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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 the key findings of the QLFS conducted from April to June 2018 (Q2: 2018).

2. Highlights of the results

Table A: Key labour market indicators

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousands					Per cent	
Population 15–64 yrs	37 217	37 678	37 832	154	615	0,4	1,7
Labour Force	22 277	22 358	22 370	12	94	0,1	0,4
Employed	16 100	16 378	16 288	-90	188	-0,5	1,2
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	11 193	11 355	11 320	-35	127	-0,3	1,1
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	2 761	2 901	2 828	-73	68	-2,5	2,5
Agriculture	835	847	843	-3	8	-0,4	1,0
Private households	1 311	1 275	1 296	22	-15	1,7	-1,2
Unemployed	6 177	5 980	6 083	102	-94	1,7	-1,5
Not economically active	14 941	15 320	15 462	141	521	0,9	3,5
Discouraged work-seekers	2 361	2 787	2 864	77	503	2,8	21,3
Other (not economically active)	12 580	12 533	12 598	65	17	0,5	0,1
Rates (%)							
Unemployment rate	27,7	26,7	27,2	0,5	-0,5		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	43,3	43,5	43,1	-0,4	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	59,9	59,3	59,1	-0,2	-0,8		

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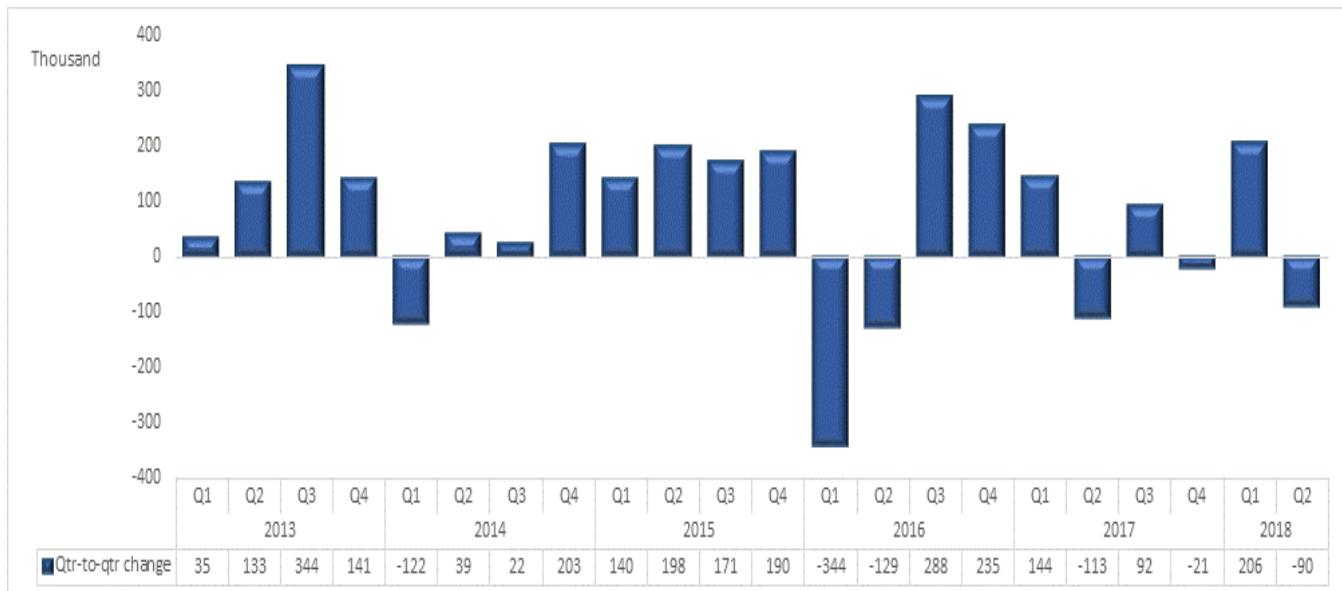
The South African working-age population increased by 154 000 or 0,4% in the second quarter of 2018 compared to the first quarter of 2018. The number of employed persons declined by 90 000 in Q2: 2018, which led to 0,4 of a percentage point decline in the absorption rate to 43,1%. However, during the same quarter the unemployed increased by 102 000 persons to 6,1 million, raising the unemployment rate to 27,2%.

Employment gains of 22 000 were recorded in private households, while the formal sector (35 000), informal sector (73 000) and Agriculture (3 000) recorded employment losses between Q1: 2018 and Q2: 2018. The number of discouraged work-seekers increased by 77 000 while the number of other not economically active persons increased by 65 000, resulting in an increase of 141 000 (up by 0,9%) in the number of people not in the labour force between the first and second quarters of 2018.

Compared to a year ago, employment increased by 1,2% (188 000), unemployment decreased by 1,5% (94 000) and the number of persons who were not economically active increased by 3,5% (521 000) - 503 000 being discouraged work-seekers.

3. Employment

Figure 1: Quarter-to-quarter changes in employment, Q1: 2013 to Q2: 2018



After employment increases in the second quarters of 2013, 2014 and 2015, the levels of employment declined in the second quarters of every year, with the latest decline of 90 000 jobs recorded in the second quarter of 2018.

Table B: Employment by industry

Industry	Apr-Jun 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Qtr-to- qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to- qtr change	Year-on- year change
Total*	16 100	16 378	16 288	-90	188	-0,5	1,2
Agriculture	835	847	843	-3	8	-0,4	1,0
Mining	434	397	435	38	1	9,6	0,3
Manufacturing	1 799	1 849	1 744	-105	-55	-5,7	-3,1
Utilities	148	143	161	18	13	12,2	8,8
Construction	1 395	1 431	1 476	45	80	3,1	5,8
Trade	3 265	3 276	3 219	-57	-46	-1,7	-1,4
Transport	954	960	1 014	54	60	5,6	6,3
Finance and other business services	2 395	2 402	2 399	-3	4	-0,1	0,2
Community and social services	3 560	3 785	3 692	-93	132	-2,5	3,7
Private households	1 311	1 275	1 296	22	-15	1,7	-1,2

*Note: Total includes 'other' industry.

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

Table B indicates that between Q1: 2018 and Q2: 2018, some industries shed jobs while others created jobs, resulting in a net loss of 90 000 across all industries. The industry that recorded the most job losses was Manufacturing which accounted for 105 000 jobs, followed by Community and social services (93 000), Trade (57 000). Employment increases were recorded in Transport (54 000), Construction (45 000), Mining (38 000), Private households (22 000) and Utilities (18 000) industries.

Compared to Q2:2017, employment gains of 188 000 jobs were largely driven by Community and social services (132 000), Construction (80 000) and Transport (60 000) in Q2: 2018. Manufacturing, Trade and Private households industries lost 55 000, 46 000 and 15 000 jobs, respectively.

Figure 2a: Quarter-to-quarter employment changes in the formal sector, Q1: 2013 to Q2: 2018

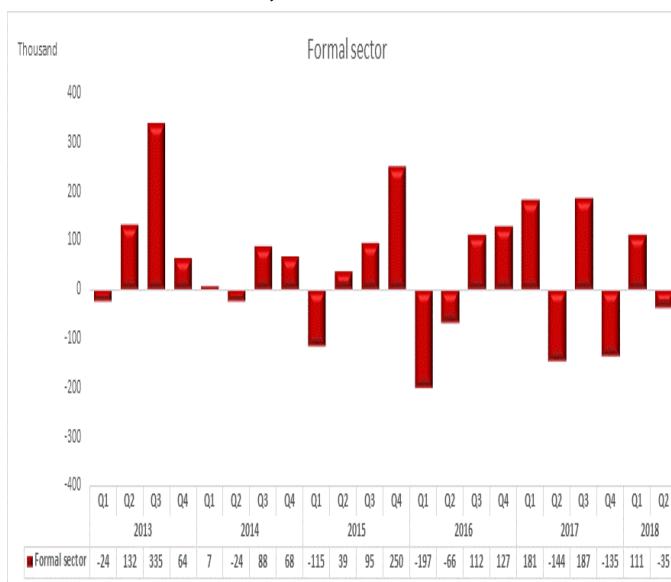
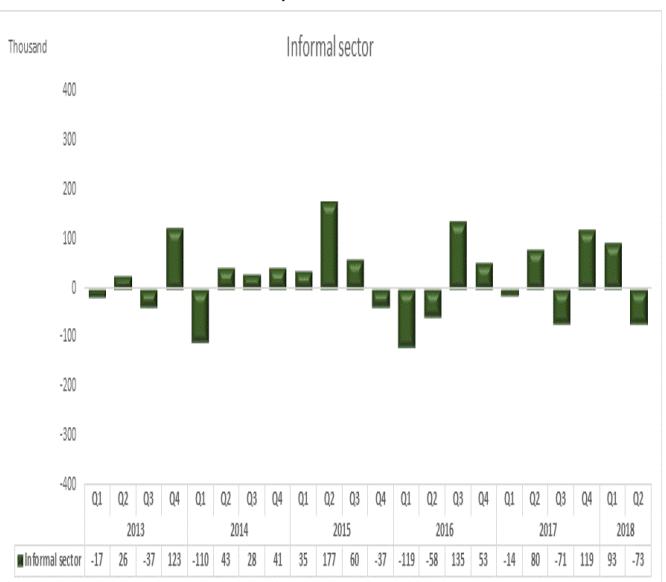
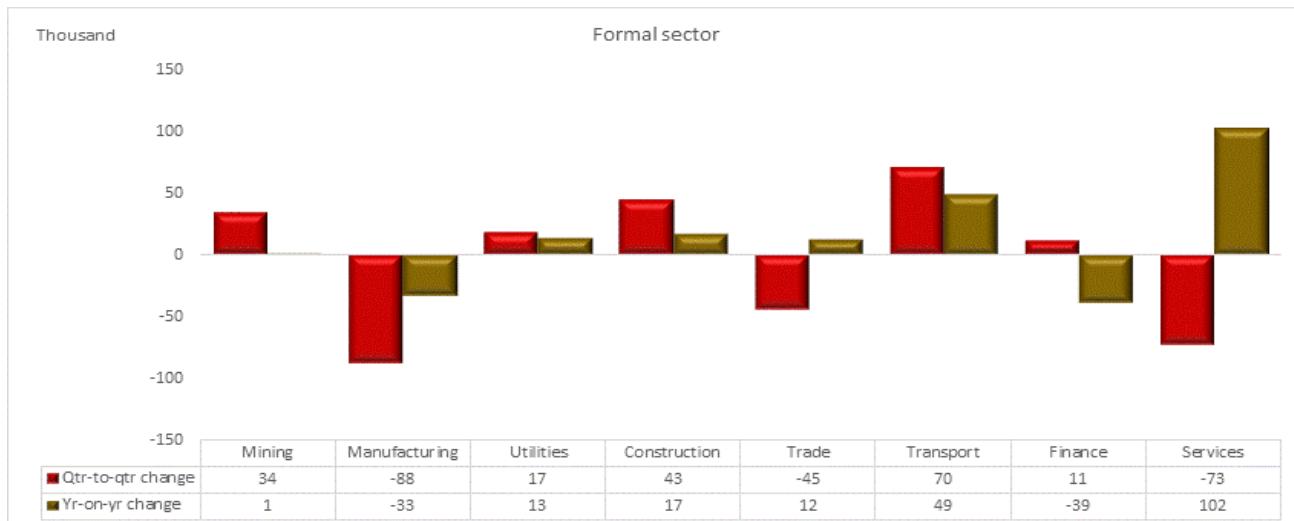


Figure 2b: Quarter-to-quarter employment changes in the informal sector, Q1: 2013 to Q2: 2018



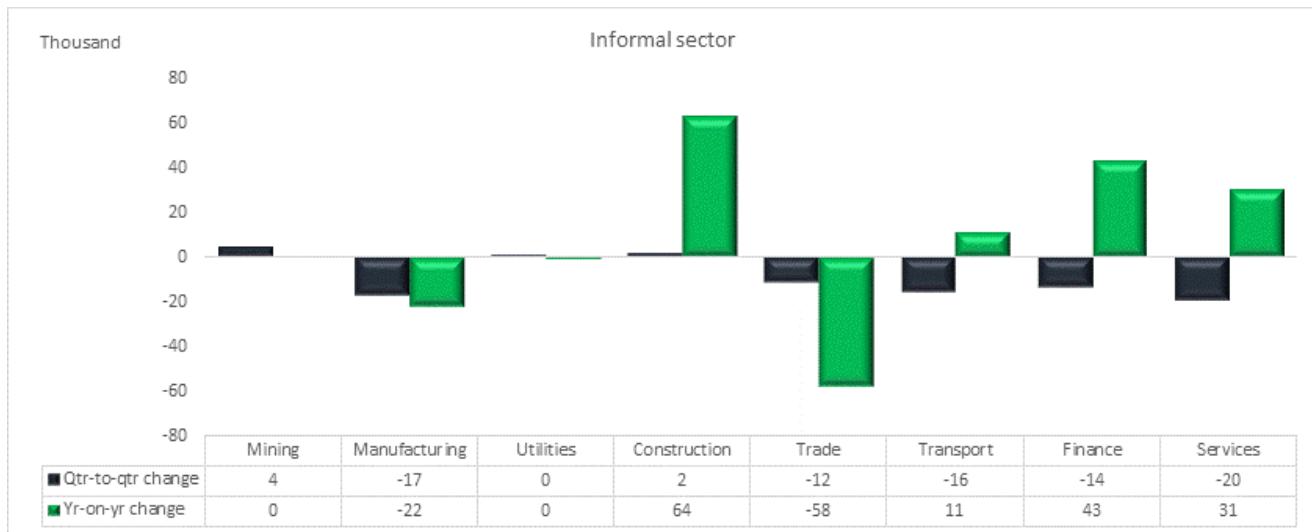
After employment gains in the first quarter of 2018, employment declined in both the formal (111 000) and informal (93 000) sectors by 35 000 and 73 000, respectively in Q2: 2018 compared to Q1: 2018.

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



In the second quarter of 2018, the formal sector recorded employment losses of 35 000 quarter on quarter. This was observed in Manufacturing (88 000), Community and social services (73 000) and Trade (45 000) industries. Transport, Construction and Mining recorded the most increases in employment during the same period.

The year-on-year comparisons show a net increase of 127 000 jobs in the formal sector, with the most jobs created in Community and social services (102 000), Transport (49 000) and Construction (17 000) industries. Finance and other business services (39 000) and Manufacturing (33 000) industries recorded employment losses during the same period.

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

In the second quarter of 2018, the informal sector shed 73 000 jobs compared to the first quarter of 2018. The decline was mainly driven by Community and social services (20 000), Manufacturing (17 000), Transport (16 000), Finance and other business services (14 000) and Trade (12 000) industries.

Compared to Q2: 2017, employment in the informal sector increased in four industries with the largest annual employment gains recorded in Construction (64 000), followed by Finance and other business services (43 000) and Community and social services (31 000) industries.

Table C: Employment by occupation

Occupation	Apr-Jun 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to- qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand					Per cent	
Total	16 100	16 378	16 288	-90	188	-0,5	1,2
Manager	1 469	1 422	1 416	-6	-53	-0,4	-3,6
Professional	897	873	878	5	-19	0,6	-2,2
Technician	1 457	1 415	1 448	33	-10	2,3	-0,7
Clerk	1 746	1 746	1 704	-41	-42	-2,4	-2,4
Sales and services	2 447	2 692	2 635	-57	188	-2,1	7,7
Skilled agriculture	58	62	64	1	5	1,8	8,9
Craft and related trade	1 969	1 994	2 007	13	37	0,7	1,9
Plant and machine operator	1 283	1 359	1 364	5	81	0,4	6,4
Elementary	3 726	3 823	3 775	-48	50	-1,3	1,3
Domestic worker	1 041	991	996	5	-45	0,5	-4,3

*Note: Total includes 'other' occupations.

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Compared to the first quarter of 2018, in the second quarter of 2018 the declines in employment were driven by Sales and services (57 000), Elementary (48 000), Clerical (41 000) and Managerial (6 000) occupations. Employment gains were largely recorded in Technician (33 000) and Craft and related trade (13 000) occupations during this period.

Year-on-year changes show that gains in employment were mainly driven by Sales and services (188 000), Plant and machine operator (81 000) and Elementary (50 000) occupations, while Managerial (53 000), Domestic worker (45 000) and Clerical (42 000) occupations recorded the largest employment declines.

Table D: Employment by province

Province	Apr-Jun 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand						Per cent
South Africa	16 100	16 378	16 288	-90	188	-0,5	1,2
Western Cape	2 403	2 530	2 480	-50	77	-2,0	3,2
Eastern Cape	1 416	1 397	1 402	5	-13	0,4	-0,9
Northern Cape	292	321	317	-4	26	-1,1	8,9
Free State	777	814	788	-26	11	-3,2	1,5
KwaZulu-Natal	2 583	2 617	2 620	3	36	0,1	1,4
North West	978	992	977	-15	-1	-1,5	-0,1
Gauteng	5 050	5 069	5 055	-14	5	-0,3	0,1
Mpumalanga	1 212	1 197	1 212	15	0	1,2	0,0
Limpopo	1 390	1 441	1 436	-4	47	-0,3	3,4

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

The number of employed persons declined in most provinces between Q1: 2018 and Q2: 2018. The largest employment decreases were recorded in Western Cape (50 000), Free State (26 000), North West (15 000) and Gauteng (14 000), while Mpumalanga (15 000), Eastern Cape (5 000) and KwaZulu-Natal (3 000) recorded employment gains in the same period.

Compared to Q2: 2017, employment increased in six of the nine provinces, with Western Cape recording the largest increase of 77 000 jobs, followed by Limpopo (47 000) and KwaZulu-Natal (36 000). During the same period, employment losses were recorded in Eastern Cape (13 000) and North West (1 000). Employment in Mpumalanga remained unchanged during this period.

3.1 Conditions of employment for employees

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

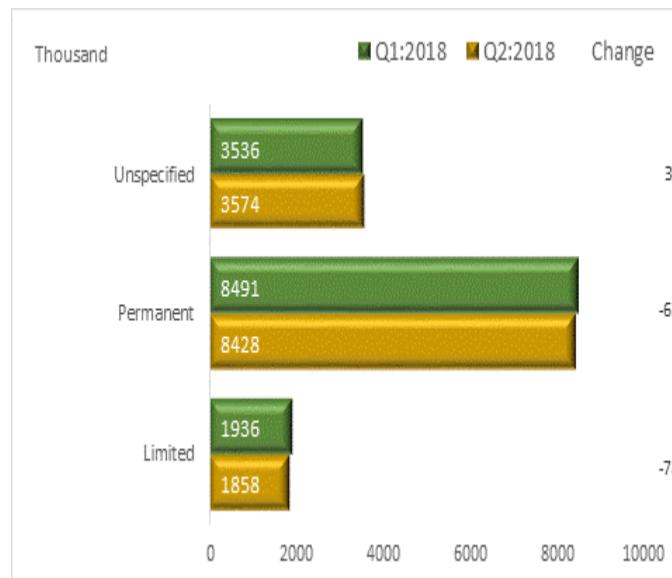
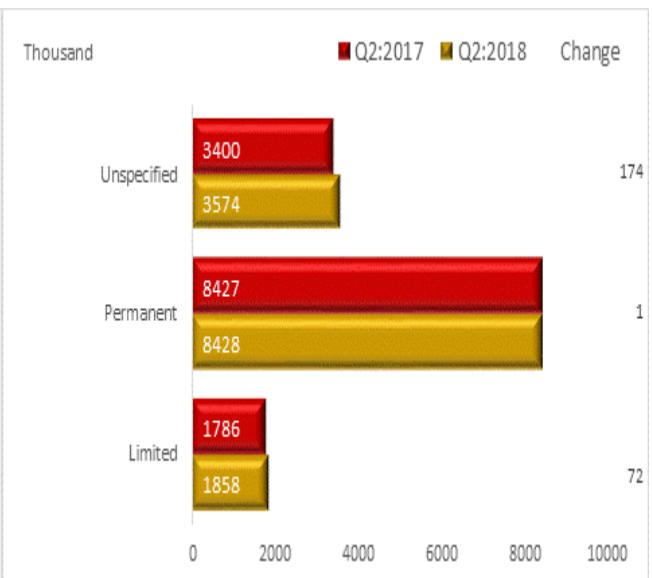


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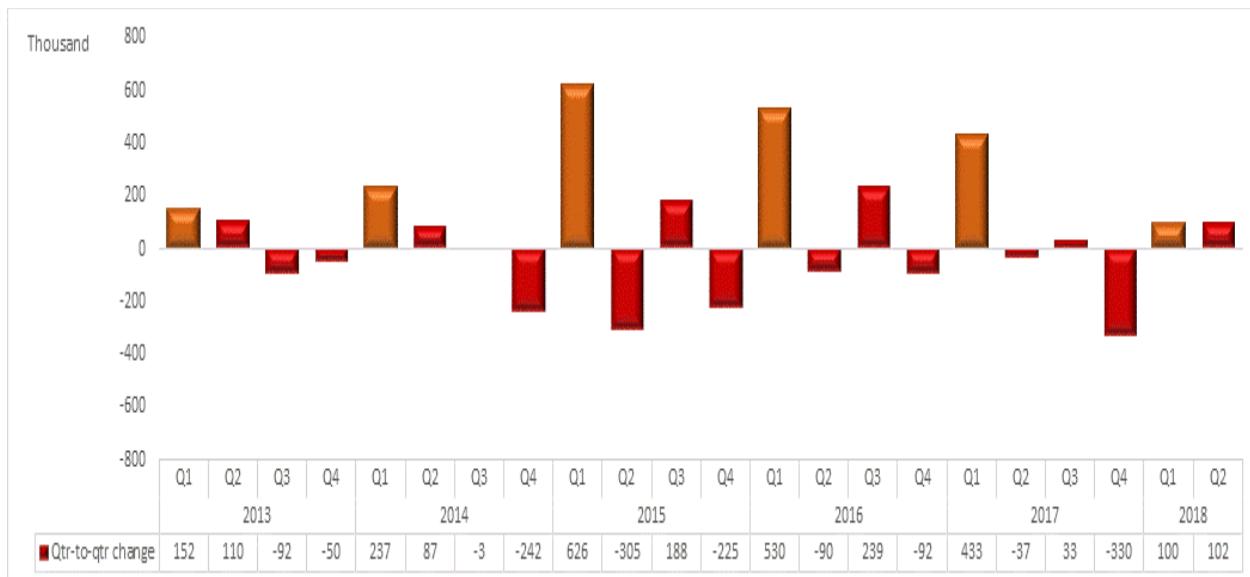


Between the first and second quarters of 2018, the number of employees with contracts of a permanent nature and limited duration decreased (63 000 and 78 000, respectively), while the number of employees with contracts of unspecified duration increased by 38 000.

The year-on-year comparisons indicates that the number of employees with contracts of unspecified duration increased by 174 000, followed by those with contracts of a limited duration (72 000) and those with contracts of a permanent nature (1 000).

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

Figure 7: Quarter-to-quarter changes in unemployment, Q1: 2013 to Q2: 2018



After an increase of 100 000 recorded in Q1: 2018, the number of unemployed persons continued to increase by 102 000 in Q2: 2018.

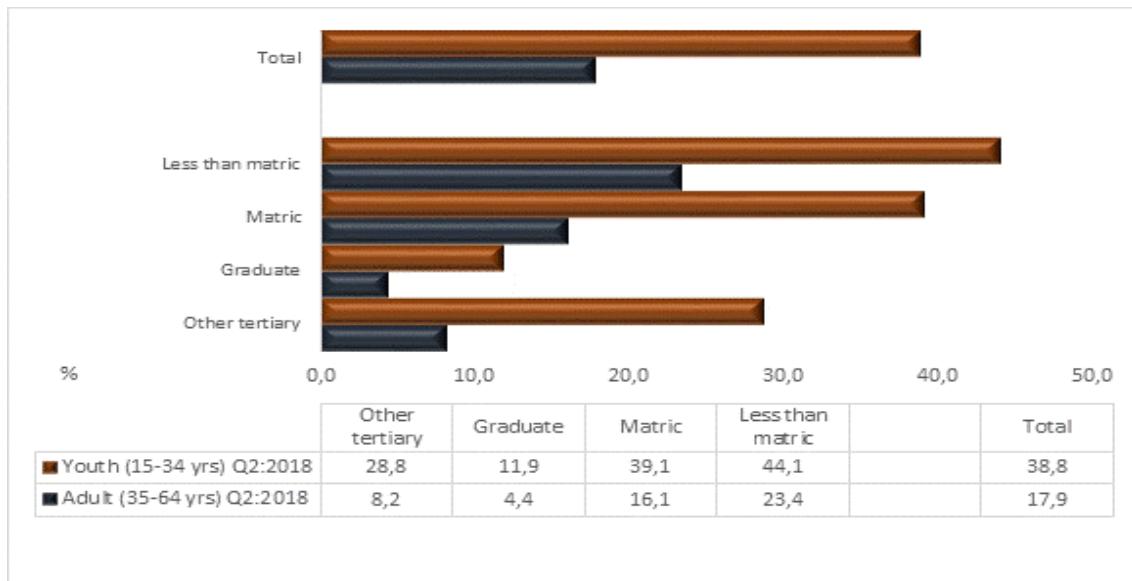
Figure 8: Unemployment rate by age and education level, Q2: 2018

Figure 8 shows unemployment rates for the youth and adults by level of education. In Q2: 2018, the unemployment rate for the youth was 38,8% compared to 17,9% for adults. The unemployment rate for the youth is higher compared to that of adults regardless of educational attainment. However, another noticeable fact is that the unemployment rate reduces as the level of education increases. Young graduates have an unemployment rate of 11,9%, which is more than 2 times higher than that of their adults counterparts at 4,4%.

Table E: Unemployment rate by province

	Official unemployment rate					Expanded unemployment rate				
	Apr-Jun 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Apr-Jun 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Per cent		Percentage points		Per cent		Percentage points			
South Africa	27,7	26,7	27,2	0,5	-0,5	36,6	36,7	37,2	0,5	0,6
Western Cape	20,7	19,7	20,7	1,0	0,0	24,6	22,5	23,2	0,7	-1,4
Eastern Cape	34,4	35,6	34,2	-1,4	-0,2	44,5	46,0	45,8	-0,2	1,3
Northern Cape	30,5	29,5	28,9	-0,6	-1,6	45,3	41,0	42,4	1,4	-2,9
Free State	34,4	32,8	34,4	1,6	0,0	40,5	38,4	40,1	1,7	-0,4
KwaZulu-Natal	24,0	22,3	21,8	-0,5	-2,2	40,4	40,6	40,9	0,3	0,5
North West	27,2	25,8	26,1	0,3	-1,1	42,0	41,8	43,4	1,6	1,4
Gauteng	29,9	28,6	29,7	1,1	-0,2	32,9	33,6	34,4	0,8	1,5
Mpumalanga	32,3	32,4	33,2	0,8	0,9	41,4	42,5	41,7	-0,8	0,3
Limpopo	20,8	19,9	19,3	-0,6	-1,5	37,1	37,6	37,4	-0,2	0,3

The official unemployment rate increased by 0,5 of a percentage point in Q2: 2018 compared to Q1: 2018. The official unemployment rate increased in five of the nine provinces. The largest increase in the unemployment rate was recorded in Free State (up by 1,6 percentage points), Gauteng (up by 1,1 percentage points), and Western Cape (up by 1,0 percentage point). Year-on-year, the official unemployment rate declined by 0,5 of a percentage point. The largest declines were recorded in KwaZulu-Natal (2,2 percentage points), followed by Northern Cape (1,6 percentage points) and Limpopo (1,5 percentage points).

Compared to Q1: 2018, the expanded unemployment rate increased by 0,5 of a percentage point in Q2: 2018 to 37,2%. The largest increases were recorded in Free State (1,7 percentage points) and North West (1,6 percentage points), followed by Northern Cape (1,4 percentage points). Compared to Q2: 2017, the expanded unemployment rate also increased by 0,6 of a percentage point, with Gauteng recording the largest increase of 1,5 percentage points.

