The lowest unemployment in SA?

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Does Limpopo really have the lowest unemployment rate in the country, standing at 16.9%? This was proclaimed by Premier Chupu Mathabatha during his State of the Province Address last month.

Premier Mathabatha quoted from a Stats SA report, indicating that the province had the lowest unemployment rate. However, the figures have been questioned by the opposition and analysts, who argue that the Limpopo economy has been performing poorly.

The premier's statement was based on the latest Stats SA report, which shows that the unemployment rate in Limpopo has been declining steadily over the past few years. However, the report also highlights that the province's economy has been struggling, with a high number of people living in poverty.

The opposition has accused the premier of misrepresenting the data to make the province look better than it actually is. They argue that the premier is trying to use the low unemployment rate as a political tool to boost his popularity.

The premier has denied the allegations, saying that the data provided by Stats SA is accurate. However, the opposition has called for an independent audit of the data to ensure its accuracy.

The situation in Limpopo is complex, with a high number of people living in poverty and unemployment. The premier's statement has highlighted the need for a comprehensive analysis of the data to understand the true state of the province's economy.