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Introduction

The City of Johannesburg, an economic powerhouse of South Africa, is a vibrant metropolis shaped by historical legacies and ongoing transformation. It is the largest city in South Africa by population size and one of the 50 largest urban areas in the world. Johannesburg is also known for its diverse culture, thriving art and music scene, as well as its rich history that is reflected in numerous museums and heritage sites around the city.

Johannesburg is also home to Africa's richest square mile, which is in the Sandton Precinct. Sandton is a hub of business activity, innovation, and diversified asset wealth that contributes significantly to the city's economic strength.

This information booklet provides a concise overview of key demographic, economic, and social indicators that showcase the city's multifaceted attributes.

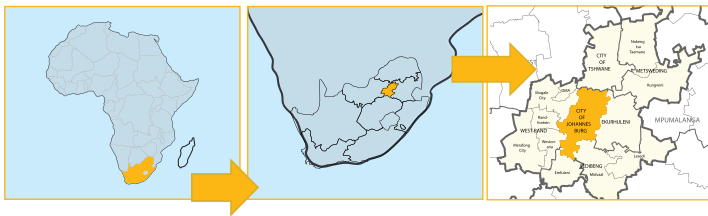
Johannesburg – The City of Gold

Johannesburg, which is commonly referred to as either “Joburg”, “Egoli” or the “City of Gold”, was established 139 years ago. However, it is one of the world's youngest major cities – and the only one not established on a major waterway such as a bay or large river. The Johannesburg nickname “Egoli”, means “place of gold”. This can be attributed to the fact that up to 40% of the world's gold was found in the Witwatersrand - reef on which the city was built.

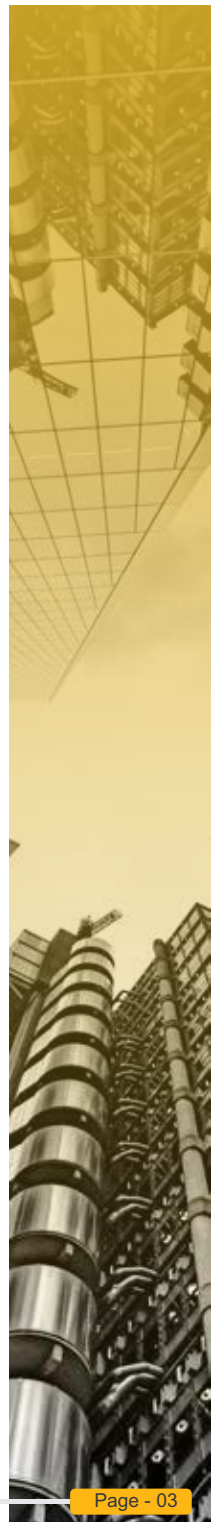
Johannesburg sits on the **Witwatersrand Basin**, one of the world's richest gold-bearing areas. The basin is a 3-billion-year-old sedimentary rock formation that contains massive deposits of gold and other minerals. The gold in the Witwatersrand was deposited by ancient rivers that flowed billions of years ago, forming what is now one of the most economically significant mining regions in the world.

Since it was established, Johannesburg has been rebuilt four times. It started out as a tented mining camp, evolved into a town of tin shanties, followed by four-storey Edwardian brick buildings and then a city of modern skyscrapers.

Geography



Johannesburg is in the north-eastern part of South Africa, which is located at the southern tip of Africa. This makes Johannesburg a significant urban centre, not only within the country, but also within the broader context of the African continent. The city is the capital of Gauteng - the smallest province in size, yet the wealthiest in South Africa. The city covers an area of 1 645 km² and the greater metropolis 2 300 km². This makes it larger than Sydney, London and New York. It is similar in size to Los Angeles.





Johannesburg is divided into 7 regions - each with its own unique socio-economic traits.

Climate

Johannesburg's altitude is 2000 m above sea-level. The city also enjoys plenty of sunshine at an average of 12 hours per day, and very little wind. The city receives most of its rainfall during the summer months between December and February, while winters come from June to August. Johannesburg days are predominantly sunny and dry, with cooler evenings. The average daily temperatures in summer are between 25°C and 28°C, while they drop below 18°C in winter.

