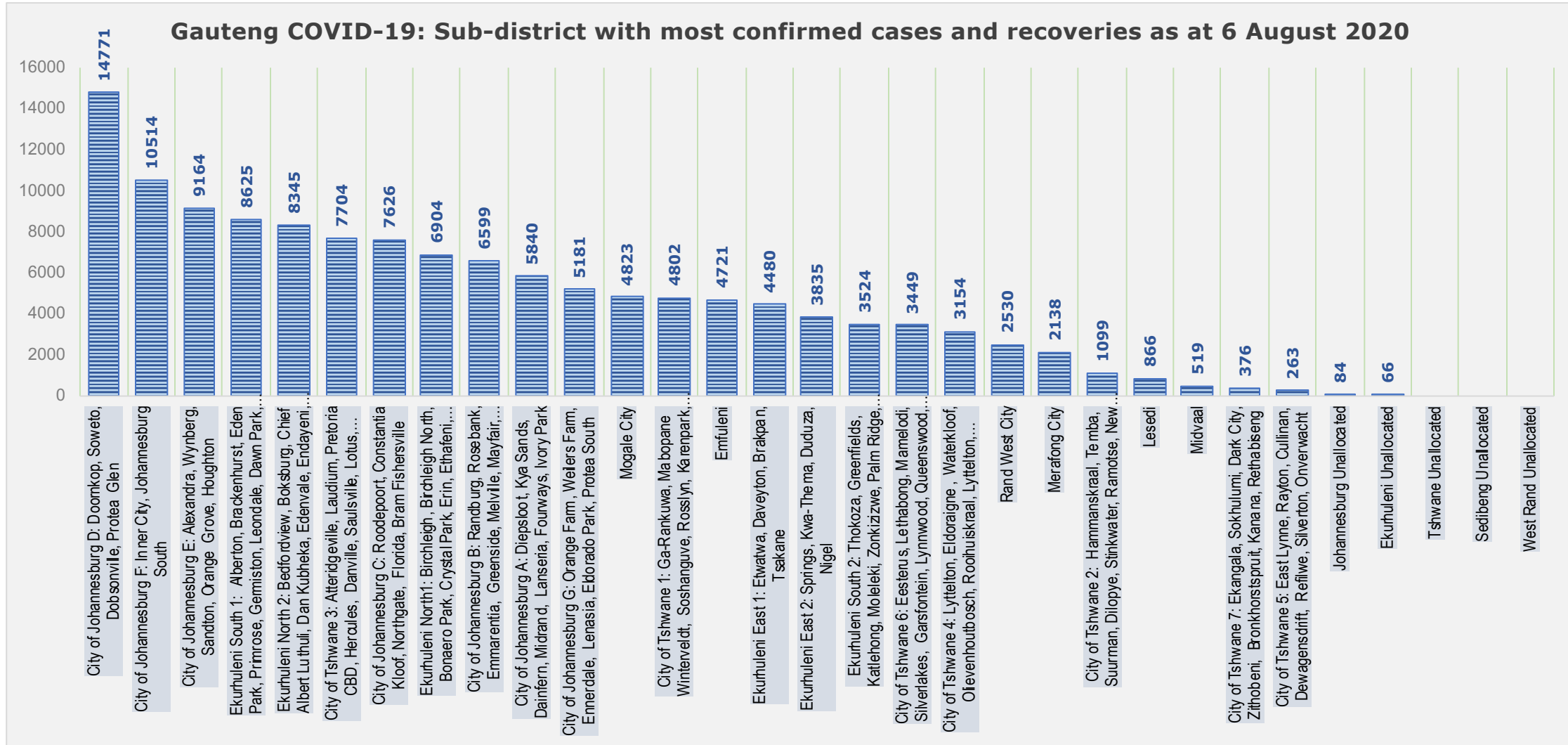
Gauteng COVID-19: Sub-districts with highest number of active cases

Gauteng COVID-19: Sub-district with highest number of active cases as at 6 August 2020