Figure 9a: NEET rates for youth aged 15-24 years by population group and sex

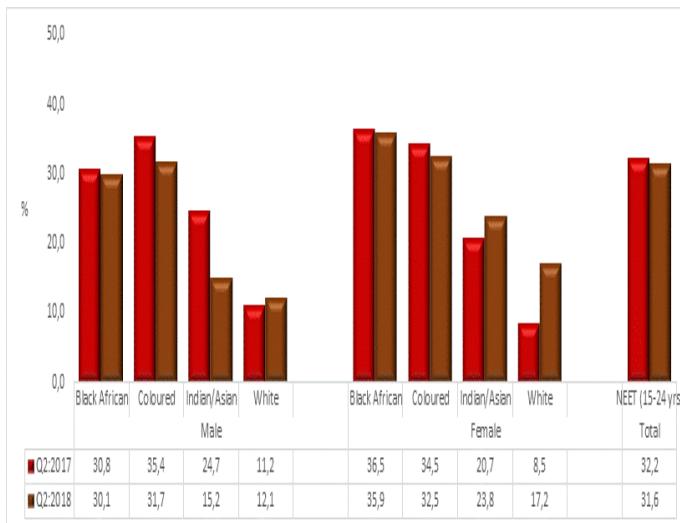
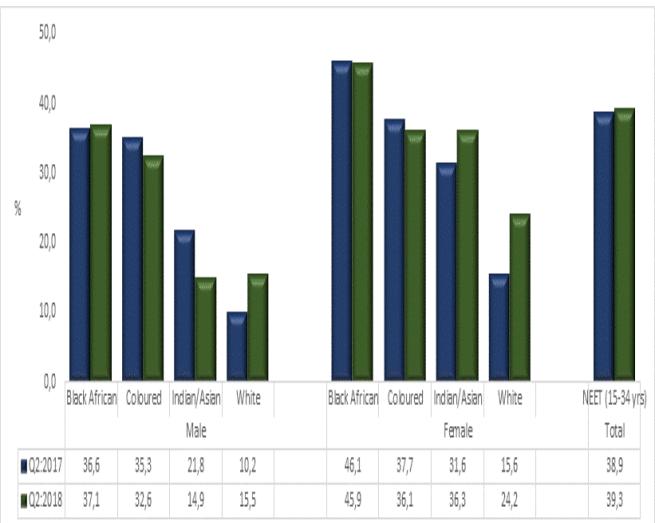


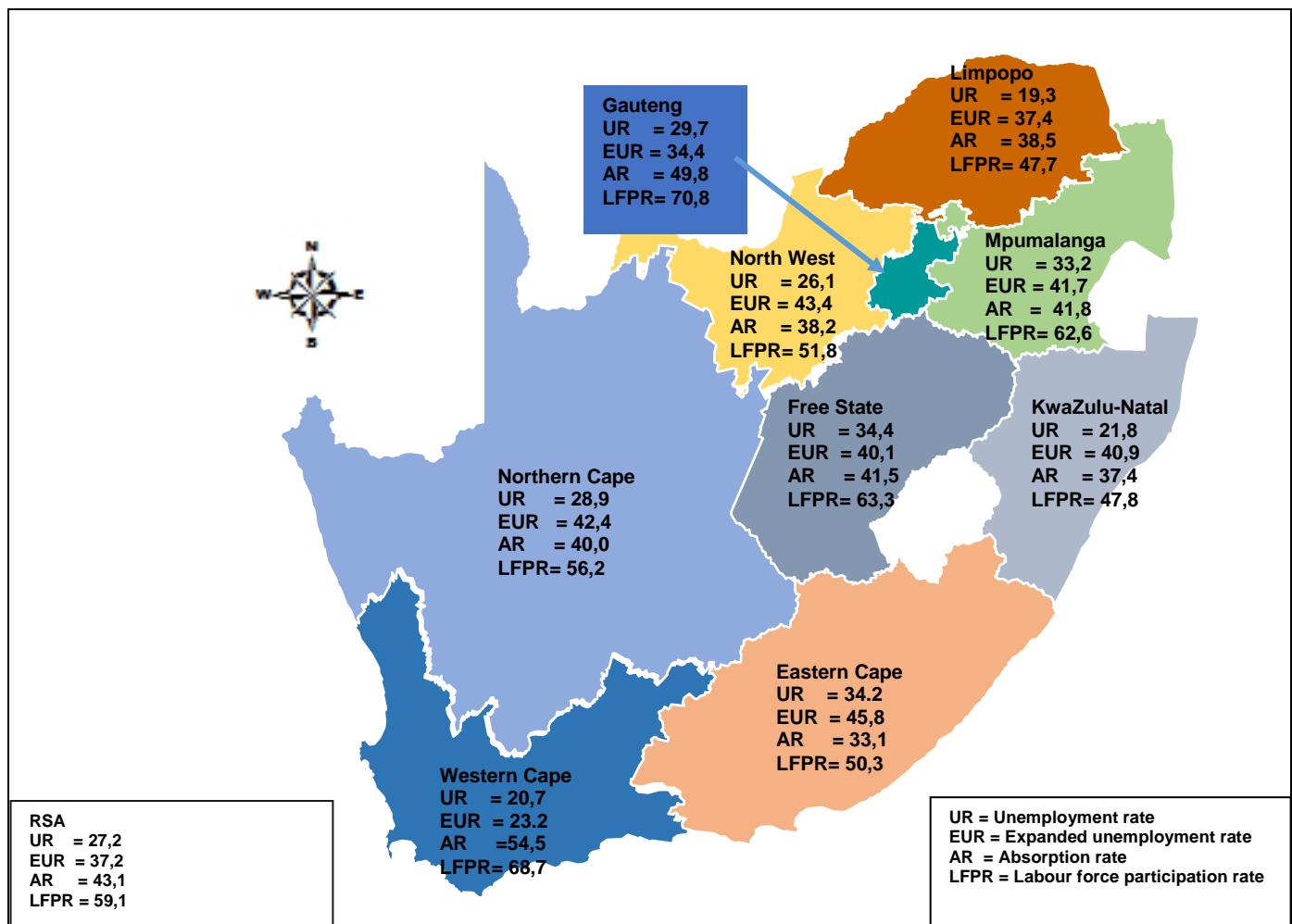
Figure 9b: NEET rates for youth aged 15-34 years by population group and sex



Between Q2: 2017 and Q2: 2018, the percentage of young persons aged 15–24 years who were not in employment, education or training (NEET) declined by 0,6 of a percentage point to 31,6%. The NEET rate for males declined in three population groups, with the exception of white males. Among females the NEET rate increased for Indian/Asian and white population groups (Figure 9a).

Compared to Q2: 2017, the percentage of youth aged 15–34 years who were not in employment, education or training (NEET) increased by 0,4 of a percentage point to 39,3% in Q2: 2018. The NEET rate increased for black African males and white males, while that of coloured males and Indian/Asian males decreased. Female NEET rate was higher than that of their male counterparts for all population groups. In Q2: 2017 and Q2: 2018 the highest NEET rate of over 40% was recorded among black females (Figure 9b).

5. Summary of labour market measures at a glance, Q2: 2018




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6. Other labour market trends

6.1 Year-on-year changes

Figure 10: Year-on-year changes in total employment, Q1: 2011 to Q2: 2018

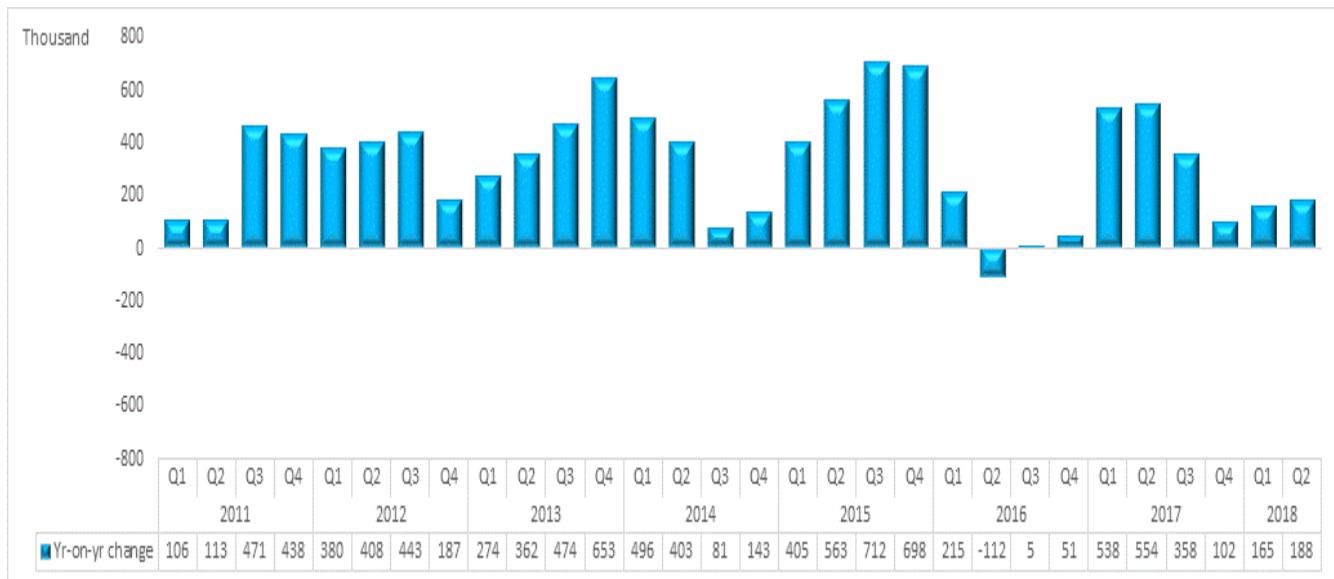


Figure 11: Year-on-year changes in formal-sector employment, Q1: 2011 to Q2: 2018

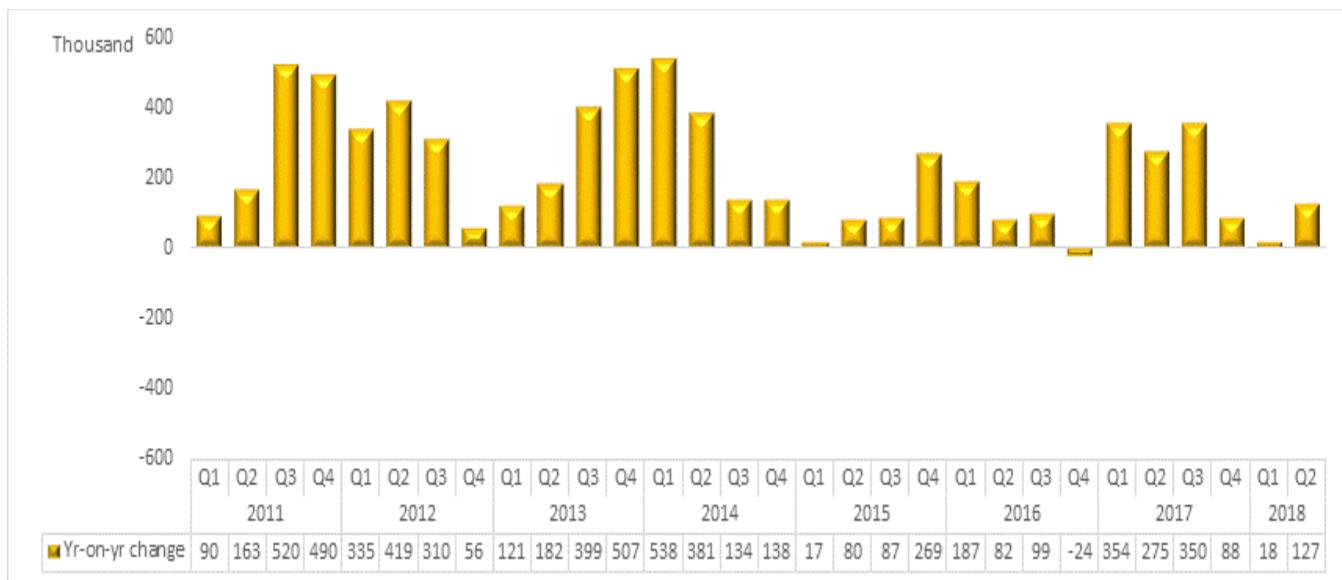
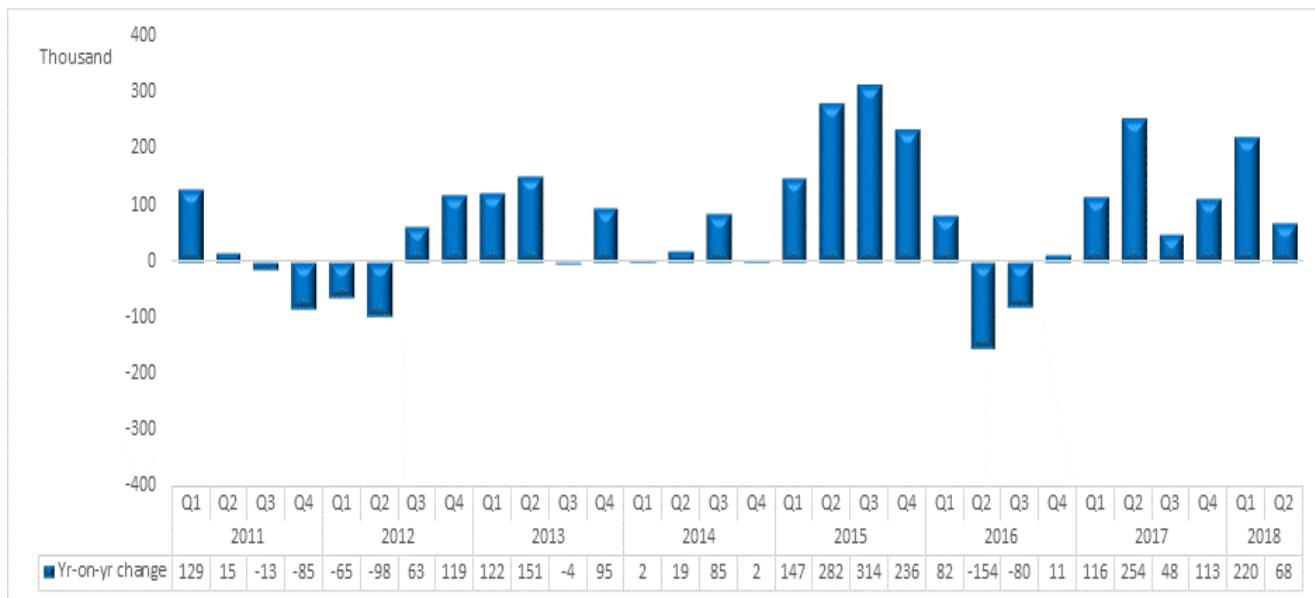


Figure 12: Year-on-year changes in informal-sector employment, Q1: 2011 to Q2: 2018

6.2 Trends in unemployment rate

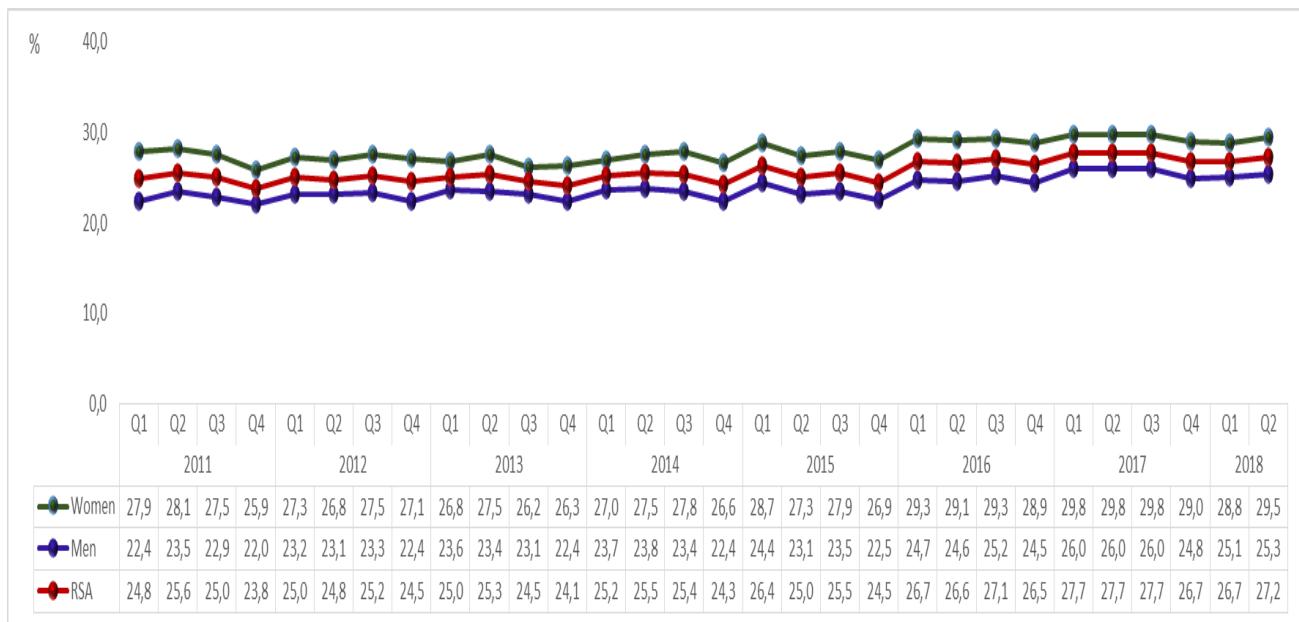
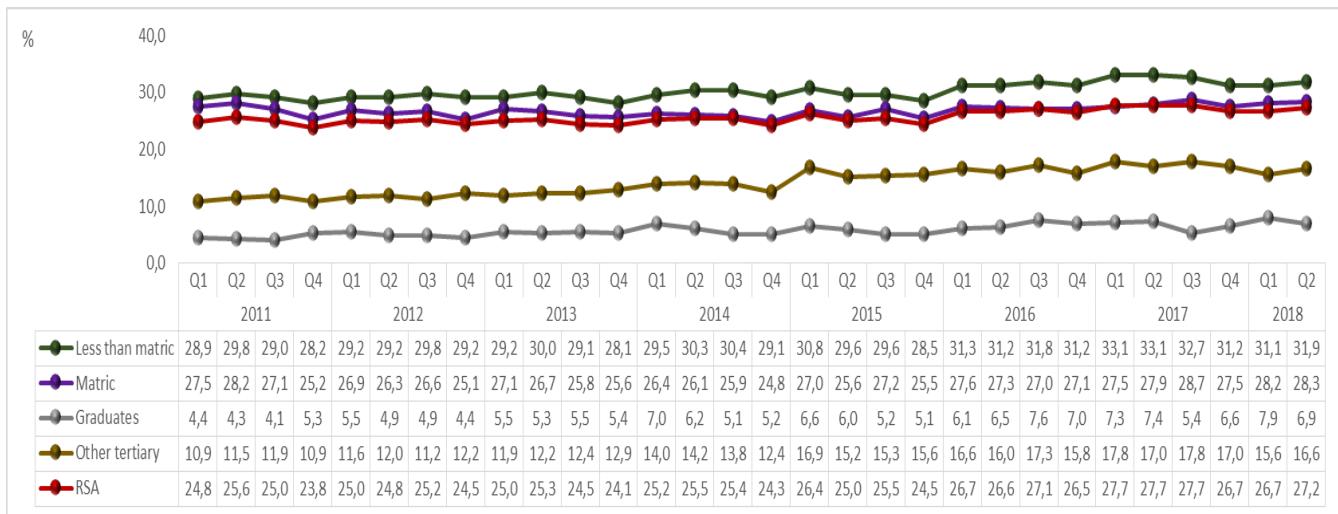
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Figure 14: Unemployment rate by education status, Q1: 2011 to Q2: 2018

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

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

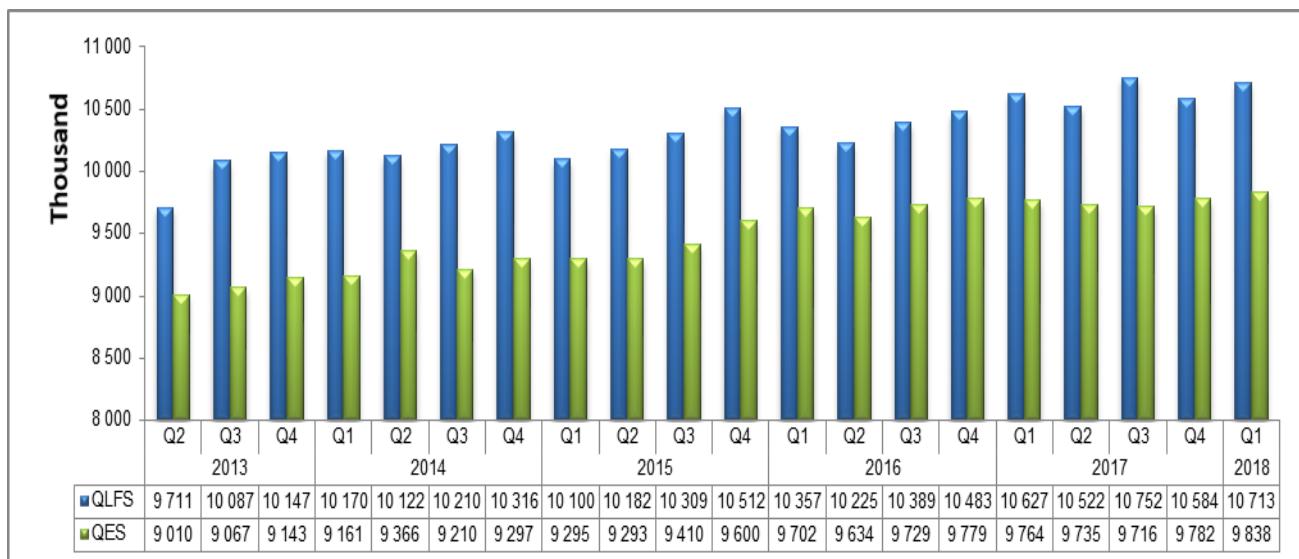
- Description of the employed, e.g. their demographic profile, education level, hours of work, etc.; and
- Unemployment and descriptors of the unemployed.

The 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 the QES is an enterprise-based survey that collects information from non-agricultural businesses and organisations from approximately 20 000 units. The numerous conceptual and methodological differences between the household- and enterprise-based surveys result in important distinctions in the employment estimates derived from the surveys. Among these are:

- The household 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 survey.
- The household survey is limited to workers 15 years of age and older. The enterprise-based survey is not limited by age.
- The household 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 number of employees in determining the formal sector while QES uses 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 payroll of VAT-registered businesses

Figure 15: Formal sector employment trends in QLFS and QES, Q2: 2013 to Q1: 2018

8. Technical notes

8.1 Response details

Table G: Response rates by province and metropolitan area

Province / metropolitan area	Apr-Jun 2018
National	89,6
Western Cape	90,5
Non-metro	91,5
City of Cape Town	90,0
Eastern Cape	94,8
Non-metro	96,8
Buffalo City	94,8
Nelson Mandela Bay	87,7
Northern Cape	90,0
Free State	95,2
Non-metro	95,2
Mangaung	95,1
KwaZulu-Natal	93,5
Non-metro	94,7
eThekweni	91,4
North West	91,1
Gauteng	78,6
Non-metro	79,4
Ekurhuleni	76,5
City of Johannesburg	78,2
City of Tshwane	81,5
Mpumalanga	94,5
Limpopo	97,5

8.2 Survey requirements and design

The Quarterly Labour Force Survey (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). The census EAs, together with the auxiliary information for the EAs, were used as the frame units or building blocks for the formation of primary sampling units (PSUs) for the Master Sample, since 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 to the previous 2008 Master Sample (which had 3 080 PSUs). The larger Master Sample of PSUs was selected to improve the precision (smaller coefficients of variation, known as CVs) of the QLFS estimates.

The Master Sample is designed to be representative at provincial level and within provinces at metro/non-metro levels. Within the metros, the sample is further distributed by geographical type. The three geography types are

Urban, Tribal and Farms. This implies, for example, that within a metropolitan area the sample is representative of the different geography types that may exist within that metro.

It is divided equally into four sub-groups or panels called rotation groups. The 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.

The 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 (as an 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

The sample weights were constructed in order to account for the following: the original selection probabilities (design weights), adjustments for PSUs that were sub-sampled or segmented, excluded population from the sampling frame, non-response, weight trimming, and benchmarking to known population estimates from the Demographic Analysis Division within Stats SA.

8.5 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). The eligible households in the 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.). The adjustment for total non-response was computed at two levels of non-response: PSU non-response and household non-response.

8.6 Final survey weights

In the final step of constructing the sample weights, all individuals within a household are assigned the same adjusted base weight. The adjusted base weights are calibrated such that the aggregate totals will match with independently derived (by Stats SA Demography Division) population estimates (from the Demographic Analysis Division) for various age, race and gender groups at national level and individual metropolitan and non-metropolitan area levels within the provinces. The 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.

8.7 Estimation

The 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, number of females employed in Manufacturing, etc.

8.8 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

The 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 the standard error relative to the 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 scale 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 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.

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

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

comprise all persons in the informal sector, employees in the formal sector, and persons working in private households who are not entitled to 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.

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

Unemployed persons 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.

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 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	37 217	37 373	37 525	37 678	37 832	154	615	0,4	1,7
Women	18 828	18 903	18 975	19 048	19 122	73	294	0,4	1,6
Men	18 389	18 471	18 550	18 630	18 710	80	321	0,4	1,7
Population groups	37 217	37 373	37 525	37 678	37 832	154	615	0,4	1,7
Black/African	29 798	29 950	30 099	30 249	30 399	150	602	0,5	2,0
Coloured	3 406	3 415	3 425	3 434	3 443	9	37	0,3	1,1
Indian/Asian	994	996	998	1 000	1 003	2	9	0,2	0,9
White	3 020	3 012	3 003	2 995	2 987	-8	-33	-0,3	-1,1
South Africa	37 217	37 373	37 525	37 678	37 832	154	615	0,4	1,7
Western Cape	4 460	4 483	4 506	4 528	4 551	23	92	0,5	2,1
Eastern Cape	4 190	4 203	4 215	4 228	4 240	13	50	0,3	1,2
Northern Cape	785	787	790	792	794	2	9	0,3	1,2
Free State	1 888	1 890	1 892	1 895	1 897	3	10	0,1	0,5
KwaZulu-Natal	6 894	6 921	6 948	6 975	7 002	27	108	0,4	1,6
North West	2 512	2 523	2 534	2 545	2 556	11	44	0,4	1,7
Gauteng	9 957	10 009	10 059	10 109	10 159	50	202	0,5	2,0
Mpumalanga	2 853	2 866	2 877	2 889	2 901	12	48	0,4	1,7
Limpopo	3 678	3 692	3 705	3 718	3 731	13	53	0,4	1,4

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

Table 2: Labour force characteristics by sex – All population groups

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	37 217	37 373	37 525	37 678	37 832	154	615	0,4	1,7
Labour Force	22 277	22 402	22 051	22 358	22 370	12	94	0,1	0,4
Employed	16 100	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	-90	188	-0,5	1,2
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	11 193	11 379	11 244	11 355	11 320	-35	127	-0,3	1,1
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	2 761	2 689	2 808	2 901	2 828	-73	68	-2,5	2,5
Agriculture	835	810	849	847	843	-3	8	-0,4	1,0
Private households	1 311	1 313	1 270	1 275	1 296	22	-15	1,7	-1,2
Unemployed	6 177	6 210	5 880	5 980	6 083	102	-94	1,7	-1,5
Not economically active	14 941	14 971	15 474	15 320	15 462	141	521	0,9	3,5
Discouraged work-seekers	2 361	2 436	2 538	2 787	2 864	77	503	2,8	21,3
Other (not economically active)	12 580	12 536	12 936	12 533	12 598	65	17	0,5	0,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	27,7	27,7	26,7	26,7	27,2	0,5	-0,5		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	43,3	43,3	43,1	43,5	43,1	-0,4	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	59,9	59,9	58,8	59,3	59,1	-0,2	-0,8		
Women									
Population 15–64 yrs	18 828	18 903	18 975	19 048	19 122	73	294	0,4	1,6
Labour Force	10 086	10 147	9 953	10 138	10 119	-18	34	-0,2	0,3
Employed	7 078	7 125	7 071	7 222	7 134	-88	56	-1,2	0,8
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4 770	4 805	4 730	4 842	4 817	-25	47	-0,5	1,0
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	1 026	1 057	1 084	1 113	1 042	-70	16	-6,3	1,6
Agriculture	264	252	267	285	278	-7	14	-2,5	5,2
Private households	1 018	1 010	990	982	996	14	-21	1,5	-2,1
Unemployed	3 008	3 022	2 882	2 915	2 986	70	-22	2,4	-0,7
Not economically active	8 743	8 756	9 022	8 911	9 002	92	260	1,0	3,0
Discouraged work-seekers	1 288	1 357	1 414	1 564	1 594	29	305	1,9	23,7
Other (not economically active)	7 454	7 399	7 608	7 346	7 409	62	-46	0,9	-0,6
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	29,8	29,8	29,0	28,8	29,5	0,7	-0,3		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	37,6	37,7	37,3	37,9	37,3	-0,6	-0,3		
Labour force participation rate	53,6	53,7	52,5	53,2	52,9	-0,3	-0,7		

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 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	18 389	18 471	18 550	18 630	18 710	80	321	0,4	1,7
Labour Force	12 191	12 255	12 098	12 220	12 251	31	60	0,3	0,5
Employed	9 022	9 067	9 100	9 155	9 154	-1	132	0,0	1,5
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	6 423	6 574	6 514	6 513	6 503	-10	80	-0,2	1,2
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	1 734	1 632	1 724	1 789	1 786	-3	52	-0,1	3,0
Agriculture	571	558	582	561	565	4	-6	0,7	-1,0
Private households	294	303	280	293	300	7	6	2,5	2,0
Unemployed	3 169	3 188	2 998	3 065	3 097	32	-72	1,0	-2,3
Not economically active	6 198	6 215	6 452	6 410	6 459	50	261	0,8	4,2
Discouraged work-seekers	1 072	1 078	1 125	1 223	1 270	48	198	3,9	18,5
Other (not economically active)	5 126	5 137	5 328	5 187	5 189	2	63	0,0	1,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	26,0	26,0	24,8	25,1	25,3	0,2	-0,7		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	49,1	49,1	49,1	49,1	48,9	-0,2	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	66,3	66,4	65,2	65,6	65,5	-0,1	-0,8		

