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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 July to September 2018 (Q3: 2018).

2. Highlights of the results

Table A: Key labour market indicators

	Jul-Sep 2017	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand					Per cent	
Population 15–64 yrs	37 373	37 832	37 985	153	611	0,4	1,6
Labour force	22 402	22 370	22 589	219	187	1,0	0,8
Employed	16 192	16 288	16 380	92	188	0,6	1,2
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	11 379	11 320	11 255	-65	-125	-0,6	-1,1
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	2 689	2 828	3 017	188	327	6,7	12,2
Agriculture	810	843	842	-1	32	-0,2	3,9
Private households	1 313	1 296	1 267	-30	-46	-2,3	-3,5
Unemployed	6 210	6 083	6 209	127	-1	2,1	0,0
Not economically active	14 971	15 462	15 395	-66	424	-0,4	2,8
Discouraged work-seekers	2 436	2 864	2 733	-131	297	-4,6	12,2
Other (not economically active)	12 536	12 598	12 662	65	127	0,5	1,0
Rates (%)							
Unemployment rate	27,7	27,2	27,5	0,3	-0,2		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,3	43,1	43,1	0,0	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	59,9	59,1	59,5	0,4	-0,4		

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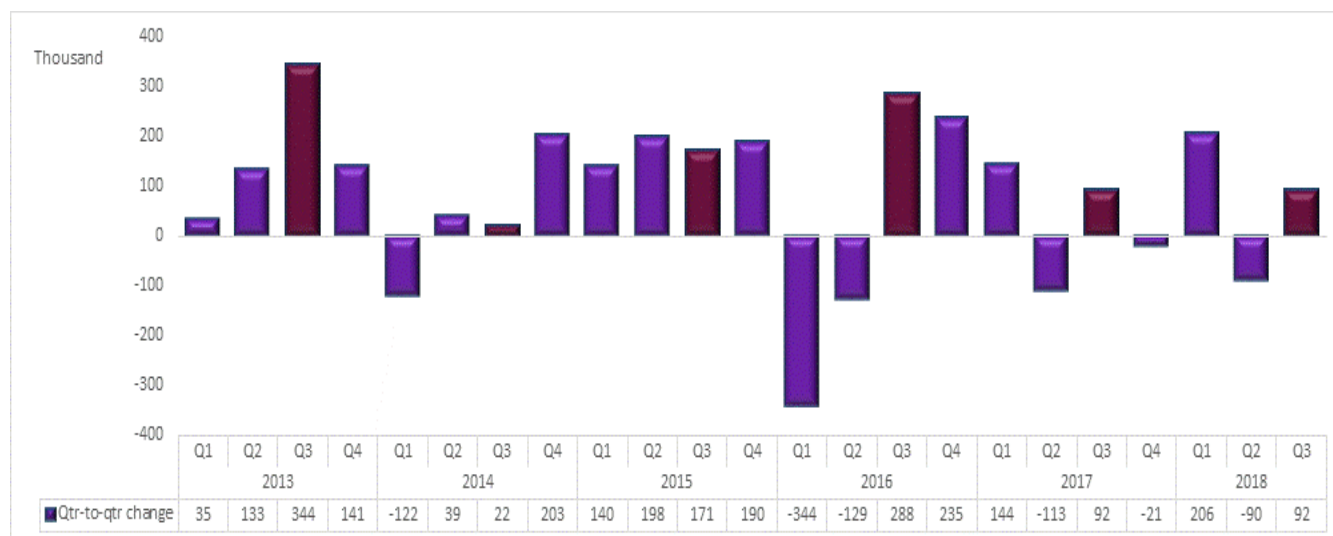
The South African working-age population increased by 153 000 or 0,4% in the third quarter of 2018 compared to the second quarter of 2018. The number of employed persons increased by 92 000 to 16,4 million and the number of unemployed persons rose by 127 000 to 6,2 million in Q3: 2018. The absorption rate remained unchanged at 43,1% and the unemployment rate increased by 0,3 of a percentage point to 27,5% in the same period.

In Q3: 2018, the informal sector recorded employment gains of 188 000, while the Formal sector, Private households and Agriculture recorded declines in employment. The number of discouraged work-seekers declined by 131 000 while the number of other not economically active persons increased by 65 000, resulting in a decrease of 66 000 (down by 0,4%) in the number of people not in the labour force between the second and third quarters of 2018.

Compared to a year ago, employment increased by 1,2% (188 000), unemployment decreased by 1 000 and the number of persons who were not economically active increased by 2,8% (424 000) – 297 000 being discouraged work-seekers.

3. Employment

Figure 1: Quarter-to-quarter changes in employment, Q1: 2013 to Q3: 2018



Based on the above figure, employment in the third quarter of every year has been positive, ranging from an increase of 22 000 to 344 000 during the period Q1: 2013 to Q3: 2018. In the third quarter of 2018, employment increased by 92 000 compared to the second quarter of 2018.

Table B: Employment by industry

	Jul-Sep 2017	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
Industry	Thousand				Per cent		
Total*	16 192	16 288	16 380	92	188	0,6	1,2
Agriculture	810	843	842	-1	32	-0,2	3,9
Mining	446	435	406	-29	-40	-6,7	-8,9
Manufacturing	1 749	1 744	1 719	-25	-30	-1,5	-1,7
Utilities	153	161	156	-5	3	-3,0	1,9
Construction	1 365	1 476	1 502	27	137	1,8	10,1
Trade	3 286	3 219	3 305	86	20	2,7	0,6
Transport	988	1 014	996	-18	8	-1,8	0,8
Finance and other business services	2 463	2 399	2 502	102	38	4,3	1,6
Community and social services	3 616	3 692	3 675	-17	59	-0,5	1,6
Private households	1 313	1 296	1 267	-30	-46	-2,3	-3,5

*Note: Total includes 'Other' industry.

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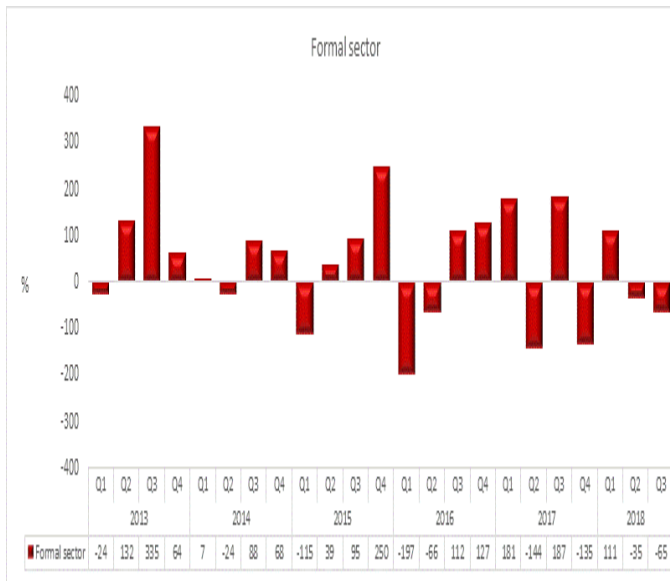
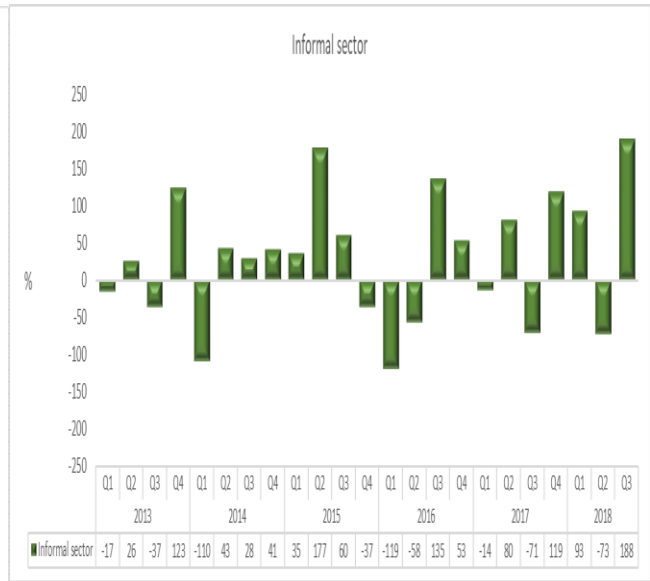
Note: Utilities refers to Electricity, gas and water supply

Trade refers to Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motor cycles and personal and household goods; hotels and restaurants

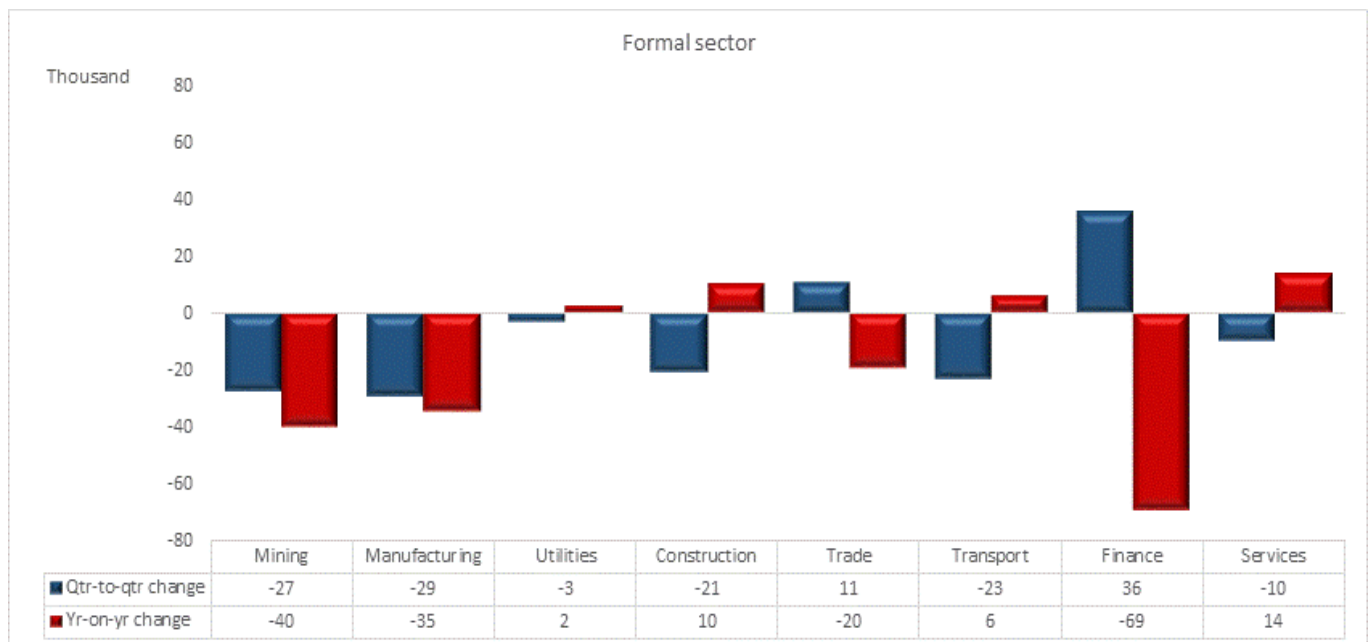
Finance refers to Financial intermediation, insurance, real estate and business

Table B shows that between Q2: 2018 and Q3: 2018, the number of employed persons declined in seven of the ten industries. However, these declines were offset by employment gains in Finance and other business services (102 000), Trade (86 000) and Construction (27 000) industries, which resulted in a net increase of 92 000 in the third quarter of 2018. The industries that recorded larger declines in employment were Private households (which declined by 30 000), Mining (29 000) and Manufacturing (25 000).

Compared to the same period last year, employment gain of 188 000 jobs was largely driven by Construction (137 000), Community and social services (59 000) and Finance and other business services (38 000) in Q3: 2018.

Figure 2a: Quarter-to-quarter employment changes in the formal sector, Q1: 2013 to Q3: 2018**Figure 2b: Quarter-to-quarter employment changes in the informal sector, Q1: 2013 to Q3: 2018**

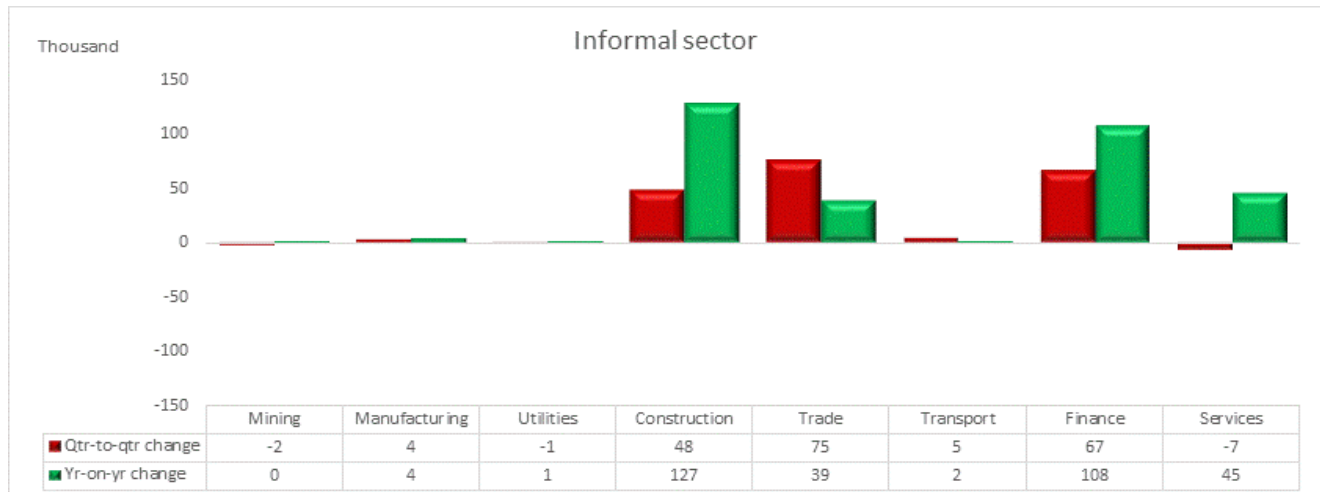
Following a decline of 35 000 in the formal sector employment in Q2: 2018, employment declined by 65 000 in Q3: 2018 in this sector. On the other hand, the informal sector had 188 000 more employed persons in the third quarter of 2018 compared to the second quarter.

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

In the third quarter of 2018, the formal sector recorded employment losses of 65 000 quarter to quarter. This was mainly driven by the Manufacturing (29 000), Mining (27 000), Transport (23 000) and Construction (21 000) industries. Finance and other business services and Trade were the only industries that recorded employment gains of 36 000 and 11 000 respectively.

The year-on-year comparisons show a net decline in employment of 125 000 in the formal sector, with the most losses observed in the Finance and other business services (69 000), Mining (40 000) and Manufacturing (35 000) industries. Community and social services (14 000), Construction (10 000), Transport (6 000) and Utilities (2 000) were the only industries that recorded employment increases.

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



In the third quarter of 2018, 188 000 more persons were employed in the informal sector compared to the second quarter. The increases were mainly driven by the Trade (75 000), Finance and other business services (67 000), and Construction (48 000) industries. Community and social services, Mining and Utilities recorded employment losses during the same period.

Compared to Q3: 2017, employment in the informal sector increased in all industries with the exception of Mining, where employment remained unchanged. The largest annual employment gains were recorded in the Construction (127 000), Finance and other business services (108 000), Community and social services (45 000) and Trade (39 000) industries.

Table C: Employment by occupation

Occupation	Jul-Sep 2017	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand				Per cent		
Total	16 192	16 288	16 380	92	188	0,6	1,2
Manager	1 398	1 416	1 431	15	33	1,1	2,4
Professional	959	878	948	71	-11	8,1	-1,1
Technician	1 450	1 448	1 399	-48	-51	-3,3	-3,5
Clerk	1 783	1 704	1 689	-16	-94	-0,9	-5,3
Sales and services	2 571	2 635	2 653	19	82	0,7	3,2
Skilled agriculture	69	64	58	-5	-11	-8,3	-15,5
Craft and related trade	1 921	2 007	2 018	11	97	0,6	5,1
Plant and machine operator	1 321	1 364	1 382	18	61	1,3	4,6
Elementary	3 670	3 775	3 814	39	145	1,0	3,9
Domestic worker	1 045	996	984	-12	-61	-1,3	-5,8

* Note: Total includes 'other' occupations.

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

The gains in employment observed in the third quarter of 2018 compared to the second quarter of 2018, were mainly driven by Professional (71 000) and Elementary (39 000) occupations. Employment losses were largely recorded in Technician (48 000), Clerical (16 000) and Domestic worker (12 000) occupations during this period.

Year-on-year changes show that gains in employment were mainly driven by Elementary (145 000), Craft and related trade (97 000), Sales and services (82 000) and Plant and machine operators (61 000) occupations, while Clerical (94 000), Domestic worker (61 000) and Technicians (51 000) occupations recorded the largest employment declines.

Table D: Employment by province

	Jul-Sep 2017	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
Province	Thousand					Per cent	
South Africa	16 192	16 288	16 380	92	188	0,6	1,2
Western Cape	2 399	2 480	2 494	14	95	0,6	3,9
Eastern Cape	1 421	1 402	1 390	-13	-31	-0,9	-2,2
Northern Cape	307	317	323	5	16	1,7	5,2
Free State	821	788	774	-14	-48	-1,8	-5,8
KwaZulu-Natal	2 536	2 620	2 635	15	98	0,6	3,9
North West	983	977	979	2	-4	0,2	-0,4
Gauteng	5 068	5 055	5 077	22	9	0,4	0,2
Mpumalanga	1 204	1 212	1 231	20	27	1,6	2,3
Limpopo	1 452	1 436	1 478	41	26	2,9	1,8

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

Employment gains were recorded in seven of the nine provinces in Q3: 2018. The largest employment increases were recorded in Limpopo (41 000), Gauteng (22 000) and Mpumalanga (20 000). Free State (14 000) and Eastern Cape (13 000) were the only provinces that recorded employment losses.

Compared to Q3: 2017, employment increased in six of the nine provinces, with KwaZulu-Natal recording the largest employment increase of 98 000 persons, followed by Western Cape with 95 000. During the same period, employment losses were recorded in Free State (48 000), Eastern Cape (31 000) and North West (4 000).

3.1 Conditions of employment for employees

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

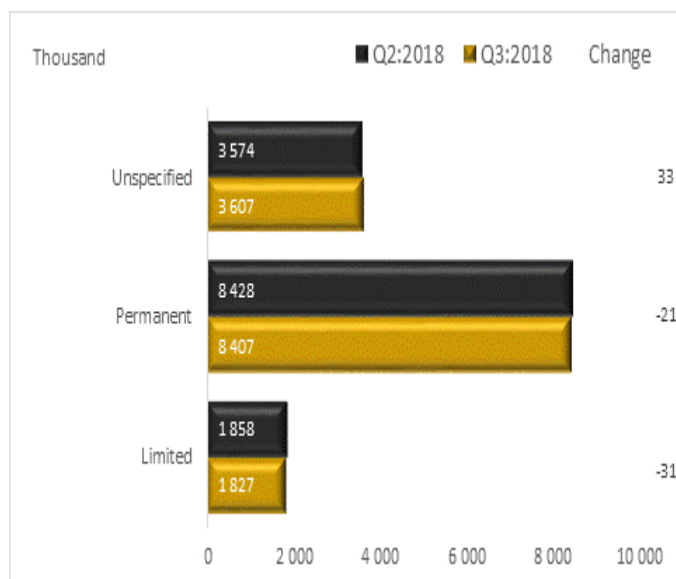
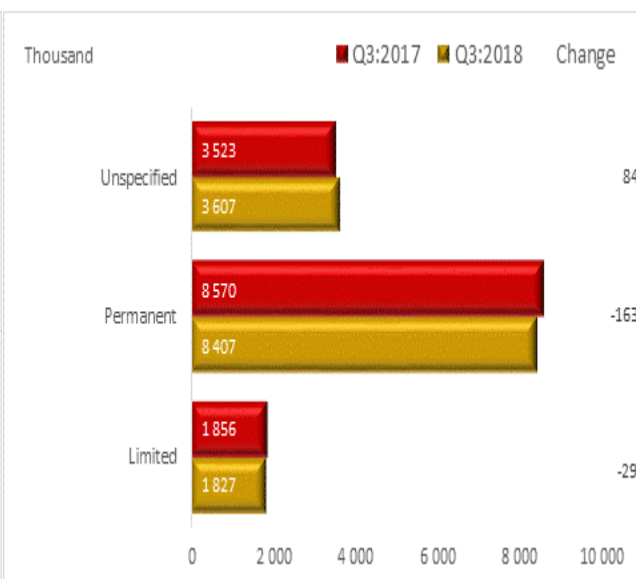


Figure 6: Year-on-year changes in nature of employment contract

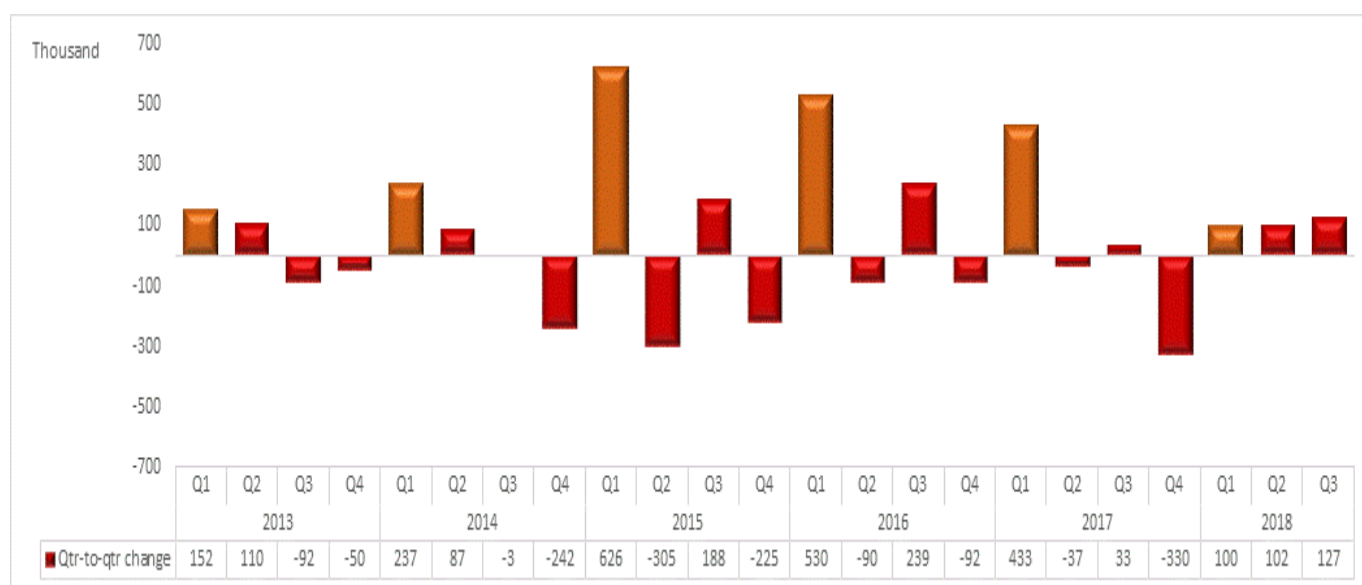


Between the second and third quarters of 2018, the number of employees with contracts of limited duration and those with contracts of a permanent nature decreased by 31 000 and 21 000 respectively, while the number of employees with contracts of unspecified duration increased by 33 000.

The year-on-year comparisons indicate that the number of employees with contracts of a permanent nature decreased by 163 000, and those with contracts of a limited duration declined by 29 000. Employment gains (84 000) were recorded among employees with contracts of unspecified duration.

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

Figure 7: Quarter-to-quarter changes in unemployment, Q1: 2013 to Q3: 2018



After an increase of 102 000 in the number of unemployed persons in Q2: 2018, the number of unemployed persons continued to increase by 127 000 in Q3: 2018. Notable from the above figure is that the number of unemployed persons increased in the first quarter of each year.

Figure 8: Proportion of the unemployed by education level, Q3: 2018

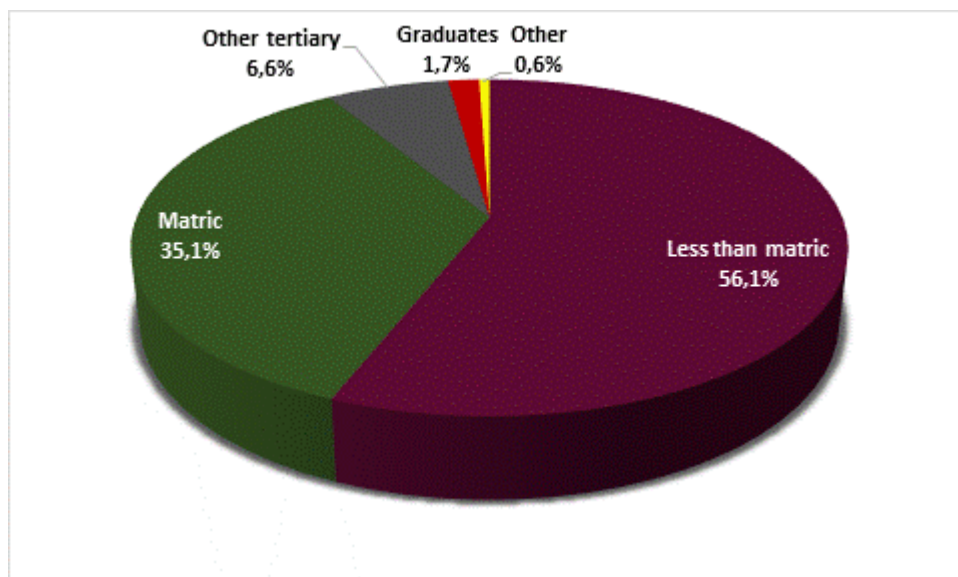


Figure 8 indicates the importance of education in the labour market. In Q3: 2018, more than 50% of people who were unemployed had an education level below matric, followed by those with a matric qualification at 35,1%. Close to two in every one hundred unemployed persons were graduates.

Table E: Unemployment rate by province

	Official unemployment rate					Expanded unemployment rate				
	Jul-Sep 2017	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Jul-Sep 2017	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Per cent			Percentage points		Per cent			Percentage points	
South Africa	27,7	27,2	27,5	0,3	-0,2	36,8	37,2	37,3	0,1	0,5
Western Cape	21,9	20,7	20,4	-0,3	-1,5	25,2	23,2	23,7	0,5	-1,5
Eastern Cape	35,5	34,2	35,6	1,4	0,1	45,3	45,8	46,0	0,2	0,7
Northern Cape	29,9	28,9	27,0	-1,9	-2,9	43,1	42,4	40,1	-2,3	-3,0
Free State	31,8	34,4	36,3	1,9	4,5	38,5	40,1	41,5	1,4	3,0
KwaZulu-Natal	24,6	21,8	23,0	1,2	-1,6	41,0	40,9	41,2	0,3	0,2
North West	26,2	26,1	28,0	1,9	1,8	42,5	43,4	43,9	0,5	1,4
Gauteng	30,2	29,7	29,6	-0,1	-0,6	33,3	34,4	34,3	-0,1	1,0
Mpumalanga	30,7	33,2	32,5	-0,7	1,8	41,5	41,7	41,3	-0,4	-0,2
Limpopo	19,1	19,3	18,9	-0,4	-0,2	35,8	37,4	38,1	0,7	2,3

The official unemployment rate increased by 0,3 of a percentage point in Q3: 2018 compared to Q2: 2018. The official unemployment rate decreased in five of the nine provinces, with the largest declines in the unemployment rate recorded in Northern Cape (down by 1,9 percentage points), Mpumalanga (down by 0,7 of a percentage point), and Limpopo (down by 0,4 of a percentage point). However, the declines were offset by increases in the unemployment rate in four provinces. Year-on-year, the official unemployment rate declined by 0,2 of a percentage

point. The largest declines were recorded in Northern Cape (2,9 percentage points), followed by KwaZulu-Natal (1,6 percentage points) and Western Cape (1,5 percentage points).

Compared to Q2: 2018, the expanded unemployment rate increased by 0,1 of a percentage point in Q3: 2018 to 37,3%. The largest increases were recorded in Free State (1,4 percentage points), followed by Limpopo (0,7 of a percentage point). Compared to Q3: 2017, the expanded unemployment rate also increased by 0,5 of a percentage point, with Free State recording the largest increase of 3,0 percentage points, followed by Limpopo with 2,3 percentage points.

