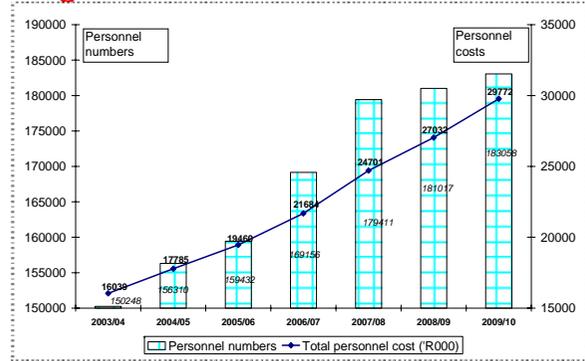


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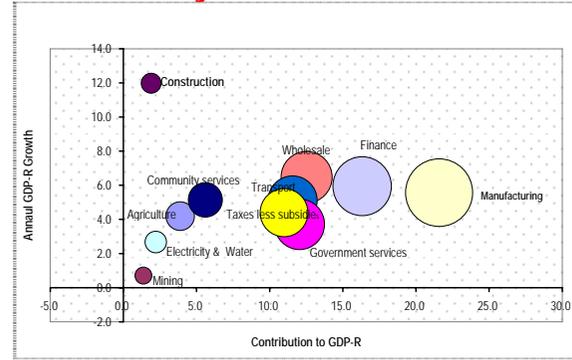


To improve the quality of service delivery, government is determined to increase the number of personnel from 179,411 in 2007/08 to 183,068 in 2009/10. Wages and salaries are also increasing. This increase should contribute to increased delivery capacity.

HIV and Aids

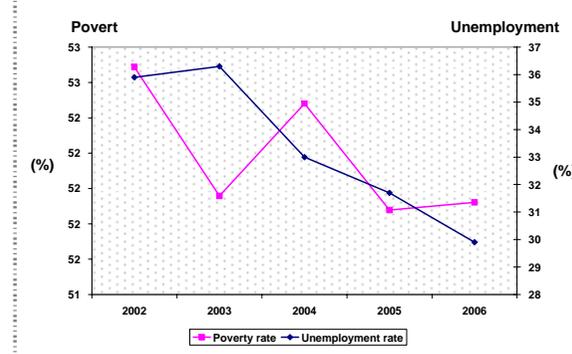
The health budget will strengthen our campaign against HIV and Aids through encouraging the programme of voluntary testing, counselling and increasing the number of people receiving anti-retroviral therapy. The allocations provided will enable the Department of Health to fulfill their plan to increase the number of people receiving Anti-Retro-Viral Treatment from the current 30 per cent of patients who qualify for ARVs to reach the targeted 70 per cent by 2009. Budgetary allocations to this programme rise from R988 million in 2007/08 to R1,3 billion by 2009/10. The increase in personnel allocation makes provision for phased implementation of the Health Professionals Remuneration Review and increase in the number of posts of the health professionals.

The Economy



The provincial GDP grew by 4.9 per cent in 2005. Construction is among the least in terms of contribution to the province's GDP-R, however, it grew the fastest by 12 per cent. The manufacturing industry had the highest contribution to the KwaZulu-Natal economy (22 per cent) but with low growth rate.

Poverty and unemployment



The decline in poverty and unemployment between 2003 and 2006 was in line with the revival of the provincial economy as a whole. Co-operative programme will also continue to play a major role in job creation in the province. Since its inception, over 4,000 co-operatives have enrolled for the programme, 7,130 jobs created, and R169,6 million paid out to fund the co-operative businesses.



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