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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 October to December 2018 (Q4: 2018).

2. Highlights of the results

Table A: Key labour market indicators

	Oct-Dec 2017	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand					Per cent	
Population 15–64 yrs	37 525	37 985	38 134	149	608	0,4	1,6
Labour force	22 051	22 589	22 668	79	617	0,3	2,8
Employed	16 171	16 380	16 529	149	358	0,9	2,2
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	11 244	11 255	11 346	92	102	0,8	0,9
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	2 808	3 017	3 001	-15	193	-0,5	6,9
Agriculture	849	842	849	7	0	0,9	0,0
Private households	1 270	1 267	1 332	65	62	5,1	4,9
Unemployed	5 880	6 209	6 139	-70	259	-1,1	4,4
Not economically active	15 474	15 395	15 466	70	-9	0,5	-0,1
Discouraged work-seekers	2 538	2 733	2 841	108	303	4,0	11,9
Other (not economically active)	12 936	12 662	12 625	-38	-311	-0,3	-2,4
Rates (%)							
Unemployment rate	26,7	27,5	27,1	-0,4	0,4		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,1	43,1	43,3	0,2	0,2		
Labour force participation rate	58,8	59,5	59,4	-0,1	0,6		

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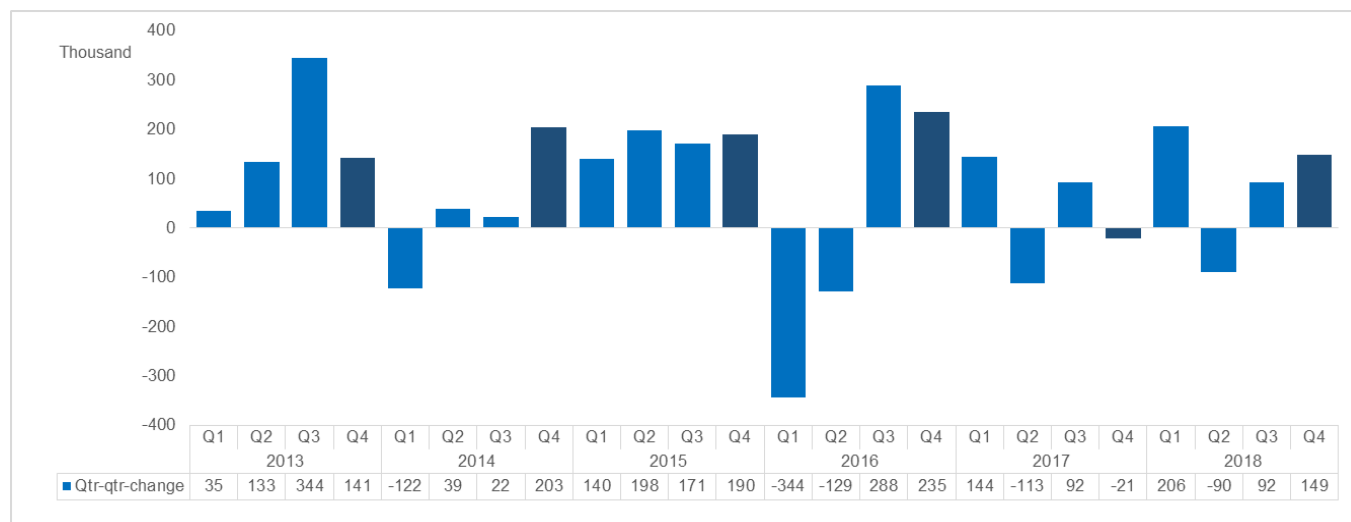
The working-age population increased by 149 000 or 0,4% in the fourth quarter of 2018 compared to the third quarter of the same year. Compared to Q4: 2017, the working age population increased by 608 000 or 1,6%. The number of employed persons increased by 149 000 to 16,5 million in Q4: 2018 while the number of unemployed persons declined by 70 000 to 6,1 million compared to Q3: 2018, resulting in an increase of 79 000 (up by 0,3%) in the number of people in the labour force. The absorption rate increased by 0,2 of a percentage point to 43,3% and the unemployment rate declined by 0,4 of a percentage point to 27,1% compared to the third quarter of 2018.

Employment increased in three of the four sectors in Q4: 2018; with the formal sector recording the largest employment gains of 92 000 followed by Private households (65 000) and Agriculture (7 000). The informal sector employment declined by 15 000 jobs. There was a net increase of 70 000 in the not economically active population, resulting in the number of discouraged work-seekers increasing by 108 000 while there was a decline of 38 000 in the number of people who were not economically active due to other reasons other than discouragement.

Compared to a year ago, employment and unemployment increased by 2,2% (358 000) and 4,4% (259 000) respectively. The number of persons who were not economically active declined by 0,1% (9 000).

3. Employment

Figure 1: Quarter-to-quarter changes in employment, Q1: 2013 to Q4: 2018



Based on Figure 1 above, employment increased in every fourth quarter of each year except for Q4: 2017 where the number of the employed persons declined by 21 000. The largest fourth quarter increase in the number of employed persons was observed in Q4: 2016 (up by 235 000). Compared to the third quarter of 2018, the number of employed persons increased by 149 000 persons in Q4: 2018.

Table B: Employment by industry

	Oct-Dec 2017	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Qtr-to- qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to- qtr change	Year-on- year change
Industry	Thousand					Per cent	
Total*	16 171	16 380	16 529	149	358	0,9	2,2
Agriculture	849	842	849	7	0	0,9	0,0
Mining	411	406	438	31	27	7,7	6,5
Manufacturing	1 791	1 719	1 766	48	-24	2,8	-1,4
Utilities	149	156	134	-22	-16	-14,2	-10,5
Construction	1 390	1 502	1 481	-21	91	-1,4	6,5
Trade	3 240	3 305	3 320	14	79	0,4	2,4
Transport	1 001	996	965	-30	-36	-3,1	-3,6
Finance	2 373	2 502	2 611	109	238	4,4	10,0
Services	3 691	3 675	3 624	-51	-67	-1,4	-1,8
Private households	1 270	1 267	1 332	65	62	5,1	4,9

*Note: Total includes 'Other' industry.

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

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

Services refers to Community, personal and social services

Table B shows that between Q3: 2018 and Q4: 2018, the number of employed persons increased in six of the ten industries; with the largest increases recorded in Finance and other business services (109 000), Private households (65 000), Manufacturing (48 000), Mining (31 000) and Trade (14 000). However, employment declines were recorded in Community and social services (51 000), Transport (30 000), Utilities (22 000) and Construction (21 000).

Compared to the same period last year, employment gain of 358 000 persons was largely driven by Finance and other business services (238 000), Construction (91 000) and Trade (79 000) in Q4: 2018. Employment in Agriculture remained unchanged at 849 000 persons.

Figure 2a: Quarter-to-quarter employment changes in the formal sector, Q1: 2013 to Q4: 2018

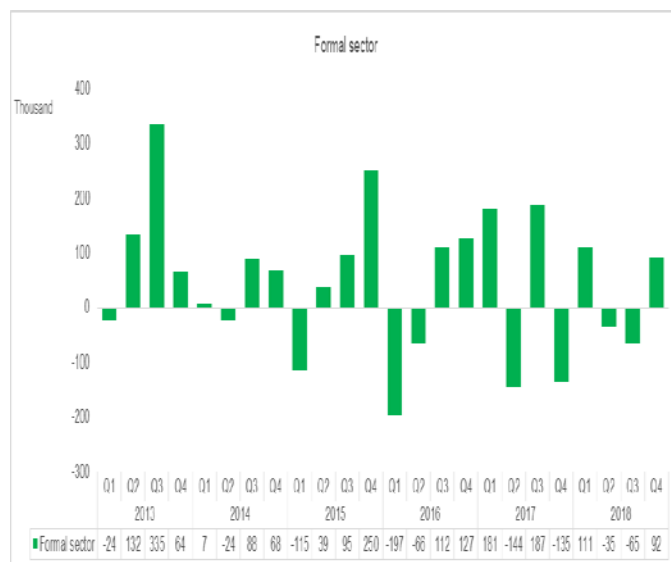
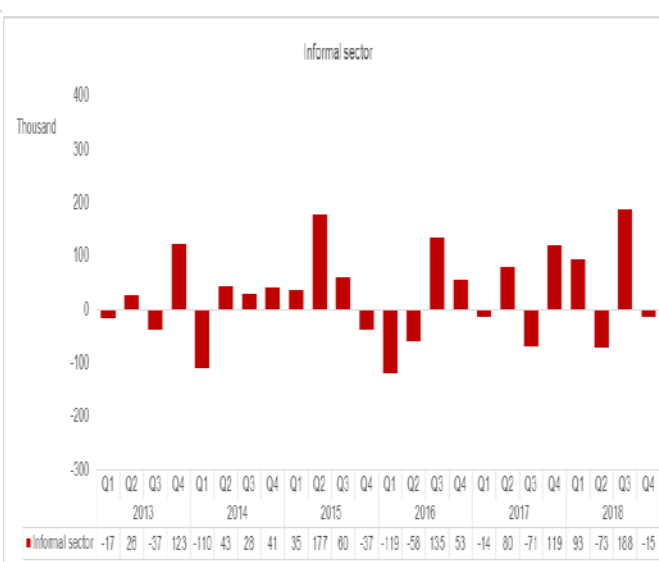


Figure 2b: Quarter-to-quarter employment changes in the informal sector, Q1: 2013 to Q4: 2018



Following two consecutive declines in the formal sector employment in Q2:2018 (35 000) and Q3: 2018 (65 000), employment increased by 92 000 in Q4: 2018. On the other hand, the informal sector recorded a decline of 15 000 jobs in Q4:2018.

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



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

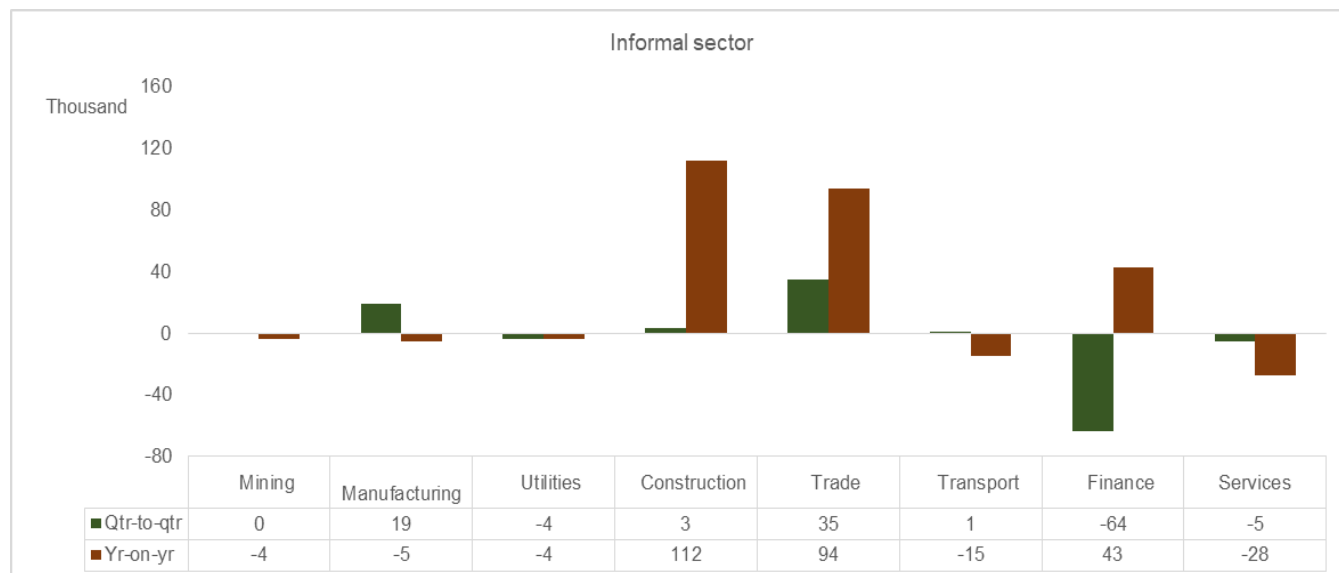
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The formal sector employment gain of 92 000 jobs was mainly driven by Finance and other business services (173 000), Mining (32 000) and Manufacturing (29 000). Community and social services recorded the largest employment losses of 46 000 quarter to quarter followed by Transport (31 000) and Construction (24 000).

When comparing the current employment in the formal sector with the same period last year, the gain of 102 000 jobs was mainly driven by two industries which are, Finance and other business services (195 000) and Mining (31 000). Formal sector employment in all other industries declined with Community and social services recording the largest declines of 39 000 while Construction and Transport lost 21 000 each.

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



In the fourth quarter of 2018, the informal sector decreased by 15 000 persons compared to the third quarter of 2018. The decline in the informal sector employment was mainly driven by Finance and other business services (64 000), Community and social services (5 000) and Utilities (4 000) industries. The largest employment gains were recorded in Trade (35 000) and Manufacturing (19 000).

Compared to Q4: 2017, employment in the informal sector increased in only three industries. The annual employment gains were recorded in the Construction (112 000), Trade (94 000) and Finance and other business services (43 000) industries. On the other hand, the largest employment losses were recorded in Community and social services (28 000), Transport (15 000) and Manufacturing (5 000) industries.

Table C: Employment by occupation

Occupation	Oct-Dec 2017	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
Total*	16 171	16 380	16 529	149	358	0,9	2,2
Manager	1 390	1 431	1 444	13	55	0,9	3,9
Professional	906	948	878	-70	-28	-7,4	-3,1
Technician	1 477	1 399	1 474	75	-3	5,3	-0,2
Clerk	1 657	1 689	1 704	15	47	0,9	2,8
Sales and services	2 597	2 653	2 687	34	90	1,3	3,5
Skilled agriculture	83	58	66	7	-17	12,7	-21,0
Craft and related trade	1 935	2 018	2 073	55	137	2,7	7,1
Plant and machine operator	1 317	1 382	1 394	12	77	0,9	5,9
Elementary	3 788	3 814	3 780	-34	-8	-0,9	-0,2
Domestic worker	1 016	984	1 029	45	13	4,5	1,3

*Note: Total includes 'other' occupations.

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

All occupations categories experienced employment increases in Q4: 2018, with the exception of Professional (down by 70 000) and Elementary (down by 34 000) compared to the previous quarter. Technician (75 000) followed by Craft and related trade (55 000) and Domestic worker (45 000) occupations recorded the largest employment gains while those in skilled agriculture occupation recorded the lowest increase of 7 000 jobs.

Year-on-year changes show that gains in employment were mainly driven by Craft and related trade (137 000), Sales and services (90 000), Plant and machine operator (77 000) and Manager (55 000) occupations. Professional (28 000), Skilled agriculture (17 000), Elementary (8 000) and Technician (3 000) occupations recorded losses in employment in Q4: 2018 compared to Q4: 2017.

Table D: Employment by province

	Oct-Dec 2017	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
Province	Thousand					Per cent	
South Africa	16 171	16 380	16 529	149	358	0,9	2,2
Western Cape	2 492	2 494	2 520	26	29	1,1	1,2
Eastern Cape	1 391	1 390	1 375	-15	-16	-1,1	-1,1
Northern Cape	321	323	322	-1	0	-0,3	0,1
Free State	806	774	806	33	1	4,2	0,1
KwaZulu-Natal	2 513	2 635	2 648	13	135	0,5	5,4
North West	999	979	973	-6	-27	-0,7	-2,7
Gauteng	4 991	5 077	5 163	86	172	1,7	3,5
Mpumalanga	1 242	1 231	1 245	14	3	1,1	0,3
Limpopo	1 417	1 478	1 477	-1	59	-0,1	4,2

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

The provincial statistics show that the number of employed persons increased in five of the nine provinces between Q3: 2018 and Q4: 2018. The largest employment increases were recorded in Gauteng (up by 86 000), Free State (up by 33 000) and Western Cape (up by 26 000). However, the largest decline in the number of employed persons was recorded in Eastern Cape (down by 15 000) followed by North West (down by 6 000).

Compared to Q4: 2017, employment declined in North West (27 000) and Eastern Cape (16 000) while in Northern Cape the number of employed persons remained unchanged. The largest increase in the number of the employed persons was recorded in Gauteng (172 000), KwaZulu-Natal (135 000) and Limpopo (59 000).

3.1 Conditions of employment for employees

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

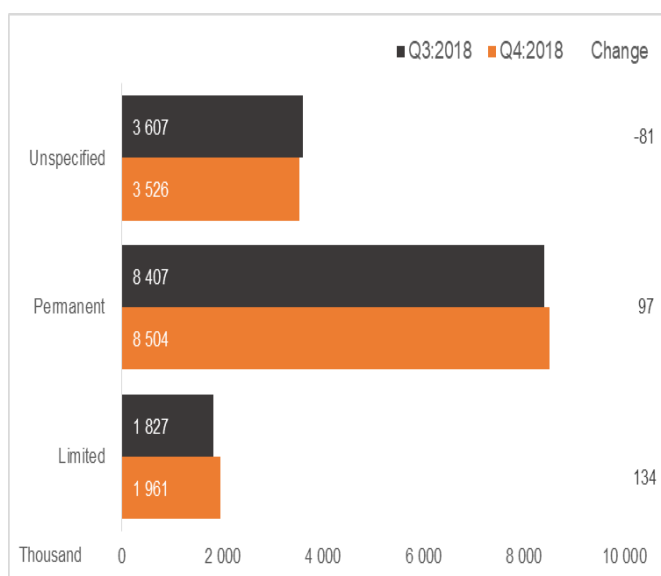
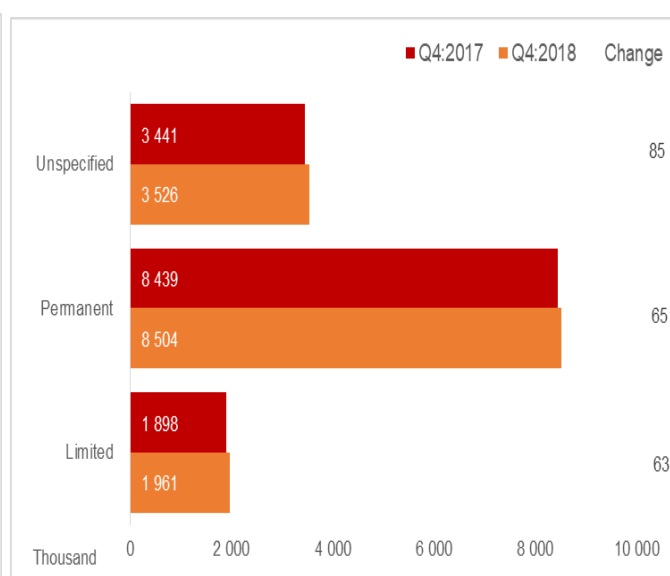


Figure 6: Year-on-year changes in nature of employment contract

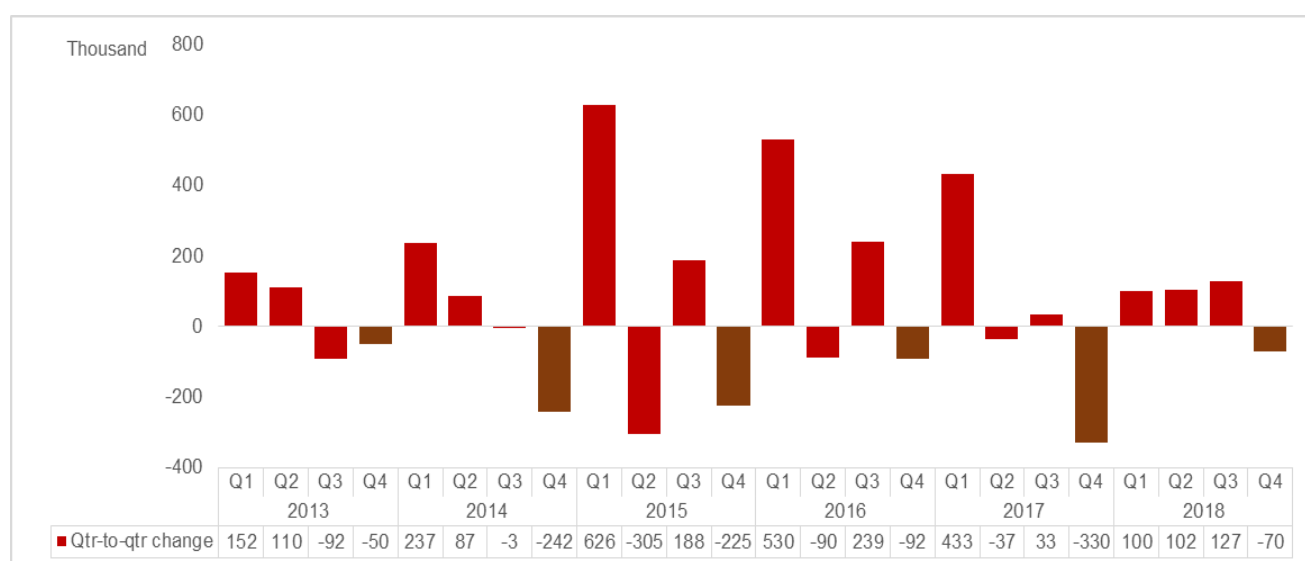


The charts above show that in both years (and the last two quarters of 2018) most employed persons were permanently employed. Between the third and fourth quarters of 2018, the number of employees with contracts of a limited duration and those with contracts of a permanent nature increased by 134 000 and 97 000 respectively, while the number of employees with contracts of unspecified duration declined by 81 000.

The year-on-year comparisons indicate that the number of employees increased in all types of contracts. The largest increase was recorded in those with the contract of unspecified nature (up by 85 000) while those with contracts of a permanent nature and those with contracts of a limited duration gained 65 000 and 63 000 persons respectively.

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

Figure 7: Quarter-to-quarter changes in unemployment, Q1: 2013 to Q4: 2018



After an increase of 127 000 in the number of unemployed persons in Q3: 2018, the number of unemployed persons declined by 70 000 in Q4: 2018. Notable from the above figure is that the number of unemployed persons showed declines in every fourth quarter of each year since 2013. The largest decline was recorded in Q4: 2017 (down by 330 000) followed by Q4: 2014 (down by 242 000) and Q4: 2015 (down by 225 000).

Figure 8: Proportion of the unemployed by education level, Q4: 2018

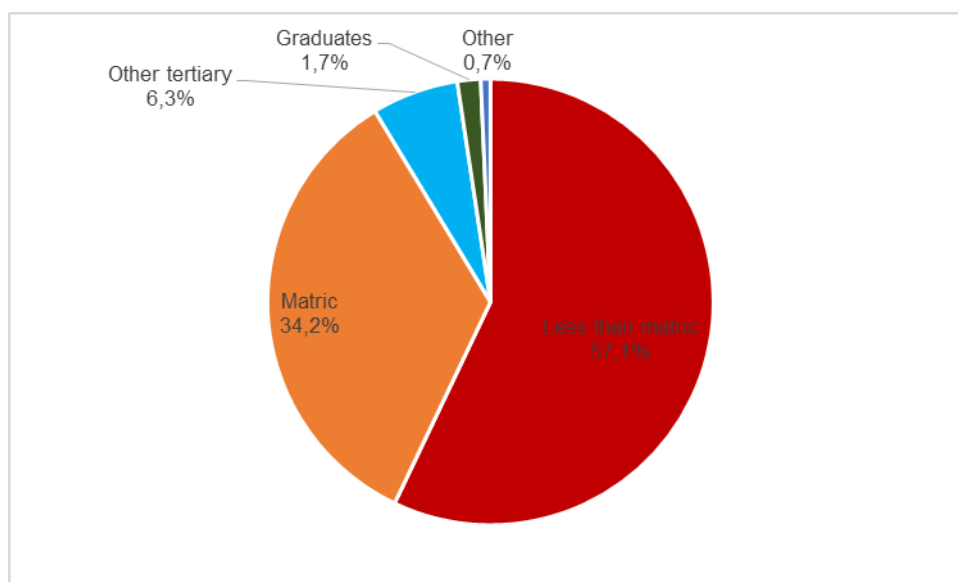


Figure 8 shows that, of the 6,1 million unemployed persons in Q4: 2018, about 57,1% had an education level below matric, followed by those with a matric at 34,2%. Only 1,7% of the unemployed persons were graduates while 6,3% had other tertiary as their highest level of education.

Table E: Unemployment rate by province

	Official unemployment rate					Expanded unemployment rate				
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Oct-Dec 2017	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Per cent		Percentage points			Per cent		Percentage points		
South Africa	26,7	27,5	27,1	-0,4	0,4	36,3	37,3	37,0	-0,3	0,7
Western Cape	19,5	20,4	19,3	-1,1	-0,2	23,0	23,7	23,1	-0,6	0,1
Eastern Cape	35,1	35,6	36,1	0,5	1,0	44,8	46,0	46,8	0,8	2,0
Northern Cape	27,1	27,0	25,0	-2,0	-2,1	40,5	40,1	38,6	-1,5	-1,9
Free State	32,6	36,3	32,9	-3,4	0,3	39,0	41,5	39,3	-2,2	0,3
KwaZulu-Natal	24,1	23,0	25,6	2,6	1,5	41,0	41,2	41,3	0,1	0,3
North West	23,9	28,0	26,6	-1,4	2,7	40,6	43,9	42,9	-1,0	2,3
Gauteng	29,1	29,6	29,0	-0,6	-0,1	33,7	34,3	33,6	-0,7	-0,1
Mpumalanga	28,9	32,5	32,0	-0,5	3,1	39,7	41,3	41,1	-0,2	1,4
Limpopo	19,6	18,9	16,5	-2,4	-3,1	36,8	38,1	38,8	0,7	2,0

The official unemployment rate declined by 0,4 of a percentage point in Q4: 2018 compared to Q3: 2018. The official unemployment rate decreased in seven of the nine provinces, with the largest declines in Free State (down by 3,4 percentage points), Limpopo (down by 2,4 percentage points), and Northern Cape (down by 2,0 percentage points). KwaZulu-Natal and Eastern Cape were the only provinces that recorded increases in the unemployment rate (2,6

percentage points and 0,5 of a percentage point respectively). Year-on-year, the official unemployment rate increased by 0,4 of a percentage point. The official unemployment rate increased in five of the nine provinces; the largest increase was observed in Mpumalanga (up by 3,1 percentage points) followed by North West (up by 2,7 percentage points) and KwaZulu-Natal (up by 1,5 percentage points).

The expanded unemployment rate declined by 0,3 of a percentage point from 37,3% in Q3: 2018 to 37,0% in Q4: 2018. Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal and Limpopo were the only provinces that recorded increases of less than 1,0 percentage point each in the expanded unemployment rate during this period. Compared to the same period last year, the expanded unemployment rate increased by 0,7 of a percentage point in Q4: 2018 to 37,0%. The largest increase was recorded in North West (up by 2,3 percentage points), followed by Limpopo and Eastern Cape (up by 2,0 percentage points each).

