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1. Introduction

The Quarterly Labour Force Survey (QLFS) is a household-based sample survey conducted by Statistics South Africa (Stats SA). It collects data on the labour market activities of individuals aged 15 years and older who live in South Africa. However, this report only covers labour market activities of persons aged 15–64 years.

This report presents key findings of the QLFS conducted from April to June 2025 (Q2: 2025).

2. Highlights of the results

Table A: Key labour market indicators

	Apr-Jun 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand					Per cent	
Population 15–64 years	41 296	41 691	41 822	131	526	0,3	1,3
Labour force	25 036	25 015	25 174	159	138	0,6	0,6
Employed	16 652	16 787	16 807	19	154	0,1	0,9
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	11 467	11 434	11 468	34	2	0,3	0,0
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	3 129	3 345	3 326	-19	197	-0,6	6,3
Agriculture	896	930	906	-24	10	-2,6	1,1
Private households	1 160	1 078	1 106	28	-54	2,6	-4,7
Unemployed	8 384	8 228	8 367	140	-16	1,7	-0,2
Not economically active	16 260	16 676	16 648	-28	388	-0,2	2,4
Discouraged work-seekers	3 195	3 473	3 445	-28	250	-0,8	7,8
Other (not economically active)	13 065	13 203	13 203	0	138	0,0	1,1
Rates (%)							
Unemployment rate	33,5	32,9	33,2	0,3	-0,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	40,3	40,3	40,2	-0,1	-0,1		
Labour force participation rate	60,6	60,0	60,2	0,2	-0,4		

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals

The working-age population increased by 131 000 or 0,3% in the second quarter of 2025 compared with the first quarter. The number of employed persons increased by 19 000 to 16,8 million in Q2: 2025, and the number of unemployed persons increased by 140 000 to 8,4 million compared with Q1: 2025, resulting in an increase of 159 000 (up by 0,6%) in the labour force. The number of discouraged work-seekers decreased by 28 000 (down by 0,8%), and the number of people who were not economically active for reasons other than discouragement remained unchanged between the two quarters, resulting in a net decrease of 28 000 in the not economically active population.

An increase in employment and an increase in unemployment resulted in an increase of 0,3 of a percentage point in the unemployment rate to 33,2% in the second quarter of 2025. The labour force participation rate increased by 0,2 of a percentage point to 60,2%, and the absorption rate decreased by 0,1 of a percentage point to 40,2% between Q1: 2025 and Q2: 2025.

Employment gains were observed in the formal sector (up by 34 000) and Private households (up by 28 000), while the Agricultural sector and the informal sector employment decreased by 24 000 and 19 000 respectively in Q2: 2025.

Compared with Q2: 2024, the working-age population increased by 526 000 or 1,3%. Total employment increased by 154 000 persons (or 0,9%), the number of unemployed persons decreased by 16 000 and the number of persons who were not economically active increased by 388 000 (or 2,4%).

3. Employment

Figure 1: Quarter-to-quarter changes in employment, Q2: 2020 to Q2: 2025

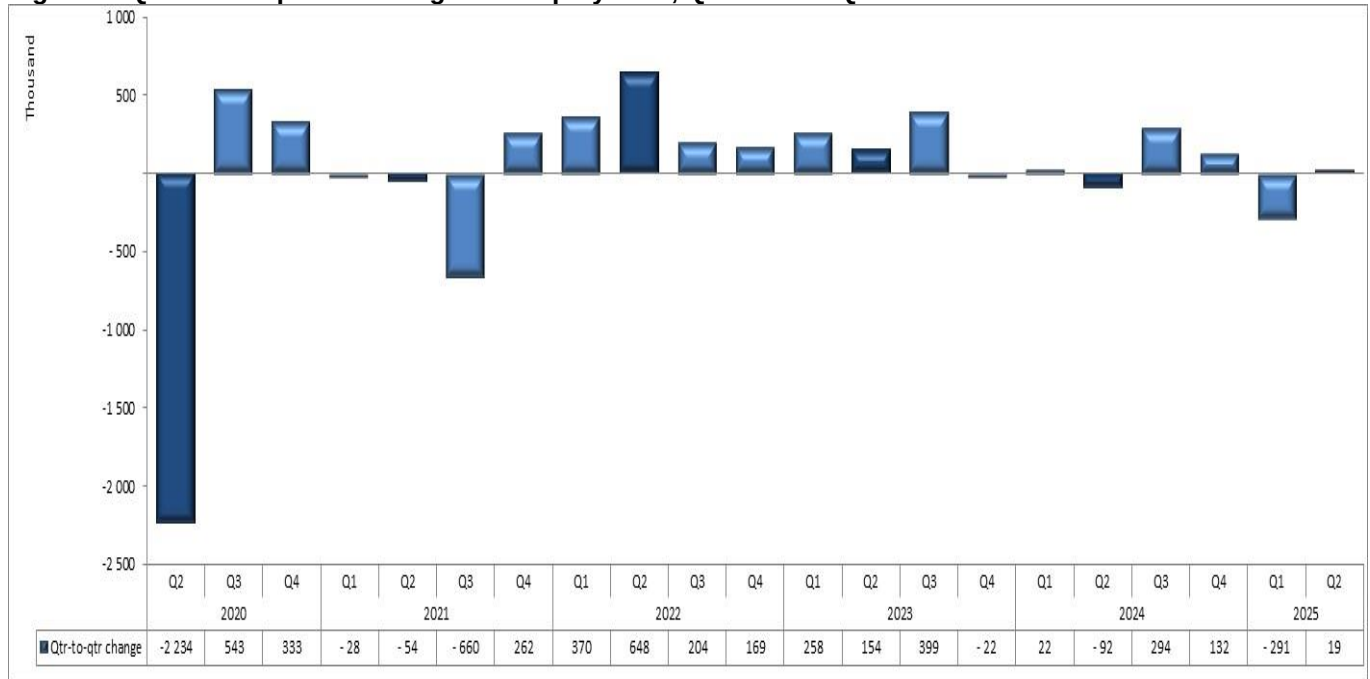


Figure 1 shows that, following a decrease of 291 000 in the previous quarter, employment increased by 19 000 in the second quarter of 2025. As depicted in Figure 1, employment has been fluctuating in the second quarter of each year since 2020.

Table B: Employment by industry

Industry	Apr-Jun 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand					Per cent	
	16 652	16 787	16 807	19	154	0,1	0,9
Total*							
Agriculture	896	930	906	-24	10	-2,6	1,1
Mining	457	431	434	3	-23	0,7	-5,1
Manufacturing	1 655	1 677	1 672	-5	17	-0,3	1,0
Utilities	114	145	139	-6	25	-4,3	22,0
Construction	1 204	1 240	1 259	20	55	1,6	4,6
Trade	3 360	3 228	3 315	88	-45	2,7	-1,3
Transport	1 064	1 131	1 115	-15	51	-1,3	4,8
Finance	2 905	3 008	2 983	-24	79	-0,8	2,7
Community and social services	3 827	3 914	3 872	-42	45	-1,1	1,2
Private households	1 160	1 078	1 106	28	-54	2,6	-4,7

*Note: Total includes 'Other' industries.

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Note: Utilities refer to electricity, gas and water supply.

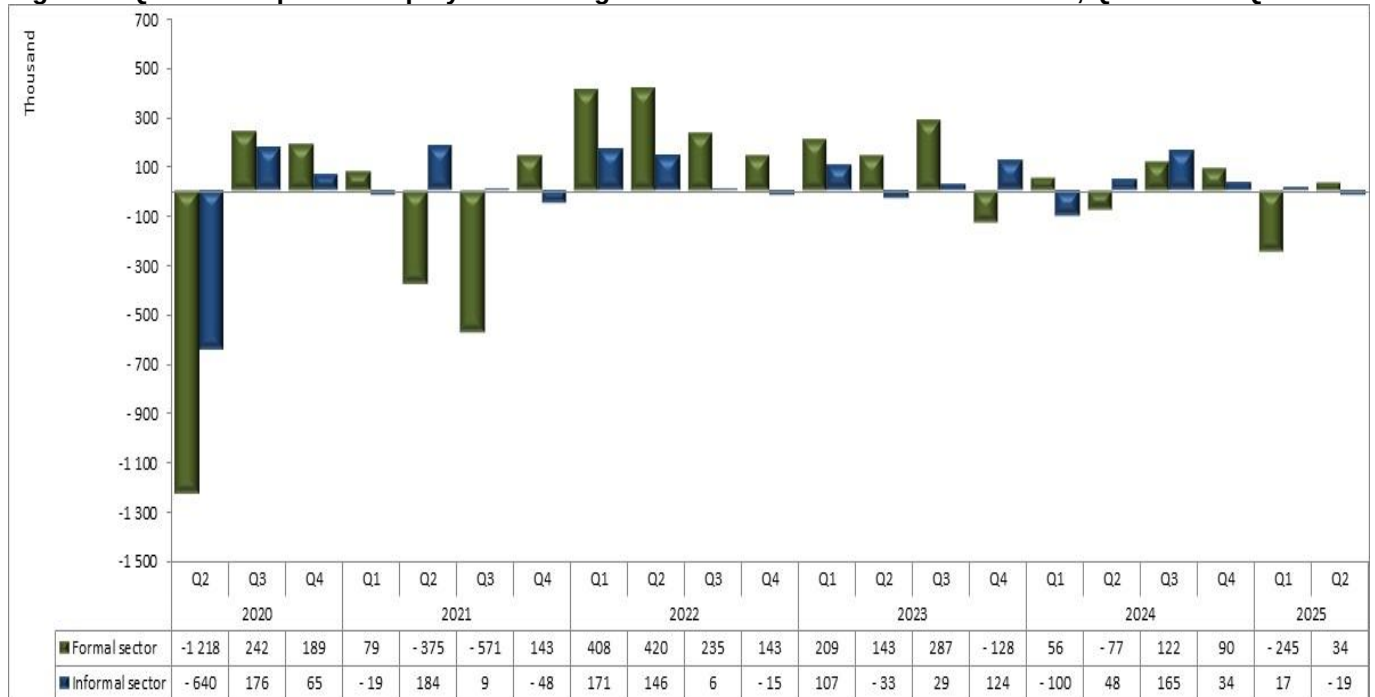
Trade refers to wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles and personal and household goods; hotels and restaurants.

Finance refers to financial intermediation, insurance, real estate and business services.

Table B shows that between Q1: 2025 and Q2: 2025, the number of employed persons increased in four of the ten industries. Increases in employment were recorded in the Trade industry (88 000), followed by Private households (28 000), Construction (20 000) and Mining (3 000) industries. The largest decreases in employment were recorded in Community and social services (42 000), followed by Finance and Agriculture (24 000 each) and Transport (15 000) industries.

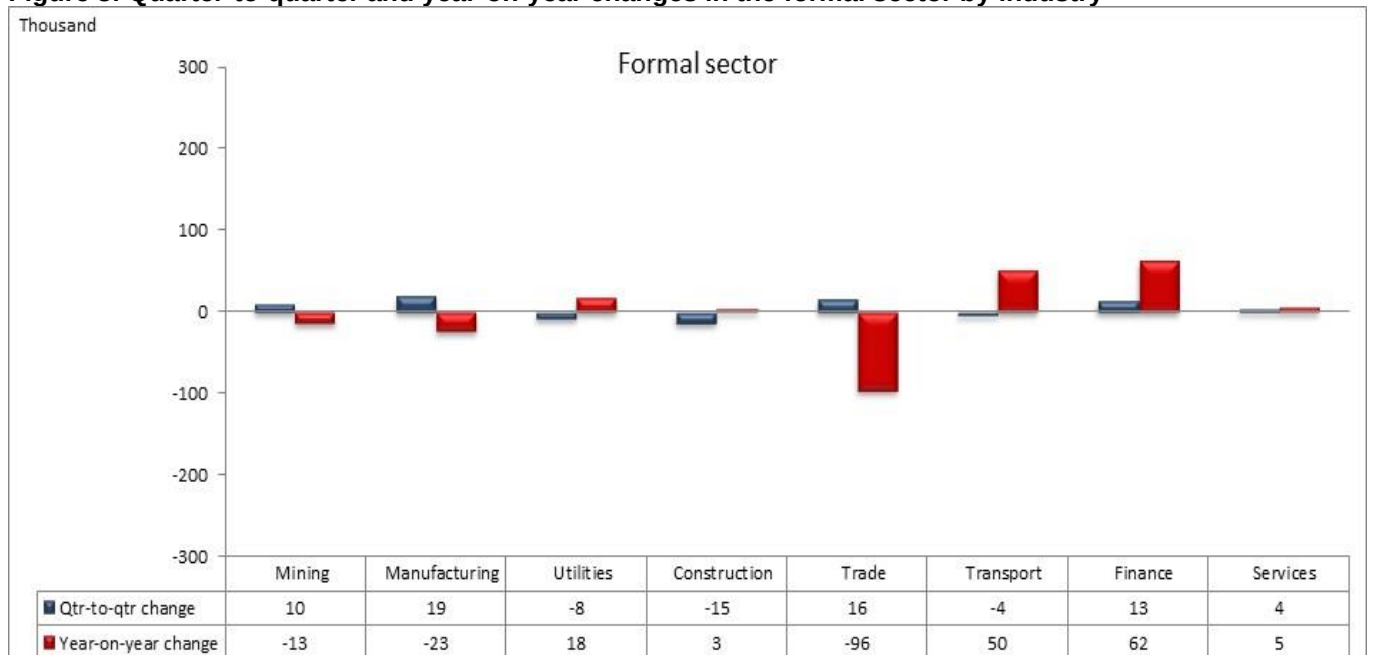
Compared with the same period last year, a net increase of 154 000 in total employment in Q2: 2025 was largely due to increases in the number of people employed in the Finance (79 000), Construction (55 000), Transport (51 000) and Community and social services (45 000) industries. The industries that recorded decreases were Private households (54 000), Trade (45 000) and Mining (23 000).

Figure 2: Quarter-to-quarter employment changes in the formal and informal sectors, Q2: 2020 to Q2: 2025



Employment in the formal sector increased by 34 000 in Q2: 2025 compared with Q1: 2025. Following an increase of 17 000 in Q1: 2025, informal sector employment decreased by 19 000 in Q2: 2025.

Figure 3: Quarter-to-quarter and year-on-year changes in the formal sector by industry



Note: Utilities refer to electricity, gas and water supply.

Trade refers to wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles and personal and household goods; hotels and restaurants.

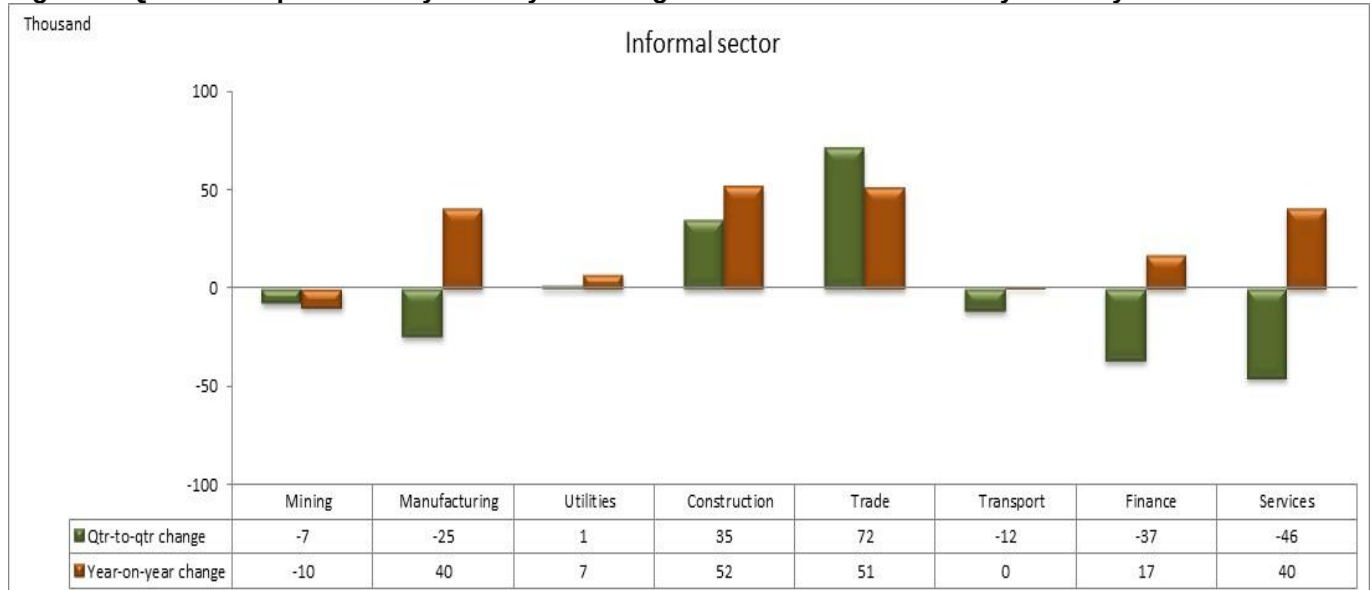
Finance refers to financial intermediation, insurance, real estate and business services.

Services refers to community, personal and social services.

The second quarter of 2025 recorded formal sector employment increases in the Manufacturing (19 000), Trade (16 000), Finance (13 000), Mining (10 000) and Community and social services (4 000) industries compared with the first quarter of 2025. During the same period, decreases in the formal sector employment were recorded in Construction (15 000), Utilities (8 000) and Transport (4 000).

Compared with a year ago, a net gain of 2 000 jobs in the formal sector employment was mainly driven by the Finance (62 000), Transport (50 000) and Utilities (18 000) industries in Q2: 2025. Employment losses were observed in the Trade (96 000), Manufacturing (23 000) and Mining (13 000) industries during the same period.

Figure 4: Quarter-to-quarter and year-on-year changes in the informal sector by industry



Note: Utilities refer to electricity, gas and water supply.

Trade refers to wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles and personal and household goods; hotels and restaurants.

Finance refers to financial intermediation, insurance, real estate and business services.

Services refers to community, personal and social services.

In the second quarter of 2025, informal sector employment decreased by 19 000 persons compared with the previous quarter. Losses in the informal sector employment were mainly driven by the Community and social services (46 000), Finance (37 000) and Manufacturing (25 000) industries. Compared with Q2: 2024, the employment increase in the informal sector was mainly driven by the Construction (52 000), Trade (51 000), Manufacturing and Community and social services (40 000 each) industries. Employment loss was recorded in the Mining (10 000) industry during the same period.

Table C: Employment by occupation

Occupation	Apr-Jun 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand				Per cent		
Total*	16 652	16 787	16 807	19	154	0,1	0,9
Manager	1 451	1 430	1 507	77	57	5,4	3,9
Professional	1 102	980	983	3	-119	0,3	-10,8
Technician	1 780	1 503	1 565	62	-215	4,1	-12,1
Clerk	1 705	1 854	1 813	-41	108	-2,2	6,4
Sales and services	2 584	2 929	2 875	-54	290	-1,8	11,2
Skilled agriculture	105	62	47	-15	-58	-23,7	-55,3
Craft and related trade	1 672	1 862	1 858	-3	186	-0,2	11,1
Plant and machine operator	1 308	1 386	1 396	10	88	0,8	6,7
Elementary	4 094	3 964	3 923	-41	-171	-1,0	-4,2
Domestic worker	843	818	839	21	-4	2,5	-0,5

*Note: Total includes 'Other' occupations.

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Five out of the ten occupational categories recorded employment gains in Q2: 2025 compared with Q1: 2025. Increases in employment were observed in Managerial occupations (77 000), followed by Technician (62 000), Domestic worker (21 000), Plant and machine operators (10 000), and Professional (3 000) occupations. During the same period, employment losses were recorded in Sales and services occupations (54 000), followed by Clerical and Elementary (41 000 each), Skilled agriculture (15 000) and Craft and related trade (3 000) occupations.

Year-on-year gains in employment were mainly driven by Sales and services occupations (290 000), followed by Craft and related trade occupations (186 000) and Clerical occupations (108 000). The losses in employment were recorded among Technician (215 000), Elementary (171 000), Professional (119 000), Skilled agriculture (58 000) and Domestic worker (4 000) occupations.

Table D: Employment by province

Province	Apr-Jun 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand					Per cent	
South Africa	16 652	16 787	16 807	19	154	0,1	0,9
Western Cape	2 675	2 861	2 744	-117	69	-4,1	2,6
Eastern Cape	1 369	1 373	1 462	89	93	6,5	6,8
Northern Cape	314	343	314	-28	0	-8,3	0,1
Free State	745	754	766	12	21	1,6	2,8
KwaZulu-Natal	2 842	2 788	2 702	-86	-140	-3,1	-4,9
North West	887	879	895	16	8	1,8	0,9
Gauteng	5 103	5 091	5 186	95	83	1,9	1,6
Mpumalanga	1 192	1 212	1 223	11	31	0,9	2,6
Limpopo	1 526	1 488	1 515	27	-11	1,8	-0,7

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Table D shows that the number of employed persons increased in six provinces between Q1: 2025 and Q2: 2025. Employment gains were recorded in Gauteng (95 000), Eastern Cape (89 000), Limpopo (27 000), North West (16 000), Free State (12 000) and Mpumalanga (11 000). Employment decreases were recorded in Western Cape (117 000), KwaZulu-Natal (86 000) and Northern Cape (28 000) during the same period.

Compared with Q2: 2024, the largest increases in employment were recorded in Eastern Cape (93 000), Gauteng (83 000) and Western Cape (69 000). North West was the province that recorded the lowest increase in employment with 8 000 during the same period. The decreases in employment were recorded in KwaZulu-Natal (140 000) and Limpopo (11 000) while Northern Cape remained unchanged.

3.1 Conditions of employment for employees

Figure 5: Quarter-to-quarter changes in nature of employment contract

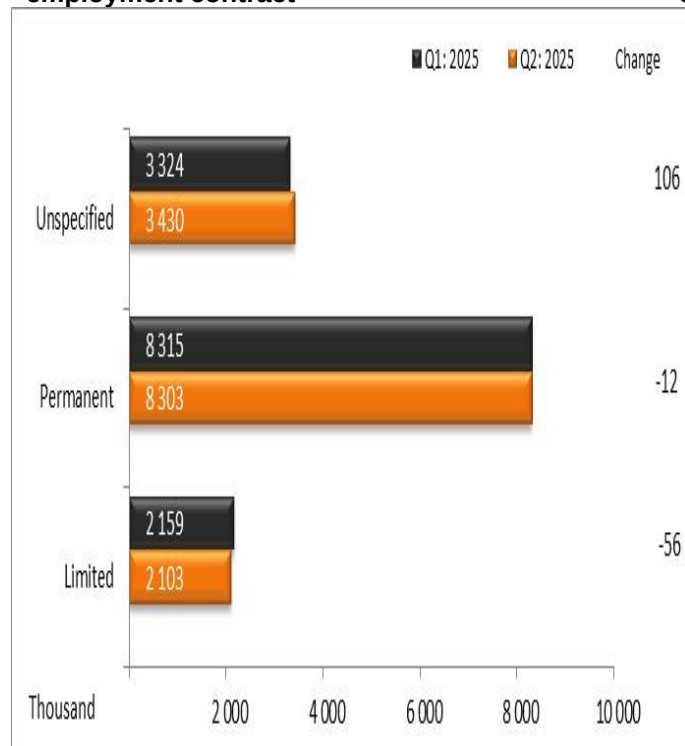
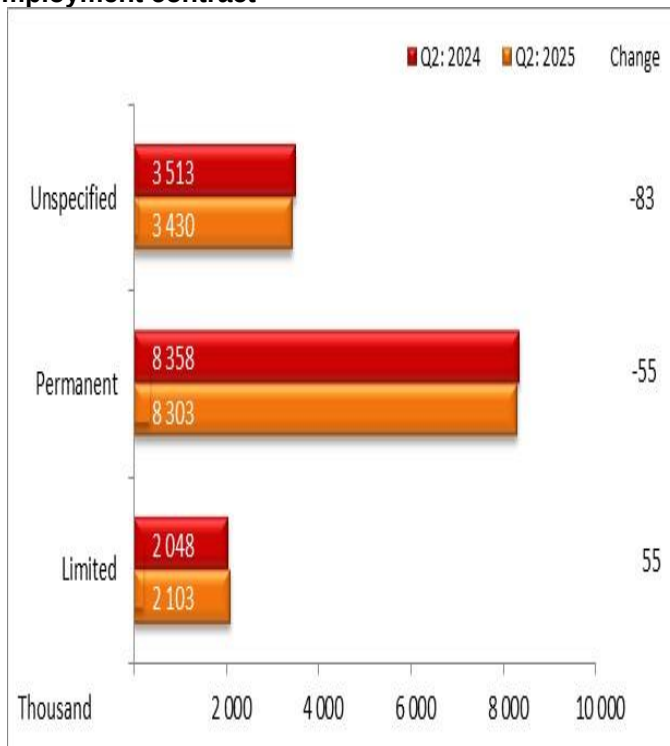


Figure 6: Year-on-year changes in nature of employment contract



Figures 5 and 6 show that the majority of employees had permanent employment contracts. Between the first quarter and second quarter of 2025, the number of employees with contracts of an unspecified duration increased by 106 000, while the number of employees with contracts of limited duration and those with contracts of a permanent nature decreased by 56 000 and 12 000 respectively.

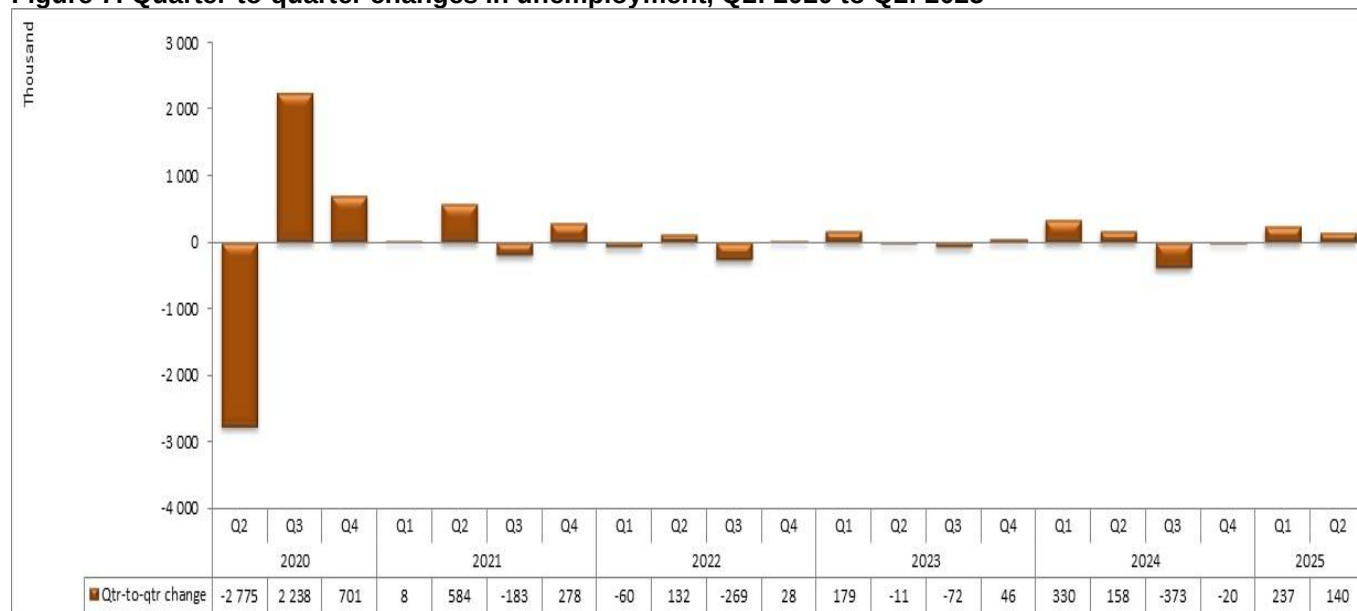
Year-on-year comparisons indicated that the number of employees increased among those with employment contracts of limited duration by 55 000. Those with contracts of an unspecified duration decreased by 83 000, and employees with contracts of a permanent nature decreased by 55 000.

4. Unemployment and not in employment, education or training (NEET)

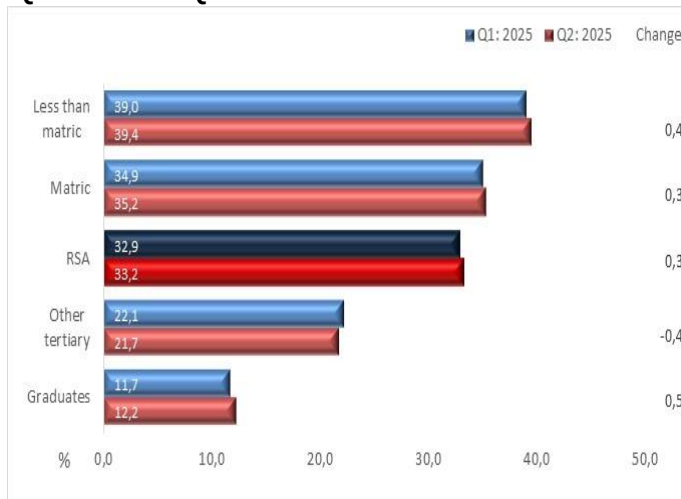
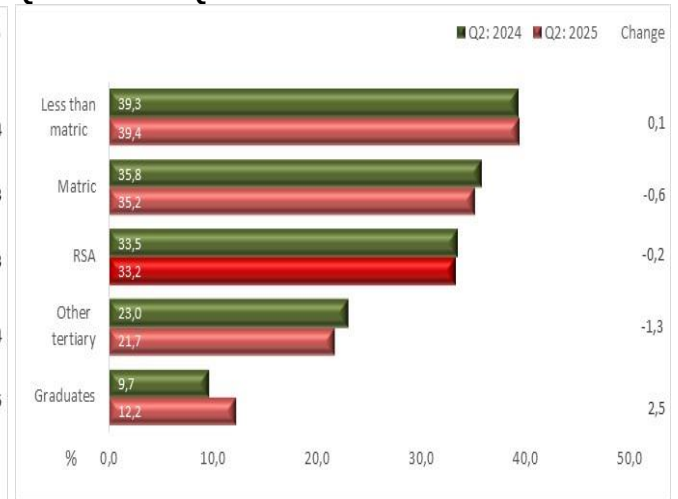
4.1 Unemployment

There are two definitions of unemployment that are used: the official and the expanded definition of unemployment (refer to technical notes).

Figure 7: Quarter-to-quarter changes in unemployment, Q2: 2020 to Q2: 2025



Unemployed persons increased by 140 000 in Q2: 2025 following an increase of 237 000 in the previous quarter. Notable from Figure 7 is that unemployment has always increased in the second quarter of each year, except for the declines observed in 2020 and 2023.

Figure 8a: Unemployment rate by education level, Q1: 2025 and Q2: 2025**Figure 8b: Unemployment rate by education level, Q2: 2024 and Q2: 2025**

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Figures 8a and 8b illustrate the significant impact of education on mitigating a nation's unemployment rate. Possessing a tertiary education, especially a degree, enhances one's likelihood of securing employment. In Q2: 2025, individuals without matric recorded an unemployment rate of 39,4% (up by 0,4 of a percentage point), while graduates had a rate of 12,2% (up by 0,5 of a percentage point) compared with the previous quarter. Unemployment rates for those with matric or lower educational qualifications exceeded the national rate, whereas individuals with other tertiary qualifications and graduates had rates below the national unemployment rate. Year-on-year comparisons indicated that the unemployment rate decreased among all education levels, except for graduates and those with less than matric where it increased by 2,5 percentage points and 0,1 of a percentage point respectively.

