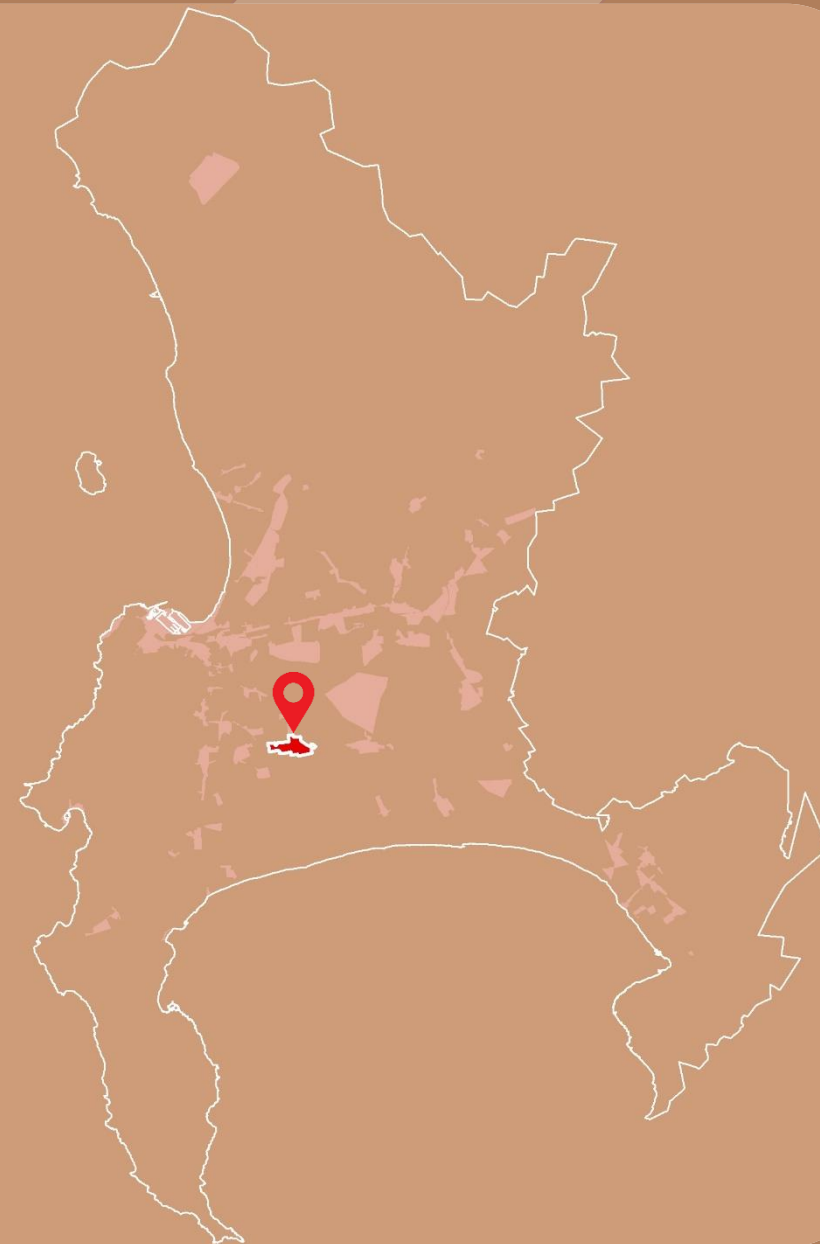


PHILIPPI NORTH INDUSTRIAL ECONOMIC AREA PROFILE

TREND ANALYSIS 2012-2022



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POLICY & REGULATORY CONTEXT

For the past decade, the global and national economic context has required regional economies to prioritise their investment decisions in space for greater efficiency. The Economic Areas Management Programme (ECAMP), as it was introduced, has therefore been considered a valuable economic data tool that provides valuable insights into the performance of the space economy at an area-specific level.

This update of ECAMP is further aligned with the Urban Planning & Design Department's business strategy to leverage spatial intelligence to unlock value within Cape Town's space economy by:

- a) Tracking the performance and implementation of its spatial development framework policies
- b) Developing the evidence base to inform and adjust said spatial policy
- c) Supporting spatially targeted investment and decision-making
- d) Providing a spatial lens of economic data within the Cape Town context

The following strategic objectives and programmes support the update of ECAMP:



INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2022-2027

- [Objective 1](#) (Increased jobs and investment in the Cape Town Economy): Targeted urban development programme
- [Objective 15](#) (A more spatially integrated and inclusive city): Spatial strategy monitoring and evaluation project

INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH STRATEGY (2021)

- [Applying an economic lens to policy-making by integrating sustainable analysis into City Decision Making in alignment with the MSDF.](#)
- The primary and most immediate scope of work must centre around economic recovery. To this end, implementation of this Strategy will be in the form of a [three-phase recovery approach](#).

MUNICIPAL SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (MSDF, 2023) POLICY & STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION

- Table 5.1: Spatial strategy 1: Substrategies and policy guidelines ([Policy 2, 4 and 5](#))
- Table A2: Spatial strategy 1: Policy guidelines, strategic and implementation intent ([Policy 4,2 and 4,3](#))

DISTRICT SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (DSDF, 2023): SUB DISTRICT GUIDANCE

- **Cape Flats DSDF - Subdistrict 1: Greater Athlone area:
 - District Development Guidelines ([page 64](#))
 - Subdistrict Development Guidelines ([page 93](#))
 - Consolidated subdistrict SDF ([Figure 16: Cape Flats subdistrict 1: Greater Athlone area](#))

***Reference is made to Lansdowne as the industrial area that overlaps with the spatial boundary of this profile (Philippi North). When engaging the Cape Flats DSDF, use the 'consolidated subdistrict SDF to spatially orientate yourself)*

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CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

Intended users

This profile provides a cohesive narrative to determine key trends across several data entry points to help inform decision-making. It also aims to help guide investment in cases where data is not readily available to the public.

Conceptual Framework

The reporting of updated time series microeconomic analysis on Cape Town's economic areas is informed by a conceptual framework, which aims to create spatial intelligence on *supply & demand factors according to the 5 themes* which have been identified. The 5 themes allow for an integrated narrative across area-based economic trends. The trends being reported throughout this profile are used to classify and assess the overall performance of Cape Town's economic areas.

Data preparation, sources, assumptions and limitations

The indicators reported in this profile feed off several automated data processes to add intelligence at a land parcel level which is then aggregated into economic areas. This profile draws across various datasets between 2012 and 2022 such as the General Valuation Roll, market reports, building plans, land use applications, property sales and SARS data. While many of the respective datasets are continuously refined over time, this profile will be updated as and when new data is available.

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MICRO-ECONOMIC DEMAND & SUPPLY FACTORS

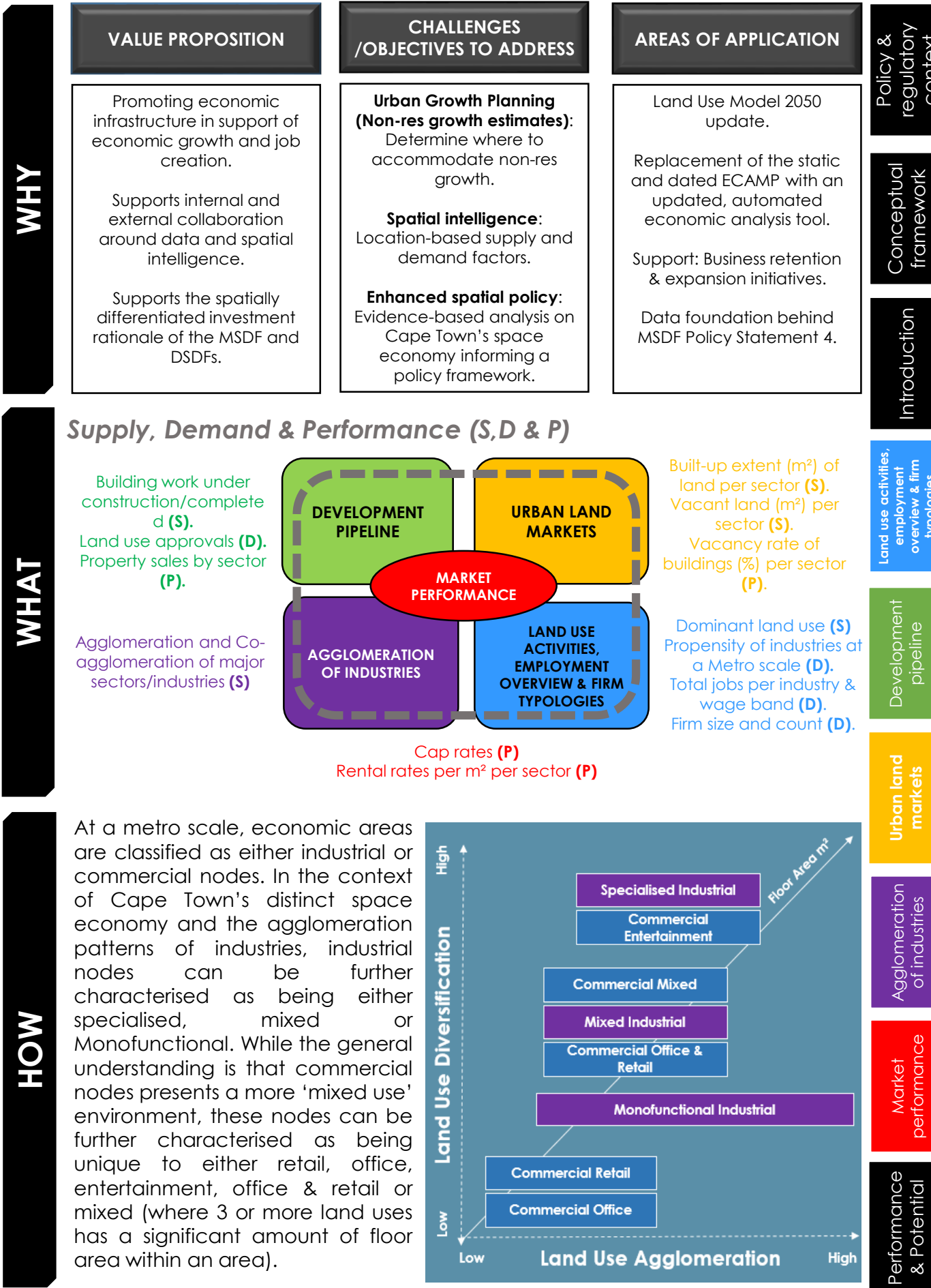
This profile examines a range of micro-economic indicators to highlight trends in supply and demand specific to the economic area. The indicators include:

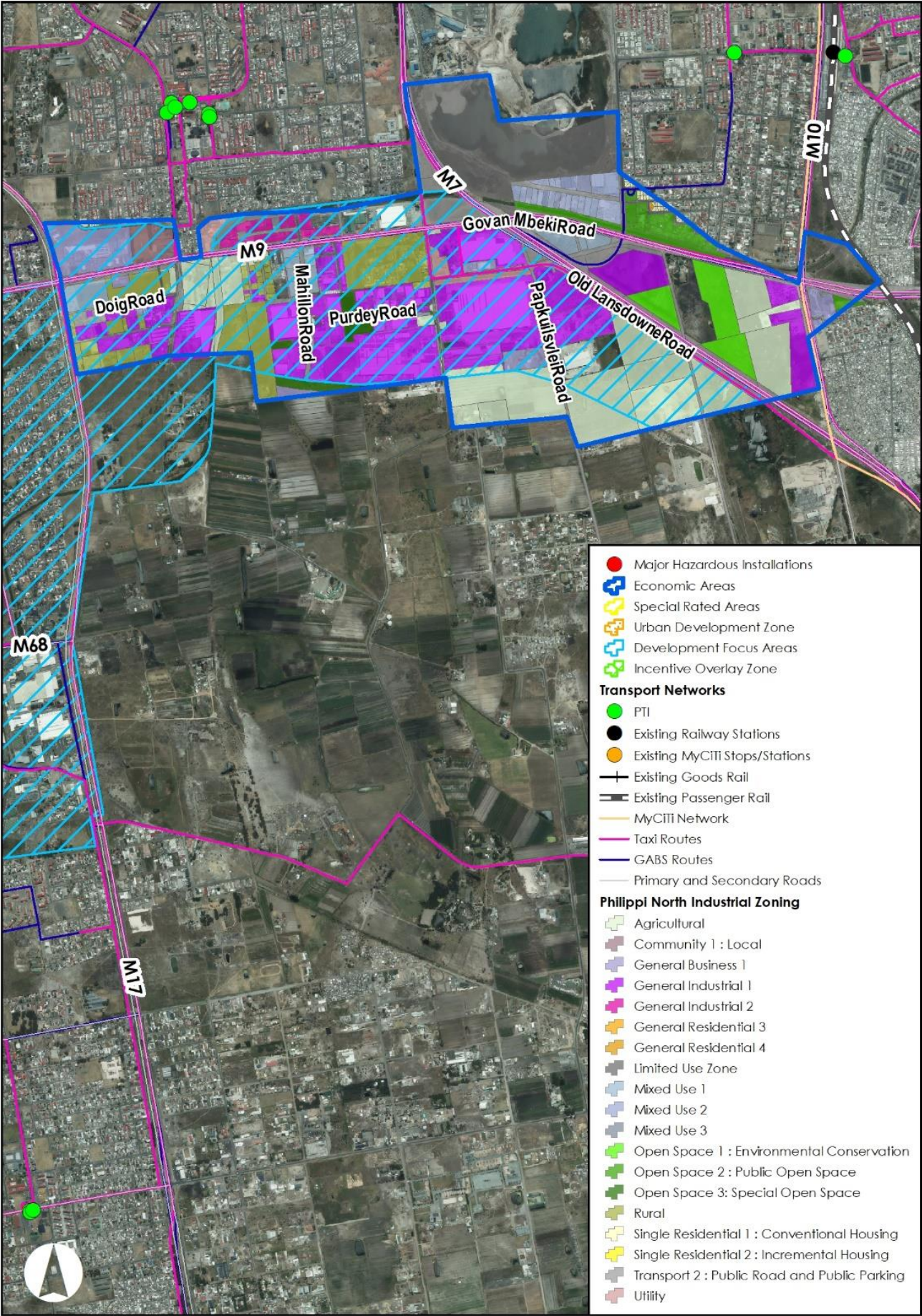
- Property sales per land use sector
- Building work completed
- Types of land use applications approved
- Vacant land per land use sector
- Built-up land and take up rate per land use sector
- Dominant land uses present in an area
- Building vacancy rate overtime
- Capitalisation rate over time
- Rental rate p/m² by land use sector
- Jobs per industry

MACRO-ECONOMIC REPORTS AND INDICATORS

For additional insights into the macro-economic factors affecting the regional economic condition, refer to the following reports for more information on macro-economic indicators related to Cape Town:

- [Economic Performance Indicators for Cape Town](#)
- [Regional Market Analysis and Intelligence 2023/24](#)
- [Provincial Economic Review and Outlook \(PERO\)](#)
- [Municipal Economic Review and Outlook \(MERO\)](#)





PHILIPPI NORTH INDUSTRIAL

Location

- The area is approximately 25km southeast of Cape Town's Central Business District and the Port of Cape Town. Furthermore, it is located 5km from Cape Town International Airport.
- It is also situated near the M7, used to link to the N2 and the N1 highways, providing easy access to areas across Cape Town.
- The area is mainly serviced by GABS and taxis.
- Access to a skilled workforce from surrounding areas, includes the broader Philippi, Hanover Park, Cross Roads and Nyanga areas.

Zoning, land use and form

- The area is predominantly zoned for industrial and agricultural purposes.
- The area is mainly characterised by light industrial uses, which include manufacturing, repairs, warehousing, sales, transportation, public service, agriculture/agri-processing and office accommodation.
- The average land parcel sizes in the area mostly range between 1,000 – 20,000m², with a limited number of land parcels ranging beyond 20,000m².

Spatial planning mechanisms

- The area has been identified as a Development Focus Area in terms of the Cape Flats District Spatial Development Framework.
- The area has been identified as an industrial incentive area in terms of the City's Industrial Incentive Policy.

Key highlights of the area include:

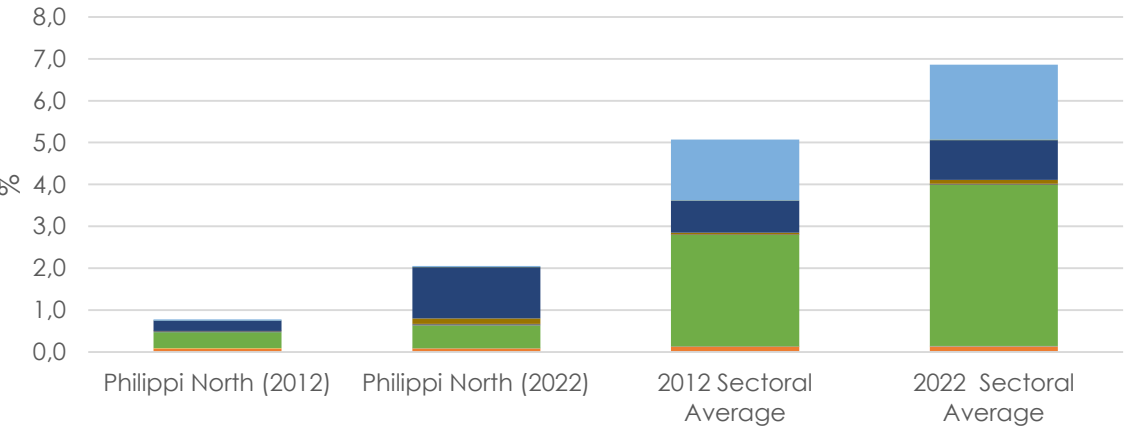
- Industrial developments started to be constructed along the northern area of the Philippi Horticultural Area in the early 2000s.
- The Spar distribution centre is located in the area.
- The area has been identified as part of the City of Cape Town's incentive policy to be targeted for investment.
- PnP also located their distribution centre adjacent to Spar DC as the area developed over time into an industrial hub.

