



Quarterly Labour Force Survey

Q2:2019

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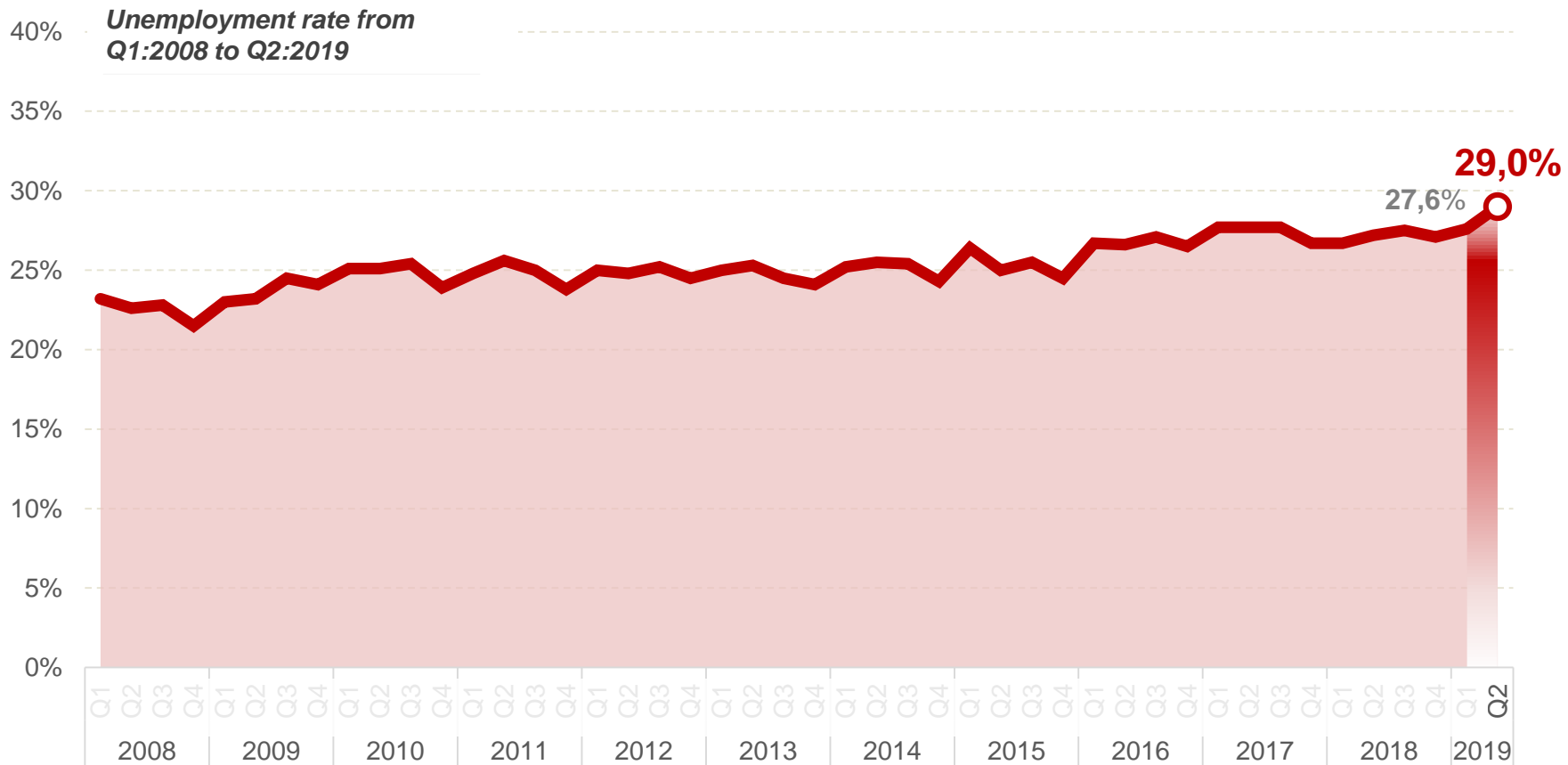


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South Africa's unemployment rate **increased by 1,4 percentage points to 29,0%** in Q2 of 2019. The **highest** unemployment rate since Q1 of 2008



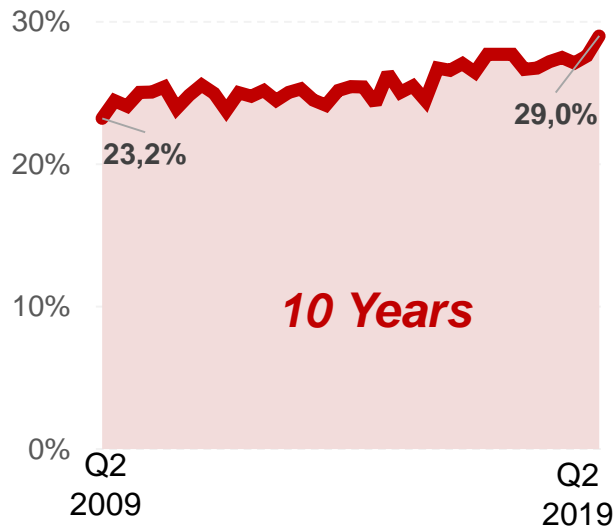
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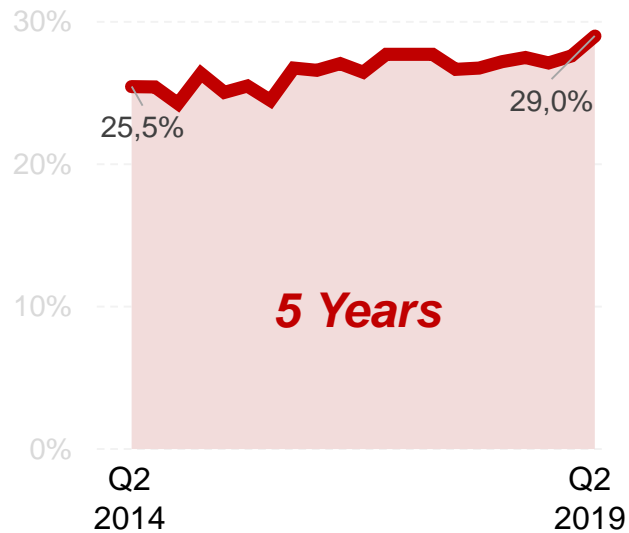


The unemployment rate has remained **stubbornly high** over time. There has been 1,4 percentage points increase between Q1:2019 and Q2:2019.

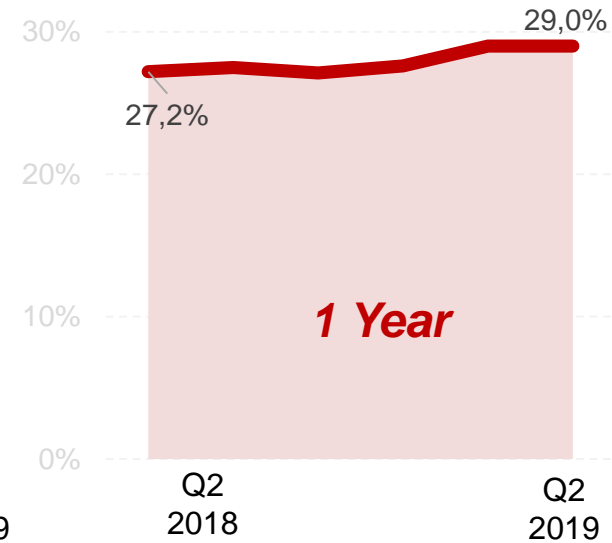
Unemployment rate from Q2:2009 to Q2:2019



Unemployment rate increased by **5,8 percentage points** between Q2:2009 and Q2:2019



Unemployment increased from 25,5% in Q2:2014 to 29,0% in Q2:2019 by **3,5 percentage points**



Unemployment rate increased by **1,8 percentage points** compared to the same period last year

The working age population (15-64 years) in Q2:2019 was 38,4 million



38,4 million

People of working age in South Africa (15 – 64 year olds)

Labour force

23,0 million

Not Economically Active

15,5 million

Employed

16,3M

Unemployed

6,7M

Discouraged
work seekers

2,7M

Other NEA

12,7M

South Africa's
official
unemployment rate
stands at

29,0%

Increased by 1,4
ppts between
Q1:2019 and
Q2:2019

ILO hierarchy – Employed first then unemployed and the remainder is NEA (including discouraged job-seekers). 3 mutually exclusive groups. Cannot be in two groups at the same time,

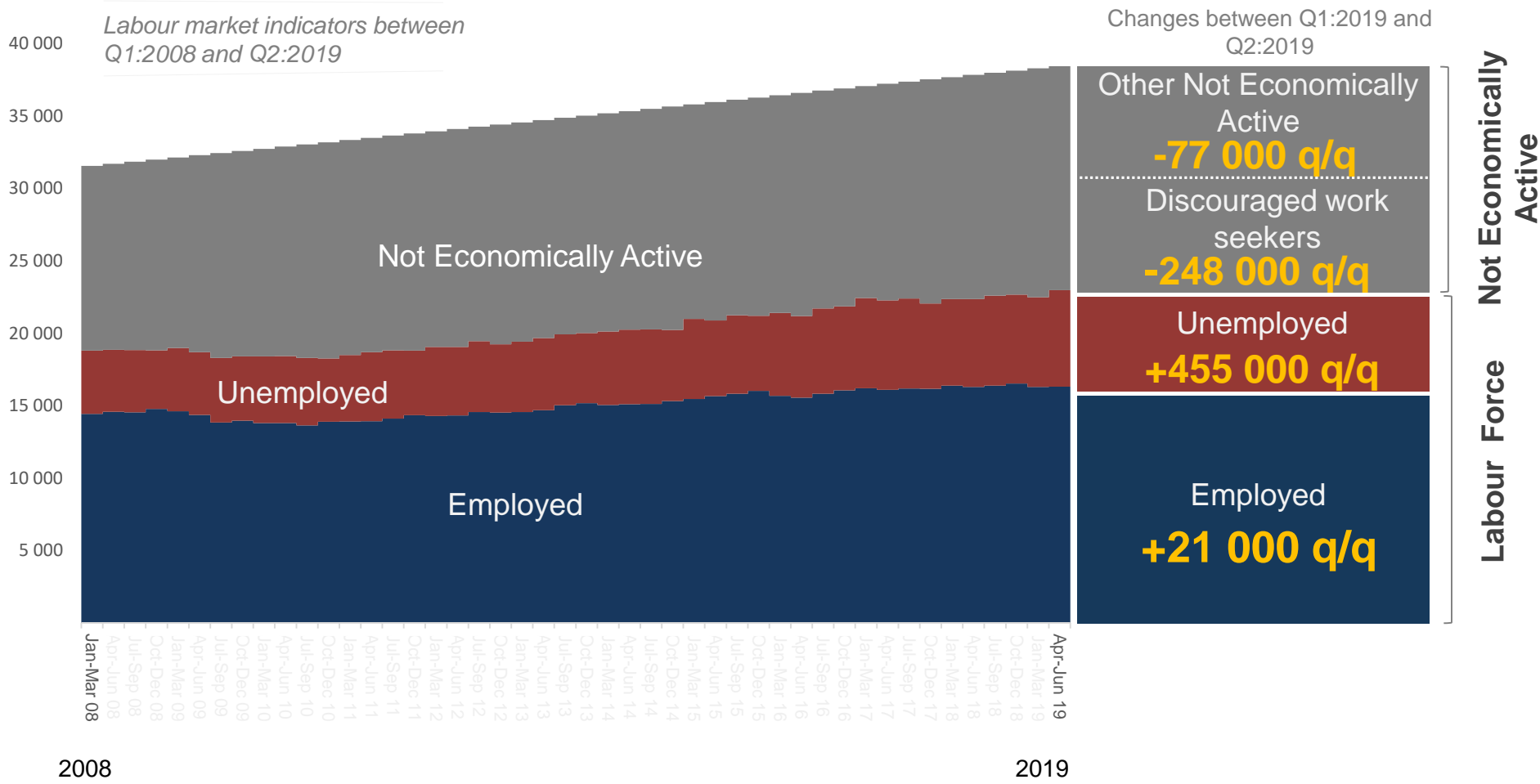


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The working age population (15 – 64 years) increased by 150 000 people between Q1:2019 and Q2:2019



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EMPLOYMENT & LABOUR MARKET RATES