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

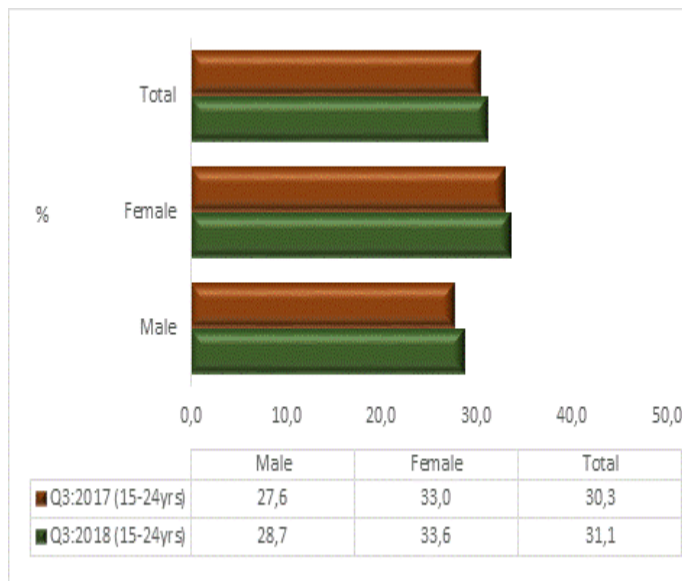
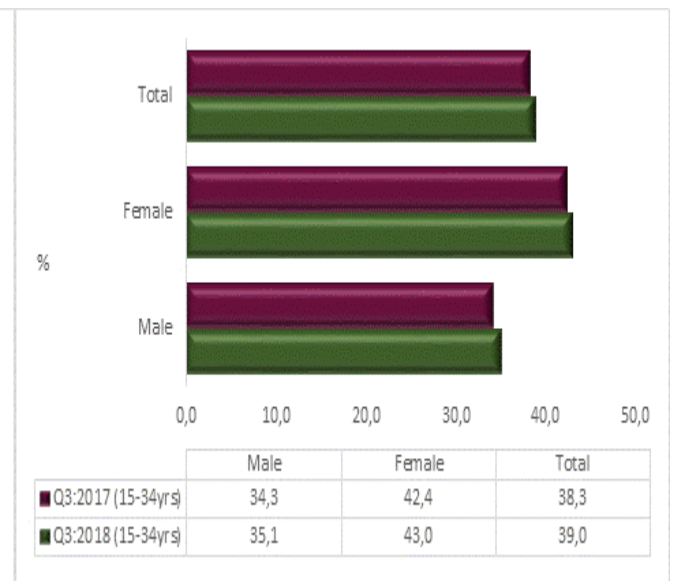


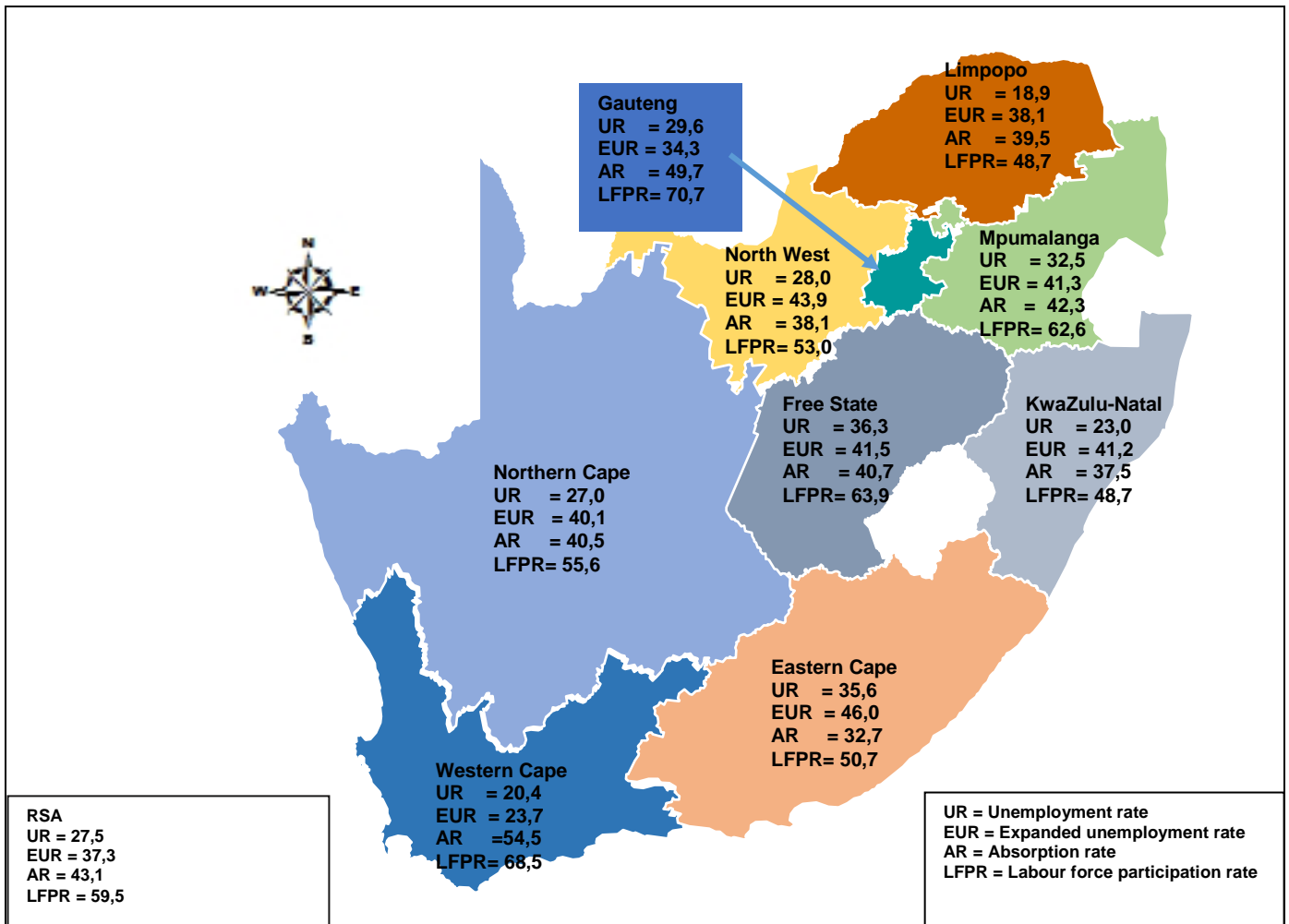
Figure 9b: NEET rates for youth aged 15-34 years by sex



Between Q3: 2017 and Q3: 2018, the percentage of young persons aged 15–24 years who were not in employment, education or training (NEET) increased by 0,8 of a percentage point to 31,1%. The NEET rate for both males and females increased. The NEET rate for females was higher than that of their male counterparts in both years (Figure 9a).

Compared to Q3: 2017, the percentage of youth aged 15–34 years who were not in employment, education or training (NEET) increased by 0,7 of a percentage point from 38,3% to 39,0% in Q3: 2018. The NEET rate increased for both male and female youth in Q3: 2018. More than four in every ten young females were not in employment, education, or training (Figure 9b).

5. Summary of labour market measures at a glance, Q3: 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 Q3: 2018

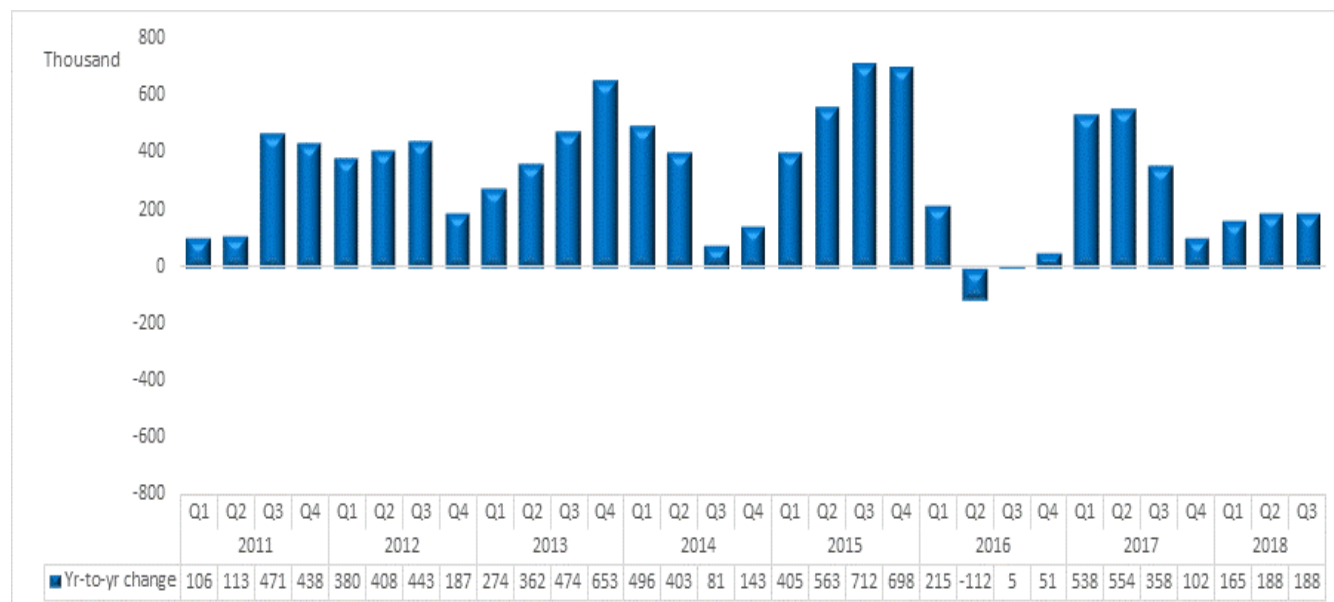


Figure 11: Year-on-year changes in formal-sector employment, Q1: 2011 to Q3: 2018

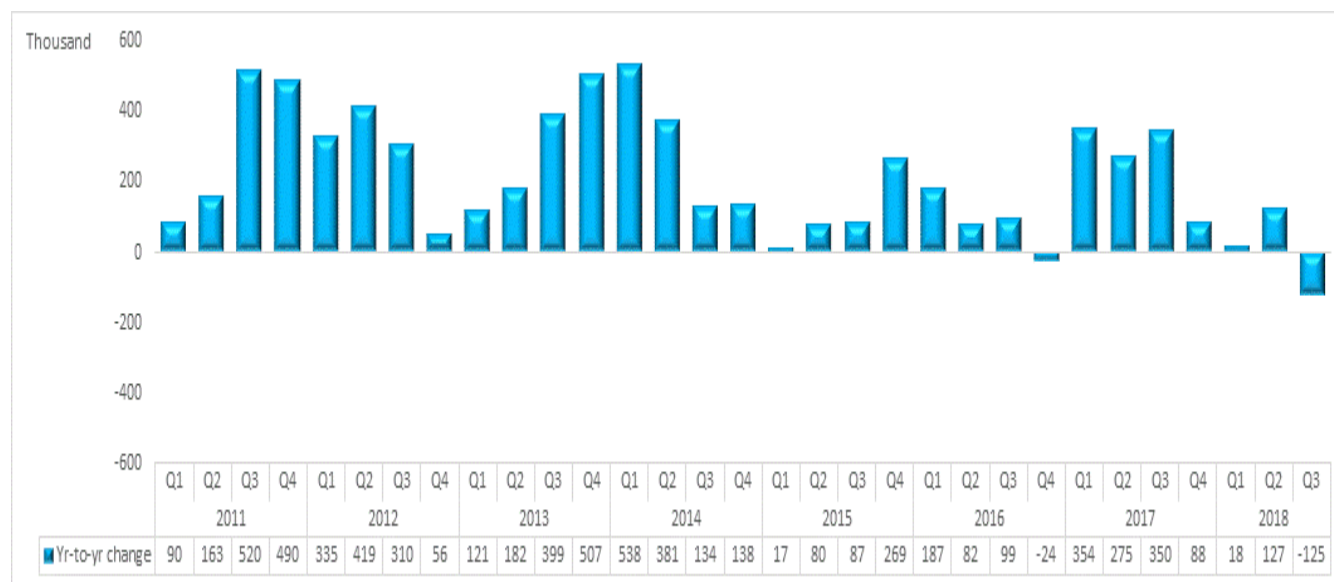
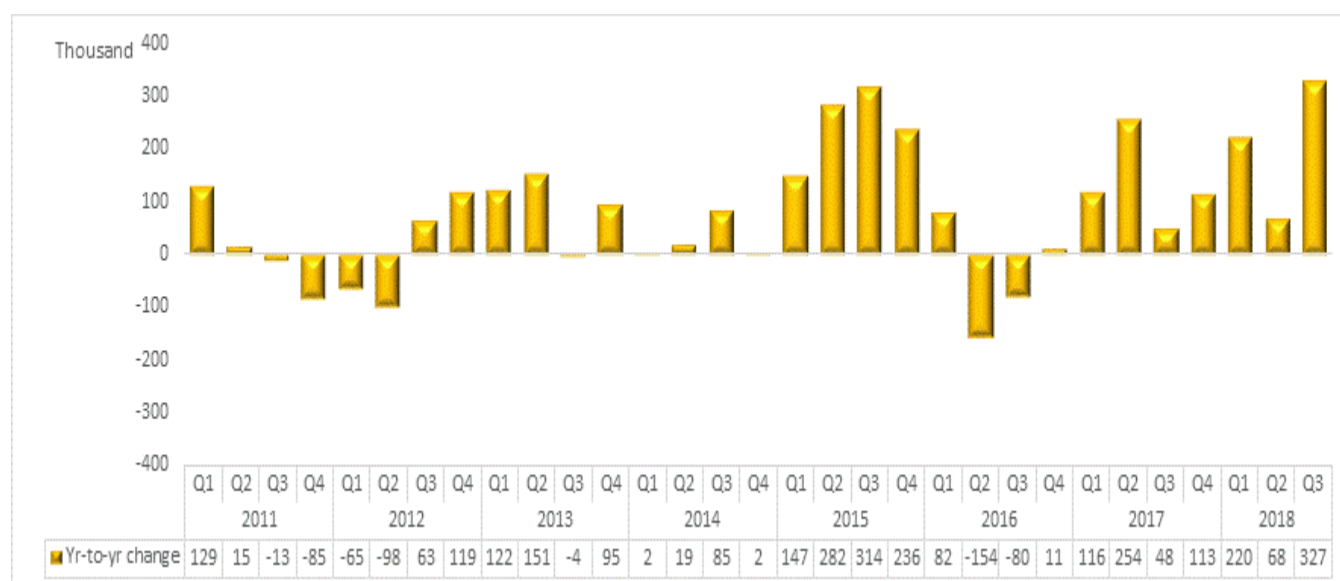


Figure 12: Year-on-year changes in informal-sector employment, Q1: 2011 to Q3: 2018

6.2 Trends in unemployment rate

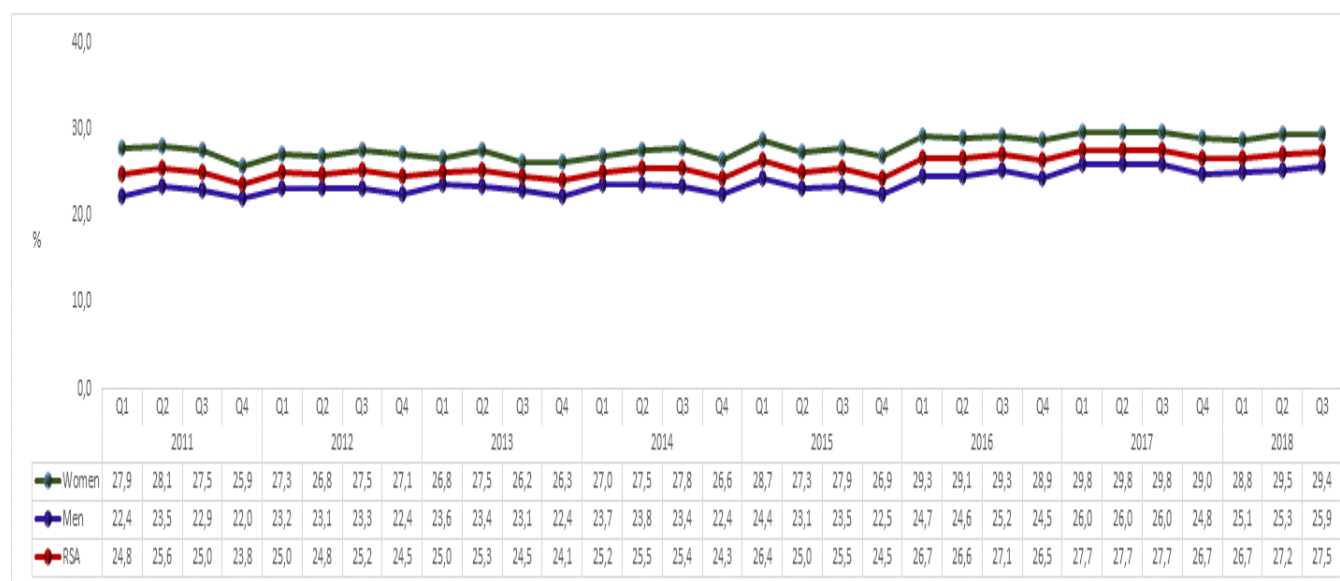
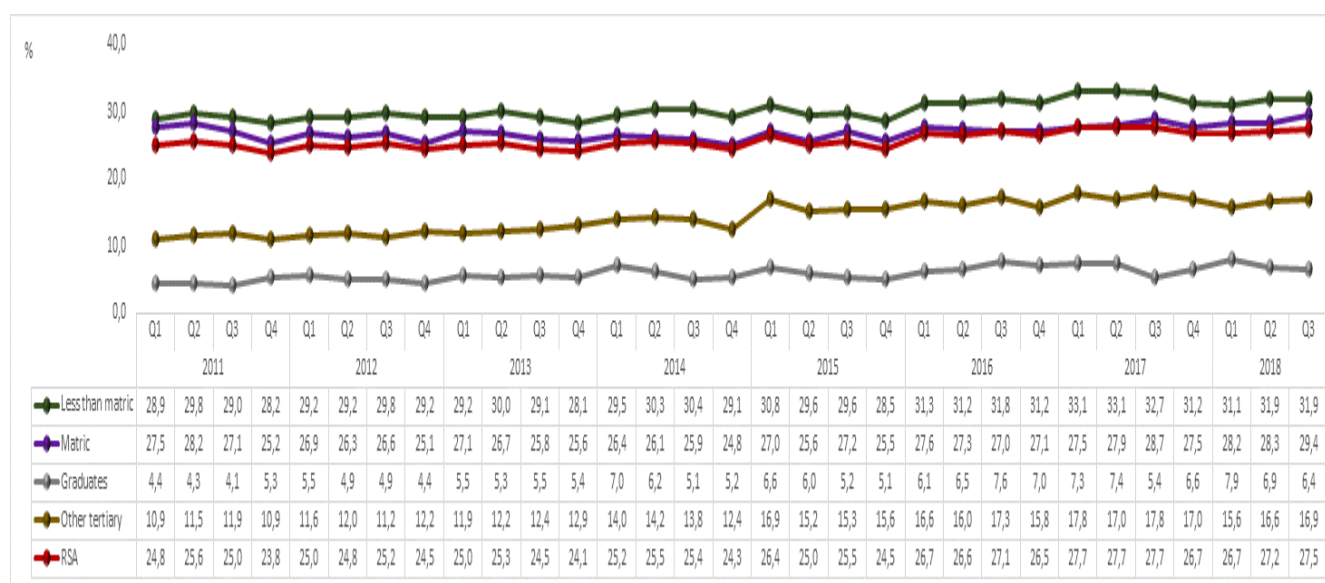
Figure 13: Unemployment rate by sex, Q1: 2011 to Q3: 2018

Figure 14: Unemployment rate by education status, Q1: 2011 to Q3: 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:

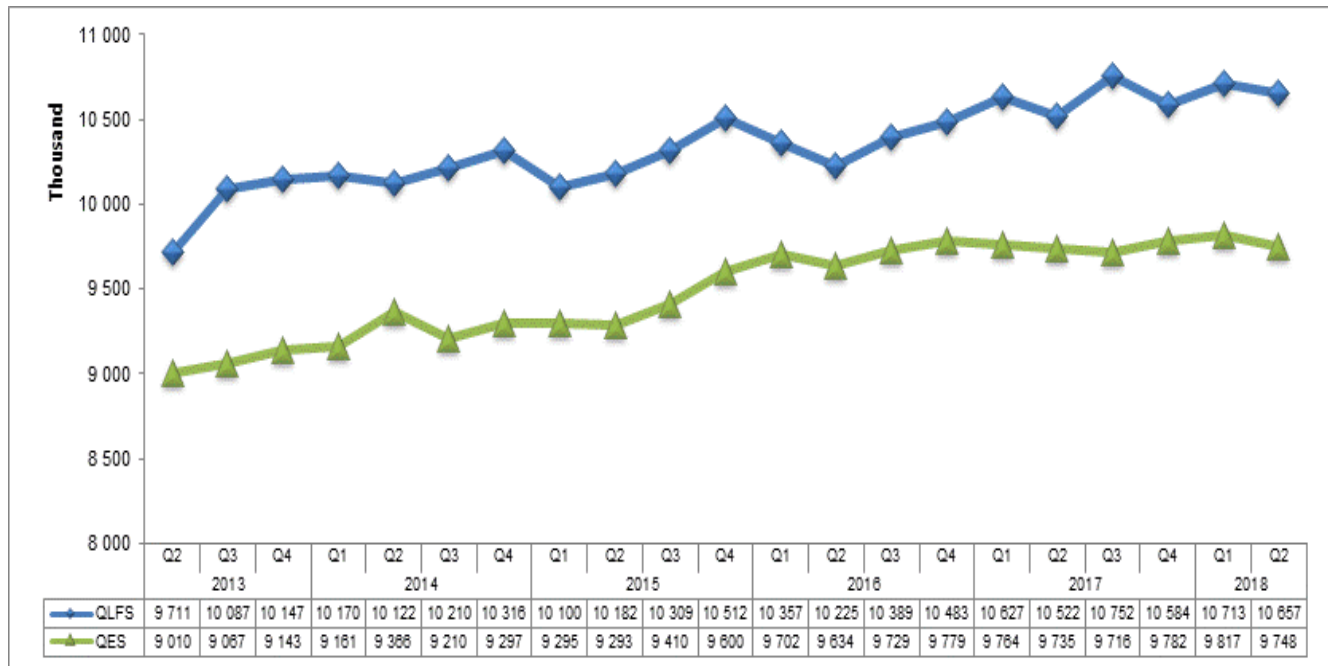
- Description of the employed, e.g. their demographic profile, education level, hours of work, etc.; and
- Unemployment and descriptors of the unemployed.

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 Q2: 2018

8. Technical notes

8.1 Response details

Table G: Response rates by province and metropolitan area

Province/metropolitan area	Jul-Sep 2018
National	89,3
Western Cape	89,6
Non-metro	89,8
City of Cape Town	89,5
Eastern Cape	94,2
Non-metro	96,4
Buffalo City	93,2
Nelson Mandela Bay	87,0
Northern Cape	90,7
Free State	95,6
Non-metro	95,8
Mangaung	95,1
KwaZulu-Natal	93,7
Non-metro	94,4
eThekweni	92,4
North West	91,0
Gauteng	78,3
Non-metro	77,2
Ekurhuleni	77,7
City of Johannesburg	77,5
City of Tshwane	81,5
Mpumalanga	94,3
Limpopo	97,1

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 subgroups 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 subsampled 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.

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

Informal employment identifies persons who are in precarious employment situations, irrespective of whether or not the entity for which they work is in the formal or informal sector. Persons in informal employment therefore comprise all persons in the informal sector, employees in the formal sector, and persons working in private households who are not entitled to 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)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	37 373	37 525	37 678	37 832	37 985	153	611	0,4	1,6
Women	18 903	18 975	19 048	19 122	19 195	73	292	0,4	1,5
Men	18 471	18 550	18 630	18 710	18 790	80	319	0,4	1,7
Population groups	37 373	37 525	37 678	37 832	37 985	153	611	0,4	1,6
Black/African	29 950	30 099	30 249	30 399	30 550	150	599	0,5	2,0
Coloured	3 415	3 425	3 434	3 443	3 452	9	36	0,3	1,1
Indian/Asian	996	998	1 000	1 003	1 005	2	9	0,2	0,9
White	3 012	3 003	2 995	2 987	2 979	-8	-33	-0,3	-1,1
South Africa	37 373	37 525	37 678	37 832	37 985	153	611	0,4	1,6
Western Cape	4 483	4 506	4 528	4 551	4 574	23	91	0,5	2,0
Eastern Cape	4 203	4 215	4 228	4 240	4 253	12	50	0,3	1,2
Northern Cape	787	790	792	794	796	2	9	0,3	1,1
Free State	1 890	1 892	1 895	1 897	1 900	2	10	0,1	0,5
KwaZulu-Natal	6 921	6 948	6 975	7 002	7 029	27	108	0,4	1,6
North West	2 523	2 534	2 545	2 556	2 567	11	44	0,4	1,7
Gauteng	10 009	10 059	10 109	10 159	10 210	51	201	0,5	2,0
Mpumalanga	2 866	2 877	2 889	2 901	2 913	12	47	0,4	1,7
Limpopo	3 692	3 705	3 718	3 731	3 744	13	52	0,3	1,4

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

Table 2: Labour force characteristics by sex – All population groups									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	37 373	37 525	37 678	37 832	37 985	153	611	0,4	1,6
Labour force	22 402	22 051	22 358	22 370	22 589	219	187	1,0	0,8
Employed	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	92	188	0,6	1,2
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	11 379	11 244	11 355	11 320	11 255	-65	-125	-0,6	-1,1
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	2 689	2 808	2 901	2 828	3 017	188	327	6,7	12,2
Agriculture	810	849	847	843	842	-1	32	-0,2	3,9
Private households	1 313	1 270	1 275	1 296	1 267	-30	-46	-2,3	-3,5
Unemployed	6 210	5 880	5 980	6 083	6 209	127	-1	2,1	0,0
Not economically active	14 971	15 474	15 320	15 462	15 395	-66	424	-0,4	2,8
Discouraged work-seekers	2 436	2 538	2 787	2 864	2 733	-131	297	-4,6	12,2
Other (not economically active)	12 536	12 936	12 533	12 598	12 662	65	127	0,5	1,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	27,7	26,7	26,7	27,2	27,5	0,3	-0,2		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,3	43,1	43,5	43,1	43,1	0,0	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	59,9	58,8	59,3	59,1	59,5	0,4	-0,4		
Women									
Population 15–64 yrs	18 903	18 975	19 048	19 122	19 195	73	292	0,4	1,5
Labour force	10 147	9 953	10 138	10 119	10 240	121	93	1,2	0,9
Employed	7 125	7 071	7 222	7 134	7 225	91	100	1,3	1,4
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4 805	4 730	4 842	4 817	4 827	10	22	0,2	0,5
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	1 057	1 084	1 113	1 042	1 125	83	67	7,9	6,4
Agriculture	252	267	285	278	277	-1	25	-0,4	9,9
Private households	1 010	990	982	996	995	-1	-14	-0,1	-1,4
Unemployed	3 022	2 882	2 915	2 986	3 016	30	-7	1,0	-0,2
Not economically active	8 756	9 022	8 911	9 002	8 955	-47	199	-0,5	2,3
Discouraged work-seekers	1 357	1 414	1 564	1 594	1 520	-73	163	-4,6	12,0
Other (not economically active)	7 399	7 608	7 346	7 409	7 435	26	36	0,3	0,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	29,8	29,0	28,8	29,5	29,4	-0,1	-0,4		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	37,7	37,3	37,9	37,3	37,6	0,3	-0,1		
Labour force participation rate	53,7	52,5	53,2	52,9	53,3	0,4	-0,4		

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)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	18 471	18 550	18 630	18 710	18 790	80	319	0,4	1,7
Labour force	12 255	12 098	12 220	12 251	12 349	98	94	0,8	0,8
Employed	9 067	9 100	9 155	9 154	9 156	1	89	0,0	1,0
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	6 574	6 514	6 513	6 503	6 427	-75	-146	-1,2	-2,2
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	1 632	1 724	1 789	1 786	1 892	106	260	5,9	15,9
Agriculture	558	582	561	565	565	0	7	-0,1	1,2
Private households	303	280	293	300	271	-29	-31	-9,5	-10,4
Unemployed	3 188	2 998	3 065	3 097	3 194	97	6	3,1	0,2
Not economically active	6 215	6 452	6 410	6 459	6 440	-19	225	-0,3	3,6
Discouraged work-seekers	1 078	1 125	1 223	1 270	1 213	-58	134	-4,6	12,4
Other (not economically active)	5 137	5 328	5 187	5 189	5 228	39	91	0,8	1,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	26,0	24,8	25,1	25,3	25,9	0,6	-0,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	49,1	49,1	49,1	48,9	48,7	-0,2	-0,4		
Labour force participation rate	66,4	65,2	65,6	65,5	65,7	0,2	-0,7		