LAND USE ACTIVITIES

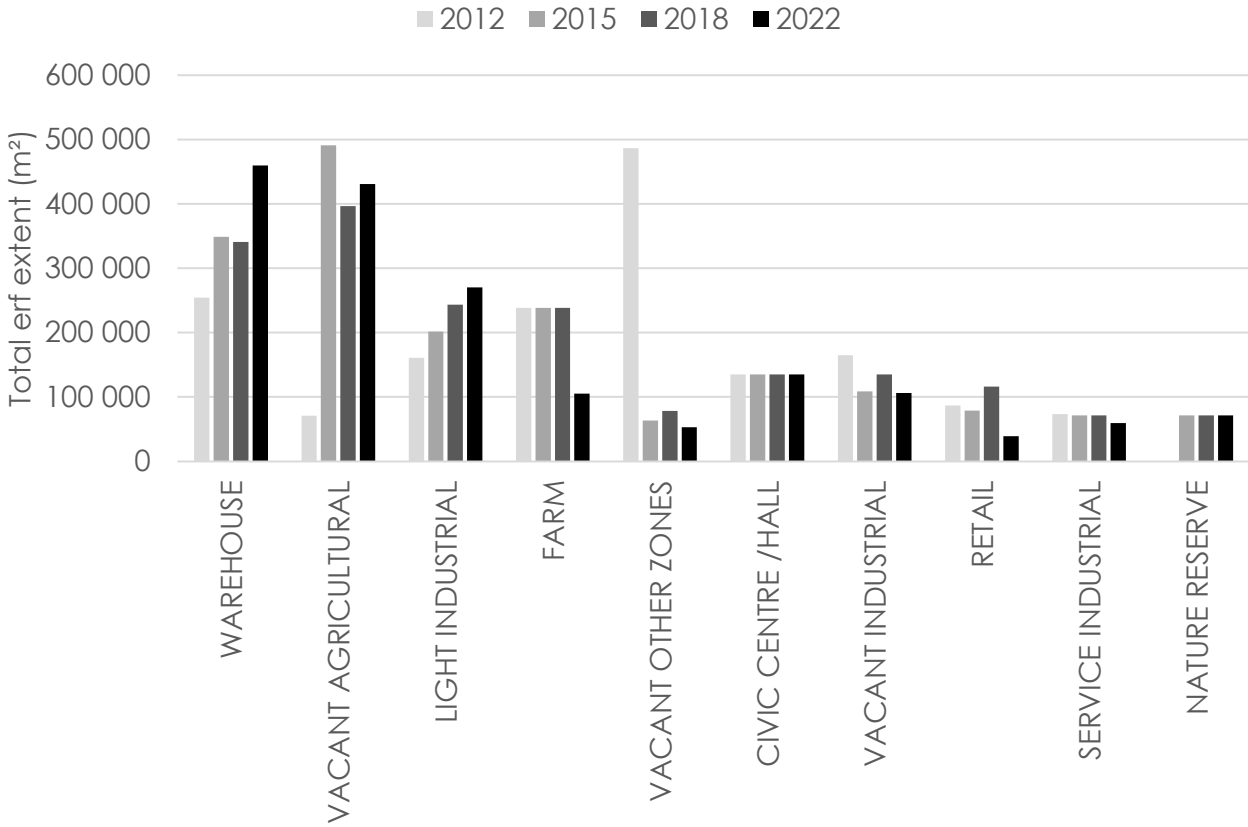
A recent analysis involved converting land use codes from the General Valuation Roll (GV Roll) into Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes. This was done to determine the prevalence of industries operating in areas with similar characteristics.

- Between 2012 and 2022, Philippi North industrial was mainly characterised by a greater propensity for transport & storage and manufacturing, as indicated by the **Nodal Typology**. This typology highlights the industries with the largest floor area (m²) operating within the economic area.
- The **MetroScale Benchmarking** positions Philippi North industrial as a significant contributor to manufacturing, transport & storage, with the transport & storage performing higher than the sectoral average when compared to other industrial areas across Cape Town.
- Additionally, the GV Roll supports the findings from the SIC data by showing the **dominant land use** over time. It details the cumulative floor area (m²) for warehousing, light industrial and farm land.

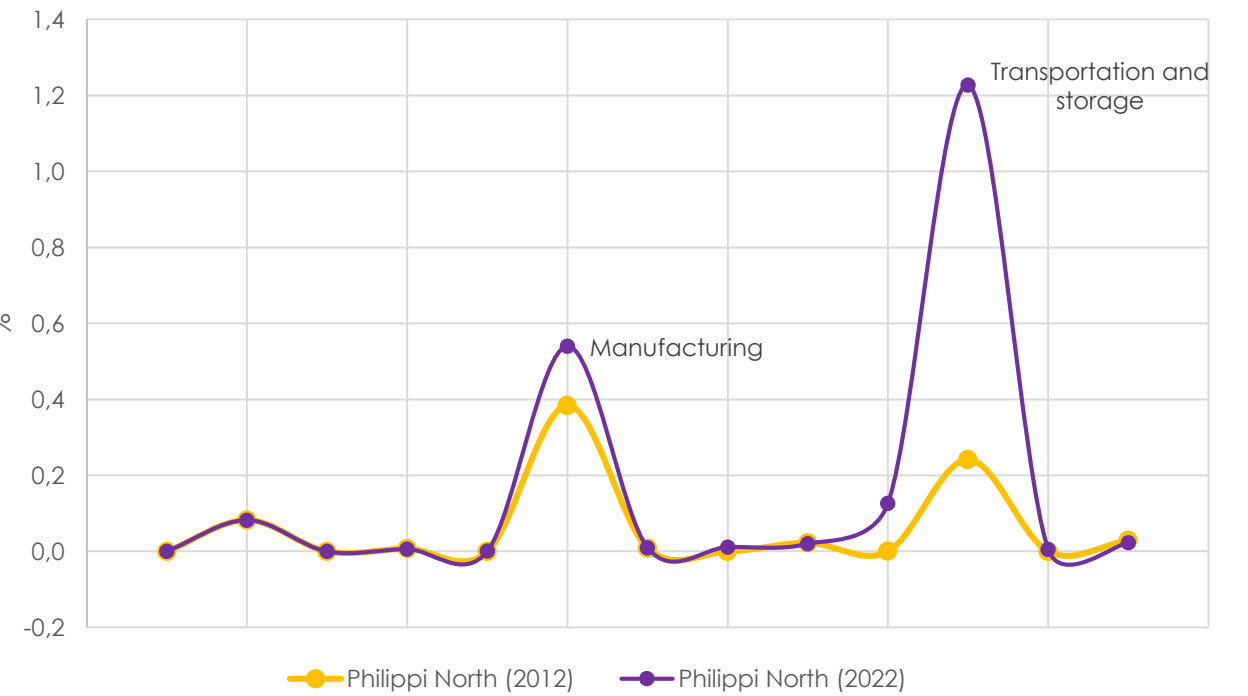
METROSCALE BENCHMARK



TOP 10 MOST DOMINANT LAND USES BETWEEN 2012 AND 2022



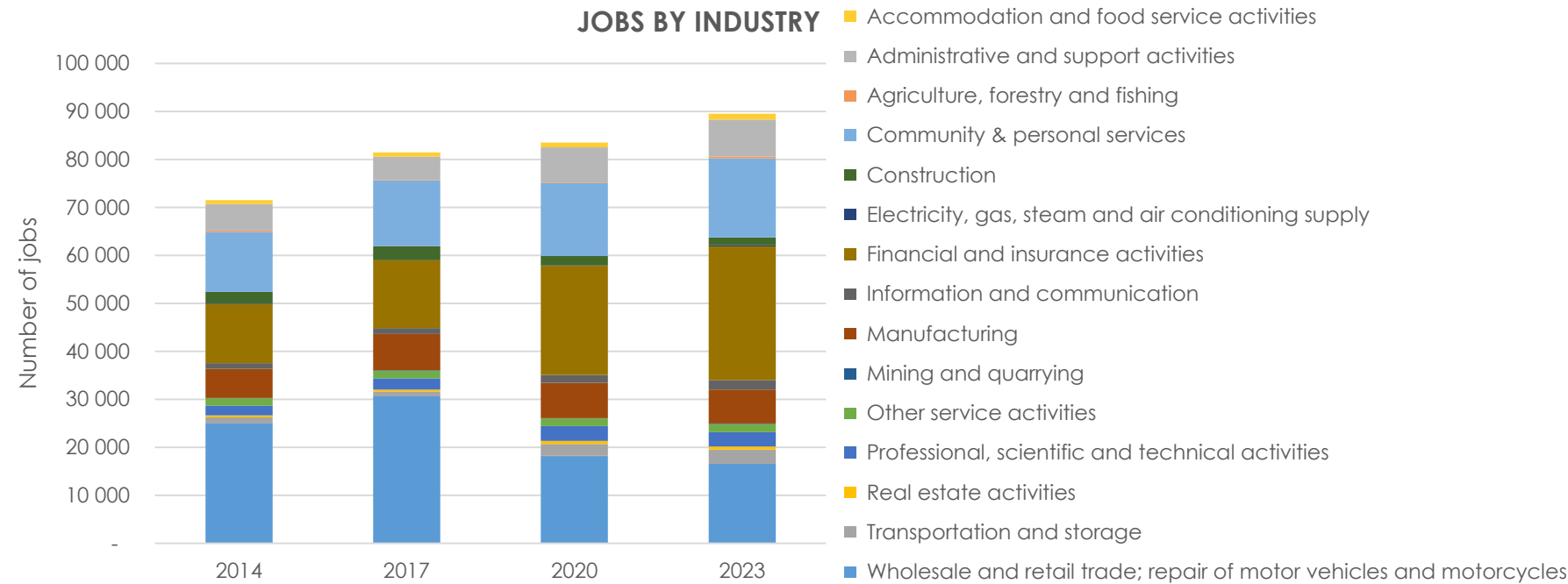
NODAL TYPOLOGY FOR 2012 AND 2022 (Mixed Industrial)



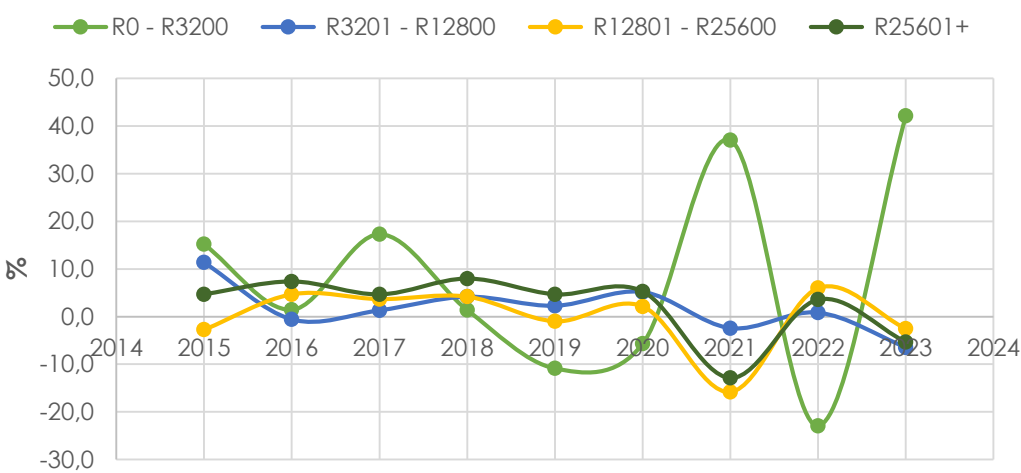
Source: 2012 – 2022 land use codes converted to SIC codes (May 2024 analysis)

