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1. Introduction

The first LFS was conducted in 2000 and since then it has been undertaken on a six-monthly basis in March and September each year. Starting in 2005, Stats SA undertook a major revision of the Labour Force Survey (LFS). 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 force survey is the Quarterly Labour Force Survey (QLFS) which is now the principal vehicle for collecting labour market information on a quarterly basis.

The purpose of historical revision is to make the LFS estimates from 2001 to 2007 comparable with the QLFS data starting in 2008.

The revised labour market series presented in this section for key indicators enable historical continuity with the LFS. These historical series are based on link factors computed on the basis of the overlap between the LFS conducted in March 2008 and the QLFS conducted in Jan–March 2008. A similar process will be undertaken to historically link the QLFS that will be conducted in July–September 2008 with the LFS to be conducted in September 2008.

Revising historical LFS data means that the revised LFS data for, say, March 2002 represent Stats SA's best estimate of what the QLFS would have shown had it been conducted in Q1, 2002.

It should be noted that for the revised estimates the cut-off age for inclusion in the working age population is now set at 15–64 years to improve international comparability while it is 15–65 for published estimates. This revision has little or no impact on the data presented in this report.

2. Methodology

During the first quarter of 2008 when the quarterly survey started, a parallel LFS March 2008 was also conducted. The historical revision was carried out in two stages. In the first stage, QLFS (Q1, 2008) and LFS (March 2008) were weighted by benchmarking to the mid February 2008 population estimates. Then a set of high-level variables was chosen and a number of vectors derived from these variables. Link factors were computed as ratios of the QLFS (Q1, 2008) and LFS (March 2008) estimates for these variables. The sets of link factors obtained from this process were then used to adjust the corresponding vectors estimated from LFS under the constraint that the vectors are consistent with the population estimates. In addition, the vectors must be internally consistent e.g. the total number of employed persons by occupation must be the same as the total number of employed persons by industry. In the second stage, the historical LFS data files are then re-weighted using the above vectors as control totals. Historically revised LFS are then tabulated from these re-weighted files.



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3. Comparison of selected labour market indicators: published versus revised

A Labour market indicators (working-age population, 15-64 years) by sex

Labour market indicator	Mar 2001		Mar 2002		Mar 2003		Mar 2004	
	Published	Revised	Published	Revised	Published	Revised	Published	Revised
Thousand								
Employed (a)								
Male	6 788	6 666	6 606	6 605	6 520	6 487	6 640	6 652
Female	5 485	5 827	5 011	5 389	4 782	5 179	4 752	5 171
Total	12 275	12 494	11 617	11 995	11 304	11 666	11 392	11 823
Unemployed (b)								
Male	2 211	1 986	2 331	2 126	2 438	2 225	2 081	1 942
Female	2 202	2 095	2 566	2 477	2 677	2 617	2 330	2 289
Total	4 413	4 081	4 897	4 603	5 116	4 843	4 415	4 231
Not economically active (c)								
Male	4 659	4 194	4 760	4 382	5 017	4 667	5 356	5 043
Female	6 747	6 496	7 057	6 818	7 319	7 151	7 963	7 737
Total	11 408	10 690	11 819	11 201	12 337	11 819	13 324	12 780
Labour force (a+b)								
Male	8 998	8 653	8 937	8 732	8 958	8 713	8 721	8 593
Female	7 687	7 922	7 577	7 866	7 459	7 796	7 082	7 460
Total	16 688	16 575	16 514	16 598	16 420	16 509	15 807	16 054
Working age (a+b+c)								
Male	13 657	12 847	13 697	13 114	13 975	13 380	14 077	13 636
Female	14 435	14 418	14 634	14 684	14 778	14 947	15 045	15 197
Total	28 096	27 265	28 333	27 799	28 756	28 327	29 131	28 833
Discouraged work-seekers								
Male	1 030	660	1 125	746	1 182	747	1 405	852
Female	1 667	1 064	1 920	1 212	2 058	1 320	2 360	1 433
Total	2 696	1 725	3 045	1 958	3 241	2 067	3 764	2 285
Percent								
Unemployment rate								
Male	24,6	23,0	26,1	24,4	27,2	25,5	23,9	22,6
Female	28,6	26,4	33,9	31,5	35,9	33,6	32,9	30,7
Total	26,4	24,6	29,7	27,7	31,2	29,3	27,9	26,4
Absorption rate								
Male	49,7	51,9	48,2	50,4	46,7	48,5	47,2	48,8
Female	38,0	40,4	34,2	36,7	32,4	34,6	31,6	34,0
Total	43,7	45,8	41,0	43,1	39,3	41,2	39,1	41,0
Participation rate								
Male	65,9	67,4	65,2	66,6	64,1	65,1	62,0	63,0
Female	53,3	54,9	51,8	53,6	50,5	52,2	47,1	49,1
Total	59,4	60,8	58,3	59,7	57,1	58,3	54,3	55,7

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

A Labour market indicators (working-age population, 15-64 years) by sex (concluded)

Labour market indicator	Mar 2005		Mar 2006		Mar 2007	
	Published	Revised	Published	Revised	Published	Revised
	Thousand					
Employed (a)						
Male	6 911	7 047	7 111	7 357	7 270	7 457
Female	4 991	5 456	5 339	5 880	5 378	5 868
Total	11 907	12 503	12 451	13 237	12 648	13 326
Unemployed (b)						
Male	1 997	1 811	1 955	1 773	1 944	1 786
Female	2 285	2 183	2 319	2 211	2 391	2 333
Total	4 283	3 993	4 275	3 984	4 336	4 119
Not economically active (c)						
Male	5 335	5 028	5 348	4 994	5 410	5 109
Female	7 988	7 795	7 775	7 564	7 799	7 655
Total	13 334	12 823	13 126	12 558	13 211	12 763
Labour force (a+b)						
Male	8 908	8 858	9 066	9 130	9 215	9 243
Female	7 276	7 639	7 658	8 090	7 769	8 201
Total	16 190	16 497	16 726	17 221	16 984	17 444
Working age (a+b+c)						
Male	14 243	13 886	14 414	14 125	14 625	14 352
Female	15 263	15 434	15 433	15 654	15 568	15 856
Total	29 524	29 319	29 852	29 779	30 195	30 208
Discouraged work-seekers						
Male	1 414	840	1 385	927	1 347	957
Female	2 406	1 484	2 298	1 518	2 155	1 554
Total	3 824	2 324	3 683	2 445	3 503	2 511
	Percent					
Unemployment rate						
Male	22,4	20,4	21,6	19,4	21,1	19,3
Female	31,4	28,6	30,3	27,3	30,8	28,4
Total	26,5	24,2	25,6	23,1	25,5	23,6
Absorption rate						
Male	48,5	50,8	49,3	52,1	49,7	52,0
Female	32,7	35,4	34,6	37,6	34,5	37,0
Total	40,3	42,6	41,7	44,4	41,9	44,1
Participation rate						
Male	62,5	63,8	62,9	64,6	63,0	64,4
Female	47,7	49,5	49,6	51,7	49,9	51,7
Total	54,8	56,3	56,0	57,8	56,3	57,7