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 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	37 217	37 373	37 525	37 678	37 832	154	615	0,4	1,7
Labour Force	22 277	22 402	22 051	22 358	22 370	12	94	0,1	0,4
Employed	16 100	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	-90	188	-0,5	1,2
Unemployed	6 177	6 210	5 880	5 980	6 083	102	-94	1,7	-1,5
Not economically active	14 941	14 971	15 474	15 320	15 462	141	521	0,9	3,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	27,7	27,7	26,7	26,7	27,2	0,5	-0,5		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	43,3	43,3	43,1	43,5	43,1	-0,4	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	59,9	59,9	58,8	59,3	59,1	-0,2	-0,8		
Black/African									
Population 15–64 yrs	29 798	29 950	30 099	30 249	30 399	150	602	0,5	2,0
Labour Force	17 504	17 593	17 233	17 481	17 509	27	5	0,2	0,0
Employed	12 025	12 122	12 057	12 223	12 172	-51	147	-0,4	1,2
Unemployed	5 479	5 471	5 176	5 259	5 337	78	-142	1,5	-2,6
Not economically active	12 294	12 358	12 866	12 768	12 891	123	597	1,0	4,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	31,3	31,1	30,0	30,1	30,5	0,4	-0,8		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	40,4	40,5	40,1	40,4	40,0	-0,4	-0,4		
Labour force participation rate	58,7	58,7	57,3	57,8	57,6	-0,2	-1,1		
Coloured									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 406	3 415	3 425	3 434	3 443	9	37	0,3	1,1
Labour Force	2 134	2 156	2 173	2 240	2 236	-4	102	-0,2	4,8
Employed	1 631	1 639	1 662	1 731	1 716	-14	85	-0,8	5,2
Unemployed	503	517	511	510	520	10	17	2,0	3,5
Not economically active	1 272	1 259	1 252	1 193	1 207	13	-65	1,1	-5,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	23,6	24,0	23,5	22,7	23,3	0,6	-0,3		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	47,9	48,0	48,5	50,4	49,8	-0,6	1,9		
Labour force participation rate	62,7	63,1	63,4	65,2	65,0	-0,2	2,3		

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 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	994	996	998	1 000	1 003	2	9	0,2	0,9
Labour Force	606	607	599	602	610	9	4	1,4	0,7
Employed	526	541	544	530	547	17	21	3,1	4,0
Unemployed	80	66	55	71	63	-8	-17	-11,1	-21,2
Not economically active	388	389	399	399	392	-6	5	-1,6	1,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	13,3	10,9	9,2	11,8	10,4	-1,4	-2,9		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	52,9	54,3	54,5	53,0	54,6	1,6	1,7		
Labour force participation rate	61,0	61,0	60,0	60,1	60,9	0,8	-0,1		
White									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 020	3 012	3 003	2 995	2 987	-8	-33	-0,3	-1,1
Labour Force	2 033	2 046	2 046	2 035	2 015	-20	-18	-1,0	-0,9
Employed	1 918	1 890	1 909	1 894	1 853	-41	-65	-2,2	-3,4
Unemployed	115	156	137	141	162	21	47	15,0	41,0
Not economically active	987	966	957	960	972	12	-15	1,2	-1,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	5,7	7,6	6,7	6,9	8,0	1,1	2,3		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	63,5	62,8	63,6	63,2	62,0	-1,2	-1,5		
Labour force participation rate	67,3	67,9	68,1	67,9	67,5	-0,4	0,2		

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

Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.2: Labour force characteristics by age group

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	37 217	37 373	37 525	37 678	37 832	154	615	0,4	1,7
Labour Force	22 277	22 402	22 051	22 358	22 370	12	94	0,1	0,4
Employed	16 100	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	-90	188	-0,5	1,2
Unemployed	6 177	6 210	5 880	5 980	6 083	102	-94	1,7	-1,5
Not economically active	14 941	14 971	15 474	15 320	15 462	141	521	0,9	3,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	27,7	27,7	26,7	26,7	27,2	0,5	-0,5		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	43,3	43,3	43,1	43,5	43,1	-0,4	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	59,9	59,9	58,8	59,3	59,1	-0,2	-0,8		
15–24 years									
Population 15–24 yrs	10 315	10 315	10 314	10 312	10 311	-1	-4	0,0	0,0
Labour Force	2 778	2 766	2 670	2 638	2 590	-49	-188	-1,8	-6,8
Employed	1 226	1 322	1 305	1 257	1 200	-57	-26	-4,5	-2,1
Unemployed	1 552	1 444	1 365	1 381	1 390	8	-163	0,6	-10,5
Not economically active	7 537	7 550	7 644	7 674	7 721	47	184	0,6	2,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	55,9	52,2	51,1	52,4	53,7	1,3	-2,2		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	11,9	12,8	12,7	12,2	11,6	-0,6	-0,3		
Labour force participation rate	26,9	26,8	25,9	25,6	25,1	-0,5	-1,8		
25–34 years									
Population 25–34 yrs	9 780	9 817	9 854	9 890	9 927	36	147	0,4	1,5
Labour Force	7 307	7 325	7 187	7 303	7 334	31	28	0,4	0,4
Employed	4 907	4 871	4 790	4 890	4 869	-21	-39	-0,4	-0,8
Unemployed	2 399	2 454	2 397	2 413	2 466	52	66	2,2	2,8
Not economically active	2 473	2 493	2 667	2 587	2 593	5	119	0,2	4,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	32,8	33,5	33,4	33,0	33,6	0,6	0,8		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	50,2	49,6	48,6	49,4	49,0	-0,4	-1,2		
Labour force participation rate	74,7	74,6	72,9	73,8	73,9	0,1	-0,8		

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

Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.2: Labour force characteristics by age group (concluded)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	7 943	7 983	8 021	8 060	8 098	38	155	0,5	2,0
Labour Force	6 490	6 506	6 423	6 518	6 537	19	47	0,3	0,7
Employed	5 040	5 027	5 081	5 154	5 147	-8	107	-0,2	2,1
Unemployed	1 450	1 478	1 343	1 363	1 390	27	-60	1,9	-4,1
Not economically active	1 453	1 477	1 598	1 542	1 562	20	108	1,3	7,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	22,3	22,7	20,9	20,9	21,3	0,4	-1,0		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	63,5	63,0	63,3	64,0	63,6	-0,4	0,1		
Labour force participation rate	81,7	81,5	80,1	80,9	80,7	-0,2	-1,0		
45–54 years									
Population 45–54 yrs	5 467	5 515	5 564	5 614	5 664	50	197	0,9	3,6
Labour Force	4 043	4 090	4 080	4 156	4 181	25	138	0,6	3,4
Employed	3 420	3 426	3 445	3 488	3 511	23	91	0,7	2,7
Unemployed	623	663	636	668	669	1	47	0,2	7,5
Not economically active	1 424	1 425	1 484	1 458	1 483	26	60	1,8	4,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	15,4	16,2	15,6	16,1	16,0	-0,1	0,6		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	62,6	62,1	61,9	62,1	62,0	-0,1	-0,6		
Labour force participation rate	74,0	74,2	73,3	74,0	73,8	-0,2	-0,2		
55–64 years									
Population 55–64 yrs	3 712	3 743	3 772	3 802	3 832	30	119	0,8	3,2
Labour Force	1 659	1 717	1 691	1 742	1 729	-13	70	-0,8	4,2
Employed	1 506	1 545	1 551	1 588	1 561	-27	55	-1,7	3,6
Unemployed	153	171	140	154	168	14	15	9,0	10,1
Not economically active	2 053	2 026	2 081	2 059	2 102	43	49	2,1	2,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	9,2	10,0	8,3	8,9	9,7	0,8	0,5		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	40,6	41,3	41,1	41,8	40,7	-1,1	0,1		
Labour force participation rate	44,7	45,9	44,8	45,8	45,1	-0,7	0,4		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	37 217	37 373	37 525	37 678	37 832	154	615	0,4	1,7
Labour Force	22 277	22 402	22 051	22 358	22 370	12	94	0,1	0,4
Employed	16 100	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	-90	188	-0,5	1,2
Unemployed	6 177	6 210	5 880	5 980	6 083	102	-94	1,7	-1,5
Not economically active	14 941	14 971	15 474	15 320	15 462	141	521	0,9	3,5
Discouraged work-seekers	2 361	2 436	2 538	2 787	2 864	77	503	2,8	21,3
Other	12 580	12 536	12 936	12 533	12 598	65	17	0,5	0,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	27,7	27,7	26,7	26,7	27,2	0,5	-0,5		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	43,3	43,3	43,1	43,5	43,1	-0,4	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	59,9	59,9	58,8	59,3	59,1	-0,2	-0,8		
Western Cape									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 460	4 483	4 506	4 528	4 551	23	92	0,5	2,1
Labour Force	3 031	3 071	3 094	3 150	3 127	-23	96	-0,7	3,2
Employed	2 403	2 399	2 492	2 530	2 480	-50	77	-2,0	3,2
Unemployed	628	672	603	620	648	27	19	4,4	3,0
Not economically active	1 428	1 412	1 412	1 378	1 424	45	-5	3,3	-0,3
Discouraged work-seekers	79	59	56	62	44	-18	-35	-28,9	-44,5
Other	1 349	1 353	1 356	1 316	1 380	63	31	4,8	2,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	20,7	21,9	19,5	19,7	20,7	1,0	0,0		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	53,9	53,5	55,3	55,9	54,5	-1,4	0,6		
Labour force participation rate	68,0	68,5	68,7	69,6	68,7	-0,9	0,7		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	1 617	1 626	1 635	1 644	1 653	9	36	0,5	2,2
Labour Force	1 052	1 059	1 087	1 101	1 089	-12	37	-1,1	3,5
Employed	872	855	920	940	875	-65	4	-6,9	0,4
Unemployed	180	205	166	161	214	53	34	32,8	18,6
Not economically active	565	567	549	543	564	21	-1	3,9	-0,2
Discouraged work-seekers	62	40	39	48	30	-18	-32	-36,9	-51,5
Other	503	527	510	495	534	39	31	7,8	6,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	17,1	19,3	15,3	14,6	19,6	5,0	2,5		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	53,9	52,5	56,3	57,2	53,0	-4,2	-0,9		
Labour force participation rate	65,1	65,1	66,4	67,0	65,9	-1,1	0,8		
Western Cape – City of Cape Town									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 843	2 857	2 871	2 884	2 898	14	56	0,5	2,0
Labour Force	1 979	2 012	2 008	2 049	2 038	-10	59	-0,5	3,0
Employed	1 531	1 545	1 571	1 589	1 604	15	74	1,0	4,8
Unemployed	448	467	436	459	434	-26	-14	-5,6	-3,2
Not economically active	864	845	863	836	860	24	-4	2,9	-0,4
Discouraged work-seekers	17	19	17	14	14	0	-3	-2,2	-19,6
Other	846	826	846	821	846	25	0	3,0	0,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	22,7	23,2	21,7	22,4	21,3	-1,1	-1,4		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	53,9	54,1	54,7	55,1	55,4	0,3	1,5		
Labour force participation rate	69,6	70,4	69,9	71,0	70,3	-0,7	0,7		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	4 190	4 203	4 215	4 228	4 240	13	50	0,3	1,2
Labour Force	2 159	2 202	2 144	2 168	2 132	-36	-27	-1,7	-1,2
Employed	1 416	1 421	1 391	1 397	1 402	5	-13	0,4	-0,9
Unemployed	743	781	754	771	730	-41	-13	-5,4	-1,8
Not economically active	2 032	2 001	2 071	2 059	2 108	49	76	2,4	3,8
Discouraged work-seekers	353	360	326	354	412	57	59	16,2	16,6
Other	1 679	1 641	1 745	1 705	1 696	-8	18	-0,5	1,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	34,4	35,5	35,1	35,6	34,2	-1,4	-0,2		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	33,8	33,8	33,0	33,1	33,1	0,0	-0,7		
Labour force participation rate	51,5	52,4	50,9	51,3	50,3	-1,0	-1,2		
Eastern Cape – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 883	2 891	2 899	2 907	2 916	8	33	0,3	1,1
Labour Force	1 275	1 270	1 272	1 269	1 237	-32	-38	-2,5	-3,0
Employed	817	818	812	804	799	-5	-18	-0,6	-2,2
Unemployed	457	453	460	465	438	-27	-20	-5,8	-4,3
Not economically active	1 608	1 621	1 627	1 639	1 679	40	70	2,4	4,4
Discouraged work-seekers	337	346	314	330	384	54	47	16,4	14,0
Other	1 271	1 275	1 313	1 309	1 294	-14	23	-1,1	1,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	35,9	35,6	36,1	36,6	35,4	-1,2	-0,5		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	28,4	28,3	28,0	27,7	27,4	-0,3	-1,0		
Labour force participation rate	44,2	43,9	43,9	43,6	42,4	-1,2	-1,8		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	507	508	510	511	512	1	6	0,3	1,1
Labour Force	355	372	348	349	342	-7	-14	-2,0	-3,9
Employed	252	245	247	242	244	1	-8	0,5	-3,4
Unemployed	103	127	101	106	98	-8	-5	-7,7	-5,1
Not economically active	151	136	162	162	171	9	19	5,3	12,8
Discouraged work-seekers	13	13	12	23	27	3	14	13,6	110,4
Other	139	124	150	139	144	5	5	3,9	3,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	29,1	34,1	29,0	30,5	28,7	-1,8	-0,4		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	49,7	48,2	48,5	47,4	47,5	0,1	-2,2		
Labour force participation rate	70,1	73,2	68,3	68,2	66,7	-1,5	-3,4		
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay									
Population 15–64 yrs	801	803	806	809	812	3	12	0,4	1,5
Labour Force	529	560	524	551	553	2	25	0,4	4,7
Employed	346	358	331	351	360	9	13	2,4	3,8
Unemployed	182	202	193	200	194	-6	12	-3,1	6,4
Not economically active	272	243	282	258	259	1	-13	0,3	-4,9
Discouraged work-seekers	3	2	1	1	1	0	-2	6,6	-72,0
Other	269	242	281	257	258	1	-11	0,2	-4,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	34,5	36,0	36,9	36,3	35,0	-1,3	0,5		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	43,3	44,6	41,1	43,4	44,3	0,9	1,0		
Labour force participation rate	66,0	69,7	65,0	68,1	68,1	0,0	2,1		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	785	787	790	792	794	2	9	0,3	1,2
Labour Force	419	438	441	455	446	-9	27	-2,0	6,4
Employed	292	307	321	321	317	-4	26	-1,1	8,9
Unemployed	128	131	120	134	129	-6	1	-4,1	0,7
Not economically active	365	350	349	337	348	11	-18	3,4	-4,8
Discouraged work-seekers	87	72	65	55	66	10	-21	18,5	-24,3
Other	279	278	283	281	282	1	3	0,4	1,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	30,5	29,9	27,1	29,5	28,9	-0,6	-1,6		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	37,2	39,0	40,7	40,5	40,0	-0,5	2,8		
Labour force participation rate	53,4	55,6	55,9	57,5	56,2	-1,3	2,8		
Free State									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 888	1 890	1 892	1 895	1 897	3	10	0,1	0,5
Labour Force	1 184	1 205	1 195	1 211	1 202	-10	18	-0,8	1,5
Employed	777	821	806	814	788	-26	11	-3,2	1,5
Unemployed	407	384	390	397	414	17	7	4,2	1,6
Not economically active	704	685	697	684	696	12	-9	1,8	-1,2
Discouraged work-seekers	84	81	89	67	82	14	-2	21,5	-2,6
Other	620	604	608	616	614	-2	-6	-0,4	-1,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	34,4	31,8	32,6	32,8	34,4	1,6	0,0		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	41,1	43,5	42,6	43,0	41,5	-1,5	0,4		
Labour force participation rate	62,7	63,8	63,2	63,9	63,3	-0,6	0,6		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	1 354	1 354	1 353	1 353	1 353	0	0	0,0	0,0
Labour Force	815	815	811	841	821	-21	6	-2,5	0,7
Employed	531	556	533	555	526	-28	-5	-5,1	-0,9
Unemployed	284	259	278	286	294	8	10	2,6	3,6
Not economically active	539	538	543	512	533	21	-6	4,0	-1,1
Discouraged work-seekers	69	68	73	59	76	17	7	28,2	10,1
Other	470	470	470	453	457	4	-13	0,9	-2,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	34,8	31,8	34,3	34,1	35,8	1,7	1,0		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	39,2	41,1	39,4	41,0	38,9	-2,1	-0,3		
Labour force participation rate	60,2	60,2	59,9	62,2	60,6	-1,6	0,4		
Free State – Mangaung									
Population 15–64 yrs	534	536	539	542	544	3	10	0,5	1,8
Labour Force	369	390	384	370	381	11	12	3,0	3,4
Employed	246	265	273	260	262	2	16	0,7	6,5
Unemployed	123	124	111	111	120	9	-4	8,2	-2,9
Not economically active	166	147	155	171	163	-8	-3	-4,9	-1,6
Discouraged work-seekers	15	12	16	8	6	-2	-9	-27,5	-60,9
Other	151	134	139	163	157	-6	6	-3,8	4,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	33,4	31,9	29,0	29,9	31,4	1,5	-2,0		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	46,0	49,5	50,7	47,9	48,1	0,2	2,1		
Labour force participation rate	69,0	72,7	71,3	68,4	70,0	1,6	1,0		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	6 894	6 921	6 948	6 975	7 002	27	108	0,4	1,6
Labour Force	3 397	3 362	3 310	3 368	3 349	-19	-48	-0,6	-1,4
Employed	2 583	2 536	2 513	2 617	2 620	3	36	0,1	1,4
Unemployed	814	825	797	751	729	-22	-84	-2,9	-10,4
Not economically active	3 497	3 559	3 638	3 607	3 653	46	156	1,3	4,4
Discouraged work-seekers	676	705	719	851	887	36	211	4,2	31,2
Other	2 821	2 854	2 919	2 756	2 765	10	-55	0,3	-2,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	24,0	24,6	24,1	22,3	21,8	-0,5	-2,2		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	37,5	36,6	36,2	37,5	37,4	-0,1	-0,1		
Labour force participation rate	49,3	48,6	47,6	48,3	47,8	-0,5	-1,5		
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 496	4 516	4 536	4 556	4 576	20	80	0,4	1,8
Labour Force	1 883	1 853	1 816	1 855	1 835	-20	-49	-1,1	-2,6
Employed	1 399	1 379	1 346	1 412	1 397	-15	-2	-1,0	-0,1
Unemployed	484	474	470	443	437	-6	-47	-1,3	-9,6
Not economically active	2 613	2 663	2 720	2 701	2 741	41	129	1,5	4,9
Discouraged work-seekers	561	597	635	746	757	11	196	1,5	34,9
Other	2 051	2 066	2 085	1 955	1 984	29	-67	1,5	-3,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	25,7	25,6	25,9	23,9	23,8	-0,1	-1,9		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	31,1	30,5	29,7	31,0	30,5	-0,5	-0,6		
Labour force participation rate	41,9	41,0	40,0	40,7	40,1	-0,6	-1,8		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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 – eThekwini									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 398	2 405	2 412	2 419	2 426	7	27	0,3	1,1
Labour Force	1 514	1 509	1 494	1 513	1 515	2	1	0,1	0,0
Employed	1 184	1 157	1 167	1 205	1 222	17	38	1,4	3,2
Unemployed	330	352	327	308	292	-16	-38	-5,1	-11,4
Not economically active	884	896	918	906	911	5	27	0,6	3,0
Discouraged work-seekers	115	108	84	105	130	25	15	23,8	13,0
Other	769	788	834	801	781	-20	12	-2,5	1,6
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	21,8	23,3	21,9	20,3	19,3	-1,0	-2,5		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	49,4	48,1	48,4	49,8	50,4	0,6	1,0		
Labour force participation rate	63,1	62,7	61,9	62,5	62,4	-0,1	-0,7		
North West									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 512	2 523	2 534	2 545	2 556	11	44	0,4	1,7
Labour Force	1 343	1 332	1 313	1 338	1 323	-15	-20	-1,1	-1,5
Employed	978	983	999	992	977	-15	-1	-1,5	-0,1
Unemployed	365	349	314	346	346	0	-19	0,1	-5,1
Not economically active	1 169	1 191	1 221	1 207	1 232	26	63	2,1	5,4
Discouraged work-seekers	269	294	285	296	323	27	54	9,2	20,2
Other	900	897	936	911	909	-1	9	-0,2	1,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	27,2	26,2	23,9	25,8	26,1	0,3	-1,1		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	38,9	39,0	39,4	39,0	38,2	-0,8	-0,7		
Labour force participation rate	53,5	52,8	51,8	52,6	51,8	-0,8	-1,7		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	9 957	10 009	10 059	10 109	10 159	50	202	0,5	2,0
Labour Force	7 201	7 259	7 043	7 097	7 195	97	-7	1,4	-0,1
Employed	5 050	5 068	4 991	5 069	5 055	-14	5	-0,3	0,1
Unemployed	2 151	2 191	2 052	2 029	2 140	111	-11	5,5	-0,5
Not economically active	2 756	2 749	3 016	3 012	2 965	-47	209	-1,6	7,6
Discouraged work-seekers	252	263	383	445	428	-17	176	-3,9	69,9
Other	2 504	2 486	2 633	2 567	2 537	-29	33	-1,1	1,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	29,9	30,2	29,1	28,6	29,7	1,1	-0,2		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	50,7	50,6	49,6	50,1	49,8	-0,3	-0,9		
Labour force participation rate	72,3	72,5	70,0	70,2	70,8	0,6	-1,5		
Gauteng – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 330	1 333	1 336	1 338	1 341	3	12	0,2	0,9
Labour Force	879	885	856	838	854	15	-26	1,8	-2,9
Employed	600	598	625	604	611	8	11	1,3	1,9
Unemployed	279	287	231	234	242	8	-37	3,4	-13,2
Not economically active	450	448	480	500	488	-13	38	-2,5	8,3
Discouraged work-seekers	58	68	84	110	120	10	61	8,9	104,7
Other	392	380	396	390	368	-22	-24	-5,7	-6,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	31,7	32,4	26,9	28,0	28,4	0,4	-3,3		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	45,1	44,9	46,8	45,1	45,6	0,5	0,5		
Labour force participation rate	66,1	66,4	64,1	62,6	63,6	1,0	-2,5		

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 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	2 513	2 523	2 532	2 541	2 551	9	38	0,4	1,5
Labour Force	1 829	1 879	1 840	1 814	1 821	7	-9	0,4	-0,5
Employed	1 259	1 274	1 222	1 253	1 213	-40	-46	-3,2	-3,7
Unemployed	570	605	618	561	608	46	37	8,3	6,6
Not economically active	684	644	692	727	730	3	46	0,4	6,8
Discouraged work-seekers	73	67	74	86	104	17	31	20,1	43,0
Other	611	577	617	641	626	-15	15	-2,3	2,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	31,2	32,2	33,6	30,9	33,4	2,5	2,2		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	50,1	50,5	48,3	49,3	47,6	-1,7	-2,5		
Labour force participation rate	72,8	74,5	72,7	71,4	71,4	0,0	-1,4		
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 676	3 700	3 724	3 748	3 772	24	96	0,6	2,6
Labour Force	2 765	2 769	2 658	2 808	2 822	15	58	0,5	2,1
Employed	1 934	1 950	1 910	2 000	2 019	19	86	1,0	4,4
Unemployed	831	819	749	807	803	-4	-28	-0,5	-3,4
Not economically active	911	931	1 066	940	949	9	38	1,0	4,2
Discouraged work-seekers	63	57	123	96	86	-10	23	-10,6	36,3
Other	848	874	942	844	864	19	15	2,3	1,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	30,1	29,6	28,2	28,8	28,5	-0,3	-1,6		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	52,6	52,7	51,3	53,4	53,5	0,1	0,9		
Labour force participation rate	75,2	74,8	71,4	74,9	74,8	-0,1	-0,4		

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 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	2 439	2 453	2 467	2 481	2 496	14	57	0,6	2,3
Labour Force	1 728	1 727	1 688	1 638	1 698	60	-30	3,7	-1,7
Employed	1 257	1 246	1 234	1 212	1 211	-1	-46	-0,1	-3,7
Unemployed	471	481	455	426	487	61	16	14,4	3,4
Not economically active	711	726	779	844	798	-46	87	-5,5	12,2
Discouraged work-seekers	58	72	102	153	118	-35	61	-22,6	104,9
Other	653	654	677	691	679	-12	26	-1,7	4,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	27,2	27,9	26,9	26,0	28,7	2,7	1,5		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	51,6	50,8	50,0	48,8	48,5	-0,3	-3,1		
Labour force participation rate	70,9	70,4	68,4	66,0	68,0	2,0	-2,9		
Mpumalanga									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 853	2 866	2 877	2 889	2 901	12	48	0,4	1,7
Labour Force	1 788	1 738	1 748	1 770	1 815	45	26	2,5	1,5
Employed	1 212	1 204	1 242	1 197	1 212	15	0	1,2	0,0
Unemployed	577	534	506	573	603	30	26	5,2	4,5
Not economically active	1 065	1 128	1 130	1 119	1 086	-33	22	-2,9	2,0
Discouraged work-seekers	216	228	236	248	209	-39	-6	-15,7	-2,9
Other	849	900	894	871	877	6	28	0,7	3,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	32,3	30,7	28,9	32,4	33,2	0,8	0,9		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	42,5	42,0	43,2	41,4	41,8	0,4	-0,7		
Labour force participation rate	62,7	60,6	60,7	61,3	62,6	1,3	-0,1		

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 (concluded)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	3 678	3 692	3 705	3 718	3 731	13	53	0,4	1,4
Labour Force	1 754	1 795	1 763	1 799	1 781	-19	27	-1,0	1,5
Employed	1 390	1 452	1 417	1 441	1 436	-4	47	-0,3	3,4
Unemployed	364	343	346	359	345	-14	-20	-4,0	-5,4
Not economically active	1 924	1 897	1 941	1 918	1 950	32	26	1,7	1,4
Discouraged work-seekers	345	373	379	408	414	6	69	1,4	19,9
Other	1 579	1 524	1 562	1 510	1 536	26	-43	1,7	-2,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	20,8	19,1	19,6	19,9	19,3	-0,6	-1,5		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	37,8	39,3	38,3	38,7	38,5	-0,2	0,7		
Labour force participation rate	47,7	48,6	47,6	48,4	47,7	-0,7	0,0		

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

Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.4: Labour force characteristics by sex – Expanded definition of unemployment

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	37 217	37 373	37 525	37 678	37 832	154	615	0,4	1,7
Labour Force	25 403	25 614	25 388	25 858	25 922	64	519	0,2	2,0
Employed	16 100	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	-90	188	-0,5	1,2
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	11 193	11 379	11 244	11 355	11 320	-35	127	-0,3	1,1
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	2 761	2 689	2 808	2 901	2 828	-73	68	-2,5	2,5
Agriculture	835	810	849	847	843	-3	8	-0,4	1,0
Private households	1 311	1 313	1 270	1 275	1 296	22	-15	1,7	-1,2
Unemployed	9 304	9 422	9 216	9 481	9 634	154	331	1,6	3,6
Not economically active	11 814	11 760	12 138	11 820	11 910	90	96	0,8	0,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	36,6	36,8	36,3	36,7	37,2	0,5	0,6		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	43,3	43,3	43,1	43,5	43,1	-0,4	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	68,3	68,5	67,7	68,6	68,5	-0,1	0,2		
Women									
Population 15–64 yrs	18 828	18 903	18 975	19 048	19 122	73	294	0,4	1,6
Labour Force	11 878	11 997	11 853	12 155	12 124	-31	246	-0,3	2,1
Employed	7 078	7 125	7 071	7 222	7 134	-88	56	-1,2	0,8
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4 770	4 805	4 730	4 842	4 817	-25	47	-0,5	1,0
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	1 026	1 057	1 084	1 113	1 042	-70	16	-6,3	1,6
Agriculture	264	252	267	285	278	-7	14	-2,5	5,2
Private households	1 018	1 010	990	982	996	14	-21	1,5	-2,1
Unemployed	4 800	4 872	4 782	4 933	4 991	58	190	1,2	4,0
Not economically active	6 950	6 906	7 122	6 893	6 997	104	47	1,5	0,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	40,4	40,6	40,3	40,6	41,2	0,6	0,8		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	37,6	37,7	37,3	37,9	37,3	-0,6	-0,3		
Labour force participation rate	63,1	63,5	62,5	63,8	63,4	-0,4	0,3		

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

Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.4: Labour force characteristics by sex – Expanded definition of unemployment (concluded)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	18 389	18 471	18 550	18 630	18 710	80	321	0,4	1,7
Labour Force	13 525	13 617	13 534	13 703	13 798	95	273	0,7	2,0
Employed	9 022	9 067	9 100	9 155	9 154	-1	132	0,0	1,5
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	6 423	6 574	6 514	6 513	6 503	-10	80	-0,2	1,2
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	1 734	1 632	1 724	1 789	1 786	-3	52	-0,1	3,0
Agriculture	571	558	582	561	565	4	-6	0,7	-1,0
Private households	294	303	280	293	300	7	6	2,5	2,0
Unemployed	4 503	4 550	4 434	4 547	4 644	96	140	2,1	3,1
Not economically active	4 864	4 853	5 016	4 927	4 912	-15	48	-0,3	1,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	33,3	33,4	32,8	33,2	33,7	0,5	0,4		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	49,1	49,1	49,1	49,1	48,9	-0,2	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	73,5	73,7	73,0	73,6	73,7	0,1	0,2		