EMPLOYMENT OVERVIEW & FIRM TYPOLOGIES

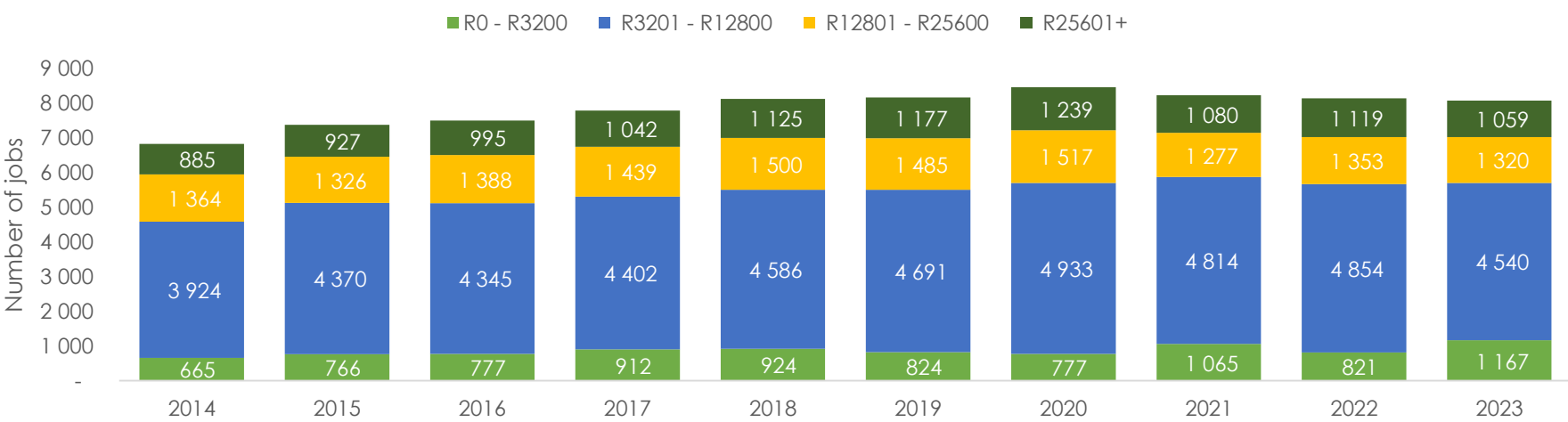
JOB'S BY INDUSTRY



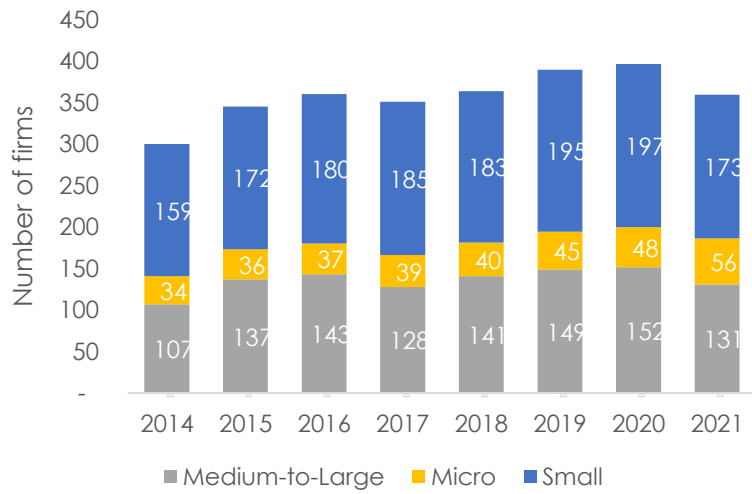
YEAR ON YEAR % CHANGE OF FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT WITHIN EACH WAGE BAND



FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT BY WAGEBAND



NUMBER OF FIRM TYPOLOGIES



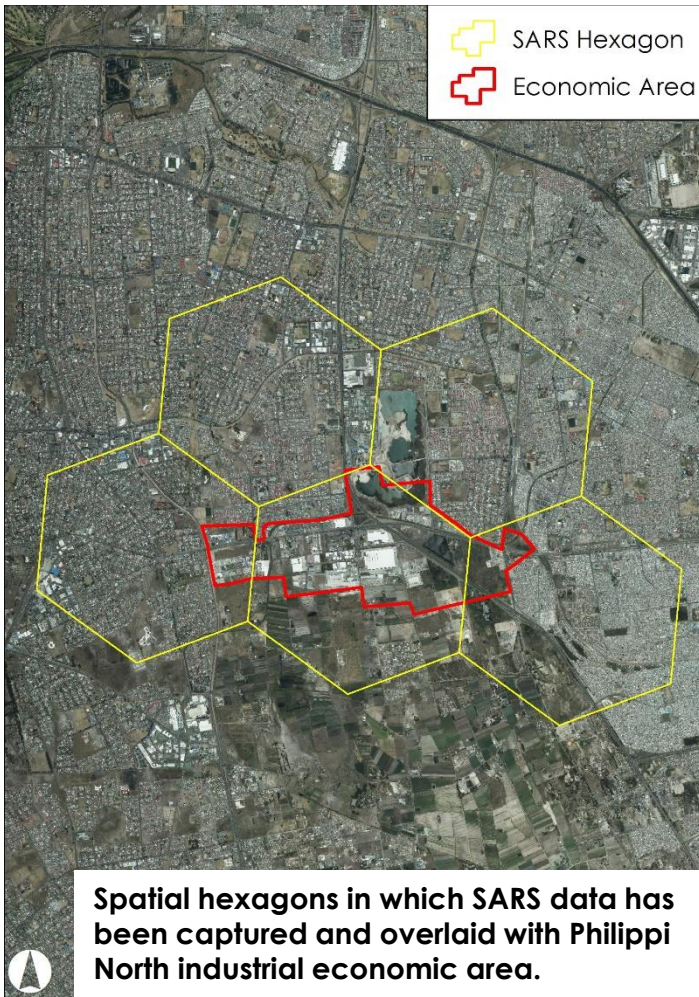
Jobs/Firms

The number of job opportunities surrounding Philippi North industrial area increased from 70,000 to 90,000 between 2014 and 2023. An overall growth in jobs has been experienced, with the majority of jobs concentrated in the financial & insurance services, community & personal services, professional services, manufacturing and wholesale & retail.

The total number of firms increased from 300 to 350 between 2014 and 2021. While small firms have been the most dominant, there is also a significant presence of medium-to-large firms, including micro firms.

Income bands

The income bands indicate the skill levels of the employed workforce. The data suggests that a larger proportion of employees earn up to R12,800. However, there is also a considerable number of employees earning beyond R12,800.



Source: SARS data extract for period between 2014 and 2023. Firm size data only available between 2014 and 2021.

