

# Newspapers ABC Q2 2018: Static, with some highlights



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The second quarter of the 2018 Audit Bureau of Circulations of South Africa (ABC) shows a static Total Newspaper circulation compared to the previous quarter. However, the category has declined by 2.5% compared to the prior year. Despite this, there are some highlights.



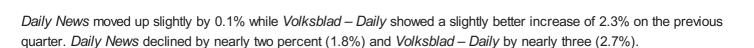
#### **Daily newspapers**

Dailies saw a decline of 4.2% on the previous quarter, with a massive 15.1% decline on the prior year.



Newspapers ABC Q1 2018: Some positives for press

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The best of the lot was Bukedde with a 6.1% over the prior quarter and an increase of 22.4% over the prior year.

Publication Name	Circulation	%change quarter	%change year
Daily Sun	129,831	-8.0%	-21.3%
Daily Nation	108,282	-6.3%	-14.5%
Isolezwe	79,795	-7.6%	-6.7%
Star, The	72,375	-4.6%	-9.9%
Sowetan	70,061	-0.1%	-4.8%
Son (Daily)	59,480	-5.3%	-17.5%
Burger, Die Daily	46,983	-0.9%	-1.4%
Citizen, The (Daily)	42,595	-6.1%	-3.5%
Bukedde	40,536	6.1%	22.4%
Burger, Die Daily	39,685	-1.3%	-1.5%

Namibian, The	36,448	-3.1%	-9.9%
Beeld, Daily	36,210	0.1%	-9.4%
Cape Times	29,611	-1.3%	-4.4%
Cape Argus	27,346	-2.1%	-5.8%
New Vision	27,110	0.0%	0.6%
Mercury, The	25,043	-2.4%	-5.0%
Daily News	23,127	0.1%	-1.8%
Times of Swaziland	21,624	-12.6%	-3.9%
Business Day	20,145	-1.0%	0.4%
Daily Monitor	17,436	-2.4%	1.8%
Daily Dispatch	16,546	-10.9%	-11.9%
Herald, The	16,210	-2.3%	-14.0%
Volksblad - Daily	14,306	2.3%	-2.7%
Pretoria News	12,686	0.7%	-7.9%
Taifa Leo	12,397	-8.9%	-5.7%
Witness, The	11,140	-4.6%	-9.9%
Diamond Fields Advertiser	7,424	-4.7%	-6.2%
Burger, Die Daily	7,298	1.1%	-1.2%
Zambia Daily Mail	6,814	-0.6%	-31.5%

#### Weekly newspapers

Weeklies declined on both the previous quarter and the prior year by 4.8% and by 10% respectively.

*Ilanga* and *The Post*, increased over the prior quarter, but both declined over the prior year. *Ilanga* increased by 1.5% on the previous quarter and declined by 11.9% on the prior year. *The Post* showed a 0.5% increase over the prior quarter, but a 5.5% decline over the prior year.

Lesotho times showed an increase of 4% over the prior year - the only newspaper in this segment to show a positive percentage over the prior year. The best increase over the prior quarter was 6.1% by *The Botswana Gazette*.

Publication Name	Circulation	%change quarter	%change year
Soccer Laduma	235,907	-6.4%	-9.6%
llanga	57,356	1.5%	-11.9%
Post, The	37,533	0.6%	-5.5%
Mail & Guardian	23,641	-12.3%	-19.6%
Voice, The	16,029	0.1%	-2.9%
Botswana Gazette , The	9,922	6.1%	-6.6%
Lesotho Times	7,882	0.7%	4.0%

# Weekend newspapers

Weekend Newspapers were not spared, reflecting the overall decline with a 4.2% decline on the previous quarter and a 10.1% decline on the prior year.

But there were some highlights, with increases of over one percent for both *Isolezwe ngoMgqibelo* (+1.5%) and *Volksblad* – Saturday (+1.2%). Both declined over the prior year, with *Isolezwe ngoMgqibelo* declined by 4.3% and *Volksblad* – Saturday by just over five percent (5.1%).

The Weekend Argus also showed positive increases with a 0.8% increase over the prior quarter. It was also only one of two weekend newspapers to show an increase over the prior year with a 2.2% increase over the prior year. It was joined by *The Sunday Monitor* which showed an increase over the prior year of 4.5%.