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

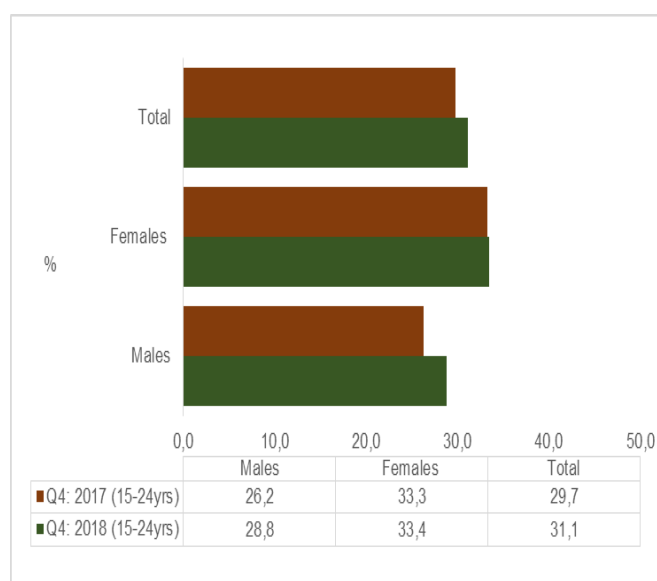
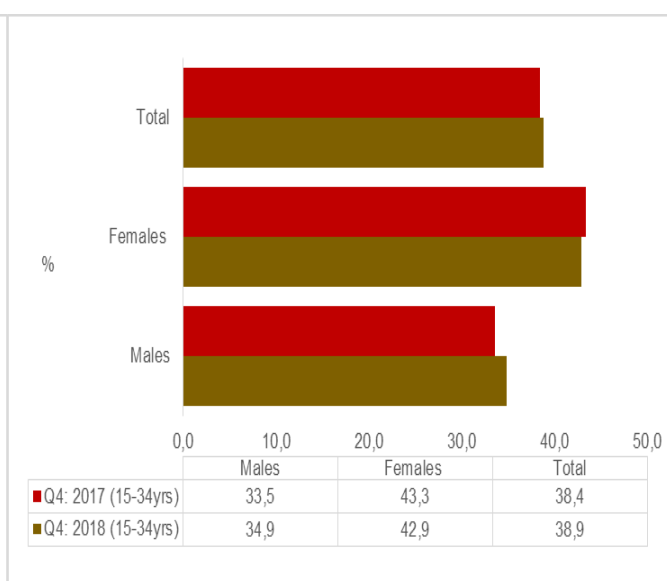


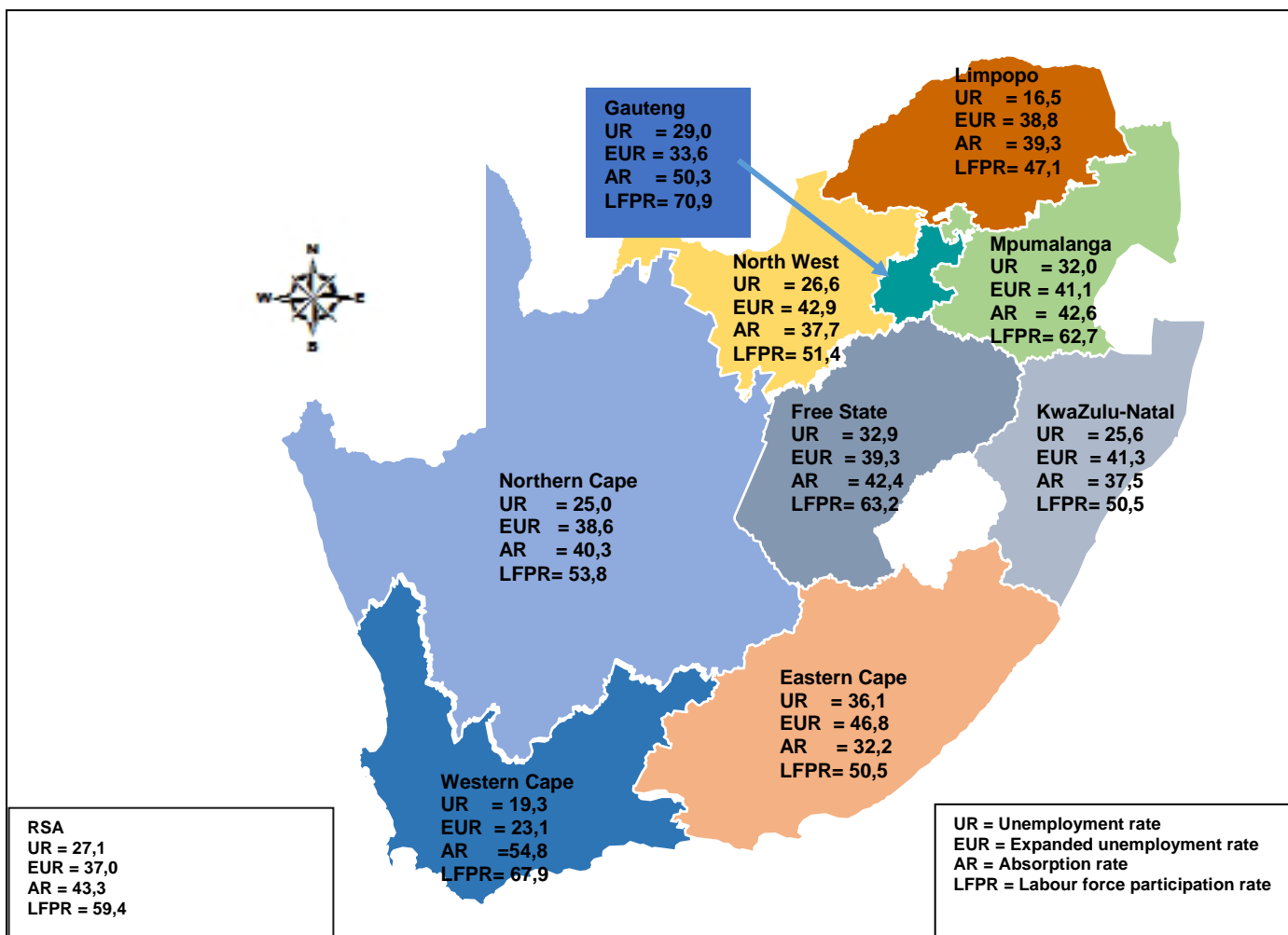
Figure 9b: NEET rates for youth aged 15–34 years by sex



The percentage of young persons aged 15–24 years who were not in employment, education or training (NEET) increased from 29,7% in Q4:2017 to 31,1% in Q4:2018. The NEET rate in this age group for males and females increased by 2,6 percentage points and 0,1 of a percentage point respectively. The NEET rate for females was higher than that of their male counterparts in both years (Figure 9a).

Compared to Q4: 2017, the percentage of young persons aged 15–34 years who were not in employment, education or training (NEET) increased by 0,5 of a percentage point from 38,4% to 38,9% in Q4: 2018. The NEET rate increased for males by 1,4 percentage points while for females, the rate declined by 0,4 of a percentage point in Q4: 2018. In both Q4:2017 and Q4:2018, 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, Q4: 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 Q4: 2018

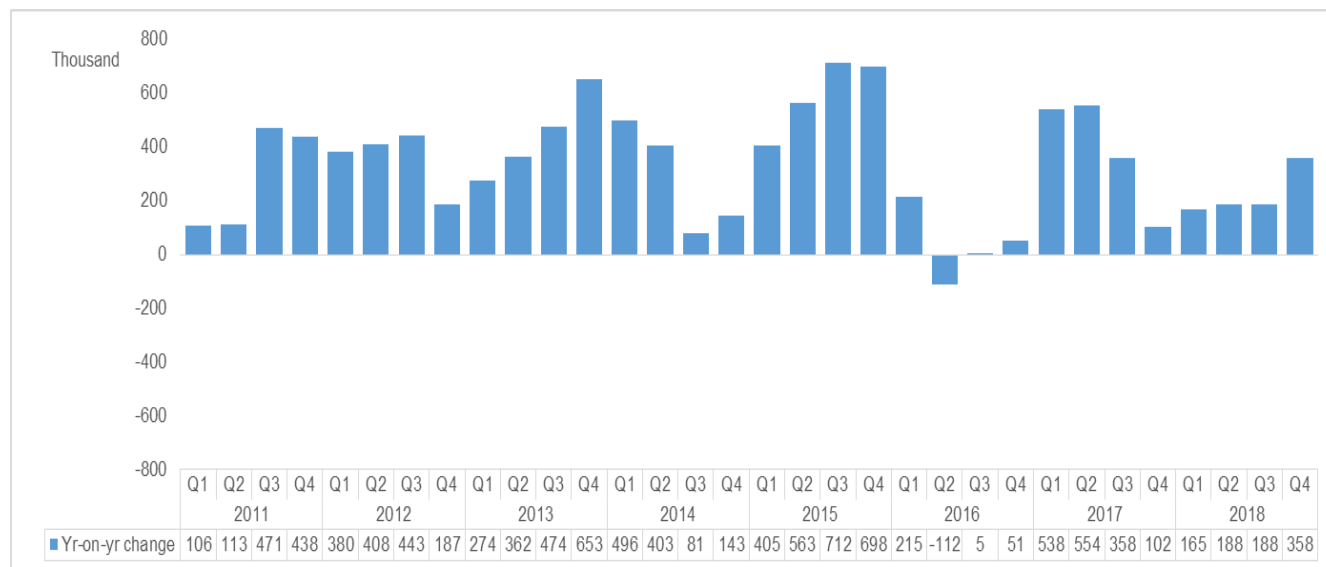


Figure 11: Year-on-year changes in formal-sector employment, Q1: 2011 to Q4: 2018

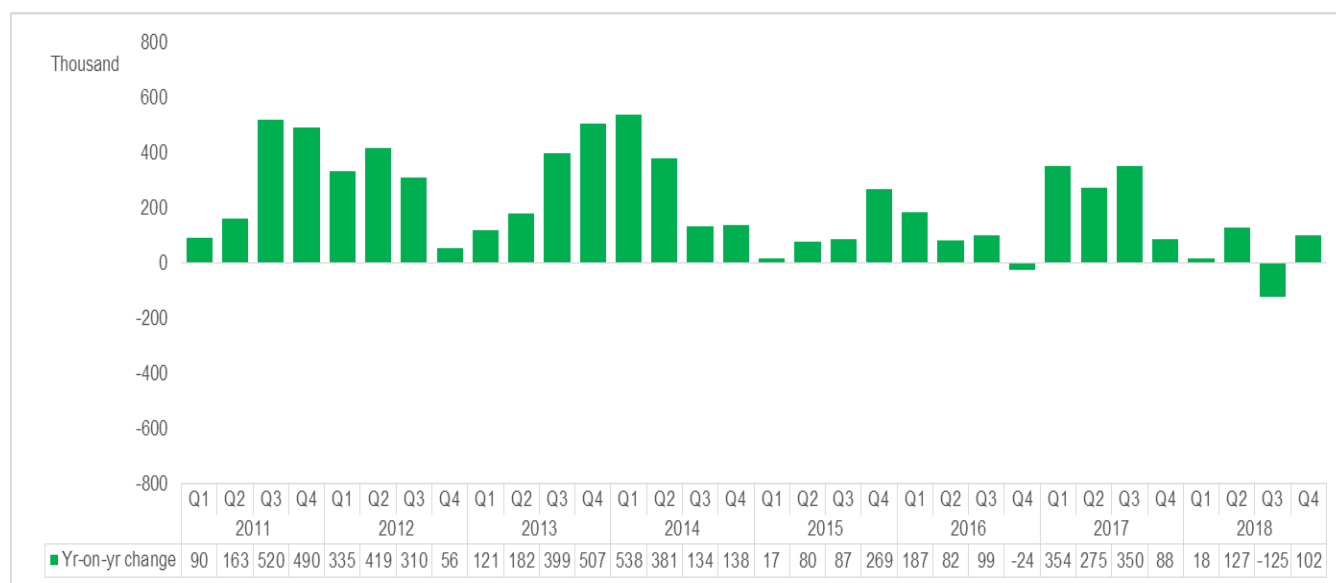
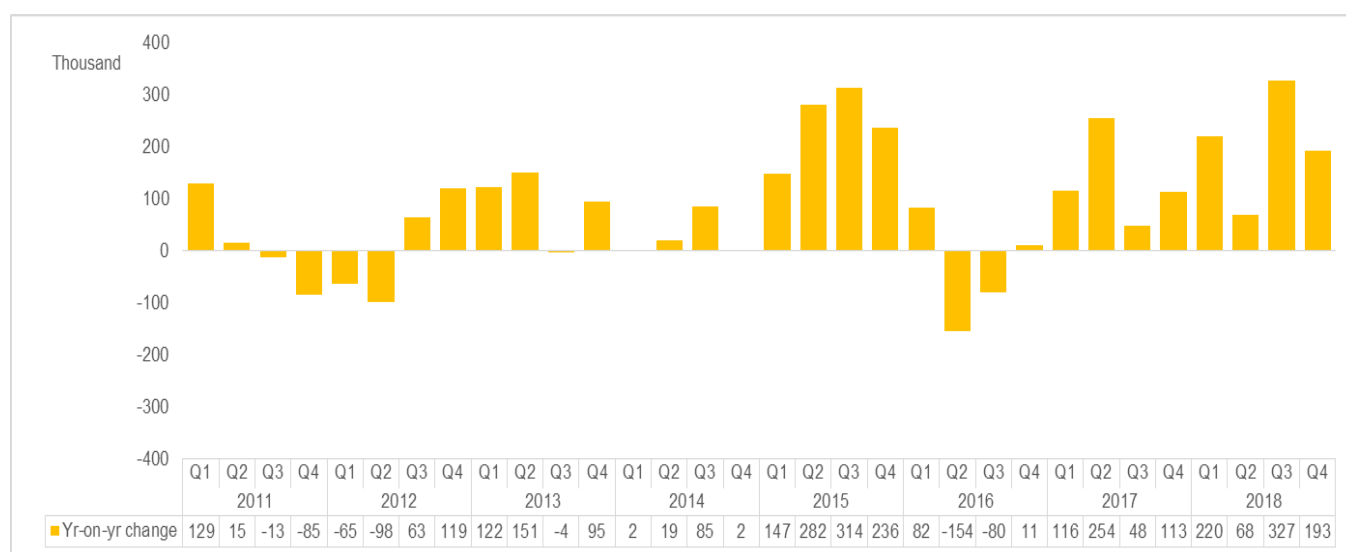


Figure 12: Year-on-year changes in informal-sector employment, Q1: 2011 to Q4: 2018

6.2 Trends in unemployment rate

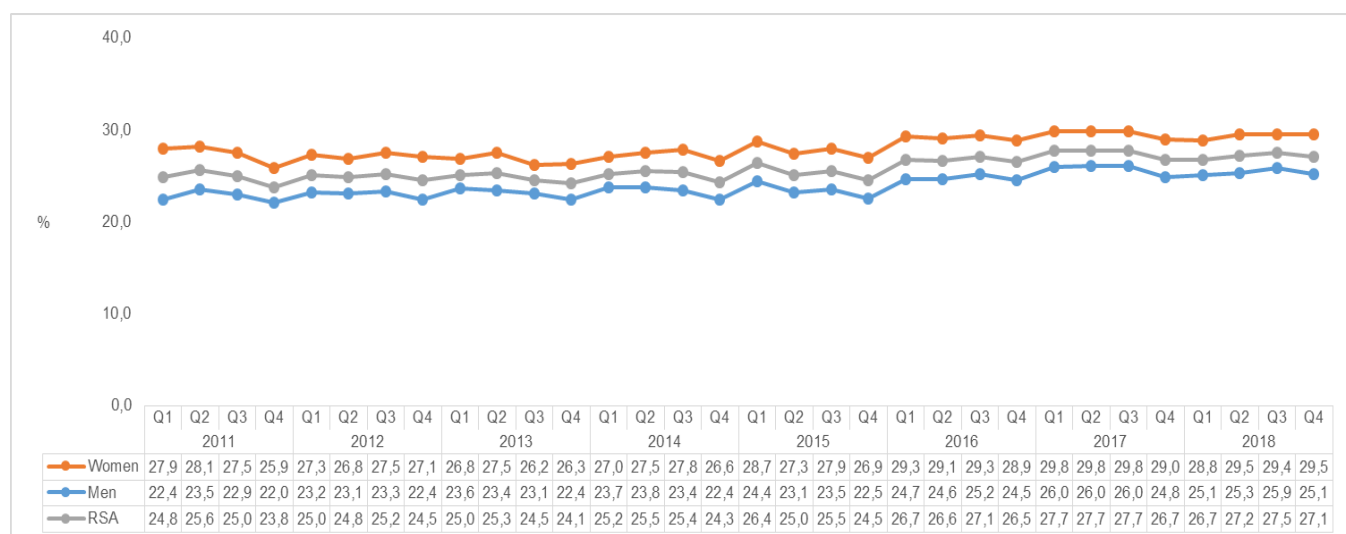
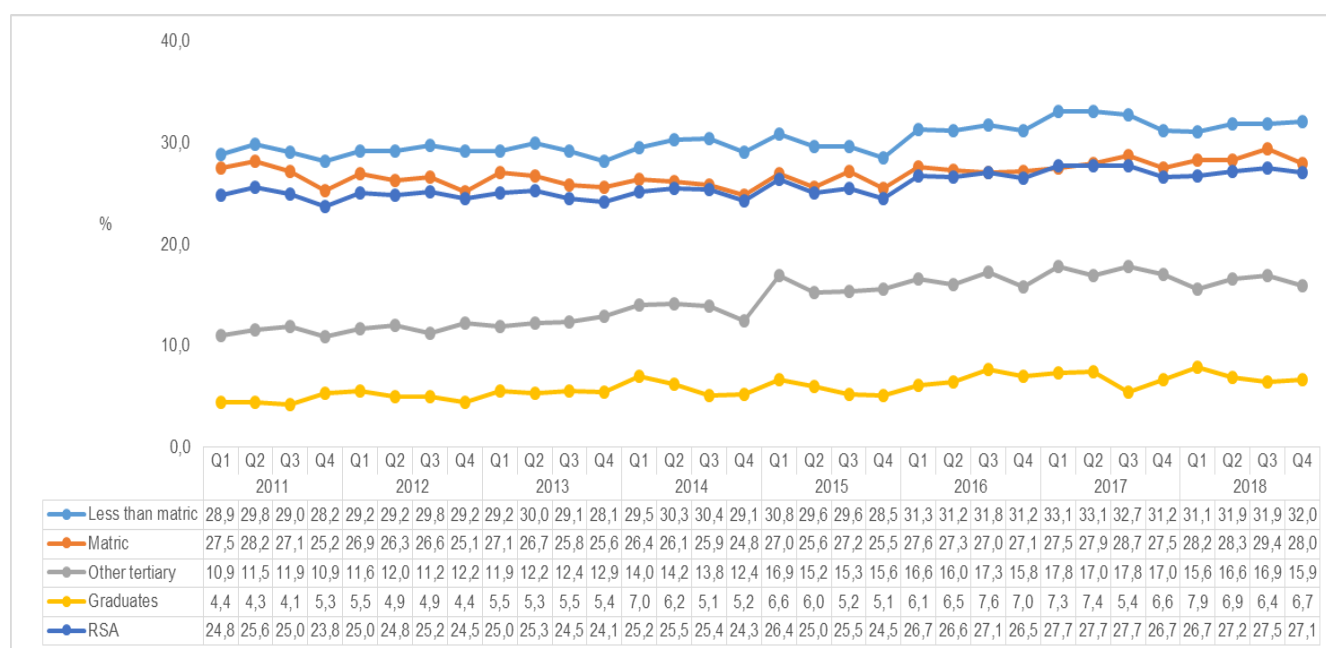
Figure 13: Unemployment rate by sex, Q1: 2011 to Q4: 2018

Figure 14: Unemployment rate by education status, Q1: 2011 to Q4: 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:

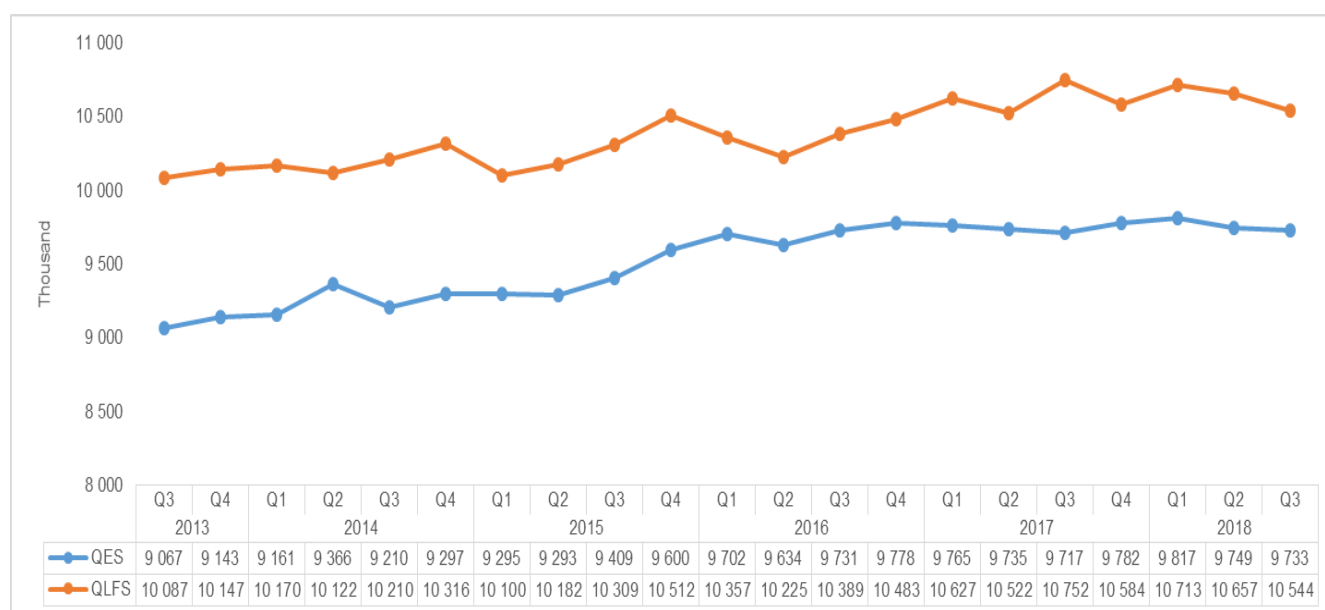
- Description of the employed, e.g. their demographic profile, education level, hours of work, etc.; and
- Unemployment and descriptors of the unemployed.

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 based survey includes agricultural workers, self-employed workers whose businesses are unincorporated, unpaid family workers, and private household workers among the employed. These groups are excluded from the enterprise-based 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 based survey has no duplication of individuals, because individuals are counted only once, even if they hold more than one job. In the enterprise-based survey, employees working at more than one job and thus appearing on more than one payroll are counted separately for each appearance.
- QLFS includes income tax, VAT and 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 a payroll of VAT-registered businesses

Figure 15: Formal sector employment trends in QLFS and QES, Q3: 2013 to Q3: 2018

8. Technical notes

8.1 Response details

Table G: Response rates by province and metropolitan area

Province/metropolitan area	Oct-Dec 2018
National	89,1
Western Cape	89,5
Non-metro	91,1
City of Cape Town	88,7
Eastern Cape	94,7
Non-metro	96,4
Buffalo City	92,8
Nelson Mandela Bay	90,0
Northern Cape	91,8
Free State	95,9
Non-metro	95,7
Mangaung	96,4
KwaZulu-Natal	92,2
Non-metro	94,0
eThekweni	89,2
North West	92,1
Gauteng	78,1
Non-metro	75,8
Ekurhuleni	78,7
City of Johannesburg	76,8
City of Tshwane	81,0
Mpumalanga	94,7
Limpopo	96,4

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 the 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 population estimates (from the Stats SA 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, the 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 according to **Official definition** are those (aged 15–64 years) who:

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

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

- a) Official unemployment (searched and available); **and**
- b) Available to work but are/or:
 - Discouraged work seekers
 - Have other reasons for not searching

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

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

Appendix 1

Table 1: Population of working age (15–64 years)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	37 525	37 678	37 832	37 985	38 134	149	608	0,4	1,6
Women	18 975	19 048	19 122	19 195	19 267	72	291	0,4	1,5
Men	18 550	18 630	18 710	18 790	18 867	77	317	0,4	1,7
Population groups	37 525	37 678	37 832	37 985	38 134	149	608	0,4	1,6
Black/African	30 099	30 249	30 399	30 550	30 697	147	597	0,5	2,0
Coloured	3 425	3 434	3 443	3 452	3 460	8	36	0,2	1,0
Indian/Asian	998	1 000	1 003	1 005	1 007	2	9	0,2	0,9
White	3 003	2 995	2 987	2 979	2 970	-9	-33	-0,3	-1,1
South Africa	37 525	37 678	37 832	37 985	38 134	149	608	0,4	1,6
Western Cape	4 506	4 528	4 551	4 574	4 597	22	91	0,5	2,0
Eastern Cape	4 215	4 228	4 240	4 253	4 265	12	49	0,3	1,2
Northern Cape	790	792	794	796	798	2	9	0,3	1,1
Free State	1 892	1 895	1 897	1 900	1 902	2	9	0,1	0,5
KwaZulu-Natal	6 948	6 975	7 002	7 029	7 055	27	107	0,4	1,5
North West	2 534	2 545	2 556	2 567	2 577	11	43	0,4	1,7
Gauteng	10 059	10 109	10 159	10 210	10 260	50	201	0,5	2,0
Mpumalanga	2 877	2 889	2 901	2 913	2 924	11	47	0,4	1,6
Limpopo	3 705	3 718	3 731	3 744	3 756	12	51	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									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	37 525	37 678	37 832	37 985	38 134	149	608	0,4	1,6
Labour force	22 051	22 358	22 370	22 589	22 668	79	617	0,3	2,8
Employed	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	149	358	0,9	2,2
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	11 244	11 355	11 320	11 255	11 346	92	102	0,8	0,9
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	2 808	2 901	2 828	3 017	3 001	-15	193	-0,5	6,9
Agriculture	849	847	843	842	849	7	0	0,9	0,0
Private households	1 270	1 275	1 296	1 267	1 332	65	62	5,1	4,9
Unemployed	5 880	5 980	6 083	6 209	6 139	-70	259	-1,1	4,4
Not economically active	15 474	15 320	15 462	15 395	15 466	70	-9	0,5	-0,1
Discouraged work-seekers	2 538	2 787	2 864	2 733	2 841	108	303	4,0	11,9
Other (not economically active)	12 936	12 533	12 598	12 662	12 625	-38	-311	-0,3	-2,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	26,7	26,7	27,2	27,5	27,1	-0,4	0,4		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,1	43,5	43,1	43,1	43,3	0,2	0,2		
Labour force participation rate	58,8	59,3	59,1	59,5	59,4	-0,1	0,6		
Women									
Population 15–64 yrs	18 975	19 048	19 122	19 195	19 267	72	291	0,4	1,5
Labour force	9 953	10 138	10 119	10 240	10 276	36	323	0,4	3,2
Employed	7 071	7 222	7 134	7 225	7 250	25	179	0,3	2,5
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4 730	4 842	4 817	4 827	4 820	-7	90	-0,2	1,9
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	1 084	1 113	1 042	1 125	1 113	-12	29	-1,0	2,7
Agriculture	267	285	278	277	285	8	17	2,9	6,5
Private households	990	982	996	995	1 032	36	42	3,6	4,2
Unemployed	2 882	2 915	2 986	3 016	3 027	11	144	0,4	5,0
Not economically active	9 022	8 911	9 002	8 955	8 991	35	-32	0,4	-0,3
Discouraged work-seekers	1 414	1 564	1 594	1 520	1 577	57	164	3,8	11,6
Other (not economically active)	7 608	7 346	7 409	7 435	7 413	-22	-195	-0,3	-2,6
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	29,0	28,8	29,5	29,4	29,5	0,1	0,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	37,3	37,9	37,3	37,6	37,6	0,0	0,3		
Labour force participation rate	52,5	53,2	52,9	53,3	53,3	0,0	0,8		

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)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	18 550	18 630	18 710	18 790	18 867	77	317	0,4	1,7
Labour force	12 098	12 220	12 251	12 349	12 392	42	294	0,3	2,4
Employed	9 100	9 155	9 154	9 156	9 279	124	179	1,4	2,0
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	6 514	6 513	6 503	6 427	6 526	99	12	1,5	0,2
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	1 724	1 789	1 786	1 892	1 888	-4	164	-0,2	9,5
Agriculture	582	561	565	565	564	-1	-18	-0,1	-3,0
Private households	280	293	300	271	300	29	21	10,7	7,3
Unemployed	2 998	3 065	3 097	3 194	3 113	-81	115	-2,5	3,8
Not economically active	6 452	6 410	6 459	6 440	6 475	35	23	0,5	0,4
Discouraged work-seekers	1 125	1 223	1 270	1 213	1 263	51	139	4,2	12,3
Other (not economically active)	5 328	5 187	5 189	5 228	5 212	-16	-116	-0,3	-2,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	24,8	25,1	25,3	25,9	25,1	-0,8	0,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	49,1	49,1	48,9	48,7	49,2	0,5	0,1		
Labour force participation rate	65,2	65,6	65,5	65,7	65,7	0,0	0,5		