Table E: Unemployment rate by province

	Official unemployment rate					Expanded unemployment rate				
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Apr-Jun 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Per cent			Percentage points		Per cent			Percentage points	
South Africa	33,5	32,9	33,2	0,3	-0,3	42,6	43,1	42,9	-0,2	0,3
Western Cape	22,2	19,6	21,1	1,5	-1,1	27,3	24,7	27,0	2,3	-0,3
Eastern Cape	41,0	39,3	39,5	0,2	-1,5	49,7	49,0	47,6	-1,4	-2,1
Northern Cape	32,0	29,5	32,7	3,2	0,7	44,9	43,0	46,9	3,9	2,0
Free State	37,6	37,9	38,5	0,6	0,9	45,1	44,8	43,8	-1,0	-1,3
KwaZulu-Natal	31,1	32,3	33,4	1,1	2,3	44,9	46,9	47,9	1,0	3,0
North West	41,3	40,4	40,1	-0,3	-1,2	54,2	56,0	54,7	-1,3	0,5
Gauteng	35,1	34,7	33,8	-0,9	-1,3	39,2	40,0	39,2	-0,8	0,0
Mpumalanga	37,4	35,4	34,0	-1,4	-3,4	48,7	49,3	48,4	-0,9	-0,3
Limpopo	31,4	33,3	35,0	1,7	3,6	47,1	48,6	47,7	-0,9	0,6

The official unemployment rate increased by 0,3 of a percentage point to 33,2% in Q2: 2025 compared with Q1: 2025. The official unemployment rate increased in six of the nine provinces. The largest increases were recorded in Northern Cape (3,2 percentage points), followed by Limpopo (1,7 percentage points) and Western Cape (1,5 percentage points). A decrease in the unemployment rate was recorded in Mpumalanga (1,4 percentage points), followed by Gauteng (0,9 of a percentage point) and North West (0,3 of a percentage point).

Year-on-year, the official unemployment rate decreased by 0,3 of a percentage point. The official unemployment rate decreased in five provinces. The decreases in the unemployment rate were recorded in Mpumalanga (3,4 percentage points), followed by Eastern Cape (1,5 percentage points), Gauteng (1,3 percentage points), North West (1,2 percentage points) and Western Cape (1,1 percentage points). The increases in the unemployment rate were recorded in Limpopo (3,6 percentage points), KwaZulu-Natal (2,3 percentage points), Free State (0,9 of a percentage point) and Northern Cape (0,7 of a percentage point).

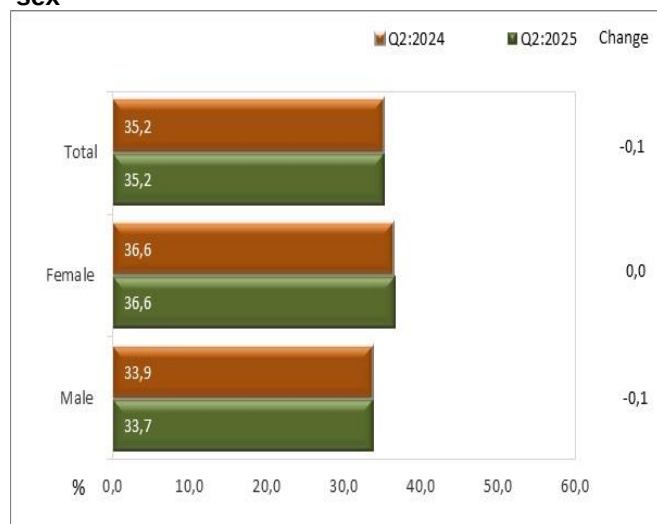
The expanded unemployment rate decreased by 0,2 of a percentage point in Q2: 2025 compared with Q1: 2025. The expanded unemployment rate decreased in six provinces. The largest decreases were recorded in Eastern Cape (1,4 percentage points), followed by North West (1,3 percentage points), Free State (1,0 percentage point), Mpumalanga and Limpopo (0,9 percentage points each). The increases were recorded in Northern Cape (3,9 percentage points), Western Cape (2,3 percentage points) and KwaZulu-Natal (1,0 percentage point).

Compared with the same period last year, the expanded unemployment rate increased by 0,3 of a percentage point in Q2: 2025. Four out of the nine provinces recorded increases in the expanded unemployment rate while Gauteng remained unchanged. The largest increases in the expanded unemployment rate were recorded in KwaZulu-Natal (3,0 percentage points), followed by Northern Cape (2,0 percentage points). Decreases in the expanded unemployment rate were recorded in Eastern Cape (2,1 percentage points), Free State (1,3 percentage points), Western Cape and Mpumalanga (0,3 of a percentage point each).

4.2 Not in employment, education or training (NEET)

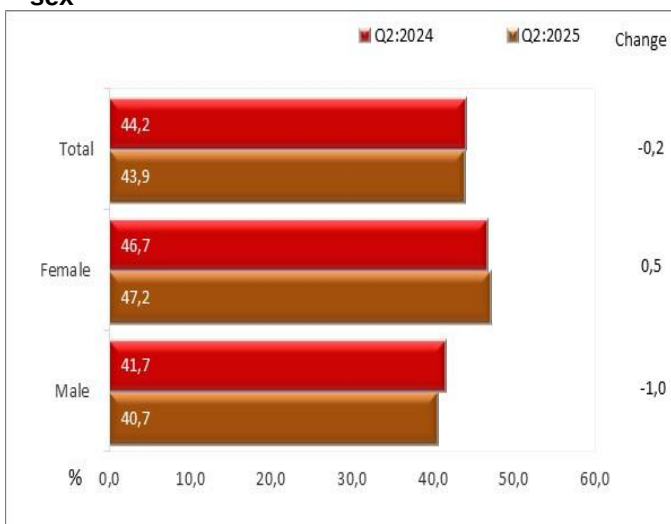
Some young people have been disengaged from the labour market, and they are also not building on their skills base through education and training – they are not in employment, education or training (NEET). The NEET rate serves as an important additional labour market indicator for young people.

Figure 9a: NEET rate for youth aged 15–24 years by sex



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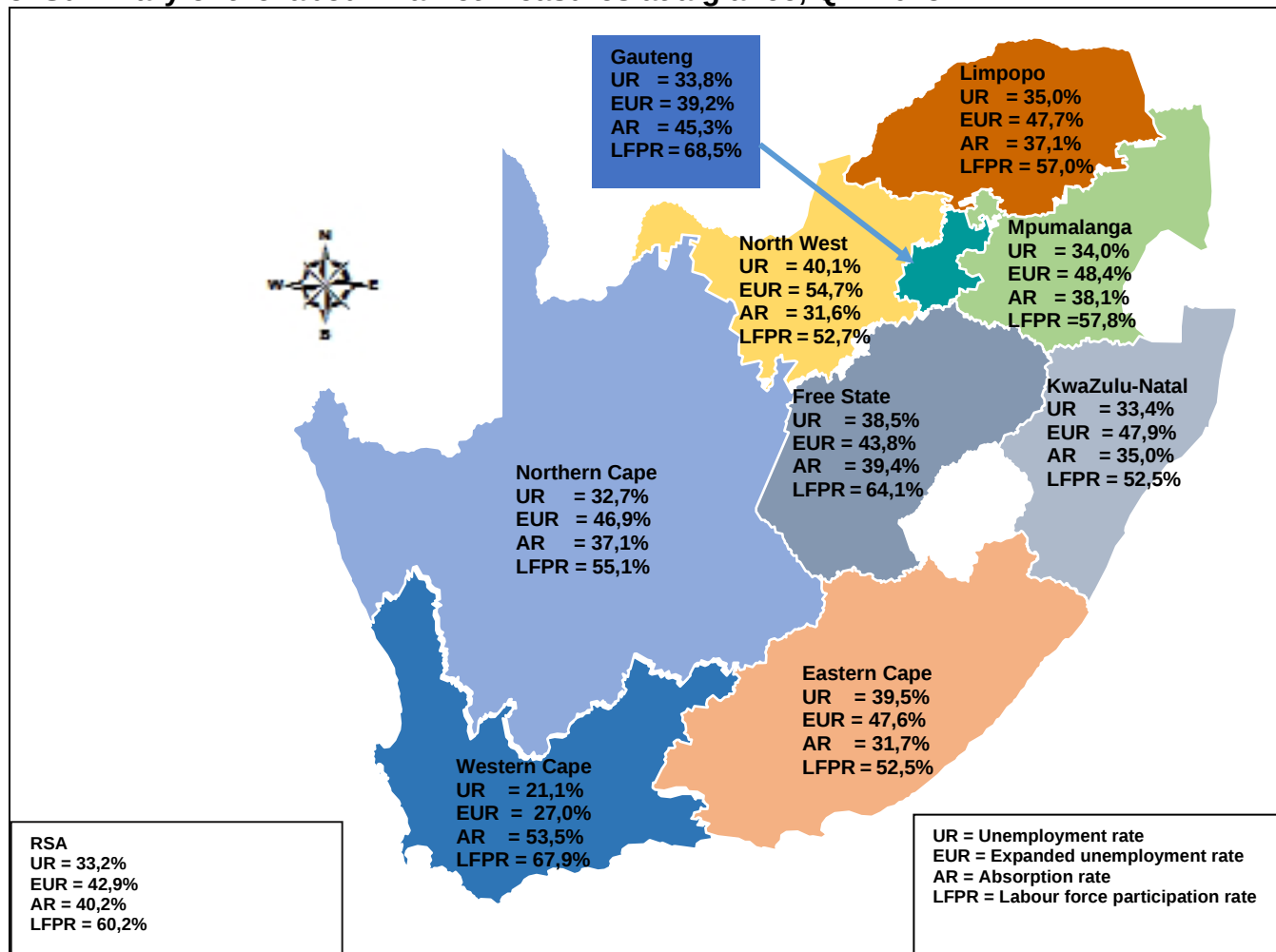
Figure 9b: NEET rate for youth aged 15–34 years by sex



There were about 10,3 million young people aged 15–24 years in Q2: 2025, of which 35,2% were not in employment, education or training. This is 0,1 of a percentage point lower than the NEET rate in Q2: 2024. In this age group, the NEET rate for females remained unchanged and for males it decreased by 0,1 of a percentage point. The NEET rate for females was higher than that of their male counterparts in both years (Figure 9a).

Compared with Q2: 2024, the percentage of young persons aged 15–34 years who were NEET decreased by 0,2 of a percentage point from 44,2% to 43,9% in Q2: 2025. The NEET rate for males decreased by 1,0 percentage point, while for females the rate increased by 0,5 of a percentage point. In both Q2: 2024 and Q2: 2025, more than four in every ten young people were not in employment, education or training (Figure 9b).

5. Summary of the labour market measures at a glance, Q2: 2025



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6. Other labour market trends

6.1 Year-on-year changes

Figure 10: Year-on-year changes in total employment, Q2: 2017 to Q2: 2025

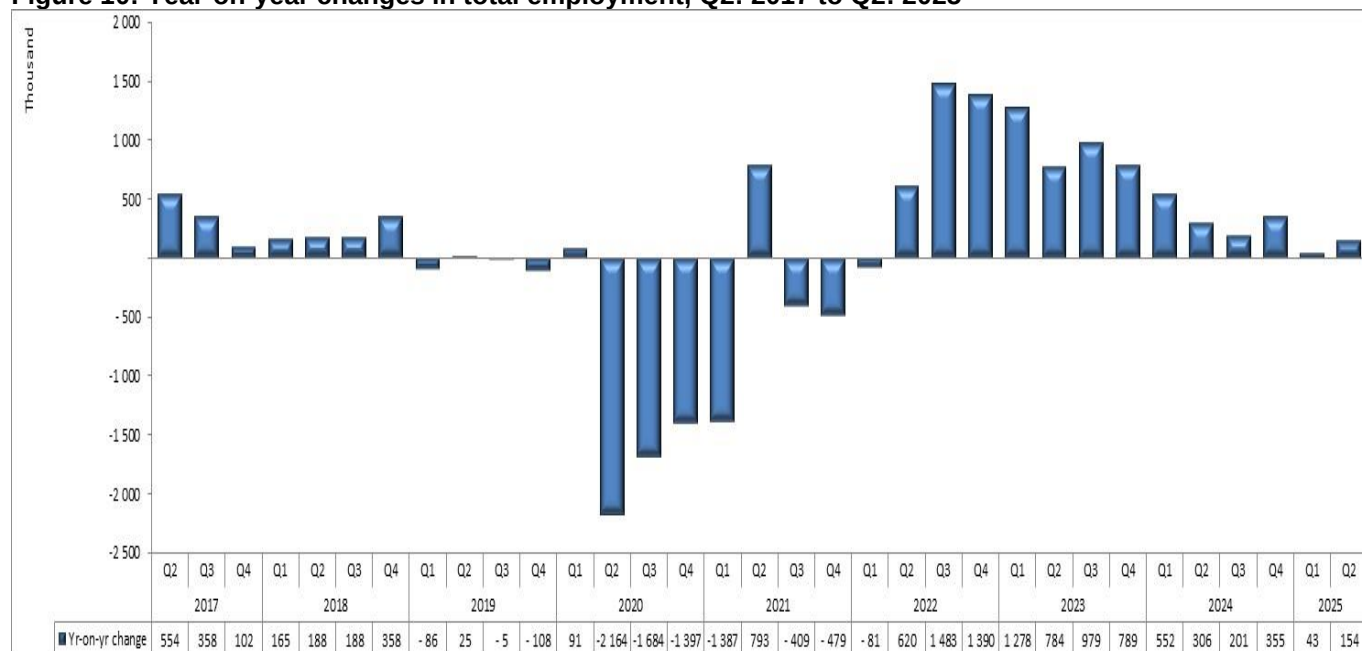


Figure 11: Year-on-year changes in formal sector employment, Q2: 2017 to Q2: 2025

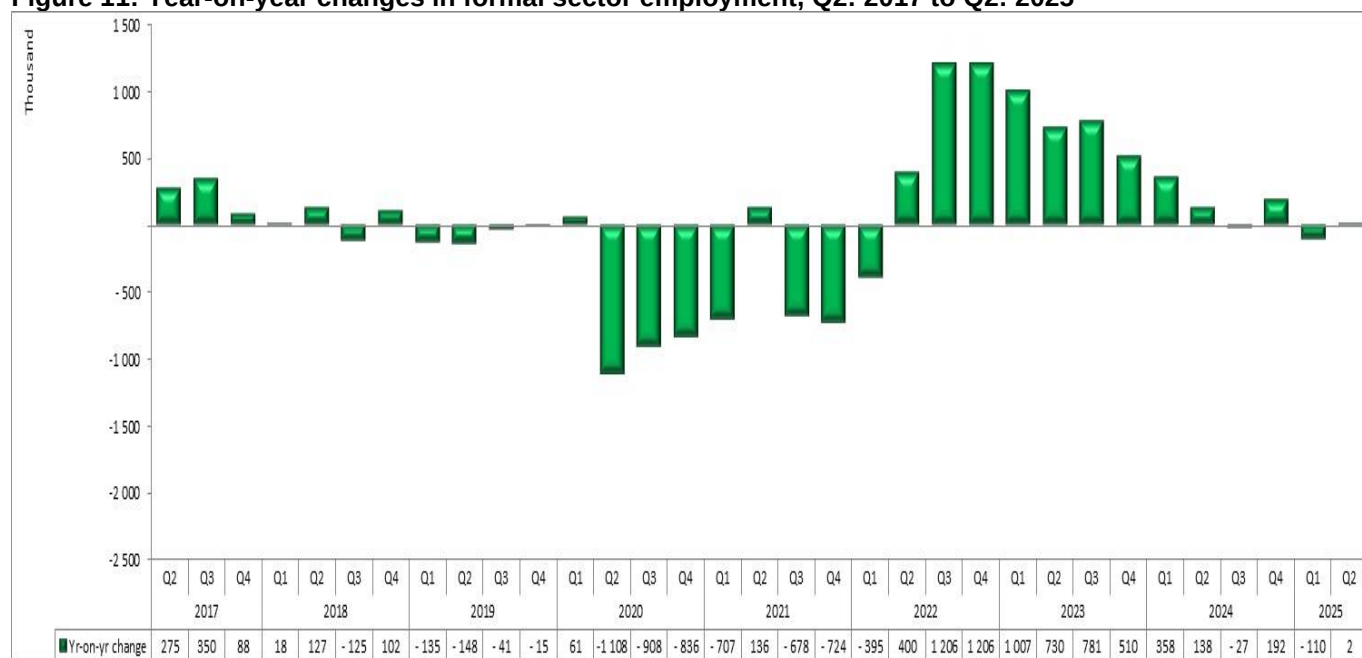
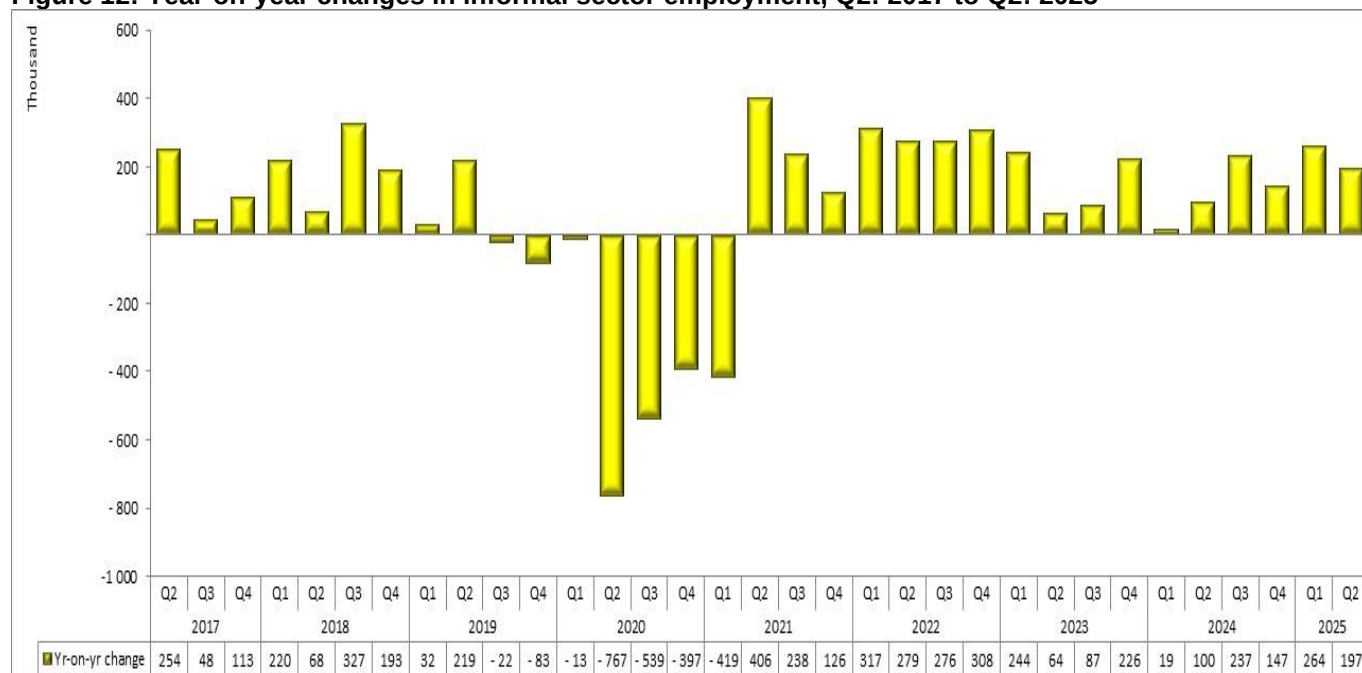


Figure 12: Year-on-year changes in informal sector employment, Q2: 2017 to Q2: 2025

6.2 Trends in the unemployment rate

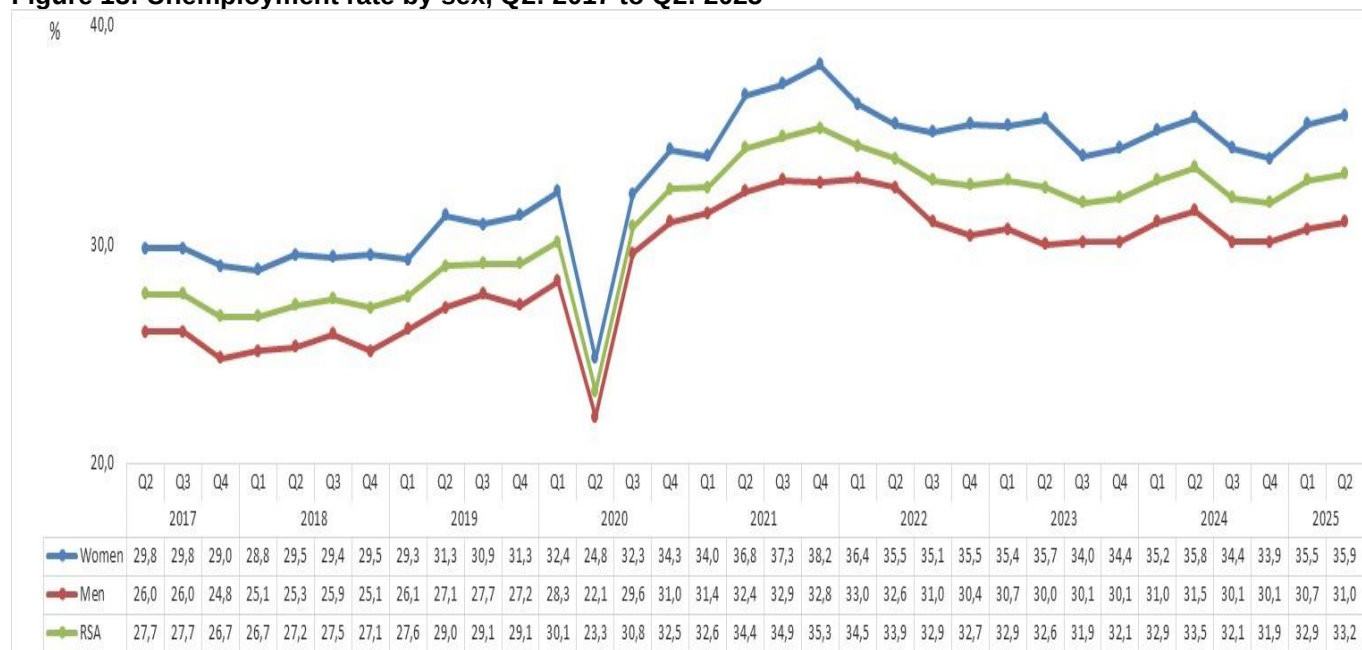
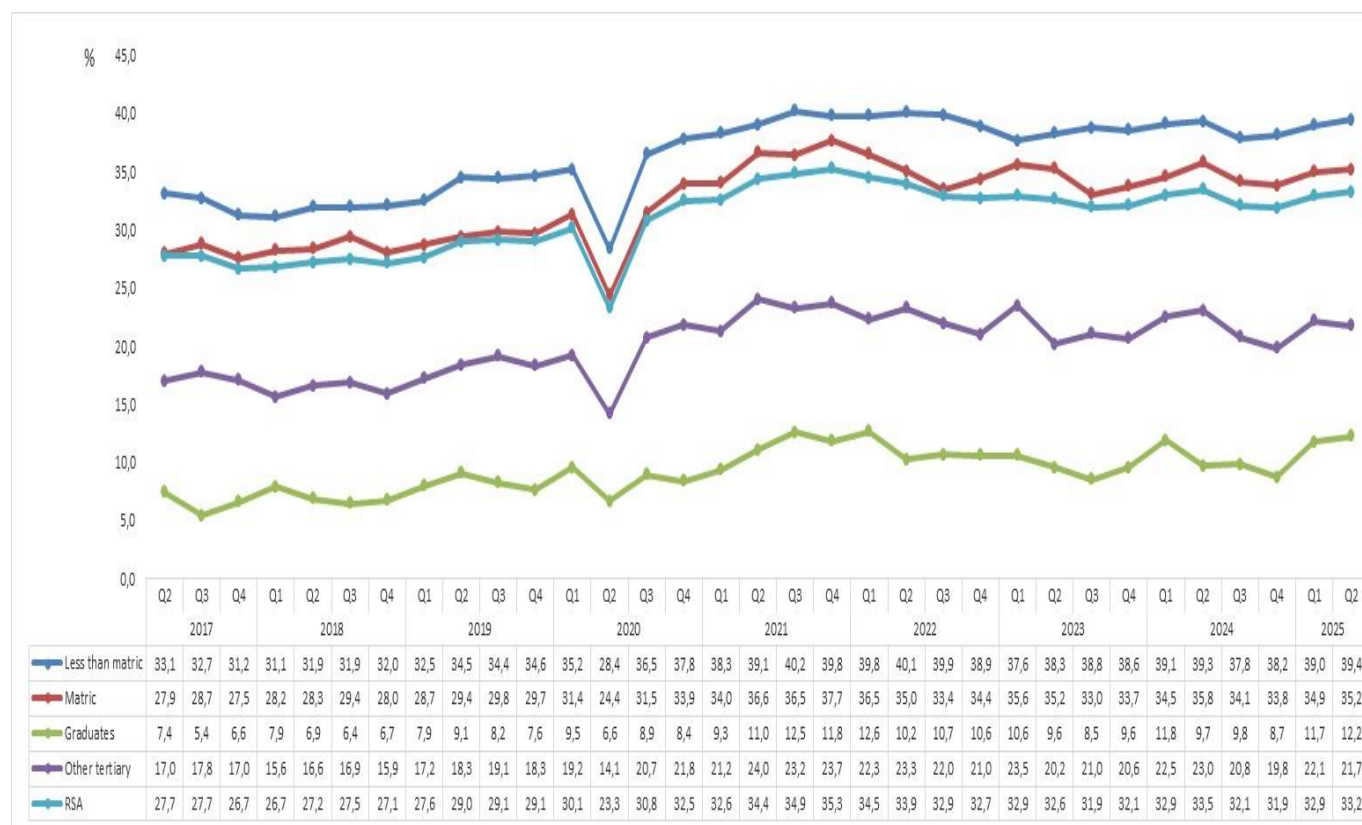
Figure 13: Unemployment rate by sex, Q2: 2017 to Q2: 2025

Figure 14: Unemployment rate by education status, Q2: 2017 to Q2: 2025

7. The Quarterly Labour Force Survey (QLFS) and the Quarterly Employment Survey (QES)

Stats SA conducts two official sources of employment statistics surveys: QES (which is establishment-based) and QLFS (which is household-based). Each survey has its strengths and limitations. For example, QES cannot provide information on the following:

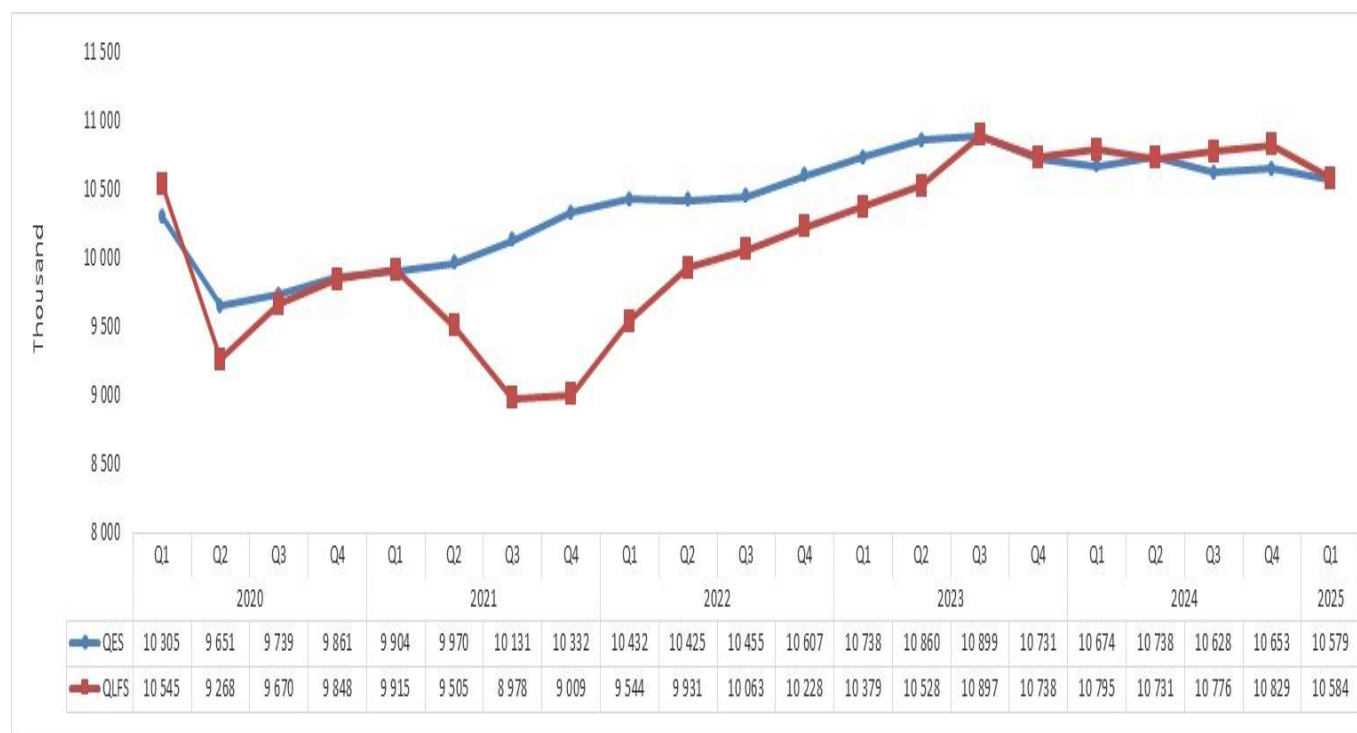
- description of the employed, e.g. their demographic profile, education level, hours of work, etc.; and
- unemployment and descriptors of the unemployed.

QLFS is a survey of households that collects information from approximately 30 000 dwelling units and collects data on the labour market activities of individuals, whereas QES is an enterprise-based survey that collects information from non-agricultural businesses and organisations from approximately 20 000 units. Numerous conceptual and methodological differences between the household- and enterprise-based surveys result in important distinctions in employment estimates derived from surveys. Among these are:

- The household-based survey includes agricultural workers, self-employed workers whose businesses are unincorporated, unpaid family workers, and private household workers among the employed; these groups are excluded from the enterprise-based QES survey.
- The household-based survey is limited to workers 15 years of age and older, whereas the enterprise-based survey is not limited by age.
- The household-based survey has no duplication of individuals because individuals are counted only once, even if they hold more than one job. In the enterprise-based survey, employees working at more than one job and thus appearing on more than one payroll are counted separately for each appearance.
- QLFS includes income tax, VAT and a number of employees in determining the formal sector, while QES surveys enterprises with only VAT with annual turnover greater than R300 000.
- QLFS allows for proxy responses (a household member responding on behalf of the other). This can introduce misclassification of items, e.g. formal/informal classification.

Table F: Key differences between the QLFS and the QES

	QLFS	QES
Coverage	Private households and workers' hostels Non-institutional population (15 years and older) Total employment (including Informal sector, Private households, Agriculture and small businesses)	Payroll of VAT-registered businesses Employees only Formal sector, excluding Agriculture
Sample size	Quarterly sample of approximately 30 000 dwellings in which households reside	Quarterly sample of 20 000 non-agricultural formal-sector businesses
Reference period	One week prior to the interview	Payroll on the last day of the quarter
Standard Industrial Classification (SIC)	All industries	Excluding Agriculture and Private households
Formal sector definition (excluding Agriculture and Private households)	Employers and own-account workers registered for VAT or income tax Employees paying income tax and those not paying tax but working in firms with five or more workers	Employees on a payroll of VAT-registered businesses

Figure 15: Formal sector (non-agricultural) employment trends in QLFS and QES, Q1: 2020 to Q1: 2025 (employees only)

8. Technical notes

8.1 Response details

Table G: Response rates by province and metropolitan area

Province / metropolitan area	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025
National	88,3	87,5
Western Cape	85,2	83,4
Non-metro	89,1	87,1
City of Cape Town	83,3	81,5
Eastern Cape	96,4	95,0
Non-metro	97,2	96,4
Buffalo City	95,2	95,7
Nelson Mandela Bay	94,7	89,7
Northern Cape	82,2	82,6
Free State	93,4	93,3
Non-metro	94,7	94,8
Mangaung	90,2	89,7
KwaZulu-Natal	92,1	90,7
Non-metro	93,6	93,6
eThekweni	89,6	86,3
North West	91,8	92,3
Gauteng	77,4	76,7
Non-metro	85,7	85,3
Ekurhuleni	77,8	77,8
City of Johannesburg	71,8	70,5
City of Tshwane	81,6	80,9
Mpumalanga	94,9	94,0
Limpopo	97,9	97,8

8.2 Survey requirements and design

QLFS uses the Master Sample frame that has been developed as a general-purpose household survey frame that can be used by all other Stats SA household-based surveys having design requirements that are reasonably compatible with the QLFS. The 2013 Master Sample is based on information collected during the 2011 Census conducted by Stats SA. In preparation for Census 2011, the country was divided into 103 576 enumeration areas (EAs). Census EAs, together with auxiliary information for the EAs, were used as frame units or building blocks for formation of primary sampling units (PSUs) for the Master Sample. They covered the entire country and had other information that is crucial for stratification and creation of PSUs. There are 3 324 primary sampling units (PSUs) in the Master Sample, with an expected sample of approximately 33 000 dwelling units (DUs). The number of PSUs in the current Master Sample (3 324) reflects an 8,0% increase in the size of the Master Sample compared with the previous Master Sample in 2008 (which had 3 080 PSUs). The larger Master Sample of PSUs was selected to improve precision (smaller coefficients of variation, known as CVs) of the QLFS estimates.