Publication Name	Circulation	%change quarter	%change year
SundayTimes	250,575	-3.7%	-4.6%
Sunday Nation	117,695	-8.8%	-17.3%
Rapport	112,332	-1.1%	-9.6%
Isolezwe ngoMgqibelo	65,645	1.5%	-4.6%
Isolezwe ngeSonto	65,013	-0.7%	-5.2%
Burger, Die Saturday	58,700	-4.9%	-3.9%
Sunday Sun	54,904	-12.4%	-29.9%
Burger, Die Saturday	51,111	-4.8%	-2.9%
Weekend Argus	51,106	-1.7%	-2.6%
Sunday Tribune	50,386	0.6%	-4.4%
City Press	50,200	-14.3%	-26.9%
Sunday World	45,211	-5.5%	-17.0%
Saturday Star, The	40,409	-10.5%	-16.4%
Beeld, Saturday	36,624	-1.7%	-4.6%
Independent on Saturday	36,211	0.2%	-2.9%
llanga Langesonto	33,743	-1.2%	-8.6%
Son op Sondag (formerly Sondag Son)	33,350	-7.5%	-18.8%
Weekend Argus	32,883	-3.1%	-5.0%
Citizen, The (Saturday)	31,446	-11.3%	-6.9%
Weekend Argus	18,223	0.8%	2.2%
SundayVision	17,208	-1.5%	-3.3%
Weekend Post	15,686	-2.6%	-10.5%
Volksblad - Saturday	13,365	1.2%	-5.2%
Saturday Dispatch	13,323	-9.0%	-19.1%
Sunday Monitor	11,925	-3.2%	4.5%
Weekend Witness	10,888	-2.1%	-11.4%
Taifa Jumapili	10,305	-15.8%	-13.3%
Burger, Die Saturday	7,589	-5.8%	-10.2%
The Southern Cross	7,336	-0.6%	-8.5%
Pretoria News Saturday	6,936	-7.6%	-18.1%
Sunday Mail	4,452	6.5%	-46.7%

### Local newspapers

Local Newspapers declined by just under 5% (4.8%) on the previous quarter and by over 5% (5.5%) on the prior year. Three local newspapers completely bucked this trend with positive increases both over the previous quarter and over the prior year. The best performance came from *Stellelander* with a 22.3% over the prior quarter and a 18.7% increase over the prior year. They are followed by *Die Noordwester*, which had a 7.4% and 19.5% increase, over the prior quarter and prior year respectively. Last, but not least is *Polokwane Observer*, with a 1.2% increase over the prior quarter and 4% increase on the prior year.

Also showing positive increases over the prior year are *Tembisan* (31.8%), *Mpumanlanga News* (6.5%), *The Mail* (1%), and *African Reporter* (4.5%).

Publication Name	Circulation	%change quarter	%change year
African Reporter	22,477	2.8%	4.5%
Witbank News, Fri	17,196	-6.1%	-5.2%
Rustenburg Herald	15,286	-22.1%	-10.4%
George Herald (Thursday)	14,944	-4.5%	-3.4%
Middelburg Observer, Fri	13,867	-2.2%	-2.8%
Lowvelder, The / Laevelder, Die (Friday)	13,354	-6.5%	-5.2%
Klerksdorp Rekord	13,082	-5.0%	-5.2%
Lowvelder, The / Laevelder, Die ( Tuesday)	12,053	-7.5%	-2.4%
South Coast Herald	11,597	-2.4%	-6.8%
Paarl Post	11,467	-3.2%	-3.4%
The Mail	10,298	-3.5%	1.0%
Weslander, The	9,603	-4.8%	-7.0%
Worcester Standard	8,546	-3.0%	-4.2%
Zululand Observer Weekend (Formerly Friday)	8,441	-1.9%	-3.8%
Mpumalanga News	8,051	-1.4%	6.5%
Limpopo Mirror	7,367	-0.2%	-1.9%
Mbsselbay Advertiser	7,136	-3.9%	-4.6%
Gemsbok	6,843	-8.2%	-17.9%
Vaalweekblad	6,337	0.5%	-10.7%
District Mail	6,335	-5.4%	-10.0%
Hermanus Times	5,440	-12.2%	-2.5%
Polokwane Observer	5,314	1.2%	4.0%
Stellalander	5,231	22.3%	18.7%
Representative	5,057	-5.0%	-7.9%
Potchefstroom Herald	5,031	-6.2%	-13.4%
	4,833	-7.0%	-9.4%
-	4,737	-1.0%	-10.2%
Capricorn Voice	4,260	-18.4%	-36.5%
Brits Pos	4,163	-5.3%	-18.7%
Eikestadnuus	3,981	-7.6%	-5.1%
Die Noordwester	3,928	7.4%	19.5%
South Cape Forum/Suid Kaap Forum	3,842	-1.7%	-2.3%
Northern Review Weekend	3,840	-10.6%	-14.1%
Mddelburg Observer, Tues	3,047	-9.2%	-11.9%
	2,691	-5.2%	-2.6%
-	2,595	2.4%	-8.2%
	2,455	-10.4%	-6.3%
	2,297	-0.6%	-8.1%
	2,194	-0.9%	31.8%
	2,085	-1.8%	-3.3%
	2,057	-9.0%	-16.8%
Talk of the Town	1,971	-4.7%	-1.4%
Vryheid Herald	1,962	0.7%	-10.9%
Graaff Reinet Advertiser	1,807	-5.4%	-4.4%
Daller, Die	1,732	-0.9%	-4.6%
Oudtshoorn Courant	1,729	-8.4%	-11.3%
Streeknuus	1,566	-7.3%	-9.4%
Estcourt and Midlands News	1,465	-5.6%	-16.9%
The Courier	943	-2.4%	-1.9%
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# Free newspapers