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									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	37 525	37 678	37 832	37 985	38 134	149	608	0,4	1,6
Labour force	22 051	22 358	22 370	22 589	22 668	79	617	0,3	2,8
Employed	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	149	358	0,9	2,2
Unemployed	5 880	5 980	6 083	6 209	6 139	-70	259	-1,1	4,4
Not economically active	15 474	15 320	15 462	15 395	15 466	70	-9	0,5	-0,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	26,7	26,7	27,2	27,5	27,1	-0,4	0,4		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,1	43,5	43,1	43,1	43,3	0,2	0,2		
Labour force participation rate	58,8	59,3	59,1	59,5	59,4	-0,1	0,6		
Black/African									
Population 15–64 yrs	30 099	30 249	30 399	30 550	30 697	147	597	0,5	2,0
Labour force	17 233	17 481	17 509	17 798	17 908	110	675	0,6	3,9
Employed	12 057	12 223	12 172	12 265	12 461	196	405	1,6	3,4
Unemployed	5 176	5 259	5 337	5 533	5 446	-87	270	-1,6	5,2
Not economically active	12 866	12 768	12 891	12 752	12 789	37	-77	0,3	-0,6
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	30,0	30,1	30,5	31,1	30,4	-0,7	0,4		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	40,1	40,4	40,0	40,1	40,6	0,5	0,5		
Labour force participation rate	57,3	57,8	57,6	58,3	58,3	0,0	1,0		
Coloured									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 425	3 434	3 443	3 452	3 460	8	36	0,2	1,0
Labour force	2 173	2 240	2 236	2 172	2 162	-10	-11	-0,5	-0,5
Employed	1 662	1 731	1 716	1 700	1 696	-4	34	-0,2	2,1
Unemployed	511	510	520	473	466	-6	-45	-1,4	-8,8
Not economically active	1 252	1 193	1 207	1 279	1 298	19	46	1,5	3,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	23,5	22,7	23,3	21,8	21,6	-0,2	-1,9		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	48,5	50,4	49,8	49,2	49,0	-0,2	0,5		
Labour force participation rate	63,4	65,2	65,0	62,9	62,5	-0,4	-0,9		

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)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	998	1 000	1 003	1 005	1 007	2	9	0,2	0,9
Labour force	599	602	610	594	598	4	-1	0,7	-0,2
Employed	544	530	547	534	524	-10	-20	-1,8	-3,7
Unemployed	55	71	63	60	74	14	19	23,5	34,4
Not economically active	399	399	392	411	409	-2	10	-0,5	2,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	9,2	11,8	10,4	10,1	12,4	2,3	3,2		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	54,5	53,0	54,6	53,1	52,0	-1,1	-2,5		
Labour force participation rate	60,0	60,1	60,9	59,1	59,4	0,3	-0,6		
White									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 003	2 995	2 987	2 979	2 970	-9	-33	-0,3	-1,1
Labour force	2 046	2 035	2 015	2 025	2 000	-25	-46	-1,2	-2,2
Employed	1 909	1 894	1 853	1 881	1 847	-34	-61	-1,8	-3,2
Unemployed	137	141	162	144	153	9	15	6,1	11,2
Not economically active	957	960	972	953	970	17	13	1,7	1,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	6,7	6,9	8,0	7,1	7,6	0,5	0,9		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	63,6	63,2	62,0	63,2	62,2	-1,0	-1,4		
Labour force participation rate	68,1	67,9	67,5	68,0	67,3	-0,7	-0,8		

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

Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.2: Labour force characteristics by age group									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	37 525	37 678	37 832	37 985	38 134	149	608	0,4	1,6
Labour force	22 051	22 358	22 370	22 589	22 668	79	617	0,3	2,8
Employed	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	149	358	0,9	2,2
Unemployed	5 880	5 980	6 083	6 209	6 139	-70	259	-1,1	4,4
Not economically active	15 474	15 320	15 462	15 395	15 466	70	-9	0,5	-0,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	26,7	26,7	27,2	27,5	27,1	-0,4	0,4		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,1	43,5	43,1	43,1	43,3	0,2	0,2		
Labour force participation rate	58,8	59,3	59,1	59,5	59,4	-0,1	0,6		
15–24 years									
Population 15–24 yrs	10 314	10 312	10 311	10 308	10 303	-5	-11	-0,1	-0,1
Labour force	2 670	2 638	2 590	2 664	2 591	-74	-79	-2,8	-3,0
Employed	1 305	1 257	1 200	1 257	1 173	-83	-132	-6,6	-10,1
Unemployed	1 365	1 381	1 390	1 408	1 417	10	53	0,7	3,9
Not economically active	7 644	7 674	7 721	7 644	7 712	68	68	0,9	0,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	51,1	52,4	53,7	52,8	54,7	1,9	3,6		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	12,7	12,2	11,6	12,2	11,4	-0,8	-1,3		
Labour force participation rate	25,9	25,6	25,1	25,8	25,1	-0,7	-0,8		
25–34 years									
Population 25–34 yrs	9 854	9 890	9 927	9 963	9 999	36	145	0,4	1,5
Labour force	7 187	7 303	7 334	7 404	7 415	11	228	0,1	3,2
Employed	4 790	4 890	4 869	4 890	4 965	75	175	1,5	3,7
Unemployed	2 397	2 413	2 466	2 514	2 450	-65	52	-2,6	2,2
Not economically active	2 667	2 587	2 593	2 559	2 584	25	-83	1,0	-3,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	33,4	33,0	33,6	34,0	33,0	-1,0	-0,4		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	48,6	49,4	49,0	49,1	49,7	0,6	1,1		
Labour force participation rate	72,9	73,8	73,9	74,3	74,2	-0,1	1,3		

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Table 2.2: Labour force characteristics by age group (concluded)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	8 021	8 060	8 098	8 137	8 176	39	155	0,5	1,9
Labour force	6 423	6 518	6 537	6 535	6 596	60	172	0,9	2,7
Employed	5 081	5 154	5 147	5 100	5 147	47	66	0,9	1,3
Unemployed	1 343	1 363	1 390	1 435	1 449	14	106	1,0	7,9
Not economically active	1 598	1 542	1 562	1 602	1 580	-22	-18	-1,4	-1,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	20,9	20,9	21,3	22,0	22,0	0,0	1,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	63,3	64,0	63,6	62,7	63,0	0,3	-0,3		
Labour force participation rate	80,1	80,9	80,7	80,3	80,7	0,4	0,6		
45–54 years									
Population 45–54 yrs	5 564	5 614	5 664	5 716	5 767	51	203	0,9	3,6
Labour force	4 080	4 156	4 181	4 252	4 318	66	238	1,5	5,8
Employed	3 445	3 488	3 511	3 570	3 671	101	226	2,8	6,6
Unemployed	636	668	669	683	648	-35	12	-5,1	1,9
Not economically active	1 484	1 458	1 483	1 463	1 449	-15	-35	-1,0	-2,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	15,6	16,1	16,0	16,1	15,0	-1,1	-0,6		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	61,9	62,1	62,0	62,5	63,6	1,1	1,7		
Labour force participation rate	73,3	74,0	73,8	74,4	74,9	0,5	1,6		
55–64 years									
Population 55–64 yrs	3 772	3 802	3 832	3 861	3 889	28	117	0,7	3,1
Labour force	1 691	1 742	1 729	1 734	1 749	15	58	0,9	3,4
Employed	1 551	1 588	1 561	1 564	1 573	9	22	0,6	1,4
Unemployed	140	154	168	170	176	6	36	3,6	25,5
Not economically active	2 081	2 059	2 102	2 127	2 140	13	59	0,6	2,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	8,3	8,9	9,7	9,8	10,0	0,2	1,7		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	41,1	41,8	40,7	40,5	40,4	-0,1	-0,7		
Labour force participation rate	44,8	45,8	45,1	44,9	45,0	0,1	0,2		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	37 525	37 678	37 832	37 985	38 134	149	608	0,4	1,6
Labour force	22 051	22 358	22 370	22 589	22 668	79	617	0,3	2,8
Employed	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	149	358	0,9	2,2
Unemployed	5 880	5 980	6 083	6 209	6 139	-70	259	-1,1	4,4
Not economically active	15 474	15 320	15 462	15 395	15 466	70	-9	0,5	-0,1
Discouraged work-seekers	2 538	2 787	2 864	2 733	2 841	108	303	4,0	11,9
Other	12 936	12 533	12 598	12 662	12 625	-38	-311	-0,3	-2,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	26,7	26,7	27,2	27,5	27,1	-0,4	0,4		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,1	43,5	43,1	43,1	43,3	0,2	0,2		
Labour force participation rate	58,8	59,3	59,1	59,5	59,4	-0,1	0,6		
Western Cape									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 506	4 528	4 551	4 574	4 597	22	91	0,5	2,0
Labour force	3 094	3 150	3 127	3 133	3 121	-11	27	-0,4	0,9
Employed	2 492	2 530	2 480	2 494	2 520	26	29	1,1	1,2
Unemployed	603	620	648	638	601	-37	-1	-5,9	-0,2
Not economically active	1 412	1 378	1 424	1 442	1 475	34	63	2,3	4,5
Discouraged work-seekers	56	62	44	58	72	14	16	23,6	29,0
Other	1 356	1 316	1 380	1 383	1 403	20	47	1,4	3,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	19,5	19,7	20,7	20,4	19,3	-1,1	-0,2		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	55,3	55,9	54,5	54,5	54,8	0,3	-0,5		
Labour force participation rate	68,7	69,6	68,7	68,5	67,9	-0,6	-0,8		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Western Cape – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 635	1 644	1 653	1 662	1 671	9	35	0,5	2,2
Labour force	1 087	1 101	1 089	1 098	1 096	-2	9	-0,2	0,9
Employed	920	940	875	888	924	35	3	4,0	0,3
Unemployed	166	161	214	210	172	-37	6	-17,9	3,8
Not economically active	549	543	564	564	575	11	26	1,9	4,8
Discouraged work-seekers	39	48	30	41	56	14	17	35,1	43,6
Other	510	495	534	523	519	-4	9	-0,7	1,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	15,3	14,6	19,6	19,1	15,7	-3,4	0,4		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	56,3	57,2	53,0	53,4	55,3	1,9	-1,0		
Labour force participation rate	66,4	67,0	65,9	66,1	65,6	-0,5	-0,8		
Western Cape – City of Cape Town									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 871	2 884	2 898	2 912	2 926	14	55	0,5	1,9
Labour force	2 008	2 049	2 038	2 035	2 026	-9	18	-0,4	0,9
Employed	1 571	1 589	1 604	1 606	1 597	-9	26	-0,6	1,6
Unemployed	436	459	434	429	429	0	-8	0,0	-1,8
Not economically active	863	836	860	878	900	23	37	2,6	4,3
Discouraged work-seekers	17	14	14	17	17	-1	-1	-3,6	-3,4
Other	846	821	846	860	884	23	38	2,7	4,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	21,7	22,4	21,3	21,1	21,2	0,1	-0,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	54,7	55,1	55,4	55,1	54,6	-0,5	-0,1		
Labour force participation rate	69,9	71,0	70,3	69,9	69,2	-0,7	-0,7		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Eastern Cape									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 215	4 228	4 240	4 253	4 265	12	49	0,3	1,2
Labour force	2 144	2 168	2 132	2 158	2 153	-5	8	-0,2	0,4
Employed	1 391	1 397	1 402	1 390	1 375	-15	-16	-1,1	-1,1
Unemployed	754	771	730	769	778	9	24	1,2	3,2
Not economically active	2 071	2 059	2 108	2 095	2 112	17	41	0,8	2,0
Discouraged work-seekers	326	354	412	365	373	8	47	2,3	14,4
Other	1 745	1 705	1 696	1 730	1 739	9	-6	0,5	-0,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	35,1	35,6	34,2	35,6	36,1	0,5	1,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	33,0	33,1	33,1	32,7	32,2	-0,5	-0,8		
Labour force participation rate	50,9	51,3	50,3	50,7	50,5	-0,2	-0,4		
Eastern Cape – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 899	2 907	2 916	2 923	2 931	7	31	0,3	1,1
Labour force	1 272	1 269	1 237	1 272	1 270	-1	-2	-0,1	-0,1
Employed	812	804	799	794	778	-16	-34	-2,0	-4,2
Unemployed	460	465	438	478	492	14	32	3,0	7,0
Not economically active	1 627	1 639	1 679	1 652	1 661	9	33	0,5	2,0
Discouraged work-seekers	314	330	384	348	341	-7	27	-2,1	8,5
Other	1 313	1 309	1 294	1 304	1 320	16	7	1,2	0,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	36,1	36,6	35,4	37,6	38,7	1,1	2,6		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	28,0	27,7	27,4	27,2	26,6	-0,6	-1,4		
Labour force participation rate	43,9	43,6	42,4	43,5	43,3	-0,2	-0,6		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	510	511	512	514	515	2	6	0,3	1,2
Labour force	348	349	342	339	315	-24	-33	-7,0	-9,5
Employed	247	242	244	247	233	-15	-15	-6,0	-5,9
Unemployed	101	106	98	91	82	-9	-18	-9,9	-18,4
Not economically active	162	162	171	175	201	25	39	14,4	24,1
Discouraged work-seekers	12	23	27	15	32	18	21	120,1	176,8
Other	150	139	144	161	168	8	18	4,8	12,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	29,0	30,5	28,7	27,0	26,1	-0,9	-2,9		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	48,5	47,4	47,5	48,1	45,1	-3,0	-3,4		
Labour force participation rate	68,3	68,2	66,7	65,9	61,1	-4,8	-7,2		
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay									
Population 15–64 yrs	806	809	812	815	818	3	12	0,4	1,5
Labour force	524	551	553	548	568	20	43	3,7	8,3
Employed	331	351	360	348	364	16	33	4,5	9,9
Unemployed	193	200	194	200	204	4	10	2,1	5,4
Not economically active	282	258	259	267	251	-17	-31	-6,3	-11,1
Discouraged work-seekers	1	1	1	2					
Other	281	257	258	266	251	-15	-31	-5,6	-11,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	36,9	36,3	35,0	36,4	35,9	-0,5	-1,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	41,1	43,4	44,3	42,7	44,5	1,8	3,4		
Labour force participation rate	65,0	68,1	68,1	67,2	69,4	2,2	4,4		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Northern Cape									
Population 15–64 yrs	790	792	794	796	798	2	9	0,3	1,1
Labour force	441	455	446	442	429	-13	-12	-3,0	-2,7
Employed	321	321	317	323	322	-1	0	-0,3	0,1
Unemployed	120	134	129	120	107	-12	-12	-10,2	-10,3
Not economically active	349	337	348	354	369	15	21	4,3	5,9
Discouraged work-seekers	65	55	66	63	63	0	-3	0,0	-4,3
Other	283	281	282	291	306	15	23	5,2	8,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	27,1	29,5	28,9	27,0	25,0	-2,0	-2,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	40,7	40,5	40,0	40,5	40,3	-0,2	-0,4		
Labour force participation rate	55,9	57,5	56,2	55,6	53,8	-1,8	-2,1		
Free State									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 892	1 895	1 897	1 900	1 902	2	9	0,1	0,5
Labour force	1 195	1 211	1 202	1 215	1 202	-12	7	-1,0	0,6
Employed	806	814	788	774	806	33	1	4,2	0,1
Unemployed	390	397	414	441	396	-45	7	-10,2	1,7
Not economically active	697	684	696	685	699	14	2	2,1	0,3
Discouraged work-seekers	89	67	82	70	91	21	2	30,0	1,9
Other	608	616	614	615	609	-6	1	-1,0	0,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	32,6	32,8	34,4	36,3	32,9	-3,4	0,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	42,6	43,0	41,5	40,7	42,4	1,7	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	63,2	63,9	63,3	63,9	63,2	-0,7	0,0		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Free State – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 353	1 353	1 353	1 353	1 352	-1	-1	-0,1	-0,1
Labour force	811	841	821	839	825	-14	14	-1,7	1,7
Employed	533	555	526	517	541	24	8	4,6	1,6
Unemployed	278	286	294	321	284	-38	6	-11,7	2,0
Not economically active	543	512	533	514	527	13	-15	2,6	-2,8
Discouraged work-seekers	73	59	76	61	76	15	4	25,0	4,9
Other	470	453	457	453	451	-2	-19	-0,5	-4,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	34,3	34,1	35,8	38,3	34,4	-3,9	0,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	39,4	41,0	38,9	38,2	40,0	1,8	0,6		
Labour force participation rate	59,9	62,2	60,6	62,0	61,0	-1,0	1,1		
Free State – Mangaung									
Population 15–64 yrs	539	542	544	547	550	3	11	0,5	2,0
Labour force	384	370	381	376	378	1	-7	0,4	-1,8
Employed	273	260	262	257	265	9	-8	3,4	-2,8
Unemployed	111	111	120	120	112	-7	1	-6,1	0,7
Not economically active	155	171	163	171	172	1	18	0,7	11,3
Discouraged work-seekers	16	8	6	9	14	6	-2	65,5	-11,7
Other	139	163	157	162	158	-4	19	-2,7	14,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	29,0	29,9	31,4	31,8	29,7	-2,1	0,7		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	50,7	47,9	48,1	46,9	48,3	1,4	-2,4		
Labour force participation rate	71,3	68,4	70,0	68,8	68,7	-0,1	-2,6		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	6 948	6 975	7 002	7 029	7 055	27	107	0,4	1,5
Labour force	3 310	3 368	3 349	3 420	3 561	141	251	4,1	7,6
Employed	2 513	2 617	2 620	2 635	2 648	13	135	0,5	5,4
Unemployed	797	751	729	786	913	128	116	16,2	14,6
Not economically active	3 638	3 607	3 653	3 608	3 494	-114	-144	-3,2	-3,9
Discouraged work-seekers	719	851	887	814	765	-49	46	-6,0	6,4
Other	2 919	2 756	2 765	2 795	2 730	-65	-189	-2,3	-6,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	24,1	22,3	21,8	23,0	25,6	2,6	1,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	36,2	37,5	37,4	37,5	37,5	0,0	1,3		
Labour force participation rate	47,6	48,3	47,8	48,7	50,5	1,8	2,9		
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 536	4 556	4 576	4 596	4 616	20	80	0,4	1,8
Labour force	1 816	1 855	1 835	1 940	2 054	114	238	5,9	13,1
Employed	1 346	1 412	1 397	1 424	1 469	45	123	3,2	9,1
Unemployed	470	443	437	516	585	69	116	13,3	24,6
Not economically active	2 720	2 701	2 741	2 656	2 562	-94	-158	-3,6	-5,8
Discouraged work-seekers	635	746	757	661	628	-33	-8	-5,0	-1,2
Other	2 085	1 955	1 984	1 995	1 934	-61	-151	-3,1	-7,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	25,9	23,9	23,8	26,6	28,5	1,9	2,6		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	29,7	31,0	30,5	31,0	31,8	0,8	2,1		
Labour force participation rate	40,0	40,7	40,1	42,2	44,5	2,3	4,5		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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 – eThekweni									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 412	2 419	2 426	2 433	2 439	7	28	0,3	1,1
Labour force	1 494	1 513	1 515	1 480	1 507	27	13	1,8	0,9
Employed	1 167	1 205	1 222	1 211	1 179	-32	12	-2,7	1,0
Unemployed	327	308	292	269	328	59	1	21,8	0,2
Not economically active	918	906	911	952	933	-20	15	-2,1	1,6
Discouraged work-seekers	84	105	130	153	137	-16	53	-10,5	64,0
Other	834	801	781	799	796	-4	-39	-0,5	-4,6
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	21,9	20,3	19,3	18,2	21,8	3,6	-0,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	48,4	49,8	50,4	49,8	48,3	-1,5	-0,1		
Labour force participation rate	61,9	62,5	62,4	60,8	61,8	1,0	-0,1		
North West									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 534	2 545	2 556	2 567	2 577	11	43	0,4	1,7
Labour force	1 313	1 338	1 323	1 360	1 325	-36	12	-2,6	0,9
Employed	999	992	977	979	973	-6	-27	-0,7	-2,7
Unemployed	314	346	346	381	352	-29	38	-7,7	12,2
Not economically active	1 221	1 207	1 232	1 207	1 253	46	32	3,8	2,6
Discouraged work-seekers	285	296	323	300	313	12	28	4,2	9,9
Other	936	911	909	906	940	34	4	3,7	0,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	23,9	25,8	26,1	28,0	26,6	-1,4	2,7		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	39,4	39,0	38,2	38,1	37,7	-0,4	-1,7		
Labour force participation rate	51,8	52,6	51,8	53,0	51,4	-1,6	-0,4		

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	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Gauteng									
Population 15–64 yrs	10 059	10 109	10 159	10 210	10 260	50	201	0,5	2,0
Labour force	7 043	7 097	7 195	7 216	7 276	59	233	0,8	3,3
Employed	4 991	5 069	5 055	5 077	5 163	86	172	1,7	3,5
Unemployed	2 052	2 029	2 140	2 139	2 113	-27	60	-1,2	2,9
Not economically active	3 016	3 012	2 965	2 994	2 984	-10	-32	-0,3	-1,1
Discouraged work-seekers	383	445	428	413	425	12	41	2,8	10,8
Other	2 633	2 567	2 537	2 581	2 559	-21	-73	-0,8	-2,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	29,1	28,6	29,7	29,6	29,0	-0,6	-0,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	49,6	50,1	49,8	49,7	50,3	0,6	0,7		
Labour force participation rate	70,0	70,2	70,8	70,7	70,9	0,2	0,9		
Gauteng – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 336	1 338	1 341	1 344	1 347	3	11	0,2	0,8
Labour force	856	838	854	853	805	-48	-50	-5,6	-5,9
Employed	625	604	611	608	590	-18	-35	-3,0	-5,7
Unemployed	231	234	242	245	215	-30	-15	-12,1	-6,6
Not economically active	480	500	488	491	542	51	62	10,3	12,9
Discouraged work-seekers	84	110	120	123	152	29	69	23,8	82,1
Other	396	390	368	368	389	21	-7	5,8	-1,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	26,9	28,0	28,4	28,7	26,8	-1,9	-0,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	46,8	45,1	45,6	45,2	43,8	-1,4	-3,0		
Labour force participation rate	64,1	62,6	63,6	63,5	59,8	-3,7	-4,3		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	2 532	2 541	2 551	2 560	2 569	9	37	0,3	1,5
Labour force	1 840	1 814	1 821	1 802	1 842	40	2	2,2	0,1
Employed	1 222	1 253	1 213	1 245	1 268	23	46	1,9	3,7
Unemployed	618	561	608	557	574	17	-44	3,0	-7,1
Not economically active	692	727	730	758	726	-31	35	-4,1	5,1
Discouraged work-seekers	74	86	104	110	102	-8	27	-7,6	36,7
Other	617	641	626	648	625	-23	8	-3,5	1,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	33,6	30,9	33,4	30,9	31,2	0,3	-2,4		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	48,3	49,3	47,6	48,6	49,4	0,8	1,1		
Labour force participation rate	72,7	71,4	71,4	70,4	71,7	1,3	-1,0		
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 724	3 748	3 772	3 796	3 820	24	96	0,6	2,6
Labour force	2 658	2 808	2 822	2 825	2 856	31	198	1,1	7,4
Employed	1 910	2 000	2 019	1 999	2 029	30	119	1,5	6,2
Unemployed	749	807	803	826	827	1	79	0,1	10,5
Not economically active	1 066	940	949	971	964	-7	-102	-0,7	-9,5
Discouraged work-seekers	123	96	86	71	84	12	-40	17,1	-32,3
Other	942	844	864	899	880	-19	-62	-2,1	-6,6
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	28,2	28,8	28,5	29,2	29,0	-0,2	0,8		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	51,3	53,4	53,5	52,7	53,1	0,4	1,8		
Labour force participation rate	71,4	74,9	74,8	74,4	74,8	0,4	3,4		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	2 467	2 481	2 496	2 510	2 524	14	57	0,6	2,3
Labour force	1 688	1 638	1 698	1 736	1 772	36	84	2,1	5,0
Employed	1 234	1 212	1 211	1 225	1 277	51	43	4,2	3,5
Unemployed	455	426	487	511	496	-15	41	-2,9	9,0
Not economically active	779	844	798	774	752	-22	-27	-2,9	-3,4
Discouraged work-seekers	102	153	118	109	87	-21	-15	-19,8	-14,3
Other	677	691	679	666	665	-1	-12	-0,1	-1,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	26,9	26,0	28,7	29,4	28,0	-1,4	1,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	50,0	48,8	48,5	48,8	50,6	1,8	0,6		
Labour force participation rate	68,4	66,0	68,0	69,2	70,2	1,0	1,8		
Mpumalanga									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 877	2 889	2 901	2 913	2 924	11	47	0,4	1,6
Labour force	1 748	1 770	1 815	1 824	1 832	9	85	0,5	4,8
Employed	1 242	1 197	1 212	1 231	1 245	14	3	1,1	0,3
Unemployed	506	573	603	592	587	-5	81	-0,9	16,1
Not economically active	1 130	1 119	1 086	1 089	1 092	2	-38	0,2	-3,4
Discouraged work-seekers	236	248	209	206	198	-8	-37	-3,7	-15,9
Other	894	871	877	883	893	10	-1	1,1	-0,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	28,9	32,4	33,2	32,5	32,0	-0,5	3,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,2	41,4	41,8	42,3	42,6	0,3	-0,6		
Labour force participation rate	60,7	61,3	62,6	62,6	62,7	0,1	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)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	3 705	3 718	3 731	3 744	3 756	12	51	0,3	1,4
Labour force	1 763	1 799	1 781	1 821	1 769	-53	6	-2,9	0,3
Employed	1 417	1 441	1 436	1 478	1 477	-1	59	-0,1	4,2
Unemployed	346	359	345	344	292	-51	-54	-15,0	-15,6
Not economically active	1 941	1 918	1 950	1 922	1 987	65	46	3,4	2,3
Discouraged work-seekers	379	408	414	444	542	98	163	21,9	42,8
Other	1 562	1 510	1 536	1 478	1 445	-33	-117	-2,2	-7,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	19,6	19,9	19,3	18,9	16,5	-2,4	-3,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	38,3	38,7	38,5	39,5	39,3	-0,2	1,0		
Labour force participation rate	47,6	48,4	47,7	48,7	47,1	-1,6	-0,5		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.4: Labour force characteristics by sex – Expanded definition of unemployment									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	37 525	37 678	37 832	37 985	38 134	149	608	0,4	1,6
Labour force	25 388	25 858	25 922	26 139	26 235	96	847	0,4	3,3
Employed	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	149	358	0,9	2,2
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	11 244	11 355	11 320	11 255	11 346	92	102	0,8	0,9
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	2 808	2 901	2 828	3 017	3 001	-15	193	-0,5	6,9
Agriculture	849	847	843	842	849	7	0	0,9	0,0
Private households	1 270	1 275	1 296	1 267	1 332	65	62	5,1	4,9
Unemployed	9 216	9 481	9 634	9 759	9 706	-53	490	-0,5	5,3
Not economically active	12 138	11 820	11 910	11 846	11 899	53	-239	0,4	-2,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	36,3	36,7	37,2	37,3	37,0	-0,3	0,7		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,1	43,5	43,1	43,1	43,3	0,2	0,2		
Labour force participation rate	67,7	68,6	68,5	68,8	68,8	0,0	1,1		
Women									
Population 15–64 yrs	18 975	19 048	19 122	19 195	19 267	72	291	0,4	1,5
Labour force	11 853	12 155	12 124	12 288	12 320	32	467	0,3	3,9
Employed	7 071	7 222	7 134	7 225	7 250	25	179	0,3	2,5
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4 730	4 842	4 817	4 827	4 820	-7	90	-0,2	1,9
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	1 084	1 113	1 042	1 125	1 113	-12	29	-1,0	2,7
Agriculture	267	285	278	277	285	8	17	2,9	6,5
Private households	990	982	996	995	1 032	36	42	3,6	4,2
Unemployed	4 782	4 933	4 991	5 064	5 071	7	289	0,1	6,0
Not economically active	7 122	6 893	6 997	6 907	6 946	40	-176	0,6	-2,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	40,3	40,6	41,2	41,2	41,2	0,0	0,9		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	37,3	37,9	37,3	37,6	37,6	0,0	0,3		
Labour force participation rate	62,5	63,8	63,4	64,0	63,9	-0,1	1,4		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.4: Labour force characteristics by sex – Expanded definition of unemployment (concluded)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	18 550	18 630	18 710	18 790	18 867	77	317	0,4	1,7
Labour force	13 534	13 703	13 798	13 851	13 915	64	380	0,5	2,8
Employed	9 100	9 155	9 154	9 156	9 279	124	179	1,4	2,0
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	6 514	6 513	6 503	6 427	6 526	99	12	1,5	0,2
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	1 724	1 789	1 786	1 892	1 888	-4	164	-0,2	9,5
Agriculture	582	561	565	565	564	-1	-18	-0,1	-3,0
Private households	280	293	300	271	300	29	21	10,7	7,3
Unemployed	4 434	4 547	4 644	4 695	4 635	-60	201	-1,3	4,5
Not economically active	5 016	4 927	4 912	4 939	4 952	13	-64	0,3	-1,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	32,8	33,2	33,7	33,9	33,3	-0,6	0,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	49,1	49,1	48,9	48,7	49,2	0,5	0,1		
Labour force participation rate	73,0	73,6	73,7	73,7	73,8	0,1	0,8		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.5: Labour force characteristics by population group – Expanded definition of unemployment									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	37 525	37 678	37 832	37 985	38 134	149	608	0,4	1,6
Labour force	25 388	25 858	25 922	26 139	26 235	96	847	0,4	3,3
Employed	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	149	358	0,9	2,2
Unemployed	9 216	9 481	9 634	9 759	9 706	-53	490	-0,5	5,3
Not economically active	12 138	11 820	11 910	11 846	11 899	53	-239	0,4	-2,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	36,3	36,7	37,2	37,3	37,0	-0,3	0,7		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,1	43,5	43,1	43,1	43,3	0,2	0,2		
Labour force participation rate	67,7	68,6	68,5	68,8	68,8	0,0	1,1		
Black/African									
Population 15–64 yrs	30 099	30 249	30 399	30 550	30 697	147	597	0,5	2,0
Labour force	20 318	20 723	20 796	21 069	21 172	103	854	0,5	4,2
Employed	12 057	12 223	12 172	12 265	12 461	196	405	1,6	3,4
Unemployed	8 261	8 501	8 624	8 804	8 710	-93	449	-1,1	5,4
Not economically active	9 781	9 526	9 604	9 481	9 525	44	-257	0,5	-2,6
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	40,7	41,0	41,5	41,8	41,1	-0,7	0,4		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	40,1	40,4	40,0	40,1	40,6	0,5	0,5		
Labour force participation rate	67,5	68,5	68,4	69,0	69,0	0,0	1,5		
Coloured									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 425	3 434	3 443	3 452	3 460	8	36	0,2	1,0
Labour force	2 343	2 388	2 374	2 349	2 359	11	16	0,5	0,7
Employed	1 662	1 731	1 716	1 700	1 696	-4	34	-0,2	2,1
Unemployed	682	657	658	649	664	14	-18	2,2	-2,7
Not economically active	1 081	1 046	1 068	1 103	1 101	-2	19	-0,2	1,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	29,1	27,5	27,7	27,6	28,1	0,5	-1,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	48,5	50,4	49,8	49,2	49,0	-0,2	0,5		
Labour force participation rate	68,4	69,5	69,0	68,0	68,2	0,2	-0,2		