The Master Sample is designed to be representative at provincial level and at metro/non-metro levels. Within metros, the sample is further distributed by geographical type. The three geography types used are Urban, Tribal and Farms. This implies, for example, that within a metropolitan area the sample is representative of different geography types that may exist within that metro.

It is divided equally into four subgroups or panels called rotation groups. Rotation groups are designed in such a way that each of these groups has the same distribution pattern as that which is observed in the whole sample. They are numbered from one (1) to four (4), and these numbers also correspond to the quarters of the year in which the sample will be rotated for the particular group.

A sample for the QLFS is based on a stratified two-stage design with probability proportional to size (PPS) sampling of PSUs in the first stage, and sampling of dwelling units (DUs) with systematic sampling in the second stage.

8.3 Sample rotation

For each quarter of the QLFS, a quarter of the sampled dwellings are rotated out of the sample. These dwellings are replaced by new dwellings from the same PSU or the next PSU on the list. Thus, sampled dwellings are expected to remain in the sample for four consecutive quarters. It should be noted that the sampling unit is the dwelling, and the unit of observation is the household. Therefore, if a household moves out of a dwelling after being in the sample for two quarters (for example) and a new household moves in, the new household will be enumerated for the next two quarters. If no household moves into the sampled dwelling, the dwelling will be classified as vacant (or unoccupied).

8.4 Weighting

Sample weights were constructed in order to account for: the original selection probabilities (design weights); adjustments for PSUs that were sub-sampled or segmented; excluded population from the sampling frame (EAs with insufficient DUs); non-response; weight trimming; benchmarking to known population estimates from the Demographic Analysis Chief Directorate within Stats SA.

8.4.1 Non-response adjustment

In general, imputation is used for item non-response (i.e. blanks within the questionnaire) and edit failures (i.e. invalid or inconsistent responses). Eligible households in sampled dwellings can be divided into two response categories: respondents and non-respondents. Weight adjustment is applied to account for the non-respondent households (e.g. refusal, no contact, etc.). Adjustment for total non-response was computed at two levels of non-response: PSU non-response and household non-response.

8.4.2 Calibrated survey weights

Calibrated sample weights are constructed such that all individuals within a household are assigned the same adjusted base weight. Adjusted base weights are calibrated such that the aggregate totals will match with independently derived population estimates (from the Stats SA Demographic Analysis Chief Directorate) for various age, race and gender groups at national level and individual metropolitan and non-metropolitan area levels within provinces. Calibrated weights are constructed using the constraint that each person within the same household, should have the same calibrated weight, with a lower bound on the calibrated weights set at 50.

8.5 Estimation

Final survey weights are used to obtain the estimates for various domains of interest, e.g. number of persons employed in Agriculture in Western Cape, the number of females employed in Manufacturing, etc.

8.6 Reliability of the survey estimates

Since estimates are based on sample data, they differ from figures that would have been obtained from complete enumeration of the population using the same instrument. Results are subject to both sampling and non-sampling errors. Non-sampling errors include biases from inaccurate reporting, processing, and tabulation, etc., as well as errors from non-responses and incomplete reporting. These types of errors cannot be measured readily. However, to some extent, non-sampling errors can be minimised through the procedures used for data collection, editing, quality control, and non-response adjustment. The variances of the survey estimates are used to measure sampling errors.

(i) Variance estimation

Most commonly used methods for estimating variances of survey estimates from complex surveys such as the QLFS are the Taylor-series Linearization, Jack-knife Replication, Balanced Repeated Replication (BRR), and Bootstrap methods (Wolter, 2007).¹ The Fay's BRR method has been used for variance estimation in the QLFS because of its simplicity.

(ii) Coefficient of variation

It is more useful in many situations to assess the size of standard error relative to magnitude of the characteristic being measured (the standard error is defined as the square root of the variance). The **coefficient of variation** (CV) provides such a measure. It is the **ratio of the standard error of the survey estimate to the value of the estimate itself expressed as a percentage**. It is very useful in comparing the precision of several different survey estimates, where their sizes or scales differ from one another.

(iii) P-value of an estimate of change

The p-value corresponding to an estimate of change is the probability of observing a value larger than the particular observed value under the hypothesis that there is no real change. If the p-value $< 0,01$, the difference is highly significant; if p-value is between 0,01 and 0,05, the difference is significant; and if p-value $> 0,05$, the difference is not significant.

9. Definitions

Discouraged work-seeker is a person who was not employed during the reference period, wanted to work, was available to work/start a business but did not take active steps to find work during the last four weeks, provided that the main reason given for not seeking work was any of the following: no jobs available in the area; unable to find work requiring his/her skills; lost hope of finding any kind of work.

Economic activities are those activities that contribute to the production of goods and services in the country. There are two types of economic activities, namely: (1) Market production activities (work done for others and usually associated with pay or profit); and (2) Non-market production activities (work done for the benefit of the household, e.g. subsistence farming).

Employed persons are those aged 15–64 years who, during the reference week, did any work for at least one hour, or had a job or business but were not at work (i.e. were temporarily absent).

Employment-to-population ratio (labour absorption rate) is the proportion of the working-age population that is employed.

¹Wolter, K.M. 2007. *Introduction to Variance Estimation*, 2nd Edition. New York: Springer-Verlag.

Informal employment identifies persons who are in precarious employment situations, irrespective of whether or not the entity for which they work is in the formal or informal sector. Persons in informal employment, therefore, comprise all persons in the informal sector, employees in the formal sector, and persons working in private households who are not entitled to or receive basic benefits such as pension or medical aid contributions from their employer, and who do not have a written contract of employment.

Informal sector: The informal sector has the following two components:

- i) employees working in establishments that employ fewer than five employees, who do not deduct income tax from their salaries/wages; and
- ii) employers, own-account workers and persons helping unpaid in their household business who are not registered for either income tax or value-added tax.

The **labour force** comprises all persons who are employed, plus all persons who are unemployed.

Labour force participation rate is the proportion of the working-age population that is either employed or unemployed.

Long-term unemployment: Persons in long-term unemployment are those individuals among the unemployed who were without work and trying to find a job or start a business for one year or more.

Not economically active: Persons aged 15–64 years who are neither employed nor unemployed in the reference week.

Persons in **underemployment (time-related)** are employed persons who were willing and available to work additional hours, whose total number of hours actually worked during the reference period were below 35 hours per week.

Under-utilised labour comprises three groups that are defined as follows: persons who are underemployed, persons who are unemployed, and persons who are discouraged.

Unemployed persons according to the **Official definition** are those (aged 15–64 years) who:

- a) were not employed in the reference week; **and**
- b) actively looked for work or tried to start a business in the four weeks preceding the survey interview; **and**
- c) were available for work, i.e. would have been able to start work or a business in the reference week; **or**
- d) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but had a job or business to start at a definite date in the future and were available.

Unemployed persons according to the **Expanded definition** are those (aged 15–64 years) who:

- a) fall under official unemployment (searched and available); **and**
- b) were available to work but are/or:
 - discouraged work-seekers
 - have other reasons for not searching

Unemployment rate is the proportion of the labour force that is unemployed.

The **working-age population** comprises all persons aged 15–64 years.

Appendix 1

Table 1: Population of working age (15–64 years)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Both sexes	41 296	41 431	41 561	41 691	41 822	131	526	0,3	1,3
Women	20 795	20 859	20 920	20 982	21 043	62	248	0,3	1,2
Men	20 501	20 572	20 640	20 709	20 778	69	278	0,3	1,4
Population groups	41 296	41 431	41 561	41 691	41 822	131	526	0,3	1,3
Black African	33 867	34 004	34 137	34 270	34 403	133	536	0,4	1,6
Coloured	3 606	3 611	3 616	3 620	3 624	4	18	0,1	0,5
Indian/Asian	1 053	1 055	1 058	1 060	1 062	2	8	0,2	0,8
White	2 769	2 760	2 750	2 741	2 733	-9	-36	-0,3	-1,3
South Africa	41 296	41 431	41 561	41 691	41 822	131	526	0,3	1,3
Western Cape	5 054	5 073	5 090	5 108	5 126	18	72	0,3	1,4
Eastern Cape	4 553	4 566	4 579	4 592	4 605	13	52	0,3	1,1
Northern Cape	840	841	843	844	846	2	6	0,2	0,8
Free State	1 939	1 940	1 941	1 942	1 943	1	4	0,0	0,2
KwaZulu-Natal	7 633	7 658	7 683	7 707	7 732	25	100	0,3	1,3
North West	2 799	2 808	2 817	2 826	2 834	9	36	0,3	1,3
Gauteng	11 275	11 317	11 358	11 399	11 440	41	165	0,4	1,5
Mpumalanga	3 168	3 178	3 189	3 199	3 209	10	41	0,3	1,3
Limpopo	4 036	4 049	4 061	4 074	4 086	13	50	0,3	1,2

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Table 2: Labour force characteristics by sex – All population groups									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Both sexes									
Population 15–64 yrs	41 296	41 431	41 561	41 691	41 822	131	526	0,3	1,3
Labour force	25 036	24 957	25 069	25 015	25 174	159	138	0,6	0,6
Employed	16 652	16 946	17 078	16 787	16 807	19	154	0,1	0,9
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	11 467	11 589	11 679	11 434	11 468	34	2	0,3	0,0
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	3 129	3 295	3 328	3 345	3 326	-19	197	-0,6	6,3
Agriculture	896	935	924	930	906	-24	10	-2,6	1,1
Private households	1 160	1 128	1 146	1 078	1 106	28	-54	2,6	-4,7
Unemployed	8 384	8 011	7 991	8 228	8 367	140	-16	1,7	-0,2
Not economically active	16 260	16 474	16 492	16 676	16 648	-28	388	-0,2	2,4
Discouraged work-seekers	3 195	3 355	3 466	3 473	3 445	-28	250	-0,8	7,8
Other (not economically active)	13 065	13 119	13 026	13 203	13 203	0	138	0,0	1,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	33,5	32,1	31,9	32,9	33,2	0,3	-0,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	40,3	40,9	41,1	40,3	40,2	-0,1	-0,1		
Labour force participation rate	60,6	60,2	60,3	60,0	60,2	0,2	-0,4		
Women									
Population 15–64 yrs	20 795	20 859	20 920	20 982	21 043	62	248	0,3	1,2
Labour force	11 595	11 505	11 557	11 491	11 549	58	-46	0,5	-0,4
Employed	7 448	7 545	7 636	7 412	7 400	-13	-48	-0,2	-0,6
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	5 163	5 216	5 273	5 118	5 143	25	-19	0,5	-0,4
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	1 140	1 191	1 211	1 185	1 159	-26	19	-2,2	1,7
Agriculture	274	284	296	279	257	-22	-17	-7,9	-6,1
Private households	871	854	856	830	840	10	-31	1,2	-3,6
Unemployed	4 147	3 960	3 922	4 078	4 149	71	2	1,7	0,0
Not economically active	9 200	9 354	9 363	9 491	9 494	3	295	0,0	3,2
Discouraged work-seekers	1 713	1 829	1 869	1 895	1 912	17	199	0,9	11,6
Other (not economically active)	7 487	7 526	7 494	7 596	7 582	-14	95	-0,2	1,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	35,8	34,4	33,9	35,5	35,9	0,4	0,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	35,8	36,2	36,5	35,3	35,2	-0,1	-0,6		
Labour force participation rate	55,8	55,2	55,2	54,8	54,9	0,1	-0,9		

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2: Labour force characteristics by sex – All population groups (concluded)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Men									
Population 15–64 yrs	20 501	20 572	20 640	20 709	20 778	69	278	0,3	1,4
Labour force	13 441	13 452	13 512	13 524	13 625	101	184	0,7	1,4
Employed	9 204	9 402	9 442	9 375	9 407	32	202	0,3	2,2
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	6 304	6 373	6 406	6 316	6 325	9	21	0,2	0,3
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	1 989	2 104	2 118	2 160	2 167	7	178	0,3	8,9
Agriculture	622	651	628	651	648	-2	27	-0,4	4,3
Private households	289	274	291	248	266	18	-23	7,2	-7,9
Unemployed	4 237	4 050	4 069	4 150	4 218	69	-18	1,7	-0,4
Not economically active	7 060	7 119	7 129	7 185	7 153	-31	94	-0,4	1,3
Discouraged work-seekers	1 482	1 526	1 597	1 578	1 532	-45	50	-2,9	3,4
Other (not economically active)	5 578	5 593	5 532	5 607	5 621	14	43	0,2	0,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	31,5	30,1	30,1	30,7	31,0	0,3	-0,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	44,9	45,7	45,7	45,3	45,3	0,0	0,4		
Labour force participation rate	65,6	65,4	65,5	65,3	65,6	0,3	0,0		

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.1: Labour force characteristics by population group									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
South Africa									
Population 15–64 yrs	41 296	41 431	41 561	41 691	41 822	131	526	0,3	1,3
Labour force	25 036	24 957	25 069	25 015	25 174	159	138	0,6	0,6
Employed	16 652	16 946	17 078	16 787	16 807	19	154	0,1	0,9
Unemployed	8 384	8 011	7 991	8 228	8 367	140	-16	1,7	-0,2
Not economically active	16 260	16 474	16 492	16 676	16 648	-28	388	-0,2	2,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	33,5	32,1	31,9	32,9	33,2	0,3	-0,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	40,3	40,9	41,1	40,3	40,2	-0,1	-0,1		
Labour force participation rate	60,6	60,2	60,3	60,0	60,2	0,2	-0,4		
Black African									
Population 15–64 yrs	33 867	34 004	34 137	34 270	34 403	133	536	0,4	1,6
Labour force	20 300	20 225	20 323	20 196	20 434	238	134	1,2	0,7
Employed	12 668	12 934	13 048	12 727	12 848	121	180	1,0	1,4
Unemployed	7 632	7 291	7 275	7 469	7 586	117	-46	1,6	-0,6
Not economically active	13 567	13 780	13 814	14 074	13 969	-105	401	-0,7	3,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	37,6	36,1	35,8	37,0	37,1	0,1	-0,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	37,4	38,0	38,2	37,1	37,3	0,2	-0,1		
Labour force participation rate	59,9	59,5	59,5	58,9	59,4	0,5	-0,5		
Coloured									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 606	3 611	3 616	3 620	3 624	4	18	0,1	0,5
Labour force	2 197	2 188	2 237	2 263	2 215	-48	18	-2,1	0,8
Employed	1 685	1 726	1 737	1 730	1 683	-47	-1	-2,7	-0,1
Unemployed	513	462	500	533	532	-1	19	-0,2	3,7
Not economically active	1 409	1 423	1 379	1 357	1 409	52	0	3,9	0,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	23,3	21,1	22,3	23,6	24,0	0,4	0,7		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	46,7	47,8	48,0	47,8	46,4	-1,4	-0,3		
Labour force participation rate	60,9	60,6	61,9	62,5	61,1	-1,4	0,2		

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.1: Labour force characteristics by population group (concluded)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Indian/Asian									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 053	1 055	1 058	1 060	1 062	2	8	0,2	0,8
Labour force	641	669	661	649	621	-28	-20	-4,3	-3,1
Employed	552	564	569	562	527	-35	-25	-6,2	-4,5
Unemployed	89	104	92	86	94	7	5	8,3	5,4
Not economically active	413	387	396	411	441	30	28	7,3	6,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	13,9	15,6	14,0	13,3	15,1	1,8	1,2		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	52,4	53,5	53,8	53,1	49,7	-3,4	-2,7		
Labour force participation rate	60,8	63,3	62,5	61,2	58,5	-2,7	-2,3		
White									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 769	2 760	2 750	2 741	2 733	-9	-36	-0,3	-1,3
Labour force	1 898	1 875	1 848	1 907	1 904	-3	6	-0,2	0,3
Employed	1 748	1 723	1 724	1 768	1 748	-20	0	-1,1	0,0
Unemployed	150	153	124	139	156	17	5	12,3	3,6
Not economically active	871	884	902	834	829	-6	-42	-0,7	-4,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	7,9	8,2	6,7	7,3	8,2	0,9	0,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	63,1	62,4	62,7	64,5	64,0	-0,5	0,9		
Labour force participation rate	68,6	68,0	67,2	69,6	69,7	0,1	1,1		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.2: Labour force characteristics by age group									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
15–64 years									
Population 15–64 yrs	41 296	41 431	41 561	41 691	41 822	131	526	0,3	1,3
Labour force	25 036	24 957	25 069	25 015	25 174	159	138	0,6	0,6
Employed	16 652	16 946	17 078	16 787	16 807	19	154	0,1	0,9
Unemployed	8 384	8 011	7 991	8 228	8 367	140	-16	1,7	-0,2
Not economically active	16 260	16 474	16 492	16 676	16 648	-28	388	-0,2	2,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	33,5	32,1	31,9	32,9	33,2	0,3	-0,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	40,3	40,9	41,1	40,3	40,2	-0,1	-0,1		
Labour force participation rate	60,6	60,2	60,3	60,0	60,2	0,2	-0,4		
15–24 years									
Population 15–24 yrs	10 262	10 273	10 286	10 299	10 312	13	50	0,1	0,5
Labour force	2 780	2 729	2 731	2 710	2 758	48	-22	1,8	-0,8
Employed	1 089	1 086	1 102	1 018	1 043	25	-46	2,5	-4,2
Unemployed	1 691	1 643	1 629	1 692	1 715	23	24	1,4	1,4
Not economically active	7 483	7 544	7 555	7 589	7 554	-35	72	-0,5	1,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	60,8	60,2	59,6	62,4	62,2	-0,2	1,4		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	10,6	10,6	10,7	9,9	10,1	0,2	-0,5		
Labour force participation rate	27,1	26,6	26,6	26,3	26,7	0,4	-0,4		
25–34 years									
Population 25–34 yrs	10 600	10 609	10 613	10 617	10 621	4	21	0,0	0,2
Labour force	7 935	7 881	7 783	7 802	7 823	22	-112	0,3	-1,4
Employed	4 630	4 699	4 719	4 651	4 656	6	27	0,1	0,6
Unemployed	3 306	3 182	3 064	3 151	3 167	16	-139	0,5	-4,2
Not economically active	2 665	2 728	2 830	2 815	2 798	-17	133	-0,6	5,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	41,7	40,4	39,4	40,4	40,5	0,1	-1,2		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,7	44,3	44,5	43,8	43,8	0,0	0,1		
Labour force participation rate	74,9	74,3	73,3	73,5	73,7	0,2	-1,2		

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Table 2.2: Labour force characteristics by age group (concluded)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
35–44 years									
Population 35–44 yrs	9 138	9 180	9 218	9 257	9 295	39	157	0,4	1,7
Labour force	7 251	7 263	7 328	7 269	7 326	57	76	0,8	1,0
Employed	5 169	5 303	5 334	5 247	5 222	-25	54	-0,5	1,0
Unemployed	2 082	1 960	1 994	2 022	2 104	82	22	4,1	1,0
Not economically active	1 888	1 916	1 890	1 987	1 969	-19	81	-0,9	4,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	28,7	27,0	27,2	27,8	28,7	0,9	0,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	56,6	57,8	57,9	56,7	56,2	-0,5	-0,4		
Labour force participation rate	79,3	79,1	79,5	78,5	78,8	0,3	-0,5		
45–54 years									
Population 45–54 yrs	6 884	6 931	6 975	7 020	7 065	45	181	0,6	2,6
Labour force	5 127	5 122	5 224	5 217	5 241	24	114	0,5	2,2
Employed	4 065	4 105	4 148	4 099	4 119	19	54	0,5	1,3
Unemployed	1 063	1 018	1 075	1 118	1 123	5	60	0,4	5,6
Not economically active	1 757	1 808	1 752	1 803	1 824	21	67	1,2	3,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	20,7	19,9	20,6	21,4	21,4	0,0	0,7		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	59,0	59,2	59,5	58,4	58,3	-0,1	-0,7		
Labour force participation rate	74,5	73,9	74,9	74,3	74,2	-0,1	-0,3		
55–64 years									
Population 55–64 yrs	4 411	4 439	4 468	4 498	4 528	30	117	0,7	2,7
Labour force	1 943	1 961	2 003	2 017	2 025	8	82	0,4	4,2
Employed	1 701	1 754	1 775	1 772	1 766	-6	66	-0,3	3,9
Unemployed	242	207	228	245	259	14	16	5,7	6,8
Not economically active	2 468	2 478	2 465	2 481	2 503	22	35	0,9	1,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	12,5	10,5	11,4	12,1	12,8	0,7	0,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	38,6	39,5	39,7	39,4	39,0	-0,4	0,4		
Labour force participation rate	44,1	44,2	44,8	44,8	44,7	-0,1	0,6		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
South Africa									
Population 15–64 yrs	41 296	41 431	41 561	41 691	41 822	131	526	0,3	1,3
Labour force	25 036	24 957	25 069	25 015	25 174	159	138	0,6	0,6
Employed	16 652	16 946	17 078	16 787	16 807	19	154	0,1	0,9
Unemployed	8 384	8 011	7 991	8 228	8 367	140	-16	1,7	-0,2
Not economically active	16 260	16 474	16 492	16 676	16 648	-28	388	-0,2	2,4
Discouraged work-seekers	3 195	3 355	3 466	3 473	3 445	-28	250	-0,8	7,8
Other (not economically active)	13 065	13 119	13 026	13 203	13 203	0	138	0,0	1,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	33,5	32,1	31,9	32,9	33,2	0,3	-0,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	40,3	40,9	41,1	40,3	40,2	-0,1	-0,1		
Labour force participation rate	60,6	60,2	60,3	60,0	60,2	0,2	-0,4		
Western Cape									
Population 15–64 yrs	5 054	5 073	5 090	5 108	5 126	18	72	0,3	1,4
Labour force	3 439	3 419	3 498	3 558	3 479	-78	40	-2,2	1,2
Employed	2 675	2 749	2 812	2 861	2 744	-117	69	-4,1	2,6
Unemployed	765	670	686	697	735	38	-30	5,5	-3,9
Not economically active	1 615	1 654	1 593	1 550	1 647	96	32	6,2	2,0
Discouraged work-seekers	146	169	111	128	170	42	24	32,8	16,4
Other (not economically active)	1 469	1 485	1 482	1 423	1 477	54	8	3,8	0,6
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	22,2	19,6	19,6	19,6	21,1	1,5	-1,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	52,9	54,2	55,2	56,0	53,5	-2,5	0,6		
Labour force participation rate	68,1	67,4	68,7	69,6	67,9	-1,7	-0,2		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Western Cape – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 834	1 841	1 847	1 854	1 860	6	26	0,3	1,4
Labour force	1 154	1 159	1 202	1 219	1 150	-69	-4	-5,7	-0,3
Employed	925	993	1 030	1 034	958	-76	33	-7,3	3,6
Unemployed	229	166	172	186	192	6	-37	3,4	-16,2
Not economically active	680	682	646	634	710	76	30	12,0	4,4
Discouraged work-seekers	113	121	71	92	146	54	33	58,4	29,6
Other (not economically active)	568	561	575	542	564	22	-4	4,1	-0,6
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	19,9	14,3	14,3	15,2	16,7	1,5	-3,2		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	50,4	53,9	55,7	55,8	51,5	-4,3	1,1		
Labour force participation rate	62,9	62,9	65,1	65,8	61,8	-4,0	-1,1		
Western Cape – City of Cape Town									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 220	3 232	3 243	3 255	3 266	11	46	0,4	1,4
Labour force	2 285	2 260	2 296	2 338	2 329	-9	44	-0,4	1,9
Employed	1 750	1 756	1 782	1 827	1 786	-41	36	-2,3	2,1
Unemployed	536	504	514	511	543	32	8	6,3	1,4
Not economically active	934	972	947	916	937	21	2	2,2	0,3
Discouraged work-seekers	33	48	40	36	24	-12	-9	-33,4	-28,3
Other (not economically active)	901	924	907	881	913	32	12	3,7	1,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	23,4	22,3	22,4	21,9	23,3	1,4	-0,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	54,3	54,3	54,9	56,1	54,7	-1,4	0,4		
Labour force participation rate	71,0	69,9	70,8	71,8	71,3	-0,5	0,3		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Eastern Cape									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 553	4 566	4 579	4 592	4 605	13	52	0,3	1,1
Labour force	2 319	2 312	2 297	2 261	2 418	157	99	6,9	4,3
Employed	1 369	1 452	1 455	1 373	1 462	89	93	6,5	6,8
Unemployed	951	861	841	889	956	67	6	7,6	0,6
Not economically active	2 234	2 254	2 283	2 331	2 187	-144	-46	-6,2	-2,1
Discouraged work-seekers	300	334	355	293	256	-37	-44	-12,7	-14,6
Other (not economically active)	1 934	1 920	1 927	2 037	1 931	-106	-3	-5,2	-0,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	41,0	37,2	36,6	39,3	39,5	0,2	-1,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	30,1	31,8	31,8	29,9	31,7	1,8	1,6		
Labour force participation rate	50,9	50,6	50,2	49,2	52,5	3,3	1,6		
Eastern Cape – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 103	3 111	3 119	3 126	3 134	8	31	0,2	1,0
Labour force	1 434	1 412	1 372	1 373	1 453	79	18	5,8	1,3
Employed	768	793	774	743	760	17	-8	2,3	-1,0
Unemployed	666	619	598	630	693	62	26	9,9	4,0
Not economically active	1 669	1 699	1 747	1 753	1 681	-72	12	-4,1	0,7
Discouraged work-seekers	286	319	339	275	208	-66	-78	-24,1	-27,1
Other (not economically active)	1 383	1 379	1 408	1 478	1 473	-6	90	-0,4	6,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	46,5	43,9	43,6	45,9	47,7	1,8	1,2		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	24,8	25,5	24,8	23,8	24,3	0,5	-0,5		
Labour force participation rate	46,2	45,4	44,0	43,9	46,4	2,5	0,2		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Eastern Cape – Buffalo City									
Population 15–64 yrs	559	561	563	565	567	2	8	0,4	1,4
Labour force	378	375	412	402	394	-8	17	-1,9	4,4
Employed	250	262	281	252	282	30	31	11,8	12,5
Unemployed	127	113	132	150	113	-37	-15	-24,8	-11,5
Not economically active	182	186	151	163	173	10	-9	5,8	-4,7
Discouraged work-seekers	2	4	5	4	9	4	6	105,2	263,8
Other (not economically active)	179	183	146	159	164	5	-15	3,2	-8,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	33,7	30,1	31,9	37,3	28,6	-8,7	-5,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	44,7	46,7	49,8	44,5	49,6	5,1	4,9		
Labour force participation rate	67,5	66,8	73,2	71,1	69,5	-1,6	2,0		
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay									
Population 15–64 yrs	890	894	897	900	904	3	14	0,4	1,5
Labour force	507	525	512	486	571	85	64	17,4	12,5
Employed	350	396	401	378	420	42	70	11,2	19,9
Unemployed	157	129	112	108	151	42	-6	39,1	-3,9
Not economically active	383	369	385	414	333	-81	-50	-19,6	-13,1
Discouraged work-seekers	11	11	12	15	39	25	28	167,7	241,9
Other (not economically active)	372	358	373	400	294	-106	-78	-26,5	-20,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	30,9	24,5	21,8	22,3	26,4	4,1	-4,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	39,3	44,4	44,7	41,9	46,5	4,6	7,2		
Labour force participation rate	57,0	58,8	57,1	54,0	63,1	9,1	6,1		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Northern Cape									
Population 15–64 yrs	840	841	843	844	846	2	6	0,2	0,8
Labour force	461	484	488	486	466	-19	5	-4,0	1,1
Employed	314	337	355	343	314	-28	0	-8,3	0,1
Unemployed	147	147	134	143	152	9	5	6,3	3,3
Not economically active	378	357	354	359	380	21	1	5,9	0,3
Discouraged work-seekers	90	82	78	86	84	-2	-5	-2,0	-6,0
Other (not economically active)	289	275	277	273	295	23	7	8,3	2,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	32,0	30,4	27,4	29,5	32,7	3,2	0,7		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	37,4	40,1	42,1	40,6	37,1	-3,5	-0,3		
Labour force participation rate	54,9	57,6	57,9	57,5	55,1	-2,4	0,2		
Free State									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 939	1 940	1 941	1 942	1 943	1	4	0,0	0,2
Labour force	1 194	1 212	1 207	1 214	1 245	31	51	2,6	4,2
Employed	745	775	750	754	766	12	21	1,6	2,8
Unemployed	449	436	457	460	479	19	30	4,1	6,6
Not economically active	745	729	735	729	698	-30	-47	-4,2	-6,3
Discouraged work-seekers	129	118	109	127	87	-40	-43	-31,3	-32,9
Other (not economically active)	615	611	626	602	611	9	-4	1,5	-0,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	37,6	36,0	37,9	37,9	38,5	0,6	0,9		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	38,4	40,0	38,6	38,8	39,4	0,6	1,0		
Labour force participation rate	61,6	62,4	62,2	62,5	64,1	1,6	2,5		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Free State – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 382	1 383	1 383	1 384	1 385	1	3	0,0	0,2
Labour force	860	870	865	859	877	18	18	2,1	2,1
Employed	513	528	505	506	514	8	2	1,6	0,3
Unemployed	347	342	361	353	363	10	16	3,0	4,6
Not economically active	522	513	518	525	507	-18	-15	-3,4	-2,9
Discouraged work-seekers	87	82	78	95	58	-37	-29	-38,6	-33,4
Other (not economically active)	435	431	440	430	449	19	14	4,4	3,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	40,4	39,3	41,7	41,0	41,4	0,4	1,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	37,1	38,2	36,5	36,6	37,1	0,5	0,0		
Labour force participation rate	62,2	62,9	62,5	62,1	63,4	1,3	1,2		
Free State – Mangaung									
Population 15–64 yrs	557	558	558	558	558	0	1	0,0	0,2
Labour force	335	342	342	355	368	13	33	3,7	9,8
Employed	233	248	245	247	252	4	19	1,8	8,2
Unemployed	102	94	96	107	116	9	14	8,1	13,4
Not economically active	223	216	216	204	191	-13	-32	-6,3	-14,3
Discouraged work-seekers	42	36	30	32	29	-3	-13	-9,7	-31,8
Other (not economically active)	180	180	186	172	162	-10	-18	-5,7	-10,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	30,5	27,5	28,2	30,2	31,5	1,3	1,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	41,7	44,4	44,0	44,3	45,1	0,8	3,4		
Labour force participation rate	60,1	61,3	61,2	63,5	65,8	2,3	5,7		