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

B Labour market indicators (working-age population, 15-64 years) by province

Labour market indicator	Mar 2001		Mar 2002		Mar 2003		Mar 2004	
	Published	Revised	Published	Revised	Published	Revised	Published	Revised
Thousand								
Employed (a)								
Western Cape	1 572	1 545	1 612	1 605	1 637	1 647	1 745	1 678
Eastern Cape	1 401	1 219	1 622	1 451	1 350	1 151	1 123	981
Northern Cape	266	334	246	320	241	320	236	330
Free State	905	865	848	828	821	823	837	842
KwaZulu-Natal	2 407	2 573	1 992	2 178	2 013	2 228	2 013	2 219
North West	918	817	836	768	839	747	841	757
Gauteng	3 025	3 358	2 867	3 224	2 889	3 199	3 019	3 388
Mpumalanga	842	915	743	824	733	812	776	844
Limpopo	939	868	851	797	782	738	802	784
South Africa	12 275	12 494	11 617	11 995	11 304	11 666	11 392	11 823
Unemployed (b)								
Western Cape	368	409	364	424	407	465	353	400
Eastern Cape	556	538	582	567	572	576	543	546
Northern Cape	83	93	94	103	98	107	68	81
Free State	342	273	383	318	373	312	294	246
KwaZulu-Natal	853	629	1 117	851	1 146	875	993	776
North West	354	240	363	247	400	273	374	251
Gauteng	1 189	1 301	1 217	1 368	1 286	1 448	1 158	1 340
Mpumalanga	300	215	317	235	326	246	269	199
Limpopo	368	384	460	492	508	541	364	392
South Africa	4 413	4 081	4 897	4 603	5 116	4 843	4 415	4 231
Percent								
Unemployment rate								
Western Cape	19,0	20,9	18,4	20,9	19,9	22,0	16,8	19,2
Eastern Cape	28,4	30,6	26,4	28,1	29,8	33,3	32,6	35,8
Northern Cape	23,8	21,7	27,7	24,3	28,9	25,0	22,4	19,7
Free State	27,4	24,0	31,1	27,7	31,2	27,5	26,0	22,6
KwaZulu-Natal	26,2	19,6	35,9	28,1	36,3	28,2	33,0	25,9
North West	27,9	22,7	30,3	24,3	32,3	26,8	30,8	24,9
Gauteng	28,2	27,9	29,8	29,8	30,8	31,2	27,7	28,3
Mpumalanga	26,3	19,1	29,9	22,2	30,8	23,3	25,7	19,1
Limpopo	28,1	30,7	35,1	38,2	39,4	42,3	31,2	33,3
South Africa	26,4	24,6	29,7	27,7	31,2	29,3	27,9	26,4

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B Labour market indicators (working-age population, 15-64 years) by province (concluded)

Labour market indicator	Mar 2005		Mar 2006		Mar 2007	
	Published	Revised	Published	Revised	Published	Revised
	Thousand					
Employed (a)						
Western Cape	1 711	1 665	1 845	1 800	1 846	1 869
Eastern Cape	1 398	1 310	1 630	1 511	1 395	1 251
Northern Cape	226	283	250	315	261	317
Free State	794	786	775	790	801	818
KwaZulu-Natal	2 125	2 322	2 195	2 471	2 293	2 553
North West	875	830	881	854	913	860
Gauteng	3 222	3 672	3 293	3 799	3 439	3 890
Mpumalanga	764	837	803	901	844	904
Limpopo	793	798	780	795	858	864
South Africa	11 907	12 503	12 451	13 237	12 648	13 326
Unemployed (b)						
Western Cape	366	410	349	385	382	413
Eastern Cape	518	509	464	476	478	509
Northern Cape	94	101	77	89	94	102
Free State	351	310	306	269	287	252
KwaZulu-Natal	987	734	935	698	946	745
North West	354	241	410	266	430	296
Gauteng	945	1 068	1 000	1 127	1 004	1 121
Mpumalanga	288	231	303	283	302	235
Limpopo	379	390	430	391	412	446
South Africa	4 283	3 993	4 275	3 984	4 336	4 119
	Percent					
Unemployment rate						
Western Cape	17,6	19,8	15,9	17,6	17,2	18,1
Eastern Cape	27,1	28,0	22,1	23,9	25,5	28,9
Northern Cape	29,4	26,3	23,5	22,0	26,5	24,2
Free State	30,6	28,3	28,3	25,4	26,4	23,6
KwaZulu-Natal	31,7	24,0	29,9	22,0	29,2	22,6
North West	28,8	22,5	31,8	23,7	32,0	25,6
Gauteng	22,7	22,5	23,3	22,9	22,6	22,4
Mpumalanga	27,4	21,6	27,4	23,9	26,3	20,6
Limpopo	32,4	32,8	35,6	33,0	32,4	34,0
South Africa	26,5	24,2	25,6	23,1	25,5	23,6

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4. Revised figures, March 2001 to March 2007

1. Labour market indicators (working-age population, 15–64 years) by sex

Labour market indicator	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007
	Thousand						
Employed (a)							
Male	6 666	6 605	6 487	6 652	7 047	7 357	7 457
Female	5 827	5 389	5 179	5 171	5 456	5 880	5 868
Total	12 494	11 995	11 666	11 823	12 503	13 237	13 326
Unemployed (b)							
Male	1 986	2 126	2 225	1 942	1 811	1 773	1 786
Female	2 095	2 477	2 617	2 289	2 183	2 211	2 333
Total	4 081	4 603	4 843	4 231	3 993	3 984	4 119
Not economically active (c)							
Male	4 194	4 382	4 667	5 043	5 028	4 994	5 109
Female	6 496	6 818	7 151	7 737	7 795	7 564	7 655
Total	10 690	11 201	11 819	12 780	12 823	12 558	12 763
Labour force (a+b)							
Male	8 653	8 732	8 713	8 593	8 858	9 130	9 243
Female	7 922	7 866	7 796	7 460	7 639	8 090	8 201
Total	16 575	16 598	16 509	16 054	16 497	17 221	17 444
Working age (a+b+c)							
Male	12 847	13 114	13 380	13 636	13 886	14 125	14 352
Female	14 418	14 684	14 947	15 197	15 434	15 654	15 856
Total	27 265	27 799	28 327	28 833	29 319	29 779	30 208
Discouraged work-seekers							
Male	660	746	747	852	840	927	957
Female	1 064	1 212	1 320	1 433	1 484	1 518	1 554
Total	1 725	1 958	2 067	2 285	2 324	2 445	2 511
	Percent						
Unemployment rate							
Male	23,0	24,4	25,5	22,6	20,4	19,4	19,3
Female	26,4	31,5	33,6	30,7	28,6	27,3	28,4
Total	24,6	27,7	29,3	26,4	24,2	23,1	23,6
Absorption rate							
Male	51,9	50,4	48,5	48,8	50,8	52,1	52,0
Female	40,4	36,7	34,6	34,0	35,4	37,6	37,0
Total	45,8	43,1	41,2	41,0	42,6	44,4	44,1
Participation rate							
Male	67,4	66,6	65,1	63,0	63,8	64,6	64,4
Female	54,9	53,6	52,2	49,1	49,5	51,7	51,7
Total	60,8	59,7	58,3	55,7	56,3	57,8	57,7