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									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	37 373	37 525	37 678	37 832	37 985	153	611	0,4	1,6
Labour force	22 402	22 051	22 358	22 370	22 589	219	187	1,0	0,8
Employed	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	92	188	0,6	1,2
Unemployed	6 210	5 880	5 980	6 083	6 209	127	-1	2,1	0,0
Not economically active	14 971	15 474	15 320	15 462	15 395	-66	424	-0,4	2,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	27,7	26,7	26,7	27,2	27,5	0,3	-0,2		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,3	43,1	43,5	43,1	43,1	0,0	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	59,9	58,8	59,3	59,1	59,5	0,4	-0,4		
Black/African									
Population 15–64 yrs	29 950	30 099	30 249	30 399	30 550	150	599	0,5	2,0
Labour force	17 593	17 233	17 481	17 509	17 798	289	205	1,7	1,2
Employed	12 122	12 057	12 223	12 172	12 265	94	144	0,8	1,2
Unemployed	5 471	5 176	5 259	5 337	5 533	196	62	3,7	1,1
Not economically active	12 358	12 866	12 768	12 891	12 752	-139	394	-1,1	3,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	31,1	30,0	30,1	30,5	31,1	0,6	0,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	40,5	40,1	40,4	40,0	40,1	0,1	-0,4		
Labour force participation rate	58,7	57,3	57,8	57,6	58,3	0,7	-0,4		
Coloured									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 415	3 425	3 434	3 443	3 452	9	36	0,3	1,1
Labour force	2 156	2 173	2 240	2 236	2 172	-64	16	-2,9	0,8
Employed	1 639	1 662	1 731	1 716	1 700	-17	61	-1,0	3,7
Unemployed	517	511	510	520	473	-47	-45	-9,1	-8,6
Not economically active	1 259	1 252	1 193	1 207	1 279	73	20	6,0	1,6
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	24,0	23,5	22,7	23,3	21,8	-1,5	-2,2		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	48,0	48,5	50,4	49,8	49,2	-0,6	1,2		
Labour force participation rate	63,1	63,4	65,2	65,0	62,9	-2,1	-0,2		

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.
 Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.1: Labour force characteristics by population group (concluded)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	996	998	1 000	1 003	1 005	2	9	0,2	0,9
Labour force	607	599	602	610	594	-16	-13	-2,7	-2,2
Employed	541	544	530	547	534	-13	-7	-2,4	-1,3
Unemployed	66	55	71	63	60	-3	-6	-5,2	-9,4
Not economically active	389	399	399	392	411	19	22	4,8	5,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	10,9	9,2	11,8	10,4	10,1	-0,3	-0,8		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	54,3	54,5	53,0	54,6	53,1	-1,5	-1,2		
Labour force participation rate	61,0	60,0	60,1	60,9	59,1	-1,8	-1,9		
White									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 012	3 003	2 995	2 987	2 979	-8	-33	-0,3	-1,1
Labour force	2 046	2 046	2 035	2 015	2 025	10	-21	0,5	-1,0
Employed	1 890	1 909	1 894	1 853	1 881	28	-9	1,5	-0,5
Unemployed	156	137	141	162	144	-18	-12	-11,1	-7,6
Not economically active	966	957	960	972	953	-19	-12	-1,9	-1,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	7,6	6,7	6,9	8,0	7,1	-0,9	-0,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	62,8	63,6	63,2	62,0	63,2	1,2	0,4		
Labour force participation rate	67,9	68,1	67,9	67,5	68,0	0,5	0,1		

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									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	37 373	37 525	37 678	37 832	37 985	153	611	0,4	1,6
Labour force	22 402	22 051	22 358	22 370	22 589	219	187	1,0	0,8
Employed	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	92	188	0,6	1,2
Unemployed	6 210	5 880	5 980	6 083	6 209	127	-1	2,1	0,0
Not economically active	14 971	15 474	15 320	15 462	15 395	-66	424	-0,4	2,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	27,7	26,7	26,7	27,2	27,5	0,3	-0,2		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,3	43,1	43,5	43,1	43,1	0,0	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	59,9	58,8	59,3	59,1	59,5	0,4	-0,4		
15–24 years									
Population 15–24 yrs	10 315	10 314	10 312	10 311	10 308	-3	-7	0,0	-0,1
Labour force	2 766	2 670	2 638	2 590	2 664	75	-101	2,9	-3,7
Employed	1 322	1 305	1 257	1 200	1 257	56	-65	4,7	-4,9
Unemployed	1 444	1 365	1 381	1 390	1 408	18	-36	1,3	-2,5
Not economically active	7 550	7 644	7 674	7 721	7 644	-78	94	-1,0	1,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	52,2	51,1	52,4	53,7	52,8	-0,9	0,6		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	12,8	12,7	12,2	11,6	12,2	0,6	-0,6		
Labour force participation rate	26,8	25,9	25,6	25,1	25,8	0,7	-1,0		
25–34 years									
Population 25–34 yrs	9 817	9 854	9 890	9 927	9 963	36	146	0,4	1,5
Labour force	7 325	7 187	7 303	7 334	7 404	70	79	1,0	1,1
Employed	4 871	4 790	4 890	4 869	4 890	21	19	0,4	0,4
Unemployed	2 454	2 397	2 413	2 466	2 514	49	61	2,0	2,5
Not economically active	2 493	2 667	2 587	2 593	2 559	-33	66	-1,3	2,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	33,5	33,4	33,0	33,6	34,0	0,4	0,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	49,6	48,6	49,4	49,0	49,1	0,1	-0,5		
Labour force participation rate	74,6	72,9	73,8	73,9	74,3	0,4	-0,3		

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)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	7 983	8 021	8 060	8 098	8 137	39	154	0,5	1,9
Labour force	6 506	6 423	6 518	6 537	6 535	-1	30	0,0	0,5
Employed	5 027	5 081	5 154	5 147	5 100	-46	73	-0,9	1,4
Unemployed	1 478	1 343	1 363	1 390	1 435	45	-43	3,3	-2,9
Not economically active	1 477	1 598	1 542	1 562	1 602	40	124	2,6	8,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	22,7	20,9	20,9	21,3	22,0	0,7	-0,7		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	63,0	63,3	64,0	63,6	62,7	-0,9	-0,3		
Labour force participation rate	81,5	80,1	80,9	80,7	80,3	-0,4	-1,2		
45–54 years									
Population 45–54 yrs	5 515	5 564	5 614	5 664	5 716	51	201	0,9	3,6
Labour force	4 090	4 080	4 156	4 181	4 252	71	163	1,7	4,0
Employed	3 426	3 445	3 488	3 511	3 570	58	143	1,7	4,2
Unemployed	663	636	668	669	683	13	19	2,0	2,9
Not economically active	1 425	1 484	1 458	1 483	1 463	-20	38	-1,4	2,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	16,2	15,6	16,1	16,0	16,1	0,1	-0,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	62,1	61,9	62,1	62,0	62,5	0,5	0,4		
Labour force participation rate	74,2	73,3	74,0	73,8	74,4	0,6	0,2		
55–64 years									
Population 55–64 yrs	3 743	3 772	3 802	3 832	3 861	29	118	0,8	3,2
Labour force	1 717	1 691	1 742	1 729	1 734	5	17	0,3	1,0
Employed	1 545	1 551	1 588	1 561	1 564	3	19	0,2	1,2
Unemployed	171	140	154	168	170	1	-2	0,9	-0,9
Not economically active	2 026	2 081	2 059	2 102	2 127	25	101	1,2	5,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	10,0	8,3	8,9	9,7	9,8	0,1	-0,2		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	41,3	41,1	41,8	40,7	40,5	-0,2	-0,8		
Labour force participation rate	45,9	44,8	45,8	45,1	44,9	-0,2	-1,0		

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	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
South Africa									
Population 15–64 yrs	37 373	37 525	37 678	37 832	37 985	153	611	0,4	1,6
Labour force	22 402	22 051	22 358	22 370	22 589	219	187	1,0	0,8
Employed	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	92	188	0,6	1,2
Unemployed	6 210	5 880	5 980	6 083	6 209	127	-1	2,1	0,0
Not economically active	14 971	15 474	15 320	15 462	15 395	-66	424	-0,4	2,8
Discouraged work-seekers	2 436	2 538	2 787	2 864	2 733	-131	297	-4,6	12,2
Other	12 536	12 936	12 533	12 598	12 662	65	127	0,5	1,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	27,7	26,7	26,7	27,2	27,5	0,3	-0,2		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,3	43,1	43,5	43,1	43,1	0,0	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	59,9	58,8	59,3	59,1	59,5	0,4	-0,4		
Western Cape									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 483	4 506	4 528	4 551	4 574	23	91	0,5	2,0
Labour force	3 071	3 094	3 150	3 127	3 133	5	62	0,2	2,0
Employed	2 399	2 492	2 530	2 480	2 494	14	95	0,6	3,9
Unemployed	672	603	620	648	638	-9	-33	-1,4	-4,9
Not economically active	1 412	1 412	1 378	1 424	1 442	18	29	1,3	2,1
Discouraged work-seekers	59	56	62	44	58	14	-1	32,7	-1,7
Other	1 353	1 356	1 316	1 380	1 383	3	31	0,2	2,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	21,9	19,5	19,7	20,7	20,4	-0,3	-1,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	53,5	55,3	55,9	54,5	54,5	0,0	1,0		
Labour force participation rate	68,5	68,7	69,6	68,7	68,5	-0,2	0,0		

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	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Western Cape – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 626	1 635	1 644	1 653	1 662	9	36	0,5	2,2
Labour force	1 059	1 087	1 101	1 089	1 098	9	39	0,8	3,6
Employed	855	920	940	875	888	13	34	1,5	3,9
Unemployed	205	166	161	214	210	-4	5	-1,8	2,4
Not economically active	567	549	543	564	564	0	-3	0,0	-0,5
Discouraged work-seekers	40	39	48	30	41	11	1	36,8	2,3
Other	527	510	495	534	523	-11	-4	-2,1	-0,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	19,3	15,3	14,6	19,6	19,1	-0,5	-0,2		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	52,5	56,3	57,2	53,0	53,4	0,4	0,9		
Labour force participation rate	65,1	66,4	67,0	65,9	66,1	0,2	1,0		
Western Cape – City of Cape Town									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 857	2 871	2 884	2 898	2 912	14	55	0,5	1,9
Labour force	2 012	2 008	2 049	2 038	2 035	-4	23	-0,2	1,1
Employed	1 545	1 571	1 589	1 604	1 606	1	61	0,1	3,9
Unemployed	467	436	459	434	429	-5	-38	-1,2	-8,2
Not economically active	845	863	836	860	878	18	32	2,1	3,8
Discouraged work-seekers	19	17	14	14	17	3	-2	23,9	-10,2
Other	826	846	821	846	860	14	34	1,7	4,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	23,2	21,7	22,4	21,3	21,1	-0,2	-2,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	54,1	54,7	55,1	55,4	55,1	-0,3	1,0		
Labour force participation rate	70,4	69,9	71,0	70,3	69,9	-0,4	-0,5		

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	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Eastern Cape									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 203	4 215	4 228	4 240	4 253	12	50	0,3	1,2
Labour force	2 202	2 144	2 168	2 132	2 158	26	-44	1,2	-2,0
Employed	1 421	1 391	1 397	1 402	1 390	-13	-31	-0,9	-2,2
Unemployed	781	754	771	730	769	39	-13	5,3	-1,6
Not economically active	2 001	2 071	2 059	2 108	2 095	-14	94	-0,6	4,7
Discouraged work-seekers	360	326	354	412	365	-47	5	-11,4	1,3
Other	1 641	1 745	1 705	1 696	1 730	34	89	2,0	5,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	35,5	35,1	35,6	34,2	35,6	1,4	0,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	33,8	33,0	33,1	33,1	32,7	-0,4	-1,1		
Labour force participation rate	52,4	50,9	51,3	50,3	50,7	0,4	-1,7		
Eastern Cape – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 891	2 899	2 907	2 916	2 923	8	32	0,3	1,1
Labour force	1 270	1 272	1 269	1 237	1 272	35	1	2,8	0,1
Employed	818	812	804	799	794	-5	-24	-0,7	-2,9
Unemployed	453	460	465	438	478	40	25	9,1	5,5
Not economically active	1 621	1 627	1 639	1 679	1 652	-27	31	-1,6	1,9
Discouraged work-seekers	346	314	330	384	348	-36	2	-9,4	0,7
Other	1 275	1 313	1 309	1 294	1 304	9	28	0,7	2,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	35,6	36,1	36,6	35,4	37,6	2,2	2,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	28,3	28,0	27,7	27,4	27,2	-0,2	-1,1		
Labour force participation rate	43,9	43,9	43,6	42,4	43,5	1,1	-0,4		

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	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Eastern Cape – Buffalo City									
Population 15–64 yrs	508	510	511	512	514	1	6	0,3	1,1
Labour force	372	348	349	342	339	-3	-33	-0,9	-8,9
Employed	245	247	242	244	247	4	2	1,6	0,9
Unemployed	127	101	106	98	91	-7	-36	-7,0	-28,0
Not economically active	136	162	162	171	175	4	39	2,6	28,6
Discouraged work-seekers	13	12	23	27	15	-12	2	-44,8	16,5
Other	124	150	139	144	161	16	37	11,3	29,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	34,1	29,0	30,5	28,7	27,0	-1,7	-7,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	48,2	48,5	47,4	47,5	48,1	0,6	-0,1		
Labour force participation rate	73,2	68,3	68,2	66,7	65,9	-0,8	-7,3		
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay									
Population 15–64 yrs	803	806	809	812	815	3	12	0,4	1,5
Labour force	560	524	551	553	548	-6	-12	-1,0	-2,2
Employed	358	331	351	360	348	-11	-10	-3,2	-2,9
Unemployed	202	193	200	194	200	6	-2	3,0	-1,0
Not economically active	243	282	258	259	267	9	24	3,4	9,9
Discouraged work-seekers	2	1	1	1	2	1	0	102,2	13,4
Other	242	281	257	258	266	8	24	3,0	9,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	36,0	36,9	36,3	35,0	36,4	1,4	0,4		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	44,6	41,1	43,4	44,3	42,7	-1,6	-1,9		
Labour force participation rate	69,7	65,0	68,1	68,1	67,2	-0,9	-2,5		

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	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Northern Cape									
Population 15–64 yrs	787	790	792	794	796	2	9	0,3	1,1
Labour force	438	441	455	446	442	-4	5	-0,9	1,1
Employed	307	321	321	317	323	5	16	1,7	5,2
Unemployed	131	120	134	129	120	-9	-11	-7,2	-8,6
Not economically active	350	349	337	348	354	6	4	1,7	1,2
Discouraged work-seekers	72	65	55	66	63	-3	-9	-4,5	-13,1
Other	278	283	281	282	291	9	14	3,2	4,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	29,9	27,1	29,5	28,9	27,0	-1,9	-2,9		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	39,0	40,7	40,5	40,0	40,5	0,5	1,5		
Labour force participation rate	55,6	55,9	57,5	56,2	55,6	-0,6	0,0		
Free State									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 890	1 892	1 895	1 897	1 900	2	10	0,1	0,5
Labour force	1 205	1 195	1 211	1 202	1 215	13	10	1,1	0,8
Employed	821	806	814	788	774	-14	-48	-1,8	-5,8
Unemployed	384	390	397	414	441	27	57	6,6	14,9
Not economically active	685	697	684	696	685	-11	0	-1,6	0,0
Discouraged work-seekers	81	89	67	82	70	-12	-11	-14,9	-13,6
Other	604	608	616	614	615	1	11	0,2	1,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	31,8	32,6	32,8	34,4	36,3	1,9	4,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,5	42,6	43,0	41,5	40,7	-0,8	-2,8		
Labour force participation rate	63,8	63,2	63,9	63,3	63,9	0,6	0,1		

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	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Free State – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 354	1 353	1 353	1 353	1 353	0	-1	0,0	0,0
Labour force	815	811	841	821	839	18	23	2,2	2,9
Employed	556	533	555	526	517	-9	-39	-1,7	-7,0
Unemployed	259	278	286	294	321	27	62	9,3	23,9
Not economically active	538	543	512	533	514	-19	-24	-3,5	-4,5
Discouraged work-seekers	68	73	59	76	61	-15	-7	-19,6	-10,6
Other	470	470	453	457	453	-4	-17	-0,8	-3,6
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	31,8	34,3	34,1	35,8	38,3	2,5	6,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	41,1	39,4	41,0	38,9	38,2	-0,7	-2,9		
Labour force participation rate	60,2	59,9	62,2	60,6	62,0	1,4	1,8		
Free State – Mangaung									
Population 15–64 yrs	536	539	542	544	547	3	11	0,5	2,0
Labour force	390	384	370	381	376	-5	-14	-1,3	-3,5
Employed	265	273	260	262	257	-5	-9	-1,9	-3,4
Unemployed	124	111	111	120	120	0	-5	-0,1	-3,9
Not economically active	147	155	171	163	171	8	24	4,8	16,6
Discouraged work-seekers	12	16	8	6	9	3	-4	45,7	-30,1
Other	134	139	163	157	162	5	28	3,3	20,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	31,9	29,0	29,9	31,4	31,8	0,4	-0,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	49,5	50,7	47,9	48,1	46,9	-1,2	-2,6		
Labour force participation rate	72,7	71,3	68,4	70,0	68,8	-1,2	-3,9		

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	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
KwaZulu-Natal									
Population 15–64 yrs	6 921	6 948	6 975	7 002	7 029	27	108	0,4	1,6
Labour force	3 362	3 310	3 368	3 349	3 420	71	58	2,1	1,7
Employed	2 536	2 513	2 617	2 620	2 635	15	98	0,6	3,9
Unemployed	825	797	751	729	786	56	-40	7,7	-4,8
Not economically active	3 559	3 638	3 607	3 653	3 608	-44	49	-1,2	1,4
Discouraged work-seekers	705	719	851	887	814	-73	108	-8,3	15,4
Other	2 854	2 919	2 756	2 765	2 795	29	-59	1,1	-2,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	24,6	24,1	22,3	21,8	23,0	1,2	-1,6		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	36,6	36,2	37,5	37,4	37,5	0,1	0,9		
Labour force participation rate	48,6	47,6	48,3	47,8	48,7	0,9	0,1		
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 516	4 536	4 556	4 576	4 596	20	80	0,4	1,8
Labour force	1 853	1 816	1 855	1 835	1 940	105	87	5,7	4,7
Employed	1 379	1 346	1 412	1 397	1 424	27	44	1,9	3,2
Unemployed	474	470	443	437	516	79	43	18,0	9,1
Not economically active	2 663	2 720	2 701	2 741	2 656	-85	-7	-3,1	-0,3
Discouraged work-seekers	597	635	746	757	661	-97	64	-12,8	10,7
Other	2 066	2 085	1 955	1 984	1 995	11	-71	0,6	-3,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	25,6	25,9	23,9	23,8	26,6	2,8	1,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	30,5	29,7	31,0	30,5	31,0	0,5	0,5		
Labour force participation rate	41,0	40,0	40,7	40,1	42,2	2,1	1,2		

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	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekweni									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 405	2 412	2 419	2 426	2 433	7	28	0,3	1,2
Labour force	1 509	1 494	1 513	1 515	1 480	-34	-29	-2,3	-1,9
Employed	1 157	1 167	1 205	1 222	1 211	-12	54	-0,9	4,7
Unemployed	352	327	308	292	269	-23	-83	-7,8	-23,5
Not economically active	896	918	906	911	952	41	56	4,5	6,3
Discouraged work-seekers	108	84	105	130	153	23	45	18,0	41,2
Other	788	834	801	781	799	18	12	2,3	1,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	23,3	21,9	20,3	19,3	18,2	-1,1	-5,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	48,1	48,4	49,8	50,4	49,8	-0,6	1,7		
Labour force participation rate	62,7	61,9	62,5	62,4	60,8	-1,6	-1,9		
North West									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 523	2 534	2 545	2 556	2 567	11	44	0,4	1,7
Labour force	1 332	1 313	1 338	1 323	1 360	37	28	2,8	2,1
Employed	983	999	992	977	979	2	-4	0,2	-0,4
Unemployed	349	314	346	346	381	35	32	10,1	9,2
Not economically active	1 191	1 221	1 207	1 232	1 207	-26	16	-2,1	1,3
Discouraged work-seekers	294	285	296	323	300	-22	7	-7,0	2,2
Other	897	936	911	909	906	-3	9	-0,4	1,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	26,2	23,9	25,8	26,1	28,0	1,9	1,8		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	39,0	39,4	39,0	38,2	38,1	-0,1	-0,9		
Labour force participation rate	52,8	51,8	52,6	51,8	53,0	1,2	0,2		

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	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Gauteng									
Population 15–64 yrs	10 009	10 059	10 109	10 159	10 210	51	201	0,5	2,0
Labour force	7 259	7 043	7 097	7 195	7 216	22	-43	0,3	-0,6
Employed	5 068	4 991	5 069	5 055	5 077	22	9	0,4	0,2
Unemployed	2 191	2 052	2 029	2 140	2 139	-1	-52	0,0	-2,4
Not economically active	2 749	3 016	3 012	2 965	2 994	29	244	1,0	8,9
Discouraged work-seekers	263	383	445	428	413	-15	150	-3,4	56,9
Other	2 486	2 633	2 567	2 537	2 581	44	95	1,7	3,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	30,2	29,1	28,6	29,7	29,6	-0,1	-0,6		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	50,6	49,6	50,1	49,8	49,7	-0,1	-0,9		
Labour force participation rate	72,5	70,0	70,2	70,8	70,7	-0,1	-1,8		
Gauteng – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 333	1 336	1 338	1 341	1 344	3	11	0,2	0,9
Labour force	885	856	838	854	853	0	-31	0,0	-3,5
Employed	598	625	604	611	608	-3	10	-0,5	1,7
Unemployed	287	231	234	242	245	3	-42	1,2	-14,6
Not economically active	448	480	500	488	491	3	43	0,7	9,6
Discouraged work-seekers	68	84	110	120	123	3	55	2,9	81,6
Other	380	396	390	368	368	0	-12	-0,1	-3,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	32,4	26,9	28,0	28,4	28,7	0,3	-3,7		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	44,9	46,8	45,1	45,6	45,2	-0,4	0,3		
Labour force participation rate	66,4	64,1	62,6	63,6	63,5	-0,1	-2,9		

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)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	2 523	2 532	2 541	2 551	2 560	9	37	0,4	1,5
Labour force	1 879	1 840	1 814	1 821	1 802	-18	-76	-1,0	-4,1
Employed	1 274	1 222	1 253	1 213	1 245	32	-29	2,6	-2,3
Unemployed	605	618	561	608	557	-50	-48	-8,3	-7,9
Not economically active	644	692	727	730	758	28	114	3,8	17,7
Discouraged work-seekers	67	74	86	104	110	6	43	5,8	64,6
Other	577	617	641	626	648	22	71	3,5	12,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	32,2	33,6	30,9	33,4	30,9	-2,5	-1,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	50,5	48,3	49,3	47,6	48,6	1,0	-1,9		
Labour force participation rate	74,5	72,7	71,4	71,4	70,4	-1,0	-4,1		
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 700	3 724	3 748	3 772	3 796	24	96	0,6	2,6
Labour force	2 769	2 658	2 808	2 822	2 825	3	56	0,1	2,0
Employed	1 950	1 910	2 000	2 019	1 999	-20	48	-1,0	2,5
Unemployed	819	749	807	803	826	23	8	2,9	0,9
Not economically active	931	1 066	940	949	971	21	40	2,3	4,3
Discouraged work-seekers	57	123	96	86	71	-14	14	-16,6	25,3
Other	874	942	844	864	899	36	25	4,1	2,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	29,6	28,2	28,8	28,5	29,2	0,7	-0,4		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	52,7	51,3	53,4	53,5	52,7	-0,8	0,0		
Labour force participation rate	74,8	71,4	74,9	74,8	74,4	-0,4	-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)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	2 453	2 467	2 481	2 496	2 510	14	57	0,6	2,3
Labour force	1 727	1 688	1 638	1 698	1 736	38	9	2,2	0,5
Employed	1 246	1 234	1 212	1 211	1 225	14	-21	1,2	-1,7
Unemployed	481	455	426	487	511	24	30	4,9	6,1
Not economically active	726	779	844	798	774	-24	48	-2,9	6,6
Discouraged work-seekers	72	102	153	118	109	-10	37	-8,3	51,7
Other	654	677	691	679	666	-14	11	-2,0	1,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	27,9	26,9	26,0	28,7	29,4	0,7	1,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	50,8	50,0	48,8	48,5	48,8	0,3	-2,0		
Labour force participation rate	70,4	68,4	66,0	68,0	69,2	1,2	-1,2		
Mpumalanga									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 866	2 877	2 889	2 901	2 913	12	47	0,4	1,7
Labour force	1 738	1 748	1 770	1 815	1 824	9	86	0,5	4,9
Employed	1 204	1 242	1 197	1 212	1 231	20	27	1,6	2,3
Unemployed	534	506	573	603	592	-11	58	-1,8	10,9
Not economically active	1 128	1 130	1 119	1 086	1 089	3	-39	0,3	-3,4
Discouraged work-seekers	228	236	248	209	206	-3	-22	-1,6	-9,7
Other	900	894	871	877	883	6	-17	0,7	-1,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	30,7	28,9	32,4	33,2	32,5	-0,7	1,8		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	42,0	43,2	41,4	41,8	42,3	0,5	0,3		
Labour force participation rate	60,6	60,7	61,3	62,6	62,6	0,0	2,0		

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)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	3 692	3 705	3 718	3 731	3 744	13	52	0,3	1,4
Labour force	1 795	1 763	1 799	1 781	1 821	40	26	2,3	1,5
Employed	1 452	1 417	1 441	1 436	1 478	41	26	2,9	1,8
Unemployed	343	346	359	345	344	-1	1	-0,2	0,2
Not economically active	1 897	1 941	1 918	1 950	1 922	-28	25	-1,4	1,3
Discouraged work-seekers	373	379	408	414	444	30	72	7,3	19,2
Other	1 524	1 562	1 510	1 536	1 478	-58	-46	-3,8	-3,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	19,1	19,6	19,9	19,3	18,9	-0,4	-0,2		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	39,3	38,3	38,7	38,5	39,5	1,0	0,2		
Labour force participation rate	48,6	47,6	48,4	47,7	48,7	1,0	0,1		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.4: Labour force characteristics by sex – Expanded definition of unemployment									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	37 373	37 525	37 678	37 832	37 985	153	611	0,4	1,6
Labour force	25 614	25 388	25 858	25 922	26 139	217	525	0,8	2,1
Employed	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	92	188	0,6	1,2
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	11 379	11 244	11 355	11 320	11 255	-65	-125	-0,6	-1,1
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	2 689	2 808	2 901	2 828	3 017	188	327	6,7	12,2
Agriculture	810	849	847	843	842	-1	32	-0,2	3,9
Private households	1 313	1 270	1 275	1 296	1 267	-30	-46	-2,3	-3,5
Unemployed	9 422	9 216	9 481	9 634	9 759	125	337	1,3	3,6
Not economically active	11 760	12 138	11 820	11 910	11 846	-64	86	-0,5	0,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	36,8	36,3	36,7	37,2	37,3	0,1	0,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,3	43,1	43,5	43,1	43,1	0,0	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	68,5	67,7	68,6	68,5	68,8	0,3	0,3		
Women									
Population 15–64 yrs	18 903	18 975	19 048	19 122	19 195	73	292	0,4	1,5
Labour force	11 997	11 853	12 155	12 124	12 288	164	292	1,4	2,4
Employed	7 125	7 071	7 222	7 134	7 225	91	100	1,3	1,4
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4 805	4 730	4 842	4 817	4 827	10	22	0,2	0,5
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	1 057	1 084	1 113	1 042	1 125	83	67	7,9	6,4
Agriculture	252	267	285	278	277	-1	25	-0,4	9,9
Private households	1 010	990	982	996	995	-1	-14	-0,1	-1,4
Unemployed	4 872	4 782	4 933	4 991	5 064	73	192	1,5	3,9
Not economically active	6 906	7 122	6 893	6 997	6 907	-90	1	-1,3	0,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	40,6	40,3	40,6	41,2	41,2	0,0	0,6		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	37,7	37,3	37,9	37,3	37,6	0,3	-0,1		
Labour force participation rate	63,5	62,5	63,8	63,4	64,0	0,6	0,5		

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)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	18 471	18 550	18 630	18 710	18 790	80	319	0,4	1,7
Labour force	13 617	13 534	13 703	13 798	13 851	53	234	0,4	1,7
Employed	9 067	9 100	9 155	9 154	9 156	1	89	0,0	1,0
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	6 574	6 514	6 513	6 503	6 427	-75	-146	-1,2	-2,2
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	1 632	1 724	1 789	1 786	1 892	106	260	5,9	15,9
Agriculture	558	582	561	565	565	0	7	-0,1	1,2
Private households	303	280	293	300	271	-29	-31	-9,5	-10,4
Unemployed	4 550	4 434	4 547	4 644	4 695	52	145	1,1	3,2
Not economically active	4 853	5 016	4 927	4 912	4 939	26	86	0,5	1,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	33,4	32,8	33,2	33,7	33,9	0,2	0,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	49,1	49,1	49,1	48,9	48,7	-0,2	-0,4		
Labour force participation rate	73,7	73,0	73,6	73,7	73,7	0,0	0,0		