Demographics

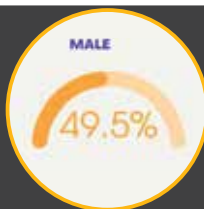
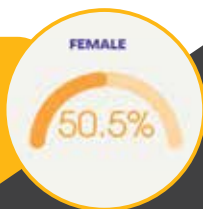
Total population

The current population of Johannesburg is estimated to be 5.8 million.¹ The city's population constitutes about 10% of South Africa's overall population. It is estimated that currently, there are a total of 2.28 million households in Johannesburg - up from 1.4 million in 2011.



Gender

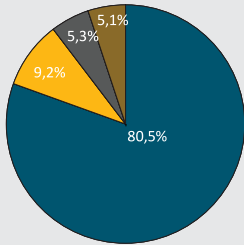
There are slightly more females (50.5%) than males (49.5%) in the city.



Age distribution

Johannesburg has a large youthful population. The bulk of the city's population of 73% constitutes the working age population between the ages of 15 – 64 years old. The city's youth population aged 15-34 years is estimated at 2.2 million, accounting for 37% of the total population of Johannesburg. The youth play a vital role in the development and prosperity of the city. They often advance social, economic, political, and cultural transformation – making them a driving force for change in the metropolitan.

¹ Stats SA (2024) Mid-year Population Estimates 2024 (MYPE).



■ African
 ■ White
 ■ Asian
 ■ Coloured

Racial Groups

The dominant racial group in Johannesburg is African, constituting 80.5% of the population. This is followed by the White group at 9.2% and the Coloured group at 5.3% population. The Asian population account for 5.1% of the city's population.

Languages

Johannesburg is a multilingual city, reflecting the cultural diversity of not only South Africa, but the African continent at large. The most spoken languages in the city are isiZulu, which is spoken by 27% of the population, followed by English (13%), Sesotho (11%), Sepedi (8%) and Setswana (8%).² English, however, serves as the primary language for business. It is also the dominant language of communication in government. South Africa's 11 official languages showcase its rich cultural diversity and multilingual heritage.

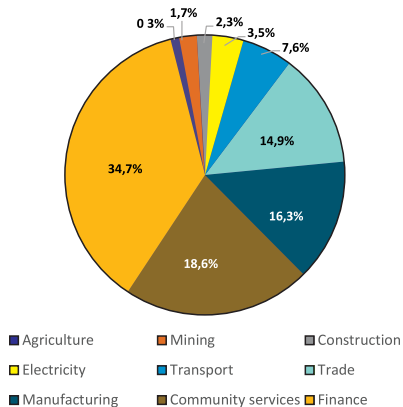
Economic Development

Gross domestic product (GDP)

The City of Johannesburg's GDP is at R700 billion at constant 2015 prices, while the GDP per capita is R121 588.

Major industries

GVA-R Sectoral composition
City of Johannesburg, 2023



² Census 2022

“Finance”



Finance is the biggest driver of Johannesburg's economy, which accounts for 34.7% of the total Gross Value Added (GVA), followed by Community services at 18.6%. Agriculture is the smallest contributor to the Johannesburg economic activity - accounting for only 0.3% of the total GVA, followed by Mining at 1.7%.

Infrastructure

Getting around Johannesburg

Lanseria International Airport: Johannesburg is home to the Lanseria International Airport, located on the north-west of the city. The airport caters mainly to domestic flights and charter services, making it a convenient option for people travelling within South Africa. The surrounding vicinity of the airport is currently classified as a growth area with plans to develop the area into a smart city.

O.R. Tambo International Airport: The O.R. Tambo International Airport in the neighbouring City of Ekurhuleni is conveniently located for easy access for travellers of the City of Johannesburg. The airport is the primary gateway to Johannesburg and the rest of the vibrant Gauteng province. This makes it a key point of arrival and departure for both international and domestic travellers.

Gautrain: The Gautrain is a modern, high-speed rail network that connects Johannesburg, Pretoria, and the O.R. Tambo International Airport. The Gautrain provides a safe, comfortable and efficient transport option for commuters who want to avoid traffic congestion and travel quickly between these locations.