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
KwaZulu-Natal									
Population 15–64 yrs	7 633	7 658	7 683	7 707	7 732	25	100	0,3	1,3
Labour force	4 124	4 128	4 051	4 116	4 058	-58	-66	-1,4	-1,6
Employed	2 842	2 840	2 892	2 788	2 702	-86	-140	-3,1	-4,9
Unemployed	1 281	1 287	1 159	1 328	1 356	28	74	2,1	5,8
Not economically active	3 509	3 530	3 632	3 591	3 674	83	165	2,3	4,7
Discouraged work-seekers	825	881	962	911	952	41	127	4,5	15,4
Other (not economically active)	2 684	2 649	2 669	2 680	2 722	42	38	1,6	1,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	31,1	31,2	28,6	32,3	33,4	1,1	2,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	37,2	37,1	37,6	36,2	35,0	-1,2	-2,2		
Labour force participation rate	54,0	53,9	52,7	53,4	52,5	-0,9	-1,5		
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 959	4 974	4 989	5 003	5 018	15	59	0,3	1,2
Labour force	2 499	2 465	2 444	2 462	2 420	-42	-79	-1,7	-3,1
Employed	1 590	1 519	1 559	1 487	1 503	16	-87	1,1	-5,5
Unemployed	908	945	885	975	917	-58	9	-5,9	1,0
Not economically active	2 460	2 509	2 545	2 541	2 598	56	138	2,2	5,6
Discouraged work-seekers	530	561	612	576	596	20	66	3,5	12,5
Other (not economically active)	1 930	1 949	1 932	1 965	2 001	36	72	1,8	3,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	36,4	38,4	36,2	39,6	37,9	-1,7	1,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	32,1	30,5	31,2	29,7	30,0	0,3	-2,1		
Labour force participation rate	50,4	49,5	49,0	49,2	48,2	-1,0	-2,2		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekweni									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 674	2 684	2 694	2 704	2 714	10	40	0,4	1,5
Labour force	1 625	1 663	1 607	1 654	1 638	-16	13	-1,0	0,8
Employed	1 252	1 321	1 333	1 301	1 199	-102	-53	-7,8	-4,2
Unemployed	373	342	274	353	439	85	66	24,1	17,6
Not economically active	1 049	1 021	1 087	1 050	1 076	26	27	2,5	2,6
Discouraged work-seekers	295	320	350	335	356	21	61	6,2	20,7
Other (not economically active)	754	700	737	715	720	6	-34	0,8	-4,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	23,0	20,6	17,1	21,4	26,8	5,4	3,8		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	46,8	49,2	49,5	48,1	44,2	-3,9	-2,6		
Labour force participation rate	60,8	62,0	59,7	61,2	60,3	-0,9	-0,5		
North West									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 799	2 808	2 817	2 826	2 834	9	36	0,3	1,3
Labour force	1 511	1 511	1 593	1 475	1 493	19	-18	1,3	-1,2
Employed	887	956	935	879	895	16	8	1,8	0,9
Unemployed	624	555	658	596	599	3	-25	0,4	-4,0
Not economically active	1 288	1 297	1 224	1 351	1 341	-10	53	-0,7	4,2
Discouraged work-seekers	328	338	339	371	386	16	58	4,3	17,7
Other (not economically active)	959	958	885	980	955	-25	-5	-2,6	-0,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	41,3	36,8	41,3	40,4	40,1	-0,3	-1,2		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	31,7	34,0	33,2	31,1	31,6	0,5	-0,1		
Labour force participation rate	54,0	53,8	56,6	52,2	52,7	0,5	-1,3		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Gauteng									
Population 15–64 yrs	11 275	11 317	11 358	11 399	11 440	41	165	0,4	1,5
Labour force	7 858	7 630	7 748	7 799	7 831	32	-27	0,4	-0,3
Employed	5 103	5 037	5 081	5 091	5 186	95	83	1,9	1,6
Unemployed	2 756	2 593	2 667	2 708	2 645	-63	-110	-2,3	-4,0
Not economically active	3 417	3 687	3 610	3 600	3 608	9	192	0,2	5,6
Discouraged work-seekers	461	572	602	579	595	15	134	2,6	29,1
Other (not economically active)	2 956	3 115	3 008	3 020	3 014	-6	58	-0,2	2,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	35,1	34,0	34,4	34,7	33,8	-0,9	-1,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	45,3	44,5	44,7	44,7	45,3	0,6	0,0		
Labour force participation rate	69,7	67,4	68,2	68,4	68,5	0,1	-1,2		
Gauteng – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 492	1 498	1 504	1 509	1 515	6	23	0,4	1,5
Labour force	1 020	1 016	1 049	1 087	1 081	-6	61	-0,5	6,0
Employed	611	626	607	633	650	18	39	2,8	6,4
Unemployed	409	390	443	455	431	-23	22	-5,1	5,5
Not economically active	472	482	454	422	434	11	-38	2,7	-8,1
Discouraged work-seekers	107	121	116	88	100	12	-8	13,2	-7,3
Other (not economically active)	365	360	338	334	334	0	-31	-0,1	-8,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	40,1	38,4	42,2	41,8	39,9	-1,9	-0,2		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	41,0	41,8	40,3	41,9	42,9	1,0	1,9		
Labour force participation rate	68,4	67,8	69,8	72,0	71,4	-0,6	3,0		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Gauteng – Ekurhuleni									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 832	2 843	2 853	2 863	2 874	10	42	0,4	1,5
Labour force	1 875	1 826	1 820	1 779	1 838	58	-37	3,3	-2,0
Employed	1 249	1 242	1 255	1 202	1 200	-2	-49	-0,1	-3,9
Unemployed	626	585	566	578	638	60	12	10,4	1,9
Not economically active	957	1 016	1 033	1 084	1 036	-48	79	-4,4	8,2
Discouraged work-seekers	166	223	217	222	223	1	57	0,3	34,2
Other (not economically active)	792	793	816	862	814	-49	22	-5,7	2,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	33,4	32,0	31,1	32,5	34,7	2,2	1,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	44,1	43,7	44,0	42,0	41,8	-0,2	-2,3		
Labour force participation rate	66,2	64,3	63,8	62,1	63,9	1,8	-2,3		
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 182	4 197	4 212	4 227	4 242	15	60	0,4	1,4
Labour force	3 009	2 810	2 965	3 010	2 983	-27	-26	-0,9	-0,9
Employed	1 978	1 862	1 935	1 977	2 000	22	22	1,1	1,1
Unemployed	1 031	948	1 030	1 032	983	-49	-48	-4,8	-4,7
Not economically active	1 173	1 387	1 247	1 217	1 259	42	86	3,4	7,3
Discouraged work-seekers	105	133	156	164	182	18	76	10,8	72,5
Other (not economically active)	1 067	1 254	1 091	1 053	1 077	24	10	2,3	0,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	34,3	33,7	34,7	34,3	33,0	-1,3	-1,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	47,3	44,4	45,9	46,8	47,1	0,3	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	72,0	67,0	70,4	71,2	70,3	-0,9	-1,7		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Gauteng – City of Tshwane									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 769	2 779	2 789	2 799	2 809	10	40	0,4	1,5
Labour force	1 954	1 977	1 913	1 923	1 929	6	-25	0,3	-1,3
Employed	1 265	1 307	1 285	1 279	1 336	57	71	4,4	5,6
Unemployed	689	671	628	644	593	-50	-96	-7,8	-13,9
Not economically active	815	802	876	876	880	4	65	0,4	8,0
Discouraged work-seekers	82	94	113	106	91	-15	9	-14,1	10,6
Other (not economically active)	733	708	763	771	789	19	57	2,4	7,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	35,3	33,9	32,8	33,5	30,8	-2,7	-4,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	45,7	47,0	46,1	45,7	47,6	1,9	1,9		
Labour force participation rate	70,6	71,1	68,6	68,7	68,7	0,0	-1,9		
Mpumalanga									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 168	3 178	3 189	3 199	3 209	10	41	0,3	1,3
Labour force	1 904	1 947	1 920	1 876	1 853	-22	-50	-1,2	-2,6
Employed	1 192	1 241	1 255	1 212	1 223	11	31	0,9	2,6
Unemployed	712	706	666	664	631	-33	-81	-5,0	-11,4
Not economically active	1 264	1 232	1 268	1 323	1 356	33	92	2,5	7,2
Discouraged work-seekers	358	347	374	419	433	13	75	3,2	21,0
Other (not economically active)	906	884	894	904	923	19	17	2,1	1,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	37,4	36,2	34,7	35,4	34,0	-1,4	-3,4		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	37,6	39,0	39,3	37,9	38,1	0,2	0,5		
Labour force participation rate	60,1	61,3	60,2	58,6	57,8	-0,8	-2,3		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (concluded)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Limpopo									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 036	4 049	4 061	4 074	4 086	13	50	0,3	1,2
Labour force	2 225	2 314	2 267	2 231	2 329	99	104	4,4	4,7
Employed	1 526	1 559	1 543	1 488	1 515	27	-11	1,8	-0,7
Unemployed	699	755	724	743	814	72	115	9,6	16,4
Not economically active	1 811	1 735	1 794	1 843	1 757	-86	-54	-4,7	-3,0
Discouraged work-seekers	559	513	536	559	482	-77	-77	-13,7	-13,7
Other (not economically active)	1 252	1 222	1 258	1 284	1 275	-9	23	-0,7	1,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	31,4	32,6	31,9	33,3	35,0	1,7	3,6		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	37,8	38,5	38,0	36,5	37,1	0,6	-0,7		
Labour force participation rate	55,1	57,2	55,8	54,8	57,0	2,2	1,9		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.4: Labour force characteristics by sex – Expanded definition of unemployment									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Both sexes									
Population 15–64 yrs	41 296	41 431	41 561	41 691	41 822	131	526	0,3	1,3
Labour force	29 035	29 177	29 369	29 479	29 454	-25	419	-0,1	1,4
Employed	16 652	16 946	17 078	16 787	16 807	19	154	0,1	0,9
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	11 467	11 589	11 679	11 434	11 468	34	2	0,3	0,0
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	3 129	3 295	3 328	3 345	3 326	-19	197	-0,6	6,3
Agriculture	896	935	924	930	906	-24	10	-2,6	1,1
Private households	1 160	1 128	1 146	1 078	1 106	28	-54	2,6	-4,7
Unemployed	12 383	12 231	12 291	12 692	12 648	-44	265	-0,3	2,1
Not economically active	12 261	12 254	12 192	12 212	12 367	156	107	1,3	0,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	42,6	41,9	41,9	43,1	42,9	-0,2	0,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	40,3	40,9	41,1	40,3	40,2	-0,1	-0,1		
Labour force participation rate	70,3	70,4	70,7	70,7	70,4	-0,3	0,1		
Women									
Population 15–64 yrs	20 795	20 859	20 920	20 982	21 043	62	248	0,3	1,2
Labour force	13 815	13 890	13 942	13 999	13 972	-27	158	-0,2	1,1
Employed	7 448	7 545	7 636	7 412	7 400	-13	-48	-0,2	-0,6
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	5 163	5 216	5 273	5 118	5 143	25	-19	0,5	-0,4
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	1 140	1 191	1 211	1 185	1 159	-26	19	-2,2	1,7
Agriculture	274	284	296	279	257	-22	-17	-7,9	-6,1
Private households	871	854	856	830	840	10	-31	1,2	-3,6
Unemployed	6 367	6 345	6 306	6 587	6 573	-14	206	-0,2	3,2
Not economically active	6 980	6 969	6 978	6 983	7 071	88	91	1,3	1,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	46,1	45,7	45,2	47,1	47,0	-0,1	0,9		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	35,8	36,2	36,5	35,3	35,2	-0,1	-0,6		
Labour force participation rate	66,4	66,6	66,6	66,7	66,4	-0,3	0,0		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.4: Labour force characteristics by sex – Expanded definition of unemployment (concluded)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Men									
Population 15–64 yrs	20 501	20 572	20 640	20 709	20 778	69	278	0,3	1,4
Labour force	15 220	15 287	15 427	15 480	15 482	2	261	0,0	1,7
Employed	9 204	9 402	9 442	9 375	9 407	32	202	0,3	2,2
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	6 304	6 373	6 406	6 316	6 325	9	21	0,2	0,3
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	1 989	2 104	2 118	2 160	2 167	7	178	0,3	8,9
Agriculture	622	651	628	651	648	-2	27	-0,4	4,3
Private households	289	274	291	248	266	18	-23	7,2	-7,9
Unemployed	6 016	5 886	5 985	6 105	6 075	-30	59	-0,5	1,0
Not economically active	5 280	5 284	5 213	5 229	5 296	68	16	1,3	0,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	39,5	38,5	38,8	39,4	39,2	-0,2	-0,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	44,9	45,7	45,7	45,3	45,3	0,0	0,4		
Labour force participation rate	74,2	74,3	74,7	74,8	74,5	-0,3	0,3		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.5: Labour force characteristics by population group – Expanded definition of unemployment									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
South Africa									
Population 15–64 yrs	41 296	41 431	41 561	41 691	41 822	131	526	0,3	1,3
Labour force	29 035	29 177	29 369	29 479	29 454	-25	419	-0,1	1,4
Employed	16 652	16 946	17 078	16 787	16 807	19	154	0,1	0,9
Unemployed	12 383	12 231	12 291	12 692	12 648	-44	265	-0,3	2,1
Not economically active	12 261	12 254	12 192	12 212	12 367	156	107	1,3	0,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	42,6	41,9	41,9	43,1	42,9	-0,2	0,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	40,3	40,9	41,1	40,3	40,2	-0,1	-0,1		
Labour force participation rate	70,3	70,4	70,7	70,7	70,4	-0,3	0,1		
Black African									
Population 15–64 yrs	33 867	34 004	34 137	34 270	34 403	133	536	0,4	1,6
Labour force	23 915	24 007	24 221	24 258	24 245	-14	329	-0,1	1,4
Employed	12 668	12 934	13 048	12 727	12 848	121	180	1,0	1,4
Unemployed	11 247	11 073	11 173	11 532	11 397	-135	150	-1,2	1,3
Not economically active	9 952	9 998	9 916	10 012	10 158	147	206	1,5	2,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	47,0	46,1	46,1	47,5	47,0	-0,5	0,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	37,4	38,0	38,2	37,1	37,3	0,2	-0,1		
Labour force participation rate	70,6	70,6	71,0	70,8	70,5	-0,3	-0,1		
Coloured									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 606	3 611	3 616	3 620	3 624	4	18	0,1	0,5
Labour force	2 477	2 507	2 516	2 569	2 572	3	94	0,1	3,8
Employed	1 685	1 726	1 737	1 730	1 683	-47	-1	-2,7	-0,1
Unemployed	793	781	779	839	888	50	96	5,9	12,1
Not economically active	1 129	1 104	1 099	1 051	1 053	2	-76	0,2	-6,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	32,0	31,2	31,0	32,7	34,5	1,8	2,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	46,7	47,8	48,0	47,8	46,4	-1,4	-0,3		
Labour force participation rate	68,7	69,4	69,6	71,0	71,0	0,0	2,3		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.5: Labour force characteristics by population group – Expanded definition of unemployment (concluded)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Indian/Asian									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 053	1 055	1 058	1 060	1 062	2	8	0,2	0,8
Labour force	707	732	734	704	669	-35	-38	-4,9	-5,4
Employed	552	564	569	562	527	-35	-25	-6,2	-4,5
Unemployed	155	167	165	141	142	0	-13	0,3	-8,4
Not economically active	347	324	323	356	393	37	46	10,3	13,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	21,9	22,9	22,5	20,1	21,2	1,1	-0,7		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	52,4	53,5	53,8	53,1	49,7	-3,4	-2,7		
Labour force participation rate	67,1	69,3	69,4	66,4	63,0	-3,4	-4,1		
White									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 769	2 760	2 750	2 741	2 733	-9	-36	-0,3	-1,3
Labour force	1 936	1 932	1 898	1 948	1 969	21	33	1,1	1,7
Employed	1 748	1 723	1 724	1 768	1 748	-20	0	-1,1	0,0
Unemployed	188	209	174	180	221	41	33	22,6	17,3
Not economically active	833	828	853	793	764	-29	-69	-3,7	-8,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	9,7	10,8	9,2	9,2	11,2	2,0	1,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	63,1	62,4	62,7	64,5	64,0	-0,5	0,9		
Labour force participation rate	69,9	70,0	69,0	71,1	72,1	1,0	2,2		

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.6: Labour force characteristics by age group – Expanded definition of unemployment									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
15–64 years									
Population 15–64 yrs	41 296	41 431	41 561	41 691	41 822	131	526	0,3	1,3
Labour force	29 035	29 177	29 369	29 479	29 454	-25	419	-0,1	1,4
Employed	16 652	16 946	17 078	16 787	16 807	19	154	0,1	0,9
Unemployed	12 383	12 231	12 291	12 692	12 648	-44	265	-0,3	2,1
Not economically active	12 261	12 254	12 192	12 212	12 367	156	107	1,3	0,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	42,6	41,9	41,9	43,1	42,9	-0,2	0,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	40,3	40,9	41,1	40,3	40,2	-0,1	-0,1		
Labour force participation rate	70,3	70,4	70,7	70,7	70,4	-0,3	0,1		
15–24 years									
Population 15–24 yrs	10 262	10 273	10 286	10 299	10 312	13	50	0,1	0,5
Labour force	3 704	3 702	3 708	3 694	3 690	-3	-14	-0,1	-0,4
Employed	1 089	1 086	1 102	1 018	1 043	25	-46	2,5	-4,2
Unemployed	2 615	2 616	2 605	2 676	2 648	-28	32	-1,1	1,2
Not economically active	6 558	6 571	6 578	6 605	6 622	16	63	0,2	1,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	70,6	70,7	70,3	72,4	71,7	-0,7	1,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	10,6	10,6	10,7	9,9	10,1	0,2	-0,5		
Labour force participation rate	36,1	36,0	36,0	35,9	35,8	-0,1	-0,3		
25–34 years									
Population 25–34 yrs	10 600	10 609	10 613	10 617	10 621	4	21	0,0	0,2
Labour force	9 283	9 264	9 236	9 320	9 215	-105	-68	-1,1	-0,7
Employed	4 630	4 699	4 719	4 651	4 656	6	27	0,1	0,6
Unemployed	4 654	4 565	4 517	4 669	4 559	-110	-95	-2,4	-2,0
Not economically active	1 317	1 345	1 377	1 297	1 406	109	89	8,4	6,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	50,1	49,3	48,9	50,1	49,5	-0,6	-0,6		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,7	44,3	44,5	43,8	43,8	0,0	0,1		
Labour force participation rate	87,6	87,3	87,0	87,8	86,8	-1,0	-0,8		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.6: Labour force characteristics by age group – Expanded definition of unemployment (concluded)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
35–44 years									
Population 35–44 yrs	9 138	9 180	9 218	9 257	9 295	39	157	0,4	1,7
Labour force	8 162	8 258	8 311	8 290	8 340	50	178	0,6	2,2
Employed	5 169	5 303	5 334	5 247	5 222	-25	54	-0,5	1,0
Unemployed	2 993	2 955	2 978	3 042	3 117	75	124	2,5	4,2
Not economically active	977	922	907	967	955	-12	-21	-1,2	-2,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	36,7	35,8	35,8	36,7	37,4	0,7	0,7		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	56,6	57,8	57,9	56,7	56,2	-0,5	-0,4		
Labour force participation rate	89,3	90,0	90,2	89,6	89,7	0,1	0,4		
45–54 years									
Population 45–54 yrs	6 884	6 931	6 975	7 020	7 065	45	181	0,6	2,6
Labour force	5 745	5 771	5 892	5 916	5 941	25	196	0,4	3,4
Employed	4 065	4 105	4 148	4 099	4 119	19	54	0,5	1,3
Unemployed	1 681	1 666	1 743	1 816	1 822	6	142	0,3	8,4
Not economically active	1 139	1 160	1 084	1 104	1 124	20	-15	1,8	-1,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	29,3	28,9	29,6	30,7	30,7	0,0	1,4		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	59,0	59,2	59,5	58,4	58,3	-0,1	-0,7		
Labour force participation rate	83,5	83,3	84,5	84,3	84,1	-0,2	0,6		
55–64 years									
Population 55–64 yrs	4 411	4 439	4 468	4 498	4 528	30	117	0,7	2,7
Labour force	2 141	2 182	2 223	2 260	2 268	7	127	0,3	5,9
Employed	1 701	1 754	1 775	1 772	1 766	-6	66	-0,3	3,9
Unemployed	440	428	448	488	501	13	61	2,7	13,9
Not economically active	2 270	2 256	2 245	2 238	2 260	23	-10	1,0	-0,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	20,6	19,6	20,2	21,6	22,1	0,5	1,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	38,6	39,5	39,7	39,4	39,0	-0,4	0,4		
Labour force participation rate	48,5	49,2	49,7	50,3	50,1	-0,2	1,6		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province and metro – Expanded definition of unemployment									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
South Africa									
Population 15–64 yrs	41 296	41 431	41 561	41 691	41 822	131	526	0,3	1,3
Labour force	29 035	29 177	29 369	29 479	29 454	-25	419	-0,1	1,4
Employed	16 652	16 946	17 078	16 787	16 807	19	154	0,1	0,9
Unemployed	12 383	12 231	12 291	12 692	12 648	-44	265	-0,3	2,1
Not economically active	12 261	12 254	12 192	12 212	12 367	156	107	1,3	0,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	42,6	41,9	41,9	43,1	42,9	-0,2	0,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	40,3	40,9	41,1	40,3	40,2	-0,1	-0,1		
Labour force participation rate	70,3	70,4	70,7	70,7	70,4	-0,3	0,1		
Western Cape									
Population 15–64 yrs	5 054	5 073	5 090	5 108	5 126	18	72	0,3	1,4
Labour force	3 677	3 696	3 741	3 802	3 759	-43	81	-1,1	2,2
Employed	2 675	2 749	2 812	2 861	2 744	-117	69	-4,1	2,6
Unemployed	1 003	947	929	941	1 015	74	12	7,9	1,2
Not economically active	1 376	1 376	1 349	1 306	1 367	61	-9	4,6	-0,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	27,3	25,6	24,8	24,7	27,0	2,3	-0,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	52,9	54,2	55,2	56,0	53,5	-2,5	0,6		
Labour force participation rate	72,8	72,9	73,5	74,4	73,3	-1,1	0,5		
Western Cape – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 834	1 841	1 847	1 854	1 860	6	26	0,3	1,4
Labour force	1 328	1 342	1 346	1 375	1 358	-17	30	-1,2	2,3
Employed	925	993	1 030	1 034	958	-76	33	-7,3	3,6
Unemployed	403	349	316	341	400	59	-3	17,4	-0,8
Not economically active	506	499	501	479	502	23	-4	4,8	-0,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	30,4	26,0	23,5	24,8	29,4	4,6	-1,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	50,4	53,9	55,7	55,8	51,5	-4,3	1,1		
Labour force participation rate	72,4	72,9	72,9	74,2	73,0	-1,2	0,6		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province and metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (continued)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Western Cape – City of Cape Town									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 220	3 232	3 243	3 255	3 266	11	46	0,4	1,4
Labour force	2 349	2 354	2 395	2 427	2 401	-26	52	-1,1	2,2
Employed	1 750	1 756	1 782	1 827	1 786	-41	36	-2,3	2,1
Unemployed	600	598	613	600	615	15	15	2,5	2,5
Not economically active	870	878	848	827	865	38	-5	4,6	-0,6
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	25,5	25,4	25,6	24,7	25,6	0,9	0,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	54,3	54,3	54,9	56,1	54,7	-1,4	0,4		
Labour force participation rate	73,0	72,8	73,9	74,6	73,5	-1,1	0,5		
Eastern Cape									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 553	4 566	4 579	4 592	4 605	13	52	0,3	1,1
Labour force	2 723	2 762	2 775	2 693	2 792	99	69	3,7	2,5
Employed	1 369	1 452	1 455	1 373	1 462	89	93	6,5	6,8
Unemployed	1 354	1 310	1 320	1 320	1 330	10	-24	0,7	-1,8
Not economically active	1 830	1 804	1 804	1 899	1 813	-86	-17	-4,5	-0,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	49,7	47,4	47,6	49,0	47,6	-1,4	-2,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	30,1	31,8	31,8	29,9	31,7	1,8	1,6		
Labour force participation rate	59,8	60,5	60,6	58,6	60,6	2,0	0,8		
Eastern Cape – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 103	3 111	3 119	3 126	3 134	8	31	0,2	1,0
Labour force	1 814	1 827	1 807	1 767	1 740	-27	-74	-1,5	-4,1
Employed	768	793	774	743	760	17	-8	2,3	-1,0
Unemployed	1 046	1 034	1 033	1 024	980	-44	-66	-4,3	-6,3
Not economically active	1 289	1 285	1 312	1 359	1 394	35	105	2,6	8,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	57,7	56,6	57,2	57,9	56,3	-1,6	-1,4		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	24,8	25,5	24,8	23,8	24,3	0,5	-0,5		
Labour force participation rate	58,5	58,7	57,9	56,5	55,5	-1,0	-3,0		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province and metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (continued)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Eastern Cape – Buffalo City									
Population 15–64 yrs	559	561	563	565	567	2	8	0,4	1,4
Labour force	385	384	425	408	406	-2	21	-0,5	5,5
Employed	250	262	281	252	282	30	31	11,8	12,5
Unemployed	135	122	145	156	124	-32	-10	-20,4	-7,5
Not economically active	174	177	138	157	161	4	-13	2,7	-7,6
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	35,0	31,7	34,0	38,3	30,7	-7,6	-4,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	44,7	46,7	49,8	44,5	49,6	5,1	4,9		
Labour force participation rate	68,8	68,4	75,5	72,2	71,6	-0,6	2,8		
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay									
Population 15–64 yrs	890	894	897	900	904	3	14	0,4	1,5
Labour force	524	551	543	518	646	128	122	24,8	23,2
Employed	350	396	401	378	420	42	70	11,2	19,9
Unemployed	174	155	142	140	226	86	52	61,4	29,9
Not economically active	366	343	354	383	258	-125	-108	-32,6	-29,6
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	33,2	28,1	26,2	27,1	35,0	7,9	1,8		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	39,3	44,4	44,7	41,9	46,5	4,6	7,2		
Labour force participation rate	58,9	61,7	60,5	57,5	71,5	14,0	12,6		
Northern Cape									
Population 15–64 yrs	840	841	843	844	846	2	6	0,2	0,8
Labour force	570	592	588	601	592	-9	22	-1,5	3,8
Employed	314	337	355	343	314	-28	0	-8,3	0,1
Unemployed	256	255	234	258	278	20	21	7,6	8,4
Not economically active	270	249	254	244	254	10	-15	4,3	-5,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	44,9	43,1	39,7	43,0	46,9	3,9	2,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	37,4	40,1	42,1	40,6	37,1	-3,5	-0,3		
Labour force participation rate	67,9	70,4	69,8	71,1	69,9	-1,2	2,0		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province and metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (continued)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Free State									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 939	1 940	1 941	1 942	1 943	1	4	0,0	0,2
Labour force	1 358	1 367	1 344	1 365	1 363	-2	4	-0,1	0,3
Employed	745	775	750	754	766	12	21	1,6	2,8
Unemployed	613	591	595	611	597	-14	-17	-2,3	-2,7
Not economically active	581	574	597	578	580	3	-1	0,5	-0,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	45,1	43,3	44,2	44,8	43,8	-1,0	-1,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	38,4	40,0	38,6	38,8	39,4	0,6	1,0		
Labour force participation rate	70,1	70,4	69,3	70,3	70,1	-0,2	0,0		
Free State – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 382	1 383	1 383	1 384	1 385	1	3	0,0	0,2
Labour force	967	979	968	972	960	-12	-7	-1,3	-0,8
Employed	513	528	505	506	514	8	2	1,6	0,3
Unemployed	455	451	463	466	446	-20	-9	-4,4	-2,0
Not economically active	414	404	416	411	425	13	10	3,2	2,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	47,0	46,1	47,9	47,9	46,4	-1,5	-0,6		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	37,1	38,2	36,5	36,6	37,1	0,5	0,0		
Labour force participation rate	70,0	70,8	70,0	70,3	69,3	-1,0	-0,7		
Free State – Mangaung									
Population 15–64 yrs	557	558	558	558	558	0	1	0,0	0,2
Labour force	391	388	377	392	403	11	12	2,7	3,0
Employed	233	248	245	247	252	4	19	1,8	8,2
Unemployed	158	140	131	145	151	6	-7	4,3	-4,7
Not economically active	166	170	181	166	156	-10	-11	-6,3	-6,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	40,5	36,1	34,9	36,9	37,5	0,6	-3,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	41,7	44,4	44,0	44,3	45,1	0,8	3,4		
Labour force participation rate	70,2	69,5	67,5	70,2	72,1	1,9	1,9		

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Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (continued)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
KwaZulu-Natal									
Population 15–64 yrs	7 633	7 658	7 683	7 707	7 732	25	100	0,3	1,3
Labour force	5 160	5 224	5 231	5 246	5 184	-62	23	-1,2	0,5
Employed	2 842	2 840	2 892	2 788	2 702	-86	-140	-3,1	-4,9
Unemployed	2 318	2 384	2 340	2 458	2 481	23	163	0,9	7,0
Not economically active	2 472	2 433	2 451	2 461	2 549	87	76	3,5	3,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	44,9	45,6	44,7	46,9	47,9	1,0	3,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	37,2	37,1	37,6	36,2	35,0	-1,2	-2,2		
Labour force participation rate	67,6	68,2	68,1	68,1	67,0	-1,1	-0,6		
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 959	4 974	4 989	5 003	5 018	15	59	0,3	1,2
Labour force	3 156	3 159	3 161	3 148	3 116	-32	-39	-1,0	-1,2
Employed	1 590	1 519	1 559	1 487	1 503	16	-87	1,1	-5,5
Unemployed	1 565	1 640	1 602	1 661	1 613	-48	48	-2,9	3,1
Not economically active	1 803	1 815	1 827	1 855	1 902	47	99	2,5	5,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	49,6	51,9	50,7	52,8	51,8	-1,0	2,2		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	32,1	30,5	31,2	29,7	30,0	0,3	-2,1		
Labour force participation rate	63,6	63,5	63,4	62,9	62,1	-0,8	-1,5		
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekweni									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 674	2 684	2 694	2 704	2 714	10	40	0,4	1,5
Labour force	2 005	2 065	2 070	2 098	2 067	-31	63	-1,5	3,1
Employed	1 252	1 321	1 333	1 301	1 199	-102	-53	-7,8	-4,2
Unemployed	753	744	737	797	868	71	115	8,9	15,3
Not economically active	669	619	624	606	647	41	-22	6,7	-3,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	37,5	36,0	35,6	38,0	42,0	4,0	4,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	46,8	49,2	49,5	48,1	44,2	-3,9	-2,6		
Labour force participation rate	75,0	76,9	76,8	77,6	76,2	-1,4	1,2		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (continued)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
North West									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 799	2 808	2 817	2 826	2 834	9	36	0,3	1,3
Labour force	1 938	1 970	1 980	1 998	1 976	-22	38	-1,1	2,0
Employed	887	956	935	879	895	16	8	1,8	0,9
Unemployed	1 050	1 014	1 044	1 119	1 081	-38	30	-3,4	2,9
Not economically active	861	838	837	828	859	31	-2	3,8	-0,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	54,2	51,5	52,8	56,0	54,7	-1,3	0,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	31,7	34,0	33,2	31,1	31,6	0,5	-0,1		
Labour force participation rate	69,2	70,2	70,3	70,7	69,7	-1,0	0,5		
Gauteng									
Population 15–64 yrs	11 275	11 317	11 358	11 399	11 440	41	165	0,4	1,5
Labour force	8 399	8 283	8 448	8 489	8 525	35	126	0,4	1,5
Employed	5 103	5 037	5 081	5 091	5 186	95	83	1,9	1,6
Unemployed	3 296	3 246	3 367	3 399	3 339	-60	43	-1,8	1,3
Not economically active	2 876	3 034	2 910	2 909	2 915	6	39	0,2	1,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	39,2	39,2	39,9	40,0	39,2	-0,8	0,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	45,3	44,5	44,7	44,7	45,3	0,6	0,0		
Labour force participation rate	74,5	73,2	74,4	74,5	74,5	0,0	0,0		
Gauteng – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 492	1 498	1 504	1 509	1 515	6	23	0,4	1,5
Labour force	1 142	1 148	1 180	1 185	1 192	7	50	0,6	4,4
Employed	611	626	607	633	650	18	39	2,8	6,4
Unemployed	531	522	573	553	542	-11	11	-1,9	2,1
Not economically active	350	350	324	324	323	-1	-27	-0,4	-7,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	46,5	45,4	48,6	46,6	45,5	-1,1	-1,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	41,0	41,8	40,3	41,9	42,9	1,0	1,9		
Labour force participation rate	76,5	76,6	78,4	78,5	78,7	0,2	2,2		