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									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	37 373	37 525	37 678	37 832	37 985	153	611	0,4	1,6
Labour force	25 614	25 388	25 858	25 922	26 139	217	525	0,8	2,1
Employed	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	92	188	0,6	1,2
Unemployed	9 422	9 216	9 481	9 634	9 759	125	337	1,3	3,6
Not economically active	11 760	12 138	11 820	11 910	11 846	-64	86	-0,5	0,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	36,8	36,3	36,7	37,2	37,3	0,1	0,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,3	43,1	43,5	43,1	43,1	0,0	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	68,5	67,7	68,6	68,5	68,8	0,3	0,3		
Black/African									
Population 15–64 yrs	29 950	30 099	30 249	30 399	30 550	150	599	0,5	2,0
Labour force	20 531	20 318	20 723	20 796	21 069	273	538	1,3	2,6
Employed	12 122	12 057	12 223	12 172	12 265	94	144	0,8	1,2
Unemployed	8 409	8 261	8 501	8 624	8 804	180	395	2,1	4,7
Not economically active	9 420	9 781	9 526	9 604	9 481	-123	61	-1,3	0,6
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	41,0	40,7	41,0	41,5	41,8	0,3	0,8		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	40,5	40,1	40,4	40,0	40,1	0,1	-0,4		
Labour force participation rate	68,5	67,5	68,5	68,4	69,0	0,6	0,5		
Coloured									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 415	3 425	3 434	3 443	3 452	9	36	0,3	1,1
Labour force	2 338	2 343	2 388	2 374	2 349	-26	11	-1,1	0,5
Employed	1 639	1 662	1 731	1 716	1 700	-17	61	-1,0	3,7
Unemployed	699	682	657	658	649	-9	-50	-1,4	-7,2
Not economically active	1 077	1 081	1 046	1 068	1 103	35	26	3,2	2,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	29,9	29,1	27,5	27,7	27,6	-0,1	-2,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	48,0	48,5	50,4	49,8	49,2	-0,6	1,2		
Labour force participation rate	68,5	68,4	69,5	69,0	68,0	-1,0	-0,5		

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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)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	996	998	1 000	1 003	1 005	2	9	0,2	0,9
Labour force	641	640	648	654	647	-7	6	-1,1	1,0
Employed	541	544	530	547	534	-13	-7	-2,4	-1,3
Unemployed	100	96	118	107	113	6	13	5,4	13,5
Not economically active	355	358	352	348	358	10	3	2,8	0,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	15,6	14,9	18,2	16,4	17,5	1,1	1,9		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	54,3	54,5	53,0	54,6	53,1	-1,5	-1,2		
Labour force participation rate	64,3	64,1	64,8	65,3	64,4	-0,9	0,1		
White									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 012	3 003	2 995	2 987	2 979	-8	-33	-0,3	-1,1
Labour force	2 104	2 086	2 099	2 098	2 074	-23	-30	-1,1	-1,4
Employed	1 890	1 909	1 894	1 853	1 881	28	-9	1,5	-0,5
Unemployed	214	178	205	245	193	-52	-21	-21,2	-9,8
Not economically active	907	917	896	889	904	15	-3	1,7	-0,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	10,2	8,5	9,8	11,7	9,3	-2,4	-0,9		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	62,8	63,6	63,2	62,0	63,2	1,2	0,4		
Labour force participation rate	69,9	69,5	70,1	70,2	69,6	-0,6	-0,3		

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Table 2.6: Labour force characteristics by age group – Expanded definition of unemployment									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	37 373	37 525	37 678	37 832	37 985	153	611	0,4	1,6
Labour force	25 614	25 388	25 858	25 922	26 139	217	525	0,8	2,1
Employed	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	92	188	0,6	1,2
Unemployed	9 422	9 216	9 481	9 634	9 759	125	337	1,3	3,6
Not economically active	11 760	12 138	11 820	11 910	11 846	-64	86	-0,5	0,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	36,8	36,3	36,7	37,2	37,3	0,1	0,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,3	43,1	43,5	43,1	43,1	0,0	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	68,5	67,7	68,6	68,5	68,8	0,3	0,3		
15–24 years									
Population 15–24 yrs	10 315	10 314	10 312	10 311	10 308	-3	-7	0,0	-0,1
Labour force	3 719	3 614	3 665	3 653	3 703	50	-17	1,4	-0,5
Employed	1 322	1 305	1 257	1 200	1 257	56	-65	4,7	-4,9
Unemployed	2 398	2 308	2 408	2 453	2 446	-7	48	-0,3	2,0
Not economically active	6 596	6 700	6 647	6 658	6 605	-53	9	-0,8	0,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	64,5	63,9	65,7	67,1	66,1	-1,0	1,6		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	12,8	12,7	12,2	11,6	12,2	0,6	-0,6		
Labour force participation rate	36,1	35,0	35,5	35,4	35,9	0,5	-0,2		
25–34 years									
Population 25–34 yrs	9 817	9 854	9 890	9 927	9 963	36	146	0,4	1,5
Labour force	8 478	8 370	8 552	8 576	8 631	55	153	0,6	1,8
Employed	4 871	4 790	4 890	4 869	4 890	21	19	0,4	0,4
Unemployed	3 607	3 580	3 661	3 707	3 741	34	134	0,9	3,7
Not economically active	1 340	1 484	1 339	1 351	1 332	-19	-7	-1,4	-0,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	42,5	42,8	42,8	43,2	43,3	0,1	0,8		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	49,6	48,6	49,4	49,0	49,1	0,1	-0,5		
Labour force participation rate	86,4	84,9	86,5	86,4	86,6	0,2	0,2		

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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)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	7 983	8 021	8 060	8 098	8 137	39	154	0,5	1,9
Labour force	7 105	7 083	7 181	7 204	7 215	11	110	0,2	1,5
Employed	5 027	5 081	5 154	5 147	5 100	-46	73	-0,9	1,4
Unemployed	2 078	2 002	2 027	2 057	2 115	58	37	2,8	1,8
Not economically active	878	938	878	895	922	28	45	3,1	5,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	29,2	28,3	28,2	28,6	29,3	0,7	0,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	63,0	63,3	64,0	63,6	62,7	-0,9	-0,3		
Labour force participation rate	89,0	88,3	89,1	89,0	88,7	-0,3	-0,3		
45–54 years									
Population 45–54 yrs	5 515	5 564	5 614	5 664	5 716	51	201	0,9	3,6
Labour force	4 459	4 496	4 579	4 613	4 703	90	244	1,9	5,5
Employed	3 426	3 445	3 488	3 511	3 570	58	143	1,7	4,2
Unemployed	1 033	1 051	1 091	1 102	1 133	32	101	2,9	9,8
Not economically active	1 056	1 068	1 035	1 051	1 012	-38	-44	-3,7	-4,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	23,2	23,4	23,8	23,9	24,1	0,2	0,9		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	62,1	61,9	62,1	62,0	62,5	0,5	0,4		
Labour force participation rate	80,8	80,8	81,6	81,4	82,3	0,9	1,5		
55–64 years									
Population 55–64 yrs	3 743	3 772	3 802	3 832	3 861	29	118	0,8	3,2
Labour force	1 852	1 826	1 881	1 877	1 888	11	35	0,6	1,9
Employed	1 545	1 551	1 588	1 561	1 564	3	19	0,2	1,2
Unemployed	307	275	293	316	324	8	17	2,4	5,4
Not economically active	1 890	1 947	1 921	1 955	1 973	19	83	1,0	4,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	16,6	15,1	15,6	16,8	17,1	0,3	0,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	41,3	41,1	41,8	40,7	40,5	-0,2	-0,8		
Labour force participation rate	49,5	48,4	49,5	49,0	48,9	-0,1	-0,6		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province and metro – Expanded definition of unemployment									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	37 373	37 525	37 678	37 832	37 985	153	611	0,4	1,6
Labour force	25 614	25 388	25 858	25 922	26 139	217	525	0,8	2,1
Employed	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	92	188	0,6	1,2
Unemployed	9 422	9 216	9 481	9 634	9 759	125	337	1,3	3,6
Not economically active	11 760	12 138	11 820	11 910	11 846	-64	86	-0,5	0,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	36,8	36,3	36,7	37,2	37,3	0,1	0,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,3	43,1	43,5	43,1	43,1	0,0	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	68,5	67,7	68,6	68,5	68,8	0,3	0,3		
Western Cape									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 483	4 506	4 528	4 551	4 574	23	91	0,5	2,0
Labour force	3 210	3 236	3 266	3 229	3 268	39	58	1,2	1,8
Employed	2 399	2 492	2 530	2 480	2 494	14	95	0,6	3,9
Unemployed	810	744	736	749	774	25	-37	3,4	-4,5
Not economically active	1 273	1 270	1 263	1 323	1 306	-16	33	-1,2	2,6
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	25,2	23,0	22,5	23,2	23,7	0,5	-1,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	53,5	55,3	55,9	54,5	54,5	0,0	1,0		
Labour force participation rate	71,6	71,8	72,1	70,9	71,4	0,5	-0,2		
Western Cape – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 626	1 635	1 644	1 653	1 662	9	36	0,5	2,2
Labour force	1 150	1 181	1 179	1 155	1 184	29	35	2,5	3,0
Employed	855	920	940	875	888	13	34	1,5	3,9
Unemployed	295	260	239	280	296	16	1	5,8	0,3
Not economically active	477	454	465	498	478	-20	1	-4,0	0,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	25,7	22,1	20,3	24,2	25,0	0,8	-0,7		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	52,5	56,3	57,2	53,0	53,4	0,4	0,9		
Labour force participation rate	70,7	72,2	71,7	69,9	71,3	1,4	0,6		

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Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province and metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (continued)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	2 857	2 871	2 884	2 898	2 912	14	55	0,5	1,9
Labour force	2 060	2 055	2 087	2 073	2 084	10	23	0,5	1,1
Employed	1 545	1 571	1 589	1 604	1 606	1	61	0,1	3,9
Unemployed	515	484	497	469	478	9	-38	1,9	-7,3
Not economically active	797	816	798	825	829	4	32	0,4	4,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	25,0	23,5	23,8	22,6	22,9	0,3	-2,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	54,1	54,7	55,1	55,4	55,1	-0,3	1,0		
Labour force participation rate	72,1	71,6	72,3	71,5	71,5	0,0	-0,6		
Eastern Cape									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 203	4 215	4 228	4 240	4 253	12	50	0,3	1,2
Labour force	2 599	2 520	2 589	2 585	2 573	-12	-26	-0,5	-1,0
Employed	1 421	1 391	1 397	1 402	1 390	-13	-31	-0,9	-2,2
Unemployed	1 178	1 129	1 192	1 183	1 184	1	6	0,0	0,5
Not economically active	1 604	1 695	1 639	1 655	1 680	25	76	1,5	4,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	45,3	44,8	46,0	45,8	46,0	0,2	0,7		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	33,8	33,0	33,1	33,1	32,7	-0,4	-1,1		
Labour force participation rate	61,8	59,8	61,2	61,0	60,5	-0,5	-1,3		
Eastern Cape – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 891	2 899	2 907	2 916	2 923	8	32	0,3	1,1
Labour force	1 642	1 622	1 657	1 656	1 655	-1	13	0,0	0,8
Employed	818	812	804	799	794	-5	-24	-0,7	-2,9
Unemployed	824	809	853	857	861	5	37	0,5	4,5
Not economically active	1 250	1 278	1 250	1 260	1 268	9	19	0,7	1,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	50,2	49,9	51,5	51,7	52,0	0,3	1,8		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	28,3	28,0	27,7	27,4	27,2	-0,2	-1,1		
Labour force participation rate	56,8	55,9	57,0	56,8	56,6	-0,2	-0,2		

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Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province and metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (continued)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	508	510	511	512	514	1	6	0,3	1,1
Labour force	395	373	380	375	368	-7	-27	-1,8	-6,9
Employed	245	247	242	244	247	4	2	1,6	0,9
Unemployed	150	126	137	131	121	-11	-29	-8,1	-19,6
Not economically active	113	136	131	138	146	8	33	6,0	29,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	38,0	33,7	36,2	35,0	32,8	-2,2	-5,2		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	48,2	48,5	47,4	47,5	48,1	0,6	-0,1		
Labour force participation rate	77,8	73,2	74,3	73,2	71,6	-1,6	-6,2		
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay									
Population 15–64 yrs	803	806	809	812	815	3	12	0,4	1,5
Labour force	562	525	552	554	550	-5	-12	-0,8	-2,2
Employed	358	331	351	360	348	-11	-10	-3,2	-2,9
Unemployed	204	194	201	195	202	7	-2	3,5	-0,9
Not economically active	241	281	257	258	266	8	24	3,0	10,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	36,2	37,0	36,4	35,2	36,7	1,5	0,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	44,6	41,1	43,4	44,3	42,7	-1,6	-1,9		
Labour force participation rate	69,9	65,2	68,2	68,3	67,4	-0,9	-2,5		
Northern Cape									
Population 15–64 yrs	787	790	792	794	796	2	9	0,3	1,1
Labour force	539	540	544	551	539	-12	0	-2,2	-0,1
Employed	307	321	321	317	323	5	16	1,7	5,2
Unemployed	232	219	223	234	216	-18	-16	-7,6	-7,0
Not economically active	248	249	248	243	257	14	9	6,0	3,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	43,1	40,5	41,0	42,4	40,1	-2,3	-3,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	39,0	40,7	40,5	40,0	40,5	0,5	1,5		
Labour force participation rate	68,5	68,4	68,7	69,4	67,7	-1,7	-0,8		

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Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province and metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (continued)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	1 890	1 892	1 895	1 897	1 900	2	10	0,1	0,5
Labour force	1 336	1 321	1 323	1 316	1 323	7	-13	0,5	-1,0
Employed	821	806	814	788	774	-14	-48	-1,8	-5,8
Unemployed	514	516	508	528	549	21	35	4,0	6,8
Not economically active	554	571	572	581	577	-5	23	-0,8	4,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	38,5	39,0	38,4	40,1	41,5	1,4	3,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,5	42,6	43,0	41,5	40,7	-0,8	-2,8		
Labour force participation rate	70,7	69,8	69,8	69,4	69,6	0,2	-1,1		
Free State – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 354	1 353	1 353	1 353	1 353	0	-1	0,0	0,0
Labour force	921	914	930	920	928	8	7	0,9	0,8
Employed	556	533	555	526	517	-9	-39	-1,7	-7,0
Unemployed	365	382	376	393	410	17	46	4,4	12,5
Not economically active	433	439	423	434	425	-9	-8	-2,0	-1,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	39,6	41,8	40,4	42,7	44,2	1,5	4,6		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	41,1	39,4	41,0	38,9	38,2	-0,7	-2,9		
Labour force participation rate	68,0	67,6	68,7	67,9	68,6	0,7	0,6		
Free State – Mangaung									
Population 15–64 yrs	536	539	542	544	547	3	11	0,5	2,0
Labour force	415	407	392	397	395	-1	-20	-0,3	-4,8
Employed	265	273	260	262	257	-5	-9	-1,9	-3,4
Unemployed	150	134	133	135	139	4	-11	2,9	-7,3
Not economically active	121	132	149	148	151	4	30	2,6	25,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	36,1	32,9	33,8	34,1	35,1	1,0	-1,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	49,5	50,7	47,9	48,1	46,9	-1,2	-2,6		
Labour force participation rate	77,4	75,5	72,5	72,9	72,3	-0,6	-5,1		

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Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (continued)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	6 921	6 948	6 975	7 002	7 029	27	108	0,4	1,6
Labour force	4 299	4 256	4 406	4 435	4 481	45	181	1,0	4,2
Employed	2 536	2 513	2 617	2 620	2 635	15	98	0,6	3,9
Unemployed	1 763	1 743	1 790	1 816	1 846	30	83	1,7	4,7
Not economically active	2 621	2 692	2 568	2 566	2 548	-18	-73	-0,7	-2,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	41,0	41,0	40,6	40,9	41,2	0,3	0,2		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	36,6	36,2	37,5	37,4	37,5	0,1	0,9		
Labour force participation rate	62,1	61,3	63,2	63,3	63,7	0,4	1,6		
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 516	4 536	4 556	4 576	4 596	20	80	0,4	1,8
Labour force	2 635	2 633	2 747	2 755	2 811	56	176	2,0	6,7
Employed	1 379	1 346	1 412	1 397	1 424	27	44	1,9	3,2
Unemployed	1 255	1 286	1 336	1 358	1 388	29	132	2,2	10,5
Not economically active	1 881	1 903	1 808	1 821	1 785	-36	-96	-2,0	-5,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	47,6	48,9	48,6	49,3	49,4	0,1	1,8		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	30,5	29,7	31,0	30,5	31,0	0,5	0,5		
Labour force participation rate	58,3	58,0	60,3	60,2	61,2	1,0	2,9		
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekhwini									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 405	2 412	2 419	2 426	2 433	7	28	0,3	1,2
Labour force	1 665	1 623	1 659	1 680	1 669	-11	5	-0,6	0,3
Employed	1 157	1 167	1 205	1 222	1 211	-12	54	-0,9	4,7
Unemployed	508	457	454	458	459	1	-49	0,2	-9,7
Not economically active	740	788	760	745	763	18	23	2,4	3,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	30,5	28,1	27,4	27,2	27,5	0,3	-3,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	48,1	48,4	49,8	50,4	49,8	-0,6	1,7		
Labour force participation rate	69,2	67,3	68,6	69,3	68,6	-0,7	-0,6		

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Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (continued)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	2 523	2 534	2 545	2 556	2 567	11	44	0,4	1,7
Labour force	1 709	1 684	1 704	1 727	1 746	19	37	1,1	2,2
Employed	983	999	992	977	979	2	-4	0,2	-0,4
Unemployed	726	684	711	750	767	17	41	2,3	5,7
Not economically active	814	850	841	829	821	-8	6	-1,0	0,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	42,5	40,6	41,8	43,4	43,9	0,5	1,4		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	39,0	39,4	39,0	38,2	38,1	-0,1	-0,9		
Labour force participation rate	67,7	66,4	66,9	67,6	68,0	0,4	0,3		
Gauteng									
Population 15–64 yrs	10 009	10 059	10 109	10 159	10 210	51	201	0,5	2,0
Labour force	7 603	7 528	7 636	7 707	7 724	17	121	0,2	1,6
Employed	5 068	4 991	5 069	5 055	5 077	22	9	0,4	0,2
Unemployed	2 535	2 537	2 567	2 652	2 647	-6	112	-0,2	4,4
Not economically active	2 406	2 531	2 473	2 452	2 486	34	80	1,4	3,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	33,3	33,7	33,6	34,4	34,3	-0,1	1,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	50,6	49,6	50,1	49,8	49,7	-0,1	-0,9		
Labour force participation rate	76,0	74,8	75,5	75,9	75,6	-0,3	-0,4		
Gauteng – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 333	1 336	1 338	1 341	1 344	3	11	0,2	0,9
Labour force	990	960	973	993	991	-2	1	-0,2	0,1
Employed	598	625	604	611	608	-3	10	-0,5	1,7
Unemployed	392	335	369	381	382	1	-10	0,3	-2,5
Not economically active	343	375	365	349	354	5	11	1,4	3,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	39,6	34,9	37,9	38,4	38,6	0,2	-1,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	44,9	46,8	45,1	45,6	45,2	-0,4	0,3		
Labour force participation rate	74,3	71,9	72,7	74,0	73,7	-0,3	-0,6		

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Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (continued)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	2 523	2 532	2 541	2 551	2 560	9	37	0,4	1,5
Labour force	1 958	1 930	1 923	1 939	1 934	-5	-25	-0,3	-1,3
Employed	1 274	1 222	1 253	1 213	1 245	32	-29	2,6	-2,3
Unemployed	685	708	670	725	689	-37	4	-5,1	0,6
Not economically active	564	602	618	612	626	14	62	2,3	11,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	35,0	36,7	34,9	37,4	35,6	-1,8	0,6		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	50,5	48,3	49,3	47,6	48,6	1,0	-1,9		
Labour force participation rate	77,6	76,2	75,7	76,0	75,5	-0,5	-2,1		
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 700	3 724	3 748	3 772	3 796	24	96	0,6	2,6
Labour force	2 834	2 822	2 916	2 918	2 917	-1	83	0,0	2,9
Employed	1 950	1 910	2 000	2 019	1 999	-20	48	-1,0	2,5
Unemployed	883	912	916	899	918	19	35	2,2	3,9
Not economically active	866	902	831	854	879	25	13	2,9	1,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	31,2	32,3	31,4	30,8	31,5	0,7	0,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	52,7	51,3	53,4	53,5	52,7	-0,8	0,0		
Labour force participation rate	76,6	75,8	77,8	77,4	76,8	-0,6	0,2		
Gauteng – City of Tshwane									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 453	2 467	2 481	2 496	2 510	14	57	0,6	2,3
Labour force	1 821	1 815	1 823	1 858	1 883	25	62	1,3	3,4
Employed	1 246	1 234	1 212	1 211	1 225	14	-21	1,2	-1,7
Unemployed	575	582	612	647	658	11	83	1,6	14,4
Not economically active	632	652	658	638	627	-10	-5	-1,6	-0,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	31,6	32,0	33,5	34,8	34,9	0,1	3,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	50,8	50,0	48,8	48,5	48,8	0,3	-2,0		
Labour force participation rate	74,2	73,6	73,5	74,4	75,0	0,6	0,8		

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Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (concluded)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	2 866	2 877	2 889	2 901	2 913	12	47	0,4	1,7
Labour force	2 057	2 061	2 081	2 078	2 099	21	42	1,0	2,0
Employed	1 204	1 242	1 197	1 212	1 231	20	27	1,6	2,3
Unemployed	853	819	884	866	867	1	14	0,2	1,7
Not economically active	808	817	808	823	814	-9	6	-1,1	0,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	41,5	39,7	42,5	41,7	41,3	-0,4	-0,2		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	42,0	43,2	41,4	41,8	42,3	0,5	0,3		
Labour force participation rate	71,8	71,6	72,0	71,6	72,1	0,5	0,3		
Limpopo									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 692	3 705	3 718	3 731	3 744	13	52	0,3	1,4
Labour force	2 261	2 242	2 309	2 294	2 387	93	125	4,1	5,5
Employed	1 452	1 417	1 441	1 436	1 478	41	26	2,9	1,8
Unemployed	810	825	869	857	909	52	100	6,0	12,3
Not economically active	1 430	1 462	1 409	1 437	1 357	-80	-73	-5,6	-5,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	35,8	36,8	37,6	37,4	38,1	0,7	2,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	39,3	38,3	38,7	38,5	39,5	1,0	0,2		
Labour force participation rate	61,3	60,5	62,1	61,5	63,8	2,3	2,5		

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Table 3.1: Employed by industry and sex – South Africa									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	92	188	0,6	1,2
Agriculture	810	849	847	843	842	-1	32	-0,2	3,9
Mining	446	411	397	435	406	-29	-40	-6,7	-8,9
Manufacturing	1 749	1 791	1 849	1 744	1 719	-25	-30	-1,5	-1,7
Utilities	153	149	143	161	156	-5	3	-3,0	1,9
Construction	1 365	1 390	1 431	1 476	1 502	27	137	1,8	10,1
Trade	3 286	3 240	3 276	3 219	3 305	86	20	2,7	0,6
Transport	988	1 001	960	1 014	996	-18	8	-1,8	0,8
Finance	2 463	2 373	2 402	2 399	2 502	102	38	4,3	1,6
Community and social services	3 616	3 691	3 785	3 692	3 675	-17	59	-0,5	1,6
Private households	1 313	1 270	1 275	1 296	1 267	-30	-46	-2,3	-3,5
Other	3	6	12	8	11	3	8	39,1	280,4
Women	7 125	7 071	7 222	7 134	7 225	91	100	1,3	1,4
Agriculture	252	267	285	278	277	-1	25	-0,4	9,9
Mining	53	45	42	60	51	-8	-1	-13,6	-2,8
Manufacturing	597	585	624	584	572	-12	-25	-2,1	-4,2
Utilities	43	38	34	48	35	-13	-8	-26,5	-18,2
Construction	158	174	149	157	151	-6	-7	-3,9	-4,7
Trade	1 563	1 536	1 553	1 537	1 592	56	29	3,6	1,9
Transport	190	197	193	203	202	-1	13	-0,3	6,7
Finance	1 008	976	1 026	1 019	1 078	59	70	5,8	6,9
Community and social services	2 248	2 259	2 328	2 246	2 265	19	17	0,8	0,8
Private households	1 010	990	982	996	995	-1	-14	-0,1	-1,4
Other	3	3	7	6	5	-1	2	-18,2	85,0
Men	9 067	9 100	9 155	9 154	9 156	1	89	0,0	1,0
Agriculture	558	582	561	565	565	0	7	-0,1	1,2
Mining	393	365	355	376	355	-21	-38	-5,6	-9,8
Manufacturing	1 152	1 206	1 225	1 160	1 147	-13	-5	-1,2	-0,5
Utilities	110	111	109	113	121	8	11	7,0	9,7
Construction	1 206	1 217	1 282	1 318	1 351	33	145	2,5	12,0
Trade	1 722	1 704	1 723	1 682	1 713	31	-9	1,8	-0,5
Transport	798	804	767	811	793	-18	-5	-2,2	-0,6
Finance	1 455	1 397	1 377	1 381	1 424	43	-32	3,1	-2,2
Community and social services	1 369	1 432	1 458	1 446	1 410	-36	42	-2,5	3,0
Private households	303	280	293	300	271	-29	-31	-9,5	-10,4
Other		2	6	1	5	4		311,8	

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	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	810	849	847	843	842	-1	32	-0,2	3,9
Western Cape	159	193	208	181	183	2	24	1,2	15,3
Eastern Cape	86	94	91	97	88	-9	3	-8,9	3,2
Northern Cape	39	55	48	44	42	-2	4	-5,4	9,3
Free State	75	77	92	71	74	3	-1	4,2	-1,3
KwaZulu-Natal	121	106	115	122	121	-1	-1	-1,0	-0,6
North West	49	47	47	43	60	17	11	38,5	22,5
Gauteng	44	36	29	32	34	2	-10	5,6	-22,1
Mpumalanga	100	104	87	94	91	-3	-8	-2,8	-8,2
Limpopo	138	136	130	158	148	-10	10	-6,4	6,9
Mining	446	411	397	435	406	-29	-40	-6,7	-8,9
Western Cape	5	4	2	4	4	0	-1	-10,5	-27,0
Eastern Cape		2		1	1	0		39,7	
Northern Cape	33	25	24	23	23	0	-10	-1,5	-30,2
Free State	17	16	18	23	24	0	6	0,7	34,9
KwaZulu-Natal	5	4	7	6	9	3	4	55,4	90,4
North West	137	128	125	147	133	-14	-4	-9,3	-2,7
Gauteng	91	76	74	72	61	-11	-31	-15,5	-33,6
Mpumalanga	51	64	66	72	64	-8	12	-10,7	24,2
Limpopo	107	92	81	88	89	1	-18	0,9	-16,5
Manufacturing	1 749	1 791	1 849	1 744	1 719	-25	-30	-1,5	-1,7
Western Cape	330	328	351	339	297	-42	-32	-12,3	-9,8
Eastern Cape	128	115	144	127	118	-9	-10	-7,0	-7,7
Northern Cape	9	9	15	11	13	2	4	17,8	42,5
Free State	55	55	58	58	65	7	11	12,3	20,0
KwaZulu-Natal	330	361	371	350	346	-4	16	-1,3	4,8
North West	78	85	74	49	54	4	-24	9,0	-31,2
Gauteng	624	643	650	612	627	15	3	2,5	0,5
Mpumalanga	112	106	98	117	120	3	7	2,2	6,5
Limpopo	84	90	88	80	79	-2	-5	-2,4	-6,2

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Table 3.2: Employed by industry and province (continued)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	153	149	143	161	156	-5	3	-3,0	1,9
Western Cape	16	11	4	10	13	4	-3	36,6	-18,5
Eastern Cape	9	7	5	4	3	-1	-6	-29,7	-64,7
Northern Cape	5	3	9	5	6	1	1	28,4	12,9
Free State	11	9	7	10	11	0	0	2,3	-2,1
KwaZulu-Natal	18	14	19	17	14	-3	-3	-16,5	-18,1
North West	5	5	5	11	7	-4	2	-36,1	50,1
Gauteng	42	52	39	51	51	0	9	-0,4	22,3
Mpumalanga	35	36	47	41	42	0	6	1,1	17,6
Limpopo	13	11	9	11	9	-2	-4	-17,8	-28,6
Construction	1 365	1 390	1 431	1 476	1 502	27	137	1,8	10,1
Western Cape	231	227	214	233	233	1	3	0,3	1,1
Eastern Cape	157	146	154	163	172	9	16	5,6	10,0
Northern Cape	21	26	26	24	25	2	4	6,8	21,2
Free State	73	75	59	51	64	13	-9	25,3	-12,5
KwaZulu-Natal	199	196	211	229	238	9	39	3,8	19,3
North West	71	90	96	94	79	-16	8	-16,7	11,4
Gauteng	340	369	419	419	413	-6	74	-1,5	21,7
Mpumalanga	118	107	105	112	115	2	-4	2,2	-3,2
Limpopo	156	154	146	150	163	13	7	8,8	4,8
Trade	3 286	3 240	3 276	3 219	3 305	86	20	2,7	0,6
Western Cape	481	483	510	511	501	-9	20	-1,8	4,1
Eastern Cape	312	320	286	301	309	8	-2	2,8	-0,8
Northern Cape	45	45	48	50	50	0	5	0,5	11,3
Free State	178	163	176	162	141	-21	-37	-13,2	-20,7
KwaZulu-Natal	490	468	467	466	511	45	20	9,7	4,1
North West	200	206	197	190	197	7	-3	3,7	-1,3
Gauteng	990	1 003	1 004	975	979	5	-11	0,5	-1,1
Mpumalanga	254	254	261	247	262	16	8	6,3	3,2
Limpopo	335	298	328	318	354	36	19	11,4	5,7

