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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 September LFS estimates from 2001 to 2007 comparable with the QLFS data starting in 2008.

The revised labour market series for key indicators which are presented in this section 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 September 2008 and the QLFS conducted in July–September 2008.

Revising historical LFS data means that the revised LFS data for, say, September 2002 represent Stats SA's best estimate of what the QLFS would have shown had it been conducted in Q3, 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 years for published estimates. This revision has little or no impact on the data presented in this report.

2. Methodology

During the third quarter of 2008 when the quarterly survey was conducted, a parallel LFS September 2008 was also conducted. The historical revision was carried out in two stages. In the first stage, QLFS (Q3: 2008) and LFS (September 2008) were weighted by benchmarking to the mid-August 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 (Q3: 2008) and LFS (September 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	Sep 2000		Sep 2001		Sep 2002		Sep 2003	
	Published	Revised	Published	Revised	Published	Revised	Published	Revised
Thousand								
Employed (a)								
Male	6 943	6 770	6 442	6 438	6 614	6 682	6 613	6 697
Female	5 295	5 566	4 739	5 221	4 678	5 253	4 810	5 262
Total	12 238	12 336	11 181	11 660	11 296	11 935	11 424	11 959
Unemployed (b)								
Male	1 983	1 738	2 236	1 951	2 316	1 954	2 166	1 859
Female	2 179	2 004	2 420	2 179	2 619	2 375	2 268	2 088
Total	4 162	3 742	4 655	4 130	4 936	4 329	4 434	3 947
Not economically active (c)								
Male	4 548	4 210	4 937	4 590	4 972	4 613	5 218	4 954
Female	6 856	6 720	7 344	7 149	7 318	7 191	7 862	7 725
Total	11 407	10 930	12 281	11 739	12 295	11 804	13 080	12 679
Labour force (a+b)								
Male	8 926	8 508	8 677	8 389	8 930	8 636	8 779	8 556
Female	7 474	7 570	7 158	7 400	7 297	7 628	7 079	7 350
Total	16 400	16 078	15 836	15 789	16 232	16 264	15 858	15 906
Working age (a+b+c)								
Male	13 474	12 718	13 615	12 979	13 903	13 249	13 997	13 510
Female	14 329	14 290	14 503	14 550	14 615	14 819	14 941	15 075
Total	27 807	27 008	28 117	27 528	28 527	28 068	28 938	28 585
Discouraged work-seekers								
Male	788	555	1 084	750	1 185	743	1 387	901
Female	1 429	981	1 910	1 271	2 008	1 263	2 387	1 501
Total	2 218	1 536	2 994	2 021	3 194	2 006	3 773	2 402
Percent								
Unemployment rate								
Male	22.2	20.4	25.8	23.3	25.9	22.6	24.7	21.7
Female	29.2	26.5	33.8	29.4	35.9	31.1	32.0	28.4
Total	25.4	23.3	29.4	26.2	30.4	26.6	28.0	24.8
Absorption rate								
Male	51.5	53.2	47.3	49.6	47.6	50.4	47.2	49.6
Female	37.0	39.0	32.7	35.9	32.0	35.4	32.2	34.9
Total	44.0	45.7	39.8	42.4	39.6	42.5	39.5	41.8
Participation rate								
Male	66.2	66.9	63.7	64.6	64.2	65.2	62.7	63.3
Female	52.2	53.0	49.4	50.9	49.9	51.5	47.4	48.8
Total	59.0	59.5	56.3	57.4	56.9	57.9	54.8	55.6

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

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

Labour market indicator	Sep 2004		Sep 2005		Sep 2006		Sep 2007	
	Published	Revised	Published	Revised	Published	Revised	Published	Revised
	Thousand							
Employed (a)								
Male	6 772	6 924	7 055	7 287	7 320	7 609	7 525	7 588
Female	4 866	5 341	5 242	5 748	5 480	5 992	5 773	6 020
Total	11 643	12 265	12 301	13 034	12 800	13 601	13 306	13 609
Unemployed (b)								
Male	2 029	1 719	2 057	1 783	1 967	1 647	1 862	1 693
Female	2 103	1 940	2 428	2 218	2 424	2 212	2 040	1 931
Total	4 135	3 659	4 487	4 001	4 391	3 859	3 905	3 623
Not economically active (c)								
Male	5 394	5 120	5 184	4 938	5 243	4 984	5 303	5 181
Female	8 128	8 037	7 709	7 583	7 569	7 554	7 900	8 001
Total	13 527	13 156	12 909	12 521	12 815	12 539	13 209	13 182
Labour force (a+b)								
Male	8 800	8 643	9 112	9 070	9 287	9 256	9 387	9 281
Female	6 969	7 281	7 669	7 965	7 904	8 204	7 813	7 951
Total	15 778	15 924	16 788	17 035	17 191	17 460	17 211	17 232
Working age (a+b+c)								
Male	14 194	13 762	14 297	14 008	14 530	14 240	14 690	14 462
Female	15 097	15 318	15 379	15 548	15 473	15 759	15 713	15 952
Total	29 305	29 080	29 697	29 556	30 006	29 999	30 420	30 414
Discouraged work-seekers								
Male	1 449	974	1 169	868	1 173	804	1 248	951
Female	2 497	1 598	2 140	1 483	2 043	1 413	2 194	1 652
Total	3 948	2 572	3 312	2 350	3 217	2 217	3 443	2 603
	Percent							
Unemployment rate								
Male	23.1	19.9	22.6	19.7	21.2	17.8	19.8	18.2
Female	30.2	26.6	31.7	27.8	30.7	27.0	26.1	24.3
Total	26.2	23.0	26.7	23.5	25.5	22.1	22.7	21.0
Absorption rate								
Male	47.7	50.3	49.3	52.0	50.4	53.4	51.2	52.5
Female	32.2	34.9	34.1	37.0	35.4	38.0	36.7	37.7
Total	39.7	42.2	41.4	44.1	42.7	45.3	43.7	44.7
Participation rate								
Male	62.0	62.8	63.7	64.7	63.9	65.0	63.9	64.2
Female	46.2	47.5	49.9	51.2	51.1	52.1	49.7	49.8
Total	53.8	54.8	56.5	57.6	57.3	58.2	56.6	56.7

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

Labour market indicator	Sep 2000		Sep 2001		Sep 2002		Sep 2003	
	Published	Revised	Published	Revised	Published	Revised	Published	Revised
Thousand								
Employed (a)								
Western Cape	1 601	1 602	1 564	1 637	1 571	1 617	1 652	1 708
Eastern Cape	1 434	1 308	1 236	1 143	1 241	1 128	1 210	1 078
Northern Cape	288	342	244	306	247	321	229	305
Free State	918	851	875	835	810	818	815	838
KwaZulu-Natal	2 347	2 497	2 006	2 120	2 108	2 332	2 099	2 238
North West	896	755	858	733	860	760	862	728
Gauteng	3 014	3 294	2 825	3 303	2 904	3 383	2 986	3 450
Mpumalanga	823	858	727	794	739	804	777	837
Limpopo	918	832	847	789	816	772	793	777
South Africa	12 238	12 336	11 181	11 660	11 296	11 935	11 424	11 959
Unemployed (b)								
Western Cape	319	417	336	407	383	455	400	475
Eastern Cape	487	395	564	475	604	501	562	470
Northern Cape	66	63	81	81	82	79	82	82
Free State	284	224	324	261	333	267	317	257
KwaZulu-Natal	904	646	1 023	736	1 137	831	971	686
North West	358	345	343	326	380	357	342	331
Gauteng	1 087	1 128	1 235	1 241	1 276	1 240	1 139	1 148
Mpumalanga	299	208	300	213	318	225	263	183
Limpopo	358	315	449	390	422	373	358	315
South Africa	4 162	3 742	4 655	4 130	4 936	4 329	4 434	3 947
Percent								
Unemployment rate								
Western Cape	16.6	20.7	17.7	19.9	19.6	22.0	19.5	21.7
Eastern Cape	25.4	23.2	31.4	29.4	32.7	30.7	31.7	30.4
Northern Cape	18.6	15.7	25.0	20.9	24.9	19.8	26.4	21.2
Free State	23.6	20.8	27.0	23.8	29.1	24.6	28.0	23.5
KwaZulu-Natal	27.8	20.6	33.8	25.8	35.0	26.3	31.6	23.5
North West	28.6	31.4	28.6	30.8	30.6	32.0	28.4	31.3
Gauteng	26.5	25.5	30.4	27.3	30.5	26.8	27.6	25.0
Mpumalanga	26.7	19.5	29.2	21.2	30.1	21.9	25.3	17.9
Limpopo	28.0	27.4	34.6	33.1	34.1	32.6	31.1	28.8
South Africa	25.4	23.3	29.4	26.2	30.4	26.6	28.0	24.8

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

Labour market indicator	Sep 2004		Sep 2005		Sep 2006		Sep 2007	
	Published	Revised	Published	Revised	Published	Revised	Published	Revised
	Thousand							
Employed (a)								
Western Cape	1 691	1 716	1 726	1 803	1 848	1 915	1 835	1 881
Eastern Cape	1 278	1 178	1 352	1 272	1 358	1 335	1 338	1 329
Northern Cape	229	281	231	288	304	308	305	301
Free State	777	792	797	826	782	816	826	846
KwaZulu-Natal	2 092	2 255	2 178	2 369	2 437	2 626	2 254	2 471
North West	835	790	928	860	801	824	837	857
Gauteng	3 070	3 552	3 441	3 894	3 587	4 029	4 039	4 054
Mpumalanga	789	834	778	875	906	897	991	943
Limpopo	883	867	871	847	777	851	882	928
South Africa	11 643	12 265	12 301	13 034	12 800	13 601	13 306	13 609
Unemployed (b)								
Western Cape	387	455	403	478	326	408	343	453
Eastern Cape	536	462	575	510	638	553	474	435
Northern Cape	74	69	76	72	123	88	107	81
Free State	311	266	345	292	281	228	279	230
KwaZulu-Natal	841	586	1 063	777	882	621	967	708
North West	325	295	350	318	339	390	273	310
Gauteng	1 062	1 041	1 014	1 003	1 085	999	852	884
Mpumalanga	260	201	286	225	352	270	280	216
Limpopo	339	282	375	326	365	302	331	305
South Africa	4 135	3 659	4 487	4 001	4 391	3 859	3 905	3 623
	Percent							
Unemployment rate								
Western Cape	18.6	21.0	18.9	21.0	15.0	17.6	15.7	19.4
Eastern Cape	29.6	28.2	29.9	28.6	32.0	29.3	26.1	24.6
Northern Cape	24.5	19.7	24.7	20.0	28.7	22.3	26.0	21.2
Free State	28.6	25.2	30.2	26.1	26.5	21.9	25.2	21.4
KwaZulu-Natal	28.7	20.6	32.8	24.7	26.6	19.1	30.0	22.3
North West	28.0	27.2	27.4	27.0	29.7	32.1	24.6	26.6
Gauteng	25.7	22.7	22.8	20.5	23.2	19.9	17.4	17.9
Mpumalanga	24.8	19.4	26.9	20.5	28.0	23.1	22.0	18.6
Limpopo	27.8	24.5	30.1	27.8	32.0	26.2	27.3	24.7
South Africa	26.2	23.0	26.7	23.5	25.5	22.1	22.7	21.0

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4. Revised figures, September 2000 to September 2007