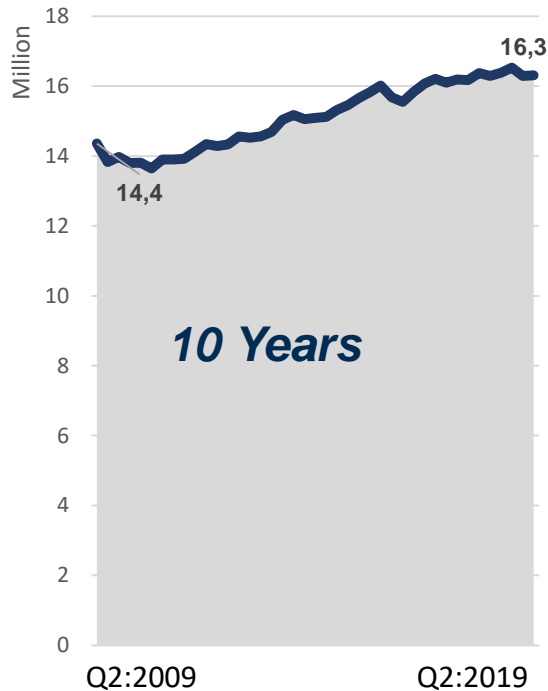
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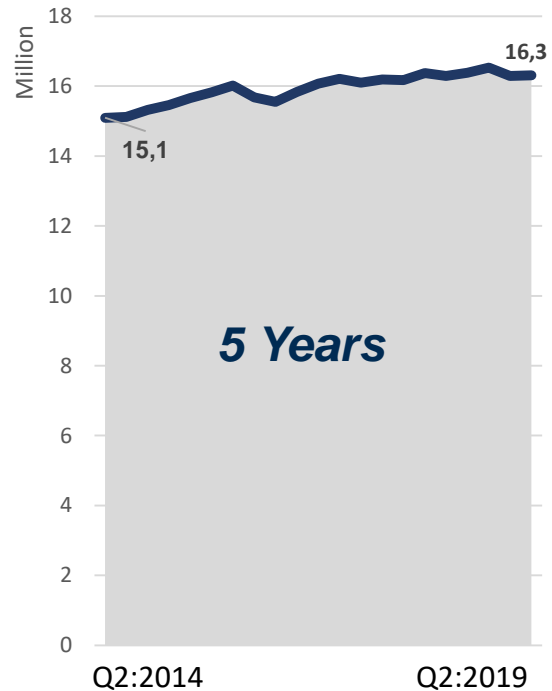


The number of employed persons increased by 21 000 to 16,3 million in Q2:2019

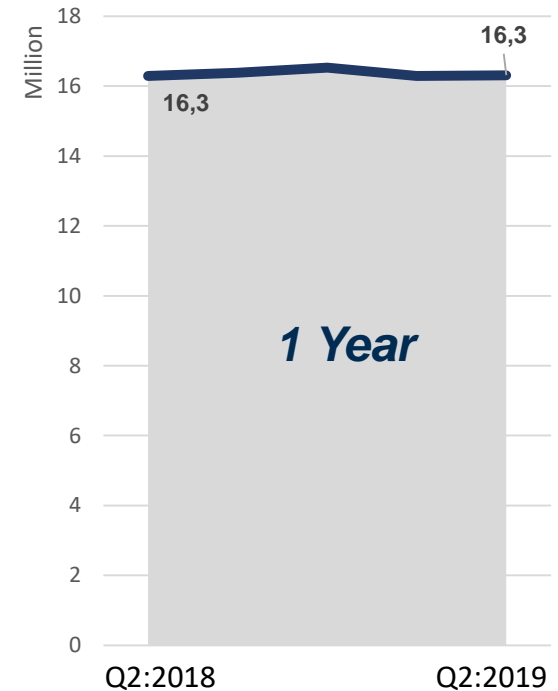
Number of employed
From Q2:2009 to Q2:2019



The number of employed people increased by **1,9 million** from **14,4 million** in Q2:2009 to **16,3 million** in Q2:2019



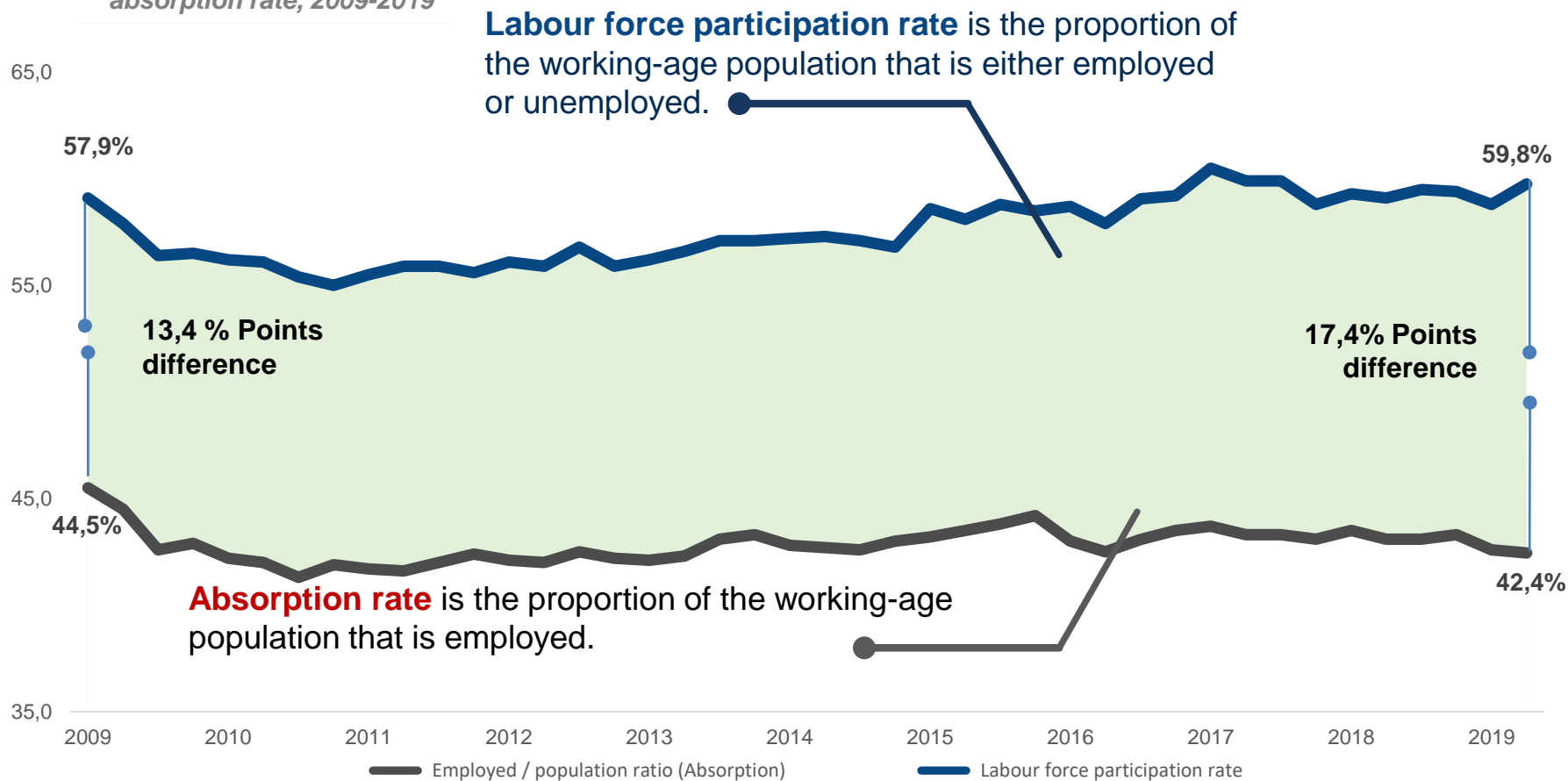
The number of employed people increased by **1,2 million** from **15,1 million** in Q2:2014 to **16,3 million** in Q2:2019



The number of employed people increased by **25 thousand** from **16,29 million** in Q2:2018 to **16,31 million** in Q2:2019

The Labour force participation rate increased by 1,9 percentage points from 57,9% in Q2:2009 to 59,8% in Q2:2019

Labour force participation and absorption rate, 2009-2019



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Labour market rates vary significantly depending on education level

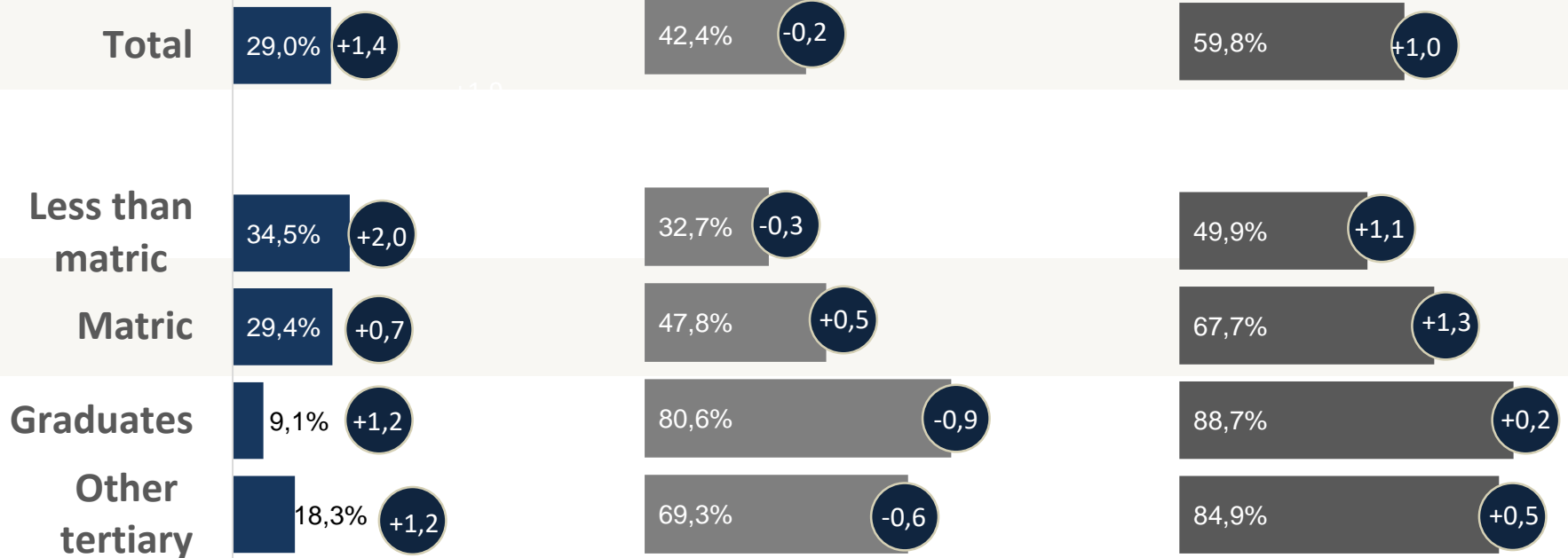
Labour market rates by education level, Q2:2019

Change: Percentage points Q1:2019 to Q2:2019

Unemployment rate

Absorption rate

Participation rate



The unemployment rate for those aged 25-34 (35,6%) is more than double that of the 45-54 (17,2%) year olds.

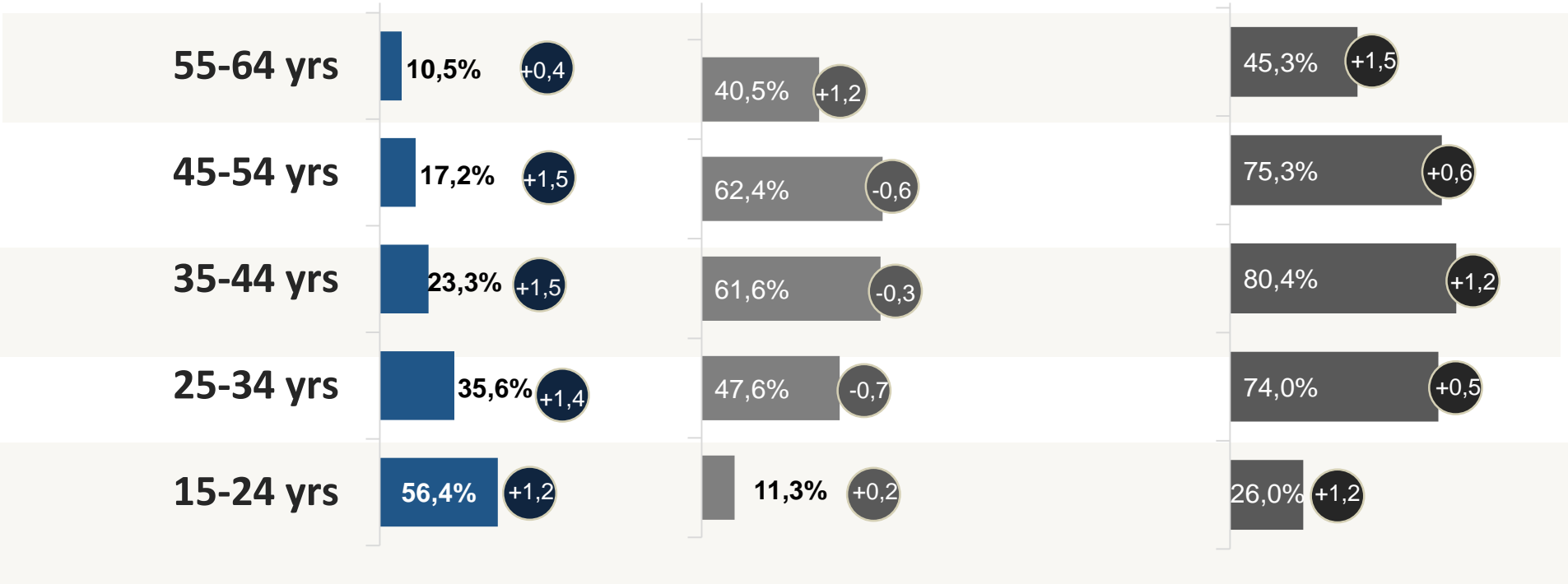
Labour market rates by age group, Q2:2019

