# **Quarterly Employment Statistics**

# Results for Q2:2024





# **QES Background**

QES is an enterprise-based sample survey



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QES collects information on employing businesses registered for VAT with annual turnover greater than R300 000

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Samples are drawn from private non-agricultural businesses e.g. factories, offices, stores as well as national, provincial and local government entities

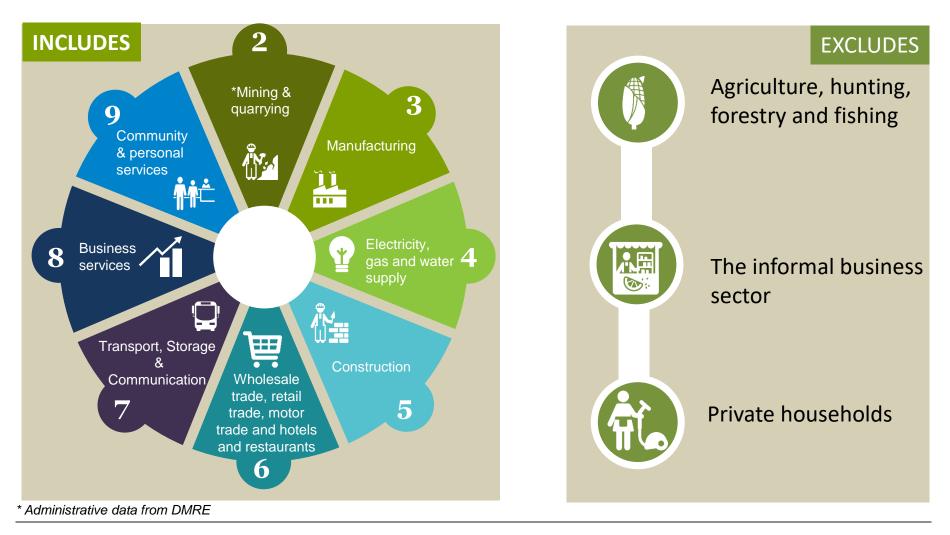
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Sample size of approximately 20 000 was selected





# **QES Coverage**







# **QES** Variables

Estimates are published on a quarter lag (SDDS)









# Employment Results Q2:2024





## **EMPLOYMENT RESULTS**

The number of employed persons increased by 42 000 from **10 674 000** in Q1:2024 to **10 716 000** in Q2:2024.

There was an increase of 42 000 jobs in second quarter 2024. This figure represents an increase of 0,4% when compared to the previous quarter.





Year-on-year there was an annual decrease of 144 000 jobs (or -1,3%) in Q2:2024 compared with the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

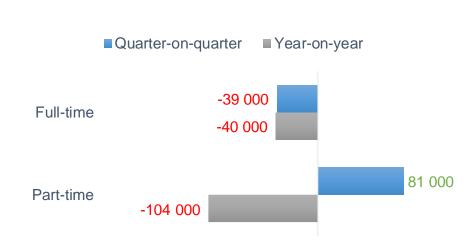




## **EMPLOYMENT RESULTS**

Full-time employment decreased from 9 488 000 in Q1:2024 to 9 449 000 in Q2:2024.

Part-time employment increased from 1 186 000 in Q1:2024 to 1 267 000 in Q2:2024.



There was a quarter-on-quarter decrease of 39 000 full-time jobs. Year-on-year full-time jobs decreased by 40 000.

Part-time jobs increased by 81 000 quarter-on-quarter and year-on-year there was a decrease of 104 000 jobs.



#### Quarter-on-quarter changes in employment

There was a quarter-on-quarter increase of 42 000 jobs. Community services industry reported the most gain of 92 000 jobs, primarily driven by increases in part-time employment.

There were job decreases reported by six of the eight industries.

Quarter-on-quarter	Number of employees			
Industry	Full-time	Part-time	All employees	
Community services	-2 000	94 000	92 000	
Electricity	0	0	0	
Construction	4 000	-5 000	-1 000	
Trade	-5 000	0	-5 000	
Transport	-7 000	0	-7 000	
Mining*	-7 000		-7 000	
Business services	-5 000	-9 000	-14 000	
Manufacturing	-17 000	1 000	-16 000	
Total	-39 000	81 000	42 000	

\*Data for mining industry is not available separately for part-time



#### Year-on-year changes in employment

There was a year-on-year net loss of 144 000 employees, which were driven primarily by community services, business services, construction as well as the mining industry.