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

2. Population of working age (15–64 years)

2.1 By sex and province

Sex and province	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007
	Thousand						
Male							
Western Cape	1 404	1 433	1 497	1 538	1 556	1 571	1 583
Eastern Cape	1 569	1 577	1 646	1 664	1 728	1 764	1 765
Northern Cape	316	333	322	323	333	331	338
Free State	842	837	858	868	845	851	857
KwaZulu-Natal	2 517	2 596	2 612	2 664	2 744	2 796	2 899
North West	954	996	990	1 013	990	1 028	1 032
Gauteng	3 260	3 284	3 373	3 437	3 471	3 545	3 606
Mpumalanga	875	903	936	949	980	986	996
Limpopo	1 109	1 155	1 146	1 180	1 239	1 253	1 277
South Africa	12 847	13 114	13 380	13 636	13 886	14 125	14 352
Female							
Western Cape	1 554	1 603	1 616	1 651	1 706	1 761	1 808
Eastern Cape	2 001	2 051	2 038	2 073	2 061	2 072	2 121
Northern Cape	338	330	349	355	352	359	359
Free State	882	910	911	921	962	972	980
KwaZulu-Natal	3 032	3 062	3 154	3 205	3 225	3 265	3 257
North West	1 036	1 024	1 059	1 063	1 111	1 096	1 113
Gauteng	3 013	3 115	3 153	3 212	3 296	3 339	3 372
Mpumalanga	1 044	1 056	1 063	1 088	1 093	1 121	1 144
Limpopo	1 519	1 534	1 604	1 629	1 628	1 669	1 703
South Africa	14 418	14 684	14 947	15 197	15 434	15 654	15 856
Both sexes							
Western Cape	2 958	3 036	3 113	3 189	3 262	3 333	3 390
Eastern Cape	3 570	3 627	3 684	3 738	3 789	3 836	3 885
Northern Cape	655	663	671	678	685	690	696
Free State	1 724	1 747	1 769	1 789	1 807	1 822	1 837
KwaZulu-Natal	5 549	5 658	5 766	5 870	5 969	6 061	6 156
North West	1 990	2 019	2 049	2 076	2 101	2 124	2 145
Gauteng	6 272	6 399	6 526	6 649	6 768	6 884	6 979
Mpumalanga	1 919	1 959	1 999	2 037	2 073	2 107	2 140
Limpopo	2 628	2 689	2 750	2 809	2 867	2 922	2 979
South Africa	27 265	27 799	28 327	28 833	29 319	29 779	30 208

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

2. Population of working age (15–64 years)
2.2 By sex and population group

Sex and population group	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007
	Thousand						
Male							
Black African	9 634	9 884	10 105	10 349	10 586	10 810	11 016
Coloured	1 240	1 257	1 284	1 299	1 317	1 347	1 369
Indian/Asian	372	378	390	398	403	415	422
White	1 602	1 596	1 601	1 590	1 579	1 552	1 544
Total	12 847	13 114	13 380	13 636	13 886	14 125	14 352
Female							
Black African	10 994	11 235	11 499	11 719	11 929	12 125	12 312
Coloured	1 371	1 398	1 416	1 446	1 473	1 488	1 510
Indian/Asian	378	389	394	403	415	420	430
White	1 675	1 662	1 638	1 628	1 618	1 621	1 603
Total	14 418	14 684	14 947	15 197	15 434	15 654	15 856
Both sexes							
Black African	20 628	21 119	21 604	22 069	22 515	22 935	23 328
Coloured	2 611	2 655	2 700	2 745	2 790	2 835	2 880
Indian/Asian	750	767	784	801	818	835	852
White	3 276	3 258	3 239	3 219	3 197	3 173	3 148
Total	27 265	27 799	28 327	28 833	29 319	29 779	30 208

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

3. Economically active (workers and unemployed) aged 15–64 years

3.1 By sex and province

Sex and province	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007
	Thousand						
Male							
Western Cape	1 030	1 073	1 130	1 151	1 095	1 145	1 171
Eastern Cape	850	941	834	755	937	996	861
Northern Cape	235	244	232	230	213	220	236
Free State	611	610	619	595	562	551	567
KwaZulu-Natal	1 570	1 550	1 590	1 520	1 579	1 597	1 721
North West	592	603	589	590	616	649	662
Gauteng	2 634	2 554	2 582	2 660	2 664	2 772	2 813
Mpumalanga	571	562	563	561	591	625	596
Limpopo	559	595	573	532	604	575	616
South Africa	8 653	8 732	8 713	8 593	8 858	9 130	9 243
Female							
Western Cape	923	956	982	926	981	1 039	1 111
Eastern Cape	907	1 077	892	772	882	991	898
Northern Cape	191	179	195	182	171	183	183
Free State	527	536	516	493	534	508	503
KwaZulu-Natal	1 632	1 479	1 514	1 476	1 477	1 573	1 577
North West	465	412	431	418	455	471	494
Gauteng	2 025	2 039	2 064	2 068	2 077	2 154	2 199
Mpumalanga	559	497	495	482	478	560	543
Limpopo	693	693	706	645	584	611	694
South Africa	7 922	7 866	7 796	7 460	7 639	8 090	8 201
Both sexes							
Western Cape	1 954	2 029	2 112	2 077	2 075	2 185	2 282
Eastern Cape	1 757	2 018	1 727	1 527	1 819	1 987	1 760
Northern Cape	426	422	427	411	384	403	419
Free State	1 137	1 146	1 135	1 088	1 096	1 059	1 070
KwaZulu-Natal	3 201	3 028	3 104	2 996	3 056	3 170	3 298
North West	1 057	1 015	1 020	1 008	1 071	1 120	1 156
Gauteng	4 659	4 592	4 647	4 728	4 740	4 926	5 012
Mpumalanga	1 130	1 059	1 059	1 043	1 068	1 185	1 139
Limpopo	1 253	1 288	1 279	1 176	1 187	1 186	1 310
South Africa	16 575	16 598	16 509	16 054	16 497	17 221	17 444

