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Does crime deter South Africans from self-employment?

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Highlights

- South Africa has a low share of self-employment despite high unemployment.
- In contrast to what is often stated, crime rates cannot explain the low share of selfemployment.
- Crime does not seem to harm the performance of small firms.
- The analysis of reported crime can lead to fundamentally different results than the analysis of perceived crime.
- Crime may not be in general a serious threat for small businesses in low and middleincome countries.

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