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Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (continued)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Gauteng – Ekurhuleni									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 832	2 843	2 853	2 863	2 874	10	42	0,4	1,5
Labour force	2 067	2 075	2 063	2 041	2 094	53	27	2,6	1,3
Employed	1 249	1 242	1 255	1 202	1 200	-2	-49	-0,1	-3,9
Unemployed	818	833	808	839	894	55	76	6,5	9,3
Not economically active	765	767	790	823	780	-43	15	-5,2	1,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	39,6	40,2	39,2	41,1	42,7	1,6	3,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	44,1	43,7	44,0	42,0	41,8	-0,2	-2,3		
Labour force participation rate	73,0	73,0	72,3	71,3	72,9	1,6	-0,1		
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 182	4 197	4 212	4 227	4 242	15	60	0,4	1,4
Labour force	3 120	2 959	3 139	3 188	3 184	-4	65	-0,1	2,1
Employed	1 978	1 862	1 935	1 977	2 000	22	22	1,1	1,1
Unemployed	1 142	1 097	1 204	1 211	1 185	-26	43	-2,1	3,8
Not economically active	1 062	1 238	1 072	1 039	1 057	18	-5	1,8	-0,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	36,6	37,1	38,4	38,0	37,2	-0,8	0,6		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	47,3	44,4	45,9	46,8	47,1	0,3	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	74,6	70,5	74,5	75,4	75,1	-0,3	0,5		
Gauteng – City of Tshwane									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 769	2 779	2 789	2 799	2 809	10	40	0,4	1,5
Labour force	2 070	2 101	2 066	2 075	2 054	-21	-16	-1,0	-0,8
Employed	1 265	1 307	1 285	1 279	1 336	57	71	4,4	5,6
Unemployed	805	795	781	796	718	-78	-87	-9,8	-10,8
Not economically active	699	678	723	724	755	31	56	4,3	8,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	38,9	37,8	37,8	38,4	35,0	-3,4	-3,9		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	45,7	47,0	46,1	45,7	47,6	1,9	1,9		
Labour force participation rate	74,8	75,6	74,1	74,1	73,1	-1,0	-1,7		

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (concluded)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Mpumalanga									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 168	3 178	3 189	3 199	3 209	10	41	0,3	1,3
Labour force	2 325	2 378	2 375	2 391	2 370	-21	45	-0,9	1,9
Employed	1 192	1 241	1 255	1 212	1 223	11	31	0,9	2,6
Unemployed	1 133	1 137	1 120	1 180	1 147	-32	14	-2,7	1,3
Not economically active	843	800	814	808	839	31	-4	3,9	-0,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	48,7	47,8	47,2	49,3	48,4	-0,9	-0,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	37,6	39,0	39,3	37,9	38,1	0,2	0,5		
Labour force participation rate	73,4	74,8	74,5	74,8	73,9	-0,9	0,5		
Limpopo									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 036	4 049	4 061	4 074	4 086	13	50	0,3	1,2
Labour force	2 885	2 904	2 885	2 895	2 895	0	10	0,0	0,4
Employed	1 526	1 559	1 543	1 488	1 515	27	-11	1,8	-0,7
Unemployed	1 359	1 345	1 342	1 407	1 380	-27	21	-1,9	1,6
Not economically active	1 152	1 145	1 176	1 179	1 191	12	40	1,1	3,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	47,1	46,3	46,5	48,6	47,7	-0,9	0,6		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	37,8	38,5	38,0	36,5	37,1	0,6	-0,7		
Labour force participation rate	71,5	71,7	71,0	71,1	70,8	-0,3	-0,7		

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 3.1: Employed by industry and sex – South Africa

	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Both sexes	16 652	16 946	17 078	16 787	16 807	19	154	0,1	0,9
Agriculture	896	935	924	930	906	-24	10	-2,6	1,1
Mining	457	484	466	431	434	3	-23	0,7	-5,1
Manufacturing	1 655	1 635	1 675	1 677	1 672	-5	17	-0,3	1,0
Utilities	114	127	111	145	139	-6	25	-4,3	22,0
Construction	1 204	1 381	1 359	1 240	1 259	20	55	1,6	4,6
Trade	3 360	3 469	3 421	3 228	3 315	88	-45	2,7	-1,3
Transport	1 064	1 047	1 064	1 131	1 115	-15	51	-1,3	4,8
Finance	2 905	2 716	2 948	3 008	2 983	-24	79	-0,8	2,7
Community and social services	3 827	4 021	3 959	3 914	3 872	-42	45	-1,1	1,2
Private households	1 160	1 128	1 146	1 078	1 106	28	-54	2,6	-4,7
Other	10	4	5	6	4	-2	-5	-30,0	-54,0
Women	7 448	7 545	7 636	7 412	7 400	-13	-48	-0,2	-0,6
Agriculture	274	284	296	279	257	-22	-17	-7,9	-6,1
Mining	90	87	88	86	73	-13	-17	-15,0	-18,5
Manufacturing	605	616	642	589	570	-19	-35	-3,2	-5,7
Utilities	24	31	33	50	43	-7	19	-13,1	80,2
Construction	132	138	152	140	143	2	10	1,5	7,7
Trade	1 610	1 634	1 634	1 505	1 527	22	-83	1,5	-5,1
Transport	191	209	200	223	183	-39	-8	-17,7	-4,1
Finance	1 214	1 127	1 257	1 279	1 333	55	119	4,3	9,8
Community and social services	2 436	2 561	2 478	2 430	2 429	-1	-7	-0,1	-0,3
Private households	871	854	856	830	840	10	-31	1,2	-3,6
Other	0	1		2	1	-1	0	-53,6	76,4
Men	9 204	9 402	9 442	9 375	9 407	32	202	0,3	2,2
Agriculture	622	651	628	651	648	-2	27	-0,4	4,3
Mining	367	397	378	345	360	16	-7	4,6	-1,8
Manufacturing	1 050	1 018	1 033	1 088	1 102	13	51	1,2	4,9
Utilities	90	96	78	96	96	0	6	0,2	6,4
Construction	1 072	1 243	1 207	1 099	1 117	17	45	1,6	4,2
Trade	1 750	1 834	1 787	1 722	1 788	66	38	3,8	2,2
Transport	874	838	864	908	932	24	59	2,7	6,7
Finance	1 690	1 589	1 691	1 729	1 650	-79	-40	-4,6	-2,4
Community and social services	1 391	1 460	1 481	1 484	1 444	-41	52	-2,7	3,8
Private households	289	274	291	248	266	18	-23	7,2	-7,9
Other	9	3	5	5	4	-1	-6	-20,5	-60,8

Table 3.2: Employed by industry and province									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Agriculture	896	935	924	930	906	-24	10	-2,6	1,1
Western Cape	162	175	193	244	202	-42	40	-17,2	24,8
Eastern Cape	113	124	90	78	99	21	-15	27,1	-12,9
Northern Cape	33	39	52	62	38	-24	5	-38,1	16,5
Free State	84	78	66	64	85	21	1	32,6	1,0
KwaZulu-Natal	151	145	152	132	118	-14	-33	-10,4	-22,0
North West	56	62	63	58	67	8	11	14,1	18,9
Gauteng	33	47	49	38	25	-13	-8	-34,6	-25,2
Mpumalanga	126	109	131	116	126	10	0	9,0	-0,1
Limpopo	136	156	128	138	146	8	9	5,5	6,8
Mining	457	484	466	431	434	3	-23	0,7	-5,1
Western Cape	10	11	10	6	3	-3	-8	-55,8	-73,5
Eastern Cape	2	1	1		1		-1		-70,8
Northern Cape	43	39	39	37	32	-5	-10	-13,3	-24,6
Free State	16	21	20	21	25	4	9	17,8	57,3
KwaZulu-Natal	6	4	4	9	6	-3	0	-34,1	3,7
North West	113	125	107	110	98	-12	-15	-10,5	-13,0
Gauteng	76	88	88	81	93	12	16	14,5	21,3
Mpumalanga	70	70	70	55	50	-4	-20	-7,7	-28,2
Limpopo	121	127	126	112	126	14	5	12,4	4,4
Manufacturing	1 655	1 635	1 675	1 677	1 672	-5	17	-0,3	1,0
Western Cape	314	321	307	337	301	-36	-13	-10,6	-4,2
Eastern Cape	118	140	139	135	146	11	28	8,0	23,7
Northern Cape	9	9	11	11	15	5	6	46,3	72,0
Free State	61	52	46	62	52	-10	-9	-16,1	-14,1
KwaZulu-Natal	382	344	368	331	355	24	-26	7,2	-6,9
North West	47	46	45	48	45	-3	-3	-6,7	-5,5
Gauteng	557	540	568	548	548	0	-9	0,0	-1,6
Mpumalanga	90	105	106	109	99	-10	9	-9,4	10,0
Limpopo	77	77	86	96	110	14	33	14,8	42,9

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Table 3.2: Employed by industry and province (continued)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Utilities	114	127	111	145	139	-6	25	-4,3	22,0
Western Cape	10	13	10	11	12	1	2	6,3	22,1
Eastern Cape	6	12	9	13	9	-3	4	-27,4	66,2
Northern Cape	3	6	5	3	4	1	1	22,1	44,5
Free State	6	6	5	4	2	-2	-4	-48,5	-67,5
KwaZulu-Natal	10	10	5	17	19	2	9	11,6	83,5
North West	5	6	6	1	3	2	-3	175,8	-47,9
Gauteng	29	27	29	43	41	-2	12	-4,7	39,8
Mpumalanga	27	25	26	31	33	2	6	6,9	23,6
Limpopo	18	22	16	22	16	-6	-2	-28,7	-12,8
Construction	1 204	1 381	1 359	1 240	1 259	20	55	1,6	4,6
Western Cape	210	251	245	245	224	-21	15	-8,5	6,9
Eastern Cape	108	127	126	111	132	21	24	19,0	22,6
Northern Cape	21	26	19	18	19	1	-2	3,4	-9,9
Free State	39	58	54	53	45	-9	5	-16,0	13,2
KwaZulu-Natal	240	249	240	200	212	12	-28	5,8	-11,5
North West	56	76	73	65	74	10	19	14,8	33,4
Gauteng	302	323	340	334	325	-8	23	-2,5	7,7
Mpumalanga	100	113	97	90	97	7	-3	7,4	-3,0
Limpopo	130	159	164	124	131	8	2	6,1	1,5
Trade	3 360	3 469	3 421	3 228	3 315	88	-45	2,7	-1,3
Western Cape	493	525	509	492	535	43	42	8,7	8,5
Eastern Cape	256	278	295	232	292	59	36	25,6	14,1
Northern Cape	47	54	58	55	57	2	10	3,9	20,3
Free State	146	151	144	148	144	-4	-1	-2,7	-1,0
KwaZulu-Natal	572	590	595	579	533	-46	-39	-8,0	-6,8
North West	191	222	203	153	159	6	-32	4,1	-16,9
Gauteng	1 085	1 080	1 029	1 027	1 062	34	-24	3,3	-2,2
Mpumalanga	237	235	241	226	223	-3	-14	-1,1	-5,9
Limpopo	333	335	347	315	311	-4	-21	-1,3	-6,4

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Table 3.2: Employed by industry and province (continued)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Transport	1 064	1 047	1 064	1 131	1 115	-15	51	-1,3	4,8
Western Cape	158	162	184	195	181	-14	24	-7,0	15,1
Eastern Cape	97	94	101	117	105	-12	7	-10,6	7,4
Northern Cape	9	8	12	5	6	2	-3	35,4	-29,7
Free State	33	39	38	28	29	2	-4	6,8	-12,0
KwaZulu-Natal	192	180	176	176	181	5	-11	2,9	-5,6
North West	25	40	36	48	44	-4	19	-7,5	78,1
Gauteng	415	392	377	425	430	5	15	1,2	3,7
Mpumalanga	63	56	67	68	67	-1	4	-1,9	7,0
Limpopo	73	76	74	69	71	2	-1	2,8	-2,0
Finance	2 905	2 716	2 948	3 008	2 983	-24	79	-0,8	2,7
Western Cape	574	530	587	595	550	-45	-24	-7,6	-4,2
Eastern Cape	190	169	185	193	187	-6	-3	-2,9	-1,5
Northern Cape	32	37	49	42	34	-8	2	-19,2	6,6
Free State	92	87	94	101	99	-2	7	-1,6	7,1
KwaZulu-Natal	424	398	424	461	441	-20	17	-4,3	4,0
North West	127	103	128	122	121	-1	-7	-0,7	-5,2
Gauteng	1 155	1 097	1 182	1 193	1 223	30	68	2,5	5,9
Mpumalanga	129	140	148	157	166	10	37	6,1	28,3
Limpopo	181	155	152	145	163	18	-18	12,5	-10,0
Community and social services	3 827	4 021	3 959	3 914	3 872	-42	45	-1,1	1,2
Western Cape	552	573	608	576	571	-5	19	-0,8	3,4
Eastern Cape	384	415	397	408	386	-22	2	-5,4	0,4
Northern Cape	94	99	90	87	90	3	-4	3,8	-4,5
Free State	195	211	216	201	214	13	19	6,3	9,6
KwaZulu-Natal	668	722	711	686	654	-32	-14	-4,7	-2,1
North West	209	233	222	221	235	15	26	6,6	12,7
Gauteng	1 116	1 115	1 067	1 088	1 111	23	-5	2,2	-0,5
Mpumalanga	246	292	285	278	275	-3	29	-1,0	11,7
Limpopo	361	360	363	370	336	-34	-26	-9,3	-7,1

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Table 3.2: Employed by industry and province (concluded)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Private households	1 160	1 128	1 146	1 078	1 106	28	-54	2,6	-4,7
Western Cape	190	190	158	158	165	7	-24	4,5	-12,8
Eastern Cape	94	92	113	86	106	20	12	23,3	12,3
Northern Cape	22	20	19	22	17	-5	-5	-23,0	-23,0
Free State	73	72	67	72	71	-1	-2	-1,1	-2,1
KwaZulu-Natal	198	198	216	197	184	-13	-14	-6,7	-7,2
North West	58	43	52	55	49	-5	-9	-9,3	-14,7
Gauteng	327	324	349	309	324	15	-3	4,7	-0,8
Mpumalanga	104	95	85	82	85	3	-19	3,3	-18,0
Limpopo	95	93	88	96	104	8	9	8,6	9,9

For all values of 10 000 or lower, the sample size is too small for reliable estimates.
Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Table 3.3: Employed by sector and industry – South Africa									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Total employed	16 652	16 946	17 078	16 787	16 807	19	154	0,1	0,9
Formal and informal sector (non-agricultural)	14 596	14 883	15 008	14 779	14 795	15	198	0,1	1,4
Mining	457	484	466	431	434	3	-23	0,7	-5,1
Manufacturing	1 655	1 635	1 675	1 677	1 672	-5	17	-0,3	1,0
Utilities	114	127	111	145	139	-6	25	-4,3	22,0
Construction	1 204	1 381	1 359	1 240	1 259	20	55	1,6	4,6
Trade	3 360	3 469	3 421	3 228	3 315	88	-45	2,7	-1,3
Transport	1 064	1 047	1 064	1 131	1 115	-15	51	-1,3	4,8
Finance	2 905	2 716	2 948	3 008	2 983	-24	79	-0,8	2,7
Community and social services	3 827	4 021	3 959	3 914	3 872	-42	45	-1,1	1,2
Other	10	4	5	6	4	-2	-5	-30,0	-54,0
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	11 467	11 589	11 679	11 434	11 468	34	2	0,3	0,0
Mining	438	468	455	414	424	10	-13	2,5	-3,1
Manufacturing	1 430	1 412	1 427	1 387	1 406	19	-23	1,4	-1,6
Utilities	109	109	105	135	127	-8	18	-5,6	16,6
Construction	744	829	841	762	747	-15	3	-2,0	0,4
Trade	2 168	2 231	2 189	2 056	2 072	16	-96	0,8	-4,4
Transport	681	693	663	736	732	-4	50	-0,5	7,4
Finance	2 583	2 410	2 589	2 632	2 645	13	62	0,5	2,4
Community and social services	3 306	3 435	3 405	3 307	3 311	4	5	0,1	0,1
Other	9	4	5	6	4	-2	-4	-30,0	-48,2
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	3 129	3 295	3 328	3 345	3 326	-19	197	-0,6	6,3
Mining	19	16	11	17	9	-7	-10	-44,2	-51,3
Manufacturing	225	223	249	290	265	-25	40	-8,5	17,8
Utilities	5	19	6	11	12	1	7	11,7	133,4
Construction	461	552	518	478	513	35	52	7,2	11,3
Trade	1 192	1 238	1 232	1 172	1 243	72	51	6,1	4,3
Transport	383	354	401	395	384	-12	0	-2,9	0,1
Finance	322	306	359	376	339	-37	17	-9,8	5,2
Community and social services	521	587	553	607	561	-46	40	-7,6	7,7
Other	1								
Agriculture	896	935	924	930	906	-24	10	-2,6	1,1
Private households	1 160	1 128	1 146	1 078	1 106	28	-54	2,6	-4,7

For all values of 10 000 or lower, the sample size is too small for reliable estimates.
Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Table 3.4: Employed by province and sector									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
South Africa	16 652	16 946	17 078	16 787	16 807	19	154	0,1	0,9
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	11 467	11 589	11 679	11 434	11 468	34	2	0,3	0,0
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	3 129	3 295	3 328	3 345	3 326	-19	197	-0,6	6,3
Agriculture	896	935	924	930	906	-24	10	-2,6	1,1
Private households	1 160	1 128	1 146	1 078	1 106	28	-54	2,6	-4,7
Western Cape	2 675	2 749	2 812	2 861	2 744	-117	69	-4,1	2,6
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1 994	2 039	2 111	2 084	2 039	-45	45	-2,2	2,3
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	329	346	350	375	337	-37	8	-9,9	2,6
Agriculture	162	175	193	244	202	-42	40	-17,2	24,8
Private households	190	190	158	158	165	7	-24	4,5	-12,8
Western Cape – Non-metro	925	993	1 030	1 034	958	-76	33	-7,3	3,6
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	579	620	656	609	595	-13	16	-2,2	2,8
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	107	130	132	135	116	-19	8	-14,3	7,8
Agriculture	150	168	177	232	191	-41	41	-17,8	27,0
Private households	88	75	64	58	56	-2	-32	-3,4	-36,4
Western Cape – City of Cape Town	1 750	1 756	1 782	1 827	1 786	-41	36	-2,3	2,1
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1 415	1 419	1 455	1 475	1 444	-32	29	-2,1	2,0
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	222	216	217	240	222	-18	0	-7,5	0,0
Agriculture	12	7	16	12	11	-1	-1	-5,8	-4,9
Private households	102	114	94	101	110	9	8	9,0	7,7
Eastern Cape	1 369	1 452	1 455	1 373	1 462	89	93	6,5	6,8
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	874	968	955	938	928	-9	54	-1,0	6,2
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	287	267	297	271	329	58	42	21,2	14,6
Agriculture	113	124	90	78	99	21	-15	27,1	-12,9
Private households	94	92	113	86	106	20	12	23,3	12,3

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Table 3.4: Employed by province and sector (continued)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Eastern Cape – Non-metro	768	793	774	743	760	17	-8	2,3	-1,0
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	399	455	449	442	428	-13	29	-3,0	7,2
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	204	173	183	181	185	3	-19	1,9	-9,3
Agriculture	108	108	75	63	88	24	-20	38,7	-18,6
Private households	57	57	67	57	59	2	2	4,4	3,7
Eastern Cape – Buffalo City	250	262	281	252	282	30	31	11,8	12,5
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	181	177	170	186	194	8	13	4,4	7,3
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	41	51	72	49	61	13	21	25,7	50,2
Agriculture	5	13	12	8	5	-3	0	-37,0	5,8
Private households	24	21	27	9	21	12	-3	132,3	-11,1
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay	350	396	401	378	420	42	70	11,2	19,9
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	294	336	336	310	306	-4	12	-1,4	4,2
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	42	42	42	41	83	42	40	101,1	95,0
Agriculture	1	3	3	6	6	0	5	-6,0	571,5
Private households	13	15	19	20	25	6	12	28,3	92,3
Northern Cape	314	337	355	343	314	-28	0	-8,3	0,1
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	220	234	246	220	225	5	5	2,1	2,2
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	38	44	38	38	33	-4	-5	-11,2	-12,8
Agriculture	33	39	52	62	38	-24	5	-38,1	16,5
Private households	22	20	19	22	17	-5	-5	-23,0	-23,0
Free State	745	775	750	754	766	12	21	1,6	2,8
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	435	437	451	464	471	6	35	1,3	8,1
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	153	189	166	153	139	-14	-14	-9,0	-9,0
Agriculture	84	78	66	64	85	21	1	32,6	1,0
Private households	73	72	67	72	71	-1	-2	-1,1	-2,1

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Table 3.4: Employed by province and sector (continued)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Free State – Non-metro	513	528	505	506	514	8	2	1,6	0,3
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	278	264	281	287	287	0	9	0,0	3,1
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	106	137	117	110	92	-19	-14	-16,9	-13,3
Agriculture	80	74	61	58	80	22	1	37,5	0,8
Private households	49	53	45	51	56	5	7	9,1	13,6
Free State – Mangaung	233	248	245	247	252	4	19	1,8	8,2
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	157	173	170	178	184	6	27	3,5	17,1
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	48	52	49	43	48	5	0	11,1	0,7
Agriculture	4	4	5	6	5	-1	0	-17,8	3,5
Private households	24	20	21	21	15	-5	-8	-26,1	-34,6
KwaZulu-Natal	2 842	2 840	2 892	2 788	2 702	-86	-140	-3,1	-4,9
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1 860	1 880	1 902	1 879	1 811	-68	-50	-3,6	-2,7
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	633	617	622	580	590	10	-43	1,7	-6,7
Agriculture	151	145	152	132	118	-14	-33	-10,4	-22,0
Private households	198	198	216	197	184	-13	-14	-6,7	-7,2
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro	1 590	1 519	1 559	1 487	1 503	16	-87	1,1	-5,5
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	965	909	958	962	963	1	-2	0,1	-0,2
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	385	366	337	299	333	33	-52	11,2	-13,6
Agriculture	141	134	145	121	110	-11	-31	-9,1	-21,8
Private households	99	111	119	105	97	-8	-2	-7,3	-2,0
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekweni	1 252	1 321	1 333	1 301	1 199	-102	-53	-7,8	-4,2
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	895	971	943	917	847	-69	-48	-7,6	-5,3
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	248	251	285	281	257	-24	10	-8,5	3,9
Agriculture	10	11	8	10	8	-3	-3	-26,2	-25,2
Private households	99	87	97	93	87	-6	-12	-6,1	-12,4

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Table 3.4: Employed by province and sector (continued)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
North West	887	956	935	879	895	16	8	1,8	0,9
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	614	661	649	590	603	13	-11	2,2	-1,8
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	159	189	170	176	176	0	16	-0,3	10,3
Agriculture	56	62	63	58	67	8	11	14,1	18,9
Private households	58	43	52	55	49	-5	-9	-9,3	-14,7
Gauteng	5 103	5 037	5 081	5 091	5 186	95	83	1,9	1,6
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3 923	3 810	3 827	3 774	3 910	136	-13	3,6	-0,3
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	819	856	857	969	927	-43	108	-4,4	13,1
Agriculture	33	47	49	38	25	-13	-8	-34,6	-25,2
Private households	327	324	349	309	324	15	-3	4,7	-0,8
Gauteng – Non-metro	611	626	607	633	650	18	39	2,8	6,4
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	459	474	445	464	491	27	32	5,8	7,1
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	95	93	104	111	108	-3	13	-2,3	13,8
Agriculture	20	23	15	20	14	-5	-5	-26,8	-27,4
Private households	37	36	42	38	36	-1	-1	-3,9	-3,1
Gauteng – Ekurhuleni	1 249	1 242	1 255	1 202	1 200	-2	-49	-0,1	-3,9
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	993	955	960	894	966	73	-26	8,1	-2,7
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	196	205	216	239	175	-64	-21	-26,8	-10,7
Agriculture	3	7	10	8	1	-7	-2	-90,3	-73,7
Private households	58	75	69	62	58	-3	1	-5,5	1,2
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg	1 978	1 862	1 935	1 977	2 000	22	22	1,1	1,1
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1 449	1 338	1 395	1 389	1 397	8	-52	0,6	-3,6
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	383	384	377	454	457	3	74	0,6	19,4
Agriculture	2	5	15	6	3	-3	1	-47,5	22,4
Private households	143	135	148	128	142	14	-1	10,7	-0,8

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Table 3.4: Employed by province and sector (concluded)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Gauteng – City of Tshwane	1 265	1 307	1 285	1 279	1 336	57	71	4,4	5,6
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1 023	1 043	1 028	1 027	1 055	28	32	2,8	3,2
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	145	174	160	165	186	21	41	12,8	28,3
Agriculture	9	12	8	5	7	2	-1	28,7	-17,3
Private households	88	78	90	82	87	6	-1	7,0	-1,2
Mpumalanga	1 192	1 241	1 255	1 212	1 223	11	31	0,9	2,6
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	660	685	669	679	676	-3	16	-0,4	2,4
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	302	352	369	334	336	1	33	0,3	11,1
Agriculture	126	109	131	116	126	10	0	9,0	-0,1
Private households	104	95	85	82	85	3	-19	3,3	-18,0
Limpopo	1 526	1 559	1 543	1 488	1 515	27	-11	1,8	-0,7
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	886	875	869	806	806	0	-80	0,0	-9,0
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	408	435	458	448	459	11	50	2,4	12,3
Agriculture	136	156	128	138	146	8	9	5,5	6,8
Private households	95	93	88	96	104	8	9	8,6	9,9

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Table 3.5: Employed by sex and occupation – South Africa									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Both sexes	16 652	16 946	17 078	16 787	16 807	19	154	0,1	0,9
Manager	1 451	1 457	1 496	1 430	1 507	77	57	5,4	3,9
Professional	1 102	826	869	980	983	3	-119	0,3	-10,8
Technician	1 780	1 504	1 398	1 503	1 565	62	-215	4,1	-12,1
Clerk	1 705	1 841	1 897	1 854	1 813	-41	108	-2,2	6,4
Sales and services	2 584	2 992	2 949	2 929	2 875	-54	290	-1,8	11,2
Skilled agriculture	105	68	71	62	47	-15	-58	-23,7	-55,3
Craft and related trade	1 672	1 876	1 932	1 862	1 858	-3	186	-0,2	11,1
Plant and machine operator	1 308	1 401	1 389	1 386	1 396	10	88	0,8	6,7
Elementary	4 094	4 128	4 215	3 964	3 923	-41	-171	-1,0	-4,2
Domestic worker	843	854	861	818	839	21	-4	2,5	-0,5
Women	7 448	7 545	7 636	7 412	7 400	-13	-48	-0,2	-0,6
Manager	532	485	532	480	501	21	-31	4,3	-5,9
Professional	555	461	479	517	563	46	8	8,9	1,5
Technician	1 008	803	724	758	784	26	-223	3,4	-22,2
Clerk	1 219	1 321	1 380	1 321	1 299	-22	80	-1,6	6,6
Sales and services	1 208	1 511	1 457	1 466	1 422	-44	215	-3,0	17,8
Skilled agriculture	26	23	24	14	11	-2	-15	-17,7	-57,9
Craft and related trade	231	211	275	243	258	14	27	5,9	11,6
Plant and machine operator	156	181	192	196	166	-30	10	-15,3	6,5
Elementary	1 706	1 744	1 759	1 637	1 593	-44	-113	-2,7	-6,6
Domestic worker	807	805	813	780	802	22	-5	2,8	-0,6
Men	9 204	9 402	9 442	9 375	9 407	32	202	0,3	2,2
Manager	919	973	963	950	1 007	56	88	5,9	9,6
Professional	547	365	389	463	420	-43	-127	-9,4	-23,3
Technician	772	701	674	744	781	36	8	4,8	1,1
Clerk	486	520	517	533	514	-19	28	-3,6	5,8
Sales and services	1 377	1 481	1 492	1 462	1 452	-10	76	-0,7	5,5
Skilled agriculture	79	45	47	48	36	-12	-43	-25,3	-54,4
Craft and related trade	1 441	1 664	1 656	1 618	1 601	-18	160	-1,1	11,1
Plant and machine operator	1 152	1 220	1 197	1 190	1 230	40	78	3,4	6,8
Elementary	2 388	2 384	2 456	2 327	2 330	3	-59	0,1	-2,5
Domestic worker	36	49	48	38	37	-1	1	-2,4	2,6

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Table 3.6: Employed by sex and status in employment – South Africa									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Both sexes	16 652	16 946	17 078	16 787	16 807	19	154	0,1	0,9
Employee	13 919	14 013	14 087	13 797	13 836	39	-82	0,3	-0,6
Employer	859	918	966	953	947	-6	88	-0,6	10,2
Own-account worker	1 777	1 907	1 932	1 926	1 926	0	149	0,0	8,4
Unpaid household member	97	108	92	111	97	-14	0	-12,4	-0,2
Women	7 448	7 545	7 636	7 412	7 400	-13	-48	-0,2	-0,6
Employee	6 410	6 424	6 516	6 372	6 351	-21	-59	-0,3	-0,9
Employer	222	218	245	224	220	-5	-2	-2,1	-1,1
Own-account worker	764	841	824	755	781	26	17	3,4	2,2
Unpaid household member	52	62	50	61	49	-12	-3	-20,1	-6,7
Men	9 204	9 402	9 442	9 375	9 407	32	202	0,3	2,2
Employee	7 509	7 589	7 571	7 425	7 486	60	-23	0,8	-0,3
Employer	637	700	721	729	728	-1	90	-0,2	14,2
Own-account worker	1 013	1 067	1 108	1 171	1 145	-26	132	-2,2	13,0
Unpaid household member	45	46	43	50	48	-2	3	-3,0	7,2

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Table 3.7: Employed by sex and usual hours of work – South Africa									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Both sexes	16 652	16 946	17 078	16 787	16 807	19	154	0,1	0,9
Working less than 15 hours per week	496	562	509	518	496	-23	0	-4,4	0,0
Working 15–29 hours per week	1 151	1 196	1 256	1 230	1 179	-51	28	-4,1	2,4
Working 30–39 hours per week	1 235	1 242	1 230	1 195	1 079	-115	-156	-9,7	-12,6
Working 40–45 hours per week	9 348	9 451	9 554	9 375	9 402	28	54	0,3	0,6
Working more than 45 hours per week	4 422	4 495	4 529	4 470	4 650	180	228	4,0	5,2
Women	7 448	7 545	7 636	7 412	7 400	-13	-48	-0,2	-0,6
Working less than 15 hours per week	252	292	260	277	283	7	31	2,4	12,5
Working 15–29 hours per week	710	726	782	751	729	-22	19	-2,9	2,7
Working 30–39 hours per week	702	725	684	677	597	-80	-105	-11,8	-14,9
Working 40–45 hours per week	4 253	4 270	4 386	4 240	4 248	8	-5	0,2	-0,1
Working more than 45 hours per week	1 532	1 532	1 523	1 468	1 542	74	10	5,0	0,7
Men	9 204	9 402	9 442	9 375	9 407	32	202	0,3	2,2
Working less than 15 hours per week	244	270	249	242	212	-29	-32	-12,2	-13,0
Working 15–29 hours per week	442	470	474	479	450	-29	9	-6,1	1,9
Working 30–39 hours per week	533	517	546	518	482	-36	-51	-6,9	-9,6
Working 40–45 hours per week	5 095	5 182	5 168	5 134	5 154	20	59	0,4	1,2
Working more than 45 hours per week	2 890	2 963	3 006	3 002	3 108	106	218	3,5	7,5