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

Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.5: Labour force characteristics by population group – Expanded definition of unemployment

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	37 217	37 373	37 525	37 678	37 832	154	615	0,4	1,7
Labour Force	25 403	25 614	25 388	25 858	25 922	64	519	0,2	2,0
Employed	16 100	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	-90	188	-0,5	1,2
Unemployed	9 304	9 422	9 216	9 481	9 634	154	331	1,6	3,6
Not economically active	11 814	11 760	12 138	11 820	11 910	90	96	0,8	0,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	36,6	36,8	36,3	36,7	37,2	0,5	0,6		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	43,3	43,3	43,1	43,5	43,1	-0,4	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	68,3	68,5	67,7	68,6	68,5	-0,1	0,2		
Black/African									
Population 15–64 yrs	29 798	29 950	30 099	30 249	30 399	150	602	0,5	2,0
Labour Force	20 336	20 531	20 318	20 723	20 796	72	459	0,3	2,3
Employed	12 025	12 122	12 057	12 223	12 172	-51	147	-0,4	1,2
Unemployed	8 311	8 409	8 261	8 501	8 624	123	313	1,4	3,8
Not economically active	9 461	9 420	9 781	9 526	9 604	78	142	0,8	1,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	40,9	41,0	40,7	41,0	41,5	0,5	0,6		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	40,4	40,5	40,1	40,4	40,0	-0,4	-0,4		
Labour force participation rate	68,2	68,5	67,5	68,5	68,4	-0,1	0,2		
Coloured									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 406	3 415	3 425	3 434	3 443	9	37	0,3	1,1
Labour Force	2 330	2 338	2 343	2 388	2 374	-13	44	-0,6	1,9
Employed	1 631	1 639	1 662	1 731	1 716	-14	85	-0,8	5,2
Unemployed	699	699	682	657	658	1	-41	0,2	-5,8
Not economically active	1 076	1 077	1 081	1 046	1 068	23	-7	2,2	-0,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	30,0	29,9	29,1	27,5	27,7	0,2	-2,3		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	47,9	48,0	48,5	50,4	49,8	-0,6	1,9		
Labour force participation rate	68,4	68,5	68,4	69,5	69,0	-0,5	0,6		

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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 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	994	996	998	1 000	1 003	2	9	0,2	0,9
Labour Force	656	641	640	648	654	6	-1	1,0	-0,2
Employed	526	541	544	530	547	17	21	3,1	4,0
Unemployed	130	100	96	118	107	-10	-22	-8,7	-17,2
Not economically active	338	355	358	352	348	-4	10	-1,2	2,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	19,8	15,6	14,9	18,2	16,4	-1,8	-3,4		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	52,9	54,3	54,5	53,0	54,6	1,6	1,7		
Labour force participation rate	66,0	64,3	64,1	64,8	65,3	0,5	-0,7		
White									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 020	3 012	3 003	2 995	2 987	-8	-33	-0,3	-1,1
Labour Force	2 081	2 104	2 086	2 099	2 098	-1	16	0,0	0,8
Employed	1 918	1 890	1 909	1 894	1 853	-41	-65	-2,2	-3,4
Unemployed	164	214	178	205	245	40	81	19,4	49,6
Not economically active	938	907	917	896	889	-7	-49	-0,8	-5,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	7,9	10,2	8,5	9,8	11,7	1,9	3,8		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	63,5	62,8	63,6	63,2	62,0	-1,2	-1,5		
Labour force participation rate	68,9	69,9	69,5	70,1	70,2	0,1	1,3		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.6: Labour force characteristics by age group – Expanded definition of unemployment

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	37 217	37 373	37 525	37 678	37 832	154	615	0,4	1,7
Labour Force	25 403	25 614	25 388	25 858	25 922	64	519	0,2	2,0
Employed	16 100	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	-90	188	-0,5	1,2
Unemployed	9 304	9 422	9 216	9 481	9 634	154	331	1,6	3,6
Not economically active	11 814	11 760	12 138	11 820	11 910	90	96	0,8	0,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	36,6	36,8	36,3	36,7	37,2	0,5	0,6		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	43,3	43,3	43,1	43,5	43,1	-0,4	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	68,3	68,5	67,7	68,6	68,5	-0,1	0,2		
15–24 years									
Population 15–24 yrs	10 315	10 315	10 314	10 312	10 311	-1	-4	0,0	0,0
Labour Force	3 763	3 719	3 614	3 665	3 653	-12	-110	-0,3	-2,9
Employed	1 226	1 322	1 305	1 257	1 200	-57	-26	-4,5	-2,1
Unemployed	2 537	2 398	2 308	2 408	2 453	44	-85	1,8	-3,3
Not economically active	6 552	6 596	6 700	6 647	6 658	11	106	0,2	1,6
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	67,4	64,5	63,9	65,7	67,1	1,4	-0,3		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	11,9	12,8	12,7	12,2	11,6	-0,6	-0,3		
Labour force participation rate	36,5	36,1	35,0	35,5	35,4	-0,1	-1,1		
25–34 years									
Population 25–34 yrs	9 780	9 817	9 854	9 890	9 927	36	147	0,4	1,5
Labour Force	8 389	8 478	8 370	8 552	8 576	24	187	0,3	2,2
Employed	4 907	4 871	4 790	4 890	4 869	-21	-39	-0,4	-0,8
Unemployed	3 482	3 607	3 580	3 661	3 707	45	225	1,2	6,5
Not economically active	1 391	1 340	1 484	1 339	1 351	12	-39	0,9	-2,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	41,5	42,5	42,8	42,8	43,2	0,4	1,7		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	50,2	49,6	48,6	49,4	49,0	-0,4	-1,2		
Labour force participation rate	85,8	86,4	84,9	86,5	86,4	-0,1	0,6		

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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 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	7 943	7 983	8 021	8 060	8 098	38	155	0,5	2,0
Labour Force	7 040	7 105	7 083	7 181	7 204	22	163	0,3	2,3
Employed	5 040	5 027	5 081	5 154	5 147	-8	107	-0,2	2,1
Unemployed	2 000	2 078	2 002	2 027	2 057	30	57	1,5	2,8
Not economically active	903	878	938	878	895	16	-8	1,9	-0,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	28,4	29,2	28,3	28,2	28,6	0,4	0,2		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	63,5	63,0	63,3	64,0	63,6	-0,4	0,1		
Labour force participation rate	88,6	89,0	88,3	89,1	89,0	-0,1	0,4		
45–54 years									
Population 45–54 yrs	5 467	5 515	5 564	5 614	5 664	50	197	0,9	3,6
Labour Force	4 406	4 459	4 496	4 579	4 613	34	207	0,7	4,7
Employed	3 420	3 426	3 445	3 488	3 511	23	91	0,7	2,7
Unemployed	986	1 033	1 051	1 091	1 102	11	116	1,0	11,8
Not economically active	1 061	1 056	1 068	1 035	1 051	16	-10	1,5	-0,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	22,4	23,2	23,4	23,8	23,9	0,1	1,5		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	62,6	62,1	61,9	62,1	62,0	-0,1	-0,6		
Labour force participation rate	80,6	80,8	80,8	81,6	81,4	-0,2	0,8		
55–64 years									
Population 55–64 yrs	3 712	3 743	3 772	3 802	3 832	30	119	0,8	3,2
Labour Force	1 805	1 852	1 826	1 881	1 877	-4	72	-0,2	4,0
Employed	1 506	1 545	1 551	1 588	1 561	-27	55	-1,7	3,6
Unemployed	299	307	275	293	316	23	17	7,9	5,8
Not economically active	1 907	1 890	1 947	1 921	1 955	34	47	1,8	2,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	16,5	16,6	15,1	15,6	16,8	1,2	0,3	7,7	1,8
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	40,6	41,3	41,1	41,8	40,7	-1,1	0,1	-2,6	0,2
Labour force participation rate	48,6	49,5	48,4	49,5	49,0	-0,5	0,4	-1,0	0,8

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Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province and metro – Expanded definition of unemployment

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	37 217	37 373	37 525	37 678	37 832	154	615	0,4	1,7
Labour Force	25 403	25 614	25 388	25 858	25 922	64	519	0,2	2,0
Employed	16 100	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	-90	188	-0,5	1,2
Unemployed	9 304	9 422	9 216	9 481	9 634	154	331	1,6	3,6
Not economically active	11 814	11 760	12 138	11 820	11 910	90	96	0,8	0,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	36,6	36,8	36,3	36,7	37,2	0,5	0,6		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	43,3	43,3	43,1	43,5	43,1	-0,4	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	68,3	68,5	67,7	68,6	68,5	-0,1	0,2		
Western Cape									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 460	4 483	4 506	4 528	4 551	23	92	0,5	2,1
Labour Force	3 187	3 210	3 236	3 266	3 229	-37	42	-1,1	1,3
Employed	2 403	2 399	2 492	2 530	2 480	-50	77	-2,0	3,2
Unemployed	784	810	744	736	749	12	-35	1,7	-4,5
Not economically active	1 273	1 273	1 270	1 263	1 323	60	50	4,8	3,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	24,6	25,2	23,0	22,5	23,2	0,7	-1,4		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	53,9	53,5	55,3	55,9	54,5	-1,4	0,6		
Labour force participation rate	71,5	71,6	71,8	72,1	70,9	-1,2	-0,6		
Western Cape – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 617	1 626	1 635	1 644	1 653	9	36	0,5	2,2
Labour Force	1 167	1 150	1 181	1 179	1 155	-24	-12	-2,0	-1,1
Employed	872	855	920	940	875	-65	4	-6,9	0,4
Unemployed	296	295	260	239	280	41	-16	17,0	-5,4
Not economically active	449	477	454	465	498	33	48	7,1	10,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	25,3	25,7	22,1	20,3	24,2	3,9	-1,1		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	53,9	52,5	56,3	57,2	53,0	-4,2	-0,9		
Labour force participation rate	72,2	70,7	72,2	71,7	69,9	-1,8	-2,3		

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Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province and metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (continued)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	2 843	2 857	2 871	2 884	2 898	14	56	0,5	2,0
Labour Force	2 019	2 060	2 055	2 087	2 073	-13	54	-0,6	2,7
Employed	1 531	1 545	1 571	1 589	1 604	15	74	1,0	4,8
Unemployed	488	515	484	497	469	-28	-19	-5,7	-4,0
Not economically active	824	797	816	798	825	27	1	3,4	0,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	24,2	25,0	23,5	23,8	22,6	-1,2	-1,6		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	53,9	54,1	54,7	55,1	55,4	0,3	1,5		
Labour force participation rate	71,0	72,1	71,6	72,3	71,5	-0,8	0,5		
Eastern Cape									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 190	4 203	4 215	4 228	4 240	13	50	0,3	1,2
Labour Force	2 552	2 599	2 520	2 589	2 585	-4	34	-0,2	1,3
Employed	1 416	1 421	1 391	1 397	1 402	5	-13	0,4	-0,9
Unemployed	1 136	1 178	1 129	1 192	1 183	-9	47	-0,8	4,1
Not economically active	1 639	1 604	1 695	1 639	1 655	17	16	1,0	1,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	44,5	45,3	44,8	46,0	45,8	-0,2	1,3		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	33,8	33,8	33,0	33,1	33,1	0,0	-0,7		
Labour force participation rate	60,9	61,8	59,8	61,2	61,0	-0,2	0,1		
Eastern Cape – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 883	2 891	2 899	2 907	2 916	8	33	0,3	1,1
Labour Force	1 638	1 642	1 622	1 657	1 656	-1	18	-0,1	1,1
Employed	817	818	812	804	799	-5	-18	-0,6	-2,2
Unemployed	820	824	809	853	857	3	36	0,4	4,4
Not economically active	1 245	1 250	1 278	1 250	1 260	10	14	0,8	1,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	50,1	50,2	49,9	51,5	51,7	0,2	1,6		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	28,4	28,3	28,0	27,7	27,4	-0,3	-1,0		
Labour force participation rate	56,8	56,8	55,9	57,0	56,8	-0,2	0,0		

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Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province and metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (continued)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	507	508	510	511	512	1	6	0,3	1,1
Labour Force	378	395	373	380	375	-5	-3	-1,3	-0,7
Employed	252	245	247	242	244	1	-8	0,5	-3,4
Unemployed	126	150	126	137	131	-6	6	-4,3	4,5
Not economically active	129	113	136	131	138	6	8	4,8	6,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	33,3	38,0	33,7	36,2	35,0	-1,2	1,7		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	49,7	48,2	48,5	47,4	47,5	0,1	-2,2		
Labour force participation rate	74,5	77,8	73,2	74,3	73,2	-1,1	-1,3		
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay									
Population 15–64 yrs	801	803	806	809	812	3	12	0,4	1,5
Labour Force	536	562	525	552	554	2	18	0,4	3,4
Employed	346	358	331	351	360	9	13	2,4	3,8
Unemployed	190	204	194	201	195	-6	5	-3,1	2,6
Not economically active	264	241	281	257	258	1	-7	0,2	-2,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	35,4	36,2	37,0	36,4	35,2	-1,2	-0,2		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	43,3	44,6	41,1	43,4	44,3	0,9	1,0		
Labour force participation rate	67,0	69,9	65,2	68,2	68,3	0,1	1,3		
Northern Cape									
Population 15–64 yrs	785	787	790	792	794	2	9	0,3	1,2
Labour Force	533	539	540	544	551	7	18	1,4	3,3
Employed	292	307	321	321	317	-4	26	-1,1	8,9
Unemployed	242	232	219	223	234	11	-8	4,9	-3,4
Not economically active	252	248	249	248	243	-5	-9	-2,1	-3,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	45,3	43,1	40,5	41,0	42,4	1,4	-2,9		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	37,2	39,0	40,7	40,5	40,0	-0,5	2,8		
Labour force participation rate	68,0	68,5	68,4	68,7	69,4	0,7	1,4		

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Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province and metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (continued)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	1 888	1 890	1 892	1 895	1 897	3	10	0,1	0,5
Labour Force	1 305	1 336	1 321	1 323	1 316	-7	11	-0,5	0,8
Employed	777	821	806	814	788	-26	11	-3,2	1,5
Unemployed	529	514	516	508	528	20	-1	3,9	-0,2
Not economically active	583	554	571	572	581	9	-1	1,6	-0,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	40,5	38,5	39,0	38,4	40,1	1,7	-0,4		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	41,1	43,5	42,6	43,0	41,5	-1,5	0,4		
Labour force participation rate	69,1	70,7	69,8	69,8	69,4	-0,4	0,3		
Free State – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 354	1 354	1 353	1 353	1 353	0	0	0,0	0,0
Labour Force	915	921	914	930	920	-11	4	-1,2	0,4
Employed	531	556	533	555	526	-28	-5	-5,1	-0,9
Unemployed	384	365	382	376	393	17	9	4,6	2,2
Not economically active	438	433	439	423	434	11	-4	2,5	-1,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	42,0	39,6	41,8	40,4	42,7	2,3	0,7		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	39,2	41,1	39,4	41,0	38,9	-2,1	-0,3		
Labour force participation rate	67,6	68,0	67,6	68,7	67,9	-0,8	0,3		
Free State – Mangaung									
Population 15–64 yrs	534	536	539	542	544	3	10	0,5	1,8
Labour Force	390	415	407	392	397	4	7	1,1	1,7
Employed	246	265	273	260	262	2	16	0,7	6,5
Unemployed	144	150	134	133	135	2	-9	1,7	-6,5
Not economically active	144	121	132	149	148	-2	3	-1,1	2,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	37,0	36,1	32,9	33,8	34,1	0,3	-2,9		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	46,0	49,5	50,7	47,9	48,1	0,2	2,1		
Labour force participation rate	73,0	77,4	75,5	72,5	72,9	0,4	-0,1		

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Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (continued)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	6 894	6 921	6 948	6 975	7 002	27	108	0,4	1,6
Labour Force	4 334	4 299	4 256	4 406	4 435	29	101	0,7	2,3
Employed	2 583	2 536	2 513	2 617	2 620	3	36	0,1	1,4
Unemployed	1 751	1 763	1 743	1 790	1 816	26	65	1,5	3,7
Not economically active	2 560	2 621	2 692	2 568	2 566	-2	7	-0,1	0,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	40,4	41,0	41,0	40,6	40,9	0,3	0,5		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	37,5	36,6	36,2	37,5	37,4	-0,1	-0,1		
Labour force participation rate	62,9	62,1	61,3	63,2	63,3	0,1	0,4		
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 496	4 516	4 536	4 556	4 576	20	80	0,4	1,8
Labour Force	2 660	2 635	2 633	2 747	2 755	8	95	0,3	3,6
Employed	1 399	1 379	1 346	1 412	1 397	-15	-2	-1,0	-0,1
Unemployed	1 261	1 255	1 286	1 336	1 358	22	97	1,7	7,7
Not economically active	1 836	1 881	1 903	1 808	1 821	12	-15	0,7	-0,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	47,4	47,6	48,9	48,6	49,3	0,7	1,9		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	31,1	30,5	29,7	31,0	30,5	-0,5	-0,6		
Labour force participation rate	59,2	58,3	58,0	60,3	60,2	-0,1	1,0		
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekhwini									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 398	2 405	2 412	2 419	2 426	7	27	0,3	1,1
Labour Force	1 675	1 665	1 623	1 659	1 680	21	6	1,3	0,3
Employed	1 184	1 157	1 167	1 205	1 222	17	38	1,4	3,2
Unemployed	491	508	457	454	458	4	-33	0,9	-6,7
Not economically active	723	740	788	760	745	-14	22	-1,9	3,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	29,3	30,5	28,1	27,4	27,2	-0,2	-2,1		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	49,4	48,1	48,4	49,8	50,4	0,6	1,0		
Labour force participation rate	69,8	69,2	67,3	68,6	69,3	0,7	-0,5		

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Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (continued)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	2 512	2 523	2 534	2 545	2 556	11	44	0,4	1,7
Labour Force	1 686	1 709	1 684	1 704	1 727	24	41	1,4	2,4
Employed	978	983	999	992	977	-15	-1	-1,5	-0,1
Unemployed	708	726	684	711	750	38	42	5,4	5,9
Not economically active	826	814	850	841	829	-13	3	-1,5	0,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	42,0	42,5	40,6	41,8	43,4	1,6	1,4		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	38,9	39,0	39,4	39,0	38,2	-0,8	-0,7		
Labour force participation rate	67,1	67,7	66,4	66,9	67,6	0,7	0,5		
Gauteng									
Population 15–64 yrs	9 957	10 009	10 059	10 109	10 159	50	202	0,5	2,0
Labour Force	7 529	7 603	7 528	7 636	7 707	71	178	0,9	2,4
Employed	5 050	5 068	4 991	5 069	5 055	-14	5	-0,3	0,1
Unemployed	2 479	2 535	2 537	2 567	2 652	85	174	3,3	7,0
Not economically active	2 428	2 406	2 531	2 473	2 452	-20	24	-0,8	1,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	32,9	33,3	33,7	33,6	34,4	0,8	1,5		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	50,7	50,6	49,6	50,1	49,8	-0,3	-0,9		
Labour force participation rate	75,6	76,0	74,8	75,5	75,9	0,4	0,3		
Gauteng – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 330	1 333	1 336	1 338	1 341	3	12	0,2	0,9
Labour Force	967	990	960	973	993	19	25	2,0	2,6
Employed	600	598	625	604	611	8	11	1,3	1,9
Unemployed	367	392	335	369	381	12	14	3,2	3,9
Not economically active	362	343	375	365	349	-17	-14	-4,5	-3,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	37,9	39,6	34,9	37,9	38,4	0,5	0,5		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	45,1	44,9	46,8	45,1	45,6	0,5	0,5		
Labour force participation rate	72,7	74,3	71,9	72,7	74,0	1,3	1,3		

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Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (continued)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	2 513	2 523	2 532	2 541	2 551	9	38	0,4	1,5
Labour Force	1 918	1 958	1 930	1 923	1 939	15	20	0,8	1,1
Employed	1 259	1 274	1 222	1 253	1 213	-40	-46	-3,2	-3,7
Unemployed	659	685	708	670	725	55	66	8,2	10,0
Not economically active	594	564	602	618	612	-6	18	-1,0	3,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	34,4	35,0	36,7	34,9	37,4	2,5	3,0		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	50,1	50,5	48,3	49,3	47,6	-1,7	-2,5		
Labour force participation rate	76,3	77,6	76,2	75,7	76,0	0,3	-0,3		
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 676	3 700	3 724	3 748	3 772	24	96	0,6	2,6
Labour Force	2 834	2 834	2 822	2 916	2 918	2	84	0,1	3,0
Employed	1 934	1 950	1 910	2 000	2 019	19	86	1,0	4,4
Unemployed	900	883	912	916	899	-18	-1	-1,9	-0,1
Not economically active	843	866	902	831	854	22	11	2,7	1,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	31,8	31,2	32,3	31,4	30,8	-0,6	-1,0		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	52,6	52,7	51,3	53,4	53,5	0,1	0,9		
Labour force participation rate	77,1	76,6	75,8	77,8	77,4	-0,4	0,3		
Gauteng – City of Tshwane									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 439	2 453	2 467	2 481	2 496	14	57	0,6	2,3
Labour Force	1 810	1 821	1 815	1 823	1 858	35	48	1,9	2,7
Employed	1 257	1 246	1 234	1 212	1 211	-1	-46	-0,1	-3,7
Unemployed	553	575	582	612	647	35	94	5,8	17,1
Not economically active	629	632	652	658	638	-20	9	-3,1	1,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	30,5	31,6	32,0	33,5	34,8	1,3	4,3		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	51,6	50,8	50,0	48,8	48,5	-0,3	-3,1		
Labour force participation rate	74,2	74,2	73,6	73,5	74,4	0,9	0,2		

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Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (concluded)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	2 853	2 866	2 877	2 889	2 901	12	48	0,4	1,7
Labour Force	2 068	2 057	2 061	2 081	2 078	-4	10	-0,2	0,5
Employed	1 212	1 204	1 242	1 197	1 212	15	0	1,2	0,0
Unemployed	857	853	819	884	866	-18	9	-2,1	1,1
Not economically active	785	808	817	808	823	16	38	1,9	4,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	41,4	41,5	39,7	42,5	41,7	-0,8	0,3		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	42,5	42,0	43,2	41,4	41,8	0,4	-0,7		
Labour force participation rate	72,5	71,8	71,6	72,0	71,6	-0,4	-0,9		
Limpopo									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 678	3 692	3 705	3 718	3 731	13	53	0,4	1,4
Labour Force	2 209	2 261	2 242	2 309	2 294	-15	85	-0,7	3,8
Employed	1 390	1 452	1 417	1 441	1 436	-4	47	-0,3	3,4
Unemployed	819	810	825	869	857	-11	38	-1,3	4,7
Not economically active	1 469	1 430	1 462	1 409	1 437	29	-32	2,0	-2,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	37,1	35,8	36,8	37,6	37,4	-0,2	0,3		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	37,8	39,3	38,3	38,7	38,5	-0,2	0,7		
Labour force participation rate	60,1	61,3	60,5	62,1	61,5	-0,6	1,4		

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Table 3.1: Employed by industry and sex – South Africa

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	16 100	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	-90	188	-0,5	1,2
Agriculture	835	810	849	847	843	-3	8	-0,4	1,0
Mining	434	446	411	397	435	38	1	9,6	0,3
Manufacturing	1 799	1 749	1 791	1 849	1 744	-105	-55	-5,7	-3,1
Utilities	148	153	149	143	161	18	13	12,2	8,8
Construction	1 395	1 365	1 390	1 431	1 476	45	80	3,1	5,8
Trade	3 265	3 286	3 240	3 276	3 219	-57	-46	-1,7	-1,4
Transport	954	988	1 001	960	1 014	54	60	5,6	6,3
Finance	2 395	2 463	2 373	2 402	2 399	-3	4	-0,1	0,2
Community and social services	3 560	3 616	3 691	3 785	3 692	-93	132	-2,5	3,7
Private households	1 311	1 313	1 270	1 275	1 296	22	-15	1,7	-1,2
Other	3	3	6	12	8	-5	5	-38,8	182,7
Women	7 078	7 125	7 071	7 222	7 134	-88	56	-1,2	0,8
Agriculture	264	252	267	285	278	-7	14	-2,5	5,2
Mining	61	53	45	42	60	17	-1	41,3	-1,9
Manufacturing	603	597	585	624	584	-41	-19	-6,5	-3,2
Utilities	31	43	38	34	48	14	17	41,5	52,9
Construction	174	158	174	149	157	9	-17	5,8	-9,9
Trade	1 578	1 563	1 536	1 553	1 537	-16	-42	-1,0	-2,7
Transport	171	190	197	193	203	10	32	5,2	19,0
Finance	1 003	1 008	976	1 026	1 019	-7	16	-0,7	1,6
Community and social services	2 172	2 248	2 259	2 328	2 246	-81	74	-3,5	3,4
Private households	1 018	1 010	990	982	996	14	-21	1,5	-2,1
Other	3	3	3	7	6	0	4	-7,1	133,7
Men	9 022	9 067	9 100	9 155	9 154	-1	132	0,0	1,5
Agriculture	571	558	582	561	565	4	-6	0,7	-1,0
Mining	373	393	365	355	376	21	2	5,8	0,6
Manufacturing	1 196	1 152	1 206	1 225	1 160	-64	-36	-5,3	-3,0
Utilities	116	110	111	109	113	3	-4	3,2	-3,1
Construction	1 221	1 206	1 217	1 282	1 318	36	98	2,8	8,0
Trade	1 686	1 722	1 704	1 723	1 682	-41	-4	-2,4	-0,2
Transport	783	798	804	767	811	44	28	5,7	3,6
Finance	1 392	1 455	1 397	1 377	1 381	4	-12	0,3	-0,8
Community and social services	1 388	1 369	1 432	1 458	1 446	-12	58	-0,8	4,2
Private households	294	303	280	293	300	7	6	2,5	2,0
Other	.	.	2	6	1	-4	.	-76,7	.

