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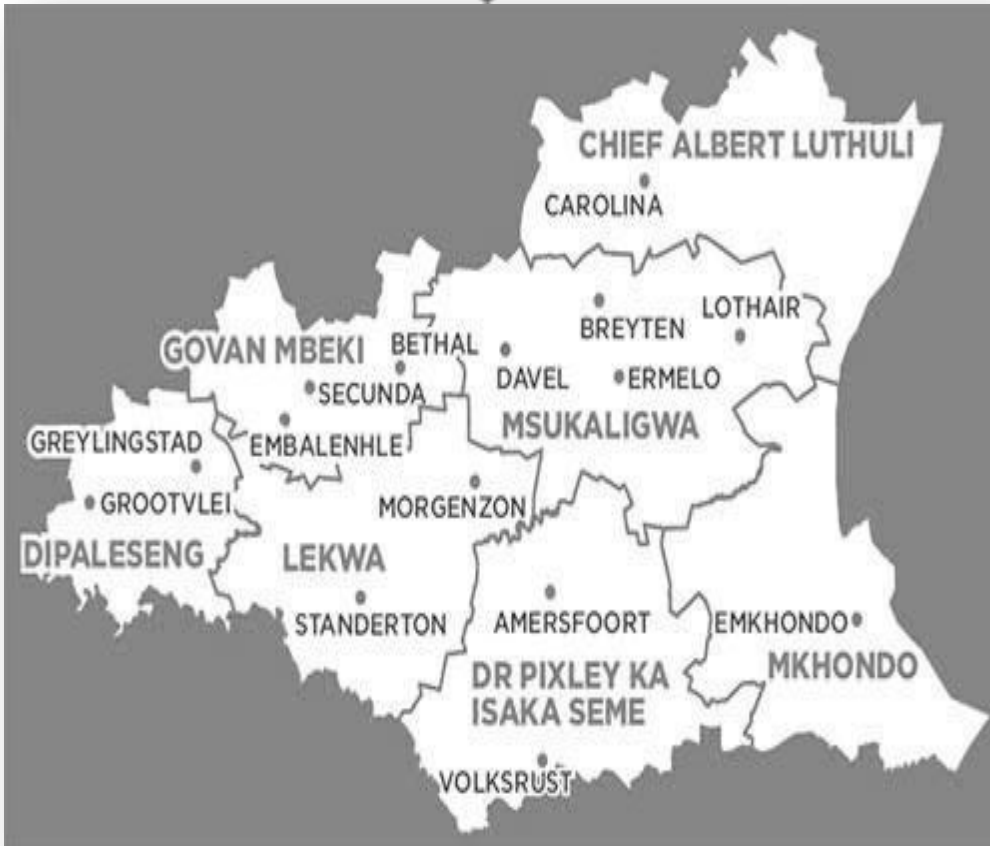
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Introduction

The Municipal Barometer is a web-based portal that is aimed at collecting and packaging local level data including ward level data to municipalities. It is envisaged that municipalities will use the data for planning, oversight and benchmarking. SALGA analyses the data periodically and disseminates it in the form of briefs and other publications. This third edition of the publication focuses on Gert- Sibande District Municipality.