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

3. Economically active (workers and unemployed) aged 15–64 years
3.2 By sex and population group

Sex and population group	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007
	Thousand						
Male							
Black African	6 208	6 256	6 196	6 137	6 369	6 650	6 774
Coloured	924	954	964	951	960	970	987
Indian/Asian	279	275	302	293	300	308	301
White	1 241	1 248	1 250	1 212	1 229	1 203	1 181
Total	8 653	8 732	8 713	8 593	8 858	9 130	9 243
Female							
Black African	5 918	5 791	5 754	5 488	5 640	6 060	6 152
Coloured	823	876	883	850	858	871	915
Indian/Asian	176	179	190	172	182	179	179
White	1 005	1 021	969	949	959	981	955
Total	7 922	7 866	7 796	7 460	7 639	8 090	8 201
Both sexes							
Black African	12 127	12 046	11 950	11 626	12 009	12 710	12 927
Coloured	1 747	1 830	1 847	1 802	1 818	1 840	1 901
Indian/Asian	456	453	491	465	482	487	479
White	2 245	2 268	2 219	2 162	2 187	2 184	2 137
Total	16 575	16 598	16 509	16 054	16 497	17 221	17 444

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

4. Workers (employers, employees and self-employed) aged 15–64 years

4.1 By sex and province

Sex and province	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007
	Thousand						
Male							
Western Cape	821	879	903	940	910	960	981
Eastern Cape	569	672	567	490	683	776	632
Northern Cape	195	199	190	190	168	177	192
Free State	491	473	482	495	442	451	469
KwaZulu-Natal	1 253	1 148	1 179	1 172	1 251	1 278	1 370
North West	479	488	464	469	508	532	533
Gauteng	1 998	1 892	1 904	2 052	2 182	2 257	2 340
Mpumalanga	479	466	450	475	492	512	506
Limpopo	382	388	349	369	410	414	435
South Africa	6 666	6 605	6 487	6 652	7 047	7 357	7 457
Female							
Western Cape	723	725	744	737	755	840	888
Eastern Cape	650	779	584	491	627	736	619
Northern Cape	139	120	131	140	115	137	125
Free State	374	355	341	347	344	339	349
KwaZulu-Natal	1 320	1 029	1 049	1 048	1 071	1 193	1 183
North West	339	280	283	288	321	322	327
Gauteng	1 360	1 332	1 294	1 336	1 490	1 542	1 550
Mpumalanga	436	359	363	369	345	390	398
Limpopo	487	408	389	415	388	381	429
South Africa	5 827	5 389	5 179	5 171	5 456	5 880	5 868
Both sexes							
Western Cape	1 545	1 605	1 647	1 678	1 665	1 800	1 869
Eastern Cape	1 219	1 451	1 151	981	1 310	1 511	1 251
Northern Cape	334	320	320	330	283	315	317
Free State	865	828	823	842	786	790	818
KwaZulu-Natal	2 573	2 178	2 228	2 219	2 322	2 471	2 553
North West	817	768	747	757	830	854	860
Gauteng	3 358	3 224	3 199	3 388	3 672	3 799	3 890
Mpumalanga	915	824	812	844	837	901	904
Limpopo	868	797	738	784	798	795	864
South Africa	12 494	11 995	11 666	11 823	12 503	13 237	13 326

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

4. Workers (employers, employees and self-employed) aged 15–64 years
4.2 By sex and population group

Sex and population group	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007
	Thousand						
Male							
Black African	4 541	4 473	4 318	4 467	4 828	5 159	5 250
Coloured	725	732	753	774	785	775	805
Indian/Asian	241	230	255	251	267	276	275
White	1 159	1 171	1 161	1 160	1 168	1 147	1 127
Total	6 666	6 605	6 487	6 652	7 047	7 357	7 457
Female							
Black African	4 140	3 688	3 497	3 478	3 743	4 111	4 112
Coloured	627	631	655	671	670	694	689
Indian/Asian	145	137	141	137	148	165	152
White	916	933	886	886	894	910	915
Total	5 827	5 389	5 179	5 171	5 456	5 880	5 868
Both sexes							
Black African	8 680	8 161	7 815	7 945	8 572	9 271	9 362
Coloured	1 352	1 363	1 408	1 445	1 455	1 469	1 494
Indian/Asian	386	368	396	388	415	441	427
White	2 075	2 104	2 047	2 045	2 062	2 056	2 042
Total	12 494	11 995	11 666	11 823	12 503	13 237	13 326

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

4. Workers (employers, employees and self-employed) aged 15–64 years

4.3 By sex and occupation

Sex and occupation	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007
	Thousand						
Male							
Legislators, senior officials and managers	528	557	532	616	561	594	619
Professionals	202	231	246	225	226	253	259
Technical and associate professionals	671	684	609	609	605	636	619
Clerks	366	392	412	401	429	451	440
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	889	762	730	810	883	950	970
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	189	224	50	41	44	65	49
Craft and related trades workers	1 391	1 366	1 322	1 343	1 554	1 654	1 675
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	951	956	929	929	960	920	958
Elementary occupation	1 435	1 396	1 609	1 643	1 742	1 827	1 797
Domestic workers	44	38	49	35	44	9	71
Total	6 666	6 605	6 487	6 652	7 047	7 357	7 457
Female							
Legislators, senior officials and managers	137	184	170	218	239	259	296
Professionals	183	174	200	204	205	248	228
Technical and associate professionals	716	730	695	676	729	723	762
Clerks	836	870	821	893	893	912	956
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	908	701	630	633	706	802	790
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	27	48	45	33	58	95	54
Craft and related trades workers	342	267	255	230	293	317	330
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	167	189	194	159	150	156	168
Elementary occupation	1 602	1 240	1 254	1 259	1 267	1 371	1 322
Domestic workers	910	987	914	868	915	999	963
Total	5 827	5 389	5 179	5 171	5 456	5 880	5 868
Both sexes							
Legislators, senior officials and managers	664	741	702	833	800	852	914
Professionals	385	405	446	428	431	501	486
Technical and associate professionals	1 387	1 414	1 304	1 285	1 333	1 359	1 381
Clerks	1 202	1 262	1 233	1 295	1 322	1 363	1 396
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	1 796	1 463	1 360	1 443	1 589	1 751	1 760
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	215	272	95	74	102	160	103
Craft and related trades workers	1 734	1 633	1 576	1 573	1 847	1 970	2 005
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	1 118	1 145	1 123	1 087	1 110	1 075	1 126
Elementary occupation	3 036	2 636	2 863	2 902	3 010	3 198	3 119
Domestic workers	954	1 024	963	903	959	1 007	1 034
Total	12 494	11 995	11 666	11 823	12 503	13 237	13 326