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Table 2.5: Labour force characteristics by population group – Expanded definition of unemployment (concluded)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	998	1 000	1 003	1 005	1 007	2	9	0,2	0,9
Labour force	640	648	654	647	638	-9	-2	-1,4	-0,3
Employed	544	530	547	534	524	-10	-20	-1,8	-3,7
Unemployed	96	118	107	113	114	1	18	0,7	19,2
Not economically active	358	352	348	358	369	11	11	3,1	2,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	14,9	18,2	16,4	17,5	17,9	0,4	3,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	54,5	53,0	54,6	53,1	52,0	-1,1	-2,5		
Labour force participation rate	64,1	64,8	65,3	64,4	63,4	-1,0	-0,7		
White									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 003	2 995	2 987	2 979	2 970	-9	-33	-0,3	-1,1
Labour force	2 086	2 099	2 098	2 074	2 066	-9	-21	-0,4	-1,0
Employed	1 909	1 894	1 853	1 881	1 847	-34	-61	-1,8	-3,2
Unemployed	178	205	245	193	218	25	41	13,2	22,8
Not economically active	917	896	889	904	904	0	-13	0,0	-1,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	8,5	9,8	11,7	9,3	10,6	1,3	2,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	63,6	63,2	62,0	63,2	62,2	-1,0	-1,4		
Labour force participation rate	69,5	70,1	70,2	69,6	69,6	0,0	0,1		

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Table 2.6: Labour force characteristics by age group – Expanded definition of unemployment									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	37 525	37 678	37 832	37 985	38 134	149	608	0,4	1,6
Labour force	25 388	25 858	25 922	26 139	26 235	96	847	0,4	3,3
Employed	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	149	358	0,9	2,2
Unemployed	9 216	9 481	9 634	9 759	9 706	-53	490	-0,5	5,3
Not economically active	12 138	11 820	11 910	11 846	11 899	53	-239	0,4	-2,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	36,3	36,7	37,2	37,3	37,0	-0,3	0,7		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,1	43,5	43,1	43,1	43,3	0,2	0,2		
Labour force participation rate	67,7	68,6	68,5	68,8	68,8	0,0	1,1		
15–24 years									
Population 15–24 yrs	10 314	10 312	10 311	10 308	10 303	-5	-11	-0,1	-0,1
Labour force	3 614	3 665	3 653	3 703	3 624	-79	10	-2,1	0,3
Employed	1 305	1 257	1 200	1 257	1 173	-83	-132	-6,6	-10,1
Unemployed	2 308	2 408	2 453	2 446	2 451	5	142	0,2	6,2
Not economically active	6 700	6 647	6 658	6 605	6 679	74	-21	1,1	-0,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	63,9	65,7	67,1	66,1	67,6	1,5	3,7		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	12,7	12,2	11,6	12,2	11,4	-0,8	-1,3		
Labour force participation rate	35,0	35,5	35,4	35,9	35,2	-0,7	0,2		
25–34 years									
Population 25–34 yrs	9 854	9 890	9 927	9 963	9 999	36	145	0,4	1,5
Labour force	8 370	8 552	8 576	8 631	8 677	46	307	0,5	3,7
Employed	4 790	4 890	4 869	4 890	4 965	75	175	1,5	3,7
Unemployed	3 580	3 661	3 707	3 741	3 712	-30	132	-0,8	3,7
Not economically active	1 484	1 339	1 351	1 332	1 322	-10	-162	-0,8	-10,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	42,8	42,8	43,2	43,3	42,8	-0,5	0,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	48,6	49,4	49,0	49,1	49,7	0,6	1,1		
Labour force participation rate	84,9	86,5	86,4	86,6	86,8	0,2	1,9		

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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)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	8 021	8 060	8 098	8 137	8 176	39	155	0,5	1,9
Labour force	7 083	7 181	7 204	7 215	7 263	48	180	0,7	2,5
Employed	5 081	5 154	5 147	5 100	5 147	47	66	0,9	1,3
Unemployed	2 002	2 027	2 057	2 115	2 116	1	114	0,1	5,7
Not economically active	938	878	895	922	913	-9	-25	-1,0	-2,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	28,3	28,2	28,6	29,3	29,1	-0,2	0,8		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	63,3	64,0	63,6	62,7	63,0	0,3	-0,3		
Labour force participation rate	88,3	89,1	89,0	88,7	88,8	0,1	0,5		
45–54 years									
Population 45–54 yrs	5 564	5 614	5 664	5 716	5 767	51	203	0,9	3,6
Labour force	4 496	4 579	4 613	4 703	4 762	59	266	1,3	5,9
Employed	3 445	3 488	3 511	3 570	3 671	101	226	2,8	6,6
Unemployed	1 051	1 091	1 102	1 133	1 091	-42	41	-3,7	3,9
Not economically active	1 068	1 035	1 051	1 012	1 005	-8	-64	-0,8	-6,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	23,4	23,8	23,9	24,1	22,9	-1,2	-0,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	61,9	62,1	62,0	62,5	63,6	1,1	1,7		
Labour force participation rate	80,8	81,6	81,4	82,3	82,6	0,3	1,8		
55–64 years									
Population 55–64 yrs	3 772	3 802	3 832	3 861	3 889	28	117	0,7	3,1
Labour force	1 826	1 881	1 877	1 888	1 909	22	84	1,2	4,6
Employed	1 551	1 588	1 561	1 564	1 573	9	22	0,6	1,4
Unemployed	275	293	316	324	336	13	62	4,0	22,4
Not economically active	1 947	1 921	1 955	1 973	1 980	6	33	0,3	1,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	15,1	15,6	16,8	17,1	17,6	0,5	2,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	41,1	41,8	40,7	40,5	40,4	-0,1	-0,7		
Labour force participation rate	48,4	49,5	49,0	48,9	49,1	0,2	0,7		

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Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province and metro – Expanded definition of unemployment									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	37 525	37 678	37 832	37 985	38 134	149	608	0,4	1,6
Labour force	25 388	25 858	25 922	26 139	26 235	96	847	0,4	3,3
Employed	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	149	358	0,9	2,2
Unemployed	9 216	9 481	9 634	9 759	9 706	-53	490	-0,5	5,3
Not economically active	12 138	11 820	11 910	11 846	11 899	53	-239	0,4	-2,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	36,3	36,7	37,2	37,3	37,0	-0,3	0,7		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,1	43,5	43,1	43,1	43,3	0,2	0,2		
Labour force participation rate	67,7	68,6	68,5	68,8	68,8	0,0	1,1		
Western Cape									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 506	4 528	4 551	4 574	4 597	22	91	0,5	2,0
Labour force	3 236	3 266	3 229	3 268	3 276	8	40	0,2	1,2
Employed	2 492	2 530	2 480	2 494	2 520	26	29	1,1	1,2
Unemployed	744	736	749	774	755	-19	11	-2,4	1,5
Not economically active	1 270	1 263	1 323	1 306	1 321	15	51	1,1	4,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	23,0	22,5	23,2	23,7	23,1	-0,6	0,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	55,3	55,9	54,5	54,5	54,8	0,3	-0,5		
Labour force participation rate	71,8	72,1	70,9	71,4	71,3	-0,1	-0,5		
Western Cape – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 635	1 644	1 653	1 662	1 671	9	35	0,5	2,2
Labour force	1 181	1 179	1 155	1 184	1 198	14	17	1,1	1,4
Employed	920	940	875	888	924	35	3	4,0	0,3
Unemployed	260	239	280	296	274	-22	14	-7,4	5,3
Not economically active	454	465	498	478	473	-5	19	-1,0	4,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	22,1	20,3	24,2	25,0	22,9	-2,1	0,8		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	56,3	57,2	53,0	53,4	55,3	1,9	-1,0		
Labour force participation rate	72,2	71,7	69,9	71,3	71,7	0,4	-0,5		

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Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province and metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	2 871	2 884	2 898	2 912	2 926	14	55	0,5	1,9
Labour force	2 055	2 087	2 073	2 084	2 078	-6	23	-0,3	1,1
Employed	1 571	1 589	1 604	1 606	1 597	-9	26	-0,6	1,6
Unemployed	484	497	469	478	481	3	-3	0,7	-0,6
Not economically active	816	798	825	829	848	20	32	2,4	4,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	23,5	23,8	22,6	22,9	23,1	0,2	-0,4		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	54,7	55,1	55,4	55,1	54,6	-0,5	-0,1		
Labour force participation rate	71,6	72,3	71,5	71,5	71,0	-0,5	-0,6		
Eastern Cape									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 215	4 228	4 240	4 253	4 265	12	49	0,3	1,2
Labour force	2 520	2 589	2 585	2 573	2 585	12	65	0,5	2,6
Employed	1 391	1 397	1 402	1 390	1 375	-15	-16	-1,1	-1,1
Unemployed	1 129	1 192	1 183	1 184	1 210	26	81	2,2	7,1
Not economically active	1 695	1 639	1 655	1 680	1 680	0	-15	0,0	-0,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	44,8	46,0	45,8	46,0	46,8	0,8	2,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	33,0	33,1	33,1	32,7	32,2	-0,5	-0,8		
Labour force participation rate	59,8	61,2	61,0	60,5	60,6	0,1	0,8		
Eastern Cape – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 899	2 907	2 916	2 923	2 931	7	31	0,3	1,1
Labour force	1 622	1 657	1 656	1 655	1 656	0	34	0,0	2,1
Employed	812	804	799	794	778	-16	-34	-2,0	-4,2
Unemployed	809	853	857	861	877	16	68	1,9	8,4
Not economically active	1 278	1 250	1 260	1 268	1 275	7	-2	0,5	-0,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	49,9	51,5	51,7	52,0	53,0	1,0	3,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	28,0	27,7	27,4	27,2	26,6	-0,6	-1,4		
Labour force participation rate	55,9	57,0	56,8	56,6	56,5	-0,1	0,6		

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Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province and metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	510	511	512	514	515	2	6	0,3	1,2
Labour force	373	380	375	368	360	-8	-13	-2,1	-3,4
Employed	247	242	244	247	233	-15	-15	-6,0	-5,9
Unemployed	126	137	131	121	128	7	2	5,9	1,6
Not economically active	136	131	138	146	155	9	18	6,3	13,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	33,7	36,2	35,0	32,8	35,5	2,7	1,8		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	48,5	47,4	47,5	48,1	45,1	-3,0	-3,4		
Labour force participation rate	73,2	74,3	73,2	71,6	69,9	-1,7	-3,3		
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay									
Population 15–64 yrs	806	809	812	815	818	3	12	0,4	1,5
Labour force	525	552	554	550	569	19	43	3,4	8,3
Employed	331	351	360	348	364	16	33	4,5	9,9
Unemployed	194	201	195	202	205	3	10	1,6	5,4
Not economically active	281	257	258	266	250	-16	-31	-6,0	-11,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	37,0	36,4	35,2	36,7	36,0	-0,7	-1,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	41,1	43,4	44,3	42,7	44,5	1,8	3,4		
Labour force participation rate	65,2	68,2	68,3	67,4	69,5	2,1	4,3		
Northern Cape									
Population 15–64 yrs	790	792	794	796	798	2	9	0,3	1,1
Labour force	540	544	551	539	524	-14	-16	-2,7	-3,0
Employed	321	321	317	323	322	-1	0	-0,3	0,1
Unemployed	219	223	234	216	203	-13	-16	-6,2	-7,5
Not economically active	249	248	243	257	274	17	25	6,4	9,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	40,5	41,0	42,4	40,1	38,6	-1,5	-1,9		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	40,7	40,5	40,0	40,5	40,3	-0,2	-0,4		
Labour force participation rate	68,4	68,7	69,4	67,7	65,7	-2,0	-2,7		

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Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province and metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	1 892	1 895	1 897	1 900	1 902	2	9	0,1	0,5
Labour force	1 321	1 323	1 316	1 323	1 329	5	7	0,4	0,5
Employed	806	814	788	774	806	33	1	4,2	0,1
Unemployed	516	508	528	549	522	-27	6	-4,9	1,3
Not economically active	571	572	581	577	573	-3	2	-0,6	0,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	39,0	38,4	40,1	41,5	39,3	-2,2	0,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	42,6	43,0	41,5	40,7	42,4	1,7	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	69,8	69,8	69,4	69,6	69,9	0,3	0,1		
Free State – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 353	1 353	1 353	1 353	1 352	-1	-1	-0,1	-0,1
Labour force	914	930	920	928	919	-9	5	-0,9	0,5
Employed	533	555	526	517	541	24	8	4,6	1,6
Unemployed	382	376	393	410	378	-32	-4	-7,9	-1,0
Not economically active	439	423	434	425	433	8	-6	1,9	-1,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	41,8	40,4	42,7	44,2	41,1	-3,1	-0,7		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	39,4	41,0	38,9	38,2	40,0	1,8	0,6		
Labour force participation rate	67,6	68,7	67,9	68,6	68,0	-0,6	0,4		
Free State – Mangaung									
Population 15–64 yrs	539	542	544	547	550	3	11	0,5	2,0
Labour force	407	392	397	395	410	14	3	3,6	0,6
Employed	273	260	262	257	265	9	-8	3,4	-2,8
Unemployed	134	133	135	139	144	5	10	3,8	7,7
Not economically active	132	149	148	151	140	-11	8	-7,5	6,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	32,9	33,8	34,1	35,1	35,2	0,1	2,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	50,7	47,9	48,1	46,9	48,3	1,4	-2,4		
Labour force participation rate	75,5	72,5	72,9	72,3	74,5	2,2	-1,0		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	6 948	6 975	7 002	7 029	7 055	27	107	0,4	1,5
Labour force	4 256	4 406	4 435	4 481	4 509	29	253	0,6	6,0
Employed	2 513	2 617	2 620	2 635	2 648	13	135	0,5	5,4
Unemployed	1 743	1 790	1 816	1 846	1 862	16	119	0,9	6,8
Not economically active	2 692	2 568	2 566	2 548	2 546	-2	-146	-0,1	-5,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	41,0	40,6	40,9	41,2	41,3	0,1	0,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	36,2	37,5	37,4	37,5	37,5	0,0	1,3		
Labour force participation rate	61,3	63,2	63,3	63,7	63,9	0,2	2,6		
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 536	4 556	4 576	4 596	4 616	20	80	0,4	1,8
Labour force	2 633	2 747	2 755	2 811	2 832	21	200	0,7	7,6
Employed	1 346	1 412	1 397	1 424	1 469	45	123	3,2	9,1
Unemployed	1 286	1 336	1 358	1 388	1 363	-24	77	-1,7	6,0
Not economically active	1 903	1 808	1 821	1 785	1 784	-1	-120	-0,1	-6,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	48,9	48,6	49,3	49,4	48,1	-1,3	-0,8		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	29,7	31,0	30,5	31,0	31,8	0,8	2,1		
Labour force participation rate	58,0	60,3	60,2	61,2	61,4	0,2	3,4		
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekhwini									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 412	2 419	2 426	2 433	2 439	7	28	0,3	1,1
Labour force	1 623	1 659	1 680	1 669	1 677	8	54	0,5	3,3
Employed	1 167	1 205	1 222	1 211	1 179	-32	12	-2,7	1,0
Unemployed	457	454	458	459	498	40	42	8,7	9,1
Not economically active	788	760	745	763	762	-1	-26	-0,1	-3,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	28,1	27,4	27,2	27,5	29,7	2,2	1,6		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	48,4	49,8	50,4	49,8	48,3	-1,5	-0,1		
Labour force participation rate	67,3	68,6	69,3	68,6	68,8	0,2	1,5		

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Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	2 534	2 545	2 556	2 567	2 577	11	43	0,4	1,7
Labour force	1 684	1 704	1 727	1 746	1 704	-42	20	-2,4	1,2
Employed	999	992	977	979	973	-6	-27	-0,7	-2,7
Unemployed	684	711	750	767	731	-36	47	-4,7	6,9
Not economically active	850	841	829	821	874	53	23	6,5	2,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	40,6	41,8	43,4	43,9	42,9	-1,0	2,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	39,4	39,0	38,2	38,1	37,7	-0,4	-1,7		
Labour force participation rate	66,4	66,9	67,6	68,0	66,1	-1,9	-0,3		
Gauteng									
Population 15–64 yrs	10 059	10 109	10 159	10 210	10 260	50	201	0,5	2,0
Labour force	7 528	7 636	7 707	7 724	7 780	56	252	0,7	3,4
Employed	4 991	5 069	5 055	5 077	5 163	86	172	1,7	3,5
Unemployed	2 537	2 567	2 652	2 647	2 617	-30	80	-1,1	3,2
Not economically active	2 531	2 473	2 452	2 486	2 480	-7	-51	-0,3	-2,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	33,7	33,6	34,4	34,3	33,6	-0,7	-0,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	49,6	50,1	49,8	49,7	50,3	0,6	0,7		
Labour force participation rate	74,8	75,5	75,9	75,6	75,8	0,2	1,0		
Gauteng – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 336	1 338	1 341	1 344	1 347	3	11	0,2	0,8
Labour force	960	973	993	991	979	-12	19	-1,2	1,9
Employed	625	604	611	608	590	-18	-35	-3,0	-5,7
Unemployed	335	369	381	382	389	6	54	1,7	16,1
Not economically active	375	365	349	354	368	14	-7	4,1	-1,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	34,9	37,9	38,4	38,6	39,7	1,1	4,8		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	46,8	45,1	45,6	45,2	43,8	-1,4	-3,0		
Labour force participation rate	71,9	72,7	74,0	73,7	72,7	-1,0	0,8		

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Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	2 532	2 541	2 551	2 560	2 569	9	37	0,3	1,5
Labour force	1 930	1 923	1 939	1 934	1 966	32	36	1,7	1,8
Employed	1 222	1 253	1 213	1 245	1 268	23	46	1,9	3,7
Unemployed	708	670	725	689	698	9	-10	1,3	-1,4
Not economically active	602	618	612	626	603	-23	1	-3,7	0,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	36,7	34,9	37,4	35,6	35,5	-0,1	-1,2		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	48,3	49,3	47,6	48,6	49,4	0,8	1,1		
Labour force participation rate	76,2	75,7	76,0	75,5	76,5	1,0	0,3		
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 724	3 748	3 772	3 796	3 820	24	96	0,6	2,6
Labour force	2 822	2 916	2 918	2 917	2 950	33	128	1,1	4,5
Employed	1 910	2 000	2 019	1 999	2 029	30	119	1,5	6,2
Unemployed	912	916	899	918	921	3	9	0,3	1,0
Not economically active	902	831	854	879	870	-9	-32	-1,0	-3,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	32,3	31,4	30,8	31,5	31,2	-0,3	-1,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	51,3	53,4	53,5	52,7	53,1	0,4	1,8		
Labour force participation rate	75,8	77,8	77,4	76,8	77,2	0,4	1,4		
Gauteng – City of Tshwane									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 467	2 481	2 496	2 510	2 524	14	57	0,6	2,3
Labour force	1 815	1 823	1 858	1 883	1 886	3	70	0,2	3,9
Employed	1 234	1 212	1 211	1 225	1 277	51	43	4,2	3,5
Unemployed	582	612	647	658	609	-48	27	-7,4	4,7
Not economically active	652	658	638	627	639	11	-13	1,8	-2,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	32,0	33,5	34,8	34,9	32,3	-2,6	0,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	50,0	48,8	48,5	48,8	50,6	1,8	0,6		
Labour force participation rate	73,6	73,5	74,4	75,0	74,7	-0,3	1,1		

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Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (concluded)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	2 877	2 889	2 901	2 913	2 924	11	47	0,4	1,6
Labour force	2 061	2 081	2 078	2 099	2 114	15	53	0,7	2,6
Employed	1 242	1 197	1 212	1 231	1 245	14	3	1,1	0,3
Unemployed	819	884	866	867	869	1	50	0,2	6,1
Not economically active	817	808	823	814	810	-4	-7	-0,5	-0,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	39,7	42,5	41,7	41,3	41,1	-0,2	1,4		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,2	41,4	41,8	42,3	42,6	0,3	-0,6		
Labour force participation rate	71,6	72,0	71,6	72,1	72,3	0,2	0,7		
Limpopo									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 705	3 718	3 731	3 744	3 756	12	51	0,3	1,4
Labour force	2 242	2 309	2 294	2 387	2 414	27	172	1,1	7,7
Employed	1 417	1 441	1 436	1 478	1 477	-1	59	-0,1	4,2
Unemployed	825	869	857	909	937	28	112	3,1	13,6
Not economically active	1 462	1 409	1 437	1 357	1 342	-15	-121	-1,1	-8,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	36,8	37,6	37,4	38,1	38,8	0,7	2,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	38,3	38,7	38,5	39,5	39,3	-0,2	1,0		
Labour force participation rate	60,5	62,1	61,5	63,8	64,3	0,5	3,8		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 3.1: Employed by industry and sex – South Africa									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	149	358	0,9	2,2
Agriculture	849	847	843	842	849	7	0	0,9	0,0
Mining	411	397	435	406	438	31	27	7,7	6,5
Manufacturing	1 791	1 849	1 744	1 719	1 766	48	-24	2,8	-1,4
Utilities	149	143	161	156	134	-22	-16	-14,2	-10,5
Construction	1 390	1 431	1 476	1 502	1 481	-21	91	-1,4	6,5
Trade	3 240	3 276	3 219	3 305	3 320	14	79	0,4	2,4
Transport	1 001	960	1 014	996	965	-30	-36	-3,1	-3,6
Finance	2 373	2 402	2 399	2 502	2 611	109	238	4,4	10,0
Community and social services	3 691	3 785	3 692	3 675	3 624	-51	-67	-1,4	-1,8
Private households	1 270	1 275	1 296	1 267	1 332	65	62	5,1	4,9
Other	6	12	8	11	9	-2	3	-15,9	54,2
Women	7 071	7 222	7 134	7 225	7 250	25	179	0,3	2,5
Agriculture	267	285	278	277	285	8	17	2,9	6,5
Mining	45	42	60	51	66	15	21	29,1	46,4
Manufacturing	585	624	584	572	594	22	9	3,9	1,6
Utilities	38	34	48	35	35	-1	-4	-1,6	-9,9
Construction	174	149	157	151	151	0	-23	-0,2	-13,2
Trade	1 536	1 553	1 537	1 592	1 509	-83	-27	-5,2	-1,8
Transport	197	193	203	202	180	-22	-17	-11,1	-8,6
Finance	976	1 026	1 019	1 078	1 141	63	165	5,9	16,9
Community and social services	2 259	2 328	2 246	2 265	2 251	-14	-8	-0,6	-0,4
Private households	990	982	996	995	1 032	36	42	3,6	4,2
Other	3	7	6	5	6	1	3	22,6	85,1
Men	9 100	9 155	9 154	9 156	9 279	124	179	1,4	2,0
Agriculture	582	561	565	565	564	-1	-18	-0,1	-3,0
Mining	365	355	376	355	371	16	6	4,6	1,5
Manufacturing	1 206	1 225	1 160	1 147	1 172	26	-34	2,2	-2,8
Utilities	111	109	113	121	99	-22	-12	-17,9	-10,7
Construction	1 217	1 282	1 318	1 351	1 330	-21	114	-1,5	9,4
Trade	1 704	1 723	1 682	1 713	1 811	98	107	5,7	6,3
Transport	804	767	811	793	785	-8	-19	-1,0	-2,4
Finance	1 397	1 377	1 381	1 424	1 469	46	73	3,2	5,2
Community and social services	1 432	1 458	1 446	1 410	1 373	-37	-58	-2,6	-4,1
Private households	280	293	300	271	300	29	21	10,7	7,3
Other	2	6	1	5	3	-3	0	-52,4	9,6

Table 3.2: Employed by industry and province									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	849	847	843	842	849	7	0	0,9	0,0
Western Cape	193	208	181	183	213	29	20	16,0	10,3
Eastern Cape	94	91	97	88	78	-11	-17	-12,1	-17,7
Northern Cape	55	48	44	42	39	-3	-16	-7,2	-28,8
Free State	77	92	71	74	57	-17	-21	-23,5	-26,7
KwaZulu-Natal	106	115	122	121	136	15	30	12,6	28,3
North West	47	47	43	60	62	2	15	3,6	31,1
Gauteng	36	29	32	34	31	-4	-6	-10,4	-15,5
Mpumalanga	104	87	94	91	96	5	-8	5,2	-7,9
Limpopo	136	130	158	148	138	-10	2	-6,5	1,6
Mining	411	397	435	406	438	31	27	7,7	6,5
Western Cape	4	2	4	4	4	1	0	17,9	-0,1
Eastern Cape	2		1	1	1	0	-1	-12,0	-52,2
Northern Cape	25	24	23	23	27	4	2	16,7	7,8
Free State	16	18	23	24	24	1	8	3,0	48,5
KwaZulu-Natal	4	7	6	9	8	0	4	-2,4	102,9
North West	128	125	147	133	130	-3	3	-2,0	2,1
Gauteng	76	74	72	61	65	4	-12	6,5	-15,4
Mpumalanga	64	66	72	64	73	9	9	13,6	14,0
Limpopo	92	81	88	89	106	17	14	18,6	14,7
Manufacturing	1 791	1 849	1 744	1 719	1 766	48	-24	2,8	-1,4
Western Cape	328	351	339	297	325	28	-3	9,4	-0,8
Eastern Cape	115	144	127	118	123	5	8	4,3	7,1
Northern Cape	9	15	11	13	17	4	8	27,7	93,6
Free State	55	58	58	65	71	5	15	7,7	28,1
KwaZulu-Natal	361	371	350	346	338	-7	-23	-2,1	-6,3
North West	85	74	49	54	55	1	-30	2,1	-35,4
Gauteng	643	650	612	627	637	10	-5	1,6	-0,8
Mpumalanga	106	98	117	120	109	-10	3	-8,7	3,0
Limpopo	90	88	80	79	91	13	1	16,3	1,5

