

QUARTERLY EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

Total employment decreased by 648 000 or -6,4% quarter-on-quarter, from 10 196 000 in March 2020 to 9 548 000 in June 2020. This was largely due to decreases in the following industries: trade (-192 000 or -8,4%), business services (-147 000 or -6,3%), community services (-103 000 or -3,7%), manufacturing (-85 000 or -7,1%), construction (-74 000 or -13,2%), transport (-38 000 or -7,6%), mining (-6 000 or -1,3%) and electricity (-3 000 or -4,9%).

Total employment decreased by 671 000 or -6,6% year-on-year between June 2019 and June 2020.

Full-time employment decreased by 541 000 or -5,9% quarter-on-quarter, from 9 165 000 in March 2020 to 8 624 000 in June 2020. This was largely due to decreases in the following industries: trade (-164 000 or -8,0%), business services (-130 000 or -6,1%), manufacturing (-77 000 or -6,8%), construction (-70 000 or -14,1%), community services (-57 000 or -2,4%), transport (-35 000 or -7,3%), mining (-6 000 or -1,3%) and electricity (-2 000 or -3,4%).

Full-time employment decreased by 568 000 or -6,2% year-on-year between June 2019 and June 2020.

Part-time employment decreased by 107 000 or -10,4% quarter-on-quarter, from 1 031 000 in March 2020 to 924 000 in June 2020. This was largely due to decreases in the following industries: community services (-46 000 or -11,0%), trade (-28 000 or -12,7%), business services (-17 000 or -7,2%), manufacturing (-8 000 or -11,1%), construction (-4 000 or -6,3%), transport (-3 000 or -15,8%) and electricity (-1 000 or -50,%).

Part-time employment decreased by 103 000 or -10,0% year-on-year between June 2019 and June 2020.

Gross earnings paid to employees decreased by R82,2 billion or (-11,3%) from R729,4 billion in March 2020 to R647,2 billion in June 2020. This was largely due to decreases in the following industries: business services, trade, manufacturing, construction, community services, mining, transport, and electricity.

Year-on-year, gross earnings decreased by R64,1 billion or (-9,0%).

Basic salary/wages paid to employees decreased by R65,8 billion (-9,9%) from R666,8 billion in March 2020 to R601 billion in June 2020. This was largely due to decreases in the following industries: trade, business services, manufacturing, construction, community services, mining, transport, and electricity.

Year-on-year, basic salary/wages decreased by R52,9 billion or (-8,1%).

Bonus and overtime paid to employees decreased by R16,4 billion (-26,2%) from R62,6 billion in March 2020 to R46,2 billion in June 2020. This was largely due to decreases in the following industries: business services, manufacturing, trade, community services, construction and electricity.

However transport industry showed an increase in bonus and overtime paid.

Year-on-year, bonus and overtime payments decreased by R11,2 billion or (-19,6%).

Quarter-on-quarter, average monthly earnings paid to employees in the formal non-agricultural sector decreased by 4,2%, from R22 395 in February 2020 to R21 455 in May 2020.

Year-on-year, average monthly earnings paid to employees in the formal non-agricultural sector decreased by 1,6%.