Despite the reported losses, there were gains of 17 000 jobs which were insufficient to negate the overall decrease.

Year-on-year	Number of employees				
Industry	Full-time	Part-time	All employees		
Community services	-9 000	-89 000	-98 000		
Business services	-22 000	-14 000	-36 000		
Construction	-9 000	-11 000	-20 000		
Mining*	-7 000		-7 000		
Electricity	1 000	0	1 000		
Transport	-1 000	3 000	2 000		
Manufacturing	7 000	-2 000	5 000		
Trade	0	9 000	9 000		
Total	-40 000	-104 000	-144 000		

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#### All industries (Total)

The total number of employees increased by 42 000 in Q2:2024 compared with Q1:2024. Year-on-year total employment for all industries decreased by 144 000 compared with same quarter of the previous year.



All industries

**Revised estimates** 





#### Mining

In first quarter of 2024, mining industry lost 7 000 jobs. Year-on-year the industry lost 7 000 jobs compared to the same quarter of the previous year.



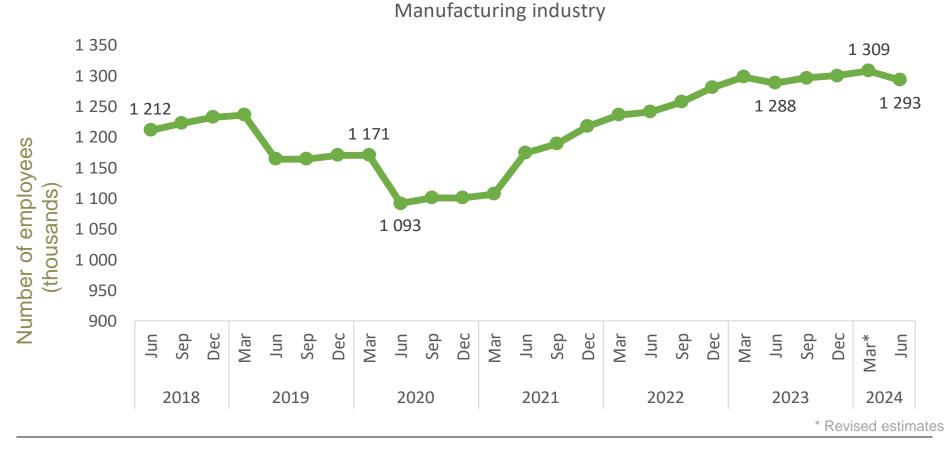
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#### Manufacturing

Manufacturing industry decreased by 16 000 jobs in the second quarter of 2024. Year-on-year, the industry saw an annual increase of 5 000 jobs compared to same quarter of 2023.



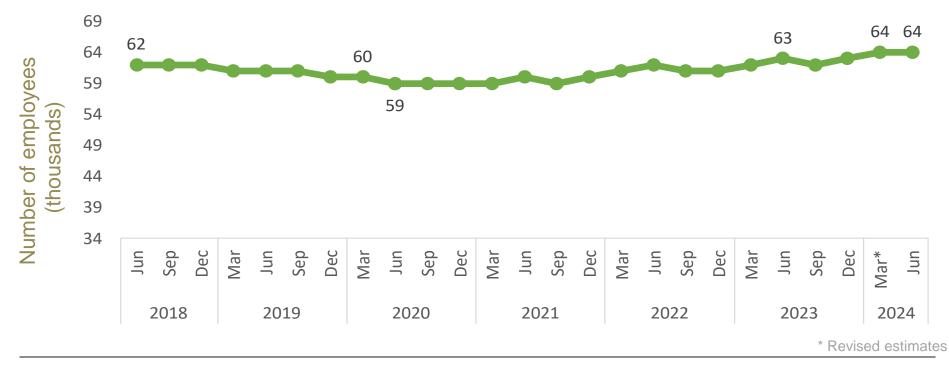




#### Electricity

The electricity industry remained unchanged in the second quarter of 2024. Year-on-year the industry added 1 000 jobs when comparing Q2:2024 with Q2:2023.

