



Rush for the place of gold: implications for infrastructural development in Gauteng

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Background

- Historically its economy was built on the back of gold, but currently mainly based on crass materialism
- Gauteng has recently overtaken KZN as the most populous province in SA
- Attracts both the lowly and the highly skilled individuals
- Gauteng is the most demographically diverse province in the country

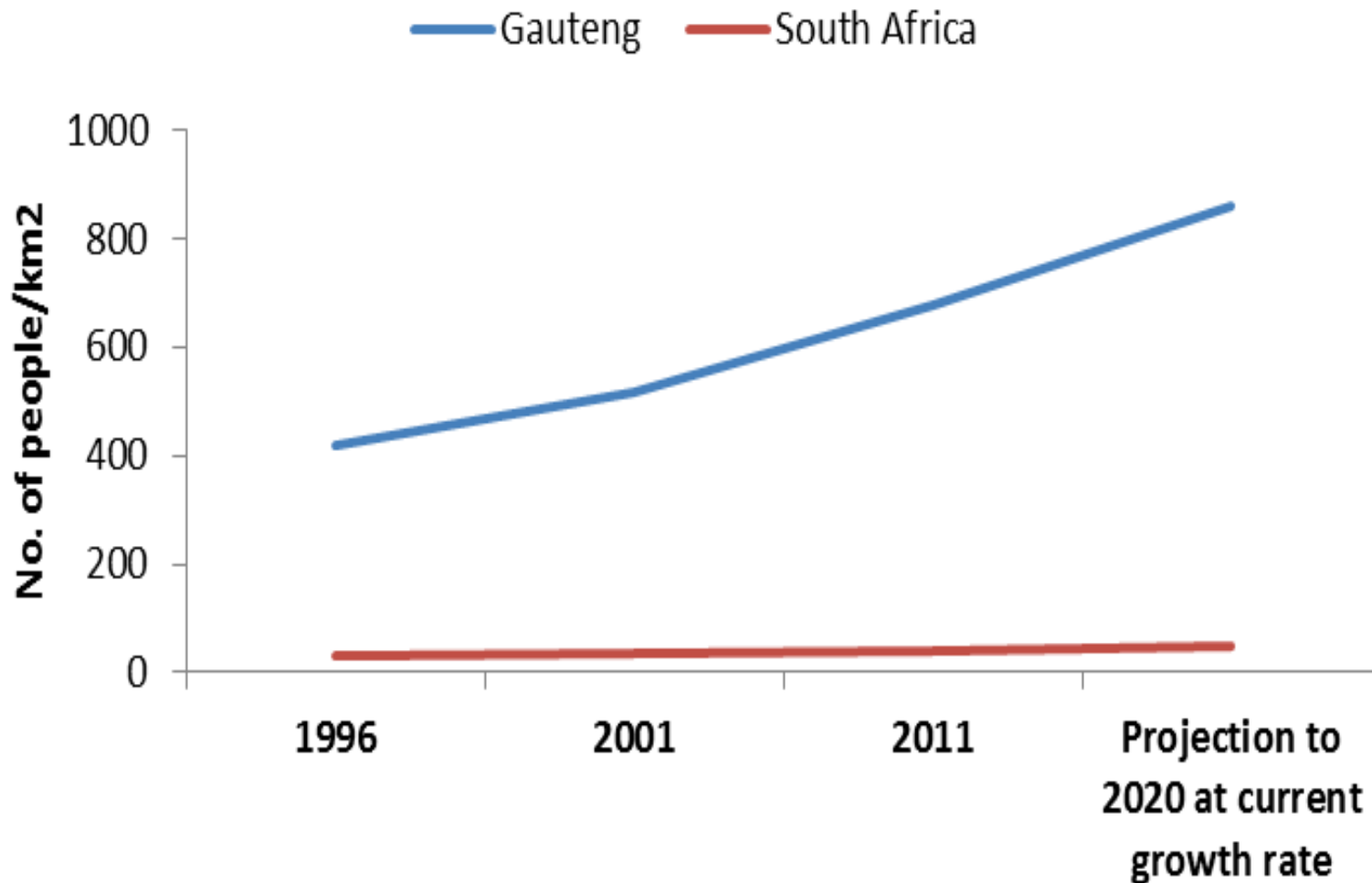
Background (contd.)

- Host the largest number of international migrants
- Gauteng has comparatively lower fertility rate than other provinces
- Thus, character of the Gauteng population is changing fast
- Relatively favorable rate of infant mortality.

Background (contd.)