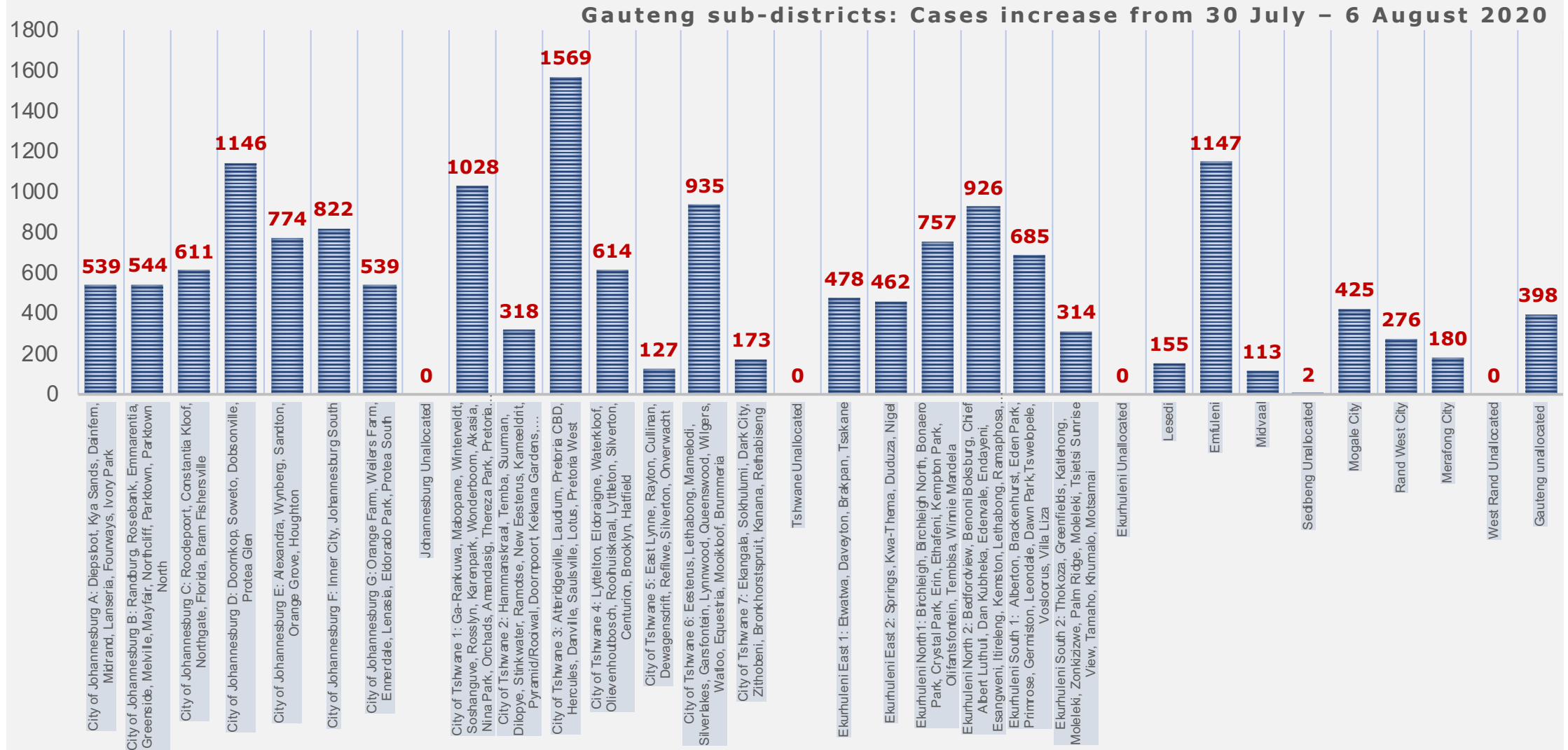


Gauteng COVID-19: Sub-district with highest number of recoveries





Gauteng sub-districts: 7 Day increase in cases per sub-district





Deaths: Age and Gender Breakdown

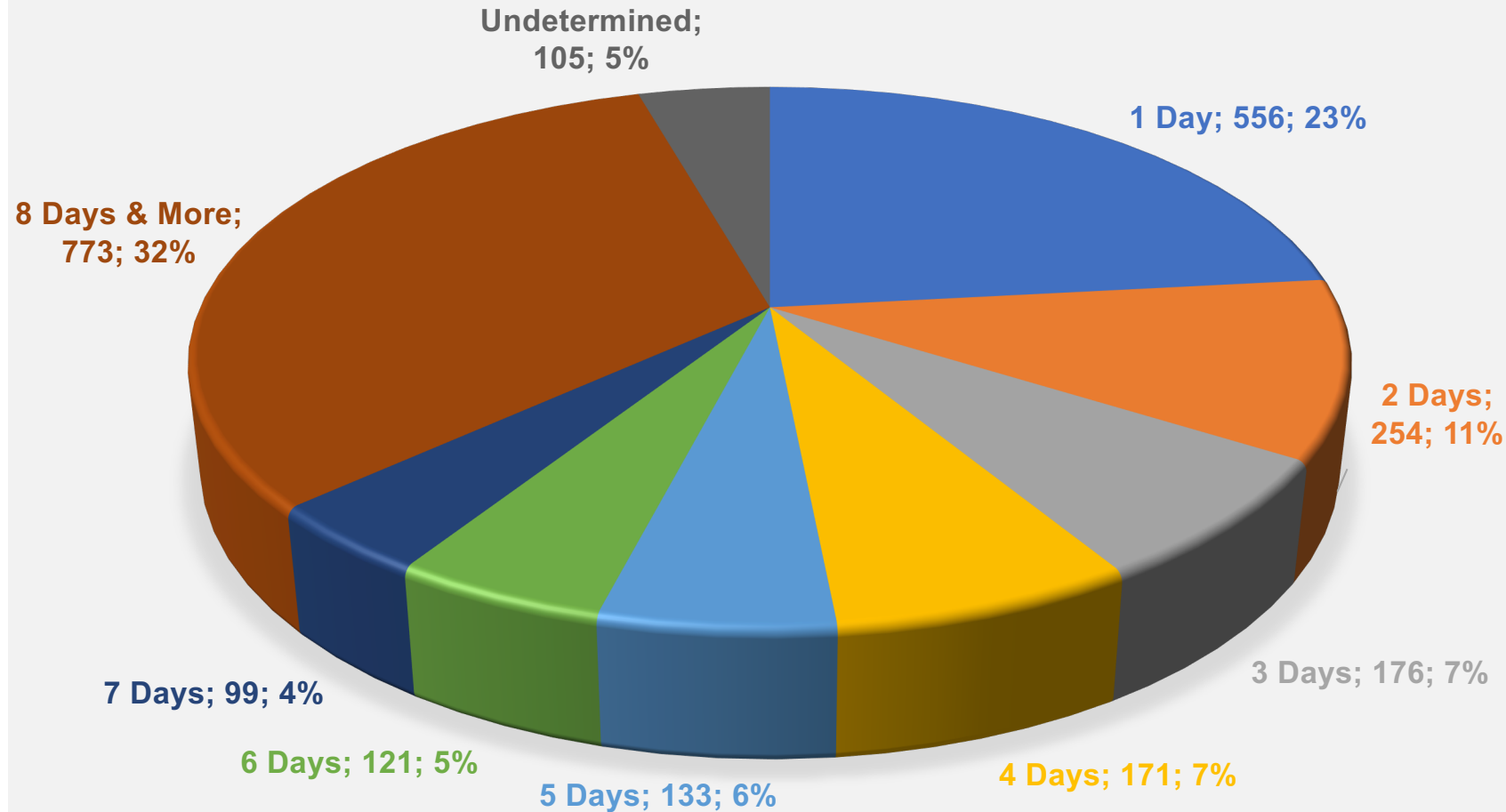
Age	Deaths	Percentage	Male	Female	Male	Female
Unknown	32	1,3%	11	21	34%	66%
0-9	18	0,8%	11	7	61%	39%
10-19	5	0,2%	2	3	40%	60%
20-29	35	1,5%	14	21	40%	60%
30-39	130	5,4%	72	58	55%	45%
40-49	263	11,0%	143	120	54%	46%
50-59	498	20,9%	291	207	58%	42%
60-69	588	24,6%	334	254	57%	43%
70-79	464	19,4%	268	196	58%	42%
80-89	279	11,7%	133	146	48%	52%
90-99	74	3,1%	23	51	31%	69%
100-109	2	0,1%	1	1	50%	50%
	2388	100,0%	1303	1085		
			55%	45%		

