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## 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 2017 (Q4: 2017).

## 2. Highlights of the results

**Table A: Key labour market indicators**

	Oct-Dec 2016	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand					Per cent	
<b>Population aged 15–64 yrs</b>	<b>36 905</b>	<b>37 373</b>	<b>37 525</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>1,7</b>
<b>Labour force</b>	<b>21 849</b>	<b>22 402</b>	<b>22 051</b>	<b>-351</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>-1,6</b>	<b>0,9</b>
<b>Employed</b>	16 069	16 192	16 171	-21	102	-0,1	0,6
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	11 156	11 379	11 244	-135	88	-1,2	0,8
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	2 695	2 689	2 808	119	113	4,4	4,2
Agriculture	919	810	849	39	-70	4,8	-7,6
Private households	1 299	1 313	1 270	-43	-29	-3,3	-2,2
<b>Unemployed</b>	<b>5 781</b>	<b>6 210</b>	<b>5 880</b>	<b>-330</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>-5,3</b>	<b>1,7</b>
<b>Not economically active</b>	<b>15 055</b>	<b>14 971</b>	<b>15 474</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>3,4</b>	<b>2,8</b>
Discouraged work-seekers	2 292	2 436	2 538	103	246	4,2	10,7
Other (not economically active)	12 763	12 536	12 936	400	173	3,2	1,4
<b>Rates (%)</b>							
Unemployment rate	26,5	27,7	26,7	-1,0	0,2		
Employment/population ratio (absorption rate)	43,5	43,3	43,1	-0,2	-0,4		
Labour force participation rate	59,2	59,9	58,8	-1,1	-0,4		

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

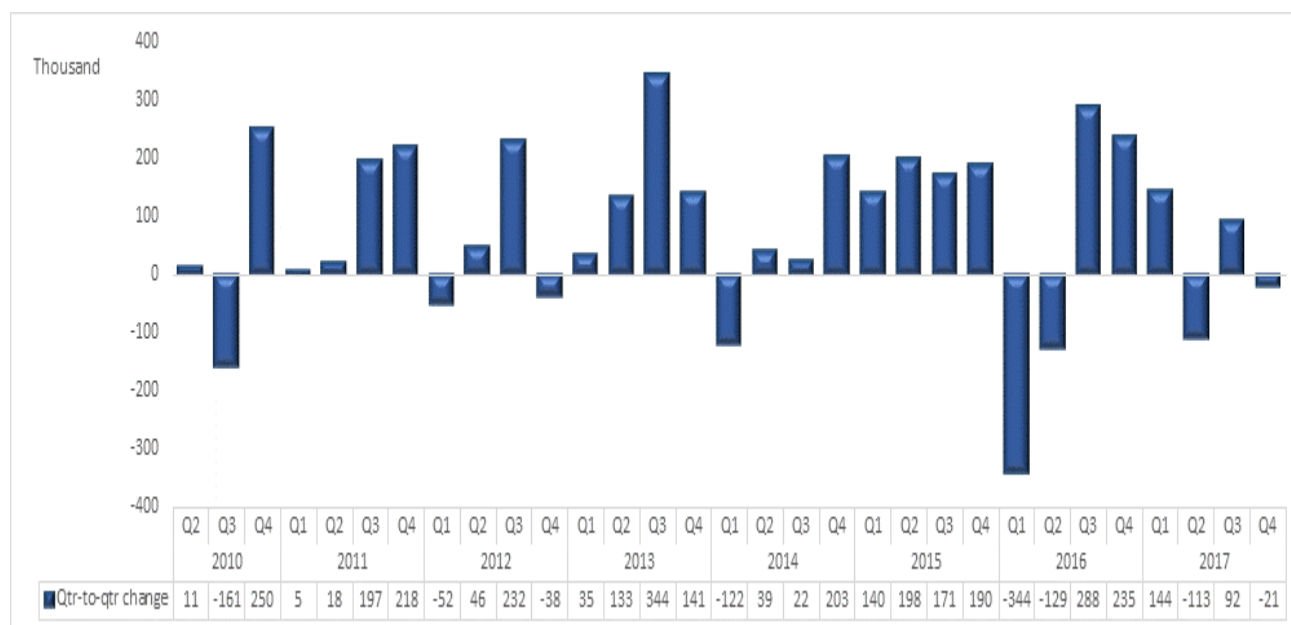
The working-age population grew by 152 000 or 0,4 per cent while the labour force declined by 351 000 persons in the fourth quarter of 2017 compared to the third quarter of 2017. Both employment and unemployment decreased in Q4: 2017. This resulted in a decline in the unemployment rate by 1,0 percentage point to 26,7%. The absorption rate declined by 0,2 of a percentage point to 43,1% and the labour force participation declined by 1,1 percentage points to 58,8% quarter-to-quarter. The not economically active population increased by 503 000, of which 103 000 were discouraged work-seekers.

The employment gains recorded in the informal sector (119 000) and Agriculture (39 000) in the fourth quarter of 2017 were offset by the job losses in the formal and private household sectors (135 000 and 43 000 respectively). This resulted in employment declines of 21 000 between Q3:2017 and Q4:2017.

Compared to the same period last year, employment increased by 102 000 or 0,6 per cent while unemployment grew by 99 000 or 1,7 per cent. This led to an increase in the unemployment rate by 0,2 of a percentage point to 26,7% in Q4: 2017 compared to Q4: 2016. Between Q4: 2016 and Q4: 2017, the number of discouraged work-seekers grew by 246 000 (or 10,7 per cent) to 2,5 million persons.

### 3. Employment

**Figure 1: Quarter-to-quarter changes in employment, Q2: 2010 to Q4: 2017**



After an increase of 92 000 in the third quarter, the number of employed persons declined by 21 000 in the fourth quarter of 2017.

**Table B: Employment by industry**

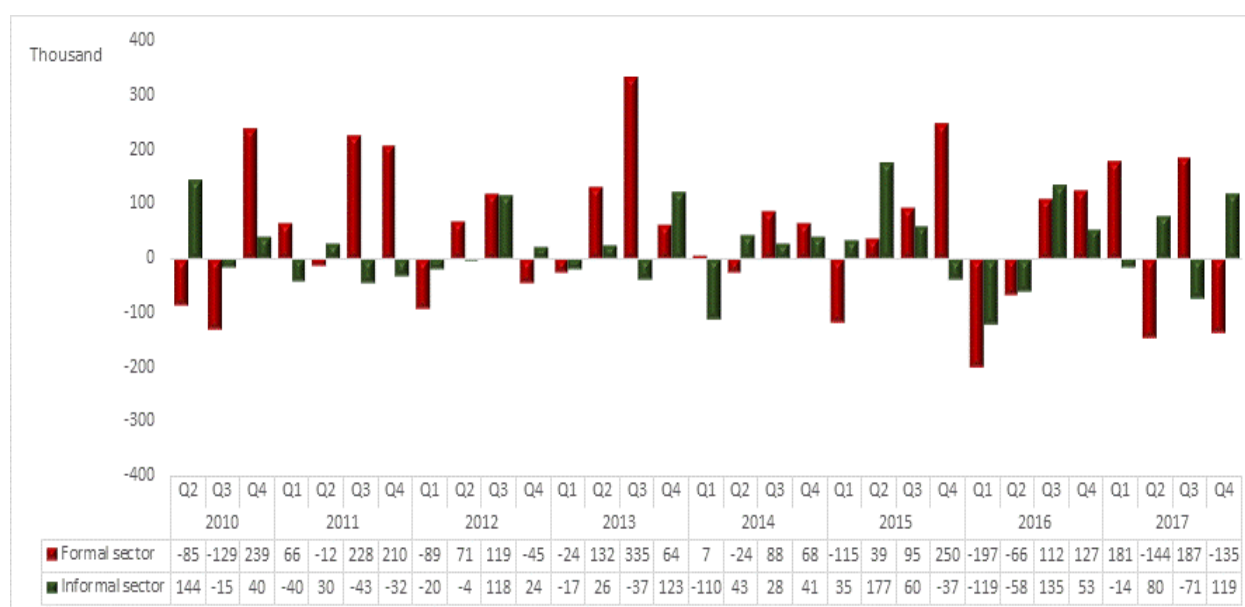
Industry	Oct-Dec 2016	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand					Per cent	
<b>Total*</b>	<b>16 069</b>	<b>16 192</b>	<b>16 171</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>-0,1</b>	<b>0,6</b>
Agriculture	919	810	849	39	-70	4,8	-7,6
Mining	421	446	411	-35	-10	-7,9	-2,5
Manufacturing	1 727	1 749	1 791	42	63	2,4	3,7
Utilities	131	153	149	-4	18	-2,4	13,8
Construction	1 483	1 365	1 390	26	-92	1,9	-6,2
Trade	3 222	3 286	3 240	-45	18	-1,4	0,6
Transport	961	988	1 001	13	40	1,4	4,2
Finance and other business services	2 329	2 463	2 373	-91	44	-3,7	1,9
Community and social services	3 571	3 616	3 691	75	119	2,1	3,3
Private households	1 299	1 313	1 270	-43	-29	-3,3	-2,2

\*Note: Total includes 'other' industry.

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

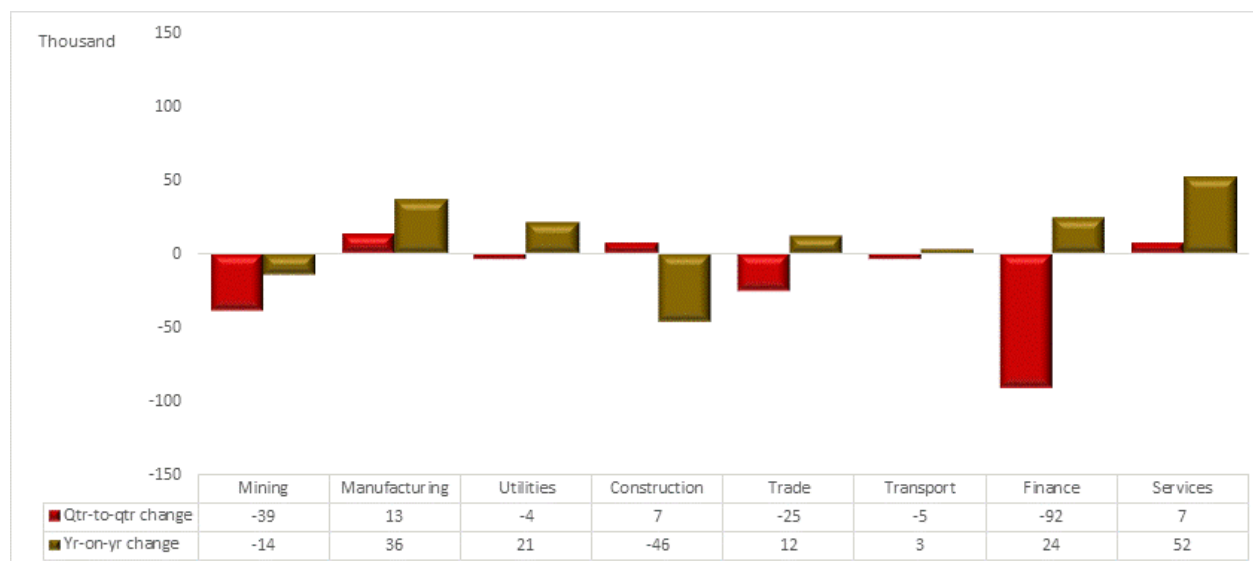
Table B shows that the quarterly employment declines of 21 000 in Q4: 2017 were driven by five of the ten industries. The contributors to the decline were the Finance and other business services, Trade, Private households, Mining and Utilities industries which shed 91 000, 45 000, 43 000, 35 000 and 4 000 jobs, respectively. The largest growth in employment were recorded in Community and social services (75 000), Manufacturing (42 000) and Agriculture (39 000).

On an annual basis, employment gains of 102 000 were largely driven by Community and social services (119 000), Manufacturing (63 000), Finance and other business services (44 000) and Transport (40 000). Compared to the same period last year, the Construction, Agriculture, Private Households and Mining industries lost 92 000, 70 000, 29 000 and 10 000 jobs, respectively.

**Figure 2: Quarter-to-quarter changes in employment by sector, Q2: 2010 to Q4: 2017**

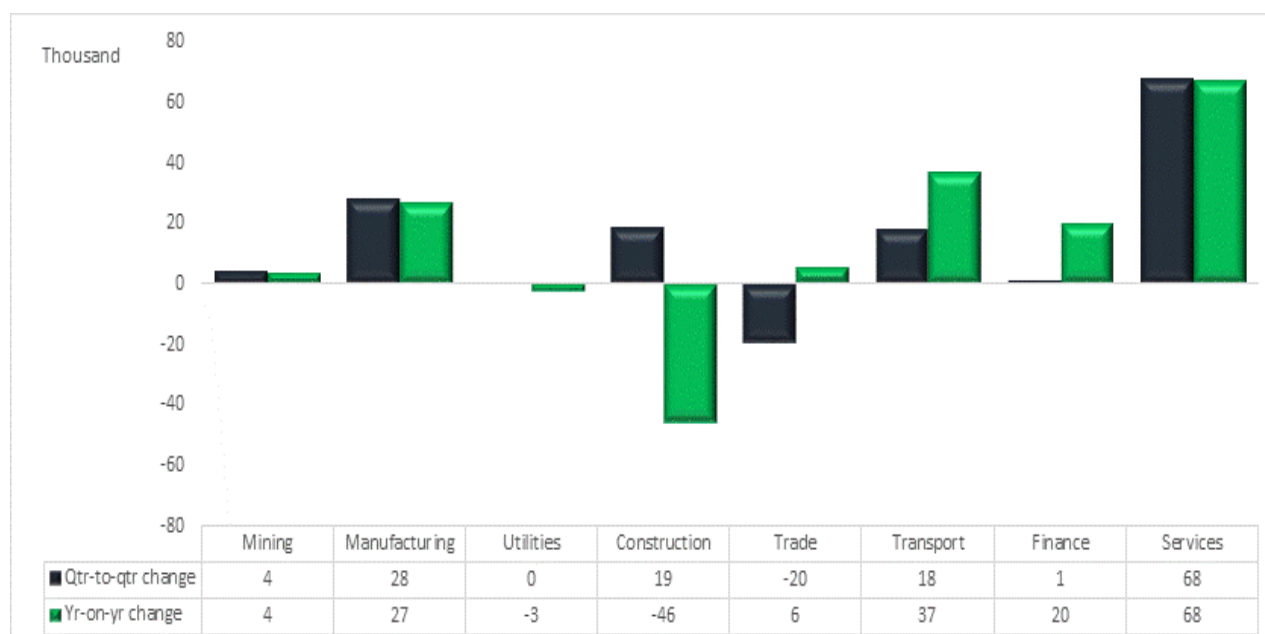
The number of employed persons in the formal sector decreased by 135 000 in Q4: 2017, this is after employment gains of 187 000 in Q3: 2017. After employment losses of 71 000 in the informal sector in the third quarter of 2017, employment in the sector grew by 119 000 in Q4: 2017.



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

Quarterly employment losses in the formal sector were observed in the Finance and other business services (92 000), Mining (39 000), Trade (25 000), Transport (5 000) and Utilities (4 000) industries. The other industries recorded employment gains, with Manufacturing (13 000) recording the largest increase, while Community and social services and Construction industries showed employment gains of 7 000 each.

Compared to the same period last year, all industries recorded employment gains except Construction and Mining, which lost 46 000 and 14 000 jobs, respectively. The Community and social services, Manufacturing and Finance and other business services industries recorded the highest increases in employment.

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

On a quarterly basis, employment in the informal sector increased in all industries with the exception of the Trade industry, which shed 20 000 jobs, while the Utilities industry remained unchanged. The largest employment increases were recorded in the Community and social services industry (68 000), followed by the Manufacturing industry (28 000).

Compared to Q4: 2016, employment in the informal sector increased in six industries. The largest annual employment gains were observed in the Community and social services (68 000), Transport (37 000), Manufacturing (27 000) and Finance and other business services (20 000) industries. Of the industries which recorded annual employment losses, Construction showed the largest decline of 46 000 jobs.

**Table C: Employment by occupation**

Occupation	Oct-Dec 2016	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand			Per cent			
<b>Total</b>	<b>16 069</b>	<b>16 192</b>	<b>16 171</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>-0,1</b>	<b>0,6</b>
Manager	1 420	1 398	1 390	-9	-30	-0,6	-2,1
Professional	892	959	906	-53	14	-5,6	1,6
Technician	1 479	1 450	1 477	27	-2	1,9	-0,1
Clerk	1 681	1 783	1 657	-126	-24	-7,1	-1,4
Sales and services	2 484	2 571	2 597	26	113	1,0	4,5
Skilled agriculture	66	69	83	14	17	20,5	26,1
Craft and related trade	1 977	1 921	1 935	14	-42	0,8	-2,1
Plant and machine operator	1 319	1 321	1 317	-4	-2	-0,3	-0,1
Elementary	3 758	3 670	3 788	119	30	3,2	0,8
Domestic worker	993	1 045	1 016	-29	23	-2,8	2,3

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Quarterly employment losses were observed in five of the ten occupations in Q4 2017. The largest decline in employment was recorded in the Clerical (126 000) and Professional (53 000) occupations. Between Q3: 2017 and Q4: 2017 employment gains were recorded in Elementary (119 000), Technician (27 000), Sales and services (26 000), Skilled agriculture and Craft and related trade occupations realised employment gains of 14 000 each.

Year-on-year changes show that gains in employment were mainly driven by the Sales and services (113 000) occupations. Between Q4: 2016 and Q4: 2017, employment declines were mainly recorded in the Craft and related trade (42 000), Managerial (30 000) and Clerical (24 000) occupations.

**Table D: Employment by province**

Province	Oct-Dec 2016	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand			Per cent			
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>16 069</b>	<b>16 192</b>	<b>16 171</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>-0,1</b>	<b>0,6</b>
Western Cape	2 386	2 399	2 492	92	106	3,8	4,4
Eastern Cape	1 447	1 421	1 391	-30	-57	-2,1	-3,9
Northern Cape	298	307	321	15	24	4,8	7,9
Free State	757	821	806	-16	48	-1,9	6,4
KwaZulu-Natal	2 541	2 536	2 513	-23	-28	-0,9	-1,1
North West	959	983	999	16	40	1,6	4,2
Gauteng	5 111	5 068	4 991	-77	-121	-1,5	-2,4
Mpumalanga	1 155	1 204	1 242	38	87	3,2	7,5
Limpopo	1 414	1 452	1 417	-35	4	-2,4	0,3

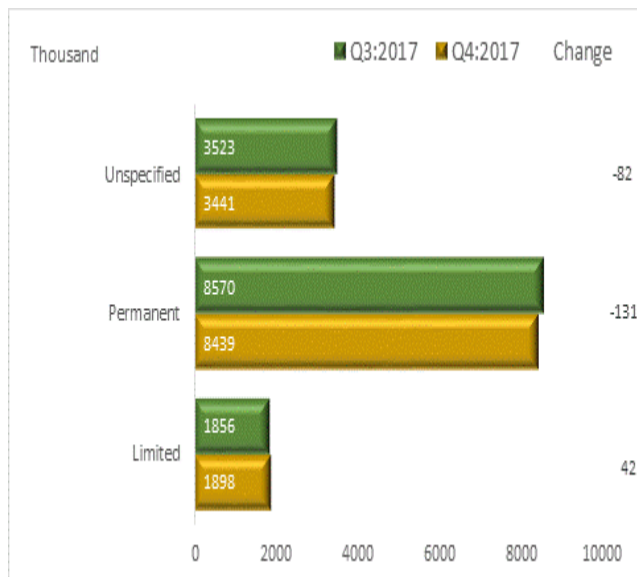
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The number of employed persons decreased in five of the nine provinces between Q3: 2017 and Q4: 2017. The largest employment losses were recorded in Gauteng (77 000), followed by Limpopo (35 000) and Eastern Cape (30 000), while Western Cape (92 000) and Mpumalanga (38 000) recorded the largest employment gains.

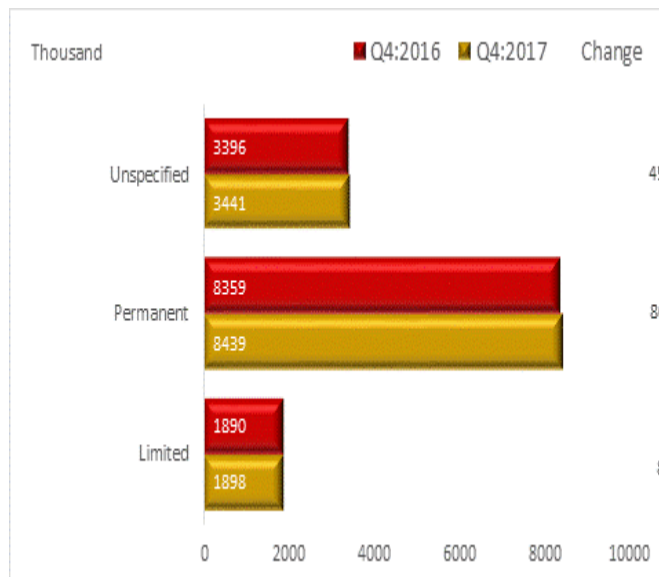
Compared to Q4: 2016, employment increased in six of the nine provinces, with Western Cape recording the largest increase of 106 000 jobs, followed by Mpumalanga at 87 000 jobs. During the same period, employment losses were recorded in Gauteng (121 000), Eastern Cape (57 000) and KwaZulu-Natal (28 000).

### 3.1 Conditions of employment for employees

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



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

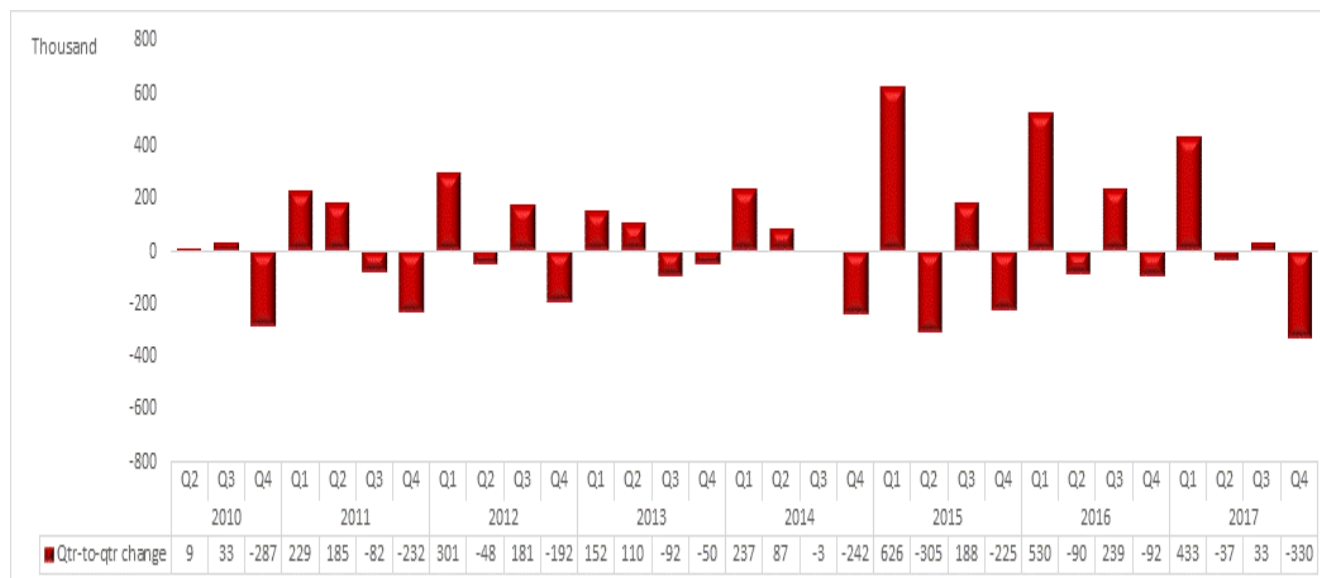


Between the third and fourth quarter of 2017, the number of employees employed with a contract of a permanent nature and unspecified duration decreased by 131 000 and 82 000 respectively. However, employees on contracts of limited duration increased by 42 000 during the same period.

Compared to the same period last year, irrespective of the nature of contract, the number of employees increased for all types of contract durations. The largest increase of 80 000 was recorded among employees with contracts permanent nature, followed by those with contracts of unspecified duration (45 000).

## 4. Unemployment

**Figure 7: Quarter-to-quarter changes in unemployment, Q2: 2010 to Q4: 2017**



After an increase of 33 000 in the number of unemployed persons in the third quarter of 2017, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 330 000 in the fourth quarter of 2017.

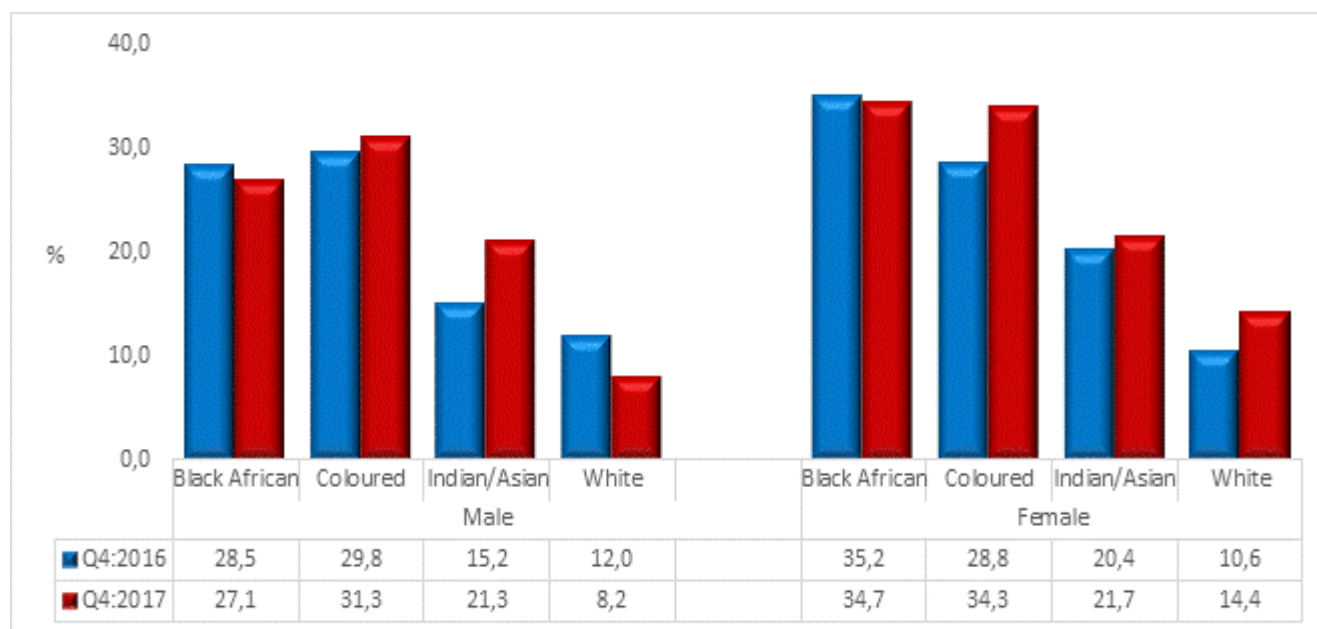
**Table E: Unemployment rate by province**

	Official unemployment rate					Expanded unemployment rate				
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Oct-Dec 2016	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Per cent		Percentage points			Per cent		Percentage points		
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>26,5</b>	<b>27,7</b>	<b>26,7</b>	<b>-1,0</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>35,6</b>	<b>36,8</b>	<b>36,3</b>	<b>-0,5</b>	<b>0,7</b>
Western Cape	20,5	21,9	19,5	-2,4	-1,0	23,6	25,2	23,0	-2,2	-0,6
Eastern Cape	28,4	35,5	35,1	-0,4	6,7	41,3	45,3	44,8	-0,5	3,5
Northern Cape	32,0	29,9	27,1	-2,8	-4,9	43,3	43,1	40,5	-2,6	-2,8
Free State	34,7	31,8	32,6	0,8	-2,1	40,9	38,5	39,0	0,5	-1,9
KwaZulu-Natal	23,9	24,6	24,1	-0,5	0,2	40,7	41,0	41,0	0,0	0,3
North West	26,5	26,2	23,9	-2,3	-2,6	40,9	42,5	40,6	-1,9	-0,3
Gauteng	28,6	30,2	29,1	-1,1	0,5	32,1	33,3	33,7	0,4	1,6
Mpumalanga	31,0	30,7	28,9	-1,8	-2,1	42,1	41,5	39,7	-1,8	-2,4
Limpopo	19,3	19,1	19,6	0,5	0,3	34,1	35,8	36,8	1,0	2,7

The official unemployment rate decreased by 1,0 percentage point in Q4: 2017 compared to Q3: 2017. By province, the official unemployment rate declined in seven of the nine provinces. The largest decline in the unemployment rate was recorded in Northern Cape (down by 2,8 percentage points), Western Cape (down by 2,4 percentage points) and North West (down by 2,3 percentage points). In comparison to the same period last year, the unemployment rate increased by 0,2 of a percentage point. During this period, the largest increase in the official unemployment rate was recorded in Eastern Cape (up by 6,7 percentage points) and the largest decline in Northern Cape (down by 4,9 percentage points).

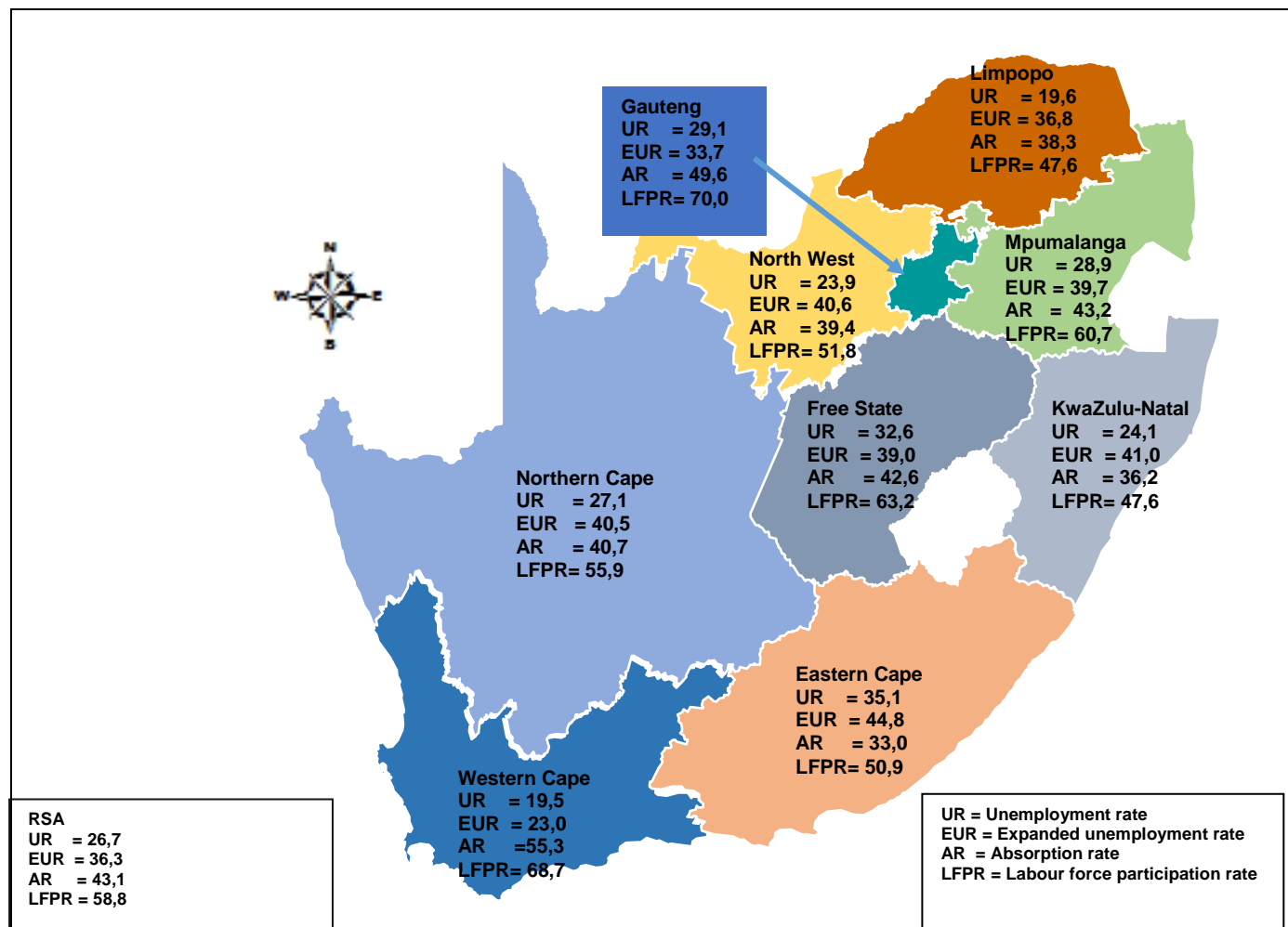
Compared to Q3: 2017, the expanded unemployment rate decreased by 0,5 of a percentage point in Q4: 2017 to 36,3%. Year-on-year, the expanded unemployment rate increased in four of the nine provinces. Eastern Cape (3,5 percentage points) and Limpopo (up by 2,7 percentage points) recorded the largest increases in the expanded unemployment rate in Q4: 2017 compared to Q4: 2016.