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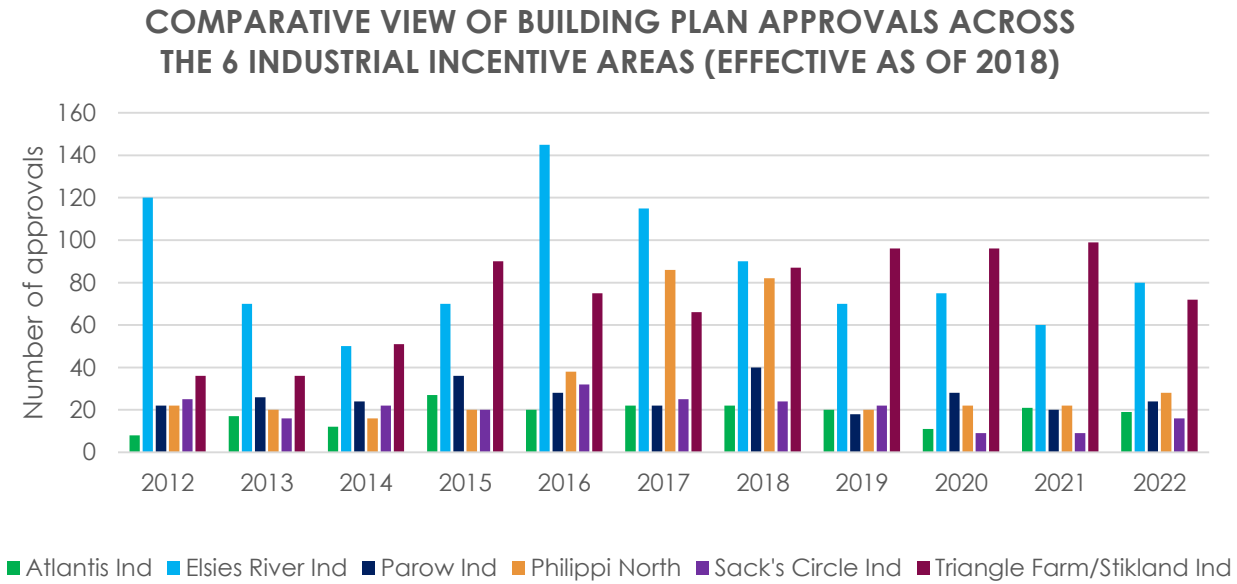
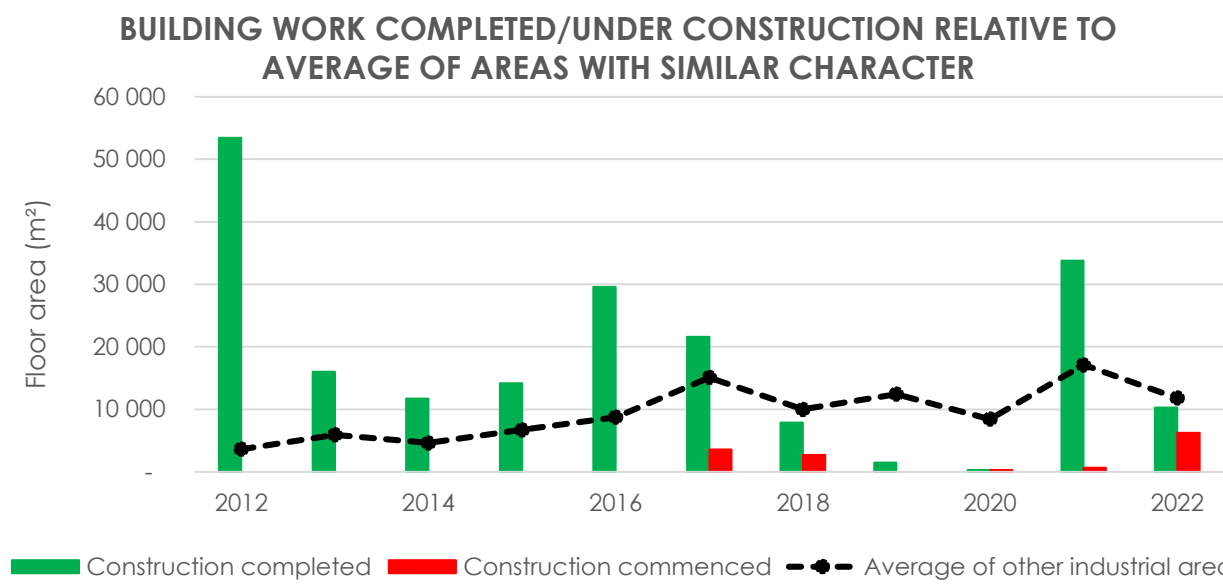
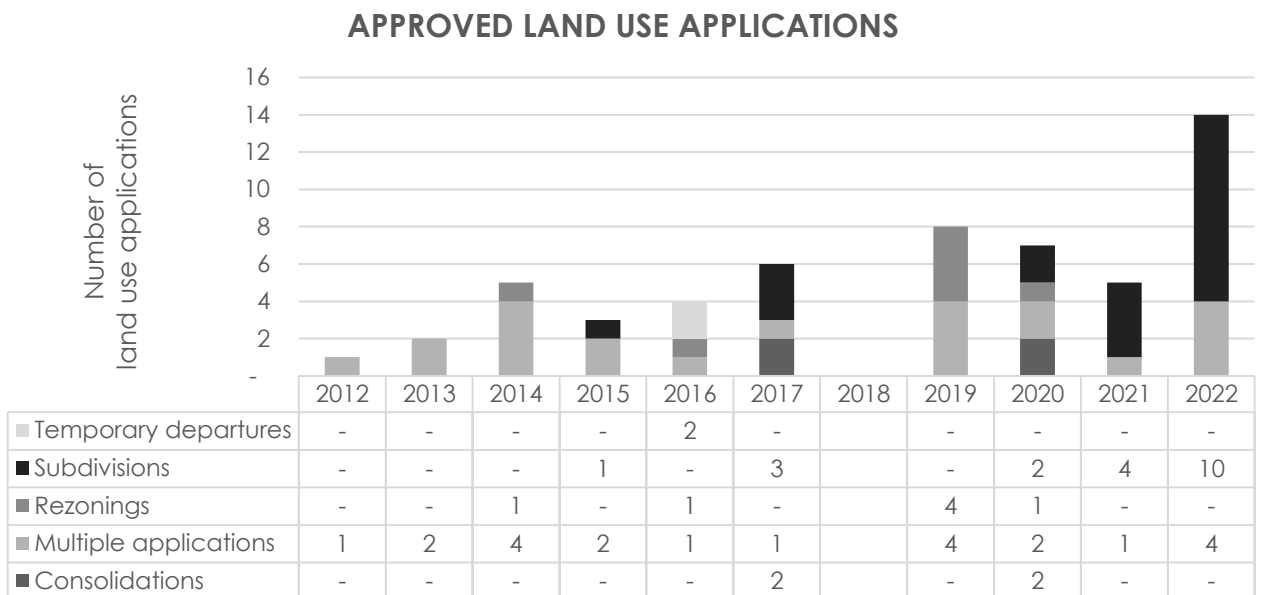
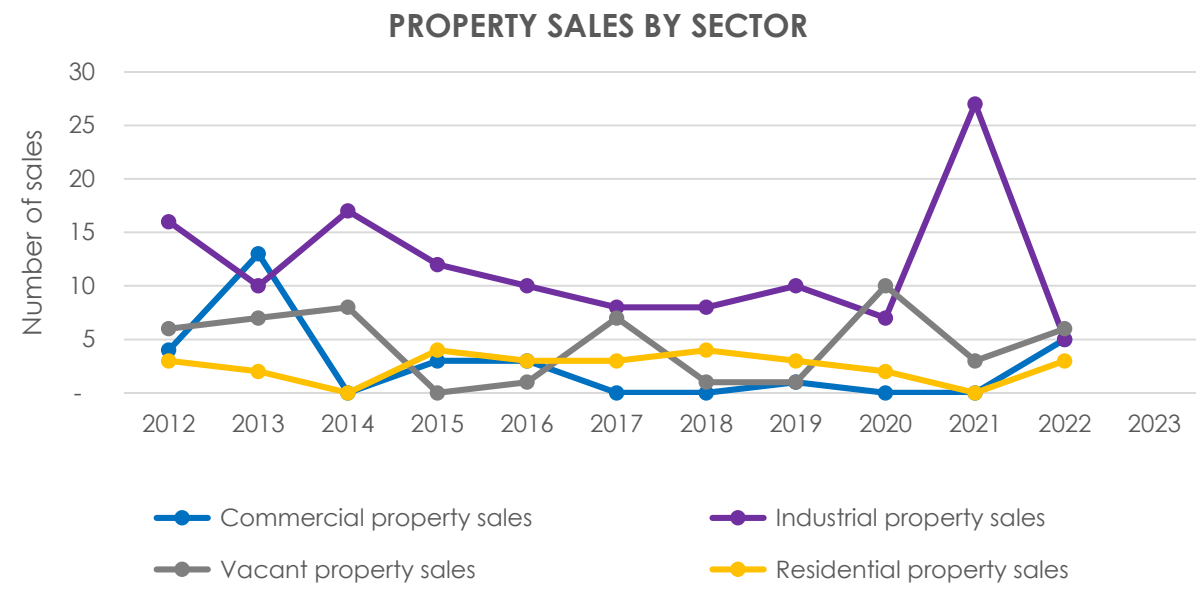
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Property Sales
Between 2012 and 2022, property sales in the industrial sector were higher and peaked significantly in 2021 compared to the other sectors. However, residential, commercial and vacant industrial property sales all fluctuated throughout the 10 years, with vacant industrial land notably higher, indicating anticipated growth to occur.

Land Use Applications
Most approvals during this period were highest for multiple applications and subdivisions, indicating diverse land use requirements to be in place for the area. Multiple applications may include a combination of the types seen in the graph.

Building Plans
In light of property sales and land use approvals, building work activity has been consistently active over the past decade, positioning itself above the metro's annual average compared to other industrial areas. Furthermore, noting that Philippi North is also 1 of 6 industrial incentive areas, the graphs reflect its competitiveness with other incentive areas in terms of the number of building plan approvals granted.

Source: City's DAMS (building plans and land use applications extract), General Valuation Roll.