Summary of the District

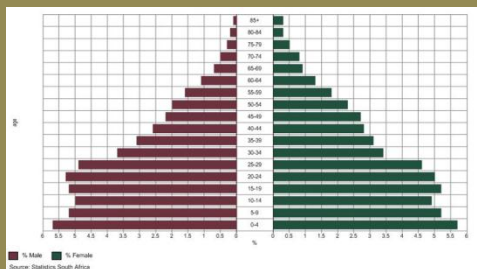


- **District Municipality in Mpumalanga Province**
- **7 local municipalities:**
 - Chief Albert Luthuli,
 - Dipaleseng
 - Govan Mbeki
 - Lekwa
 - Mkhondo
 - Msukaligwa
 - Dr. Pixley Ka Seme
- **Towns**
 - **Chief Albert Luthuli:** Carolina, Badplaas, Eerstehoek, Lochiel
 - **Dipaleseng:** Balfour, Dasville, Greylingstad, Grootvlei, Val, Willemsdal.
 - **Govan Mbeki:** Secunda, Bethal, Bethel East, Bethelrand, Charl Cilliers, Evander, Kinross, Leandra, Leslie, Roodebank, Springbokdraai, Trichardt, Winkelhaak
 - **Lekwa:** Standerton, Bettiesdam, Elm tree, Holmdene, Maizefield, Meyerville, Morgenzon, Platrand, Roberts Drift, Stanfield Hill
 - **Mkhondo:** Piet Retief (Mkhondo), Amsterdam, Anysspruit, Berbice, Bergen, Braunchweig, Commondale, Dirkiesdorp, Iswepe, Moolman, Panbult, Wittenberg
 - **Msukaligwa:** Ermelo, Bankkop, Breyten, Camden, Chrissiesmeer, Davel, Estancia, Holban, Kafferspruit, Lothair, Sheepmoor, Warburton
 - **Dr. Pixley ka Seme:** Volksrus (Seme), Amersfoort, Latemanek, Perdekop, Wakkerstroom
- **Land area coverage:** 31,844 km²
- **Total population:** 1,043,194 – *smallest in the province*
- **Total households:** 273,490
- **HIV Prevalence:** 40.5% (46.1% 2011) *second highest in SA*
- **Access to water at / above RDP level:** 81.9%
- **Access to Electricity:** 83.4%
- **Access to sanitation at or above RDP level:** 64%
- **Access to refuse removal services:** 63.6%
- **GDP:** R64.1 bn
- **GDP growth:** 1.5%
- **Households with income :** 234,543 (avg 8.0%)
- **Labour Force:** 368,779
- **Employment :** 259,129
- **Unemployment:** 109,650
- **Unemployment rate:** 29.7%
- **Youth unemployment rate:** 44.6%
- **Absorption rate:** 24.8
- **Participation rate:** 35.4%

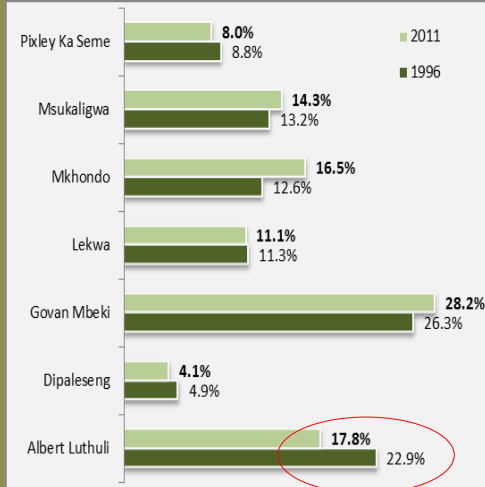
Population and Household Dynamics

POPULATION (1,043,194)

Population pyramid

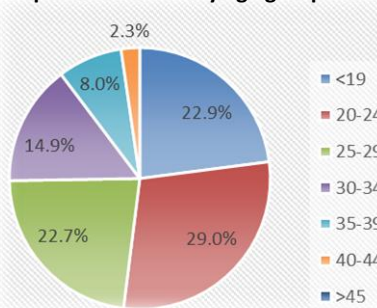


Population as % of the District population

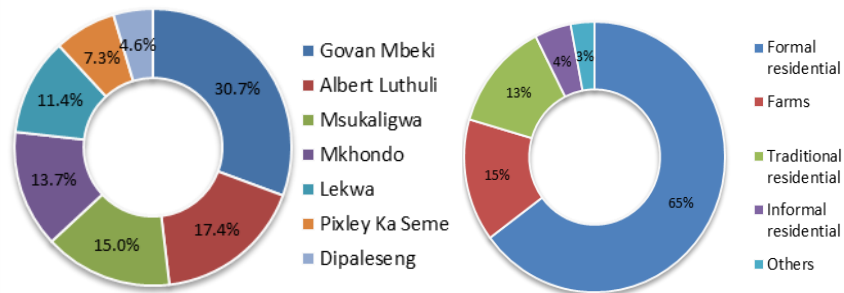


Chief Albert Luthuli- population share decline

HIV prevalence rate by age group – MP



HOUSEHOLDS (273,490 - avg hh size 3.8)



- Goven Mbeki & Chief Albert Luthuli –have the highest number of households in the District
- Dr Pixley Ka Seme & Dipaleseng – smallest number of households
- 65% of the population resides in formal residential dwelling
- A backlog of 48,465 (17.7%) households without access to formal residential dwellings was registered during the 2011 census