Rea Vaya Bus Rapid Transit: The Rea Vaya is Johannesburg's bus rapid transit system that offers a daily public commute service and a convenient way to get around the city. With dedicated bus lanes and modern stations with free wireless network connectivity at some busy points, Rea Vaya offers efficient and affordable travel across major routes and suburbs in the city.

Johannesburg also has an extensive **Metrobus and taxi network** offering affordable fares and frequent services on main routes. For point-to-point travel, metered taxis and e-hailing services are readily available.

Access to basic services

Johannesburg is a city that prioritises the provision of essential basic services to its residents, and it is always exploring ways to do better on this constitutional mandate. The city has made significant investments in infrastructure, ensuring that basic services are readily available. In 2023, 81% of households in Johannesburg had access to formal dwellings, and 99% had access to water. Additionally, 90% of households had access to electricity, while 95% had access to sanitation.

Employment

Johannesburg holds the distinction of being South Africa's economic powerhouse, contributing significantly to the nation's GDP. This economic strength attracts many job seekers, including a large youth population, hoping to find opportunities in the city. However, the influx of people has also led to high unemployment rates, with 34.3% overall unemployment and a concerning 49.8% youth unemployment rate as of Quarter 2 (April – June) 2024. The silver lining is that even though these numbers seem high, the unemployment rate in Johannesburg is lower than the national average

Tourism



Food/local cuisine

Johannesburg is known for its cultural diversity and varied food offerings. This blend of cultures has created a unique culinary experience where traditional dishes from different ethnic groups are embraced by people from all walks of life. One of the most iconic dishes to try out when visiting Johannesburg is a *kota*, which is a popular street food derived from the word “quarter”.

It is made of a quarter loaf of bread that is cut open at the centre and filled with a tasty mix of ingredients that often include a base of achar, topped with slap chips, polony, viennas and cheese, among many other optional fillings. The Kota is found in almost every township corner in Johannesburg. Some top spots to grab a kota in Johannesburg are Kota King in Soweto, Kota Palace in Roodepoort and Nene's in Fourways.

No South African culinary experience is complete without a *braai*, which is the local barbecue. This outdoor activity is a popular way for friends and family to socialize while enjoying delicious grilled boerewors sausages and other various meats alongside supplementary delicacies.

Braais are not confined to the backyards of people's homes. This much-loved tradition also thrives in the heart of Johannesburg at *shisanyama* restaurants. These vibrant eateries offer a unique dining experience where you can select your preferred cuts of meat, have them expertly grilled, and enjoy them in a lively atmosphere alongside friends or family.

Imbizo Shisanyama in Midrand and Chaf Pozi in Soweto are among the most popular shisanyama spots in the city, however, there are plenty of other great options for locals and tourists to explore such as Sakhumzi Restaurant in Soweto and The Braai Room in Sandton. Other cultures and their traditional foods include Soweto-style wings and ribs, and African dishes like oxtail stew, samp and beans. Mogodu, Cape Malay and Indian based dishes like Gatsbys, curries, and biryani also add to the city's diverse culinary offerings.

³ <https://ioburg.co.za/heritage-dishes-and-where-to-enjoy-them/>

⁴ <https://gauteng.net/news/from-braam-to-soweto-top-5-kota-joints-in-gauteng/>

⁵ Shisanyama means ‘grilling meat’ in isiZulu.

⁶ <https://ioburg.co.za/bakgat-shisa-nyama-spots-ioburg/>



For a more upmarket dining experience, people can visit renowned fine dining establishments such as Marble and Level Four in Rosebank, or Qunu in Sandhurst and many more. Johannesburg is constantly buzzing with new and exciting restaurants, such as The Potluck Club located at the Peech Boutique Hotel in Melrose North.

Historical landmarks

Johannesburg's historical landmarks include both designated monuments and renowned museums which offer tangible connections to pivotal events and people that have shaped the city's identity. *Constitution Hill*, a former prison complex in Johannesburg,⁷ is now a museum showcasing South Africa's journey to democracy. It houses the Constitutional Court, and it is where notable anti-apartheid activists like Nelson Mandela, Mahatma Gandhi, and Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, among others, were imprisoned.⁸



Pic: Constitution Hill

⁷ The precinct opened in 1893. <https://www.constitutionhill.org.za/>

⁸ <https://joburg.co.za/historic-sites-buildings-need-visit/>

The *Nelson Mandela National Museum*, popularly known as the *Mandela House*, serves as a reminder of Nelson Mandela's life and legacy. It is the house where he lived from 1946 to 1962 and offers visitors a glimpse into his life in Soweto.