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Table 3.2: Employed by industry and province (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	149	143	161	156	134	-22	-16	-14,2	-10,5
Western Cape	11	4	10	13	10	-3	-1	-25,3	-12,8
Eastern Cape	7	5	4	3	2	-2	-5	-50,4	-77,6
Northern Cape	3	9	5	6	4	-2	1	-29,7	23,0
Free State	9	7	10	11	10	0	2	-2,2	18,0
KwaZulu-Natal	14	19	17	14	9	-5	-6	-37,8	-38,3
North West	5	5	11	7	10	3	5	43,9	104,5
Gauteng	52	39	51	51	37	-14	-16	-28,0	-29,8
Mpumalanga	36	47	41	42	37	-5	0	-11,9	1,1
Limpopo	11	9	11	9	15	6	4	68,3	39,1
Construction	1 390	1 431	1 476	1 502	1 481	-21	91	-1,4	6,5
Western Cape	227	214	233	233	223	-11	-4	-4,6	-1,7
Eastern Cape	146	154	163	172	164	-8	19	-4,7	12,8
Northern Cape	26	26	24	25	24	-1	-1	-3,7	-5,2
Free State	75	59	51	64	58	-7	-18	-10,2	-23,3
KwaZulu-Natal	196	211	229	238	244	6	48	2,5	24,3
North West	90	96	94	79	87	8	-3	10,6	-3,8
Gauteng	369	419	419	413	430	16	60	4,0	16,3
Mpumalanga	107	105	112	115	106	-9	-2	-7,8	-1,5
Limpopo	154	146	150	163	146	-16	-8	-10,1	-5,1
Trade	3 240	3 276	3 219	3 305	3 320	14	79	0,4	2,4
Western Cape	483	510	511	501	486	-15	3	-3,0	0,6
Eastern Cape	320	286	301	309	281	-29	-39	-9,3	-12,2
Northern Cape	45	48	50	50	48	-2	3	-4,9	7,1
Free State	163	176	162	141	140	-1	-23	-0,6	-14,2
KwaZulu-Natal	468	467	466	511	521	11	54	2,1	11,5
North West	206	197	190	197	179	-18	-27	-9,1	-13,0
Gauteng	1 003	1 004	975	979	1 043	64	40	6,5	4,0
Mpumalanga	254	261	247	262	267	4	12	1,6	4,9
Limpopo	298	328	318	354	354	1	57	0,2	19,0

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Table 3.2: Employed by industry and province (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	1 001	960	1 014	996	965	-30	-36	-3,1	-3,6
Western Cape	146	141	157	160	158	-1	12	-0,9	8,2
Eastern Cape	64	70	62	71	71	0	7	-0,4	10,6
Northern Cape	12	10	11	14	11	-2	0	-16,5	-2,1
Free State	39	35	41	35	40	6	1	16,0	2,5
KwaZulu-Natal	189	178	194	176	178	2	-11	1,1	-5,8
North West	36	33	34	33	32	-1	-4	-3,7	-11,4
Gauteng	399	383	405	389	358	-30	-41	-7,8	-10,3
Mpumalanga	59	52	58	67	60	-7	0	-10,6	0,7
Limpopo	55	58	51	51	56	5	0	9,4	0,7
Finance	2 373	2 402	2 399	2 502	2 611	109	238	4,4	10,0
Western Cape	459	436	423	456	469	12	10	2,7	2,1
Eastern Cape	152	134	137	132	148	16	-4	12,3	-2,5
Northern Cape	26	26	24	22	19	-3	-6	-14,7	-25,3
Free State	86	91	84	71	91	20	5	28,1	5,7
KwaZulu-Natal	318	323	327	347	369	22	51	6,5	16,1
North West	111	117	100	98	94	-4	-17	-3,8	-15,4
Gauteng	970	1 018	1 063	1 112	1 139	27	169	2,4	17,4
Mpumalanga	132	117	122	143	161	18	29	12,7	22,3
Limpopo	119	141	119	120	120	0	1	0,2	1,3
Community and social services	3 691	3 785	3 692	3 675	3 624	-51	-67	-1,4	-1,8
Western Cape	491	496	462	499	484	-15	-7	-3,0	-1,5
Eastern Cape	372	403	402	390	390	-1	18	-0,2	4,9
Northern Cape	100	95	105	100	104	3	3	3,2	3,4
Free State	200	200	202	197	219	22	19	11,3	9,3
KwaZulu-Natal	645	702	684	657	605	-52	-40	-7,9	-6,2
North West	218	228	231	241	237	-5	18	-1,9	8,5
Gauteng	1 062	1 069	1 040	1 017	1 029	12	-33	1,2	-3,1
Mpumalanga	264	252	238	227	229	2	-35	0,8	-13,2
Limpopo	338	339	327	347	329	-18	-9	-5,3	-2,8

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Table 3.2: Employed by industry and province (concluded)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	1 270	1 275	1 296	1 267	1 332	65	62	5,1	4,9
Western Cape	148	165	161	147	148	2	0	1,1	0,1
Eastern Cape	120	111	108	104	118	14	-2	13,7	-1,6
Northern Cape	22	20	20	27	29	2	7	7,5	31,1
Free State	84	77	84	92	96	4	13	4,4	15,0
KwaZulu-Natal	211	225	225	217	239	21	27	9,9	13,0
North West	72	70	77	76	85	9	13	11,3	17,4
Gauteng	373	376	378	384	387	3	14	0,8	3,8
Mpumalanga	115	111	111	101	109	8	-6	7,8	-5,5
Limpopo	123	121	134	118	120	2	-3	1,8	-2,4

For all values of 10 000 or lower, the sample size is too small for reliable estimates.

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

Table 3.3: Employed by sector and industry – South Africa									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	149	358	0,9	2,2
Formal and informal sector (non-agricultural)	14 052	14 256	14 148	14 271	14 348	76	296	0,5	2,1
Mining	411	397	435	406	438	31	27	7,7	6,5
Manufacturing	1 791	1 849	1 744	1 719	1 766	48	-24	2,8	-1,4
Utilities	149	143	161	156	134	-22	-16	-14,2	-10,5
Construction	1 390	1 431	1 476	1 502	1 481	-21	91	-1,4	6,5
Trade	3 240	3 276	3 219	3 305	3 320	14	79	0,4	2,4
Transport	1 001	960	1 014	996	965	-30	-36	-3,1	-3,6
Finance	2 373	2 402	2 399	2 502	2 611	109	238	4,4	10,0
Community and social services	3 691	3 785	3 692	3 675	3 624	-51	-67	-1,4	-1,8
Other	6	12	8	11	9	-2	3	-15,9	54,2
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	11 244	11 355	11 320	11 255	11 346	92	102	0,8	0,9
Mining	401	394	427	400	432	32	31	7,9	7,7
Manufacturing	1 548	1 617	1 529	1 500	1 529	29	-19	1,9	-1,2
Utilities	146	138	155	152	134	-18	-12	-12,0	-8,2
Construction	958	939	982	961	937	-24	-21	-2,5	-2,2
Trade	2 143	2 183	2 138	2 149	2 128	-21	-15	-1,0	-0,7
Transport	711	675	745	721	690	-31	-21	-4,3	-2,9
Finance	2 156	2 132	2 143	2 178	2 351	173	195	7,9	9,1
Community and social services	3 176	3 266	3 192	3 182	3 137	-46	-39	-1,4	-1,2
Other	6	12	8	11	9	-2	3	-15,9	54,2
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	2 808	2 901	2 828	3 017	3 001	-15	193	-0,5	6,9
Mining	10	3	8	6	6	0	-4	-3,6	-41,3
Manufacturing	243	232	215	218	237	19	-5	8,7	-2,1
Utilities	4	5	5	4		-4	-4	-100,0	-100,0
Construction	432	492	493	541	544	3	112	0,6	25,9
Trade	1 097	1 093	1 081	1 156	1 191	35	94	3,0	8,6
Transport	291	286	270	275	276	1	-15	0,3	-5,2
Finance	217	271	257	323	259	-64	43	-19,7	19,8
Community and social services	515	520	500	493	488	-5	-28	-1,1	-5,4
Other									
Agriculture	849	847	843	842	849	7	0	0,9	0,0
Private households	1 270	1 275	1 296	1 267	1 332	65	62	5,1	4,9

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Table 3.4: Employed by province and sector									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	149	358	0,9	2,2
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	11 244	11 355	11 320	11 255	11 346	92	102	0,8	0,9
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	2 808	2 901	2 828	3 017	3 001	-15	193	-0,5	6,9
Agriculture	849	847	843	842	849	7	0	0,9	0,0
Private households	1 270	1 275	1 296	1 267	1 332	65	62	5,1	4,9
Western Cape	2 492	2 530	2 480	2 494	2 520	26	29	1,1	1,2
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1 892	1 862	1 856	1 883	1 867	-17	-26	-0,9	-1,4
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	258	295	282	281	293	12	34	4,3	13,3
Agriculture	193	208	181	183	213	29	20	16,0	10,3
Private households	148	165	161	147	148	2	0	1,1	0,1
Western Cape – Non-metro	920	940	875	888	924	35	3	4,0	0,3
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	606	576	557	564	545	-19	-61	-3,4	-10,1
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	88	106	98	102	120	18	32	17,9	35,8
Agriculture	168	191	160	163	191	28	23	17,1	13,6
Private households	58	68	61	59	68	8	10	14,1	16,7
Western Cape – City of Cape Town	1 571	1 589	1 604	1 606	1 597	-9	26	-0,6	1,6
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1 286	1 287	1 299	1 319	1 321	2	35	0,2	2,8
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	170	189	184	179	173	-6	3	-3,4	1,7
Agriculture	25	17	22	21	22	2	-3	7,3	-11,3
Private households	90	97	100	87	81	-7	-10	-7,7	-10,6
Eastern Cape	1 391	1 397	1 402	1 390	1 375	-15	-16	-1,1	-1,1
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	859	885	884	859	882	23	23	2,7	2,7
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	317	311	314	339	297	-41	-20	-12,2	-6,3
Agriculture	94	91	97	88	78	-11	-17	-12,1	-17,7
Private households	120	111	108	104	118	14	-2	13,7	-1,6

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Table 3.4: Employed by province and sector (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	812	804	799	794	778	-16	-34	-2,0	-4,2
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	445	452	438	418	432	13	-13	3,2	-2,9
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	211	212	203	224	204	-20	-7	-8,9	-3,3
Agriculture	87	81	91	87	69	-18	-18	-21,0	-20,4
Private households	70	59	67	64	74	9	4	14,2	5,2
Eastern Cape – Buffalo City	247	242	244	247	233	-15	-15	-6,0	-5,9
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	165	172	176	181	167	-14	2	-7,6	1,2
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	61	47	52	49	45	-4	-16	-7,9	-25,8
Agriculture	7	8	3	1	3	2	-3	200,2	-49,8
Private households	14	16	13	16	17	1	3	3,5	17,5
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay	331	351	360	348	364	16	33	4,5	9,9
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	249	261	270	259	283	23	34	9,0	13,6
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	46	52	59	66	48	-17	3	-26,3	5,9
Agriculture	1	2	3		5		4		525,5
Private households	36	36	28	23	27	4	-8	19,5	-22,9
Northern Cape	321	321	317	323	322	-1	0	-0,3	0,1
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	209	225	226	226	217	-9	9	-4,0	4,1
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	36	28	27	27	36	9	1	33,1	1,8
Agriculture	55	48	44	42	39	-3	-16	-7,2	-28,8
Private households	22	20	20	27	29	2	7	7,5	31,1
Free State	806	814	788	774	806	33	1	4,2	0,1
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	488	500	483	474	519	46	32	9,6	6,5
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	157	146	150	133	134	0	-23	0,2	-14,6
Agriculture	77	92	71	74	57	-17	-21	-23,5	-26,7
Private households	84	77	84	92	96	4	13	4,4	15,0

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Table 3.4: Employed by province and sector (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	533	555	526	517	541	24	8	4,6	1,6
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	300	314	302	299	325	26	25	8,7	8,4
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	102	98	101	87	88	1	-13	1,7	-13,1
Agriculture	76	91	70	71	55	-16	-21	-22,3	-27,6
Private households	55	52	53	61	73	12	18	19,8	31,8
Free State – Mangaung	273	260	262	257	265	9	-8	3,4	-2,8
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	188	185	181	175	194	20	7	11,2	3,5
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	55	48	49	47	45	-1	-10	-2,5	-17,5
Agriculture	1	1	1	3	2	-2	0	-48,7	25,0
Private households	29	25	31	32	24	-8	-5	-24,9	-17,2
KwaZulu-Natal	2 513	2 617	2 620	2 635	2 648	13	135	0,5	5,4
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1 784	1 824	1 816	1 816	1 768	-49	-16	-2,7	-0,9
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	412	453	457	480	505	25	93	5,2	22,7
Agriculture	106	115	122	121	136	15	30	12,6	28,3
Private households	211	225	225	217	239	21	27	9,9	13,0
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro	1 346	1 412	1 397	1 424	1 469	45	123	3,2	9,1
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	878	893	867	886	882	-3	4	-0,4	0,5
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	261	299	302	316	332	15	71	4,8	27,1
Agriculture	103	113	119	116	130	14	27	12,3	25,7
Private households	104	107	110	106	125	19	21	18,1	20,1
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekweni	1 167	1 205	1 222	1 211	1 179	-32	12	-2,7	1,0
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	906	931	949	931	885	-45	-21	-4,9	-2,3
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	151	154	155	164	174	10	23	6,0	15,1
Agriculture	2	2	3	5	6	1	3	20,2	140,2
Private households	107	118	115	111	114	2	7	2,1	6,1

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Table 3.4: Employed by province and sector (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	999	992	977	979	973	-6	-27	-0,7	-2,7
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	710	715	692	692	682	-11	-28	-1,5	-4,0
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	169	160	165	150	144	-7	-26	-4,3	-15,1
Agriculture	47	47	43	60	62	2	15	3,6	31,1
Private households	72	70	77	76	85	9	13	11,3	17,4
Gauteng	4 991	5 069	5 055	5 077	5 163	86	172	1,7	3,5
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3 859	3 870	3 889	3 830	3 883	53	25	1,4	0,6
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	723	794	756	829	862	33	139	4,0	19,3
Agriculture	36	29	32	34	31	-4	-6	-10,4	-15,5
Private households	373	376	378	384	387	3	14	0,8	3,8
Gauteng – Non-metro	625	604	611	608	590	-18	-35	-3,0	-5,7
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	442	404	430	418	395	-22	-46	-5,3	-10,5
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	105	108	104	118	126	7	21	6,3	20,0
Agriculture	18	18	19	12	14	2	-4	17,3	-24,1
Private households	61	74	58	61	55	-6	-6	-9,1	-9,4
Gauteng – Ekurhuleni	1 222	1 253	1 213	1 245	1 268	23	46	1,9	3,7
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	970	989	965	1 001	1 029	28	59	2,8	6,1
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	164	183	161	168	167	-1	3	-0,6	2,1
Agriculture	7	2	4	5	4	-1	-4	-18,9	-48,1
Private households	81	79	83	71	68	-3	-13	-4,4	-16,2
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg	1 910	2 000	2 019	1 999	2 029	30	119	1,5	6,2
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1 459	1 493	1 494	1 445	1 426	-19	-33	-1,3	-2,2
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	306	357	365	395	415	20	109	5,2	35,5
Agriculture	5	3	1	4	2	-2	-3	-42,9	-55,8
Private households	140	148	160	156	186	30	46	19,1	32,6

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Table 3.4: Employed by province and sector (concluded)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	1 234	1 212	1 211	1 225	1 277	51	43	4,2	3,5
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	988	985	1 000	966	1 033	66	45	6,9	4,5
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	148	145	126	148	154	6	6	4,0	4,1
Agriculture	6	6	7	14	11	-3	5	-21,5	76,6
Private households	91	75	78	97	79	-18	-13	-18,6	-14,0
Mpumalanga	1 242	1 197	1 212	1 231	1 245	14	3	1,1	0,3
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	707	712	734	720	736	16	29	2,2	4,0
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	315	287	273	319	305	-15	-11	-4,6	-3,3
Agriculture	104	87	94	91	96	5	-8	5,2	-7,9
Private households	115	111	111	101	109	8	-6	7,8	-5,5
Limpopo	1 417	1 441	1 436	1 478	1 477	-1	59	-0,1	4,2
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	737	761	741	754	793	39	56	5,1	7,6
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	421	428	404	457	425	-32	4	-7,0	1,0
Agriculture	136	130	158	148	138	-10	2	-6,5	1,6
Private households	123	121	134	118	120	2	-3	1,8	-2,4

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Table 3.5: Employed by sex and occupation – South Africa

	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	149	358	0,9	2,2
Manager	1 390	1 422	1 416	1 431	1 444	13	55	0,9	3,9
Professional	906	873	878	948	878	-70	-28	-7,4	-3,1
Technician	1 477	1 415	1 448	1 399	1 474	75	-3	5,3	-0,2
Clerk	1 657	1 746	1 704	1 689	1 704	15	47	0,9	2,8
Sales and services	2 597	2 692	2 635	2 653	2 687	34	90	1,3	3,5
Skilled agriculture	83	62	64	58	66	7	-17	12,7	-21,0
Craft and related trade	1 935	1 994	2 007	2 018	2 073	55	137	2,7	7,1
Plant and machine operator	1 317	1 359	1 364	1 382	1 394	12	77	0,9	5,9
Elementary	3 788	3 823	3 775	3 814	3 780	-34	-8	-0,9	-0,2
Domestic worker	1 016	991	996	984	1 029	45	13	4,5	1,3
Women	7 071	7 222	7 134	7 225	7 250	25	179	0,3	2,5
Manager	437	436	449	446	428	-18	-10	-4,1	-2,2
Professional	438	442	428	495	471	-24	34	-4,8	7,7
Technician	795	770	800	754	784	30	-10	4,0	-1,3
Clerk	1 184	1 266	1 235	1 241	1 227	-13	43	-1,1	3,7
Sales and services	1 258	1 322	1 265	1 346	1 362	16	103	1,2	8,2
Skilled agriculture	15	14	16	11	14	4	-1	33,5	-4,9
Craft and related trade	228	215	220	204	202	-2	-26	-1,0	-11,4
Plant and machine operator	158	171	183	176	180	4	22	2,1	14,0
Elementary	1 587	1 637	1 572	1 600	1 584	-15	-2	-1,0	-0,2
Domestic worker	969	948	966	952	997	44	28	4,7	2,9
Men	9 100	9 155	9 154	9 156	9 279	124	179	1,4	2,0
Manager	952	986	967	985	1 016	31	64	3,2	6,7
Professional	468	430	450	453	407	-46	-61	-10,2	-13,1
Technician	683	645	648	645	690	44	7	6,9	1,1
Clerk	473	480	469	448	477	28	3	6,3	0,7
Sales and services	1 339	1 370	1 370	1 307	1 326	18	-13	1,4	-1,0
Skilled agriculture	68	49	47	48	51	4	-17	8,0	-24,5
Craft and related trade	1 708	1 778	1 787	1 814	1 871	57	163	3,1	9,6
Plant and machine operator	1 159	1 188	1 181	1 205	1 214	8	55	0,7	4,7
Elementary	2 202	2 186	2 204	2 215	2 196	-19	-6	-0,8	-0,3
Domestic worker	47	43	30	31	32	0	-15	0,9	-32,4

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Table 3.6: Employed by sex and status in employment – South Africa									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	149	358	0,9	2,2
Employee	13 778	13 964	13 860	13 841	13 992	151	214	1,1	1,6
Employer	832	805	785	839	882	44	50	5,2	6,1
Own-account worker	1 473	1 540	1 549	1 607	1 570	-37	98	-2,3	6,6
Unpaid household member	89	68	94	93	85	-9	-4	-9,4	-4,7
Women	7 071	7 222	7 134	7 225	7 250	25	179	0,3	2,5
Employee	6 194	6 347	6 305	6 322	6 360	39	166	0,6	2,7
Employer	181	150	147	166	172	6	-9	3,5	-5,2
Own-account worker	646	683	629	671	652	-19	6	-2,8	0,9
Unpaid household member	50	42	53	66	65	0	16	-0,7	32,3
Men	9 100	9 155	9 154	9 156	9 279	124	179	1,4	2,0
Employee	7 584	7 617	7 555	7 519	7 631	112	48	1,5	0,6
Employer	650	655	638	673	710	38	60	5,6	9,2
Own-account worker	827	857	921	936	918	-18	92	-1,9	11,1
Unpaid household member	39	26	41	27	19	-8	-20	-30,4	-51,3

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Table 3.7: Employed by sex and usual hours of work – South Africa									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	149	358	0,9	2,2
Working less than 15 hours per week	329	351	342	374	359	-15	30	-4,0	9,0
Working 15–29 hours per week	1 092	1 113	1 082	1 126	1 215	89	122	7,9	11,2
Working 30–39 hours per week	1 135	1 167	1 101	1 126	1 104	-22	-31	-1,9	-2,7
Working 40–45 hours per week	8 917	9 127	9 156	8 940	9 111	171	195	1,9	2,2
Working more than 45 hours per week	4 697	4 619	4 606	4 814	4 740	-74	43	-1,5	0,9
Women	7 071	7 222	7 134	7 225	7 250	25	179	0,3	2,5
Working less than 15 hours per week	190	210	202	225	200	-25	10	-11,0	5,3
Working 15–29 hours per week	709	708	692	729	774	46	65	6,2	9,2
Working 30–39 hours per week	682	722	652	677	654	-22	-28	-3,3	-4,0
Working 40–45 hours per week	3 868	4 001	4 038	3 949	3 981	32	113	0,8	2,9
Working more than 45 hours per week	1 622	1 581	1 550	1 645	1 640	-5	18	-0,3	1,1
Men	9 100	9 155	9 154	9 156	9 279	124	179	1,4	2,0
Working less than 15 hours per week	139	140	140	149	159	10	20	6,6	14,0
Working 15–29 hours per week	383	406	390	398	441	43	57	10,8	15,0
Working 30–39 hours per week	453	445	449	449	450	1	-3	0,1	-0,7
Working 40–45 hours per week	5 048	5 126	5 119	4 991	5 130	139	82	2,8	1,6
Working more than 45 hours per week	3 075	3 037	3 056	3 169	3 100	-69	25	-2,2	0,8

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	13 778	13 964	13 860	13 841	13 992	151	214	1,1	1,6
Yes	6 573	6 634	6 673	6 465	6 563	98	-10	1,5	-0,1
No	6 922	7 097	6 950	7 119	7 138	19	216	0,3	3,1
Don't know	283	232	237	256	290	34	7	13,1	2,5
Women	6 194	6 347	6 305	6 322	6 360	39	166	0,6	2,7
Yes	2 709	2 804	2 862	2 769	2 795	26	85	0,9	3,1
No	3 360	3 442	3 346	3 444	3 436	-9	75	-0,3	2,2
Don't know	124	101	97	109	130	21	6	19,5	4,6
Men	7 584	7 617	7 555	7 519	7 631	112	48	1,5	0,6
Yes	3 863	3 830	3 811	3 697	3 769	72	-95	1,9	-2,5
No	3 562	3 656	3 604	3 675	3 703	28	141	0,8	4,0
Don't know	158	132	140	148	160	12	1	8,4	0,9
Entitled to any paid leave									
Both sexes	13 778	13 964	13 860	13 841	13 992	151	214	1,1	1,6
Yes	9 031	9 267	9 153	9 115	9 291	176	260	1,9	2,9
No	4 571	4 571	4 576	4 605	4 553	-52	-18	-1,1	-0,4
Don't know	176	126	131	121	147	26	-28	21,9	-16,1
Women	6 194	6 347	6 305	6 322	6 360	39	166	0,6	2,7
Yes	3 950	4 131	4 072	4 037	4 098	60	148	1,5	3,7
No	2 160	2 161	2 176	2 235	2 194	-41	34	-1,8	1,6
Don't know	84	54	58	49	68	19	-16	38,0	-18,7
Men	7 584	7 617	7 555	7 519	7 631	112	48	1,5	0,6
Yes	5 081	5 136	5 081	5 078	5 194	116	112	2,3	2,2
No	2 411	2 409	2 400	2 370	2 358	-12	-52	-0,5	-2,2
Don't know	92	72	74	71	79	8	-13	10,9	-13,7

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	13 778	13 964	13 860	13 841	13 992	151	214	1,1	1,6
Yes	9 674	9 839	9 730	9 654	9 820	166	146	1,7	1,5
No	4 104	4 125	4 130	4 187	4 172	-16	68	-0,4	1,7
Women	6 194	6 347	6 305	6 322	6 360	39	166	0,6	2,7
Yes	4 248	4 368	4 344	4 286	4 380	93	131	2,2	3,1
No	1 946	1 979	1 961	2 035	1 981	-55	35	-2,7	1,8
Men	7 584	7 617	7 555	7 519	7 631	112	48	1,5	0,6
Yes	5 426	5 472	5 386	5 368	5 440	73	14	1,4	0,3
No	2 158	2 146	2 169	2 152	2 191	39	33	1,8	1,5
Entitled to maternity/paternity leave									
Both sexes	13 778	13 964	13 860	13 841	13 992	151	214	1,1	1,6
Yes	7 821	8 020	7 870	7 884	8 056	172	235	2,2	3,0
No	5 957	5 944	5 990	5 957	5 935	-21	-22	-0,4	-0,4
Women	6 194	6 347	6 305	6 322	6 360	39	166	0,6	2,7
Yes	3 589	3 755	3 660	3 685	3 726	41	137	1,1	3,8
No	2 605	2 592	2 645	2 637	2 634	-3	29	-0,1	1,1
Men	7 584	7 617	7 555	7 519	7 631	112	48	1,5	0,6
Yes	4 232	4 265	4 210	4 199	4 330	131	98	3,1	2,3
No	3 352	3 352	3 345	3 320	3 301	-19	-51	-0,6	-1,5

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	13 778	13 964	13 860	13 841	13 992	151	214	1,1	1,6
Yes	8 296	8 326	8 355	8 327	8 470	143	173	1,7	2,1
No	5 240	5 410	5 300	5 286	5 282	-4	42	-0,1	0,8
Don't know	241	228	205	229	240	11	-2	4,9	-0,7
Women	6 194	6 347	6 305	6 322	6 360	39	166	0,6	2,7
Yes	3 421	3 518	3 574	3 529	3 561	32	140	0,9	4,1
No	2 675	2 732	2 638	2 696	2 690	-5	15	-0,2	0,6
Don't know	98	97	93	97	109	12	11	12,4	11,4
Men	7 584	7 617	7 555	7 519	7 631	112	48	1,5	0,6
Yes	4 876	4 808	4 781	4 798	4 909	111	33	2,3	0,7
No	2 565	2 678	2 662	2 590	2 592	2	27	0,1	1,1
Don't know	144	131	112	132	131	-1	-13	-0,7	-8,9
Medical aid benefits									
Both sexes	13 778	13 964	13 860	13 841	13 992	151	214	1,1	1,6
Yes	4 061	4 145	4 111	4 046	4 078	32	17	0,8	0,4
No	9 518	9 691	9 632	9 677	9 775	98	257	1,0	2,7
Don't know	199	128	117	117	138	21	-60	17,8	-30,4
Women	6 194	6 347	6 305	6 322	6 360	39	166	0,6	2,7
Yes	1 762	1 820	1 800	1 775	1 767	-8	5	-0,4	0,3
No	4 358	4 476	4 457	4 495	4 536	41	178	0,9	4,1
Don't know	74	51	48	52	57	5	-17	10,3	-22,8
Men	7 584	7 617	7 555	7 519	7 631	112	48	1,5	0,6
Yes	2 299	2 325	2 310	2 272	2 311	39	12	1,7	0,5
No	5 161	5 215	5 175	5 182	5 239	57	79	1,1	1,5
Don't know	125	77	69	65	81	16	-44	23,7	-35,0

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	13 778	13 964	13 860	13 841	13 992	151	214	1,1	1,6
Yes	7 462	7 648	7 661	7 428	7 530	101	68	1,4	0,9
No	6 013	6 058	5 944	6 114	6 161	47	148	0,8	2,5
Don't know	303	258	255	298	301	3	-2	1,0	-0,5
Women	6 194	6 347	6 305	6 322	6 360	39	166	0,6	2,7
Yes	3 129	3 274	3 268	3 154	3 198	44	68	1,4	2,2
No	2 943	2 956	2 936	3 050	3 044	-6	101	-0,2	3,4
Don't know	122	117	101	118	119	1	-3	0,7	-2,4
Men	7 584	7 617	7 555	7 519	7 631	112	48	1,5	0,6
Yes	4 333	4 374	4 393	4 275	4 332	57	-1	1,3	0,0
No	3 070	3 103	3 007	3 064	3 117	53	47	1,7	1,5
Don't know	181	140	155	181	183	2	1	1,1	0,8
Conditions of employment									
Both sexes	13 778	13 964	13 860	13 841	13 992	151	214	1,1	1,6
Written contract	11 079	11 276	11 139	11 061	11 161	99	82	0,9	0,7
Verbal agreement	2 699	2 689	2 721	2 779	2 831	51	132	1,8	4,9
Women	6 194	6 347	6 305	6 322	6 360	39	166	0,6	2,7
Written contract	4 994	5 149	5 080	5 047	5 075	28	81	0,5	1,6
Verbal agreement	1 201	1 198	1 225	1 275	1 286	11	85	0,9	7,1
Men	7 584	7 617	7 555	7 519	7 631	112	48	1,5	0,6
Written contract	6 085	6 126	6 059	6 014	6 086	72	1	1,2	0,0
Verbal agreement	1 499	1 491	1 496	1 505	1 545	40	47	2,7	3,1