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

Labour market indicator	Sep 2000	Sep 2001	Sep 2002	Sep 2003	Sep 2004	Sep 2005	Sep 2006	Sep 2007
	Thousand							
Employed (a)								
Male	6 770	6 438	6 682	6 697	6 924	7 287	7 609	7 588
Female	5 566	5 221	5 253	5 262	5 341	5 748	5 992	6 020
Total	12 336	11 660	11 935	11 959	12 265	13 034	13 601	13 609
Unemployed (b)								
Male	1 738	1 951	1 954	1 859	1 719	1 783	1 647	1 693
Female	2 004	2 179	2 375	2 088	1 940	2 218	2 212	1 931
Total	3 742	4 130	4 329	3 947	3 659	4 001	3 859	3 623
Not economically active (c)								
Male	4 210	4 590	4 613	4 954	5 120	4 938	4 984	5 181
Female	6 720	7 149	7 191	7 725	8 037	7 583	7 554	8 001
Total	10 930	11 739	11 804	12 679	13 156	12 521	12 539	13 182
Labour force (a+b)								
Male	8 508	8 389	8 636	8 556	8 643	9 070	9 256	9 281
Female	7 570	7 400	7 628	7 350	7 281	7 965	8 204	7 951
Total	16 078	15 789	16 264	15 906	15 924	17 035	17 460	17 232
Working age (a+b+c)								
Male	12 718	12 979	13 249	13 510	13 762	14 008	14 240	14 462
Female	14 290	14 550	14 819	15 075	15 318	15 548	15 759	15 952
Total	27 008	27 528	28 068	28 585	29 080	29 556	29 999	30 414
Discouraged work-seekers								
Male	555	750	743	901	974	868	804	951
Female	981	1 271	1 263	1 501	1 598	1 483	1 413	1 652
Total	1 536	2 021	2 006	2 402	2 572	2 350	2 217	2 603
	Percent							
Unemployment rate								
Male	20.4	23.3	22.6	21.7	19.9	19.7	17.8	18.2
Female	26.5	29.4	31.1	28.4	26.6	27.8	27.0	24.3
Total	23.3	26.2	26.6	24.8	23.0	23.5	22.1	21.0
Absorption rate								
Male	53.2	49.6	50.4	49.6	50.3	52.0	53.4	52.5
Female	39.0	35.9	35.4	34.9	34.9	37.0	38.0	37.7
Total	45.7	42.4	42.5	41.8	42.2	44.1	45.3	44.7
Participation rate								
Male	66.9	64.6	65.2	63.3	62.8	64.7	65.0	64.2
Female	53.0	50.9	51.5	48.8	47.5	51.2	52.1	49.8
Total	59.5	57.4	57.9	55.6	54.8	57.6	58.2	56.7

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

2.1 By sex and province

Sex and province	Sep 2000	Sep 2001	Sep 2002	Sep 2003	Sep 2004	Sep 2005	Sep 2006	Sep 2007
	Thousand							
Male								
Western Cape	1 420	1 396	1 490	1 541	1 543	1 550	1 566	1 663
Eastern Cape	1 538	1 580	1 580	1 650	1 692	1 716	1 767	1 795
Northern Cape	303	312	318	327	330	328	334	334
Free State	812	856	822	860	850	858	856	872
KwaZulu-Natal	2 513	2 564	2 639	2 645	2 664	2 811	2 852	2 899
North West	943	979	1 009	997	1 001	996	1 021	1 037
Gauteng	3 176	3 250	3 336	3 397	3 487	3 543	3 575	3 576
Mpumalanga	869	896	903	936	962	973	994	1 006
Limpopo	1 144	1 147	1 153	1 157	1 232	1 231	1 274	1 281
South Africa	12 718	12 979	13 249	13 510	13 762	14 008	14 240	14 462
Female								
Western Cape	1 518	1 601	1 586	1 611	1 682	1 747	1 799	1 752
Eastern Cape	1 993	2 018	2 077	2 061	2 071	2 097	2 092	2 117
Northern Cape	343	347	349	348	352	360	359	365
Free State	891	880	937	919	947	957	974	973
KwaZulu-Natal	2 985	3 039	3 074	3 174	3 256	3 205	3 255	3 305
North West	1 023	1 026	1 026	1 065	1 087	1 117	1 114	1 118
Gauteng	3 038	3 085	3 128	3 192	3 222	3 283	3 362	3 443
Mpumalanga	1 034	1 043	1 076	1 082	1 093	1 117	1 130	1 151
Limpopo	1 465	1 511	1 567	1 623	1 606	1 664	1 675	1 729
South Africa	14 290	14 550	14 819	15 075	15 318	15 548	15 759	15 952
Both sexes								
Western Cape	2 939	2 997	3 075	3 152	3 226	3 298	3 365	3 415
Eastern Cape	3 530	3 598	3 656	3 712	3 764	3 813	3 859	3 912
Northern Cape	646	659	667	675	682	688	693	699
Free State	1 703	1 736	1 758	1 779	1 798	1 815	1 830	1 844
KwaZulu-Natal	5 498	5 603	5 713	5 819	5 920	6 017	6 107	6 204
North West	1 966	2 004	2 034	2 063	2 089	2 113	2 135	2 154
Gauteng	6 213	6 335	6 464	6 589	6 709	6 827	6 937	7 019
Mpumalanga	1 903	1 939	1 979	2 018	2 055	2 090	2 123	2 157
Limpopo	2 609	2 658	2 720	2 780	2 839	2 895	2 949	3 009
South Africa	27 008	27 528	28 068	28 585	29 080	29 556	29 999	30 414

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

Sex and population group	Sep 2000	Sep 2001	Sep 2002	Sep 2003	Sep 2004	Sep 2005	Sep 2006	Sep 2007
	Thousand							
Male								
Black African	9 534	9 747	9 985	10 220	10 460	10 680	10 914	11 102
Coloured	1 226	1 254	1 291	1 304	1 315	1 346	1 358	1 394
Indian/Asian	371	384	391	398	408	418	426	435
White	1 587	1 593	1 582	1 589	1 579	1 564	1 543	1 532
Total	12 718	12 979	13 249	13 510	13 762	14 008	14 240	14 462
Female								
Black African	10 857	11 123	11 381	11 621	11 835	12 051	12 223	12 415
Coloured	1 363	1 379	1 387	1 419	1 452	1 467	1 499	1 508
Indian/Asian	371	374	384	395	402	409	418	426
White	1 699	1 674	1 667	1 641	1 629	1 621	1 618	1 603
Total	14 290	14 550	14 819	15 075	15 318	15 548	15 759	15 952
Both sexes								
Black African	20 391	20 870	21 366	21 841	22 295	22 731	23 137	23 517
Coloured	2 589	2 632	2 677	2 723	2 768	2 813	2 857	2 902
Indian/Asian	742	758	775	793	810	827	844	861
White	3 286	3 267	3 249	3 229	3 208	3 185	3 161	3 134
Total	27 008	27 528	28 068	28 585	29 080	29 556	29 999	30 414

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	Sep 2000	Sep 2001	Sep 2002	Sep 2003	Sep 2004	Sep 2005	Sep 2006	Sep 2007
	Thousand							
Male								
Western Cape	1 071	1 068	1 139	1 196	1 141	1 190	1 183	1 258
Eastern Cape	855	789	781	775	820	875	940	901
Northern Cape	221	214	224	220	205	198	221	217
Free State	580	606	565	606	565	592	543	573
KwaZulu-Natal	1 578	1 483	1 622	1 510	1 464	1 633	1 666	1 647
North West	620	605	649	618	637	644	668	651
Gauteng	2 459	2 525	2 578	2 599	2 658	2 785	2 849	2 816
Mpumalanga	550	536	547	533	577	592	627	624
Limpopo	574	561	532	497	576	561	559	593
South Africa	8 508	8 389	8 636	8 556	8 643	9 070	9 256	9 281
Female								
Western Cape	947	976	934	987	1 030	1 091	1 140	1 076
Eastern Cape	848	828	848	772	820	907	948	863
Northern Cape	184	173	176	167	145	162	175	164
Free State	494	490	520	490	494	526	501	503
KwaZulu-Natal	1 565	1 373	1 541	1 414	1 378	1 514	1 581	1 533
North West	480	454	468	441	448	534	546	516
Gauteng	1 963	2 020	2 045	1 999	1 935	2 112	2 179	2 122
Mpumalanga	516	470	482	486	459	507	541	534
Limpopo	572	617	614	594	573	613	594	639
South Africa	7 570	7 400	7 628	7 350	7 281	7 965	8 204	7 951
Both sexes								
Western Cape	2 019	2 044	2 072	2 183	2 171	2 281	2 323	2 334
Eastern Cape	1 703	1 617	1 629	1 547	1 640	1 782	1 888	1 764
Northern Cape	405	387	400	387	350	359	396	382
Free State	1 074	1 096	1 085	1 095	1 058	1 118	1 044	1 076
KwaZulu-Natal	3 143	2 856	3 163	2 925	2 842	3 146	3 247	3 179
North West	1 100	1 059	1 117	1 059	1 085	1 178	1 214	1 167
Gauteng	4 422	4 545	4 623	4 598	4 593	4 897	5 028	4 939
Mpumalanga	1 066	1 007	1 029	1 019	1 035	1 100	1 167	1 159
Limpopo	1 146	1 178	1 146	1 091	1 149	1 174	1 153	1 232
South Africa	16 078	15 789	16 264	15 906	15 924	17 035	17 460	17 232

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

Sex and population group	Sep 2000	Sep 2001	Sep 2002	Sep 2003	Sep 2004	Sep 2005	Sep 2006	Sep 2007
	Thousand							
Male								
Black African	6 077	5 907	6 132	6 038	6 147	6 535	6 739	6 726
Coloured	940	963	1 007	988	974	1 033	1 036	1 052
Indian/Asian	288	304	304	303	311	330	314	325
White	1 202	1 215	1 193	1 227	1 209	1 171	1 166	1 178
Total	8 508	8 389	8 636	8 556	8 643	9 070	9 256	9 281
Female								
Black African	5 560	5 369	5 617	5 337	5 262	5 908	6 144	5 917
Coloured	836	856	848	880	883	899	951	934
Indian/Asian	184	191	207	192	179	204	199	186
White	990	984	956	941	958	955	910	914
Total	7 570	7 400	7 628	7 350	7 281	7 965	8 204	7 951
Both sexes								
Black African	11 638	11 276	11 749	11 374	11 409	12 443	12 884	12 643
Coloured	1 776	1 819	1 855	1 867	1 857	1 932	1 987	1 986
Indian/Asian	473	495	511	496	490	535	513	512
White	2 192	2 199	2 148	2 168	2 167	2 125	2 077	2 092
Total	16 078	15 789	16 264	15 906	15 924	17 035	17 460	17 232

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	Sep 2000	Sep 2001	Sep 2002	Sep 2003	Sep 2004	Sep 2005	Sep 2006	Sep 2007
	Thousand							
Male								
Western Cape	874	875	923	955	934	972	1 009	1 035
Eastern Cape	659	557	545	555	601	632	695	696
Northern Cape	191	176	194	183	172	165	181	180
Free State	478	486	452	493	440	465	453	475
KwaZulu-Natal	1 267	1 128	1 245	1 202	1 187	1 265	1 382	1 297
North West	453	455	481	446	492	501	500	510
Gauteng	1 955	1 923	2 005	2 045	2 154	2 351	2 429	2 394
Mpumalanga	465	444	450	452	492	505	523	548
Limpopo	428	395	388	365	452	430	438	455
South Africa	6 770	6 438	6 682	6 697	6 924	7 287	7 609	7 588
Female								
Western Cape	728	762	694	753	782	831	906	846
Eastern Cape	649	586	584	523	577	640	640	633
Northern Cape	150	130	126	122	109	122	127	121
Free State	372	349	366	345	352	361	363	371
KwaZulu-Natal	1 230	992	1 087	1 036	1 068	1 104	1 244	1 174
North West	302	278	279	282	298	359	324	347
Gauteng	1 339	1 381	1 378	1 406	1 397	1 543	1 600	1 660
Mpumalanga	393	349	354	384	343	369	374	395
Limpopo	403	394	384	411	416	417	413	473
South Africa	5 566	5 221	5 253	5 262	5 341	5 748	5 992	6 020
Both sexes								
Western Cape	1 602	1 637	1 617	1 708	1 716	1 803	1 915	1 881
Eastern Cape	1 308	1 143	1 128	1 078	1 178	1 272	1 335	1 329
Northern Cape	342	306	321	305	281	288	308	301
Free State	851	835	818	838	792	826	816	846
KwaZulu-Natal	2 497	2 120	2 332	2 238	2 255	2 369	2 626	2 471
North West	755	733	760	728	790	860	824	857
Gauteng	3 294	3 303	3 383	3 450	3 552	3 894	4 029	4 054
Mpumalanga	858	794	804	837	834	875	897	943
Limpopo	832	789	772	777	867	847	851	928
South Africa	12 336	11 660	11 935	11 959	12 265	13 034	13 601	13 609