Table 3.2: Employed by industry and province

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	835	810	849	847	843	-3	8	-0,4	1,0
Western Cape	180	159	193	208	181	-27	2	-12,8	0,9
Eastern Cape	90	86	94	91	97	6	7	7,0	8,2
Northern Cape	36	39	55	48	44	-4	8	-8,2	23,3
Free State	80	75	77	92	71	-20	-8	-22,3	-10,5
KwaZulu-Natal	123	121	106	115	122	7	-1	6,3	-1,1
North West	54	49	47	47	43	-4	-10	-8,0	-18,9
Gauteng	34	44	36	29	32	4	-2	12,8	-5,0
Mpumalanga	95	100	104	87	94	7	-1	8,4	-1,3
Limpopo	144	138	136	130	158	27	14	20,8	9,5
Mining	434	446	411	397	435	38	1	9,6	0,3
Western Cape	3	5	4	2	4	2	1	71,8	39,4
Eastern Cape	1	.	2	.	1	.	0	.	-39,6
Northern Cape	33	33	25	24	23	-1	-10	-4,5	-30,5
Free State	15	17	16	18	23	5	8	29,9	56,6
KwaZulu-Natal	9	5	4	7	6	-1	-3	-15,9	-37,8
North West	132	137	128	125	147	22	15	17,3	11,3
Gauteng	86	91	76	74	72	-2	-14	-2,2	-16,7
Mpumalanga	54	51	64	66	72	5	18	8,0	32,8
Limpopo	101	107	92	81	88	7	-13	8,9	-12,5
Manufacturing	1 799	1 749	1 791	1 849	1 744	-105	-55	-5,7	-3,1
Western Cape	339	330	328	351	339	-12	0	-3,3	0,1
Eastern Cape	129	128	115	144	127	-17	-2	-12,0	-1,4
Northern Cape	7	9	9	15	11	-4	4	-25,3	64,0
Free State	69	55	55	58	58	0	-11	0,0	-15,6
KwaZulu-Natal	295	330	361	371	350	-21	55	-5,7	18,7
North West	77	78	85	74	49	-25	-28	-34,1	-36,5
Gauteng	666	624	643	650	612	-37	-54	-5,7	-8,0
Mpumalanga	112	112	106	98	117	19	5	19,6	4,5
Limpopo	106	84	90	88	80	-8	-26	-8,8	-24,3

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Table 3.2: Employed by industry and province (continued)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	148	153	149	143	161	18	13	12,2	8,8
Western Cape	17	16	11	4	10	5	-7	118,6	-41,6
Eastern Cape	6	9	7	5	4	-1	-2	-11,5	-31,2
Northern Cape	2	5	3	9	5	-4	2	-47,7	102,1
Free State	11	11	9	7	10	3	-1	39,5	-7,9
KwaZulu-Natal	10	18	14	19	17	-2	7	-8,8	70,8
North West	5	5	5	5	11	7	6	143,0	124,1
Gauteng	40	42	52	39	51	12	11	32,2	28,5
Mpumalanga	42	35	36	47	41	-5	-1	-11,6	-1,9
Limpopo	14	13	11	9	11	2	-3	22,5	-23,4
Construction	1 395	1 365	1 390	1 431	1 476	45	80	3,1	5,8
Western Cape	229	231	227	214	233	18	4	8,6	1,7
Eastern Cape	139	157	146	154	163	10	24	6,3	17,3
Northern Cape	24	21	26	26	24	-2	-1	-9,5	-3,6
Free State	61	73	75	59	51	-8	-10	-13,4	-16,2
KwaZulu-Natal	235	199	196	211	229	18	-6	8,5	-2,6
North West	84	71	90	96	94	-2	11	-1,9	12,9
Gauteng	387	340	369	419	419	1	32	0,2	8,3
Mpumalanga	105	118	107	105	112	7	7	6,5	6,7
Limpopo	131	156	154	146	150	3	19	2,4	14,7
Trade	3 265	3 286	3 240	3 276	3 219	-57	-46	-1,7	-1,4
Western Cape	455	481	483	510	511	1	55	0,2	12,2
Eastern Cape	339	312	320	286	301	15	-38	5,2	-11,3
Northern Cape	54	45	45	48	50	3	-4	5,7	-6,9
Free State	165	178	163	176	162	-14	-2	-7,8	-1,4
KwaZulu-Natal	543	490	468	467	466	-1	-77	-0,3	-14,2
North West	197	200	206	197	190	-7	-7	-3,5	-3,5
Gauteng	963	990	1 003	1 004	975	-29	12	-2,9	1,2
Mpumalanga	255	254	254	261	247	-14	-8	-5,4	-3,1
Limpopo	295	335	298	328	318	-10	23	-3,1	7,8

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Table 3.2: Employed by industry and province (continued)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	954	988	1 001	960	1 014	54	60	5,6	6,3
Western Cape	137	150	146	141	157	16	20	11,1	14,6
Eastern Cape	74	67	64	70	62	-8	-12	-11,5	-15,8
Northern Cape	11	9	12	10	11	1	0	8,4	-2,9
Free State	44	51	39	35	41	6	-2	17,7	-5,3
KwaZulu-Natal	170	182	189	178	194	16	24	9,0	14,3
North West	31	35	36	33	34	1	3	4,1	10,1
Gauteng	374	383	399	383	405	22	31	5,7	8,2
Mpumalanga	55	57	59	52	58	6	4	12,0	7,1
Limpopo	59	55	55	58	51	-6	-7	-11,1	-12,7
Finance	2 395	2 463	2 373	2 402	2 399	-3	4	-0,1	0,2
Western Cape	417	424	459	436	423	-13	6	-3,0	1,4
Eastern Cape	166	169	152	134	137	3	-29	2,5	-17,5
Northern Cape	18	22	26	26	24	-1	6	-4,9	35,7
Free State	59	75	86	91	84	-7	25	-7,9	41,8
KwaZulu-Natal	346	320	318	323	327	5	-19	1,4	-5,4
North West	99	102	111	117	100	-17	1	-14,6	0,7
Gauteng	1 047	1 070	970	1 018	1 063	46	16	4,5	1,6
Mpumalanga	140	148	132	117	122	4	-18	3,5	-12,9
Limpopo	103	132	119	141	119	-22	16	-15,4	15,5
Community and social services	3 560	3 616	3 691	3 785	3 692	-93	132	-2,5	3,7
Western Cape	477	446	491	496	462	-34	-14	-6,8	-3,0
Eastern Cape	369	376	372	403	402	-1	34	-0,2	9,1
Northern Cape	81	97	100	95	105	9	24	9,9	29,2
Free State	176	198	200	200	202	2	26	0,8	14,5
KwaZulu-Natal	620	633	645	702	684	-18	65	-2,5	10,4
North West	210	230	218	228	231	2	21	1,1	9,8
Gauteng	1 064	1 091	1 062	1 069	1 040	-29	-24	-2,7	-2,2
Mpumalanga	245	227	264	252	238	-14	-7	-5,5	-2,8
Limpopo	318	319	338	339	327	-11	9	-3,3	2,9

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Table 3.2: Employed by industry and province (concluded)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	1 311	1 313	1 270	1 275	1 296	22	-15	1,7	-1,2
Western Cape	150	157	148	165	161	-4	10	-2,5	6,8
Eastern Cape	103	119	120	111	108	-3	5	-2,8	4,6
Northern Cape	25	28	22	20	20	0	-4	0,5	-17,5
Free State	96	88	84	77	84	7	-13	8,6	-13,2
KwaZulu-Natal	233	237	211	225	225	0	-8	0,1	-3,4
North West	89	78	72	70	77	7	-13	10,2	-14,3
Gauteng	387	391	373	376	378	2	-9	0,6	-2,2
Mpumalanga	109	100	115	111	111	-1	2	-0,5	1,5
Limpopo	119	114	123	121	134	13	15	10,9	12,3

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Table 3.3: Employed by sector and industry – South Africa

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	16 100	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	-90	188	-0,5	1,2
Formal and informal sector (non-agricultural)	13 953	14 069	14 052	14 256	14 148	-108	195	-0,8	1,4
Mining	434	446	411	397	435	38	1	9,6	0,3
Manufacturing	1 799	1 749	1 791	1 849	1 744	-105	-55	-5,7	-3,1
Utilities	148	153	149	143	161	18	13	12,2	8,8
Construction	1 395	1 365	1 390	1 431	1 476	45	80	3,1	5,8
Trade	3 265	3 286	3 240	3 276	3 219	-57	-46	-1,7	-1,4
Transport	954	988	1 001	960	1 014	54	60	5,6	6,3
Finance	2 395	2 463	2 373	2 402	2 399	-3	4	-0,1	0,2
Community and social services	3 560	3 616	3 691	3 785	3 692	-93	132	-2,5	3,7
Other	3	3	6	12	8	-5	5	-38,8	182,7
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	11 193	11 379	11 244	11 355	11 320	-35	127	-0,3	1,1
Mining	426	440	401	394	427	34	1	8,6	0,2
Manufacturing	1 562	1 535	1 548	1 617	1 529	-88	-33	-5,4	-2,1
Utilities	142	150	146	138	155	17	13	12,7	9,4
Construction	965	951	958	939	982	43	17	4,6	1,7
Trade	2 126	2 169	2 143	2 183	2 138	-45	12	-2,1	0,6
Transport	696	715	711	675	745	70	49	10,3	7,0
Finance	2 182	2 248	2 156	2 132	2 143	11	-39	0,5	-1,8
Community and social services	3 091	3 169	3 176	3 266	3 192	-73	102	-2,2	3,3
Other	3	3	6	12	8	-5	5	-38,8	182,7
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	2 761	2 689	2 808	2 901	2 828	-73	68	-2,5	2,5
Mining	8	6	10	3	8	4	0	129,2	2,7
Manufacturing	237	214	243	232	215	-17	-22	-7,5	-9,4
Utilities	6	3	4	5	5	0	0	1,3	-6,4
Construction	430	414	432	492	493	2	64	0,3	14,8
Trade	1 139	1 117	1 097	1 093	1 081	-12	-58	-1,1	-5,1
Transport	258	273	291	286	270	-16	11	-5,6	4,4
Finance	213	215	217	271	257	-14	43	-5,2	20,3
Community and social services	469	447	515	520	500	-20	31	-3,8	6,5
Other									
Agriculture	835	810	849	847	843	-3	8	-0,4	1,0
Private households	1 311	1 313	1 270	1 275	1 296	22	-15	1,7	-1,2

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Table 3.4: Employed by province and sector

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	16 100	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	-90	188	-0,5	1,2
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	11 193	11 379	11 244	11 355	11 320	-35	127	-0,3	1,1
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	2 761	2 689	2 808	2 901	2 828	-73	68	-2,5	2,5
Agriculture	835	810	849	847	843	-3	8	-0,4	1,0
Private households	1 311	1 313	1 270	1 275	1 296	22	-15	1,7	-1,2
Western Cape	2 403	2 399	2 492	2 530	2 480	-50	77	-2,0	3,2
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1 815	1 839	1 892	1 862	1 856	-6	42	-0,3	2,3
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	258	244	258	295	282	-13	24	-4,3	9,2
Agriculture	180	159	193	208	181	-27	2	-12,8	0,9
Private households	150	157	148	165	161	-4	10	-2,5	6,8
Western Cape – Non-metro	872	855	920	940	875	-65	4	-6,9	0,4
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	565	566	606	576	557	-19	-8	-3,3	-1,5
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	86	68	88	106	98	-8	12	-7,2	13,7
Agriculture	163	145	168	191	160	-31	-3	-16,3	-2,1
Private households	57	75	58	68	61	-7	4	-11,0	6,1
Western Cape – City of Cape Town	1 531	1 545	1 571	1 589	1 604	15	74	1,0	4,8
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1 249	1 273	1 286	1 287	1 299	12	50	1,0	4,0
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	172	176	170	189	184	-5	12	-2,7	7,0
Agriculture	17	14	25	17	22	4	5	24,7	31,1
Private households	93	83	90	97	100	3	7	3,6	7,2
Eastern Cape	1 416	1 421	1 391	1 397	1 402	5	-13	0,4	-0,9
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	906	904	859	885	884	-1	-22	-0,1	-2,4
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	317	312	317	311	314	3	-3	0,8	-1,0
Agriculture	90	86	94	91	97	6	7	7,0	8,2
Private households	103	119	120	111	108	-3	5	-2,8	4,6

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Table 3.4: Employed by province and sector (continued)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	817	818	812	804	799	-5	-18	-0,6	-2,2
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	468	468	445	452	438	-14	-29	-3,1	-6,2
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	211	213	211	212	203	-9	-8	-4,1	-3,6
Agriculture	81	74	87	81	91	10	10	12,3	12,2
Private households	58	62	70	59	67	8	9	13,3	15,1
Eastern Cape – Buffalo City	252	245	247	242	244	1	-8	0,5	-3,4
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	168	172	165	172	176	4	7	2,2	4,3
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	63	50	61	47	52	5	-11	10,2	-17,7
Agriculture	7	7	7	8	3	-5	-4	-60,5	-54,5
Private households	14	16	14	16	13	-3	-1	-18,7	-6,7
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay	346	358	331	351	360	9	13	2,4	3,8
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	270	264	249	261	270	9	0	3,6	-0,1
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	43	49	46	52	59	6	16	12,3	36,2
Agriculture	2	5	1	2	3	1	1	45,8	47,0
Private households	31	41	36	36	28	-8	-3	-22,4	-10,0
Northern Cape	292	307	321	321	317	-4	26	-1,1	8,9
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	192	208	209	225	226	1	33	0,3	17,2
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	39	33	36	28	27	0	-11	-1,2	-29,6
Agriculture	36	39	55	48	44	-4	8	-8,2	23,3
Private households	25	28	22	20	20	0	-4	0,5	-17,5
Free State	777	821	806	814	788	-26	11	-3,2	1,5
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	463	497	488	500	483	-17	20	-3,4	4,4
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	138	161	157	146	150	4	12	2,9	9,0
Agriculture	80	75	77	92	71	-20	-8	-22,3	-10,5
Private households	96	88	84	77	84	7	-13	8,6	-13,2

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Table 3.4: Employed by province and sector (continued)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	531	556	533	555	526	-28	-5	-5,1	-0,9
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	297	311	300	314	302	-13	4	-4,1	1,5
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	93	113	102	98	101	4	8	3,6	8,8
Agriculture	78	72	76	91	70	-20	-8	-22,3	-9,9
Private households	62	60	55	52	53	1	-10	2,5	-15,3
Free State – Mangaung	246	265	273	260	262	2	16	0,7	6,5
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	166	186	188	185	181	-4	16	-2,2	9,5
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	45	48	55	48	49	1	4	1,4	9,4
Agriculture	1	3	1	1	1	0	-1	-14,7	-48,6
Private households	34	29	29	25	31	5	-3	21,2	-9,4
KwaZulu-Natal	2 583	2 536	2 513	2 617	2 620	3	36	0,1	1,4
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1 785	1 762	1 784	1 824	1 816	-8	31	-0,5	1,7
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	442	415	412	453	457	4	15	0,8	3,4
Agriculture	123	121	106	115	122	7	-1	6,3	-1,1
Private households	233	237	211	225	225	0	-8	0,1	-3,4
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro	1 399	1 379	1 346	1 412	1 397	-15	-2	-1,0	-0,1
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	876	869	878	893	867	-26	-9	-2,9	-1,1
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	281	270	261	299	302	3	20	1,0	7,2
Agriculture	119	119	103	113	119	6	0	5,7	-0,3
Private households	122	122	104	107	110	2	-13	2,3	-10,4
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekwini	1 184	1 157	1 167	1 205	1 222	17	38	1,4	3,2
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	909	894	906	931	949	18	40	1,9	4,4
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	161	145	151	154	155	1	-5	0,5	-3,3
Agriculture	4	3	2	2	3	1	-1	37,0	-26,1
Private households	111	115	107	118	115	-2	5	-1,9	4,4

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Table 3.4: Employed by province and sector (continued)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	978	983	999	992	977	-15	-1	-1,5	-0,1
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	680	695	710	715	692	-23	13	-3,2	1,9
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	156	162	169	160	165	5	9	2,9	6,1
Agriculture	54	49	47	47	43	-4	-10	-8,0	-18,9
Private households	89	78	72	70	77	7	-13	10,2	-14,3
Gauteng	5 050	5 068	4 991	5 069	5 055	-14	5	-0,3	0,1
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3 897	4 001	3 859	3 870	3 889	18	-9	0,5	-0,2
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	732	632	723	794	756	-38	24	-4,7	3,2
Agriculture	34	44	36	29	32	4	-2	12,8	-5,0
Private households	387	391	373	376	378	2	-9	0,6	-2,2
Gauteng – Non-metro	600	598	625	604	611	8	11	1,3	1,9
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	436	449	442	404	430	25	-6	6,3	-1,4
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	104	73	105	108	104	-4	0	-3,6	0,2
Agriculture	12	16	18	18	19	2	7	9,9	56,9
Private households	48	60	61	74	58	-16	10	-21,2	21,5
Gauteng – Ekurhuleni	1 259	1 274	1 222	1 253	1 213	-40	-46	-3,2	-3,7
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	977	1 018	970	989	965	-24	-12	-2,4	-1,2
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	187	161	164	183	161	-23	-26	-12,3	-14,0
Agriculture	8	13	7	2	4	3	-4	152,9	-48,2
Private households	87	83	81	79	83	4	-4	5,0	-4,3
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg	1 934	1 950	1 910	2 000	2 019	19	86	1,0	4,4
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1 485	1 519	1 459	1 493	1 494	1	9	0,1	0,6
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	300	276	306	357	365	8	65	2,3	21,7
Agriculture	6	8	5	3	1	-2	-5	-57,0	-79,9
Private households	143	148	140	148	160	11	17	7,7	11,7

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Table 3.4: Employed by province and sector (concluded)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	1 257	1 246	1 234	1 212	1 211	-1	-46	-0,1	-3,7
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1 000	1 016	988	985	1 000	15	0	1,6	0,0
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	141	122	148	145	126	-19	-15	-13,4	-10,8
Agriculture	7	7	6	6	7	1	0	16,3	6,4
Private households	109	100	91	75	78	2	-32	3,1	-29,1
Mpumalanga	1 212	1 204	1 242	1 197	1 212	15	0	1,2	0,0
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	714	699	707	712	734	21	20	3,0	2,8
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	293	305	315	287	273	-13	-20	-4,6	-6,8
Agriculture	95	100	104	87	94	7	-1	8,4	-1,3
Private households	109	100	115	111	111	-1	2	-0,5	1,5
Limpopo	1 390	1 452	1 417	1 441	1 436	-4	47	-0,3	3,4
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	741	775	737	761	741	-20	0	-2,7	0,0
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	386	425	421	428	404	-24	19	-5,6	4,8
Agriculture	144	138	136	130	158	27	14	20,8	9,5
Private households	119	114	123	121	134	13	15	10,9	12,3

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Table 3.5: Employed by sex and occupation – South Africa

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	16 100	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	-90	188	-0,5	1,2
Manager	1 469	1 398	1 390	1 422	1 416	-6	-53	-0,4	-3,6
Professional	897	959	906	873	878	5	-19	0,6	-2,2
Technician	1 457	1 450	1 477	1 415	1 448	33	-10	2,3	-0,7
Clerk	1 746	1 783	1 657	1 746	1 704	-41	-42	-2,4	-2,4
Sales and services	2 447	2 571	2 597	2 692	2 635	-57	188	-2,1	7,7
Skilled agriculture	58	69	83	62	64	1	5	1,8	8,9
Craft and related trade	1 969	1 921	1 935	1 994	2 007	13	37	0,7	1,9
Plant and machine operator	1 283	1 321	1 317	1 359	1 364	5	81	0,4	6,4
Elementary	3 726	3 670	3 788	3 823	3 775	-48	50	-1,3	1,3
Domestic worker	1 041	1 045	1 016	991	996	5	-45	0,5	-4,3
Women									
Manager	7 078	7 125	7 071	7 222	7 134	-88	56	-1,2	0,8
Professional	459	445	437	436	449	13	-10	2,9	-2,2
Technician	446	471	438	442	428	-14	-18	-3,2	-4,1
Clerk	784	773	795	770	800	30	15	3,9	2,0
Sales and services	1 269	1 270	1 184	1 266	1 235	-31	-34	-2,4	-2,7
Skilled agriculture	1 161	1 236	1 258	1 322	1 265	-57	104	-4,3	8,9
Craft and related trade	11	17	15	14	16	3	5	19,1	45,2
Plant and machine operator	198	199	228	215	220	4	22	2,0	11,1
Elementary	149	167	158	171	183	12	34	6,8	22,5
Domestic worker	1 603	1 554	1 587	1 637	1 572	-65	-31	-4,0	-1,9
	996	992	969	948	966	18	-30	1,9	-3,0
Men									
Manager									
Professional	9 022	9 067	9 100	9 155	9 154	-1	132	0,0	1,5
Technician	1 010	953	952	986	967	-19	-43	-1,9	-4,3
Clerk	451	489	468	430	450	19	-1	4,5	-0,3
Sales and services	673	677	683	645	648	3	-25	0,5	-3,7
Skilled agriculture	477	513	473	480	469	-11	-8	-2,2	-1,6
Craft and related trade	1 286	1 336	1 339	1 370	1 370	0	84	0,0	6,5
Plant and machine operator	47	52	68	49	47	-1	0	-3,0	0,4
Elementary	1 772	1 722	1 708	1 778	1 787	9	16	0,5	0,9
Domestic worker	1 133	1 154	1 159	1 188	1 181	-7	48	-0,6	4,2

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Table 3.6: Employed by sex and status in employment – South Africa

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	16 100	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	-90	188	-0,5	1,2
Employee	13 613	13 949	13 778	13 964	13 860	-104	247	-0,7	1,8
Employer	893	761	832	805	785	-21	-109	-2,6	-12,2
Own-account worker	1 506	1 399	1 473	1 540	1 549	10	43	0,6	2,9
Unpaid household member	87	82	89	68	94	26	7	38,0	7,6
Women	7 078	7 125	7 071	7 222	7 134	-88	56	-1,2	0,8
Employee	6 169	6 270	6 194	6 347	6 305	-42	136	-0,7	2,2
Employer	192	152	181	150	147	-4	-45	-2,4	-23,4
Own-account worker	664	652	646	683	629	-55	-36	-8,0	-5,4
Unpaid household member	53	51	50	42	53	12	0	27,9	0,1
Men	9 022	9 067	9 100	9 155	9 154	-1	132	0,0	1,5
Employee	7 444	7 679	7 584	7 617	7 555	-62	111	-0,8	1,5
Employer	702	609	650	655	638	-17	-64	-2,6	-9,1
Own-account worker	842	748	827	857	921	64	79	7,5	9,4
Unpaid household member	34	31	39	26	41	14	7	53,9	19,5

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Table 3.7: Employed by sex and usual hours of work – South Africa

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	16 100	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	-90	188	-0,5	1,2
Working less than 15 hours per week	309	326	329	351	342	-9	32	-2,6	10,5
Working 15-29 hours per week	1 156	1 104	1 092	1 113	1 082	-31	-74	-2,8	-6,4
Working 30-39 hours per week	1 061	1 079	1 135	1 167	1 101	-66	41	-5,6	3,9
Working 40-45 hours per week	8 783	8 968	8 917	9 127	9 156	29	373	0,3	4,2
Working more than 45 hours per week	4 791	4 714	4 697	4 619	4 606	-13	-185	-0,3	-3,9
Women	7 078	7 125	7 071	7 222	7 134	-88	56	-1,2	0,8
Working less than 15 hours per week	179	189	190	210	202	-9	23	-4,1	12,7
Working 15-29 hours per week	754	710	709	708	692	-16	-62	-2,2	-8,2
Working 30-39 hours per week	641	671	682	722	652	-70	12	-9,6	1,8
Working 40-45 hours per week	3 879	3 934	3 868	4 001	4 038	37	158	0,9	4,1
Working more than 45 hours per week	1 625	1 620	1 622	1 581	1 550	-31	-75	-2,0	-4,6
Men	9 022	9 067	9 100	9 155	9 154	-1	132	0,0	1,5
Working less than 15 hours per week	130	137	139	140	140	-1	10	-0,4	7,4
Working 15-29 hours per week	402	395	383	406	390	-15	-12	-3,7	-3,0
Working 30-39 hours per week	420	408	453	445	449	4	29	0,8	7,0
Working 40-45 hours per week	4 904	5 034	5 048	5 126	5 119	-8	215	-0,2	4,4
Working more than 45 hours per week	3 166	3 094	3 075	3 037	3 056	18	-110	0,6	-3,5

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	13 613	13 949	13 778	13 964	13 860	-104	247	-0,7	1,8
Yes	6 567	6 675	6 573	6 634	6 673	38	106	0,6	1,6
No	6 760	7 048	6 922	7 097	6 950	-147	190	-2,1	2,8
Don't know	286	225	283	232	237	4	-49	1,8	-17,2
Women	6 169	6 270	6 194	6 347	6 305	-42	136	-0,7	2,2
Yes	2 783	2 834	2 709	2 804	2 862	58	79	2,1	2,8
No	3 275	3 351	3 360	3 442	3 346	-95	71	-2,8	2,2
Don't know	111	85	124	101	97	-4	-14	-4,1	-12,6
Men	7 444	7 679	7 584	7 617	7 555	-62	111	-0,8	1,5
Yes	3 784	3 841	3 863	3 830	3 811	-19	27	-0,5	0,7
No	3 485	3 697	3 562	3 656	3 604	-52	119	-1,4	3,4
Don't know	175	140	158	132	140	8	-35	6,4	-20,1
Entitled to any paid leave									
Both sexes	13 613	13 949	13 778	13 964	13 860	-104	247	-0,7	1,8
Yes	9 092	9 388	9 031	9 267	9 153	-114	61	-1,2	0,7
No	4 361	4 444	4 571	4 571	4 576	5	215	0,1	4,9
Don't know	159	117	176	126	131	5	-28	3,8	-17,7
Women	6 169	6 270	6 194	6 347	6 305	-42	136	-0,7	2,2
Yes	3 995	4 126	3 950	4 131	4 072	-60	76	-1,4	1,9
No	2 106	2 104	2 160	2 161	2 176	14	70	0,7	3,3
Don't know	67	41	84	54	58	3	-10	6,4	-14,5
Men	7 444	7 679	7 584	7 617	7 555	-62	111	-0,8	1,5
Yes	5 097	5 262	5 081	5 136	5 081	-54	-16	-1,1	-0,3
No	2 255	2 340	2 411	2 409	2 400	-10	145	-0,4	6,4
Don't know	92	77	92	72	74	1	-18	1,9	-20,0

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa (continued)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	13 613	13 949	13 778	13 964	13 860	-104	247	-0,7	1,8
Yes	9 761	9 918	9 674	9 839	9 730	-109	-31	-1,1	-0,3
No	3 852	4 031	4 104	4 125	4 130	5	278	0,1	7,2
Women	6 169	6 270	6 194	6 347	6 305	-42	136	-0,7	2,2
Yes	4 306	4 377	4 248	4 368	4 344	-24	38	-0,5	0,9
No	1 863	1 894	1 946	1 979	1 961	-18	98	-0,9	5,3
Men	7 444	7 679	7 584	7 617	7 555	-62	111	-0,8	1,5
Yes	5 455	5 541	5 426	5 472	5 386	-86	-69	-1,6	-1,3
No	1 989	2 138	2 158	2 146	2 169	23	180	1,1	9,0
Entitled to maternity/paternity leave									
Both sexes	13 613	13 949	13 778	13 964	13 860	-104	247	-0,7	1,8
Yes	7 984	8 130	7 821	8 020	7 870	-151	-114	-1,9	-1,4
No	5 629	5 819	5 957	5 944	5 990	46	361	0,8	6,4
Women	6 169	6 270	6 194	6 347	6 305	-42	136	-0,7	2,2
Yes	3 654	3 724	3 589	3 755	3 660	-95	6	-2,5	0,2
No	2 515	2 547	2 605	2 592	2 645	53	130	2,1	5,2
Men	7 444	7 679	7 584	7 617	7 555	-62	111	-0,8	1,5
Yes	4 330	4 407	4 232	4 265	4 210	-55	-120	-1,3	-2,8
No	3 114	3 272	3 352	3 352	3 345	-7	231	-0,2	7,4

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa (continued)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	13 613	13 949	13 778	13 964	13 860	-104	247	-0,7	1,8
Yes	8 241	8 276	8 296	8 326	8 355	29	114	0,3	1,4
No	5 093	5 426	5 240	5 410	5 300	-110	207	-2,0	4,1
Don't know	279	246	241	228	205	-23	-74	-10,1	-26,4
Women	6 169	6 270	6 194	6 347	6 305	-42	136	-0,7	2,2
Yes	3 447	3 394	3 421	3 518	3 574	56	127	1,6	3,7
No	2 587	2 770	2 675	2 732	2 638	-94	50	-3,4	1,9
Don't know	135	107	98	97	93	-4	-42	-4,1	-30,9
Men	7 444	7 679	7 584	7 617	7 555	-62	111	-0,8	1,5
Yes	4 794	4 882	4 876	4 808	4 781	-27	-14	-0,6	-0,3
No	2 505	2 656	2 565	2 678	2 662	-16	157	-0,6	6,3
Don't know	144	140	144	131	112	-19	-32	-14,4	-22,3
Medical aid benefits									
Both sexes	13 613	13 949	13 778	13 964	13 860	-104	247	-0,7	1,8
Yes	4 115	4 196	4 061	4 145	4 111	-34	-5	-0,8	-0,1
No	9 342	9 592	9 518	9 691	9 632	-59	290	-0,6	3,1
Don't know	155	161	199	128	117	-11	-38	-8,5	-24,7
Women	6 169	6 270	6 194	6 347	6 305	-42	136	-0,7	2,2
Yes	1 788	1 837	1 762	1 820	1 800	-19	12	-1,1	0,7
No	4 321	4 373	4 358	4 476	4 457	-19	136	-0,4	3,2
Don't know	60	60	74	51	48	-3	-12	-6,2	-20,1
Men	7 444	7 679	7 584	7 617	7 555	-62	111	-0,8	1,5
Yes	2 327	2 358	2 299	2 325	2 310	-15	-16	-0,6	-0,7
No	5 022	5 220	5 161	5 215	5 175	-40	153	-0,8	3,1
Don't know	96	101	125	77	69	-8	-26	-10,0	-27,5

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa (continued)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	13 613	13 949	13 778	13 964	13 860	-104	247	-0,7	1,8
Yes	7 558	7 679	7 462	7 648	7 661	13	103	0,2	1,4
No	5 766	5 996	6 013	6 058	5 944	-115	178	-1,9	3,1
Don't know	289	274	303	258	255	-3	-34	-1,0	-11,8
Women	6 169	6 270	6 194	6 347	6 305	-42	136	-0,7	2,2
Yes	3 215	3 273	3 129	3 274	3 268	-6	53	-0,2	1,7
No	2 854	2 900	2 943	2 956	2 936	-19	82	-0,7	2,9
Don't know	100	98	122	117	101	-17	1	-14,3	0,6
Men	7 444	7 679	7 584	7 617	7 555	-62	111	-0,8	1,5
Yes	4 343	4 406	4 333	4 374	4 393	19	50	0,4	1,2
No	2 912	3 097	3 070	3 103	3 007	-95	95	-3,1	3,3
Don't know	189	176	181	140	155	14	-35	10,0	-18,4
Conditions of employment									
Both sexes	13 613	13 949	13 778	13 964	13 860	-104	247	-0,7	1,8
Written contract	11 001	11 171	11 079	11 276	11 139	-137	138	-1,2	1,3
Verbal agreement	2 611	2 778	2 699	2 689	2 721	32	109	1,2	4,2
Women	6 169	6 270	6 194	6 347	6 305	-42	136	-0,7	2,2
Written contract	4 984	5 045	4 994	5 149	5 080	-69	96	-1,3	1,9
Verbal agreement	1 185	1 225	1 201	1 198	1 225	27	40	2,3	3,4
Men	7 444	7 679	7 584	7 617	7 555	-62	111	-0,8	1,5
Written contract	6 017	6 126	6 085	6 126	6 059	-68	41	-1,1	0,7
Verbal agreement	1 427	1 552	1 499	1 491	1 496	5	69	0,3	4,9