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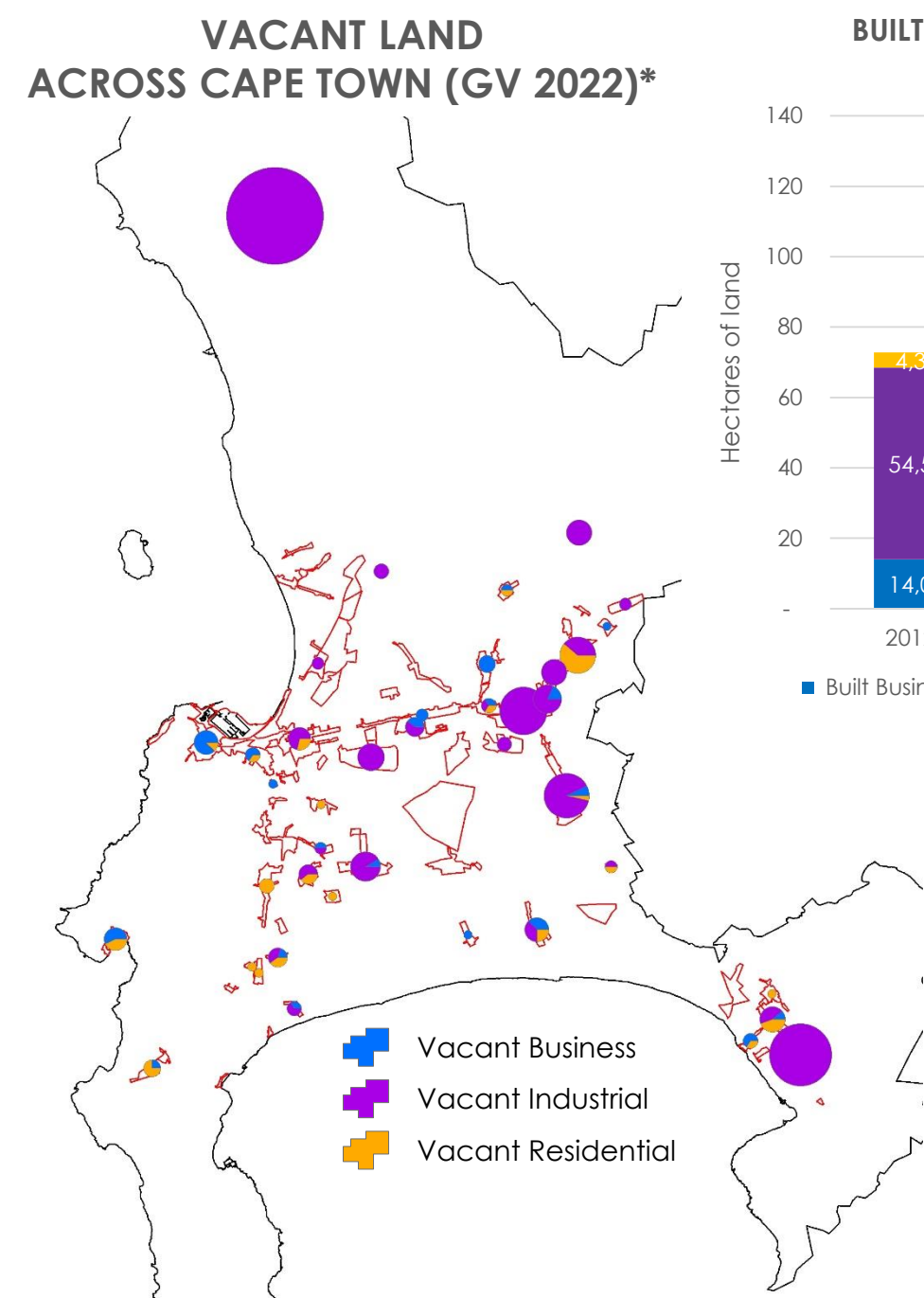
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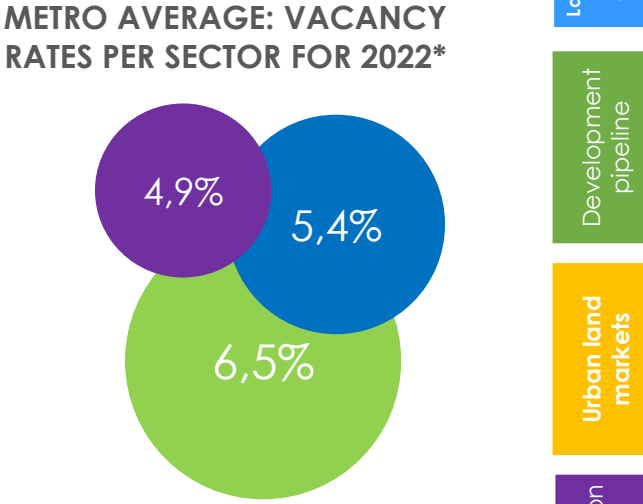
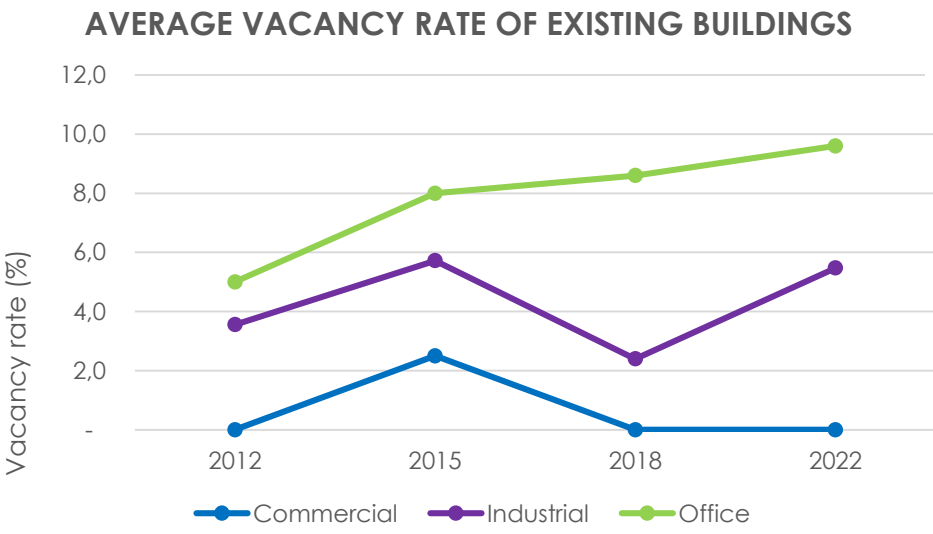
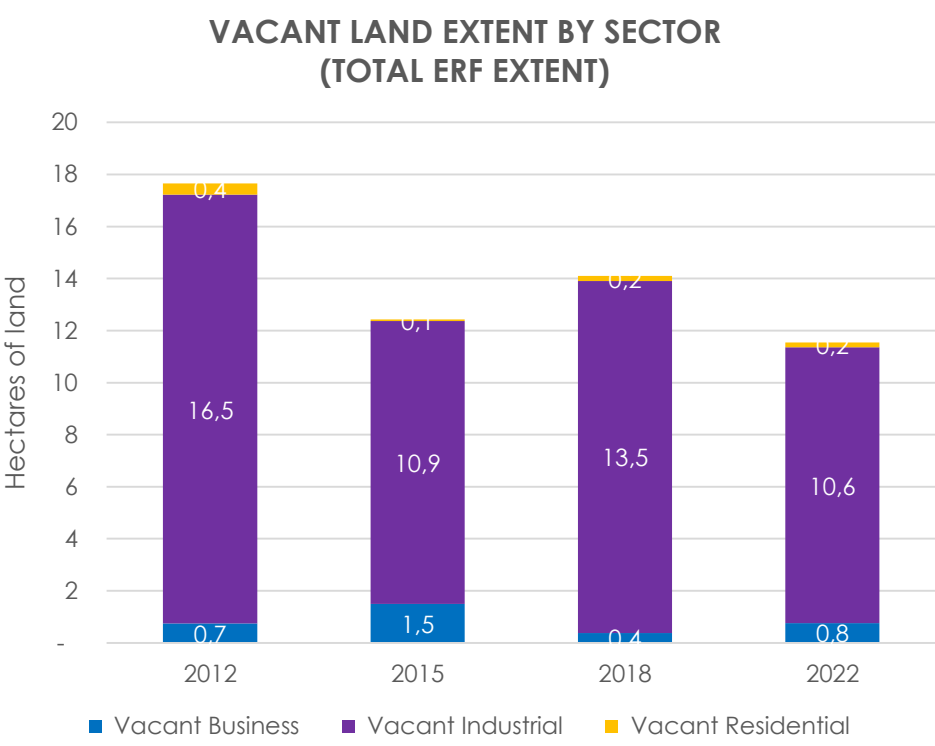
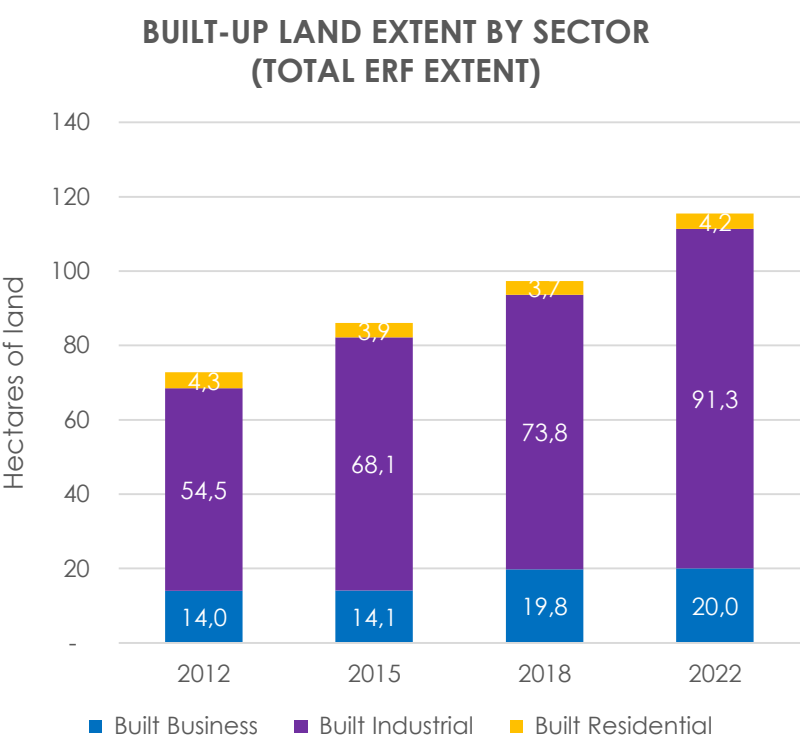
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Number of land parcels that are vacant by size			
Erf Size	Commercial	Industrial	Residential
1) 1-250m²			
2) 251-500m²		1	
3) 501-1000m²		1	1
4) 1001-2500m²		6	1
5) 2501-5000m²	2	10	
6) 5001-10000m²		5	
7) >10000m²		1	

Source: City's General Valuation Roll and Market Reports



Vacant Land
The map illustrates the latest General Valuation Roll (2022) by showcasing vacant land across the metropolitan area. It complements the 2022 bar graph depicting available vacant land. The region has experienced growth in terms of the built-up land, with still a significant amount of vacant land available, as of 2022, indicating an opportunity to develop further. Additionally, the remaining vacant land is categorised based on the number and size of the land parcels, as reflected in the accompanying table.

Vacancy Rates
Alongside vacant land, the vacancy rates for existing buildings in the industrial sector increased from 3,6% in 2012 to 5,5% in 2022. The office sector has also increased from 5% in 2012 to 9,6% in 2022.