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	Sep 2000	Sep 2001	Sep 2002	Sep 2003	Sep 2004	Sep 2005	Sep 2006	Sep 2007
	Thousand							
Male								
Black African	4 630	4 292	4 507	4 493	4 739	5 078	5 347	5 348
Coloured	750	736	784	767	761	802	853	806
Indian/Asian	243	258	263	261	276	280	291	298
White	1 147	1 152	1 129	1 176	1 148	1 127	1 117	1 137
Total	6 770	6 438	6 682	6 697	6 924	7 287	7 609	7 588
Female								
Black African	3 879	3 513	3 596	3 559	3 637	4 029	4 233	4 271
Coloured	625	646	609	659	649	663	711	715
Indian/Asian	144	144	157	156	154	166	174	165
White	919	919	891	887	901	890	873	869
Total	5 566	5 221	5 253	5 262	5 341	5 748	5 992	6 020
Both sexes								
Black African	8 509	7 805	8 103	8 052	8 376	9 106	9 580	9 619
Coloured	1 375	1 382	1 393	1 426	1 410	1 465	1 565	1 521
Indian/Asian	386	402	420	417	430	446	465	463
White	2 066	2 071	2 019	2 063	2 049	2 017	1 991	2 006
Total	12 336	11 660	11 935	11 959	12 265	13 034	13 601	13 609

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	Sep 2000	Sep 2001	Sep 2002	Sep 2003	Sep 2004	Sep 2005	Sep 2006	Sep 2007
	Thousand							
Male								
Legislators, senior officials and managers	500	563	614	666	754	681	662	716
Professionals	226	196	215	215	169	241	245	300
Technical and associate professionals	626	683	729	645	627	681	686	678
Clerks	400	397	410	423	419	384	417	416
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	855	808	738	812	888	958	959	954
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	227	141	197	55	47	46	57	56
Craft and related trades workers	1 453	1 328	1 311	1 281	1 363	1 545	1 733	1 639
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	1 078	967	1 039	984	941	993	987	1 026
Elementary occupation	1 366	1 324	1 389	1 566	1 673	1 728	1 846	1 728
Domestic workers	39	31	40	48	43	30	17	76
Total	6 770	6 438	6 682	6 697	6 924	7 287	7 609	7 588
Female								
Legislators, senior officials and managers	169	177	219	243	282	275	302	323
Professionals	182	176	179	181	167	198	213	341
Technical and associate professionals	772	762	819	784	785	795	813	820
Clerks	775	783	811	832	856	883	908	947
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	797	791	669	683	724	822	848	796
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	138	13	22	42	51	47	72	50
Craft and related trades workers	279	260	272	255	266	324	337	345
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	193	172	164	163	177	160	176	201
Elementary occupation	1 276	1 101	1 156	1 152	1 083	1 304	1 322	1 271
Domestic workers	985	987	942	928	950	941	1 002	927
Total	5 566	5 221	5 253	5 262	5 341	5 748	5 992	6 020
Both sexes								
Legislators, senior officials and managers	669	740	833	909	1 036	955	964	1 038
Professionals	408	372	394	396	336	439	458	640
Technical and associate professionals	1 398	1 446	1 548	1 429	1 412	1 475	1 499	1 498
Clerks	1 175	1 180	1 222	1 255	1 275	1 268	1 325	1 363
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	1 652	1 599	1 407	1 495	1 612	1 779	1 807	1 751
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	365	154	219	98	98	93	128	107
Craft and related trades workers	1 732	1 589	1 584	1 535	1 629	1 869	2 070	1 984
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	1 272	1 138	1 202	1 147	1 118	1 153	1 163	1 226
Elementary occupation	2 642	2 425	2 545	2 718	2 756	3 031	3 168	2 999
Domestic workers	1 025	1 018	982	977	992	971	1 019	1 003
Total	12 336	11 660	11 935	11 959	12 265	13 034	13 601	13 609

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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	Sep 2000	Sep 2001	Sep 2002	Sep 2003	Sep 2004	Sep 2005	Sep 2006	Sep 2007
	Thousand							
Formal and informal								
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	1 362	861	1 080	894	773	702	833	770
Mining and quarrying	431	399	417	396	295	311	316	323
Manufacturing	1 754	1 739	1 824	1 713	1 842	1 833	1 864	1 941
Electricity, gas and water supply	79	79	73	83	84	87	102	84
Construction	709	653	642	692	882	999	1 103	1 093
Wholesale and retail trade	2 896	2 785	2 552	2 794	2 874	3 424	3 523	3 410
Transport, storage and communication	684	645	682	628	671	715	697	734
Financial intermediation, insurance, real estate and business services	1 021	1 123	1 193	1 183	1 271	1 387	1 395	1 447
Community, social and personal services	2 103	2 109	2 218	2 331	2 285	2 299	2 434	2 540
Private households	1 297	1 267	1 255	1 246	1 288	1 277	1 334	1 266
Total	12 336	11 660	11 935	11 959	12 265	13 034	13 601	13 609
Formal								
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	779	682	825	714	534	519	595	580
Mining and quarrying	421	397	414	394	294	310	314	321
Manufacturing	1 425	1 504	1 578	1 484	1 592	1 545	1 589	1 697
Electricity, gas and water supply	77	78	73	81	83	85	100	79
Construction	373	344	363	403	526	625	635	697
Wholesale and retail trade	1 617	1 619	1 505	1 726	1 841	2 045	2 249	2 301
Transport, storage and communication	540	514	546	473	517	525	528	593
Financial intermediation, insurance, real estate and business services	954	1 039	1 107	1 102	1 198	1 299	1 285	1 362
Community, social and personal services	1 846	1 908	1 979	2 142	2 101	2 041	2 167	2 303
Total	8 032	8 086	8 389	8 518	8 688	8 994	9 463	9 933
Informal								
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	583	178	256	180	239	183	238	190
Mining and quarrying	11	2	3	2	1	1	2	1
Manufacturing	330	234	246	229	250	288	275	244
Electricity, gas and water supply	3	1		1		2	1	5
Construction	336	309	279	289	356	374	468	396
Wholesale and retail trade	1 278	1 167	1 046	1 068	1 033	1 379	1 274	1 109
Transport, storage and communication	144	131	136	155	153	190	169	140
Financial intermediation, insurance, real estate and business services	67	84	86	81	73	87	110	86
Community, social and personal services	256	201	239	189	184	259	267	237
Total	3 008	2 307	2 291	2 195	2 289	2 763	2 804	2 409
Private households	1 297	1 267	1 255	1 246	1 288	1 277	1 334	1 266

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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 Males

Sector and industry	Sep 2000	Sep 2001	Sep 2002	Sep 2003	Sep 2004	Sep 2005	Sep 2006	Sep 2007
	Thousand							
Formal and informal								
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	819	615	751	621	515	471	534	498
Mining and quarrying	417	383	398	380	286	294	295	299
Manufacturing	1 093	1 120	1 179	1 130	1 169	1 180	1 211	1 304
Electricity, gas and water supply	67	68	58	62	63	67	80	61
Construction	652	587	577	604	793	909	978	959
Wholesale and retail trade	1 411	1 390	1 266	1 386	1 482	1 701	1 772	1 663
Transport, storage and communication	585	534	555	498	520	569	571	577
Financial intermediation, insurance, real estate and business services	609	633	711	705	764	785	805	842
Community, social and personal services	883	933	952	1 016	1 001	1 004	1 050	1 062
Private households	234	176	234	296	329	307	312	323
Total	6 770	6 438	6 682	6 697	6 924	7 287	7 609	7 588
Formal								
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	520	482	577	501	369	359	395	384
Mining and quarrying	408	381	396	377	285	292	293	298
Manufacturing	954	1 022	1 082	1 024	1 061	1 048	1069	1190
Electricity, gas and water supply	65	67	58	62	63	65	79	56
Construction	345	309	331	358	472	564	571	600
Wholesale and retail trade	889	926	845	954	1 028	1 154	1 232	1 210
Transport, storage and communication	447	411	433	358	375	412	426	454
Financial intermediation, insurance, real estate and business services	568	579	652	658	710	731	739	788
Community, social and personal services	779	844	841	941	934	903	947	973
Total	4 975	5 020	5 215	5 233	5 298	5 530	5 751	5 954
Informal								
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	299	133	174	120	146	112	139	114
Mining and quarrying	9	2	3	2	1	1	2	1
Manufacturing	140	98	97	106	108	132	142	114
Electricity, gas and water supply	2	1		1		2	1	5
Construction	307	278	245	246	321	344	407	358
Wholesale and retail trade	522	464	421	431	454	547	540	452
Transport, storage and communication	138	123	122	140	144	158	145	123
Financial intermediation, insurance, real estate and business services	41	54	59	47	55	53	66	55
Community, social and personal services	104	89	111	75	67	101	103	89
Total	1 562	1 243	1 233	1 168	1 297	1 449	1 545	1 312
Private households	234	176	234	296	329	307	312	323

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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 Females

Sector and industry	Sep 2000	Sep 2001	Sep 2002	Sep 2003	Sep 2004	Sep 2005	Sep 2006	Sep 2007
	Thousand							
Formal and informal								
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	543	246	329	273	258	231	299	272
Mining and quarrying	14	16	18	17	9	18	21	24
Manufacturing	661	619	644	583	674	654	653	637
Electricity, gas and water supply	12	12	15	20	21	19	21	23
Construction	57	66	65	88	88	90	126	135
Wholesale and retail trade	1 484	1 395	1 285	1 409	1 392	1 723	1 751	1 747
Transport, storage and communication	100	111	127	130	151	146	126	157
Financial intermediation, insurance, real estate and business services	412	490	482	478	506	602	590	605
Community, social and personal services	1 220	1 176	1 266	1 315	1 284	1 295	1 384	1 478
Private households	1 063	1 091	1 021	950	959	970	1 022	943
Total	5 566	5 221	5 253	5 262	5 341	5 748	5 992	6 020
Formal								
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	259	200	247	213	166	160	200	196
Mining and quarrying	12	16	18	17	9	18	21	23
Manufacturing	471	483	496	460	532	498	520	507
Electricity, gas and water supply	12	11	15	19	20	19	21	23
Construction	28	36	32	45	54	60	64	97
Wholesale and retail trade	729	693	660	771	813	890	1017	1091
Transport, storage and communication	93	103	113	115	142	113	102	140
Financial intermediation, insurance, real estate and business services	386	460	455	443	488	568	546	574
Community, social and personal services	1 067	1 064	1 138	1 201	1 167	1 137	1 220	1 330
Total	3 057	3 066	3 174	3 285	3 390	3 464	3 712	3 980
Informal								
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	284	46	82	60	92	71	99	76
Mining and quarrying	2							1
Manufacturing	190	136	149	123	142	156	133	130
Electricity, gas and water supply	1			1				
Construction	28	31	33	42	34	30	61	38
Wholesale and retail trade	756	703	626	637	579	832	734	656
Transport, storage and communication	7	8	14	15	9	32	23	17
Financial intermediation, insurance, real estate and business services	26	29	27	34	18	34	44	31
Community, social and personal services	153	112	127	115	117	158	164	148
Total	1 446	1 064	1 058	1 027	992	1 314	1 258	1 097
Private households	1 063	1 091	1 021	950	959	970	1 022	943

