

20 Informal sector activity in the GCR

Based on 2013 Quality of Life Survey data

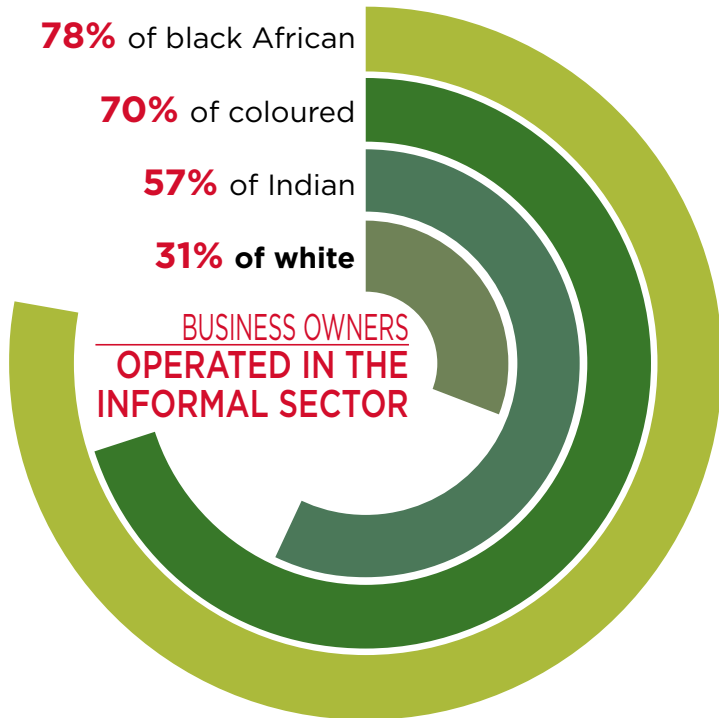
The informal sector plays an important role in the lives of Gauteng residents. The GCRO Quality of Life Survey of 2013 interviewed a representative sample of 27,490 residents in the province. It asked questions around informal sector economic activity including employment, entrepreneurship and attitudes to street trading.

- **22%** of respondents who were employed worked in the informal sector.
- **27%** of respondents' households received some income from the informal sector.

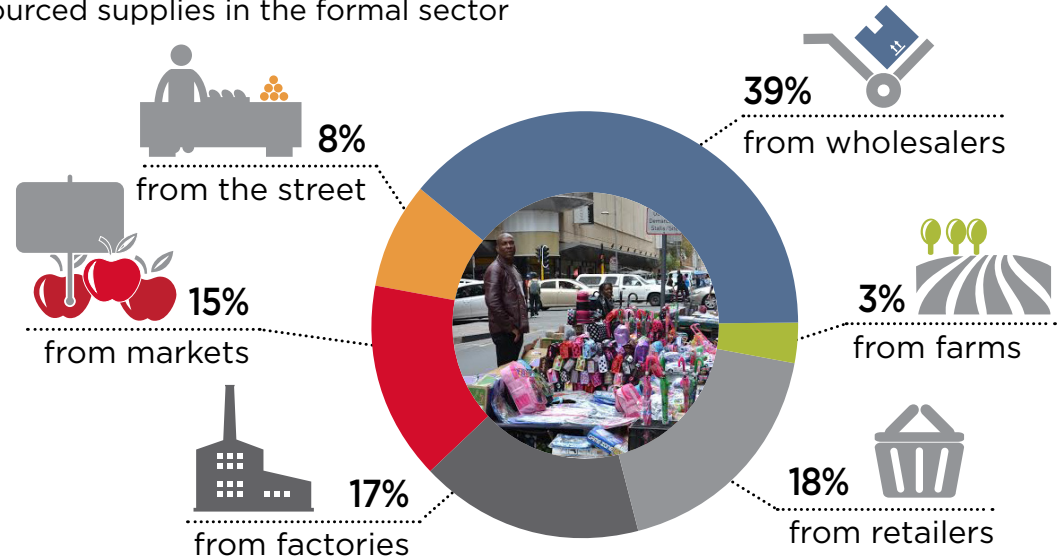


ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- **65%** of respondents who owned their own businesses were in the informal sector.



75% OF RESPONDENTS WHO OWNED INFORMAL BUSINESSES sourced supplies in the formal sector



OF THE 64% OF RESPONDENTS

who used the formal sector in the previous year



93%
bought food



40%
bought clothes or accessories



32%
had been to a hairsalon or barber



18%
had used tailors, shoe repairers



4%
had used mechanics, panel beaters or other car services

ATTITUDES TO STREET TRADING

More people agreed with the statement that 'People selling on the street make the area feel safer' ...

50%



... than with the statement 'Street sellers damage the image of an area'.