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

4. Workers (employers, employees and self-employed) aged 15–64 years

4.4 By sector and main industry

4.4.1 Both sexes

Sector and industry	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007
	Thousand						
Formal and informal							
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	969	1 153	808	828	778	886	703
Mining and quarrying	488	482	459	473	374	362	411
Manufacturing	1 843	1 847	1 846	1 824	1 887	1 981	1 979
Electricity, gas and water supply	82	69	71	91	100	92	88
Construction	642	627	620	685	875	929	1 010
Wholesale and retail trade	3 363	2 572	2 556	2 621	2 937	3 377	3 273
Transport, storage and communication	683	668	684	685	694	671	701
Financial intermediation, insurance, real estate and business services	1 134	1 182	1 163	1 186	1 289	1 326	1 470
Community, social and personal services	2 102	2 128	2 245	2 305	2 343	2 325	2 440
Private households	1 188	1 266	1 215	1 125	1 226	1 288	1 251
Total	12 494	11 995	11 666	11 823	12 503	13 237	13 326
Formal							
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	753	840	630	653	543	558	479
Mining and quarrying	485	477	455	471	367	360	407
Manufacturing	1 462	1 547	1 596	1 586	1 612	1 686	1 652
Electricity, gas and water supply	77	69	68	86	96	89	80
Construction	342	300	377	427	537	544	650
Wholesale and retail trade	1 365	1 326	1 510	1 614	1 758	2 038	2 089
Transport, storage and communication	493	528	524	526	527	479	531
Financial intermediation, insurance, real estate and business services	988	1 096	1 062	1 100	1 189	1 227	1 404
Community, social and personal services	1 772	1 913	2 054	2 114	2 113	2 061	2 126
Total	7 737	8 096	8 276	8 577	8 741	9 041	9 419
Informal							
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	215	313	178	175	236	327	225
Mining and quarrying	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Manufacturing	382	299	250	238	275	295	326
Electricity, gas and water supply	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Construction	299	327	243	258	339	385	360
Wholesale and retail trade	1 998	1 245	1 045	1 007	1 178	1 340	1 184
Transport, storage and communication	190	141	160	159	168	192	170
Financial intermediation, insurance, real estate and business services	146	87	100	86	100	99	67
Community, social and personal services	330	216	191	191	230	263	314
Total	3 568	2 633	2 175	2 121	2 537	2 907	2 656
Private households	1 188	1 266	1 215	1 125	1 226	1 288	1 251

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4. Workers (employers, employees and self-employed) aged 15–64 years

4.4 By sector and main industry

4.4.2 Male

Sector and industry	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007
	Thousand						
Formal and informal							
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	652	760	533	541	509	564	437
Mining and quarrying	468	463	437	450	354	347	388
Manufacturing	1 131	1 164	1 157	1 213	1 200	1 275	1 291
Electricity, gas and water supply	68	54	50	68	84	66	66
Construction	585	549	572	617	794	828	915
Wholesale and retail trade	1 427	1 235	1 267	1 295	1 478	1 669	1 640
Transport, storage and communication	560	538	553	551	535	556	566
Financial intermediation, insurance, real estate and business services	620	685	658	694	742	761	851
Community, social and personal services	913	926	988	978	1 066	1 008	1 027
Private households	243	232	272	243	287	283	277
Total	6 666	6 605	6 487	6 652	7 047	7 357	7 457
Formal							
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	510	577	414	429	371	379	312
Mining and quarrying	465	459	433	448	348	344	385
Manufacturing	971	1 029	1 057	1 095	1 072	1 137	1 135
Electricity, gas and water supply	64	53	47	64	80	63	59
Construction	308	263	341	376	483	478	584
Wholesale and retail trade	736	736	847	906	992	1 116	1 169
Transport, storage and communication	387	404	404	406	390	386	415
Financial intermediation, insurance, real estate and business services	539	627	604	642	683	714	804
Community, social and personal services	781	832	918	897	967	900	903
Total	4 761	4 980	5 066	5 261	5 384	5 518	5 767
Informal							
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	142	183	119	112	138	186	125
Mining and quarrying	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Manufacturing	160	134	100	118	128	138	155
Electricity, gas and water supply	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Construction	278	286	230	241	310	350	331
Wholesale and retail trade	690	500	420	389	486	553	472
Transport, storage and communication	173	134	148	145	145	170	151
Financial intermediation, insurance, real estate and business services	81	58	54	53	59	46	46
Community, social and personal services	131	94	70	82	99	107	124
Total	1 662	1 394	1 149	1 147	1 376	1 556	1 414
Private households	243	232	272	243	287	283	277

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4. Workers (employers, employees and self-employed) aged 15-64 years

4.4 By sector and main industry

4.4.3 Female

Sector and industry	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007
	Thousand						
Formal and informal							
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	317	393	275	287	269	322	266
Mining and quarrying	20	19	22	23	20	16	22
Manufacturing	712	683	688	611	687	706	688
Electricity, gas and water supply	14	15	21	23	16	25	22
Construction	56	78	48	68	82	100	94
Wholesale and retail trade	1 936	1 337	1 289	1 326	1 459	1 709	1 633
Transport, storage and communication	123	130	131	134	159	114	135
Financial intermediation, insurance, real estate and business services	514	498	505	492	547	565	619
Community, social and personal services	1 190	1 203	1 257	1 326	1 278	1 317	1 413
Private households	945	1 034	943	881	939	1 005	974
Total	5 827	5 389	5 179	5 171	5 456	5 880	5 868
Formal							
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	244	263	216	224	172	180	167
Mining and quarrying	20	18	22	23	20	15	22
Manufacturing	491	518	538	491	540	549	517
Electricity, gas and water supply	13	15	21	23	16	25	21
Construction	35	38	35	51	53	65	66
Wholesale and retail trade	628	591	664	709	767	922	921
Transport, storage and communication	106	124	120	120	137	93	115
Financial intermediation, insurance, real estate and business services	449	469	458	458	506	512	599
Community, social and personal services	991	1 081	1 136	1 217	1 146	1 161	1 224
Total	2 976	3 116	3 209	3 315	3 357	3 523	3 652
Informal							
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	74	129	59	63	97	142	100
Mining and quarrying		*			*		
Manufacturing	222	165	150	120	147	*	171
Electricity, gas and water supply	*		*			157	*
Construction	21	41	13	17	28	35	28
Wholesale and retail trade	1 308	746	625	618	692	787	712
Transport, storage and communication	17	*	12	14	22	21	20
Financial intermediation, insurance, real estate and business services	65	29	46	34	41	53	20
Community, social and personal services	199	122	121	109	131	156	190
Total	1 906	1 239	1 027	974	1 160	1 352	1 242
Private households	945	1 034	943	881	939	1 005	974

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5. The unemployed aged 15–64 years
5.1 By sex and province (official definition of unemployment)