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	13 778	13 964	13 860	13 841	13 992	151	214	1,1	1,6
Limited duration	1 898	1 936	1 858	1 827	1 961	134	63	7,3	3,3
Permanent nature	8 439	8 491	8 428	8 407	8 504	97	65	1,2	0,8
Unspecified duration	3 441	3 536	3 574	3 607	3 526	-81	85	-2,2	2,5
Women	6 194	6 347	6 305	6 322	6 360	38	166	0,6	2,7
Limited duration	962	963	965	960	1 001	41	39	4,3	4,1
Permanent nature	3 641	3 751	3 737	3 694	3 753	59	112	1,6	3,1
Unspecified duration	1 592	1 632	1 603	1 668	1 606	-62	14	-3,7	0,9
Men	7 584	7 617	7 555	7 519	7 631	112	47	1,5	0,6
Limited duration	936	973	894	867	959	92	23	10,6	2,5
Permanent nature	4 799	4 740	4 691	4 713	4 752	39	-47	0,8	-1,0
Unspecified duration	1 849	1 904	1 971	1 939	1 920	-19	71	-1,0	3,8
Trade union membership									
Both sexes	13 777	13 964	13 860	13 841	13 992	151	215	1,1	1,6
Yes	3 990	4 145	4 150	4 062	4 041	-21	51	-0,5	1,3
No	9 339	9 435	9 336	9 389	9 587	198	248	2,1	2,7
Don't know	448	384	374	390	363	-27	-85	-6,9	-19,0
Women	6 194	6 347	6 305	6 322	6 360	38	166	0,6	2,7
Yes	1 705	1 768	1 787	1 685	1 707	22	2	1,3	0,1
No	4 331	4 444	4 375	4 477	4 506	29	175	0,6	4,0
Don't know	157	135	143	159	147	-12	-10	-7,5	-6,4
Men	7 584	7 617	7 555	7 519	7 631	112	47	1,5	0,6
Yes	2 285	2 377	2 362	2 377	2 334	-43	49	-1,8	2,1
No	5 008	4 991	4 961	4 912	5 081	169	73	3,4	1,5
Don't know	291	249	232	230	216	-14	-75	-6,1	-25,8

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa (concluded)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	13 778	13 964	13 860	13 841	13 992	151	214	1,1	1,6
Individual and employer	1 032	1 105	1 098	1 035	1 176	141	144	13,6	14,0
Union and employer	3 023	3 072	3 141	3 156	3 102	-54	79	-1,7	2,6
Bargaining council	1 140	1 142	1 119	1 025	1 069	44	-71	4,3	-6,2
Employer only	7 702	7 754	7 570	7 651	7 592	-59	-110	-0,8	-1,4
No regular increment	777	811	864	904	964	60	187	6,6	24,1
Other	103	80	68	70	89	19	-14	27,1	-13,6
Women	6 194	6 347	6 305	6 322	6 360	38	166	0,6	2,7
Individual and employer	476	479	443	450	520	70	44	15,6	9,2
Union and employer	1 218	1 257	1 314	1 250	1 232	-18	14	-1,4	1,1
Bargaining council	552	566	551	523	555	32	3	6,1	0,5
Employer only	3 565	3 621	3 557	3 628	3 564	-64	-1	-1,8	0,0
No regular increment	346	386	413	442	459	17	113	3,8	32,7
Other	38	38	28	28	31	3	-7	10,7	-18,4
Men	7 584	7 617	7 555	7 519	7 631	112	47	1,5	0,6
Individual and employer	557	626	655	585	656	71	99	12,1	17,8
Union and employer	1 805	1 816	1 828	1 906	1 870	-36	65	-1,9	3,6
Bargaining council	588	576	568	502	514	12	-74	2,4	-12,6
Employer only	4 137	4 134	4 013	4 023	4 028	5	-109	0,1	-2,6
No regular increment	432	425	451	462	505	43	73	9,3	16,9
Other	65	42	40	42	58	16	-7	38,1	-10,8

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Table 3.9: Time-related underemployment – South Africa									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	753	698	735	783	754	-30	0	-3,8	0,0
Women	441	420	418	461	443	-18	2	-3,9	0,4
Men	312	278	317	323	311	-12	-2	-3,6	-0,5
As a percentage of the labour force (both sexes)	3,4	3,1	3,3	3,5	3,3	-0,2	-0,1		
Women	4,4	4,1	4,1	4,5	4,3	-0,2	-0,1		
Men	2,6	2,3	2,6	2,6	2,5	-0,1	-0,1		
As a percentage of total employment (both sexes)	4,7	4,3	4,5	4,8	4,6	-0,2	-0,1		
Women	6,2	5,8	5,9	6,4	6,1	-0,3	-0,1		
Men	3,4	3,0	3,5	3,5	3,4	-0,1	0,0		
Industry	753	698	735	783	754	-30	0	-3,8	0,0
Agriculture	20	15	21	27	25	-3	4	-9,9	21,5
Mining			0						
Manufacturing	36	38	34	38	29	-8	-7	-22,3	-19,4
Utilities	1	1	2	2					
Construction	75	69	73	91	88	-3	14	-3,2	18,3
Trade	124	93	120	124	112	-12	-13	-9,6	-10,1
Transport	24	16	13	24	22	-2	-2	-7,3	-9,3
Finance	55	54	54	52	53	1	-2	2,2	-3,4
Community and social services	183	171	184	197	177	-20	-6	-10,3	-3,2
Private households	235	242	234	228	247	19	13	8,4	5,4
Occupation	753	698	735	783	754	-30	0	-3,8	0,0
Manager	12	15	12	18	15	-3	2	-18,4	20,4
Professional	18	2	7	7	8	2	-10	25,2	-54,0
Technician	34	21	33	31	28	-3	-5	-9,3	-15,9
Clerk	23	18	22	22	25	3	2	16,1	7,9
Sales and services	75	66	86	83	72	-11	-3	-13,4	-4,2
Skilled agriculture	5	2	2	2	3	1	-2	68,4	-48,4
Craft and related trade	84	77	70	81	85	4	1	5,0	1,0
Plant and machine operator	22	11	17	26	25	0	4	-1,7	16,8
Elementary	312	316	333	355	324	-31	13	-8,6	4,0
Domestic worker	168	169	151	159	168	8	0	5,2	-0,2

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Table 4: Characteristics of the unemployed – South Africa									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	5 880	5 980	6 083	6 209	6 139	-70	259	-1,1	4,4
Job losers	1 886	1 951	1 973	1 939	1 805	-134	-81	-6,9	-4,3
Job leavers	336	291	277	316	308	-8	-28	-2,6	-8,5
New entrants	2 347	2 293	2 358	2 518	2 572	54	225	2,1	9,6
Re-entrants	270	262	267	260	267	7	-3	2,7	-1,2
Other	1 042	1 183	1 207	1 176	1 188	12	146	1,0	14,1
Unemployed	5 880	5 980	6 083	6 209	6 139	-70	259	-1,1	4,4
Long-term unemployment (1 year and more)	4 022	4 098	4 185	4 272	4 363	91	341	2,1	8,5
Short-term unemployment (less than 1 year)	1 858	1 882	1 898	1 937	1 776	-161	-81	-8,3	-4,4
Long-term unemployment (%)									
Proportion of the labour force	18,2	18,3	18,7	18,9	19,2	0,3	1,0		
Proportion of the unemployed	68,4	68,5	68,8	68,8	71,1	2,3	2,7		
Those who have worked in the past 5 years									
Previous occupation	2 492	2 504	2 518	2 515	2 379	-136	-113	-5,4	-4,5
Manager	57	52	70	67	65	-2	8	-2,9	13,5
Professional	53	48	38	53	48	-5	-5	-10,1	-9,0
Technician	154	125	132	124	124	1	-30	0,5	-19,3
Clerk	295	283	282	259	253	-5	-41	-2,1	-14,0
Sales and services	398	460	424	443	388	-55	-11	-12,4	-2,7
Skilled agriculture	4	7	6	5	6	1	2	21,3	37,4
Craft and related trade	417	417	419	428	393	-35	-24	-8,2	-5,9
Plant and machine operator	172	188	179	179	192	13	21	7,3	12,0
Elementary	767	751	763	807	741	-66	-26	-8,2	-3,4
Domestic worker	174	173	201	151	169	18	-5	12,1	-3,0

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Table 4: Characteristics of the unemployed – South Africa (concluded)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	2 492	2 504	2 518	2 515	2 379	-136	-113	-5,4	-4,5
Agriculture	135	139	148	139	115	-24	-20	-17,3	-14,7
Mining	36	37	49	62	47	-14	12	-22,9	33,4
Manufacturing	252	237	260	266	245	-20	-6	-7,6	-2,4
Utilities	20	15	22	21	12	-9	-8	-41,9	-39,1
Construction	401	439	438	428	399	-29	-2	-6,7	-0,5
Trade	579	559	556	598	576	-22	-2	-3,6	-0,4
Transport	102	113	117	117	115	-2	12	-1,6	12,2
Finance	368	380	365	345	327	-18	-41	-5,2	-11,1
Community and social services	355	354	324	327	319	-8	-36	-2,6	-10,2
Private households	245	232	236	212	223	11	-22	5,3	-8,8
Other			3	1					

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Table 5: Characteristics of the not economically active – South Africa									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	15 474	15 320	15 462	15 395	15 466	70	-9	0,5	-0,1
Student	6 341	6 137	6 219	6 250	6 286	36	-55	0,6	-0,9
Homemaker	2 671	2 522	2 577	2 561	2 540	-21	-131	-0,8	-4,9
Illness/disability	1 573	1 557	1 502	1 570	1 581	11	8	0,7	0,5
Too old/young to work	1 449	1 433	1 456	1 407	1 466	60	18	4,2	1,2
Discouraged work-seekers	2 538	2 787	2 864	2 733	2 841	108	303	4,0	11,9
Other	903	884	845	875	752	-123	-150	-14,0	-16,7
Inactivity rate by age (both sexes)	41,2	40,7	40,9	40,5	40,6	0,1	-0,6		
15–24 yrs	74,1	74,4	74,9	74,2	74,9	0,7	0,8		
25–54 yrs	24,5	23,7	23,8	23,6	23,4	-0,2	-1,1		
55–64 yrs	55,2	54,2	54,9	55,1	55,0	-0,1	-0,2		
Inactivity rate by age (women)	47,5	46,8	47,1	46,7	46,7	0,0	-0,8		
15–24 yrs	76,7	77,1	78,0	77,2	77,2	0,0	0,5		
25–54 yrs	31,9	30,8	31,0	30,6	30,8	0,2	-1,1		
55–64 yrs	63,6	62,3	62,3	62,7	62,4	-0,3	-1,2		
Inactivity rate by age (men)	34,8	34,4	34,5	34,3	34,3	0,0	-0,5		
15–24 yrs	71,5	71,7	71,8	71,1	72,6	1,5	1,1		
25–54 yrs	17,1	16,6	16,6	16,6	16,1	-0,5	-1,0		
55–64 yrs	44,8	44,2	45,7	45,8	46,0	0,2	1,2		

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Table 6: Sociodemographic characteristics – South Africa									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	149	358	0,9	2,2
15–24 yrs	1 305	1 257	1 200	1 257	1 173	-83	-132	-6,6	-10,1
25–34 yrs	4 790	4 890	4 869	4 890	4 965	75	175	1,5	3,7
35–44 yrs	5 081	5 154	5 147	5 100	5 147	47	66	0,9	1,3
45–54 yrs	3 445	3 488	3 511	3 570	3 671	101	226	2,8	6,6
55–64 yrs	1 551	1 588	1 561	1 564	1 573	9	22	0,6	1,4
Age group of the unemployed	5 880	5 980	6 083	6 209	6 139	-70	259	-1,1	4,4
15–24 yrs	1 365	1 381	1 390	1 408	1 417	10	53	0,7	3,9
25–34 yrs	2 397	2 413	2 466	2 514	2 450	-65	52	-2,6	2,2
35–44 yrs	1 343	1 363	1 390	1 435	1 449	14	106	1,0	7,9
45–54 yrs	636	668	669	683	648	-35	12	-5,1	1,9
55–64 yrs	140	154	168	170	176	6	36	3,6	25,5
Age group of the not economically active	15 474	15 320	15 462	15 395	15 466	70	-9	0,5	-0,1
15–24 yrs	7 644	7 674	7 721	7 644	7 712	68	68	0,9	0,9
25–34 yrs	2 667	2 587	2 593	2 559	2 584	25	-83	1,0	-3,1
35–44 yrs	1 598	1 542	1 562	1 602	1 580	-22	-18	-1,4	-1,1
45–54 yrs	1 484	1 458	1 483	1 463	1 449	-15	-35	-1,0	-2,4
55–64 yrs	2 081	2 059	2 102	2 127	2 140	13	59	0,6	2,8
Highest level of education of the employed	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	149	358	0,9	2,2
No schooling	344	292	296	286	312	26	-32	9,1	-9,4
Less than primary completed	1 031	1 029	1 006	987	947	-39	-84	-4,0	-8,1
Primary completed	572	611	590	626	643	17	71	2,8	12,4
Secondary not completed	5 397	5 594	5 470	5 572	5 553	-19	156	-0,3	2,9
Secondary completed	5 323	5 226	5 338	5 245	5 410	165	87	3,1	1,6
Tertiary	3 304	3 453	3 418	3 478	3 473	-5	169	-0,1	5,1
Other	200	173	170	187	190	3	-10	1,6	-4,9

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Table 6: Sociodemographic characteristics – South Africa (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	5 880	5 980	6 083	6 209	6 139	-70	259	-1,1	4,4
No schooling	60	64	67	77	67	-10	7	-12,5	12,5
Less than primary completed	360	361	326	319	355	36	-4	11,4	-1,2
Primary completed	220	210	225	231	222	-9	2	-3,8	1,0
Secondary not completed	2 689	2 749	2 818	2 863	2 868	4	179	0,2	6,7
Secondary completed	2 021	2 057	2 110	2 181	2 102	-78	82	-3,6	4,0
Tertiary	488	493	504	504	482	-22	-6	-4,4	-1,2
Other	44	47	34	34	43	8	-1	24,4	-1,9
Highest level of education of the not economically active	15 474	15 320	15 462	15 395	15 466	70	-9	0,5	-0,1
No schooling	624	615	621	602	582	-20	-43	-3,3	-6,9
Less than primary completed	1 537	1 439	1 502	1 534	1 477	-57	-61	-3,7	-3,9
Primary completed	1 018	847	903	956	1 008	52	-11	5,4	-1,1
Secondary not completed	8 360	8 034	8 236	8 234	8 319	84	-41	1,0	-0,5
Secondary completed	3 185	3 613	3 450	3 327	3 321	-6	136	-0,2	4,3
Tertiary	586	629	590	596	588	-8	2	-1,3	0,4
Other	163	143	159	147	172	24	8	16,6	5,0
Employed	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	149	358	0,9	2,2
Attending educational institution	357	340	316	359	351	-8	-6	-2,2	-1,8
Not attending educational institution	15 814	16 037	15 972	16 021	16 178	157	364	1,0	2,3
Unemployed	5 880	5 980	6 083	6 209	6 139	-70	259	-1,1	4,4
Attending educational institution	135	107	116	126	112	-14	-23	-11,0	-17,1
Not attending educational institution	5 745	5 873	5 967	6 084	6 027	-56	282	-0,9	4,9
Not economically active	15 474	15 320	15 462	15 395	15 466	70	-9	0,5	-0,1
Attending educational institution	6 257	5 999	6 171	6 155	6 215	59	-42	1,0	-0,7
Not attending educational institution	9 217	9 321	9 291	9 240	9 251	11	34	0,1	0,4

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Table 6: Sociodemographic characteristics – South Africa (concluded)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	16 171	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	149	358	0,9	2,2
Married	6 300	6 363	6 274	6 201	6 292	91	-8	1,5	-0,1
Living together like husband and wife	2 031	2 070	2 047	2 075	2 091	15	59	0,7	2,9
Widow/widower	492	486	459	497	487	-10	-5	-2,0	-1,0
Divorced or separated	497	494	500	506	512	6	14	1,1	2,9
Never married	6 850	6 965	7 008	7 101	7 148	47	297	0,7	4,3
Current marital status of the unemployed	5 880	5 980	6 083	6 209	6 139	-70	259	-1,1	4,4
Married	966	941	911	908	932	23	-35	2,6	-3,6
Living together like husband and wife	631	646	674	751	673	-78	42	-10,3	6,6
Widow/widower	67	72	87	81	79	-2	11	-2,2	17,1
Divorced or separated	95	104	105	100	87	-13	-7	-12,8	-7,7
Never married	4 120	4 217	4 305	4 369	4 368	-1	248	0,0	6,0
Current marital status of the not economically active	15 474	15 320	15 462	15 395	15 466	70	-9	0,5	-0,1
Married	2 764	2 761	2 738	2 745	2 754	8	-10	0,3	-0,4
Living together like husband and wife	808	808	865	860	830	-30	22	-3,5	2,8
Widow/widower	613	618	614	625	661	36	49	5,8	7,9
Divorced or separated	242	231	219	233	245	12	3	5,1	1,4
Never married	11 048	10 902	11 025	10 932	10 975	43	-73	0,4	-0,7

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Table 7: Profile of those not in employment, education or training – South Africa									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	14 962	15 194	15 258	15 324	15 278	-45	316	-0,3	2,1
Women	8 716	8 763	8 839	8 812	8 836	24	120	0,3	1,4
Men	6 247	6 431	6 419	6 512	6 442	-69	196	-1,1	3,1
Age group	14 962	15 194	15 258	15 324	15 278	-45	316	-0,3	2,1
15–24 yrs	3 068	3 343	3 260	3 206	3 205	0	138	0,0	4,5
25–34 yrs	4 674	4 662	4 687	4 701	4 682	-19	8	-0,4	0,2
35–44 yrs	2 890	2 859	2 897	2 988	2 985	-3	96	-0,1	3,3
45–54 yrs	2 110	2 119	2 146	2 135	2 093	-43	-17	-2,0	-0,8
55–64 yrs	2 221	2 211	2 267	2 293	2 313	20	92	0,9	4,1
Population groups	14 962	15 194	15 258	15 324	15 278	-45	316	-0,3	2,1
Black African	12 566	12 795	12 849	12 916	12 827	-90	260	-0,7	2,1
Coloured	1 350	1 300	1 309	1 345	1 342	-2	-7	-0,2	-0,5
Indian/Asian	332	364	328	346	362	16	30	4,6	9,0
White	714	735	772	717	747	31	33	4,3	4,6
South Africa	14 962	15 194	15 258	15 324	15 278	-45	316	-0,3	2,1
Western Cape	1 465	1 445	1 470	1 496	1 486	-9	21	-0,6	1,5
Eastern Cape	2 005	2 009	2 029	2 073	2 104	31	98	1,5	4,9
Northern Cape	362	366	380	372	369	-3	7	-0,8	2,0
Free State	749	743	765	779	760	-19	12	-2,4	1,6
KwaZulu-Natal	3 026	3 106	3 070	3 064	3 092	28	65	0,9	2,2
North West	1 127	1 150	1 185	1 163	1 159	-5	31	-0,4	2,8
Gauteng	3 678	3 695	3 724	3 744	3 676	-68	-2	-1,8	-0,1
Mpumalanga	1 103	1 201	1 172	1 178	1 170	-8	67	-0,7	6,0
Limpopo	1 447	1 479	1 463	1 455	1 463	8	16	0,6	1,1

Table 8: Involvement in non-market activities and labour market status by province									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	1 942	2 153	1 686	1 657	1 844	187	-98	11,3	-5,0
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	4 369	4 427	4 271	4 464	4 656	192	287	4,3	6,6
Producing other goods for household use	143	122	149	189	193	4	50	2,1	34,8
Construction or major repairs to own or household	422	393	379	409	424	15	2	3,6	0,4
Hunting or fishing for household use	25	37	51	21	24	3	-1	15,0	-3,0
Involvement in at least one activity	5 679	5 844	5 422	5 613	5 838	224	159	4,0	2,8
Employed	1 655	1 669	1 510	1 611	1 735	124	81	7,7	4,9
Unemployed	959	969	885	931	986	55	27	5,9	2,8
Not economically active	3 065	3 206	3 027	3 071	3 117	46	51	1,5	1,7
Western Cape									
Subsistence farming	6	8	8	5	4	-1	-3	-17,6	-40,2
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	153	117	113	113	136	23	-17	20,1	-11,1
Producing other goods for household use			1						
Construction or major repairs to own or household		3	1	2					
Hunting or fishing for household use									
Involvement in at least one activity	159	124	120	119	140	20	-19	17,1	-12,2
Employed	90	70	69	63	85	22	-5	34,5	-5,2
Unemployed	34	22	23	26	26	0	-8	1,7	-22,6
Not economically active	35	32	28	30	28	-2	-7	-6,3	-20,0
Eastern Cape									
Subsistence farming	488	664	461	409	503	93	15	22,8	3,1
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	967	974	979	1 082	1 155	73	188	6,8	19,5
Producing other goods for household use	13	9	5	10	10	0	-3	1,1	-19,7
Construction or major repairs to own or household	190	183	154	159	173	14	-17	8,5	-8,9
Hunting or fishing for household use	3	6	3	2	1	-1	-3	-57,9	-74,7
Involvement in at least one activity	1 251	1 347	1 236	1 318	1 382	64	131	4,9	10,5
Employed	298	310	266	275	313	37	15	13,5	5,0
Unemployed	244	280	222	277	295	18	50	6,4	20,6
Not economically active	709	758	748	765	775	10	66	1,3	9,3

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Table 8: Involvement in non-market activities and labour market status by province (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	24	15	15	15	17	2	-7	16,7	-28,4
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	96	91	110	83	96	13	0	15,2	0,2
Producing other goods for household use	0	1	1	2	1	-1	0	-63,9	289,4
Construction or major repairs to own or household		0	0	2					
Hunting or fishing for household use	1	3	0	1					
Involvement in at least one activity	107	98	121	96	108	11	1	11,8	1,0
Employed	26	23	28	22	20	-2	-6	-8,6	-22,5
Unemployed	17	19	25	20	27	7	10	36,5	57,7
Not economically active	63	56	68	54	60	6	-3	10,8	-5,0
Free State									
Subsistence farming	124	122	118	81	121	41	-2	50,4	-1,9
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	32	40	45	45	31	-14	-2	-32,2	-4,7
Producing other goods for household use	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	112,9	198,1
Construction or major repairs to own or household	1	4	2	4	2	-2	2	-44,0	244,5
Hunting or fishing for household use	2	3	5	5	6	1	4	25,9	283,1
Involvement in at least one activity	153	162	157	120	149	29	-4	23,9	-2,8
Employed	65	71	61	59	57	-2	-8	-2,6	-12,0
Unemployed	45	45	60	33	47	14	2	43,5	3,5
Not economically active	43	46	35	29	45	16	2	55,0	4,5
KwaZulu-Natal									
Subsistence farming	836	888	744	790	850	60	14	7,6	1,7
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	1 144	1 158	1 102	1 199	1 235	36	91	3,0	8,0
Producing other goods for household use	93	91	113	150	154	4	61	2,5	66,1
Construction or major repairs to own or household	86	100	97	99	98	-2	11	-2,0	12,9
Hunting or fishing for household use	4	11	19	10	12	3	9	27,7	239,9
Involvement in at least one activity	1 702	1 754	1 644	1 772	1 812	40	110	2,3	6,5
Employed	417	463	444	514	539	26	122	5,0	29,3
Unemployed	215	193	194	202	248	46	33	22,9	15,4
Not economically active	1 070	1 099	1 007	1 056	1 025	-31	-45	-3,0	-4,2

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	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	31	25	21	30	38	7	6	23,2	20,7
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	413	461	437	517	604	87	191	16,9	46,3
Producing other goods for household use	1	3	1	3	2	-1	1	-37,9	108,4
Construction or major repairs to own or household	8	2	21	51	64	13	56	26,2	696,9
Hunting or fishing for household use	2		0						
Involvement in at least one activity	424	471	450	529	617	89	193	16,8	45,6
Employed	131	133	131	147	153	6	22	4,1	16,8
Unemployed	45	72	67	71	88	17	43	24,1	94,0
Not economically active	248	266	253	311	377	66	129	21,1	52,0
Gauteng									
Subsistence farming	45	34	30	51	25	-26	-20	-51,0	-44,1
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	191	138	126	132	102	-30	-89	-22,5	-46,5
Producing other goods for household use	22	2	13	11	8	-3	-14	-28,3	-63,8
Construction or major repairs to own or household	78	43	60	39	38	-1	-40	-2,3	-51,0
Hunting or fishing for household use	10	6	10	1	2	2	-8	267,7	-76,3
Involvement in at least one activity	298	200	191	203	157	-46	-141	-22,6	-47,2
Employed	160	108	104	107	89	-19	-71	-17,4	-44,6
Unemployed	92	57	63	62	52	-10	-40	-15,7	-43,0
Not economically active	46	35	23	34	16	-18	-30	-51,8	-64,6
Mpumalanga									
Subsistence farming	171	183	96	100	83	-17	-88	-16,7	-51,6
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	505	481	434	411	445	34	-60	8,3	-11,9
Producing other goods for household use	13	14	13	11	15	4	2	37,3	15,5
Construction or major repairs to own or household	22	16	6	13	5	-7	-17	-58,3	-76,0
Hunting or fishing for household use		3	2	2	1	-1		-54,1	
Involvement in at least one activity	607	607	487	480	510	30	-97	6,2	-15,9
Employed	170	164	127	125	160	35	-11	28,1	-6,3
Unemployed	152	163	128	147	125	-23	-28	-15,3	-18,1
Not economically active	284	279	232	208	226	17	-58	8,3	-20,5

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Table 8: Involvement in non-market activities and labour market status by province (concluded)									
	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 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	216	215	194	175	203	28	-13	15,7	-6,2
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	868	967	925	881	851	-29	-16	-3,3	-1,9
Producing other goods for household use	1	2	1	1	2	1	0	47,5	29,5
Construction or major repairs to own or household	38	43	36	42	44	3	6	7,0	16,9
Hunting or fishing for household use	4	4	11	2	2	1	-2	40,5	-43,0
Involvement in at least one activity	978	1 081	1 016	975	962	-13	-16	-1,3	-1,6
Employed	298	326	281	299	320	21	22	6,9	7,4
Unemployed	113	118	102	93	77	-16	-36	-17,2	-31,5
Not economically active	567	637	633	582	565	-18	-3	-3,1	-0,5

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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
	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018				
Both sexes						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,6	0,6	79	-219	376	0,60
Employed	0,7	0,7	149	-124	421	0,28
Formal sector (non-agriculture)	1,0	1,0	92	-186	369	0,52
Informal sector (non-agriculture)	2,0	2,3	-15	-175	144	0,85
Agriculture	4,6	4,7	7	-67	81	0,85
Private households	2,9	2,7	65	-28	158	0,17
Unemployed	2,0	1,9	-70	-376	236	0,65
Not economically active	0,8	0,8	70	-227	367	0,64
Discouraged work-seekers	3,3	3,3	108	-100	316	0,31
Other (not economically active)	0,8	0,8	-38	-272	196	0,75
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,7	1,7	-0,4	-1,6	0,8	0,50
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,7	0,7	0,2	-0,5	0,9	0,54
Labour force participation rate	0,6	0,6	-0,1	-0,8	0,8	0,95
Women						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,8	0,8	36	-153	226	0,71
Employed	1,0	1,0	25	-144	194	0,77
Formal sector (non-agriculture)	1,4	1,4	-7	-162	148	0,93
Informal sector (non-agriculture)	3,2	3,3	-12	-102	78	0,80
Agriculture	9,1	8,3	8	-48	64	0,78
Private households	3,0	2,8	36	-38	111	0,34
Unemployed	2,3	2,3	11	-167	189	0,90
Not economically active	0,9	0,9	35	-154	225	0,71
Discouraged work-seekers	3,4	3,7	57	-70	184	0,38
Other (not economically active)	1,0	1,0	-22	-191	148	0,80
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	2,1	2,0	0,1	-1,5	1,5	1,00
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,0	1,0	0,0	-0,9	0,9	0,98
Labour force participation rate	0,8	0,8	0,0	-1,0	1,0	0,98