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

Sex and province	Sep 2000	Sep 2001	Sep 2002	Sep 2003	Sep 2004	Sep 2005	Sep 2006	Sep 2007
	Thousand							
Male								
Western Cape	197	194	216	241	207	218	174	223
Eastern Cape	196	233	236	220	219	243	245	205
Northern Cape	30	39	30	37	33	32	40	38
Free State	102	120	113	112	125	127	90	99
KwaZulu-Natal	311	354	377	308	277	368	284	350
North West	167	150	168	172	145	143	168	142
Gauteng	504	603	573	554	503	434	420	423
Mpumalanga	85	92	97	81	85	87	104	77
Limpopo	146	167	144	132	124	131	121	138
South Africa	1 738	1 951	1 954	1 859	1 719	1 783	1 647	1 693
Female								
Western Cape	220	214	239	234	248	260	234	230
Eastern Cape	199	242	265	249	243	267	307	230
Northern Cape	34	42	50	45	36	39	48	43
Free State	122	141	154	145	142	165	138	132
KwaZulu-Natal	335	382	454	378	310	409	337	359
North West	178	176	189	159	150	176	222	169
Gauteng	624	639	667	593	538	569	579	462
Mpumalanga	123	121	128	101	116	138	167	139
Limpopo	168	223	229	183	158	195	181	167
South Africa	2 004	2 179	2 375	2 088	1 940	2 218	2 212	1 931
Both sexes								
Western Cape	417	407	455	475	455	478	408	453
Eastern Cape	395	475	501	470	462	510	553	435
Northern Cape	63	81	79	82	69	72	88	81
Free State	224	261	267	257	266	292	228	230
KwaZulu-Natal	646	736	831	686	586	777	621	708
North West	345	326	357	331	295	318	390	310
Gauteng	1 128	1 241	1 240	1 148	1 041	1 003	999	884
Mpumalanga	208	213	225	183	201	225	270	216
Limpopo	315	390	373	315	282	326	302	305
South Africa	3 742	4 130	4 329	3 947	3 659	4 001	3 859	3 623

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	Sep 2000	Sep 2001	Sep 2002	Sep 2003	Sep 2004	Sep 2005	Sep 2006	Sep 2007
	Thousand							
Male								
Black African	1 447	1 616	1 625	1 545	1 408	1 458	1 392	1 378
Coloured	191	227	224	221	214	231	183	246
Indian/Asian	46	45	41	42	35	50	23	27
White	54	63	64	51	61	44	49	41
Total	1 738	1 951	1 954	1 859	1 719	1 783	1 647	1 693
Female								
Black African	1 682	1 856	2 021	1 777	1 625	1 879	1 911	1 647
Coloured	210	210	239	220	234	236	239	218
Indian/Asian	41	47	50	36	25	39	25	21
White	71	66	65	54	57	64	37	45
Total	2 004	2 179	2 375	2 088	1 940	2 218	2 212	1 931
Both sexes								
Black African	3 129	3 471	3 646	3 322	3 033	3 337	3 303	3 024
Coloured	401	437	463	441	448	467	423	465
Indian/Asian	86	93	91	78	60	89	48	48
White	126	128	129	105	118	108	86	86
Total	3 742	4 130	4 329	3 947	3 659	4 001	3 859	3 623

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	Sep 2000	Sep 2001	Sep 2002	Sep 2003	Sep 2004	Sep 2005	Sep 2006	Sep 2007
	Thousand							
Male								
Western Cape	349	328	351	345	402	361	383	405
Eastern Cape	683	790	799	875	872	841	827	894
Northern Cape	82	98	94	107	124	130	113	117
Free State	231	250	257	255	286	267	313	298
KwaZulu-Natal	935	1 081	1 017	1 134	1 200	1 178	1 186	1 253
North West	323	374	360	379	364	352	353	386
Gauteng	717	725	758	798	830	758	726	760
Mpumalanga	319	359	357	402	385	380	367	382
Limpopo	570	585	621	659	656	670	715	688
South Africa	4 210	4 590	4 613	4 954	5 120	4 938	4 984	5 181
Female								
Western Cape	571	624	652	624	652	656	659	676
Eastern Cape	1 145	1 190	1 228	1 289	1 251	1 190	1 144	1 254
Northern Cape	159	174	173	181	207	198	184	201
Free State	397	390	417	429	454	431	473	470
KwaZulu-Natal	1 420	1 666	1 533	1 760	1 878	1 692	1 674	1 772
North West	543	572	557	624	640	583	567	602
Gauteng	1 074	1 065	1 083	1 193	1 286	1 171	1 183	1 321
Mpumalanga	518	573	594	596	635	610	589	616
Limpopo	893	895	953	1 029	1 033	1 051	1 081	1 089
South Africa	6 720	7 149	7 191	7 725	8 037	7 583	7 554	8 001
Both sexes								
Western Cape	920	952	1 003	969	1 055	1 017	1 043	1 081
Eastern Cape	1 828	1 981	2 027	2 164	2 123	2 031	1 971	2 147
Northern Cape	241	272	267	287	332	328	297	317
Free State	628	640	674	684	739	697	785	768
KwaZulu-Natal	2 355	2 747	2 550	2 894	3 078	2 870	2 860	3 025
North West	866	946	917	1 003	1 003	935	921	987
Gauteng	1 791	1 790	1 841	1 991	2 116	1 930	1 909	2 081
Mpumalanga	837	932	951	999	1 019	991	956	998
Limpopo	1 463	1 480	1 574	1 689	1 689	1 721	1 796	1 777
South Africa	10 930	11 739	11 804	12 679	13 156	12 521	12 539	13 182

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	Sep 2000	Sep 2001	Sep 2002	Sep 2003	Sep 2004	Sep 2005	Sep 2006	Sep 2007
	Thousand							
Male								
Black African	3 457	3 840	3 854	4 182	4 312	4 145	4 174	4 376
Coloured	285	291	283	316	341	313	322	342
Indian/Asian	82	81	87	94	97	87	112	110
White	386	378	389	362	370	393	376	353
Total	4 210	4 590	4 613	4 954	5 120	4 938	4 984	5 181
Female								
Black African	5 296	5 755	5 763	6 284	6 573	6 143	6 079	6 498
Coloured	528	522	539	539	569	568	549	574
Indian/Asian	187	183	177	203	223	205	219	239
White	709	690	711	699	671	666	708	689
Total	6 720	7 149	7 191	7 725	8 037	7 583	7 554	8 001
Both sexes								
Black African	8 753	9 594	9 617	10 466	10 885	10 288	10 253	10 874
Coloured	813	813	822	855	910	881	870	916
Indian/Asian	269	264	265	297	320	292	331	349
White	1 094	1 068	1 100	1 061	1 041	1 060	1 084	1 043
Total	10 930	11 739	11 804	12 679	13 156	12 521	12 539	13 182

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	Sep 2000	Sep 2001	Sep 2002	Sep 2003	Sep 2004	Sep 2005	Sep 2006	Sep 2007
	Thousand							
Male								
Western Cape	24	38	43	30	58	31	41	49
Eastern Cape	110	153	152	186	176	146	112	150
Northern Cape	8	22	19	19	31	34	14	21
Free State	23	32	31	49	38	27	48	40
KwaZulu-Natal	144	199	161	204	211	185	194	257
North West	41	75	64	62	88	68	62	78
Gauteng	100	78	102	142	169	184	150	145
Mpumalanga	25	56	44	71	72	60	43	65
Limpopo	81	96	127	137	132	132	141	147
South Africa	555	750	743	901	974	868	804	951
Female								
Western Cape	56	92	61	71	72	61	70	80
Eastern Cape	196	229	209	240	218	212	160	235
Northern Cape	25	40	34	39	49	46	32	42
Free State	63	67	81	106	81	59	101	86
KwaZulu-Natal	190	280	254	279	331	298	262	344
North West	97	109	102	112	158	135	109	120
Gauteng	152	143	176	236	287	242	272	302
Mpumalanga	63	89	90	124	158	128	112	136
Limpopo	140	222	257	295	242	302	295	306
South Africa	981	1 271	1 263	1 501	1 598	1 483	1 413	1 652
Both sexes								
Western Cape	80	130	104	101	130	92	110	129
Eastern Cape	306	383	361	426	394	358	271	385
Northern Cape	32	62	52	59	80	80	46	63
Free State	85	99	112	154	119	85	149	127
KwaZulu-Natal	334	480	415	483	541	483	455	601
North West	138	183	165	174	247	203	171	198
Gauteng	252	221	277	378	457	426	422	447
Mpumalanga	88	144	135	195	230	188	156	201
Limpopo	221	318	384	432	374	434	437	453
South Africa	1 536	2 021	2 006	2 402	2 572	2 350	2 217	2 603

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	Sep 2000	Sep 2001	Sep 2002	Sep 2003	Sep 2004	Sep 2005	Sep 2006	Sep 2007
	Thousand							
Male								
Black African	498	675	669	838	890	793	723	855
Coloured	35	54	44	47	52	48	35	53
Indian/Asian	2	9	8	4	19	4	12	17
White	20	13	22	12	13	22	33	26
Total	555	750	743	901	974	868	804	951
Female								
Black African	862	1 135	1 140	1 387	1 469	1 348	1 302	1 506
Coloured	84	98	73	85	79	79	64	91
Indian/Asian	7	13	12	7	20	21	8	25
White	28	24	38	22	31	35	39	30
Total	981	1 271	1 263	1 501	1 598	1 483	1 413	1 652
Both sexes								
Black African	1 360	1 810	1 809	2 225	2 359	2 141	2 025	2 360
Coloured	119	152	117	132	131	127	99	144
Indian/Asian	9	22	20	11	39	26	20	42
White	48	37	60	34	44	57	72	57
Total	1 536	2 021	2 006	2 402	2 572	2 350	2 217	2 603

* 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	Sep 2000	Sep 2001	Sep 2002	Sep 2003	Sep 2004	Sep 2005	Sep 2006	Sep 2007
	Percent							
Male								
Western Cape	18.4	18.1	19.0	20.1	18.1	18.3	14.7	17.7
Eastern Cape	22.9	29.5	30.2	28.4	26.8	27.8	26.1	22.7
Northern Cape	13.5	18.0	13.3	16.9	16.1	16.4	18.3	17.3
Free State	17.5	19.8	20.1	18.6	22.0	21.4	16.6	17.2
KwaZulu-Natal	19.7	23.9	23.2	20.4	18.9	22.5	17.1	21.2
North West	27.0	24.7	25.9	27.9	22.8	22.1	25.2	21.7
Gauteng	20.5	23.9	22.2	21.3	18.9	15.6	14.8	15.0
Mpumalanga	15.4	17.2	17.7	15.2	14.8	14.7	16.5	12.3
Limpopo	25.4	29.7	27.1	26.5	21.6	23.4	21.6	23.3
South Africa	20.4	23.3	22.6	21.7	19.9	19.7	17.8	18.2
Female								
Western Cape	23.2	21.9	25.6	23.7	24.1	23.9	20.5	21.4
Eastern Cape	23.5	29.2	31.2	32.3	29.6	29.4	32.4	26.6
Northern Cape	18.3	24.4	28.2	26.8	24.8	24.4	27.4	26.4
Free State	24.7	28.8	29.5	29.6	28.7	31.3	27.5	26.2
KwaZulu-Natal	21.4	27.8	29.5	26.8	22.5	27.0	21.3	23.4
North West	37.0	38.8	40.4	36.0	33.5	32.9	40.7	32.7
Gauteng	31.8	31.6	32.6	29.7	27.8	26.9	26.6	21.8
Mpumalanga	23.9	25.7	26.6	20.9	25.3	27.2	30.8	26.1
Limpopo	29.5	36.1	37.4	30.8	27.5	31.9	30.5	26.1
South Africa	26.5	29.4	31.1	28.4	26.6	27.8	27.0	24.3
Both sexes								
Western Cape	20.7	19.9	22.0	21.7	21.0	21.0	17.6	19.4
Eastern Cape	23.2	29.4	30.7	30.4	28.2	28.6	29.3	24.6
Northern Cape	15.7	20.9	19.8	21.2	19.7	20.0	22.3	21.2
Free State	20.8	23.8	24.6	23.5	25.2	26.1	21.9	21.4
KwaZulu-Natal	20.6	25.8	26.3	23.5	20.6	24.7	19.1	22.3
North West	31.4	30.8	32.0	31.3	27.2	27.0	32.1	26.6
Gauteng	25.5	27.3	26.8	25.0	22.7	20.5	19.9	17.9
Mpumalanga	19.5	21.2	21.9	17.9	19.4	20.5	23.1	18.6
Limpopo	27.4	33.1	32.6	28.8	24.5	27.8	26.2	24.7
South Africa	23.3	26.2	26.6	24.8	23.0	23.5	22.1	21.0