- Land area of 18 178 sq km
- Average population density 675 persons per sq km, compared to 42 sq km nationally
- Need to differentiate between the **Circularity Model** (common in SA, where people straddle between places of origin and their host areas) and **Unilinear Model** (Western)

Population density Gauteng vs National



Population Growth 1996-2011

Population Growth Rate	1996-2001	2001-2011
Gauteng	4.30%	2.70%
South Africa	2.00%	1.50%

Provinces of origin of SA in-migrants

LP	KZN	MP	FS	EC	NW	WC	NC
31%	17%	12%	9%	13%	10%	5%	2%

International migrants

- Among documented migrants 45% come from overseas, 55% from the rest of Africa
- Overseas are mainly from England, Pakistan, China and India
- Rest of Africa are mainly from Zimbabwe and Nigeria
- 10% of Gauteng population were not born in SA, and 52% of all people not born in SA are staying in Gauteng

Growth rates in different districts

Period	Sedibeng	West Rand	Ekurhuleni	City of Johannesburg	City of Tshwane	Gauteng
1996-2001	2.1%	2.4%	4.1%	4%	3.6%	3.6%
2001-2011	1.4%	1%	2.5%	3.2%	3.1%	2.7%

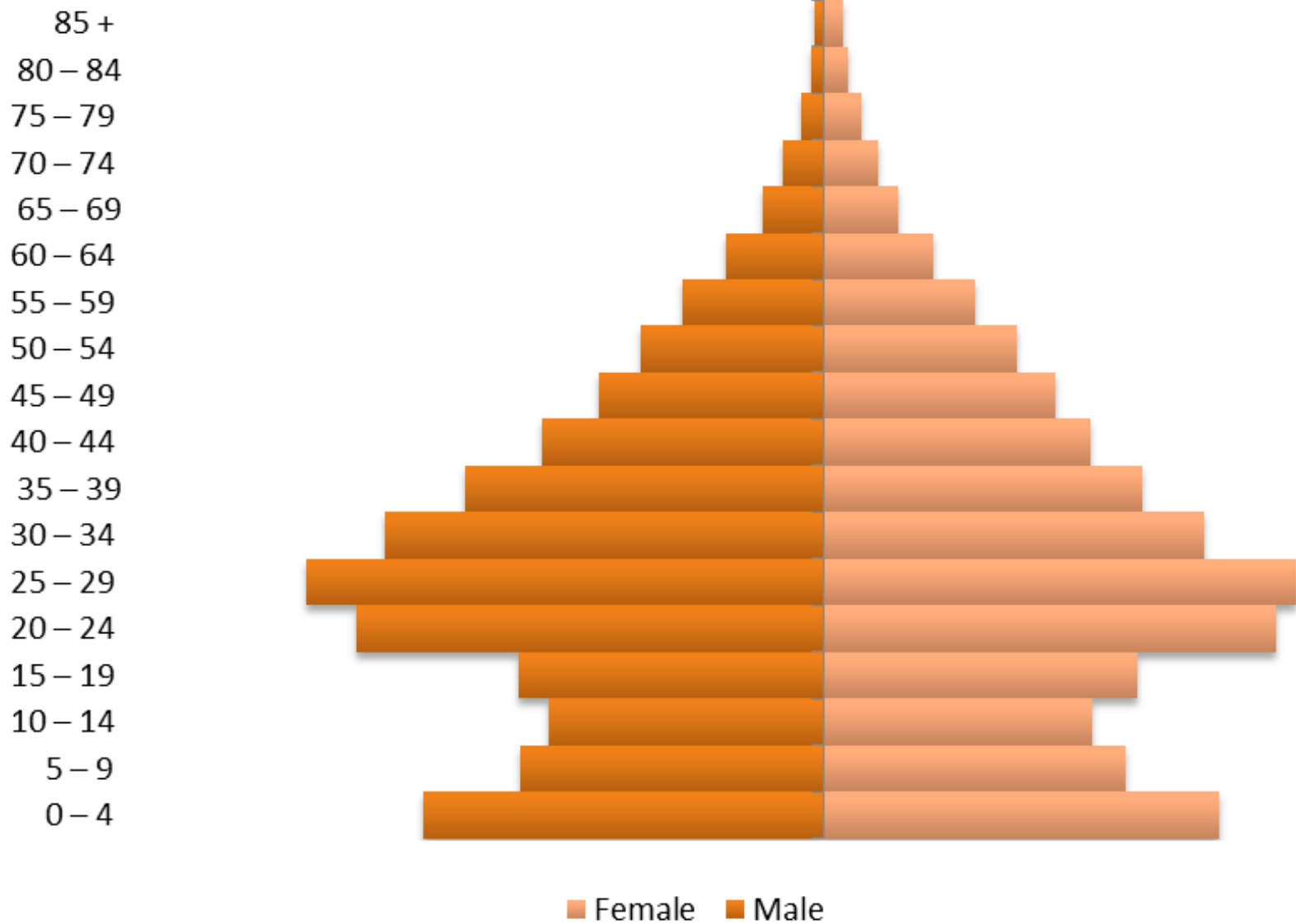
Sex Ratios in different districts

Period	Sedibeng	West Rand	Ekurhuleni	City of Johannesburg	City of Tshwane	Gauteng
1996	98	140	104	100	99	104
2001	97	116	103	99	98	101
2011	99	106	105	101	99	102