Electricity industry

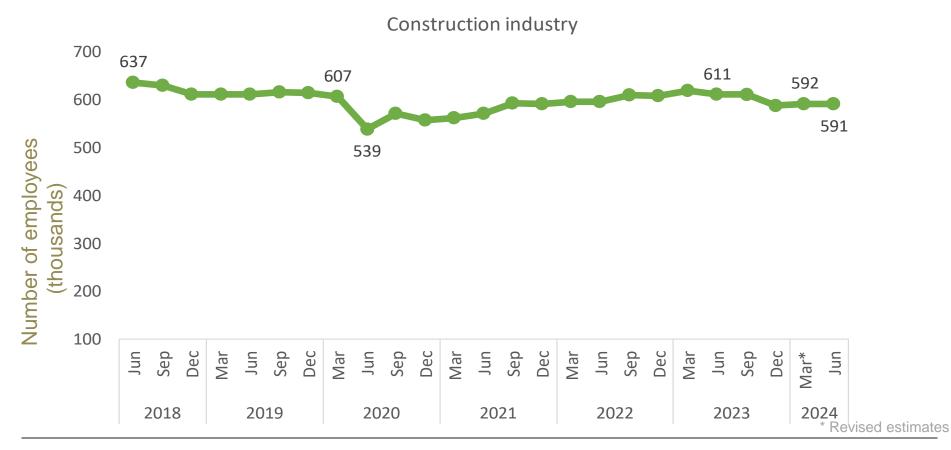






#### Construction

The construction industry decreased by 1 000 jobs in the second quarter of 2024. The industry saw a decline of 20 000 jobs compared with same quarter of the previous year.

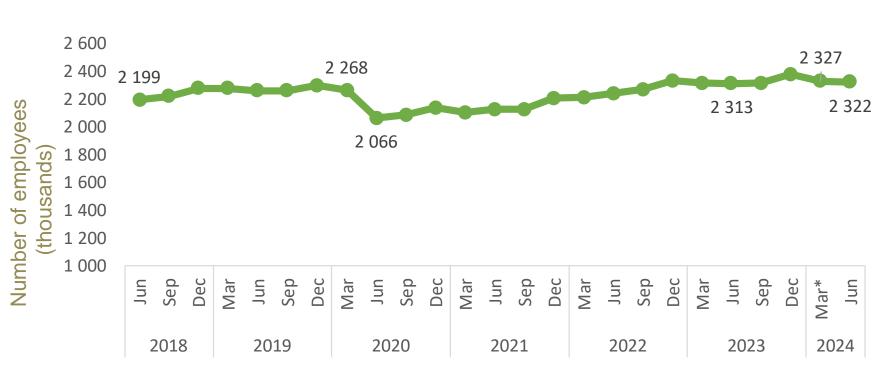






#### Trade

Trade industry lost 5 000 jobs in Q2:2024. Year-on-year the industry gained 9 000 jobs compared to the same quarter of 2023.



Trade industry

\* Revised estimates





#### Transport

Transport industry lost 7 000 jobs in the second quarter of 2024, compared to the previous quarter. The industry experienced a year-on-year gain of 2 000 jobs compared with the same quarter of 2023.

Transport industry

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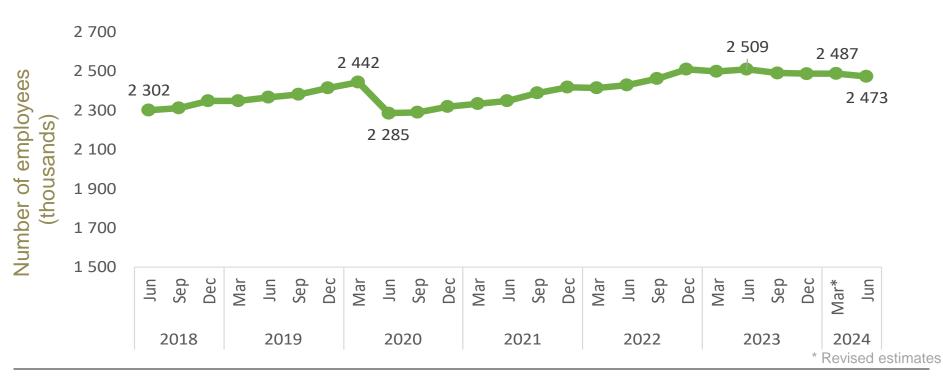