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	Sep 2002	Sep 2002	Sep 2002	Sep 2003	Sep 2004	Sep 2005	Sep 2006	Sep 2007
	Percent							
Male								
Black African	23.8	27.3	26.5	25.6	22.9	22.3	20.7	20.5
Coloured	20.3	23.6	22.2	22.4	21.9	22.3	17.7	23.4
Indian/Asian	15.8	15.0	13.6	13.9	11.4	15.2	7.2	8.4
White	4.5	5.2	5.4	4.2	5.1	3.8	4.2	3.5
Total	20.4	23.3	22.6	21.7	19.9	19.7	17.8	18.2
Female								
Black African	30.2	34.6	36.0	33.3	30.9	31.8	31.1	27.8
Coloured	25.1	24.6	28.2	25.1	26.5	26.3	25.2	23.4
Indian/Asian	22.1	24.7	24.0	18.8	13.8	18.9	12.6	11.3
White	7.2	6.7	6.8	5.8	5.9	6.7	4.0	4.9
Total	26.5	29.4	31.1	28.4	26.6	27.8	27.0	24.3
Both sexes								
Black African	26.9	30.8	31.0	29.2	26.6	26.8	25.6	23.9
Coloured	22.6	24.0	24.9	23.6	24.1	24.2	21.3	23.4
Indian/Asian	18.3	18.8	17.8	15.8	12.3	16.6	9.3	9.5
White	5.7	5.8	6.0	4.8	5.5	5.1	4.1	4.1
Total	23.3	26.2	26.6	24.8	23.0	23.5	22.1	21.0

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	Sep 2000	Sep 2001	Sep 2002	Sep 2003	Sep 2004	Sep 2005	Sep 2006	Sep 2007
	Percent							
Male								
Western Cape	75.4	76.5	76.4	77.6	73.9	76.7	75.5	75.7
Eastern Cape	55.6	50.0	49.4	47.0	48.5	51.0	53.2	50.2
Northern Cape	72.9	68.6	70.4	67.4	62.3	60.3	66.1	65.1
Free State	71.5	70.8	68.8	70.4	66.4	68.9	63.4	65.8
KwaZulu-Natal	62.8	57.8	61.4	57.1	55.0	58.1	58.4	56.8
North West	65.7	61.8	64.3	62.0	63.7	64.7	65.4	62.8
Gauteng	77.4	77.7	77.3	76.5	76.2	78.6	79.7	78.7
Mpumalanga	63.3	59.9	60.5	57.0	60.0	60.9	63.1	62.0
Limpopo	50.2	49.0	46.1	43.0	46.7	45.6	43.9	46.3
South Africa	66.9	64.6	65.2	63.3	62.8	64.7	65.0	64.2
Female								
Western Cape	62.4	61.0	58.9	61.2	61.2	62.4	63.4	61.4
Eastern Cape	42.5	41.0	40.9	37.5	39.6	43.3	45.3	40.8
Northern Cape	53.7	49.8	50.5	48.0	41.1	45.0	48.7	45.0
Free State	55.5	55.7	55.5	53.3	52.1	55.0	51.5	51.7
KwaZulu-Natal	52.4	45.2	50.1	44.6	42.3	47.2	48.6	46.4
North West	46.9	44.3	45.7	41.4	41.2	47.8	49.1	46.2
Gauteng	64.6	65.5	65.4	62.6	60.1	64.3	64.8	61.6
Mpumalanga	49.9	45.1	44.8	44.9	42.0	45.4	47.9	46.4
Limpopo	39.0	40.8	39.2	36.6	35.7	36.8	35.5	37.0
South Africa	53.0	50.9	51.5	48.8	47.5	51.2	52.1	49.8
Both sexes								
Western Cape	68.7	68.2	67.4	69.3	67.3	69.2	69.0	68.3
Eastern Cape	48.2	45.0	44.6	41.7	43.6	46.7	48.9	45.1
Northern Cape	62.7	58.7	60.0	57.4	51.3	52.3	57.1	54.6
Free State	63.1	63.1	61.7	61.6	58.9	61.6	57.1	58.4
KwaZulu-Natal	57.2	51.0	55.4	50.3	48.0	52.3	53.2	51.2
North West	56.0	52.8	54.9	51.4	52.0	55.8	56.9	54.2
Gauteng	71.2	71.7	71.5	69.8	68.5	71.7	72.5	70.4
Mpumalanga	56.0	51.9	52.0	50.5	50.4	52.6	55.0	53.7
Limpopo	43.9	44.3	42.1	39.3	40.5	40.5	39.1	41.0
South Africa	59.5	57.4	57.9	55.6	54.8	57.6	58.2	56.7

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

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

9.2 By sex and population group

Sex and population group	Sep 2002	Sep 2002	Sep 2002	Sep 2003	Sep 2004	Sep 2005	Sep 2006	Sep 2007
	Percent							
Male								
Black African	63.7	60.6	61.4	59.1	58.8	61.2	61.8	60.6
Coloured	76.7	76.8	78.0	75.7	74.1	76.8	76.3	75.5
Indian/Asian	77.8	79.0	77.7	76.3	76.3	79.1	73.7	74.7
White	75.7	76.3	75.4	77.2	76.6	74.8	75.6	76.9
Total	66.9	64.6	65.2	63.3	62.8	64.7	65.0	64.2
Female								
Black African	51.2	48.3	49.4	45.9	44.5	49.0	50.3	47.7
Coloured	61.3	62.1	61.2	62.0	60.8	61.3	63.4	61.9
Indian/Asian	49.7	51.1	53.8	48.7	44.5	49.9	47.6	43.8
White	58.3	58.8	57.3	57.4	58.8	58.9	56.2	57.0
Total	53.0	50.9	51.5	48.8	47.5	51.2	52.1	49.8
Both sexes								
Black African	57.1	54.0	55.0	52.1	51.2	54.7	55.7	53.8
Coloured	68.6	69.1	69.3	68.6	67.1	68.7	69.5	68.4
Indian/Asian	63.7	65.2	65.9	62.5	60.5	64.7	60.8	59.4
White	66.7	67.3	66.1	67.2	67.5	66.7	65.7	66.7
Total	59.5	57.4	57.9	55.6	54.8	57.6	58.2	56.7

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	Sep 2000	Sep 2001	Sep 2002	Sep 2003	Sep 2004	Sep 2005	Sep 2006	Sep 2007
	Percent							
Male								
Western Cape	61.5	62.7	61.9	62.0	60.5	62.7	64.4	62.3
Eastern Cape	42.8	35.2	34.5	33.6	35.5	36.8	39.3	38.8
Northern Cape	63.1	56.2	61.1	56.0	52.2	50.4	54.0	53.8
Free State	59.0	56.8	54.9	57.3	51.8	54.2	52.9	54.5
KwaZulu-Natal	50.4	44.0	47.2	45.5	44.6	45.0	48.4	44.7
North West	48.0	46.5	47.7	44.7	49.2	50.4	49.0	49.1
Gauteng	61.6	59.2	60.1	60.2	61.8	66.3	67.9	66.9
Mpumalanga	53.5	49.6	49.8	48.3	51.1	51.9	52.6	54.4
Limpopo	37.4	34.4	33.6	31.6	36.6	34.9	34.4	35.5
South Africa	53.2	49.6	50.4	49.6	50.3	52.0	53.4	52.5
Female								
Western Cape	47.9	47.6	43.8	46.7	46.5	47.5	50.4	48.3
Eastern Cape	32.6	29.0	28.1	25.4	27.9	30.5	30.6	29.9
Northern Cape	43.9	37.6	36.2	35.2	30.9	34.0	35.4	33.1
Free State	41.8	39.7	39.1	37.5	37.1	37.8	37.3	38.2
KwaZulu-Natal	41.2	32.6	35.4	32.6	32.8	34.4	38.2	35.5
North West	29.6	27.1	27.2	26.5	27.4	32.1	29.1	31.1
Gauteng	44.1	44.8	44.1	44.0	43.4	47.0	47.6	48.2
Mpumalanga	38.0	33.5	32.9	35.5	31.3	33.1	33.1	34.3
Limpopo	27.5	26.1	24.5	25.3	25.9	25.1	24.6	27.3
South Africa	39.0	35.9	35.4	34.9	34.9	37.0	38.0	37.7
Both sexes								
Western Cape	54.5	54.6	52.6	54.2	53.2	54.7	56.9	55.1
Eastern Cape	37.0	31.8	30.9	29.0	31.3	33.4	34.6	34.0
Northern Cape	52.9	46.4	48.1	45.3	41.2	41.8	44.4	43.0
Free State	50.0	48.1	46.5	47.1	44.1	45.5	44.6	45.9
KwaZulu-Natal	45.4	37.8	40.8	38.5	38.1	39.4	43.0	39.8
North West	38.4	36.6	37.4	35.3	37.8	40.7	38.6	39.8
Gauteng	53.0	52.1	52.3	52.4	52.9	57.0	58.1	57.8
Mpumalanga	45.1	40.9	40.6	41.5	40.6	41.8	42.3	43.7
Limpopo	31.9	29.7	28.4	27.9	30.6	29.3	28.9	30.8
South Africa	45.7	42.4	42.5	41.8	42.2	44.1	45.3	44.7

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	Sep 2000	Sep 2001	Sep 2002	Sep 2003	Sep 2004	Sep 2005	Sep 2006	Sep 2007
	Percent							
Male								
Black African	48.6	44.0	45.1	44.0	45.3	47.5	49.0	48.2
Coloured	61.2	58.7	60.7	58.8	57.8	59.6	62.8	57.8
Indian/Asian	65.5	67.1	67.2	65.7	67.6	67.1	68.4	68.5
White	72.3	72.3	71.3	74.0	72.7	72.0	72.4	74.2
Total	53.2	49.6	50.4	49.6	50.3	52.0	53.4	52.5
Female								
Black African	35.7	31.6	31.6	30.6	30.7	33.4	34.6	34.4
Coloured	45.9	46.8	43.9	46.5	44.7	45.2	47.5	47.4
Indian/Asian	38.7	38.5	40.9	39.6	38.4	40.5	41.6	38.8
White	54.1	54.9	53.4	54.1	55.3	54.9	54.0	54.2
Total	39.0	35.9	35.4	34.9	34.9	37.0	38.0	37.7
Both sexes								
Black African	41.7	37.4	37.9	36.9	37.6	40.1	41.4	40.9
Coloured	53.1	52.5	52.0	52.4	50.9	52.1	54.8	52.4
Indian/Asian	52.1	53.0	54.2	52.7	53.1	53.9	55.1	53.8
White	62.9	63.4	62.2	63.9	63.9	63.3	63.0	64.0
Total	45.7	42.4	42.5	41.8	42.2	44.1	45.3	44.7