Pic: Mandela House

The *Apartheid Museum* provides a powerful insight into the injustices and atrocities committed during South Africa's apartheid era. Through photographs, film footage, personal accounts, and artifacts, it offers visitors a visceral understanding of the experiences of black people during that time. Today, the museum serves as a reminder of the past and a symbol of hope for a more just and equitable future.



Just 50km northwest of Johannesburg, stands a plot of immense historical and scientific significance, The *Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site*. The Cradle of Humankind is a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) World Heritage Site where remarkable fossil discoveries have revealed crucial insights into human evolution. The Cradle offers an easy day trip and is an absolute must-see for any visitor interested in the planet's ancient past and the origins of humankind.

Entertainment and leisure

Johannesburg pulsates with a vibrant energy, offering a diverse range of entertainment and leisure activities that cater to every interest and age group. These are some of the popular attractions that showcase the city's diverse offerings:

Fun things to do in Johannesburg

Shopping: Visitors can indulge in a shopping spree of epic proportions at Johannesburg's shopping triangle that encompasses Sandton City, Rosebank Mall, and the sophisticated Melrose Arch, which all offer a diverse array of local and international brands.

Night life: Johannesburg's nightlife scene pulsates with energy, offering a taste of everything from the opulent Monarch in Sandton to the trendy Louis in Rosebank and the vibrant Gemelli in Fourways.

Gold Reef City: This iconic theme park is a must-visit for families and thrill-seekers. For just R265 per person, visitors get to experience exhilarating rides like the Anaconda roller coaster and many others, while also having an opportunity to delve into the history of gold mining in Johannesburg.

City sightseeing Joburg Bus: City Sightseeing offers city tours in a hop-on, hop-off format. This gives you the freedom to decide where you go and how long you stay for. Visitors can also enjoy a tour of the vibrant township of Soweto, a place rich in history and culture. A must-see is Vilakazi Street, the only street in the world that is home to two Nobel Peace Prize winners— Former South African President, Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Art galleries: For art enthusiasts, Rosebank is a must-visit. Visitors can wander through the Keyes Art Mile, home to galleries like TMRW and Bkhz, showcasing contemporary works by local artists. There is also the Everard Read and Circa galleries and many other, long-standing fixtures in the Joburg art scene.

Orlando Towers - Bungee jumping: Visitors can experience the ultimate adrenaline rush with a 100m bungee jump from the iconic Orlando Towers in Soweto with their colourful murals adding an artistic touch to your thrilling descent.

Maboneng Precinct: Maboneng is a revitalised district with a focus on art and culture. Visitors can explore art galleries and studios, enjoy live music, and experience the area's trendy restaurants and shops.

Johannesburg Zoo: This renowned zoological garden is home to a fascinating array of animals from across the globe, offering visitors a chance to connect with wildlife and learn about conservation efforts. Entrance fees to the zoo range from R47 to R126.

Game reserves: For a true African adventure, visitors can experience thrilling game drives at Lion & Safari Park, northwest of Johannesburg, or in reserves just outside the city. Get up close with the "Big Five" — lions, leopards, elephants, rhinos, and buffalo — at places like Pilanesberg National Park, Dinokeng Game Reserve or Bothongo Game Reserve, among others. These incredible wildlife encounters are just a short drive from Johannesburg.

Theatre & live shows

Johannesburg has a rich cultural scene that is filled with talent and history. Whether you enjoy a live music performance or watching a play, there's something for everyone:

- Soweto Theatre
- The Lyric Theatre
- Joburg Theatre
- Market Theatre
- Roodepoort Theatre

A Liveable and Caring City

Environment

Johannesburg is committed to providing a healthy environment for its residents and visitors. The city actively monitors air quality and implements measures to reduce pollution levels. In the 2023/24 financial year, Johannesburg recorded good air quality on 202 days out of 360. This highlights the city's ongoing dedication to environmental conservation and its efforts to create a sustainable and healthy urban space.