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Pension/retirement fund contribution									
Both sexes	13 919	14 013	14 087	13 797	13 836	39	-82	0,3	-0,6
Yes	6 277	6 274	6 305	6 290	6 194	-97	-83	-1,5	-1,3
No	7 285	7 425	7 398	7 107	7 236	128	-49	1,8	-0,7
Don't know	356	314	384	400	407	7	51	1,8	14,2
Women	6 410	6 424	6 516	6 372	6 351	-21	-59	-0,3	-0,9
Yes	2 806	2 797	2 856	2 846	2 825	-20	20	-0,7	0,7
No	3 446	3 479	3 510	3 340	3 340	0	-106	0,0	-3,1
Don't know	158	148	150	186	185	-1	26	-0,5	16,7
Men	7 509	7 589	7 571	7 425	7 486	60	-23	0,8	-0,3
Yes	3 472	3 477	3 449	3 445	3 368	-76	-103	-2,2	-3,0
No	3 839	3 946	3 888	3 767	3 896	128	56	3,4	1,5
Don't know	198	167	234	214	222	8	24	3,8	12,2
Entitled to any paid leave									
Both sexes	13 919	14 013	14 087	13 797	13 836	39	-82	0,3	-0,6
Yes	9 358	9 270	9 303	9 352	9 219	-133	-138	-1,4	-1,5
No	4 414	4 593	4 594	4 278	4 437	159	23	3,7	0,5
Don't know	147	151	191	167	181	13	34	8,0	22,9
Women	6 410	6 424	6 516	6 372	6 351	-21	-59	-0,3	-0,9
Yes	4 361	4 319	4 350	4 350	4 311	-39	-50	-0,9	-1,2
No	1 998	2 045	2 093	1 964	1 967	4	-31	0,2	-1,6
Don't know	51	60	73	59	73	14	22	24,0	43,4
Men	7 509	7 589	7 571	7 425	7 486	60	-23	0,8	-0,3
Yes	4 997	4 951	4 952	5 002	4 909	-94	-88	-1,9	-1,8
No	2 416	2 547	2 501	2 314	2 469	155	54	6,7	2,2
Don't know	96	91	118	109	108	-1	12	-0,6	12,2

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa (continued)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Entitled to paid sick leave									
Both sexes	13 919	14 013	14 087	13 797	13 836	39	-82	0,3	-0,6
Yes	10 075	10 091	10 027	10 052	9 982	-69	-93	-0,7	-0,9
No	3 692	3 785	3 868	3 578	3 687	109	-4	3,0	-0,1
Don't know	151	137	192	168	167	-1	15	-0,5	10,1
Women	6 410	6 424	6 516	6 372	6 351	-21	-59	-0,3	-0,9
Yes	4 691	4 673	4 684	4 678	4 619	-60	-72	-1,3	-1,5
No	1 661	1 695	1 756	1 636	1 661	25	0	1,5	0,0
Don't know	58	56	77	58	71	13	13	23,1	21,6
Men	7 509	7 589	7 571	7 425	7 486	60	-23	0,8	-0,3
Yes	5 384	5 418	5 343	5 373	5 364	-9	-21	-0,2	-0,4
No	2 031	2 090	2 113	1 942	2 026	84	-5	4,3	-0,2
Don't know	93	81	115	110	96	-14	3	-12,8	3,0
Entitled to maternity/paternity leave									
Both sexes	13 919	14 013	14 087	13 797	13 836	39	-82	0,3	-0,6
Yes	7 718	7 809	7 810	7 805	7 725	-80	7	-1,0	0,1
No	5 851	5 916	5 912	5 635	5 762	127	-89	2,3	-1,5
Don't know	349	288	366	357	349	-8	0	-2,1	-0,1
Women	6 410	6 424	6 516	6 372	6 351	-21	-59	-0,3	-0,9
Yes	3 753	3 794	3 785	3 817	3 773	-43	20	-1,1	0,5
No	2 535	2 516	2 593	2 425	2 447	22	-88	0,9	-3,5
Don't know	122	114	139	131	130	0	8	-0,3	6,7
Men	7 509	7 589	7 571	7 425	7 486	60	-23	0,8	-0,3
Yes	3 965	4 015	4 025	3 988	3 951	-37	-14	-0,9	-0,4
No	3 316	3 399	3 319	3 211	3 315	105	0	3,3	0,0
Don't know	228	174	227	226	219	-7	-8	-3,1	-3,7

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa (continued)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
UIF contribution									
Both sexes	13 919	14 013	14 087	13 797	13 836	39	-82	0,3	-0,6
Yes	8 549	8 601	8 571	8 446	8 532	86	-17	1,0	-0,2
No	5 069	5 124	5 184	5 042	4 993	-49	-76	-1,0	-1,5
Don't know	301	289	332	309	312	2	10	0,8	3,5
Women	6 410	6 424	6 516	6 372	6 351	-21	-59	-0,3	-0,9
Yes	3 746	3 764	3 790	3 735	3 760	26	14	0,7	0,4
No	2 536	2 527	2 589	2 494	2 447	-47	-89	-1,9	-3,5
Don't know	128	132	137	143	143	0	15	0,3	12,0
Men	7 509	7 589	7 571	7 425	7 486	60	-23	0,8	-0,3
Yes	4 802	4 836	4 782	4 711	4 772	61	-31	1,3	-0,6
No	2 533	2 596	2 595	2 548	2 546	-2	13	-0,1	0,5
Don't know	173	156	194	166	168	2	-5	1,2	-2,8
Medical aid benefits									
Both sexes	13 919	14 013	14 087	13 797	13 836	39	-82	0,3	-0,6
Yes	4 268	4 304	4 228	4 220	4 191	-29	-77	-0,7	-1,8
No	9 460	9 531	9 649	9 378	9 451	73	-9	0,8	-0,1
Don't know	191	178	211	199	194	-4	3	-2,3	1,8
Women	6 410	6 424	6 516	6 372	6 351	-21	-59	-0,3	-0,9
Yes	2 016	1 967	1 955	1 987	1 961	-26	-55	-1,3	-2,7
No	4 319	4 377	4 465	4 290	4 302	12	-17	0,3	-0,4
Don't know	75	80	97	95	88	-7	13	-7,7	17,5
Men	7 509	7 589	7 571	7 425	7 486	60	-23	0,8	-0,3
Yes	2 251	2 337	2 273	2 233	2 230	-3	-21	-0,10	-0,90
No	5 141	5 154	5 184	5 088	5 149	61	8	1,2	0,2
Don't know	116	98	114	104	107	3	-10	2,8	-8,3

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa (continued)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Income tax (PAYE/SITE) deduction									
Both sexes	13 919	14 013	14 087	13 797	13 836	39	-82	0,3	-0,6
Yes	7 865	7 894	7 777	7 679	7 630	-49	-234	-0,6	-3,0
No	5 680	5 785	5 866	5 705	5 774	70	94	1,2	1,7
Don't know	374	335	445	414	432	18	58	4,3	15,4
Women	6 410	6 424	6 516	6 372	6 351	-21	-59	-0,30	-0,90
Yes	3 560	3 590	3 554	3 465	3 492	27	-68	0,80	-1,90
No	2 694	2 700	2 798	2 745	2 673	-72	-21	-2,6	-0,8
Don't know	156	135	164	161	185	24	29	14,7	18,6
Men	7 509	7 589	7 571	7 425	7 486	60	-23	0,8	-0,3
Yes	4 305	4 304	4 223	4 214	4 138	-75	-166	-1,8	-3,9
No	2 986	3 085	3 068	2 959	3 101	142	115	4,8	3,9
Don't know	218	200	280	252	247	-6	29	-2,3	13,1
Condition of employment									
Both sexes	13 919	14 013	14 087	13 797	13 836	39	-82	0,3	-0,6
Written contract	11 453	11 459	11 462	11 329	11 364	34	-90	0,3	-0,8
Verbal agreement	2 465	2 555	2 625	2 468	2 473	5	8	0,2	0,3
Women	6 410	6 424	6 516	6 372	6 351	-21	-59	-0,3	-0,9
Written contract	5 359	5 357	5 418	5 360	5 350	-10	-9	-0,20	-0,20
Verbal agreement	1 051	1 067	1 098	1 012	1 001	-11	-50	-1,1	-4,8
Men	7 509	7 589	7 571	7 425	7 486	60	-23	0,8	-0,3
Written contract	6 094	6 101	6 044	5 970	6 014	44	-80	0,7	-1,3
Verbal agreement	1 414	1 488	1 527	1 456	1 472	16	58	1,1	4,1

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa (continued)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Nature of contract/agreement (both sexes)									
Both sexes	13 919	14 013	14 087	13 797	13 836	39	-83	0,3	-0,6
Limited duration	2 048	2 142	2 172	2 159	2 103	-56	55	-2,6	2,7
Permanent nature	8 358	8 304	8 291	8 315	8 303	-12	-55	-0,1	-0,7
Unspecified duration	3 513	3 568	3 624	3 324	3 430	106	-83	3,2	-2,4
Women	6 410	6 424	6 516	6 372	6 351	-21	-59	-0,3	-0,9
Limited duration	1 043	1 115	1 121	1 110	1 075	-35	32	-3,2	3,1
Permanent nature	3 832	3 769	3 804	3 816	3 806	-10	-26	-0,3	-0,7
Unspecified duration	1 534	1 539	1 591	1 446	1 469	23	-65	1,6	-4,2
Men	7 509	7 589	7 571	7 425	7 486	61	-23	0,8	-0,3
Limited duration	1 005	1 026	1 051	1 049	1 028	-21	23	-2,0	2,3
Permanent nature	4 526	4 534	4 488	4 499	4 497	-2	-29	0,0	-0,6
Unspecified duration	1 979	2 029	2 033	1 877	1 961	84	-18	4,5	-0,9
Trade union membership (both sexes)									
Both sexes	13 919	14 013	14 087	13 797	13 836	39	-83	0,3	-0,6
Yes	3 913	3 908	3 863	3 871	3 998	127	85	3,3	2,2
No	9 538	9 598	9 697	9 405	9 292	-113	-246	-1,2	-2,6
Don't know	467	507	528	522	546	24	79	4,6	16,9
Women	6 410	6 424	6 516	6 372	6 351	-21	-59	-0,3	-0,9
Yes	1 801	1 784	1 771	1 744	1 822	78	21	4,5	1,2
No	4 408	4 424	4 529	4 409	4 278	-131	-130	-3,0	-2,9
Don't know	200	216	216	219	250	31	50	14,2	25,0
Men	7 509	7 589	7 571	7 425	7 486	61	-23	0,8	-0,3
Yes	2 112	2 124	2 092	2 127	2 176	49	64	2,30	3,00
No	5 129	5 174	5 168	4 996	5 014	18	-115	0,4	-2,2
Don't know	267	291	311	303	296	-7	29	-2,3	10,9

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa (concluded)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
How annual salary increment is negotiated									
Both sexes	13 919	14 013	14 087	13 797	13 836	39	-83	0,3	-0,6
Individual and employer	1 075	1 052	1 088	1 090	1 010	-80	-65	-7,3	-6,0
Union and employer	2 752	2 876	2 911	2 764	2 890	126	138	4,6	5,0
Bargaining council	1 393	1 421	1 432	1 437	1 359	-78	-34	-5,4	-2,4
Employer only	7 832	7 805	7 832	7 693	7 752	59	-80	0,80	-1,00
No regular increment	805	816	797	780	773	-7	-32	-0,90	-4,00
Other	62	43	28	33	52	19	-10	57,6	-16,1
Women	6 410	6 424	6 516	6 372	6 351	-21	-59	-0,3	-0,9
Individual and employer	499	449	473	464	429	-35	-70	-7,5	-14
Union and employer	1 194	1 257	1 292	1 186	1 270	84	76	7,1	6,4
Bargaining council	730	722	726	757	713	-44	-17	-5,8	-2,3
Employer only	3 600	3 609	3 628	3 578	3 564	-14	-36	-0,4	-1,0
No regular increment	364	372	389	370	351	-19	-13	-5,1	-3,6
Other	21	15	8	17	23	6	2	35,3	9,5
Men	7 509	7 589	7 571	7 425	7 486	61	-23	0,8	-0,3
Individual and employer	575	603	615	626	581	-45	6	-7,2	1,0
Union and employer	1 557	1 619	1 619	1 578	1 621	43	64	2,70	4,10
Bargaining council	663	699	706	680	646	-34	-17	-5,0	-2,6
Employer only	4 232	4 196	4 204	4 115	4 188	73	-44	1,8	-1,0
No regular increment	441	444	408	410	422	12	-19	2,9	-4,3
Other	40	28	19	17	29	12	-11	70,6	-27,5

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Table 3.9: Time-related underemployment – South Africa									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Both sexes	677	783	788	781	710	-71	33	-9,1	4,9
Women	378	434	409	410	382	-27	5	-6,7	1,2
Men	299	349	379	372	328	-44	29	-11,8	9,6
As percentage of the labour force (both sexes)	2,7	3,1	3,1	3,1	2,8	-0,3	0,1		
Women	3,3	3,8	3,5	3,6	3,3	-0,3	0,0		
Men	2,2	2,6	2,8	2,7	2,4	-0,3	0,2		
As percentage of total employment (both sexes)	4,1	4,6	4,6	4,7	4,2	-0,5	0,1		
Women	5,1	5,8	5,4	5,5	5,2	-0,3	0,1		
Men	3,3	3,7	4,0	4,0	3,5	-0,5	0,2		
Industry	677	783	788	781	710	-71	33	-9,1	4,9
Agriculture	17	20	27	28	18	-10	1	-35,7	8,7
Mining		1		1					
Manufacturing	27	41	43	37	23	-14	-4	-39,0	-16,1
Utilities	1	3		2					
Construction	59	83	91	95	68	-26	9	-27,8	16,1
Trade	119	136	104	115	136	21	18	17,9	14,8
Transport	21	27	25	27	33	6	11	22,7	52,8
Finance	61	72	89	83	74	-9	14	-10,9	22,4
Community and social services	179	199	210	203	181	-22	2	-10,8	1,3
Private households	194	201	200	191	177	-14	-17	-7,2	-8,6
Occupation	677	783	788	781	710	-71	33	-9,1	4,9
Manager	13	22	25	26	23	-3	10	-11,2	77,9
Professional	7	9	9	23	14	-8	7	-36,5	106,5
Technician	26	30	39	38	41	2	15	6,0	56,3
Clerk	17	27	22	31	15	-15	-2	-50,0	-10,5
Sales and services	73	103	87	89	83	-6	10	-6,9	13,9
Skilled agriculture	7	5	7	6	2	-4	-5	-66,8	-72,0
Craft and related trade	80	89	115	100	87	-13	7	-13,1	8,2
Plant and machine operator	26	23	21	18	26	8	0	45,5	1,2
Elementary	287	329	324	318	295	-24	8	-7,4	2,6
Domestic worker	140	145	139	132	124	-8	-17	-6,2	-11,9

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Table 4: Characteristics of the unemployed – South Africa									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qrt-to-qrt change	Year-on- year change	Qrt-to-qrt change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Unemployed	8 384	8 011	7 991	8 228	8 367	140	-16	1,7	-0,2
Job losers	2 402	2 151	2 060	2 165	2 106	-59	-296	-2,7	-12,3
Job leavers	237	202	220	214	244	30	7	14,1	3,1
New entrants	3 523	3 479	3 421	3 547	3 611	65	88	1,8	2,5
Re-entrants	315	379	401	325	323	-2	8	-0,6	2,4
Other	1 907	1 799	1 889	1 977	2 083	106	176	5,3	9,3
Unemployed	8 384	8 011	7 991	8 228	8 367	140	-16	1,7	-0,2
Long-term unemployment (1 year and more)	6 385	6 144	6 213	6 295	6 411	116	27	1,8	0,4
Short-term unemployment (less than 1 year)	1 999	1 867	1 778	1 933	1 956	23	-43	1,2	-2,2
Long-term unemployment (%)									
Proportion of the labour force	25,5	24,6	24,8	25,2	25,5	0,3	0,0		
Proportion of the unemployed	76,2	76,7	77,7	76,5	76,6	0,1	0,4		
Those who have worked in the past 5 years									
Previous occupation	2 954	2 732	2 681	2 704	2 673	-31	-281	-1,1	-9,5
Manager	58	49	51	55	56	1	-2	1,7	-3,7
Professional	73	48	54	57	75	17	1	30,1	1,7
Technician	316	155	129	134	117	-18	-199	-13,2	-63,1
Clerk	314	285	268	327	304	-22	-9	-6,8	-3,0
Sales and services	403	556	552	515	511	-4	108	-0,7	26,6
Skilled agriculture	12	7	11	8	11	2	-1	30,4	-8,3
Craft and related trade	464	378	411	406	391	-14	-72	-3,5	-15,6
Plant and machine operator	221	194	187	172	186	14	-36	7,9	-16,1
Elementary	893	892	850	856	873	18	-20	2,0	-2,2
Domestic worker	199	167	169	174	149	-24	-50	-14,0	-25,1
Other									

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Table 4: Characteristics of the unemployed – South Africa (concluded)

	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qrt-to-qrt change	Year-on- year change	Qrt-to-qrt change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Previous industry	2 954	2 732	2 681	2 704	2 673	-31	-281	-1,1	-9,5
Agriculture	189	177	168	167	170	3	-19	1,8	-10,1
Mining	65	67	48	63	63	0	-1	0,6	-2,1
Manufacturing	255	252	239	222	256	33	1	15,1	0,2
Utilities	23	20	19	16	11	-5	-12	-31,7	-53,2
Construction	467	391	392	388	379	-9	-88	-2,4	-18,9
Trade	549	537	556	562	578	16	29	2,9	5,3
Transport	152	117	137	150	143	-7	-9	-5,0	-6,0
Finance	371	338	362	376	341	-35	-30	-9,3	-8,1
Community and social services	613	590	529	525	504	-20	-109	-3,9	-17,8
Private households	271	242	232	235	229	-6	-42	-2,7	-15,5
Other									

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Table 5: Characteristics of the not economically active – South Africa									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qrt-to-qrt change	Year-on- year change	Qrt-to-qrt change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Not economically active	16 260	16 474	16 492	16 676	16 648	-28	388	-0,2	2,4
Student	6 029	6 100	6 144	5 939	6 090	151	61	2,6	1,0
Homemaker	2 263	2 248	2 243	2 245	2 373	127	110	5,7	4,8
Illness/disability	1 658	1 619	1 533	1 587	1 600	13	-58	0,8	-3,5
Too old/young to work	1 757	1 800	1 792	1 796	1 762	-34	5	-1,9	0,3
Discouraged work-seekers	3 195	3 355	3 466	3 473	3 445	-28	250	-0,8	7,8
Other	1 358	1 352	1 315	1 636	1 379	-257	21	-15,7	1,5
Inactivity rate by age (both sexes)	39,4	39,8	39,7	40,0	39,8	-0,2	0,4		
15-24 yrs	72,9	73,4	73,4	73,7	73,3	-0,4	0,4		
25-54 yrs	23,7	24,1	24,1	24,6	24,4	-0,2	0,7		
55-64 yrs	55,9	55,8	55,2	55,2	55,3	0,1	-0,6		
Inactivity rate by age (women)	44,2	44,8	44,8	45,2	45,1	-0,1	0,9		
15-24 yrs	75,2	75,3	75,7	76,1	75,4	-0,7	0,2		
25-54 yrs	29,0	29,9	29,8	30,4	30,3	-0,1	1,3		
55-64 yrs	62,3	62,3	61,3	61,4	62,0	0,6	-0,3		
Inactivity rate by age (men)	34,4	34,6	34,5	34,7	34,4	-0,3	0,0		
15-24 yrs	70,7	71,5	71,2	71,3	71,1	-0,2	0,4		
25-54 yrs	18,5	18,5	18,6	18,8	18,6	-0,2	0,1		
55-64 yrs	48,1	47,8	47,7	47,5	47,0	-0,5	-1,1		

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Table 6: Sociodemographic characteristics – South Africa									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qrt-to-qrt change	Year-on- year change	Qrt-to-qrt change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Age group of the employed	16 652	16 946	17 078	16 787	16 807	19	154	0,1	0,9
15-24 yrs	1 089	1 086	1 102	1 018	1 043	25	-46	2,5	-4,2
25-34 yrs	4 630	4 699	4 719	4 651	4 656	6	27	0,1	0,6
35-44 yrs	5 169	5 303	5 334	5 247	5 222	-25	54	-0,5	1,0
45-54 yrs	4 065	4 105	4 148	4 099	4 119	19	54	0,5	1,3
55-64 yrs	1 701	1 754	1 775	1 772	1 766	-6	66	-0,3	3,9
Age group of the unemployed	8 384	8 011	7 991	8 228	8 367	140	-16	1,7	-0,2
15-24 yrs	1 691	1 643	1 629	1 692	1 715	23	24	1,4	1,4
25-34 yrs	3 306	3 182	3 064	3 151	3 167	16	-139	0,5	-4,2
35-44 yrs	2 082	1 960	1 994	2 022	2 104	82	22	4,1	1,0
45-54 yrs	1 063	1 018	1 075	1 118	1 123	5	60	0,4	5,6
55-64 yrs	242	207	228	245	259	14	16	5,7	6,8
Age group of the not economically active	16 260	16 474	16 492	16 676	16 648	-28	388	-0,2	2,4
15-24 yrs	7 483	7 544	7 555	7 589	7 554	-35	72	-0,5	1,0
25-34 yrs	2 665	2 728	2 830	2 815	2 798	-17	133	-0,6	5,0
35-44 yrs	1 888	1 916	1 890	1 987	1 969	-19	81	-0,9	4,3
45-54 yrs	1 757	1 808	1 752	1 803	1 824	21	67	1,2	3,8
55-64 yrs	2 468	2 478	2 465	2 481	2 503	22	35	0,9	1,4
Highest level of education of the employed	16 652	16 946	17 078	16 787	16 807	19	154	0,1	0,9
No schooling	180	179	190	169	153	-16	-27	-9,4	-15,1
Less than primary completed	643	647	662	651	603	-48	-40	-7,4	-6,3
Primary completed	470	522	491	466	432	-34	-38	-7,3	-8,2
Secondary not completed	5 100	5 251	5 188	4 979	5 087	108	-13	2,2	-0,3
Secondary completed	6 066	6 163	6 280	6 167	6 230	63	164	1,0	2,7
Tertiary	3 954	3 936	3 996	4 046	4 016	-30	61	-0,7	1,6
Other	239	248	271	310	287	-23	48	-7,4	20,0

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Table 6: Sociodemographic characteristics – South Africa (continued)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Highest level of education of the unemployed	8 384	8 011	7 991	8 228	8 367	140	-16	1,7	-0,2
No schooling	56	57	65	56	52	-3	-4	-5,9	-6,8
Less than primary completed	382	321	306	321	298	-22	-83	-6,9	-21,8
Primary completed	253	258	242	234	234	0	-19	0,0	-7,4
Secondary not completed	3 441	3 375	3 413	3 381	3 493	112	52	3,3	1,5
Secondary completed	3 387	3 192	3 203	3 313	3 385	72	-2	2,2	-0,1
Tertiary	817	748	697	856	844	-12	27	-1,4	3,3
Other	49	58	67	68	61	-7	12	-9,9	23,9
Highest level of education of the not economically active	16 260	16 474	16 492	16 676	16 648	-28	388	-0,2	2,4
No schooling	485	473	454	478	495	17	10	3,6	2,1
Less than primary completed	1 182	1 187	1 165	1 074	1 098	24	-83	2,2	-7,0
Primary completed	804	812	904	791	875	84	70	10,6	8,7
Secondary not completed	8 408	8 678	8 689	8 579	8 562	-17	154	-0,2	1,8
Secondary completed	4 381	4 290	4 244	4 705	4 604	-101	223	-2,1	5,1
Tertiary	762	781	803	810	805	-5	43	-0,7	5,6
Other	237	253	232	239	209	-30	-28	-12,4	-11,9
Employed	16 652	16 946	17 078	16 787	16 807	19	154	0,1	0,9
Attending educational institution	273	309	301	332	343	11	70	3,3	25,6
Not attending educational institution	16 379	16 637	16 777	16 456	16 464	8	84	0,0	0,5
Unemployed	8 384	8 011	7 991	8 228	8 367	140	-16	1,7	-0,2
Attending educational institution	119	144	147	139	143	4	24	2,7	20,0
Not attending educational institution	8 265	7 867	7 844	8 089	8 225	136	-40	1,7	-0,5
Not economically active	16 260	16 474	16 492	16 676	16 648	-28	388	-0,2	2,4
Attending educational institution	5 858	5 975	6 023	5 734	5 949	215	91	3,8	1,5
Not attending educational institution	10 401	10 498	10 469	10 942	10 699	-243	297	-2,2	2,9

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Table 6: Sociodemographic characteristics – South Africa (concluded)

	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Current marital status of the employed	16 652	16 946	17 078	16 787	16 807	19	154	0,1	0,9
Married	5 883	6 046	6 031	5 896	5 826	-70	-57	-1,2	-1,0
Living together like husband and wife	2 130	2 113	2 091	2 169	2 111	-58	-18	-2,7	-0,9
Widow/widower	399	406	390	364	373	9	-26	2,4	-6,4
Divorced or separated	500	516	486	472	470	-2	-30	-0,4	-6,0
Never married	7 741	7 866	8 079	7 887	8 026	140	285	1,8	3,7
Current marital status of the unemployed	8 384	8 011	7 991	8 228	8 367	140	-16	1,7	-0,2
Married	1 058	955	956	974	958	-16	-100	-1,6	-9,5
Living together like husband and wife	866	795	809	851	821	-29	-45	-3,5	-5,2
Widow/widower	72	70	71	83	72	-11	1	-12,9	0,8
Divorced or separated	124	103	114	152	118	-33	-5	-22,0	-4,4
Never married	6 264	6 086	6 041	6 169	6 398	229	134	3,7	2,1
Current marital status of the not economically active	16 260	16 474	16 492	16 676	16 648	-28	388	-0,2	2,4
Married	2 526	2 549	2 566	2 498	2 563	65	37	2,6	1,5
Living together like husband and wife	956	960	967	1 016	982	-33	26	-3,3	2,7
Widow/widower	566	574	605	567	580	13	14	2,3	2,5
Divorced or separated	284	279	286	264	273	8	-11	3,1	-3,9
Never married	11 928	12 112	12 068	12 331	12 250	-81	322	-0,7	2,7

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Table 7: Profile of those not in employment education or training – South Africa									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qrt-to-qrt change	Year-on- year change	Qrt-to-qrt change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Both sexes	18 666	18 365	18 313	19 031	18 923	-107	257	-0,6	1,4
Women	10 264	10 147	10 120	10 567	10 522	-46	257	-0,4	2,5
Men	8 402	8 218	8 193	8 464	8 402	-62	0	-0,7	0,0
Age group	18 666	18 365	18 313	19 031	18 923	-107	257	-0,6	1,4
15-24 yrs	3 613	3 515	3 450	3 825	3 625	-200	12	-5,2	0,3
25-34 yrs	5 606	5 516	5 505	5 616	5 575	-41	-31	-0,7	-0,6
35-44 yrs	3 926	3 837	3 851	3 956	4 025	69	100	1,7	2,5
45-54 yrs	2 812	2 818	2 815	2 910	2 937	26	124	0,9	4,4
55-64 yrs	2 709	2 680	2 692	2 724	2 761	38	52	1,4	1,9
Population groups	18 666	18 365	18 313	19 031	18 923	-107	257	-0,6	1,4
Black/African	16 082	15 786	15 778	16 515	16 297	-218	215	-1,3	1,3
Coloured	1 545	1 509	1 493	1 515	1 566	51	21	3,4	1,4
Indian/Asian	365	371	351	360	393	33	29	9,2	7,9
White	675	700	691	640	667	27	-8	4,2	-1,2
South Africa	18 666	18 365	18 313	19 031	18 923	-107	257	-0,6	1,4
Western Cape	1 787	1 748	1 706	1 699	1 809	109	21	6,4	1,2
Eastern Cape	2 454	2 337	2 304	2 407	2 309	-98	-145	-4,1	-5,9
Northern Cape	425	406	386	412	428	16	2	3,9	0,5
Free State	895	865	882	880	854	-26	-41	-3,0	-4,6
KwaZulu-Natal	3 547	3 549	3 549	3 761	3 815	54	268	1,4	7,6
North West	1 529	1 447	1 462	1 566	1 536	-30	7	-1,9	0,5
Gauteng	4 681	4 725	4 748	4 838	4 742	-96	62	-2,0	1,3
Mpumalanga	1 489	1 456	1 445	1 532	1 522	-10	34	-0,7	2,3
Limpopo	1 860	1 833	1 831	1 936	1 908	-27	49	-1,4	2,6

Table 8: Involvement in non-market activities and labour market status by province									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qrt-to-qrt change	Year-on- year change	Qrt-to-qrt change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
South Africa									
Subsistence farming	2 244	1 883	2 269	2 456	2 007	-448	-237	-18,3	-10,6
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	4 446	4 277	3 878	3 652	3 766	115	-679	3,1	-15,3
Produce other goods for household use	235	187	280	284	293	9	58	3,0	24,9
Construction or major repairs to own or household'	269	310	292	364	306	-58	36	-15,9	13,5
Hunting or fishing for household use	27	40	25	41	39	-2	13	-4,7	46,8
Involvement in at least one activity	5 884	5 606	5 623	5 507	5 300	-207	-583	-3,8	-9,9
Employed	1 658	1 561	1 619	1 467	1 448	-19	-210	-1,3	-12,6
Unemployed	1 515	1 410	1 351	1 357	1 263	-95	-252	-7,0	-16,6
Not economically active	2 711	2 635	2 652	2 683	2 590	-93	-122	-3,5	-4,5
Western Cape									
Subsistence farming	64	74	96	78	82	5	19	6,1	29,1
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	144	142	140	150	117	-32	-27	-21,6	-18,7
Produce other goods for household use	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Construction or major repairs to own or household'	.	.	3	3	10	7	.	269,9	.
Hunting or fishing for household use									
Involvement in at least one activity	207	214	237	224	208	-17	1	-7,4	0,3
Employed	107	119	136	117	95	-22	-11	-18,9	-10,7
Unemployed	51	43	54	45	49	4	-2	7,9	-4,5
Not economically active	50	52	47	62	64	2	14	3,4	28,9
Eastern Cape									
Subsistence farming	622	412	620	681	417	-264	-204	-38,7	-32,8
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	987	1 005	869	700	771	71	-216	10,1	-21,9
Produce other goods for household use	61	18	107	105	48	-57	-13	-54,2	-20,7
Construction or major repairs to own or household'	107	93	109	132	92	-40	-15	-30,5	-14,3
Hunting or fishing for household use	4	3	3	7	9	3	5	38,2	118,5
Involvement in at least one activity	1 384	1 296	1 409	1 280	1 120	-161	-264	-12,6	-19,1
Employed	295	269	298	230	235	6	-60	2,4	-20,2
Unemployed	386	366	366	359	325	-35	-61	-9,7	-15,9
Not economically active	703	661	745	691	560	-132	-143	-19,0	-20,3

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Table 8: Involvement in non-market activities and labour market status by province (continued)

	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qrt-to-qrt change	Year-on- year change	Qrt-to-qrt change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Northern Cape									
Subsistence farming	28	27	32	41	32	-10	4	-23,4	13,9
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	102	130	138	125	128	2	25	2,0	24,8
Produce other goods for household use	2	2	2	3	4	1	2	26,7	158,7
Construction or major repairs to own or household'	1	5	2	2	0	-2	-1	-91,7	-81,9
Hunting or fishing for household use	0	1	1	1	2	1	2	48,8	447,9
Involvement in at least one activity	124	150	163	154	153	-1	29	-0,6	23,6
Employed	32	39	52	49	36	-12	4	-25,6	14,1
Unemployed	39	45	34	33	33	-1	-6	-2,5	-15,4
Not economically active	54	66	77	72	84	12	31	17,2	57,4
Free State									
Subsistence farming	82	90	142	118	110	-8	28	-6,6	33,5
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	75	86	60	61	64	4	-11	5,9	-14,5
Produce other goods for household use	7	4	8	8	5	-3	-1	-34,1	-17,2
Construction or major repairs to own or household'	22	48	30	28	35	7	13	23,7	56,4
Hunting or fishing for household use	5	10	6	7	6	-1	1	-19,3	15,4
Involvement in at least one activity	156	190	204	180	175	-5	19	-2,7	12,2
Employed	63	76	78	81	85	4	22	5,3	34,8
Unemployed	48	52	61	47	53	6	5	11,7	10,9
Not economically active	45	62	65	52	37	-15	-8	-28,3	-17,9
KwaZulu-Natal									
Subsistence farming	898	818	937	999	912	-87	14	-8,7	1,6
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	1 744	1 610	1 425	1 410	1 437	27	-307	1,9	-17,6
Produce other goods for household use	143	134	139	157	188	31	46	19,7	32,2
Construction or major repairs to own or household'	98	118	111	133	116	-18	17	-13,2	17,6
Hunting or fishing for household use	11	19	9	13	10	-3	-2	-25,5	-13,7
Involvement in at least one activity	2 237	2 106	2 047	2 074	2 058	-16	-179	-0,8	-8,0
Employed	612	563	586	544	542	-2	-70	-0,4	-11,5
Unemployed	527	480	460	510	468	-42	-59	-8,3	-11,2
Not economically active	1 098	1 064	1 002	1 020	1 048	29	-49	2,8	-4,5