Sex and province	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007
	Thousand						
Male							
Western Cape	209	194	227	211	184	186	191
Eastern Cape	280	269	267	266	254	220	229
Northern Cape	40	44	43	40	44	43	44
Free State	120	137	137	100	120	100	98
KwaZulu-Natal	317	402	411	348	327	319	351
North West	114	115	125	121	107	117	129
Gauteng	636	662	678	608	481	514	472
Mpumalanga	92	96	114	86	98	113	90
Limpopo	178	207	224	162	194	161	181
South Africa	1 986	2 126	2 225	1 942	1 811	1 773	1 786
Female							
Western Cape	200	230	238	189	226	199	223
Eastern Cape	258	298	309	281	255	255	280
Northern Cape	53	59	64	42	57	46	57
Free State	152	181	175	146	191	170	154
KwaZulu-Natal	312	449	464	428	406	380	394
North West	126	132	148	130	134	149	167
Gauteng	665	706	770	732	587	612	649
Mpumalanga	123	138	132	113	133	170	144
Limpopo	206	285	317	229	196	230	265
South Africa	2 095	2 477	2 617	2 289	2 183	2 211	2 333
Both sexes							
Western Cape	409	424	465	400	410	385	413
Eastern Cape	538	567	576	546	509	476	509
Northern Cape	93	103	107	81	101	89	102
Free State	273	318	312	246	310	269	252
KwaZulu-Natal	629	851	875	776	734	698	745
North West	240	247	273	251	241	266	296
Gauteng	1 301	1 368	1 448	1 340	1 068	1 127	1 121
Mpumalanga	215	235	246	199	231	283	235
Limpopo	384	492	541	392	390	391	446
South Africa	4 081	4 603	4 843	4 231	3 993	3 984	4 119

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

5. The unemployed aged 15–64 years
5.2 By sex and population group (official definition of unemployment)

Sex and population group	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007
	Thousand						
Male							
Black African	1 668	1 783	1 878	1 670	1 540	1 491	1 524
Coloured	199	223	211	177	176	195	182
Indian/Asian	38	44	47	42	34	32	26
White	81	77	90	52	61	56	54
Total	1 986	2 126	2 225	1 942	1 811	1 773	1 786
Female							
Black African	1 779	2 103	2 257	2 011	1 897	1 948	2 041
Coloured	196	245	228	180	188	177	225
Indian/Asian	32	41	48	35	34	14	26
White	89	88	83	64	64	72	41
Total	2 095	2 477	2 617	2 289	2 183	2 211	2 333
Both sexes							
Black African	3 447	3 886	4 136	3 681	3 437	3 439	3 565
Coloured	395	468	439	357	364	372	407
Indian/Asian	70	85	95	77	67	46	52
White	170	165	173	116	125	127	95
Total	4 081	4 603	4 843	4 231	3 993	3 984	4 119

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

6. The not economically active aged 15–64 years

6.1 By sex and province

Sex and province	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007
	Thousand						
Male							
Western Cape	374	360	367	386	461	426	411
Eastern Cape	719	636	812	909	791	768	904
Northern Cape	81	90	90	94	121	111	101
Free State	231	227	239	273	283	300	290
KwaZulu-Natal	947	1 046	1 022	1 145	1 165	1 199	1 178
North West	362	393	401	423	375	379	369
Gauteng	625	730	791	777	808	773	794
Mpumalanga	304	341	373	388	389	361	400
Limpopo	550	560	573	649	635	678	661
South Africa	4 194	4 382	4 667	5 043	5 028	4 994	5 109
Female							
Western Cape	631	647	634	725	726	722	697
Eastern Cape	1 093	974	1 146	1 301	1 179	1 081	1 222
Northern Cape	147	151	154	173	180	176	176
Free State	356	375	394	428	427	463	477
KwaZulu-Natal	1 400	1 583	1 641	1 729	1 748	1 692	1 680
North West	571	612	627	645	656	626	619
Gauteng	988	1 077	1 089	1 144	1 220	1 185	1 173
Mpumalanga	485	559	567	606	616	561	601
Limpopo	826	841	898	985	1 044	1 058	1 009
South Africa	6 496	6 818	7 151	7 737	7 795	7 564	7 655
Both sexes							
Western Cape	1 005	1 007	1 002	1 112	1 186	1 148	1 108
Eastern Cape	1 813	1 609	1 957	2 210	1 970	1 849	2 126
Northern Cape	228	241	244	267	301	287	277
Free State	587	601	634	701	710	763	767
KwaZulu-Natal	2 347	2 630	2 663	2 874	2 913	2 892	2 858
North West	932	1 005	1 029	1 068	1 030	1 004	989
Gauteng	1 613	1 807	1 880	1 921	2 027	1 958	1 967
Mpumalanga	789	900	940	994	1 004	922	1 001
Limpopo	1 375	1 401	1 471	1 633	1 680	1 735	1 670
South Africa	10 690	11 201	11 819	12 780	12 823	12 558	12 763

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

6. The not economically active aged 15–64 years
6.2 By sex and population group

Sex and population group	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007
	Thousand						
Male							
Black African	3 425	3 629	3 909	4 212	4 217	4 160	4 242
Coloured	316	303	320	347	357	377	383
Indian/Asian	92	103	88	106	103	108	122
White	361	348	351	378	350	350	363
Total	4 194	4 382	4 667	5 043	5 028	4 994	5 109
Female							
Black African	5 076	5 444	5 745	6 231	6 289	6 066	6 160
Coloured	548	522	533	596	615	617	595
Indian/Asian	202	211	204	231	233	241	252
White	670	641	669	679	659	640	648
Total	6 496	6 818	7 151	7 737	7 795	7 564	7 655
Both sexes							
Black African	8 501	9 073	9 654	10 443	10 506	10 226	10 402
Coloured	864	825	853	943	972	995	978
Indian/Asian	294	314	293	336	336	349	373
White	1 031	990	1 020	1 057	1 009	989	1 011
Total	10 690	11 201	11 819	12 780	12 823	12 558	12 763

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

7. The discouraged-work seekers aged 15–64 years

7.1 By sex and province

Sex and province	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007
	Thousand						
Male							
Western Cape	51	38	31	44	32	42	52
Eastern Cape	131	115	145	170	162	133	188
Northern Cape	13	17	20	31	26	21	22
Free State	29	17	30	49	28	53	42
KwaZulu-Natal	162	223	170	165	208	245	202
North West	68	69	70	69	53	65	73
Gauteng	84	135	121	116	151	165	183
Mpumalanga	33	45	59	67	67	54	70
Limpopo	90	87	101	141	111	151	124
South Africa	660	746	747	852	840	927	957
Female							
Western Cape	78	52	56	68	62	65	94
Eastern Cape	206	158	205	199	251	206	231
Northern Cape	29	40	32	59	40	38	41
Free State	48	49	81	98	70	78	100
KwaZulu-Natal	235	306	285	289	292	311	295
North West	110	121	125	104	122	122	127
Gauteng	142	204	165	201	224	285	260
Mpumalanga	56	91	116	139	128	106	145
Limpopo	161	190	254	275	296	307	261
South Africa	1 064	1 212	1 320	1 433	1 484	1 518	1 554
Both sexes							
Western Cape	129	90	88	112	94	107	146
Eastern Cape	336	273	350	369	413	339	419
Northern Cape	42	57	52	90	66	58	63
Free State	77	67	111	147	98	131	142
KwaZulu-Natal	396	529	455	454	501	556	497
North West	177	189	195	173	175	187	200
Gauteng	226	339	286	317	376	450	443
Mpumalanga	89	136	174	206	194	160	215
Limpopo	251	277	355	416	408	458	385
South Africa	1 725	1 958	2 067	2 285	2 324	2 445	2 511