Free Newspapers went against the overall declining trend, with an overall increase of 1.9% over the previous quarter and by 1.4% in the prior year.

The category boasted a number of movers, that include Diepkloof Urban News, Dolphin Coast Mail, East Coast Mail,

Maritzburg Echo, and Maritzburg Fever.

Of these, the *Maritzburg Echo*, and *Maritzburg Fever* had the highest percentage increase over the prior quarter, with *Maritzburg Echo* increasing by 17.7% and *Maritzburg Fever* by 14.9% over the prior quarter. Both titles also increased over the prior year, with *Maritzburg Echo* increasing by 0.7% and *Maritzburg Fever* by 0.4%.

While the other three titles all increased over the prior quarter, they neither decreased nor increased over the prior year. *Diepkloof Urban News* showed an increase of 7.7% over the prior quarter, while both *Dolphin Coast Mail* and *East Coast Mail* showed a 4% increase over the prior quarter.

Publication Name	Circulation	%change quarter	%change year
PE Express	119,962	0.0%	0.0%
Taxi Times (former Tame Times - Fortnightly)	114,450	-7.2%	330.0%
Sedibeng Ster	100,985	0.0%	0.0%
Msunduzi News	99,990	0.0%	0.0%
Plainsman	89,718	0.1%	1.3%
People s Post Mtchells Plain	83,340	0.0%	0.0%
- Vukani	81,100	0.0%	0.0%
Rekord East/Oos	78,780	0.2%	0.0%
Tame Times - Weekly	73,607	-25.0%	-31.6%
Tabletalk	70,323	0.3%	4.1%
Rekord Centurion	60,100	0.1%	0.0%
Mthatha Express	59,985	0.0%	0.0%
The Rising Sun.	59,960	0.0%	0.0%
Randburg Sun	59,941	0.0%	0.3%
Maritzburg Echo	59,454	17.7%	0.7%
Phoenix Tabloid	55,980	0.0%	8.7%
Athlone News	55,937	0.0%	0.0%
Kempton Express	55,040	0.0%	-0.6%
Kathorus Mail	54,589		
Highway Mail	54,571	0.0%	0.0%
Northern News - Kraaifontein, Brackenfel, Kuils River	53,350	0.0%	-0.3%
AWSUMNewspaper	51,600	1.4%	
Chatsworth Rising Sun	51,148	0.0%	0.0%
Roodepoort Record	51,042	-0.3%	-0.9%
City Vision (Khayalitsha)	50,453	0.0%	0.0%
Southern Mail	50,360	0.0%	0.0%
Chatsworth Tabloid	49,980	0.0%	0.0%
The Central Weekly Gazette	49,980	0.0%	0.0%
MyLine	49,900	0.0%	0.0%
Sandton Chronicle	49,685	0.5%	-0.7%
City Vision (Langa/Gugulethu)	49,634	0.0%	0.0%
Southern Suburbs Tatler	48,660	0.0%	0.0%
Comubia and Phoenix Sun	47,410	0.0%	0.0%
Bedfordview & Edenvale News	46,427	0.6%	0.6%
Overport Rising Sun	44,900	0.0%	0.0%
Bloemnuus	44,839	0.0%	0.0%
Boksburg Advertiser	43,426	-0.1%	0.0%
Go & Express	41,995	0.1%	0.2%
Bloemfontein Courant (formerly Krant)	41,889	0.0%	0.0%
Umlazi Times	40,980	0.0%	0.0%
Ethekwini Times	40,980	0.0%	0.0%
Rekord North/Noord	39,850	0.2%	0.5%
Bonus Review	39,836	0.0%	-0.1%
North Coast Courier	39,762	0.0%	0.2%
Southern Courier	39,279	-0.2%	-0.5%
South Coast Herald Bonus	39,274	-0.2%	-0.1%