Households and Population

Municipality	Households		Population	
	2001	2011	Annual Growth Rate (2001-2011)	
Goven Mbeki	61 714	83 874	3.1%	2.8%
Albert Luthuli	39 652	47 705	1.9%	-0.1%
Msukaligwa	29 689	40 932	3.3%	1.8%
Mkhondo	27 888	37 433	3.0%	1.8%
Lekwa	25 199	31 071	2.1%	1.1%
Pixley Ka Seme	81 002	19 838	1.0%	0.3%
Dipaleseng	9 474	12 637	2.9%	0.9%
Gert Sibande	211 618	273 490	2.6%	1.5%

- The number of households grew by 2.6% in the past 10 years from 211,618 in 2001 to 273,490 in 2011.
- Msukaligwa, Goven Mbeki and Mkhondo grew the fastest with a growth rate of above 3%
- The population in the District grew by 1.5%, with Msukaligwa and Mkhondo both growing at 1.8%

Population Growth	1996-2001	2001-2007	2007-2011
Albert Luthuli	0.5%	0.6%	-1.1%
Dipaleseng	-0.2%	-0.3%	2.9%
Goven Mbeki	1.1%	3.3%	2.3%
Lekwa	2.8%	-2.1%	6.1%
Mkhondo	7.4%	-4.8%	12.7%
Msukaligwa	3.4%	0.2%	4.3%
Pixley Ka Seme	2.8%	-3.3%	6.0%
Gert Sibande	2.5%	-0.2%	4.0%

Pressure on the following:

- Dept of Health- antiretroviral treatment
- Land for burial – municipalities
- Indigent households
- Orphans, caregivers (grannies) child headed households

- National HIV prevalence rate: 29.5%
- Mpumalanga: 35.6%
- Gert Sibande : 40.5% -consistent high HIV prevalence rate
- Ehlanzeni 35.1% (ranked 12th out of 52 health Districts), Nkangala 32.1%

Household & Personal Income

Individual monthly income, 2011

Income level	Chief Albert Luthuli	Dipaleseng	Govan Mbeki	Lekwa	Mkhondo	Msukaligwa	Dr Pixley Ka Seme	Gert Sibande
No income	18.4%	3.9%	28.2%	10.1%	17.0%	13.7%	8.7%	41.7%
R 1 - R 400	26.5%	4.1%	15.2%	10.6%	20.0%	13.6%	10.0%	18.7%
R 401 - R 800	19.7%	4.2%	21.6%	10.8%	20.2%	15.5%	8.0%	3.6%
R 801 - R 1 600	18.0%	5.6%	21.4%	13.5%	17.9%	15.1%	8.5%	11.2%
R 1 601 - R 3 200	11.3%	4.9%	35.1%	14.8%	11.6%	17.2%	5.1%	5.4%
R 3 201 - R 6 400	10.2%	4.6%	41.4%	12.3%	9.3%	17.2%	5.0%	4.0%
R 6 401 - R 12 800	9.9%	3.6%	42.4%	12.9%	9.4%	16.4%	5.4%	3.3%
R 12 801 - R 25 600	7.6%	2.8%	48.1%	12.9%	8.5%	14.8%	5.2%	2.4%
R 25 601 - R 51 200	4.1%	2.0%	61.5%	10.2%	5.8%	11.8%	4.6%	0.9%
R 51 201 - R 102 400	3.5%	1.1%	71.3%	8.7%	3.4%	8.5%	3.4%	0.2%
R 102 401 - R 204 800	11.4%	1.8%	50.8%	8.3%	8.6%	11.7%	7.4%	0.1%
R 204 801 or more	9.3%	3.1%	45.3%	14.6%	6.1%	15.3%	6.3%	0.1%
Income Unspecified	10.4%	3.0%	41.9%	10.1%	15.9%	14.0%	4.6%	8.5%

- Of the total income level in the District; about 18.7% of the population earn an individual monthly income of R400 and less, followed by those earning between R801 and R1600 accounting 11% .
- 41.7% have no monthly income in the District.
- Of the 41.7% , 28.2% are found in Govan Mbeki and 18.4% in Chief Albert Luthuli.