**Figure 8: NEET rates for youth aged 15–24 years by population group, Q4: 2016 and Q4: 2017**



Between Q4: 2016 and Q4: 2017, the percentage of young males aged 15–24 years who were not in education employment or training (NEET) declined among the black African and white population groups. The NEET rate for females in Q4: 2017 was higher than that of their male counterparts regardless of the population group to which they belong. For young females, the NEET rate increased for all population groups except for black Africans. In the fourth quarter of 2017, more than 30% of young coloured male and females and black African males were NEET.

## 5. Summary of labour market measures at a glance, Q4: 2017

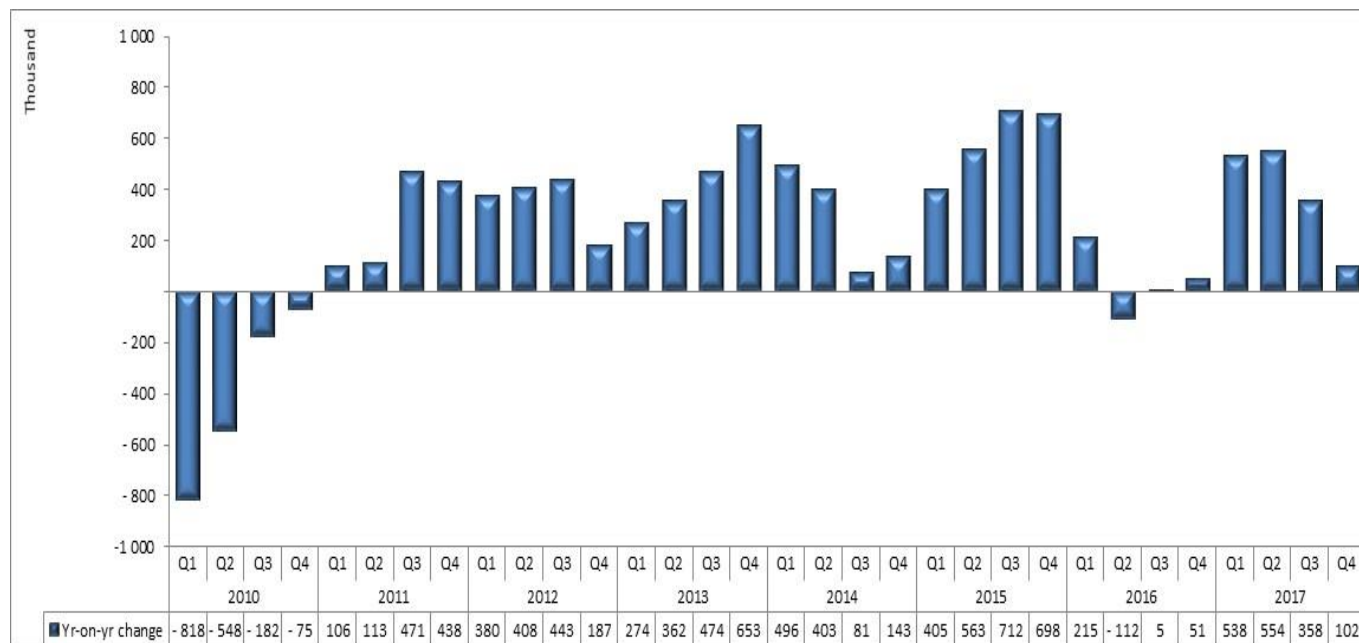


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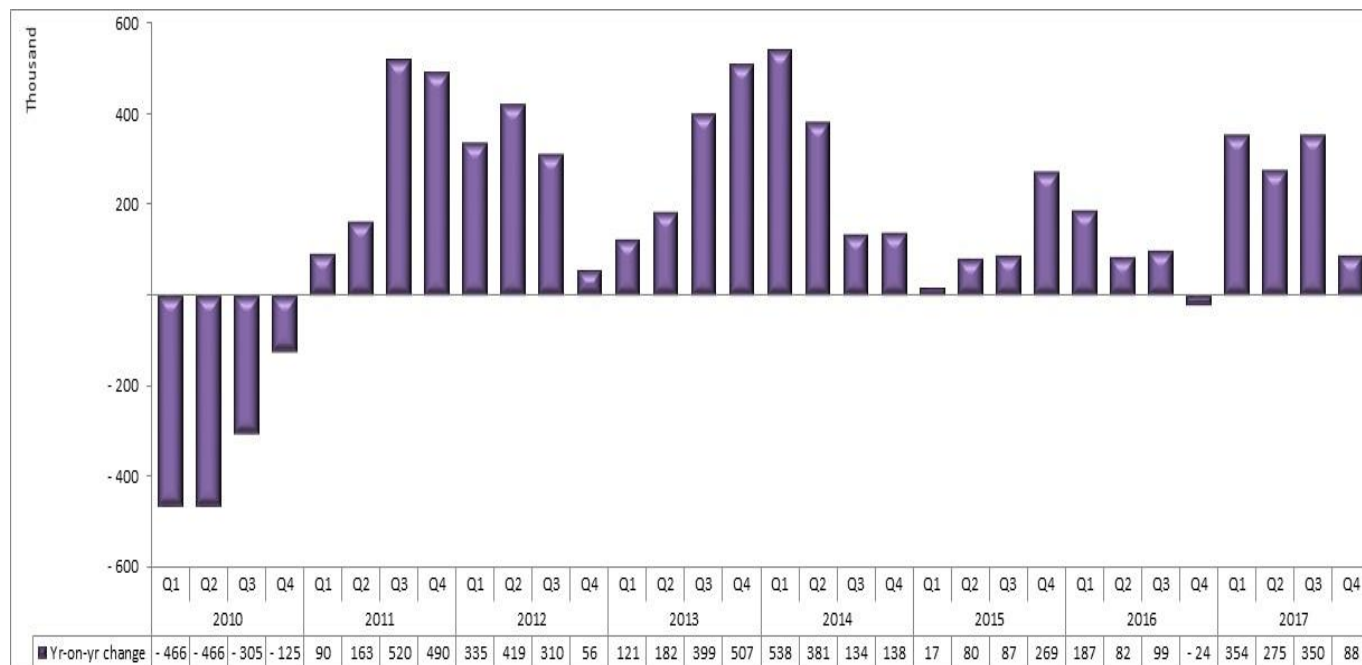
## 6. Other labour market trends

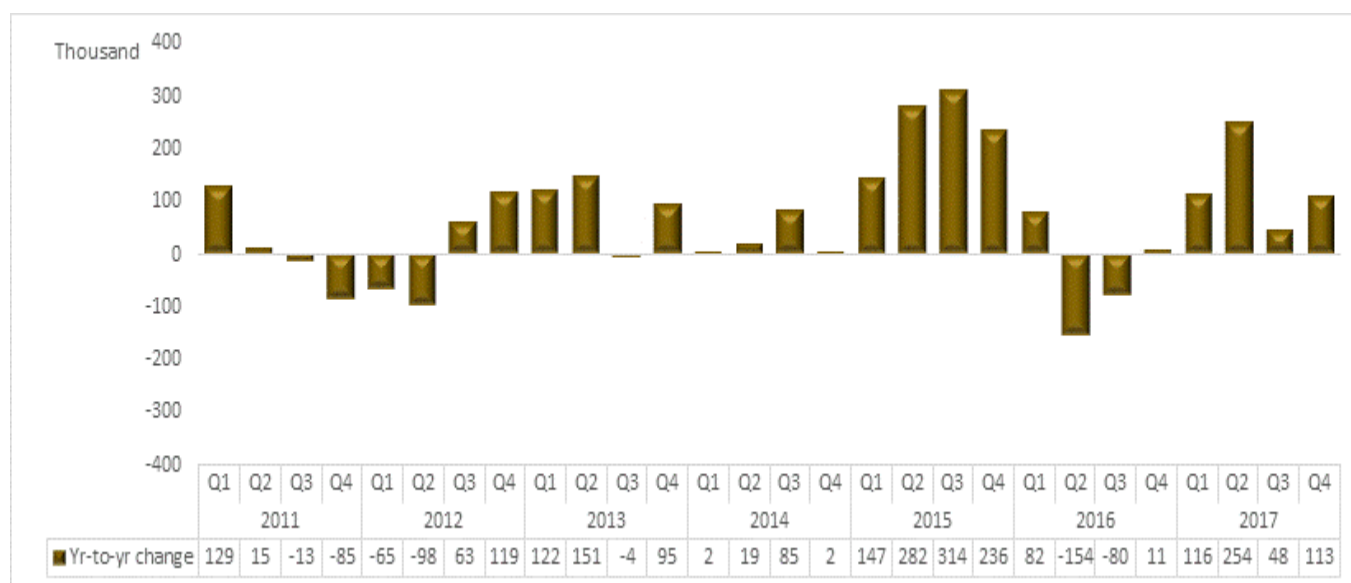
### 6.1 Year-on-year changes

**Figure 9: Year-on-year changes in total employment, Q1: 2010 to Q4: 2017**

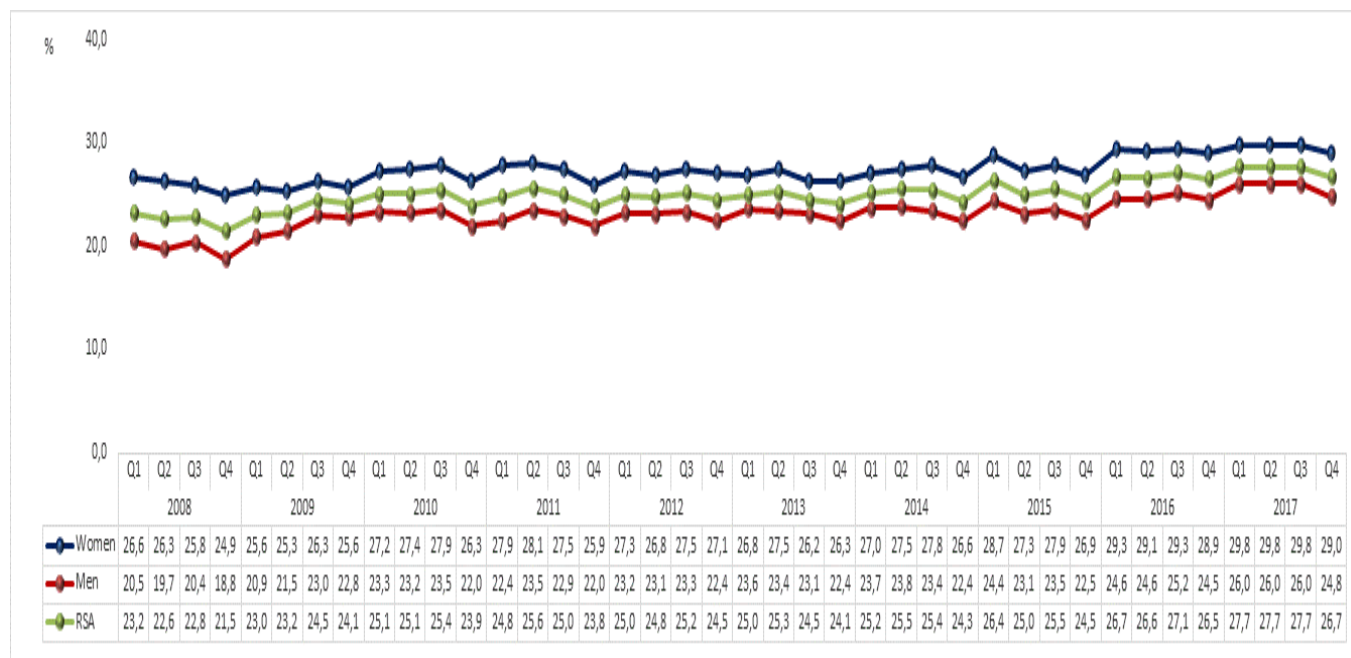


**Figure 10: Year-on-year changes in formal-sector employment, Q1: 2010 to Q4: 2017**

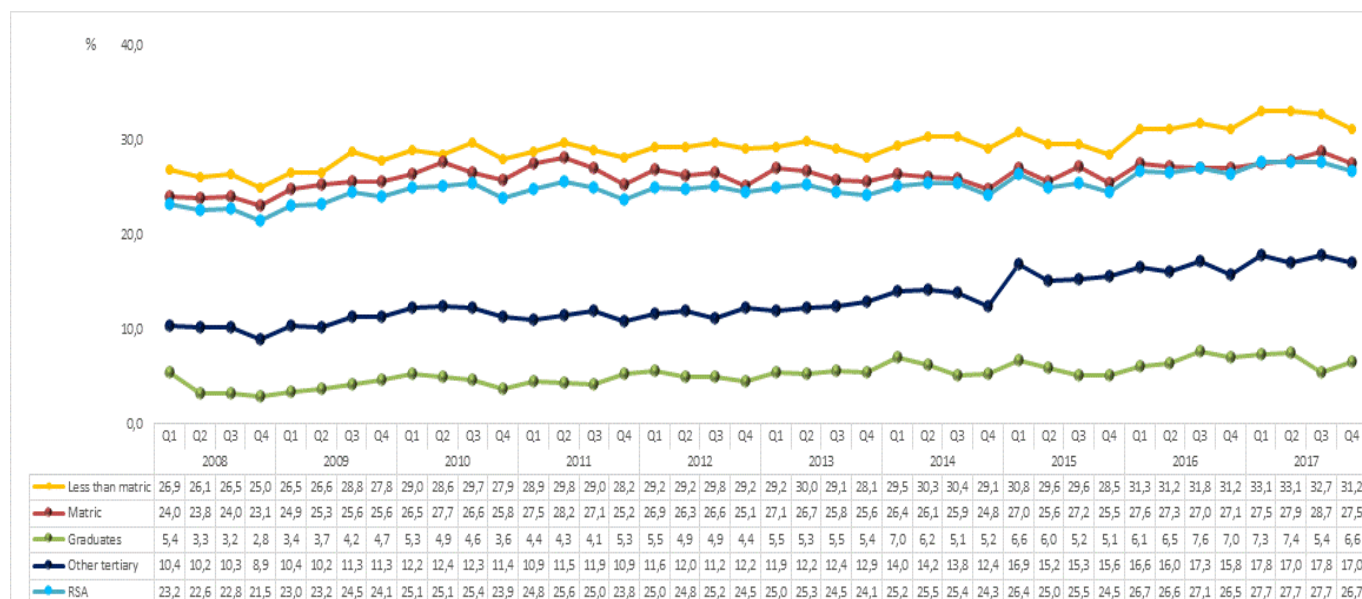


**Figure 11: Year-on-year changes in informal-sector employment, Q1: 2011 to Q4: 2017**

## 6.2 Trends in unemployment rate

**Figure 12: Unemployment rate by sex, Q1: 2008 to Q4: 2017**



**Figure 13: Unemployment rate by education status, Q1: 2008 to Q4: 2017**

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

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

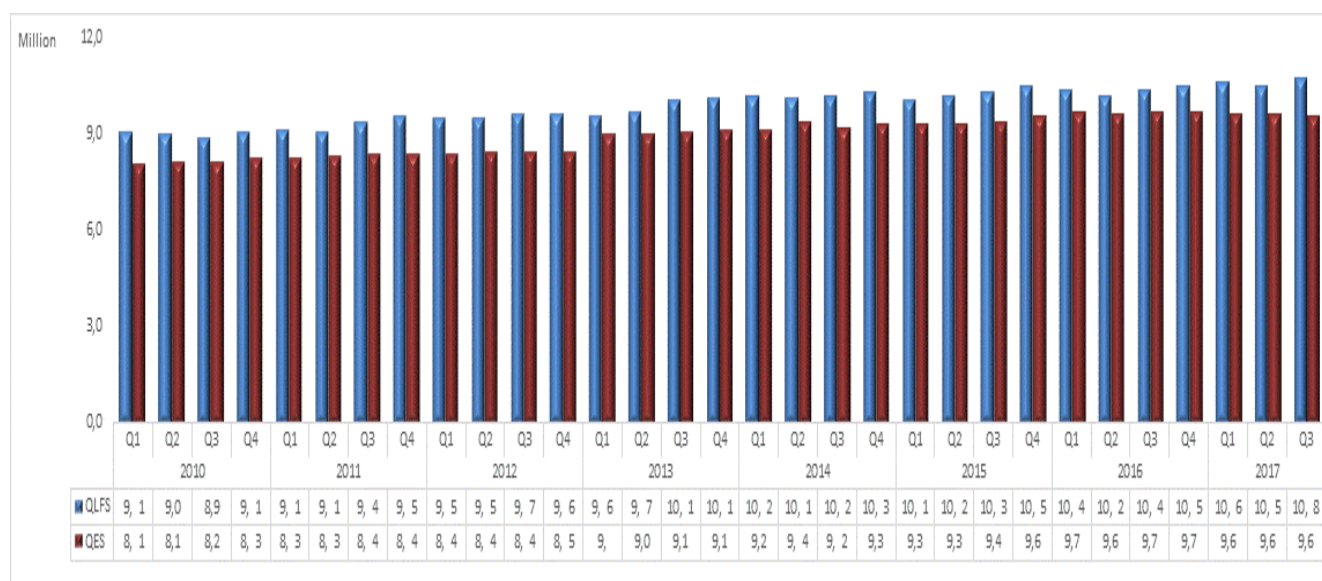
- Description of the employed, e.g. their demographic profile, education level, hours of work, etc.; and
- Unemployment and descriptors of the unemployed.

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

- The household survey includes agricultural workers, self-employed workers whose businesses are unincorporated, unpaid family workers, and private household workers among the employed. These groups are excluded from the enterprise-based survey.
- The household survey is limited to workers 15 years of age and older. The enterprise-based survey is not limited by age.
- The household survey has no duplication of individuals, because individuals are counted only once, even if they hold more than one job. In the enterprise-based survey, employees working at more than one job and thus appearing on more than one payroll are counted separately for each appearance.
- QLFS includes income tax, VAT and number of employees in determining the formal sector while QES uses only VAT with annual turnover greater than 300 000.
- QLFS allows proxy respondents; this can introduce misclassification of items, e.g. formal/informal classification.

**Table F: Key differences between the QLFS and the QES**

	<b>QLFS</b>	<b>QES</b>
<b>Coverage</b>	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
<b>Sample size</b>	Quarterly sample of approximately 30 000 dwellings in which households reside	Quarterly sample of 20 000 non-agricultural formal-sector businesses
<b>Reference period</b>	One week prior to the interview	Payroll on the last day of the quarter
<b>Standard Industrial Classification (SIC)</b>	All industries	Excluding Agriculture and Private households
<b>Formal sector definition (excluding Agriculture and Private households)</b>	Employers and own-account workers registered for VAT or income tax Employees paying income tax and those not paying tax but working in firms with five or more workers	Employees on payroll of VAT-registered businesses

**Figure 14: Formal sector employment trends in QLFS and QES, Q1: 2010 to Q3: 2017**

## 8. Technical notes

### 8.1 Response details

**Table G: Response rates by province and metropolitan area**

Province / metropolitan area	Oct-Dec 2017
<b>National</b>	<b>88,2</b>
Western Cape	91,2
Non-metro	92,2
City of Cape Town	90,7
Eastern Cape	94,3
Non-metro	96,1
Buffalo City	90,4
Nelson Mandela Bay	90,4
Nothorn Cape	89,9
Free State	95,6
Non-metro	95,9
Mangaung	95,0
KwaZulu-Natal	93,2
Non-metro	94,1
eThekweni	91,8
North West	92,7
Gauteng	72,8
Non-metro	73,7
Ekurhuleni	76,7
City of Johannesburg	66,9
City of Tshwane	78,5
Mpumalanga	95,2
Limpopo	97,7

### 8.2 Survey requirements and design

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

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

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

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

### **8.3 Sample rotation**

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

### **8.4 Weighting**

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

### **8.5 Non-response adjustment**

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

### **8.6 Final survey weights**

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

### **8.7 Estimation**

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

## 8.8 Reliability of the survey estimates

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

### (i) Variance estimation

The most commonly used methods for estimating variances of survey estimates from complex surveys such as the QLFS, are the Taylor-series Linearization, Jack-knife Replication, Balanced Repeated Replication (BRR), and Bootstrap methods (Wolter, 2007)<sup>1</sup>. 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; then 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Unemployed** persons are those (aged 15–64 years) who:

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

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

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

## Appendix 1

Table 1: Population of working age (15–64 years)									
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>36 905</b>	<b>37 061</b>	<b>37 217</b>	<b>37 373</b>	<b>37 525</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>1,7</b>
Women	18 679	18 753	18 828	18 903	18 975	73	297	0,4	1,6
Men	18 226	18 307	18 389	18 471	18 550	79	324	0,4	1,8
<b>Population groups</b>	<b>36 905</b>	<b>37 061</b>	<b>37 217</b>	<b>37 373</b>	<b>37 525</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>1,7</b>
Black/African	29 493	29 645	29 798	29 950	30 099	149	606	0,5	2,1
Coloured	3 386	3 396	3 406	3 415	3 425	9	38	0,3	1,1
Indian/Asian	990	992	994	996	998	2	8	0,2	0,8
White	3 036	3 028	3 020	3 012	3 003	-8	-32	-0,3	-1,1
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>36 905</b>	<b>37 061</b>	<b>37 217</b>	<b>37 373</b>	<b>37 525</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>1,7</b>
Western Cape	4 412	4 436	4 460	4 483	4 506	23	93	0,5	2,1
Eastern Cape	4 166	4 178	4 190	4 203	4 215	12	50	0,3	1,2
Nothorn Cape	780	783	785	787	790	2	9	0,3	1,2
Free State	1 885	1 887	1 888	1 890	1 892	3	7	0,1	0,4
KwaZulu-Natal	6 841	6 868	6 894	6 921	6 948	27	107	0,4	1,6
North West	2 490	2 501	2 512	2 523	2 534	11	44	0,4	1,8
Gauteng	9 854	9 905	9 957	10 009	10 059	50	205	0,5	2,1
Mpumalanga	2 828	2 841	2 853	2 866	2 877	12	49	0,4	1,7
Limpopo	3 649	3 663	3 678	3 692	3 705	13	56	0,3	1,5

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

<b>Table 2: Labour force characteristics by sex – All population groups</b>									
	<b>Oct-Dec 2016</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 2017</b>	<b>Apr-Jun 2017</b>	<b>Jul-Sep 2017</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 2017</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on- year change</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on- year change</b>
	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Per cent</b>	<b>Per cent</b>
<b>Both sexes</b>									
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>	<b>36 905</b>	<b>37 061</b>	<b>37 217</b>	<b>37 373</b>	<b>37 525</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>1,7</b>
<b>Labour Force</b>	<b>21 849</b>	<b>22 426</b>	<b>22 277</b>	<b>22 402</b>	<b>22 051</b>	<b>-351</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>-1,6</b>	<b>0,9</b>
Employed	16 069	16 212	16 100	16 192	16 171	-21	102	-0,1	0,6
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	11 156	11 337	11 193	11 379	11 244	-135	88	-1,2	0,8
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	2 695	2 681	2 761	2 689	2 808	119	113	4,4	4,2
Agriculture	919	875	835	810	849	39	-70	4,8	-7,6
Private households	1 299	1 319	1 311	1 313	1 270	-43	-29	-3,3	-2,2
Unemployed	5 781	6 214	6 177	6 210	5 880	-330	99	-5,3	1,7
Not economically active	15 055	14 634	14 941	14 971	15 474	503	419	3,4	2,8
Discouraged work-seekers	2 292	2 277	2 361	2 436	2 538	103	246	4,2	10,7
Other(not economically active)	12 763	12 357	12 580	12 536	12 936	400	173	3,2	1,4
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	26,5	27,7	27,7	27,7	26,7	-1,0	0,2		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	43,5	43,7	43,3	43,3	43,1	-0,2	-0,4		
Labour force participation rate	59,2	60,5	59,9	59,9	58,8	-1,1	-0,4		
<b>Women</b>									
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>	<b>18 679</b>	<b>18 753</b>	<b>18 828</b>	<b>18 903</b>	<b>18 975</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>1,6</b>
<b>Labour Force</b>	<b>9 883</b>	<b>10 232</b>	<b>10 086</b>	<b>10 147</b>	<b>9 953</b>	<b>-193</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>-1,9</b>	<b>0,7</b>
Employed	7 031	7 182	7 078	7 125	7 071	-54	40	-0,8	0,6
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	4 754	4 883	4 770	4 805	4 730	-75	-24	-1,6	-0,5
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	977	1 021	1 026	1 057	1 084	26	107	2,5	10,9
Agriculture	305	278	264	252	267	15	-38	6,1	-12,4
Private households	995	1 001	1 018	1 010	990	-20	-5	-2,0	-0,5
Unemployed	2 852	3 049	3 008	3 022	2 882	-140	30	-4,6	1,1
Not economically active	8 796	8 522	8 743	8 756	9 022	266	227	3,0	2,6
Discouraged work-seekers	1 289	1 233	1 288	1 357	1 414	57	125	4,2	9,7
Other(not economically active)	7 506	7 288	7 454	7 399	7 608	209	102	2,8	1,4
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	28,9	29,8	29,8	29,8	29,0	-0,8	0,1		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	37,6	38,3	37,6	37,7	37,3	-0,4	-0,3		
Labour force participation rate	52,9	54,6	53,6	53,7	52,5	-1,2	-0,4		

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

Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.



Table 2: Labour force characteristics by sex – All population groups (concluded)									
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>Men</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	18 226	18 307	18 389	18 471	18 550	79	324	0,4	1,8
Labour Force	11 966	12 195	12 191	12 255	12 098	-157	132	-1,3	1,1
Employed	9 037	9 030	9 022	9 067	9 100	33	63	0,4	0,7
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	6 402	6 454	6 423	6 574	6 514	-60	112	-0,9	1,8
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	1 718	1 660	1 734	1 632	1 724	92	7	5,7	0,4
Agriculture	614	597	571	558	582	24	-32	4,2	-5,2
Private households	304	319	294	303	280	-23	-24	-7,6	-7,9
Unemployed	2 929	3 165	3 169	3 188	2 998	-190	69	-6,0	2,3
Not economically active	6 260	6 113	6 198	6 215	6 452	237	192	3,8	3,1
Discouraged work-seekers	1 003	1 044	1 072	1 078	1 125	46	122	4,3	12,1
Other(not economically active)	5 257	5 069	5 126	5 137	5 328	191	71	3,7	1,3
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	24,5	26,0	26,0	26,0	24,8	-1,2	0,3		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	49,6	49,3	49,1	49,1	49,1	0,0	-0,5		
Labour force participation rate	65,7	66,6	66,3	66,4	65,2	-1,2	-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 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>South Africa</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	36 905	37 061	37 217	37 373	37 525	152	621	0,4	1,7
Labour Force	21 849	22 426	22 277	22 402	22 051	-351	202	-1,6	0,9
Employed	16 069	16 212	16 100	16 192	16 171	-21	102	-0,1	0,6
Unemployed	5 781	6 214	6 177	6 210	5 880	-330	99	-5,3	1,7
Not economically active	15 055	14 634	14 941	14 971	15 474	503	419	3,4	2,8
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	26,5	27,7	27,7	27,7	26,7	-1,0	0,2		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	43,5	43,7	43,3	43,3	43,1	-0,2	-0,4		
Labour force participation rate	59,2	60,5	59,9	59,9	58,8	-1,1	-0,4		
<b>Black/African</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	29 493	29 645	29 798	29 950	30 099	149	606	0,5	2,1
Labour Force	17 043	17 502	17 504	17 593	17 233	-360	190	-2,0	1,1
Employed	11 939	12 009	12 025	12 122	12 057	-65	118	-0,5	1,0
Unemployed	5 105	5 493	5 479	5 471	5 176	-295	72	-5,4	1,4
Not economically active	12 450	12 143	12 294	12 358	12 866	509	417	4,1	3,3
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	30,0	31,4	31,3	31,1	30,0	-1,1	0,0		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	40,5	40,5	40,4	40,5	40,1	-0,4	-0,4		
Labour force participation rate	57,8	59,0	58,7	58,7	57,3	-1,4	-0,5		
<b>Coloured</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 386	3 396	3 406	3 415	3 425	9	38	0,3	1,1
Labour Force	2 159	2 191	2 134	2 156	2 173	17	13	0,8	0,6
Employed	1 685	1 690	1 631	1 639	1 662	23	-23	1,4	-1,4
Unemployed	474	501	503	517	511	-6	37	-1,2	7,7
Not economically active	1 227	1 205	1 272	1 259	1 252	-8	25	-0,6	2,0
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	22,0	22,9	23,6	24,0	23,5	-0,5	1,5		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	49,8	49,8	47,9	48,0	48,5	0,5	-1,3		
Labour force participation rate	63,8	64,5	62,7	63,1	63,4	0,3	-0,4		

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 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>Indian/Asian</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	990	992	994	996	998	2	8	0,2	0,8
Labour Force	602	624	606	607	599	-8	-3	-1,3	-0,5
Employed	535	544	526	541	544	3	9	0,6	1,6
Unemployed	67	80	80	66	55	-11	-11	-16,7	-17,2
Not economically active	388	368	388	389	399	10	11	2,6	2,9
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	11,1	12,9	13,3	10,9	9,2	-1,7	-1,9		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	54,1	54,8	52,9	54,3	54,5	0,2	0,4		
Labour force participation rate	60,8	62,9	61,0	61,0	60,0	-1,0	-0,8		
<b>White</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 036	3 028	3 020	3 012	3 003	-8	-32	-0,3	-1,1
Labour Force	2 045	2 109	2 033	2 046	2 046	0	1	0,0	0,1
Employed	1 910	1 969	1 918	1 890	1 909	18	-1	1,0	0,0
Unemployed	135	139	115	156	137	-18	2	-11,8	1,7
Not economically active	991	919	987	966	957	-8	-34	-0,9	-3,4
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	6,6	6,6	5,7	7,6	6,7	-0,9	0,1		
Employed / population ratio (absorption)	62,9	65,0	63,5	62,8	63,6	0,8	0,7		
Labour force participation rate	67,4	69,7	67,3	67,9	68,1	0,2	0,7		