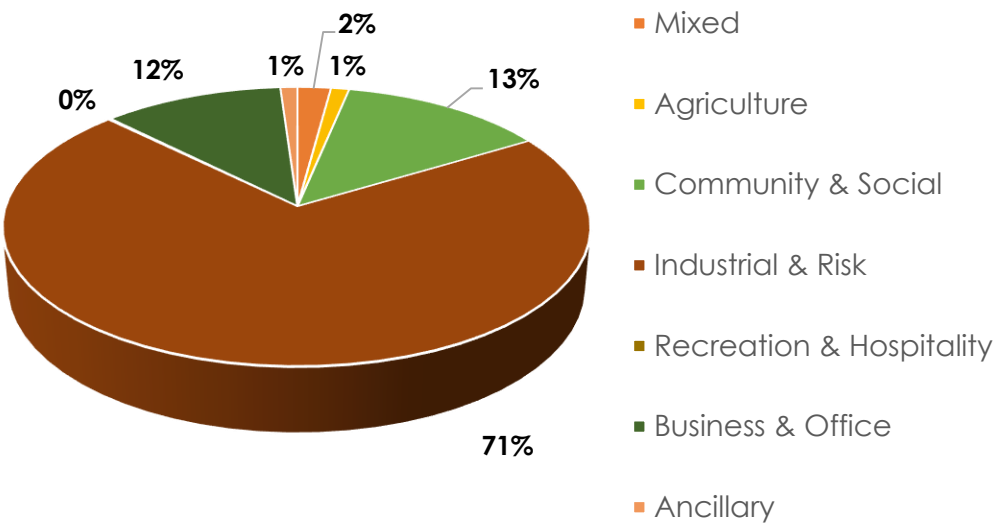
*A metro view that provides further context relative to this economic area.

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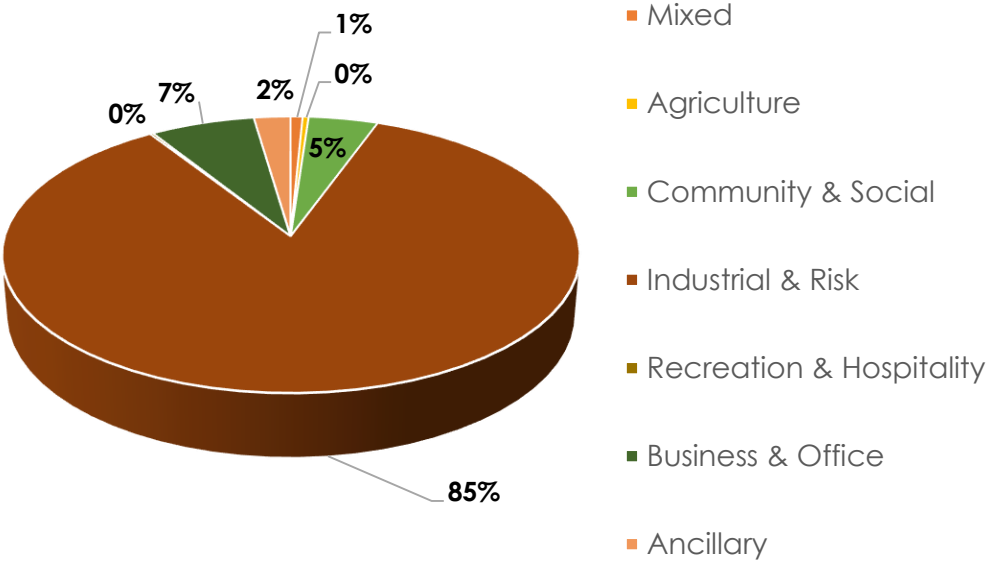
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% OF LAND USE GROUPS (2012)



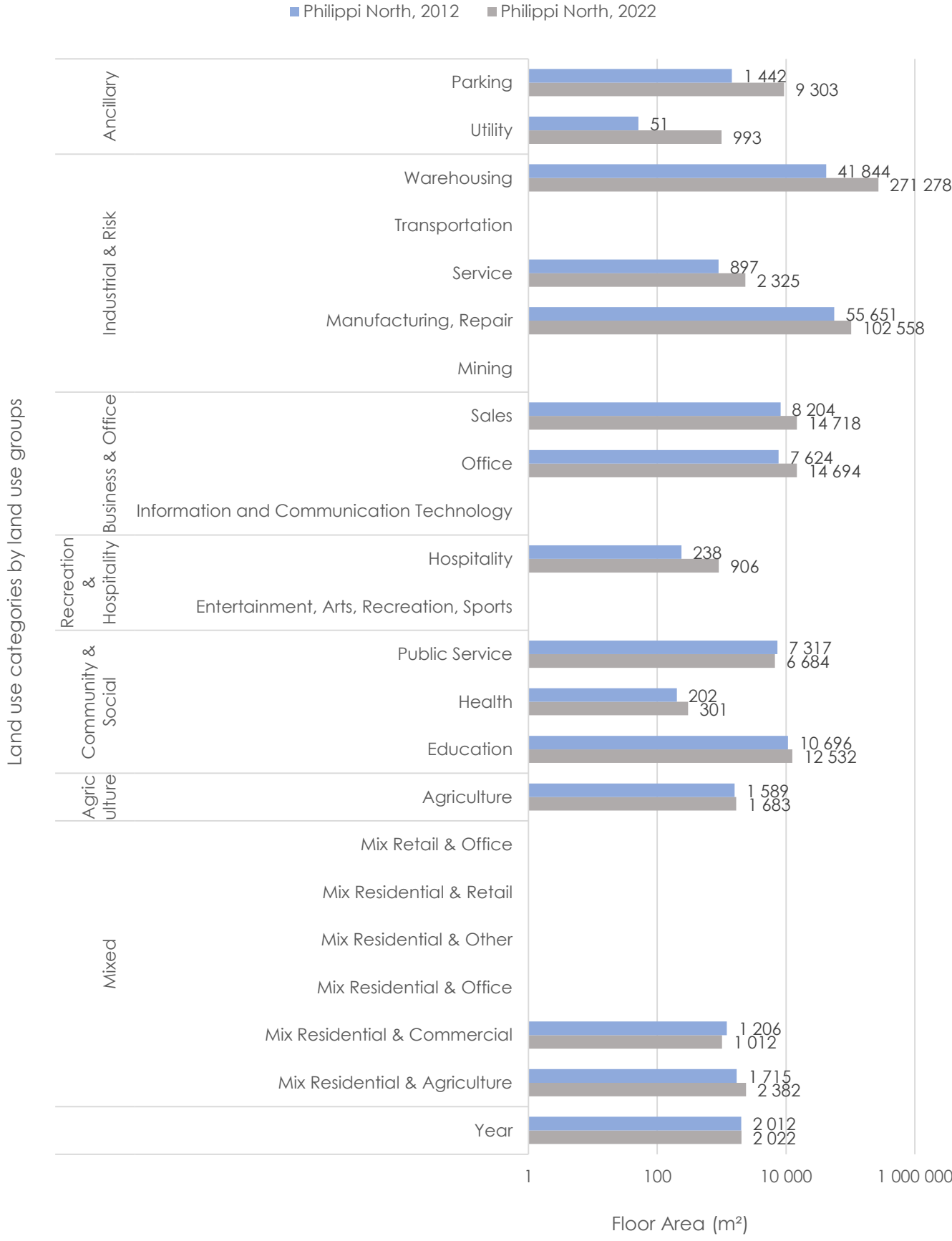
% OF LAND USE GROUPS (2022)



The pie charts illustrate the percentage distribution of land use groups in Philippi North industrial, based on the cumulative floor area (m²) across various land uses. As shown in the charts, the Industrial & Risk group has remained predominant in both 2012 and 2022 with an increase experienced from 71% to 85% in 2022. A significant decrease in both the Business & Office and Community & Social groups was experienced.

Additionally, the bar graph provides a comparative view of the co-agglomeration of land use categories between 2012 and 2022 within each land use group. The data indicates that manufacturing and warehousing maintained significant dominance compared to other land uses. There is also a presence of other land uses which can be seen to be in support of the most dominant land uses.

FLOOR AREA PER LAND USE CATEGORY FOR 2012 AND 2022



Source: Analysis of GV data (May 2024)

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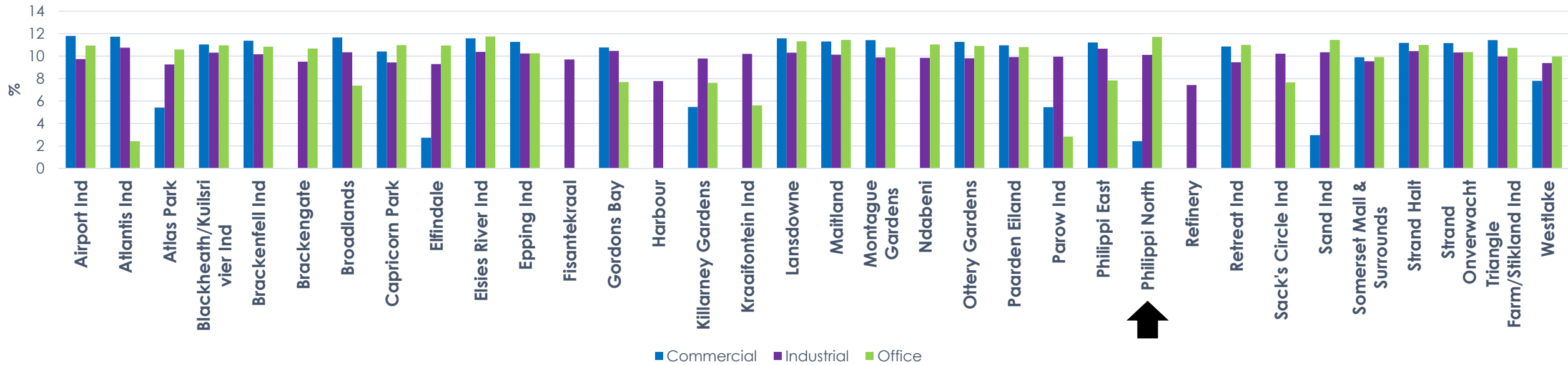
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AVERAGE CAPITALISATION RATE OF PHILIPPI NORTH INDUSTRIAL IN RELATION TO OTHER INDUSTRIAL AREAS FOR THE PERIOD BETWEEN 2012 AND 2022