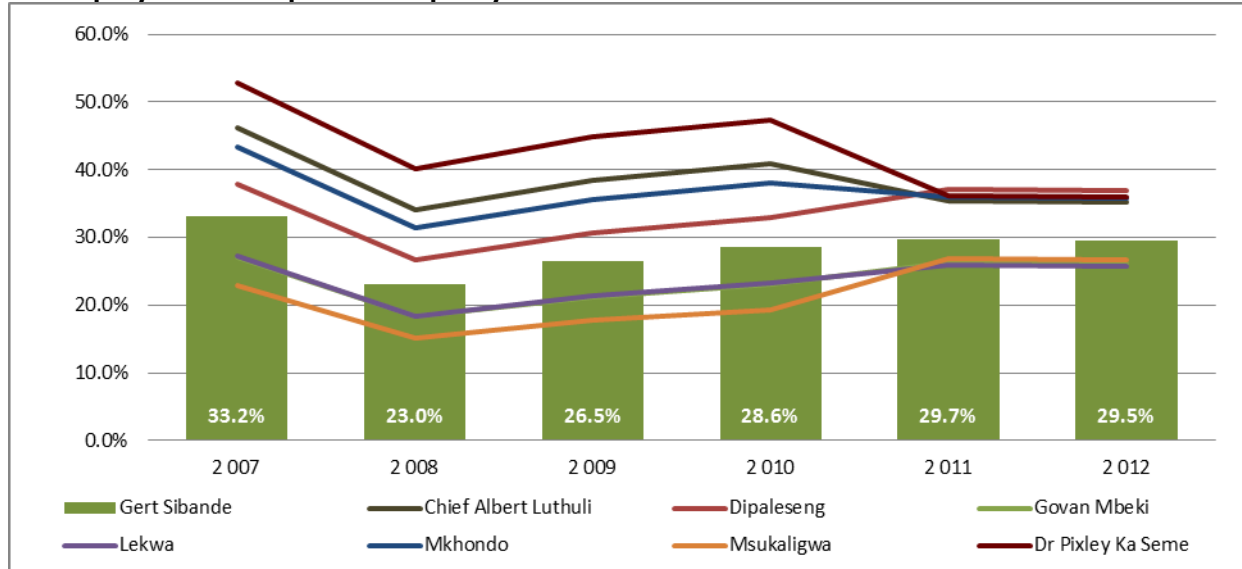
Annual household income, 2011

Income level	Chief Albert Luthuli	Dipaleseng	Govan Mbeki	Lekwa	Mkhondo	Msukaligwa	Dr Pixley Ka Seme	Gert Sibande
No income	22.8%	5.9%	11.6%	9.1%	25.0%	17.8%	7.9%	5.2%
R1-R4 800	24.4%	5.8%	29.5%	7.7%	10.7%	10.6%	11.3%	6.0%
R4 801-R9 600	25.4%	5.5%	23.4%	8.2%	14.7%	10.6%	12.3%	11.3%
R9 601-R19 200	25.2%	5.4%	23.0%	8.6%	12.4%	13.3%	12.1%	20.9%
R19 201-R38 400	20.9%	5.0%	32.4%	12.2%	10.9%	9.4%	9.3%	21.1%
R38 401-R76 800	14.9%	5.5%	37.4%	14.0%	8.7%	14.4%	5.2%	12.4%
R76 801-R153 600	9.4%	4.8%	39.9%	18.2%	6.9%	15.0%	5.9%	7.3%
R153 601-R307 200	4.0%	3.9%	58.9%	14.1%	4.4%	12.0%	2.7%	5.2%
R307 201-R614 400	7.8%	2.5%	54.6%	10.0%	7.9%	10.0%	7.2%	2.8%
R614 401-R1 228 800	-	5.9%	57.2%	-	9.6%	14.2%	13.1%	0.4%
R1 228 801-R2 457 600	-	15.4%	21.8%	32.3%	-	16.5%	-	0.2%
R2 457 601 or more	-	0.0%	36.4%	13.9%	36.5%	13.2%	-	0.3%
Income Unspecified	5.7%	2.6%	41.2%	5.3%	20.7%	20.3%	4.2%	6.9%