Change: Percentage points Q1:2019 to Q2:2019

Unemployment rate

Absorption rate

Participation rate



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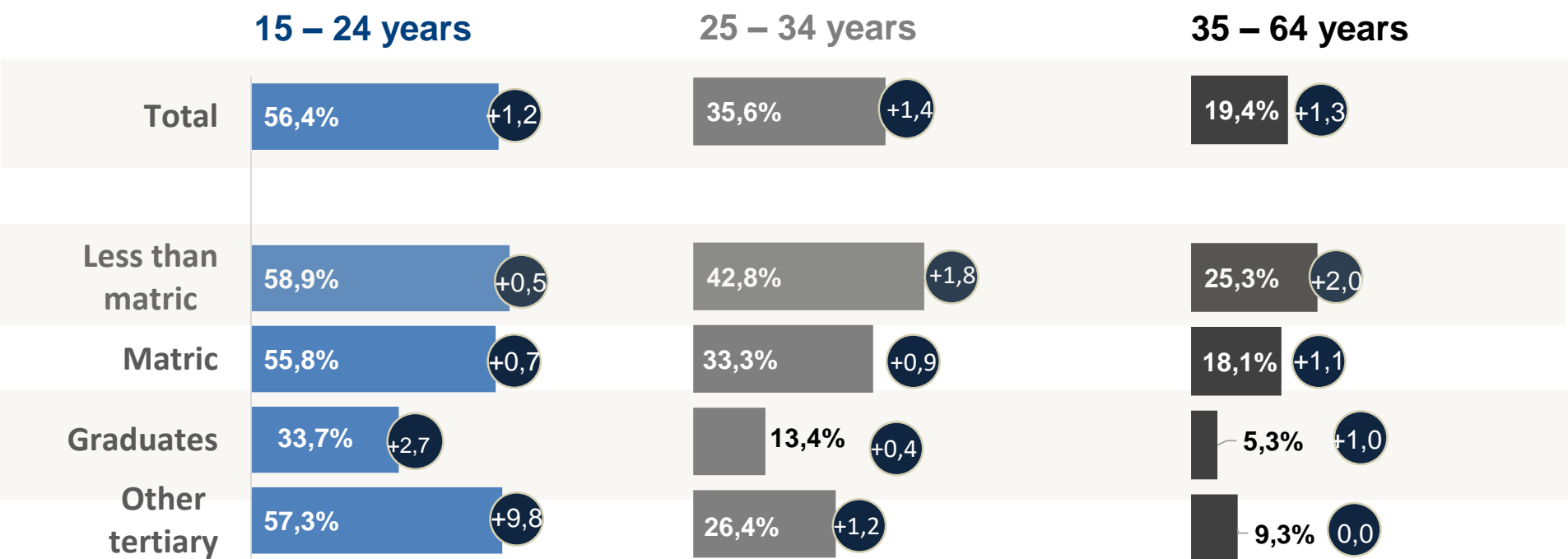
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The unemployment rate among the youth is higher irrespective of education level.

Unemployment rate by education level and age group, Q2:2019

● Change: Percentage points
Q1:2019 to Q2:2019



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**PROFILE OF THOSE NOT IN
EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION OR
TRAINING
(NEET)**

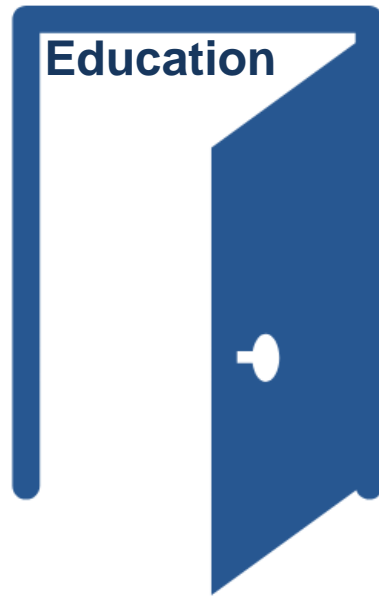


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Not in employment, education or training (NEET)

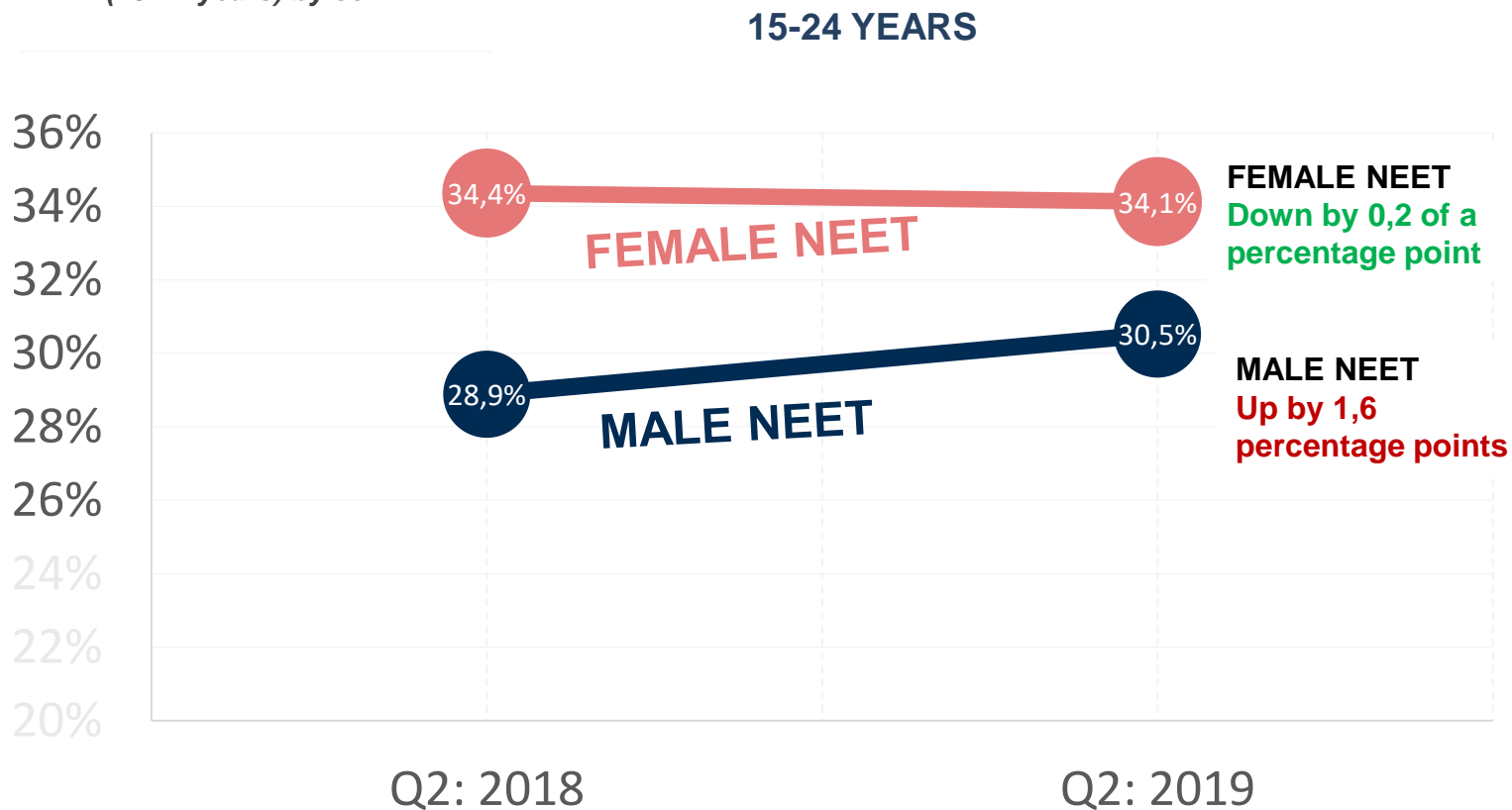


Those young people (15-34 years) who are categorised as NEET are considered to be *disengaged* from both work and education.

Youth NEET rate is calculated as the total number of youth who are NEET as a proportion of the total youth-specific working-age population

Approximately 3,3 million (32,3%) out of 10,3 million young people **aged 15-24 years** were not in employment, education or training (NEET). The overall NEET rate increased by 0,7 of a percentage point in Q2:2019 compared to Q2:2018.

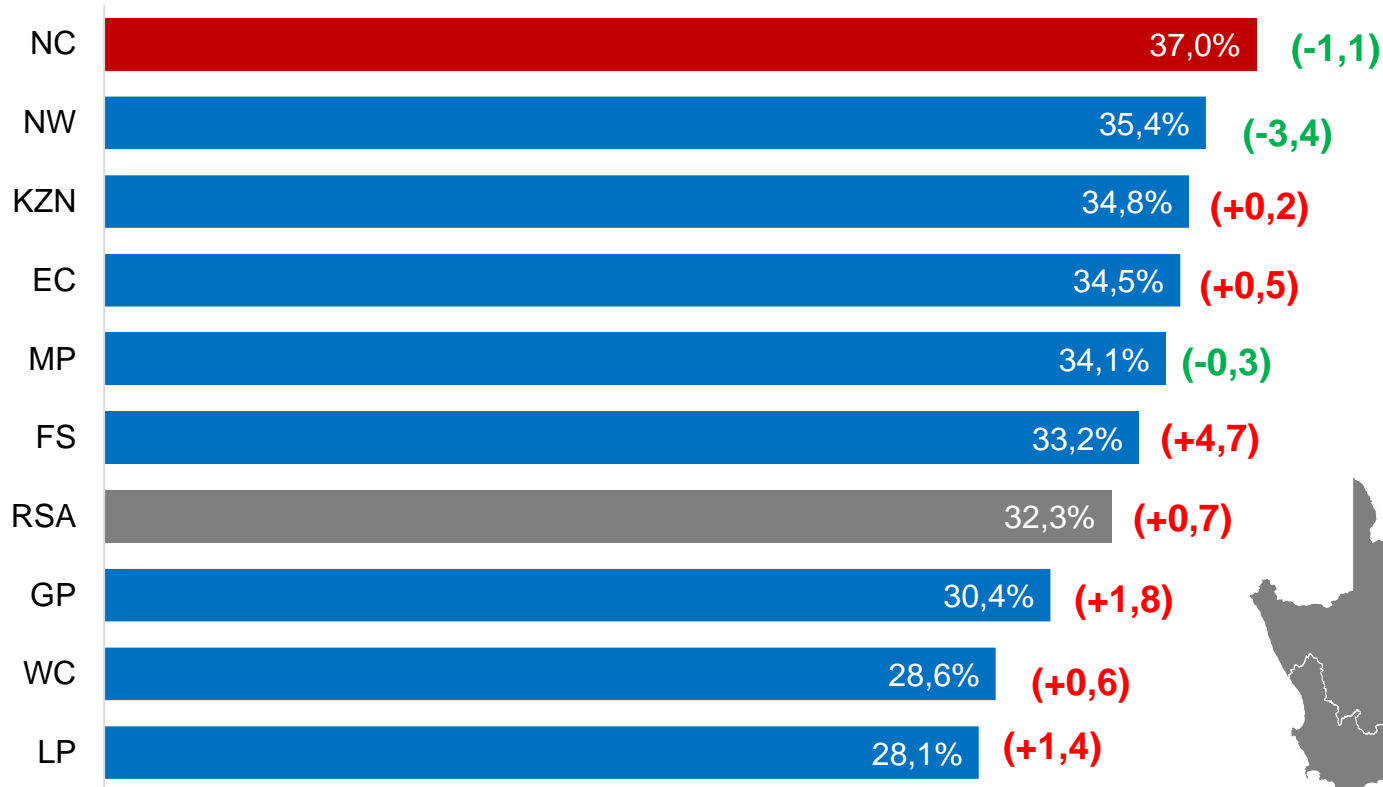
NEET (15-24 years) by sex



NC recorded the highest rate of young people aged 15-24 years not in employment, education or training in Q2: 2019.