Northern News Bellville/Durbanville formerlyTygertalk Bellville/Durbanville	38,840	0.0%	0.0%
Benoni City Times	38,802	0.0%	0.1%
Express	38,700	0.0%	-0.2%
Alberton Record	37,911	-0.1%	-0.1%
Fourways Review	36,876	0.2%	0.4%
UGU Eyethu	36,850	0.0%	5.7%
Maritzburg Fever (formerly Mirror, The)	35,000	14.9%	0.4%
Vista	34,962	0.0%	0.0%
South Coast Fever	34,950	0.0%	0.0%
Ridge Times	34,950	0.0%	0.0%
Msunduzi Eyethu (former Edendale)	34,879	0.0%	0.0%
Rekord Moot	33,530	0.0%	0.0%
Tygerburger Elsiesrivier	33,085	0.0%	0.0%
Rising Sun Lenasia	32,925	0.0%	0.0%
Dobsonville Urban News	32,666	0.0%	0.0%
Diepkloof Urban News	32,484	7.7%	0.0%
Southern Star	31,980	0.0%	0.0%
Tongaat & Verulam Tabloid (former Northern Star)	31,980	0.0%	0.0%
Constantiaberg Bulletin	31,900	0.1%	0.6%
People s Post Claremont/Rondebosch	31,834	0.0%	0.0%
Tygerburger Table View	31,445	0.0%	0.0%
False Bay Echo	31,440	0.0%	0.0%
Atlantic Sun	31,350	0.0%	0.0%
Helderberg Gazette.	31,200	0.0%	0.0%
Bolander	31,000	0.0%	0.0%
People s Post False Bay	30,972	0.0%	0.0%
Makhulu News.	30,826	0.0%	0.0%
Northcliff & Melville Times	30,581	-0.3%	-0.8%
People s Post Athlone	30,252	0.0%	0.0%
Krugersdorp News	30,217	0.3%	-0.8%
Germiston City News	30,177	-0.2%	-0.1%
Eldorado Urban News	30,166	0.0%	0.0%
Orlando Urban News	30,166	0.0%	0.0%
Zola Urban News	30,166	0.0%	0.0%
People s Post Constantia/Wynberg	30,069	0.0%	0.0%
Eyethu Bay Watch (Formerly Baywatch)	30,068	0.0%	-0.4%
Dolphin Coast Mail	29,948	4.0%	0.0%
East Coast Mail	29,943	4.0%	0.0%
UD Express	29,932	0.0%	0.0%
Issue Mangaung	29,900	0.0%	0.2%
Maritzburg Sun	29,879	0.0%	0.0%
Public Eye	29,859	0.0%	0.0%
Boland Gazette	29,850	0.0%	0.0%
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Rekord Mamelodi	29,800	0.0%	0.0%
Northern News Goodwood / Parow formerly Tygertalk Goodwood	29,730	0.0%	0.0%
Umlazi Eyethu	29,660	-1.0%	-1.0%
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Coastal Weekly	29,580	-1.2%	-1.2%
Soweto Express	29,500	0.0%	0.0%
People s Post City Edition	29,246	0.0%	0.0%
Roodepoort Northsider (FormerlyNorthside Chronicle	29,198	0.0%	0.7%
Rekord Noweto	28,820	0.0%	0.0%
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Jabavu Urban News.	27,666	0.0%	0.0%
Meadowlands Urban News	27,666	0.0%	0.0%
Northglen News	27,583	0.0%	0.1%