Education

The city is home to prestigious universities such as the University of the Witwatersrand (WITS), University of Johannesburg (UJ), University of South Africa (UNISA) as well as the IIE MSA, all recognised for their academic excellence and contributions to world class research and innovation. These institutions offer a comprehensive selection of undergraduate and postgraduate programs across various disciplines, attracting students from across the globe.



Pics: Left – Wits; Right - UJ

A caring City

Johannesburg is actively at work to create a safe and caring environment for all its residents. The city focuses on enhancing safety through visible policing, community partnerships, and public safety campaigns. The "Jozi My Jozi" initiative, founded in 2023 is one of many partnerships that the city has been involved in that have been instrumental in ensuring a clean and safer city.

This initiative promotes community ownership of public spaces, contributing to a safer and more welcoming city. Additionally, Johannesburg demonstrates its commitment to social inclusion through the Extended Social Package (ESP), which provides free or subsidised basic services to vulnerable residents.

Healthcare

Most households in Johannesburg, about 70%,^[9] use public healthcare facilities. The public healthcare system offers subsidised services to those who cannot afford private care. However, the city is also home to world-class private healthcare hospitals. These private hospitals are equipped with cutting-edge medical technology and staffed by highly skilled healthcare professionals, offering specialised and advanced care.

In addition to these private institutions, Johannesburg hosts some of South Africa's leading public hospitals, which are known for their comprehensive services and expertise.

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⁹ GHS Selected development indicators, Metros, 2023.

are known for their comprehensive services and expertise. Johannesburg also has a network of public clinics providing essential primary healthcare services to communities across the city. These include immunisations, maternal and child health, family planning, HIV/AIDS testing and treatment, together with the management of chronic diseases.



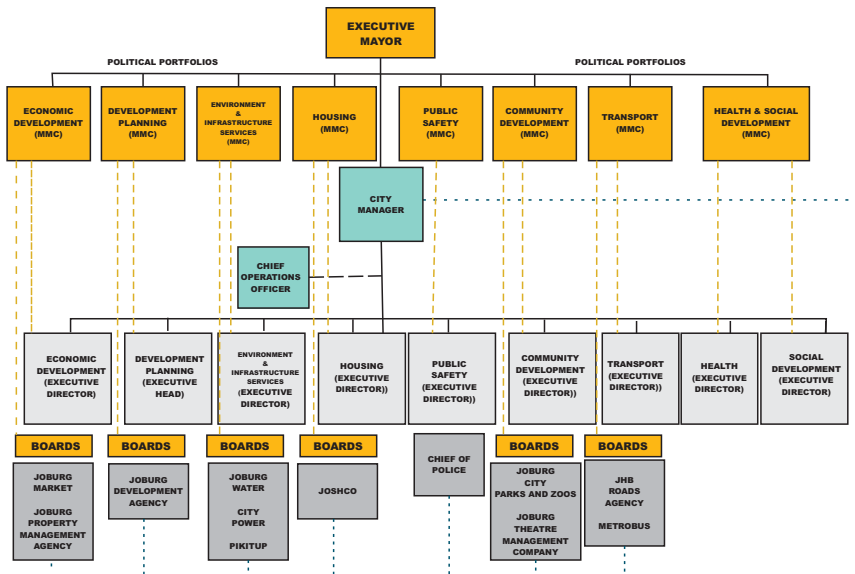
Pic: Left - Chris Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto; Right – Orchards Clinic in Orange Grove. The clinic is open daily for 24hrs.

Governance

Government structure

Johannesburg is currently governed by a coalition called the Government of Local Unity (GLU), led by the African National Congress (ANC)'s Councillor Dada Morero, who is the City of Johannesburg Executive Mayor. The GLU includes the ANC, Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF), Action SA, Patriotic Alliance (PA), and other minority parties.