#### **Business services**

Business services industry saw a net loss of 14 000 jobs in the second quarter of 2024, compared to previous quarter.

Year-on-year the industry lost 36 000 jobs compared to same quarter of 2023.



Business services industry

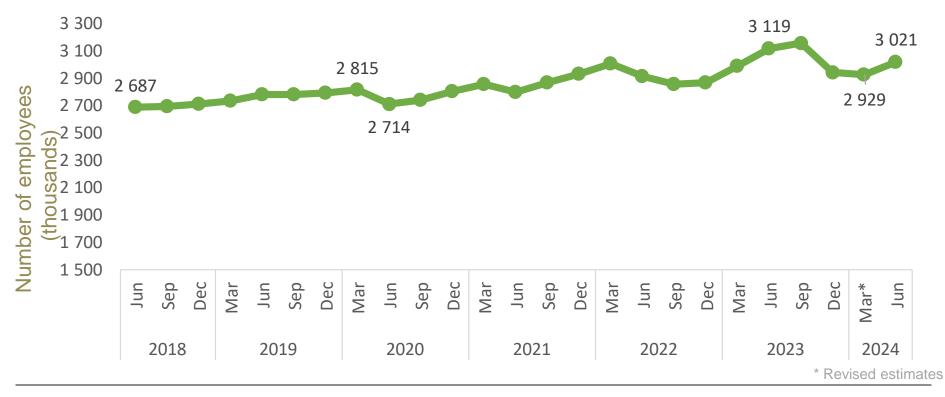




#### **Community services**

The Community services industry gained 92 000 jobs in the second quarter of 2024, compared to the previous quarter. The industry also saw an annual decline of 98 000 jobs compared to the same quarter of 2023.

Community services industry







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# Gross Earnings Results Q2:2024





#### **Changes in gross earnings**

Gross earnings declined by R4,6 billion (or -0,5%) reaching R952,4 billion compared to Q1:2024 (R957 billion). Basic salaries rose by R21,8 billion, representing a 2,6% increase. Bonus payments fell by R27,5 billion (or -33,7%) and overtime payments increased by R1,2 billion (or 4,2%).







#### Quarter-on-quarter changes in gross earnings

Most decreases in gross earnings in Q2:2024 were due to decreases in bonus payments by R27,5 billion. However, basic salary/wages and overtime payments increased by R21,8 billion and R1,2 billion, respectively.

Quarter-on-quarter	Gross earnings (R' 000)			
Industry	Basic Salary/Wages	Bonus Payments	Overtime Payments	Total Gross Earnings
Business services	5 910 000	-27 925 000	221 000	-21 794 000
Electricity	-55 000	-38 000	5 000	-88 000
Mining*	165 000			165 000
Manufacturing	1 823 000	-1 473 000	164 000	514 000
Transport	660 000	910 000	-334 000	1 236 000
Construction	614 000	472 000	212 000	1 298 000
Trade	2 276 000	1 370 000	143 000	3 789 000
Community services	10 360 000	-781 000	742 000	10 321 000
Total	21 753 000	-27 465 000	1 153 000	-4 559 000

\*Data for mining industry is not available separately for bonuses & overtime payments





#### Year-on-year changes in gross earnings

Year-on-year gross earnings increased by R35,4 billion (or 3,9%). Increases were due to basic salary payments made by R36,8 billion and overtime payments by R1,8 billion.

Bonus payments reported a decrease of R3,2 billion.