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

7. The discouraged-work seekers aged 15–64 years
7.2 By sex and population group

Sex and population group	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007
	Thousand						
Male							
Black African	558	670	674	761	751	803	843
Coloured	62	45	40	62	46	73	70
Indian/Asian	*	11	*	*	*	19	12
White	33	21	28	21	33	31	32
Total	660	746	747	852	840	927	957
Female							
Black African	909	1 088	1 223	1 312	1 372	1 358	1 413
Coloured	88	67	60	80	73	88	100
Indian/Asian	12	18	*	14	12	31	16
White	55	40	28	27	27	41	24
Total	1 064	1 212	1 320	1 433	1 484	1 518	1 554
Both sexes							
Black African	1 468	1 758	1 897	2 073	2 122	2 162	2 256
Coloured	150	112	100	142	119	161	170
Indian/Asian	19	28	13	22	22	51	28
White	88	60	56	48	60	72	56
Total	1 725	1 958	2 067	2 285	2 324	2 445	2 511

* 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.

8. Official unemployment rates (population aged 15–64 years)

8.1 By sex and province

Sex and province	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007
	Percent						
Male							
Western Cape	20,3	18,0	20,1	18,3	16,8	16,2	16,3
Eastern Cape	33,0	28,6	32,0	35,2	27,1	22,1	26,6
Northern Cape	17,1	18,1	18,3	17,2	20,9	19,6	18,8
Free State	19,7	22,5	22,1	16,8	21,3	18,1	17,3
KwaZulu-Natal	20,2	25,9	25,9	22,9	20,7	20,0	20,4
North West	19,2	19,1	21,2	20,5	17,4	18,0	19,5
Gauteng	24,1	25,9	26,3	22,9	18,1	18,6	16,8
Mpumalanga	16,2	17,1	20,2	15,4	16,7	18,1	15,2
Limpopo	31,8	34,8	39,1	30,5	32,1	28,0	29,3
South Africa	23,0	24,4	25,5	22,6	20,4	19,4	19,3
Female							
Western Cape	21,7	24,1	24,2	20,4	23,0	19,2	20,0
Eastern Cape	28,4	27,6	34,6	36,4	28,9	25,8	31,1
Northern Cape	27,5	32,8	32,9	22,9	33,0	25,0	31,3
Free State	28,9	33,7	33,9	29,6	35,7	33,4	30,6
KwaZulu-Natal	19,1	30,4	30,7	29,0	27,5	24,1	25,0
North West	27,2	32,0	34,3	31,0	29,4	31,6	33,7
Gauteng	32,8	34,6	37,3	35,4	28,3	28,4	29,5
Mpumalanga	22,0	27,8	26,7	23,5	27,8	30,4	26,6
Limpopo	29,8	41,1	44,9	35,6	33,5	37,6	38,2
South Africa	26,4	31,5	33,6	30,7	28,6	27,3	28,4
Both sexes							
Western Cape	20,9	20,9	22,0	19,2	19,8	17,6	18,1
Eastern Cape	30,6	28,1	33,3	35,8	28,0	23,9	28,9
Northern Cape	21,7	24,3	25,0	19,7	26,3	22,0	24,2
Free State	24,0	27,7	27,5	22,6	28,3	25,4	23,6
KwaZulu-Natal	19,6	28,1	28,2	25,9	24,0	22,0	22,6
North West	22,7	24,3	26,8	24,9	22,5	23,7	25,6
Gauteng	27,9	29,8	31,2	28,3	22,5	22,9	22,4
Mpumalanga	19,1	22,2	23,3	19,1	21,6	23,9	20,6
Limpopo	30,7	38,2	42,3	33,3	32,8	33,0	34,0
South Africa	24,6	27,7	29,3	26,4	24,2	23,1	23,6

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

8. Official unemployment rates (population aged 15–64 years)

8.2 By sex and population group

Sex and population group	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007
	Percent						
Male							
Black African	26,9	28,5	30,3	27,2	24,2	22,4	22,5
Coloured	21,5	23,3	21,9	18,6	18,3	20,1	18,4
Indian/Asian	13,6	16,1	15,4	14,2	11,2	10,3	8,6
White	6,6	6,1	7,2	4,3	4,9	4,6	4,6
Total	23,0	24,4	25,5	22,6	20,4	19,4	19,3
Female							
Black African	30,1	36,3	39,2	36,6	33,6	32,2	33,2
Coloured	23,8	28,0	25,9	21,1	21,9	20,3	24,6
Indian/Asian	17,9	23,1	25,6	20,5	18,5	7,8	14,7
White	8,8	8,6	8,6	6,7	6,7	7,3	4,3
Total	26,4	31,5	33,6	30,7	28,6	27,3	28,4
Both sexes							
Black African	28,4	32,3	34,6	31,7	28,6	27,1	27,6
Coloured	22,6	25,6	23,8	19,8	20,0	20,2	21,4
Indian/Asian	15,3	18,9	19,3	16,5	14,0	9,4	10,9
White	7,6	7,3	7,8	5,4	5,7	5,8	4,4
Total	24,6	27,7	29,3	26,4	24,2	23,1	23,6