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 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>15-64 years</b>									
Population 15-64 yrs	36 905	37 061	37 217	37 373	37 525	152	621	0,4	1,7
Labour Force	21 849	22 426	22 277	22 402	22 051	-351	202	-1,6	0,9
Employed	16 069	16 212	16 100	16 192	16 171	-21	102	-0,1	0,6
Unemployed	5 781	6 214	6 177	6 210	5 880	-330	99	-5,3	1,7
Not economically active	15 055	14 634	14 941	14 971	15 474	503	419	3,4	2,8
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	26,5	27,7	27,7	27,7	26,7	-1,0	0,2		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	43,5	43,7	43,3	43,3	43,1	-0,2	-0,4		
Labour force participation rate	59,2	60,5	59,9	59,9	58,8	-1,1	-0,4		
<b>15-24 years</b>									
Population 15-24 yrs	10 313	10 314	10 315	10 315	10 314	-1	1	0,0	0,0
Labour Force	2 715	2 874	2 778	2 766	2 670	-96	-45	-3,5	-1,7
Employed	1 333	1 315	1 226	1 322	1 305	-17	-28	-1,3	-2,1
Unemployed	1 382	1 559	1 552	1 444	1 365	-79	-18	-5,5	-1,3
Not economically active	7 598	7 440	7 537	7 550	7 644	95	46	1,3	0,6
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	50,9	54,3	55,9	52,2	51,1	-1,1	0,2		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	12,9	12,7	11,9	12,8	12,7	-0,1	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	26,3	27,9	26,9	26,8	25,9	-0,9	-0,4		
<b>25-34 years</b>									
Population 25-34 yrs	9 704	9 742	9 780	9 817	9 854	37	150	0,4	1,5
Labour Force	7 273	7 362	7 307	7 325	7 187	-138	-86	-1,9	-1,2
Employed	4 954	4 966	4 907	4 871	4 790	-81	-164	-1,7	-3,3
Unemployed	2 319	2 395	2 399	2 454	2 397	-57	78	-2,3	3,4
Not economically active	2 431	2 380	2 473	2 493	2 667	174	236	7,0	9,7
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	31,9	32,5	32,8	33,5	33,4	-0,1	1,5		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	51,1	51,0	50,2	49,6	48,6	-1,0	-2,5		
Labour force participation rate	74,9	75,6	74,7	74,6	72,9	-1,7	-2,0		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.2: Labour force characteristics by age group (concluded)									
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>35-44 years</b>									
<b>Population 35-44 yrs</b>	<b>7 861</b>	<b>7 902</b>	<b>7 943</b>	<b>7 983</b>	<b>8 021</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>2,0</b>
<b>Labour Force</b>	<b>6 352</b>	<b>6 428</b>	<b>6 490</b>	<b>6 506</b>	<b>6 423</b>	<b>-82</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>-1,3</b>	<b>1,1</b>
Employed	4 992	5 016	5 040	5 027	5 081	53	89	1,1	1,8
Unemployed	1 360	1 412	1 450	1 478	1 343	-136	-17	-9,2	-1,3
Not economically active	1 510	1 474	1 453	1 477	1 598	120	88	8,2	5,8
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	21,4	22,0	22,3	22,7	20,9	-1,8	-0,5		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	63,5	63,5	63,5	63,0	63,3	0,3	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	80,8	81,3	81,7	81,5	80,1	-1,4	-0,7		
<b>45-54 years</b>									
<b>Population 45-54 yrs</b>	<b>5 375</b>	<b>5 421</b>	<b>5 467</b>	<b>5 515</b>	<b>5 564</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>0,9</b>	<b>3,5</b>
<b>Labour Force</b>	<b>3 902</b>	<b>4 063</b>	<b>4 043</b>	<b>4 090</b>	<b>4 080</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>-0,2</b>	<b>4,6</b>
Employed	3 313	3 393	3 420	3 426	3 445	18	132	0,5	4,0
Unemployed	589	670	623	663	636	-28	46	-4,2	7,9
Not economically active	1 473	1 358	1 424	1 425	1 484	58	11	4,1	0,7
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	15,1	16,5	15,4	16,2	15,6	-0,6	0,5		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	61,6	62,6	62,6	62,1	61,9	-0,2	0,3		
Labour force participation rate	72,6	74,9	74,0	74,2	73,3	-0,9	0,7		
<b>55-64 years</b>									
<b>Population 55-64 yrs</b>	<b>3 651</b>	<b>3 682</b>	<b>3 712</b>	<b>3 743</b>	<b>3 772</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>3,3</b>
<b>Labour Force</b>	<b>1 607</b>	<b>1 701</b>	<b>1 659</b>	<b>1 717</b>	<b>1 691</b>	<b>-26</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>-1,5</b>	<b>5,2</b>
Employed	1 477	1 522	1 506	1 545	1 551	5	74	0,4	5,0
Unemployed	130	178	153	171	140	-31	10	-18,3	7,4
Not economically active	2 044	1 981	2 053	2 026	2 081	55	38	2,7	1,8
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	8,1	10,5	9,2	10,0	8,3	-1,7	0,2		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	40,5	41,3	40,6	41,3	41,1	-0,2	0,6		
Labour force participation rate	44,0	46,2	44,7	45,9	44,8	-1,1	0,8		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro									
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>South Africa</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	36 905	37 061	37 217	37 373	37 525	152	621	0,4	1,7
Labour Force	21 849	22 426	22 277	22 402	22 051	-351	202	-1,6	0,9
Employed	16 069	16 212	16 100	16 192	16 171	-21	102	-0,1	0,6
Unemployed	5 781	6 214	6 177	6 210	5 880	-330	99	-5,3	1,7
Not economically active	15 055	14 634	14 941	14 971	15 474	503	419	3,4	2,8
Discouraged work-seekers	2 292	2 277	2 361	2 436	2 538	103	246	4,2	10,7
Other	12 763	12 357	12 580	12 536	12 936	400	173	3,2	1,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	26,5	27,7	27,7	27,7	26,7	-1,0	0,2		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	43,5	43,7	43,3	43,3	43,1	-0,2	-0,4		
Labour force participation rate	59,2	60,5	59,9	59,9	58,8	-1,1	-0,4		
<b>Western Cape</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 412	4 436	4 460	4 483	4 506	23	93	0,5	2,1
Labour Force	2 999	3 066	3 031	3 071	3 094	23	95	0,8	3,2
Employed	2 386	2 406	2 403	2 399	2 492	92	106	3,8	4,4
Unemployed	614	660	628	672	603	-69	-11	-10,3	-1,8
Not economically active	1 413	1 370	1 428	1 412	1 412	0	-2	0,0	-0,1
Discouraged work-seekers	45	47	79	59	56	-3	11	-5,9	23,5
Other	1 368	1 322	1 349	1 353	1 356	3	-12	0,2	-0,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	20,5	21,5	20,7	21,9	19,5	-2,4	-1,0		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	54,1	54,2	53,9	53,5	55,3	1,8	1,2		
Labour force participation rate	68,0	69,1	68,0	68,5	68,7	0,2	0,7		

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<b>Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)</b>									
	<b>Oct-Dec 2016</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 2017</b>	<b>Apr-Jun 2017</b>	<b>Jul-Sep 2017</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 2017</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on- year change</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on- year change</b>
	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Per cent</b>	<b>Per cent</b>
<b>Western Cape - Non metro</b>									
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>	<b>1 598</b>	<b>1 607</b>	<b>1 617</b>	<b>1 626</b>	<b>1 635</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>2,3</b>
<b>Labour Force</b>	<b>1 050</b>	<b>1 103</b>	<b>1 052</b>	<b>1 059</b>	<b>1 087</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2,6</b>	<b>3,4</b>
Employed	903	895	872	855	920	66	17	7,7	1,9
Unemployed	147	208	180	205	166	-39	19	-18,9	13,1
Not economically active	548	504	565	567	549	-18	1	-3,2	0,1
Discouraged work-seekers	35	36	62	40	39	-1	4	-3,7	12,0
Other	513	469	503	527	510	-17	-3	-3,2	-0,6
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	14,0	18,8	17,1	19,3	15,3	-4,0	1,3		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	56,5	55,7	53,9	52,5	56,3	3,8	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	65,7	68,6	65,1	65,1	66,4	1,3	0,7		
<b>Western Cape - City of Cape Town</b>									
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>	<b>2 814</b>	<b>2 828</b>	<b>2 843</b>	<b>2 857</b>	<b>2 871</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>2,0</b>
<b>Labour Force</b>	<b>1 949</b>	<b>1 963</b>	<b>1 979</b>	<b>2 012</b>	<b>2 008</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>-0,2</b>	<b>3,0</b>
Employed	1 482	1 511	1 531	1 545	1 571	26	89	1,7	6,0
Unemployed	467	452	448	467	436	-30	-30	-6,5	-6,5
Not economically active	865	865	864	845	863	18	-2	2,1	-0,3
Discouraged work-seekers	11	12	17	19	17	-2	7	-10,3	60,3
Other	855	853	846	826	846	20	-9	2,4	-1,0
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	23,9	23,0	22,7	23,2	21,7	-1,5	-2,2		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	52,7	53,4	53,9	54,1	54,7	0,6	2,0		
Labour force participation rate	69,2	69,4	69,6	70,4	69,9	-0,5	0,7		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>Eastern Cape</b>									
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>	<b>4 166</b>	<b>4 178</b>	<b>4 190</b>	<b>4 203</b>	<b>4 215</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>0,3</b>	<b>1,2</b>
<b>Labour Force</b>	<b>2 021</b>	<b>2 126</b>	<b>2 159</b>	<b>2 202</b>	<b>2 144</b>	<b>-58</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>-2,6</b>	<b>6,1</b>
Employed	1 447	1 442	1 416	1 421	1 391	-30	-57	-2,1	-3,9
Unemployed	574	684	743	781	754	-28	180	-3,5	31,3
Not economically active	2 144	2 052	2 032	2 001	2 071	70	-73	3,5	-3,4
Discouraged work-seekers	403	370	353	360	326	-34	-77	-9,4	-19,1
Other	1 741	1 682	1 679	1 641	1 745	104	4	6,3	0,2
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	28,4	32,2	34,4	35,5	35,1	-0,4	6,7		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	34,7	34,5	33,8	33,8	33,0	-0,8	-1,7		
Labour force participation rate	48,5	50,9	51,5	52,4	50,9	-1,5	2,4		
<b>Eastern Cape - Non Metro</b>									
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>	<b>2 866</b>	<b>2 874</b>	<b>2 883</b>	<b>2 891</b>	<b>2 899</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0,3</b>	<b>1,2</b>
<b>Labour Force</b>	<b>1 142</b>	<b>1 246</b>	<b>1 275</b>	<b>1 270</b>	<b>1 272</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>11,4</b>
Employed	842	825	817	818	812	-5	-29	-0,6	-3,5
Unemployed	300	421	457	453	460	7	159	1,5	53,1
Not economically active	1 724	1 628	1 608	1 621	1 627	6	-96	0,4	-5,6
Discouraged work-seekers	395	365	337	346	314	-32	-81	-9,2	-20,5
Other	1 329	1 263	1 271	1 275	1 313	38	-15	3,0	-1,2
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	26,3	33,8	35,9	35,6	36,1	0,5	9,8		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	29,4	28,7	28,4	28,3	28,0	-0,3	-1,4		
Labour force participation rate	39,8	43,4	44,2	43,9	43,9	0,0	4,1		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>Eastern Cape - Buffalo City</b>									
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0,3</b>	<b>1,0</b>
<b>Labour Force</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>-24</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-6,4</b>	<b>-2,8</b>
Employed	239	257	252	245	247	2	9	0,9	3,6
Unemployed	119	107	103	127	101	-26	-19	-20,6	-15,6
Not economically active	146	141	151	136	162	25	15	18,6	10,4
Discouraged work-seekers	5	5	13	13	12	-1	7	-7,4	143,9
Other	142	136	139	124	150	26	8	21,2	5,9
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	33,4	29,5	29,1	34,1	29,0	-5,1	-4,4		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	47,3	50,8	49,7	48,2	48,5	0,3	1,2		
Labour force participation rate	71,0	72,1	70,1	73,2	68,3	-4,9	-2,7		
<b>Eastern Cape - Nelson Mandela Bay</b>									
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>1,4</b>
<b>Labour Force</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>-36</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-6,4</b>	<b>0,6</b>
Employed	367	360	346	358	331	-27	-36	-7,6	-9,8
Unemployed	154	155	182	202	193	-8	39	-4,1	25,2
Not economically active	274	283	272	243	282	39	8	15,8	2,9
Discouraged work-seekers	3	1	3	2	1	-1	-3	-69,3	-83,9
Other	271	282	269	242	281	40	11	16,4	3,9
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	29,6	30,2	34,5	36,0	36,9	0,9	7,3		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	46,1	45,1	43,3	44,6	41,1	-3,5	-5,0		
Labour force participation rate	65,6	64,5	66,0	69,7	65,0	-4,7	-0,6		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)									
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	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
<b>Nothorn cape</b>									
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0,3</b>	<b>1,2</b>
<b>Labour Force</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>0,6</b>
Employed	298	299	292	307	321	15	24	4,8	7,9
Unemployed	140	132	128	131	120	-11	-21	-8,5	-14,8
Not economically active	342	352	365	350	349	-1	7	-0,4	2,0
Discouraged work-seekers	56	74	87	72	65	-7	9	-9,2	16,6
Other	286	278	279	278	283	5	-3	1,9	-0,9
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	32,0	30,7	30,5	29,9	27,1	-2,8	-4,9		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	38,2	38,2	37,2	39,0	40,7	1,7	2,5		
Labour force participation rate	56,2	55,1	53,4	55,6	55,9	0,3	-0,3		
<b>Free State</b>									
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>	<b>1 885</b>	<b>1 887</b>	<b>1 888</b>	<b>1 890</b>	<b>1 892</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>0,4</b>
<b>Labour Force</b>	<b>1 160</b>	<b>1 188</b>	<b>1 184</b>	<b>1 205</b>	<b>1 195</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>-0,8</b>	<b>3,1</b>
Employed	757	767	777	821	806	-16	48	-1,9	6,4
Unemployed	403	421	407	384	390	6	-13	1,5	-3,2
Not economically active	726	699	704	685	697	13	-29	1,8	-3,9
Discouraged work-seekers	82	88	84	81	89	8	7	10,3	8,6
Other	644	611	620	604	608	4	-36	0,7	-5,5
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	34,7	35,5	34,4	31,8	32,6	0,8	-2,1		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	40,2	40,6	41,1	43,5	42,6	-0,9	2,4		
Labour force participation rate	61,5	63,0	62,7	63,8	63,2	-0,6	1,7		

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	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
<b>Free State - Non Metro</b>									
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>	<b>1 354</b>	<b>1 354</b>	<b>1 354</b>	<b>1 354</b>	<b>1 353</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>0,0</b>
<b>Labour Force</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-0,6</b>	<b>1,0</b>
Employed	523	534	531	556	533	-23	9	-4,2	1,8
Unemployed	279	299	284	259	278	19	-1	7,2	-0,4
Not economically active	551	520	539	538	543	5	-8	0,8	-1,5
Discouraged work-seekers	62	59	69	68	73	4	11	6,6	18,3
Other	489	461	470	470	470	0	-19	0,0	-4,0
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	34,8	35,9	34,8	31,8	34,3	2,5	-0,5		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	38,7	39,5	39,2	41,1	39,4	-1,7	0,7		
Labour force participation rate	59,3	61,6	60,2	60,2	59,9	-0,3	0,6		
<b>Free State - Mangaung</b>									
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>1,3</b>
<b>Labour Force</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>-1,4</b>	<b>7,7</b>
Employed	234	232	246	265	273	8	39	2,9	16,8
Unemployed	123	122	123	124	111	-13	-12	-10,5	-9,6
Not economically active	175	179	166	147	155	8	-20	5,5	-11,6
Discouraged work-seekers	20	29	15	12	16	4	-4	30,9	-21,0
Other	155	149	151	134	139	4	-16	3,2	-10,4
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	34,5	34,4	33,4	31,9	29,0	-2,9	-5,5		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	44,0	43,6	46,0	49,5	50,7	1,2	6,7		
Labour force participation rate	67,1	66,5	69,0	72,7	71,3	-1,4	4,2		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>									
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>	<b>6 841</b>	<b>6 868</b>	<b>6 894</b>	<b>6 921</b>	<b>6 948</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>1,6</b>
<b>Labour Force</b>	<b>3 340</b>	<b>3 443</b>	<b>3 397</b>	<b>3 362</b>	<b>3 310</b>	<b>-52</b>	<b>-30</b>	<b>-1,5</b>	<b>-0,9</b>
Employed	2 541	2 555	2 583	2 536	2 513	-23	-28	-0,9	-1,1
Unemployed	799	889	814	825	797	-29	-2	-3,5	-0,2
Not economically active	3 501	3 424	3 497	3 559	3 638	79	137	2,2	3,9
Discouraged work-seekers	708	655	676	705	719	13	11	1,9	1,6
Other	2 794	2 769	2 821	2 854	2 919	65	125	2,3	4,5
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	23,9	25,8	24,0	24,6	24,1	-0,5	0,2		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	37,1	37,2	37,5	36,6	36,2	-0,4	-0,9		
Labour force participation rate	48,8	50,1	49,3	48,6	47,6	-1,0	-1,2		
<b>KwaZulu-Natal - Non Metro</b>									
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>	<b>4 456</b>	<b>4 476</b>	<b>4 496</b>	<b>4 516</b>	<b>4 536</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>1,8</b>
<b>Labour Force</b>	<b>1 855</b>	<b>1 937</b>	<b>1 883</b>	<b>1 853</b>	<b>1 816</b>	<b>-37</b>	<b>-39</b>	<b>-2,0</b>	<b>-2,1</b>
Employed	1 384	1 377	1 399	1 379	1 346	-33	-37	-2,4	-2,7
Unemployed	471	560	484	474	470	-4	-2	-0,8	-0,4
Not economically active	2 601	2 539	2 613	2 663	2 720	57	119	2,1	4,6
Discouraged work-seekers	622	541	561	597	635	38	14	6,4	2,2
Other	1 979	1 998	2 051	2 066	2 085	19	106	0,9	5,3
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	25,4	28,9	25,7	25,6	25,9	0,3	0,5		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	31,1	30,8	31,1	30,5	29,7	-0,8	-1,4		
Labour force participation rate	41,6	43,3	41,9	41,0	40,0	-1,0	-1,6		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>KwaZulu-Natal - eThekweni</b>									
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>	<b>2 385</b>	<b>2 392</b>	<b>2 398</b>	<b>2 405</b>	<b>2 412</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0,3</b>	<b>1,1</b>
<b>Labour Force</b>	<b>1 485</b>	<b>1 506</b>	<b>1 514</b>	<b>1 509</b>	<b>1 494</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-1,0</b>	<b>0,6</b>
Employed	1 157	1 178	1 184	1 157	1 167	10	9	0,8	0,8
Unemployed	327	329	330	352	327	-25	0	-7,0	0,1
Not economically active	901	885	884	896	918	22	17	2,4	1,9
Discouraged work-seekers	86	114	115	108	84	-25	-2	-23,0	-2,9
Other	815	772	769	788	834	47	20	5,9	2,4
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	22,0	21,8	21,8	23,3	21,9	-1,4	-0,1		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	48,5	49,2	49,4	48,1	48,4	0,3	-0,1		
Labour force participation rate	62,2	63,0	63,1	62,7	61,9	-0,8	-0,3		
<b>North West</b>									
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>	<b>2 490</b>	<b>2 501</b>	<b>2 512</b>	<b>2 523</b>	<b>2 534</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>1,8</b>
<b>Labour Force</b>	<b>1 304</b>	<b>1 328</b>	<b>1 343</b>	<b>1 332</b>	<b>1 313</b>	<b>-19</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-1,4</b>	<b>0,7</b>
Employed	959	976	978	983	999	16	40	1,6	4,2
Unemployed	345	353	365	349	314	-35	-31	-10,1	-9,1
Not economically active	1 186	1 173	1 169	1 191	1 221	30	35	2,5	3,0
Discouraged work-seekers	231	254	269	294	285	-9	54	-3,1	23,2
Other	955	919	900	897	936	39	-18	4,4	-1,9
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	26,5	26,5	27,2	26,2	23,9	-2,3	-2,6		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	38,5	39,0	38,9	39,0	39,4	0,4	0,9		
Labour force participation rate	52,4	53,1	53,5	52,8	51,8	-1,0	-0,6		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>Gauteng</b>									
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>	<b>9 854</b>	<b>9 905</b>	<b>9 957</b>	<b>10 009</b>	<b>10 059</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>2,1</b>
<b>Labour Force</b>	<b>7 163</b>	<b>7 336</b>	<b>7 201</b>	<b>7 259</b>	<b>7 043</b>	<b>-217</b>	<b>-120</b>	<b>-3,0</b>	<b>-1,7</b>
Employed	5 111	5 193	5 050	5 068	4 991	-77	-121	-1,5	-2,4
Unemployed	2 051	2 143	2 151	2 191	2 052	-139	1	-6,4	0,0
Not economically active	2 691	2 570	2 756	2 749	3 016	267	325	9,7	12,1
Discouraged work-seekers	242	207	252	263	383	120	141	45,6	58,2
Other	2 449	2 362	2 504	2 486	2 633	146	184	5,9	7,5
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	28,6	29,2	29,9	30,2	29,1	-1,1	0,5		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	51,9	52,4	50,7	50,6	49,6	-1,0	-2,3		
Labour force participation rate	72,7	74,1	72,3	72,5	70,0	-2,5	-2,7		
<b>Gauteng - Non Metro</b>									
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>	<b>1 323</b>	<b>1 326</b>	<b>1 330</b>	<b>1 333</b>	<b>1 336</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>1,0</b>
<b>Labour Force</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>-29</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>-3,3</b>	<b>-1,3</b>
Employed	583	624	600	598	625	27	42	4,6	7,1
Unemployed	284	276	279	287	231	-56	-53	-19,6	-18,7
Not economically active	456	426	450	448	480	32	24	7,1	5,3
Discouraged work-seekers	47	56	58	68	84	16	37	23,5	77,7
Other	409	370	392	380	396	16	-12	4,2	-3,0
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	32,7	30,7	31,7	32,4	26,9	-5,5	-5,8		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	44,1	47,0	45,1	44,9	46,8	1,9	2,7		
Labour force participation rate	65,6	67,9	66,1	66,4	64,1	-2,3	-1,5		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>Gauteng - Ekurhuleni</b>									
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>	<b>2 493</b>	<b>2 503</b>	<b>2 513</b>	<b>2 523</b>	<b>2 532</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>1,6</b>
<b>Labour Force</b>	<b>1 823</b>	<b>1 873</b>	<b>1 829</b>	<b>1 879</b>	<b>1 840</b>	<b>-38</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-2,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>
Employed	1 264	1 296	1 259	1 274	1 222	-51	-42	-4,0	-3,3
Unemployed	558	577	570	605	618	13	60	2,2	10,7
Not economically active	670	630	684	644	692	48	22	7,4	3,2
Discouraged work-seekers	77	67	73	67	74	8	-2	11,3	-3,0
Other	593	563	611	577	617	40	24	6,9	4,0
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	30,6	30,8	31,2	32,2	33,6	1,4	3,0		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	50,7	51,8	50,1	50,5	48,3	-2,2	-2,4		
Labour force participation rate	73,1	74,8	72,8	74,5	72,7	-1,8	-0,4		
<b>Gauteng - City of Johannesburg</b>									
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>	<b>3 628</b>	<b>3 652</b>	<b>3 676</b>	<b>3 700</b>	<b>3 724</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>2,6</b>
<b>Labour Force</b>	<b>2 765</b>	<b>2 777</b>	<b>2 765</b>	<b>2 769</b>	<b>2 658</b>	<b>-111</b>	<b>-107</b>	<b>-4,0</b>	<b>-3,9</b>
Employed	1 995	1 992	1 934	1 950	1 910	-41	-85	-2,1	-4,3
Unemployed	770	785	831	819	749	-70	-21	-8,5	-2,8
Not economically active	864	875	911	931	1 066	134	202	14,4	23,4
Discouraged work-seekers	67	54	63	57	123	66	57	116,7	85,4
Other	797	821	848	874	942	68	145	7,8	18,2
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	27,8	28,3	30,1	29,6	28,2	-1,4	0,4		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	55,0	54,5	52,6	52,7	51,3	-1,4	-3,7		
Labour force participation rate	76,2	76,0	75,2	74,8	71,4	-3,4	-4,8		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>Gauteng – City of Tshwane</b>									
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>	<b>2 410</b>	<b>2 424</b>	<b>2 439</b>	<b>2 453</b>	<b>2 467</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>2,4</b>
<b>Labour Force</b>	<b>1 708</b>	<b>1 786</b>	<b>1 728</b>	<b>1 727</b>	<b>1 688</b>	<b>-39</b>	<b>-20</b>	<b>-2,2</b>	<b>-1,2</b>
Employed	1 269	1 281	1 257	1 246	1 234	-12	-35	-1,0	-2,8
Unemployed	439	505	471	481	455	-26	15	-5,4	3,5
Not economically active	702	638	711	726	779	53	77	7,3	11,0
Discouraged work-seekers	52	31	58	72	102	30	50	42,0	96,3
Other	650	608	653	654	677	23	27	3,5	4,2
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	25,7	28,3	27,2	27,9	26,9	-1,0	1,2		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	52,7	52,8	51,6	50,8	50,0	-0,8	-2,7		
Labour force participation rate	70,9	73,7	70,9	70,4	68,4	-2,0	-2,5		
<b>Mpumalanga</b>									
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>	<b>2 828</b>	<b>2 841</b>	<b>2 853</b>	<b>2 866</b>	<b>2 877</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>1,7</b>
<b>Labour Force</b>	<b>1 673</b>	<b>1 776</b>	<b>1 788</b>	<b>1 738</b>	<b>1 748</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>4,4</b>
Employed	1 155	1 217	1 212	1 204	1 242	38	87	3,2	7,5
Unemployed	518	559	577	534	506	-28	-12	-5,3	-2,4
Not economically active	1 155	1 064	1 065	1 128	1 130	2	-25	0,2	-2,2
Discouraged work-seekers	227	211	216	228	236	8	9	3,4	4,1
Other	928	853	849	900	894	-6	-34	-0,6	-3,7
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	31,0	31,5	32,3	30,7	28,9	-1,8	-2,1		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	40,9	42,8	42,5	42,0	43,2	1,2	2,3		
Labour force participation rate	59,2	62,5	62,7	60,6	60,7	0,1	1,5		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (concluded)									
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>Limpopo</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 649	3 663	3 678	3 692	3 705	13	56	0,3	1,5
Labour Force	1 751	1 732	1 754	1 795	1 763	-32	12	-1,8	0,7
Employed	1 414	1 358	1 390	1 452	1 417	-35	4	-2,4	0,3
Unemployed	337	374	364	343	346	3	9	0,9	2,6
Not economically active	1 898	1 932	1 924	1 897	1 941	45	44	2,4	2,3
Discouraged work-seekers	298	371	345	373	379	7	81	1,8	27,2
Other	1 599	1 560	1 579	1 524	1 562	38	-37	2,5	-2,3
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	19,3	21,6	20,8	19,1	19,6	0,5	0,3		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	38,7	37,1	37,8	39,3	38,3	-1,0	-0,4		
Labour force participation rate	48,0	47,3	47,7	48,6	47,6	-1,0	-0,4		

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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 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>Both sexes</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	36 905	37 061	37 217	37 373	37 525	152	621	0,4	1,7
Labour Force	24 969	25 503	25 403	25 614	25 388	-226	419	-0,9	1,7
Employed	16 069	16 212	16 100	16 192	16 171	-21	102	-0,1	0,6
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	11 156	11 337	11 193	11 379	11 244	-135	88	-1,2	0,8
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	2 695	2 681	2 761	2 689	2 808	119	113	4,4	4,2
Agriculture	919	875	835	810	849	39	-70	4,8	-7,6
Private households	1 299	1 319	1 311	1 313	1 270	-43	-29	-3,3	-2,2
Unemployed	8 900	9 291	9 304	9 422	9 216	-206	317	-2,2	3,6
Not economically active	11 936	11 557	11 814	11 760	12 138	378	202	3,2	1,7
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	35,6	36,4	36,6	36,8	36,3	-0,5	0,7		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	43,5	43,7	43,3	43,3	43,1	-0,2	-0,4		
Labour force participation rate	67,7	68,8	68,3	68,5	67,7	-0,8	0,0		
<b>Women</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	18 679	18 753	18 828	18 903	18 975	73	297	0,4	1,6
Labour Force	11 697	11 971	11 878	11 997	11 853	-143	157	-1,2	1,3
Employed	7 031	7 182	7 078	7 125	7 071	-54	40	-0,8	0,6
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	4 754	4 883	4 770	4 805	4 730	-75	-24	-1,6	-0,5
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	977	1 021	1 026	1 057	1 084	26	107	2,5	10,9
Agriculture	305	278	264	252	267	15	-38	6,1	-12,4
Private households	995	1 001	1 018	1 010	990	-20	-5	-2,0	-0,5
Unemployed	4 665	4 788	4 800	4 872	4 782	-90	117	-1,8	2,5
Not economically active	6 982	6 783	6 950	6 906	7 122	216	140	3,1	2,0
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	39,9	40,0	40,4	40,6	40,3	-0,3	0,4		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	37,6	38,3	37,6	37,7	37,3	-0,4	-0,3		
Labour force participation rate	62,6	63,8	63,1	63,5	62,5	-1,0	-0,1		

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Table 2.4: Labour force characteristics by sex – Expanded definition of unemployment (concluded)									
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>Men</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	18 226	18 307	18 389	18 471	18 550	79	324	0,4	1,8
Labour Force	13 272	13 533	13 525	13 617	13 534	-83	262	-0,6	2,0
Employed	9 037	9 030	9 022	9 067	9 100	33	63	0,4	0,7
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	6 402	6 454	6 423	6 574	6 514	-60	112	-0,9	1,8
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	1 718	1 660	1 734	1 632	1 724	92	7	5,7	0,4
Agriculture	614	597	571	558	582	24	-32	4,2	-5,2
Private households	304	319	294	303	280	-23	-24	-7,6	-7,9
Unemployed	4 235	4 503	4 503	4 550	4 434	-116	200	-2,5	4,7
Not economically active	4 954	4 775	4 864	4 853	5 016	162	61	3,3	1,2
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	31,9	33,3	33,3	33,4	32,8	-0,6	0,9		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	49,6	49,3	49,1	49,1	49,1	0,0	-0,5		
Labour force participation rate	72,8	73,9	73,5	73,7	73,0	-0,7	0,2		

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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 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>South Africa</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	36 905	37 061	37 217	37 373	37 525	152	621	0,4	1,7
Labour Force	24 969	25 503	25 403	25 614	25 388	-226	419	-0,9	1,7
Employed	16 069	16 212	16 100	16 192	16 171	-21	102	-0,1	0,6
Unemployed	8 900	9 291	9 304	9 422	9 216	-206	317	-2,2	3,6
Not economically active	11 936	11 557	11 814	11 760	12 138	378	202	3,2	1,7
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	35,6	36,4	36,6	36,8	36,3	-0,5	0,7		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	43,5	43,7	43,3	43,3	43,1	-0,2	-0,4		
Labour force participation rate	67,7	68,8	68,3	68,5	67,7	-0,8	0,0		
<b>Black/African</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	29 493	29 645	29 798	29 950	30 099	149	606	0,5	2,1
Labour Force	19 920	20 330	20 336	20 531	20 318	-212	398	-1,0	2,0
Employed	11 939	12 009	12 025	12 122	12 057	-65	118	-0,5	1,0
Unemployed	7 981	8 321	8 311	8 409	8 261	-148	280	-1,8	3,5
Not economically active	9 573	9 315	9 461	9 420	9 781	362	208	3,8	2,2
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	40,1	40,9	40,9	41,0	40,7	-0,3	0,6		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	40,5	40,5	40,4	40,5	40,1	-0,4	-0,4		
Labour force participation rate	67,5	68,6	68,2	68,5	67,5	-1,0	0,0		
<b>Coloured</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 386	3 396	3 406	3 415	3 425	9	38	0,3	1,1
Labour Force	2 319	2 375	2 330	2 338	2 343	5	24	0,2	1,0
Employed	1 685	1 690	1 631	1 639	1 662	23	-23	1,4	-1,4
Unemployed	634	685	699	699	682	-18	48	-2,5	7,5
Not economically active	1 067	1 021	1 076	1 077	1 081	4	14	0,4	1,3
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	27,3	28,9	30,0	29,9	29,1	-0,8	1,8		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	49,8	49,8	47,9	48,0	48,5	0,5	-1,3		
Labour force participation rate	68,5	69,9	68,4	68,5	68,4	-0,1	-0,1		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.5: Labour force characteristics by population group – Expanded definition of unemployment (concluded)									
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>Indian/Asian</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	990	992	994	996	998	2	8	0,2	0,8
Labour Force	628	645	656	641	640	-1	12	-0,2	1,9
Employed	535	544	526	541	544	3	9	0,6	1,6
Unemployed	92	102	130	100	96	-4	3	-4,2	3,6
Not economically active	362	346	338	355	358	3	-4	0,9	-1,0
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	14,7	15,8	19,8	15,6	14,9	-0,7	0,2		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	54,1	54,8	52,9	54,3	54,5	0,2	0,4		
Labour force participation rate	63,4	65,1	66,0	64,3	64,1	-0,2	0,7		
<b>White</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 036	3 028	3 020	3 012	3 003	-8	-32	-0,3	-1,1
Labour Force	2 102	2 152	2 081	2 104	2 086	-18	-16	-0,8	-0,7
Employed	1 910	1 969	1 918	1 890	1 909	18	-1	1,0	0,0
Unemployed	192	183	164	214	178	-36	-15	-16,9	-7,6
Not economically active	934	875	938	907	917	9	-17	1,0	-1,8
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	9,1	8,5	7,9	10,2	8,5	-1,7	-0,6		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	62,9	65,0	63,5	62,8	63,6	0,8	0,7		
Labour force participation rate	69,2	71,1	68,9	69,9	69,5	-0,4	0,3		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.6: Labour force characteristics by age group – Expanded definition of unemployment									
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>15-64 years</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	36 905	37 061	37 217	37 373	37 525	152	621	0,4	1,7
Labour Force	24 969	25 503	25 403	25 614	25 388	-226	419	-0,9	1,7
Employed	16 069	16 212	16 100	16 192	16 171	-21	102	-0,1	0,6
Unemployed	8 900	9 291	9 304	9 422	9 216	-206	317	-2,2	3,6
Not economically active	11 936	11 557	11 814	11 760	12 138	378	202	3,2	1,7
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	35,6	36,4	36,6	36,8	36,3	-0,5	0,7		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	43,5	43,7	43,3	43,3	43,1	-0,2	-0,4		
Labour force participation rate	67,7	68,8	68,3	68,5	67,7	-0,8	0,0		
<b>15-24 years</b>									
Population 15-24 yrs	10 313	10 314	10 315	10 315	10 314	-1	1	0,0	0,0
Labour Force	3 684	3 830	3 763	3 719	3 614	-106	-70	-2,8	-1,9
Employed	1 333	1 315	1 226	1 322	1 305	-17	-28	-1,3	-2,1
Unemployed	2 351	2 515	2 537	2 398	2 308	-89	-42	-3,7	-1,8
Not economically active	6 629	6 484	6 552	6 596	6 700	104	71	1,6	1,1
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	63,8	65,7	67,4	64,5	63,9	-0,6	0,1		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	12,9	12,7	11,9	12,8	12,7	-0,1	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	35,7	37,1	36,5	36,1	35,0	-1,1	-0,7		
<b>25-34 years</b>									
Population 25-34 yrs	9 704	9 742	9 780	9 817	9 854	37	150	0,4	1,5
Labour Force	8 346	8 426	8 389	8 478	8 370	-108	24	-1,3	0,3
Employed	4 954	4 966	4 907	4 871	4 790	-81	-164	-1,7	-3,3
Unemployed	3 392	3 459	3 482	3 607	3 580	-27	188	-0,7	5,6
Not economically active	1 358	1 316	1 391	1 340	1 484	145	126	10,8	9,3
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	40,6	41,1	41,5	42,5	42,8	0,3	2,2		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	51,1	51,0	50,2	49,6	48,6	-1,0	-2,5		
Labour force participation rate	86,0	86,5	85,8	86,4	84,9	-1,5	-1,1		

