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Johannesburg is South Africa's economic engine — but its foundations are cracking

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The Impumelelo Growth Lab at the Bureau for Economic Research (BER) is proud to launch its first interactive data story, *Joburg on the Brink*.

Through data visualisation and analysis, this non-partisan interactive explainer explores the deep malaise that has infected South Africa's economic hub, showing that it has its roots in political instability, corruption and financial mismanagement.

It can be viewed here:

<https://dashboard.ber.ac.za/datastories/joburg-crossroads>