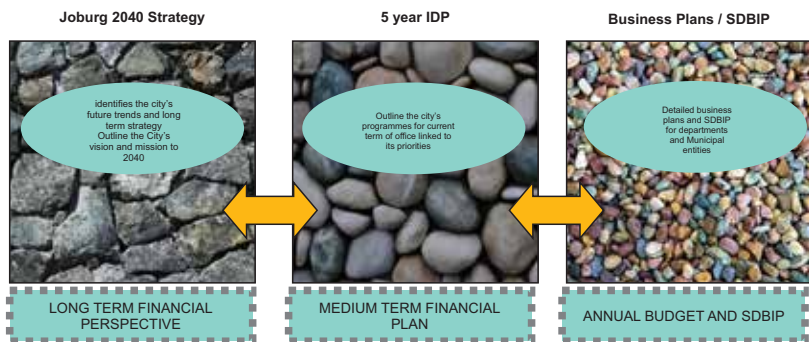
The Executive Mayor is supported by a diverse team of Members of the Mayoral Committee (MMCs) who oversee the city's departments and entities, working together to address Johannesburg's urban development challenges



Organogram: Johannesburg Line Functions reporting to City Manager, MEs and relevant political portfolios¹⁰

Johannesburg strategic direction

Johannesburg's strategic direction is guided by the Integrated Development Plan (IDP), which outlines key strategic initiatives and operational plans aimed at addressing the developmental needs of residents. This plan, along with the annual Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP), ensures alignment between the city's long-term aspirations as contained in the Joburg 2040 Growth and Development Strategy (GDS) and the programmes implemented to address current challenges. The GDS provides a lens through which we can view the Johannesburg of the future. It is an aspirational document that defines the type of society we want to achieve by 2040



¹⁰ https://joburg.org.za/about/_government/Documents/highlevelstructure2.pdf

Johannesburg is a city focused on building a sustainable and prosperous future for all its residents. Guided by 11 key priorities,



“the city is striving to create a better life for everyone.”

Pic: Overview of the hierarchy of Johannesburg's strategic plan

Global networks

Johannesburg actively participates in international efforts to address global challenges and promote sustainable urban development. The city leverages its global position to advocate for local concerns on the international stage and contribute to a proactive global agenda that supports Africa's interests.

Johannesburg is a leading member of several influential organisations, including:

- C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group (C40)
- Fonds Mondial Pour le Développement Villes Global (FMDV)
- Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI)
- Metropolis
- United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)
- Urban 20 (U20)

Awards

Johannesburg has been making strides in sustainability and urban development, earning various international accolades for its impactful programs in the past few years:

1. In October 2023, Johannesburg was among fifteen (15) cities shortlisted for the *Global Award for Sustainable Development in Cities (Shanghai Award)* out of a total of 54 participating cities. Selected from 54 cities globally, Johannesburg was recognised for its innovative Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Indicator Tracking Platform. The SDG platform helps the city assess

and improve its sustainability efforts and shows the city's commitment to data-driven sustainable urban development.

2. In 2023, Johannesburg joined the *Breathe Cities initiative*, a global program aimed at improving air quality and reducing carbon emissions in urban areas. The city is the first South African city to join this initiative, demonstrating its commitment to cleaner air for all. Johannesburg plans to undertake various projects under this program, including studying pollution sources, engaging stakeholders, and enhancing air quality monitoring.
3. In July 2024, the city was recognised for its effective use of municipal grants at the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) Awards. The City achieved an impressive 85% spending rate on grants received in the 2022/23 financial year. These grants are crucial for funding capital projects that improve service delivery for residents.
4. In September 2024, Johannesburg's "Green Mavericks," a team of University of Johannesburg students, won the *C40 Cities Global Competition* for their innovative green design around Marlboro Gautrain Station. This international competition recognises cities and universities tackling climate change, with over 1,300 participants from 40 countries. The winning project, inspired by Johannesburg's Climate Action Plan, promotes sustainable development and is to be implemented as a pilot project.
5. Johannesburg was awarded the Best African Smart City at the Africa Smart Cities Index Awards during the 2nd edition of the Africa Smart Cities Investment Summit in November 2024. The summit recognised the outstanding achievements of 36 cities across the continent in key developmental pillars crucial for smart city growth and sustainable living.