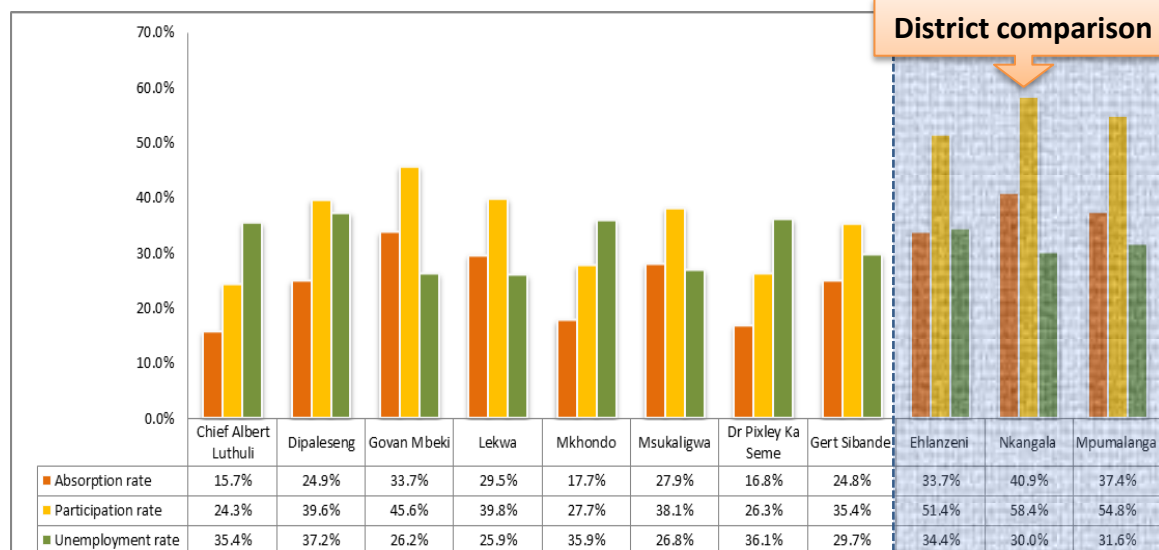
- Of those who are fortunate to be employed, on an annual basis , 21.1% earn between R19,201 and R38,400 and 20.9% earn between RR9,601 and R19,200.
- 5.2% have no income and the remaining 45.9% of those employed reflect the challenges of unemployment and the initiatives that are meant to change the conditions of the poor and alleviate poverty in the District

Labour Market

Unemployment rate per municipality



- In 2007, the unemployment rate for the District was 33.2%, by 2008 the rate had declined to 23% after which growing trends were recorded .
- Dr Pixley Ka Seme recorded high unemployment rates in the past years until in 2011 when the unemployment rate in Dipaleseng grew significantly overtaking all the other local municipalities' unemployment rate performance.

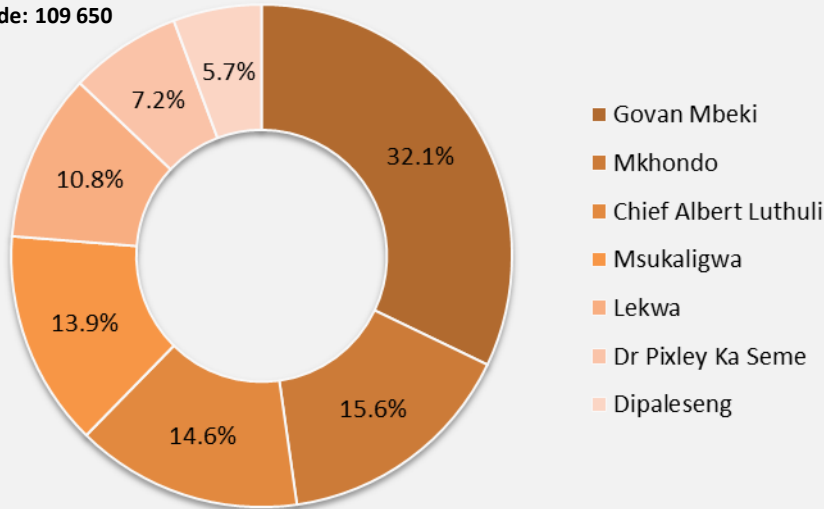


- Gert Sibande has the lowest unemployment rate in the province compared to the two other Districts .
- As a result of the lower unemployment rate in the province, the district has the highest labour force participation rate and labour absorption rate
- The labour participation rate indicates the proportion of the working age population who are economically active, while the absorption rate measures the proportion of the working age that is employed.
- Dipaleseng, Dr. Pixley Ka Seme, Mkhondo and Chief Alnert Luthuli have the highest unemployment rate in the District.