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Table 3.2: Employed by industry and province (continued)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	988	1 001	960	1 014	996	-18	8	-1,8	0,8
Western Cape	150	146	141	157	160	2	10	1,5	6,6
Eastern Cape	67	64	70	62	71	9	4	15,0	6,6
Northern Cape	9	12	10	11	14	3	5	24,3	57,9
Free State	51	39	35	41	35	-7	-16	-16,2	-31,7
KwaZulu-Natal	182	189	178	194	176	-17	-6	-8,9	-3,1
North West	35	36	33	34	33	-1	-1	-2,6	-4,0
Gauteng	383	399	383	405	389	-16	6	-4,0	1,5
Mpumalanga	57	59	52	58	67	9	10	14,7	18,0
Limpopo	55	55	58	51	51	0	-4	-0,4	-8,0
Finance	2 463	2 373	2 402	2 399	2 502	102	38	4,3	1,6
Western Cape	424	459	436	423	456	34	32	8,0	7,6
Eastern Cape	169	152	134	137	132	-5	-37	-3,8	-21,8
Northern Cape	22	26	26	24	22	-2	0	-8,2	1,6
Free State	75	86	91	84	71	-13	-4	-15,7	-5,7
KwaZulu-Natal	320	318	323	327	347	19	26	5,9	8,2
North West	102	111	117	100	98	-2	-4	-2,2	-3,9
Gauteng	1 070	970	1 018	1 063	1 112	49	42	4,6	3,9
Mpumalanga	148	132	117	122	143	21	-6	17,5	-3,8
Limpopo	132	119	141	119	120	1	-12	1,0	-9,1
Community and social services	3 616	3 691	3 785	3 692	3 675	-17	59	-0,5	1,6
Western Cape	446	491	496	462	499	37	53	8,0	12,0
Eastern Cape	376	372	403	402	390	-12	15	-3,0	3,9
Northern Cape	97	100	95	105	100	-5	3	-4,3	3,6
Free State	198	200	200	202	197	-5	-1	-2,6	-0,6
KwaZulu-Natal	633	645	702	684	657	-28	23	-4,1	3,7
North West	230	218	228	231	241	10	11	4,5	4,9
Gauteng	1 091	1 062	1 069	1 040	1 017	-23	-74	-2,2	-6,8
Mpumalanga	227	264	252	238	227	-11	0	-4,7	0,0
Limpopo	319	338	339	327	347	20	28	6,0	8,9

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Table 3.2: Employed by industry and province (concluded)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	1 313	1 270	1 275	1 296	1 267	-30	-46	-2,3	-3,5
Western Cape	157	148	165	161	147	-14	-11	-8,6	-6,8
Eastern Cape	119	120	111	108	104	-4	-15	-3,6	-12,7
Northern Cape	28	22	20	20	27	7	-1	33,9	-2,5
Free State	88	84	77	84	92	9	4	10,5	4,8
KwaZulu-Natal	237	211	225	225	217	-8	-20	-3,4	-8,5
North West	78	72	70	77	76	0	-2	-0,6	-1,9
Gauteng	391	373	376	378	384	6	-7	1,5	-1,7
Mpumalanga	100	115	111	111	101	-10	1	-8,8	0,8
Limpopo	114	123	121	134	118	-15	4	-11,5	3,5

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Table 3.3: Employed by sector and industry – South Africa									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	92	188	0,6	1,2
Formal and informal sector (non-agricultural)	14 069	14 052	14 256	14 148	14 271	123	203	0,9	1,4
Mining	446	411	397	435	406	-29	-40	-6,7	-8,9
Manufacturing	1 749	1 791	1 849	1 744	1 719	-25	-30	-1,5	-1,7
Utilities	153	149	143	161	156	-5	3	-3,0	1,9
Construction	1 365	1 390	1 431	1 476	1 502	27	137	1,8	10,1
Trade	3 286	3 240	3 276	3 219	3 305	86	20	2,7	0,6
Transport	988	1 001	960	1 014	996	-18	8	-1,8	0,8
Finance	2 463	2 373	2 402	2 399	2 502	102	38	4,3	1,6
Community and social services	3 616	3 691	3 785	3 692	3 675	-17	59	-0,5	1,6
Other	3	6	12	8	11	3	8	39,1	280,4
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	11 379	11 244	11 355	11 320	11 255	-65	-125	-0,6	-1,1
Mining	440	401	394	427	400	-27	-40	-6,4	-9,1
Manufacturing	1 535	1 548	1 617	1 529	1 500	-29	-35	-1,9	-2,3
Utilities	150	146	138	155	152	-3	2	-2,2	1,4
Construction	951	958	939	982	961	-21	10	-2,1	1,1
Trade	2 169	2 143	2 183	2 138	2 149	11	-20	0,5	-0,9
Transport	715	711	675	745	721	-23	6	-3,1	0,8
Finance	2 248	2 156	2 132	2 143	2 178	36	-69	1,7	-3,1
Community and social services	3 169	3 176	3 266	3 192	3 182	-10	14	-0,3	0,4
Other	3	6	12	8	11	3	8	39,1	280,4
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	2 689	2 808	2 901	2 828	3 017	188	327	6,7	12,2
Mining	6	10	3	8	6	-2	0	-22,5	2,8
Manufacturing	214	243	232	215	218	4	4	1,7	2,0
Utilities	3	4	5	5	4	-1	1	-25,8	22,9
Construction	414	432	492	493	541	48	127	9,7	30,8
Trade	1 117	1 097	1 093	1 081	1 156	75	39	7,0	3,5
Transport	273	291	286	270	275	5	2	1,9	0,8
Finance	215	217	271	257	323	67	108	25,9	50,0
Community and social services	447	515	520	500	493	-7	45	-1,4	10,2
Other									
Agriculture	810	849	847	843	842	-1	32	-0,2	3,9
Private households	1 313	1 270	1 275	1 296	1 267	-30	-46	-2,3	-3,5

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Table 3.4: Employed by province and sector									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	92	188	0,6	1,2
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	11 379	11 244	11 355	11 320	11 255	-65	-125	-0,6	-1,1
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	2 689	2 808	2 901	2 828	3 017	188	327	6,7	12,2
Agriculture	810	849	847	843	842	-1	32	-0,2	3,9
Private households	1 313	1 270	1 275	1 296	1 267	-30	-46	-2,3	-3,5
Western Cape	2 399	2 492	2 530	2 480	2 494	14	95	0,6	3,9
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1 839	1 892	1 862	1 856	1 883	27	45	1,5	2,4
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	244	258	295	282	281	-1	36	-0,4	15,0
Agriculture	159	193	208	181	183	2	24	1,2	15,3
Private households	157	148	165	161	147	-14	-11	-8,6	-6,8
Western Cape – Non-metro	855	920	940	875	888	13	34	1,5	3,9
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	566	606	576	557	564	7	-2	1,3	-0,3
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	68	88	106	98	102	3	33	3,3	48,4
Agriculture	145	168	191	160	163	3	17	2,0	12,0
Private households	75	58	68	61	59	-1	-15	-1,9	-20,3
Western Cape – City of Cape Town	1 545	1 571	1 589	1 604	1 606	1	61	0,1	3,9
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1 273	1 286	1 287	1 299	1 319	20	46	1,5	3,6
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	176	170	189	184	179	-5	3	-2,5	1,9
Agriculture	14	25	17	22	21	-1	7	-5,3	50,2
Private households	83	90	97	100	87	-13	4	-12,7	5,4
Eastern Cape	1 421	1 391	1 397	1 402	1 390	-13	-31	-0,9	-2,2
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	904	859	885	884	859	-25	-45	-2,9	-5,0
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	312	317	311	314	339	25	26	8,0	8,4
Agriculture	86	94	91	97	88	-9	3	-8,9	3,2
Private households	119	120	111	108	104	-4	-15	-3,6	-12,7

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Table 3.4: Employed by province and sector (continued)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	818	812	804	799	794	-5	-24	-0,7	-2,9
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	468	445	452	438	418	-20	-50	-4,6	-10,7
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	213	211	212	203	224	21	11	10,4	5,0
Agriculture	74	87	81	91	87	-4	13	-4,1	17,5
Private households	62	70	59	67	64	-3	3	-3,8	4,4
Eastern Cape – Buffalo City	245	247	242	244	247	4	2	1,6	0,9
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	172	165	172	176	181	5	9	3,0	5,2
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	50	61	47	52	49	-3	-1	-6,3	-2,2
Agriculture	7	7	8	3	1	-2	-6	-61,1	-83,2
Private households	16	14	16	13	16	4	0	28,4	1,5
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay	358	331	351	360	348	-11	-10	-3,2	-2,9
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	264	249	261	270	259	-11	-4	-3,9	-1,7
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	49	46	52	59	66	7	17	12,3	34,1
Agriculture	5	1	2	3					
Private households	41	36	36	28	23	-5	-18	-17,8	-44,0
Northern Cape	307	321	321	317	323	5	16	1,7	5,2
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	208	209	225	226	226	1	19	0,4	9,1
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	33	36	28	27	27	0	-6	0,3	-17,3
Agriculture	39	55	48	44	42	-2	4	-5,4	9,3
Private households	28	22	20	20	27	7	-1	33,9	-2,5
Free State	821	806	814	788	774	-14	-48	-1,8	-5,8
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	497	488	500	483	474	-9	-23	-1,9	-4,6
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	161	157	146	150	133	-17	-28	-11,2	-17,2
Agriculture	75	77	92	71	74	3	-1	4,2	-1,3
Private households	88	84	77	84	92	9	4	10,5	4,8

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Table 3.4: Employed by province and sector (continued)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	556	533	555	526	517	-9	-39	-1,7	-7,0
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	311	300	314	302	299	-3	-12	-0,9	-3,8
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	113	102	98	101	87	-15	-26	-14,3	-23,3
Agriculture	72	76	91	70	71	0	-1	0,4	-2,0
Private households	60	55	52	53	61	8	1	14,4	1,8
Free State – Mangaung	265	273	260	262	257	-5	-9	-1,9	-3,4
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	186	188	185	181	175	-7	-11	-3,6	-6,1
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	48	55	48	49	47	-2	-1	-4,7	-2,7
Agriculture	3	1	1	1	3	3	1	369,4	18,0
Private households	29	29	25	31	32	1	3	3,8	11,0
KwaZulu-Natal	2 536	2 513	2 617	2 620	2 635	15	98	0,6	3,9
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1 762	1 784	1 824	1 816	1 816	0	54	0,0	3,1
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	415	412	453	457	480	23	65	5,1	15,7
Agriculture	121	106	115	122	121	-1	-1	-1,0	-0,6
Private households	237	211	225	225	217	-8	-20	-3,4	-8,5
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro	1 379	1 346	1 412	1 397	1 424	27	44	1,9	3,2
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	869	878	893	867	886	19	17	2,2	2,0
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	270	261	299	302	316	15	46	4,9	17,1
Agriculture	119	103	113	119	116	-3	-3	-2,7	-2,3
Private households	122	104	107	110	106	-4	-17	-3,6	-13,6
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekweni	1 157	1 167	1 205	1 222	1 211	-12	54	-0,9	4,7
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	894	906	931	949	931	-18	37	-1,9	4,1
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	145	151	154	155	164	9	19	5,6	12,9
Agriculture	3	2	2	3	5	2	2	65,2	69,8
Private households	115	107	118	115	111	-4	-4	-3,3	-3,2

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Table 3.4: Employed by province and sector (continued)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	983	999	992	977	979	2	-4	0,2	-0,4
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	695	710	715	692	692	0	-2	0,0	-0,3
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	162	169	160	165	150	-15	-11	-8,8	-7,0
Agriculture	49	47	47	43	60	17	11	38,5	22,5
Private households	78	72	70	77	76	0	-2	-0,6	-1,9
Gauteng	5 068	4 991	5 069	5 055	5 077	22	9	0,4	0,2
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4 001	3 859	3 870	3 889	3 830	-59	-172	-1,5	-4,3
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	632	723	794	756	829	73	197	9,7	31,2
Agriculture	44	36	29	32	34	2	-10	5,6	-22,1
Private households	391	373	376	378	384	6	-7	1,5	-1,7
Gauteng – Non-metro	598	625	604	611	608	-3	10	-0,5	1,7
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	449	442	404	430	418	-12	-31	-2,8	-7,0
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	73	105	108	104	118	14	45	13,1	61,6
Agriculture	16	18	18	19	12	-8	-4	-40,5	-27,9
Private households	60	61	74	58	61	3	1	4,9	2,2
Gauteng – Ekurhuleni	1 274	1 222	1 253	1 213	1 245	32	-29	2,6	-2,3
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1 018	970	989	965	1 001	36	-16	3,7	-1,6
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	161	164	183	161	168	8	7	4,8	4,6
Agriculture	13	7	2	4	5	0	-8	8,9	-62,4
Private households	83	81	79	83	71	-12	-12	-14,6	-14,4
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg	1 950	1 910	2 000	2 019	1 999	-20	48	-1,0	2,5
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1 519	1 459	1 493	1 494	1 445	-49	-74	-3,3	-4,9
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	276	306	357	365	395	30	119	8,2	43,3
Agriculture	8	5	3	1	4	2	-4	184,2	-54,1
Private households	148	140	148	160	156	-4	8	-2,4	5,1

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Table 3.4: Employed by province and sector (concluded)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	1 246	1 234	1 212	1 211	1 225	14	-21	1,2	-1,7
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1 016	988	985	1 000	966	-34	-50	-3,4	-4,9
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	122	148	145	126	148	22	26	17,6	21,1
Agriculture	7	6	6	7	14	7	7	92,9	93,3
Private households	100	91	75	78	97	19	-4	24,4	-3,7
Mpumalanga	1 204	1 242	1 197	1 212	1 231	20	27	1,6	2,3
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	699	707	712	734	720	-14	21	-1,9	3,0
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	305	315	287	273	319	46	14	16,8	4,6
Agriculture	100	104	87	94	91	-3	-8	-2,8	-8,2
Private households	100	115	111	111	101	-10	1	-8,8	0,8
Limpopo	1 452	1 417	1 441	1 436	1 478	41	26	2,9	1,8
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	775	737	761	741	754	14	-20	1,8	-2,6
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	425	421	428	404	457	53	32	13,1	7,6
Agriculture	138	136	130	158	148	-10	10	-6,4	6,9
Private households	114	123	121	134	118	-15	4	-11,5	3,5

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Table 3.5: Employed by sex and occupation – South Africa									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	92	188	0,6	1,2
Manager	1 398	1 390	1 422	1 416	1 431	15	33	1,1	2,4
Professional	959	906	873	878	948	71	-11	8,1	-1,1
Technician	1 450	1 477	1 415	1 448	1 399	-48	-51	-3,3	-3,5
Clerk	1 783	1 657	1 746	1 704	1 689	-16	-94	-0,9	-5,3
Sales and services	2 571	2 597	2 692	2 635	2 653	19	82	0,7	3,2
Skilled agriculture	69	83	62	64	58	-5	-11	-8,3	-15,5
Craft and related trade	1 921	1 935	1 994	2 007	2 018	11	97	0,6	5,1
Plant and machine operator	1 321	1 317	1 359	1 364	1 382	18	61	1,3	4,6
Elementary	3 670	3 788	3 823	3 775	3 814	39	145	1,0	3,9
Domestic worker	1 045	1 016	991	996	984	-12	-61	-1,3	-5,8
Women	7 125	7 071	7 222	7 134	7 225	91	100	1,3	1,4
Manager	445	437	436	449	446	-3	1	-0,7	0,2
Professional	471	438	442	428	495	67	25	15,6	5,2
Technician	773	795	770	800	754	-46	-20	-5,7	-2,5
Clerk	1 270	1 184	1 266	1 235	1 241	5	-29	0,4	-2,3
Sales and services	1 236	1 258	1 322	1 265	1 346	81	111	6,4	9,0
Skilled agriculture	17	15	14	16	11	-5	-6	-33,5	-35,5
Craft and related trade	199	228	215	220	204	-16	5	-7,2	2,3
Plant and machine operator	167	158	171	183	176	-7	10	-3,6	5,8
Elementary	1 554	1 587	1 637	1 572	1 600	28	45	1,8	2,9
Domestic worker	992	969	948	966	952	-14	-40	-1,4	-4,0
Men	9 067	9 100	9 155	9 154	9 156	1	89	0,0	1,0
Manager	953	952	986	967	985	18	32	1,9	3,4
Professional	489	468	430	450	453	4	-36	0,8	-7,3
Technician	677	683	645	648	645	-2	-31	-0,4	-4,6
Clerk	513	473	480	469	448	-21	-65	-4,4	-12,6
Sales and services	1 336	1 339	1 370	1 370	1 307	-63	-29	-4,6	-2,1
Skilled agriculture	52	68	49	47	48	0	-5	0,3	-9,1
Craft and related trade	1 722	1 708	1 778	1 787	1 814	27	92	1,5	5,4
Plant and machine operator	1 154	1 159	1 188	1 181	1 205	25	52	2,1	4,5
Elementary	2 115	2 202	2 186	2 204	2 215	11	99	0,5	4,7
Domestic worker	52	47	43	30	31	1	-21	3,9	-39,6

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Table 3.6: Employed by sex and status in employment – South Africa									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	92	188	0,6	1,2
Employee	13 949	13 778	13 964	13 860	13 841	-19	-108	-0,1	-0,8
Employer	761	832	805	785	839	54	77	6,9	10,2
Own-account worker	1 399	1 473	1 540	1 549	1 607	58	208	3,7	14,8
Unpaid household member	82	89	68	94	93	-1	11	-0,6	13,9
Women	7 125	7 071	7 222	7 134	7 225	91	100	1,3	1,4
Employee	6 270	6 194	6 347	6 305	6 322	17	51	0,3	0,8
Employer	152	181	150	147	166	19	14	13,1	9,3
Own-account worker	652	646	683	629	671	42	19	6,7	2,9
Unpaid household member	51	50	42	53	66	13	15	23,8	30,1
Men	9 067	9 100	9 155	9 154	9 156	1	89	0,0	1,0
Employee	7 679	7 584	7 617	7 555	7 519	-36	-159	-0,5	-2,1
Employer	609	650	655	638	673	35	63	5,5	10,4
Own-account worker	748	827	857	921	936	15	188	1,7	25,2
Unpaid household member	31	39	26	41	27	-13	-4	-32,5	-12,3

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Table 3.7: Employed by sex and usual hours of work – South Africa									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	92	188	0,6	1,2
Working less than 15 hours per week	326	329	351	342	374	32	47	9,4	14,5
Working 15–29 hours per week	1 104	1 092	1 113	1 082	1 126	44	22	4,1	2,0
Working 30–39 hours per week	1 079	1 135	1 167	1 101	1 126	24	47	2,2	4,4
Working 40–45 hours per week	8 968	8 917	9 127	9 156	8 940	-216	-28	-2,4	-0,3
Working more than 45 hours per week	4 714	4 697	4 619	4 606	4 814	208	100	4,5	2,1
Women	7 125	7 071	7 222	7 134	7 225	91	100	1,3	1,4
Working less than 15 hours per week	189	190	210	202	225	23	36	11,5	19,1
Working 15–29 hours per week	710	709	708	692	729	37	19	5,3	2,6
Working 30–39 hours per week	671	682	722	652	677	24	5	3,7	0,8
Working 40–45 hours per week	3 934	3 868	4 001	4 038	3 949	-88	15	-2,2	0,4
Working more than 45 hours per week	1 620	1 622	1 581	1 550	1 645	94	24	6,1	1,5
Men	9 067	9 100	9 155	9 154	9 156	1	89	0,0	1,0
Working less than 15 hours per week	137	139	140	140	149	9	11	6,3	8,3
Working 15–29 hours per week	395	383	406	390	398	7	3	1,9	0,8
Working 30–39 hours per week	408	453	445	449	449	0	42	0,0	10,2
Working 40–45 hours per week	5 034	5 048	5 126	5 119	4 991	-128	-43	-2,5	-0,9
Working more than 45 hours per week	3 094	3 075	3 037	3 056	3 169	113	75	3,7	2,4

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	13 949	13 778	13 964	13 860	13 841	-19	-108	-0,1	-0,8
Yes	6 675	6 573	6 634	6 673	6 465	-207	-210	-3,1	-3,1
No	7 048	6 922	7 097	6 950	7 119	169	71	2,4	1,0
Don't know	225	283	232	237	256	20	31	8,3	13,7
Women	6 270	6 194	6 347	6 305	6 322	17	51	0,3	0,8
Yes	2 834	2 709	2 804	2 862	2 769	-93	-66	-3,3	-2,3
No	3 351	3 360	3 442	3 346	3 444	98	93	2,9	2,8
Don't know	85	124	101	97	109	12	23	12,4	27,3
Men	7 679	7 584	7 617	7 555	7 519	-36	-159	-0,5	-2,1
Yes	3 841	3 863	3 830	3 811	3 697	-114	-144	-3,0	-3,8
No	3 697	3 562	3 656	3 604	3 675	71	-22	2,0	-0,6
Don't know	140	158	132	140	148	8	8	5,5	5,4
Entitled to any paid leave									
Both sexes	13 949	13 778	13 964	13 860	13 841	-19	-108	-0,1	-0,8
Yes	9 388	9 031	9 267	9 153	9 115	-38	-273	-0,4	-2,9
No	4 444	4 571	4 571	4 576	4 605	30	161	0,6	3,6
Don't know	117	176	126	131	121	-10	3	-7,9	2,9
Women	6 270	6 194	6 347	6 305	6 322	17	51	0,3	0,8
Yes	4 126	3 950	4 131	4 072	4 037	-34	-89	-0,8	-2,1
No	2 104	2 160	2 161	2 176	2 235	59	131	2,7	6,2
Don't know	41	84	54	58	49	-8	9	-14,3	20,9
Men	7 679	7 584	7 617	7 555	7 519	-36	-159	-0,5	-2,1
Yes	5 262	5 081	5 136	5 081	5 078	-4	-184	-0,1	-3,5
No	2 340	2 411	2 409	2 400	2 370	-30	30	-1,2	1,3
Don't know	77	92	72	74	71	-2	-5	-3,0	-6,6

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa (continued)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	13 949	13 778	13 964	13 860	13 841	-19	-108	-0,1	-0,8
Yes	9 918	9 674	9 839	9 730	9 654	-76	-264	-0,8	-2,7
No	4 031	4 104	4 125	4 130	4 187	57	156	1,4	3,9
Women	6 270	6 194	6 347	6 305	6 322	17	51	0,3	0,8
Yes	4 377	4 248	4 368	4 344	4 286	-57	-91	-1,3	-2,1
No	1 894	1 946	1 979	1 961	2 035	74	142	3,8	7,5
Men	7 679	7 584	7 617	7 555	7 519	-36	-159	-0,5	-2,1
Yes	5 541	5 426	5 472	5 386	5 368	-19	-173	-0,3	-3,1
No	2 138	2 158	2 146	2 169	2 152	-17	14	-0,8	0,7
Entitled to maternity/paternity leave									
Both sexes	13 949	13 778	13 964	13 860	13 841	-19	-108	-0,1	-0,8
Yes	8 130	7 821	8 020	7 870	7 884	14	-246	0,2	-3,0
No	5 819	5 957	5 944	5 990	5 957	-33	138	-0,6	2,4
Women	6 270	6 194	6 347	6 305	6 322	17	51	0,3	0,8
Yes	3 724	3 589	3 755	3 660	3 685	25	-39	0,7	-1,0
No	2 547	2 605	2 592	2 645	2 637	-8	90	-0,3	3,5
Men	7 679	7 584	7 617	7 555	7 519	-36	-159	-0,5	-2,1
Yes	4 407	4 232	4 265	4 210	4 199	-11	-207	-0,3	-4,7
No	3 272	3 352	3 352	3 345	3 320	-25	48	-0,7	1,5

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa (continued)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	13 949	13 778	13 964	13 860	13 841	-19	-108	-0,1	-0,8
Yes	8 276	8 296	8 326	8 355	8 327	-28	51	-0,3	0,6
No	5 426	5 240	5 410	5 300	5 286	-14	-141	-0,3	-2,6
Don't know	246	241	228	205	229	23	-18	11,4	-7,2
Women	6 270	6 194	6 347	6 305	6 322	17	51	0,3	0,8
Yes	3 394	3 421	3 518	3 574	3 529	-45	135	-1,3	4,0
No	2 770	2 675	2 732	2 638	2 696	58	-74	2,2	-2,7
Don't know	107	98	97	93	97	4	-10	4,2	-8,9
Men	7 679	7 584	7 617	7 555	7 519	-36	-159	-0,5	-2,1
Yes	4 882	4 876	4 808	4 781	4 798	17	-84	0,4	-1,7
No	2 656	2 565	2 678	2 662	2 590	-72	-66	-2,7	-2,5
Don't know	140	144	131	112	132	20	-8	17,4	-5,9
Medical aid benefits									
Both sexes	13 949	13 778	13 964	13 860	13 841	-19	-108	-0,1	-0,8
Yes	4 196	4 061	4 145	4 111	4 046	-64	-149	-1,6	-3,6
No	9 592	9 518	9 691	9 632	9 677	45	85	0,5	0,9
Don't know	161	199	128	117	117	0	-44	0,3	-27,1
Women	6 270	6 194	6 347	6 305	6 322	17	51	0,3	0,8
Yes	1 837	1 762	1 820	1 800	1 775	-25	-63	-1,4	-3,4
No	4 373	4 358	4 476	4 457	4 495	38	122	0,8	2,8
Don't know	60	74	51	48	52	4	-8	8,8	-13,9
Men	7 679	7 584	7 617	7 555	7 519	-36	-159	-0,5	-2,1
Yes	2 358	2 299	2 325	2 310	2 272	-39	-87	-1,7	-3,7
No	5 220	5 161	5 215	5 175	5 182	7	-37	0,1	-0,7
Don't know	101	125	77	69	65	-4	-35	-5,7	-35,0

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa (continued)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	13 949	13 778	13 964	13 860	13 841	-19	-108	-0,1	-0,8
Yes	7 679	7 462	7 648	7 661	7 428	-233	-251	-3,0	-3,3
No	5 996	6 013	6 058	5 944	6 114	170	118	2,9	2,0
Don't know	274	303	258	255	298	43	25	17,0	9,1
Women	6 270	6 194	6 347	6 305	6 322	17	51	0,3	0,8
Yes	3 273	3 129	3 274	3 268	3 154	-114	-120	-3,5	-3,7
No	2 900	2 943	2 956	2 936	3 050	114	151	3,9	5,2
Don't know	98	122	117	101	118	17	20	17,2	20,8
Men	7 679	7 584	7 617	7 555	7 519	-36	-159	-0,5	-2,1
Yes	4 406	4 333	4 374	4 393	4 275	-118	-131	-2,7	-3,0
No	3 097	3 070	3 103	3 007	3 064	56	-33	1,9	-1,1
Don't know	176	181	140	155	181	26	5	16,9	2,6
Conditions of employment									
Both sexes	13 949	13 778	13 964	13 860	13 841	-19	-108	-0,1	-0,8
Written contract	11 171	11 079	11 276	11 139	11 061	-78	-110	-0,7	-1,0
Verbal agreement	2 778	2 699	2 689	2 721	2 779	59	2	2,2	0,1
Women	6 270	6 194	6 347	6 305	6 322	17	51	0,3	0,8
Written contract	5 045	4 994	5 149	5 080	5 047	-33	2	-0,7	0,0
Verbal agreement	1 225	1 201	1 198	1 225	1 275	50	49	4,1	4,0
Men	7 679	7 584	7 617	7 555	7 519	-36	-159	-0,5	-2,1
Written contract	6 126	6 085	6 126	6 059	6 014	-44	-112	-0,7	-1,8
Verbal agreement	1 552	1 499	1 491	1 496	1 505	9	-48	0,6	-3,1