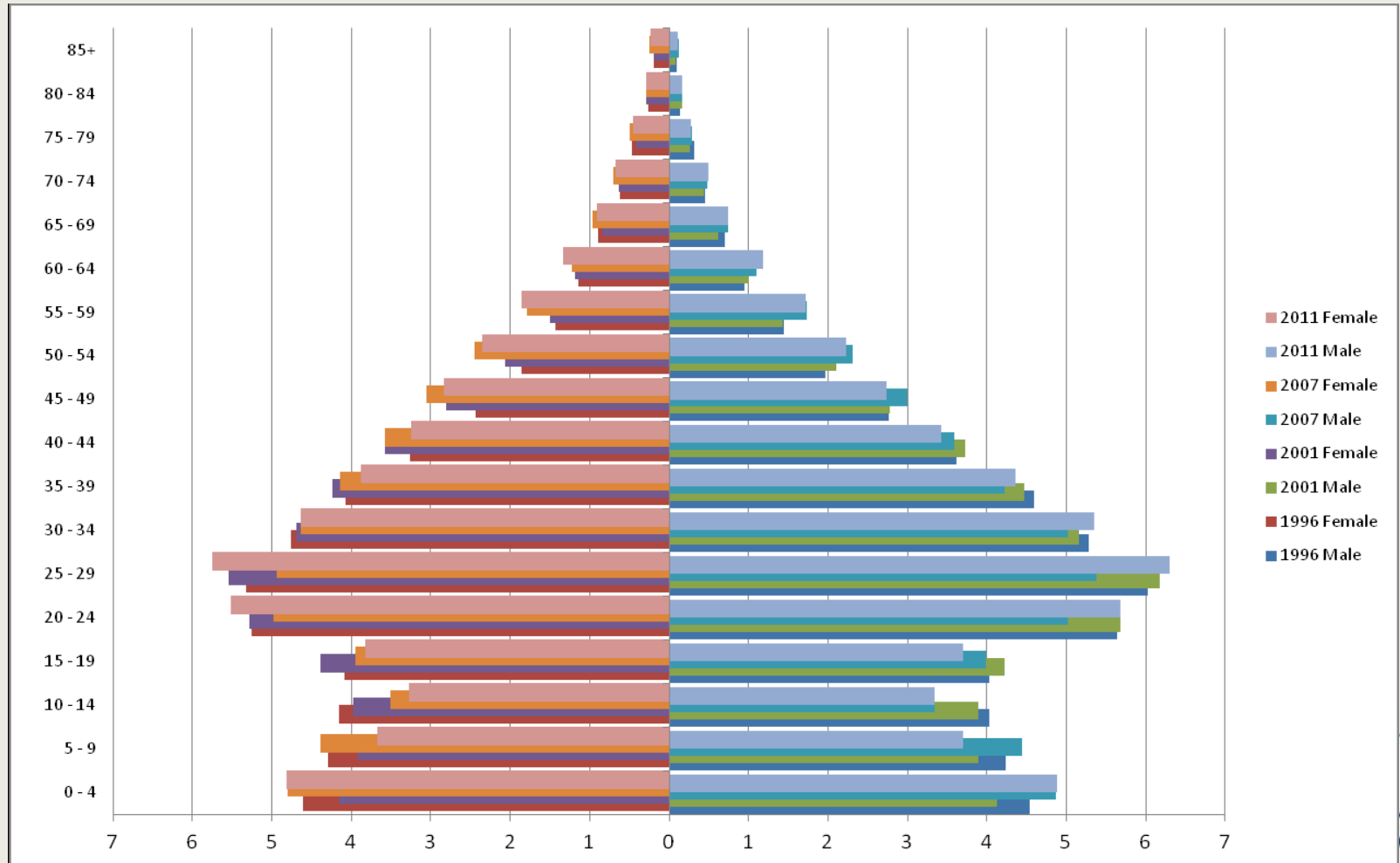
No. Of Households 2001-2011

No. Of Households	2001	2011	Projected in 2020 at current rates
Gauteng	2735168	3909022	5390683
South Africa	11202705	14450161	18170526