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa (continued)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	13 613	13 949	13 778	13 964	13 860	-104	247	-0,7	1,8
Limited duration	1 786	1 856	1 898	1 936	1 858	-78	72	-4,0	4,0
Permanent nature	8 427	8 570	8 439	8 491	8 428	-63	1	-0,7	0,0
Unspecified duration	3 400	3 523	3 441	3 536	3 574	38	174	1,1	5,1
Women	6 169	6 270	6 194	6 347	6 305	-42	136	-0,7	2,2
Limited duration	919	904	962	963	965	2	46	0,2	5,0
Permanent nature	3 673	3 749	3 641	3 751	3 737	-14	64	-0,4	1,7
Unspecified duration	1 577	1 617	1 592	1 632	1 603	-29	26	-1,8	1,6
Men	7 444	7 679	7 584	7 617	7 555	-62	111	-0,8	1,5
Limited duration	867	952	936	973	894	-79	27	-8,1	3,1
Permanent nature	4 754	4 821	4 799	4 740	4 691	-49	-63	-1,0	-1,3
Unspecified duration	1 823	1 905	1 849	1 904	1 971	67	148	3,5	8,1
Trade union membership									
Both sexes	13 613	13 949	13 777	13 964	13 860	-104	247	-0,7	1,8
Yes	3 933	3 993	3 990	4 145	4 150	5	217	0,1	5,5
No	9 238	9 560	9 339	9 435	9 336	-99	98	-1,0	1,1
Don't know	442	397	448	384	374	-10	-68	-2,6	-15,4
Women	6 169	6 270	6 194	6 347	6 305	-42	136	-0,7	2,2
Yes	1 646	1 668	1 705	1 768	1 787	19	141	1,1	8,6
No	4 351	4 464	4 331	4 444	4 375	-69	24	-1,6	0,6
Don't know	172	138	157	135	143	8	-29	5,9	-16,9
Men	7 444	7 679	7 584	7 617	7 555	-62	111	-0,8	1,5
Yes	2 287	2 324	2 285	2 377	2 362	-15	75	-0,6	3,3
No	4 887	5 095	5 008	4 991	4 961	-30	74	-0,6	1,5
Don't know	270	259	291	249	232	-17	-38	-6,8	-14,1

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa (concluded)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	13 613	13 949	13 778	13 964	13 860	-104	247	-0,7	1,8
Individual and employer	1 069	1 149	1 032	1 105	1 098	-7	29	-0,6	2,7
Union and employer	3 002	3 097	3 023	3 072	3 141	69	139	2,2	4,6
Bargaining council	1 087	1 128	1 140	1 142	1 119	-23	32	-2,0	2,9
Employer only	7 593	7 674	7 702	7 754	7 570	-184	-23	-2,4	-0,3
No regular increment	748	786	777	811	864	53	116	6,5	15,5
Other	113	116	103	80	68	-12	-45	-15,0	-39,8
Women	6 169	6 270	6 194	6 347	6 305	-42	136	-0,7	2,2
Individual and employer	471	498	476	479	443	-36	-28	-7,5	-5,9
Union and employer	1 228	1 257	1 218	1 257	1 314	57	86	4,5	7,0
Bargaining council	528	554	552	566	551	-15	23	-2,7	4,4
Employer only	3 565	3 550	3 565	3 621	3 557	-64	-8	-1,8	-0,2
No regular increment	341	369	346	386	413	27	72	7,0	21,1
Other	37	43	38	38	28	-10	-9	-26,3	-24,3
Men	7 444	7 679	7 584	7 617	7 555	-62	111	-0,8	1,5
Individual and employer	598	651	557	626	655	29	57	4,6	9,5
Union and employer	1 774	1 839	1 805	1 816	1 828	12	54	0,7	3,0
Bargaining council	559	574	588	576	568	-8	9	-1,4	1,6
Employer only	4 029	4 124	4 137	4 134	4 013	-121	-16	-2,9	-0,4
No regular increment	408	417	432	425	451	26	43	6,1	10,5
Other	76	73	65	42	40	-2	-36	-4,8	-47,4

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Table 3.9: Time-related underemployment – South Africa

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	725	714	753	698	735	37	10	5,3	1,3
Women	427	418	441	420	418	-2	-9	-0,6	-2,1
Men	299	296	312	278	317	39	19	14,2	6,2
As a percentage of the labour force (both sexes)	3,3	3,2	3,4	3,1	3,3	0,2	0,0		
Women	4,2	4,1	4,4	4,1	4,1	0,0	-0,1		
Men	2,4	2,4	2,6	2,3	2,6	0,3	0,2		
As a percentage of total employment (both)	4,5	4,4	4,7	4,3	4,5	0,2	0,0		
Women	6,0	5,9	6,2	5,8	5,9	0,1	-0,1		
Men	3,3	3,3	3,4	3,0	3,5	0,5	0,2		
Industry	725	714	753	698	735	37	10	5,3	1,3
Agriculture	25	14	20	15	21	6	-3	41,7	-13,6
Mining	1	1	.	.	0	.	-1	.	-70,3
Manufacturing	27	39	36	38	34	-3	7	-9,0	25,2
Utilities	.	.	1	1	2	1	.	70,8	.
Construction	64	74	75	69	73	4	8	5,9	13,0
Trade	113	108	124	93	120	27	7	28,8	6,3
Transport	13	19	24	16	13	-3	0	-17,7	-3,1
Finance	42	49	55	54	54	0	12	0,2	28,9
Community and social services	181	165	183	171	184	13	2	7,5	1,4
Private households	258	245	235	242	234	-8	-24	-3,4	-9,4
Occupation	725	714	753	698	735	37	10	5,3	1,3
Manager	16	13	12	15	12	-2	-3	-14,7	-20,0
Professional	7	11	18	2	7	5	0	195,5	1,6
Technician	33	30	34	21	33	12	0	55,2	-0,3
Clerk	14	22	23	18	22	4	9	24,3	62,2
Sales and services	79	76	75	66	86	20	7	31,1	8,4
Skilled agriculture	2	2	5	2	2	1	0	52,6	17,3
Craft and related trade	71	79	84	77	70	-7	0	-9,3	-0,6
Plant and machine operator	15	19	22	11	17	5	1	47,2	8,8
Elementary	310	293	312	316	333	17	23	5,3	7,4
Domestic worker	178	168	168	169	151	-18	-27	-10,5	-15,0

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

Table 4: Characteristics of the unemployed – South Africa

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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
Unemployed	6 177	6 210	5 880	5 980	6 083	102	-94	1,7	-1,5
Job losers	1 953	2 023	1 886	1 951	1 973	22	20	1,2	1,0
Job leavers	346	338	336	291	277	-14	-69	-4,9	-19,9
New entrants	2 407	2 321	2 347	2 293	2 358	65	-49	2,8	-2,1
Re-entrants	312	321	270	262	267	5	-45	2,0	-14,4
Other	1 158	1 207	1 042	1 183	1 207	24	49	2,0	4,2
Unemployed	6 177	6 210	5 880	5 980	6 083	102	-94	1,7	-1,5
Long-term unemployment (1 year and more)	4 153	4 181	4 022	4 098	4 185	87	31	2,1	0,7
Short-term unemployment (less than 1 year)	2 023	2 029	1 858	1 882	1 898	15	-125	0,8	-6,2
Long-term unemployment (%)									
Proportion of the labour force	18,6	18,7	18,2	18,3	18,7	0,4	0,1		
Proportion of the unemployed	67,2	67,3	68,4	68,5	68,8	0,3	1,6		
Those who have worked in the past 5 years									
Previous occupation	2 612	2 683	2 492	2 504	2 518	13	-94	0,5	-3,6
Manager	62	74	57	52	70	18	7	34,5	11,7
Professional	53	57	53	48	38	-10	-15	-20,5	-28,2
Technician	141	146	154	125	132	6	-9	5,2	-6,7
Clerk	277	276	295	283	282	-1	4	-0,4	1,6
Sales and services	421	421	398	460	424	-36	3	-7,8	0,8
Skilled agriculture	8	4	4	7	6	-1	-2	-13,1	-22,8
Craft and related trade	451	468	417	417	419	2	-32	0,6	-7,1
Plant and machine operator	184	189	172	188	179	-9	-5	-4,8	-2,8
Elementary	810	849	767	751	763	11	-47	1,5	-5,8
Domestic worker	204	195	174	173	201	29	-3	16,6	-1,4

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

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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
Previous industry	2 612	2 683	2 492	2 504	2 518	13	-94	0,5	-3,6
Agriculture	139	140	135	139	148	9	9	6,2	6,5
Mining	54	55	36	37	49	12	-6	32,1	-10,2
Manufacturing	281	297	252	237	260	23	-20	9,8	-7,2
Utilities	14	17	20	15	22	7	8	45,4	61,4
Construction	444	467	401	439	438	-1	-6	-0,2	-1,3
Trade	560	572	579	559	556	-4	-4	-0,6	-0,6
Transport	158	120	102	113	117	4	-41	3,6	-25,7
Finance	339	366	368	380	365	-14	26	-3,7	7,7
Community and social services	367	390	355	354	324	-30	-44	-8,4	-11,8
Private households	257	259	245	232	236	4	-21	1,9	-8,2
Other	1	.	1

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Table 5: Characteristics of the not economically active – South Africa

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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
Not economically active	14 941	14 971	15 474	15 320	15 462	141	521	0,9	3,5
Student	6 140	6 245	6 341	6 137	6 219	82	79	1,3	1,3
Homemaker	2 689	2 545	2 671	2 522	2 577	54	-112	2,2	-4,2
Illness/disability	1 572	1 586	1 573	1 557	1 502	-56	-70	-3,6	-4,5
Too old/young to work	1 380	1 394	1 449	1 433	1 456	23	76	1,6	5,5
Discouraged work-seekers	2 361	2 436	2 538	2 787	2 864	77	503	2,8	21,3
Other	799	767	903	884	845	-39	46	-4,4	5,7
Inactivity rate by age (both sexes)	40,1	40,1	41,2	40,7	40,9	0,2	0,8		
15–24 yrs	73,1	73,2	74,1	74,4	74,9	0,5	1,8		
25–54 yrs	23,1	23,1	24,5	23,7	23,8	0,1	0,7		
55–64 yrs	55,3	54,1	55,2	54,2	54,9	0,7	-0,4		
Inactivity rate by age (women)	46,4	46,3	47,5	46,8	47,1	0,3	0,7		
15–24 yrs	75,6	75,9	76,7	77,1	78,0	0,9	2,4		
25–54 yrs	30,5	30,5	31,9	30,8	31,0	0,2	0,5		
55–64 yrs	63,8	62,6	63,6	62,3	62,3	0,0	-1,5		
Inactivity rate by age (men)	33,7	33,6	34,8	34,4	34,5	0,1	0,8		
15–24 yrs	70,5	70,5	71,5	71,7	71,8	0,1	1,3		
25–54 yrs	15,6	15,8	17,1	16,6	16,6	0,0	1,0		
55–64 yrs	44,9	43,8	44,8	44,2	45,7	1,5	0,8		

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Table 6: Sociodemographic characteristics – South Africa

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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
Age group of the employed	16 100	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	-90	188	-0,5	1,2
15–24 yrs	1 226	1 322	1 305	1 257	1 200	-57	-26	-4,5	-2,1
25–34 yrs	4 907	4 871	4 790	4 890	4 869	-21	-39	-0,4	-0,8
35–44 yrs	5 040	5 027	5 081	5 154	5 147	-8	107	-0,2	2,1
45–54 yrs	3 420	3 426	3 445	3 488	3 511	23	91	0,7	2,7
55–64 yrs	1 506	1 545	1 551	1 588	1 561	-27	55	-1,7	3,6
Age group of the unemployed	6 177	6 210	5 880	5 980	6 083	102	-94	1,7	-1,5
15–24 yrs	1 552	1 444	1 365	1 381	1 390	8	-163	0,6	-10,5
25–34 yrs	2 399	2 454	2 397	2 413	2 466	52	66	2,2	2,8
35–44 yrs	1 450	1 478	1 343	1 363	1 390	27	-60	1,9	-4,1
45–54 yrs	623	663	636	668	669	1	47	0,2	7,5
55–64 yrs	153	171	140	154	168	14	15	9,0	10,1
Age group of the not economically active	14 941	14 971	15 474	15 320	15 462	141	521	0,9	3,5
15–24 yrs	7 537	7 550	7 644	7 674	7 721	47	184	0,6	2,4
25–34 yrs	2 473	2 493	2 667	2 587	2 593	5	119	0,2	4,8
35–44 yrs	1 453	1 477	1 598	1 542	1 562	20	108	1,3	7,4
45–54 yrs	1 424	1 425	1 484	1 458	1 483	26	60	1,8	4,2
55–64 yrs	2 053	2 026	2 081	2 059	2 102	43	49	2,1	2,4
Highest level of education of the employed	16 100	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	-90	188	-0,5	1,2
No schooling	341	337	344	292	296	4	-44	1,3	-13,1
Less than primary completed	1 063	1 082	1 031	1 029	1 006	-23	-56	-2,2	-5,3
Primary completed	592	594	572	611	590	-21	-2	-3,5	-0,3
Secondary not completed	5 333	5 353	5 397	5 594	5 470	-124	137	-2,2	2,6
Secondary completed	5 200	5 192	5 323	5 226	5 338	112	138	2,2	2,7
Tertiary	3 388	3 465	3 304	3 453	3 418	-35	29	-1,0	0,9
Other	183	169	200	173	170	-3	-14	-1,8	-7,5

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Table 6: Sociodemographic characteristics – South Africa (continued)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	6 177	6 210	5 880	5 980	6 083	102	-94	1,7	-1,5
No schooling	72	76	60	64	67	3	-5	4,5	-7,3
Less than primary completed	361	354	360	361	326	-35	-35	-9,8	-9,8
Primary completed	278	252	220	210	225	15	-53	7,1	-18,9
Secondary not completed	2 901	2 881	2 689	2 749	2 818	68	-84	2,5	-2,9
Secondary completed	2 014	2 095	2 021	2 057	2 110	53	96	2,6	4,8
Tertiary	513	513	488	493	504	11	-9	2,2	-1,8
Other	39	39	44	47	34	-13	-5	-27,4	-11,8
Highest level of education of the not economically active	14 941	14 971	15 474	15 320	15 462	141	521	0,9	3,5
No schooling	639	622	624	615	621	5	-18	0,9	-2,9
Less than primary completed	1 460	1 538	1 537	1 439	1 502	63	42	4,4	2,9
Primary completed	978	985	1 018	847	903	56	-74	6,6	-7,6
Secondary not completed	8 007	8 005	8 360	8 034	8 236	202	228	2,5	2,9
Secondary completed	3 124	3 099	3 185	3 613	3 450	-162	326	-4,5	10,4
Tertiary	582	586	586	629	590	-39	9	-6,2	1,5
Other	151	137	163	143	159	16	8	11,4	5,2
Employed	16 100	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	-90	188	-0,5	1,2
Attending educational institution	332	376	357	340	316	-24	-16	-7,0	-4,7
Not attending educational institution	15 768	15 816	15 814	16 037	15 972	-66	204	-0,4	1,3
Unemployed	6 177	6 210	5 880	5 980	6 083	102	-94	1,7	-1,5
Attending educational institution	102	102	135	107	116	9	13	8,1	13,2
Not attending educational institution	6 075	6 108	5 745	5 873	5 967	93	-108	1,6	-1,8
Not economically active	14 941	14 971	15 474	15 320	15 462	141	521	0,9	3,5
Attending educational institution	6 092	6 195	6 257	5 999	6 171	171	79	2,9	1,3
Not attending educational institution	8 849	8 776	9 217	9 321	9 291	-30	442	-0,3	5,0

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Table 6: Sociodemographic characteristics – South Africa (concluded)

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	16 100	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	-90	188	-0,5	1,2
Married	6 264	6 424	6 300	6 363	6 274	-89	10	-1,4	0,2
Living together like husband and wife	2 005	1 910	2 031	2 070	2 047	-23	42	-1,1	2,1
Widow/widower	501	492	492	486	459	-27	-43	-5,6	-8,5
Divorced or separated	529	511	497	494	500	6	-29	1,2	-5,4
Never married	6 801	6 855	6 850	6 965	7 008	43	207	0,6	3,0
Current marital status of the unemployed	6 177	6 210	5 880	5 980	6 083	102	-94	1,7	-1,5
Married	988	1 005	966	941	911	-30	-77	-3,2	-7,7
Living together like husband and wife	674	679	631	646	674	29	0	4,4	0,0
Widow/widower	82	78	67	72	87	15	5	21,3	6,7
Divorced or separated	95	99	95	104	105	0	10	0,2	10,6
Never married	4 338	4 349	4 120	4 217	4 305	88	-33	2,1	-0,8
Current marital status of the not economically active	14 941	14 971	15 474	15 320	15 462	141	521	0,9	3,5
Married	2 754	2 704	2 764	2 761	2 738	-23	-15	-0,8	-0,6
Living together like husband and wife	761	766	808	808	865	57	105	7,1	13,8
Widow/widower	566	584	613	618	614	-4	49	-0,6	8,6
Divorced or separated	259	243	242	231	219	-12	-40	-5,2	-15,3
Never married	10 602	10 674	11 048	10 902	11 025	123	422	1,1	4,0

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

Table 7: Profile of those not in education and not in employment – South Africa

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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	14 924	14 885	14 962	15 194	15 258	64	334	0,4	2,2
Women	8 631	8 579	8 716	8 763	8 839	76	209	0,9	2,4
Men	6 293	6 305	6 247	6 431	6 419	-13	126	-0,2	2,0
Age group	14 924	14 885	14 962	15 194	15 258	64	334	0,4	2,2
15–24 yrs	3 320	3 126	3 068	3 343	3 260	-83	-60	-2,5	-1,8
25–34 yrs	4 504	4 581	4 674	4 662	4 687	26	183	0,6	4,1
35–44 yrs	2 857	2 905	2 890	2 859	2 897	38	40	1,3	1,4
45–54 yrs	2 036	2 078	2 110	2 119	2 146	27	110	1,3	5,4
55–64 yrs	2 206	2 195	2 221	2 211	2 267	56	61	2,5	2,8
Population groups	14 924	14 885	14 962	15 194	15 258	64	334	0,4	2,2
Black African	12 512	12 465	12 566	12 795	12 849	54	337	0,4	2,7
Coloured	1 376	1 361	1 350	1 300	1 309	10	-67	0,7	-4,9
Indian/Asian	345	340	332	364	328	-37	-17	-10,0	-5,0
White	690	719	714	735	772	36	82	5,0	11,9
South Africa	14 924	14 885	14 962	15 194	15 258	64	334	0,4	2,2
Western Cape	1 496	1 524	1 465	1 445	1 470	24	-26	1,7	-1,7
Eastern Cape	1 960	1 959	2 005	2 009	2 029	21	69	1,0	3,5
Northern Cape	389	377	362	366	380	14	-9	3,7	-2,3
Free State	779	740	749	743	765	22	-14	3,0	-1,8
KwaZulu-Natal	3 025	3 012	3 026	3 106	3 070	-35	45	-1,1	1,5
North West	1 125	1 139	1 127	1 150	1 185	35	60	3,0	5,3
Gauteng	3 537	3 578	3 678	3 695	3 724	29	187	0,8	5,3
Mpumalanga	1 167	1 150	1 103	1 201	1 172	-29	5	-2,4	0,4
Limpopo	1 445	1 407	1 447	1 479	1 463	-16	18	-1,1	1,2

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

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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									
Subsistence farming	1 909	1 723	1 942	2153,2	1685,7	-467,4	-222,9	-21,7	-11,7
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	4 584	4 849	4 369	4426,6	4270,7	-155,9	-312,9	-3,5	-6,8
Produce other goods for household use	137	144	143	122	149	27	11,9	22,3	8,7
Construction or major repairs to own or household	626	613	422	393	379	-14	-246,9	-3,5	-39,5
Hunting or fishing for household use	30	26	25	37	51	14	20,2	37,5	66,5
Involvement in at least one activity	6 009	6 186	5 679	5 844	5 422	-422	-587,7	-7,2	-9,8
Employed	1 742	1 816	1 655	1 669	1 510	-159	-232,6	-9,5	-13,3
Unemployed	1 027	1 105	959	969	885	-84	-141,7	-8,7	-13,8
Not economically active	3 240	3 265	3 065	3 206	3 027	-179	-213,5	-5,6	-6,6
Western Cape									
Subsistence farming	6	4	6	8	8	0	2,0	-0,8	34,8
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	37	25	153	117	113	-4	75,6	-3,6	204,9
Produce other goods for household use	1	.	.	.	1	.	-0,2	.	-24,5
Construction or major repairs to own or household	1	3	.	3	1	-1	0,2	-58,8	26,4
Hunting or fishing for household use									
Involvement in at least one activity	44	31	159	124	120	-3	76,1	-2,8	172,7
Employed	27	14	90	70	69	-1	42,1	-1,8	156
Unemployed	5	5	34	22	23	1	18,1	6,3	358,4
Not economically active	12	12	35	32	28	-4	15,9	-11,3	132,3
Eastern Cape									
Subsistence farming	507	440	488	664	461	-203	-46,3	-30,6	-9,1
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	995	1 104	967	974	979	5	-16,2	0,5	-1,6
Produce other goods for household use	9	12	13	9	5	-4	-3,6	-46,4	-42,3
Construction or major repairs to own or household	181	155	190	183	154	-29	-26,2	-15,6	-14,5
Hunting or fishing for household use	3	1	3	6	3	-4	-0,6	-58,5	-17,2
Involvement in at least one activity	1 240	1 306	1 251	1 347	1 236	-111	-3,5	-8,2	-0,3
Employed	280	296	298	310	266	-44	-13,8	-14	-4,9
Unemployed	237	254	244	280	222	-58	-15,0	-20,6	-6,3
Not economically active	723	756	709	758	748	-10	25,3	-1,3	3,5

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

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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									
Subsistence farming	22	21	24	15	15	0	-7,2	0,7	-32,8
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	94	135	96	91	110	19	16,0	20,8	17
Produce other goods for household use	1	1	0	1	1	0	0,4	89	66,4
Construction or major repairs to own or household	1	1	.	0	0	0	-0,9	7,3	-65,3
Hunting or fishing for household use	2	2	1	3	0	-3	-1,5	-88,7	-80,5
Involvement in at least one activity	105	145	107	98	121	22	16,0	22,6	15,3
Employed	21	27	26	23	28	5	6,9	20,3	33,6
Unemployed	23	27	17	19	25	6	2,0	31,6	8,6
Not economically active	61	91	63	56	68	12	7,0	20,5	11,6
Free State									
Subsistence farming	113	106	124	122	118	-4	5,3	-3,4	4,7
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	49	52	32	40	45	6	-3,3	14	-6,9
Produce other goods for household use	3	3	1	2	1	0	-1,8	-14,1	-57,4
Construction or major repairs to own or household	1	.	1	4	2	-2	1,1	-52,3	133,6
Hunting or fishing for household use	4	2	2	3	5	3	1,6	97	41,8
Involvement in at least one activity	155	157	153	162	157	-5	2,0	-3	1,3
Employed	64	75	65	71	61	-10	-3,1	-13,6	-4,8
Unemployed	43	37	45	45	60	15	17,8	33,7	41,8
Not economically active	48	44	43	46	35	-11	-12,8	-23	-26,6
KwaZulu-Natal									
Subsistence farming	868	788	836	887,9	743,5	-144,4	-124,0	-16,3	-14,3
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	1 282	1 301	1 144	1 157,8	1 101,7	-56,2	-180,0	-4,9	-14
Produce other goods for household use	100	103	93	91	113	23	13,7	25,1	13,8
Construction or major repairs to own or household	80	118	86	100	97	-3	18,0	-2,5	22,6
Hunting or fishing for household use	10	8	4	11	19	7	8,5	67,7	84
Involvement in at least one activity	1 843	1 843	1 702	1 754	1 644	-110	-199,1	-6,3	-10,8
Employed	472	479	417	463	444	-19	-28,9	-4,1	-6,1
Unemployed	233	252	215	193	194	1	-39,0	0,5	-16,8
Not economically active	1 138	1 113	1 070	1 099	1 007	-92	-131,2	-8,3	-11,5

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

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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									
Subsistence farming	43	52	31	25	21	-4	-21,6	-16	-50,7
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	368	500	413	461	437	-24	69,4	-5,1	18,9
Produce other goods for household use	4	3	1	3	1	-2	-3,2	-71,7	-81,2
Construction or major repairs to own or household	11	27	8	2	21	19	9,7	1162,5	89
Hunting or fishing for household use	1	2	2	.	0	.	-0,2	.	-37,7
Involvement in at least one activity	383	522	424	471	450	-21	66,8	-4,5	17,4
Employed	108	182	131	133	131	-2	22,4	-1,9	20,7
Unemployed	40	75	45	72	67	-6	26,6	-8	66,3
Not economically active	235	265	248	266	253	-13	17,9	-4,8	7,6
Gauteng									
Subsistence farming	14	18	45	34	30	-3	16,0	-10,3	110,1
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	205	189	191	138	126	-12	-79,4	-8,8	-38,7
Produce other goods for household use	12	10	22	2	13	11	1,1	509,3	9,3
Construction or major repairs to own or household	292	268	78	43	60	17	-232,1	39,9	-79,4
Hunting or fishing for household use	3	3	10	6	10	4	7,7	67,4	285,3
Involvement in at least one activity	498	465	298	200	191	-10	-307,8	-4,8	-61,8
Employed	271	235	160	108	104	-4	-167,6	-4	-61,8
Unemployed	158	167	92	57	63	7	-94,4	11,6	-59,8
Not economically active	69	63	46	35	23	-12	-45,8	-33,4	-66,1
Mpumalanga									
Subsistence farming	159	110	171	183	96	-88	-63,3	-47,8	-39,8
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	549	579	505	481	434	-46	-114,2	-9,7	-20,8
Produce other goods for household use	7	9	13	14	13	0	6,4	-3,5	96
Construction or major repairs to own or household	20	11	22	16	6	-9	-14,0	-58,5	-68,6
Hunting or fishing for household use	4	2	.	3	2	-1	-2,0	-23,8	-49,8
Involvement in at least one activity	648	657	607	607	487	-120	-161,1	-19,7	-24,9
Employed	212	204	170	164	127	-38	-85,3	-22,9	-40,2
Unemployed	163	170	152	163	128	-35	-34,4	-21,5	-21,2
Not economically active	273	283	284	279	232	-47	-41,4	-16,8	-15,2

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

	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	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									
Subsistence farming	178	183	216	215	194	-21	16,3	-9,8	9,2
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	1 006	964	868	967	925	-43	-80,8	-4,4	-8
Produce other goods for household use	2	3	1	2	1	0	-0,9	-28,3	-44,5
Construction or major repairs to own or household	39	30	38	43	36	-6	-2,6	-14,6	-6,7
Hunting or fishing for household use	4	5	4	4	11	7	6,8	148,4	163,8
Involvement in at least one activity	1 093	1 060	978	1 081	1 016	-65	-77,0	-6	-7
Employed	286	304	298	326	281	-46	-5,3	-14	-1,9
Unemployed	125	118	113	118	102	-15	-23,1	-13,2	-18,5
Not economically active	682	638	567	637	633	-4	-48,5	-0,6	-7,1

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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 2018	Apr-Jun 2018								
Both sexes										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour Force	0,5	0,5	12	-170	195	0,89				
Employed	0,7	0,7	-90	-274	94	0,34				
Formal sector (non-agriculture)	1,0	0,9	-35	-210	140	0,69				
Informal sector (non-agriculture)	2,1	2,1	-73	-198	52	0,25				
Agriculture	3,8	4,1	-3	-51	45	0,90				
Private households	2,4	2,7	22	-41	84	0,50				
Unemployed	1,8	1,8	102	-89	293	0,29				
Not economically active	0,7	0,7	141	-41	324	0,13				
Discouraged work-seekers	3,4	3,5	77	-78	232	0,33				
Other (not economically active)	0,8	0,8	65	-118	247	0,49				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	1,6	1,6	0,4	-0,3	1,2	0,26				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,7	0,7	-0,4	-0,9	0,1	0,10				
Labour force participation rate	0,5	0,5	-0,2	-0,7	0,3	0,40				
Women										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour Force	0,7	0,7	-18	-150	114	0,79				
Employed	0,8	0,9	-88	-204	27	0,13				
Formal sector (non-agriculture)	1,3	1,4	-25	-147	96	0,68				
Informal sector (non-agriculture)	2,9	3,2	-70	-136	-4	0,04				
Agriculture	8,4	10,0	-7	-40	25	0,66				
Private households	2,7	2,9	14	-39	67	0,60				
Unemployed	2,0	2,2	70	-59	200	0,29				
Not economically active	0,8	0,8	92	-40	224	0,17				
Discouraged work-seekers	3,7	3,7	29	-67	126	0,55				
Other (not economically active)	0,9	0,9	62	-68	193	0,35				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	1,7	1,9	0,8	-0,4	1,8	0,18				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,8	0,9	-0,6	-1,2	0,0	0,05				
Labour force participation rate	0,7	0,7	-0,3	-1,0	0,4	0,39				

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 2018	Apr-Jun 2018								
Men										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour Force	0,6	0,6	31	-92	153	0,62				
Employed	0,9	0,8	-1	-131	129	0,98				
Formal sector (non-agriculture)	1,2	1,1	-10	-139	118	0,88				
Informal sector (non-agriculture)	2,5	2,4	-3	-97	92	0,96				
Agriculture	4,2	4,6	4	-32	40	0,82				
Private households	5,6	5,9	7	-28	43	0,69				
Unemployed	2,4	2,2	32	-88	152	0,60				
Not economically active	1,1	1,1	50	-73	172	0,43				
Discouraged work-seekers	4,3	4,4	48	-55	150	0,36				
Other (not economically active)	1,2	1,1	2	-101	105	0,97				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	2,2	2,0	0,2	-0,7	1,1	0,67				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,9	0,8	-0,2	-0,9	0,5	0,54				
Labour force participation rate	0,6	0,6	-0,1	-0,8	0,5	0,72				