Berea Mail	27,179	0.0%	0.1%
Maseru Metro	27,000		
Stanger Weekly	26,734	-10.6%	-10.6%
Rosebank Killarney Gazette	26,615	0.2%	-1.1%
Vanderbijlpark Ster	26,486	0.0%	1.2%
Springs Advertiser	26,057	0.1%	0.0%
Chiawelo Urban News	25,166	0.0%	0.0%
Pimville Urban News	25,166	0.0%	0.0%
Protea Urban News	25,166	0.0%	0.0%
Xoress Times	24,949	0.0%	0.0%
Kalahari Buletin (Formerly Kuruman Bulletin)	24,943	0.0%	0.0%
Tongaat & Verulam Sun	24,900	0.070	0.070
North Western Bonus		-0.8%	-0.3%
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People s Post Retreat	23,423	0.0%	0.0%
Merebank Rising Sun	22,400	0.0%	0.0%
Issue, Eastern Free State	21,875	0.0%	-0.1%
People s Post Grassy Park	21,838	0.0%	0.0%
Noordkaap	21,789	-0.3%	-0.3%
People s Post Landsdowne	21,130	0.0%	0.0%
Comaro Chronicle	20,829	0.1%	-0.4%
Tygerburger Durbanville	20,720	0.0%	0.0%
South Coast Sun	20,140	0.0%	0.1%
Md South Coast Rising Sun	20,075	0.0%	0.0%
Rekord West News/Wes Nuus	20,040	0.1%	0.3%
Isolomzi Express	19,985	0.6%	0.6%
Kouga Express	19,981	0.0%	0.0%
Queenstown Express	19,955	0.1%	0.1%
Pinetown Fever	19,955	0.0%	0.0%
Echo, The	19,949	0.0%	0.0%
Hillcrest Fever (formerly Forest Express)	19,944	0.0%	0.0%
Bloemfontein Courant Voice	19,910	-0.1%	-0.1%
Umgungundlovu Eyethu (former Umngeni)	19,859	0.0%	67.5%
Randfontein / Westonaria Herald.	19,701	-0.9%	0.0%
Upper Highway Mail (Incorporating The Hilltop)	19,645	0.0%	0.0%
Alex News	19,613	-0.3%	-0.8%
Tygerburger Kuilsrivier	19,288	0.0%	0.0%
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Brakpan Herald	18,971	-0.3%	-0.3%
Swartland Gazette (formerly Swartland Monitor).	18,950	0.0%	0.0%
Tygerburger Minerton	18,688	0.0%	0.0%
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Johannesburg Eastern Express  Express Northern Cope		0.3%	0.1%
Express Northern Cape	17,451	0.0%	
TygerBurger Tyger Valley	17,399	0.0%	0.0%
Steelburger	17,300	0.0%	0.0%
Mdweek Herald (formerly Noordwes Gazette)	16,995	0.0%	0.2%
Herrie, Die	16,955	0.0%	0.0%
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People s Post Woodstock	16,391	0.0%	0.0%
West Side Urban News	16,166	0.0%	0.0%
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Uthukela Eyethu	15,000	0.0%	0.0%
Standerton Advertiser.	14,988	0.0%	0.0%
King Williams Town Express	14,950	-40.1%	-40.1%
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Northern Business Review	14,800		
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Tygerburger Parow	14,322	0.0%	0.0%
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Tribune	11,946	-0.1%	0.0%
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SAJewish Report	11,459	-0.2%	0.0%
Village Talk	10,869	0.0%	0.0%
Highlands Panorama News	9,968	0.0%	11.2%
The Village NEWS	9,939	42.3%	11.270
CXpress	9,900	0.0%	0.0%
Idinga	9,855	0.0%	0.0%
White River Post	9,825	0.0%	0.0%
Greytown Gazette	9,042	-3.4%	-3.1%
Kroonnuus	8,943	0.0%	0.0%
Corridor Gazette	8,800	0.0%	0.0%
City Buzz	8,745	-9.0%	-25.5% 0.0%
Die Ghaap - Kimberly Gazette	7,995	0.1%	
Mossel Bay Home Ads News	7,895	0.0%	-52.4%
Parys Gazette	7,494	0.0%	0.0%
Sentinel News	7,145	0.0%	0.0%
NewsHorn Mpumalanga	6,629	-64.1%	04.00/
The Weekly Free State	6,616	-30.3%	-24.8%
Public Eye Free State	6,237	-75.0%	4.00
Barberton Times	5,314	0.0%	-1.2%
Inner City Gazette	4,963	0.0%	0.2%
The Insight	4,950	1.0%	
Free State Sun	4,750	0.0%	0.0%
Hazyview Herald	3,332	0.2%	1.7%
Game Reporter	2,990	0.0%	
Maluti News	2,475	0.0%	0.0%



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