There is a total of 2 388 deaths recorded so far:

- 1 303 (55%) Male and 1 085 (45%) Female.
- 1 550 (65%) between the ages of 50 and 79 - majority among these (893) being male. These are followed by the age groups 80-89 at 279 (11.7%), 40-49 263 (11%), and 33-39 130 (5.4%).
- 1 407 (59%) are 60 or more years old, and 949 (40%) are under 60 years of age.

Deaths Analyses: Days diagnosed/Admitted before death

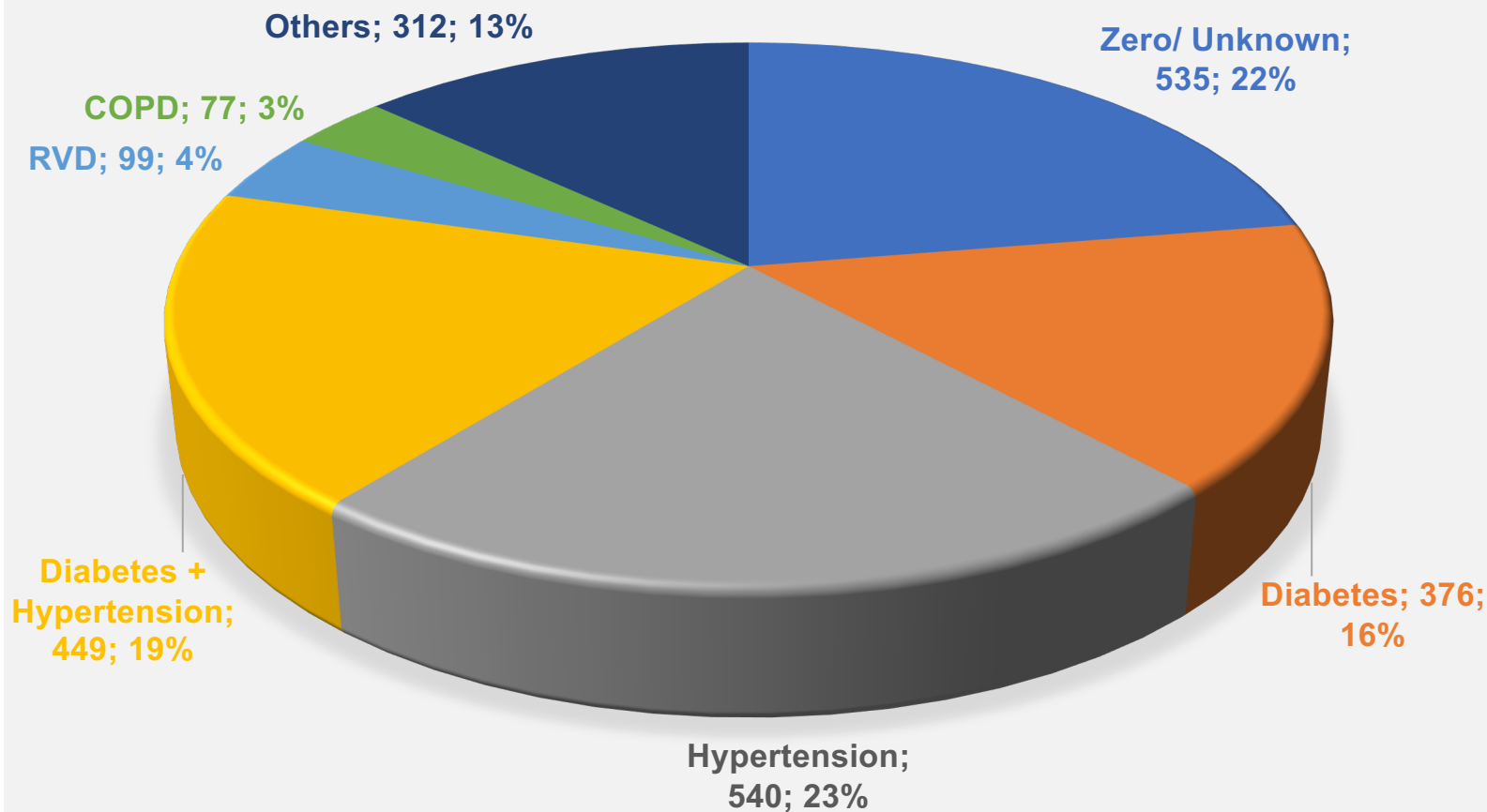
Death Analyses: Days diagnosed/Admitted before death as at 6 August 2020