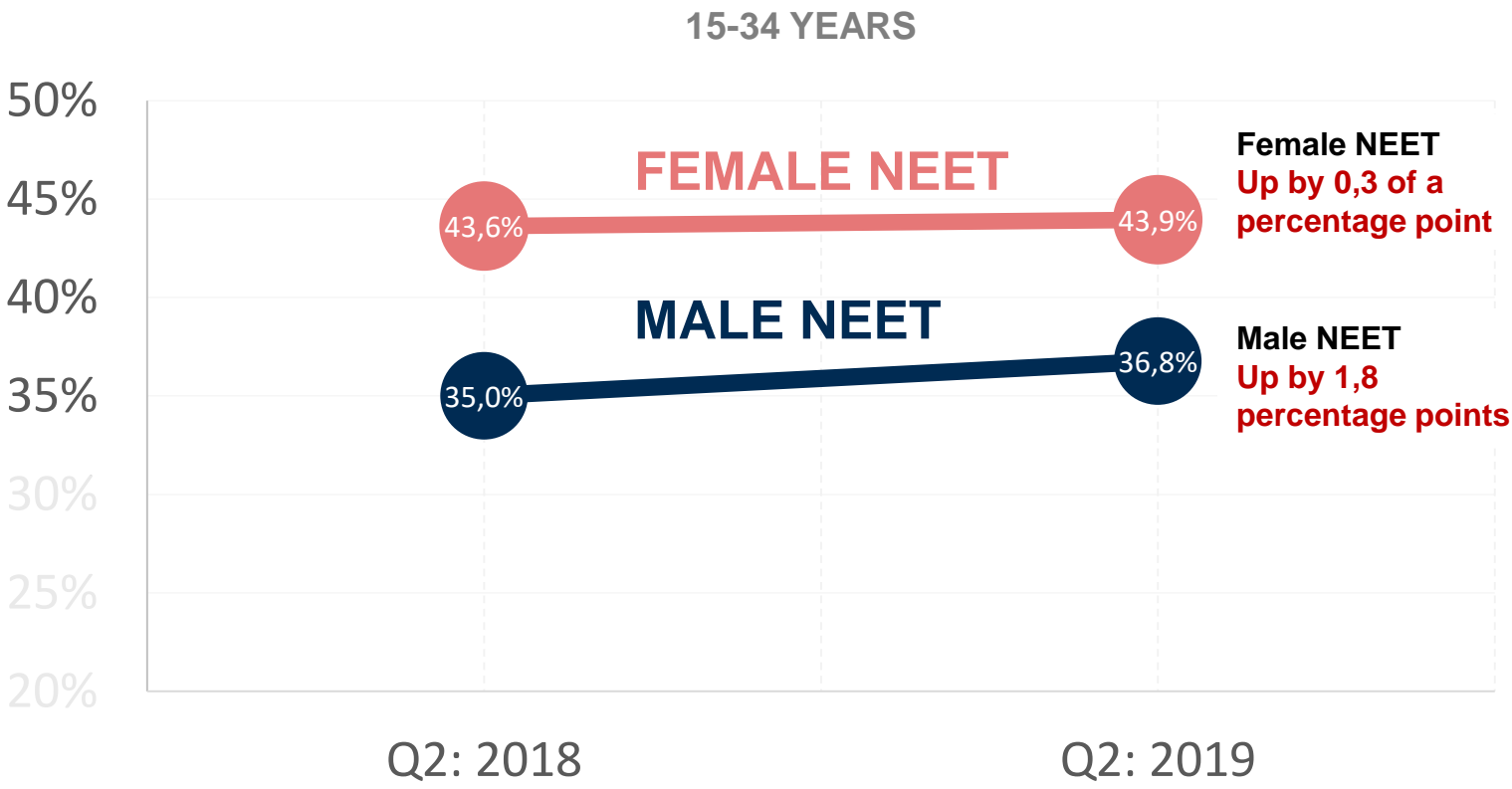
Provincial NEET rate (Year on Year Change Q2:2018 – Q2:2019)

() Y/Y Change



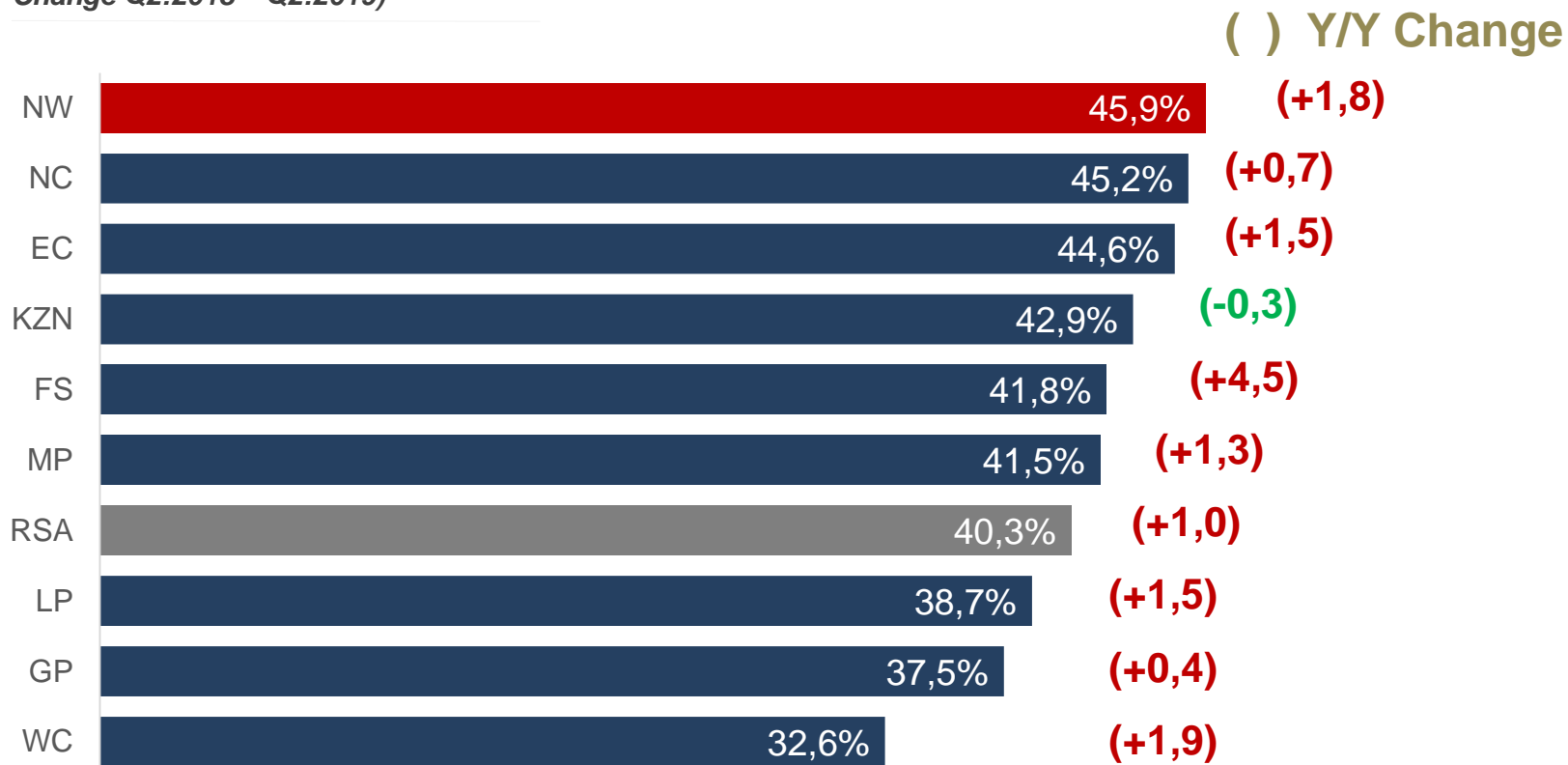
Approximately 8,2 million (40,3%) out of 20,4 million young people aged 15-34 years, were not in employment, education or training (NEET). The overall NEET rate increased by 1,0 percentage point y/y.

NEET (15-34 years) by sex



The NW province had the highest rate of young people **aged 15-34 years not in employment, education or training at 45,9%**. The rate increased by 1,8 percentage points year-on-year.

Provincial NEET rate (Year – on – Year
Change Q2:2018 – Q2:2019)