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Table 8: Involvement in non-market activities and labour market status by province (continued)

	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qrt-to-qrt change	Year-on- year change	Qrt-to-qrt change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
North West									
Subsistence farming	86	60	47	35	61	26	-25	73,0	-29,2
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	405	389	363	394	381	-13	-24	-3,4	-6,0
Produce other goods for household use	2	5	1	3	4	1	1	37,1	54,7
Construction or major repairs to own or household'	8	1	1	3	.	.	.	.	.
Hunting or fishing for household use	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Involvement in at least one activity	475	437	402	422	414	-8	-61	-1,9	-12,9
Employed	98	99	97	77	78	1	-21	0,8	-21,1
Unemployed	132	82	74	46	58	11	-74	24,7	-56,0
Not economically active	245	256	232	298	278	-20	33	-6,8	13,6
Gauteng									
Subsistence farming	38	53	38	34	34	0	-4	-0,4	-10,2
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	79	100	92	86	68	-18	-11	-20,8	-13,6
Produce other goods for household use	.	1	5	.	6	.	.	.	.
Construction or major repairs to own or household'	6	8	10	16	12	-5	6	-28,4	100,5
Hunting or fishing for household use	2	1	2	1	6	5	4	484,5	288,8
Involvement in at least one activity	118	156	135	126	116	-9	-1	-7,2	-1,1
Employed	60	53	53	65	59	-6	-1	-8,7	-1,4
Unemployed	32	57	44	45	39	-7	7	-14,5	21,7
Not economically active	26	45	38	16	19	3	-7	19,5	-28,1
Mpumalanga									
Subsistence farming	121	106	115	122	120	-1	-1	-1,2	-0,5
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	463	342	355	396	408	12	-56	2,9	-12,0
Produce other goods for household use	17	21	15	4	28	23	10	522,3	59,9
Construction or major repairs to own or household'	5	8	11	4	4	0	-1	-6,6	-25,9
Hunting or fishing for household use	3	6	2	8	1	-8	-2	-91,5	-73,8
Involvement in at least one activity	560	439	457	481	505	24	-55	4,9	-9,9
Employed	175	140	130	123	122	-1	-54	-0,9	-30,7
Unemployed	154	127	125	140	131	-9	-23	-6,5	-14,9
Not economically active	231	172	202	218	252	34	22	15,5	9,4

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Table 8: Involvement in non-market activities and labour market status by province (concluded)									
	Apr-Jun 2024	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Qrt-to-qrt change	Year-on- year change	Qrt-to-qrt change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Limpopo									
Subsistence farming	307	243	242	347	239	-109	-68	-31,2	-22,1
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	446	472	436	329	392	63	-54	19,0	-12,0
Produce other goods for household use	4	1	3	3	10	7	6	200,2	169,7
Construction or major repairs to own or household'	22	30	15	42	38	-4	16	-10,0	70,6
Hunting or fishing for household use	.	1	2	3	5	2	.	68,1	.
Involvement in at least one activity	624	617	568	567	552	-14	-72	-2,5	-11,5
Employed	216	205	190	182	196	14	-19	7,9	-8,9
Unemployed	147	156	133	130	109	-22	-39	-16,7	-26,4
Not economically active	261	256	244	254	247	-7	-14	-2,7	-5,3

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Appendix 2

Table 2A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by sex						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025				
Both sexes						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,6	0,6	159	-81	399	0,19
Employed	0,8	0,8	19	-202	240	0,86
Formal sector (non-agriculture)	1,1	1,1	34	-163	232	0,73
Informal sector (non-agriculture)	2,3	2,4	-19	-166	128	0,80
Agriculture	5,6	5,8	-24	-136	87	0,67
Private households	3,4	3,7	28	-41	98	0,43
Unemployed	1,9	1,8	140	-95	375	0,24
Not economically active	0,9	0,9	-28	-268	212	0,82
Discouraged work-seekers	3,6	3,7	-28	-177	121	0,71
Other (not economically active)	0,9	0,9	0	-208	208	1,00
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,6	1,5	0,4	-0,5	1,2	0,40
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,8	0,8	-0,1	-0,6	0,5	0,77
Labour force participation rate	0,6	0,6	0,2	-0,4	0,8	0,51
Women						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,9	0,8	58	-116	232	0,51
Employed	1,1	1,1	-13	-156	131	0,86
Formal sector (non-agriculture)	1,6	1,5	25	-103	153	0,70
Informal sector (non-agriculture)	3,4	3,3	-26	-101	49	0,50
Agriculture	9,9	10,5	-22	-79	35	0,45
Private households	3,8	4,1	10	-45	66	0,72
Unemployed	2,3	2,1	71	-84	226	0,37
Not economically active	1,1	1,0	3	-171	177	0,97
Discouraged work-seekers	4,2	4,0	17	-86	121	0,74
Other (not economically active)	1,1	1,1	-14	-168	140	0,86
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,8	1,7	0,4	-0,7	1,5	0,43
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,1	1,1	-0,2	-0,9	0,5	0,64
Labour force participation rate	0,9	0,8	0,1	-0,7	1,0	0,78

Table 2A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by sex (concluded)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025				
Men						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,6	0,6	101	-35	237	0,15
Employed	0,9	0,9	32	-123	187	0,69
Formal sector (non-agriculture)	1,3	1,3	9	-125	144	0,89
Informal sector (non-agriculture)	2,5	2,8	7	-107	121	0,90
Agriculture	4,9	5,3	-2	-75	70	0,95
Private households	6,6	6,7	18	-20	56	0,35
Unemployed	2,2	2,1	69	-88	226	0,39
Not economically active	1,1	1,2	-31	-168	105	0,65
Discouraged work-seekers	4,0	4,4	-45	-142	51	0,35
Other (not economically active)	1,2	1,3	14	-106	134	0,82
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	2,0	1,9	0,3	-0,8	1,3	0,60
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,9	0,9	0,0	-0,7	0,8	0,99
Labour force participation rate	0,6	0,6	0,3	-0,4	0,9	0,42

Table 2.1A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by population group						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025				
South Africa						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,6	0,6	159	-81	399	0,19
Employed	0,8	0,8	19	-202	240	0,86
Unemployed	1,9	1,8	140	-95	375	0,24
Not economically active	0,9	0,9	-28	-268	212	0,82
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,6	1,5	0,4	-0,5	1,2	0,40
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,8	0,8	-0,1	-0,6	0,5	0,77
Labour force participation rate	0,6	0,6	0,2	-0,4	0,8	0,51
Black/African						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,7	0,7	238	15	461	0,04
Employed	0,9	0,9	121	-71	314	0,22
Unemployed	2,0	1,9	117	-107	340	0,31
Not economically active	1,0	1,0	-105	-327	118	0,35
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,6	1,5	0,1	-0,8	1,1	0,76
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,9	0,9	0,2	-0,4	0,8	0,46
Labour force participation rate	0,7	0,7	0,5	-0,2	1,1	0,16
Coloured						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,2	1,5	-48	-102	6	0,08
Employed	2,1	1,6	-47	-114	20	0,17
Unemployed	5,7	5,6	-1	-66	64	0,97
Not economically active	2,1	2,3	52	-2	107	0,06
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,6	4,8	0,5	-2,3	3,2	0,74
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,1	1,6	-1,4	-3,2	0,5	0,15
Labour force participation rate	1,2	1,5	-1,4	-2,9	0,1	0,07

Table 2.1A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by population group (concluded)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025				
Indian/Asian						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,2	3,2	-28	-70	14	0,19
Employed	3,3	3,4	-35	-73	2	0,07
Unemployed	14,8	10,5	7	-23	37	0,64
Not economically active	3,5	4,6	30	-12	72	0,16
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	14,8	9,5	1,8	-2,5	6,0	0,42
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,3	3,4	-3,4	-7,0	0,1	0,06
Labour force participation rate	2,2	3,2	-2,8	-6,7	1,2	0,18
White						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,5	1,6	-3	-58	52	0,91
Employed	1,7	1,9	-20	-74	33	0,46
Unemployed	15,3	13,0	17	-21	55	0,38
Not economically active	3,5	3,8	-6	-61	49	0,84
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	14,9	12,7	0,9	-1,0	2,8	0,36
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,7	1,9	-0,5	-2,5	1,4	0,60
Labour force participation rate	1,5	1,6	0,1	-1,9	2,1	0,91

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025				
South Africa						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,6	0,6	159	-81	399	0,19
Employed	0,8	0,8	19	-202	240	0,86
Unemployed	1,9	1,8	140	-95	375	0,24
Not economically active	0,9	0,9	-28	-268	212	0,82
Discouraged work-seekers	3,6	3,7	-28	-177	121	0,71
Other (not economically active)	0,9	0,9	0	-208	208	1,00
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,6	1,5	0,4	-0,5	1,2	0,40
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,8	0,8	-0,1	-0,6	0,5	0,77
Labour force participation rate	0,6	0,6	0,2	-0,4	0,8	0,51
Western Cape						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,0	1,2	-78	-152	-5	0,04
Employed	1,5	1,5	-117	-215	-18	0,02
Unemployed	5,1	4,4	38	-39	116	0,33
Not economically active	2,4	2,5	96	23	170	0,01
Discouraged work-seekers	15,3	15,1	42	0	84	0,05
Other (not economically active)	2,3	2,3	54	-14	123	0,12
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,9	4,1	1,6	-0,6	3,7	0,16
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,5	1,5	-2,5	-4,4	-0,6	0,01
Labour force participation rate	1,0	1,2	-1,8	-3,2	-0,3	0,02

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025				
Western Cape – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,4	2,6	-69	-116	-23	0,00
Employed	3,0	2,8	-76	-152	1	0,05
Unemployed	12,7	12,4	6	-65	78	0,86
Not economically active	4,6	4,2	76	29	123	0,00
Discouraged work-seekers	17,3	15,9	54	14	93	0,01
Other (not economically active)	5,1	5,0	22	-25	69	0,36
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	12,2	11,2	1,5	-4,5	7,4	0,63
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,0	2,8	-4,3	-8,4	-0,2	0,04
Labour force participation rate	2,4	2,6	-4,0	-6,5	-1,4	0,00
Western Cape – City of Cape Town						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,0	1,3	-9	-64	46	0,75
Employed	1,4	1,8	-41	-101	19	0,18
Unemployed	5,0	4,2	32	0	64	0,05
Not economically active	2,5	3,2	21	-35	76	0,46
Discouraged work-seekers	30,3	44,0	-12	-23	0	0,04
Other (not economically active)	2,2	2,4	32	-17	82	0,20
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,7	4,0	1,5	0,1	2,9	0,04
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,4	1,8	-1,5	-3,3	0,4	0,12
Labour force participation rate	1,0	1,3	-0,5	-2,2	1,2	0,54

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025				
Eastern Cape						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,9	2,0	157	62	252	0,00
Employed	2,8	2,6	89	16	162	0,02
Unemployed	4,4	4,1	67	-19	154	0,13
Not economically active	1,9	2,2	-144	-239	-49	0,00
Discouraged work-seekers	10,0	9,6	-37	-85	11	0,13
Other (not economically active)	2,0	2,2	-106	-195	-18	0,02
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	3,6	3,2	0,3	-2,6	3,1	0,87
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,8	2,6	1,9	0,3	3,4	0,02
Labour force participation rate	1,9	2,0	3,3	1,2	5,3	0,00
Eastern Cape – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,7	2,8	79	-9	168	0,08
Employed	4,0	3,5	17	-44	78	0,58
Unemployed	5,6	5,2	62	-11	135	0,09
Not economically active	2,2	2,5	-72	-161	17	0,11
Discouraged work-seekers	10,4	11,3	-66	-111	-22	0,00
Other (not economically active)	2,2	2,5	-6	-90	79	0,90
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,3	3,6	1,8	-1,8	5,4	0,33
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	4,0	3,5	0,5	-1,5	2,4	0,62
Labour force participation rate	2,7	2,8	2,4	-0,4	5,3	0,09

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025				
Eastern Cape – Buffalo City						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	3,0	4,7	-8	-32	17	0,54
Employed	5,8	6,7	30	5	54	0,02
Unemployed	3,8	8,4	-37	-61	-14	0,00
Not economically active	7,3	10,6	10	-15	34	0,44
Discouraged work-seekers	80,3	61,1	4	-8	17	0,48
Other (not economically active)	8,5	8,5	5	-18	28	0,66
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,5	8,8	-8,7	-14,2	-3,3	0,00
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	5,8	6,7	5,1	0,7	9,5	0,02
Labour force participation rate	3,0	4,7	-1,6	-5,8	2,7	0,47
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	4,2	2,9	85	58	112	0,00
Employed	4,9	4,6	42	11	74	0,01
Unemployed	14,2	7,9	42	2	82	0,04
Not economically active	4,9	5,0	-81	-108	-54	0,00
Discouraged work-seekers	39,7	12,4	25	10	39	0,00
Other (not economically active)	4,9	5,4	-106	-127	-84	0,00
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	12,8	8,1	4,1	-3,0	11,2	0,26
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	4,9	4,6	4,5	1,0	8,0	0,01
Labour force participation rate	4,2	2,9	9,2	6,2	12,2	0,00

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025				
Northern Cape						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	3,6	4,9	-19	-52	13	0,24
Employed	5,2	6,3	-28	-62	5	0,09
Unemployed	7,8	7,5	9	-6	24	0,23
Not economically active	4,8	6,0	21	-12	54	0,21
Discouraged work-seekers	8,0	17,0	-2	-26	23	0,89
Other (not economically active)	4,5	4,0	23	0	45	0,05
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	7,6	6,6	3,2	-0,3	6,6	0,07
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	5,2	6,3	-3,4	-7,4	0,5	0,09
Labour force participation rate	3,6	4,9	-2,4	-6,3	1,5	0,22
Free State						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,9	1,9	31	-4	67	0,08
Employed	2,9	3,3	12	-16	41	0,39
Unemployed	4,3	5,3	19	-8	46	0,16
Not economically active	3,1	3,3	-30	-66	5	0,09
Discouraged work-seekers	13,7	18,2	-40	-61	-19	0,00
Other (not economically active)	2,4	3,2	9	-26	44	0,61
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	3,8	4,7	0,6	-1,1	2,3	0,51
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,9	3,3	0,6	-0,9	2,1	0,41
Labour force participation rate	1,9	1,9	1,6	-0,2	3,4	0,09

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025				
Free State – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,3	2,1	18	-10	47	0,21
Employed	4,2	4,4	8	-13	29	0,46
Unemployed	4,2	5,1	10	-13	34	0,38
Not economically active	3,7	3,7	-18	-46	11	0,22
Discouraged work-seekers	17,3	22,2	-37	-56	-17	0,00
Other (not economically active)	2,9	4,1	19	-11	49	0,22
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,2	5,0	0,3	-1,7	2,3	0,74
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	4,2	4,4	0,6	-1,0	2,1	0,48
Labour force participation rate	2,3	2,1	1,3	-0,8	3,4	0,22
Free State – Mangaung						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	3,3	3,7	13	-7	34	0,21
Employed	1,4	4,1	4	-14	23	0,64
Unemployed	12,3	14,7	9	-5	22	0,22
Not economically active	5,7	7,1	-13	-33	8	0,22
Discouraged work-seekers	17,7	31,8	-3	-11	4	0,42
Other (not economically active)	4,0	3,5	-10	-27	8	0,28
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	9,2	12,0	1,3	-1,9	4,4	0,43
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,4	4,1	0,8	-2,6	4,1	0,65
Labour force participation rate	3,3	3,7	2,3	-1,4	6,0	0,22

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025				
KwaZulu-Natal						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,4	1,9	-58	-188	72	0,38
Employed	2,2	2,1	-86	-180	9	0,08
Unemployed	6,4	5,8	28	-95	150	0,66
Not economically active	2,7	2,1	83	-48	213	0,21
Discouraged work-seekers	9,9	9,4	41	-41	123	0,33
Other (not economically active)	3,1	2,8	42	-55	138	0,39
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,8	4,6	1,1	-1,2	3,5	0,34
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,2	2,1	-1,2	-2,5	0,0	0,05
Labour force participation rate	2,4	1,9	-0,9	-2,6	0,8	0,29
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	3,6	2,8	-42	-140	57	0,41
Employed	3,3	2,9	16	-67	98	0,70
Unemployed	8,0	6,8	-58	-150	35	0,22
Not economically active	3,5	2,6	56	-42	155	0,26
Discouraged work-seekers	14,9	13,1	20	-31	71	0,44
Other (not economically active)	3,9	3,3	36	-35	108	0,32
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,3	5,0	-1,7	-4,7	1,3	0,27
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,3	2,9	0,2	-1,4	1,9	0,78
Labour force participation rate	3,6	2,8	-1,0	-3,0	1,0	0,33

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025				
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekweni						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,4	2,2	-16	-102	69	0,71
Employed	2,8	2,8	-102	-145	-58	0,00
Unemployed	9,4	10,8	85	4	167	0,04
Not economically active	3,8	3,3	26	-59	112	0,54
Discouraged work-seekers	7,6	12,4	21	-43	85	0,52
Other (not economically active)	4,5	5,3	6	-58	69	0,86
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	8,5	9,4	5,4	1,5	9,3	0,01
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,8	2,8	-3,9	-5,5	-2,3	0,00
Labour force participation rate	2,4	2,2	-0,8	-4,0	2,3	0,61
North West						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	3,2	4,1	19	-41	78	0,54
Employed	4,5	3,6	16	-35	66	0,54
Unemployed	10,7	10,5	3	-66	71	0,94
Not economically active	3,5	4,5	-10	-70	50	0,75
Discouraged work-seekers	9,8	11,4	16	-35	67	0,54
Other (not economically active)	3,5	3,9	-25	-79	28	0,35
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	8,4	7,3	-0,3	-4,0	3,4	0,86
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	4,5	3,6	0,5	-1,3	2,3	0,61
Labour force participation rate	3,2	4,1	0,5	-1,6	2,6	0,65

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025				
Gauteng						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,0	1,1	32	-95	159	0,62
Employed	1,5	1,5	95	-40	230	0,17
Unemployed	3,2	3,1	-63	-180	55	0,29
Not economically active	2,2	2,4	9	-118	136	0,89
Discouraged work-seekers	8,4	7,9	15	-32	63	0,53
Other (not economically active)	2,0	2,3	-6	-133	120	0,92
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	2,8	2,6	-0,9	-2,3	0,4	0,18
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,5	1,5	0,7	-0,5	1,9	0,26
Labour force participation rate	1,0	1,1	0,0	-1,1	1,2	0,95
Gauteng – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	3,3	3,7	-6	-34	23	0,70
Employed	5,1	6,1	18	-25	60	0,42
Unemployed	7,7	6,1	-23	-61	15	0,23
Not economically active	8,6	9,2	11	-17	40	0,43
Discouraged work-seekers	24,4	21,3	12	0	23	0,05
Other (not economically active)	5,5	7,5	0	-27	26	0,98
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	6,3	6,0	-1,9	-5,3	1,4	0,26
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	5,1	6,1	1,0	-1,8	3,8	0,48
Labour force participation rate	3,3	3,7	-0,6	-2,5	1,2	0,50

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025				
Gauteng – Ekurhuleni						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,2	2,3	58	8	109	0,02
Employed	2,2	2,2	-2	-67	63	0,96
Unemployed	9,6	6,0	60	0	120	0,05
Not economically active	3,6	4,1	-48	-99	3	0,06
Discouraged work-seekers	10,5	12,7	1	-27	29	0,96
Other (not economically active)	3,8	5,0	-49	-98	0	0,05
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	7,7	4,4	2,2	-1,0	5,5	0,18
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,2	2,2	-0,2	-2,5	2,1	0,86
Labour force participation rate	2,2	2,3	1,8	0,0	3,6	0,05
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,3	1,4	-27	-110	56	0,52
Employed	2,4	2,5	22	-75	120	0,65
Unemployed	4,4	4,5	-49	-118	20	0,16
Not economically active	3,3	3,3	42	-41	125	0,32
Discouraged work-seekers	19,5	14,5	18	-15	50	0,29
Other (not economically active)	3,3	2,9	24	-57	106	0,56
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,0	4,2	-1,3	-3,7	1,0	0,26
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,4	2,5	0,4	-2,0	2,7	0,76
Labour force participation rate	1,3	1,4	-0,9	-2,9	1,1	0,38

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025				
Gauteng – City of Tshwane						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,5	2,9	6	-79	91	0,88
Employed	3,6	3,0	57	9	104	0,02
Unemployed	6,2	8,7	-50	-114	13	0,12
Not economically active	5,5	6,3	4	-81	89	0,93
Discouraged work-seekers	18,0	18,7	-15	-30	0	0,05
Other (not economically active)	5,1	5,9	19	-69	106	0,68
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,6	6,9	-2,7	-5,0	-0,4	0,02
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,6	3,0	1,9	0,2	3,5	0,03
Labour force participation rate	2,5	2,9	0,0	-3,1	3,0	0,99
Mpumalanga						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,5	2,0	-22	-93	49	0,54
Employed	3,4	3,5	11	-39	62	0,67
Unemployed	6,3	4,6	-33	-103	36	0,34
Not economically active	3,5	2,7	33	-38	104	0,37
Discouraged work-seekers	7,0	6,9	13	-40	67	0,62
Other (not economically active)	3,5	3,8	19	-31	69	0,45
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,3	4,8	-1,4	-4,2	1,5	0,34
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,4	3,5	0,2	-1,4	1,8	0,78
Labour force participation rate	2,5	2,0	-0,9	-3,1	1,3	0,43

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (concluded)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025				
Limpopo						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,2	2,5	99	24	174	0,01
Employed	3,0	2,7	27	-34	88	0,39
Unemployed	5,1	5,4	72	-1	145	0,05
Not economically active	2,7	3,3	-86	-161	-11	0,03
Discouraged work-seekers	6,9	7,1	-77	-130	-24	0,01
Other (not economically active)	2,9	3,0	-9	-78	59	0,79
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,4	4,0	1,7	-0,9	4,3	0,21
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,0	2,7	0,6	-1,0	2,1	0,47
Labour force participation rate	2,2	2,5	2,2	0,4	4,1	0,02

Table 3.1A: Sampling variability for the employed by industry and sex						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025				
Both sexes	0,8	0,8	19	-202	240	0,86
Agriculture	5,6	5,8	-24	-136	87	0,67
Mining	9,3	9,4	3	-36	42	0,88
Manufacturing	2,7	3,1	-5	-98	88	0,91
Utilities	10,9	12,1	-6	-31	19	0,62
Construction	3,9	3,5	20	-71	110	0,67
Trade	2,2	2,2	88	-38	214	0,17
Transport	3,8	3,5	-15	-93	62	0,70
Finance	2,7	2,9	-24	-140	91	0,68
Community and social services	2,0	2,0	-42	-169	85	0,52
Private households	3,4	3,7	28	-41	98	0,43
Women	1,1	1,1	-13	-156	131	0,86
Agriculture	9,9	10,5	-22	-79	35	0,45
Mining	13,5	15,4	-13	-29	4	0,12
Manufacturing	4,5	4,7	-19	-73	35	0,49
Utilities	15,4	19,2	-7	-20	7	0,33
Construction	9,5	9,7	2	-23	27	0,87
Trade	2,9	2,9	22	-61	105	0,60
Transport	8,2	8,6	-39	-70	-9	0,01
Finance	3,4	3,7	55	-29	139	0,20
Community and social services	2,3	2,4	-1	-97	94	0,98
Private households	3,8	4,1	10	-45	66	0,72
Men	0,9	0,9	32	-123	187	0,69
Agriculture	4,9	5,3	-2	-75	70	0,95
Mining	10,3	10,3	16	-19	51	0,38
Manufacturing	3,7	3,5	13	-65	92	0,74
Utilities	12,7	14,0	0	-21	22	0,98
Construction	3,9	3,7	17	-69	104	0,69
Trade	2,9	3,0	66	-25	157	0,16
Transport	3,9	3,7	24	-41	90	0,47
Finance	3,2	3,3	-79	-152	-5	0,04
Community and social services	3,0	3,0	-41	-120	38	0,31
Private households	6,6	6,7	18	-20	56	0,35

Table 3.4 A: Sampling variability for the employed by province and sector						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025				
South Africa	0,8	0,8	19	-202	240	0,86
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1,1	1,1	34	-163	232	0,73
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	2,3	2,4	-19	-166	128	0,80
Agriculture	5,6	5,8	-24	-136	87	0,67
Private households	3,4	3,7	28	-41	98	0,43
Western Cape	1,5	1,5	-117	-215	-18	0,02
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1,9	1,6	-45	-125	35	0,27
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,1	6,8	-37	-86	12	0,14
Agriculture	15,0	8,8	-42	-124	40	0,31
Private households	9,9	12,2	7	-26	40	0,68
Western Cape – Non-metro	3,0	2,8	-76	-152	1	0,05
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,4	3,7	-13	-71	45	0,65
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	11,0	8,7	-19	-40	2	0,07
Agriculture	15,7	8,9	-41	-122	40	0,32
Private households	17,8	8,9	-2	-15	11	0,76
Western Cape – City of Cape Town	1,4	1,8	-41	-101	19	0,18
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,1	1,6	-32	-92	28	0,30
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	9,2	9,6	-18	-62	27	0,43
Agriculture	37,0	46,4	-1	-12	11	0,91
Private households	11,8	17,9	9	-22	40	0,57
Eastern Cape	2,8	2,6	89	16	162	0,02
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,8	3,5	-9	-71	52	0,76
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	5,7	6,1	58	13	102	0,01
Agriculture	11,7	21,1	21	-29	71	0,41
Private households	12,6	9,1	20	1	39	0,04
Eastern Cape – Non-metro	4,0	3,5	17	-44	78	0,58
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	5,8	5,6	-13	-59	33	0,57
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,4	8,2	3	-33	40	0,85
Agriculture	12,0	23,2	24	-25	74	0,33
Private households	16,2	13,6	2	-12	17	0,73

Table 3.4A: Sampling variability for the employed by province and sector (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025				
Eastern Cape – Buffalo City	5,8	6,7	30	5	54	0,02
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	9,1	8,5	8	-17	33	0,52
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	9,9	18,2	13	-8	33	0,24
Agriculture	54,2	77,2	-3	-10	4	0,43
Private households	36,4	20,0	12	3	21	0,01
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay	4,9	4,6	42	11	74	0,01
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	5,8	5,0	-4	-37	28	0,79
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	15,7	7,3	42	27	56	0,00
Agriculture	36,5	51,5	0	-3	2	0,75
Private households	22,7	12,3	6	-3	14	0,22
Northern Cape	5,2	6,3	-28	-62	5	0,09
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	5,5	9,1	5	-15	24	0,65
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	17,1	15,1	-4	-23	15	0,66
Agriculture	26,1	22,1	-24	-43	-4	0,02
Private households	20,5	22,6	-5	-9	-1	0,02
Free State	2,9	3,3	12	-16	41	0,39
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,3	5,9	6	-25	37	0,70
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	9,0	12,3	-14	-32	4	0,14
Agriculture	10,3	11,0	21	6	35	0,01
Private households	11,8	14,1	-1	-19	17	0,93
Free State – Non-metro	4,2	4,4	8	-13	29	0,46
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	6,3	6,9	0	-20	20	1,00
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	9,4	10,9	-19	-30	-7	0,00
Agriculture	9,6	11,4	22	9	35	0,00
Private households	14,8	15,1	5	-13	22	0,60
Free State – Mangaung	1,4	4,1	4	-14	23	0,64
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,6	10,4	6	-17	30	0,61
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	20,8	29,1	5	-9	19	0,51
Agriculture	60,8	38,2	-1	-8	6	0,77
Private households	18,4	35,6	-5	-11	0	0,04

Table 3.4A: Sampling variability for the employed by province and sector (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025				
KwaZulu-Natal	2,2	2,1	-86	-180	9	0,08
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,6	3,3	-68	-158	21	0,13
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	4,8	5,7	10	-53	72	0,76
Agriculture	14,4	24,7	-14	-47	20	0,42
Private households	8,2	7,7	-13	-43	16	0,37
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro	3,3	2,9	16	-67	98	0,70
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,8	4,3	1	-59	61	0,97
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,2	7,5	33	-19	86	0,21
Agriculture	15,3	26,3	-11	-43	21	0,50
Private households	8,0	11,3	-8	-27	12	0,45
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekweni	2,8	2,8	-102	-145	-58	0,00
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	5,2	5,2	-69	-135	-4	0,04
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	6,5	8,9	-24	-57	9	0,16
Agriculture	38,2	42,4	-3	-13	8	0,63
Private households	15,0	10,3	-6	-28	16	0,61
North West	4,5	3,6	16	-35	66	0,54
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,5	3,4	13	-30	56	0,55
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	11,6	11,0	0	-30	29	0,98
Agriculture	9,8	12,9	8	-5	22	0,24
Private households	14,5	17,7	-5	-18	8	0,44
Gauteng	1,5	1,5	95	-40	230	0,17
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,3	2,4	136	17	255	0,03
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	4,4	5,0	-43	-133	48	0,36
Agriculture	14,8	25,3	-13	-28	1	0,08
Private households	6,2	7,4	15	-20	49	0,41
Gauteng – Non-metro	5,1	6,1	18	-25	60	0,42
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	7,2	8,5	27	-22	76	0,28
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	17,2	16,0	-3	-27	22	0,84
Agriculture	18,2	30,6	-5	-17	6	0,36
Private households	19,9	20,7	-1	-10	7	0,73

Table 3.4A: Sampling variability for the employed by province and sector (concluded)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025				
Gauteng – Ekurhuleni	2,2	2,2	-2	-67	63	0,96
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,1	2,6	73	22	124	0,01
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	11,2	8,7	-64	-119	-9	0,02
Agriculture	26,2	100,8	-7	-12	-2	0,00
Private households	14,0	14,3	-3	-16	9	0,59
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg	2,4	2,5	22	-75	120	0,65
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,6	4,2	8	-70	86	0,84
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	4,7	7,4	3	-56	62	0,92
Agriculture	49,2	71,5	-3	-7	2	0,24
Private households	9,5	12,1	14	-11	39	0,28
Gauteng – City of Tshwane	3,6	3,0	57	9	104	0,02
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	5,3	4,9	28	-24	80	0,28
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	10,5	12,0	21	-15	57	0,25
Agriculture	54,5	56,7	2	-6	9	0,68
Private households	11,8	13,8	6	-12	24	0,53
Mpumalanga	3,4	3,5	11	-39	62	0,67
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,5	3,6	-3	-45	39	0,89
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	8,9	9,7	1	-24	26	0,93
Agriculture	13,3	17,2	10	-16	37	0,44
Private households	10,3	13,5	3	-19	24	0,81
Limpopo	3,0	2,7	27	-34	88	0,39
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,2	2,9	0	-62	62	1,00
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	6,6	5,6	11	-48	70	0,71
Agriculture	12,3	15,0	8	-16	31	0,53
Private households	9,7	9,0	8	-5	22	0,23