- 1 510 (63%) of deaths occur within a week of diagnosis/admission:
 - 986 (41%) within 3 days,
 - 810 (34%) within two days, and 556 (23%) within a day or hours of diagnosis/admission.
- 773 (32%) occur after a week or more of diagnoses/admission.

Deaths Analyses: Comorbidities

Death Analyses: Comorbidities as at 6 August 2020



- 1 365 (58%) of deaths have either or both Diabetes and Hypertension, with most of these having:
 - 540 (23%) - Hypertension ,
 - 449 (19%) - Both
 - 376 (16%) - Diabetes
- 535 (22%) have zero or unknown comorbidities
- 312 (13%) have other comorbidities



NHLS Provincial Testing Figures as at 6 August 2020

PROVINCE	TOTAL TESTS 9 JULY 2020	TOTAL TESTS 16 JULY 2020	TOTAL TESTS 23 JULY 2020	TOTAL TESTS 29 JULY 2020	TOTAL TESTS 6 AUGUST 2020	TOTAL TESTS %
Eastern Cape	258 513	298 194	331 465	353 046	373 167	12%
Free State	106 442	124 323	146 609	165 806	188 515	6%
Gauteng	705 472	817 655	917 385	990 059	1 069 171	34%
Kwazulu-Natal	281 442	334 184	396 683	455 352	519 492	16%
Limpopo	38 732	44 373	51 833	58 793	66 734	2%
Mpumalanga	54 616	66 577	79 975	91 116	108 897	3%
North West	42 723	52 333	62 758	69 270	77 952	2%
Northern Cape	14 818	16 946	19 162	21 955	30 299	1%
Western Cape	379 429	413 316	447 596	473 660	502 751	16%
Unknown	118 382	157 022	178 640	194 106	212 829	7%
Grand Total	2 000 569	2 324 923	2 632 106	2 873 163	3 149 807	100%

*Source NHLS



Scenario Models

Estimating the expected # of cases	South African (NDoH) COVID-19 modelling consortium	Gauteng model (based on GP data)
Active symptomatic cases	313 000 – 400,000	419 654 -541 137
ICU beds in use at peak	8 000 - 11 000	7 973 - 10 281
Non-ICU beds in use at peak	25 000 – 30 000	54 873 -70 888
Peak period	Mid August - early Sept 2020	Early Sept 2020
Parametric assumptions		
Mild cases	95% of active cases	85% of active cases
Critical cases (ICU/High care bed)	1.16% to 1.45%	4.8%
Severe cases (general ward bed)	2.46% to 3.64%	10.2%



Current Bed Availability in Private & Public Hospitals for COVID-19

DISTRICT	ADULT GENERAL BEDS		PAEDIATRIC BEDS		ICU/HIGH CARE		FIELD HOSPITALS	TOTAL
	Private	Public	Private	Public	Private	Public		
Johannesburg	1262	287	150	35	169	302		2205
Additional						225	885	1110
Ekurhuleni	1455	342	244	43	146	0		2230
Additional		68				10		78
Sedibeng	213	0	39	0	21	10		283
Additional					45			45
City Of Tshwane	1235	193	203	43	221	75		1970
Additional		110			10			120
West Rand	1086	155	169	5	192	6		1613
Additional								0
Total	5251	977	805	126	749	393		8301
Total Additional beds	0	178	0	0	55	235	885	1353
GRAND TOTAL	5251	1155	805	126	804	628	885	9654



Additional Beds being created in existing hospitals using ABT

Facility	Target Beds	Additional Being Created
Dr George Mukhari Cluster	600 ICU beds	300 ICU beds using Alternative Building Technology at Dr George Mukhari 300 beds Alternative Building Technology at Jubilee Hospital
Chris Hani Baragwanath Cluster	800 ICU beds	500 beds Alternative Building Technology at Chris Hani Baragwanath 300 ICU beds Alternative Building Technology at Kopanong Hospital
Ashanti Gold Hospital	175 beds	Refurbishment
TOTAL	1575 beds (900 ICU and 00 general beds)	All beds to be ready by end of July.