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

5. Appendices – Published vs Revised figures

Figure 1: Employed – South Africa, September 2000 to September 2007

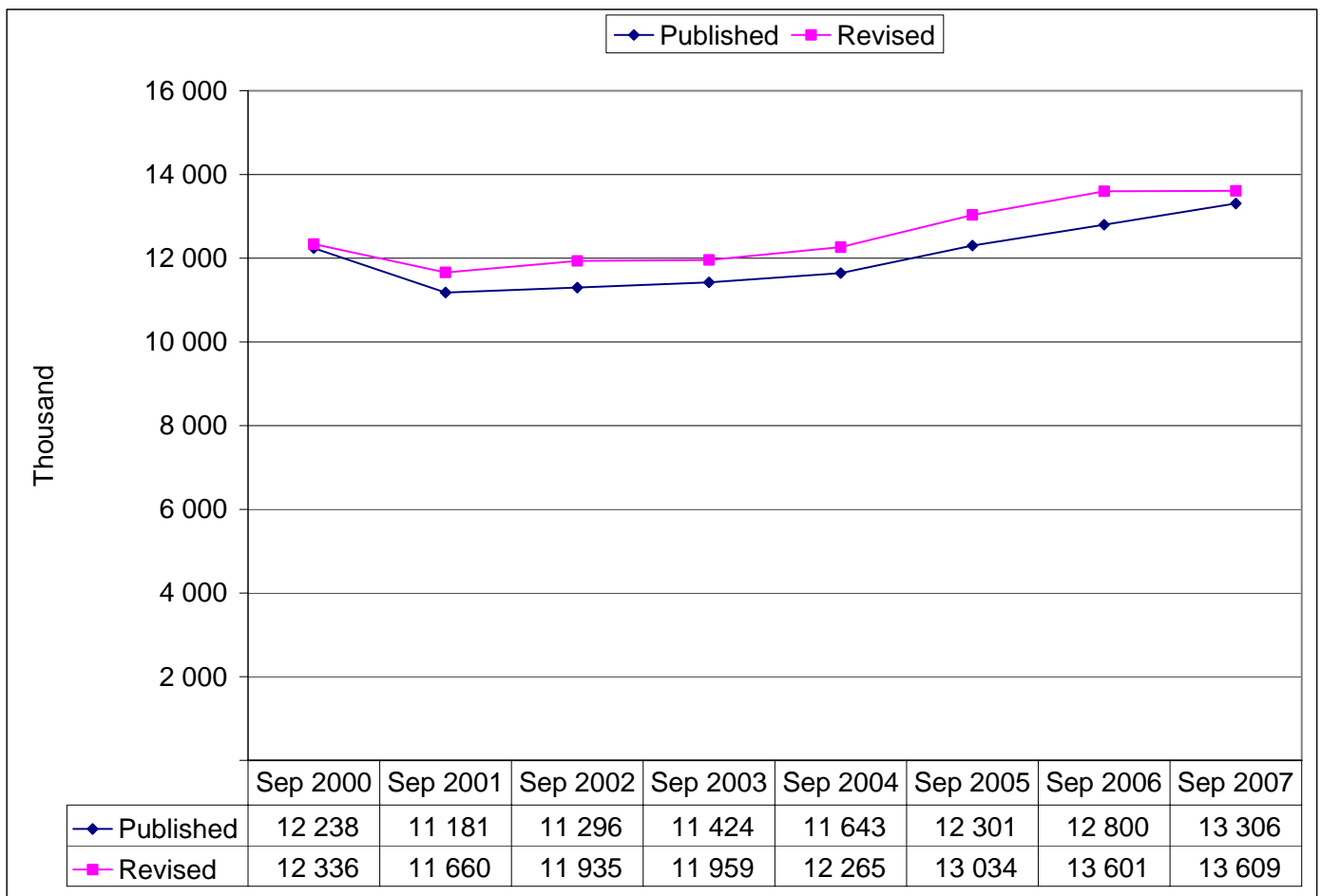


Figure 2: Employed – Western Cape, September 2000 to September 2007

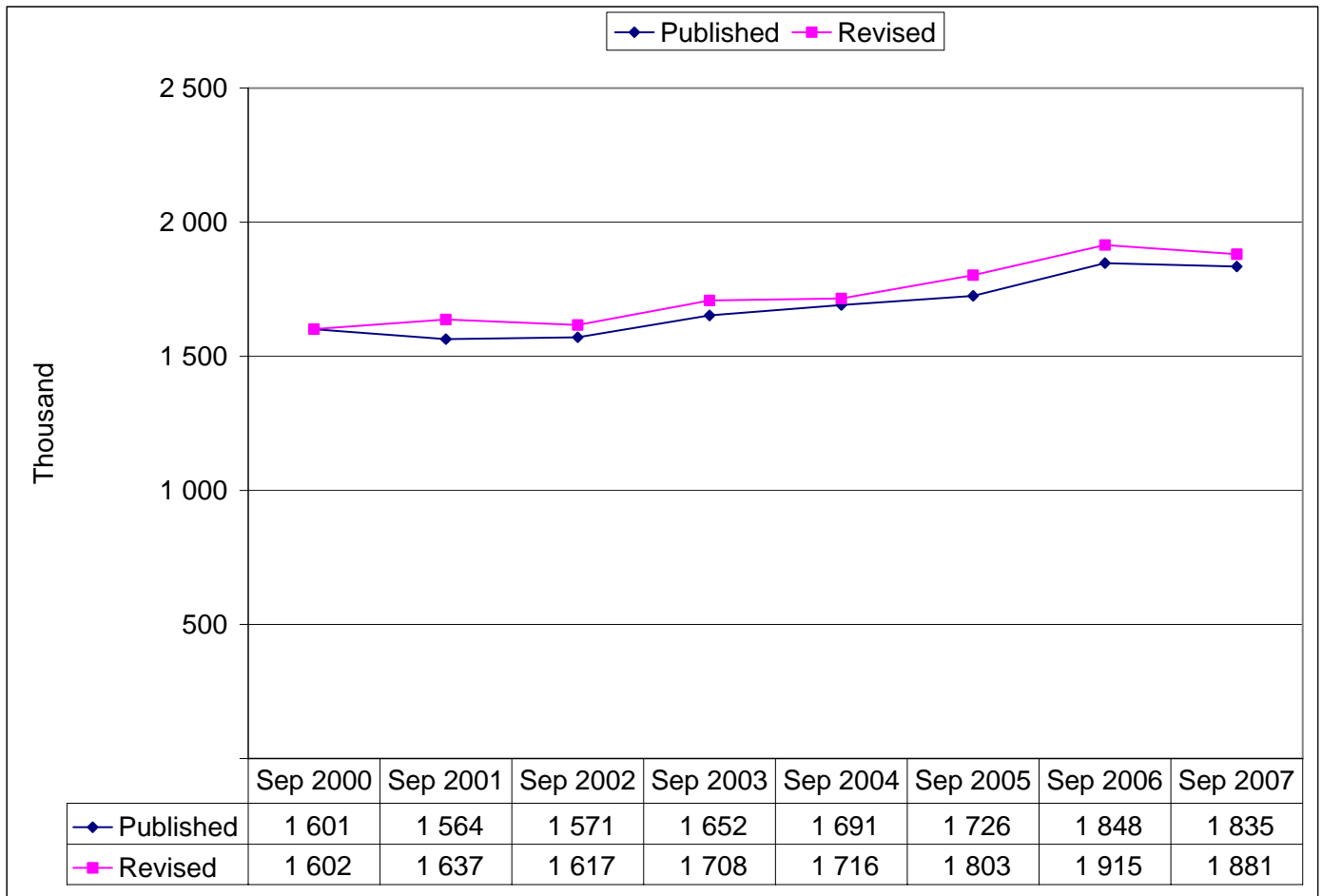


Figure 3: Employed – Eastern Cape, September 2000 to September 2007

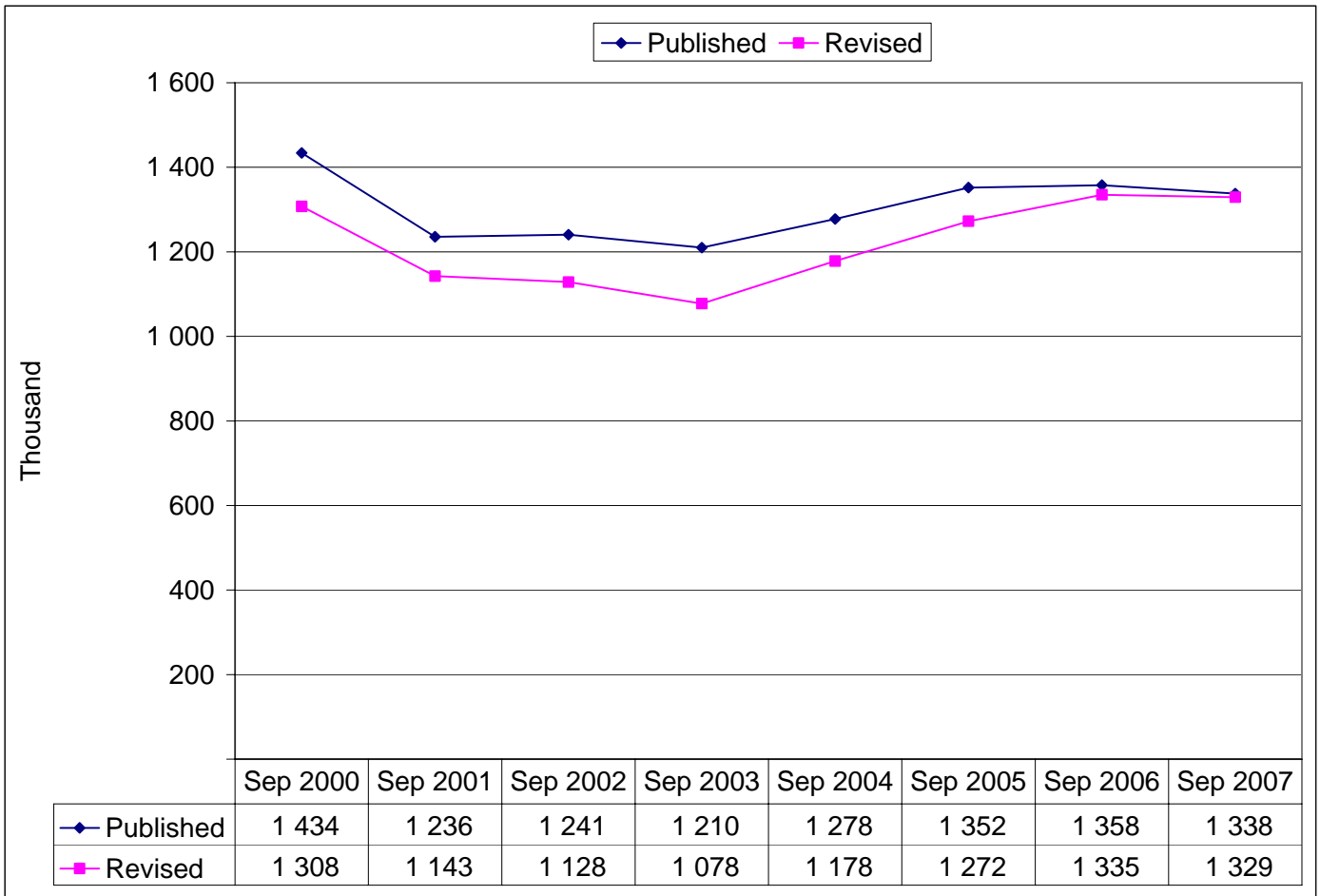