Table 3.5A: Sampling variability for the employed by sex and occupation						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025				
Both sexes	0,8	0,8	19	-202	240	0,86
Manager	3,8	3,8	77	-3	157	0,06
Professional	4,5	5,2	3	-89	95	0,95
Technician	3,1	3,0	62	-35	159	0,21
Clerk	3,1	3,0	-41	-137	55	0,40
Sales and services	2,1	2,3	-54	-175	67	0,38
Skilled agriculture	14,0	14,5	-15	-33	4	0,12
Craft and related trade	2,7	2,7	-3	-97	90	0,94
Plant and machine operator	3,4	3,4	10	-76	97	0,81
Elementary	2,1	2,0	-41	-195	112	0,60
Domestic worker	3,7	4,2	21	-35	77	0,47
Women	1,1	1,1	-13	-156	131	0,86
Manager	5,5	5,9	21	-30	72	0,42
Professional	5,2	5,6	46	-20	113	0,17
Technician	3,9	3,5	26	-36	88	0,41
Clerk	3,3	3,5	-22	-98	54	0,58
Sales and services	3,0	3,0	-44	-128	41	0,31
Skilled agriculture	30,9	31,9	-2	-10	5	0,51
Craft and related trade	6,6	6,4	14	-19	48	0,40
Plant and machine operator	7,2	8,4	-30	-56	-4	0,02
Elementary	2,9	3,1	-44	-135	48	0,35
Domestic worker	3,9	4,1	22	-32	76	0,43
Men	0,9	0,9	32	-123	187	0,69
Manager	3,9	4,2	56	-7	120	0,08
Professional	6,4	6,6	-43	-90	3	0,07
Technician	4,0	4,2	36	-30	103	0,29
Clerk	5,4	5,0	-19	-78	40	0,53
Sales and services	2,9	3,3	-10	-96	76	0,82
Skilled agriculture	14,9	16,3	-12	-30	5	0,17
Craft and related trade	2,9	3,0	-18	-107	71	0,70
Plant and machine operator	3,7	3,6	40	-43	124	0,34
Elementary	2,4	2,3	3	-107	112	0,96
Domestic worker	17,5	17,5	-1	-15	13	0,90

Table 2B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by sex						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2024	Apr-Jun 2025				
Both sexes						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,6	0,6	138	-166	441	0,37
Employed	0,8	0,8	154	-161	469	0,34
Formal sector (non-agriculture)	1,0	1,1	2	-287	290	0,99
Informal sector (non-agriculture)	2,2	2,4	197	7	387	0,04
Agriculture	5,1	5,8	10	-117	137	0,88
Private households	3,3	3,7	-54	-156	48	0,30
Unemployed	2,0	1,8	-16	-341	308	0,92
Not economically active	0,9	0,9	388	85	692	0,01
Discouraged work-seekers	4,1	3,7	250	16	484	0,04
Other (not economically active)	0,9	0,9	138	-123	399	0,30
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,6	1,5	-0,3	-1,4	0,9	0,67
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,8	0,8	-0,1	-0,9	0,6	0,72
Labour force participation rate	0,6	0,6	-0,4	-1,2	0,3	0,24
Women						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,8	0,8	-46	-243	151	0,64
Employed	1,0	1,1	-48	-256	160	0,65
Formal sector (non-agriculture)	1,3	1,5	-19	-202	164	0,84
Informal sector (non-agriculture)	3,5	3,3	19	-83	121	0,72
Agriculture	8,4	10,5	-17	-75	42	0,57
Private households	3,5	4,1	-31	-115	53	0,46
Unemployed	2,2	2,1	2	-196	200	0,98
Not economically active	1,0	1,0	295	98	491	0,00
Discouraged work-seekers	4,4	4,0	199	60	339	0,01
Other (not economically active)	1,0	1,1	95	-92	283	0,32
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,8	1,7	0,2	-1,4	1,7	0,84
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,0	1,1	-0,7	-1,7	0,3	0,20
Labour force participation rate	0,8	0,8	-0,9	-1,8	0,1	0,07

Table 2B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by sex (concluded)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2024	Apr-Jun 2025				
Men						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,7	0,6	184	-17	385	0,07
Employed	0,9	0,9	202	-11	416	0,06
Formal sector (non-agriculture)	1,2	1,3	21	-181	222	0,84
Informal sector (non-agriculture)	2,7	2,8	178	36	320	0,02
Agriculture	5,5	5,3	27	-64	118	0,57
Private households	7,1	6,7	-23	-75	29	0,39
Unemployed	2,3	2,1	-18	-236	199	0,87
Not economically active	1,2	1,2	94	-107	294	0,36
Discouraged work-seekers	4,5	4,4	50	-104	205	0,52
Other (not economically active)	1,2	1,3	43	-126	212	0,62
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	2,0	1,9	-0,6	-2,0	0,9	0,45
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,9	0,9	0,4	-0,7	1,4	0,48
Labour force participation rate	0,7	0,6	0,0	-1,0	1,0	0,98

Table 2.1B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by population group						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2024	Apr-Jun 2025				
South Africa						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,6	0,6	138	-166	441	0,37
Employed	0,8	0,8	154	-161	469	0,34
Unemployed	2,0	1,8	-16	-341	308	0,92
Not economically active	0,9	0,9	388	85	692	0,01
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,6	1,5	-0,3	-1,4	0,9	0,67
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,8	0,8	-0,1	-0,9	0,6	0,72
Labour force participation rate	0,6	0,6	-0,4	-1,2	0,3	0,24
Black/African						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,7	0,7	134	-155	424	0,36
Employed	0,9	0,9	180	-108	468	0,22
Unemployed	2,1	1,9	-46	-348	256	0,77
Not economically active	1,1	1,0	401	112	691	0,01
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,7	1,5	-0,5	-1,8	0,8	0,47
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,9	0,9	-0,1	-0,9	0,8	0,89
Labour force participation rate	0,7	0,7	-0,5	-1,4	0,3	0,21
Coloured						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,3	1,5	18	-61	96	0,66
Employed	1,8	1,6	-1	-67	64	0,97
Unemployed	6,6	5,6	19	-68	106	0,67
Not economically active	2,0	2,3	0	-78	79	0,99
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	6,0	4,8	0,7	-2,7	4,1	0,70
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,8	1,6	-0,3	-2,1	1,5	0,77
Labour force participation rate	1,3	1,5	0,2	-2,0	2,4	0,87

Table 2.1B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by population group (concluded)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2024	Apr-Jun 2025				
Indian/Asian						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,2	3,2	-20	-70	30	0,43
Employed	3,5	3,4	-25	-80	30	0,38
Unemployed	14,0	10,5	5	-23	33	0,74
Not economically active	3,4	4,6	28	-22	78	0,27
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	14,4	9,5	1,2	-3,3	5,7	0,59
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,5	3,4	-2,7	-8,0	2,5	0,30
Labour force participation rate	2,2	3,2	-2,4	-7,1	2,4	0,33
White						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,4	1,6	6	-77	88	0,89
Employed	1,8	1,9	0	-100	101	0,99
Unemployed	15,4	13,0	5	-44	55	0,83
Not economically active	3,0	3,8	-42	-125	40	0,32
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	15,2	12,7	0,3	-2,4	2,9	0,85
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,8	1,9	0,9	-2,8	4,5	0,65
Labour force participation rate	1,4	1,6	1,1	-1,9	4,1	0,46

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2024	Apr-Jun 2025				
South Africa						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,6	0,6	138	-166	441	0,37
Employed	0,8	0,8	154	-161	469	0,34
Unemployed	2,0	1,8	-16	-341	308	0,92
Not economically active	0,9	0,9	388	85	692	0,01
Discouraged work-seekers	4,1	3,7	250	16	484	0,04
Other (not economically active)	0,9	0,9	138	-123	399	0,30
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,6	1,5	-0,3	-1,4	0,9	0,67
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,8	0,8	-0,1	-0,9	0,6	0,72
Labour force participation rate	0,6	0,6	-0,4	-1,2	0,3	0,24
Western Cape						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,1	1,2	40	-60	140	0,43
Employed	1,6	1,5	69	-55	194	0,27
Unemployed	6,7	4,4	-30	-135	76	0,58
Not economically active	2,3	2,5	32	-68	132	0,53
Discouraged work-seekers	15,0	15,1	24	-20	68	0,28
Other (not economically active)	2,5	2,3	8	-95	111	0,88
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	6,1	4,1	-1,1	-4,1	1,9	0,46
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,6	1,5	0,6	-1,8	3,1	0,62
Labour force participation rate	1,1	1,2	-0,2	-2,2	1,8	0,86

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2024	Apr-Jun 2025				
Western Cape – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	1,7	2,6	-4	-68	60	0,90
Employed	2,5	2,8	33	-42	109	0,39
Unemployed	11,0	12,4	-37	-119	44	0,37
Not economically active	2,9	4,2	30	-34	94	0,36
Discouraged work-seekers	15,1	15,9	33	-9	76	0,12
Other (not economically active)	3,8	5,0	-4	-64	56	0,91
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	10,3	11,2	-3,2	-9,8	3,5	0,35
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,5	2,8	1,1	-3,0	5,2	0,60
Labour force participation rate	1,7	2,6	-1,1	-4,5	2,4	0,54
Western Cape – City of Cape Town						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	1,5	1,3	44	-43	130	0,32
Employed	2,2	1,8	36	-67	139	0,49
Unemployed	8,5	4,2	8	-64	79	0,84
Not economically active	3,7	3,2	2	-84	89	0,96
Discouraged work-seekers	42,6	44,0	-9	-19	0	0,05
Other (not economically active)	3,7	2,4	12	-78	102	0,80
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	7,7	4,0	-0,1	-3,2	3,0	0,94
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,2	1,8	0,3	-2,8	3,5	0,83
Labour force participation rate	1,5	1,3	0,3	-2,3	3,0	0,80

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2024	Apr-Jun 2025				
Eastern Cape						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	2,1	2,0	99	-18	216	0,10
Employed	3,4	2,6	93	-15	201	0,09
Unemployed	4,2	4,1	6	-102	113	0,92
Not economically active	2,2	2,2	-46	-164	71	0,44
Discouraged work-seekers	11,4	9,6	-44	-104	16	0,15
Other (not economically active)	2,4	2,2	-3	-104	99	0,96
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	3,7	3,2	-1,5	-5,3	2,4	0,46
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,4	2,6	1,7	-0,7	4,0	0,16
Labour force participation rate	2,1	2,0	1,6	-1,0	4,1	0,23
Eastern Cape – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	3,2	2,8	18	-83	120	0,72
Employed	5,5	3,5	-8	-95	80	0,86
Unemployed	5,6	5,2	26	-71	124	0,60
Not economically active	2,8	2,5	12	-90	114	0,81
Discouraged work-seekers	11,8	11,3	-78	-134	-21	0,01
Other (not economically active)	3,0	2,5	90	4	176	0,04
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,9	3,6	1,2	-4,2	6,6	0,66
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	5,5	3,5	-0,5	-3,3	2,3	0,73
Labour force participation rate	3,2	2,8	0,1	-3,1	3,4	0,93

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2024	Apr-Jun 2025				
Eastern Cape – Buffalo City						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	2,2	4,7	17	-32	65	0,50
Employed	5,3	6,7	31	-25	87	0,27
Unemployed	8,0	8,4	-15	-49	20	0,40
Not economically active	4,6	10,6	-9	-57	40	0,73
Discouraged work-seekers	94,1	61,1	6	-5	18	0,28
Other (not economically active)	4,7	8,5	-15	-56	26	0,47
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	8,3	8,8	-5,2	-14,4	4,1	0,27
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	5,3	6,7	4,9	-5,0	14,8	0,33
Labour force participation rate	2,2	4,7	2,0	-6,6	10,5	0,65
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	2,6	2,9	64	28	99	0,00
Employed	3,3	4,6	70	40	99	0,00
Unemployed	6,5	7,9	-6	-33	21	0,66
Not economically active	3,4	5,0	-50	-85	-15	0,01
Discouraged work-seekers	52,8	12,4	28	11	45	0,00
Other (not economically active)	4,6	5,4	-78	-116	-40	0,00
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,6	8,1	-4,5	-8,5	-0,6	0,03
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,3	4,6	7,1	3,9	10,4	0,00
Labour force participation rate	2,6	2,9	6,2	2,3	10,1	0,00

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2024	Apr-Jun 2025				
Northern Cape						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	4,2	4,9	5	-35	46	0,80
Employed	6,1	6,3	0	-28	29	0,98
Unemployed	8,7	7,5	5	-31	40	0,79
Not economically active	5,1	6,0	1	-39	42	0,95
Discouraged work-seekers	11,2	17,0	-5	-39	28	0,75
Other (not economically active)	4,6	4,0	7	-16	29	0,57
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	8,3	6,6	0,7	-5,3	6,7	0,82
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	6,1	6,3	-0,3	-3,7	3,2	0,89
Labour force participation rate	4,2	4,9	0,2	-4,6	5,0	0,94
Free State						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	1,6	1,9	51	0	101	0,05
Employed	1,7	3,3	21	-23	65	0,35
Unemployed	5,0	5,3	30	-14	73	0,18
Not economically active	2,6	3,3	-47	-97	4	0,07
Discouraged work-seekers	15,2	18,2	-43	-70	-15	0,00
Other (not economically active)	3,5	3,2	-4	-62	54	0,89
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	3,7	4,7	0,9	-2,1	3,8	0,57
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,7	3,3	1,0	-1,3	3,3	0,39
Labour force participation rate	1,6	1,9	2,5	-0,1	5,1	0,06

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2024	Apr-Jun 2025				
Free State – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	2,0	2,1	18	-22	58	0,38
Employed	1,9	4,4	2	-41	45	0,94
Unemployed	4,3	5,1	16	-17	49	0,34
Not economically active	3,3	3,7	-15	-55	25	0,46
Discouraged work-seekers	18,2	22,2	-29	-53	-6	0,02
Other (not economically active)	4,2	4,1	14	-33	61	0,56
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	2,9	5,0	1,0	-2,7	4,7	0,59
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,9	4,4	0,1	-3,1	3,2	0,97
Labour force participation rate	2,0	2,1	1,2	-1,7	4,0	0,43
Free State – Mangaung						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	2,8	3,7	33	1	64	0,04
Employed	3,4	4,1	19	8	30	0,00
Unemployed	16,2	14,7	14	-15	43	0,35
Not economically active	4,2	7,1	-32	-63	0	0,05
Discouraged work-seekers	27,5	31,8	-13	-28	1	0,07
Other (not economically active)	6,4	3,5	-18	-52	15	0,28
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	13,5	12,0	1,0	-4,8	6,7	0,74
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,4	4,1	3,4	1,4	5,3	0,00
Labour force participation rate	2,8	3,7	5,8	0,1	11,4	0,05

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)

	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2024	Apr-Jun 2025				
KwaZulu-Natal						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	2,1	1,9	-66	-228	96	0,43
Employed	2,3	2,1	-140	-281	1	0,05
Unemployed	7,0	5,8	74	-119	267	0,45
Not economically active	2,5	2,1	165	3	327	0,05
Discouraged work-seekers	10,0	9,4	127	-20	274	0,09
Other (not economically active)	2,8	2,8	38	-94	170	0,57
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,7	4,6	2,3	-1,6	6,3	0,25
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,3	2,1	-2,3	-4,1	-0,5	0,02
Labour force participation rate	2,1	1,9	-1,6	-3,7	0,6	0,15
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	2,9	2,8	-79	-182	25	0,14
Employed	3,3	2,9	-87	-187	12	0,09
Unemployed	8,1	6,8	9	-106	124	0,88
Not economically active	3,0	2,6	138	34	242	0,01
Discouraged work-seekers	14,3	13,1	66	-47	179	0,25
Other (not economically active)	3,6	3,3	72	-20	164	0,12
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	6,3	5,0	1,5	-2,4	5,5	0,44
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,3	2,9	-2,1	-4,1	-0,1	0,04
Labour force participation rate	2,9	2,8	-2,2	-4,2	-0,1	0,04

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2024	Apr-Jun 2025				
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekweni						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	2,9	2,2	13	-114	140	0,84
Employed	3,3	2,8	-53	-148	43	0,28
Unemployed	13,7	10,8	66	-90	221	0,41
Not economically active	4,6	3,3	27	-99	154	0,67
Discouraged work-seekers	11,0	12,4	61	-33	155	0,20
Other (not economically active)	3,7	5,3	-34	-132	64	0,50
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	11,9	9,4	3,8	-4,3	12,0	0,36
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,3	2,8	-2,6	-6,2	0,9	0,15
Labour force participation rate	2,9	2,2	-0,4	-5,1	4,3	0,86
North West						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	4,3	4,1	-18	-116	81	0,73
Employed	4,3	3,6	8	-66	81	0,84
Unemployed	8,1	10,5	-25	-105	55	0,54
Not economically active	5,1	4,5	53	-45	152	0,29
Discouraged work-seekers	14,8	11,4	58	-36	152	0,22
Other (not economically active)	3,3	3,9	-5	-70	61	0,89
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,3	7,3	-1,2	-5,3	2,9	0,57
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	4,3	3,6	-0,1	-2,8	2,5	0,92
Labour force participation rate	4,3	4,1	-1,3	-4,8	2,2	0,47

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2024	Apr-Jun 2025				
Gauteng						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	1,0	1,1	-27	-205	151	0,77
Employed	1,5	1,5	83	-100	266	0,37
Unemployed	3,4	3,1	-110	-289	69	0,23
Not economically active	2,3	2,4	192	14	370	0,04
Discouraged work-seekers	11,1	7,9	134	59	209	0,00
Other (not economically active)	2,0	2,3	58	-101	217	0,48
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	2,8	2,6	-1,3	-3,3	0,8	0,21
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,5	1,5	0,1	-1,5	1,7	0,93
Labour force participation rate	1,0	1,1	-1,2	-2,8	0,3	0,12
Gauteng – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	4,5	3,7	61	-1	124	0,05
Employed	5,2	6,1	39	-42	120	0,34
Unemployed	12,1	6,1	22	-53	98	0,56
Not economically active	9,7	9,2	-38	-101	24	0,23
Discouraged work-seekers	27,0	21,3	-8	-44	28	0,67
Other (not economically active)	5,5	7,5	-31	-76	15	0,18
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	9,1	6,0	-0,2	-7,1	6,7	0,95
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	5,2	6,1	2,0	-3,4	7,3	0,48
Labour force participation rate	4,5	3,7	3,0	-1,2	7,2	0,16

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2024	Apr-Jun 2025				
Gauteng – Ekurhuleni						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	2,3	2,3	-37	-130	56	0,44
Employed	2,5	2,2	-49	-137	39	0,28
Unemployed	6,5	6,0	12	-83	106	0,81
Not economically active	4,6	4,1	79	-15	172	0,10
Discouraged work-seekers	16,8	12,7	57	6	107	0,03
Other (not economically active)	4,7	5,0	22	-59	103	0,59
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,0	4,4	1,3	-3,0	5,7	0,55
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,5	2,2	-2,3	-5,4	0,8	0,14
Labour force participation rate	2,3	2,3	-2,3	-5,5	1,0	0,18
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	1,5	1,4	-26	-136	83	0,64
Employed	2,6	2,5	22	-98	141	0,72
Unemployed	5,1	4,5	-48	-143	47	0,32
Not economically active	3,9	3,3	86	-23	195	0,12
Discouraged work-seekers	24,9	14,5	76	44	108	0,00
Other (not economically active)	3,7	2,9	10	-81	100	0,84
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,7	4,2	-1,3	-4,3	1,7	0,39
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,6	2,5	-0,2	-3,0	2,7	0,92
Labour force participation rate	1,5	1,4	-1,6	-4,2	1,0	0,22

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2024	Apr-Jun 2025				
Gauteng – City of Tshwane						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	1,3	2,9	-25	-120	70	0,60
Employed	2,6	3,0	71	-6	148	0,07
Unemployed	6,0	8,7	-96	-191	-1	0,05
Not economically active	3,0	6,3	65	-29	160	0,18
Discouraged work-seekers	22,1	18,7	9	-18	36	0,53
Other (not economically active)	2,6	5,9	57	-42	156	0,26
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,3	6,9	-4,5	-8,5	-0,5	0,03
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,6	3,0	1,9	-0,9	4,6	0,18
Labour force participation rate	1,3	2,9	-1,9	-5,3	1,5	0,27
Mpumalanga						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	1,8	2,0	-50	-132	31	0,23
Employed	3,1	3,5	31	-58	119	0,50
Unemployed	6,2	4,6	-81	-158	-4	0,04
Not economically active	2,7	2,7	92	10	173	0,03
Discouraged work-seekers	8,2	6,9	75	7	143	0,03
Other (not economically active)	3,1	3,8	17	-61	95	0,68
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,4	4,8	-3,4	-7,1	0,4	0,08
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,1	3,5	0,5	-2,3	3,3	0,74
Labour force participation rate	1,8	2,0	-2,3	-4,9	0,2	0,07

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (concluded)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2024	Apr-Jun 2025				
Limpopo						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	2,5	2,5	104	12	196	0,03
Employed	2,5	2,7	-11	-100	78	0,81
Unemployed	5,9	5,4	115	46	184	0,00
Not economically active	3,1	3,3	-54	-146	38	0,25
Discouraged work-seekers	8,9	7,1	-77	-159	6	0,07
Other (not economically active)	3,9	3,0	23	-69	114	0,63
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,4	4,0	3,5	0,8	6,3	0,01
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,5	2,7	-0,7	-2,9	1,5	0,51
Labour force participation rate	2,5	2,5	1,9	-0,4	4,1	0,11

Table 3.1B: Sampling variability for the employed by industry and sex						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2024	Apr-Jun 2025				
Both sexes	0,8	0,8	154	-161	469	0,34
Agriculture	5,1	5,8	10	-117	137	0,88
Mining	6,4	9,4	-23	-105	59	0,58
Manufacturing	3,0	3,1	17	-116	149	0,80
Utilities	11,4	12,1	25	-14	64	0,21
Construction	3,4	3,5	55	-52	162	0,31
Trade	2,1	2,2	-45	-245	156	0,66
Transport	3,9	3,5	51	-60	162	0,37
Finance	2,1	2,9	79	-100	258	0,39
Community and social services	1,9	2,0	45	-138	228	0,63
Private households	3,3	3,7	-54	-156	48	0,30
Women	1,0	1,1	-48	-256	160	0,65
Agriculture	8,4	10,5	-17	-75	42	0,57
Mining	11,8	15,4	-17	-40	7	0,17
Manufacturing	4,6	4,7	-35	-106	36	0,34
Utilities	24,7	19,2	19	-2	40	0,07
Construction	10,6	9,7	10	-27	47	0,59
Trade	3,0	2,9	-83	-211	45	0,21
Transport	8,5	8,6	-8	-53	37	0,73
Finance	3,2	3,7	119	15	223	0,03
Community and social services	2,2	2,4	-7	-155	140	0,92
Private households	3,5	4,1	-31	-115	53	0,46
Men	0,9	0,9	202	-11	416	0,06
Agriculture	5,5	5,3	27	-64	118	0,57
Mining	6,3	10,3	-7	-83	70	0,87
Manufacturing	3,5	3,5	51	-44	147	0,29
Utilities	13,1	14,0	6	-27	38	0,72
Construction	3,7	3,7	45	-54	143	0,37
Trade	2,8	3,0	38	-97	173	0,58
Transport	4,4	3,7	59	-43	160	0,26
Finance	2,5	3,3	-40	-173	92	0,55
Community and social services	2,8	3,0	52	-45	150	0,29
Private households	7,1	6,7	-23	-75	29	0,39

Table 3.4B: Sampling variability for the employed by province and sector						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2024	Apr-Jun 2025				
South Africa	0,8	0,8	154	-161	469	0,34
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	1,0	1,1	2	-287	290	0,99
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	2,2	2,4	197	7	387	0,04
Agriculture	5,1	5,8	10	-117	137	0,88
Private households	3,3	3,7	-54	-156	48	0,30
Western Cape	1,6	1,5	69	-55	194	0,27
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	2,1	1,6	45	-50	140	0,35
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	6,6	6,8	8	-36	53	0,71
Agriculture	9,2	8,8	40	3	77	0,03
Private households	6,3	12,2	-24	-70	22	0,30
Western Cape – Non-metro	2,5	2,8	33	-42	109	0,39
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	3,3	3,7	16	-38	70	0,55
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	8,1	8,7	8	-17	34	0,52
Agriculture	9,4	8,9	41	7	75	0,02
Private households	10,1	8,9	-32	-50	-14	0,00
Western Cape – City of Cape Town	2,2	1,8	36	-67	139	0,49
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	2,7	1,6	29	-49	107	0,47
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	8,9	9,6	0	-36	36	1,00
Agriculture	42,2	46,4	-1	-15	14	0,94
Private households	8,3	17,9	8	-35	50	0,72
Eastern Cape	3,4	2,6	93	-15	201	0,09
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	3,2	3,5	54	-23	132	0,17
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	7,0	6,1	42	-12	96	0,13
Agriculture	16,4	21,1	-15	-75	46	0,64
Private households	16,7	9,1	12	-21	44	0,49
Eastern Cape – Non-metro	5,5	3,5	-8	-95	80	0,86
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	5,8	5,6	29	-31	89	0,34
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	9,2	8,2	-19	-66	28	0,43
Agriculture	16,8	23,2	-20	-80	40	0,51
Private households	20,9	13,6	2	-23	28	0,87

Table 3.4B: Sampling variability for the employed by province and sector (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2024	Apr-Jun 2025				
Eastern Cape – Buffalo City	5,3	6,7	31	-25	87	0,27
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	6,2	8,5	13	-24	51	0,49
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	7,3	18,2	21	3	38	0,02
Agriculture	84,1	77,2	0	-8	9	0,95
Private households	40,2	20,0	-3	-22	17	0,79
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay	3,3	4,6	70	40	99	0,00
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	3,9	5,0	12	-19	44	0,45
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	16,2	7,3	40	21	60	0,00
Agriculture	106,8	51,5	5	-2	12	0,15
Private households	28,3	12,3	12	5	20	0,00
Northern Cape	6,1	6,3	0	-28	29	0,98
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	8,0	9,1	5	-21	31	0,71
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	8,6	15,1	-5	-21	11	0,54
Agriculture	31,6	22,1	5	-6	17	0,35
Private households	20,1	22,6	-5	-14	4	0,24
Free State	1,7	3,3	21	-23	65	0,35
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	3,3	5,9	35	-21	92	0,22
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	9,8	12,3	-14	-58	30	0,54
Agriculture	6,8	11,0	1	-17	18	0,93
Private households	10,2	14,1	-2	-23	20	0,89
Free State – Non-metro	1,9	4,4	2	-41	45	0,94
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	4,0	6,9	9	-38	55	0,72
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	13,6	10,9	-14	-42	14	0,32
Agriculture	6,6	11,4	1	-17	18	0,94
Private households	10,5	15,1	7	-14	27	0,52
Free State – Mangaung	3,4	4,1	19	8	30	0,00
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	5,6	10,4	27	-5	59	0,10
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	8,7	29,1	0	-34	34	0,99
Agriculture	51,4	38,2	0	-2	3	0,90
Private households	22,4	35,6	-8	-13	-3	0,00

Table 3.4B: Sampling variability for the employed by province and sector (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2024	Apr-Jun 2025				
KwaZulu-Natal	2,3	2,1	-140	-281	1	0,05
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	3,2	3,3	-50	-185	85	0,47
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	4,4	5,7	-43	-115	30	0,25
Agriculture	15,3	24,7	-33	-123	57	0,47
Private households	6,7	7,7	-14	-50	22	0,44
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro	3,3	2,9	-87	-187	12	0,09
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	4,6	4,3	-2	-71	67	0,95
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	6,1	7,5	-52	-97	-8	0,02
Agriculture	16,2	26,3	-31	-120	59	0,50
Private households	9,7	11,3	-2	-28	24	0,88
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekweni	3,3	2,8	-53	-148	43	0,28
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	4,4	5,2	-48	-162	66	0,41
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	5,9	8,9	10	-49	68	0,74
Agriculture	35,0	42,4	-3	-11	6	0,54
Private households	9,5	10,3	-12	-38	13	0,35
North West	4,3	3,6	8	-66	81	0,84
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	4,7	3,4	-11	-60	39	0,67
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	11,0	11,0	16	-22	55	0,40
Agriculture	18,4	12,9	11	-17	38	0,45
Private households	22,0	17,7	-9	-41	24	0,61
Gauteng	1,5	1,5	83	-100	266	0,37
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	1,8	2,4	-13	-198	172	0,89
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	5,0	5,0	108	-17	232	0,09
Agriculture	21,7	25,3	-8	-24	8	0,30
Private households	6,8	7,4	-3	-61	55	0,93
Gauteng – Non-metro	5,2	6,1	39	-42	120	0,34
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	6,0	8,5	32	-61	126	0,49
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	12,1	16,0	13	-20	47	0,44
Agriculture	21,5	30,6	-5	-15	4	0,27
Private households	15,7	20,7	-1	-17	15	0,89

Table 3.4B: Sampling variability for the employed by province and sector (concluded)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2024	Apr-Jun 2025				
Gauteng – Ekurhuleni	2,5	2,2	-49	-137	39	0,28
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	2,3	2,6	-26	-103	50	0,50
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	7,1	8,7	-21	-54	12	0,21
Agriculture	58,3	100,8	-2	-6	1	0,25
Private households	16,6	14,3	1	-19	21	0,95
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg	2,6	2,5	22	-98	141	0,72
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	3,4	4,2	-52	-153	49	0,31
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	8,6	7,4	74	-26	175	0,15
Agriculture	72,2	71,5	1	-5	6	0,84
Private households	10,4	12,1	-1	-46	44	0,96
Gauteng – City of Tshwane	2,6	3,0	71	-6	148	0,07
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	3,4	4,9	32	-69	134	0,53
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	10,8	12,0	41	-17	99	0,16
Agriculture	62,6	56,7	-1	-13	10	0,79
Private households	14,4	13,8	-1	-27	25	0,93
Mpumalanga	3,1	3,5	31	-58	119	0,50
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	4,8	3,6	16	-60	92	0,68
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	6,9	9,7	33	-30	97	0,30
Agriculture	8,7	17,2	0	-36	36	1,00
Private households	8,1	13,5	-19	-45	8	0,17
Limpopo	2,5	2,7	-11	-100	78	0,81
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	3,5	2,9	-80	-162	2	0,06
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	5,0	5,6	50	-6	106	0,08
Agriculture	18,7	15,0	9	-14	32	0,42
Private households	12,2	9,0	9	-16	35	0,46

Table 3.5B: Sampling variability for the employed by sex and occupation						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2024	Apr-Jun 2025				
Both sexes	0,8	0,8	154	-161	469	0,34
Manager	3,3	3,8	57	-92	205	0,46
Professional	3,7	5,2	-119	-247	9	0,07
Technician	2,9	3,0	-215	-344	-86	0,00
Clerk	2,9	3,0	108	-21	238	0,10
Sales and services	2,2	2,3	290	121	459	0,00
Skilled agriculture	11,4	14,5	-58	-85	-32	0,00
Craft and related trade	2,9	2,7	186	58	314	0,01
Plant and machine operator	3,2	3,4	88	-34	210	0,16
Elementary	1,8	2,0	-171	-376	33	0,10
Domestic worker	3,7	4,2	-4	-91	83	0,93
Women	1,0	1,1	-48	-256	160	0,65
Manager	4,5	5,9	-31	-104	41	0,40
Professional	4,5	5,6	8	-75	91	0,85
Technician	3,3	3,5	-223	-308	-139	0,00
Clerk	3,4	3,5	80	-26	187	0,14
Sales and services	3,1	3,0	215	106	323	0,00
Skilled agriculture	20,1	31,9	-15	-27	-3	0,01
Craft and related trade	7,8	6,4	27	-20	73	0,26
Plant and machine operator	7,2	8,4	10	-24	44	0,56
Elementary	2,6	3,1	-113	-234	9	0,07
Domestic worker	3,7	4,1	-5	-87	77	0,91
Men	0,9	0,9	202	-11	416	0,06
Manager	3,7	4,2	88	-20	196	0,11
Professional	5,2	6,6	-127	-205	-49	0,00
Technician	4,5	4,2	8	-80	96	0,86
Clerk	5,4	5,0	28	-40	96	0,42
Sales and services	3,0	3,3	76	-47	198	0,22
Skilled agriculture	13,3	16,3	-43	-66	-19	0,00
Craft and related trade	3,2	3,0	160	40	279	0,01
Plant and machine operator	3,5	3,6	78	-36	191	0,18
Elementary	2,3	2,3	-59	-199	82	0,41
Domestic worker	16,9	17,5	1	-17	19	0,92