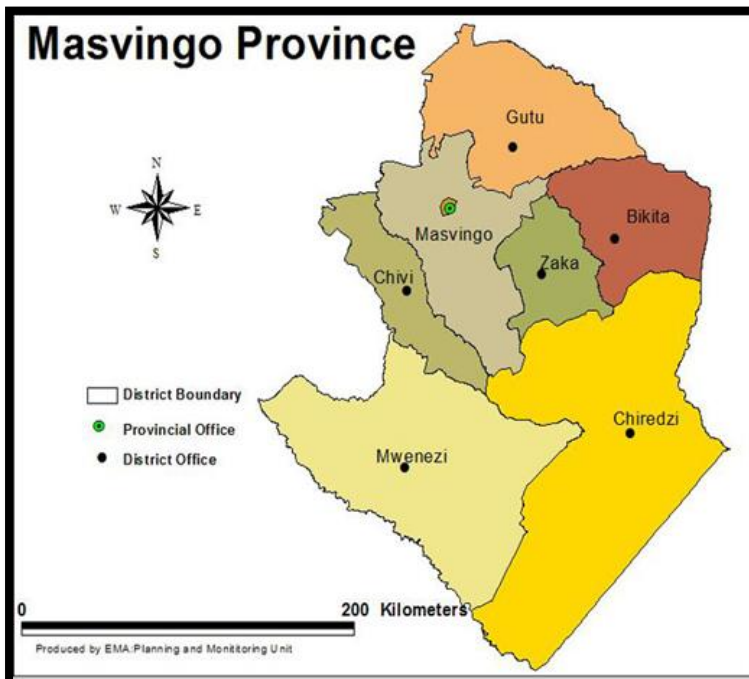


## MASVINGO PROVINCE



Masvingo province is situated in the south-eastern part of the country. It is hemmed to the east and northeast by Manicaland, to the west by Midlands Province and to the south by Matabeleland South Province. To the south and southeast, Masvingo shares boundaries with South Africa and Mozambique respectively.

### Profile

|  |   |              |
|--|---|--------------|
| <b>Surface</b>                             | Surface of 56,566 km <sup>2</sup> .   |              |
| <b>Climate</b>                             | Masvingo province has a tropical savannah climate and is located in the low veld of the country where rainfall is minimal and uncertain. A large of the southern part of the province is drought prone Region 5 (Rainfall-<450mm) whilst the remainder is either Region 4(Rainfall-450/650mm) or Region 3 (Rainfall-650/800mm). Most parts of the province, therefore, are generally unfit for agriculture, apart from stock production unless there is irrigation. |              |
| <b>Provincial capital</b>                  | Masvingo  |              |
| <b>Districts</b>                           | Bikita, Chiredzi, Chivi, Gutu, Masvingo, Mwenezi and Zaka   |              |
| <b>Cities/Towns</b>                        | Masvingo, Chiredzi and Triangle.  |              |
| <b>Population</b>                          | 1721342 Inhabitants (802606 Males, 918736 Females)  |              |
| <b>Population Distribution by land use</b> | Urban<br>10%  | Rural<br>90% |
| <b>Languages</b>                           | Shona, Venda, Shangani, Kalanga, Nyanja etc.  |              |
| <b>Household's livelihoods</b>             | Subsistence farming, Gold panning, employed in urban areas and mines, commercial farms.   |              |

## Infrastructure

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Road network</b>               | The length of roads in Masvingo province is 12390km where 12.7% of the total road network is paved and 85.9% is gravel and earth roads.  |
| <b>Railway</b>                    | The province has connection with other towns like Gweru, Beitbridge, Bulawayo among others although most of the lines are in dilapidated state. More investment is required do as to boost bulk volumes of goods to and from the province. |
| <b>Information and Technology</b> | Wide coverage of Television and radio waves as well as mobile cellular and internet networks.  |
| <b>Airport</b>                    | Masvingo Airport in in Masvingo and Buffalo Range Airport in Chiredzi.   |
| <b>Water sources</b>              | Major Dams include Tokwe-Mukosi, Lake Mutirikwi, Manyuchi, Mushandike, Bangala and Siya among others   |
| <b>Electricity</b>                | Connected to the national grid. There is the Chiredzi Solar Power Station which is a 90 MW (120,000 hp) solar power plant and Tokwe-Mukosi hydroelectric power station with a capacity of 15MW which is under construction.                |

## ECONOMIC PROFILE

### Macro-Economic Indicators of the Province

|   | 2017   | 2018    |
|---|--------|---------|
| <b>GDP (million MT)</b>                 | 1 119  | 1 411.3 |
| <b>Contribution to National GDP (%)</b> | 5.08   | 5.83    |
| <b>GDP per capita (Mt)</b>              | 725.60 | 819.88  |

Source: Regional GDP Report (2020)