Management of COVID-19 Positive In-patients as at 5 August

FACILITY	ADMITTED	INTENSIVE CARE UNIT & HIGH CARE UNIT			GENERAL WARD		
		VENTILATED	OXYGEN	ROOM AIR	VENTILATED	OXYGEN	ROOM AIR
PUBLIC	2442	55	186	166	154	847	1034
PRIVATE	2246	261	104	425	58	131	1267
TOTAL	4688	316	290	591	212	978	2301

- Currently 4 688 patients are admitted in hospital, of which 1197 are in ICU and High care and 3 491 in the General Ward.
- There has been a significant decline in the daily new hospital admissions.
- The highest number of hospital admissions was recorded in the middle of July. The highest recorded daily new admissions was over 320 with the total number of admitted patients being 5748 and 1317 patients on oxygen as at 16 July.
- As at 5 August the total number of admitted patients was 4688 with 1 268 patients on oxygen.

Number of Gauteng Public Servants tested positive

- Out of 172 113 public servants in Gauteng, 5 242 have tested positive since March. This includes public Health workers and Educators.
- We have lost 2 Doctors from Dr George Mukhari Academic Hospital and Jubilee Hospital. We send our condolences to family, friends and colleagues of the two Doctors.
- Like all other patients, affected staff and their family members are receiving care and treatment in line with the World Health Organisation protocols.
- All other staff members who were in contact with those that tested positive have been tested and will continue to follow all protocols to prevent the spread of the virus.
- There is ongoing decontamination of all public buildings regularly as part of the measures to combat the spread of COVID-19.
- As part of continuous medical surveillance protocol, public servants undergo daily screening and some are referred for testing.



PPE Stock

REPORTING	STOCK ON HAND CLOSING BALANCE	STOCK ORDERED
Body PPE	2 471 399	27 635 780
Environmental PPE	1 169 973	5 023 500
Face PPE	2 056 846	3 383 249
Hand PPE	5 858 680	40 856 500
Respiratory PPE	12 999 382	41 115 900
Tools	5 053	133 808
Grand Total	24 561 333	118 148 737

- Based on the current patient load we have adequate PPE in stock. However we continue to order more stock for the next phases of the pandemic.
- We still want to emphasise that surgical and N95 masks must be reserved for use only by frontline healthcare workers.
- Priority is on the empowerment of local manufacturing companies, SMMEs and Township businesses.
- The Department is sourcing from various service providers who are registered on the COVID-19

PPE stock



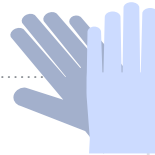
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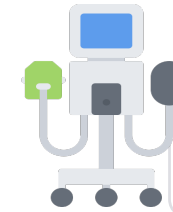
HAND PPE

Stock on hand: 5 858 680
Stock ordered: 40 856 500



RESPIRATORY PPE

Stock on hand: 12 999 382
Stock ordered: 41 115 900



TOOLS

Stock on hand: 5 053
Stock ordered: 133 808



ENVIRONMENTAL PPE

Stock on hand: 1 169 973
Stock ordered: 5 023 500

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Food Security, Social Relief, Water, sanitation and resettlement



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Food Security and Social Relief – 2 Million Milestone

Food Bank	Number of Food Parcels distributed to Households	Number of people supported
Johannesburg	97 769	488 845
Tshwane	116 640	583 200
Ekurhuleni	72 928	346 640
Sedibeng	61 839	309 195
West Rand	61 035	305 175
Sub-Total	410 211	2 051 055
SSA SRD	12 329	61 645
	35 074	175 370
Total	457 614	2 288 070

- Since the lockdown, **457 614** households have been provided with food relief, supporting a total of **2 288 070** people (at least 5 people per household).
- **368 175 calls** received with an overall response rate of **111.4%**. However, the municipalities do not source referrals via the hotline
- However, the demand for food far outstrips our capacity to meet the need.
- We continue to call for more support from business, foundations and civil society initiatives on food relief. However, such initiatives must be coordinated with government and the distribution should avoid breaching social distancing regulations.
- **Food Distribution (National Picture):** GPG accounts for **42.6%** of the total Social Development Food Relief distribution across the country, followed by **LP** at **12.9%**, **MP** and **WC** at **9.8%** each.

Status of Shelters for Homeless People

Region	Capacity	Currently in the Shelter receiving meals
Johannesburg	1964	756
Ekurhuleni	584	110
Tshwane	2465	1 664
Sedibeng	232	62
West Rand	561	120
Totals	5 806	2 712

- We are providing temporary shelter to the Homeless in **45** Shelters across the Province, working with municipalities.
- **2 712** homeless people are provided with 3 meals on a daily basis plus psychosocial support, medical assessments and treatment for substance abuse.
- **581** homeless beneficiaries have absconded from shelters to return to the streets.
- **579** have self-discharged themselves.
- **346** people were re-united with families from April – 10 July 2020.
- **953** people have been sent to Rehabilitation Centres for substance use disorders.