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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 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>35-44 years</b>									
Population 35-44 yrs	7 861	7 902	7 943	7 983	8 021	38	160	0,5	2,0
Labour Force	6 916	6 974	7 040	7 105	7 083	-22	167	-0,3	2,4
Employed	4 992	5 016	5 040	5 027	5 081	53	89	1,1	1,8
Unemployed	1 924	1 958	2 000	2 078	2 002	-76	78	-3,6	4,1
Not economically active	945	928	903	878	938	61	-7	6,9	-0,7
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	27,8	28,1	28,4	29,2	28,3	-0,9	0,5		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	63,5	63,5	63,5	63,0	63,3	0,3	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	88,0	88,3	88,6	89,0	88,3	-0,7	0,3		
<b>45-54 years</b>									
Population 45-54 yrs	5 375	5 421	5 467	5 515	5 564	49	189	0,9	3,5
Labour Force	4 272	4 424	4 406	4 459	4 496	37	223	0,8	5,2
Employed	3 313	3 393	3 420	3 426	3 445	18	132	0,5	4,0
Unemployed	960	1 031	986	1 033	1 051	18	91	1,8	9,5
Not economically active	1 103	997	1 061	1 056	1 068	12	-34	1,2	-3,1
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	22,5	23,3	22,4	23,2	23,4	0,2	0,9		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	61,6	62,6	62,6	62,1	61,9	-0,2	0,3		
Labour force participation rate	79,5	81,6	80,6	80,8	80,8	0,0	1,3		
<b>55-64 years</b>									
Population 55-64 yrs	3 651	3 682	3 712	3 743	3 772	29	121	0,8	3,3
Labour Force	1 750	1 849	1 805	1 852	1 826	-27	75	-1,4	4,3
Employed	1 477	1 522	1 506	1 545	1 551	5	74	0,4	5,0
Unemployed	273	327	299	307	275	-32	1	-10,5	0,5
Not economically active	1 901	1 832	1 907	1 890	1 947	56	46	3,0	2,4
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	15,6	17,7	16,5	16,6	15,1	-1,5	-0,5		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	40,5	41,3	40,6	41,3	41,1	-0,2	0,6		
Labour force participation rate	47,9	50,2	48,6	49,5	48,4	-1,1	0,5		

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Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province and metro – Expanded definition of unemployment									
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>South Africa</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	36 905	37 061	37 217	37 373	37 525	152	621	0,4	1,7
Labour Force	24 969	25 503	25 403	25 614	25 388	-226	419	-0,9	1,7
Employed	16 069	16 212	16 100	16 192	16 171	-21	102	-0,1	0,6
Unemployed	8 900	9 291	9 304	9 422	9 216	-206	317	-2,2	3,6
Not economically active	11 936	11 557	11 814	11 760	12 138	378	202	3,2	1,7
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	35,6	36,4	36,6	36,8	36,3	-0,5	0,7		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	43,5	43,7	43,3	43,3	43,1	-0,2	-0,4		
Labour force participation rate	67,7	68,8	68,3	68,5	67,7	-0,8	0,0		
<b>Western Cape</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 412	4 436	4 460	4 483	4 506	23	93	0,5	2,1
Labour Force	3 124	3 197	3 187	3 210	3 236	26	111	0,8	3,6
Employed	2 386	2 406	2 403	2 399	2 492	92	106	3,8	4,4
Unemployed	739	790	784	810	744	-66	5	-8,2	0,7
Not economically active	1 288	1 239	1 273	1 273	1 270	-3	-18	-0,2	-1,4
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	23,6	24,7	24,6	25,2	23,0	-2,2	-0,6		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	54,1	54,2	53,9	53,5	55,3	1,8	1,2		
Labour force participation rate	70,8	72,1	71,5	71,6	71,8	0,2	1,0		
<b>Western Cape - Non Metro</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 598	1 607	1 617	1 626	1 635	9	37	0,5	2,3
Labour Force	1 140	1 181	1 167	1 150	1 181	31	41	2,7	3,6
Employed	903	895	872	855	920	66	17	7,7	1,9
Unemployed	236	285	296	295	260	-35	24	-11,7	10,1
Not economically active	458	427	449	477	454	-22	-4	-4,7	-0,9
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	20,7	24,2	25,3	25,7	22,1	-3,6	1,4		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	56,5	55,7	53,9	52,5	56,3	3,8	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	71,3	73,4	72,2	70,7	72,2	1,5	0,9		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.



Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province and metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>Western Cape - City of Cape Town</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 814	2 828	2 843	2 857	2 871	14	56	0,5	2,0
Labour Force	1 984	2 016	2 019	2 060	2 055	-5	70	-0,3	3,5
Employed	1 482	1 511	1 531	1 545	1 571	26	89	1,7	6,0
Unemployed	502	505	488	515	484	-32	-19	-6,1	-3,7
Not economically active	830	812	824	797	816	19	-14	2,4	-1,7
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	25,3	25,1	24,2	25,0	23,5	-1,5	-1,8		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	52,7	53,4	53,9	54,1	54,7	0,6	2,0		
Labour force participation rate	70,5	71,3	71,0	72,1	71,6	-0,5	1,1		
<b>Eastern Cape</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 166	4 178	4 190	4 203	4 215	12	50	0,3	1,2
Labour Force	2 465	2 555	2 552	2 599	2 520	-79	55	-3,0	2,2
Employed	1 447	1 442	1 416	1 421	1 391	-30	-57	-2,1	-3,9
Unemployed	1 018	1 113	1 136	1 178	1 129	-49	112	-4,1	11,0
Not economically active	1 701	1 623	1 639	1 604	1 695	91	-5	5,7	-0,3
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	41,3	43,6	44,5	45,3	44,8	-0,5	3,5		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	34,7	34,5	33,8	33,8	33,0	-0,8	-1,7		
Labour force participation rate	59,2	61,1	60,9	61,8	59,8	-2,0	0,6		
<b>Eastern Cape - Non Metro</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 866	2 874	2 883	2 891	2 899	8	34	0,3	1,2
Labour Force	1 566	1 657	1 638	1 642	1 622	-20	55	-1,2	3,5
Employed	842	825	817	818	812	-5	-29	-0,6	-3,5
Unemployed	725	832	820	824	809	-15	85	-1,8	11,7
Not economically active	1 300	1 217	1 245	1 250	1 278	28	-22	2,2	-1,7
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	46,3	50,2	50,1	50,2	49,9	-0,3	3,6		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	29,4	28,7	28,4	28,3	28,0	-0,3	-1,4		
Labour force participation rate	54,7	57,6	56,8	56,8	55,9	-0,9	1,2		

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Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province and metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>Eastern Cape - Buffalo City</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	504	506	507	508	510	1	5	0,3	1,0
Labour Force	373	381	378	395	373	-22	0	-5,6	0,0
Employed	239	257	252	245	247	2	9	0,9	3,6
Unemployed	135	123	126	150	126	-24	-9	-16,2	-6,6
Not economically active	131	125	129	113	136	24	5	20,9	4,1
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	36,1	32,4	33,3	38,0	33,7	-4,3	-2,4		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	47,3	50,8	49,7	48,2	48,5	0,3	1,2		
Labour force participation rate	74,0	75,3	74,5	77,8	73,2	-4,6	-0,8		
<b>Eastern Cape - Nelson Mandela Bay</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	795	798	801	803	806	3	11	0,4	1,4
Labour Force	526	517	536	562	525	-37	0	-6,5	0,0
Employed	367	360	346	358	331	-27	-36	-7,6	-9,8
Unemployed	159	157	190	204	194	-9	36	-4,5	22,6
Not economically active	270	281	264	241	281	40	11	16,4	4,1
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	30,2	30,4	35,4	36,2	37,0	0,8	6,8		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	46,1	45,1	43,3	44,6	41,1	-3,5	-5,0		
Labour force participation rate	66,1	64,8	67,0	69,9	65,2	-4,7	-0,9		
<b>Nothern Cape</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	780	783	785	787	790	2	9	0,3	1,2
Labour Force	525	532	533	539	540	1	15	0,2	2,9
Employed	298	299	292	307	321	15	24	4,8	7,9
Unemployed	227	233	242	232	219	-13	-8	-5,7	-3,6
Not economically active	255	250	252	248	249	1	-6	0,4	-2,3
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	43,3	43,9	45,3	43,1	40,5	-2,6	-2,8		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	38,2	38,2	37,2	39,0	40,7	1,7	2,5		
Labour force participation rate	67,3	68,0	68,0	68,5	68,4	-0,1	1,1		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province and metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>Free State</b>									
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>	1 885	1 887	1 888	1 890	1 892	3	7	0,1	0,4
<b>Labour Force</b>	1 281	1 316	1 305	1 336	1 321	-14	41	-1,1	3,2
Employed	757	767	777	821	806	-16	48	-1,9	6,4
Unemployed	524	549	529	514	516	1	-8	0,3	-1,5
Not economically active	605	571	583	554	571	17	-34	3,1	-5,6
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	40,9	41,7	40,5	38,5	39,0	0,5	-1,9		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	40,2	40,6	41,1	43,5	42,6	-0,9	2,4		
Labour force participation rate	67,9	69,7	69,1	70,7	69,8	-0,9	1,9		
<b>Free State - Non Metro</b>									
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>	1 354	1 354	1 354	1 354	1 353	0	0	0,0	0,0
<b>Labour Force</b>	891	924	915	921	914	-6	24	-0,7	2,7
Employed	523	534	531	556	533	-23	9	-4,2	1,8
Unemployed	367	389	384	365	382	17	15	4,7	4,0
Not economically active	463	430	438	433	439	6	-24	1,4	-5,2
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	41,2	42,2	42,0	39,6	41,8	2,2	0,6		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	38,7	39,5	39,2	41,1	39,4	-1,7	0,7		
Labour force participation rate	65,8	68,2	67,6	68,0	67,6	-0,4	1,8		
<b>Free State - Mangaung</b>									
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>	532	533	534	536	539	3	7	0,5	1,3
<b>Labour Force</b>	390	392	390	415	407	-8	17	-2,0	4,3
Employed	234	232	246	265	273	8	39	2,9	16,8
Unemployed	156	159	144	150	134	-16	-22	-10,6	-14,3
Not economically active	142	141	144	121	132	11	-10	9,0	-7,0
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	40,1	40,7	37,0	36,1	32,9	-3,2	-7,2		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	44,0	43,6	46,0	49,5	50,7	1,2	6,7		
Labour force participation rate	73,3	73,5	73,0	77,4	75,5	-1,9	2,2		

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

Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>									
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>	6 841	6 868	6 894	6 921	6 948	27	107	0,4	1,6
<b>Labour Force</b>	4 285	4 328	4 334	4 299	4 256	-44	-29	-1,0	-0,7
Employed	2 541	2 555	2 583	2 536	2 513	-23	-28	-0,9	-1,1
Unemployed	1 744	1 773	1 751	1 763	1 743	-20	-1	-1,1	0,0
Not economically active	2 556	2 540	2 560	2 621	2 692	70	136	2,7	5,3
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	40,7	41,0	40,4	41,0	41,0	0,0	0,3		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	37,1	37,2	37,5	36,6	36,2	-0,4	-0,9		
Labour force participation rate	62,6	63,0	62,9	62,1	61,3	-0,8	-1,3		
<b>KwaZulu-Natal - Non Metro</b>									
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>	4 456	4 476	4 496	4 516	4 536	20	80	0,4	1,8
<b>Labour Force</b>	2 677	2 676	2 660	2 635	2 633	-2	-44	-0,1	-1,7
Employed	1 384	1 377	1 399	1 379	1 346	-33	-37	-2,4	-2,7
Unemployed	1 293	1 298	1 261	1 255	1 286	31	-7	2,5	-0,5
Not economically active	1 779	1 800	1 836	1 881	1 903	22	124	1,2	7,0
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	48,3	48,5	47,4	47,6	48,9	1,3	0,6		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	31,1	30,8	31,1	30,5	29,7	-0,8	-1,4		
Labour force participation rate	60,1	59,8	59,2	58,3	58,0	-0,3	-2,1		
<b>KwaZulu-Natal - eThekhwini</b>									
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>	2 385	2 392	2 398	2 405	2 412	7	27	0,3	1,1
<b>Labour Force</b>	1 608	1 652	1 675	1 665	1 623	-41	15	-2,5	1,0
Employed	1 157	1 178	1 184	1 157	1 167	10	9	0,8	0,8
Unemployed	450	474	491	508	457	-51	6	-10,0	1,4
Not economically active	777	740	723	740	788	48	11	6,5	1,4
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	28,0	28,7	29,3	30,5	28,1	-2,4	0,1		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	48,5	49,2	49,4	48,1	48,4	0,3	-0,1		
Labour force participation rate	67,4	69,1	69,8	69,2	67,3	-1,9	-0,1		

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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 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>North West</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 490	2 501	2 512	2 523	2 534	11	44	0,4	1,8
Labour Force	1 624	1 674	1 686	1 709	1 684	-25	60	-1,5	3,7
Employed	959	976	978	983	999	16	40	1,6	4,2
Unemployed	665	698	708	726	684	-42	19	-5,7	2,9
Not economically active	866	827	826	814	850	36	-16	4,5	-1,8
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	40,9	41,7	42,0	42,5	40,6	-1,9	-0,3		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	38,5	39,0	38,9	39,0	39,4	0,4	0,9		
Labour force participation rate	65,2	66,9	67,1	67,7	66,4	-1,3	1,2		
<b>Gauteng</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	9 854	9 905	9 957	10 009	10 059	50	205	0,5	2,1
Labour Force	7 523	7 636	7 529	7 603	7 528	-75	5	-1,0	0,1
Employed	5 111	5 193	5 050	5 068	4 991	-77	-121	-1,5	-2,4
Unemployed	2 411	2 443	2 479	2 535	2 537	2	125	0,1	5,2
Not economically active	2 331	2 270	2 428	2 406	2 531	125	200	5,2	8,6
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	32,1	32,0	32,9	33,3	33,7	0,4	1,6		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	51,9	52,4	50,7	50,6	49,6	-1,0	-2,3		
Labour force participation rate	76,3	77,1	75,6	76,0	74,8	-1,2	-1,5		
<b>Gauteng - Non Metro</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 323	1 326	1 330	1 333	1 336	3	13	0,2	1,0
Labour Force	949	984	967	990	960	-30	11	-3,0	1,2
Employed	583	624	600	598	625	27	42	4,6	7,1
Unemployed	365	361	367	392	335	-57	-30	-14,6	-8,3
Not economically active	374	342	362	343	375	33	1	9,6	0,4
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	38,5	36,6	37,9	39,6	34,9	-4,7	-3,6		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	44,1	47,0	45,1	44,9	46,8	1,9	2,7		
Labour force participation rate	71,7	74,2	72,7	74,3	71,9	-2,4	0,2		

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

Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>Gauteng - Ekurhuleni</b>									
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>	<b>2 493</b>	<b>2 503</b>	<b>2 513</b>	<b>2 523</b>	<b>2 532</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>1,6</b>
<b>Labour Force</b>	<b>1 927</b>	<b>1 965</b>	<b>1 918</b>	<b>1 958</b>	<b>1 928</b>	<b>-30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-1,5</b>	<b>0,1</b>
Employed	1 264	1 296	1 259	1 274	1 222	-51	-42	-4,0	-3,3
Unemployed	663	669	659	685	706	21	43	3,1	6,5
Not economically active	565	537	594	564	604	40	38	7,0	6,8
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	34,4	34,0	34,4	35,0	36,6	1,6	2,2		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	50,7	51,8	50,1	50,5	48,3	-2,2	-2,4		
Labour force participation rate	77,3	78,5	76,3	77,6	76,1	-1,5	-1,2		
<b>Gauteng - City of Johannesburg</b>									
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>	<b>3 628</b>	<b>3 652</b>	<b>3 676</b>	<b>3 700</b>	<b>3 724</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>2,6</b>
<b>Labour Force</b>	<b>2 857</b>	<b>2 853</b>	<b>2 834</b>	<b>2 834</b>	<b>2 822</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-35</b>	<b>-0,4</b>	<b>-1,2</b>
Employed	1 995	1 992	1 934	1 950	1 910	-41	-85	-2,1	-4,3
Unemployed	862	861	900	883	912	29	50	3,3	5,8
Not economically active	772	799	843	866	902	36	130	4,1	16,9
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	30,2	30,2	31,8	31,2	32,3	1,1	2,1		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	55,0	54,5	52,6	52,7	51,3	-1,4	-3,7		
Labour force participation rate	78,7	78,1	77,1	76,6	75,8	-0,8	-2,9		
<b>Gauteng - City of Tshwane</b>									
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>	<b>2 410</b>	<b>2 424</b>	<b>2 439</b>	<b>2 453</b>	<b>2 467</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>2,4</b>
<b>Labour Force</b>	<b>1 790</b>	<b>1 833</b>	<b>1 810</b>	<b>1 821</b>	<b>1 815</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>-0,3</b>	<b>1,4</b>
Employed	1 269	1 281	1 257	1 246	1 234	-12	-35	-1,0	-2,8
Unemployed	522	552	553	575	582	7	60	1,2	11,5
Not economically active	619	592	629	632	652	20	32	3,1	5,2
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	29,1	30,1	30,5	31,6	32,0	0,4	2,9		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	52,7	52,8	51,6	50,8	50,0	-0,8	-2,7		
Labour force participation rate	74,3	75,6	74,2	74,2	73,6	-0,6	-0,7		

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

Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (concluded)									
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>Mpumalanga</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 828	2 841	2 853	2 866	2 877	12	49	0,4	1,7
Labour Force	1 997	2 071	2 068	2 057	2 061	4	64	0,2	3,2
Employed	1 155	1 217	1 212	1 204	1 242	38	87	3,2	7,5
Unemployed	841	854	857	853	819	-34	-23	-4,0	-2,7
Not economically active	831	770	785	808	817	8	-15	1,0	-1,8
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	42,1	41,2	41,4	41,5	39,7	-1,8	-2,4		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	40,9	42,8	42,5	42,0	43,2	1,2	2,3		
Labour force participation rate	70,6	72,9	72,5	71,8	71,6	-0,2	1,0		
<b>Limpopo</b>									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 649	3 663	3 678	3 692	3 705	13	56	0,3	1,5
Labour Force	2 145	2 197	2 209	2 261	2 242	-19	97	-0,9	4,5
Employed	1 414	1 358	1 390	1 452	1 417	-35	4	-2,4	0,3
Unemployed	731	839	819	810	825	15	94	1,9	12,8
Not economically active	1 504	1 466	1 469	1 430	1 462	32	-41	2,2	-2,8
<b>Rates (%)</b>									
Unemployment rate	34,1	38,2	37,1	35,8	36,8	1,0	2,7		
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	38,7	37,1	37,8	39,3	38,3	-1,0	-0,4		
Labour force participation rate	58,8	60,0	60,1	61,3	60,5	-0,8	1,7		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 3.1: Employed by industry and sex – South Africa									
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>16 069</b>	<b>16 212</b>	<b>16 100</b>	<b>16 192</b>	<b>16 171</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>-0,1</b>	<b>0,6</b>
Agriculture	919	875	835	810	849	39	-70	4,8	-7,6
Mining	421	447	434	446	411	-35	-10	-7,9	-2,5
Manufacturing	1 727	1 790	1 799	1 749	1 791	42	63	2,4	3,7
Utilities	131	145	148	153	149	-4	18	-2,4	13,8
Construction	1 483	1 505	1 395	1 365	1 390	26	-92	1,9	-6,2
Trade	3 222	3 207	3 265	3 286	3 240	-45	18	-1,4	0,6
Transport	961	965	954	988	1 001	13	40	1,4	4,2
Finance	2 329	2 378	2 395	2 463	2 373	-91	44	-3,7	1,9
Community and social services	3 571	3 569	3 560	3 616	3 691	75	119	2,1	3,3
Private households	1 299	1 319	1 311	1 313	1 270	-43	-29	-3,3	-2,2
Other	5	11	3	3	6	3	1	107,4	27,6
<b>Women</b>	<b>7 031</b>	<b>7 182</b>	<b>7 078</b>	<b>7 125</b>	<b>7 071</b>	<b>-54</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>-0,8</b>	<b>0,6</b>
Agriculture	305	278	264	252	267	15	-38	6,1	-12,4
Mining	62	60	61	53	45	-8	-17	-14,3	-27,0
Manufacturing	554	627	603	597	585	-12	31	-2,0	5,5
Utilities	37	31	31	43	38	-5	2	-10,7	4,7
Construction	174	199	174	158	174	15	0	9,6	-0,2
Trade	1 555	1 573	1 578	1 563	1 536	-27	-18	-1,7	-1,2
Transport	189	199	171	190	197	7	8	3,8	4,0
Finance	970	1 009	1 003	1 008	976	-32	6	-3,2	0,7
Community and social services	2 186	2 199	2 172	2 248	2 259	12	73	0,5	3,3
Private households	995	1 001	1 018	1 010	990	-20	-5	-2,0	-0,5
Other	5	7	3	3	3	1	-1	22,5	-24,6
<b>Men</b>	<b>9 037</b>	<b>9 030</b>	<b>9 022</b>	<b>9 067</b>	<b>9 100</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>0,7</b>
Agriculture	614	597	571	558	582	24	-32	4,2	-5,2
Mining	359	387	373	393	365	-28	6	-7,0	1,8
Manufacturing	1 173	1 163	1 196	1 152	1 206	54	33	4,7	2,8
Utilities	95	114	116	110	111	1	16	0,8	17,3
Construction	1 309	1 306	1 221	1 206	1 217	10	-92	0,9	-7,0
Trade	1 668	1 634	1 686	1 722	1 704	-18	37	-1,1	2,2
Transport	772	766	783	798	804	6	32	0,8	4,2
Finance	1 359	1 369	1 392	1 455	1 397	-58	38	-4,0	2,8
Community and social services	1 385	1 370	1 388	1 369	1 432	63	46	4,6	3,3
Private households	304	319	294	303	280	-23	-24	-7,6	-7,9
Other		4			2				



<b>Table 3.2: Employed by industry and province</b>									
	<b>Oct-Dec 2016</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 2017</b>	<b>Apr-Jun 2017</b>	<b>Jul-Sep 2017</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 2017</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on-year change</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on-year change</b>
	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Per cent</b>	<b>Per cent</b>
<b>Agriculture</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>-70</b>	<b>4,8</b>	<b>-7,6</b>
Western Cape	250	215	180	159	193	34	-57	21,2	-23,0
Eastern Cape	88	87	90	86	94	9	6	10,3	6,7
Nothorn Cape	53	47	36	39	55	16	2	42,4	4,3
Free State	65	70	80	75	77	2	13	3,0	19,7
KwaZulu-Natal	146	141	123	121	106	-16	-40	-12,8	-27,3
North West	55	50	54	49	47	-2	-7	-3,2	-13,6
Gauteng	36	36	34	44	36	-8	1	-17,4	2,3
Mpumalanga	88	89	95	100	104	5	17	4,9	18,9
Limpopo	139	140	144	138	136	-2	-3	-1,6	-2,5
<b>Mining</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>-35</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-7,9</b>	<b>-2,5</b>
Western Cape	4	4	3	5	4	-1	0	-13,8	3,7
Eastern Cape	0	0	1		2		1		210,3
Nothorn Cape	24	28	33	33	25	-8	1	-24,5	2,5
Free State	17	17	15	17	16	-1	-1	-6,5	-5,8
KwaZulu-Natal	8	7	9	5	4	0	-4	-8,4	-48,4
North West	128	132	132	137	128	-9	-1	-6,6	-0,4
Gauteng	77	92	86	91	76	-15	0	-16,3	-0,4
Mpumalanga	53	55	54	51	64	12	11	23,8	20,1
Limpopo	109	112	101	107	92	-15	-17	-13,8	-15,6
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>1 727</b>	<b>1 790</b>	<b>1 799</b>	<b>1 749</b>	<b>1 791</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>2,4</b>	<b>3,7</b>
Western Cape	317	359	339	330	328	-2	10	-0,6	3,3
Eastern Cape	142	149	129	128	115	-13	-28	-10,1	-19,4
Nothorn Cape	15	12	7	9	9	-1	-6	-6,0	-41,8
Free State	59	68	69	55	55	1	-4	0,9	-6,1
KwaZulu-Natal	306	295	295	330	361	31	55	9,4	18,1
North West	66	74	77	78	85	7	18	8,8	27,8
Gauteng	643	646	666	624	643	19	0	3,0	0,0
Mpumalanga	100	104	112	112	106	-6	6	-5,6	6,5
Limpopo	80	82	106	84	90	6	10	7,5	12,2

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

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<b>Table 3.2: Employed by industry and province (continued)</b>									
	<b>Oct-Dec 2016</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 2017</b>	<b>Apr-Jun 2017</b>	<b>Jul-Sep 2017</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 2017</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on-year change</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on-year change</b>
	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Per cent</b>	<b>Per cent</b>
<b>Utilities</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-2,4</b>	<b>13,8</b>
Western Cape	6	8	17	16	11	-5	5	-30,2	83,8
Eastern Cape	8	8	6	9	7	-2	-2	-21,8	-18,1
Nothorn Cape	1	3	2	5	3	-2	2	-35,5	248,2
Free State	10	12	11	11	9	-2	-1	-18,9	-13,6
KwaZulu-Natal	6	14	10	18	14	-3	8	-17,4	136,9
North West	6	1	5	5	5	0	-1	5,6	-14,1
Gauteng	32	35	40	42	52	11	21	25,5	64,5
Mpumalanga	41	41	42	35	36	1	-5	2,5	-11,3
Limpopo	21	23	14	13	11	-2	-10	-13,6	-47,7
<b>Construction</b>	<b>1 483</b>	<b>1 505</b>	<b>1 395</b>	<b>1 365</b>	<b>1 390</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>-92</b>	<b>1,9</b>	<b>-6,2</b>
Western Cape	237	228	229	231	227	-4	-10	-1,9	-4,4
Eastern Cape	185	168	139	157	146	-11	-39	-7,1	-21,3
Nothorn Cape	22	26	24	21	26	5	3	23,2	13,4
Free State	54	56	61	73	75	2	21	2,6	39,8
KwaZulu-Natal	228	228	235	199	196	-3	-31	-1,5	-13,8
North West	72	87	84	71	90	20	18	28,0	25,6
Gauteng	402	452	387	340	369	30	-33	8,8	-8,1
Mpumalanga	113	112	105	118	107	-11	-6	-9,4	-5,1
Limpopo	170	150	131	156	154	-1	-16	-0,7	-9,2
<b>Trade</b>	<b>3 222</b>	<b>3 207</b>	<b>3 265</b>	<b>3 286</b>	<b>3 240</b>	<b>-45</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-1,4</b>	<b>0,6</b>
Western Cape	426	432	455	481	483	2	57	0,4	13,4
Eastern Cape	323	324	339	312	320	8	-4	2,5	-1,2
Nothorn Cape	44	44	54	45	45	-1	0	-1,1	0,9
Free State	193	175	165	178	163	-14	-30	-8,1	-15,4
KwaZulu-Natal	525	518	543	490	468	-23	-57	-4,6	-10,9
North West	198	179	197	200	206	6	8	3,1	4,2
Gauteng	994	1 008	963	990	1 003	13	10	1,3	1,0
Mpumalanga	219	227	255	254	254	0	35	-0,1	15,9
Limpopo	299	301	295	335	298	-37	-1	-11,0	-0,5

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<b>Table 3.2: Employed by industry and province (continued)</b>									
	<b>Oct-Dec 2016</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 2017</b>	<b>Apr-Jun 2017</b>	<b>Jul-Sep 2017</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 2017</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on-year change</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on-year change</b>
	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Per cent</b>	<b>Per cent</b>
<b>Transport</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>1 001</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1,4</b>	<b>4,2</b>
Western Cape	146	148	137	150	146	-3	0	-2,3	0,0
Eastern Cape	80	76	74	67	64	-3	-16	-4,0	-19,5
Nothorn Cape	15	12	11	9	12	3	-3	34,7	-21,4
Free State	36	43	44	51	39	-12	3	-22,8	8,1
KwaZulu-Natal	160	155	170	182	189	7	29	4,0	18,4
North West	37	38	31	35	36	2	-1	4,3	-2,7
Gauteng	378	384	374	383	399	17	22	4,4	5,8
Mpumalanga	58	69	55	57	59	3	2	4,8	2,9
Limpopo	52	40	59	55	55	0	4	-0,1	7,2
<b>Finance</b>	<b>2 329</b>	<b>2 378</b>	<b>2 395</b>	<b>2 463</b>	<b>2 373</b>	<b>-91</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>-3,7</b>	<b>1,9</b>
Western Cape	366	379	417	424	459	35	93	8,3	25,3
Eastern Cape	149	162	166	169	152	-17	4	-10,0	2,4
Nothorn Cape	16	17	18	22	26	4	9	16,1	56,3
Free State	53	54	59	75	86	11	33	14,3	61,3
KwaZulu-Natal	303	332	346	320	318	-2	15	-0,8	4,8
North West	79	87	99	102	111	9	32	9,2	41,0
Gauteng	1 123	1 094	1 047	1 070	970	-100	-152	-9,3	-13,6
Mpumalanga	120	145	140	148	132	-17	12	-11,3	9,6
Limpopo	119	109	103	132	119	-13	0	-10,1	-0,1
<b>Community and social services</b>	<b>3 571</b>	<b>3 569</b>	<b>3 560</b>	<b>3 616</b>	<b>3 691</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>2,1</b>	<b>3,3</b>
Western Cape	469	474	477	446	491	45	22	10,2	4,7
Eastern Cape	364	363	369	376	372	-4	8	-1,1	2,2
Nothorn Cape	85	86	81	97	100	3	15	3,4	18,2
Free State	181	190	176	198	200	2	20	1,2	10,9
KwaZulu-Natal	611	608	620	633	645	12	34	1,8	5,5
North West	233	242	210	230	218	-12	-15	-5,1	-6,3
Gauteng	1 069	1 055	1 064	1 091	1 062	-29	-7	-2,6	-0,6
Mpumalanga	262	265	245	227	264	37	1	16,2	0,5
Limpopo	298	285	318	319	338	20	40	6,1	13,5