Table 2A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by sex (concluded)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018				
Men						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,6	0,5	42	-123	208	0,62
Employed	0,8	0,8	124	-45	292	0,15
Formal sector (non-agriculture)	1,1	1,1	99	-83	281	0,29
Informal sector (non-agriculture)	2,5	2,7	-4	-131	124	0,96
Agriculture	4,3	4,8	-1	-55	53	0,98
Private households	6,0	6,1	29	-14	72	0,19
Unemployed	2,2	2,2	-81	-256	93	0,36
Not economically active	1,1	1,0	35	-131	200	0,68
Discouraged work-seekers	4,5	4,1	51	-69	171	0,40
Other (not economically active)	1,0	1,1	-16	-137	104	0,79
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	2,0	2,0	-0,8	-2,0	0,5	0,25
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,8	0,8	0,5	-0,4	1,4	0,32
Labour force participation rate	0,6	0,5	0,0	-0,9	0,8	0,92

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
	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018				
South Africa						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,6	0,6	79	-219	376	0,60
Employed	0,7	0,7	149	-124	421	0,28
Unemployed	2,0	1,9	-70	-376	236	0,65
Not economically active	0,8	0,8	70	-227	367	0,64
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,7	1,7	-0,4	-1,6	0,8	0,50
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,7	0,7	0,2	-0,5	0,9	0,54
Labour force participation rate	0,6	0,6	-0,1	-0,8	0,8	0,95
Black/African						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,6	0,6	110	-169	388	0,44
Employed	0,8	0,8	196	-49	441	0,12
Unemployed	2,0	2,0	-87	-378	205	0,56
Not economically active	0,8	0,9	37	-242	316	0,79
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,7	1,7	-0,7	-2,1	0,7	0,34
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,8	0,8	0,5	-0,4	1,3	0,27
Labour force participation rate	0,6	0,6	0,0	-0,8	1,0	0,87
Coloured						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,7	1,7	-10	-63	42	0,70
Employed	2,1	1,8	-4	-67	59	0,91
Unemployed	5,3	6,1	-6	-57	44	0,80
Not economically active	2,8	2,9	19	-34	71	0,49
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,0	5,2	-0,2	-2,5	2,1	0,86
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,1	1,8	-0,2	-2,1	1,6	0,81
Labour force participation rate	1,7	1,7	-0,4	-2,0	1,1	0,56

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
	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018				
Indian/Asian						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	3,5	3,4	4	-56	64	0,89
Employed	3,5	4,0	-10	-65	45	0,73
Unemployed	16,9	13,1	14	-13	41	0,30
Not economically active	5,1	5,0	-2	-62	58	0,94
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	15,5	12,9	2,3	-1,9	6,5	0,29
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,5	4,0	-1,1	-6,6	4,4	0,70
Labour force participation rate	3,5	3,4	0,3	-5,7	6,3	0,92
White						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,7	1,6	-25	-103	52	0,52
Employed	2,1	1,9	-34	-117	49	0,42
Unemployed	12,4	16,6	9	-50	68	0,77
Not economically active	3,7	3,3	17	-61	94	0,67
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	12,5	16,2	0,5	-2,3	3,4	0,72
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,1	1,9	-1,0	-3,7	1,8	0,50
Labour force participation rate	1,7	1,6	-0,7	-3,3	2,0	0,62

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018				
South Africa						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,6	0,6	79	-219	376	0,60
Employed	0,7	0,7	149	-124	421	0,28
Unemployed	2,0	1,9	-70	-376	236	0,65
Not economically active	0,8	0,8	70	-227	367	0,64
Discouraged work-seekers	3,3	3,3	108	-100	316	0,31
Other (not economically active)	0,8	0,8	-38	-272	196	0,75
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,7	1,7	-0,4	-1,6	0,8	0,50
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,7	0,7	0,2	-0,5	0,9	0,54
Labour force participation rate	0,6	0,6	-0,1	-0,8	0,8	0,95
Western Cape						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,5	1,6	-11	-81	59	0,76
Employed	1,9	1,7	26	-36	89	0,41
Unemployed	5,5	5,1	-37	-102	27	0,26
Not economically active	3,3	3,4	34	-36	104	0,35
Discouraged work-seekers	14,9	23,9	14	-16	43	0,36
Other (not economically active)	3,4	3,4	20	-50	90	0,58
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,2	4,4	-1,1	-3,0	0,7	0,23
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,9	1,7	0,3	-1,1	1,7	0,66
Labour force participation rate	1,5	1,6	-0,6	-2,1	1,0	0,46

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
	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018				
Western Cape – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,3	2,8	-2	-55	51	0,94
Employed	2,7	3,1	35	-2	72	0,06
Unemployed	10,6	11,2	-37	-86	11	0,13
Not economically active	4,5	5,3	11	-42	64	0,69
Discouraged work-seekers	15,8	29,2	14	-13	41	0,29
Other (not economically active)	4,6	5,9	-4	-53	46	0,89
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	9,6	10,3	-3,4	-7,2	0,4	0,08
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,7	3,1	1,9	-0,4	4,1	0,10
Labour force participation rate	2,3	2,8	-0,5	-3,7	2,7	0,77
Western Cape – City of Cape Town						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,0	1,9	-9	-55	37	0,70
Employed	2,6	2,0	-9	-61	43	0,73
Unemployed	6,3	5,4	0	-43	43	1,00
Not economically active	4,6	4,3	23	-23	69	0,33
Discouraged work-seekers	33,5	37,1	-1	-12	11	0,92
Other (not economically active)	4,8	4,1	23	-27	74	0,36
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	6,1	4,6	0,1	-1,9	2,1	0,93
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,6	2,0	-0,5	-2,3	1,2	0,53
Labour force participation rate	2,0	1,9	-0,7	-2,2	1,0	0,43

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
	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018				
Eastern Cape						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,8	2,0	-5	-81	70	0,89
Employed	2,2	2,5	-15	-78	49	0,65
Unemployed	4,6	5,4	9	-55	73	0,77
Not economically active	1,8	2,1	17	-58	93	0,65
Discouraged work-seekers	8,6	7,5	8	-50	67	0,78
Other (not economically active)	2,2	2,7	9	-40	58	0,73
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	3,7	4,2	0,5	-1,9	3,0	0,67
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,2	2,5	-0,5	-1,9	1,1	0,57
Labour force participation rate	1,8	2,0	-0,2	-2,0	1,5	0,77
Eastern Cape – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,6	3,2	-1	-72	69	0,97
Employed	3,0	3,6	-16	-73	42	0,59
Unemployed	6,0	7,8	14	-43	72	0,63
Not economically active	2,0	2,5	9	-62	79	0,80
Discouraged work-seekers	9,0	7,6	-7	-62	48	0,80
Other (not economically active)	2,6	3,2	16	-24	56	0,43
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,6	5,8	1,1	-2,5	4,8	0,53
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,0	3,6	-0,6	-2,6	1,4	0,55
Labour force participation rate	2,6	3,2	-0,2	-2,6	2,3	0,90

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
	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018				
Eastern Cape – Buffalo City						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	3,1	3,8	-24	-40	-7	0,01
Employed	6,5	7,5	-15	-33	3	0,11
Unemployed	10,2	11,8	-9	-17	-1	0,04
Not economically active	6,0	6,0	25	9	42	0,00
Discouraged work-seekers	27,4	33,8	18	-2	38	0,08
Other (not economically active)	5,8	9,7	8	-12	27	0,44
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	11,6	13,4	-0,9	-3,7	2,1	0,57
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	6,5	7,5	-3,0	-6,6	0,5	0,10
Labour force participation rate	3,1	3,8	-4,8	-8,0	-1,6	0,00
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,8	2,2	20	-2	42	0,07
Employed	3,0	2,6	16	-2	33	0,08
Unemployed	8,8	6,7	4	-24	32	0,77
Not economically active	5,7	5,0	-17	-39	5	0,13
Discouraged work-seekers	74,8	.				
Other (not economically active)	5,6	5,0	-15	-36	6	0,16
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	6,8	5,3	-0,5	-4,7	3,6	0,79
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,0	2,6	1,8	-0,4	3,9	0,11
Labour force participation rate	2,8	2,2	2,2	-0,5	4,9	0,11

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
	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018				
Northern Cape						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	4,4	4,9	-13	-27	0	0,05
Employed	5,0	6,2	-1	-22	20	0,92
Unemployed	9,4	5,0	-12	-28	3	0,12
Not economically active	5,5	5,7	15	2	29	0,03
Discouraged work-seekers	8,7	7,5	0	-5	5	1,00
Other (not economically active)	6,1	5,8	15	0	31	0,05
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	7,8	5,8	-2,0	-5,5	1,5	0,26
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	5,0	6,2	-0,2	-2,8	2,4	0,86
Labour force participation rate	4,4	4,9	-1,8	-3,5	-0,1	0,03
Free State						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,7	1,8	-12	-51	27	0,53
Employed	2,8	2,5	33	-14	79	0,17
Unemployed	4,3	7,0	-45	-89	-1	0,05
Not economically active	3,0	3,2	14	-25	53	0,47
Discouraged work-seekers	9,6	9,3	21	0	41	0,05
Other (not economically active)	3,2	3,0	-6	-40	27	0,71
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	3,9	5,9	-3,4	-6,8	0,1	0,06
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,8	2,5	1,7	-0,8	4,1	0,18
Labour force participation rate	1,7	1,8	-0,7	-2,8	1,3	0,49

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
	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018				
Free State – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,3	1,9	-14	-46	18	0,39
Employed	3,8	3,4	24	-18	65	0,26
Unemployed	5,6	7,6	-38	-68	-8	0,02
Not economically active	3,8	2,9	13	-19	45	0,42
Discouraged work-seekers	9,6	10,4	15	-3	34	0,11
Other (not economically active)	4,0	2,5	-2	-30	26	0,88
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,0	6,7	-3,9	-7,8	-0,1	0,05
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,8	3,4	1,8	-1,3	4,9	0,26
Labour force participation rate	2,3	1,9	-1,0	-3,4	1,4	0,41
Free State – Mangaung						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,6	4,3	1	-21	24	0,90
Employed	3,6	3,3	9	-11	29	0,39
Unemployed	4,9	15,3	-7	-40	25	0,66
Not economically active	3,5	9,4	1	-21	24	0,91
Discouraged work-seekers	37,7	19,0	6	-3	14	0,18
Other (not economically active)	5,2	9,0	-4	-23	15	0,65
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,5	11,9	-2,1	-9,4	5,2	0,58
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,6	3,3	1,4	-2,3	5,0	0,46
Labour force participation rate	1,6	4,3	-0,1	-4,2	4,0	0,97

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
	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018				
KwaZulu-Natal						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,8	1,8	141	12	269	0,03
Employed	2,2	2,0	13	-93	119	0,81
Unemployed	6,5	6,5	128	11	245	0,03
Not economically active	1,7	1,8	-114	-242	14	0,08
Discouraged work-seekers	8,1	8,3	-49	-144	45	0,31
Other (not economically active)	1,8	1,9	-65	-178	48	0,26
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,9	5,6	2,6	-0,2	5,6	0,07
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,2	2,0	0,0	-1,5	1,6	0,96
Labour force participation rate	1,8	1,8	1,8	0,0	3,6	0,05
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,8	2,9	114	1	227	0,05
Employed	3,3	3,0	45	-19	109	0,16
Unemployed	8,4	9,4	69	-25	163	0,15
Not economically active	2,0	2,3	-94	-207	19	0,10
Discouraged work-seekers	9,3	10,0	-33	-113	47	0,42
Other (not economically active)	2,3	2,4	-61	-154	32	0,20
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	7,3	7,7	1,9	-1,6	5,4	0,29
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,3	3,0	0,8	-0,5	2,2	0,23
Labour force participation rate	2,8	2,9	2,3	-0,2	4,7	0,07

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
	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018				
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekweni						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,9	1,5	27	-37	90	0,41
Employed	3,0	2,3	-32	-118	54	0,46
Unemployed	9,7	7,0	59	-11	128	0,10
Not economically active	2,9	2,4	-20	-83	44	0,54
Discouraged work-seekers	15,5	6,3	-16	-67	35	0,54
Other (not economically active)	3,0	3,0	-4	-70	63	0,91
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	9,7	6,8	3,6	-1,0	8,2	0,13
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,0	2,3	-1,5	-5,0	2,1	0,42
Labour force participation rate	1,9	1,5	1,0	-1,7	3,5	0,49
North West						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	3,6	3,1	-36	-159	88	0,57
Employed	4,2	3,6	-6	-110	97	0,90
Unemployed	6,8	6,3	-29	-96	38	0,39
Not economically active	4,0	3,3	46	-77	170	0,46
Discouraged work-seekers	9,6	7,9	12	-63	88	0,75
Other (not economically active)	4,8	3,7	34	-60	127	0,48
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,8	5,3	-1,4	-5,6	2,7	0,50
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	4,2	3,6	-0,4	-4,4	3,6	0,84
Labour force participation rate	3,6	3,1	-1,6	-6,4	3,2	0,51

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
	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018				
Gauteng						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,9	0,8	59	-108	227	0,49
Employed	1,2	1,2	86	-95	266	0,35
Unemployed	3,6	3,2	-27	-228	175	0,80
Not economically active	2,1	2,0	-10	-177	158	0,91
Discouraged work-seekers	7,8	8,2	12	-85	109	0,81
Other (not economically active)	2,0	1,8	-21	-153	110	0,75
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	3,1	2,9	-0,6	-3,1	1,9	0,63
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,2	1,2	0,6	-1,2	2,4	0,51
Labour force participation rate	0,9	0,8	0,2	-1,4	1,9	0,78
Gauteng – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,4	2,9	-48	-110	14	0,13
Employed	2,9	3,1	-18	-65	29	0,44
Unemployed	5,8	7,5	-30	-63	4	0,08
Not economically active	4,3	4,4	51	-12	113	0,11
Discouraged work-seekers	11,7	11,0	29	-23	81	0,27
Other (not economically active)	3,5	4,4	21	-17	60	0,27
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,9	6,2	-1,9	-5,1	1,1	0,21
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,9	3,1	-1,4	-4,9	2,0	0,41
Labour force participation rate	2,4	2,9	-3,7	-8,3	0,9	0,12

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
	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018				
Gauteng – Ekurhuleni						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,8	1,4	40	-46	126	0,36
Employed	2,6	1,9	23	-58	104	0,58
Unemployed	5,6	5,5	17	-75	109	0,72
Not economically active	4,3	3,6	-31	-117	55	0,48
Discouraged work-seekers	14,5	17,7	-8	-56	39	0,73
Other (not economically active)	5,1	3,4	-23	-102	57	0,57
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,9	4,7	0,3	-4,1	4,6	0,91
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,6	1,9	0,8	-2,4	3,9	0,65
Labour force participation rate	1,8	1,4	1,3	-2,0	4,7	0,44
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,2	1,3	31	-68	130	0,54
Employed	1,8	2,3	30	-93	153	0,63
Unemployed	5,2	5,1	1	-123	125	0,99
Not economically active	3,5	4,0	-7	-106	92	0,89
Discouraged work-seekers	24,1	19,1	12	-34	58	0,60
Other (not economically active)	2,9	3,6	-19	-87	49	0,58
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,6	4,8	-0,2	-4,3	3,8	0,89
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,8	2,3	0,4	-2,8	3,7	0,78
Labour force participation rate	1,2	1,3	0,4	-2,3	3,0	0,80

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
	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018				
Gauteng – City of Tshwane						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,1	1,7	36	-54	127	0,43
Employed	3,0	2,5	51	-44	146	0,29
Unemployed	10,6	8,3	-15	-142	112	0,82
Not economically active	4,7	4,0	-22	-112	68	0,63
Discouraged work-seekers	15,8	21,9	-21	-72	29	0,41
Other (not economically active)	4,5	2,7	-1	-75	73	0,98
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	9,2	7,3	-1,4	-7,8	4,9	0,66
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,0	2,5	1,8	-2,0	5,5	0,36
Labour force participation rate	2,1	1,7	1,0	-2,5	4,6	0,56
Mpumalanga						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,7	2,6	9	-109	126	0,88
Employed	2,2	3,0	14	-83	112	0,78
Unemployed	4,9	6,5	-5	-115	104	0,92
Not economically active	2,8	4,3	2	-115	120	0,97
Discouraged work-seekers	7,6	13,0	-8	-74	59	0,82
Other (not economically active)	2,6	3,8	10	-76	97	0,82
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,2	5,3	-0,5	-5,4	4,5	0,86
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,2	3,0	0,3	-3,0	3,7	0,85
Labour force participation rate	1,7	2,6	0,1	-4,0	4,1	0,98

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
	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018				
Limpopo						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,0	2,1	-53	-168	63	0,37
Employed	2,4	2,0	-1	-91	89	0,98
Unemployed	12,5	10,1	-51	-163	60	0,36
Not economically active	1,9	1,9	65	-51	180	0,27
Discouraged work-seekers	6,1	6,4	98	0	195	0,05
Other (not economically active)	1,5	2,2	-33	-122	56	0,47
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	11,4	8,9	-2,4	-7,8	3,1	0,40
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,4	2,0	-0,2	-2,6	2,3	0,90
Labour force participation rate	2,0	2,1	-1,6	-4,6	1,5	0,32

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
	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018				
Both sexes	0,7	0,7	149	-124	421	0,28
Agriculture	4,6	4,7	7	-67	81	0,85
Mining	6,9	7,1	31	-46	109	0,42
Manufacturing	2,8	2,9	48	-75	170	0,44
Utilities	9,8	12,1	-22	-62	18	0,28
Construction	2,9	3,0	-21	-133	91	0,71
Trade	1,9	2,1	14	-134	163	0,85
Transport	3,3	3,6	-30	-108	47	0,44
Finance	2,5	2,2	109	-44	263	0,16
Community and social services	1,8	1,8	-51	-199	97	0,50
Private households	2,9	2,7	65	-28	158	0,17
Women	1,0	1,0	25	-144	194	0,77
Agriculture	9,1	8,3	8	-48	64	0,78
Mining	16,4	14,6	15	-9	38	0,21
Manufacturing	4,4	5,0	22	-43	87	0,51
Utilities	21,3	21,1	-1	-21	20	0,96
Construction	8,8	8,8	0	-31	30	0,98
Trade	2,6	2,9	-83	-186	19	0,11
Transport	7,1	7,7	-22	-54	10	0,17
Finance	3,3	3,1	63	-25	152	0,16
Community and social services	2,1	2,1	-14	-125	97	0,81
Private households	3,0	2,8	36	-38	111	0,34
Men	0,8	0,8	124	-45	292	0,15
Agriculture	4,3	4,8	-1	-55	53	0,98
Mining	7,6	7,5	16	-55	87	0,65
Manufacturing	3,3	3,2	26	-70	121	0,60
Utilities	11,0	12,9	-22	-55	11	0,20
Construction	2,9	3,1	-21	-124	83	0,70
Trade	2,6	2,6	98	-7	203	0,07
Transport	3,6	3,9	-8	-75	59	0,82
Finance	3,0	2,8	46	-59	151	0,39
Community and social services	2,7	2,6	-37	-126	51	0,41
Private households	6,0	6,1	29	-14	72	0,19

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
	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018				
South Africa	0,7	0,7	149	-124	421	0,28
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1,0	1,0	92	-186	369	0,52
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	2,0	2,3	-15	-175	144	0,85
Agriculture	4,6	4,7	7	-67	81	0,85
Private households	2,9	2,7	65	-28	158	0,17
Western Cape	1,9	1,7	26	-36	89	0,41
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,6	2,4	-17	-89	56	0,65
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	6,4	6,3	12	-27	51	0,55
Agriculture	7,8	8,1	29	6	53	0,02
Private households	8,9	9,4	2	-19	22	0,87
Western Cape – Non-metro	2,7	3,1	35	-2	72	0,06
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,3	5,1	-19	-58	20	0,34
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	11,3	10,0	18	-8	44	0,17
Agriculture	8,2	7,8	28	8	47	0,01
Private households	14,3	13,8	8	-7	23	0,27
Western Cape – City of Cape Town	2,6	2,0	-9	-61	43	0,73
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,2	2,7	2	-59	64	0,94
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,6	7,9	-6	-37	24	0,69
Agriculture	24,0	36,7	2	-11	14	0,82
Private households	11,7	13,7	-7	-21	8	0,36
Eastern Cape	2,2	2,5	-15	-78	49	0,65
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,4	3,5	23	-25	71	0,35
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	6,8	6,8	-41	-82	0	0,05
Agriculture	9,9	14,3	-11	-37	16	0,43
Private households	10,4	8,0	14	-14	42	0,32
Eastern Cape – Non-metro	3,0	3,6	-16	-73	42	0,59
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,5	5,0	13	-26	53	0,50
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,5	6,5	-20	-54	14	0,25
Agriculture	10,0	15,4	-18	-44	7	0,16
Private households	12,7	10,9	9	-13	31	0,41

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
	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018				
Eastern Cape – Buffalo City	6,5	7,5	-15	-33	3	0,11
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	7,4	10,1	-14	-36	9	0,23
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	9,2	16,5	-4	-19	11	0,62
Agriculture	98,3	76,8	2	-3	7	0,36
Private households	19,0	12,1	1	-3	4	0,76
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay	3,0	2,6	16	-2	33	0,08
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	6,9	5,2	23	8	39	0,00
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	23,2	27,2	-17	-33	-1	0,03
Agriculture	.	43,5
Private households	27,1	17,2	4	-13	22	0,61
Northern Cape	5,0	6,2	-1	-22	20	0,92
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	6,6	8,1	-9	-27	9	0,32
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	25,1	21,7	9	0	18	0,06
Agriculture	14,5	13,1	-3	-12	6	0,51
Private households	15,2	11,4	2	-2	6	0,31
Free State	2,8	2,5	33	-14	79	0,17
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,1	4,8	46	6	86	0,03
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,4	9,9	0	-25	25	0,98
Agriculture	12,0	10,7	-17	-31	-4	0,01
Private households	11,4	10,9	4	-14	22	0,66
Free State – Non-metro	3,8	3,4	24	-18	65	0,26
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,9	6,3	26	3	49	0,03
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	10,7	12,8	1	-16	19	0,87
Agriculture	12,4	11,0	-16	-29	-3	0,02
Private households	13,6	14,0	12	-4	28	0,14
Free State – Mangaung	3,6	3,3	9	-11	29	0,39
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	7,3	7,3	20	-13	52	0,23
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,1	15,4	-1	-19	17	0,90
Agriculture	38,5	7,3	-2	-4	1	0,24
Private households	20,4	11,3	-8	-17	2	0,10

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
	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018				
KwaZulu-Natal	2,2	2,0	13	-93	119	0,81
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,7	2,8	-49	-141	43	0,30
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	5,8	6,4	25	-32	82	0,39
Agriculture	19,2	19,0	15	-1	31	0,06
Private households	7,4	6,4	21	-5	48	0,12
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro	3,3	3,0	45	-19	109	0,16
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,4	4,3	-3	-63	56	0,91
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,5	8,1	15	-20	51	0,40
Agriculture	20,0	19,8	14	-1	30	0,07
Private households	11,8	10,9	19	0	38	0,05
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekweni	3,0	2,3	-32	-118	54	0,46
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,3	3,7	-45	-117	27	0,22
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	8,7	10,3	10	-34	53	0,66
Agriculture	31,5	22,2	1	-2	4	0,58
Private households	9,1	6,2	2	-17	22	0,81
North West	4,2	3,6	-6	-110	97	0,90
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	5,1	4,2	-11	-98	77	0,81
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,7	8,4	-7	-41	28	0,71
Agriculture	23,4	11,1	2	-24	28	0,87
Private households	13,6	13,8	9	-26	43	0,62
Gauteng	1,2	1,2	86	-95	266	0,35
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1,8	1,9	53	-158	265	0,62
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	3,8	3,8	33	-58	124	0,48
Agriculture	30,4	33,9	-4	-31	24	0,80
Private households	5,3	5,1	3	-60	66	0,92
Gauteng – Non-metro	2,9	3,1	-18	-65	29	0,44
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	6,7	6,3	-22	-103	58	0,59
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	12,4	9,7	7	-36	51	0,74
Agriculture	32,8	32,9	2	-11	15	0,77
Private households	14,1	15,2	-6	-35	24	0,71

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
	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018				
Gauteng – Ekurhuleni	2,6	1,9	23	-58	104	0,58
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,1	2,4	28	-59	116	0,53
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	6,1	8,0	-1	-32	30	0,95
Agriculture	46,7	36,3	-1	-7	5	0,76
Private households	11,8	9,7	-3	-26	20	0,79
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg	1,8	2,3	30	-93	153	0,63
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,9	3,6	-19	-150	112	0,78
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	4,2	6,0	20	-34	75	0,46
Agriculture	65,4	69,9	-2	-7	4	0,57
Private households	6,5	7,1	30	-9	69	0,13
Gauteng – City of Tshwane	3,0	2,5	51	-44	146	0,29
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,5	4,3	66	-53	186	0,28
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	13,1	7,4	6	-41	53	0,81
Agriculture	63,8	82,6	-3	-26	20	0,79
Private households	13,3	12,4	-18	-51	15	0,28
Mpumalanga	2,2	3,0	14	-83	112	0,78
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,3	3,2	16	-51	83	0,64
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,3	8,8	-15	-86	56	0,69
Agriculture	8,7	12,4	5	-22	31	0,72
Private households	7,6	6,4	8	-13	28	0,45
Limpopo	2,4	2,0	-1	-91	89	0,98
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,8	4,5	39	-49	126	0,39
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	3,7	5,3	-32	-88	24	0,26
Agriculture	10,1	9,6	-10	-51	32	0,65
Private households	10,2	10,6	2	-33	38	0,91

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
	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018				
Both sexes	0,7	0,7	149	-124	421	0,28
Manager	3,4	3,0	13	-104	130	0,83
Professional	4,0	4,6	-70	-149	9	0,08
Technician	3,3	3,1	75	-46	195	0,22
Clerk	2,5	2,3	15	-72	101	0,74
Sales and services	2,2	2,1	34	-104	172	0,63
Skilled agriculture	13,2	16,3	7	-15	29	0,51
Craft and related trade	2,3	2,2	55	-66	175	0,37
Plant and machine operator	3,2	3,0	12	-92	116	0,82
Elementary	1,8	1,8	-34	-203	135	0,69
Domestic worker	3,0	2,8	45	-29	118	0,23
Women	1,0	1,0	25	-144	194	0,77
Manager	5,5	5,1	-18	-78	41	0,55
Professional	5,6	6,1	-24	-85	37	0,44
Technician	4,3	4,0	30	-53	114	0,48
Clerk	2,6	2,5	-13	-88	61	0,72
Sales and services	3,0	2,8	16	-80	112	0,75
Skilled agriculture	28,0	28,1	4	-6	13	0,44
Craft and related trade	6,9	6,7	-2	-37	33	0,91
Plant and machine operator	8,0	7,6	4	-26	33	0,80
Elementary	2,7	2,4	-15	-119	88	0,77
Domestic worker	3,0	2,9	44	-28	117	0,23
Men	0,8	0,8	124	-45	292	0,15
Manager	3,5	3,0	31	-51	114	0,46
Professional	4,7	4,9	-46	-96	3	0,06
Technician	4,2	4,1	44	-27	115	0,22
Clerk	4,9	4,5	28	-21	78	0,26
Sales and services	2,9	2,7	18	-74	111	0,69
Skilled agriculture	14,8	17,9	4	-16	23	0,70
Craft and related trade	2,4	2,4	57	-60	173	0,34
Plant and machine operator	3,5	3,3	8	-91	108	0,87
Elementary	2,0	2,3	-19	-134	97	0,75
Domestic worker	17,0	15,5	0	-13	13	0,97