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EMPLOYMENT

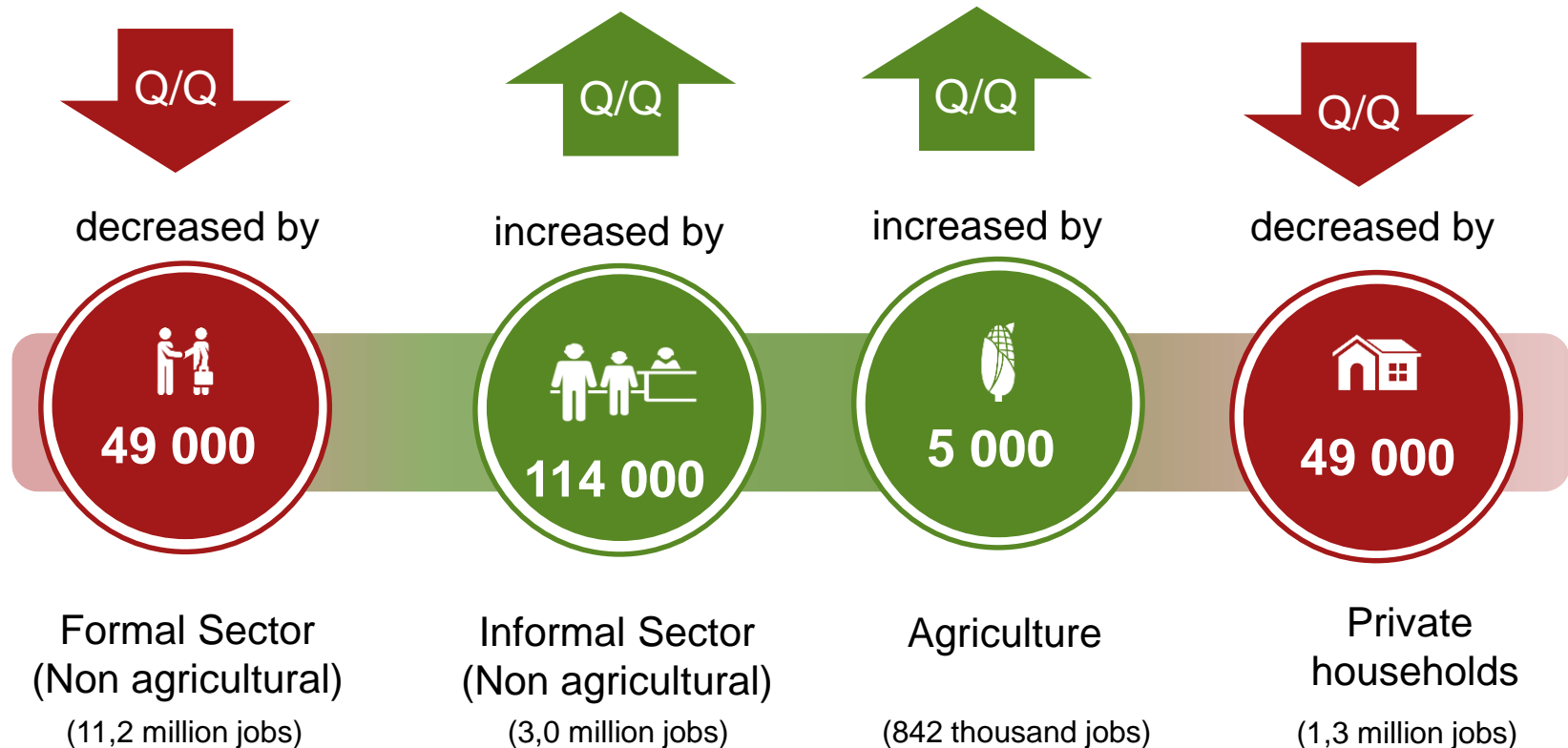


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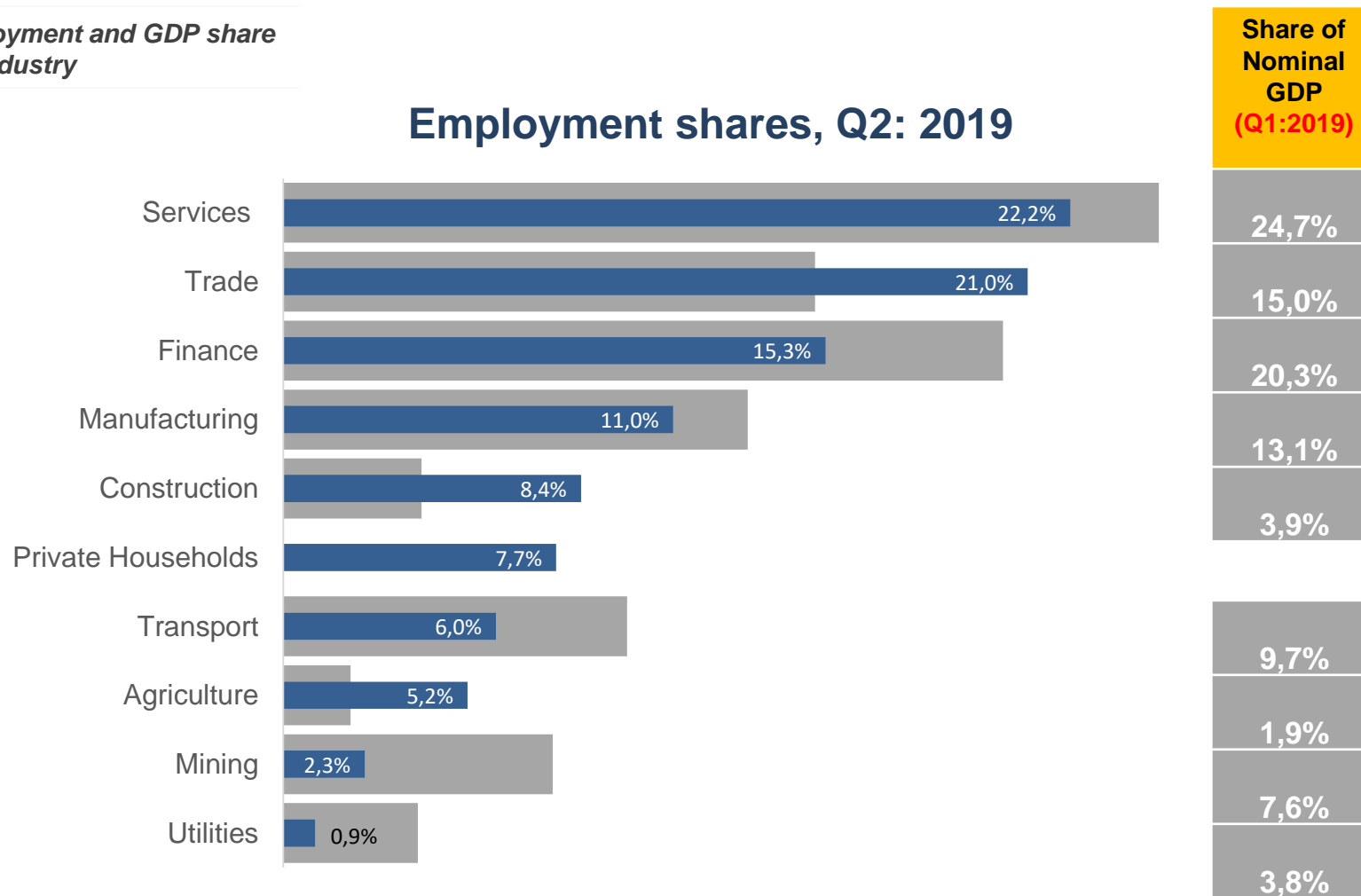
The number of persons employed increased by 21 000 in Q2:2019 to 16,3 million Q/Q.



Trade, construction and agriculture have higher employment shares relative to their GDP contribution.

Employment and GDP share per industry

Employment shares, Q2: 2019



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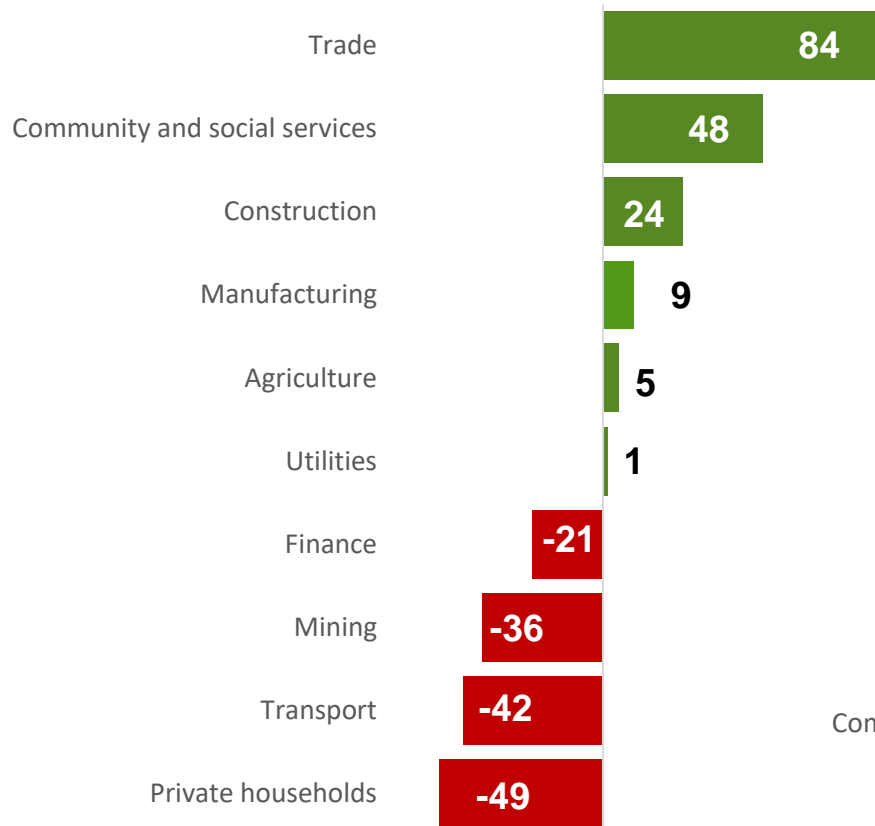
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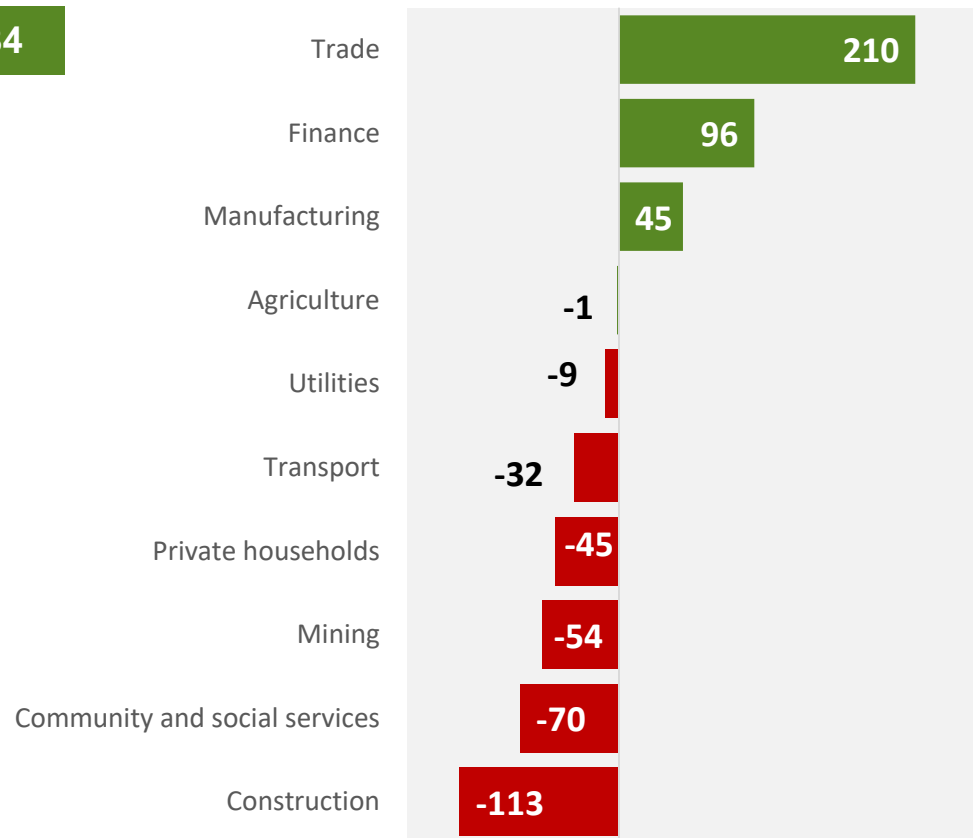
The largest **quarter-on-quarter** employment gains were observed in trade, services and construction. Largest declines were observed in private households, transport, mining and finance.

Employment changes by industry

Quarter-on-quarter change ('000)



Year-on-year change ('000)



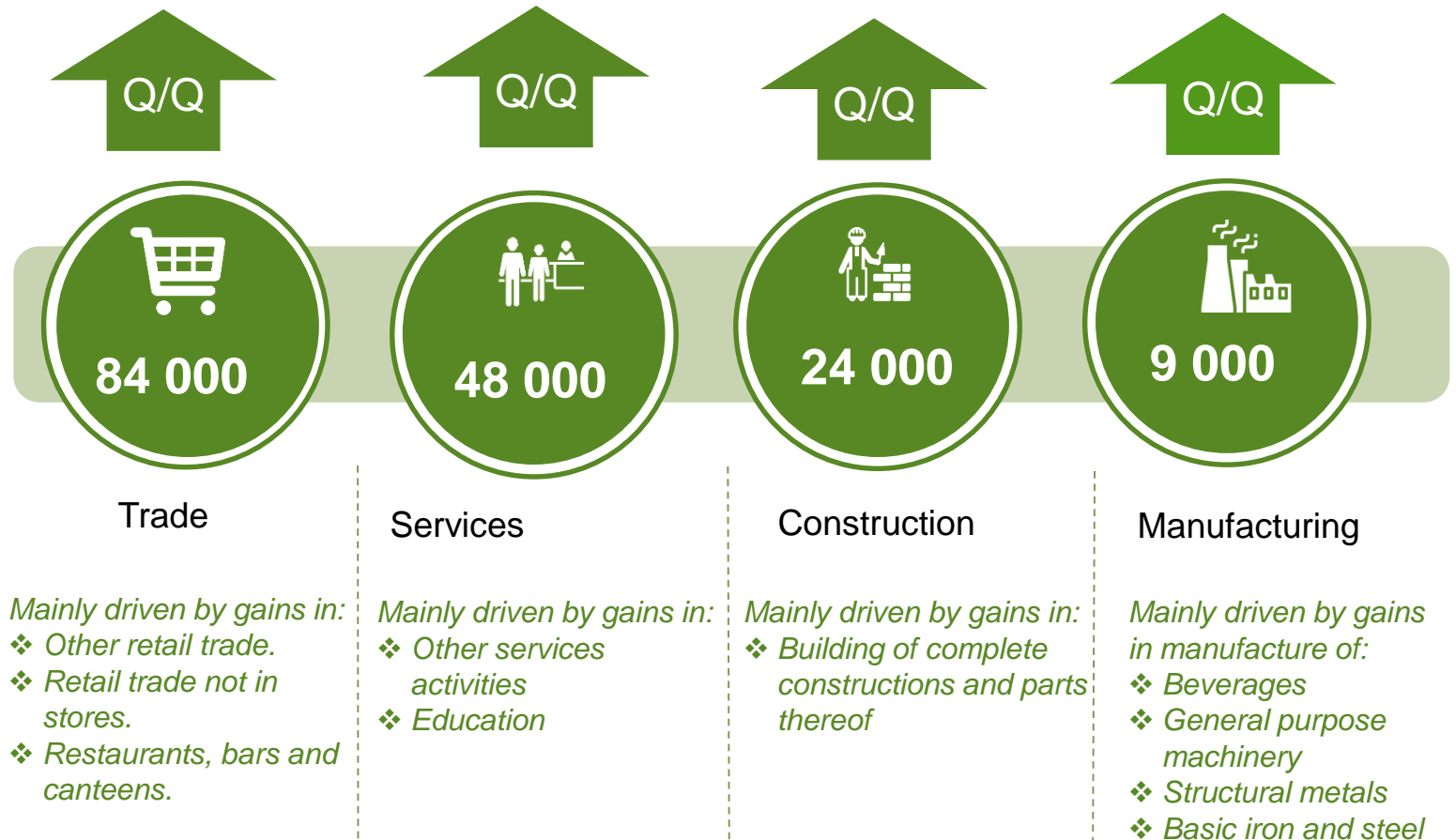
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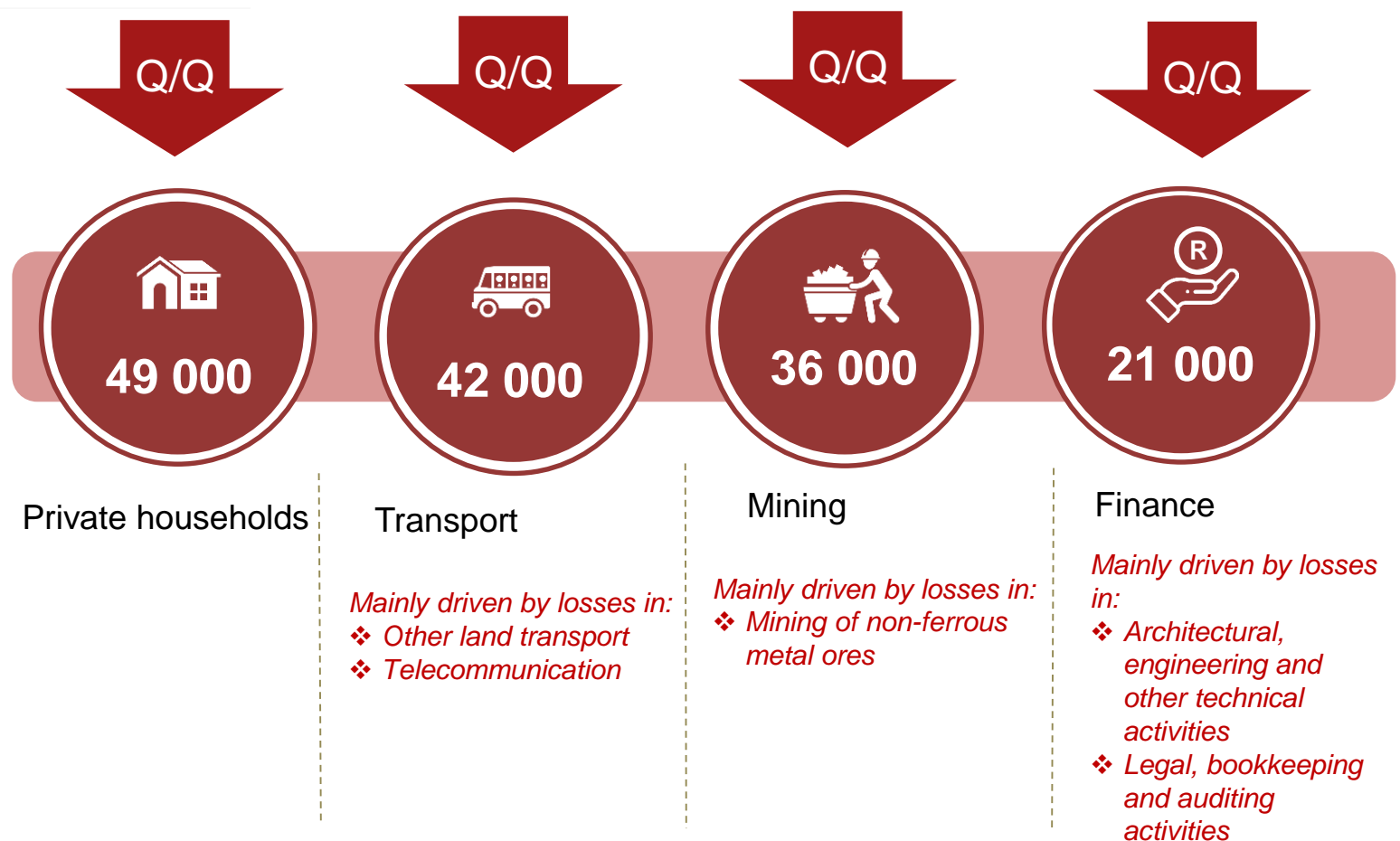
Employment gains were mainly driven by trade (84 000), services (48 000), construction (24 000) and manufacturing (9 000).