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Table 3.2: Employed by industry and province (concluded)									
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>Private households</b>	<b>1 299</b>	<b>1 319</b>	<b>1 311</b>	<b>1 313</b>	<b>1 270</b>	<b>-43</b>	<b>-29</b>	<b>-3,3</b>	<b>-2,2</b>
Western Cape	162	159	150	157	148	-9	-14	-5,8	-8,5
Eastern Cape	107	105	103	119	120	1	13	0,9	11,8
North West	23	24	25	28	22	-6	0	-20,1	-1,5
Free State	89	82	96	88	84	-4	-5	-4,8	-5,9
KwaZulu-Natal	249	256	233	237	211	-26	-37	-11,1	-15,0
North West	85	86	89	78	72	-5	-13	-7,0	-15,2
Gauteng	356	381	387	391	373	-18	17	-4,5	4,8
Mpumalanga	101	110	109	100	115	15	14	14,9	13,5
Limpopo	126	116	119	114	123	9	-2	8,0	-2,0

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<b>Table 3.3: Employed by sector and industry – South Africa</b>									
	<b>Oct-Dec 2016</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 2017</b>	<b>Apr-Jun 2017</b>	<b>Jul-Sep 2017</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 2017</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on-year change</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on-year change</b>
	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Per cent</b>	<b>Per cent</b>
<b>Total employed</b>	<b>16 069</b>	<b>16 212</b>	<b>16 100</b>	<b>16 192</b>	<b>16 171</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>-0,1</b>	<b>0,6</b>
<b>Formal and informal sector (Non-agricultural)</b>	<b>13 851</b>	<b>14 018</b>	<b>13 953</b>	<b>14 069</b>	<b>14 052</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>-0,1</b>	<b>1,5</b>
Mining	421	447	434	446	411	-35	-10	-7,9	-2,5
Manufacturing	1 727	1 790	1 799	1 749	1 791	42	63	2,4	3,7
Utilities	131	145	148	153	149	-4	18	-2,4	13,8
Construction	1 483	1 505	1 395	1 365	1 390	26	-92	1,9	-6,2
Trade	3 222	3 207	3 265	3 286	3 240	-45	18	-1,4	0,6
Transport	961	965	954	988	1 001	13	40	1,4	4,2
Finance	2 329	2 378	2 395	2 463	2 373	-91	44	-3,7	1,9
Community and social services	3 571	3 569	3 560	3 616	3 691	75	119	2,1	3,3
Other	5	11	3	3	6	3	1	107,4	27,6
<b>Formal sector (Non-agricultural)</b>	<b>11 156</b>	<b>11 337</b>	<b>11 193</b>	<b>11 379</b>	<b>11 244</b>	<b>-135</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>0,8</b>
Mining	415	441	426	440	401	-39	-14	-8,9	-3,5
Manufacturing	1 512	1 590	1 562	1 535	1 548	13	36	0,9	2,4
Utilities	125	139	142	150	146	-4	21	-2,8	16,9
Construction	1 004	1 050	965	951	958	7	-46	0,7	-4,6
Trade	2 131	2 107	2 126	2 169	2 143	-25	12	-1,2	0,6
Transport	708	714	696	715	711	-5	3	-0,7	0,4
Finance	2 132	2 163	2 182	2 248	2 156	-92	24	-4,1	1,1
Community and social services	3 124	3 123	3 091	3 169	3 176	7	52	0,2	1,7
Other	5	11	3	3	6	3	1	107,4	27,6
<b>Informal sector (Non-agricultural)</b>	<b>2 695</b>	<b>2 681</b>	<b>2 761</b>	<b>2 689</b>	<b>2 808</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>4,4</b>	<b>4,2</b>
Mining	6	6	8	6	10	4	4	68,8	67,5
Manufacturing	215	200	237	214	243	28	27	13,3	12,6
Utilities	7	6	6	3	4	0	-3	14,7	-44,1
Construction	479	456	430	414	432	19	-46	4,5	-9,6
Trade	1 091	1 101	1 139	1 117	1 097	-20	6	-1,8	0,5
Transport	253	251	258	273	291	18	37	6,6	14,7
Finance	196	215	213	215	217	1	20	0,5	10,3
Community and social services	447	446	469	447	515	68	68	15,2	15,2
Other									
<b>Agriculture</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>-70</b>	<b>4,8</b>	<b>-7,6</b>
<b>Private households</b>	<b>1 299</b>	<b>1 319</b>	<b>1 311</b>	<b>1 313</b>	<b>1 270</b>	<b>-43</b>	<b>-29</b>	<b>-3,3</b>	<b>-2,2</b>

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<b>Table 3.4: Employed by province and sector</b>									
	<b>Oct-Dec 2016</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 2017</b>	<b>Apr-Jun 2017</b>	<b>Jul-Sep 2017</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 2017</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on-year change</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on-year change</b>
	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Per cent</b>	<b>Per cent</b>
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>16 069</b>	<b>16 212</b>	<b>16 100</b>	<b>16 192</b>	<b>16 171</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>-0,1</b>	<b>0,6</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	11 156	11 337	11 193	11 379	11 244	-135	88	-1,2	0,8
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	2 695	2 681	2 761	2 689	2 808	119	113	4,4	4,2
Agriculture	919	875	835	810	849	39	-70	4,8	-7,6
Private households	1 299	1 319	1 311	1 313	1 270	-43	-29	-3,3	-2,2
<b>Western Cape</b>	<b>2 386</b>	<b>2 406</b>	<b>2 403</b>	<b>2 399</b>	<b>2 492</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>3,8</b>	<b>4,4</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	1 729	1 763	1 815	1 839	1 892	53	163	2,9	9,4
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	244	270	258	244	258	14	14	5,8	5,8
Agriculture	250	215	180	159	193	34	-57	21,2	-23,0
Private households	162	159	150	157	148	-9	-14	-5,8	-8,5
<b>Western Cape - Non Metro</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>7,7</b>	<b>1,9</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	522	546	565	566	606	40	84	7,1	16,1
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	79	87	86	68	88	20	10	28,8	12,2
Agriculture	239	202	163	145	168	23	-71	15,5	-29,8
Private households	63	60	57	75	58	-16	-5	-22,1	-8,3
<b>Western Cape - City of Cape Town</b>	<b>1 482</b>	<b>1 511</b>	<b>1 531</b>	<b>1 545</b>	<b>1 571</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>1,7</b>	<b>6,0</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	1 207	1 217	1 249	1 273	1 286	13	79	1,0	6,5
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	165	183	172	176	170	-6	5	-3,2	2,8
Agriculture	11	13	17	14	25	11	14	81,7	124,7
Private households	99	99	93	83	90	7	-9	8,9	-8,7
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	<b>1 447</b>	<b>1 442</b>	<b>1 416</b>	<b>1 421</b>	<b>1 391</b>	<b>-30</b>	<b>-57</b>	<b>-2,1</b>	<b>-3,9</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	905	923	906	904	859	-45	-46	-5,0	-5,1
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	346	327	317	312	317	5	-29	1,7	-8,3
Agriculture	88	87	90	86	94	9	6	10,3	6,7
Private households	107	105	103	119	120	1	13	0,9	11,8

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<b>Table 3.4: Employed by province and sector (continued)</b>									
	<b>Oct-Dec 2016</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 2017</b>	<b>Apr-Jun 2017</b>	<b>Jul-Sep 2017</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 2017</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on-year change</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on-year change</b>
	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Per cent</b>	<b>Per cent</b>
<b>Eastern Cape - Non Metro</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-29</b>	<b>-0,6</b>	<b>-3,5</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	454	467	468	468	445	-24	-10	-5,0	-2,1
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	245	225	211	213	211	-2	-34	-1,1	-13,8
Agriculture	79	80	81	74	87	12	8	16,7	9,8
Private households	64	53	58	62	70	8	6	13,3	10,2
<b>Eastern Cape - Buffalo City</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0,9</b>	<b>3,6</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	170	179	168	172	165	-7	-4	-4,0	-2,6
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	47	55	63	50	61	11	13	21,4	28,0
Agriculture	2	3	7	7	7	0	5	0,3	193,9
Private households	19	20	14	16	14	-2	-5	-10,6	-24,3
<b>Eastern Cape - Nelson mandela bay</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>-27</b>	<b>-36</b>	<b>-7,6</b>	<b>-9,8</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	281	277	270	264	249	-15	-32	-5,7	-11,5
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	54	47	43	49	46	-3	-8	-6,6	-15,0
Agriculture	7	4	2	5	1	-4	-6	-81,2	-88,4
Private households	25	31	31	41	36	-5	11	-13,3	43,8
<b>Nothorn Cape</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>4,8</b>	<b>7,9</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	186	197	192	208	209	1	23	0,6	12,4
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	37	30	39	33	36	3	-1	8,1	-3,8
Agriculture	53	47	36	39	55	16	2	42,4	4,3
Private households	23	24	25	28	22	-6	0	-20,1	-1,5
<b>Free State</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-1,9</b>	<b>6,4</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	460	458	463	497	488	-9	28	-1,8	6,0
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	143	156	138	161	157	-5	13	-2,9	9,3
Agriculture	65	70	80	75	77	2	13	3,0	19,7
Private households	89	82	96	88	84	-4	-5	-4,8	-5,9

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<b>Table 3.4: Employed by province and sector (continued)</b>									
	<b>Oct-Dec 2016</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 2017</b>	<b>Apr-Jun 2017</b>	<b>Jul-Sep 2017</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 2017</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on-year change</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on-year change</b>
	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Per cent</b>	<b>Per cent</b>
<b>Free State - Non Metro</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>-23</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-4,2</b>	<b>1,8</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	301	300	297	311	300	-11	-1	-3,5	-0,4
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	90	108	93	113	102	-12	12	-10,3	13,1
Agriculture	64	69	78	72	76	4	12	5,1	19,6
Private households	69	57	62	60	55	-4	-14	-7,5	-19,9
<b>Free State - Mangaung</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>2,9</b>	<b>16,8</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	159	158	166	186	188	2	29	1,0	18,3
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	53	48	45	48	55	7	2	14,9	2,8
Agriculture	1	1	1	3	1	-1	0	-51,6	26,0
Private households	20	25	34	29	29	0	8	0,7	41,2
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	<b>2 541</b>	<b>2 555</b>	<b>2 583</b>	<b>2 536</b>	<b>2 513</b>	<b>-23</b>	<b>-28</b>	<b>-0,9</b>	<b>-1,1</b>
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1 703	1 730	1 785	1 762	1 784	22	81	1,2	4,8
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	444	428	442	415	412	-3	-32	-0,8	-7,3
Agriculture	146	141	123	121	106	-16	-40	-12,8	-27,3
Private households	249	256	233	237	211	-26	-37	-11,1	-15,0
<b>KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro</b>	<b>1 384</b>	<b>1 377</b>	<b>1 399</b>	<b>1 379</b>	<b>1 346</b>	<b>-33</b>	<b>-37</b>	<b>-2,4</b>	<b>-2,7</b>
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	841	838	876	869	878	9	37	1,1	4,4
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	281	271	281	270	261	-9	-20	-3,4	-7,0
Agriculture	139	136	119	119	103	-15	-36	-12,7	-25,8
Private households	123	132	122	122	104	-18	-19	-15,0	-15,5
<b>KwaZulu-Natal – eThekweni</b>	<b>1 157</b>	<b>1 178</b>	<b>1 184</b>	<b>1 157</b>	<b>1 167</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>0,8</b>
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	862	891	909	894	906	12	44	1,4	5,1
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	164	157	161	145	151	6	-13	4,0	-7,8
Agriculture	6	5	4	3	2	0	-4	-15,1	-61,3
Private households	126	124	111	115	107	-8	-18	-6,9	-14,6

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<b>Table 3.4: Employed by province and sector (continued)</b>									
	<b>Oct-Dec 2016</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 2017</b>	<b>Apr-Jun 2017</b>	<b>Jul-Sep 2017</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 2017</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on-year change</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on-year change</b>
	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Per cent</b>	<b>Per cent</b>
<b>North West</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1,6</b>	<b>4,2</b>
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	680	696	680	695	710	15	30	2,2	4,5
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	139	144	156	162	169	8	30	4,8	21,6
Agriculture	55	50	54	49	47	-2	-7	-3,2	-13,6
Private households	85	86	89	78	72	-5	-13	-7,0	-15,2
<b>Gauteng</b>	<b>5 111</b>	<b>5 193</b>	<b>5 050</b>	<b>5 068</b>	<b>4 991</b>	<b>-77</b>	<b>-121</b>	<b>-1,5</b>	<b>-2,4</b>
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4 008	4 056	3 897	4 001	3 859	-143	-149	-3,6	-3,7
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	712	720	732	632	723	91	11	14,4	1,5
Agriculture	36	36	34	44	36	-8	1	-17,4	2,3
Private households	356	381	387	391	373	-18	17	-4,5	4,8
<b>Gauteng – Non-metro</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>4,6</b>	<b>7,1</b>
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	435	452	436	449	442	-8	7	-1,7	1,5
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	93	103	104	73	105	32	11	43,2	12,0
Agriculture	14	16	12	16	18	2	4	11,5	30,3
Private households	41	53	48	60	61	2	20	2,6	48,1
<b>Gauteng – Ekurhuleni</b>	<b>1 264</b>	<b>1 296</b>	<b>1 259</b>	<b>1 274</b>	<b>1 222</b>	<b>-51</b>	<b>-42</b>	<b>-4,0</b>	<b>-3,3</b>
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	997	1 005	977	1 018	970	-47	-26	-4,6	-2,7
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	179	189	187	161	164	3	-15	1,9	-8,4
Agriculture	8	8	8	13	7	-5	-1	-41,3	-11,3
Private households	80	94	87	83	81	-2	1	-2,4	0,6
<b>Gauteng – City of Johannesburg</b>	<b>1 995</b>	<b>1 992</b>	<b>1 934</b>	<b>1 950</b>	<b>1 910</b>	<b>-41</b>	<b>-85</b>	<b>-2,1</b>	<b>-4,3</b>
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1 544	1 545	1 485	1 519	1 459	-60	-85	-4,0	-5,5
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	311	308	300	276	306	31	-5	11,2	-1,6
Agriculture	5	5	6	8	5	-3	-1	-40,6	-12,2
Private households	135	134	143	148	140	-8	5	-5,5	3,9

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<b>Table 3.4: Employed by province and sector (concluded)</b>									
	<b>Oct-Dec 2016</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 2017</b>	<b>Apr-Jun 2017</b>	<b>Jul-Sep 2017</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 2017</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on-year change</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on-year change</b>
	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Per cent</b>	<b>Per cent</b>
<b>Gauteng – City of Tshwane</b>	<b>1 269</b>	<b>1 281</b>	<b>1 257</b>	<b>1 246</b>	<b>1 234</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-35</b>	<b>-1,0</b>	<b>-2,8</b>
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1 032	1 054	1 000	1 016	988	-28	-44	-2,8	-4,3
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	128	121	141	122	148	26	20	21,0	15,3
Agriculture	8	7	7	7	6	-1	-2	-14,0	-21,6
Private households	100	100	109	100	91	-9	-9	-8,9	-8,7
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	<b>1 155</b>	<b>1 217</b>	<b>1 212</b>	<b>1 204</b>	<b>1 242</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>3,2</b>	<b>7,5</b>
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	715	761	714	699	707	8	-8	1,2	-1,1
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	251	256	293	305	315	10	64	3,3	25,5
Agriculture	88	89	95	100	104	5	17	4,9	18,9
Private households	101	110	109	100	115	15	14	14,9	13,5
<b>Limpopo</b>	<b>1 414</b>	<b>1 358</b>	<b>1 390</b>	<b>1 452</b>	<b>1 417</b>	<b>-35</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-2,4</b>	<b>0,3</b>
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	771	753	741	775	737	-38	-34	-4,9	-4,4
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	378	349	386	425	421	-4	43	-0,9	11,5
Agriculture	139	140	144	138	136	-2	-3	-1,6	-2,5
Private households	126	116	119	114	123	9	-2	8,0	-2,0

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**Table 3.5: Employed by sex and occupation – South Africa**

	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>16 069</b>	<b>16 212</b>	<b>16 100</b>	<b>16 192</b>	<b>16 171</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>-0,1</b>	<b>0,6</b>
Manager	1 420	1 448	1 469	1 398	1 390	-9	-30	-0,6	-2,1
Professional	892	895	897	959	906	-53	14	-5,6	1,6
Technician	1 479	1 435	1 457	1 450	1 477	27	-2	1,9	-0,1
Clerk	1 681	1 751	1 746	1 783	1 657	-126	-24	-7,1	-1,4
Sales and services	2 484	2 478	2 447	2 571	2 597	26	113	1,0	4,5
Skilled agriculture	66	69	58	69	83	14	17	20,5	26,1
Craft and related trade	1 977	2 018	1 969	1 921	1 935	14	-42	0,8	-2,1
Plant and machine operator	1 319	1 332	1 283	1 321	1 317	-4	-2	-0,3	-0,1
Elementary	3 758	3 778	3 726	3 670	3 788	119	30	3,2	0,8
Domestic worker	993	1 007	1 041	1 045	1 016	-29	23	-2,8	2,3
<b>Women</b>	<b>7 031</b>	<b>7 182</b>	<b>7 078</b>	<b>7 125</b>	<b>7 071</b>	<b>-54</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>-0,8</b>	<b>0,6</b>
Manager	452	497	459	445	437	-8	-14	-1,7	-3,2
Professional	439	455	446	471	438	-33	-1	-7,0	-0,3
Technician	821	790	784	773	795	21	-27	2,7	-3,2
Clerk	1 195	1 264	1 269	1 270	1 184	-86	-11	-6,8	-0,9
Sales and services	1 213	1 232	1 161	1 236	1 258	23	45	1,9	3,7
Skilled agriculture	13	10	11	17	15	-2	2	-9,5	16,5
Craft and related trade	199	202	198	199	228	29	28	14,3	14,2
Plant and machine operator	159	181	149	167	158	-9	-1	-5,2	-0,6
Elementary	1 574	1 582	1 603	1 554	1 587	32	13	2,1	0,8
Domestic worker	966	969	996	992	969	-24	2	-2,4	0,2
<b>Men</b>	<b>9 037</b>	<b>9 030</b>	<b>9 022</b>	<b>9 067</b>	<b>9 100</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>0,7</b>
Manager	968	951	1 010	953	952	-1	-16	-0,1	-1,6
Professional	453	440	451	489	468	-21	16	-4,2	3,4
Technician	658	645	673	677	683	6	25	0,8	3,8
Clerk	486	487	477	513	473	-40	-13	-7,8	-2,6
Sales and services	1 271	1 246	1 286	1 336	1 339	3	67	0,2	5,3
Skilled agriculture	53	59	47	52	68	16	15	30,0	28,5
Craft and related trade	1 778	1 815	1 772	1 722	1 708	-14	-70	-0,8	-3,9
Plant and machine operator	1 159	1 151	1 133	1 154	1 159	5	-1	0,4	-0,1
Elementary	2 185	2 195	2 123	2 115	2 202	86	17	4,1	0,8
Domestic worker	27	38	45	52	47	-5	20	-9,9	75,7

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Table 3.6: Employed by sex and status in employment – South Africa									
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>16 069</b>	<b>16 212</b>	<b>16 100</b>	<b>16 192</b>	<b>16 171</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>-0,1</b>	<b>0,6</b>
Employee	13 645	13 758	13 613	13 949	13 778	-171	133	-1,2	1,0
Employer	861	904	893	761	832	71	-29	9,3	-3,3
Own-account worker	1 472	1 472	1 506	1 399	1 473	73	0	5,2	0,0
Unpaid household member	91	78	87	82	89	7	-3	8,2	-2,8
<b>Women</b>	<b>7 031</b>	<b>7 182</b>	<b>7 078</b>	<b>7 125</b>	<b>7 071</b>	<b>-54</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>-0,8</b>	<b>0,6</b>
Employee	6 168	6 276	6 169	6 270	6 194	-76	26	-1,2	0,4
Employer	163	198	192	152	181	30	19	19,5	11,5
Own-account worker	649	654	664	652	646	-6	-3	-0,9	-0,5
Unpaid household member	52	54	53	51	50	-1	-2	-2,3	-4,6
<b>Men</b>	<b>9 037</b>	<b>9 030</b>	<b>9 022</b>	<b>9 067</b>	<b>9 100</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>0,7</b>
Employee	7 477	7 481	7 444	7 679	7 584	-95	107	-1,2	1,4
Employer	698	706	702	609	650	41	-47	6,7	-6,8
Own-account worker	823	818	842	748	827	79	3	10,5	0,4
Unpaid household member	39	24	34	31	39	8	0	25,3	-0,3

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<b>Table 3.7: Employed by sex and usual hours of work – South Africa</b>									
	<b>Oct-Dec 2016</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 2017</b>	<b>Apr-Jun 2017</b>	<b>Jul-Sep 2017</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 2017</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on-year change</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on-year change</b>
	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Per cent</b>	<b>Per cent</b>
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>16 069</b>	<b>16 212</b>	<b>16 100</b>	<b>16 192</b>	<b>16 171</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>-0,1</b>	<b>0,6</b>
Working less than 15 hours per week	339	359	309	326	329	3	-10	0,8	-2,9
Working 15-29 hours per week	1 073	1 109	1 156	1 104	1 092	-12	20	-1,1	1,8
Working 30-39 hours per week	1 159	1 120	1 061	1 079	1 135	56	-24	5,2	-2,1
Working 40-45 hours per week	8 620	8 863	8 783	8 968	8 917	-52	297	-0,6	3,4
Working more than 45 hours per week	4 878	4 762	4 791	4 714	4 697	-17	-181	-0,4	-3,7
<b>Women</b>	<b>7 031</b>	<b>7 182</b>	<b>7 078</b>	<b>7 125</b>	<b>7 071</b>	<b>-54</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>-0,8</b>	<b>0,6</b>
Working less than 15 hours per week	215	195	179	189	190	1	-25	0,6	-11,5
Working 15-29 hours per week	724	730	754	710	709	-1	-15	-0,1	-2,0
Working 30-39 hours per week	689	707	641	671	682	11	-7	1,6	-1,0
Working 40-45 hours per week	3 784	3 918	3 879	3 934	3 868	-66	85	-1,7	2,2
Working more than 45 hours per week	1 620	1 633	1 625	1 620	1 622	1	1	0,1	0,1
<b>Men</b>	<b>9 037</b>	<b>9 030</b>	<b>9 022</b>	<b>9 067</b>	<b>9 100</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>0,7</b>
Working less than 15 hours per week	124	164	130	137	139	2	15	1,2	11,9
Working 15-29 hours per week	349	379	402	395	383	-11	34	-2,8	9,8
Working 30-39 hours per week	470	413	420	408	453	46	-17	11,2	-3,7
Working 40-45 hours per week	4 836	4 945	4 904	5 034	5 048	14	212	0,3	4,4
Working more than 45 hours per week	3 257	3 129	3 166	3 094	3 075	-19	-182	-0,6	-5,6

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<b>Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa</b>									
	<b>Oct-Dec 2016</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 2017</b>	<b>Apr-Jun 2017</b>	<b>Jul-Sep 2017</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 2017</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on-year change</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on-year change</b>
	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Per cent</b>	<b>Per cent</b>
<b>Pension/retirement fund contribution</b>									
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>13 645</b>	<b>13 758</b>	<b>13 613</b>	<b>13 949</b>	<b>13 778</b>	<b>-171</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>1,0</b>
Yes	6 484	6 620	6 567	6 675	6 573	-103	88	-1,5	1,4
No	6 890	6 852	6 760	7 048	6 922	-126	32	-1,8	0,5
Don't know	270	285	286	225	283	57	13	25,4	4,7
<b>Women</b>	<b>6 168</b>	<b>6 276</b>	<b>6 169</b>	<b>6 270</b>	<b>6 194</b>	<b>-76</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>0,4</b>
Yes	2 793	2 844	2 783	2 834	2 709	-125	-84	-4,4	-3,0
No	3 274	3 320	3 275	3 351	3 360	10	87	0,3	2,7
Don't know	101	112	111	85	124	39	23	45,6	23,0
<b>Men</b>	<b>7 477</b>	<b>7 481</b>	<b>7 444</b>	<b>7 679</b>	<b>7 584</b>	<b>-95</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>1,4</b>
Yes	3 691	3 776	3 784	3 841	3 863	22	172	0,6	4,7
No	3 617	3 532	3 485	3 697	3 562	-136	-55	-3,7	-1,5
Don't know	169	173	175	140	158	18	-11	13,2	-6,2
<b>Entitled to any paid leave</b>									
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>13 645</b>	<b>13 758</b>	<b>13 613</b>	<b>13 949</b>	<b>13 778</b>	<b>-171</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>1,0</b>
Yes	8 966	9 186	9 092	9 388	9 031	-356	65	-3,8	0,7
No	4 545	4 392	4 361	4 444	4 571	127	26	2,9	0,6
Don't know	134	179	159	117	176	58	42	49,6	31,4
<b>Women</b>	<b>6 168</b>	<b>6 276</b>	<b>6 169</b>	<b>6 270</b>	<b>6 194</b>	<b>-76</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>0,4</b>
Yes	3 939	4 084	3 995	4 126	3 950	-176	11	-4,3	0,3
No	2 177	2 125	2 106	2 104	2 160	57	-17	2,7	-0,8
Don't know	52	68	67	41	84	43	32	105,3	62,4
<b>Men</b>	<b>7 477</b>	<b>7 481</b>	<b>7 444</b>	<b>7 679</b>	<b>7 584</b>	<b>-95</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>1,4</b>
Yes	5 027	5 102	5 097	5 262	5 081	-180	54	-3,4	1,1
No	2 367	2 267	2 255	2 340	2 411	70	43	3,0	1,8
Don't know	82	112	92	77	92	15	10	20,0	12,0

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>Entitled to paid sick leave</b>									
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>13 645</b>	<b>13 758</b>	<b>13 613</b>	<b>13 949</b>	<b>13 778</b>	<b>-171</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>1,0</b>
Yes	9 573	9 796	9 761	9 918	9 674	-243	101	-2,5	1,1
No	4 071	3 962	3 852	4 031	4 104	72	32	1,8	0,8
<b>Women</b>	<b>6 168</b>	<b>6 276</b>	<b>6 169</b>	<b>6 270</b>	<b>6 194</b>	<b>-76</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>0,4</b>
Yes	4 247	4 391	4 306	4 377	4 248	-129	1	-2,9	0,0
No	1 921	1 886	1 863	1 894	1 946	52	25	2,8	1,3
<b>Men</b>	<b>7 477</b>	<b>7 481</b>	<b>7 444</b>	<b>7 679</b>	<b>7 584</b>	<b>-95</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>1,4</b>
Yes	5 326	5 405	5 455	5 541	5 426	-115	100	-2,1	1,9
No	2 151	2 077	1 989	2 138	2 158	20	7	0,9	0,3
<b>Entitled to maternity/paternity leave</b>									
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>13 645</b>	<b>13 758</b>	<b>13 613</b>	<b>13 949</b>	<b>13 778</b>	<b>-171</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>1,0</b>
Yes	7 764	7 995	7 984	8 130	7 821	-310	56	-3,8	0,7
No	5 880	5 763	5 629	5 819	5 957	139	77	2,4	1,3
<b>Women</b>	<b>6 168</b>	<b>6 276</b>	<b>6 169</b>	<b>6 270</b>	<b>6 194</b>	<b>-76</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>0,4</b>
Yes	3 571	3 736	3 654	3 724	3 589	-135	18	-3,6	0,5
No	2 597	2 540	2 515	2 547	2 605	59	9	2,3	0,3
<b>Men</b>	<b>7 477</b>	<b>7 481</b>	<b>7 444</b>	<b>7 679</b>	<b>7 584</b>	<b>-95</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>1,4</b>
Yes	4 193	4 259	4 330	4 407	4 232	-175	39	-4,0	0,9
No	3 284	3 222	3 114	3 272	3 352	80	68	2,4	2,1

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<b>Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa (continued)</b>									
	<b>Oct-Dec 2016</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 2017</b>	<b>Apr-Jun 2017</b>	<b>Jul-Sep 2017</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 2017</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on-year change</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on-year change</b>
	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Per cent</b>	<b>Per cent</b>
<b>UIF contribution</b>									
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>13 645</b>	<b>13 758</b>	<b>13 613</b>	<b>13 949</b>	<b>13 778</b>	<b>-171</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>1,0</b>
Yes	8 137	8 297	8 241	8 276	8 296	20	159	0,2	2,0
No	5 270	5 206	5 093	5 426	5 240	-186	-30	-3,4	-0,6
Don't know	238	254	279	246	241	-5	4	-2,0	1,5
<b>Women</b>	<b>6 168</b>	<b>6 276</b>	<b>6 169</b>	<b>6 270</b>	<b>6 194</b>	<b>-76</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>0,4</b>
Yes	3 391	3 549	3 447	3 394	3 421	27	30	0,8	0,9
No	2 673	2 612	2 587	2 770	2 675	-94	3	-3,4	0,1
Don't know	104	115	135	107	98	-9	-6	-8,1	-6,1
<b>Men</b>	<b>7 477</b>	<b>7 481</b>	<b>7 444</b>	<b>7 679</b>	<b>7 584</b>	<b>-95</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>1,4</b>
Yes	4 746	4 748	4 794	4 882	4 876	-7	130	-0,1	2,7
No	2 597	2 594	2 505	2 656	2 565	-92	-33	-3,5	-1,3
Don't know	134	139	144	140	144	4	10	2,6	7,5
<b>Medical aid benefits</b>									
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>13 645</b>	<b>13 758</b>	<b>13 613</b>	<b>13 949</b>	<b>13 778</b>	<b>-171</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>1,0</b>
Yes	4 077	4 149	4 115	4 196	4 061	-135	-17	-3,2	-0,4
No	9 436	9 465	9 342	9 592	9 518	-74	82	-0,8	0,9
Don't know	131	144	155	161	199	38	67	23,5	51,4
<b>Women</b>	<b>6 168</b>	<b>6 276</b>	<b>6 169</b>	<b>6 270</b>	<b>6 194</b>	<b>-76</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>0,4</b>
Yes	1 795	1 827	1 788	1 837	1 762	-75	-33	-4,1	-1,8
No	4 319	4 392	4 321	4 373	4 358	-15	39	-0,3	0,9
Don't know	54	57	60	60	74	14	20	23,0	37,4
<b>Men</b>	<b>7 477</b>	<b>7 481</b>	<b>7 444</b>	<b>7 679</b>	<b>7 584</b>	<b>-95</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>1,4</b>
Yes	2 282	2 322	2 327	2 358	2 299	-60	16	-2,5	0,7
No	5 117	5 073	5 022	5 220	5 161	-59	43	-1,1	0,8
Don't know	77	86	96	101	125	24	47	23,7	61,1

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<b>Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa (continued)</b>									
	<b>Oct-Dec 2016</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 2017</b>	<b>Apr-Jun 2017</b>	<b>Jul-Sep 2017</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 2017</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on-year change</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on-year change</b>
	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Per cent</b>	<b>Per cent</b>
<b>Income tax (PAYE/SITE) deduction</b>									
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>13 645</b>	<b>13 758</b>	<b>13 613</b>	<b>13 949</b>	<b>13 778</b>	<b>-171</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>1,0</b>
Yes	7 415	7 557	7 558	7 679	7 462	-217	47	-2,8	0,6
No	5 989	5 938	5 766	5 996	6 013	17	24	0,3	0,4
Don't know	240	263	289	274	303	29	63	10,7	26,0
<b>Women</b>	<b>6 168</b>	<b>6 276</b>	<b>6 169</b>	<b>6 270</b>	<b>6 194</b>	<b>-76</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>0,4</b>
Yes	3 181	3 248	3 215	3 273	3 129	-144	-52	-4,4	-1,6
No	2 905	2 922	2 854	2 900	2 943	44	38	1,5	1,3
Don't know	82	107	100	98	122	24	40	24,7	49,3
<b>Men</b>	<b>7 477</b>	<b>7 481</b>	<b>7 444</b>	<b>7 679</b>	<b>7 584</b>	<b>-95</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>1,4</b>
Yes	4 234	4 309	4 343	4 406	4 333	-73	99	-1,7	2,3
No	3 084	3 015	2 912	3 097	3 070	-27	-15	-0,9	-0,5
Don't know	159	157	189	176	181	5	22	2,9	14,1
<b>Conditions of employment</b>									
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>13 645</b>	<b>13 758</b>	<b>13 613</b>	<b>13 949</b>	<b>13 778</b>	<b>-171</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>1,0</b>
Written contract	10 873	11 031	11 001	11 171	11 079	-92	206	-0,8	1,9
Verbal agreement	2 771	2 727	2 611	2 778	2 699	-79	-72	-2,8	-2,6
<b>Women</b>	<b>6 168</b>	<b>6 276</b>	<b>6 169</b>	<b>6 270</b>	<b>6 194</b>	<b>-76</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>0,4</b>
Written contract	4 932	5 060	4 984	5 045	4 994	-52	62	-1,0	1,2
Verbal agreement	1 236	1 217	1 185	1 225	1 201	-25	-35	-2,0	-2,8
<b>Men</b>	<b>7 477</b>	<b>7 481</b>	<b>7 444</b>	<b>7 679</b>	<b>7 584</b>	<b>-95</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>1,4</b>
Written contract	5 941	5 971	6 017	6 126	6 085	-41	144	-0,7	2,4
Verbal agreement	1 536	1 510	1 427	1 552	1 499	-54	-37	-3,5	-2,4