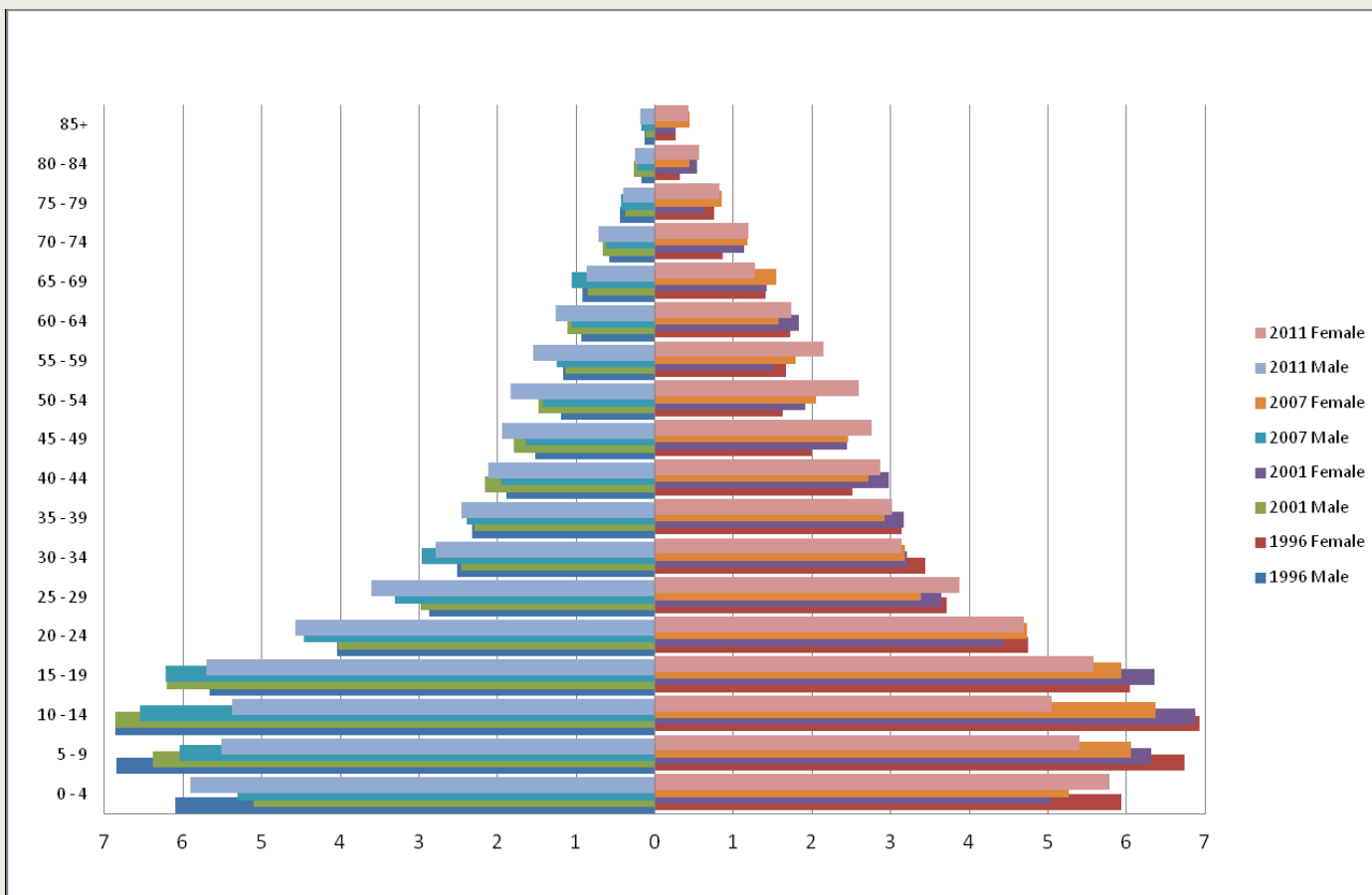
Population pyramid for Gauteng: Census 2011



Changing structure of the population over time



Contrast: Eastern Cape



Key Issues

- Young adults migrate most. The implications of youth bulge at the provincial level.
- Migration remains circular for a long time thus perpetuating divided loyalties between cities and rural areas.
- Young people exploitation in the city flat life
- How to manage expectations by the 'rights-aware' and youthful new migrants to Gauteng.

PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

- Transform urban settlement pattern. Apartheid settlement patterns, that keeps many rural in-migrants outsiders, including unchanging social attitudes towards new city in-migrants.
- Accept cultural diversity as strength
- ***Youth-friendly urban infrastructure and facilities***
- Need for infrastructure that provides basic services youth and facilitates rapid integration and accommodates people who decides to **straddle between city and rural areas.**

Thank you

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