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa (continued)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	13 949	13 778	13 964	13 860	13 841	-19	-108	-0,1	-0,8
Limited duration	1 856	1 898	1 936	1 858	1 827	-31	-29	-1,7	-1,6
Permanent nature	8 570	8 439	8 491	8 428	8 407	-21	-163	-0,2	-1,9
Unspecified duration	3 523	3 441	3 536	3 574	3 607	33	84	0,9	2,4
Women	6 270	6 194	6 347	6 305	6 322	17	52	0,3	0,8
Limited duration	904	962	963	965	960	-5	56	-0,5	6,2
Permanent nature	3 749	3 641	3 751	3 737	3 694	-43	-55	-1,2	-1,5
Unspecified duration	1 617	1 592	1 632	1 603	1 668	65	51	4,1	3,2
Men	7 679	7 584	7 617	7 555	7 519	-36	-160	-0,5	-2,1
Limited duration	952	936	973	894	867	-27	-85	-3,0	-8,9
Permanent nature	4 821	4 799	4 740	4 691	4 713	22	-108	0,5	-2,2
Unspecified duration	1 905	1 849	1 904	1 971	1 939	-32	34	-1,6	1,8
Trade union membership									
Both sexes	13 949	13 777	13 964	13 860	13 841	-19	-108	-0,1	-0,8
Yes	3 993	3 990	4 145	4 150	4 062	-88	69	-2,1	1,7
No	9 560	9 339	9 435	9 336	9 389	53	-171	0,6	-1,8
Don't know	397	448	384	374	390	16	-7	4,3	-1,8
Women	6 270	6 194	6 347	6 305	6 322	17	52	0,3	0,8
Yes	1 668	1 705	1 768	1 787	1 685	-102	17	-5,7	1,0
No	4 464	4 331	4 444	4 375	4 477	102	13	2,3	0,3
Don't know	138	157	135	143	159	16	21	11,2	15,2
Men	7 679	7 584	7 617	7 555	7 519	-36	-160	-0,5	-2,1
Yes	2 324	2 285	2 377	2 362	2 377	15	53	0,6	2,3
No	5 095	5 008	4 991	4 961	4 912	-49	-183	-1,0	-3,6
Don't know	259	291	249	232	230	-2	-29	-0,9	-11,2

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa (concluded)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	13 949	13 778	13 964	13 860	13 841	-19	-108	-0,1	-0,8
Individual and employer	1 149	1 032	1 105	1 098	1 035	-63	-114	-5,7	-9,9
Union and employer	3 097	3 023	3 072	3 141	3 156	15	59	0,5	1,9
Bargaining council	1 128	1 140	1 142	1 119	1 025	-94	-103	-8,4	-9,1
Employer only	7 674	7 702	7 754	7 570	7 651	81	-23	1,1	-0,3
No regular increment	786	777	811	864	904	40	118	4,6	15,0
Other	116	103	80	68	70	2	-46	2,9	-39,7
Women	6 270	6 194	6 347	6 305	6 322	17	52	0,3	0,8
Individual and employer	498	476	479	443	450	7	-48	1,6	-9,6
Union and employer	1 257	1 218	1 257	1 314	1 250	-64	-7	-4,9	-0,6
Bargaining council	554	552	566	551	523	-28	-31	-5,1	-5,6
Employer only	3 550	3 565	3 621	3 557	3 628	71	78	2,0	2,2
No regular increment	369	346	386	413	442	29	73	7,0	19,8
Other	43	38	38	28	28	0	-15	0,0	-34,9
Men	7 679	7 584	7 617	7 555	7 519	-36	-160	-0,5	-2,1
Individual and employer	651	557	626	655	585	-70	-66	-10,7	-10,1
Union and employer	1 839	1 805	1 816	1 828	1 906	78	67	4,3	3,6
Bargaining council	574	588	576	568	502	-66	-72	-11,6	-12,5
Employer only	4 124	4 137	4 134	4 013	4 023	10	-101	0,2	-2,4
No regular increment	417	432	425	451	462	11	45	2,4	10,8
Other	73	65	42	40	42	2	-31	5,0	-42,5

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Table 3.9: Time-related underemployment – South Africa									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	714	753	698	735	783	49	69	6,6	9,7
Women	418	441	420	418	461	43	43	10,3	10,2
Men	296	312	278	317	323	6	26	1,8	8,9
As a percentage of the labour force (both sexes)	3,2	3,4	3,1	3,3	3,5	0,2	0,3		
Women	4,1	4,4	4,1	4,1	4,5	0,4	0,4		
Men	2,4	2,6	2,3	2,6	2,6	0,0	0,2		
As a percentage of total employment (both sexes)	4,4	4,7	4,3	4,5	4,8	0,3	0,4		
Women	5,9	6,2	5,8	5,9	6,4	0,5	0,5		
Men	3,3	3,4	3,0	3,5	3,5	0,0	0,2		
Industry	714	753	698	735	783	49	69	6,6	9,7
Agriculture	14	20	15	21	27	6	13	27,5	89,7
Mining	1			0					
Manufacturing	39	36	38	34	38	3	-1	9,4	-3,6
Utilities		1	1	2	2	0		25,2	
Construction	74	75	69	73	91	19	17	25,7	22,9
Trade	108	124	93	120	124	4	16	3,1	14,5
Transport	19	24	16	13	24	11	5	85,4	26,3
Finance	49	55	54	54	52	-2	3	-3,6	6,3
Community and social services	165	183	171	184	197	14	33	7,4	19,7
Private households	245	235	242	234	228	-6	-17	-2,4	-7,0
Occupation	714	753	698	735	783	49	69	6,6	9,7
Manager	13	12	15	12	18	5	5	43,9	36,9
Professional	11	18	2	7	7	0	-4	-3,9	-40,0
Technician	30	34	21	33	31	-2	1	-5,9	4,0
Clerk	22	23	18	22	22	-1	-1	-3,0	-2,5
Sales and services	76	75	66	86	83	-3	7	-3,1	9,3
Skilled agriculture	2	5	2	2	2	-1	-1	-35,2	-29,0
Craft and related trade	79	84	77	70	81	10	2	14,8	2,0
Plant and machine operator	19	22	11	17	26	9	7	54,4	38,9
Elementary	293	312	316	333	355	22	62	6,6	21,0
Domestic worker	168	168	169	151	159	8	-9	5,4	-5,4

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Table 4: Characteristics of the unemployed – South Africa									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	6 210	5 880	5 980	6 083	6 209	127	-1	2,1	0,0
Job losers	2 023	1 886	1 951	1 973	1 939	-34	-84	-1,7	-4,2
Job leavers	338	336	291	277	316	39	-22	13,9	-6,5
New entrants	2 321	2 347	2 293	2 358	2 518	160	197	6,8	8,5
Re-entrants	321	270	262	267	260	-8	-61	-2,9	-19,1
Other	1 207	1 042	1 183	1 207	1 176	-31	-30	-2,5	-2,5
Unemployed	6 210	5 880	5 980	6 083	6 209	127	-1	2,1	0,0
Long-term unemployment (1 year and more)	4 181	4 022	4 098	4 185	4 272	87	91	2,1	2,2
Short-term unemployment (less than 1 year)	2 029	1 858	1 882	1 898	1 937	39	-92	2,1	-4,5
Long-term unemployment (%)									
Proportion of the labour force	18,7	18,2	18,3	18,7	18,9	0,2	0,2		
Proportion of the unemployed	67,3	68,4	68,5	68,8	68,8	0,0	1,5		
Those who have worked in the past 5 years									
Previous occupation	2 683	2 492	2 504	2 518	2 515	-3	-168	-0,1	-6,2
Manager	74	57	52	70	67	-3	-8	-4,6	-10,3
Professional	57	53	48	38	53	15	-4	40,8	-6,6
Technician	146	154	125	132	124	-8	-23	-6,0	-15,5
Clerk	276	295	283	282	259	-23	-18	-8,2	-6,4
Sales and services	421	398	460	424	443	18	22	4,3	5,2
Skilled agriculture	4	4	7	6	5	-1	1	-19,1	13,8
Craft and related trade	468	417	417	419	428	8	-41	2,0	-8,7
Plant and machine operator	189	172	188	179	179	0	-10	0,0	-5,4
Elementary	849	767	751	763	807	44	-43	5,8	-5,0
Domestic worker	195	174	173	201	151	-50	-44	-25,1	-22,7

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Table 4: Characteristics of the unemployed – South Africa (concluded)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	2 683	2 492	2 504	2 518	2 515	-3	-168	-0,1	-6,2
Agriculture	140	135	139	148	139	-9	-1	-5,9	-0,5
Mining	55	36	37	49	62	13	7	26,5	11,8
Manufacturing	297	252	237	260	266	5	-31	2,1	-10,5
Utilities	17	20	15	22	21	-1	4	-4,7	22,4
Construction	467	401	439	438	428	-10	-38	-2,3	-8,2
Trade	572	579	559	556	598	42	26	7,5	4,5
Transport	120	102	113	117	117	0	-3	-0,4	-2,8
Finance	366	368	380	365	345	-21	-21	-5,7	-5,8
Community and social services	390	355	354	324	327	3	-62	1,1	-16,0
Private households	259	245	232	236	212	-24	-47	-10,2	-18,1
Other	1			3	1	-2	0	-61,6	-2,0

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Table 5: Characteristics of the not economically active – South Africa									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	14 971	15 474	15 320	15 462	15 395	-66	424	-0,4	2,8
Student	6 245	6 341	6 137	6 219	6 250	32	6	0,5	0,1
Homemaker	2 545	2 671	2 522	2 577	2 561	-16	16	-0,6	0,6
Illness/disability	1 586	1 573	1 557	1 502	1 570	68	-17	4,5	-1,0
Too old/young to work	1 394	1 449	1 433	1 456	1 407	-49	13	-3,4	0,9
Discouraged work-seekers	2 436	2 538	2 787	2 864	2 733	-131	297	-4,6	12,2
Other	767	903	884	845	875	30	108	3,6	14,1
Inactivity rate by age (both sexes)	40,1	41,2	40,7	40,9	40,5	-0,4	0,4		
15–24 yrs	73,2	74,1	74,4	74,9	74,2	-0,7	1,0		
25–54 yrs	23,1	24,5	23,7	23,8	23,6	-0,2	0,5		
55–64 yrs	54,1	55,2	54,2	54,9	55,1	0,2	1,0		
Inactivity rate by age (women)	46,3	47,5	46,8	47,1	46,7	-0,4	0,4		
15–24 yrs	75,9	76,7	77,1	78,0	77,2	-0,8	1,3		
25–54 yrs	30,5	31,9	30,8	31,0	30,6	-0,4	0,1		
55–64 yrs	62,6	63,6	62,3	62,3	62,7	0,4	0,1		
Inactivity rate by age (men)	33,6	34,8	34,4	34,5	34,3	-0,2	0,7		
15–24 yrs	70,5	71,5	71,7	71,8	71,1	-0,7	0,6		
25–54 yrs	15,8	17,1	16,6	16,6	16,6	0,0	0,8		
55–64 yrs	43,8	44,8	44,2	45,7	45,8	0,1	2,0		

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Table 6: Sociodemographic characteristics – South Africa									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	92	188	0,6	1,2
15–24 yrs	1 322	1 305	1 257	1 200	1 257	56	-65	4,7	-4,9
25–34 yrs	4 871	4 790	4 890	4 869	4 890	21	19	0,4	0,4
35–44 yrs	5 027	5 081	5 154	5 147	5 100	-46	73	-0,9	1,4
45–54 yrs	3 426	3 445	3 488	3 511	3 570	58	143	1,7	4,2
55–64 yrs	1 545	1 551	1 588	1 561	1 564	3	19	0,2	1,2
Age group of the unemployed	6 210	5 880	5 980	6 083	6 209	127	-1	2,1	0,0
15–24 yrs	1 444	1 365	1 381	1 390	1 408	18	-36	1,3	-2,5
25–34 yrs	2 454	2 397	2 413	2 466	2 514	49	61	2,0	2,5
35–44 yrs	1 478	1 343	1 363	1 390	1 435	45	-43	3,3	-2,9
45–54 yrs	663	636	668	669	683	13	19	2,0	2,9
55–64 yrs	171	140	154	168	170	1	-2	0,9	-0,9
Age group of the not economically active	14 971	15 474	15 320	15 462	15 395	-66	424	-0,4	2,8
15–24 yrs	7 550	7 644	7 674	7 721	7 644	-78	94	-1,0	1,2
25–34 yrs	2 493	2 667	2 587	2 593	2 559	-33	66	-1,3	2,7
35–44 yrs	1 477	1 598	1 542	1 562	1 602	40	124	2,6	8,4
45–54 yrs	1 425	1 484	1 458	1 483	1 463	-20	38	-1,4	2,7
55–64 yrs	2 026	2 081	2 059	2 102	2 127	25	101	1,2	5,0
Highest level of education of the employed	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	92	188	0,6	1,2
No schooling	337	344	292	296	286	-10	-51	-3,5	-15,1
Less than primary completed	1 082	1 031	1 029	1 006	987	-20	-95	-1,9	-8,8
Primary completed	594	572	611	590	626	36	32	6,1	5,3
Secondary not completed	5 353	5 397	5 594	5 470	5 572	102	218	1,9	4,1
Secondary completed	5 192	5 323	5 226	5 338	5 245	-93	53	-1,7	1,0
Tertiary	3 465	3 304	3 453	3 418	3 478	60	13	1,8	0,4
Other	169	200	173	170	187	18	18	10,3	11,0

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Table 6: Sociodemographic characteristics – South Africa (continued)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	6 210	5 880	5 980	6 083	6 209	127	-1	2,1	0,0
No schooling	76	60	64	67	77	10	0	15,1	0,5
Less than primary completed	354	360	361	326	319	-7	-35	-2,0	-9,9
Primary completed	252	220	210	225	231	6	-21	2,7	-8,3
Secondary not completed	2 881	2 689	2 749	2 818	2 863	46	-18	1,6	-0,6
Secondary completed	2 095	2 021	2 057	2 110	2 181	71	86	3,4	4,1
Tertiary	513	488	493	504	504	0	-9	0,0	-1,8
Other	39	44	47	34	34	0	-4	1,0	-10,9
Highest level of education of the not economically active	14 971	15 474	15 320	15 462	15 395	-66	424	-0,4	2,8
No schooling	622	624	615	621	602	-19	-20	-3,1	-3,2
Less than primary completed	1 538	1 537	1 439	1 502	1 534	32	-4	2,1	-0,3
Primary completed	985	1 018	847	903	956	52	-29	5,8	-3,0
Secondary not completed	8 005	8 360	8 034	8 236	8 234	-1	229	0,0	2,9
Secondary completed	3 099	3 185	3 613	3 450	3 327	-123	228	-3,6	7,4
Tertiary	586	586	629	590	596	6	10	1,0	1,7
Other	137	163	143	159	147	-12	10	-7,5	7,4
Employed	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	92	188	0,6	1,2
Attending educational institution	376	357	340	316	359	42	-17	13,4	-4,5
Not attending educational institution	15 816	15 814	16 037	15 972	16 021	50	205	0,3	1,3
Unemployed	6 210	5 880	5 980	6 083	6 209	127	-1	2,1	0,0
Attending educational institution	102	135	107	116	126	10	24	8,8	23,4
Not attending educational institution	6 108	5 745	5 873	5 967	6 084	117	-25	2,0	-0,4
Not economically active	14 971	15 474	15 320	15 462	15 395	-66	424	-0,4	2,8
Attending educational institution	6 195	6 257	5 999	6 171	6 155	-15	-40	-0,2	-0,6
Not attending educational institution	8 776	9 217	9 321	9 291	9 240	-51	464	-0,5	5,3

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Table 6: Sociodemographic characteristics – South Africa (concluded)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	16 192	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	92	188	0,6	1,2
Married	6 424	6 300	6 363	6 274	6 201	-73	-223	-1,2	-3,5
Living together like husband and wife	1 910	2 031	2 070	2 047	2 075	28	165	1,4	8,7
Widow/widower	492	492	486	459	497	38	5	8,3	1,0
Divorced or separated	511	497	494	500	506	6	-5	1,2	-1,0
Never married	6 855	6 850	6 965	7 008	7 101	93	246	1,3	3,6
Current marital status of the unemployed	6 210	5 880	5 980	6 083	6 209	127	-1	2,1	0,0
Married	1 005	966	941	911	908	-3	-97	-0,3	-9,6
Living together like husband and wife	679	631	646	674	751	76	72	11,3	10,6
Widow/widower	78	67	72	87	81	-7	2	-7,5	2,8
Divorced or separated	99	95	104	105	100	-4	2	-4,1	1,6
Never married	4 349	4 120	4 217	4 305	4 369	64	20	1,5	0,5
Current marital status of the not economically active	14 971	15 474	15 320	15 462	15 395	-66	424	-0,4	2,8
Married	2 704	2 764	2 761	2 738	2 745	7	41	0,3	1,5
Living together like husband and wife	766	808	808	865	860	-5	94	-0,6	12,2
Widow/widower	584	613	618	614	625	11	41	1,8	7,0
Divorced or separated	243	242	231	219	233	14	-9	6,4	-3,9
Never married	10 674	11 048	10 902	11 025	10 932	-93	258	-0,8	2,4

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Table 7: Profile of those not in employment, education or training – South Africa									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	14 885	14 962	15 194	15 258	15 324	66	439	0,4	2,9
Women	8 579	8 716	8 763	8 839	8 812	-27	233	-0,3	2,7
Men	6 305	6 247	6 431	6 419	6 512	93	206	1,4	3,3
Age group	14 885	14 962	15 194	15 258	15 324	66	439	0,4	2,9
15–24 yrs	3 126	3 068	3 343	3 260	3 206	-54	80	-1,7	2,6
25–34 yrs	4 581	4 674	4 662	4 687	4 701	14	121	0,3	2,6
35–44 yrs	2 905	2 890	2 859	2 897	2 988	91	84	3,1	2,9
45–54 yrs	2 078	2 110	2 119	2 146	2 135	-10	57	-0,5	2,8
55–64 yrs	2 195	2 221	2 211	2 267	2 293	26	98	1,1	4,4
Population groups	14 885	14 962	15 194	15 258	15 324	66	439	0,4	2,9
Black African	12 465	12 566	12 795	12 849	12 916	67	451	0,5	3,6
Coloured	1 361	1 350	1 300	1 309	1 345	35	-16	2,7	-1,2
Indian/Asian	340	332	364	328	346	18	6	5,6	1,9
White	719	714	735	772	717	-55	-2	-7,1	-0,3
South Africa	14 885	14 962	15 194	15 258	15 324	66	439	0,4	2,9
Western Cape	1 524	1 465	1 445	1 470	1 496	26	-28	1,8	-1,8
Eastern Cape	1 959	2 005	2 009	2 029	2 073	44	114	2,1	5,8
Northern Cape	377	362	366	380	372	-8	-5	-2,1	-1,3
Free State	740	749	743	765	779	14	39	1,9	5,3
KwaZulu-Natal	3 012	3 026	3 106	3 070	3 064	-7	52	-0,2	1,7
North West	1 139	1 127	1 150	1 185	1 163	-21	24	-1,8	2,1
Gauteng	3 578	3 678	3 695	3 724	3 744	20	167	0,5	4,7
Mpumalanga	1 150	1 103	1 201	1 172	1 178	6	28	0,5	2,4
Limpopo	1 407	1 447	1 479	1 463	1 455	-8	48	-0,6	3,4

Table 8: Involvement in non-market activities and labour market status by province									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	1 723	1 942	2 153	1 686	1 657	-29	-66	-1,7	-3,8
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	4 849	4 369	4 427	4 271	4 464	193	-386	4,5	-8,0
Producing other goods for household use	144	143	122	149	189	40	45	26,7	31,5
Construction or major repairs to own or household	613	422	393	379	409	31	-203	8,1	-33,2
Hunting or fishing for household use	26	25	37	51	21	-29	-5	-58,1	-17,7
Involvement in at least one activity	6 186	5 679	5 844	5 422	5 613	192	-572	3,5	-9,3
Employed	1 816	1 655	1 669	1 510	1 611	102	-204	6,7	-11,3
Unemployed	1 105	959	969	885	931	46	-174	5,2	-15,7
Not economically active	3 265	3 065	3 206	3 027	3 071	44	-194	1,5	-5,9
Western Cape									
Subsistence farming	4	6	8	8	5	-3	1	-38,9	16,8
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	25	153	117	113	113	1	89	0,7	357,7
Producing other goods for household use				1					
Construction or major repairs to own or household	3		3	1	2	1	-2	50,5	-52,6
Hunting or fishing for household use									
Involvement in at least one activity	31	159	124	120	119	-1	89	-0,5	286,2
Employed	14	90	70	69	63	-6	49	-8,3	352,3
Unemployed	5	34	22	23	26	3	21	12,6	447,2
Not economically active	12	35	32	28	30	2	18	7,9	147,4
Eastern Cape									
Subsistence farming	440	488	664	461	409	-51	-31	-11,1	-7,0
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	1 104	967	974	979	1 082	103	-22	10,5	-2,0
Producing other goods for household use	12	13	9	5	10	5	-1	110,3	-10,3
Construction or major repairs to own or household	155	190	183	154	159	5	4	3,2	2,6
Hunting or fishing for household use	1	3	6	3	2	-1	2	-22,6	276,6
Involvement in at least one activity	1 306	1 251	1 347	1 236	1 318	81	11	6,6	0,9
Employed	296	298	310	266	275	9	-21	3,4	-7,1
Unemployed	254	244	280	222	277	55	23	24,7	9,2
Not economically active	756	709	758	748	765	17	9	2,3	1,2

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Table 8: Involvement in non-market activities and labour market status by province (continued)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	21	24	15	15	15	0	-7	-0,3	-31,7
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	135	96	91	110	83	-26	-52	-23,9	-38,2
Producing other goods for household use	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	72,4	82,9
Construction or major repairs to own or household	1		0	0	2	1	1	253,7	112,2
Hunting or fishing for household use	2	1	3	0	1	1	-1	155,9	-59,1
Involvement in at least one activity	145	107	98	121	96	-24	-49	-20,1	-33,5
Employed	27	26	23	28	22	-6	-5	-20,4	-18,6
Unemployed	27	17	19	25	20	-5	-7	-20,8	-26,7
Not economically active	91	63	56	68	54	-13	-36	-19,6	-40,0
Free State									
Subsistence farming	106	124	122	118	81	-37	-25	-31,5	-23,8
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	52	32	40	45	45	0	-7	-0,4	-13,3
Producing other goods for household use	3	1	2	1	1	-1	-2	-40,9	-70,5
Construction or major repairs to own or household		1	4	2	4	2		95,9	
Hunting or fishing for household use	2	2	3	5	5	-1	2	-10,7	95,9
Involvement in at least one activity	157	153	162	157	120	-36	-36	-23,2	-23,1
Employed	75	65	71	61	59	-3	-16	-4,1	-21,8
Unemployed	37	45	45	60	33	-28	-5	-45,8	-12,6
Not economically active	44	43	46	35	29	-6	-15	-17,3	-34,3
KwaZulu-Natal									
Subsistence farming	788	836	888	744	790	47	2	6,3	0,3
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	1 301	1 144	1 158	1 102	1 199	98	-102	8,9	-7,8
Producing other goods for household use	103	93	91	113	150	37	47	32,6	45,8
Construction or major repairs to own or household	118	86	100	97	99	2	-19	2,1	-15,8
Hunting or fishing for household use	8	4	11	19	10	-9	1	-48,3	17,6
Involvement in at least one activity	1 843	1 702	1 754	1 644	1 772	128	-71	7,8	-3,9
Employed	479	417	463	444	514	70	34	15,8	7,2
Unemployed	252	215	193	194	202	8	-50	4,2	-19,8
Not economically active	1 113	1 070	1 099	1 007	1 056	50	-56	4,9	-5,0

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	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	52	31	25	21	30	9	-22	44,6	-41,5
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	500	413	461	437	517	79	17	18,1	3,4
Producing other goods for household use	3	1	3	1	3	2	0	290,6	-12,2
Construction or major repairs to own or household	27	8	2	21	51	30	24	145,6	90,8
Hunting or fishing for household use	2	2		0					
Involvement in at least one activity	522	424	471	450	529	78	6	17,4	1,2
Employed	182	131	133	131	147	16	-35	12,4	-19,2
Unemployed	75	45	72	67	71	4	-4	6,1	-5,9
Not economically active	265	248	266	253	311	58	46	23,0	17,2
Gauteng									
Subsistence farming	18	45	34	30	51	21	34	69,1	186,5
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	189	191	138	126	132	6	-57	4,9	-30,1
Producing other goods for household use	10	22	2	13	11	-2	1	-15,1	7,7
Construction or major repairs to own or household	268	78	43	60	39	-21	-229	-35,3	-85,5
Hunting or fishing for household use	3	10	6	10	1	-10	-3	-93,8	-80,3
Involvement in at least one activity	465	298	200	191	203	13	-261	6,7	-56,2
Employed	235	160	108	104	107	4	-127	3,4	-54,3
Unemployed	167	92	57	63	62	-1	-105	-1,9	-62,8
Not economically active	63	46	35	23	34	10	-29	44,4	-46,1
Mpumalanga									
Subsistence farming	110	171	183	96	100	4	-10	4,2	-9,3
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	579	505	481	434	411	-24	-168	-5,4	-29,1
Producing other goods for household use	9	13	14	13	11	-2	2	-18,4	19,6
Construction or major repairs to own or household	11	22	16	6	13	6	2	97,0	17,0
Hunting or fishing for household use	2		3	2	2	0	-1	-17,4	-31,8
Involvement in at least one activity	657	607	607	487	480	-7	-176	-1,4	-26,9
Employed	204	170	164	127	125	-2	-79	-1,7	-38,9
Unemployed	170	152	163	128	147	19	-23	14,7	-13,3
Not economically active	283	284	279	232	208	-23	-75	-10,1	-26,4

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Table 8: Involvement in non-market activities and labour market status by province (concluded)									
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 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	183	216	215	194	175	-19	-8	-9,7	-4,4
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	964	868	967	925	881	-44	-83	-4,8	-8,6
Producing other goods for household use	3	1	2	1	1	0	-2	-4,0	-62,7
Construction or major repairs to own or household	30	38	43	36	42	5	11	14,2	38,1
Hunting or fishing for household use	5	4	4	11	2	-9	-3	-85,4	-67,9
Involvement in at least one activity	1 060	978	1 081	1 016	975	-41	-85	-4,0	-8,0
Employed	304	298	326	281	299	19	-5	6,7	-1,5
Unemployed	118	113	118	102	93	-9	-24	-8,6	-20,7
Not economically active	638	567	637	633	582	-51	-56	-8,0	-8,7

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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
	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018				
Both sexes						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,5	0,6	219	29	410	0,02
Employed	0,7	0,7	92	-88	272	0,31
Formal sector (non-agriculture)	0,9	1,0	-65	-256	126	0,50
Informal sector (non-agriculture)	2,1	2,0	188	67	310	0,00
Agriculture	4,1	4,6	-1	-57	54	0,96
Private households	2,7	2,9	-30	-98	39	0,39
Unemployed	1,8	2,0	127	-87	341	0,25
Not economically active	0,7	0,8	-66	-257	124	0,49
Discouraged work-seekers	3,5	3,3	-131	-289	26	0,10
Other (not economically active)	0,8	0,8	65	-95	225	0,43
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,6	1,7	0,3	-0,5	1,1	0,48
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,7	0,7	0,0	-0,4	0,5	0,77
Labour force participation rate	0,5	0,6	0,4	-0,2	0,8	0,19
Women						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,7	0,8	121	-14	255	0,08
Employed	0,9	1,0	91	-35	217	0,16
Formal sector (non-agriculture)	1,4	1,4	10	-117	138	0,87
Informal sector (non-agriculture)	3,2	3,2	83	10	156	0,03
Agriculture	10,0	9,1	-1	-31	29	0,95
Private households	2,9	3,0	-1	-54	52	0,97
Unemployed	2,2	2,3	30	-111	171	0,68
Not economically active	0,8	0,9	-47	-182	87	0,49
Discouraged work-seekers	3,7	3,4	-73	-170	24	0,14
Other (not economically active)	0,9	1,0	26	-93	145	0,67
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,9	2,1	-0,1	-0,1	1,2	0,93
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,9	1,0	0,3	0,3	1,0	0,32
Labour force participation rate	0,7	0,8	0,4	0,4	1,1	0,23

Table 2A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by sex (concluded)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018				
Men						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,6	0,6	98	-23	220	0,11
Employed	0,8	0,8	1	-119	122	0,98
Formal sector (non-agriculture)	1,1	1,1	-75	-206	55	0,26
Informal sector (non-agriculture)	2,4	2,5	106	11	200	0,03
Agriculture	4,6	4,3	0	-47	47	0,99
Private households	5,9	6,0	-29	-65	8	0,12
Unemployed	2,2	2,2	97	-24	218	0,12
Not economically active	1,1	1,1	-19	-140	103	0,76
Discouraged work-seekers	4,4	4,5	-58	-157	41	0,25
Other (not economically active)	1,1	1,0	39	-65	143	0,46
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	2,0	2,0	0,6	-0,3	1,5	0,19
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,8	0,8	-0,2	-0,8	0,4	0,54
Labour force participation rate	0,6	0,6	0,2	-0,4	0,9	0,46