Year-on-year	Gross earnings (R' 000)			
Industry	Basic Salary/Wages	Bonus Payments	Overtime Payments	Total Gross Earnings
Community services	12 579 000	751 000	946 000	14 276 000
Business services	10 578 000	-3 783 000	1 021 000	7 816 000
Trade	4 998 000	-680 000	172 000	4 490 000
Manufacturing	3 360 000	-180 000	-27 000	3 153 000
Transport	2 921 000	261 000	-415 000	2 767 000
Mining*	1 992 000			1 992 000
Electricity	841 000	9 000	58 000	908 000
Construction	-494 000	376 000	86 000	-32 000
Total	36 775 000	-3 246 000	1 841 000	35 370 000

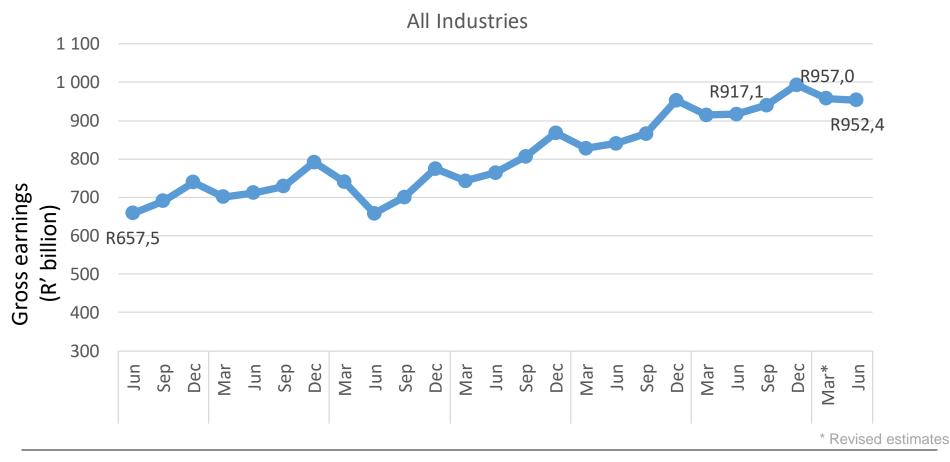
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#### All industries (Total)

Gross earnings for all industries decreased by R4,6 billion in the Q2:2024.

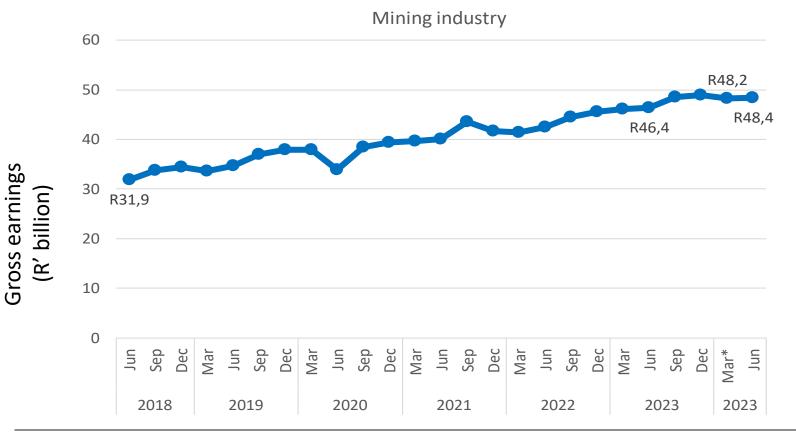






#### Mining

Gross earnings paid in the mining industry increased by R165 million in Q2:2024.