Labour Market (cont')

Unemployment % contribution by local municipality

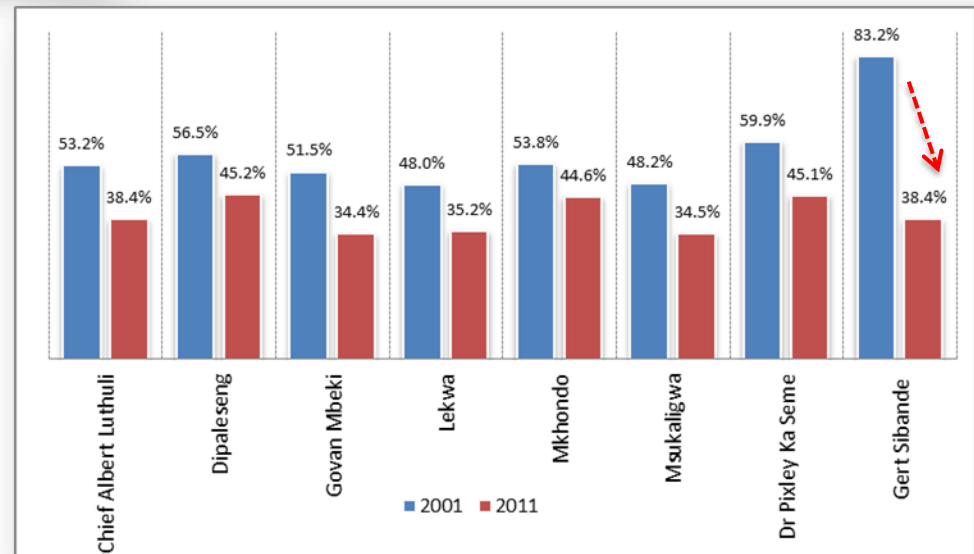
Total unemployment in Gert Sibande: 109 650 (2011)



- Of the total 109,650 number of unemployed individuals in the District, Govan Mbeki contributes 32.1% to the total unemployment performance in the District
- Govan Mbeki has high population concentration as a result of the economic activity taking place in the area, therefore its contribution to the District unemployment is expected to be significant
- Dipaleseng contributes the lowest to the total number of unemployed people in the District.

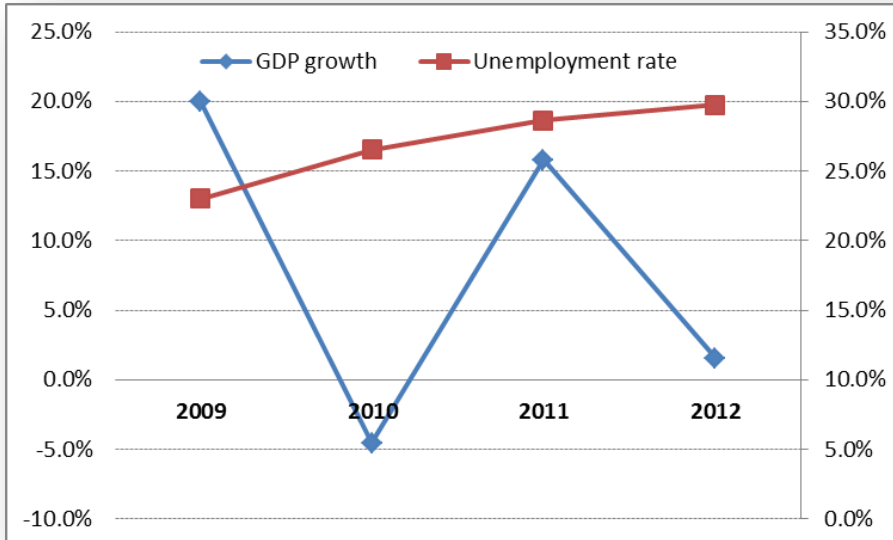
Youth Unemployment rate (15-34yrs)

- The District has been having a challenge of high youth unemployment in the past. In 2001, youth unemployment was slightly above 83%
- A decade later the District saw its youth unemployment declining significantly reaching 34.4% by 2011.
- Between 2001 and 2011 improvements in the rate of unemployment amongst the youth has been experienced by all the local municipalities albeit still at high rates.
- In order to keep youth unemployment at low levels, more projects and funds should be directed to job creation as well as skills development programs in order to make the youth more marketable and employable.