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>Nature of contract/agreement</b>									
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>13 645</b>	<b>13 758</b>	<b>13 613</b>	<b>13 949</b>	<b>13 778</b>	<b>-171</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>1,0</b>
Limited duration	1 890	1 857	1 786	1 856	1 898	42	8	2,3	0,4
Permanent nature	8 359	8 493	8 427	8 570	8 439	-131	80	-1,5	1,0
Unspecified duration	3 396	3 408	3 400	3 523	3 441	-82	45	-2,3	1,3
<b>Women</b>	<b>6 168</b>	<b>6 276</b>	<b>6 169</b>	<b>6 270</b>	<b>6 194</b>	<b>-76</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>0,4</b>
Limited duration	993	950	919	904	962	58	-31	6,4	-3,1
Permanent nature	3 645	3 766	3 673	3 749	3 641	-108	-4	-2,9	-0,1
Unspecified duration	1 530	1 560	1 577	1 617	1 592	-25	62	-1,5	4,1
<b>Men</b>	<b>7 477</b>	<b>7 481</b>	<b>7 444</b>	<b>7 679</b>	<b>7 584</b>	<b>-95</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>1,4</b>
Limited duration	897	906	867	952	936	-16	39	-1,7	4,3
Permanent nature	4 714	4 726	4 754	4 821	4 799	-22	85	-0,5	1,8
Unspecified duration	1 866	1 849	1 823	1 905	1 849	-56	-17	-2,9	-0,9
<b>Trade union membership</b>									
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>13 645</b>	<b>13 758</b>	<b>13 613</b>	<b>13 949</b>	<b>13 777</b>	<b>-172</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>1,0</b>
Yes	3 849	3 947	3 933	3 993	3 990	-3	141	-0,1	3,7
No	9 437	9 370	9 238	9 560	9 339	-221	-98	-2,3	-1,0
Don't know	359	441	442	397	448	51	89	12,8	24,8
<b>Women</b>	<b>6 168</b>	<b>6 276</b>	<b>6 169</b>	<b>6 270</b>	<b>6 194</b>	<b>-76</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>0,4</b>
Yes	1 665	1 680	1 646	1 668	1 705	37	40	2,2	2,4
No	4 377	4 413	4 351	4 464	4 331	-133	-46	-3,0	-1,1
Don't know	126	183	172	138	157	19	31	13,8	24,6
<b>Men</b>	<b>7 477</b>	<b>7 481</b>	<b>7 444</b>	<b>7 679</b>	<b>7 584</b>	<b>-95</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>1,4</b>
Yes	2 184	2 267	2 287	2 324	2 285	-39	101	-1,7	4,6
No	5 060	4 957	4 887	5 095	5 008	-87	-52	-1,7	-1,0
Don't know	234	258	270	259	291	32	57	12,4	24,4

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<b>Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa (concluded)</b>									
	<b>Oct-Dec 2016</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 2017</b>	<b>Apr-Jun 2017</b>	<b>Jul-Sep 2017</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 2017</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on-year change</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on-year change</b>
	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Per cent</b>	<b>Per cent</b>
<b>How annual salary increment is negotiated</b>									
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>13 645</b>	<b>13 758</b>	<b>13 613</b>	<b>13 949</b>	<b>13 778</b>	<b>-171</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>1,0</b>
Individual and employer	1 036	1 128	1 069	1 149	1 032	-117	-4	-10,2	-0,4
Union and employer	2 969	3 110	3 002	3 097	3 023	-74	54	-2,4	1,8
Bargaining council	1 086	1 028	1 087	1 128	1 140	12	54	1,1	5,0
Employer only	7 676	7 578	7 593	7 674	7 702	28	26	0,4	0,3
No regular increment	798	798	748	786	777	-9	-21	-1,1	-2,6
Other	80	115	113	116	103	-13	23	-11,2	28,8
<b>Women</b>	<b>6 168</b>	<b>6 276</b>	<b>6 169</b>	<b>6 270</b>	<b>6 194</b>	<b>-76</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>0,4</b>
Individual and employer	454	490	471	498	476	-22	22	-4,4	4,8
Union and employer	1 238	1 314	1 228	1 257	1 218	-39	-20	-3,1	-1,6
Bargaining council	533	493	528	554	552	-2	19	-0,4	3,6
Employer only	3 504	3 536	3 565	3 550	3 565	15	61	0,4	1,7
No regular increment	403	395	341	369	346	-23	-57	-6,2	-14,1
Other	36	49	37	43	38	-5	2	-11,6	5,6
<b>Men</b>	<b>7 477</b>	<b>7 481</b>	<b>7 444</b>	<b>7 679</b>	<b>7 584</b>	<b>-95</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>1,4</b>
Individual and employer	582	638	598	651	557	-94	-25	-14,4	-4,3
Union and employer	1 731	1 796	1 774	1 839	1 805	-34	74	-1,8	4,3
Bargaining council	553	535	559	574	588	14	35	2,4	6,3
Employer only	4 172	4 042	4 029	4 124	4 137	13	-35	0,3	-0,8
No regular increment	395	403	408	417	432	15	37	3,6	9,4
Other	44	66	76	73	65	-8	21	-11,0	47,7

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<b>Table 3.9: Time-related underemployment – South Africa</b>									
	<b>Oct-Dec 2016</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 2017</b>	<b>Apr-Jun 2017</b>	<b>Jul-Sep 2017</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 2017</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on-year change</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on-year change</b>
	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Per cent</b>	<b>Per cent</b>
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>5,4</b>	<b>3,9</b>
Women	432	458	427	418	441	23	8	5,4	2,0
Men	292	298	299	296	312	16	20	5,5	6,9
<b>As Per centage of the labour force (both sexes)</b>	<b>3,3</b>	<b>3,4</b>	<b>3,3</b>	<b>3,2</b>	<b>3,4</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>0,1</b>		
Women	4,4	4,5	4,2	4,1	4,4	0,3	0,0		
Men	2,4	2,4	2,4	2,4	2,6	0,2	0,2		
<b>As Per centage of total employment (both sexes)</b>	<b>4,5</b>	<b>4,7</b>	<b>4,5</b>	<b>4,4</b>	<b>4,7</b>	<b>0,3</b>	<b>0,2</b>		
Women	6,1	6,4	6,0	5,9	6,2	0,3	0,1		
Men	3,2	3,3	3,3	3,3	3,4	0,1	0,2		
<b>Industry</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>5,4</b>	<b>3,9</b>
Agriculture	26	18	25	14	20	6	-6	40,6	-22,8
Mining	1	1	1	1					
Manufacturing	23	24	27	39	36	-3	13	-7,1	55,2
Utilities	2				1		-1		-62,0
Construction	81	70	64	74	75	0	-6	0,5	-7,8
Trade	127	136	113	108	124	16	-2	15,1	-1,8
Transport	23	14	13	19	24	5	1	29,1	3,8
Finance	52	53	42	49	55	6	3	12,5	6,2
Community and social services	157	168	181	165	183	18	25	10,9	16,1
Private households	232	273	258	245	235	-11	3	-4,4	1,1
<b>Occupation</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>5,4</b>	<b>3,9</b>
Manager	20	12	16	13	12	-1	-7	-7,2	-37,7
Professional	9	10	7	11	18	7	9	63,3	98,7
Technician	40	24	33	30	34	4	-6	12,1	-16,0
Clerk	14	13	14	22	23	1	9	4,8	67,7
Sales and services	83	72	79	76	75	-1	-8	-1,3	-9,2
Skilled agriculture		1	2	2	5	3		131,9	
Craft and related trade	64	61	71	79	84	5	19	6,1	30,3
Plant and machine operator	22	17	15	19	22	3	0	16,9	0,1
Elementary	307	366	310	293	312	18	5	6,3	1,7
Domestic worker	166	179	178	168	168	0	2	-0,2	1,0

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<b>Table 4: Characteristics of the unemployed – South Africa</b>									
	<b>Oct-Dec 2016</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 2017</b>	<b>Apr-Jun 2017</b>	<b>Jul-Sep 2017</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 2017</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on- year change</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on- year change</b>
	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Per cent</b>	<b>Per cent</b>
<b>Unemployed</b>	<b>5 781</b>	<b>6 214</b>	<b>6 177</b>	<b>6 210</b>	<b>5 880</b>	<b>-330</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>-5,3</b>	<b>1,7</b>
Job losers	1 839	2 038	1 953	2 023	1 886	-138	47	-6,8	2,6
Job leavers	368	365	346	338	336	-2	-32	-0,5	-8,7
New entrants	2 164	2 345	2 407	2 321	2 347	25	183	1,1	8,5
Re-entrants	293	300	312	321	270	-51	-23	-15,9	-7,8
Other	1 118	1 166	1 158	1 207	1 042	-165	-76	-13,7	-6,8
<b>Unemployed</b>	<b>5 781</b>	<b>6 214</b>	<b>6 177</b>	<b>6 210</b>	<b>5 880</b>	<b>-330</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>-5,3</b>	<b>1,7</b>
Long-term unemployment (1 year and more)	3 943	4 088	4 153	4 181	4 022	-159	80	-3,8	2,0
Short-term unemployment (less than 1 year)	1 838	2 126	2 023	2 029	1 858	-172	20	-8,5	1,1
<b>Long-term unemployment (%)</b>									
Proportion of the labour force	18,0	18,2	18,6	18,7	18,2	-0,5	0,2		
Proportion of the unemployed	68,2	65,8	67,2	67,3	68,4	1,1	0,2		
<b>Those who have worked in the past 5 years</b>									
<b>Previous occupation</b>	<b>2 499</b>	<b>2 703</b>	<b>2 612</b>	<b>2 683</b>	<b>2 492</b>	<b>-191</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>-7,1</b>	<b>-0,3</b>
Manager	61	61	62	74	57	-17	-4	-23,3	-7,3
Professional	41	58	53	57	53	-4	12	-7,7	28,1
Technician	134	155	141	146	154	8	20	5,2	14,7
Clerk	297	296	277	276	295	18	-2	6,6	-0,7
Sales and services	378	399	421	421	398	-23	21	-5,4	5,5
Skilled agriculture	4	7	8	4	4	0	0	0,4	0,5
Craft and related trade	420	441	451	468	417	-51	-3	-10,9	-0,7
Plant and machine operator	199	203	184	189	172	-18	-28	-9,3	-13,9
Elementary	767	891	810	849	767	-82	0	-9,7	0,0
Domestic worker	198	191	204	195	174	-21	-24	-10,6	-11,9

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<b>Table 4: Characteristics of the unemployed – South Africa (concluded)</b>									
	<b>Oct-Dec 2016</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 2017</b>	<b>Apr-Jun 2017</b>	<b>Jul-Sep 2017</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 2017</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on- year change</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on- year change</b>
	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Per cent</b>	<b>Per cent</b>
<b>Previous industry</b>	<b>2 499</b>	<b>2 703</b>	<b>2 612</b>	<b>2 683</b>	<b>2 492</b>	<b>-191</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>-7,1</b>	<b>-0,3</b>
Agriculture	123	178	139	140	135	-5	12	-3,5	9,9
Mining	54	56	54	55	36	-19	-19	-35,4	-34,5
Manufacturing	286	307	281	297	252	-45	-35	-15,2	-12,2
Utilities	14	14	14	17	20	3	6	16,8	40,6
Construction	429	449	444	467	401	-65	-28	-14,0	-6,5
Trade	522	594	560	572	579	7	57	1,2	10,9
Transport	128	149	158	120	102	-18	-25	-14,6	-19,9
Finance	346	353	339	366	368	2	22	0,5	6,2
Community and social services	348	349	367	390	355	-35	7	-8,9	2,1
Private households	249	255	257	259	245	-14	-4	-5,4	-1,6
Other	0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.

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.

<b>Table 5: Characteristics of the not economically active – South Africa</b>									
	<b>Oct-Dec 2016</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 2017</b>	<b>Apr-Jun 2017</b>	<b>Jul-Sep 2017</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 2017</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on- year change</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on- year change</b>
	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Per cent</b>	<b>Per cent</b>
<b>Not economically active</b>	<b>15 055</b>	<b>14 634</b>	<b>14 941</b>	<b>14 971</b>	<b>15 474</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>3,4</b>	<b>2,8</b>
Student	6 232	6 029	6 140	6 245	6 341	97	110	1,6	1,8
Homemaker	2 715	2 517	2 689	2 545	2 671	126	-44	5,0	-1,6
Illness/disability	1 611	1 621	1 572	1 586	1 573	-14	-38	-0,9	-2,4
Too old/young to work	1 412	1 339	1 380	1 394	1 449	55	37	3,9	2,6
Discouraged work-seekers	2 292	2 277	2 361	2 436	2 538	103	246	4,2	10,7
Other	793	850	799	767	903	136	109	17,7	13,8
<b>Inactivity rate by age (both sexes)</b>	<b>40,8</b>	<b>39,5</b>	<b>40,1</b>	<b>40,1</b>	<b>41,2</b>	<b>1,1</b>	<b>0,4</b>		
15–24 yrs	73,7	72,1	73,1	73,2	74,1	0,9	0,4		
25–54 yrs	23,6	22,6	23,1	23,1	24,5	1,4	0,9		
55–64 yrs	56,0	53,8	55,3	54,1	55,2	1,1	-0,8		
<b>Inactivity rate by age (women)</b>	<b>47,1</b>	<b>45,4</b>	<b>46,4</b>	<b>46,3</b>	<b>47,5</b>	<b>1,2</b>	<b>0,4</b>		
15–24 yrs	76,0	74,3	75,6	75,9	76,7	0,8	0,7		
25–54 yrs	31,3	29,8	30,5	30,5	31,9	1,4	0,6		
55–64 yrs	63,5	61,6	63,8	62,6	63,6	1,0	0,1		
<b>Inactivity rate by age (men)</b>	<b>34,3</b>	<b>33,4</b>	<b>33,7</b>	<b>33,6</b>	<b>34,8</b>	<b>1,2</b>	<b>0,5</b>		
15–24 yrs	71,3	69,9	70,5	70,5	71,5	1,0	0,2		
25–54 yrs	15,8	15,3	15,6	15,8	17,1	1,3	1,3		
55–64 yrs	46,8	44,3	44,9	43,8	44,8	1,0	-2,0		

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<b>Table 6: Sociodemographic characteristics – South Africa</b>									
	<b>Oct-Dec 2016</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 2017</b>	<b>Apr-Jun 2017</b>	<b>Jul-Sep 2017</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 2017</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on- year change</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on- year change</b>
	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Per cent</b>	<b>Per cent</b>
<b>Age group of the employed</b>	<b>16 069</b>	<b>16 212</b>	<b>16 100</b>	<b>16 192</b>	<b>16 171</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>-0,1</b>	<b>0,6</b>
15–24 yrs	1 333	1 315	1 226	1 322	1 305	-17	-28	-1,3	-2,1
25–34 yrs	4 954	4 966	4 907	4 871	4 790	-81	-164	-1,7	-3,3
35–44 yrs	4 992	5 016	5 040	5 027	5 081	53	89	1,1	1,8
45–54 yrs	3 313	3 393	3 420	3 426	3 445	18	132	0,5	4,0
55–64 yrs	1 477	1 522	1 506	1 545	1 551	5	74	0,4	5,0
<b>Age group of the unemployed</b>	<b>5 781</b>	<b>6 214</b>	<b>6 177</b>	<b>6 210</b>	<b>5 880</b>	<b>-330</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>-5,3</b>	<b>1,7</b>
15–24 yrs	1 382	1 559	1 552	1 444	1 365	-79	-18	-5,5	-1,3
25–34 yrs	2 319	2 395	2 399	2 454	2 397	-57	78	-2,3	3,4
35–44 yrs	1 360	1 412	1 450	1 478	1 343	-136	-17	-9,2	-1,3
45–54 yrs	589	670	623	663	636	-28	46	-4,2	7,9
55–64 yrs	130	178	153	171	140	-31	10	-18,3	7,4
<b>Age group of the not economically active</b>	<b>15 055</b>	<b>14 634</b>	<b>14 941</b>	<b>14 971</b>	<b>15 474</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>3,4</b>	<b>2,8</b>
15–24 yrs	7 598	7 440	7 537	7 550	7 644	95	46	1,3	0,6
25–34 yrs	2 431	2 380	2 473	2 493	2 667	174	236	7,0	9,7
35–44 yrs	1 510	1 474	1 453	1 477	1 598	120	88	8,2	5,8
45–54 yrs	1 473	1 358	1 424	1 425	1 484	58	11	4,1	0,7
55–64 yrs	2 044	1 981	2 053	2 026	2 081	55	38	2,7	1,8
<b>Highest level of education of the employed</b>	<b>16 069</b>	<b>16 212</b>	<b>16 100</b>	<b>16 192</b>	<b>16 171</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>-0,1</b>	<b>0,6</b>
No schooling	334	334	341	337	344	8	11	2,3	3,3
Less than primary completed	1 097	1 106	1 063	1 082	1 031	-51	-66	-4,7	-6,0
Primary completed	657	605	592	594	572	-22	-85	-3,7	-12,9
Secondary not completed	5 495	5 458	5 333	5 353	5 397	44	-98	0,8	-1,8
Secondary completed	5 038	5 091	5 200	5 192	5 323	131	284	2,5	5,6
Tertiary	3 266	3 450	3 388	3 465	3 304	-161	38	-4,7	1,2
Other	182	168	183	169	200	31	17	18,5	9,5

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Table 6: Sociodemographic characteristics – South Africa (continued)									
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>Highest level of education of the unemployed</b>	<b>5 781</b>	<b>6 214</b>	<b>6 177</b>	<b>6 210</b>	<b>5 880</b>	<b>-330</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>-5,3</b>	<b>1,7</b>
No schooling	73	84	72	76	60	-17	-13	-21,8	-18,1
Less than primary completed	346	346	361	354	360	6	14	1,6	4,0
Primary completed	215	260	278	252	220	-32	5	-12,8	2,3
Secondary not completed	2 785	3 002	2 901	2 881	2 689	-192	-97	-6,7	-3,5
Secondary completed	1 875	1 933	2 014	2 095	2 021	-74	145	-3,5	7,7
Tertiary	451	541	513	513	488	-26	37	-5,0	8,2
Other	35	47	39	39	44	5	8	13,0	23,5
<b>Highest level of education of the not economically active</b>	<b>15 055</b>	<b>14 634</b>	<b>14 941</b>	<b>14 971</b>	<b>15 474</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>3,4</b>	<b>2,8</b>
No schooling	665	658	639	622	624	3	-40	0,4	-6,0
Less than primary completed	1 582	1 441	1 460	1 538	1 537	-1	-45	0,0	-2,8
Primary completed	1 054	865	978	985	1 018	34	-36	3,4	-3,4
Secondary not completed	8 260	7 829	8 007	8 005	8 360	354	100	4,4	1,2
Secondary completed	2 754	3 113	3 124	3 099	3 185	87	432	2,8	15,7
Tertiary	565	562	582	586	586	0	21	0,0	3,7
Other	176	166	151	137	163	26	-12	19,2	-7,0
<b>Employed</b>	<b>16 069</b>	<b>16 212</b>	<b>16 100</b>	<b>16 192</b>	<b>16 171</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>-0,1</b>	<b>0,6</b>
Attending educational institution	390	387	332	376	357	-19	-33	-4,9	-8,5
Not attending educational institution	15 678	15 825	15 768	15 816	15 814	-2	136	0,0	0,9
<b>Unemployed</b>	<b>5 781</b>	<b>6 214</b>	<b>6 177</b>	<b>6 210</b>	<b>5 880</b>	<b>-330</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>-5,3</b>	<b>1,7</b>
Attending educational institution	117	118	102	102	135	33	18	32,4	14,9
Not attending educational institution	5 663	6 096	6 075	6 108	5 745	-363	82	-5,9	1,4
<b>Not economically active</b>	<b>15 055</b>	<b>14 634</b>	<b>14 941</b>	<b>14 971</b>	<b>15 474</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>3,4</b>	<b>2,8</b>
Attending educational institution	6 175	5 937	6 092	6 195	6 257	62	82	1,0	1,3
Not attending educational institution	8 881	8 698	8 849	8 776	9 217	441	337	5,0	3,8

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Table 6: Sociodemographic characteristics – South Africa (concluded)									
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>Current marital status of the employed</b>	<b>16 069</b>	<b>16 212</b>	<b>16 100</b>	<b>16 192</b>	<b>16 171</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>-0,1</b>	<b>0,6</b>
Married	6 262	6 326	6 264	6 424	6 300	-124	38	-1,9	0,6
Living together like husband and wife	2 028	1 995	2 005	1 910	2 031	121	4	6,4	0,2
Widow/widower	474	517	501	492	492	0	18	0,0	3,8
Divorced or separated	481	523	529	511	497	-14	16	-2,7	3,4
Never married	6 824	6 850	6 801	6 855	6 850	-4	26	-0,1	0,4
<b>Current marital status of the unemployed</b>	<b>5 781</b>	<b>6 214</b>	<b>6 177</b>	<b>6 210</b>	<b>5 880</b>	<b>-330</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>-5,3</b>	<b>1,7</b>
Married	943	1 044	988	1 005	966	-39	23	-3,9	2,4
Living together like husband and wife	655	680	674	679	631	-47	-24	-7,0	-3,6
Widow/widower	84	71	82	78	67	-11	-16	-14,1	-19,6
Divorced or separated	108	119	95	99	95	-4	-14	-4,0	-12,6
Never married	3 990	4 301	4 338	4 349	4 120	-229	130	-5,3	3,3
<b>Current marital status of the not economically active</b>	<b>15 055</b>	<b>14 634</b>	<b>14 941</b>	<b>14 971</b>	<b>15 474</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>3,4</b>	<b>2,8</b>
Married	2 814	2 621	2 754	2 704	2 764	60	-50	2,2	-1,8
Living together like husband and wife	778	767	761	766	808	42	30	5,4	3,8
Widow/widower	602	600	566	584	613	28	11	4,9	1,8
Divorced or separated	246	217	259	243	242	-1	-4	-0,3	-1,6
Never married	10 616	10 430	10 602	10 674	11 048	374	432	3,5	4,1

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

Table 7: Profile of those not in education and not in employment – South Africa									
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>14 544</b>	<b>14 794</b>	<b>14 924</b>	<b>14 885</b>	<b>14 962</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>2,9</b>
Women	8 481	8 498	8 631	8 579	8 716	136	235	1,6	2,8
Men	6 063	6 296	6 293	6 305	6 247	-59	184	-0,9	3,0
<b>Age group</b>	<b>14 544</b>	<b>14 794</b>	<b>14 924</b>	<b>14 885</b>	<b>14 962</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>2,9</b>
15–24 yrs	3 107	3 340	3 320	3 126	3 068	-58	-39	-1,9	-1,3
25–34 yrs	4 389	4 445	4 504	4 581	4 674	93	285	2,0	6,5
35–44 yrs	2 829	2 842	2 857	2 905	2 890	-15	60	-0,5	2,1
45–54 yrs	2 048	2 010	2 036	2 078	2 110	32	62	1,5	3,0
55–64 yrs	2 171	2 156	2 206	2 195	2 221	26	50	1,2	2,3
<b>Population groups</b>	<b>14 544</b>	<b>14 794</b>	<b>14 924</b>	<b>14 885</b>	<b>14 962</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>2,9</b>
Black African	12 234	12 501	12 512	12 465	12 566	101	333	0,8	2,7
Coloured	1 283	1 315	1 376	1 361	1 350	-11	67	-0,8	5,2
Indian/Asian	318	319	345	340	332	-8	14	-2,2	4,6
White	710	659	690	719	714	-5	4	-0,7	0,6
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>14 544</b>	<b>14 794</b>	<b>14 924</b>	<b>14 885</b>	<b>14 962</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>2,9</b>
Western Cape	1 458	1 458	1 496	1 524	1 465	-59	6	-3,9	0,4
Eastern Cape	1 793	1 914	1 960	1 959	2 005	47	212	2,4	11,8
North West	371	379	389	377	362	-15	-9	-4,1	-2,5
Free State	791	807	779	740	749	8	-43	1,1	-5,4
KwaZulu-Natal	3 029	3 054	3 025	3 012	3 026	15	-3	0,5	-0,1
North West	1 138	1 133	1 125	1 139	1 127	-12	-11	-1,0	-0,9
Gauteng	3 435	3 414	3 537	3 578	3 678	100	243	2,8	7,1
Mpumalanga	1 159	1 161	1 167	1 150	1 103	-47	-56	-4,1	-4,9
Limpopo	1 368	1 472	1 445	1 407	1 447	40	79	2,8	5,8

<b>Table 8: Involvement in non-market activities and labour market status by province</b>									
	<b>Oct-Dec 2016</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 2017</b>	<b>Apr-Jun 2017</b>	<b>Jul-Sep 2017</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 2017</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on- year change</b>	<b>Qtr-to-qtr change</b>	<b>Year-on- year change</b>
	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Thousand</b>	<b>Per cent</b>	<b>Per cent</b>
<b>South Africa</b>									
Subsistence farming	1 885	2 082	1 909	1 723	1 942	219	57	12,7	3,0
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	4 787	4 496	4 584	4 849	4 369	-480	-418	-9,9	-8,7
Produce other goods for household use	144	139	137	144	143	-1	-1	-0,4	-0,6
Construction or major repairs to own or household	809	686	626	613	422	-190	-386	-31,1	-47,8
Hunting or fishing for household use	40	43	30	26	25	-1	-15	-2,5	-36,9
<b>Involvement in at least one activity</b>	<b>6 208</b>	<b>6 137</b>	<b>6 009</b>	<b>6 186</b>	<b>5 679</b>	<b>-507</b>	<b>-529</b>	<b>-8,2</b>	<b>-8,5</b>
Employed	1 777	1 824	1 742	1 816	1 655	-161	-123	-8,9	-6,9
Unemployed	928	1 096	1 027	1 105	959	-146	30	-13,2	3,2
Not economically active	3 502	3 218	3 240	3 265	3 065	-200	-436	-6,1	-12,5
<b>Western Cape</b>									
Subsistence farming	4	3	6	4	6	2	2	60,9	55,9
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	48	33	37	25	153	128	105	518,1	219,5
Produce other goods for household use	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Construction or major repairs to own or household	2	.	1	3	.	.	.	.	.
Hunting or fishing for household use	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<b>Involvement in at least one activity</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>415,0</b>	<b>201,8</b>
Employed	20	20	27	14	90	76	70	541,6	357,5
Unemployed	9	7	5	5	34	29	25	619,3	261,2
Not economically active	24	9	12	12	35	23	12	189,8	49,0
<b>Eastern Cape</b>									
Subsistence farming	467	553	507	440	488	48	20	10,8	4,4
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	1 055	935	995	1 104	967	-137	-88	-12,4	-8,3
Produce other goods for household use	8	11	9	12	13	1	5	13,0	63,2
Construction or major repairs to own or household	135	120	181	155	190	34	54	22,2	40,3
Hunting or fishing for household use	3	4	3	1	3	3	1	525,4	33,4
<b>Involvement in at least one activity</b>	<b>1 295</b>	<b>1 226</b>	<b>1 240</b>	<b>1 306</b>	<b>1 251</b>	<b>-55</b>	<b>-44</b>	<b>-4,2</b>	<b>-3,4</b>
Employed	302	301	280	296	298	1	-4	0,5	-1,3
Unemployed	159	230	237	254	244	-9	85	-3,7	53,7
Not economically active	834	695	723	756	709	-48	-125	-6,3	-15,0

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

	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>Nothern Cape</b>									
Subsistence farming	18	23	22	21	24	2	6	11,5	31,1
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	94	86	94	135	96	-39	2	-28,9	2,3
Produce other goods for household use	0	1	1	1	0	-1	0	-83,0	-51,9
Construction or major repairs to own or household	1	0	1	1	.	.	.	.	.
Hunting or fishing for household use	1	3	2	2	1	-1	0	-52,1	1,7
<b>Involvement in at least one activity</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>-38</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-26,4</b>	<b>3,5</b>
Employed	20	24	21	27	26	-1	6	-3,9	31,0
Unemployed	26	23	23	27	17	-10	-9	-36,5	-33,2
Not economically active	57	55	61	91	63	-27	6	-30,1	10,7
<b>Free State</b>									
Subsistence farming	95	97	113	106	124	18	29	16,8	30,6
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	44	73	49	52	32	-20	-12	-38,3	-26,9
Produce other goods for household use	1	.	3	3	1	-2	0	-78,9	-13,7
Construction or major repairs to own or household	1	1	1	.	1	.	0	.	-42,8
Hunting or fishing for household use	4	3	4	2	2	-1	-2	-35,6	-56,5
<b>Involvement in at least one activity</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-2,1</b>	<b>12,9</b>
Employed	53	69	64	75	65	-10	12	-13,4	23,4
Unemployed	44	33	43	37	45	8	2	21,1	3,6
Not economically active	40	60	48	44	43	-1	4	-2,5	9,3
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>									
Subsistence farming	887	880	868	788	836	48	-51	6,1	-5,8
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	1 330	1 344	1 282	1 301	1 144	-157	-186	-12,1	-14,0
Produce other goods for household use	107	90	100	103	93	-10	-14	-10,1	-13,3
Construction or major repairs to own or household	234	115	80	118	86	-32	-148	-26,9	-63,1
Hunting or fishing for household use	18	20	10	8	4	-5	-14	-55,8	-79,8
<b>Involvement in at least one activity</b>	<b>1 834</b>	<b>1 900</b>	<b>1 843</b>	<b>1 843</b>	<b>1 702</b>	<b>-141</b>	<b>-132</b>	<b>-7,7</b>	<b>-7,2</b>
Employed	473	498	472	479	417	-62	-56	-12,9	-11,8
Unemployed	198	272	233	252	215	-37	17	-14,6	8,6
Not economically active	1 163	1 130	1 138	1 113	1 070	-43	-94	-3,8	-8,0

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

	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>North West</b>									
Subsistence farming	61	57	43	52	31	-21	-30	-40,3	-49,2
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	483	434	368	500	413	-87	-70	-17,4	-14,5
Produce other goods for household use	2	6	4	3	1	-2	-1	-73,8	-58,8
Construction or major repairs to own or household	16	23	11	27	8	-19	-8	-69,8	-48,5
Hunting or fishing for household use	2	2	1	2	2	0	-1	-9,8	-27,4
<b>Involvement in at least one activity</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>-98</b>	<b>-88</b>	<b>-18,8</b>	<b>-17,2</b>
Employed	142	133	108	182	131	-51	-11	-28,0	-7,8
Unemployed	70	67	40	75	45	-30	-25	-39,8	-35,5
Not economically active	300	261	235	265	248	-18	-52	-6,6	-17,4
<b>Gauteng</b>									
Subsistence farming	23	21	14	18	45	27	22	151,3	96,1
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	133	137	205	189	191	2	58	1,2	44,0
Produce other goods for household use	6	14	12	10	22	11	16	113,3	257,5
Construction or major repairs to own or household	359	365	292	268	78	-190	-282	-71,0	-78,4
Hunting or fishing for household use	2	3	3	3	10	7	8	204,6	449,5
<b>Involvement in at least one activity</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>-167</b>	<b>-189</b>	<b>-35,9</b>	<b>-38,8</b>
Employed	270	267	271	235	160	-75	-110	-31,9	-40,7
Unemployed	153	155	158	167	92	-75	-61	-45,0	-40,0
Not economically active	64	77	69	63	46	-17	-17	-26,7	-27,4
<b>Mpumalanga</b>									
Subsistence farming	137	179	159	110	171	62	35	56,0	25,2
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	564	509	549	579	505	-74	-59	-12,8	-10,4
Produce other goods for household use	17	16	7	9	13	4	-4	42,2	-25,1
Construction or major repairs to own or household	23	19	20	11	22	11	-1	103,4	-4,8
Hunting or fishing for household use	3	2	4	2	.	.	.	.	.
<b>Involvement in at least one activity</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>-50</b>	<b>-45</b>	<b>-7,7</b>	<b>-7,0</b>
Employed	192	217	212	204	170	-33	-22	-16,4	-11,4
Unemployed	137	163	163	170	152	-18	16	-10,4	11,4
Not economically active	323	266	273	283	284	1	-39	0,3	-12,1

