
Urbanisation and development: A variable connection

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Contrasting perspectives on U & D

Development economics	Urbanisation is the outcome of national industrialisation
Urban sociology	Urbanisation contributes to poverty
Development studies	'Over-urbanisation'; Urbanisation without growth
Urban cultural studies	Rethinking development
Economic geography	Urbanisation fosters development

Towards a deeper understanding

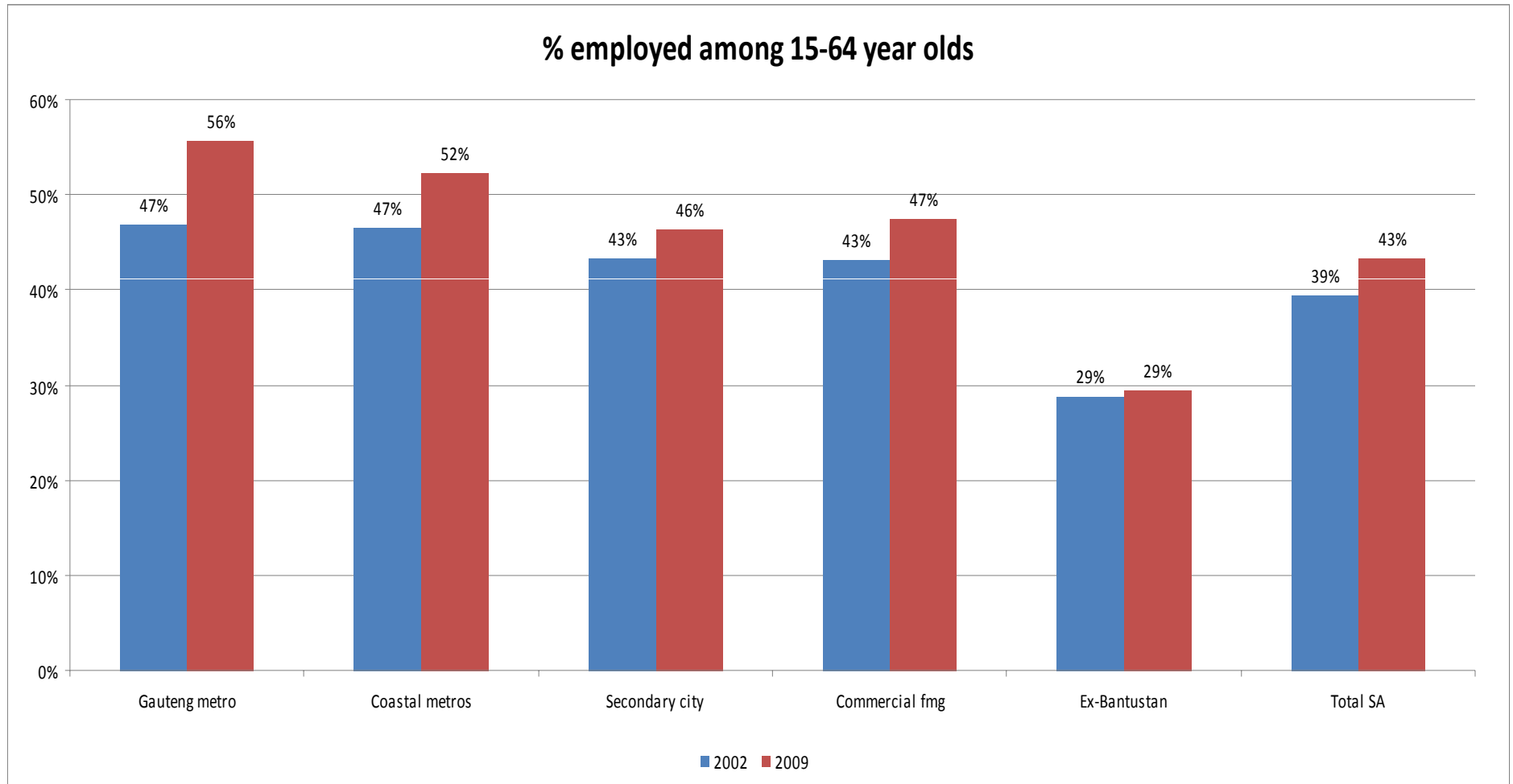
A typology of cities based on generative mechanisms:

- Agro- or minerals-processing + logistics
 - International business & financial services
 - Regional consumer services
 - More sophisticated and productive informality
 - Environmental opportunities – renewables
 - City-level governance
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Conclusions

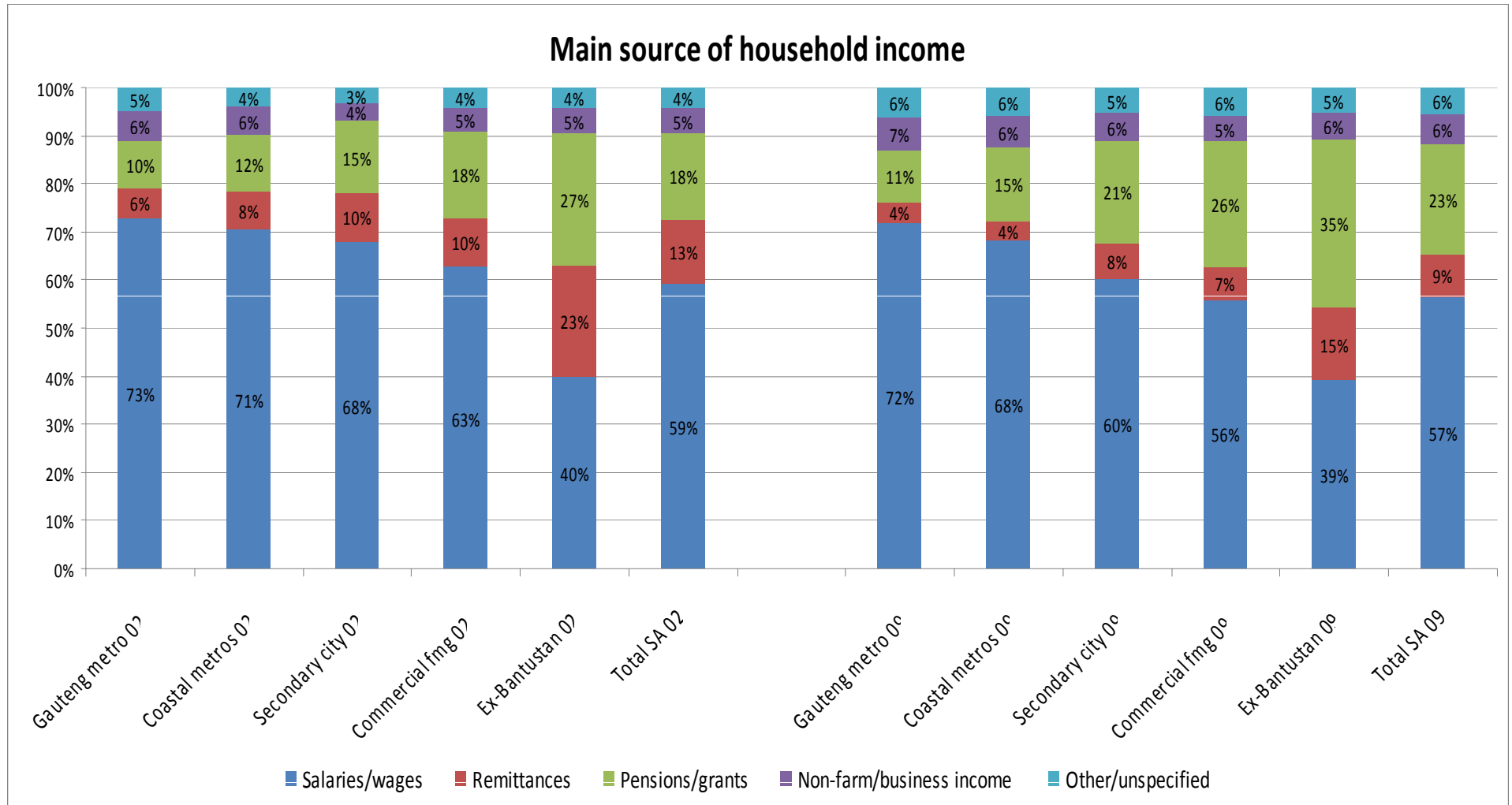
- Useful for comparative analysis
 - Enhance understanding - problems, processes and prospects
 - Useful for planning policy and practice
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Employment rate, 2002 & 2009



Source: GHS, 2009

Main source of income, 2002 & 2009



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