Figure 4: Employed – Northern Cape, September 2000 to September 2007

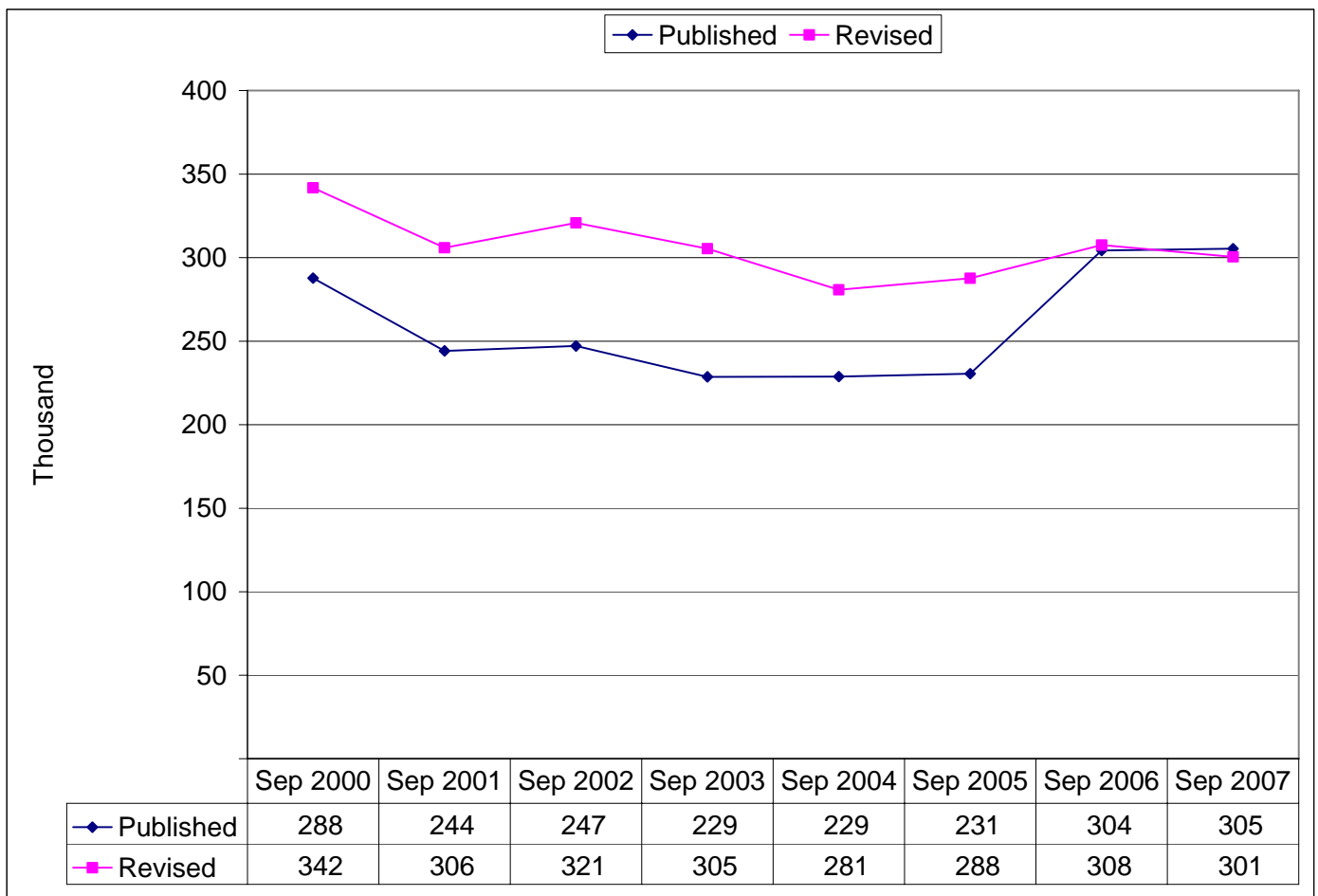


Figure 5: Employed – Free State, September 2000 to September 2007

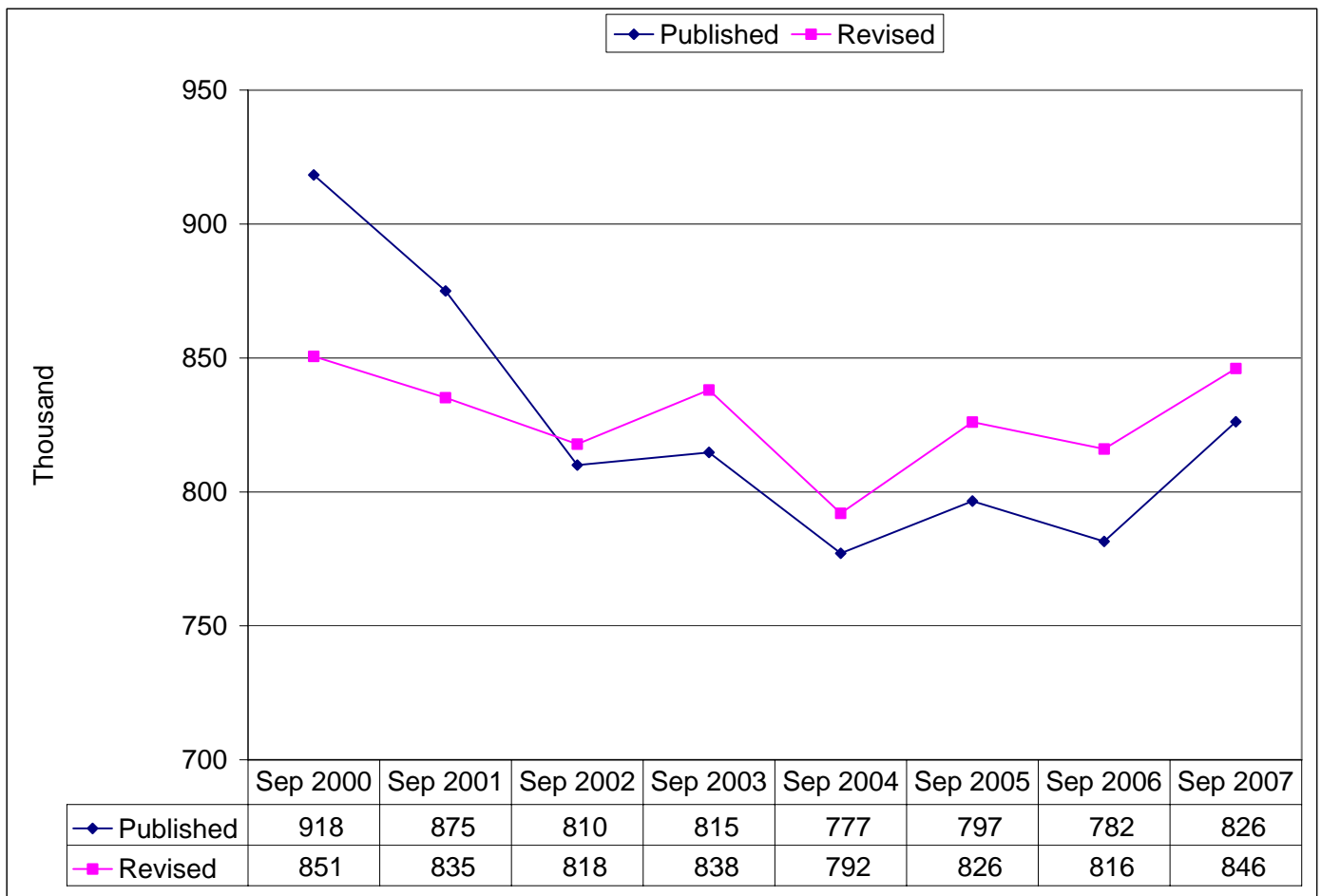


Figure 6: Employed – KwaZulu-Natal, September 2000 to September 2007

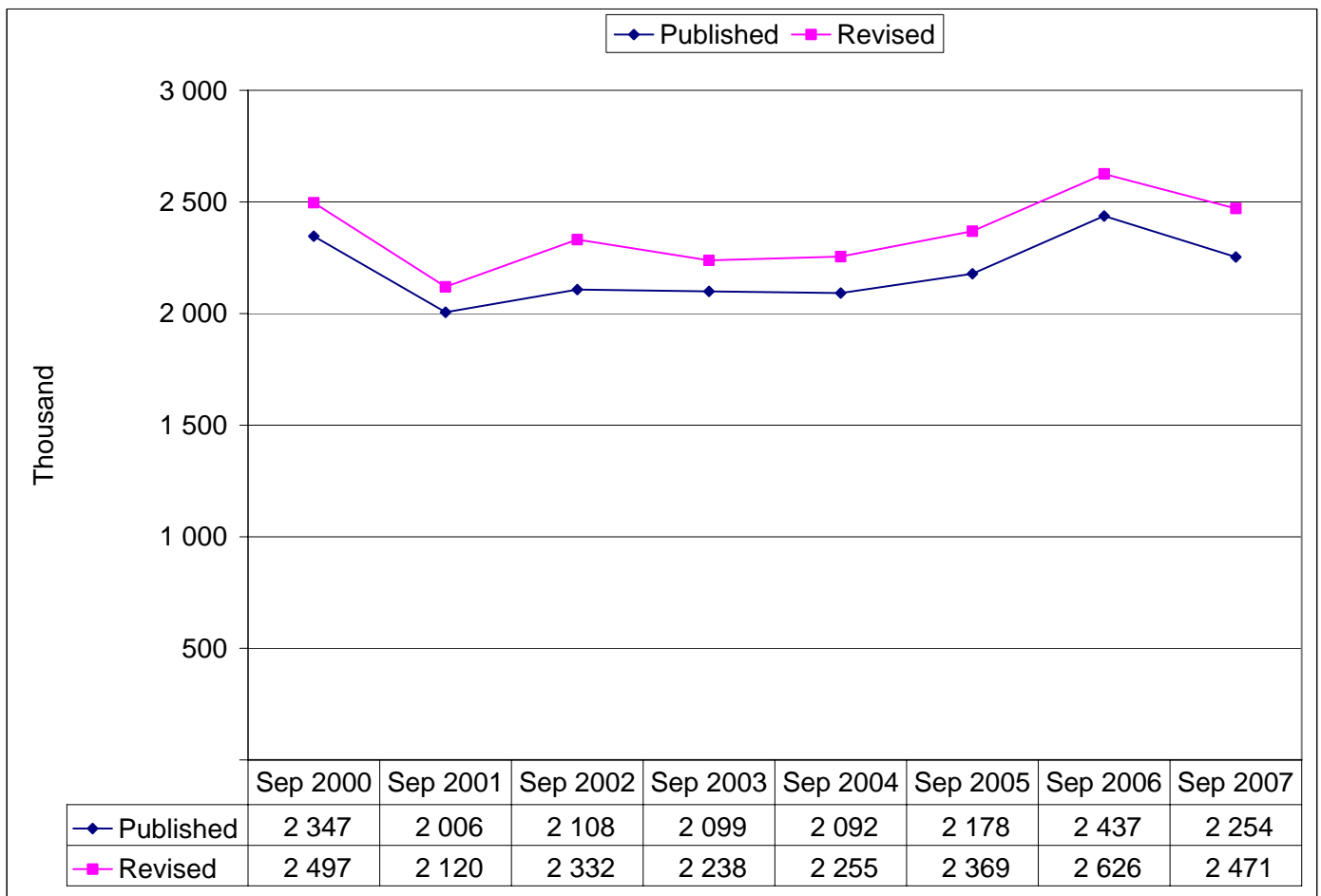


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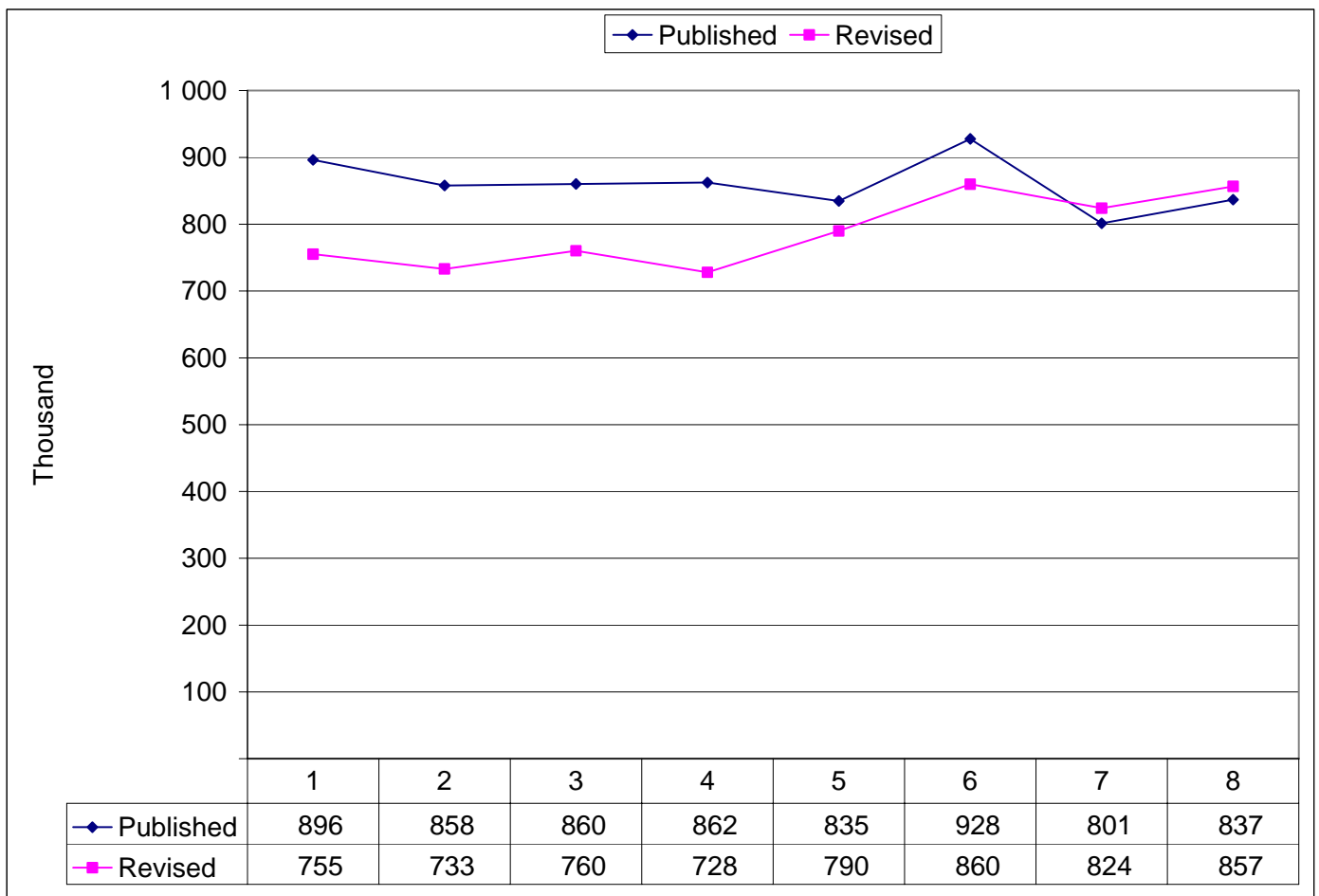