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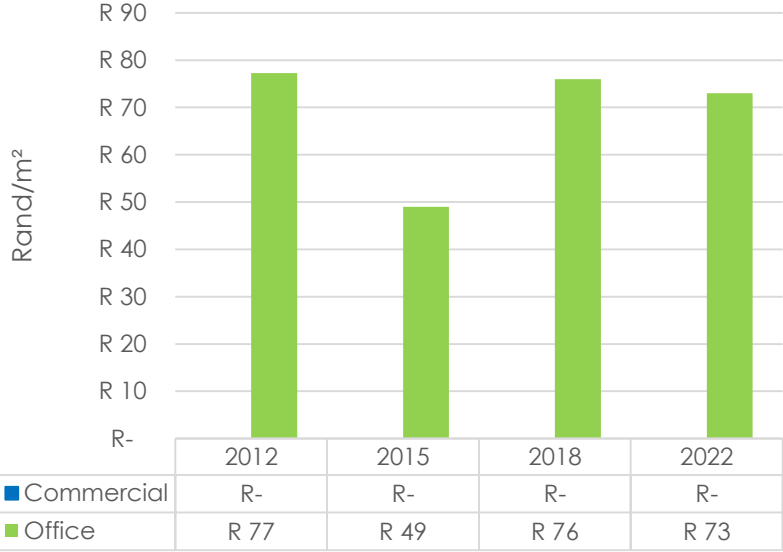


Rental Rates

Rental rates across all industrial property sizes have gradually increased from 2012 to 2022, with higher rentals observed in the smaller properties.

Between office and commercial, office has been most prevalent in the area, with rentals fluctuating with an overall decrease between 2012 and 2022.

COMMERCIAL AND OFFICE RENTALS



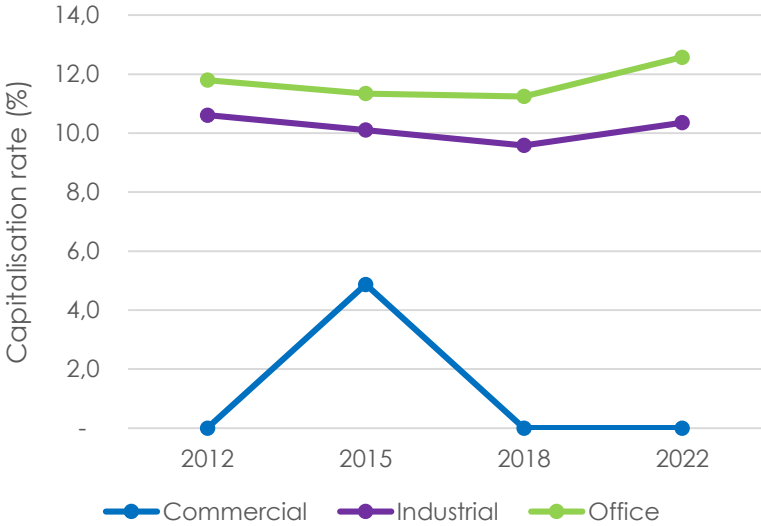
Comparative view on capitalisation rates

The average capitalisation rates from 2012 to 2022 for the commercial, industrial and office sectors were 2,44%, 10,12%, and 11,79%, respectively and further indicate its competitiveness relative to other industrial areas.

Year-over-year, capitalisation rates for the industrial sector have remained consistent in the 10,5% mark, whereas the office sector increased from 11,89% in 2012 to 12,6% in 2022.

- Higher cap rates = higher investment risk.
- Lower cap rates = lower investment risk.

CAPITALISATION RATES



PERFORMANCE & POTENTIAL

The scores provided below summarise the detailed information presented throughout this profile. The method used to calculate Performance and Potential is based on several measurable individual indicators. The **scoring system ranges from 0 to 5, where 0 indicates low performance or potential and 5 indicates high performance or potential**. This profile compares either to Cape Town CBD (Commercial) or Montague Gardens (Industrial), depending on the classification of the economic area, as these two areas have attracted the most new floor area between 2012 and 2022 within their respective classifications.

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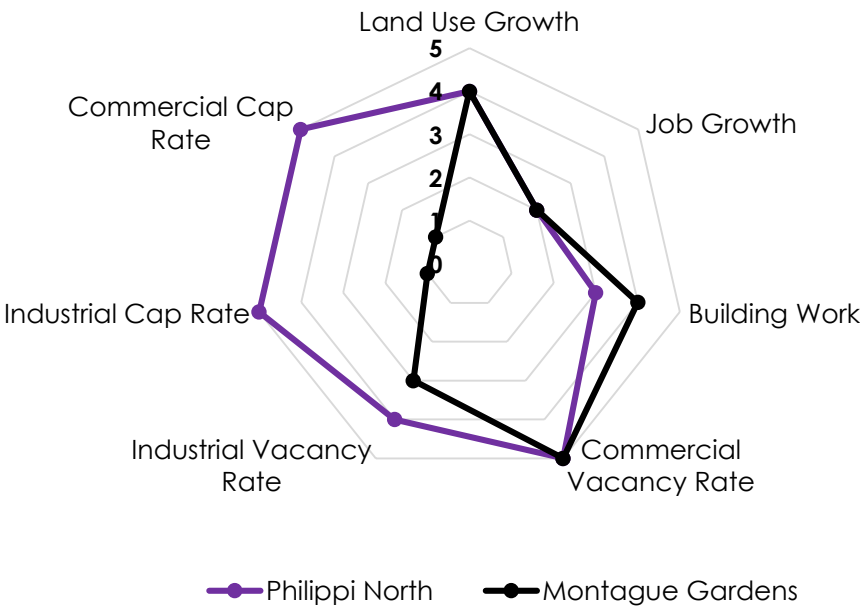
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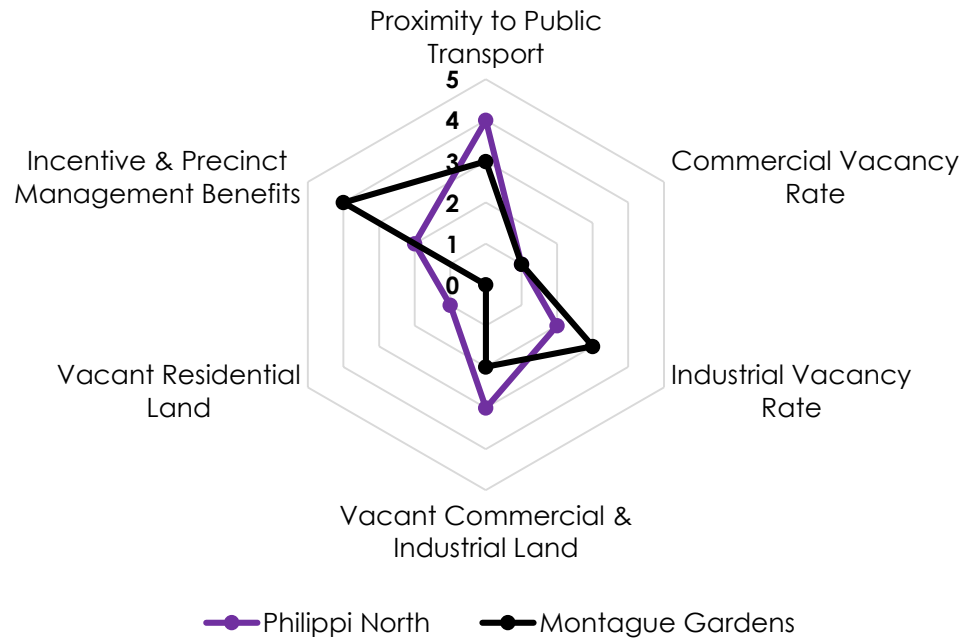
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Indicator		Description
Performance	Land Use Growth	Measures the growth of new floor area (m²) from 2012 to 2022 within an economic area, compared to other economic areas of similar classification. More growth indicates better performance. Source: General Valuation Roll.
	Job Growth	Measures the percentage change in jobs within an economic area from 2014 to 2023, comparing this data against other economic areas of similar classification. A higher job prevalence indicates better performance. Source: SARS as of May 2024.
	Building Work	Measures building work activity (new and improved m²) within an economic area from 2012 to 2022, compared to other economic areas of similar classification. Increased building work activity indicates better performance. Source: City's DAMS.
	Vacancy Rate	Measures the average vacancy rates for the commercial and industrial sectors as of 2022, compared to other economic areas of similar classification. Lower vacancy rates indicate better performance. Source: City's Market Reports.
	Capitalisation Rate	Measures the percentage change in capitalisation rates for the commercial and industrial sectors during the years 2012, 2015, 2018, and 2022, comparing them to other economic areas of similar classification. A lower average percentage change between these periods indicates greater maturity and consequently, higher performance. Source: City's Market Reports.
Potential	Proximity to Public Transport	Assess the accessibility of various public transport modes near an economic area. Greater access to multiple transport modes indicates higher potential. Source: City's UPD, spatial analysis.
	Vacant Land	Assess the availability of vacant land in the commercial, industrial and residential sectors. A higher amount of vacant land across these three sectors as of 2022 indicates greater potential. Source: General Valuation Roll.
	Vacancy Rate	Measures the average vacancy rates for the commercial and industrial sectors as of 2022, compared to other economic areas of similar classification. Higher vacancy rates indicate greater potential. Source: City's Market Reports.
	Incentive & Precinct Management Benefits	Evaluate the spatial overlap, whether partial or complete, of incentive areas and established precinct management tools within each economic area. A greater degree of overlap suggests increased potential. Source: City's UPD, spatial analysis.