Quarter-on-quarter
employment changes:
Gains



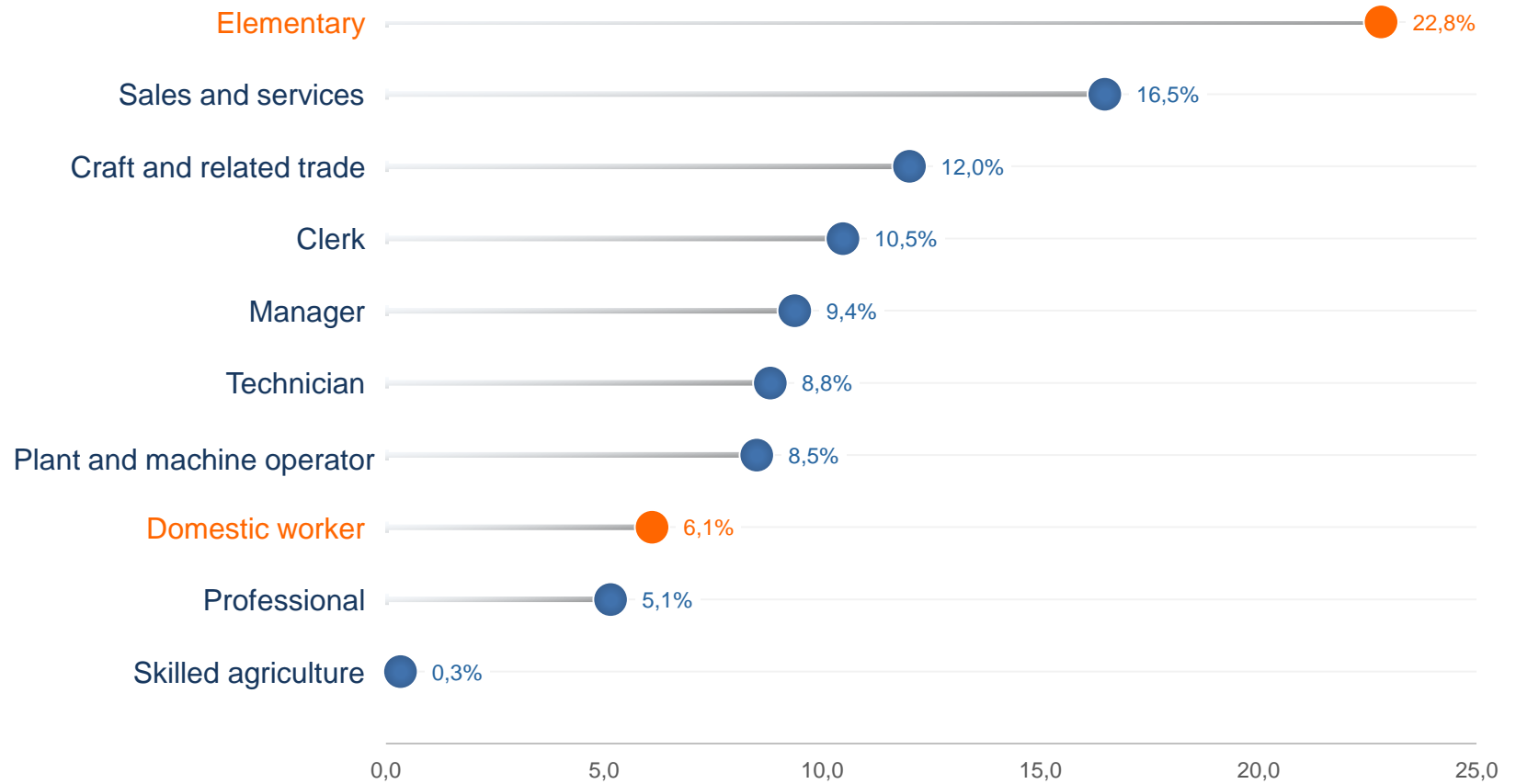
Employment losses were mainly driven by private households, transport, mining and finance.

**Quarter-on-quarter
employment changes:
Losses**

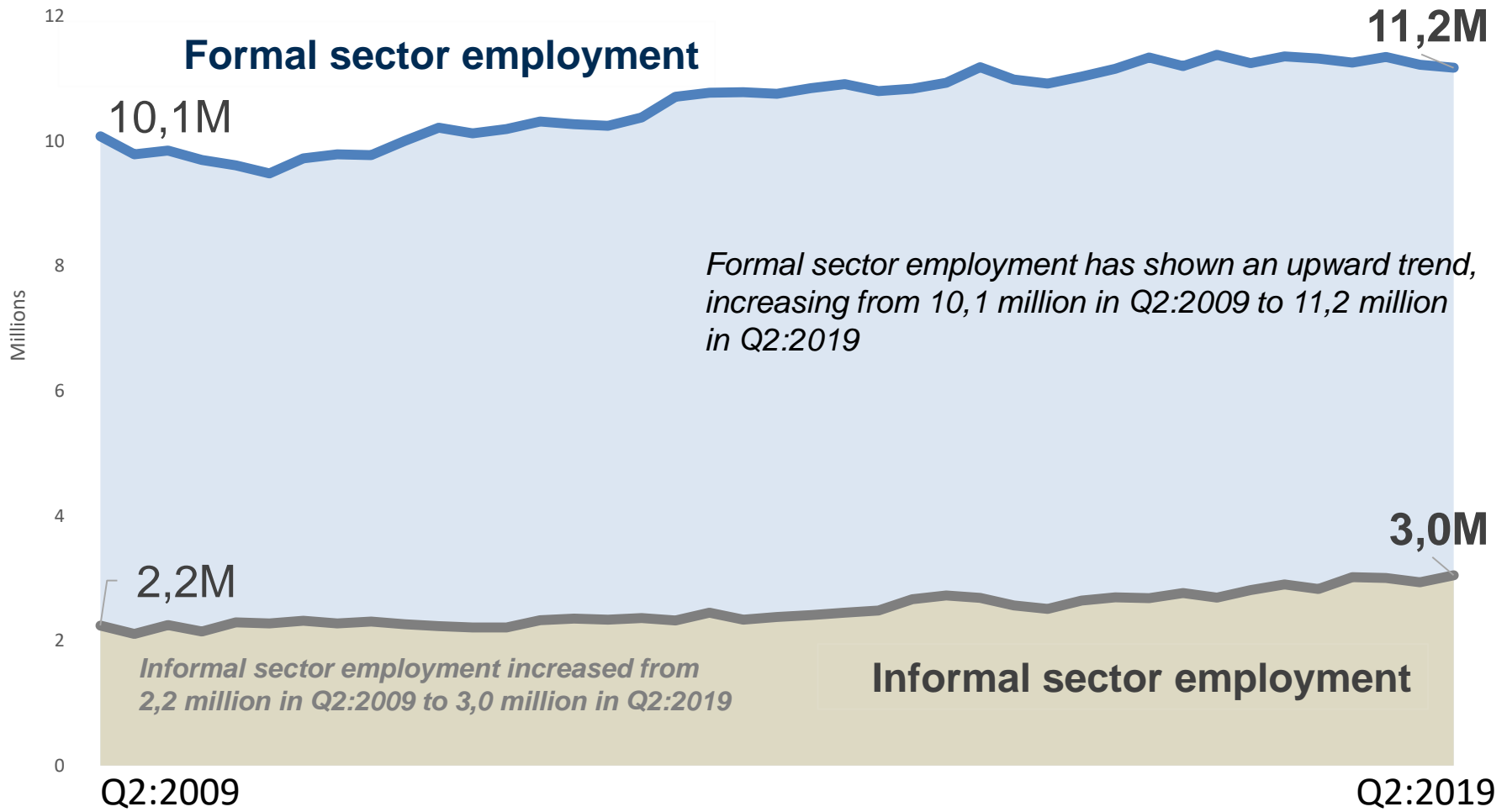


Close to a third (28,9%) of all people employed in Q2:2019 were employed in elementary and domestic work occupations.

Employment share by occupation, Q2:2019



The formal sector in South Africa accounts for 68,5% of total employment.