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 2018	Apr-Jun 2018				
South Africa						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	0,5	0,5	12	-170	195	0,89
Employed	0,7	0,7	-90	-274	94	0,34
Unemployed	1,8	1,8	102	-89	293	0,29
Not economically active	0,7	0,7	141	-41	324	0,13
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,6	1,6	0,4	-0,3	1,2	0,26
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	0,7	0,7	-0,4	-0,9	0,1	0,10
Labour force participation rate	0,5	0,5	-0,2	-0,7	0,3	0,40
Black/African						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	0,6	0,6	27	-139	194	0,75
Employed	0,8	0,8	-51	-209	107	0,53
Unemployed	1,9	2,0	78	-101	258	0,39
Not economically active	0,8	0,8	123	-43	289	0,15
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,6	1,7	0,4	-0,5	1,3	0,38
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	0,8	0,8	-0,4	-0,9	0,2	0,17
Labour force participation rate	0,6	0,6	-0,2	-0,7	0,4	0,48
Coloured						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	0,8	1,2	-4	-58	50	0,88
Employed	1,9	1,7	-14	-77	48	0,65
Unemployed	6,3	4,2	10	-34	55	0,65
Not economically active	1,5	2,2	13	-41	67	0,63
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	6,2	4,0	0,5	-1,5	2,5	0,61
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	1,9	1,7	-0,6	-2,4	1,3	0,55
Labour force participation rate	0,8	1,2	-0,3	-1,9	1,3	0,72

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 2018	Apr-Jun 2018				
Indian/Asian						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	2,9	2,3	9	-15	33	0,48
Employed	2,8	1,9	17	-7	40	0,18
Unemployed	15,3	15,1	-8	-23	7	0,30
Not economically active	4,4	3,6	-6	-31	18	0,60
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	14,0	13,6	-1,5	-3,9	0,9	0,23
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	2,8	1,9	1,5	-0,9	3,9	0,21
Labour force participation rate	2,9	2,3	0,7	-1,7	3,1	0,55
White						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	2,0	1,7	-20	-86	47	0,56
Employed	2,2	2,0	-41	-109	27	0,24
Unemployed	11,2	11,5	21	-18	60	0,29
Not economically active	4,2	3,5	12	-55	78	0,73
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	11,2	11,4	1,1	-0,8	3,0	0,24
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	2,2	2,0	-1,2	-3,5	1,1	0,30
Labour force participation rate	2,0	1,7	-0,5	-2,7	1,7	0,67

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 2018	Apr-Jun 2018				
South Africa						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	0,5	0,5	12	-170	195	0,89
Employed	0,7	0,7	-90	-274	94	0,34
Unemployed	1,8	1,8	102	-89	293	0,29
Not economically active	0,7	0,7	141	-41	324	0,13
Discouraged work-seekers	3,4	3,5	77	-78	232	0,33
Other (not economically active)	0,8	0,8	65	-118	247	0,49
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,6	1,6	0,4	-0,3	1,2	0,26
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,7	0,7	-0,4	-0,9	0,1	0,10
Labour force participation rate	0,5	0,5	-0,2	-0,7	0,3	0,40
Western Cape						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	1,1	1,2	-23	-94	49	0,54
Employed	1,4	1,5	-50	-127	27	0,21
Unemployed	5,7	4,2	27	-31	86	0,36
Not economically active	2,4	2,6	45	-26	117	0,21
Discouraged work-seekers	12,3	15,8	-18	-34	-2	0,03
Other (not economically active)	2,5	2,8	63	-6	133	0,07
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,3	3,9	1,0	-0,8	2,8	0,26
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,4	1,5	-1,4	-3,1	0,3	0,11
Labour force participation rate	1,1	1,2	-0,8	-2,4	0,7	0,29

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 2018	Apr-Jun 2018				
Western Cape – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	1,6	1,8	-12	-46	22	0,49
Employed	2,4	2,4	-65	-96	-34	0,00
Unemployed	12,4	7,5	53	20	86	0,00
Not economically active	3,3	3,4	21	-13	55	0,23
Discouraged work-seekers	14,1	18,2	-18	-30	-6	0,00
Other (not economically active)	3,9	3,5	39	0	77	0,05
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	12,0	7,2	5,0	2,3	7,7	0,00
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,4	2,4	-4,2	-6,1	-2,3	0,00
Labour force participation rate	1,6	1,8	-1,1	-3,2	1,0	0,30
Western Cape – City of Cape Town						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	1,4	1,7	-10	-74	53	0,75
Employed	1,7	1,9	15	-53	83	0,66
Unemployed	6,4	5,1	-26	-74	23	0,30
Not economically active	3,5	3,9	24	-39	88	0,45
Discouraged work-seekers	25,7	30,3	0	-10	10	0,95
Other (not economically active)	3,5	4,1	25	-34	83	0,41
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,7	4,5	-1,1	-3,4	1,1	0,32
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,7	1,9	0,3	-2,1	2,6	0,83
Labour force participation rate	1,4	1,7	-0,7	-2,9	1,5	0,53

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 2018	Apr-Jun 2018				
Eastern Cape						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	1,8	2,0	-36	-98	25	0,24
Employed	2,5	2,5	5	-65	75	0,89
Unemployed	4,1	5,9	-41	-113	30	0,26
Not economically active	1,9	2,0	49	-12	110	0,12
Discouraged work-seekers	9,6	8,7	57	-17	132	0,13
Other (not economically active)	2,6	2,3	-8	-89	72	0,84
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	3,5	4,8	-1,3	-4,4	1,7	0,39
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,5	2,5	0,0	-1,6	1,7	0,98
Labour force participation rate	1,8	2,0	-1,0	-2,5	0,4	0,17
Eastern Cape – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	2,9	3,2	-32	-84	21	0,23
Employed	3,7	3,5	-5	-56	46	0,86
Unemployed	6,7	8,1	-27	-80	26	0,32
Not economically active	2,3	2,3	40	-12	92	0,14
Discouraged work-seekers	10,0	8,6	54	-14	122	0,12
Other (not economically active)	3,3	2,5	-14	-86	57	0,69
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,4	6,2	-1,2	-4,9	2,5	0,51
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,7	3,5	-0,2	-2,0	1,5	0,79
Labour force participation rate	2,9	3,2	-1,2	-3,0	0,6	0,19

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 2018	Apr-Jun 2018				
Eastern Cape – Buffalo City						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	3,2	4,2	-7	-24	10	0,41
Employed	4,8	6,0	1	-14	16	0,88
Unemployed	4,3	7,0	-8	-21	5	0,21
Not economically active	6,9	8,3	9	-8	26	0,32
Discouraged work-seekers	35,2	51,6	3	-27	33	0,84
Other (not economically active)	4,2	12,6	5	-20	31	0,68
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,1	7,4	-1,8	-5,1	1,5	0,29
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	4,8	6,0	0,1	-2,9	3,0	0,95
Labour force participation rate	3,2	4,2	-1,6	-4,9	1,7	0,35
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	2,1	2,1	2	-27	31	0,88
Employed	4,3	4,3	9	-37	54	0,71
Unemployed	2,4	11,9	-6	-53	40	0,79
Not economically active	4,5	4,5	1	-28	30	0,97
Discouraged work-seekers	94,2	96,0	0	-2	3	0,96
Other (not economically active)	4,7	4,4	1	-29	30	0,97
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,2	10,4	-1,3	-9,3	6,8	0,75
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	4,3	4,3	0,9	-4,7	6,5	0,75
Labour force participation rate	2,1	2,1	0,0	-3,5	3,6	0,98

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 2018	Apr-Jun 2018				
Northern Cape						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	3,4	4,0	-9	-37	19	0,52
Employed	6,4	7,3	-4	-39	32	0,84
Unemployed	9,3	6,7	-6	-21	10	0,48
Not economically active	4,5	5,2	11	-17	39	0,43
Discouraged work-seekers	12,2	7,3	10	1	19	0,03
Other (not economically active)	4,9	5,4	1	-26	28	0,94
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	10,2	9,2	-0,6	-4,9	3,6	0,76
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	6,4	7,3	-0,6	-5,0	3,9	0,80
Labour force participation rate	3,4	4,0	-1,3	-4,8	2,2	0,47
Free State						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	1,6	1,7	-10	-39	20	0,52
Employed	2,9	3,3	-26	-64	12	0,17
Unemployed	7,5	4,0	17	-23	56	0,41
Not economically active	2,9	3,0	12	-17	42	0,42
Discouraged work-seekers	13,4	10,2	14	-4	33	0,12
Other (not economically active)	3,2	2,8	-2	-35	30	0,89
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	6,6	4,3	1,7	-1,4	4,7	0,28
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,9	3,3	-1,4	-3,5	0,6	0,16
Labour force participation rate	1,6	1,7	-0,6	-2,2	1,0	0,45

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 2018	Apr-Jun 2018				
Free State – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	1,4	2,1	-21	-48	6	0,14
Employed	3,9	4,4	-28	-65	9	0,14
Unemployed	9,1	4,7	8	-29	44	0,68
Not economically active	2,3	3,2	21	-7	48	0,14
Discouraged work-seekers	14,1	10,8	17	1	33	0,04
Other (not economically active)	1,9	3,0	4	-24	32	0,78
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	8,4	5,4	1,8	-2,3	5,9	0,40
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,9	4,4	-2,1	-4,8	0,7	0,14
Labour force participation rate	1,4	2,1	-1,5	-3,5	0,5	0,14
Free State – Mangaung						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	4,3	3,0	11	-1	22	0,06
Employed	3,8	4,2	2	-5	8	0,56
Unemployed	13,0	7,6	9	-5	23	0,21
Not economically active	9,3	7,0	-8	-20	3	0,15
Discouraged work-seekers	41,8	24,3	-2	-11	7	0,62
Other (not economically active)	10,7	6,6	-6	-23	11	0,47
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	10,0	6,9	1,5	-1,6	4,7	0,35
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,8	4,2	0,1	-1,1	1,3	0,84
Labour force participation rate	4,3	3,0	1,7	-0,4	3,8	0,12

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 2018	Apr-Jun 2018				
KwaZulu-Natal						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	1,8	1,8	-19	-116	79	0,71
Employed	1,9	1,9	3	-71	76	0,94
Unemployed	6,2	5,7	-22	-90	47	0,54
Not economically active	1,7	1,6	46	-52	143	0,36
Discouraged work-seekers	7,5	7,6	36	-64	136	0,48
Other (not economically active)	1,8	2,0	10	-71	90	0,82
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,4	4,9	-0,5	-2,2	1,2	0,55
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,9	1,9	-0,1	-1,2	1,0	0,85
Labour force participation rate	1,8	1,8	-0,5	-1,9	0,9	0,52
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	2,8	2,8	-20	-106	65	0,64
Employed	3,0	3,0	-15	-79	50	0,66
Unemployed	8,8	8,8	-6	-61	49	0,83
Not economically active	1,9	1,9	41	-45	126	0,35
Discouraged work-seekers	8,3	8,8	11	-86	109	0,82
Other (not economically active)	2,2	2,4	29	-39	98	0,40
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	7,4	7,4	-0,1	-2,5	2,3	0,96
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,0	3,0	-0,5	-1,9	1,0	0,53
Labour force participation rate	2,8	2,8	-0,6	-2,5	1,3	0,51

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 2018	Apr-Jun 2018				
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekwini						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	1,8	2,0	2	-45	49	0,94
Employed	2,2	2,4	17	-21	56	0,37
Unemployed	8,3	5,2	-16	-57	26	0,46
Not economically active	3,1	3,3	5	-42	52	0,83
Discouraged work-seekers	15,3	9,9	25	1	49	0,04
Other (not economically active)	3,1	3,8	-20	-61	21	0,34
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	7,6	5,0	-1,1	-3,5	1,3	0,39
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,2	2,4	0,6	-1,0	2,2	0,47
Labour force participation rate	1,8	2,0	-0,1	-2,0	1,8	0,92
North West						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	2,7	3,3	-15	-71	41	0,61
Employed	3,4	3,9	-15	-57	28	0,49
Unemployed	7,5	7,9	0	-56	56	0,99
Not economically active	3,0	3,5	26	-31	82	0,37
Discouraged work-seekers	8,9	8,9	27	-17	71	0,23
Other (not economically active)	4,1	3,8	-1	-63	60	0,96
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	6,8	6,8	0,3	-3,2	3,8	0,86
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,4	3,9	-0,8	-2,4	0,9	0,38
Labour force participation rate	2,7	3,3	-0,8	-3,0	1,4	0,48

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 2018	Apr-Jun 2018				
Gauteng						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	0,9	0,8	97	-2	196	0,05
Employed	1,4	1,3	-14	-121	93	0,80
Unemployed	2,9	3,3	111	-9	231	0,07
Not economically active	2,0	2,0	-47	-146	52	0,35
Discouraged work-seekers	7,8	8,7	-17	-61	26	0,43
Other (not economically active)	1,7	1,9	-29	-121	63	0,53
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	2,7	3,0	1,2	-0,3	2,7	0,13
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,4	1,3	-0,4	-1,4	0,7	0,47
Labour force participation rate	0,9	0,8	0,6	-0,4	1,6	0,22
Gauteng – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	3,5	2,8	15	-22	53	0,42
Employed	4,6	3,2	8	-29	44	0,69
Unemployed	8,1	8,5	8	-33	49	0,71
Not economically active	5,8	4,8	-13	-50	25	0,52
Discouraged work-seekers	13,3	15,2	10	-4	23	0,16
Other (not economically active)	5,1	2,9	-22	-63	18	0,28
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	7,5	7,1	0,4	-3,9	4,7	0,85
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	4,6	3,2	0,5	-2,3	3,2	0,74
Labour force participation rate	3,5	2,8	1,0	-1,8	3,9	0,48

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 2018	Apr-Jun 2018				
Gauteng – Ekurhuleni						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	1,5	2,0	7	-53	66	0,82
Employed	3,1	2,7	-40	-79	-1	0,05
Unemployed	4,4	6,9	46	-21	114	0,18
Not economically active	3,8	4,9	3	-57	62	0,93
Discouraged work-seekers	12,9	12,7	17	-7	42	0,17
Other (not economically active)	3,9	5,4	-15	-61	31	0,53
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,8	5,8	2,4	-0,4	5,3	0,10
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,1	2,7	-1,7	-3,3	-0,2	0,03
Labour force participation rate	1,5	2,0	0,0	-2,3	2,3	1,00
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	1,2	1,1	15	-25	54	0,46
Employed	2,0	2,2	19	-47	86	0,57
Unemployed	5,1	6,0	-4	-66	57	0,89
Not economically active	3,7	3,2	9	-30	48	0,64
Discouraged work-seekers	22,1	21,1	-10	-33	13	0,39
Other (not economically active)	2,6	2,4	19	-21	60	0,35
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,7	5,6	-0,3	-2,5	1,8	0,78
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,0	2,2	0,2	-1,6	1,9	0,85
Labour force participation rate	1,2	1,1	-0,1	-1,1	1,0	0,87

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 2018	Apr-Jun 2018				
Gauteng – City of Tshwane						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	1,9	1,7	60	-3	123	0,06
Employed	2,4	2,0	-1	-66	65	0,98
Unemployed	6,2	5,4	61	-8	130	0,08
Not economically active	3,7	3,7	-46	-109	17	0,15
Discouraged work-seekers	13,5	20,1	-35	-59	-10	0,01
Other (not economically active)	3,4	4,0	-12	-73	50	0,71
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,5	4,6	2,7	-1,0	6,4	0,16
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,4	2,0	-0,3	-2,9	2,3	0,82
Labour force participation rate	1,9	1,7	2,0	-0,5	4,6	0,11
Mpumalanga						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	1,7	1,9	45	-4	94	0,07
Employed	2,9	2,5	15	-30	60	0,52
Unemployed	5,2	7,0	30	-24	84	0,27
Not economically active	2,8	3,2	-33	-82	16	0,19
Discouraged work-seekers	9,4	9,7	-39	-73	-5	0,02
Other (not economically active)	3,0	3,3	6	-41	53	0,80
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,9	5,8	0,9	-1,6	3,4	0,50
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,9	2,5	0,3	-1,2	1,9	0,67
Labour force participation rate	1,7	1,9	1,3	-0,4	3,0	0,14

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 2018	Apr-Jun 2018				
Limpopo						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	2,2	2,1	-19	-72	35	0,50
Employed	1,7	2,3	-4	-62	54	0,89
Unemployed	7,6	8,3	-14	-66	37	0,58
Not economically active	2,0	1,9	32	-22	85	0,25
Discouraged work-seekers	8,8	7,9	6	-48	59	0,84
Other (not economically active)	1,8	1,9	26	-39	91	0,43
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	6,1	7,5	-0,6	-3,3	2,1	0,66
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,7	2,3	-0,3	-1,8	1,3	0,75
Labour force participation rate	2,2	2,1	-0,7	-2,1	0,8	0,36

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 2018	Apr-Jun 2018				
Both sexes	0,7	0,7	-90	-274	94	0,34
Agriculture	3,8	4,1	-3	-51	45	0,90
Mining	7,6	5,8	38	-15	91	0,16
Manufacturing	3,1	2,6	-105	-191	-19	0,02
Utilities	12,9	12,0	18	-3	38	0,09
Construction	3,0	2,8	45	-37	127	0,28
Trade	2,0	2,0	-57	-176	62	0,35
Transport	3,3	3,4	54	-7	115	0,08
Finance	2,2	2,4	-3	-116	110	0,96
Community and social services	1,7	1,8	-93	-205	19	0,10
Private households	2,4	2,7	22	-41	84	0,50
Women	0,8	0,9	-88	-204	27	0,13
Agriculture	8,4	10,0	-7	-40	25	0,66
Mining	16,7	14,1	17	3	32	0,02
Manufacturing	4,9	4,2	-41	-87	6	0,09
Utilities	20,6	20,5	14	2	26	0,02
Construction	8,0	7,7	9	-16	33	0,49
Trade	2,6	2,5	-16	-86	54	0,66
Transport	7,7	7,3	10	-20	40	0,51
Finance	3,0	3,2	-7	-71	57	0,83
Community and social services	1,9	1,9	-81	-159	-4	0,04
Private households	2,7	2,9	14	-39	67	0,60
Men	0,9	0,8	-1	-131	129	0,98
Agriculture	4,2	4,6	4	-32	40	0,82
Mining	8,0	5,8	21	-32	73	0,44
Manufacturing	3,3	3,0	-64	-131	2	0,06
Utilities	13,9	12,4	3	-14	21	0,70
Construction	3,2	3,0	36	-39	111	0,34
Trade	2,7	2,7	-41	-124	43	0,34
Transport	3,7	3,8	44	-10	98	0,11
Finance	3,0	3,0	4	-81	89	0,92
Community and social services	2,9	2,7	-12	-78	54	0,73
Private households	5,6	5,9	7	-28	43	0,69

Table 3.4A: Sampling variability for the employed by province and sector

	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-Value
	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018				
South Africa	0,7	0,7	-90	-274	94	0,34
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1,0	0,9	-35	-210	140	0,69
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	2,1	2,1	-73	-198	52	0,25
Agriculture	3,8	4,1	-3	-51	45	0,90
Private households	2,4	2,7	22	-41	84	0,50
Western Cape	1,4	1,5	-50	-127	27	0,21
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,3	1,8	-6	-94	81	0,89
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,4	7,2	-13	-61	36	0,61
Agriculture	5,4	6,9	-27	-51	-3	0,03
Private households	7,5	6,9	-4	-32	24	0,77
Western Cape – Non-metro	2,4	2,4	-65	-96	-34	0,00
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,0	3,4	-19	-59	22	0,36
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	18,7	13,4	-8	-47	32	0,71
Agriculture	5,0	7,0	-31	-53	-9	0,01
Private households	14,8	11,4	-7	-29	14	0,49
Western Cape – City of Cape Town	1,7	1,9	15	-53	83	0,66
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,7	2,3	12	-65	89	0,75
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	5,5	8,4	-5	-32	22	0,72
Agriculture	33,3	29,9	4	-6	14	0,39
Private households	7,9	8,8	3	-15	21	0,71
Eastern Cape	2,5	2,5	5	-65	75	0,89
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,1	3,3	-1	-59	58	0,98
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,3	6,5	3	-38	43	0,90
Agriculture	19,2	14,7	6	-13	26	0,53
Private households	8,5	10,5	-3	-23	17	0,75
Eastern Cape – Non-metro	3,7	3,5	-5	-56	46	0,86
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,6	5,2	-14	-58	30	0,54
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,7	8,2	-9	-44	27	0,63
Agriculture	20,6	15,5	10	-7	27	0,24
Private households	10,5	12,9	8	-10	26	0,40

Table 3.4A: Sampling variability for the employed by province and sector

	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-Value
	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018				
Eastern Cape – Buffalo City	4,8	6,0	1	-14	16	0,88
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,4	4,4	4	-14	22	0,68
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	24,4	16,5	5	-5	15	0,33
Agriculture	63,8	52,9	-5	-14	4	0,32
Private households	19,9	10,9	-3	-9	3	0,31
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay	4,3	4,3	9	-37	54	0,71
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	6,4	6,5	9	-26	44	0,60
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	20,4	14,4	6	-9	22	0,43
Agriculture	101,6	41,5	1	-4	6	0,71
Private households	17,2	24,6	-8	-13	-3	0,00
Northern Cape	6,4	7,3	-4	-39	32	0,84
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	7,8	9,1	1	-21	22	0,95
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	17,2	17,9	0	-12	11	0,95
Agriculture	13,1	14,2	-4	-13	5	0,38
Private households	12,8	23,3	0	-9	9	0,98
Free State	2,9	3,3	-26	-64	12	0,17
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,9	4,6	-17	-43	10	0,22
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	6,7	8,7	4	-24	32	0,77
Agriculture	4,9	12,7	-20	-37	-4	0,02
Private households	9,0	7,7	7	-3	17	0,19
Free State – Non-metro	3,9	4,4	-28	-65	9	0,14
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	6,2	5,2	-13	-31	6	0,18
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	9,0	11,8	4	-20	27	0,77
Agriculture	4,9	12,8	-20	-37	-4	0,02
Private households	12,1	10,9	1	-5	8	0,68
Free State – Mangaung	3,8	4,2	2	-5	8	0,56
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	7,8	8,5	-4	-23	15	0,67
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	9,3	11,0	1	-14	15	0,93
Agriculture	98,6	101,0	0	-2	2	0,91
Private households	12,2	9,6	5	-2	13	0,17

Table 3.4A: Sampling variability for the employed by province and sector

	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-Value
	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018				
KwaZulu-Natal	1,9	1,9	3	-71	76	0,94
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,3	2,8	-8	-83	67	0,83
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	5,6	6,2	4	-52	60	0,90
Agriculture	13,3	13,0	7	-7	21	0,30
Private households	6,4	5,4	0	-23	24	0,99
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro	3,0	3,0	-15	-79	50	0,66
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,1	4,9	-26	-95	42	0,45
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,7	8,5	3	-51	57	0,92
Agriculture	13,5	13,3	6	-7	20	0,36
Private households	9,0	8,4	2	-13	18	0,76
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekweni	2,2	2,4	17	-21	56	0,37
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,1	3,0	18	-16	52	0,30
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	6,6	7,7	1	-15	17	0,92
Agriculture	59,5	57,3	1	-1	2	0,24
Private households	9,2	6,7	-2	-20	15	0,80
North West	3,4	3,9	-15	-57	28	0,49
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,9	4,5	-23	-68	22	0,32
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	9,0	6,6	5	-17	27	0,68
Agriculture	14,8	26,1	-4	-18	11	0,61
Private households	12,9	11,3	7	-8	22	0,34
Gauteng	1,4	1,3	-14	-121	93	0,80
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1,8	1,7	18	-80	116	0,72
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	4,3	3,8	-38	-105	29	0,27
Agriculture	16,7	18,7	4	-7	14	0,49
Private households	4,5	5,4	2	-34	39	0,91
Gauteng – Non-metro	4,6	3,2	8	-29	44	0,69
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	6,2	3,8	25	-5	56	0,10
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,2	10,5	-4	-30	22	0,77
Agriculture	20,2	27,0	2	-4	7	0,54
Private households	9,8	14,6	-16	-34	3	0,10

Table 3.4A: Sampling variability for the employed by province and sector

	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-Value
	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018				
Gauteng – Ekurhuleni	3,1	2,7	-40	-79	-1	0,05
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,5	3,6	-24	-85	37	0,45
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	5,6	10,6	-23	-49	4	0,09
Agriculture	74,3	56,4	3	-2	8	0,30
Private households	8,3	11,5	4	-13	21	0,64
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg	2,0	2,2	19	-47	86	0,57
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,8	3,2	1	-58	60	0,97
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,3	3,3	8	-37	53	0,72
Agriculture	60,7	101,2	-2	-5	1	0,26
Private households	8,6	9,4	11	-11	34	0,32
Gauteng – City of Tshwane	2,4	2,0	-1	-66	65	0,98
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,4	1,9	15	-23	54	0,43
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	12,6	13,4	-19	-52	13	0,24
Agriculture	36,3	19,3	1	-6	8	0,77
Private households	8,6	6,7	2	-13	18	0,76
Mpumalanga	2,9	2,5	15	-30	60	0,52
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,5	3,9	21	-22	65	0,34
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,2	6,4	-13	-50	24	0,48
Agriculture	9,6	5,6	7	-8	23	0,36
Private households	8,3	7,6	-1	-14	13	0,94
Limpopo	1,7	2,3	-4	-62	54	0,89
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,3	3,0	-20	-58	18	0,29
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	4,3	5,1	-24	-64	16	0,24
Agriculture	11,2	10,5	27	9	45	0,00
Private households	7,6	10,6	13	-8	34	0,21

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 2018	Apr-Jun 2018				
Both sexes	0,7	0,7	-90	-274	94	0,34
Manager	3,4	3,3	-6	-82	70	0,88
Professional	4,0	4,4	5	-64	74	0,89
Technician	3,0	2,8	33	-46	112	0,41
Clerk	2,6	2,4	-41	-121	38	0,31
Sales and services	2,2	2,1	-57	-158	43	0,26
Skilled agriculture	15,1	14,4	1	-16	18	0,90
Craft and related trade	2,5	2,5	13	-81	108	0,79
Plant and machine operator	2,7	3,0	5	-69	79	0,89
Elementary	1,7	1,7	-48	-179	83	0,47
Domestic worker	2,8	2,9	5	-46	56	0,85
Women	0,8	0,9	-88	-204	27	0,13
Manager	6,2	5,7	13	-32	58	0,58
Professional	4,8	5,7	-14	-58	29	0,52
Technician	4,0	3,8	30	-32	92	0,35
Clerk	2,8	2,8	-31	-98	36	0,37
Sales and services	2,8	3,0	-57	-126	11	0,10
Skilled agriculture	27,5	27,6	3	-7	12	0,58
Craft and related trade	7,0	7,0	4	-25	33	0,78
Plant and machine operator	7,7	7,7	12	-13	36	0,35
Elementary	2,2	2,7	-65	-139	9	0,09
Domestic worker	2,8	3,0	18	-34	70	0,50
Men	0,9	0,8	-1	-131	129	0,98
Manager	3,3	3,3	-19	-72	34	0,49
Professional	5,0	5,3	19	-24	62	0,38
Technician	4,0	4,0	3	-49	55	0,91
Clerk	4,8	4,9	-11	-55	33	0,63
Sales and services	2,7	2,7	0	-68	68	1,00
Skilled agriculture	16,9	15,0	-1	-16	13	0,84
Craft and related trade	2,7	2,5	9	-80	98	0,85
Plant and machine operator	3,0	3,2	-7	-78	65	0,86
Elementary	2,3	2,3	17	-86	120	0,74
Domestic worker	17,2	20,7	-13	-29	3	0,12

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 2017	Apr-Jun 2018								
Both sexes										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour Force	0,5	0,5	94	-188	375	0,51				
Employed	0,7	0,7	188	-102	478	0,20				
Formal sector (non-agriculture)	0,9	0,9	127	-148	402	0,37				
Informal sector (non-agriculture)	2,1	2,1	68	-74	210	0,35				
Agriculture	4,2	4,1	8	-66	82	0,83				
Private households	2,7	2,7	-15	-112	82	0,76				
Unemployed	1,6	1,8	-94	-349	160	0,47				
Not economically active	0,8	0,7	521	239	803	0,00				
Discouraged work-seekers	3,9	3,5	503	294	713	0,00				
Other (not economically active)	0,8	0,8	17	-228	263	0,89				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	1,4	1,6	-0,5	-1,6	0,5	0,31				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,7	0,7	-0,2	-1,0	0,6	0,60				
Labour force participation rate	0,5	0,5	-0,7	-1,5	0,0	0,06				
Women										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour Force	0,8	0,7	34	-156	224	0,73				
Employed	1,0	0,9	56	-130	242	0,56				
Formal sector (non-agriculture)	1,3	1,4	47	-131	225	0,60				
Informal sector (non-agriculture)	3,0	3,2	16	-73	105	0,72				
Agriculture	7,7	10,0	14	-27	55	0,51				
Private households	2,9	2,9	-21	-103	61	0,61				
Unemployed	2,0	2,2	-22	-176	132	0,78				
Not economically active	0,9	0,8	260	70	450	0,01				
Discouraged work-seekers	4,4	3,7	305	173	438	0,00				
Other (not economically active)	0,9	0,9	-46	-217	126	0,60				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	1,7	1,9	-0,3	-1,7	1,1	0,65				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,0	0,9	-0,3	-1,3	0,7	0,57				
Labour force participation rate	0,8	0,7	-0,7	-1,7	0,4	0,21				