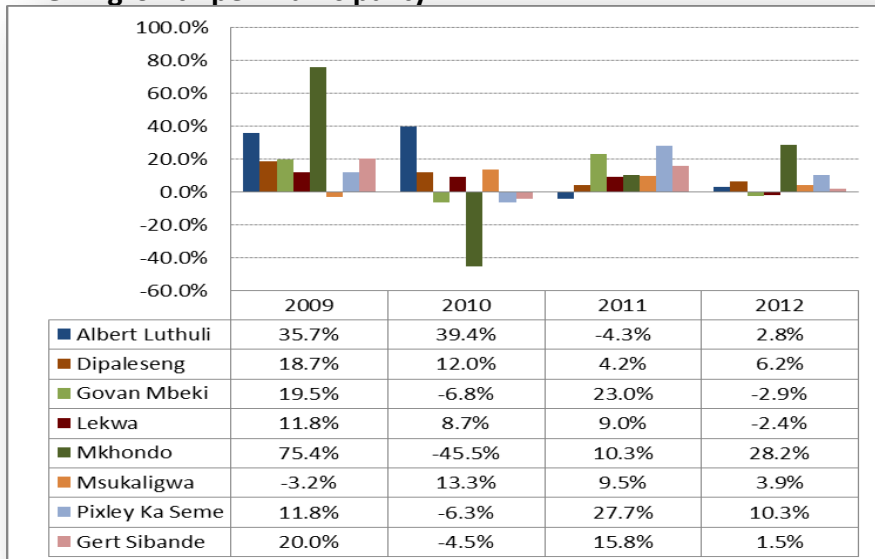
Economic Performance

GDP growth v/s employment performance

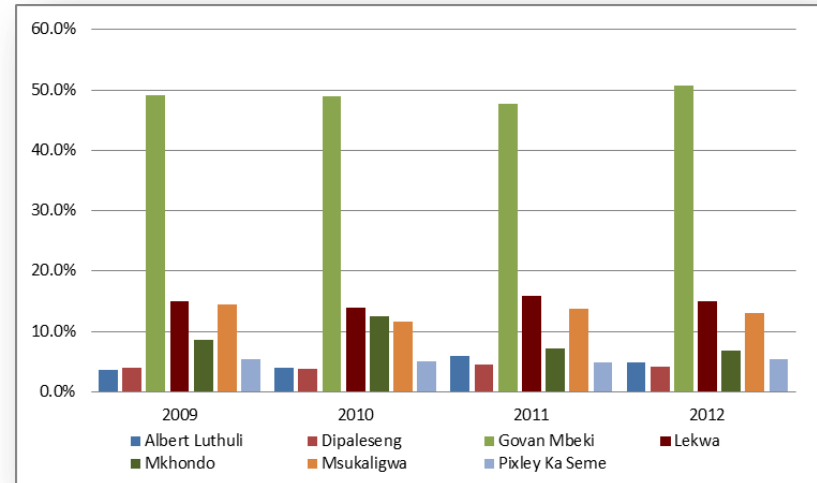


- There usually is a correlation between growth in GDP and employment performance in general, where
- However growth performance in the District has not been able to offset the growth in the rate of unemployment- reflection of the dynamics of the economy in the District. This is as a result of the fluctuations that have been experienced in the performance of economic activity in the District.
- Unemployment rate has been on the rise since the period under review.

GDP growth per municipality



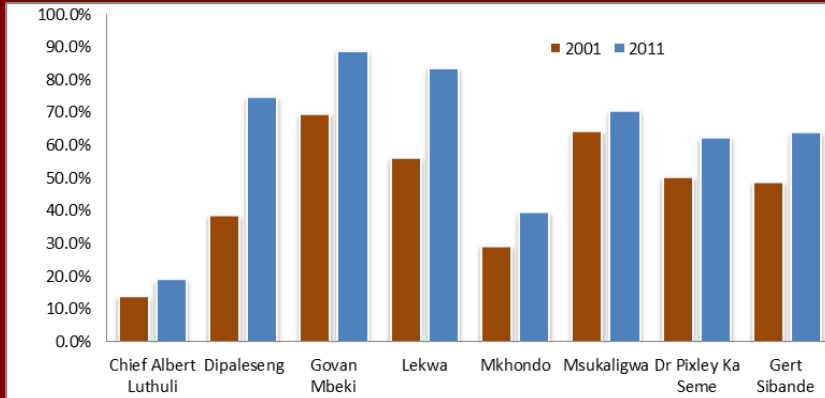
GDP contribution to total Gert Sibande GDP