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UNEMPLOYMENT

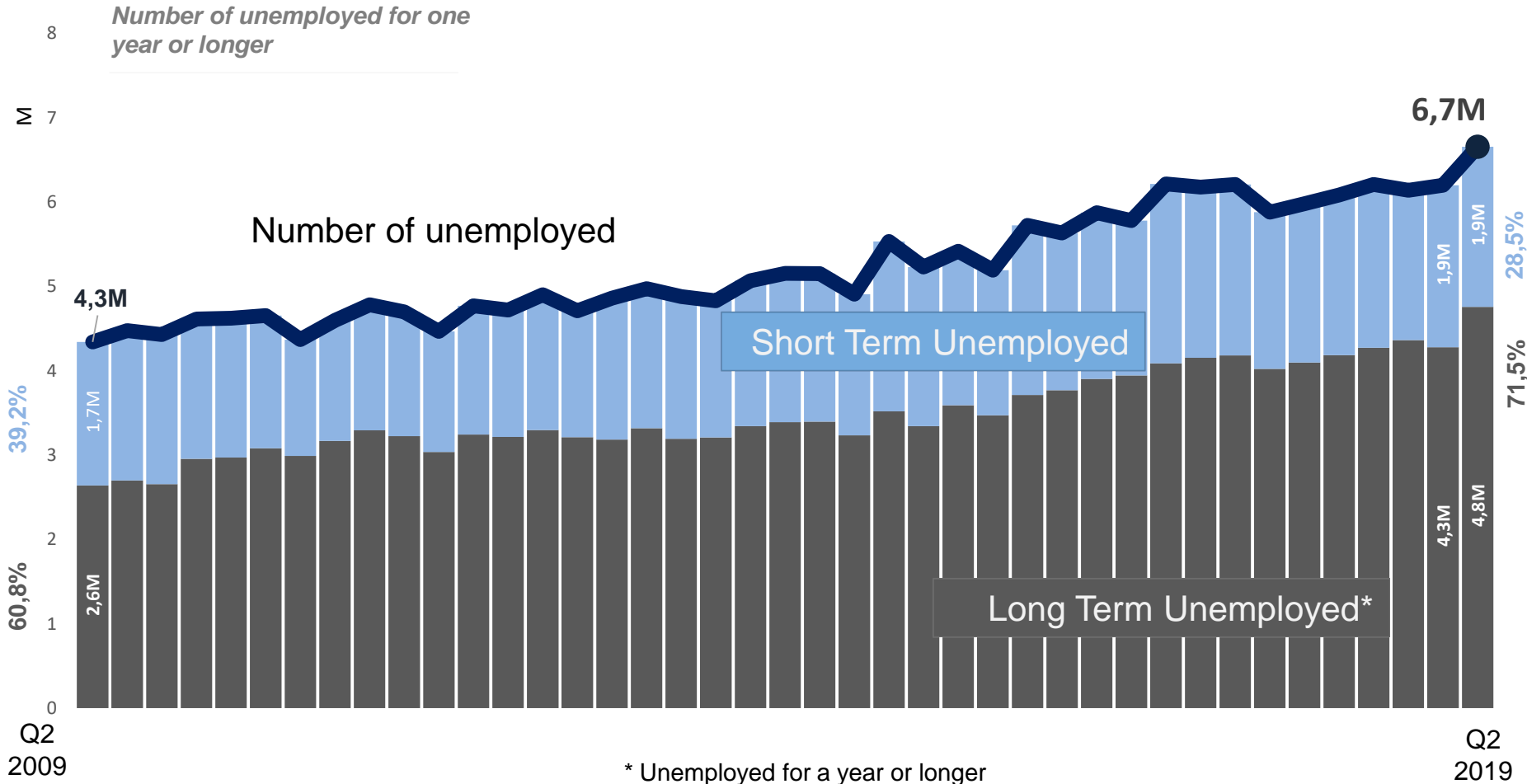


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The number of unemployed people in South Africa increased from 4,3 million in Q2:2009 to 6,7 million in Q2:2019. The proportion of those in long-term unemployment increased from 60,8% in Q2:2009 to **71,5%** in Q2:2019



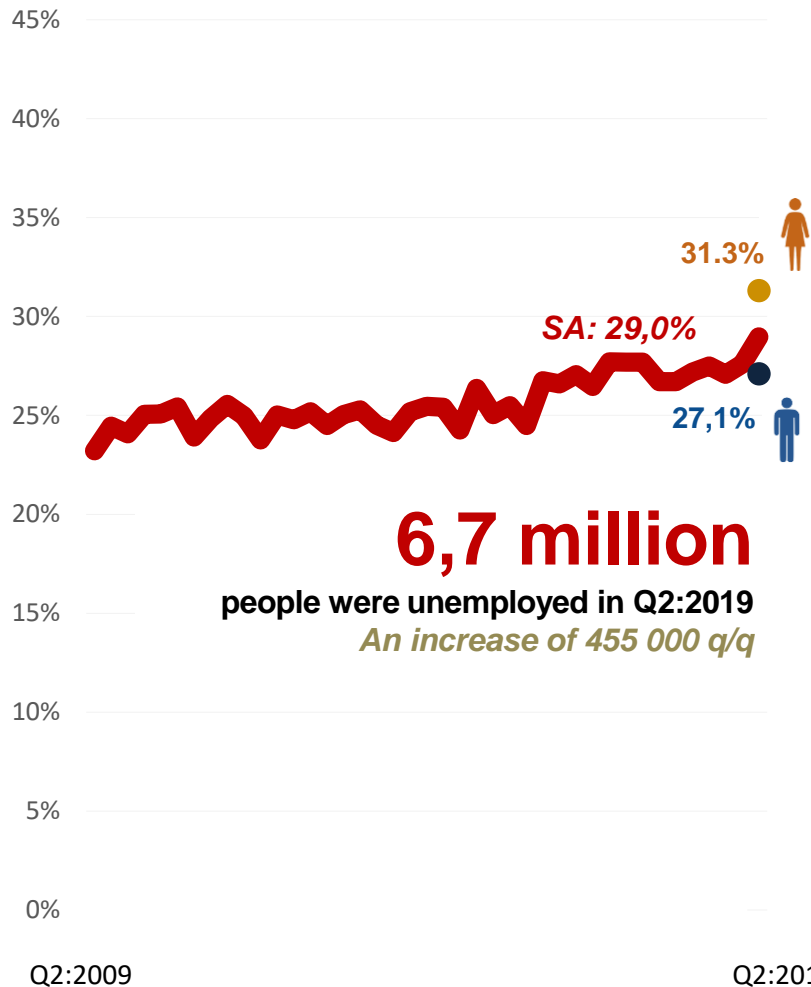
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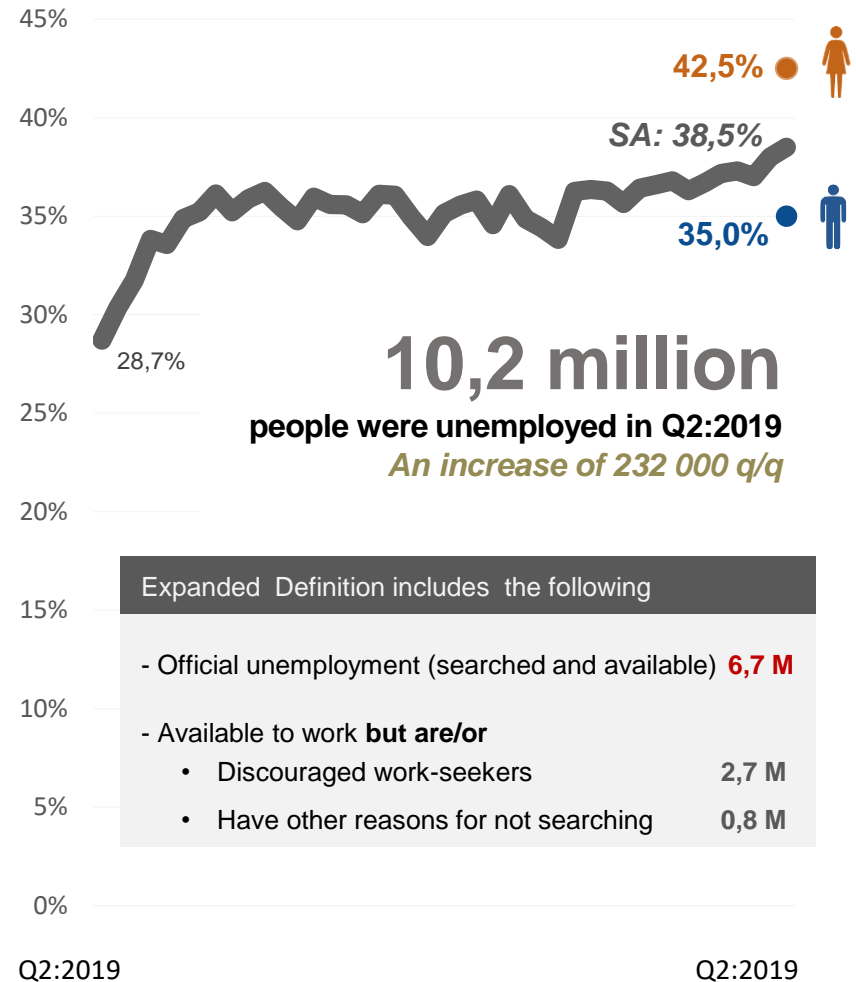
Official Unemployment Rate

29,0% (+1,4 % Points Change Q/Q)



Expanded Unemployment Rate

38,5% (+0,5 % Point Change Q/Q)



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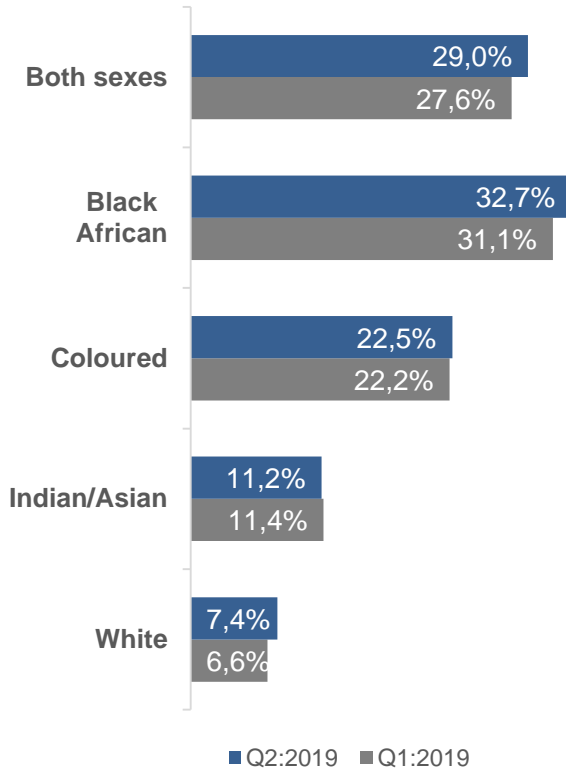
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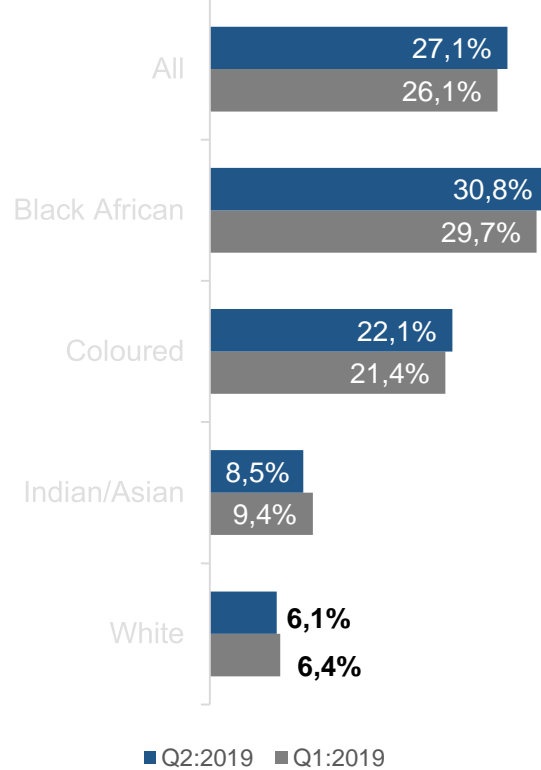
Black African women are the most vulnerable with an unemployment rate of over 30%.