Re-opening of schools



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Preparations for the return of Grade 12 Learners

- Grade 12 learners returned to school on the 3rd August 2020.
- Teachers have been continuing with planned assignments ATP coverage,
 - Completion of SBA tasks,
 - Orals in languages
 - PAT components assessment.
- Schools to use the first four weeks after returning (August month) to complete the ATP as GDE plans to conduct Revision and Study Camps from September to December.



Status of Schools as at 5 August

District	PUBLIC ORDINARY SCHOOLS			PUBLIC LSEN SCHOOLS			INDEPENDENT ORDINARY SCHOOLS		
	No. of schools Offering Grade 12 open and operational	No. of schools Offering Grade 12 that remain closed	Total	No. of schools Offering Grade 12 open and operational	No. of schools Offering Grade 12 that remain closed	Total	No. of schools Offering Grade 12 open and operational	No. of schools Offering Grade 12 that remain closed	Total
EN	46	1	47	3	2	5	51	0	51
ES	57	2	59	1	0	1	15	8	23
GE	41	8	49	3	0	3	9	0	9
GN	14	1	15	0	0	0	3	8	11
GW	46	2	48	2	0	2	11	0	11
JC	53	0	53	3	0	3	10	1	11
JE	36	4	40	2	0	2	97	0	97
JN	44	0	44	6	0	6	13	25	38
JS	30	2	32	2	0	2	47	10	57
JW	31	1	32	1	1	2	10	20	30
SE	20	0	20	1	4	5	10	4	14
SW	42	1	43	0	0	0	6	0	6
TN	38	0	38	1	0	1	0	7	7
TS	54	2	56	7	0	7	65	0	65
TW	46	0	46	3	0	3	5	2	7
TOTAL	598	24	622	35	7	42	352	85	437



Reasons for not opening schools as at 5 August 2020

Reasons for not re-opening on 5 August 2020	Number
Infrastructure	5
COVID-19 Case	18
Other*	8

* Refers to school closures caused by either community protests, the actions of learners and/or educator formations or through the actions of Parents and School Governing Bodies (SGBs).



High Level Assessment of Attendance

Learners and Educators	Monday (3 August)	Tuesday (4 August)	Wednesday (5 August)
Number of Schools affected by low learner attendance	125	117	78
Average Learner attendance (%)	56%	72%	76%
Number of Schools affected by low Educator attendance	62	78	59
Average Educator attendance (%)	65%	73%	78%



COVID-19 Positive Cases in schools as at 5 August 2020

REGION	DISTRICT	AFFECTED SCHOOL	LEARNERS	EDUCATORS	ADMIN STAFF	GEN. ASSIST.	COVID-19 BRIGADES	TOTAL CASES	CLOSED SCHOOL
Ekurhuleni	EN	105	32	97	9	7	1	146	1
Ekurhuleni	ES	127	36	90	10	2	11	149	1
Ekurhuleni	GE	185	41	201	15	5	2	264	8
Tshwane	GN	28	18	13	0	0	0	31	0
West Rand	GW	63	12	57	4	3	0	76	1
Johannesburg	JC	121	43	90	11	0	2	146	1
Johannesburg	JE	184	55	157	17	6	0	235	1
Johannesburg	JN	159	50	123	14	6	1	194	0
Johannesburg	JS	79	19	63	10	4	0	96	0
Johannesburg	JW	135	18	126	12	4	0	157	2
Sedibeng	SE	142	45	119	13	5	1	183	0
Sedibeng	SW	29	7	30	0	0	0	37	0
Tshwane	TN	216	74	166	3	4	0	247	0
Tshwane	TS	302	177	160	22	11	2	372	2
Tshwane	TW	216	85	174	24	11	0	294	1
Being verified	NoDist	8	2	5	1	0	0	8	1
TOTAL		2099	714	1671	165	68	20	2635	18



Comorbidities Applications Management as at 5 August

Educators aged 60 and above			
Number of educators aged 60 and above (June 2020)	Primary	Secondary	Special Schools
3699	2117	1193	389

Possible Comorbidities	
3699	Age 60 and above
2119	Short Temporary Incapacity Leave Excluding Accidents and Psychological - possible comorbidities
929	Long Temporary Incapacity Leave and Ill Health Retirement
6747	Possible substitutes needed for comorbidities

Overall GDE Applications for Concessions to work from home as at 2020/08/04					
OFFICE	CS	PS	TOTAL	Approved	Declined
		88	96	184	119
SCHOOL	CS	PS	TOTAL	Approved	Declined
	3392	506	3898	2512	198
TOTAL	3480	602	4082	2631	200



Status on Infrastructure

- 353 schools have been affected by Vandalism since the inception of the regulations.
- 8 schools have been reported since the start of the break (27-07-2020).
- 33% of the 353 schools have been affected more than once (repeat incidents)
- None of the initial 351 schools are closed as a result of vandalism.
- Repairs to vandalised schools
 - 163 schools out of the 351 schools are complete.
 - 351 contractors appointed.
 - Two additional schools' assessments have been done, the process is undergoing supply chain modalities.
 - Completion for the remaining work is anticipated for the end of August.