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Table 8: Involvement in non-market activities and labour market status by province (concluded)									
	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017	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
<b>Limpopo</b>									
Subsistence farming	193	271	178	183	216	33	24	18,0	12,4
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	1 037	945	1 006	964	868	-96	-169	-10,0	-16,3
Produce other goods for household use	2	1	2	3	1	-2	-1	-57,6	-37,2
Construction or major repairs to own or household	38	43	39	30	38	8	0	26,5	0,6
Hunting or fishing for household use	7	5	4	5	4	-1	-3	-21,0	-44,8
<b>Involvement in at least one activity</b>	<b>1 136</b>	<b>1 104</b>	<b>1 093</b>	<b>1 060</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>-82</b>	<b>-158</b>	<b>-7,7</b>	<b>-13,9</b>
Employed	307	293	286	304	298	-6	-9	-1,9	-3,0
Unemployed	132	146	125	118	113	-5	-19	-4,1	-14,6
Not economically active	697	665	682	638	567	-71	-130	-11,1	-18,6

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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 2017	Oct-Dec 2017				
Both Sexes						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	0,5	0,5	-351	-561	-140	0,00
Employed	0,6	0,7	-21	-202	160	0,82
Formal Sector (Non-agriculture)	0,9	0,9	-135	-308	37	0,12
Informal sector (Non-agriculture)	2,4	2,3	119	2	236	0,05
Agriculture	4,1	4,5	39	-31	109	0,28
Private households	2,9	2,9	-43	-116	30	0,25
Unemployed	1,6	1,9	-330	-531	-129	0,00
Not economically active	0,8	0,7	503	292	714	0,00
Discouraged work-seekers	3,8	3,3	103	-57	262	0,21
Other (not economically active)	0,8	0,8	400	204	597	0,00
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,4	1,7	-1,0	-1,8	-0,3	0,01
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,6	0,7	-0,2	-0,7	0,3	0,35
Labour force participation rate	0,5	0,5	-1,1	-1,7	-0,6	0,00
Women						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	0,7	0,7	-193	-341	-46	0,01
Employed	0,9	0,9	-54	-174	67	0,38
Formal Sector (Non-agriculture)	1,3	1,3	-75	-190	40	0,20
Informal sector (Non-agriculture)	3,0	3,0	26	-40	93	0,44
Agriculture	9,9	7,4	15	-19	50	0,38
Private households	3,0	3,2	-20	-78	38	0,49
Unemployed	2,0	2,2	-140	-262	-17	0,03
Not economically active	0,8	0,8	266	118	414	0,00
Discouraged work-seekers	4,0	3,6	57	-45	158	0,27
Other (not economically active)	1,0	0,9	209	64	355	0,01
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,7	1,9	-0,8	-1,8	0,2	0,11
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,9	0,9	-0,4	-1,1	0,2	0,19
Labour force participation rate	0,7	0,7	-1,2	-2,0	-0,5	0,00



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 2017	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>Men</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	0,5	0,6	-157	-285	-30	0,02
Employed	0,8	0,8	33	-100	166	0,63
Formal Sector (Non-agriculture)	1,0	1,1	-60	-189	68	0,36
Informal sector (Non-agriculture)	3,1	2,8	92	1	184	0,05
Agriculture	4,8	5,5	24	-29	77	0,38
Private households	5,8	6,2	-23	-59	13	0,21
Unemployed	2,0	2,3	-190	-322	-59	0,01
Not economically active	1,1	1,0	237	110	364	0,00
Discouraged work-seekers	4,8	4,3	46	-47	140	0,33
Other (not economically active)	1,0	1,0	191	80	302	0,00
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	1,8	2,2	-1,2	-2,2	-0,3	0,01
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,8	0,8	0,0	-0,8	0,7	0,93
Labour force participation rate	0,5	0,6	-1,2	-1,8	-0,5	0,00

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 2017	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>South Africa</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
<b>Labour Force</b>	0,5	0,5	-351	-561	-140	0,00
Employed	0,6	0,7	-21	-202	160	0,82
Unemployed	1,6	1,9	-330	-531	-129	0,00
Not economically active	0,8	0,7	503	292	714	0,00
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	1,4	1,7	-1,0	-1,8	-0,3	0,01
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	0,6	0,7	-0,2	-0,7	0,3	0,35
Labour force participation rate	0,5	0,5	-1,1	-1,7	-0,6	0,00
<b>Black/African</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
<b>Labour Force</b>	0,6	0,6	-360	-548	-172	0,00
Employed	0,8	0,8	-65	-225	95	0,43
Unemployed	1,7	2,0	-295	-487	-103	0,00
Not economically active	0,8	0,8	509	321	697	0,00
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	1,5	1,8	-1,1	-2,0	-0,1	0,03
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	0,8	0,8	-0,4	-1,0	0,1	0,13
Labour force participation rate	0,6	0,6	-1,4	-2,1	-0,9	0,00
<b>Coloured</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
<b>Labour Force</b>	1,5	1,4	17	-36	69	0,53
Employed	1,8	2,3	23	-31	76	0,40
Unemployed	3,7	4,4	-6	-47	35	0,78
Not economically active	2,5	2,4	-8	-60	45	0,78
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	3,4	4,6	-0,5	-2,2	1,3	0,61
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	1,8	2,3	0,5	-1,0	2,1	0,50
Labour force participation rate	1,5	1,4	0,3	-1,2	1,9	0,68

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 2017	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>Indian/Asian</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
<b>Labour Force</b>	3,2	2,9	-8	-53	37	0,73
Employed	3,4	2,8	3	-33	39	0,87
Unemployed	13,1	14,4	-11	-32	10	0,30
Not economically active	5,0	4,3	10	-35	55	0,66
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	12,3	13,3	-1,7	-4,8	1,4	0,28
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	3,4	2,8	0,2	-3,4	3,8	0,92
Labour force participation rate	3,2	2,9	-1,0	-5,5	3,6	0,68
<b>White</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
<b>Labour Force</b>	1,4	1,5	0	-61	61	1,00
Employed	1,5	1,9	18	-47	84	0,58
Unemployed	11,9	11,0	-18	-64	27	0,42
Not economically active	3,0	3,3	-8	-70	53	0,79
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	11,5	11,3	-0,9	-3,1	1,3	0,41
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	1,5	1,9	0,8	-1,4	3,0	0,48
Labour force participation rate	1,4	1,5	0,2	-1,9	2,2	0,86

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 2017	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>South Africa</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	0,5	0,5	-351	-561	-140	0,00
Employed	0,6	0,7	-21	-202	160	0,82
Unemployed	1,6	1,9	-330	-531	-129	0,00
Not economically active	0,8	0,7	503	292	714	0,00
Discouraged work-seekers	3,8	3,3	103	-57	262	0,21
Other (not economically active)	0,8	0,8	400	204	597	0,00
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	1,4	1,7	-1,0	-1,8	-0,3	0,01
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,6	0,7	-0,2	-0,7	0,3	0,35
Labour force participation rate	0,5	0,5	-1,1	-1,7	-0,6	0,00
<b>Western Cape</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	1,3	1,2	23	-45	91	0,50
Employed	1,7	1,4	92	40	145	0,00
Unemployed	3,4	4,0	-69	-124	-14	0,01
Not economically active	2,8	2,6	0	-68	67	0,99
Discouraged work-seekers	21,8	18,8	-3	-43	36	0,86
Other (not economically active)	3,0	2,5	3	-69	75	0,93
<b>Rates(%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	3,3	3,7	-2,4	-3,9	-0,9	0,00
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,7	1,4	1,8	0,6	2,9	0,00
Labour force participation rate	1,3	1,2	0,2	-1,3	1,7	0,83

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 2017	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>Western Cape - Non Metro</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	2,4	2,0	27	-4	59	0,09
Employed	2,7	2,3	66	32	100	0,00
Unemployed	7,0	10,6	-39	-68	-9	0,01
Not economically active	4,5	4,0	-18	-50	13	0,26
Discouraged work-seekers	30,1	22,1	-1	-41	38	0,94
Other (not economically active)	5,0	3,9	-17	-58	24	0,42
<b>Rates(%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	6,3	9,9	-4,0	-6,7	-1,4	0,00
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,7	2,3	3,8	1,7	5,8	0,00
Labour force participation rate	2,4	2,0	1,3	-0,6	3,2	0,19
<b>Western Cape - City of Cape Town</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	1,6	1,5	-4	-63	55	0,89
Employed	2,1	1,8	26	-11	64	0,17
Unemployed	3,9	3,9	-30	-78	18	0,21
Not economically active	3,8	3,5	18	-41	77	0,55
Discouraged work-seekers	24,2	34,9	-2	-8	4	0,54
Other (not economically active)	3,7	3,3	20	-38	78	0,50
<b>Rates(%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	3,8	3,6	-1,5	-3,4	0,5	0,14
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,1	1,8	0,6	-0,7	2,0	0,33
Labour force participation rate	1,6	1,5	-0,5	-2,5	1,6	0,65

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 2017	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>Eastern Cape</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	1,6	1,6	-58	-122	6	0,08
Employed	2,3	2,4	-30	-96	35	0,36
Unemployed	4,3	5,0	-28	-81	26	0,31
Not economically active	1,8	1,6	70	6	134	0,03
Discouraged work-seekers	8,5	9,1	-34	-82	14	0,17
Other (not economically active)	2,1	1,8	104	38	170	0,00
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	3,6	4,3	-0,4	-2,6	1,9	0,77
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,3	2,4	-0,8	-2,4	0,7	0,30
Labour force participation rate	1,6	1,6	-1,5	-3,1	0,0	0,05
<b>Eastern Cape - Non Metro</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	2,5	2,4	2	-55	58	0,96
Employed	3,3	3,3	-5	-53	42	0,83
Unemployed	5,9	6,6	7	-36	49	0,76
Not economically active	2,0	1,9	6	-51	63	0,83
Discouraged work-seekers	8,6	9,4	-32	-79	15	0,19
Other (not economically active)	2,5	2,2	38	-20	96	0,20
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	4,8	5,5	0,5	-2,3	3,2	0,73
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,3	3,3	-0,3	-1,9	1,4	0,76
Labour force participation rate	2,5	2,4	0,0	-2,0	1,9	0,95

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 2017	Oct-Dec 2017				
Eastern Cape - Buffalo City						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	2,1	2,5	-24	-37	-10	0,00
Employed	3,7	4,3	2	-27	31	0,88
Unemployed	4,7	8,4	-26	-48	-4	0,02
Not economically active	5,7	5,4	25	12	39	0,00
Discouraged work-seekers	53,8	20,9	-1	-13	11	0,87
Other (not economically active)	7,9	6,1	26	3	49	0,02
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,9	8,3	-5,1	-11,8	1,5	0,13
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,7	4,3	0,3	-5,4	6,0	0,92
Labour force participation rate	2,1	2,5	-4,9	-7,6	-2,2	0,00
Eastern Cape - Nelson Mandela Bay						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	2,3	1,9	-36	-61	-10	0,01
Employed	5,0	5,3	-27	-62	7	0,12
Unemployed	9,5	10,4	-8	-32	16	0,50
Not economically active	5,2	3,5	39	13	64	0,00
Discouraged work-seekers	94,1	99,6	-1	-4	2	0,48
Other (not economically active)	5,0	3,4	40	16	63	0,00
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	8,7	9,6	0,9	-3,9	5,6	0,72
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	5,0	5,3	-3,5	-7,9	0,7	0,11
Labour force participation rate	2,3	1,9	-4,7	-7,9	-1,5	0,01

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 2017	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>Nothern Cape</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	3,6	3,7	3	-27	34	0,82
Employed	6,5	6,9	15	-18	48	0,39
Unemployed	7,5	6,5	-11	-28	6	0,19
Not economically active	4,4	4,7	-1	-31	29	0,94
Discouraged work-seekers	12,8	11,9	-7	-35	22	0,65
Other (not economically active)	5,7	4,1	5	-19	30	0,67
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	8,9	9,3	-2,8	-6,9	1,4	0,19
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	6,5	6,9	1,7	-2,5	5,9	0,42
Labour force participation rate	3,6	3,7	0,3	-3,5	4,1	0,88
<b>Free State</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	1,9	1,3	-10	-39	19	0,50
Employed	2,8	3,6	-16	-49	17	0,35
Unemployed	5,2	7,4	6	-28	40	0,74
Not economically active	3,3	2,2	13	-17	42	0,40
Discouraged work-seekers	11,7	8,9	8	-18	35	0,54
Other (not economically active)	3,8	3,1	4	-33	42	0,82
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	4,8	7,2	0,8	-1,8	3,3	0,57
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,8	3,6	-0,9	-2,7	0,9	0,32
Labour force participation rate	1,9	1,3	-0,6	-2,2	0,9	0,43



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 2017	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>Free State - Non Metro</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	2,1	1,5	-5	-27	18	0,68
Employed	3,6	4,6	-23	-47	1	0,06
Unemployed	7,0	9,2	19	-7	45	0,16
Not economically active	3,1	2,3	5	-18	27	0,69
Discouraged work-seekers	13,6	10,4	4	-21	30	0,73
Other (not economically active)	3,8	3,4	0	-32	33	1,00
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	6,6	8,8	2,5	-0,4	5,4	0,09
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,6	4,6	-1,7	-3,5	0,1	0,06
Labour force participation rate	2,1	1,5	-0,3	-2,0	1,3	0,68
<b>Free State - Mangaung</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	3,8	2,2	-5	-24	13	0,57
Employed	4,4	5,6	8	-15	30	0,51
Unemployed	6,6	11,8	-13	-35	9	0,24
Not economically active	10,1	5,4	8	-11	27	0,40
Discouraged work-seekers	14,4	13,0	4	-1	9	0,15
Other (not economically active)	10,7	7,0	4	-14	23	0,65
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	5,2	12,0	-2,9	-8,2	2,3	0,27
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	4,4	5,6	1,2	-3,0	5,4	0,58
Labour force participation rate	3,8	2,2	-1,4	-4,8	2,1	0,44

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 2017	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>KwaZulu Natal</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	2,0	1,6	-52	-151	47	0,30
Employed	1,9	2,0	-23	-99	52	0,54
Unemployed	6,6	6,3	-29	-111	54	0,50
Not economically active	1,9	1,4	79	-20	177	0,12
Discouraged work-seekers	8,5	6,6	13	-74	101	0,77
Other (not economically active)	2,0	1,8	65	-43	174	0,24
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	5,4	5,6	-0,5	-2,5	1,6	0,65
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,9	2,0	-0,4	-1,6	0,6	0,39
Labour force participation rate	2,0	1,6	-1,0	-2,4	0,5	0,20
<b>KwaZulu Natal - Non Metro</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	3,2	2,6	-37	-119	45	0,37
Employed	3,2	3,4	-33	-94	27	0,28
Unemployed	10,2	8,9	-4	-72	64	0,91
Not economically active	2,2	1,7	57	-25	139	0,17
Discouraged work-seekers	9,9	7,2	38	-47	123	0,38
Other (not economically active)	2,4	2,3	19	-74	112	0,69
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	8,4	8,0	0,3	-2,7	3,3	0,84
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,2	3,4	-0,8	-2,2	0,5	0,20
Labour force participation rate	3,2	2,6	-1,0	-2,8	0,8	0,28

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 2017	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>KwaZulu Natal - eThekweni</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	2,0	1,4	-15	-68	38	0,58
Employed	1,6	1,9	10	-36	55	0,68
Unemployed	7,0	8,4	-25	-72	23	0,31
Not economically active	3,4	2,3	22	-31	75	0,42
Discouraged work-seekers	11,8	16,8	-25	-47	-3	0,03
Other (not economically active)	3,6	2,7	47	-10	103	0,10
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	5,5	7,6	-1,4	-4,2	1,4	0,31
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,6	1,9	0,3	-1,6	2,2	0,78
Labour force participation rate	2,0	1,4	-0,8	-3,0	1,4	0,48
<b>North West</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	2,4	2,8	-19	-73	35	0,49
Employed	3,0	3,4	16	-37	70	0,55
Unemployed	7,0	7,8	-35	-71	1	0,05
Not economically active	2,7	3,0	30	-24	84	0,28
Discouraged work-seekers	10,7	8,6	-9	-60	42	0,73
Other (not economically active)	3,6	2,9	39	-34	112	0,29
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	6,2	7,1	-2,3	-4,9	0,3	0,08
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,0	3,4	0,4	-1,7	2,6	0,66
Labour force participation rate	2,4	2,8	-1,0	-3,1	1,2	0,37

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 2017	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>Gauteng</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	0,7	0,9	-217	-361	-72	0,00
Employed	1,1	1,3	-77	-197	43	0,21
Unemployed	2,5	3,1	-139	-288	9	0,07
Not economically active	1,9	2,2	267	122	411	0,00
Discouraged work-seekers	10,5	8,1	120	44	196	0,00
Other (not economically active)	1,6	1,9	146	38	255	0,01
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	2,3	2,7	-1,1	-2,8	0,7	0,24
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,1	1,3	-1,0	-2,2	0,2	0,09
Labour force participation rate	0,7	0,9	-2,5	-4,0	-1,1	0,00
<b>Gauteng - Non Metro</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	1,9	4,0	-29	-100	42	0,43
Employed	4,2	5,1	27	-26	80	0,31
Unemployed	7,5	12,4	-56	-129	17	0,13
Not economically active	3,7	7,2	32	-40	103	0,38
Discouraged work-seekers	15,6	22,5	16	-19	51	0,37
Other (not economically active)	3,4	5,9	16	-31	62	0,50
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	7,5	10,9	-5,5	-12,4	1,4	0,12
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	4,2	5,1	1,9	-2,0	5,9	0,33
Labour force participation rate	1,9	4,0	-2,3	-7,7	3,0	0,40

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 2017	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>Gauteng - Ekurhuleni</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	1,3	1,7	-38	-103	26	0,25
Employed	1,9	3,2	-51	-110	7	0,08
Unemployed	4,1	5,0	13	-44	71	0,66
Not economically active	3,9	4,4	48	-17	112	0,15
Discouraged work-seekers	16,6	15,6	8	-20	35	0,58
Other (not economically active)	3,4	3,9	40	-12	92	0,13
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	3,6	5,0	1,4	-1,3	4,1	0,31
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,9	3,2	-2,2	-4,5	0,1	0,06
Labour force participation rate	1,3	1,7	-1,8	-4,4	0,8	0,17
<b>Gauteng - City of Johannesburg</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	1,2	1,8	-111	-211	-11	0,03
Employed	1,9	1,4	-41	-112	31	0,26
Unemployed	4,5	5,8	-70	-181	41	0,22
Not economically active	3,6	4,4	134	35	234	0,01
Discouraged work-seekers	28,1	15,9	66	19	114	0,01
Other (not economically active)	3,0	3,7	68	-11	147	0,09
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	4,1	4,4	-1,4	-4,8	2,0	0,41
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,9	1,4	-1,4	-3,4	0,5	0,15
Labour force participation rate	1,2	1,8	-3,4	-6,1	-0,8	0,01

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 2017	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>Gauteng - City of Tshwane</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	1,5	1,0	-39	-94	16	0,17
Employed	1,9	2,3	-12	-73	48	0,69
Unemployed	4,9	4,5	-26	-71	19	0,26
Not economically active	3,5	2,1	53	-2	108	0,06
Discouraged work-seekers	23,6	9,0	30	-9	69	0,13
Other (not economically active)	2,7	2,7	23	-16	62	0,26
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	4,3	4,8	-1,0	-3,5	1,6	0,48
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,9	2,3	-0,8	-3,3	1,7	0,53
Labour force participation rate	1,5	1,0	-2,0	-4,2	0,3	0,09
<b>Mpumalanga</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	2,0	2,1	10	-39	59	0,69
Employed	3,0	2,4	38	-12	88	0,13
Unemployed	4,8	7,2	-28	-69	12	0,17
Not economically active	3,1	3,2	2	-47	51	0,94
Discouraged work-seekers	13,2	9,5	8	-34	50	0,72
Other (not economically active)	3,0	3,1	-6	-49	38	0,79
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	4,6	6,0	-1,8	-3,9	0,4	0,10
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,0	2,4	1,2	-0,6	2,9	0,19
Labour force participation rate	2,0	2,1	0,1	-1,6	1,8	0,91

Table 2.3A: Sampling Variability for Labour Force Characteristics by Province						
	Coefficient of Variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-Value
	Jul-Sep 2017	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>Limpopo</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	2,3	1,6	-32	-88	24	0,26
Employed	2,1	2,1	-35	-91	21	0,22
Unemployed	8,4	8,0	3	-48	54	0,91
Not economically active	2,1	1,4	45	-11	100	0,12
Discouraged work-seekers	8,5	9,7	7	-44	57	0,80
Other (not economically active)	3,0	2,8	38	-27	104	0,25
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	7,1	7,4	0,5	-2,2	3,2	0,70
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,1	2,1	-1,0	-2,6	0,4	0,16
Labour force participation rate	2,3	1,6	-1,0	-2,5	0,5	0,18

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 2017	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>0,7</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>-202</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>0,82</b>
Agriculture	4,1	4,5	39	-31	109	0,28
Mining	6,9	6,5	-35	-81	10	0,13
Manufacturing	2,9	2,8	42	-43	126	0,33
Utilities	11,2	10,0	-4	-29	22	0,78
Construction	3,2	2,9	26	-55	106	0,53
Trade	1,9	1,9	-45	-170	79	0,47
Transport	3,1	3,3	13	-52	79	0,69
Finance	2,2	2,6	-91	-203	22	0,12
Community and social services	1,9	1,8	75	-46	195	0,23
Private household	2,9	2,9	-43	-116	30	0,25
<b>Women</b>	<b>0,9</b>	<b>0,9</b>	<b>-54</b>	<b>-174</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>0,38</b>
Agriculture	9,9	7,4	15	-19	50	0,38
Mining	14,5	17,3	-8	-26	11	0,41
Manufacturing	4,6	4,5	-12	-54	30	0,57
Utilities	17,8	17,4	-5	-18	9	0,51
Construction	8,0	8,3	15	-14	44	0,30
Trade	2,5	2,7	-27	-106	52	0,50
Transport	7,7	8,2	7	-20	34	0,60
Finance	3,4	3,9	-32	-97	32	0,33
Community and social services	2,3	2,1	12	-77	100	0,80
Private household	3,0	3,2	-20	-78	38	0,49
<b>Men</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>0,63</b>
Agriculture	4,8	5,5	24	-29	77	0,38
Mining	6,9	7,1	-28	-68	13	0,18
Manufacturing	3,1	3,1	54	-19	127	0,15
Utilities	12,2	11,5	1	-20	22	0,93
Construction	3,3	3,0	10	-63	84	0,78
Trade	2,6	2,6	-18	-105	69	0,68
Transport	3,6	3,6	6	-56	69	0,85
Finance	2,4	3,0	-58	-142	26	0,17
Community and social services	3,0	2,7	63	-9	135	0,09
Private household	5,8	6,2	-23	-59	13	0,21



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 2017	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>0,7</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>-202</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>0,82</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	0,9	0,9	-135	-308	37	0,12
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	2,4	2,3	119	2	236	0,05
Agriculture	4,1	4,5	39	-31	109	0,28
Private households	2,9	2,9	-43	-116	30	0,25
<b>Western Cape</b>	<b>1,7</b>	<b>1,4</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>0,00</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	2,6	2,0	53	1	106	0,05
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	11,0	7,8	14	-31	59	0,54
Agriculture	11,4	6,6	34	0	67	0,05
Private households	11,4	8,3	-9	-28	10	0,34
<b>Western Cape - Non Metro</b>	<b>2,7</b>	<b>2,3</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0,00</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	6,1	4,3	40	-4	84	0,07
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	11,9	15,0	20	-9	48	0,18
Agriculture	11,9	5,4	23	-7	52	0,14
Private households	17,4	13,2	-16	-29	-4	0,01
<b>Western Cape - City of Cape Town</b>	<b>2,1</b>	<b>1,8</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>0,17</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	2,6	2,3	13	-20	47	0,44
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	14,5	9,5	-6	-41	30	0,76
Agriculture	34,3	36,7	11	-3	25	0,12
Private households	14,9	11,4	7	-6	20	0,26
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	<b>2,3</b>	<b>2,4</b>	<b>-30</b>	<b>-96</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0,36</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	2,8	3,4	-45	-99	9	0,10
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	6,6	7,3	5	-32	42	0,78
Agriculture	13,2	18,0	9	-10	28	0,36
Private households	6,7	8,3	1	-17	19	0,91
<b>Eastern Cape - Non Metro</b>	<b>3,3</b>	<b>3,3</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-53</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>0,83</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	4,6	5,6	-24	-69	22	0,31
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	7,6	8,1	-2	-34	29	0,89
Agriculture	13,8	18,8	12	-6	31	0,19
Private households	10,5	12,7	8	-4	20	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 2017	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>Eastern Cape - Buffalo City</b>	<b>3,7</b>	<b>4,3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-27</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0,88</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	4,5	5,2	-7	-31	17	0,58
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	16,6	14,3	11	3	19	0,01
Agriculture	60,9	66,2	0	-1	1	0,97
Private households	25,5	22,9	-2	-12	8	0,73
<b>Eastern Cape - Nelson Mandela Bay</b>	<b>5,0</b>	<b>5,3</b>	<b>-27</b>	<b>-62</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0,12</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	4,5	5,1	-15	-33	3	0,11
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	19,7	28,2	-3	-21	14	0,72
Agriculture	44,6	101,2	-4	-7	-1	0,01
Private households	5,5	9,0	-5	-15	4	0,24
<b>Nothorn Cape</b>	<b>6,5</b>	<b>6,9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>0,39</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	11,0	11,1	1	-16	18	0,89
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	12,8	20,6	3	-11	17	0,71
Agriculture	25,4	31,6	16	-14	46	0,29
Private households	16,8	9,9	-6	-17	6	0,33
<b>Free State</b>	<b>2,8</b>	<b>3,6</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>-49</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0,35</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	4,4	4,8	-9	-45	26	0,61
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	9,1	8,7	-5	-30	21	0,73
Agriculture	15,4	7,8	2	-13	17	0,77
Private households	11,1	9,4	-4	-21	12	0,61
<b>Free State - Non Metro</b>	<b>3,6</b>	<b>4,6</b>	<b>-23</b>	<b>-47</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0,06</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	5,3	6,5	-11	-34	13	0,36
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	11,0	11,0	-12	-27	3	0,13
Agriculture	16,0	7,9	4	-11	18	0,61
Private households	9,5	12,5	-4	-18	9	0,52
<b>Free State - Mangaung</b>	<b>4,4</b>	<b>5,6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0,51</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	7,8	6,9	2	-24	28	0,89
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	15,7	14,0	7	-13	28	0,50
Agriculture	38,8	62,9	-1	-5	2	0,39
Private households	27,7	13,7	0	-9	9	0,97

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 2017	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>KwaZulu Natal</b>	<b>1,9</b>	<b>2,0</b>	<b>-23</b>	<b>-99</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>0,54</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	2,2	2,1	22	-42	86	0,51
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	7,0	5,8	-3	-47	41	0,88
Agriculture	10,3	14,6	-16	-37	6	0,16
Private households	7,2	6,1	-26	-54	2	0,06
<b>KwaZulu Natal - Non Metro</b>	<b>3,2</b>	<b>3,4</b>	<b>-33</b>	<b>-94</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0,28</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	3,7	3,8	9	-36	55	0,69
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	8,0	7,3	-9	-44	25	0,61
Agriculture	10,3	14,9	-15	-36	6	0,16
Private households	11,8	9,7	-18	-41	5	0,12
<b>KwaZulu Natal - eThekweni</b>	<b>1,6</b>	<b>1,9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-36</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0,68</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	2,5	1,9	12	-34	58	0,60
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	13,1	9,6	6	-21	33	0,67
Agriculture	85,3	60,0	0	-5	4	0,84
Private households	8,2	7,4	-8	-23	7	0,31
<b>North West</b>	<b>3,0</b>	<b>3,4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-37</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>0,55</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	3,1	3,3	15	-25	56	0,45
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	11,2	8,6	8	-29	44	0,68
Agriculture	15,0	20,4	-2	-15	12	0,82
Private households	11,9	11,3	-5	-24	13	0,57
<b>Gauteng</b>	<b>1,1</b>	<b>1,3</b>	<b>-77</b>	<b>-197</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>0,21</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	1,4	1,7	-143	-269	-17	0,03
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	4,3	5,4	91	29	153	0,00
Agriculture	16,8	17,3	-8	-23	8	0,33
Private households	5,4	6,1	-18	-61	26	0,42
<b>Gauteng - Non Metro</b>	<b>4,2</b>	<b>5,1</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>-26</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>0,31</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	6,3	9,8	-8	-66	50	0,80
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	14,9	16,2	32	3	60	0,03
Agriculture	12,2	24,2	2	-5	9	0,60
Private households	7,8	13,9	2	-11	14	0,81

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 2017	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>Gauteng - Ekurhuleni</b>	<b>1,9</b>	<b>3,2</b>	<b>-51</b>	<b>-110</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0,08</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	2,3	3,3	-47	-108	14	0,13
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	8,7	6,3	3	-24	30	0,82
Agriculture	46,1	49,9	-5	-14	4	0,27
Private households	9,5	5,9	-2	-14	11	0,76
<b>Gauteng - City of Johannesburg</b>	<b>1,9</b>	<b>1,4</b>	<b>-41</b>	<b>-112</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0,26</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	2,6	1,9	-60	-141	21	0,14
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	6,1	9,0	31	-5	66	0,09
Agriculture	31,9	31,3	-3	-9	2	0,26
Private households	9,2	12,0	-8	-37	20	0,57
<b>Gauteng - City of Tswane</b>	<b>1,9</b>	<b>2,3</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-73</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>0,69</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	1,9	2,5	-28	-83	27	0,32
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	9,1	13,4	26	-5	56	0,10
Agriculture	45,6	35,1	-1	-10	8	0,81
Private households	13,5	13,5	-9	-36	18	0,52
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	<b>3,0</b>	<b>2,4</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>0,13</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	3,9	4,7	8	-41	57	0,74
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	7,1	5,9	10	-16	36	0,45
Agriculture	6,0	14,5	5	-24	34	0,74
Private households	9,4	12,6	15	-4	33	0,11
<b>Limpopo</b>	<b>2,1</b>	<b>2,1</b>	<b>-35</b>	<b>-91</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0,22</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	4,1	4,2	-38	-87	12	0,14
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	4,6	5,2	-4	-45	37	0,85
Agriculture	8,3	6,3	-2	-30	26	0,88
Private households	7,4	9,8	9	-21	39	0,55

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 2017	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>0,7</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>-202</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>0,82</b>
Manager	3,0	3,3	-9	-90	73	0,84
Professional	3,7	3,9	-53	-121	14	0,12
Technician	2,9	3,2	27	-63	117	0,56
Clerk	2,5	2,5	-126	-207	-46	0,00
Sales and services	2,1	2,2	26	-74	126	0,61
Skilled agriculture	16,6	13,5	14	-5	34	0,15
Craft and related trade	2,6	2,4	14	-75	104	0,75
Plant and machine operator	2,8	2,9	-4	-75	68	0,92
Elementary	1,8	1,9	119	-9	246	0,07
Domestic worker	3,0	3,2	-29	-92	34	0,36
<b>Women</b>	<b>0,9</b>	<b>0,9</b>	<b>-54</b>	<b>-174</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>0,38</b>
Manager	4,7	5,8	-8	-55	39	0,75
Professional	4,8	4,8	-33	-81	16	0,19
Technician	3,8	3,9	21	-39	81	0,49
Clerk	2,6	2,9	-86	-149	-24	0,01
Sales and services	2,6	2,8	23	-44	90	0,50
Skilled agriculture	33,6	28,6	-2	-14	11	0,81
Craft and related trade	7,4	7,0	29	-1	58	0,06
Plant and machine operator	8,9	8,9	-9	-34	17	0,50
Elementary	2,7	2,5	32	-33	98	0,33
Domestic worker	3,1	3,2	-24	-85	37	0,44
<b>Men</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>0,63</b>
Manager	3,7	3,6	-1	-59	58	0,98
Professional	5,0	4,8	-21	-62	21	0,33
Technician	4,2	4,3	6	-57	68	0,86
Clerk	5,3	4,4	-40	-89	9	0,11
Sales and services	2,9	2,9	3	-67	73	0,93
Skilled agriculture	16,6	14,3	16	1	31	0,04
Craft and related trade	2,6	2,5	-14	-100	71	0,75
Plant and machine operator	2,7	3,0	5	-62	72	0,88
Elementary	2,3	2,4	86	-20	192	0,11
Domestic worker	14,5	15,9	-5	-25	15	0,61