OFFICIAL unemployment rate
by population group and sex

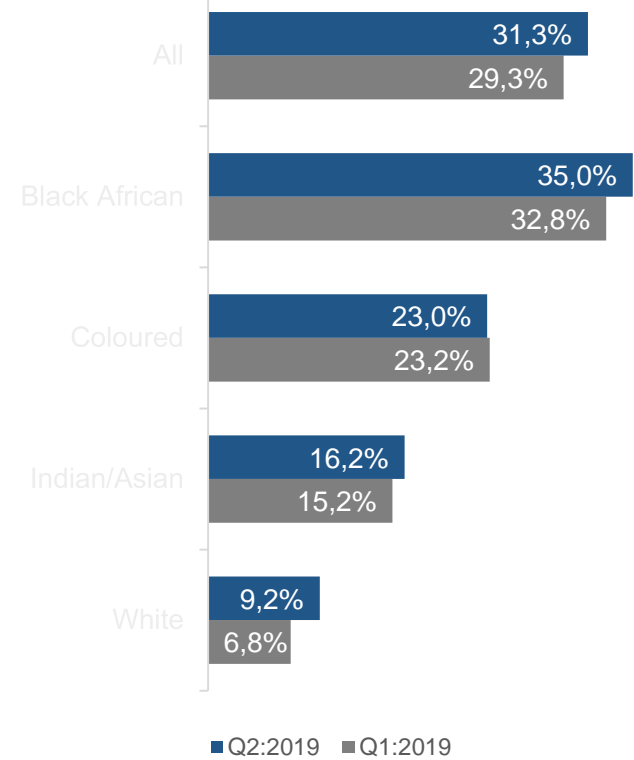
Unemployment Rate by Population Group



Male Unemployment Rate By Population Group



Female Unemployment Rate by Population Group



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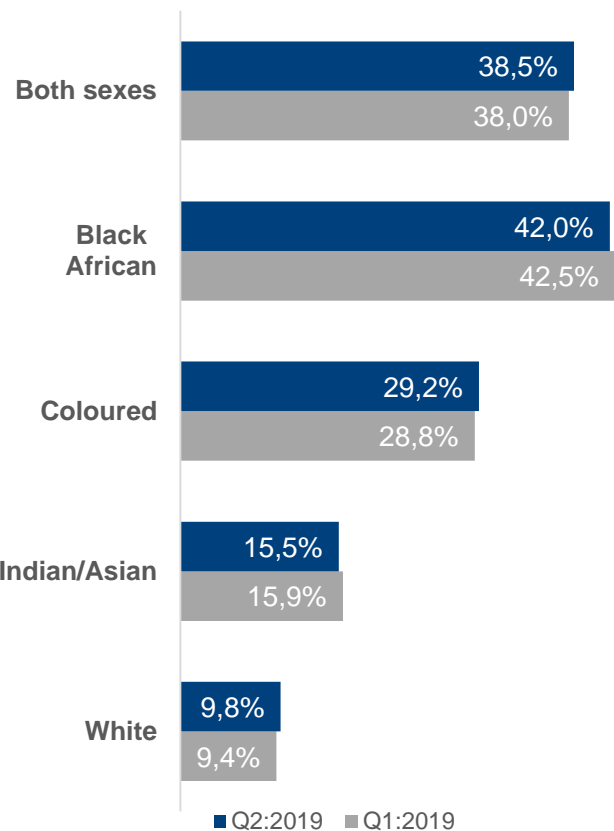
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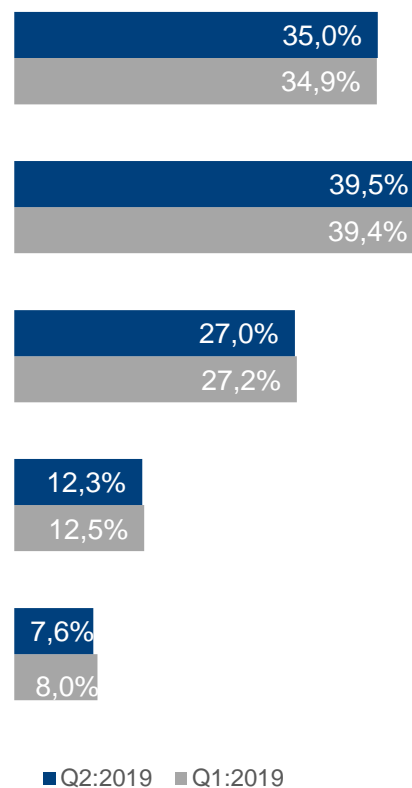
Irrespective of sex, the black African and coloured population groups remain vulnerable in the labour market

EXPANDED unemployment rate by population group and sex

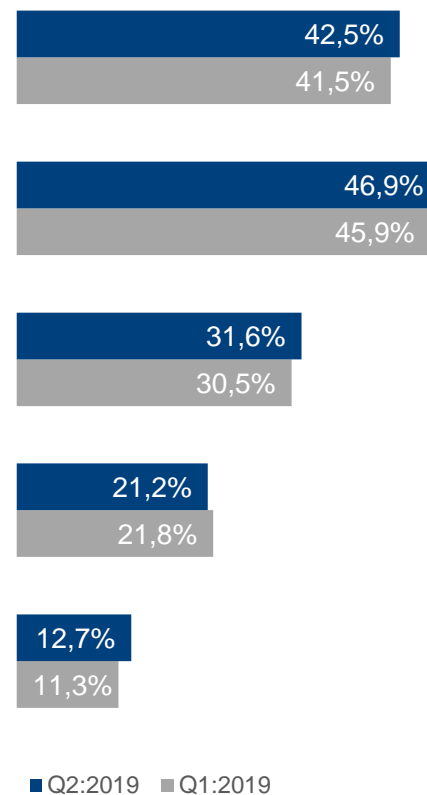
Expanded unemployment rate by population group



Male expanded unemployment rate



Female expanded unemployment rate



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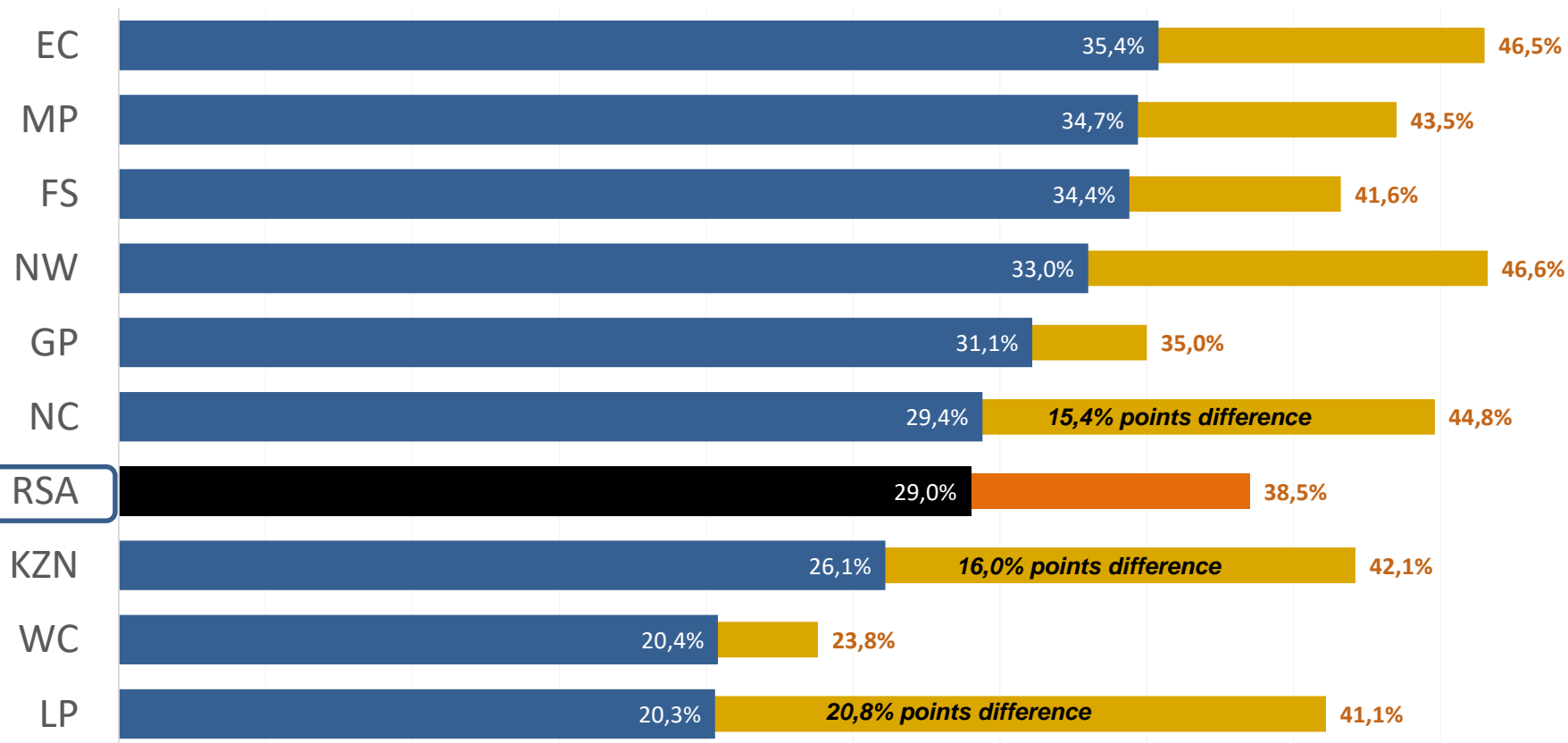


Highest official unemployment rate recorded in EC and highest expanded unemployment rate recorded in NW. LP, KZN and NC provinces all have more than 15 % points difference between their expanded and official unemployment rates

Provincial unemployment rate:
Official vs Expanded Q2:2019

Official

Expanded



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UNDERSTANDING NON-ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE (NEA)



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15,5 million people aged 15 – 64 years were not economically active.

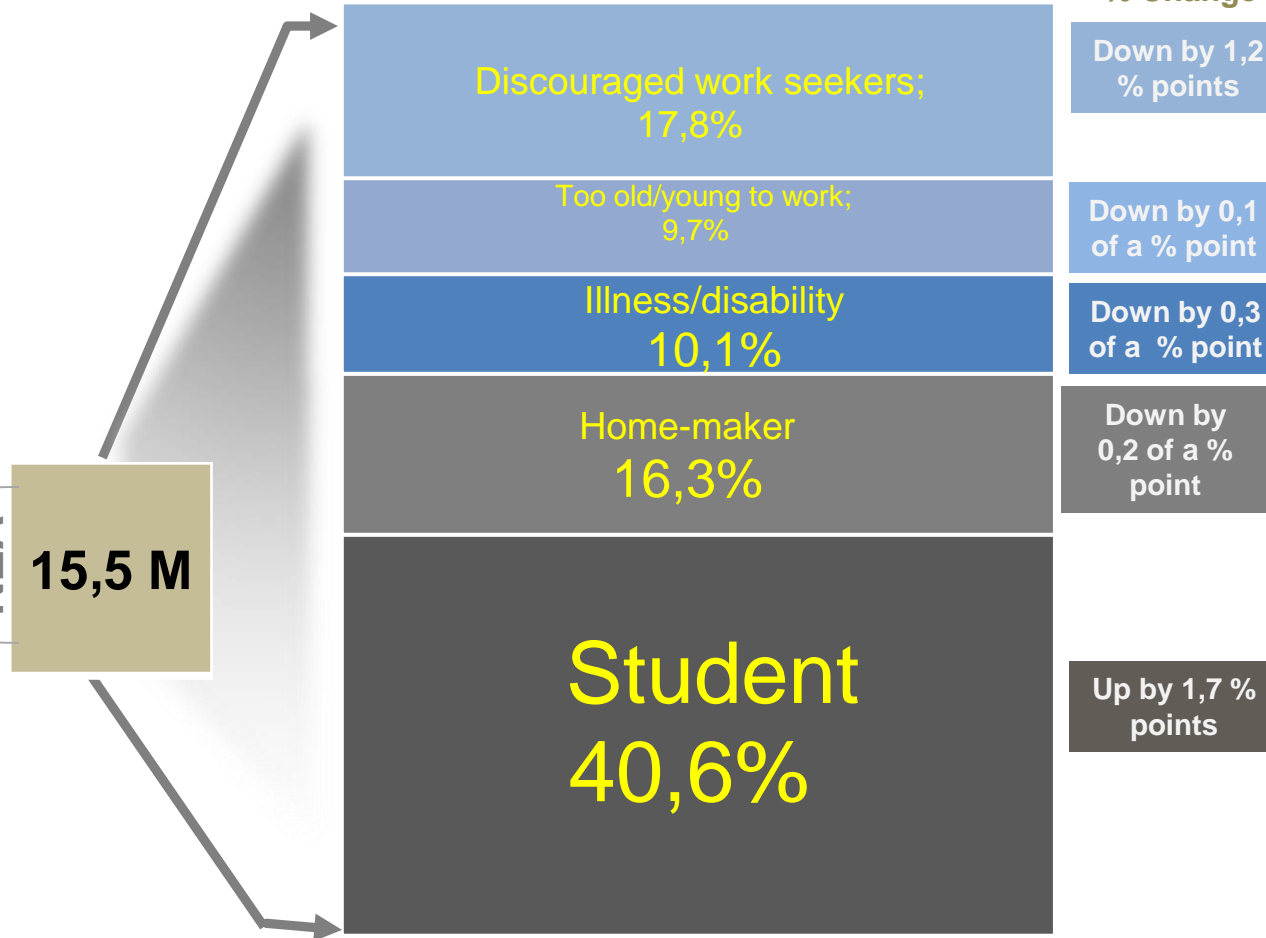
This is a decrease of 326 000 q/q

Reasons why – Not economically active (NEA)

5 main reasons for NEA

Q1:2019 to Q2:2019
% Change

Q1:2019 to Q2:2019
Change in levels



Quarter-on-quarter changes	
	Thousand
Student	143
Homemaker	-86
Illness/disability	-85
Too young/too old to work	-42
Discouraged work seekers	-248
Other	-7



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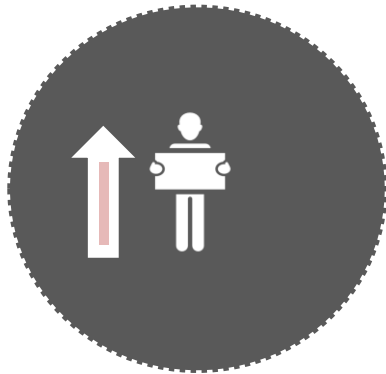
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Recap

Q2:2019

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



Unemployment rate increased by 1,4 percentage points to 29,0%

Absorption rate decreased by 0,2 of a percentage point and labour force participation rate increased by 1,0 percentage point

EMPLOYMENT GAINS



Employment gains were recorded in **Trade (84 000)**, Services (48 000), Construction (24 000) and Manufacturing (9 000).

EMPLOYMENT LOSSES



Largest employment losses were observed in **Private HH (49 000)**, Transport (42 000), Mining (36 000) and Finance (21 000)

YOUTH



Of the 10,3 million persons aged 15-24 years, **32,3%** were not in employment, education or training.

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Ndzi hela kwala!



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