Table 2B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by sex						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018				
Both sexes						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,5	0,6	617	314	920	0,00
Employed	0,7	0,7	358	58	657	0,02
Formal sector (non-agriculture)	0,9	1,0	102	-200	405	0,51
Informal sector (non-agriculture)	2,3	2,3	193	5	381	0,04
Agriculture	4,5	4,7	0	-99	98	1,00
Private households	2,9	2,7	62	-40	165	0,23
Unemployed	1,9	1,9	259	-35	553	0,08
Not economically active	0,7	0,8	-9	-312	294	0,95
Discouraged work-seekers	3,3	3,3	303	87	518	0,01
Other (not economically active)	0,8	0,8	-311	-567	-56	0,02
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,7	1,7	0,4	-0,8	1,6	0,49
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,7	0,7	0,2	-0,5	1,0	0,53
Labour force participation rate	0,5	0,6	0,6	-0,1	1,5	0,10
Women						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,7	0,8	323	128	518	0,00
Employed	0,9	1,0	179	-4	361	0,06
Formal sector (non-agriculture)	1,3	1,4	90	-78	258	0,29
Informal sector (non-agriculture)	3,0	3,3	29	-72	130	0,57
Agriculture	7,4	8,3	17	-40	75	0,55
Private households	3,2	2,8	42	-44	127	0,34
Unemployed	2,2	2,3	144	-34	323	0,11
Not economically active	0,8	0,9	-32	-226	163	0,75
Discouraged work-seekers	3,6	3,7	164	36	292	0,01
Other (not economically active)	0,9	1,0	-195	-377	-14	0,04
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,9	2,0	0,5	-1,1	2,0	0,53
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,9	1,0	0,3	-0,6	1,3	0,46
Labour force participation rate	0,7	0,8	0,8	-0,1	1,9	0,09

Table 2B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by sex (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018				
Men						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,6	0,5	294	115	473	0,00
Employed	0,8	0,8	179	-22	380	0,08
Formal sector (non-agriculture)	1,1	1,1	12	-189	214	0,90
Informal sector (non-agriculture)	2,8	2,7	164	25	303	0,02
Agriculture	5,5	4,8	-18	-96	60	0,66
Private households	6,2	6,1	21	-29	70	0,42
Unemployed	2,3	2,2	115	-61	291	0,20
Not economically active	1,0	1,0	23	-156	202	0,80
Discouraged work-seekers	4,3	4,1	139	3	274	0,05
Other (not economically active)	1,0	1,1	-116	-261	30	0,12
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	2,2	2,0	0,3	-1,0	1,7	0,62
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,8	0,8	0,1	-1,0	1,2	0,82
Labour force participation rate	0,6	0,5	0,5	-0,5	1,4	0,34

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
	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018				
South Africa						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,5	0,6	617	314	920	0,00
Employed	0,7	0,7	358	58	657	0,02
Unemployed	1,9	1,9	259	-35	553	0,08
Not economically active	0,7	0,8	-9	-312	294	0,95
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,7	1,7	0,4	-0,8	1,6	0,49
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,7	0,7	0,2	-0,5	1,0	0,53
Labour force participation rate	0,5	0,6	0,6	-0,1	1,5	0,10
Black/African						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,6	0,6	675	405	944	0,00
Employed	0,8	0,8	405	145	664	0,00
Unemployed	2,0	2,0	270	-5	545	0,05
Not economically active	0,8	0,9	-77	-347	192	0,57
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,8	1,7	0,4	-1,0	1,7	0,59
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,8	0,8	0,5	-0,3	1,4	0,21
Labour force participation rate	0,6	0,6	1,0	0,2	2,0	0,02
Coloured						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,4	1,7	-11	-110	89	0,83
Employed	2,3	1,8	34	-62	131	0,49
Unemployed	4,4	6,1	-45	-108	18	0,16
Not economically active	2,4	2,9	46	-53	146	0,36
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,6	5,2	-1,9	-4,7	0,8	0,16
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,3	1,8	0,5	-2,3	3,3	0,73
Labour force participation rate	1,4	1,7	-0,9	-3,9	1,9	0,51

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
	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018				
Indian/Asian						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,9	3,4	-1	-51	49	0,96
Employed	2,8	4,0	-20	-68	27	0,41
Unemployed	14,4	13,1	19	-5	43	0,12
Not economically active	4,3	5,0	10	-40	60	0,70
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	13,3	12,9	3,2	-0,6	7,0	0,10
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,8	4,0	-2,5	-7,2	2,3	0,31
Labour force participation rate	2,9	3,4	-0,6	-5,6	4,4	0,80
White						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,5	1,6	-46	-129	38	0,28
Employed	1,9	1,9	-61	-148	26	0,17
Unemployed	11,0	16,6	15	-43	74	0,60
Not economically active	3,3	3,3	13	-71	96	0,77
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	11,3	16,2	0,9	-1,9	3,8	0,52
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,9	1,9	-1,4	-4,3	1,6	0,36
Labour force participation rate	1,5	1,6	-0,8	-3,6	2,0	0,58

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018				
South Africa						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,5	0,6	617	314	920	0,00
Employed	0,7	0,7	358	58	657	0,02
Unemployed	1,9	1,9	259	-35	553	0,08
Not economically active	0,7	0,8	-9	-312	294	0,95
Discouraged work-seekers	3,3	3,3	303	87	518	0,01
Other (not economically active)	0,8	0,8	-311	-567	-56	0,02
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,7	1,7	0,4	-0,8	1,6	0,49
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,7	0,7	0,2	-0,5	1,0	0,53
Labour force participation rate	0,5	0,6	0,6	-0,1	1,5	0,10
Western Cape						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,2	1,6	27	-83	138	0,63
Employed	1,4	1,7	29	-79	137	0,60
Unemployed	4,0	5,1	-1	-67	64	0,97
Not economically active	2,6	3,4	63	-47	174	0,26
Discouraged work-seekers	18,8	23,9	16	-7	40	0,18
Other (not economically active)	2,5	3,4	47	-66	161	0,41
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	3,7	4,4	-0,2	-2,2	1,8	0,83
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,4	1,7	-0,5	-2,8	1,9	0,70
Labour force participation rate	1,2	1,6	-0,8	-3,2	1,7	0,54

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
	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018				
Western Cape – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,0	2,8	9	-50	69	0,76
Employed	2,3	3,1	3	-47	53	0,90
Unemployed	10,6	11,2	6	-44	57	0,81
Not economically active	4,0	5,3	26	-33	85	0,39
Discouraged work-seekers	22,1	29,2	17	-6	40	0,15
Other (not economically active)	3,9	5,9	9	-53	72	0,77
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	9,9	10,3	0,4	-3,8	4,6	0,83
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,3	3,1	-1,0	-4,0	2,0	0,51
Labour force participation rate	2,0	2,8	-0,8	-4,4	2,7	0,64
Western Cape – City of Cape Town						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,5	1,9	18	-76	112	0,71
Employed	1,8	2,0	26	-67	119	0,59
Unemployed	3,9	5,4	-8	-54	38	0,74
Not economically active	3,5	4,3	37	-56	131	0,43
Discouraged work-seekers	34,9	37,1	-1	-7	6	0,86
Other (not economically active)	3,3	4,1	38	-56	132	0,43
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	3,6	4,6	-0,5	-2,8	1,7	0,61
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,8	2,0	-0,1	-3,4	3,1	0,93
Labour force participation rate	1,5	1,9	-0,7	-3,9	2,5	0,67

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
	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018				
Eastern Cape						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,6	2,0	8	-81	97	0,85
Employed	2,4	2,5	-16	-100	68	0,71
Unemployed	5,0	5,4	24	-68	117	0,61
Not economically active	1,6	2,1	41	-48	130	0,37
Discouraged work-seekers	9,1	7,5	47	-16	110	0,14
Other (not economically active)	1,8	2,7	-6	-98	86	0,90
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,3	4,2	1,0	-2,7	4,7	0,60
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,4	2,5	-0,8	-2,7	1,2	0,46
Labour force participation rate	1,6	2,0	-0,4	-2,5	1,7	0,71
Eastern Cape – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,4	3,2	-2	-81	78	0,96
Employed	3,3	3,6	-34	-100	31	0,31
Unemployed	6,6	7,8	32	-45	110	0,41
Not economically active	1,9	2,5	33	-46	113	0,41
Discouraged work-seekers	9,4	7,6	27	-32	86	0,37
Other (not economically active)	2,2	3,2	7	-77	90	0,88
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,5	5,8	2,6	-2,3	7,5	0,30
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,3	3,6	-1,4	-3,7	0,8	0,20
Labour force participation rate	2,4	3,2	-0,6	-3,3	2,2	0,70

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
	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018				
Eastern Cape – Buffalo City						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,5	3,8	-33	-57	-9	0,01
Employed	4,3	7,5	-15	-52	23	0,44
Unemployed	8,4	11,8	-18	-40	3	0,09
Not economically active	5,4	6,0	39	15	63	0,00
Discouraged work-seekers	20,9	33,8	21	-1	42	0,06
Other (not economically active)	6,1	9,7	18	-7	44	0,16
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	8,3	13,4	-2,9	-10,3	4,6	0,46
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	4,3	7,5	-3,4	-10,7	3,9	0,36
Labour force participation rate	2,5	3,8	-7,2	-11,9	-2,5	0,00
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,9	2,2	43	11	76	0,01
Employed	5,3	2,6	33	-4	70	0,08
Unemployed	10,4	6,7	10	-35	56	0,65
Not economically active	3,5	5,0	-31	-64	1	0,06
Discouraged work-seekers	99,6	.				
Other (not economically active)	3,4	5,0	-31	-63	2	0,06
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	9,6	5,3	-1,0	-8,5	6,5	0,80
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	5,3	2,6	3,4	-1,2	8,0	0,14
Labour force participation rate	1,9	2,2	4,4	0,3	8,4	0,03

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
	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018				
Northern Cape						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	3,7	4,9	-12	-61	37	0,63
Employed	6,9	6,2	0	-54	54	0,99
Unemployed	6,5	5,0	-12	-23	-2	0,03
Not economically active	4,7	5,7	21	-28	69	0,41
Discouraged work-seekers	11,9	7,5	-3	-25	19	0,80
Other (not economically active)	4,1	5,8	23	-10	57	0,17
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	9,3	5,8	-2,1	-6,6	2,4	0,35
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	6,9	6,2	-0,4	-7,2	6,4	0,91
Labour force participation rate	3,7	4,9	-2,1	-8,2	4,0	0,50
Free State						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,3	1,8	7	-41	55	0,77
Employed	3,6	2,5	1	-55	56	0,98
Unemployed	7,4	7,0	7	-56	69	0,84
Not economically active	2,2	3,2	2	-46	50	0,93
Discouraged work-seekers	8,9	9,3	2	-20	23	0,88
Other (not economically active)	3,1	3,0	1	-42	43	0,98
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	7,2	5,9	0,3	-4,4	5,0	0,89
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,6	2,5	-0,2	-3,1	2,8	0,91
Labour force participation rate	1,3	1,8	0,0	-2,5	2,6	0,96

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
	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018				
Free State – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,5	1,9	14	-29	57	0,52
Employed	4,6	3,4	8	-36	52	0,71
Unemployed	9,2	7,6	6	-38	50	0,80
Not economically active	2,3	2,9	-15	-58	28	0,48
Discouraged work-seekers	10,4	10,4	4	-16	23	0,72
Other (not economically active)	3,4	2,5	-19	-58	20	0,34
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	8,8	6,7	0,1	-4,7	4,9	0,97
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	4,6	3,4	0,6	-2,6	3,9	0,69
Labour force participation rate	1,5	1,9	1,1	-2,1	4,3	0,50
Free State – Mangaung						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,2	4,3	-7	-28	14	0,52
Employed	5,6	3,3	-8	-41	26	0,65
Unemployed	11,8	15,3	1	-44	45	0,97
Not economically active	5,4	9,4	18	-4	39	0,10
Discouraged work-seekers	13,0	19,0	-2	-10	7	0,67
Other (not economically active)	7,0	9,0	19	1	38	0,04
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	12,0	11,9	0,7	-9,9	11,4	0,89
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	5,6	3,3	-2,4	-8,6	3,9	0,45
Labour force participation rate	2,2	4,3	-2,6	-6,5	1,2	0,18

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
	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018				
KwaZulu-Natal						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,6	1,8	251	118	384	0,00
Employed	2,0	2,0	135	24	245	0,02
Unemployed	6,3	6,5	116	-22	255	0,10
Not economically active	1,4	1,8	-144	-277	-10	0,04
Discouraged work-seekers	6,6	8,3	46	-71	163	0,44
Other (not economically active)	1,8	1,9	-189	-315	-64	0,00
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,6	5,6	1,5	-1,9	5,0	0,37
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,0	2,0	1,3	-0,2	2,9	0,09
Labour force participation rate	1,6	1,8	2,9	0,9	4,7	0,00
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,6	2,9	238	115	362	0,00
Employed	3,4	3,0	123	37	208	0,01
Unemployed	8,9	9,4	116	-3	234	0,06
Not economically active	1,7	2,3	-158	-282	-35	0,01
Discouraged work-seekers	7,2	10,0	-8	-121	106	0,90
Other (not economically active)	2,3	2,4	-151	-267	-34	0,01
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	8,0	7,7	2,6	-2,3	7,5	0,29
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,4	3,0	2,1	0,3	4,0	0,03
Labour force participation rate	2,6	2,9	4,5	1,8	7,2	0,00

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018				
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekweni						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,4	1,5	13	-38	64	0,62
Employed	1,9	2,3	12	-55	79	0,72
Unemployed	8,4	7,0	1	-71	73	0,98
Not economically active	2,3	2,4	15	-36	65	0,57
Discouraged work-seekers	16,8	6,3	53	25	82	0,00
Other (not economically active)	2,7	3,0	-39	-87	10	0,12
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	7,6	6,8	-0,1	-4,7	4,4	0,95
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,9	2,3	-0,1	-2,8	2,7	0,97
Labour force participation rate	1,4	1,5	-0,1	-2,3	1,9	0,87
North West						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,8	3,1	12	-89	113	0,82
Employed	3,4	3,6	-27	-120	67	0,58
Unemployed	7,8	6,3	38	-31	107	0,28
Not economically active	3,0	3,3	32	-69	133	0,54
Discouraged work-seekers	8,6	7,9	28	-42	99	0,43
Other (not economically active)	2,9	3,7	4	-78	86	0,93
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	7,1	5,3	2,7	-2,1	7,4	0,27
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,4	3,6	-1,7	-5,4	2,0	0,36
Labour force participation rate	2,8	3,1	-0,4	-4,4	3,5	0,83

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
	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018				
Gauteng						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,9	0,8	233	59	407	0,01
Employed	1,3	1,2	172	-3	347	0,05
Unemployed	3,1	3,2	60	-112	233	0,49
Not economically active	2,2	2,0	-32	-206	142	0,72
Discouraged work-seekers	8,1	8,2	41	-49	132	0,37
Other (not economically active)	1,9	1,8	-73	-207	60	0,28
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	2,7	2,9	-0,1	-2,3	2,1	0,93
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,3	1,2	0,7	-1,0	2,4	0,42
Labour force participation rate	0,9	0,8	0,9	-0,8	2,6	0,30
Gauteng – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	4,0	2,9	-50	-140	39	0,27
Employed	5,1	3,1	-35	-105	34	0,32
Unemployed	12,4	7,5	-15	-59	29	0,50
Not economically active	7,2	4,4	62	-28	151	0,18
Discouraged work-seekers	22,5	11,0	69	10	127	0,02
Other (not economically active)	5,9	4,4	-7	-52	38	0,76
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	10,9	6,2	-0,1	-4,1	3,7	0,92
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	5,1	3,1	-3,0	-8,2	2,2	0,25
Labour force participation rate	4,0	2,9	-4,3	-11,0	2,4	0,21

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
	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018				
Gauteng – Ekurhuleni						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,7	1,4	2	-67	71	0,96
Employed	3,2	1,9	46	-41	132	0,30
Unemployed	5,0	5,5	-44	-128	40	0,30
Not economically active	4,4	3,6	35	-34	104	0,32
Discouraged work-seekers	15,6	17,7	27	-7	62	0,12
Other (not economically active)	3,9	3,4	8	-61	77	0,83
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,0	4,7	-2,4	-6,7	1,9	0,27
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,2	1,9	1,1	-2,3	4,5	0,53
Labour force participation rate	1,7	1,4	-1,0	-3,7	1,7	0,48
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,8	1,3	198	81	314	0,00
Employed	1,4	2,3	119	11	227	0,03
Unemployed	5,8	5,1	79	-47	205	0,22
Not economically active	4,4	4,0	-102	-219	15	0,09
Discouraged work-seekers	15,9	19,1	-40	-88	8	0,10
Other (not economically active)	3,7	3,6	-62	-153	30	0,18
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,4	4,8	0,8	-3,2	4,8	0,69
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,4	2,3	1,8	-1,0	4,7	0,21
Labour force participation rate	1,8	1,3	3,4	0,3	6,5	0,03

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
	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018				
Gauteng – City of Tshwane						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,0	1,7	84	9	158	0,03
Employed	2,3	2,5	43	-39	125	0,30
Unemployed	4,5	8,3	41	-35	117	0,29
Not economically active	2,1	4,0	-27	-101	48	0,48
Discouraged work-seekers	9,0	21,9	-15	-56	27	0,49
Other (not economically active)	2,7	2,7	-12	-69	45	0,68
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,8	7,3	1,1	-3,0	5,0	0,61
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,3	2,5	0,6	-2,7	3,8	0,73
Labour force participation rate	1,0	1,7	1,8	-1,2	4,8	0,24
Mpumalanga						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,1	2,6	85	-26	195	0,13
Employed	2,4	3,0	3	-92	99	0,94
Unemployed	7,2	6,5	81	-22	185	0,12
Not economically active	3,2	4,3	-38	-149	73	0,50
Discouraged work-seekers	9,5	13,0	-37	-111	36	0,32
Other (not economically active)	3,1	3,8	-1	-86	84	0,99
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	6,0	5,3	3,1	-1,8	8,0	0,21
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,4	3,0	-0,6	-3,9	2,7	0,73
Labour force participation rate	2,1	2,6	2,0	-1,9	5,7	0,32

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
	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018				
Limpopo						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,6	2,1	6	-88	99	0,91
Employed	2,1	2,0	59	-20	138	0,14
Unemployed	8,0	10,1	-54	-129	21	0,16
Not economically active	1,4	1,9	46	-48	139	0,34
Discouraged work-seekers	9,7	6,4	163	69	256	0,00
Other (not economically active)	2,8	2,2	-117	-216	-18	0,02
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	7,4	8,9	-3,1	-6,9	0,7	0,11
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,1	2,0	1,0	-1,1	3,2	0,33
Labour force participation rate	1,6	2,1	-0,5	-3,0	2,0	0,70

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
	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018				
Both sexes	0,7	0,7	358	58	657	0,02
Agriculture	4,5	4,7	0	-99	98	1,00
Mining	6,5	7,1	27	-51	104	0,50
Manufacturing	2,8	2,9	-24	-153	104	0,71
Utilities	10,0	12,1	-16	-54	23	0,43
Construction	2,9	3,0	91	-18	200	0,10
Trade	1,9	2,1	79	-105	264	0,40
Transport	3,3	3,6	-36	-136	64	0,48
Finance	2,6	2,2	238	90	386	0,00
Community and social services	1,8	1,8	-67	-239	106	0,45
Private households	2,9	2,7	62	-40	165	0,23
Women	0,9	1,0	179	-4	361	0,06
Agriculture	7,4	8,3	17	-40	75	0,55
Mining	17,3	14,6	21	-3	45	0,08
Manufacturing	4,5	5,0	9	-66	85	0,81
Utilities	17,4	21,1	-4	-24	16	0,71
Construction	8,3	8,8	-23	-62	16	0,25
Trade	2,7	2,9	-27	-150	95	0,66
Transport	8,2	7,7	-17	-62	28	0,46
Finance	3,9	3,1	165	69	261	0,00
Community and social services	2,1	2,1	-8	-135	119	0,90
Private households	3,2	2,8	42	-44	127	0,34
Men	0,8	0,8	179	-22	380	0,08
Agriculture	5,5	4,8	-18	-96	60	0,66
Mining	7,1	7,5	6	-68	79	0,88
Manufacturing	3,1	3,2	-34	-131	64	0,50
Utilities	11,5	12,9	-12	-43	19	0,45
Construction	3,0	3,1	114	13	215	0,03
Trade	2,6	2,6	107	-23	236	0,11
Transport	3,6	3,9	-19	-107	69	0,67
Finance	3,0	2,8	73	-40	186	0,21
Community and social services	2,7	2,6	-58	-157	41	0,25
Private households	6,2	6,1	21	-29	70	0,42

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
	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018				
South Africa	0,7	0,7	358	58	657	0,02
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	0,9	1,0	102	-200	405	0,51
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	2,3	2,3	193	5	381	0,04
Agriculture	4,5	4,7	0	-99	98	1,00
Private households	2,9	2,7	62	-40	165	0,23
Western Cape	1,4	1,7	29	-79	137	0,60
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,0	2,4	-26	-149	98	0,69
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,8	6,3	34	-18	87	0,20
Agriculture	6,6	8,1	20	-27	67	0,40
Private households	8,3	9,4	0	-42	43	1,00
Western Cape – Non-metro	2,3	3,1	3	-47	53	0,90
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,3	5,1	-61	-139	17	0,12
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	15,0	10,0	32	0	63	0,05
Agriculture	5,4	7,8	23	-18	64	0,27
Private households	13,2	13,8	10	-8	28	0,28
Western Cape – City of Cape Town	1,8	2,0	26	-67	119	0,59
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,3	2,7	35	-62	133	0,47
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	9,5	7,9	3	-40	46	0,90
Agriculture	36,7	36,7	-3	-26	20	0,81
Private households	11,4	13,7	-10	-48	29	0,63
Eastern Cape	2,4	2,5	-16	-100	68	0,71
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,4	3,5	23	-55	101	0,56
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,3	6,8	-20	-75	35	0,48
Agriculture	18,0	14,3	-17	-64	31	0,49
Private households	8,3	8,0	-2	-24	20	0,86
Eastern Cape – Non-metro	3,3	3,6	-34	-100	31	0,31
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	5,6	5,0	-13	-78	52	0,69
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	8,1	6,5	-7	-50	36	0,75
Agriculture	18,8	15,4	-18	-65	29	0,46
Private households	12,7	10,9	4	-14	21	0,69

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
	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018				
Eastern Cape – Buffalo City	4,3	7,5	-15	-52	23	0,44
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	5,2	10,1	2	-34	38	0,92
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	14,3	16,5	-16	-24	-7	0,00
Agriculture	66,2	76,8	-3	-8	1	0,10
Private households	22,9	12,1	3	-1	6	0,15
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay	5,3	2,6	33	-4	70	0,08
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	5,1	5,2	34	12	56	0,00
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	28,2	27,2	3	-30	36	0,87
Agriculture	101,2	43,5	4	2	7	0,00
Private households	9,0	17,2	-8	-21	5	0,22
Northern Cape	6,9	6,2	0	-54	54	0,99
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	11,1	8,1	9	-35	52	0,70
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	20,6	21,7	1	-18	19	0,95
Agriculture	31,6	13,1	-16	-42	11	0,24
Private households	9,9	11,4	7	1	12	0,02
Free State	3,6	2,5	1	-55	56	0,98
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,8	4,8	32	-7	70	0,11
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	8,7	9,9	-23	-63	17	0,27
Agriculture	7,8	10,7	-21	-29	-12	0,00
Private households	9,4	10,9	13	-11	37	0,30
Free State – Non-metro	4,6	3,4	8	-36	52	0,71
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	6,5	6,3	25	-5	56	0,10
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	11,0	12,8	-13	-50	23	0,47
Agriculture	7,9	11,0	-21	-29	-13	0,00
Private households	12,5	14,0	18	-6	41	0,15
Free State – Mangaung	5,6	3,3	-8	-41	26	0,65
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	6,9	7,3	7	-17	30	0,58
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	14,0	15,4	-10	-27	8	0,28
Agriculture	62,9	7,3	0	-1	2	0,67
Private households	13,7	11,3	-5	-9	-1	0,01

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
	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018				
KwaZulu-Natal	2,0	2,0	135	24	245	0,02
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,1	2,8	-16	-128	95	0,78
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	5,8	6,4	93	19	167	0,01
Agriculture	14,6	19,0	30	-7	67	0,11
Private households	6,1	6,4	27	-16	71	0,21
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro	3,4	3,0	123	37	208	0,01
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,8	4,3	4	-84	93	0,92
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,3	8,1	71	14	127	0,01
Agriculture	14,9	19,8	27	-10	63	0,15
Private households	9,7	10,9	21	-15	57	0,25
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekweni	1,9	2,3	12	-55	79	0,72
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1,9	3,7	-21	-87	45	0,54
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	9,6	10,3	23	-24	70	0,34
Agriculture	60,0	22,2	3	-1	7	0,09
Private households	7,4	6,2	7	-18	31	0,60
North West	3,4	3,6	-27	-120	67	0,58
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,3	4,2	-28	-100	44	0,44
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	8,6	8,4	-26	-56	5	0,10
Agriculture	20,4	11,1	15	-4	34	0,13
Private households	11,3	13,8	13	-14	40	0,36
Gauteng	1,3	1,2	172	-3	347	0,05
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1,7	1,9	25	-169	219	0,80
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	5,4	3,8	139	27	252	0,02
Agriculture	17,3	33,9	-6	-33	22	0,69
Private households	6,1	5,1	14	-42	70	0,62
Gauteng – Non-metro	5,1	3,1	-35	-105	34	0,32
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	9,8	6,3	-46	-144	52	0,36
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	16,2	9,7	21	-23	65	0,35
Agriculture	24,2	32,9	-4	-19	10	0,56
Private households	13,9	15,2	-6	-31	20	0,66

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
	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018				
Gauteng – Ekurhuleni	3,2	1,9	46	-41	132	0,30
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,3	2,4	59	-16	133	0,12
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	6,3	8,0	3	-32	39	0,85
Agriculture	49,9	36,3	-4	-10	3	0,32
Private households	5,9	9,7	-13	-32	6	0,17
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg	1,4	2,3	119	11	227	0,03
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1,9	3,6	-33	-153	88	0,59
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	9,0	6,0	109	30	188	0,01
Agriculture	31,3	69,9	-3	-7	1	0,18
Private households	12,0	7,1	46	14	77	0,01
Gauteng – City of Tshwane	2,3	2,5	43	-39	125	0,30
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,5	4,3	45	-47	136	0,34
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	13,4	7,4	6	-41	53	0,80
Agriculture	35,1	82,6	5	-17	26	0,66
Private households	13,5	12,4	-13	-48	22	0,47
Mpumalanga	2,4	3,0	3	-92	99	0,94
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,7	3,2	29	-58	116	0,52
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	5,9	8,8	-11	-82	61	0,77
Agriculture	14,5	12,4	-8	-44	27	0,65
Private households	12,6	6,4	-6	-37	25	0,69
Limpopo	2,1	2,0	59	-20	138	0,14
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,2	4,5	56	-23	135	0,17
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	5,2	5,3	4	-41	50	0,85
Agriculture	6,3	9,6	2	-26	31	0,89
Private households	9,8	10,6	-3	-41	35	0,88

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
	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018				
Both sexes	0,7	0,7	358	58	657	0,02
Manager	3,3	3,0	55	-67	176	0,38
Professional	3,9	4,6	-28	-123	67	0,57
Technician	3,2	3,1	-3	-133	126	0,96
Clerk	2,5	2,3	47	-63	157	0,40
Sales and services	2,2	2,1	90	-62	242	0,24
Skilled agriculture	13,5	16,3	-17	-47	12	0,24
Craft and related trade	2,4	2,2	137	11	263	0,03
Plant and machine operator	2,9	3,0	77	-32	186	0,17
Elementary	1,9	1,8	-8	-194	178	0,93
Domestic worker	3,2	2,8	13	-72	98	0,76
Women	0,9	1,0	179	-4	361	0,06
Manager	5,8	5,1	-10	-76	56	0,77
Professional	4,8	6,1	34	-37	104	0,35
Technician	3,9	4,0	-10	-101	80	0,82
Clerk	2,9	2,5	43	-44	131	0,33
Sales and services	2,8	2,8	103	7	200	0,04
Skilled agriculture	28,6	28,1	-1	-12	10	0,90
Craft and related trade	7,0	6,7	-26	-67	16	0,22
Plant and machine operator	8,9	7,6	22	-17	61	0,26
Elementary	2,5	2,4	-2	-108	103	0,96
Domestic worker	3,2	2,9	28	-56	112	0,51
Men	0,8	0,8	179	-22	380	0,08
Manager	3,6	3,0	64	-22	150	0,14
Professional	4,8	4,9	-61	-118	-5	0,03
Technician	4,3	4,1	7	-76	91	0,87
Clerk	4,4	4,5	3	-55	62	0,91
Sales and services	2,9	2,7	-13	-117	91	0,80
Skilled agriculture	14,3	17,9	-17	-44	10	0,23
Craft and related trade	2,5	2,4	163	44	282	0,01
Plant and machine operator	3,0	3,3	55	-47	157	0,29
Elementary	2,4	2,3	-6	-145	133	0,94
Domestic worker	15,9	15,5	-15	-33	3	0,10