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STUDY DESCRIPTION

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TITLE: Labour Market Dynamics in South Africa, 2011

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KEYWORDS: Employment, unemployment, informal sector, labour supply.

SERIES DATA:

Series name:	Principal Investigator:	Currently available:
Labour Market Dynamics in South Africa	Statistics South Africa	2008 – 2011

ABSTRACT:

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 or older who live in South Africa. In 2005, Stats SA undertook a major revision of the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which had been conducted twice per year since 2000. This revision resulted in changes to the survey methodology, the survey questionnaire, the frequency of data collection and data releases, and the survey data capture and processing systems. The redesigned labour market survey, the QLFS, is now the principal vehicle for collecting labour market information on a quarterly basis.

This report is the fourth annual report produced by Stats SA on the labour market in South Africa. The 2011 annual report introduces for the first time an analysis on job tenure (discussed in Chapter 4: Employment) as well as two specialised features – one on the South African youth in the labour market and the other on a comparison of South African labour Market indicators with other countries in the SADC region. Data analysis is based on annual labour market data from 2006 to 2011. The report also includes a statistical appendix with historical data dating back to 2006 on an annual basis.

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION: South Africa

IMPORTANT VARIABLES: Employment, unemployment, informal sector, labour supply.

DEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLES: Age, gender, education, educational background, marital status.

UNIVERSE: Households in the nine provinces of South Africa.

METHOD OF DATA COLLECTION: Survey Questionnaire.

SAMPLING: Refer to "Statistical Release".

UNITS OF OBSERVATION: LFS – 2006 to 2007 (March and September each year)
QLFS – 2008 to 2011 (Quarters 1 to 4)

DATE OF DATA COLLECTION: 2006 - 2011.

EXTENT OF DATA COLLECTION: 1 data file in ASCII and machine-readable documentation.

FILE SPECIFICATIONS:

Part 1: Person File

Number of cases:	333 939
Number of records:	333 939
Number of records per case:	1
Logical Record Length:	281
Number of variables:	151
Number of kilobytes:	92 290 KB

PUBLICATIONS:

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NOTES:

Most questions in the Labour Force Survey questionnaire are pre-coded, i.e. there is a set number of options from which one or more must be selected. For open-ended (write-in) questions, the description will note that post-coding occurred and explain how this was done. For most variables the coding is apparent from the questionnaire (available elsewhere in the documentation) and is not repeated in the variable description. Where the coding is not apparent, the description either provides the codes or indicates where code lists are to be found.

RESTRICTIONS:

Only available to bona fide researchers.

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