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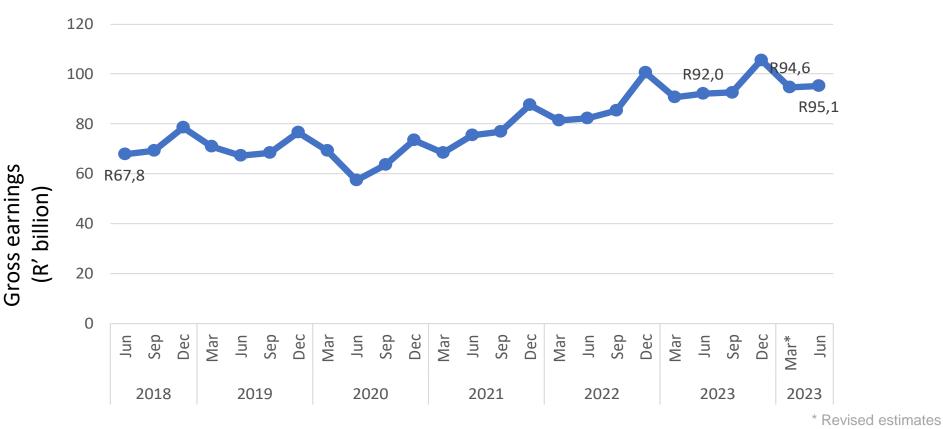


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#### Manufacturing

#### Gross earnings paid in the manufacturing industry decreased by R514 million in Q2: 2024.

Manufacturing industry

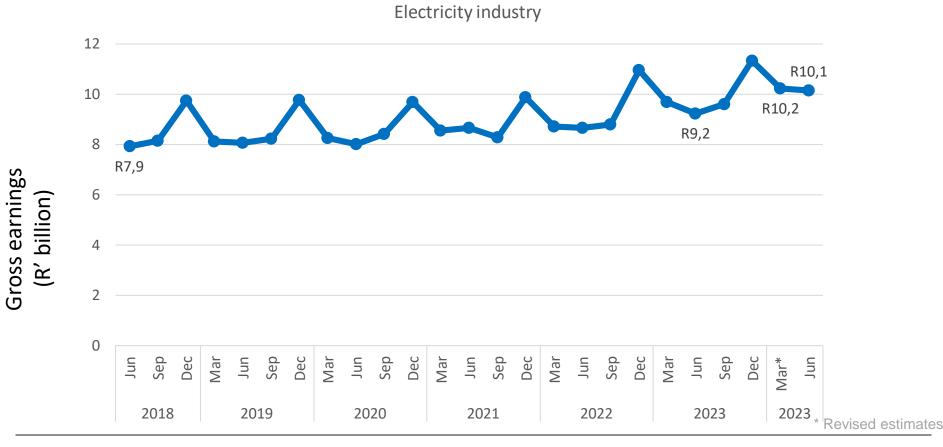






#### Electricity

Gross earnings paid in the electricity industry decreased by R88 million in Q2: 2024.

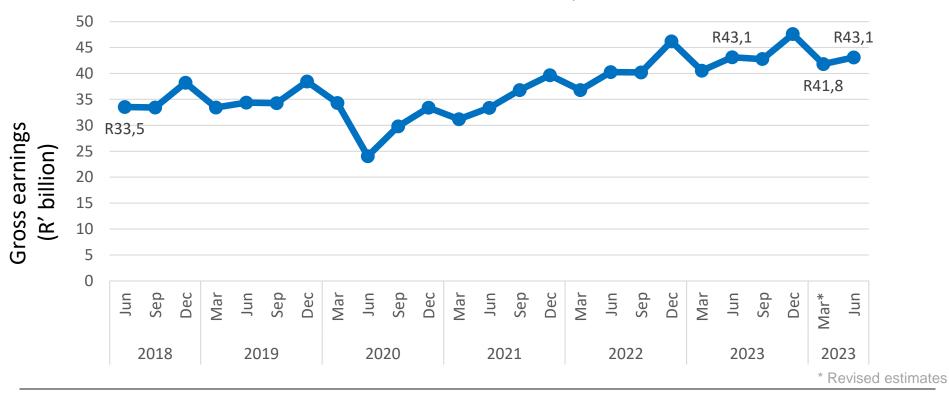






#### Construction

Gross earnings paid in the construction industry increased R1,3 billion in Q2:2024.