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

9. Labour force participation rates (population aged 15–64 years)

9.1 By sex and province

Sex and province	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007
	Percent						
Male							
Western Cape	73,4	74,9	75,5	74,9	70,4	72,9	74,0
Eastern Cape	54,2	59,7	50,7	45,4	54,2	56,5	48,8
Northern Cape	74,3	73,1	72,1	71,0	63,8	66,5	70,0
Free State	72,5	72,9	72,1	68,6	66,5	64,7	66,1
KwaZulu-Natal	62,4	59,7	60,9	57,0	57,5	57,1	59,4
North West	62,1	60,5	59,5	58,2	62,2	63,2	64,2
Gauteng	80,8	77,8	76,6	77,4	76,7	78,2	78,0
Mpumalanga	65,2	62,3	60,2	59,1	60,3	63,4	59,9
Limpopo	50,4	51,5	50,0	45,1	48,7	45,9	48,2
South Africa	67,4	66,6	65,1	63,0	63,8	64,6	64,4
Female							
Western Cape	59,4	59,6	60,8	56,1	57,5	59,0	61,4
Eastern Cape	45,4	52,5	43,8	37,2	42,8	47,8	42,4
Northern Cape	56,5	54,2	55,8	51,2	48,7	51,0	50,9
Free State	59,7	58,9	56,7	53,5	55,6	52,3	51,3
KwaZulu-Natal	53,8	48,3	48,0	46,1	45,8	48,2	48,4
North West	44,9	40,3	40,8	39,3	40,9	42,9	44,4
Gauteng	67,2	65,4	65,5	64,4	63,0	64,5	65,2
Mpumalanga	53,5	47,0	46,6	44,3	43,7	49,9	47,4
Limpopo	45,6	45,2	44,0	39,6	35,9	36,6	40,8
South Africa	54,9	53,6	52,2	49,1	49,5	51,7	51,7
Both sexes							
Western Cape	66,0	66,8	67,8	65,1	63,6	65,6	67,3
Eastern Cape	49,2	55,6	46,9	40,9	48,0	51,8	45,3
Northern Cape	65,1	63,7	63,6	60,6	56,1	58,4	60,2
Free State	66,0	65,6	64,2	60,8	60,7	58,1	58,2
KwaZulu-Natal	57,7	53,5	53,8	51,0	51,2	52,3	53,6
North West	53,1	50,3	49,8	48,5	51,0	52,7	53,9
Gauteng	74,3	71,8	71,2	71,1	70,0	71,6	71,8
Mpumalanga	58,9	54,1	53,0	51,2	51,5	56,2	53,2
Limpopo	47,7	47,9	46,5	41,9	41,4	40,6	44,0
South Africa	60,8	59,7	58,3	55,7	56,3	57,8	57,7

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9. Labour force participation rates (population aged 15–64 years)

9.2 By sex and population group

Sex and population group	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007
Male							
Black African	64,4	63,3	61,3	59,3	60,2	61,5	61,5
Coloured	74,6	75,9	75,1	73,3	72,9	72,0	72,1
Indian/Asian	75,1	72,7	77,4	73,4	74,4	74,1	71,2
White	77,5	78,2	78,1	76,2	77,8	77,5	76,5
Total	67,4	66,6	65,1	63,0	63,8	64,6	64,4
Female							
Black African	53,8	51,5	50,0	46,8	47,3	50,0	50,0
Coloured	60,0	62,7	62,4	58,8	58,3	58,5	60,6
Indian/Asian	46,6	45,9	48,1	42,8	43,9	42,6	41,5
White	60,0	61,4	59,2	58,3	59,3	60,5	59,6
Total	54,9	53,6	52,2	49,1	49,5	51,7	51,7
Both sexes							
Black African	58,8	57,0	55,3	52,7	53,3	55,4	55,4
Coloured	66,9	68,9	68,4	65,6	65,2	64,9	66,0
Indian/Asian	60,8	59,1	62,7	58,0	58,9	58,3	56,2
White	68,5	69,6	68,5	67,2	68,4	68,8	67,9
Total	60,8	59,7	58,3	55,7	56,3	57,8	57,7

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

10. Labour absorption rates (population aged 15–64 years)

10.1 By sex and province

Sex and province	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007
	Percent						
Male							
Western Cape	58,5	61,4	60,3	61,2	58,5	61,1	62,0
Eastern Cape	36,3	42,6	34,5	29,4	39,5	44,0	35,8
Northern Cape	61,6	59,9	58,9	58,8	50,5	53,5	56,8
Free State	58,2	56,5	56,2	57,0	52,3	53,0	54,7
KwaZulu-Natal	49,8	44,2	45,1	44,0	45,6	45,7	47,2
North West	50,2	49,0	46,8	46,3	51,3	51,8	51,7
Gauteng	61,3	57,6	56,5	59,7	62,9	63,7	64,9
Mpumalanga	54,7	51,6	48,0	50,1	50,3	51,9	50,8
Limpopo	34,4	33,6	30,5	31,3	33,1	33,0	34,1
South Africa	51,9	50,4	48,5	48,8	50,8	52,1	52,0
Female							
Western Cape	46,5	45,3	46,0	44,6	44,2	47,7	49,1
Eastern Cape	32,5	38,0	28,6	23,7	30,4	35,5	29,2
Northern Cape	41,0	36,4	37,5	39,4	32,6	38,2	35,0
Free State	42,4	39,0	37,5	37,7	35,8	34,9	35,6
KwaZulu-Natal	43,5	33,6	33,3	32,7	33,2	36,5	36,3
North West	32,7	27,4	26,8	27,1	28,9	29,4	29,4
Gauteng	45,1	42,8	41,0	41,6	45,2	46,2	46,0
Mpumalanga	41,8	33,9	34,1	33,9	31,6	34,8	34,8
Limpopo	32,1	26,6	24,3	25,5	23,8	22,8	25,2
South Africa	40,4	36,7	34,6	34,0	35,4	37,6	37,0
Both sexes							
Western Cape	52,2	52,9	52,9	52,6	51,1	54,0	55,1
Eastern Cape	34,1	40,0	31,2	26,2	34,6	39,4	32,2
Northern Cape	51,0	48,2	47,8	48,7	41,3	45,6	45,6
Free State	50,1	47,4	46,6	47,1	43,5	43,3	44,5
KwaZulu-Natal	46,4	38,5	38,6	37,8	38,9	40,8	41,5
North West	41,1	38,0	36,5	36,5	39,5	40,2	40,1
Gauteng	53,5	50,4	49,0	51,0	54,3	55,2	55,7
Mpumalanga	47,7	42,1	40,6	41,4	40,4	42,8	42,2
Limpopo	33,0	29,6	26,8	27,9	27,8	27,2	29,0
South Africa	45,8	43,1	41,2	41,0	42,6	44,4	44,1

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

10. Labour absorption rates (population aged 15–64 years)

10.2 By sex and population group

Sex and population group	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007
	Percent						
Male							
Black African	47,1	45,3	42,7	43,2	45,6	47,7	47,7
Coloured	58,5	58,2	58,7	59,6	59,6	57,5	58,8
Indian/Asian	64,9	61,0	65,5	63,0	66,1	66,4	65,1
White	72,4	73,4	72,5	72,9	74,0	73,9	73,0
Total	51,9	50,4	48,5	48,8	50,8	52,1	52,0
Female							
Black African	37,7	32,8	30,4	29,7	31,4	33,9	33,4
Coloured	45,7	45,1	46,2	46,4	45,5	46,6	45,6
Indian/Asian	38,3	35,3	35,8	34,0	35,7	39,3	35,4
White	54,7	56,1	54,1	54,4	55,3	56,1	57,1
Total	40,4	36,7	34,6	34,0	35,4	37,6	37,0
Both sexes							
Black African	42,1	38,6	36,2	36,0	38,1	40,4	40,1
Coloured	51,8	51,3	52,2	52,6	52,1	51,8	51,9
Indian/Asian	51,5	47,9	50,6	48,4	50,7	52,8	50,1
White	63,3	64,6	63,2	63,6	64,5	64,8	64,9
Total	45,8	43,1	41,2	41,0	42,6	44,4	44,1

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