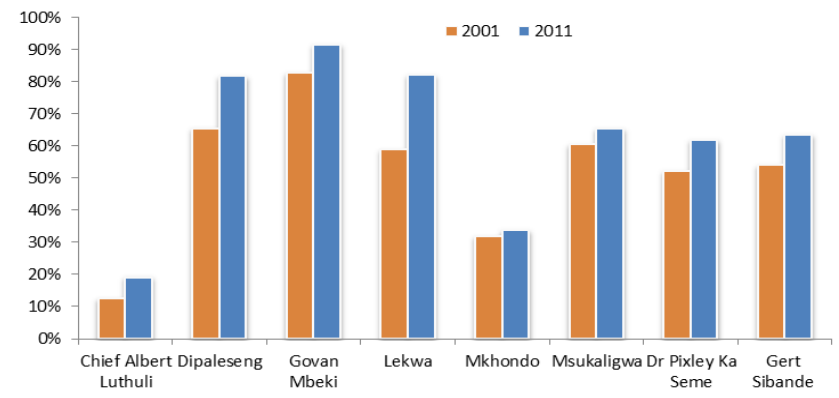
- Govan Mbeki has consistently remained the local municipality with the highest contribution to the GDP of the District. However in 2012 it recorded negative growth of -2.4% from 9.0% in 2011)
- Mkhondo on the other hand has been recording the highest GDP growth over the years (in 2010, GDP growth declined significantly, however recovered and recorded positive growth the following year).

Household Access to Services

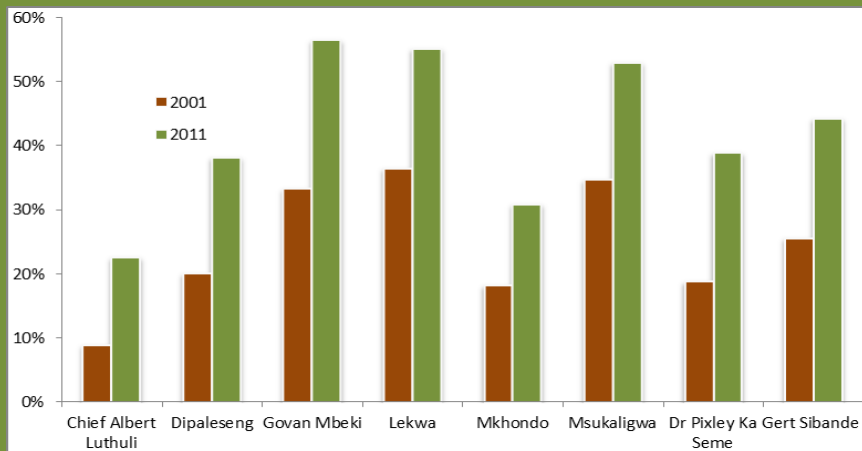
FLUSH TOILET CONNECT TO SEWERAGE %



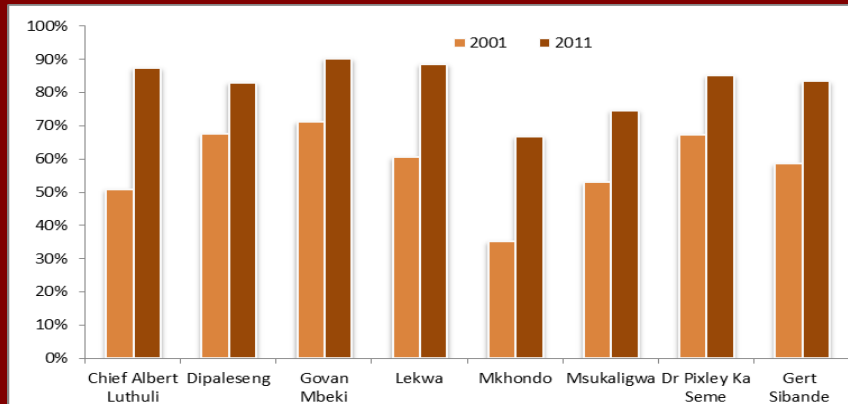
WEEKLY REFUSE REMOVAL %



PIPED WATER INSIDE DWELLING %



ELECTRICITY FOR LIGHTING %



- Significant improvements have been experienced in the delivery of the four basic services in the District.
- Govan Mbeki, Lekwa and Dipaleseng local municipalities have consistently been in the lead in the delivery levels of all four basic services.
- With this backdrop, the District however needs to improve in the delivery of sanitation and refuse removal.