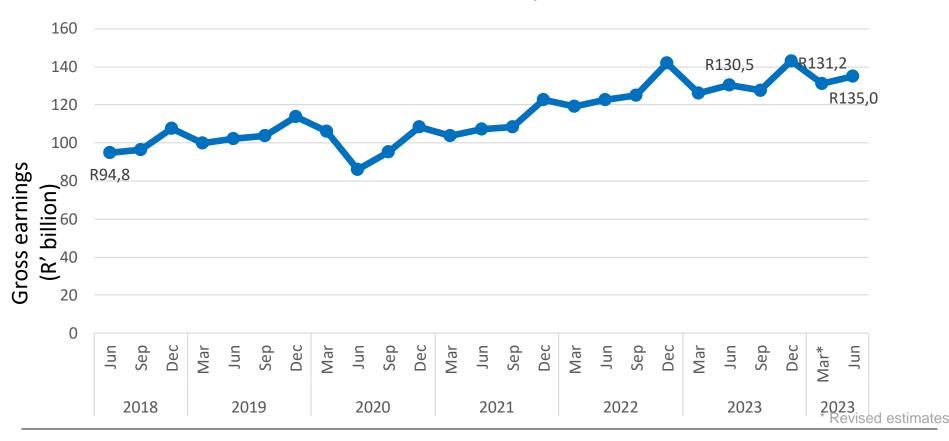
**Construction industry** 





#### Trade

#### Gross earnings paid in the trade industry increased by R3,8 billion in Q2:2024.



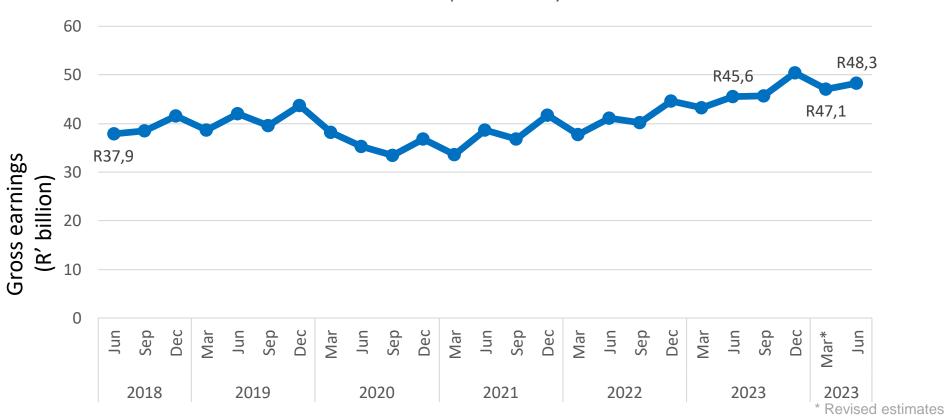
Trade industry





#### Transport

Gross earnings paid in the transport industry increased by R1,2 billion in Q2:2024.



Transport industry



#### **Business services**

Gross earnings paid in the business services industry decreased by R21,8 billion in Q2: 2024.



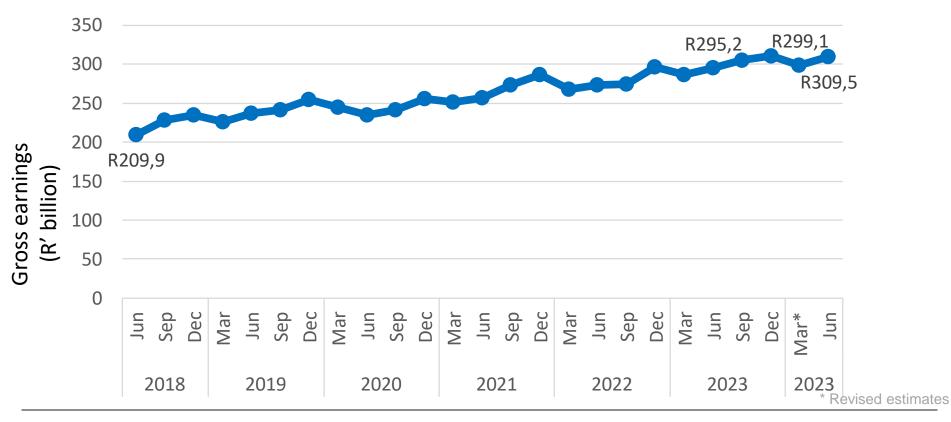
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#### **Community services**

Gross earnings paid in the community services industry increased by R10,3 billion in Q2:2024.