Nutrition

- Daily on average, the programme is now nearing 1,5 Million learners
- 166 649 Learners were fed from 27 to 31 July 2020
 - Normal feeding - transported learners to schools to eat
 - Since 3 August, Grade 12 has returned to schools and are being fed in schools
- Feeding modalities are used for learners not yet back at school
 - Cooked meals are served on daily basis to children
 - School VFH and other PS staff deliver the food in a central point in the community and children collect at that distribution point
 - Some schools due to COVID-19 cases and not yet decontaminated are using nearby facilities e.g. Community Soccer grounds, Community Centres and Churches to distribute food parcels for learners on daily basis
 - Distribution of Food parcels on periodical bases such as every three days and also provided with learning activities
- Learner transported to schools to be fed on daily basis with lunch tins to collect cooked warm meals
- Community members demanding food parcels in schools that distribute to learners
 - Community members invading schools demanding food parcels. In one instance Police were called and principals explained to parents that the food is meant for children and they dispersed.

Scholar Transport

- The Department is currently transporting 42 000 learners in relation to the Grades that are back at school.
- The containment and prevention of the spread of COVID-19 in transit is managed through a collaborative effort with GDRT and DCS.
 - There are 120 disinfection centres across the province servicing contracted and private learner transport providers.
 - The decision to allow 100% capacity in public transport has adversely affected the learner transport sector.
- Scholar transport has resumed with grade 12 learners since 3 August

Safety at Schools

- GDE has strengthened security in schools by deploying patrollers
 - Patrollers have been deployed at no-fee paying schools to keep an eye on access control and report suspicious activity happening at the schools to the police.
 - All no-fee paying schools have been linked to their local police stations
 - Patrollers are to inspect the school perimeter to help prevent security breaches
- Private security guards have been identified for high risk schools
- Only learners, teachers, admin and other staff are allowed into the school premises and any service providers and other stakeholders must follow GDE guidelines in accessing schools during learning and teaching time which has been provided to SMTs and SGBs.
 - Visitors will only be allowed on an exceptional basis and after permission has been granted by the principal and in compliance with the communication guideline issued to schools.



Proposed return of grades

WEEK	DATE	Primary Grade	Secondary Grade	Staff
Week 1	27- 31 July			<ul style="list-style-type: none">All GDE schools closed for teaching and learning.schools will remain open for feeding.Limited staff required to oversee school feeding and health and safety protocols.
Week 2	3 - 7 August 2020		Grade 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 12 teachers (and teacher support)Principal/SMT (as required)Non-teaching staff to ensure the school meets health and safety measures and school feeding.
Week 3	10 – 11 August			<ul style="list-style-type: none">10 August 2020 is a public holiday
	12 – 17 August	Grade 7	Grade 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 7 teachers (and teacher support)Grade 12 teachers (and teacher support)Principal/SMT (as required)Non-teaching staff to ensure the school meets health and safety measures and school feeding.
Week 4	17 – 21 August	Grade 7	Grade 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All teaching and non-teaching public service staff must return to school to prepare for additional grades the following week.

Academic Support for Learners during Break

- **The following two circulars issued was used to guide schools on Lockdown learning:**
 - Guidelines for Home Education and Lockdown learning
 - School Closure, Lockdown and Remote Learning
 - Advise to parents was provided as per the parent guideline document on the DBE website.
- **Guidance and support by district offices to schools:**
 - Nature of instruction for home learning should be simple to follow and understand – Memorandum/Rubric to be used by parents to monitor the progress of their children
 - Resource packs contain formative assessments on content being provided by teachers – All formative assessments are provided with memoranda which is marked and corrected at home and submitted to school for analysis.
 - District Directors to ensure that school principals develop and issue Learner Activity Packs (LAPS) for all grades to be supported at home.
 - District Directors must ensure establishment of Lockdown Learning Transversal Teams (LLTT) are established for virtual monitoring & support on any platform available to parents.

Digital Platforms and Partnerships

- The GDE provided zero-rated digital platforms to schools to share with parents, and to ensure that learners are provided with access to such platforms, however, it is clear that not all learners have equal access to such platforms.
- The GDE through partnership with the Click foundation targeting 500 schools in the province. The following programmes are available on Click Home learning programme: Reading Eggs, Matific (For maths), Feed the Monster and Care up. Schools were provided with login details. The majority of schools targeted are no fee schools.
- The GDE in collaboration with The WITS Early Grade Study embarked on an IsiZulu Home Learning programme using DBE workbook in the Johannesburg East district targeting over 8000 learners. Videos and workbook charts were provided to guide parents on how to help learners with workbook activities.



Support to learners at home without connectivity

- The department, through districts, will rework the revised annual teaching plans and it will be packaged into learning activity packs (LAPS) for every 14-day learning cycle to be collected at school and signed off by a parent/legal guardian every 14 days.
- The LAPS will comprise, learning topics, topic summaries, step by step guidelines for tutoring, assessment tasks, memoranda, and zero-rated electronic media educational programmes.
 - Assessment tasks will be coordinated with classroom-based assessment programmes - parents will sign a commitment form to ensure fairness.
 - Where feasible, conference calls to be scheduled at specific times for learners to ask questions – where necessary – sanitisation rules apply.
- All assessment packs are to be returned to school every 14 days for marking and or quality assurance. And the Department will ensure that all examinations will be written at school within social distancing regulations, in exceptional cases, continuous assessment will be used.

