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Quarterly Employment Statistics (QES) – Q3:2021

Total employment increased by 52 000 or (0,5%) quarter-on-quarter, from 9 568 000 in June 2021 to 9 620 000 in September 2021. This was largely due to increases in the following industries: community services (63 000 or 2,3%), mining (7 000 or 1,5%) and transport (1 000 or 0,2%). The electricity industry reported no quarterly change. However, there were decreases in the following industries: trade (-13 000 or -0,6%), business services (-3 000 or -0,1%), manufacturing (-2 000 or -0,2%) and construction (-1 000 or -0,2%).

Total employment increased by 56 000 or (0,6%) year-on-year between September 2020 and September 2021.

Full-time employment decreased by 35 000 or (-0,4%) quarter-on-quarter, from 8 579 000 in June 2021 to 8 544 000 in September 2021. This was largely due to decreases in the following industries: community services (-26 000 or -1,1%), trade (-12 000 or -0,6%), construction (-3 000 or -0,7%) and business services (-1 000 or -0,1%). The manufacturing, electricity and transport industries reported no quarterly change. However, the mining industry reported an increase of 7 000 employees or 1,5%.

Full-time employment decreased by 77 000 or (-0,9%) year-on-year between September 2020 and September 2021.

Part-time employment increased by 87 000 or (8,8%) quarter-on-quarter, from 989 000 in June 2021 to 1 076 000 in September 2021. This was largely due to increases in the following industries: community services (89 000 or 21,9%), construction (2 000 or 3,1%) and transport (1 000 or 5,0%). The electricity industry reported no quarterly change. However, there were decreases in the following industries: manufacturing (-2 000 or -2,8%), business services (-2 000 or -0,9%) and trade (-1 000 or -0,5%).

Part-time employment increased by 133 000 or (14,1%) year-on-year between September 2020 and September 2021.

Gross earnings paid to employees increased by R26 billion or (3,6%) from R721 billion in June 2021 to R747 billion in September 2021. This was largely due to increases in the following industries: community services, business services, mining, construction and manufacturing. However, there were decreases in the following industries: transport, electricity and trade.

Year-on-year, total gross earnings increased by R66,3 billion or (9,7%) between September 2020 and September 2021.

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Basic salary/wages paid to employees increased by R21,7 billion or (3,3%) from R659,8 billion in June 2021 to R681,5 billion in September 2021. This was largely due to increases in the following industries: community services, mining, business services, construction, manufacturing and transport. However, there were decreases in the trade and electricity industries.

Year-on-year, basic salary/wages increased by R49,7 billion or (7,9%) between September 2020 and September 2021.

Bonus and overtime paid to employees increased by R4,2 billion or (6,9%) from R61,1 billion in June 2021 to R65,3 billion in September 2021. This was largely due to increases in the following industries: business services, manufacturing and trade. However, there were decreases in the following industries: transport, community services, electricity and construction.

Year-on-year, bonus and overtime payments increased by R16,5 billion or (33,9%) between September 2020 and September 2021.

Average monthly earnings increased by 1,6% quarter-on-quarter, from R23 681 in May 2021 to R24 051 in August 2021. Year-on-year, average monthly earnings increased by 6,5%.

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