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
	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018				
South Africa						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,5	0,6	219	29	410	0,02
Employed	0,7	0,7	92	-88	272	0,31
Unemployed	1,8	2,0	127	-87	341	0,25
Not economically active	0,7	0,8	-66	-257	124	0,49
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,6	1,7	0,3	-0,5	1,1	0,48
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,7	0,7	0,0	-0,4	0,5	0,77
Labour force participation rate	0,5	0,6	0,4	-0,2	0,8	0,19
Black/African						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,6	0,6	289	118	461	0,00
Employed	0,8	0,8	94	-70	257	0,26
Unemployed	2,0	2,0	196	-8	399	0,06
Not economically active	0,8	0,8	-139	-311	33	0,11
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,7	1,7	0,6	-0,4	1,6	0,23
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,8	0,8	0,1	-0,4	0,7	0,69
Labour force participation rate	0,6	0,6	0,7	0,1	1,2	0,02
Coloured						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,2	1,7	-64	-121	-7	0,03
Employed	1,7	2,1	-17	-65	32	0,50
Unemployed	4,2	5,3	-47	-84	-11	0,01
Not economically active	2,2	2,8	73	16	130	0,01
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,0	5,0	-1,5	-2,9	-0,1	0,04
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,7	2,1	-0,6	-2,0	0,8	0,40
Labour force participation rate	1,2	1,7	-2,1	-3,7	-0,4	0,02

Table 2.1A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by population group (concluded)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018				
Indian/Asian						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,3	3,5	-16	-43	10	0,22
Employed	1,9	3,5	-13	-44	17	0,39
Unemployed	15,1	16,9	-3	-19	12	0,67
Not economically active	3,6	5,1	19	-7	45	0,16
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	13,6	15,5	-0,3	-2,9	2,3	0,84
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,9	3,5	-1,5	-4,5	1,6	0,35
Labour force participation rate	2,3	3,5	-1,8	-4,4	0,8	0,18
White						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,7	1,7	10	-39	60	0,68
Employed	2,0	2,1	28	-19	76	0,24
Unemployed	11,5	12,4	-18	-54	18	0,32
Not economically active	3,5	3,7	-19	-68	31	0,46
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	11,4	12,5	-0,9	-2,6	0,8	0,28
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,0	2,1	1,2	-0,5	2,7	0,17
Labour force participation rate	1,7	1,7	0,5	-1,1	2,2	0,52

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018				
South Africa						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,5	0,6	219	29	410	0,02
Employed	0,7	0,7	92	-88	272	0,31
Unemployed	1,8	2,0	127	-87	341	0,25
Not economically active	0,7	0,8	-66	-257	124	0,49
Discouraged work-seekers	3,5	3,3	-131	-289	26	0,10
Other (not economically active)	0,8	0,8	65	-95	225	0,43
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,6	1,7	0,3	-0,5	1,1	0,48
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,7	0,7	0,0	-0,4	0,5	0,77
Labour force participation rate	0,5	0,6	0,4	-0,2	0,8	0,19
Western Cape						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,2	1,5	5	-43	53	0,84
Employed	1,5	1,9	14	-35	64	0,57
Unemployed	4,2	5,5	-9	-53	35	0,68
Not economically active	2,6	3,3	18	-30	66	0,47
Discouraged work-seekers	15,8	14,9	14	1	28	0,03
Other (not economically active)	2,8	3,4	3	-42	48	0,88
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	3,9	5,2	-0,3	-1,6	1,0	0,62
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,5	1,9	0,0	-1,0	1,1	0,95
Labour force participation rate	1,2	1,5	-0,2	-1,3	0,8	0,66

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018				
Western Cape – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,8	2,3	9	-24	41	0,59
Employed	2,4	2,7	13	-16	42	0,39
Unemployed	7,5	10,6	-4	-40	33	0,83
Not economically active	3,4	4,5	0	-32	33	1,00
Discouraged work-seekers	18,2	15,8	11	1	21	0,03
Other (not economically active)	3,5	4,6	-11	-41	19	0,47
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	7,2	9,6	-0,5	-3,5	2,5	0,73
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,4	2,7	0,4	-1,3	2,2	0,59
Labour force participation rate	1,8	2,3	0,2	-1,8	2,1	0,86
Western Cape – City of Cape Town						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,7	2,0	-4	-40	32	0,84
Employed	1,9	2,6	1	-41	44	0,95
Unemployed	5,1	6,3	-5	-31	21	0,69
Not economically active	3,9	4,6	18	-18	53	0,33
Discouraged work-seekers	30,3	33,5	3	-6	12	0,46
Other (not economically active)	4,1	4,8	14	-20	48	0,40
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,5	6,1	-0,2	-1,5	1,1	0,74
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,9	2,6	-0,3	-1,7	1,2	0,77
Labour force participation rate	1,7	2,0	-0,4	-1,7	0,8	0,45

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018				
Eastern Cape						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,0	1,8	26	-49	101	0,50
Employed	2,5	2,2	-13	-67	41	0,64
Unemployed	5,9	4,6	39	-31	109	0,28
Not economically active	2,0	1,8	-14	-89	62	0,72
Discouraged work-seekers	8,7	8,6	-47	-115	21	0,18
Other (not economically active)	2,3	2,2	34	-34	101	0,33
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,8	3,7	1,4	-1,2	4,0	0,29
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,5	2,2	-0,4	-1,7	0,9	0,54
Labour force participation rate	2,0	1,8	0,4	-1,3	2,2	0,61
Eastern Cape – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	3,2	2,6	35	-37	106	0,34
Employed	3,5	3,0	-5	-50	39	0,82
Unemployed	8,1	6,0	40	-27	106	0,24
Not economically active	2,3	2,0	-27	-98	45	0,46
Discouraged work-seekers	8,6	9,0	-36	-100	28	0,27
Other (not economically active)	2,5	2,6	9	-50	69	0,76
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	6,2	4,6	2,2	-1,7	6,1	0,28
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,5	3,0	-0,2	-1,8	1,3	0,74
Labour force participation rate	3,2	2,6	1,1	-1,4	3,5	0,39

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018				
Eastern Cape – Buffalo City						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	4,2	3,1	-3	-22	16	0,76
Employed	6,0	6,5	4	-20	27	0,74
Unemployed	7,0	10,2	-7	-21	8	0,36
Not economically active	8,3	6,0	4	-15	24	0,65
Discouraged work-seekers	51,6	27,4	-12	-35	11	0,31
Other (not economically active)	12,6	5,8	16	-11	44	0,25
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	7,4	11,6	-1,7	-6,3	2,7	0,44
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	6,0	6,5	0,6	-3,9	5,2	0,79
Labour force participation rate	4,2	3,1	-0,8	-4,5	3,0	0,69
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,1	2,8	-6	-21	10	0,48
Employed	4,3	3,0	-11	-32	9	0,28
Unemployed	11,9	8,8	6	-12	23	0,52
Not economically active	4,5	5,7	9	-7	24	0,28
Discouraged work-seekers	96,0	74,8	1	-3	4	0,58
Other (not economically active)	4,4	5,6	8	-6	21	0,27
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	10,4	6,8	1,4	-1,7	4,6	0,38
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	4,3	3,0	-1,6	-4,1	1,0	0,23
Labour force participation rate	2,1	2,8	-0,9	-2,9	1,0	0,33

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018				
Northern Cape						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	4,0	4,4	-4	-20	13	0,65
Employed	7,3	5,0	5	-17	28	0,64
Unemployed	6,7	9,4	-9	-32	13	0,42
Not economically active	5,2	5,5	6	-11	23	0,47
Discouraged work-seekers	7,3	8,7	-3	-12	6	0,51
Other (not economically active)	5,4	6,1	9	-9	27	0,33
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	9,2	7,8	-1,9	-6,8	3,1	0,46
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	7,3	5,0	0,5	-2,3	3,4	0,70
Labour force participation rate	4,0	4,4	-0,6	-2,7	1,4	0,55
Free State						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,7	1,7	13	-22	49	0,47
Employed	3,3	2,8	-14	-47	18	0,39
Unemployed	4,0	4,3	27	-1	55	0,06
Not economically active	3,0	3,0	-11	-46	25	0,55
Discouraged work-seekers	10,2	9,6	-12	-31	7	0,20
Other (not economically active)	2,8	3,2	1	-33	36	0,94
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,3	3,9	1,9	-0,1	3,9	0,07
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,3	2,8	-0,8	-2,5	0,9	0,36
Labour force participation rate	1,7	1,7	0,6	-1,3	2,5	0,52

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018				
Free State – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,1	2,3	18	-14	51	0,27
Employed	4,4	3,8	-9	-40	22	0,56
Unemployed	4,7	5,6	27	4	51	0,02
Not economically active	3,2	3,8	-19	-51	14	0,26
Discouraged work-seekers	10,8	9,6	-15	-33	3	0,10
Other (not economically active)	3,0	4,0	-4	-35	28	0,81
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,4	5,0	2,5	0,0	5,0	0,05
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	4,4	3,8	-0,7	-2,9	1,6	0,56
Labour force participation rate	2,1	2,3	1,4	-1,0	3,8	0,26
Free State – Mangaung						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	3,0	1,6	-5	-19	9	0,47
Employed	4,2	3,6	-5	-16	6	0,35
Unemployed	7,6	4,9	0	-15	15	0,99
Not economically active	7,0	3,5	8	-6	22	0,27
Discouraged work-seekers	24,3	37,7	3	-3	9	0,39
Other (not economically active)	6,6	5,2	5	-9	19	0,46
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	6,9	5,5	0,4	-2,9	3,7	0,81
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	4,2	3,6	-1,2	-3,1	0,8	0,25
Labour force participation rate	3,0	1,6	-1,2	-3,9	1,3	0,33

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018				
KwaZulu-Natal						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,8	1,8	71	-14	156	0,10
Employed	1,9	2,2	15	-55	84	0,67
Unemployed	5,7	6,5	56	-8	121	0,09
Not economically active	1,6	1,7	-44	-129	41	0,31
Discouraged work-seekers	7,6	8,1	-73	-157	10	0,09
Other (not economically active)	2,0	1,8	29	-50	108	0,46
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,9	5,9	1,2	-0,4	2,8	0,15
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,9	2,2	0,1	-0,9	1,1	0,89
Labour force participation rate	1,8	1,8	0,9	-0,4	2,0	0,18
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,8	2,8	105	34	177	0,00
Employed	3,0	3,3	27	-32	85	0,37
Unemployed	8,8	8,4	79	34	124	0,00
Not economically active	1,9	2,0	-85	-157	-14	0,02
Discouraged work-seekers	8,8	9,3	-97	-170	-24	0,01
Other (not economically active)	2,4	2,3	11	-63	86	0,76
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	7,4	7,3	2,8	0,8	4,7	0,01
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,0	3,3	0,5	-0,8	1,7	0,49
Labour force participation rate	2,8	2,8	2,1	0,6	3,7	0,01

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018				
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekweni						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,0	1,9	-34	-82	13	0,16
Employed	2,4	3,0	-12	-49	26	0,54
Unemployed	5,2	9,7	-23	-69	23	0,33
Not economically active	3,3	2,9	41	-6	89	0,09
Discouraged work-seekers	9,9	15,5	23	-16	63	0,25
Other (not economically active)	3,8	3,0	18	-10	46	0,20
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,0	9,7	-1,1	-3,8	1,7	0,43
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,4	3,0	-0,6	-2,2	0,9	0,43
Labour force participation rate	2,0	1,9	-1,6	-3,6	0,4	0,11
North West						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	3,3	3,6	37	-29	103	0,28
Employed	3,9	4,2	2	-39	42	0,94
Unemployed	7,9	6,8	35	-24	94	0,24
Not economically active	3,5	4,0	-26	-92	40	0,44
Discouraged work-seekers	8,9	9,6	-22	-73	28	0,38
Other (not economically active)	3,8	4,8	-3	-45	39	0,88
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	6,8	5,8	1,9	-1,6	5,3	0,29
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,9	4,2	-0,1	-1,7	1,5	0,90
Labour force participation rate	3,3	3,6	1,2	-1,4	3,8	0,36

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018				
Gauteng						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,8	0,9	22	-82	125	0,68
Employed	1,3	1,2	22	-89	134	0,69
Unemployed	3,3	3,6	-1	-154	153	0,99
Not economically active	2,0	2,1	29	-75	132	0,58
Discouraged work-seekers	8,7	7,8	-15	-89	59	0,70
Other (not economically active)	1,9	2,0	44	-48	135	0,35
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	3,0	3,1	-0,1	-2,0	1,8	0,92
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,3	1,2	-0,1	-1,1	1,1	0,96
Labour force participation rate	0,8	0,9	-0,1	-1,2	0,9	0,79
Gauteng – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,8	2,4	0	-38	37	0,98
Employed	3,2	2,9	-3	-29	22	0,80
Unemployed	8,5	5,8	3	-30	36	0,86
Not economically active	4,8	4,3	3	-34	40	0,87
Discouraged work-seekers	15,2	11,7	3	-23	30	0,80
Other (not economically active)	2,9	3,5	0	-23	23	0,98
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	7,1	4,9	0,3	-2,7	3,4	0,82
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,2	2,9	-0,4	-2,2	1,5	0,72
Labour force participation rate	2,8	2,4	-0,1	-2,9	2,6	0,91

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018				
Gauteng – Ekurhuleni						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,0	1,8	-18	-73	36	0,51
Employed	2,7	2,6	32	-15	79	0,18
Unemployed	6,9	5,6	-50	-97	-3	0,04
Not economically active	4,9	4,3	28	-27	82	0,32
Discouraged work-seekers	12,7	14,5	6	-26	38	0,71
Other (not economically active)	5,4	5,1	22	-36	79	0,46
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,8	4,9	-2,5	-4,6	-0,3	0,03
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,7	2,6	1,0	-0,8	2,9	0,25
Labour force participation rate	2,0	1,8	-1,0	-3,1	1,2	0,37
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,1	1,2	3	-53	59	0,92
Employed	2,2	1,8	-20	-88	47	0,55
Unemployed	6,0	5,2	23	-84	130	0,67
Not economically active	3,2	3,5	21	-34	77	0,45
Discouraged work-seekers	21,1	24,1	-14	-49	20	0,42
Other (not economically active)	2,4	2,9	36	-6	77	0,09
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,6	4,6	0,7	-2,5	4,1	0,64
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,2	1,8	-0,8	-2,7	0,9	0,33
Labour force participation rate	1,1	1,2	-0,4	-1,9	1,1	0,59

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018				
Gauteng – City of Tshwane						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,7	2,1	38	-21	97	0,21
Employed	2,0	3,0	14	-57	85	0,69
Unemployed	5,4	10,6	24	-71	118	0,62
Not economically active	3,7	4,7	-24	-82	35	0,43
Discouraged work-seekers	20,1	15,8	-10	-61	41	0,70
Other (not economically active)	4,0	4,5	-14	-71	44	0,64
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,6	9,2	0,7	-4,1	5,6	0,77
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,0	3,0	0,3	-2,5	3,1	0,84
Labour force participation rate	1,7	2,1	1,2	-1,2	3,5	0,35
Mpumalanga						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,9	1,7	9	-37	55	0,70
Employed	2,5	2,2	20	-26	65	0,40
Unemployed	7,0	4,9	-11	-78	56	0,76
Not economically active	3,2	2,8	3	-43	48	0,91
Discouraged work-seekers	9,7	7,6	-3	-32	26	0,83
Other (not economically active)	3,3	2,6	6	-31	43	0,75
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,8	4,2	-0,7	-3,9	2,4	0,64
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,5	2,2	0,5	-1,1	2,1	0,53
Labour force participation rate	1,9	1,7	0,0	-1,5	1,6	0,95

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (concluded)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018				
Limpopo						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,1	2,0	40	-19	99	0,18
Employed	2,3	2,4	41	-21	104	0,20
Unemployed	8,3	12,5	-1	-50	49	0,97
Not economically active	1,9	1,9	-28	-87	31	0,36
Discouraged work-seekers	7,9	6,1	30	-31	92	0,33
Other (not economically active)	1,9	1,5	-58	-123	7	0,08
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	7,5	11,4	-0,4	-3,0	2,1	0,72
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,3	2,4	1,0	-0,7	2,6	0,25
Labour force participation rate	2,1	2,0	1,0	-0,7	2,5	0,25

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
	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018				
Both sexes	0,7	0,7	92	-88	272	0,31
Agriculture	4,1	4,6	-1	-57	54	0,96
Mining	5,8	6,9	-29	-66	8	0,12
Manufacturing	2,6	2,8	-25	-105	54	0,53
Utilities	12,0	9,8	-5	-30	21	0,72
Construction	2,8	2,9	27	-60	113	0,55
Trade	2,0	1,9	86	-24	196	0,12
Transport	3,4	3,3	-18	-79	42	0,55
Finance	2,4	2,5	102	4	200	0,04
Community and social services	1,8	1,8	-17	-122	88	0,75
Private households	2,7	2,9	-30	-98	39	0,39
Women	0,9	1,0	91	-35	217	0,16
Agriculture	10,0	9,1	-1	-31	29	0,95
Mining	14,1	16,4	-8	-22	5	0,24
Manufacturing	4,2	4,4	-12	-55	31	0,58
Utilities	20,5	21,3	-13	-27	2	0,09
Construction	7,7	8,8	-6	-34	22	0,67
Trade	2,5	2,6	56	-22	134	0,16
Transport	7,3	7,1	-1	-29	27	0,97
Finance	3,2	3,3	59	3	116	0,04
Community and social services	1,9	2,1	19	-64	101	0,66
Private households	2,9	3,0	-1	-54	52	0,97
Men	0,8	0,8	1	-119	122	0,98
Agriculture	4,6	4,3	0	-47	47	0,99
Mining	5,8	7,6	-21	-59	17	0,28
Manufacturing	3,0	3,3	-13	-77	51	0,68
Utilities	12,4	11,0	8	-12	28	0,44
Construction	3,0	2,9	33	-47	113	0,42
Trade	2,7	2,6	31	-44	106	0,42
Transport	3,8	3,6	-18	-68	33	0,49
Finance	3,0	3,0	43	-35	120	0,28
Community and social services	2,7	2,7	-36	-96	25	0,25
Private households	5,9	6,0	-29	-65	8	0,12

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
	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018				
South Africa	0,7	0,7	92	-88	272	0,31
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	0,9	1,0	-65	-256	126	0,50
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	2,1	2,0	188	67	310	0,00
Agriculture	4,1	4,6	-1	-57	54	0,96
Private households	2,7	2,9	-30	-98	39	0,39
Western Cape	1,5	1,9	14	-35	64	0,57
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1,8	2,6	27	-35	90	0,39
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,2	6,4	-1	-40	38	0,95
Agriculture	6,9	7,8	2	-21	25	0,86
Private households	6,9	8,9	-14	-36	8	0,22
Western Cape – Non-metro	2,4	2,7	13	-16	42	0,39
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,4	4,3	7	-35	50	0,73
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	13,4	11,3	3	-19	26	0,77
Agriculture	7,0	8,2	3	-18	25	0,77
Private households	11,4	14,3	-1	-15	13	0,87
Western Cape – City of Cape Town	1,9	2,6	1	-41	44	0,95
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,3	3,2	20	-29	68	0,42
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	8,4	7,6	-5	-37	28	0,79
Agriculture	29,9	24,0	-1	-10	8	0,80
Private households	8,8	11,7	-13	-31	5	0,16
Eastern Cape	2,5	2,2	-13	-67	41	0,64
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,3	3,4	-25	-84	34	0,40
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	6,5	6,8	25	-25	75	0,33
Agriculture	14,7	9,9	-9	-37	20	0,55
Private households	10,5	10,4	-4	-16	8	0,53
Eastern Cape – Non-metro	3,5	3,0	-5	-50	39	0,82
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	5,2	4,5	-20	-70	30	0,43
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	8,2	7,5	21	-20	62	0,32
Agriculture	15,5	10,0	-4	-32	24	0,79
Private households	12,9	12,7	-3	-13	8	0,63

Table 3.4A: Sampling variability for the employed by province and sector (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018				
Eastern Cape – Buffalo City	6,0	6,5	4	-20	27	0,74
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,4	7,4	5	-15	25	0,60
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	16,5	9,2	-3	-23	17	0,74
Agriculture	52,9	98,3	-2	-4	0	0,12
Private households	10,9	19,0	4	-1	8	0,11
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay	4,3	3,0	-11	-32	9	0,28
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	6,5	6,9	-11	-35	14	0,40
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	14,4	23,2	7	-13	28	0,49
Agriculture	41,5	.	.	.	.	.
Private households	24,6	27,1	-5	-9	0	0,03
Northern Cape	7,3	5,0	5	-17	28	0,64
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	9,1	6,6	1	-24	26	0,95
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	17,9	25,1	0	-10	10	0,99
Agriculture	14,2	14,5	-2	-11	6	0,59
Private households	23,3	15,2	7	-3	16	0,16
Free State	3,3	2,8	-14	-47	18	0,39
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,6	4,1	-9	-32	14	0,44
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	8,7	7,4	-17	-42	9	0,19
Agriculture	12,7	12,0	3	-15	21	0,75
Private households	7,7	11,4	9	-7	24	0,27
Free State – Non-metro	4,4	3,8	-9	-40	22	0,56
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	5,2	4,9	-3	-22	17	0,79
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	11,8	10,7	-15	-37	8	0,21
Agriculture	12,8	12,4	0	-18	18	0,97
Private households	10,9	13,6	8	-4	20	0,21
Free State – Mangaung	4,2	3,6	-5	-16	6	0,35
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	8,5	7,3	-7	-19	6	0,31
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	11,0	7,1	-2	-14	10	0,70
Agriculture	101,0	38,5	3	0	6	0,07
Private households	9,6	20,4	1	-9	11	0,82

Table 3.4A: Sampling variability for the employed by province and sector (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018				
KwaZulu-Natal	1,9	2,2	15	-55	84	0,67
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,8	2,7	0	-61	62	0,99
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	6,2	5,8	23	-27	74	0,37
Agriculture	13,0	19,2	-1	-20	17	0,90
Private households	5,4	7,4	-8	-38	22	0,61
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro	3,0	3,3	27	-32	85	0,37
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,9	4,4	19	-31	69	0,46
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	8,5	7,5	15	-30	60	0,52
Agriculture	13,3	20,0	-3	-22	15	0,74
Private households	8,4	11,8	-4	-29	21	0,76
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekweni	2,4	3,0	-12	-49	26	0,54
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,0	3,3	-18	-53	17	0,30
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,7	8,7	9	-15	32	0,47
Agriculture	57,3	31,5	2	0	3	0,01
Private households	6,7	9,1	-4	-21	13	0,65
North West	3,9	4,2	2	-39	42	0,94
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,5	5,1	0	-45	45	1,00
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	6,6	7,7	-15	-35	6	0,17
Agriculture	26,1	23,4	17	3	30	0,02
Private households	11,3	13,6	0	-14	13	0,95
Gauteng	1,3	1,2	22	-89	134	0,69
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1,7	1,8	-59	-184	67	0,36
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	3,8	3,8	73	9	138	0,03
Agriculture	18,7	30,4	2	-17	21	0,85
Private households	5,4	5,3	6	-37	48	0,79
Gauteng – Non-metro	3,2	2,9	-3	-29	22	0,80
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,8	6,7	-12	-63	39	0,64
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	10,5	12,4	14	-22	49	0,45
Agriculture	27,0	32,8	-8	-14	-2	0,01
Private households	14,6	14,1	3	-14	20	0,74

Table 3.4A: Sampling variability for the employed by province and sector (concluded)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018				
Gauteng – Ekurhuleni	2,7	2,6	32	-15	79	0,18
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,6	3,1	36	-15	87	0,17
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	10,6	6,1	8	-22	37	0,61
Agriculture	56,4	46,7	0	-5	5	0,88
Private households	11,5	11,8	-12	-25	1	0,06
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg	2,2	1,8	-20	-88	47	0,55
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,2	2,9	-49	-120	22	0,18
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	3,3	4,2	30	-6	66	0,10
Agriculture	101,2	65,4	2	-1	5	0,13
Private households	9,4	6,5	-4	-31	23	0,78
Gauteng – City of Tshwane	2,0	3,0	14	-57	85	0,69
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1,9	3,5	-34	-110	42	0,38
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	13,4	13,1	22	-5	49	0,11
Agriculture	19,3	63,8	7	-11	24	0,44
Private households	6,7	13,3	19	-6	44	0,14
Mpumalanga	2,5	2,2	20	-26	65	0,40
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,9	3,3	-14	-63	35	0,58
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	6,4	7,3	46	9	82	0,01
Agriculture	5,6	8,7	-3	-17	12	0,72
Private households	7,6	7,6	-10	-27	7	0,26
Limpopo	2,3	2,4	41	-21	104	0,20
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,0	3,8	14	-38	65	0,61
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	5,1	3,7	53	16	90	0,01
Agriculture	10,5	10,1	-10	-25	5	0,18
Private households	10,6	10,2	-15	-39	8	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
	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018				
Both sexes	0,7	0,7	92	-88	272	0,31
Manager	3,3	3,4	15	-60	90	0,69
Professional	4,4	4,0	71	1	141	0,05
Technician	2,8	3,3	-48	-119	23	0,18
Clerk	2,4	2,5	-16	-97	66	0,71
Sales and services	2,1	2,2	19	-82	119	0,72
Skilled agriculture	14,4	13,2	-5	-22	12	0,54
Craft and related trade	2,5	2,3	11	-76	99	0,80
Plant and machine operator	3,0	3,2	18	-59	94	0,65
Elementary	1,7	1,8	39	-88	166	0,55
Domestic worker	2,9	3,0	-12	-64	39	0,64
Women	0,9	1,0	91	-35	217	0,16
Manager	5,7	5,5	-3	-42	36	0,88
Professional	5,7	5,6	67	18	116	0,01
Technician	3,8	4,3	-46	-100	8	0,10
Clerk	2,8	2,6	5	-61	71	0,88
Sales and services	3,0	3,0	81	10	152	0,03
Skilled agriculture	27,6	28,0	-5	-13	3	0,18
Craft and related trade	7,0	6,9	-16	-46	14	0,31
Plant and machine operator	7,7	8,0	-7	-32	18	0,61
Elementary	2,7	2,7	28	-49	104	0,47
Domestic worker	3,0	3,0	-14	-64	37	0,60
Men	0,8	0,8	1	-119	122	0,98
Manager	3,3	3,5	18	-42	79	0,56
Professional	5,3	4,7	4	-44	52	0,88
Technician	4,0	4,2	-2	-56	51	0,93
Clerk	4,9	4,9	-21	-66	25	0,37
Sales and services	2,7	2,9	-63	-136	10	0,09
Skilled agriculture	15,0	14,8	0	-15	15	0,99
Craft and related trade	2,5	2,4	27	-53	108	0,51
Plant and machine operator	3,2	3,5	25	-48	97	0,50
Elementary	2,3	2,0	11	-87	109	0,83
Domestic worker	20,7	17,0	1	-13	15	0,87

Table 2B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by sex						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jul-Sep 2017	Jul-Sep 2018				
Both sexes						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,5	0,6	187	-108	483	0,21
Employed	0,6	0,7	188	-78	455	0,17
Formal sector (non-agriculture)	0,9	1,0	-125	-394	144	0,36
Informal sector (non-agriculture)	2,4	2,0	327	171	483	0,00
Agriculture	4,1	4,6	32	-54	118	0,47
Private households	2,9	2,9	-46	-151	59	0,39
Unemployed	1,6	2,0	-1	-269	267	0,99
Not economically active	0,8	0,8	424	129	719	0,01
Discouraged work-seekers	3,8	3,3	297	88	507	0,01
Other (not economically active)	0,8	0,8	127	-130	383	0,33
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,4	1,7	-0,2	-1,3	0,8	0,66
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,6	0,7	-0,2	-0,9	0,5	0,58
Labour force participation rate	0,5	0,6	-0,4	-1,3	0,3	0,24
Women						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,7	0,8	93	-103	289	0,35
Employed	0,9	1,0	100	-86	286	0,29
Formal sector (non-agriculture)	1,3	1,4	22	-152	196	0,80
Informal sector (non-agriculture)	3,0	3,2	67	-21	156	0,14
Agriculture	9,9	9,1	25	-19	69	0,26
Private households	3,0	3,0	-14	-99	70	0,74
Unemployed	2,0	2,3	-7	-172	159	0,94
Not economically active	0,8	0,9	199	3	395	0,05
Discouraged work-seekers	4,0	3,4	163	39	288	0,01
Other (not economically active)	1,0	1,0	36	-146	217	0,70
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,7	2,1	-0,4	-1,8	1,1	0,65
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,9	1,0	-0,1	-1,0	0,9	0,91
Labour force participation rate	0,7	0,8	-0,4	-1,4	0,7	0,53