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 2016	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>Both Sexes</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	0,5	0,5	202	-63	466	0,14
Employed	0,6	0,7	102	-162	367	0,45
Formal Sector (Non-agriculture)	0,9	0,9	88	-160	336	0,49
Informal sector (Non-agriculture)	2,0	2,3	113	-46	273	0,16
Agriculture	4,5	4,5	-70	-165	25	0,15
Private households	2,5	2,9	-29	-119	61	0,53
Unemployed	1,7	1,9	99	-153	351	0,44
Not economically active	0,7	0,7	419	154	684	0,00
Discouraged work-seekers	3,6	3,3	246	60	433	0,01
Other (not economically active)	0,8	0,8	173	-89	435	0,20
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	1,5	1,7	0,2	-0,8	1,2	0,69
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,6	0,7	-0,4	-1,2	0,3	0,22
Labour force participation rate	0,5	0,5	-0,4	-1,2	0,3	0,22
<b>Women</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	0,7	0,7	70	-108	249	0,44
Employed	1,0	0,9	40	-136	216	0,66
Formal Sector (Non-agriculture)	1,3	1,3	-24	-185	137	0,77
Informal sector (Non-agriculture)	3,3	3,0	107	24	189	0,01
Agriculture	6,8	7,4	-38	-82	6	0,09
Private households	2,9	3,2	-5	-87	77	0,90
Unemployed	2,2	2,2	30	-126	187	0,70
Not economically active	0,8	0,8	227	48	405	0,01
Discouraged work-seekers	4,0	3,6	125	4	245	0,04
Other (not economically active)	0,9	0,9	102	-76	280	0,26
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	1,9	1,9	0,1	-1,3	1,5	0,89
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,0	0,9	-0,3	-1,3	0,6	0,43
Labour force participation rate	0,7	0,7	-0,4	-1,4	0,5	0,34

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 2016	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>Men</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	0,5	0,6	132	-38	302	0,13
Employed	0,7	0,8	63	-122	247	0,50
Formal Sector (Non-agriculture)	1,0	1,1	112	-71	295	0,23
Informal sector (Non-agriculture)	2,3	2,8	7	-116	129	0,91
Agriculture	4,8	5,5	-32	-118	54	0,46
Private households	5,4	6,2	-24	-72	24	0,32
Unemployed	2,0	2,3	69	-89	226	0,39
Not economically active	1,0	1,0	192	22	362	0,03
Discouraged work-seekers	4,5	4,3	122	12	231	0,03
Other (not economically active)	1,1	1,0	71	-83	224	0,37
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	1,8	2,2	0,3	-0,9	1,5	0,63
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,7	0,8	-0,5	-1,5	0,5	0,30
Labour force participation rate	0,5	0,6	-0,5	-1,4	0,5	0,35

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 2016	Oct-Dec 2017				
South Africa						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	0,5	0,5	202	-63	466	0,14
Employed	0,6	0,7	102	-162	367	0,45
Unemployed	1,7	1,9	99	-153	351	0,44
Not economically active	0,7	0,7	419	154	684	0,00
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,5	1,7	0,2	-0,8	1,2	0,69
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	0,6	0,7	-0,4	-1,2	0,3	0,22
Labour force participation rate	0,5	0,5	-0,4	-1,2	0,3	0,22
Black/African						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	0,5	0,6	190	-42	422	0,11
Employed	0,7	0,8	118	-106	342	0,30
Unemployed	1,8	2,0	72	-167	310	0,56
Not economically active	0,7	0,8	417	185	649	0,00
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	1,6	1,8	0,0	-1,1	1,3	0,89
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	0,7	0,8	-0,4	-1,2	0,3	0,27
Labour force participation rate	0,5	0,6	-0,5	-1,3	0,2	0,18
Coloured						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour Force	1,4	1,4	13	-67	94	0,75
Employed	1,6	2,3	-23	-107	60	0,58
Unemployed	4,9	4,4	37	-23	96	0,23
Not economically active	2,5	2,4	25	-56	106	0,54
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,4	4,6	1,5	-1,1	4,2	0,24
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	1,6	2,3	-1,3	-3,7	1,2	0,32
Labour force participation rate	1,4	1,4	-0,4	-2,7	2,1	0,79



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 2016	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>Indian/Asian</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
<b>Labour Force</b>	2,8	2,9	-3	-46	41	0,90
Employed	2,6	2,8	9	-28	46	0,64
Unemployed	17,5	14,4	-11	-40	17	0,44
Not economically active	4,3	4,3	11	-33	55	0,62
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	16,1	13,3	-1,9	-6,3	2,6	0,41
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	2,6	2,8	0,4	-3,3	4,1	0,82
Labour force participation rate	2,8	2,9	-0,8	-5,2	3,6	0,73
<b>White</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
<b>Labour Force</b>	1,4	1,5	1	-76	79	0,97
Employed	1,6	1,9	-1	-82	80	0,98
Unemployed	10,9	11,0	2	-30	34	0,89
Not economically active	2,9	3,3	-34	-111	44	0,39
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	10,8	11,3	0,1	-1,5	1,7	0,90
Employed / population ratio (Absorption)	1,6	1,9	0,7	-2,0	3,3	0,64
Labour force participation rate	1,4	1,5	0,7	-1,8	3,3	0,55

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 2016	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>South Africa</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	0,5	0,5	202	-63	466	0,14
Employed	0,6	0,7	102	-162	367	0,45
Unemployed	1,7	1,9	99	-153	351	0,44
Not economically active	0,7	0,7	419	154	684	0,00
Discouraged work-seekers	3,6	3,3	246	60	433	0,01
Other (not economically active)	0,8	0,8	173	-89	435	0,20
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	1,5	1,7	0,2	-0,8	1,2	0,69
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,6	0,7	-0,4	-1,2	0,3	0,22
Labour force participation rate	0,5	0,5	-0,4	-1,2	0,3	0,22
<b>Western Cape</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	1,2	1,2	95	-3	193	0,06
Employed	1,7	1,4	106	13	199	0,03
Unemployed	4,2	4,0	-11	-78	56	0,75
Not economically active	2,6	2,6	-2	-99	96	0,98
Discouraged work-seekers	18,9	18,8	11	-12	34	0,36
Other (not economically active)	2,7	2,5	-12	-103	78	0,79
<b>Rates(%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	4,1	3,7	-1,0	-3,0	1,1	0,34
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,7	1,4	1,2	-0,9	3,3	0,25
Labour force participation rate	1,2	1,2	0,7	-1,5	2,9	0,53

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 2016	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>Western Cape - Non Metro</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	2,3	2,0	36	-18	90	0,19
Employed	2,4	2,3	17	-22	56	0,39
Unemployed	7,8	10,6	19	-25	63	0,40
Not economically active	4,3	4,0	1	-53	55	0,98
Discouraged work-seekers	23,1	22,1	4	-16	25	0,69
Other (not economically active)	4,5	3,9	-3	-51	44	0,89
<b>Rates(%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	7,2	9,9	1,3	-2,3	4,9	0,48
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,4	2,3	-0,2	-2,7	2,2	0,85
Labour force participation rate	2,3	2,0	0,7	-2,6	4,1	0,67
<b>Western Cape - City of Cape Town</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	1,4	1,5	59	-25	142	0,17
Employed	2,3	1,8	89	1	177	0,05
Unemployed	4,9	3,9	-30	-83	23	0,26
Not economically active	3,3	3,5	-2	-86	82	0,96
Discouraged work-seekers	29,8	34,9	7	-3	16	0,18
Other (not economically active)	3,4	3,3	-9	-88	70	0,83
<b>Rates(%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	4,9	3,6	-2,2	-4,8	0,4	0,10
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,3	1,8	2,0	-1,0	5,2	0,19
Labour force participation rate	1,4	1,5	0,7	-2,3	3,6	0,65

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 2016	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>Eastern Cape</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	1,9	1,6	123	29	217	0,01
Employed	1,8	2,4	-57	-147	34	0,22
Unemployed	6,0	5,0	180	82	277	0,00
Not economically active	1,8	1,6	-73	-167	21	0,13
Discouraged work-seekers	6,2	9,1	-77	-128	-25	0,00
Other (not economically active)	2,3	1,8	4	-88	95	0,94
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	4,8	4,3	6,7	2,7	10,8	0,00
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,8	2,4	-1,7	-3,9	0,4	0,11
Labour force participation rate	1,9	1,6	2,4	0,1	4,6	0,04
<b>Eastern Cape - Non Metro</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	3,2	2,4	130	41	219	0,00
Employed	2,6	3,3	-29	-104	45	0,44
Unemployed	10,2	6,6	159	71	247	0,00
Not economically active	2,1	1,9	-96	-185	-8	0,03
Discouraged work-seekers	6,3	9,4	-81	-132	-30	0,00
Other (not economically active)	2,8	2,2	-15	-102	71	0,73
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	7,9	5,5	9,8	3,7	16,0	0,00
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,6	3,3	-1,4	-3,9	1,2	0,30
Labour force participation rate	3,2	2,4	4,1	1,0	7,1	0,01

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 2016	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>Eastern Cape - Buffalo City</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	2,2	2,5	-10	-25	5	0,20
Employed	4,2	4,3	9	-19	37	0,54
Unemployed	6,2	8,4	-19	-44	7	0,15
Not economically active	5,3	5,4	15	0	30	0,05
Discouraged work-seekers	48,2	20,9	7	1	13	0,02
Other (not economically active)	4,5	6,1	8	-5	21	0,21
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	6,2	8,3	-4,4	-11,6	2,8	0,23
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	4,2	4,3	1,2	-4,3	6,7	0,66
Labour force participation rate	2,2	2,5	-2,7	-5,7	0,3	0,08
<b>Eastern Cape - Nelson Mandela Bay</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	2,1	1,9	3	-23	29	0,82
Employed	3,3	5,3	-36	-77	5	0,08
Unemployed	9,4	10,4	39	7	71	0,02
Not economically active	3,9	3,5	8	-18	34	0,55
Discouraged work-seekers	48,3	99,6	-3	-5	0	0,05
Other (not economically active)	3,8	3,4	11	-15	36	0,41
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	8,4	9,6	7,3	1,0	13,6	0,02
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,3	5,3	-5,0	-10,2	0,0	0,05
Labour force participation rate	2,1	1,9	-0,6	-3,8	2,8	0,76

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 2016	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>Nothorn Cape</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	3,6	3,7	3	-36	41	0,89
Employed	5,2	6,9	24	-21	68	0,30
Unemployed	5,3	6,5	-21	-45	3	0,09
Not economically active	4,7	4,7	7	-32	45	0,73
Discouraged work-seekers	6,8	11,9	9	-9	28	0,32
Other (not economically active)	5,0	4,1	-3	-31	26	0,86
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	5,5	9,3	-4,9	-10,7	0,9	0,10
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	5,2	6,9	2,5	-3,2	8,2	0,38
Labour force participation rate	3,6	3,7	-0,3	-5,2	4,6	0,89
<b>Free State</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	1,4	1,3	35	-2	73	0,06
Employed	2,7	3,6	48	-13	110	0,12
Unemployed	4,5	7,4	-13	-76	50	0,69
Not economically active	2,2	2,2	-29	-66	9	0,13
Discouraged work-seekers	14,0	8,9	7	-21	35	0,62
Other (not economically active)	3,3	3,1	-36	-87	16	0,17
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	4,3	7,2	-2,1	-7,2	3,0	0,41
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,7	3,6	2,4	-0,9	5,7	0,15
Labour force participation rate	1,4	1,3	1,7	-0,3	3,6	0,10

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 2016	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>Free State - Non Metro</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	1,8	1,5	8	-28	44	0,66
Employed	2,4	4,6	9	-37	55	0,69
Unemployed	4,5	9,2	-1	-48	46	0,96
Not economically active	2,6	2,3	-8	-44	28	0,65
Discouraged work-seekers	17,6	10,4	11	-16	39	0,42
Other (not economically active)	3,6	3,4	-19	-70	31	0,45
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	3,8	8,8	-0,5	-5,8	4,8	0,86
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,4	4,6	0,7	-2,7	4,1	0,69
Labour force participation rate	1,8	1,5	0,6	-2,0	3,3	0,66
<b>Free State - Mangaung</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	2,2	2,2	27	19	36	0,00
Employed	6,9	5,6	39	-2	81	0,06
Unemployed	10,5	11,8	-12	-54	31	0,59
Not economically active	4,6	5,4	-20	-29	-12	0,00
Discouraged work-seekers	19,4	13,0	-4	-10	2	0,16
Other (not economically active)	7,2	7,0	-16	-23	-9	0,00
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	11,1	12,0	-5,5	-16,9	5,8	0,34
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	6,9	5,6	6,7	-1,0	14,4	0,09
Labour force participation rate	2,2	2,2	4,2	2,6	5,8	0,00

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 2016	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>KwaZulu Natal</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	1,7	1,6	-30	-158	98	0,64
Employed	1,6	2,0	-28	-145	88	0,63
Unemployed	5,3	6,3	-2	-96	93	0,97
Not economically active	1,6	1,4	137	9	264	0,04
Discouraged work-seekers	8,6	6,6	11	-112	134	0,86
Other (not economically active)	2,8	1,8	125	-41	291	0,14
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	4,2	5,6	0,2	-2,4	2,7	0,90
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,6	2,0	-0,9	-2,7	0,7	0,26
Labour force participation rate	1,7	1,6	-1,2	-3,0	0,7	0,21
<b>KwaZulu Natal - Non Metro</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	2,7	2,6	-39	-152	73	0,49
Employed	2,4	3,4	-37	-146	71	0,50
Unemployed	7,8	8,9	-2	-78	75	0,96
Not economically active	1,9	1,7	119	7	232	0,04
Discouraged work-seekers	9,6	7,2	14	-108	135	0,83
Other (not economically active)	3,5	2,3	106	-45	256	0,17
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	6,1	8,0	0,5	-3,4	4,3	0,82
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,4	3,4	-1,4	-3,8	1,0	0,26
Labour force participation rate	2,7	2,6	-1,6	-4,1	0,9	0,21



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 2016	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>KwaZulu Natal - eThekweni</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	2,0	1,4	9	-51	69	0,76
Employed	1,9	1,9	9	-34	52	0,68
Unemployed	6,7	8,4	0	-55	56	0,99
Not economically active	3,3	2,3	17	-43	77	0,57
Discouraged work-seekers	12,7	16,8	-2	-27	22	0,84
Other (not economically active)	4,1	2,7	20	-52	92	0,59
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	5,6	7,6	-0,1	-3,3	3,0	0,94
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,9	1,9	-0,1	-2,0	1,6	0,86
Labour force participation rate	2,0	1,4	-0,3	-2,8	2,2	0,81
<b>North West</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	2,2	2,8	9	-76	94	0,84
Employed	2,9	3,4	40	-35	115	0,29
Unemployed	7,3	7,8	-31	-81	19	0,22
Not economically active	2,4	3,0	35	-50	120	0,41
Discouraged work-seekers	10,7	8,6	54	5	102	0,03
Other (not economically active)	3,1	2,9	-18	-100	63	0,66
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	6,6	7,1	-2,6	-5,9	0,8	0,14
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,9	3,4	0,9	-2,1	3,9	0,55
Labour force participation rate	2,2	2,8	-0,6	-3,9	2,8	0,74

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 2016	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>Gauteng</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	0,8	0,9	-120	-290	50	0,17
Employed	1,1	1,3	-121	-272	31	0,12
Unemployed	3,2	3,1	1	-153	154	0,99
Not economically active	2,0	2,2	325	155	495	0,00
Discouraged work-seekers	11,5	8,1	141	57	225	0,00
Other (not economically active)	2,0	1,9	184	38	330	0,01
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	2,8	2,7	0,5	-1,4	2,4	0,60
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,1	1,3	-2,3	-3,8	-0,7	0,00
Labour force participation rate	0,8	0,9	-2,7	-4,4	-1,0	0,00
<b>Gauteng - Non Metro</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	3,2	4,0	-11	-119	96	0,83
Employed	2,8	5,1	42	-33	116	0,27
Unemployed	10,4	12,4	-53	-134	27	0,19
Not economically active	6,1	7,2	24	-83	131	0,66
Discouraged work-seekers	11,4	22,5	37	-5	78	0,08
Other (not economically active)	6,4	5,9	-12	-102	78	0,79
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	7,9	10,9	-5,8	-12,9	1,4	0,11
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,8	5,1	2,7	-2,9	8,3	0,35
Labour force participation rate	3,2	4,0	-1,5	-9,5	6,6	0,72

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 2016	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>Gauteng - Ekurhuleni</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	1,3	1,7	18	-58	94	0,64
Employed	2,3	3,2	-42	-112	28	0,24
Unemployed	6,3	5,0	60	-6	126	0,08
Not economically active	3,4	4,4	22	-55	98	0,58
Discouraged work-seekers	20,3	15,6	-2	-39	35	0,90
Other (not economically active)	2,8	3,9	24	-39	87	0,46
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	5,7	5,0	3,0	-0,2	6,1	0,06
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,3	3,2	-2,4	-5,2	0,3	0,09
Labour force participation rate	1,3	1,7	-0,4	-3,5	2,6	0,78
<b>Gauteng - City of Johannesburg</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	1,1	1,8	-107	-198	-15	0,02
Employed	1,2	1,4	-85	-140	-31	0,00
Unemployed	4,6	5,8	-21	-110	67	0,64
Not economically active	3,5	4,4	202	111	293	0,00
Discouraged work-seekers	27,7	15,9	57	-1	115	0,05
Other (not economically active)	3,7	3,7	145	63	227	0,00
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	3,8	4,4	0,4	-2,2	2,9	0,81
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,2	1,4	-3,7	-5,2	-2,2	0,00
Labour force participation rate	1,1	1,8	-4,8	-7,3	-2,4	0,00

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 2016	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>Gauteng - City of Tshwane</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	1,8	1,0	-20	-88	48	0,57
Employed	2,9	2,3	-35	-136	66	0,49
Unemployed	8,0	4,5	15	-67	98	0,71
Not economically active	4,4	2,1	77	9	145	0,03
Discouraged work-seekers	24,6	9,0	50	26	74	0,00
Other (not economically active)	4,4	2,7	27	-35	89	0,39
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	7,5	4,8	1,2	-3,6	6,1	0,62
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,9	2,3	-2,7	-6,8	1,5	0,21
Labour force participation rate	1,8	1,0	-2,5	-5,3	0,4	0,09
<b>Mpumalanga</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	2,0	2,1	74	-4	152	0,06
Employed	3,1	2,4	87	13	160	0,02
Unemployed	3,6	7,2	-12	-99	75	0,78
Not economically active	2,9	3,2	-25	-103	53	0,53
Discouraged work-seekers	10,9	9,5	9	-21	40	0,55
Other (not economically active)	3,4	3,1	-34	-112	44	0,39
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	3,8	6,0	-2,1	-6,4	2,4	0,37
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,1	2,4	2,3	-0,3	4,9	0,08
Labour force participation rate	2,0	2,1	1,5	-1,2	4,3	0,26

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 2016	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>Limpopo</b>						
<b>Population 15–64 yrs</b>						
Labour Force	2,4	1,6	12	-87	111	0,81
Employed	2,5	2,1	4	-91	98	0,94
Unemployed	7,7	8,0	9	-70	87	0,83
Not economically active	2,2	1,4	44	-55	143	0,39
Discouraged work-seekers	7,4	9,7	81	10	152	0,03
Other (not economically active)	2,3	2,8	-37	-134	59	0,45
<b>Rates (%)</b>						
Unemployment rate	6,7	7,4	0,3	-3,7	4,5	0,86
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,5	2,1	-0,4	-3,1	2,1	0,71
Labour force participation rate	2,4	1,6	-0,4	-3,1	2,3	0,77

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 2016	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>0,7</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>-162</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>0,45</b>
Agriculture	4,5	4,5	-70	-165	25	0,15
Mining	8,3	6,5	-10	-78	57	0,76
Manufacturing	3,1	2,8	63	-65	191	0,33
Utilities	14,3	10,0	18	-18	54	0,32
Construction	3,1	2,9	-92	-209	24	0,12
Trade	1,9	1,9	18	-152	188	0,83
Transport	3,3	3,3	40	-45	125	0,36
Finance	2,3	2,6	44	-118	206	0,59
Community and social services	2,0	1,8	119	-54	293	0,18
Private household	2,5	2,9	-29	-119	61	0,53
<b>Women</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>0,9</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>-136</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>0,66</b>
Agriculture	6,8	7,4	-38	-82	6	0,09
Mining	15,8	17,3	-17	-40	7	0,16
Manufacturing	4,4	4,5	31	-40	101	0,39
Utilities	20,9	17,4	2	-14	17	0,83
Construction	9,2	8,3	0	-42	41	0,99
Trade	2,6	2,7	-18	-128	91	0,74
Transport	7,2	8,2	8	-28	43	0,68
Finance	3,6	3,9	6	-92	105	0,90
Community and social services	2,4	2,1	73	-51	197	0,25
Private household	2,9	3,2	-5	-87	77	0,90
<b>Men</b>	<b>0,7</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>-122</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>0,50</b>
Agriculture	4,8	5,5	-32	-118	54	0,46
Mining	8,0	7,1	6	-51	64	0,83
Manufacturing	3,5	3,1	33	-68	133	0,52
Utilities	14,9	11,5	16	-15	48	0,31
Construction	3,2	3,0	-92	-201	17	0,10
Trade	2,4	2,6	37	-77	151	0,53
Transport	3,6	3,6	32	-48	113	0,43
Finance	2,8	3,0	38	-76	152	0,52
Community and social services	2,8	2,7	46	-60	153	0,39
Private household	5,4	6,2	-24	-72	24	0,32

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 2016	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>0,7</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>-162</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>0,45</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	0,9	0,9	88	-160	336	0,49
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	2,0	2,3	113	-46	273	0,16
Agriculture	4,5	4,5	-70	-165	25	0,15
Private households	2,5	2,9	-29	-119	61	0,53
<b>Western Cape</b>	<b>1,7</b>	<b>1,4</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>0,03</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	2,8	2,0	163	72	253	0,00
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	7,5	7,8	14	-28	57	0,51
Agriculture	6,9	6,6	-57	-96	-18	0,00
Private households	7,8	8,3	-14	-44	17	0,37
<b>Western Cape - Non Metro</b>	<b>2,4</b>	<b>2,3</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>-22</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>0,39</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	5,6	4,3	84	34	134	0,00
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	13,5	15,0	10	-19	38	0,51
Agriculture	7,1	5,4	-71	-108	-34	0,00
Private households	15,5	13,2	-5	-22	12	0,55
<b>Western Cape - City of Cape Town</b>	<b>2,3</b>	<b>1,8</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>0,05</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	3,2	2,3	79	3	155	0,04
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	9,3	9,5	5	-28	37	0,78
Agriculture	28,6	36,7	14	0	28	0,06
Private households	7,8	11,4	-9	-35	18	0,53
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	<b>1,8</b>	<b>2,4</b>	<b>-57</b>	<b>-147</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0,22</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	2,6	3,4	-46	-121	28	0,22
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	5,0	7,3	-29	-85	27	0,31
Agriculture	10,6	18,0	6	-34	46	0,77
Private households	8,3	8,3	13	-16	42	0,39
<b>Eastern Cape - Non Metro</b>	<b>2,6</b>	<b>3,3</b>	<b>-29</b>	<b>-104</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>0,44</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	4,4	5,6	-10	-71	51	0,76
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	5,5	8,1	-34	-80	12	0,15
Agriculture	11,4	18,8	8	-31	47	0,70
Private households	11,9	12,7	6	-18	31	0,61

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 2016	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>Eastern Cape - Buffalo City</b>	<b>4,2</b>	<b>4,3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-19</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>0,54</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	4,1	5,2	-4	-32	23	0,75
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	13,5	14,3	13	5	22	0,00
Agriculture	79,1	66,2	5	-3	13	0,26
Private households	6,7	22,9	-5	-10	1	0,11
<b>Eastern Cape - Nelson Mandela Bay</b>	<b>3,3</b>	<b>5,3</b>	<b>-36</b>	<b>-77</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0,08</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	4,0	5,1	-32	-65	0	0,05
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	16,9	28,2	-8	-38	21	0,59
Agriculture	26,2	101,2	-6	-9	-4	0,00
Private households	18,1	9,0	11	-3	25	0,13
<b>Nothorn Cape</b>	<b>5,2</b>	<b>6,9</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>0,30</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	7,6	11,1	23	-14	61	0,23
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	8,7	20,6	-1	-14	11	0,83
Agriculture	36,0	31,6	2	-10	14	0,72
Private households	17,2	9,9	0	-10	10	0,95
<b>Free State</b>	<b>2,7</b>	<b>3,6</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>0,12</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	3,7	4,8	28	-14	70	0,19
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	8,7	8,7	13	-23	49	0,47
Agriculture	8,0	7,8	13	-1	27	0,08
Private households	8,8	9,4	-5	-27	17	0,64
<b>Free State - Non Metro</b>	<b>2,4</b>	<b>4,6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-37</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0,69</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	5,0	6,5	-1	-34	31	0,94
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	11,7	11,0	12	-17	40	0,41
Agriculture	8,0	7,9	12	-1	26	0,07
Private households	10,2	12,5	-14	-32	5	0,14
<b>Free State - Mangaung</b>	<b>6,9</b>	<b>5,6</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>0,06</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	4,7	6,9	29	3	55	0,03
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	12,9	14,0	2	-21	24	0,90
Agriculture	99,2	62,9	0	-3	4	0,88
Private households	16,8	13,7	8	-4	21	0,19



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 2016	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>KwaZulu Natal</b>	<b>1,6</b>	<b>2,0</b>	<b>-28</b>	<b>-145</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>0,63</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	2,1	2,1	81	-19	181	0,11
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	5,4	5,8	-32	-102	37	0,36
Agriculture	12,1	14,6	-40	-62	-17	0,00
Private households	5,9	6,1	-37	-71	-3	0,03
<b>KwaZulu Natal - Non Metro</b>	<b>2,4</b>	<b>3,4</b>	<b>-37</b>	<b>-146</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>0,50</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	3,2	3,8	37	-41	116	0,35
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	6,9	7,3	-20	-80	40	0,52
Agriculture	12,4	14,9	-36	-58	-14	0,00
Private households	9,4	9,7	-19	-42	4	0,10
<b>KwaZulu Natal - eThekweni</b>	<b>1,9</b>	<b>1,9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-34</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>0,68</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	2,6	1,9	44	-17	105	0,16
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	8,8	9,6	-13	-47	21	0,46
Agriculture	42,7	60,0	-4	-9	1	0,12
Private households	7,2	7,4	-18	-44	7	0,16
<b>North West</b>	<b>2,9</b>	<b>3,4</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>-35</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>0,29</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	3,3	3,3	30	-41	102	0,40
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	9,5	8,6	30	-10	71	0,15
Agriculture	15,7	20,4	-7	-21	6	0,27
Private households	11,1	11,3	-13	-36	10	0,26
<b>Gauteng</b>	<b>1,1</b>	<b>1,3</b>	<b>-121</b>	<b>-272</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0,12</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	1,4	1,7	-149	-300	1	0,05
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	3,4	5,4	11	-67	89	0,79
Agriculture	14,5	17,3	1	-18	20	0,93
Private households	4,9	6,1	17	-39	73	0,55
<b>Gauteng - Non Metro</b>	<b>2,8</b>	<b>5,1</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>-33</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>0,27</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	4,3	9,8	7	-66	79	0,86
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	11,6	16,2	11	-15	38	0,41
Agriculture	15,2	24,2	4	-6	15	0,44
Private households	13,5	13,9	20	3	37	0,02

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 2016	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>Gauteng - Ekurhuleni</b>	<b>2,3</b>	<b>3,2</b>	<b>-42</b>	<b>-112</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0,24</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	2,7	3,3	-26	-90	37	0,41
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	6,2	6,3	-15	-44	15	0,32
Agriculture	41,4	49,9	-1	-14	12	0,88
Private households	11,0	5,9	1	-21	22	0,96
<b>Gauteng - City of Johannesburg</b>	<b>1,2</b>	<b>1,4</b>	<b>-85</b>	<b>-140</b>	<b>-31</b>	<b>0,00</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	2,0	1,9	-85	-151	-18	0,01
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	4,3	9,0	-5	-49	39	0,83
Agriculture	49,0	31,3	-1	-8	6	0,85
Private households	9,9	12,0	5	-36	47	0,80
<b>Gauteng - City of Tshwane</b>	<b>2,9</b>	<b>2,3</b>	<b>-35</b>	<b>-136</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>0,49</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	3,6	2,5	-44	-148	59	0,40
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	10,3	13,4	20	-30	69	0,44
Agriculture	25,6	35,1	-2	-8	4	0,58
Private households	6,2	13,5	-9	-37	20	0,55
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	<b>3,1</b>	<b>2,4</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>0,02</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	3,3	4,7	-8	-80	64	0,83
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	9,4	5,9	64	11	117	0,02
Agriculture	13,8	14,5	17	-33	66	0,51
Private households	9,4	12,6	14	-16	43	0,37
<b>Limpopo</b>	<b>2,5</b>	<b>2,1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-91</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>0,94</b>
Formal sector (Non-agricultural)	4,2	4,2	-34	-107	40	0,37
Informal sector (Non-agricultural)	5,5	5,2	43	-21	107	0,19
Agriculture	14,6	6,3	-3	-51	45	0,89
Private households	8,3	9,8	-2	-35	30	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 2016	Oct-Dec 2017				
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>0,7</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>-162</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>0,45</b>
Manager	2,9	3,3	-30	-141	81	0,59
Professional	4,2	3,9	14	-80	108	0,77
Technician	3,1	3,2	-2	-129	125	0,98
Clerk	2,5	2,5	-24	-134	87	0,67
Sales and services	2,2	2,2	113	-29	254	0,12
Skilled agriculture	12,5	13,5	17	-8	42	0,18
Craft and related trade	2,3	2,4	-42	-162	79	0,50
Plant and machine operator	2,9	2,9	-2	-105	102	0,97
Elementary	1,8	1,9	30	-145	205	0,74
Domestic worker	3,0	3,2	23	-61	106	0,60
<b>Women</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>0,9</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>-136</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>0,66</b>
Manager	5,5	5,8	-14	-80	51	0,67
Professional	5,0	4,8	-1	-62	59	0,96
Technician	4,1	3,9	-27	-117	63	0,56
Clerk	3,1	2,9	-11	-108	86	0,82
Sales and services	2,9	2,8	45	-45	136	0,32
Skilled agriculture	27,6	28,6	2	-10	14	0,72
Craft and related trade	7,5	7,0	28	-15	71	0,20
Plant and machine operator	9,1	8,9	-1	-40	38	0,96
Elementary	2,5	2,5	13	-92	119	0,81
Domestic worker	3,0	3,2	2	-80	85	0,95
<b>Men</b>	<b>0,7</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>-122</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>0,50</b>
Manager	2,9	3,6	-16	-100	69	0,71
Professional	5,7	4,8	16	-49	80	0,64
Technician	4,1	4,3	25	-53	103	0,53
Clerk	4,4	4,4	-13	-70	44	0,66
Sales and services	2,8	2,9	67	-33	168	0,19
Skilled agriculture	12,7	14,3	15	-6	36	0,16
Craft and related trade	2,3	2,5	-70	-183	43	0,22
Plant and machine operator	3,1	3,0	-1	-96	95	0,99
Elementary	2,3	2,4	17	-116	150	0,80
Domestic worker	20,2	15,9	20	3	37	0,02