### Major GDP Contributors

| Industry                          | Main activity  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Agriculture, Hunting and Forestry | The sector contributed 13% to total GDP in 2018. Growing of sugarcane, maize, cotton, groundnuts. Rearing of animals; cattle, goats, poultry   |
| Mining and Quarrying              | The sector is one of the major contributors to GDP. It constitutes 9% of 2018 GDP. Minerals found include gold, platinum, Chrome, coal, asbestos, diamond, iron ore, emerald.  |
| Other Services                    | With a contribution of 11% is one of the major contributors to PGDP. This shows that Activities of membership organizations, Repairs and Other personal service activities rose significantly during the period under review |

## Education

| <b>Institution</b> | <b>Primary School</b> | <b>Secondary School</b> | <b>Teacher Training</b> | <b>Vacation and Technical training</b> | <b>University</b> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Number             | 870                   | 354                     | 2                       | 1                                      | 2                 |
| Enrolment          | 451712                | 139163                  | 3274                    | 2 067                                  | 14232             |

*Source: ministry of primary and secondary education and ministry of higher and Tertiary*

## Human Health & Social Work Activities

| <b>Health facility</b>     | <b>Number</b> |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Provincial Hospital        | 1             |
| District/Mission hospitals | 19            |
| Infectious hospital        | 0             |
| Rural hospitals            | 17            |
| Clinics                    | 188           |
| Other health facilities    | 0             |

*Source: Min of Health*

**Table 2. Masvingo Provincial GDP at current prices by Industry for 2017 and 2018 in US\$ 000 000**

| Industry  |                |             |                |             |
|---|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
|   | GDP            | % to GDP    | GDP            | % to GDP    |
| Agriculture Hunting and Forestry                                | 194.6          | 10.59       | 264.9          | 13.12       |
| Mining and Quarrying  | 149.4          | 11.79       | 126.8          | 9.37        |
| Manufacturing   | 21.1           | 0.87        | 145.9          | 5.67        |
| Electricity, Gas, steam and Air Conditioning                    | 19.7           | 4.10        | 11.2           | 2.32        |
| Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management & Remediation          | 1.5            | 3.33        | 1.2            | 2.64        |
| Construction  | 18.7           | 3.76        | 27.0           | 4.79        |
| Wholesale, Retail, Repair of Motor Vehicles                     | 70.8           | 1.90        | 83.4           | 2.03        |
| Transport and Storage   | 46.7           | 6.38        | 43.2           | 5.26        |
| Accommodation & Food Services Activities                        | 57.5           | 7.30        | 55.1           | 6.67        |
| Information and Communication                                   | 52.6           | 3.45        | 58.4           | 3.41        |
| Financial and Insurance Activities                              | 26.5           | 2.33        | 28.3           | 2.32        |
| Real Estate activities  | 38.7           | 9.06        | 34.5           | 7.54        |
| Professional , Scientific & Technical Activities                | 24.0           | 6.24        | 27.8           | 6.57        |
| Administrative and Support Services Activities                  | 8.7            | 6.27        | 5.5            | 3.41        |
| Public Administration and Defense, compulsory Social Activities | 75.9           | 4.64        | 85.6           | 4.46        |
| Education   | 143.1          | 6.70        | 211.8          | 8.55        |
| Human Health & Social Work Activities                           | 36.7           | 8.06        | 37.9           | 7.71        |
| Arts, Entertainment and Recreation                              | 1.1            | 9.02        | 0.9            | 5.84        |
| Other Services Activities                                       | 18.8           | 9.26        | 23.1           | 10.56       |
| Domestic Services   | 2.0            | 3.82        | 2.6            | 4.79        |
| Less Fin. interim. Services Indirectly Measured                 | -2.5           | 2.33        | -2.6           | 2.36        |
| <b>Gross Domestic Product at factor cost</b>                    | <b>1,005.4</b> | <b>5.08</b> | <b>1,272.7</b> | <b>5.83</b> |
| Net taxes on production   | 10.7           | 5.10        | 13.0           | 5.83        |
| Other taxes on production                                       | 10.7           | 5.10        | 13.0           | 5.83        |
| Subsidies on production   | -              | -           | -              | -           |
| <b>Gross Domestic Product at Basic Prices</b>                   | <b>1,016.1</b> | <b>5.08</b> | <b>1,285.7</b> | <b>5.83</b> |

|   |                |              |                |              |
|---|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Net taxes on products                     | 102.9          | 5.08         | 125.6          | 5.83         |
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| Subsidies on products                     | -              | -            | -              | -            |
| <b>GDP at Market Prices</b>               | <b>1,119.0</b> | <b>5.08</b>  | <b>1,411.3</b> | <b>5.83</b>  |
| Provincial percentage Contribution to GDP | 5.1            | 5.10         | 5.8            | 5.80         |
| Population in Millions                    | 1.5            | 10.95        | 1.7            | 11.04        |
| <b>Per Capita GDP</b>                     | <b>725.60</b>  | <b>45.00</b> | <b>819.88</b>  | <b>52.12</b> |