Community services industry







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# Average monthly earnings (AME) May 2024

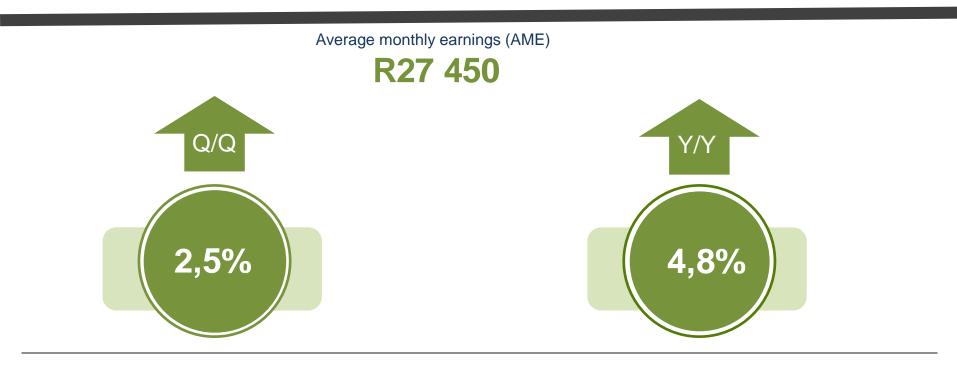




### AME RESULTS

AME including bonuses and overtime payments increased by **2,5%** from **R26 783** in February 2024 to **R27 450** in May 2024.

Year-on-year AME increased by 4,8%.



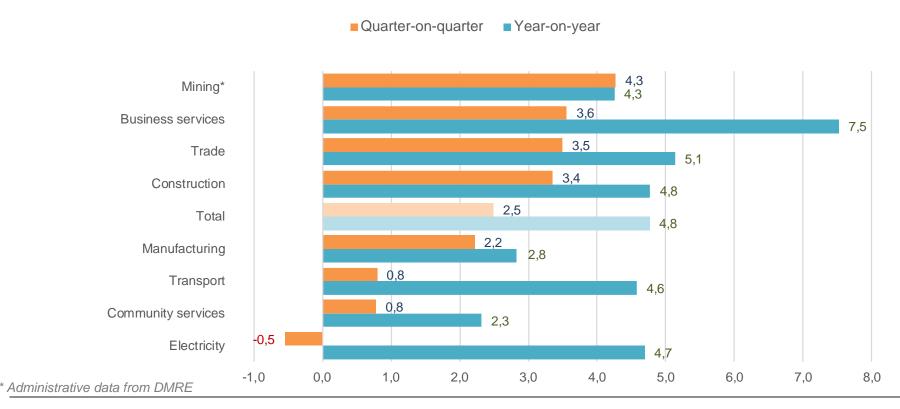




## AME by industry

Seven out of the eight industries increased in AME in May 2024. Even though there was an overall increase in AME, electricity industry saw a decline in average earnings in same period.

Year-on-year business services industry reported the largest annual increase of 7,5%, whilst community services industry showed the lowest increase of 2,3%.







## AME quarter-on-quarter change

The average monthly earnings (AME) amounted to **R27 450** in May 2024, up from **R26 783** reported in February 2024. This is an increase of **2,5%**.



\* Revised estimates





Recap QES Q2:2024



Number of employees increased by 42 000 Q/Q & decreased by 144 000 Y/Y.



Gross earnings decreased by R4,6 billion Q/Q & increased by R35,4 billion Y/Y.



Full-time jobs decreased by 39 000 Q/Q & decreased by 40 000 Y/Y.



Basic salaries/wages increased by R21,8 billion Q/Q & increased by R40 billion Y/Y.



\*Part-time jobs increased by 81 000 Q/Q and decreased by 104 000 Y/Y.



\*Bonus payments decreased by R27,5 billion Q/Q & increased by R438 million Y/Y.



Average monthly earnings increased by **2,5%** Q/Q & increased by **4,8%**Y/Y.



\*Overtime payments increased by R1,2 billion Q/Q & increased by R3 billion Y/Y.

#### \*Excluding mining