Planning for the 24 August and beyond

- Enabling conditions
 - All the PPEs masks, sanitisers and related items were procured and delivered to schools for all grades returning initially returning on the 6 July
 - PPE for Grades 4,5, 8 and 9 will be delivered just prior to these grades returning in line with the just-in-time approach
 - Sanitisers, detergents and coveralls will be delivered on a monthly basis as per the demand from schools
- Teaching and learning preparations
 - Curriculum preparation based on the original plan has been completed with all schools but will be revised revised based on:
 - Adjustments for the break announced
 - Proposed New school calendar into 2021
 - Full details of minimum levels of learning for all grades except Grade 12
 - A detailed plan will be developed as soon in line with the revised calendar and revised ATPs

Disruptions

- Freedom Park Secondary disrupted by COSAS
- Community protest disrupted all schools in Mamelodi
- Community protest disrupted Kaalfontein Secondary
- 5 Schools disrupted by COSAS in Soshanguve

Update on PPE investigation



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Update on investigation into PPE procurement

- The damning allegations of corruption regarding the procurement of Personal Protective Equipment have profoundly eroded public confidence in the collective work of the province in the fight against COVID-19.
- Last week, I made a commitment that we would give regular updates on the investigations based on the reports we received from the SIU.
- As you are aware, if in the course of investigations, evidence of wrongdoing is found, the SIU may refer such evidence to relevant authorities including the SAPS, NPA and SARS.
- The SIU may also recommend immediate action to be taken against any implicated officials.
- The SIU is empowered to take immediate steps to safe-guard assets which may include cancellation of contracts.

Update on investigation into PPE procurement

- Yesterday, we received an update from the SIU on their work regarding investigations into the COVID-19 procurement.
- The SIU is making headway in the ongoing investigations concerning COVID-19 procurement.
- Based on the evidence so far the SIU will be making referrals to other State institutions for action. A criminal case has been opened.
- **The SIU has also identified two Gauteng Department of Health officials who have allegedly enabled and facilitated this procurement corruption. One of these officials will be served with suspension this morning while the one who has resigned will be pursued legally.**
- With regards to other investigation already finalised by the SIU concerning irregular procurement at the Department of e-Government, we have already cancelled the contract and initiated disciplinary action against implicated officials.

Lifestyle audit for Executive Council

- In the 2019 State of the Province Address, I made a commitment that myself as the Premier and all members of the Executive Council (MECs) will undergo a lifestyle audit.
- We have engaged with the State Security Agency and next week they will commence with the lifestyle audit for myself and all members of the Executive Council.
- The audit is expected to be concluded within 6 to 8 weeks.

Concluding remarks



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Containing the spread! Saving lives!

- We continue to implement the ward-based strategy as an intervention to contain the spread of the virus in line with of our comprehensive health response.
- Over the past two weeks, we have upscaled our ward-based strategy concentrating on areas with large number of active cases. This week we were in:
 - Johannesburg District Hotspots - Protea Glen, Dobsonville, Jabulani, Doornkop
 - Ekurhuleni District Hotspots - Primrose, Brackenhurst, Eden Park, Alberton
- All social partners are working together as part of the ward-based strategy to minimise community transmission through:
 - Identification of positive cases and expeditiously tracking and tracing contacts
 - Administering medical management to those who need it
 - Decongesting clinics
 - Referring people to quarantine and isolation sites based on assessment
 - Heightening awareness and education

Concluding remarks

- We are encouraged by the decrease in the number of new positive cases per week and a large increase in recoveries.
- The number of patients admitted is decreasing and is reducing pressure on the health system. We expected that in July and August were going to be the hardest months where the health system was going to be tested.
- We continue to increase our health capacity with our infrastructure programme and personnel capacity. The improvement in the infrastructure is a long-term investment in our health system.
- On Sunday, we will commemorate the heroic actions of the women of South Africa who confronted the brutality of the apartheid system. **Basadi ba go swara thipa ka bogaleng.**
- As we continue with the battle against this pandemic, we need to draw courage and resilience from the generation of women who marched against the injustice of the apartheid regime in 1956.
- As the provincial government we remain committed towards promotion of gender equality and women empowerment. It is central to our efforts of fighting poverty and stimulating sustainable development.



Concluding remarks

- Gauteng will be the home to all Premier Soccer League and National first division teams who will be completing the remainder of the 2019/20 season.
- Gauteng has state of the art infrastructure and sporting facilities which made the province the preferred choice for resumption of professional football under strict COVID-19 conditions.
- As we enjoy football, we must all continue to Play our Part in stopping the spread of COVID-19.
- Wearing masks, practicing physical distancing and observing the hygiene golden rules of washing hands or using sanitisers remain a powerful weapon in our hands to protect ourselves and those around us.
- **Play your part. Stop the Spread!**



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