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 2017	Apr-Jun 2018								
Men										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour Force	0,6	0,6	60	-120	240	0,51				
Employed	0,8	0,8	132	-67	331	0,19				
Formal sector (non-agriculture)	1,1	1,1	80	-107	267	0,40				
Informal sector (non-agriculture)	2,5	2,4	52	-56	160	0,34				
Agriculture	4,1	4,6	-6	-68	57	0,86				
Private households	6,3	5,9	6	-45	57	0,82				
Unemployed	2,0	2,2	-72	-239	94	0,39				
Not economically active	1,1	1,1	261	81	441	0,01				
Discouraged work-seekers	4,5	4,4	198	69	327	0,00				
Other (not economically active)	1,2	1,1	63	-87	212	0,41				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	1,9	2,0	-0,7	-2,0	0,6	0,27				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,8	0,8	-0,1	-1,2	0,9	0,81				
Labour force participation rate	0,6	0,6	-0,8	-1,8	0,2	0,10				

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 2017	Apr-Jun 2018				
South Africa						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	0,5	0,5	94	-188	375	0,51
Employed	0,7	0,7	188	-102	478	0,20
Unemployed	1,6	1,8	-94	-349	160	0,47
Not economically active	0,8	0,7	521	239	803	0,00
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,4	1,6	-0,5	-1,6	0,5	0,31
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	0,7	0,7	-0,2	-1,0	0,6	0,60
Labour force participation rate	0,5	0,5	-0,7	-1,5	0,0	0,06
Black/African						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	0,6	0,6	5	-245	255	0,97
Employed	0,8	0,8	147	-111	404	0,26
Unemployed	1,8	2,0	-142	-384	100	0,25
Not economically active	0,9	0,8	597	347	847	0,00
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,5	1,7	-0,8	-2,1	0,4	0,20
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	0,8	0,8	-0,3	-1,2	0,5	0,47
Labour force participation rate	0,6	0,6	-1,2	-2,0	-0,3	0,01
Coloured						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	1,5	1,2	102	17	188	0,02
Employed	1,6	1,7	85	9	161	0,03
Unemployed	5,0	4,2	17	-30	65	0,47
Not economically active	2,5	2,2	-65	-151	20	0,13
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,3	4,0	-0,3	-2,2	1,6	0,76
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	1,6	1,7	2,0	-0,3	4,2	0,09
Labour force participation rate	1,5	1,2	2,3	-0,2	4,8	0,07

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 2017	Apr-Jun 2018				
Indian/Asian						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	2,6	2,3	4	-27	36	0,80
Employed	2,9	1,9	21	-12	54	0,21
Unemployed	12,3	15,1	-17	-36	2	0,08
Not economically active	4,1	3,6	5	-27	36	0,77
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	11,6	13,6	-2,9	-6,0	0,2	0,07
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	2,9	1,9	1,6	-1,7	4,9	0,33
Labour force participation rate	2,6	2,3	-0,1	-3,3	3,0	0,94
White						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	1,5	1,7	-18	-92	57	0,64
Employed	1,8	2,0	-65	-142	12	0,10
Unemployed	10,4	11,5	47	2	93	0,04
Not economically active	3,2	3,5	-15	-89	59	0,69
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	10,6	11,4	2,4	0,2	4,6	0,03
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	1,8	2,0	-1,5	-4,0	1,1	0,26
Labour force participation rate	1,5	1,7	0,2	-2,3	2,6	0,90

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 2017	Apr-Jun 2018								
South Africa										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour Force	0,5	0,5	94	-188	375	0,51				
Employed	0,7	0,7	188	-102	478	0,20				
Unemployed	1,6	1,8	-94	-349	160	0,47				
Not economically active	0,8	0,7	521	239	803	0,00				
Discouraged work-seekers	3,9	3,5	503	294	713	0,00				
Other (not economically active)	0,8	0,8	17	-228	263	0,89				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	1,4	1,6	-0,5	-1,6	0,5	0,31				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,7	0,7	-0,2	-1,0	0,6	0,60				
Labour force participation rate	0,5	0,5	-0,7	-1,5	0,0	0,06				
Western Cape										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour Force	1,6	1,2	96	-27	219	0,13				
Employed	2,1	1,5	77	-44	198	0,21				
Unemployed	5,3	4,2	19	-66	104	0,66				
Not economically active	3,3	2,6	-5	-128	118	0,94				
Discouraged work-seekers	19,0	15,8	-35	-70	-1	0,05				
Other (not economically active)	3,1	2,8	31	-91	152	0,62				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	5,1	3,9	0,0	-2,6	2,6	0,98				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,1	1,5	0,6	-2,1	3,3	0,66				
Labour force participation rate	1,6	1,2	0,8	-2,0	3,5	0,59				

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 2017	Apr-Jun 2018				
Western Cape – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	2,8	1,8	37	-17	91	0,18
Employed	3,3	2,4	4	-45	53	0,89
Unemployed	11,3	7,5	34	-6	74	0,10
Not economically active	5,3	3,4	-1	-55	53	0,97
Discouraged work-seekers	22,5	18,2	-32	-64	0	0,05
Other (not economically active)	5,1	3,5	31	-17	79	0,21
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	10,5	7,2	2,5	-0,9	5,9	0,15
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,3	2,4	-1,0	-4,0	2,1	0,53
Labour force participation rate	2,8	1,8	0,8	-2,5	4,2	0,63
Western Cape – City of Cape Town						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	1,9	1,7	59	-56	174	0,31
Employed	2,6	1,9	74	-39	186	0,20
Unemployed	6,0	5,1	-14	-90	61	0,71
Not economically active	4,4	3,9	-4	-118	111	0,95
Discouraged work-seekers	33,4	30,3	-3	-17	10	0,62
Other (not economically active)	4,0	4,1	0	-113	113	1,00
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,8	4,5	-1,4	-4,9	2,2	0,45
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,6	1,9	1,5	-2,4	5,5	0,45
Labour force participation rate	1,9	1,7	0,7	-3,3	4,7	0,73

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 2017	Apr-Jun 2018								
Eastern Cape										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour Force	1,7	2,0	-27	-117	64	0,56				
Employed	2,5	2,5	-13	-115	89	0,80				
Unemployed	5,1	5,9	-13	-124	97	0,81				
Not economically active	1,8	2,0	76	-14	167	0,10				
Discouraged work-seekers	10,6	8,7	59	-17	135	0,13				
Other (not economically active)	2,2	2,3	18	-75	110	0,71				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	4,4	4,8	-0,2	-4,8	4,4	0,94				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,5	2,5	-0,7	-3,1	1,7	0,56				
Labour force participation rate	1,7	2,0	-1,2	-3,4	0,9	0,26				
Eastern Cape – Non-metro										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour Force	2,6	3,2	-38	-113	37	0,32				
Employed	3,3	3,5	-18	-95	59	0,65				
Unemployed	6,2	8,1	-20	-85	46	0,56				
Not economically active	2,1	2,3	70	-5	145	0,07				
Discouraged work-seekers	10,9	8,6	47	-21	115	0,17				
Other (not economically active)	2,5	2,5	23	-42	88	0,49				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	5,0	6,2	-0,5	-5,3	4,3	0,84				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,3	3,5	-0,9	-3,6	1,7	0,49				
Labour force participation rate	2,6	3,2	-1,8	-4,4	0,8	0,18				

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 2017	Apr-Jun 2018				
Eastern Cape – Buffalo City						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	2,7	4,2	-14	-33	6	0,17
Employed	4,9	6,0	-8	-30	13	0,43
Unemployed	12,2	7,0	-5	-34	23	0,72
Not economically active	6,4	8,3	19	0	39	0,05
Discouraged work-seekers	60,1	51,6	14	-21	48	0,43
Other (not economically active)	7,8	12,6	5	-44	55	0,83
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	11,3	7,4	-0,4	-7,5	6,8	0,92
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	4,9	6,0	-2,2	-6,4	2,0	0,30
Labour force participation rate	2,7	4,2	-3,5	-7,3	0,4	0,08
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	2,8	2,1	25	-22	72	0,30
Employed	5,7	4,3	13	-50	76	0,68
Unemployed	11,5	11,9	12	-71	94	0,78
Not economically active	5,5	4,5	-13	-60	34	0,58
Discouraged work-seekers	54,8	96,0	-2	-7	2	0,25
Other (not economically active)	5,1	4,4	-11	-54	33	0,63
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	10,6	10,4	0,6	-13,0	14,1	0,94
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	5,7	4,3	1,0	-6,8	8,8	0,80
Labour force participation rate	2,8	2,1	2,1	-3,7	7,9	0,48

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 2017	Apr-Jun 2018								
Northern Cape										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour Force	3,3	4,0	27	2	52	0,04				
Employed	5,9	7,3	26	-5	57	0,10				
Unemployed	4,6	6,7	1	-15	16	0,91				
Not economically active	3,8	5,2	-18	-43	7	0,17				
Discouraged work-seekers	10,9	7,3	-21	-40	-3	0,03				
Other (not economically active)	3,8	5,4	3	-27	34	0,83				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	6,8	9,2	-1,6	-5,7	2,4	0,43				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	5,9	7,3	2,8	-1,1	6,7	0,15				
Labour force participation rate	3,3	4,0	2,8	-0,4	5,9	0,09				
Free State										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour Force	1,4	1,7	18	-35	72	0,51				
Employed	3,3	3,3	11	-51	74	0,72				
Unemployed	4,2	4,0	7	-27	41	0,70				
Not economically active	2,4	3,0	-9	-62	45	0,75				
Discouraged work-seekers	9,8	10,2	-2	-22	18	0,83				
Other (not economically active)	3,1	2,8	-6	-61	48	0,82				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	4,6	4,3	0,0	-3,2	3,2	0,99				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,3	3,3	0,4	-2,9	3,7	0,81				
Labour force participation rate	1,4	1,7	0,6	-2,2	3,5	0,66				

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 2017	Apr-Jun 2018				
Free State – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	1,9	2,1	6	-46	58	0,83
Employed	4,0	4,4	-5	-63	54	0,88
Unemployed	5,2	4,7	10	-14	34	0,41
Not economically active	2,8	3,2	-6	-58	46	0,82
Discouraged work-seekers	10,0	10,8	7	-12	26	0,47
Other (not economically active)	3,8	3,0	-13	-65	39	0,62
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,6	5,4	1,0	-2,8	4,8	0,61
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	4,0	4,4	-0,3	-4,7	4,0	0,88
Labour force participation rate	1,9	2,1	0,4	-3,4	4,3	0,83
Free State – Mangaung						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	2,2	3,0	12	2	23	0,02
Employed	5,6	4,2	16	-5	37	0,14
Unemployed	7,1	7,6	-4	-28	20	0,77
Not economically active	4,9	7,0	-3	-13	8	0,61
Discouraged work-seekers	29,4	24,3	-9	-15	-3	0,00
Other (not economically active)	4,4	6,6	6	-8	21	0,38
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	8,2	6,9	-2,0	-8,2	4,1	0,52
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	5,6	4,2	2,1	-1,8	6,0	0,29
Labour force participation rate	2,2	3,0	1,1	-0,8	2,9	0,27

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 2017	Apr-Jun 2018								
KwaZulu-Natal										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour Force	2,1	1,8	-48	-207	111	0,55				
Employed	1,9	1,9	36	-94	166	0,58				
Unemployed	5,6	5,7	-84	-172	3	0,06				
Not economically active	2,0	1,6	156	-4	315	0,06				
Discouraged work-seekers	8,3	7,6	211	73	349	0,00				
Other (not economically active)	2,0	2,0	-55	-190	80	0,42				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	4,3	4,9	-2,2	-4,3	0,0	0,05				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,9	1,9	-0,1	-1,9	1,8	0,95				
Labour force participation rate	2,1	1,8	-1,4	-3,7	0,9	0,22				
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour Force	3,4	2,8	-49	-188	91	0,49				
Employed	3,2	3,0	-2	-112	108	0,97				
Unemployed	8,5	8,8	-47	-128	35	0,26				
Not economically active	2,5	1,9	129	-11	268	0,07				
Discouraged work-seekers	9,8	8,8	196	62	330	0,00				
Other (not economically active)	2,5	2,4	-67	-182	47	0,25				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	6,5	7,4	-1,9	-5,4	1,7	0,31				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,2	3,0	-0,6	-3,0	1,8	0,63				
Labour force participation rate	3,4	2,8	-1,8	-4,9	1,3	0,25				

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 2017	Apr-Jun 2018								
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekwini										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour Force	1,9	2,0	1	-80	82	0,99				
Employed	1,9	2,4	38	-36	113	0,31				
Unemployed	5,9	5,2	-38	-70	-6	0,02				
Not economically active	3,2	3,3	27	-54	108	0,51				
Discouraged work-seekers	10,3	9,9	15	-14	44	0,31				
Other (not economically active)	3,1	3,8	12	-64	88	0,76				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	4,9	5,0	-2,5	-4,5	-0,6	0,01				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,9	2,4	1,0	-2,1	4,1	0,52				
Labour force participation rate	1,9	2,0	-0,7	-4,0	2,7	0,69				
North West										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour Force	3,3	3,3	-20	-126	87	0,72				
Employed	3,4	3,9	-1	-90	88	0,99				
Unemployed	8,8	7,9	-19	-81	43	0,55				
Not economically active	3,8	3,5	63	-43	170	0,24				
Discouraged work-seekers	10,3	8,9	54	-5	113	0,07				
Other (not economically active)	3,3	3,8	9	-80	98	0,84				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	7,1	6,8	-1,0	-4,9	2,9	0,61				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,4	3,9	-0,7	-4,2	2,8	0,70				
Labour force participation rate	3,3	3,3	-1,7	-5,9	2,5	0,43				

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 2017	Apr-Jun 2018								
Gauteng										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour Force	0,7	0,8	-7	-146	132	0,93				
Employed	1,2	1,3	5	-159	168	0,96				
Unemployed	2,4	3,3	-11	-175	152	0,89				
Not economically active	1,8	2,0	209	70	348	0,00				
Discouraged work-seekers	9,7	8,7	176	86	266	0,00				
Other (not economically active)	1,9	1,9	33	-87	154	0,59				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	2,3	3,0	-0,1	-2,2	2,0	0,90				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,2	1,3	-1,0	-2,6	0,7	0,25				
Labour force participation rate	0,7	0,8	-1,5	-2,9	-0,1	0,03				
Gauteng – Non-metro										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour Force	2,6	2,8	-26	-83	32	0,38				
Employed	3,6	3,2	11	-33	55	0,61				
Unemployed	6,3	8,5	-37	-82	8	0,11				
Not economically active	5,1	4,8	38	-20	95	0,20				
Discouraged work-seekers	9,8	15,2	61	28	94	0,00				
Other (not economically active)	4,7	2,9	-24	-58	11	0,18				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	5,7	7,1	-3,4	-7,6	0,9	0,12				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,6	3,2	0,4	-2,9	3,7	0,79				
Labour force participation rate	2,6	2,8	-2,5	-6,8	1,8	0,25				

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 2017	Apr-Jun 2018								
Gauteng – Ekurhuleni										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour Force	1,9	2,0	-9	-85	68	0,83				
Employed	3,1	2,7	-46	-126	34	0,26				
Unemployed	5,2	6,9	37	-28	103	0,26				
Not economically active	5,1	4,9	46	-30	123	0,24				
Discouraged work-seekers	18,3	12,7	31	6	57	0,02				
Other (not economically active)	4,8	5,4	15	-61	91	0,70				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	5,1	5,8	2,2	-1,1	5,5	0,19				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,1	2,7	-2,6	-5,7	0,6	0,11				
Labour force participation rate	1,9	2,0	-1,4	-4,4	1,6	0,36				
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour Force	0,8	1,1	58	-15	130	0,12				
Employed	1,8	2,2	86	-37	208	0,17				
Unemployed	3,9	6,0	-28	-155	99	0,67				
Not economically active	2,5	3,2	38	-35	111	0,30				
Discouraged work-seekers	26,4	21,1	23	-30	76	0,40				
Other (not economically active)	2,9	2,4	15	-48	78	0,63				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	3,8	5,6	-1,6	-5,9	2,7	0,47				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,8	2,2	0,9	-2,3	4,2	0,58				
Labour force participation rate	0,8	1,1	-0,4	-2,3	1,6	0,70				

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 2017	Apr-Jun 2018								
Gauteng – City of Tshwane										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour Force	1,0	1,7	-30	-102	42	0,42				
Employed	2,1	2,0	-46	-108	16	0,15				
Unemployed	4,7	5,4	16	-58	91	0,67				
Not economically active	2,5	3,7	87	15	159	0,02				
Discouraged work-seekers	18,4	20,1	61	2	119	0,04				
Other (not economically active)	3,0	4,0	26	-40	93	0,44				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	4,6	4,6	1,4	-2,3	5,1	0,45				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,1	2,0	-3,0	-5,6	-0,5	0,02				
Labour force participation rate	1,0	1,7	-2,8	-5,7	0,1	0,06				
Mpumalanga										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour Force	1,9	1,9	26	-33	86	0,38				
Employed	2,7	2,5	0	-77	77	1,00				
Unemployed	4,5	7,0	26	-61	113	0,55				
Not economically active	3,2	3,2	22	-38	81	0,47				
Discouraged work-seekers	15,5	9,7	-6	-52	40	0,79				
Other (not economically active)	3,6	3,3	28	-43	99	0,44				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	4,1	5,8	1,0	-3,4	5,3	0,66				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,7	2,5	-0,7	-3,4	2,0	0,61				
Labour force participation rate	1,9	1,9	-0,1	-2,2	1,9	0,90				

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 2017	Apr-Jun 2018								
Limpopo										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour Force	2,5	2,1	27	-62	116	0,55				
Employed	2,4	2,3	47	-50	143	0,34				
Unemployed	8,2	8,3	-20	-75	36	0,49				
Not economically active	2,3	1,9	26	-63	115	0,57				
Discouraged work-seekers	9,3	7,9	69	6	131	0,03				
Other (not economically active)	2,7	1,9	-43	-125	40	0,31				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	6,8	7,5	-1,4	-4,5	1,7	0,37				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,4	2,3	0,7	-1,9	3,3	0,59				
Labour force participation rate	2,5	2,1	0,1	-2,4	2,5	0,97				

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 2017	Apr-Jun 2018				
Both sexes	0,7	0,7	188	-102	478	0,20
Agriculture	4,2	4,1	8	-66	82	0,83
Mining	7,2	5,8	1	-66	69	0,97
Manufacturing	2,7	2,6	-55	-174	64	0,36
Utilities	12,1	12,0	13	-27	53	0,53
Construction	3,0	2,8	80	-27	188	0,14
Trade	1,9	2,0	-46	-227	135	0,62
Transport	3,2	3,4	60	-29	150	0,19
Finance	2,6	2,4	4	-147	155	0,96
Community and social services	1,9	1,8	132	-29	294	0,11
Private households	2,7	2,7	-15	-112	82	0,76
Women	1,0	0,9	56	-130	242	0,56
Agriculture	7,7	10,0	14	-27	55	0,51
Mining	12,2	14,1	-1	-21	19	0,91
Manufacturing	4,3	4,2	-19	-86	47	0,57
Utilities	20,7	20,5	17	-2	35	0,07
Construction	8,1	7,7	-17	-54	20	0,36
Trade	2,3	2,5	-42	-142	58	0,41
Transport	8,2	7,3	32	-7	72	0,11
Finance	3,8	3,2	16	-78	110	0,74
Community and social services	2,2	1,9	74	-43	192	0,21
Private households	2,9	2,9	-21	-103	61	0,61
Men	0,8	0,8	132	-67	331	0,19
Agriculture	4,1	4,6	-6	-68	57	0,86
Mining	7,4	5,8	2	-62	67	0,94
Manufacturing	3,1	3,0	-36	-135	63	0,47
Utilities	11,9	12,4	-4	-37	30	0,83
Construction	3,1	3,0	98	-1	196	0,05
Trade	2,7	2,7	-4	-137	129	0,95
Transport	3,6	3,8	28	-46	102	0,46
Finance	3,1	3,0	-12	-126	103	0,84
Community and social services	2,8	2,7	58	-42	158	0,26
Private households	6,3	5,9	6	-45	57	0,82

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 2017	Apr-Jun 2018				
South Africa	0,7	0,7	188	-102	478	0,20
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	0,9	0,9	127	-148	402	0,37
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	2,1	2,1	68	-74	210	0,35
Agriculture	4,2	4,1	8	-66	82	0,83
Private households	2,7	2,7	-15	-112	82	0,76
Western Cape	2,1	1,5	77	-44	198	0,21
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,6	1,8	42	-75	158	0,48
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	6,5	7,2	24	-20	67	0,28
Agriculture	4,3	6,9	2	-31	34	0,92
Private households	10,5	6,9	10	-30	50	0,62
Western Cape – Non-metro	3,3	2,4	4	-45	53	0,89
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	5,5	3,4	-8	-64	47	0,77
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	12,1	13,4	12	-23	47	0,51
Agriculture	3,8	7,0	-3	-33	26	0,82
Private households	16,5	11,4	4	-17	24	0,73
Western Cape – City of Cape Town	2,6	1,9	74	-39	186	0,20
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,9	2,3	50	-55	154	0,35
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,6	8,4	12	-13	37	0,35
Agriculture	27,1	29,9	5	-10	20	0,49
Private households	13,4	8,8	7	-28	41	0,70
Eastern Cape	2,5	2,5	-13	-115	89	0,80
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,7	3,3	-22	-103	59	0,59
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,9	6,5	-3	-62	56	0,91
Agriculture	16,9	14,7	7	-15	30	0,52
Private households	8,4	10,5	5	-24	33	0,74
Eastern Cape – Non-metro	3,3	3,5	-18	-95	59	0,65
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,4	5,2	-29	-96	38	0,39
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	8,9	8,2	-8	-64	48	0,79
Agriculture	17,7	15,5	10	-10	30	0,34
Private households	12,4	12,9	9	-11	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 2017	Apr-Jun 2018				
Eastern Cape – Buffalo City	4,9	6,0	-8	-30	13	0,43
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,8	4,4	7	-12	26	0,46
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	19,5	16,5	-11	-24	1	0,07
Agriculture	64,2	52,9	-4	-11	4	0,34
Private households	20,5	10,9	-1	-8	6	0,80
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay	5,7	4,3	13	-50	76	0,68
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	5,0	6,5	0	-43	42	0,99
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	25,7	14,4	16	0	31	0,05
Agriculture	100,4	41,5	1	-4	6	0,70
Private households	11,9	24,6	-3	-22	15	0,74
Northern Cape	5,9	7,3	26	-5	57	0,10
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	9,5	9,1	33	4	62	0,03
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	5,4	17,9	-11	-20	-3	0,01
Agriculture	34,3	14,2	8	-22	39	0,59
Private households	14,3	23,3	-4	-16	8	0,48
Free State	3,3	3,3	11	-51	74	0,72
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,0	4,6	20	-16	56	0,27
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	12,0	8,7	12	-25	50	0,51
Agriculture	14,9	12,7	-8	-37	20	0,56
Private households	11,6	7,7	-13	-39	13	0,34
Free State – Non-metro	4,0	4,4	-5	-63	54	0,88
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	5,9	5,2	4	-22	31	0,74
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	16,5	11,8	8	-24	40	0,61
Agriculture	15,2	12,8	-8	-36	21	0,60
Private households	10,0	10,9	-10	-22	3	0,14
Free State – Mangaung	5,6	4,2	16	-5	37	0,14
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,2	8,5	16	-9	40	0,21
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	13,4	11,0	4	-15	23	0,66
Agriculture	7,0	101,0	-1	-2	1	0,35
Private households	27,5	9,6	-3	-26	20	0,78

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 2017	Apr-Jun 2018				
KwaZulu-Natal	1,9	1,9	36	-94	166	0,58
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,3	2,8	31	-103	165	0,65
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	4,9	6,2	15	-46	76	0,63
Agriculture	9,5	13,0	-1	-21	19	0,89
Private households	5,3	5,4	-8	-41	25	0,63
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro	3,2	3,0	-2	-112	108	0,97
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,1	4,9	-9	-118	100	0,87
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	6,0	8,5	20	-35	75	0,47
Agriculture	9,6	13,3	0	-20	19	0,97
Private households	8,1	8,4	-13	-40	14	0,36
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekwini	1,9	2,4	38	-36	113	0,31
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,4	3,0	40	-43	123	0,34
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	8,2	7,7	-5	-31	20	0,68
Agriculture	51,0	57,3	-1	-6	4	0,69
Private households	6,6	6,7	5	-13	23	0,61
North West	3,4	3,9	-1	-90	88	0,99
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,4	4,5	13	-56	82	0,72
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	8,5	6,6	9	-17	36	0,49
Agriculture	14,6	26,1	-10	-28	7	0,26
Private households	11,4	11,3	-13	-36	10	0,27
Gauteng	1,2	1,3	5	-159	168	0,96
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1,6	1,7	-9	-174	156	0,92
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	4,2	3,8	24	-56	103	0,56
Agriculture	18,2	18,7	-2	-16	13	0,82
Private households	4,7	5,4	-9	-63	46	0,76
Gauteng – Non-metro	3,6	3,2	11	-33	55	0,61
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,2	3,8	-6	-43	31	0,74
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	12,1	10,5	0	-34	35	0,99
Agriculture	21,2	27,0	7	-3	17	0,18
Private households	12,5	14,6	10	-16	36	0,44

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 2017	Apr-Jun 2018				
Gauteng – Ekurhuleni	3,1	2,7	-46	-126	34	0,26
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,3	3,6	-12	-105	81	0,80
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	12,2	10,6	-26	-85	32	0,38
Agriculture	54,5	56,4	-4	-12	4	0,35
Private households	10,9	11,5	-4	-33	25	0,80
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg	1,8	2,2	86	-37	208	0,17
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,4	3,2	9	-116	134	0,89
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	4,7	3,3	65	44	86	0,00
Agriculture	36,0	101,2	-5	-9	-1	0,02
Private households	8,3	9,4	17	-16	49	0,32
Gauteng – City of Tshwane	2,1	2,0	-46	-108	16	0,15
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,5	1,9	0	-43	44	0,98
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	6,2	13,4	-15	-51	21	0,41
Agriculture	34,8	19,3	0	-4	5	0,85
Private households	7,9	6,7	-32	-51	-13	0,00
Mpumalanga	2,7	2,5	0	-77	77	1,00
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,5	3,9	20	-54	94	0,60
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,0	6,4	-20	-56	16	0,27
Agriculture	8,2	5,6	-1	-21	19	0,90
Private households	10,5	7,6	2	-18	22	0,87
Limpopo	2,4	2,3	47	-50	143	0,34
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,4	3,0	0	-80	80	1,00
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	4,3	5,1	19	-28	65	0,43
Agriculture	13,0	10,5	14	-15	42	0,34
Private households	5,6	10,6	15	-16	46	0,36

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 2017	Apr-Jun 2018				
Both sexes	0,7	0,7	188	-102	478	0,20
Manager	3,2	3,3	-53	-166	60	0,36
Professional	3,9	4,4	-19	-115	77	0,69
Technician	2,8	2,8	-10	-117	97	0,86
Clerk	2,6	2,4	-42	-158	75	0,48
Sales and services	2,0	2,1	188	62	313	0,00
Skilled agriculture	12,2	14,4	5	-17	27	0,64
Craft and related trade	2,4	2,5	37	-89	164	0,56
Plant and machine operator	2,6	3,0	81	-19	181	0,11
Elementary	1,7	1,7	50	-111	210	0,54
Domestic worker	2,8	2,9	-45	-126	37	0,28
Women	1,0	0,9	56	-130	242	0,56
Manager	5,2	5,7	-10	-74	54	0,76
Professional	4,8	5,7	-18	-81	45	0,57
Technician	3,8	3,8	15	-65	96	0,71
Clerk	2,9	2,8	-34	-131	62	0,49
Sales and services	2,5	3,0	104	19	188	0,02
Skilled agriculture	23,7	27,6	5	-5	15	0,31
Craft and related trade	7,3	7,0	22	-20	63	0,30
Plant and machine operator	7,9	7,7	34	-4	71	0,08
Elementary	2,4	2,7	-31	-129	66	0,53
Domestic worker	2,9	3,0	-30	-109	49	0,46
Men	0,8	0,8	132	-67	331	0,19
Manager	3,5	3,3	-43	-127	41	0,31
Professional	5,5	5,3	-1	-65	62	0,97
Technician	4,2	4,0	-25	-99	49	0,51
Clerk	4,7	4,9	-8	-65	49	0,79
Sales and services	3,0	2,7	84	-19	187	0,11
Skilled agriculture	13,8	15,0	0	-18	18	0,98
Craft and related trade	2,5	2,5	16	-102	133	0,80
Plant and machine operator	2,7	3,2	48	-44	139	0,31
Elementary	2,3	2,3	81	-49	211	0,22
Domestic worker	13,5	20,7	-15	-32	2	0,09