Investment prospectus

Johannesburg is actively involved in several impactful Public-Private Partnership (PPP) investment projects of varying magnitude, ranging from R400 million to R5 billion as shown below. The current PPP programme is set to generate investment of close to R20 billion for the city.

PPP PIPELINE JUNE 2024	Descriptor and benefits to city	Estimated final investment and fiscal implications for city	Appointment of transaction advisers (TAs)	Mayco m and Council approvals	RFQ issued	RFP issued	Preferred bidder selected	Financial close
Project Name								
Waste to Energy	Alternative treatment of solid waste to energy through incineration. Will process one third of city's waste stream.	R5 billion. A user charge per ton solid waste incinerated will be paid by city.	Oct 2020 Through DBSA. This project has been a work in progress since 2010.	July and August 2024	Nov 2024	June 2025	Feb 2026	May 2026
New Wastewater Treatment Works	New WWTW for Lanseria. Lanseria has been	R4 billion. New customers will	July 2024.	August and September. 2025	Nov 2025	June 2026	Feb 2027	May 2027

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	designated as a growth area and is planned as a "smart city". The area requires bulk infrastructure to support this growth.	connect, and their sanitation user charges will fund the city's ability to pay for the PPP.	Through GTAC panel. In adjudication.					
Reuse of the liquid and solid waste streams from existing WWTWs.	This project will look at all the current WWTWs for profitable reuse of a portion of the liquid stream to potable or industrial water, and solids to biogas for energy. This project ticks the green boxes.	~ R2.5 billion. The projects will only go ahead if there is no added fiscal cost to the city.	July 2024. Through GTAC. In adjudication.	July and August 2025	Nov 2025	June 2026	Feb 2027	May 2027
Non-revenue water performance-based contracts. NRW PBCs	This project will allow private operators to work on a performance base, to improve and reduce water losses in specified water zones.	Investment is largely operational and will be borne by private partners. No cost to the city. Will save bulk water	July/August 2024. Through GTAC. In adjudication.	If necessary. February and March 2025	-.	April 2025	August 2025	Oct 2025

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		costs for the city.						
Metro Centre refurbishment and multi-purpose precinct build.	This project will catalyse a private sector developer to refurbish the existing Metro Centre plus the addition of extra offices for the relocation of some of the entities' HQs.	R3.5 billion. Existing rental costs paid by city and entities will underpin the property developer's revenue stream.	July/Aug 2024. Through GTAC. In BSC.	Sept and Oct 2025	Jan 2026	July 2026	Feb/March 2027	June/July 2027
Renewable energy and battery storage	There is potential for entering into power purchase agreements (PPAs) with private producers for renewable energy - with or without battery storage for dispatchable energy.	~ R2 billion. No added fiscal cost to city. PPAs will conclude where the purchase price is favourable.	July 2024. City Power process.	Feb to April 2025		June 2025	Jan 2026	March 2026
Recapitalisation of Joburg Fresh	This project will provide recapitalisation for	R1.5 billion or more.	July 2024.	Feb to April 2025	June 2025	Dec 2025	July 2026	Oct 2026

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Project Name								
Produce Market	refurbishment and modernisation of JFPM facilities which fulfils a vital role in the agri-business supply chain, and fruit and vegetable trading sector.							

Innovations and future plans

Smart City Community Innovation Challenge and Awards 2024: Johannesburg recently launched its Smart City Community Innovation Challenge and Awards 2024. The challenge invites residents, particularly youth, to submit innovative ideas to improve municipal services and infrastructure through a co-production concept that sees ideas incubated and tested for sustainability. The competition offers R1.1 million in funding for pilot projects and small stipends for winners.

Lanseria Smart City Project: Lanseria is poised to become South Africa's first post-apartheid city, a major urban development project with a projected population of 500 000 within the next decade. The earmarked "smart city" will be a model for sustainable development and inclusive growth, offering residents a high quality of life and diverse opportunities.





Pic: imagery of the planned Lanseria project

Johannesburg has a large capital budget of approximately R22.7 billion which is to be spent on capital projects over the next three years. The capital budget for the 2024/25 financial year amounts to approximately R7.4 billion. The projects range from refurbishment of waste management facilities, upgrading of garden sites, to building alterations and ICT hardware and software upgrades, among many others.



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