Table 2B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by sex (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jul-Sep 2017	Jul-Sep 2018				
Men						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,5	0,6	94	-77	265	0,28
Employed	0,8	0,8	89	-86	263	0,32
Formal sector (non-agriculture)	1,0	1,1	-146	-334	41	0,13
Informal sector (non-agriculture)	3,1	2,5	260	134	386	0,00
Agriculture	4,8	4,3	7	-59	72	0,84
Private households	5,8	6,0	-31	-78	15	0,18
Unemployed	2,0	2,2	6	-160	171	0,95
Not economically active	1,1	1,1	225	54	396	0,01
Discouraged work-seekers	4,8	4,5	134	-1	270	0,05
Other (not economically active)	1,0	1,0	91	-47	229	0,20
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,8	2,0	-0,1	-1,4	1,1	0,81
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,8	0,8	-0,4	-1,3	0,6	0,45
Labour force participation rate	0,5	0,6	-0,7	-1,5	0,3	0,18

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
	Jul-Sep 2017	Jul-Sep 2018				
South Africa						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,5	0,6	187	-108	483	0,21
Employed	0,6	0,7	188	-78	455	0,17
Unemployed	1,6	2,0	-1	-269	267	0,99
Not economically active	0,8	0,8	424	129	719	0,01
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,4	1,7	-0,2	-1,3	0,8	0,66
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,6	0,7	-0,2	-0,9	0,5	0,58
Labour force participation rate	0,5	0,6	-0,4	-1,3	0,3	0,24
Black/African						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,6	0,6	205	-54	465	0,12
Employed	0,8	0,8	144	-78	365	0,20
Unemployed	1,7	2,0	62	-193	316	0,63
Not economically active	0,8	0,8	394	134	654	0,00
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,5	1,7	0,0	-1,2	1,2	0,98
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,8	0,8	-0,4	-1,1	0,4	0,39
Labour force participation rate	0,6	0,6	-0,4	-1,3	0,4	0,27
Coloured						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,5	1,7	16	-87	119	0,76
Employed	1,8	2,1	61	-34	156	0,21
Unemployed	3,7	5,3	-45	-101	12	0,12
Not economically active	2,5	2,8	20	-83	123	0,70
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	3,4	5,0	-2,2	-4,6	0,1	0,06
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,8	2,1	1,2	-1,5	4,0	0,37
Labour force participation rate	1,5	1,7	-0,2	-3,2	2,8	0,90

Table 2.1B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by population group (concluded)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jul-Sep 2017	Jul-Sep 2018				
Indian/Asian						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	3,2	3,5	-13	-45	18	0,40
Employed	3,4	3,5	-7	-41	27	0,68
Unemployed	13,1	16,9	-6	-26	14	0,55
Not economically active	5,0	5,1	22	-9	54	0,16
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	12,3	15,5	-0,8	-4,1	2,5	0,64
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,4	3,5	-1,2	-4,6	2,2	0,49
Labour force participation rate	3,2	3,5	-1,9	-5,0	1,3	0,24
White						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,4	1,7	-21	-97	55	0,59
Employed	1,5	2,1	-9	-94	76	0,84
Unemployed	11,9	12,4	-12	-53	30	0,58
Not economically active	3,0	3,7	-12	-88	64	0,75
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	11,5	12,5	-0,5	-2,6	1,5	0,63
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,5	2,1	0,4	-2,4	3,2	0,78
Labour force participation rate	1,4	1,7	0,1	-2,5	2,6	0,96

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jul-Sep 2017	Jul-Sep 2018				
South Africa						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,5	0,6	187	-108	483	0,21
Employed	0,6	0,7	188	-78	455	0,17
Unemployed	1,6	2,0	-1	-269	267	0,99
Not economically active	0,8	0,8	424	129	719	0,01
Discouraged work-seekers	3,8	3,3	297	88	507	0,01
Other (not economically active)	0,8	0,8	127	-130	383	0,33
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,4	1,7	-0,2	-1,3	0,8	0,66
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,6	0,7	-0,2	-0,9	0,5	0,58
Labour force participation rate	0,5	0,6	-0,4	-1,3	0,3	0,24
Western Cape						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,3	1,5	62	-58	181	0,31
Employed	1,7	1,9	95	-30	220	0,14
Unemployed	3,4	5,5	-33	-115	48	0,43
Not economically active	2,8	3,3	29	-90	149	0,63
Discouraged work-seekers	21,8	14,9	-1	-35	33	0,95
Other (not economically active)	3,0	3,4	31	-92	153	0,62
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	3,3	5,2	-1,5	-4,0	1,0	0,25
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,7	1,9	1,0	-1,8	3,8	0,47
Labour force participation rate	1,3	1,5	0,0	-2,7	2,6	0,99

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jul-Sep 2017	Jul-Sep 2018				
Western Cape – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,4	2,3	39	-25	102	0,23
Employed	2,7	2,7	34	-14	81	0,17
Unemployed	7,0	10,6	5	-47	57	0,85
Not economically active	4,5	4,5	-3	-67	61	0,93
Discouraged work-seekers	30,1	15,8	1	-32	34	0,96
Other (not economically active)	5,0	4,6	-4	-54	46	0,88
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	6,3	9,6	-0,2	-4,3	3,9	0,91
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,7	2,7	0,9	-2,0	3,8	0,54
Labour force participation rate	2,4	2,3	1,0	-3,0	4,8	0,64
Western Cape – City of Cape Town						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,6	2,0	23	-80	126	0,66
Employed	2,1	2,6	61	-56	178	0,31
Unemployed	3,9	6,3	-38	-100	24	0,23
Not economically active	3,8	4,6	32	-71	136	0,54
Discouraged work-seekers	24,2	33,5	-2	-12	8	0,70
Other (not economically active)	3,7	4,8	34	-77	146	0,54
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	3,8	6,1	-2,1	-5,3	1,1	0,19
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,1	2,6	1,0	-3,0	5,1	0,61
Labour force participation rate	1,6	2,0	-0,5	-4,1	3,0	0,76

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jul-Sep 2017	Jul-Sep 2018				
Eastern Cape						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,6	1,8	-44	-146	57	0,39
Employed	2,3	2,2	-31	-117	54	0,47
Unemployed	4,3	4,6	-13	-106	80	0,79
Not economically active	1,8	1,8	94	-7	195	0,07
Discouraged work-seekers	8,5	8,6	5	-71	80	0,90
Other (not economically active)	2,1	2,2	89	7	171	0,03
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	3,6	3,7	0,1	-3,4	3,6	0,94
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,3	2,2	-1,1	-3,2	0,9	0,27
Labour force participation rate	1,6	1,8	-1,7	-4,1	0,7	0,18
Eastern Cape – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,5	2,6	1	-88	90	0,98
Employed	3,3	3,0	-24	-89	42	0,48
Unemployed	5,9	6,0	25	-39	88	0,45
Not economically active	2,0	2,0	31	-58	120	0,50
Discouraged work-seekers	8,6	9,0	2	-71	76	0,95
Other (not economically active)	2,5	2,6	28	-38	95	0,40
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,8	4,6	2,0	-1,8	5,7	0,32
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,3	3,0	-1,1	-3,4	1,1	0,33
Labour force participation rate	2,5	2,6	-0,4	-3,5	2,6	0,78

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jul-Sep 2017	Jul-Sep 2018				
Eastern Cape – Buffalo City						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,1	3,1	-33	-48	-19	0,00
Employed	3,7	6,5	2	-34	39	0,90
Unemployed	4,7	10,2	-36	-61	-10	0,01
Not economically active	5,7	6,0	39	24	54	0,00
Discouraged work-seekers	53,8	27,4	2	-15	19	0,81
Other (not economically active)	7,9	5,8	37	13	61	0,00
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,9	11,6	-7,1	-15,1	0,8	0,08
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,7	6,5	-0,1	-7,2	7,0	0,98
Labour force participation rate	2,1	3,1	-7,3	-10,1	-4,5	0,00
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,3	2,8	-12	-57	32	0,59
Employed	5,0	3,0	-10	-54	34	0,65
Unemployed	9,5	8,8	-2	-65	61	0,95
Not economically active	5,2	5,7	24	-20	69	0,29
Discouraged work-seekers	94,1	74,8	0	-4	5	0,92
Other (not economically active)	5,0	5,6	24	-18	65	0,26
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	8,7	6,8	0,4	-9,1	10,0	0,93
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	5,0	3,0	-1,9	-7,4	3,6	0,49
Labour force participation rate	2,3	2,8	-2,5	-8,0	3,0	0,37

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jul-Sep 2017	Jul-Sep 2018				
Northern Cape						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	3,6	4,4	5	-22	31	0,72
Employed	6,5	5,0	16	-12	44	0,27
Unemployed	7,5	9,4	-11	-38	16	0,41
Not economically active	4,4	5,5	4	-22	31	0,76
Discouraged work-seekers	12,8	8,7	-9	-24	5	0,21
Other (not economically active)	5,7	6,1	14	-23	51	0,47
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	8,9	7,8	-2,9	-8,6	2,8	0,32
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	6,5	5,0	1,5	-2,0	5,2	0,39
Labour force participation rate	3,6	4,4	0,0	-3,4	3,3	0,99
Free State						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,9	1,7	10	-57	76	0,78
Employed	2,8	2,8	-48	-111	16	0,14
Unemployed	5,2	4,3	57	16	98	0,01
Not economically active	3,3	3,0	0	-66	67	0,99
Discouraged work-seekers	11,7	9,6	-11	-35	13	0,37
Other (not economically active)	3,8	3,2	11	-58	80	0,75
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,8	3,9	4,5	1,3	7,7	0,01
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,8	2,8	-2,8	-6,1	0,6	0,11
Labour force participation rate	1,9	1,7	0,1	-3,3	3,7	0,92

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jul-Sep 2017	Jul-Sep 2018				
Free State – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,1	2,3	23	-37	83	0,44
Employed	3,6	3,8	-39	-100	23	0,22
Unemployed	7,0	5,6	62	25	99	0,00
Not economically active	3,1	3,8	-24	-84	36	0,43
Discouraged work-seekers	13,6	9,6	-7	-29	15	0,52
Other (not economically active)	3,8	4,0	-17	-77	44	0,59
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	6,6	5,0	6,5	2,0	11,1	0,01
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,6	3,8	-2,9	-7,4	1,7	0,22
Labour force participation rate	2,1	2,3	1,8	-2,7	6,2	0,44
Free State – Mangaung						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	3,8	1,6	-14	-42	15	0,34
Employed	4,4	3,6	-9	-24	7	0,26
Unemployed	6,6	4,9	-5	-23	13	0,59
Not economically active	10,1	3,5	24	-4	53	0,09
Discouraged work-seekers	14,4	37,7	-4	-12	5	0,39
Other (not economically active)	10,7	5,2	28	-4	60	0,09
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,2	5,5	-0,1	-3,0	2,7	0,93
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	4,4	3,6	-2,6	-5,5	0,3	0,08
Labour force participation rate	3,8	1,6	-3,9	-9,2	1,4	0,15

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jul-Sep 2017	Jul-Sep 2018				
KwaZulu-Natal						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,0	1,8	58	-59	176	0,33
Employed	1,9	2,2	98	-17	213	0,09
Unemployed	6,6	6,5	-40	-146	66	0,46
Not economically active	1,9	1,7	49	-69	167	0,41
Discouraged work-seekers	8,5	8,1	108	-20	237	0,10
Other (not economically active)	2,0	1,8	-59	-173	54	0,31
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,4	5,9	-1,6	-4,4	1,2	0,27
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,9	2,2	0,9	-0,8	2,5	0,32
Labour force participation rate	2,0	1,8	0,1	-1,6	1,8	0,92
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	3,2	2,8	87	-20	194	0,11
Employed	3,2	3,3	44	-55	143	0,38
Unemployed	10,2	8,4	43	-46	131	0,34
Not economically active	2,2	2,0	-7	-114	100	0,90
Discouraged work-seekers	9,9	9,3	64	-55	183	0,29
Other (not economically active)	2,4	2,3	-71	-169	28	0,16
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	8,4	7,3	1,0	-3,1	5,2	0,62
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,2	3,3	0,5	-1,7	2,6	0,70
Labour force participation rate	3,2	2,8	1,2	-1,2	3,5	0,32

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jul-Sep 2017	Jul-Sep 2018				
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekweni						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,0	1,9	-29	-79	22	0,26
Employed	1,6	3,0	54	-8	116	0,09
Unemployed	7,0	9,7	-83	-139	-26	0,00
Not economically active	3,4	2,9	56	6	107	0,03
Discouraged work-seekers	11,8	15,5	45	-3	93	0,07
Other (not economically active)	3,6	3,0	12	-46	69	0,69
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,5	9,7	-5,1	-8,7	-1,6	0,01
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,6	3,0	1,7	-0,9	4,2	0,20
Labour force participation rate	2,0	1,9	-1,9	-4,0	0,2	0,08
North West						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,4	3,6	28	-65	122	0,55
Employed	3,0	4,2	-4	-88	80	0,92
Unemployed	7,0	6,8	32	-35	100	0,35
Not economically active	2,7	4,0	16	-78	109	0,74
Discouraged work-seekers	10,7	9,6	7	-60	73	0,85
Other (not economically active)	3,6	4,8	9	-93	111	0,86
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	6,2	5,8	1,8	-2,6	6,2	0,41
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,0	4,2	-0,9	-4,1	2,5	0,62
Labour force participation rate	2,4	3,6	0,2	-3,5	3,9	0,92

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jul-Sep 2017	Jul-Sep 2018				
Gauteng						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,7	0,9	-43	-207	121	0,61
Employed	1,1	1,2	9	-131	149	0,90
Unemployed	2,5	3,6	-52	-224	119	0,55
Not economically active	1,9	2,1	244	80	409	0,00
Discouraged work-seekers	10,5	7,8	150	67	232	0,00
Other (not economically active)	1,6	2,0	95	-36	225	0,16
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	2,3	3,1	-0,6	-2,5	1,5	0,59
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,1	1,2	-0,9	-2,3	0,5	0,20
Labour force participation rate	0,7	0,9	-1,8	-3,5	-0,2	0,03
Gauteng – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,9	2,4	-31	-84	21	0,24
Employed	4,2	2,9	10	-21	42	0,52
Unemployed	7,5	5,8	-42	-93	9	0,11
Not economically active	3,7	4,3	43	-9	95	0,11
Discouraged work-seekers	15,6	11,7	55	20	90	0,00
Other (not economically active)	3,4	3,5	-12	-49	25	0,51
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	7,5	4,9	-3,7	-8,2	0,8	0,11
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	4,2	2,9	0,3	-2,0	2,8	0,75
Labour force participation rate	1,9	2,4	-2,9	-6,8	1,0	0,14

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jul-Sep 2017	Jul-Sep 2018				
Gauteng – Ekurhuleni						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,3	1,8	-76	-156	3	0,06
Employed	1,9	2,6	-29	-101	43	0,43
Unemployed	4,1	5,6	-48	-101	6	0,08
Not economically active	3,9	4,3	114	34	193	0,01
Discouraged work-seekers	16,6	14,5	43	12	74	0,01
Other (not economically active)	3,4	5,1	71	-7	148	0,07
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	3,6	4,9	-1,3	-3,9	1,3	0,33
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,9	2,6	-1,9	-4,7	1,0	0,20
Labour force participation rate	1,3	1,8	-4,1	-7,2	-0,9	0,01
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,2	1,2	56	-43	156	0,27
Employed	1,9	1,8	48	-34	131	0,25
Unemployed	4,5	5,2	8	-96	111	0,89
Not economically active	3,6	3,5	40	-60	139	0,43
Discouraged work-seekers	28,1	24,1	14	-39	68	0,60
Other (not economically active)	3,0	2,9	25	-53	103	0,53
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,1	4,6	-0,4	-3,4	2,8	0,84
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,9	1,8	0,0	-2,3	2,2	0,96
Labour force participation rate	1,2	1,2	-0,4	-3,1	2,3	0,76

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jul-Sep 2017	Jul-Sep 2018				
Gauteng – City of Tshwane						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,5	2,1	9	-81	98	0,85
Employed	1,9	3,0	-21	-103	62	0,62
Unemployed	4,9	10,6	30	-85	144	0,61
Not economically active	3,5	4,7	48	-41	138	0,29
Discouraged work-seekers	23,6	15,8	37	-4	78	0,08
Other (not economically active)	2,7	4,5	11	-48	70	0,71
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,3	9,2	1,5	-4,1	7,2	0,59
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,9	3,0	-2,0	-5,3	1,3	0,24
Labour force participation rate	1,5	2,1	-1,2	-4,8	2,4	0,50
Mpumalanga						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,0	1,7	86	8	164	0,03
Employed	3,0	2,2	27	-32	86	0,36
Unemployed	4,8	4,9	58	-11	127	0,10
Not economically active	3,1	2,8	-39	-116	39	0,33
Discouraged work-seekers	13,2	7,6	-22	-68	24	0,35
Other (not economically active)	3,0	2,6	-17	-90	57	0,66
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,6	4,2	1,8	-1,3	4,8	0,27
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,0	2,2	0,3	-1,8	2,3	0,80
Labour force participation rate	2,0	1,7	2,0	-0,7	4,7	0,15

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (concluded)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jul-Sep 2017	Jul-Sep 2018				
Limpopo						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,3	2,0	26	-69	122	0,59
Employed	2,1	2,4	26	-63	115	0,57
Unemployed	8,4	12,5	1	-69	70	0,99
Not economically active	2,1	1,9	25	-70	121	0,60
Discouraged work-seekers	8,5	6,1	72	-11	154	0,09
Other (not economically active)	3,0	1,5	-46	-148	56	0,38
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	7,1	11,4	-0,2	-3,7	3,2	0,89
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,1	2,4	0,2	-2,3	2,5	0,91
Labour force participation rate	2,3	2,0	0,1	-2,5	2,6	0,98

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
	Jul-Sep 2017	Jul-Sep 2018				
Both sexes	0,6	0,7	188	-78	455	0,17
Agriculture	4,1	4,6	32	-54	118	0,47
Mining	6,9	6,9	-40	-107	27	0,24
Manufacturing	2,9	2,8	-30	-167	106	0,66
Utilities	11,2	9,8	3	-31	37	0,87
Construction	3,2	2,9	137	14	261	0,03
Trade	1,9	1,9	20	-160	199	0,83
Transport	3,1	3,3	8	-79	95	0,86
Finance	2,2	2,5	38	-115	191	0,62
Community and social services	1,9	1,8	59	-115	233	0,51
Private households	2,9	2,9	-46	-151	59	0,39
Women	0,9	1,0	100	-86	286	0,29
Agriculture	9,9	9,1	25	-19	69	0,26
Mining	14,5	16,4	-1	-21	18	0,88
Manufacturing	4,6	4,4	-25	-95	45	0,48
Utilities	17,8	21,3	-8	-24	9	0,35
Construction	8,0	8,8	-7	-42	27	0,68
Trade	2,5	2,6	29	-76	134	0,59
Transport	7,7	7,1	13	-27	52	0,53
Finance	3,4	3,3	70	-26	166	0,15
Community and social services	2,3	2,1	17	-116	151	0,80
Private households	3,0	3,0	-14	-99	70	0,74
Men	0,8	0,8	89	-86	263	0,32
Agriculture	4,8	4,3	7	-59	72	0,84
Mining	6,9	7,6	-38	-105	29	0,26
Manufacturing	3,1	3,3	-5	-108	97	0,92
Utilities	12,2	11,0	11	-19	40	0,48
Construction	3,3	2,9	145	30	260	0,01
Trade	2,6	2,6	-9	-134	115	0,88
Transport	3,6	3,6	-5	-78	69	0,90
Finance	2,4	3,0	-32	-135	72	0,55
Community and social services	3,0	2,7	42	-64	147	0,44
Private households	5,8	6,0	-31	-78	15	0,18

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
	Jul-Sep 2017	Jul-Sep 2018				
South Africa	0,6	0,7	188	-78	455	0,17
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	0,9	1,0	-125	-394	144	0,36
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	2,4	2,0	327	171	483	0,00
Agriculture	4,1	4,6	32	-54	118	0,47
Private households	2,9	2,9	-46	-151	59	0,39
Western Cape	1,7	1,9	95	-30	220	0,14
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,6	2,6	45	-88	177	0,51
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	11,0	6,4	36	-22	95	0,22
Agriculture	11,4	7,8	24	-22	71	0,30
Private households	11,4	8,9	-11	-57	36	0,65
Western Cape – Non-metro	2,7	2,7	34	-14	81	0,17
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	6,1	4,3	-2	-89	85	0,97
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	11,9	11,3	33	17	49	0,00
Agriculture	11,9	8,2	17	-25	60	0,42
Private households	17,4	14,3	-15	-43	13	0,29
Western Cape – City of Cape Town	2,1	2,6	61	-56	178	0,31
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,6	3,2	46	-56	148	0,37
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	14,5	7,6	3	-53	59	0,91
Agriculture	34,3	24,0	7	-9	23	0,41
Private households	14,9	11,7	4	-32	41	0,81
Eastern Cape	2,3	2,2	-31	-117	54	0,47
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,8	3,4	-45	-118	27	0,22
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	6,6	6,8	26	-28	81	0,34
Agriculture	13,2	9,9	3	-24	29	0,84
Private households	6,7	10,4	-15	-42	12	0,27
Eastern Cape – Non-metro	3,3	3,0	-24	-89	42	0,48
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,6	4,5	-50	-106	7	0,08
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,6	7,5	11	-31	53	0,62
Agriculture	13,8	10,0	13	-12	38	0,31
Private households	10,5	12,7	3	-19	24	0,81

Table 3.4B: Sampling variability for the employed by province and sector (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jul-Sep 2017	Jul-Sep 2018				
Eastern Cape – Buffalo City	3,7	6,5	2	-34	39	0,90
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,5	7,4	9	-30	48	0,66
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	16,6	9,2	-1	-18	16	0,90
Agriculture	60,9	98,3	-6	-13	2	0,12
Private households	25,5	19,0	0	-8	8	0,95
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay	5,0	3,0	-10	-54	34	0,65
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,5	6,9	-4	-30	21	0,74
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	19,7	23,2	17	-14	47	0,28
Agriculture	44,6	.	.	.	.	.
Private households	5,5	27,1	-18	-32	-4	0,01
Northern Cape	6,5	5,0	16	-12	44	0,27
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	11,0	6,6	19	-12	49	0,22
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	12,8	25,1	-6	-25	14	0,56
Agriculture	25,4	14,5	4	-6	13	0,44
Private households	16,8	15,2	-1	-16	15	0,93
Free State	2,8	2,8	-48	-111	16	0,14
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,4	4,1	-23	-66	20	0,30
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	9,1	7,4	-28	-65	9	0,14
Agriculture	15,4	12,0	-1	-15	13	0,90
Private households	11,1	11,4	4	-22	31	0,75
Free State – Non-metro	3,6	3,8	-39	-100	23	0,22
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	5,3	4,9	-12	-53	30	0,58
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	11,0	10,7	-26	-62	9	0,14
Agriculture	16,0	12,4	-1	-16	13	0,84
Private households	9,5	13,6	1	-17	19	0,91
Free State – Mangaung	4,4	3,6	-9	-24	7	0,26
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	7,8	7,3	-11	-22	-1	0,04
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	15,7	7,1	-1	-12	10	0,82
Agriculture	38,8	38,5	1	-2	3	0,62
Private households	27,7	20,4	3	-16	22	0,75

Table 3.4B: Sampling variability for the employed by province and sector (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jul-Sep 2017	Jul-Sep 2018				
KwaZulu-Natal	1,9	2,2	98	-17	213	0,09
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,2	2,7	54	-53	162	0,32
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,0	5,8	65	-1	132	0,06
Agriculture	10,3	19,2	-1	-48	47	0,98
Private households	7,2	7,4	-20	-69	29	0,42
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro	3,2	3,3	44	-55	143	0,38
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,7	4,4	17	-62	96	0,67
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	8,0	7,5	46	-7	100	0,09
Agriculture	10,3	20,0	-3	-50	45	0,91
Private households	11,8	11,8	-17	-56	23	0,41
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekweni	1,6	3,0	54	-8	116	0,09
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,5	3,3	37	-38	112	0,34
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	13,1	8,7	19	-19	57	0,33
Agriculture	85,3	31,5	2	-3	7	0,42
Private households	8,2	9,1	-4	-32	24	0,80
North West	3,0	4,2	-4	-88	80	0,92
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,1	5,1	-2	-67	63	0,95
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	11,2	7,7	-11	-52	29	0,58
Agriculture	15,0	23,4	11	-9	31	0,28
Private households	11,9	13,6	-2	-27	24	0,91
Gauteng	1,1	1,2	9	-131	149	0,90
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1,4	1,8	-172	-342	-2	0,05
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	4,3	3,8	197	121	274	0,00
Agriculture	16,8	30,4	-10	-32	12	0,39
Private households	5,4	5,3	-7	-61	47	0,81
Gauteng – Non-metro	4,2	2,9	10	-21	42	0,52
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	6,3	6,7	-31	-79	16	0,19
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	14,9	12,4	45	29	61	0,00
Agriculture	12,2	32,8	-4	-13	4	0,30
Private households	7,8	14,1	1	-18	20	0,89

Table 3.4B: Sampling variability for the employed by province and sector (concluded)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jul-Sep 2017	Jul-Sep 2018				
Gauteng – Ekurhuleni	1,9	2,6	-29	-101	43	0,43
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,3	3,1	-16	-99	66	0,70
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	8,7	6,1	7	-29	44	0,69
Agriculture	46,1	46,7	-8	-17	1	0,10
Private households	9,5	11,8	-12	-28	4	0,14
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg	1,9	1,8	48	-34	131	0,25
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,6	2,9	-74	-192	44	0,22
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	6,1	4,2	119	68	170	0,00
Agriculture	31,9	65,4	-4	-10	1	0,12
Private households	9,2	6,5	8	-24	39	0,64
Gauteng – City of Tshwane	1,9	3,0	-21	-103	62	0,62
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1,9	3,5	-50	-133	33	0,24
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	9,1	13,1	26	-15	66	0,21
Agriculture	45,6	63,8	7	-11	24	0,44
Private households	13,5	13,3	-4	-41	33	0,84
Mpumalanga	3,0	2,2	27	-32	86	0,36
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,9	3,3	21	-36	77	0,47
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,1	7,3	14	-31	59	0,53
Agriculture	6,0	8,7	-8	-30	13	0,46
Private households	9,4	7,6	1	-20	22	0,94
Limpopo	2,1	2,4	26	-63	115	0,57
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,1	3,8	-20	-100	59	0,62
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	4,6	3,7	32	-21	86	0,23
Agriculture	8,3	10,1	10	-16	35	0,47
Private households	7,4	10,2	4	-25	33	0,79

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
	Jul-Sep 2017	Jul-Sep 2018				
Both sexes	0,6	0,7	188	-78	455	0,17
Manager	3,0	3,4	33	-78	144	0,56
Professional	3,7	4,0	-11	-106	84	0,82
Technician	2,9	3,3	-51	-179	77	0,44
Clerk	2,5	2,5	-94	-208	19	0,10
Sales and services	2,1	2,2	82	-69	233	0,29
Skilled agriculture	16,6	13,2	-11	-34	13	0,38
Craft and related trade	2,6	2,3	97	-35	229	0,15
Plant and machine operator	2,8	3,2	61	-49	171	0,27
Elementary	1,8	1,8	145	-17	306	0,08
Domestic worker	3,0	3,0	-61	-145	23	0,16
Women	0,9	1,0	100	-86	286	0,29
Manager	4,7	5,5	1	-58	60	0,98
Professional	4,8	5,6	25	-42	91	0,47
Technician	3,8	4,3	-20	-106	67	0,66
Clerk	2,6	2,6	-29	-122	63	0,53
Sales and services	2,6	3,0	111	8	213	0,03
Skilled agriculture	33,6	28,0	-6	-17	5	0,29
Craft and related trade	7,4	6,9	5	-35	44	0,82
Plant and machine operator	8,9	8,0	10	-29	48	0,63
Elementary	2,7	2,7	45	-55	146	0,38
Domestic worker	3,1	3,0	-40	-122	42	0,34
Men	0,8	0,8	89	-86	263	0,32
Manager	3,7	3,5	32	-54	118	0,46
Professional	5,0	4,7	-36	-99	28	0,27
Technician	4,2	4,2	-31	-111	48	0,44
Clerk	5,3	4,9	-65	-129	-1	0,05
Sales and services	2,9	2,9	-29	-136	79	0,60
Skilled agriculture	16,6	14,8	-5	-24	15	0,63
Craft and related trade	2,6	2,4	92	-30	215	0,14
Plant and machine operator	2,7	3,5	52	-48	151	0,31
Elementary	2,3	2,0	99	-29	227	0,13
Domestic worker	14,5	17,0	-21	-37	-5	0,01