Figure 8: Employed – Gauteng, September 2000 to September 2007

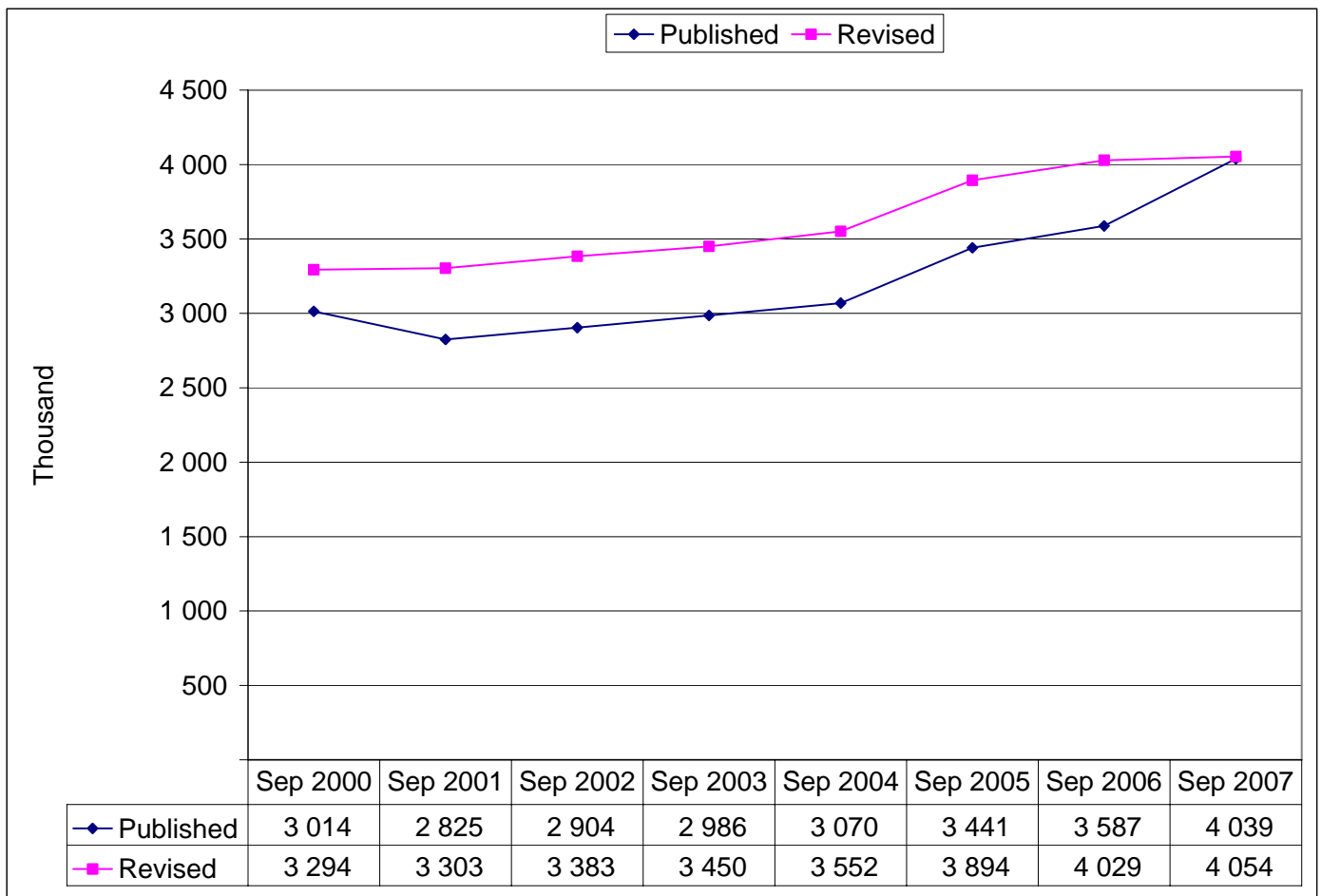


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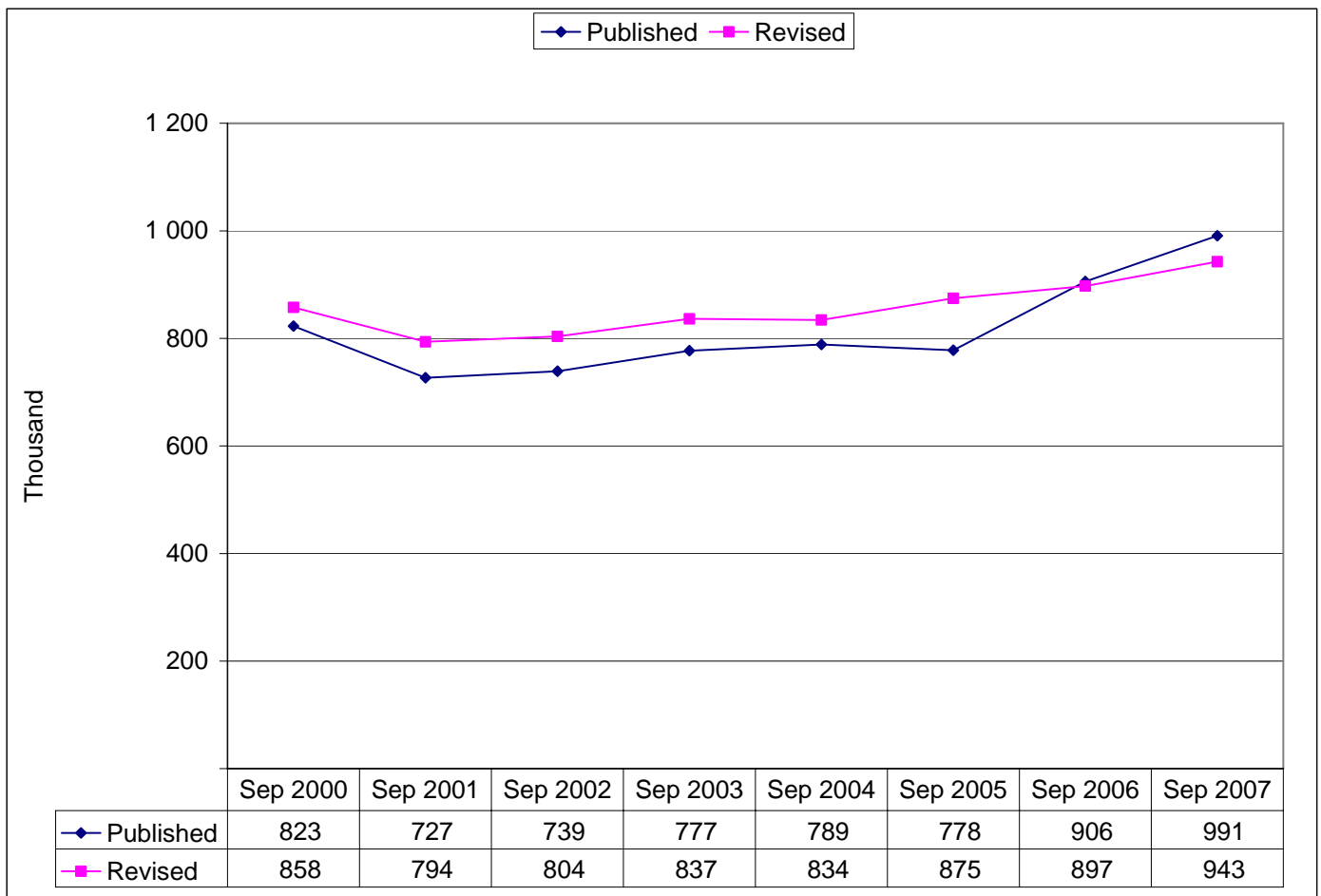


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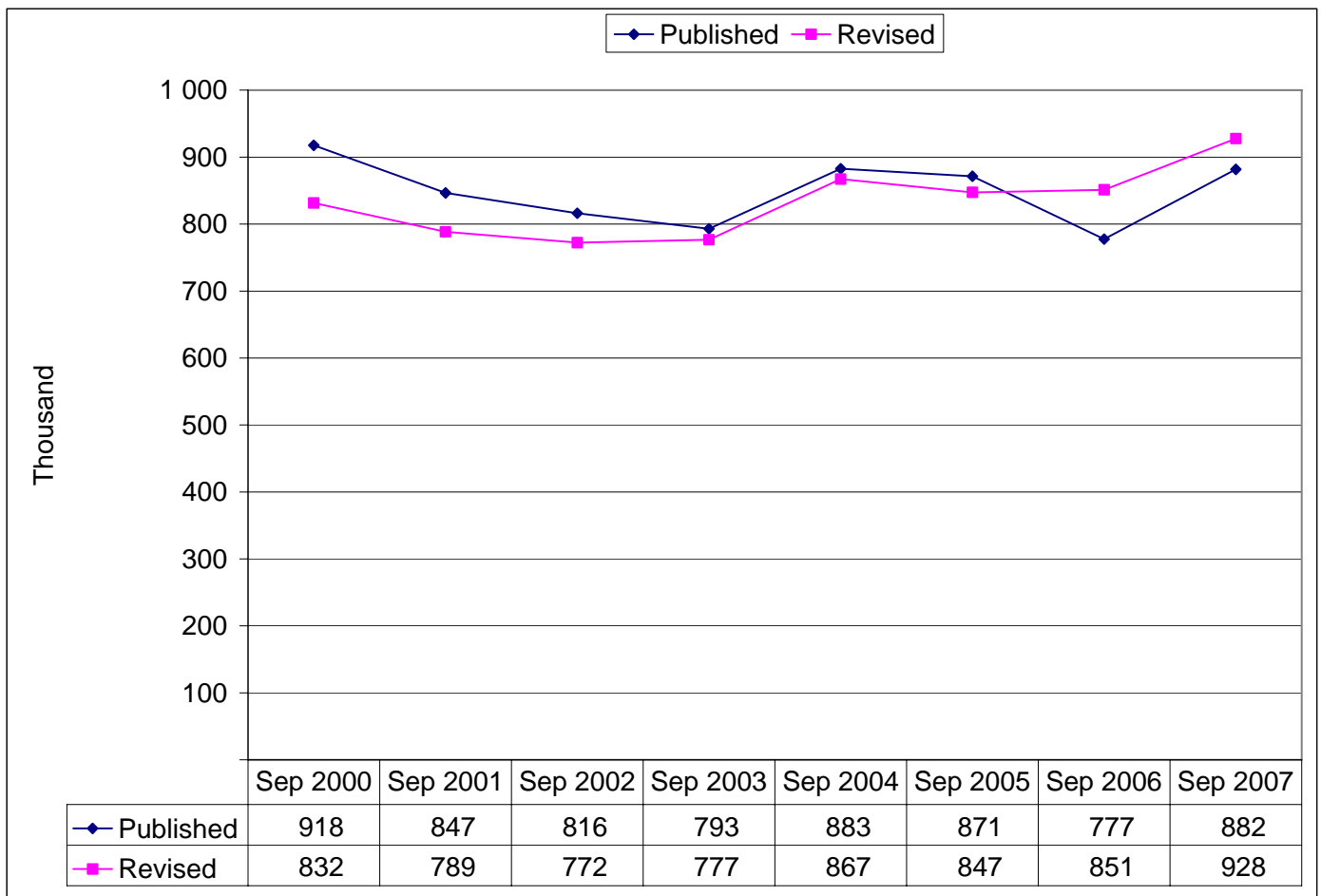


Figure 11: Unemployed – South Africa, September 2000 to September 2007

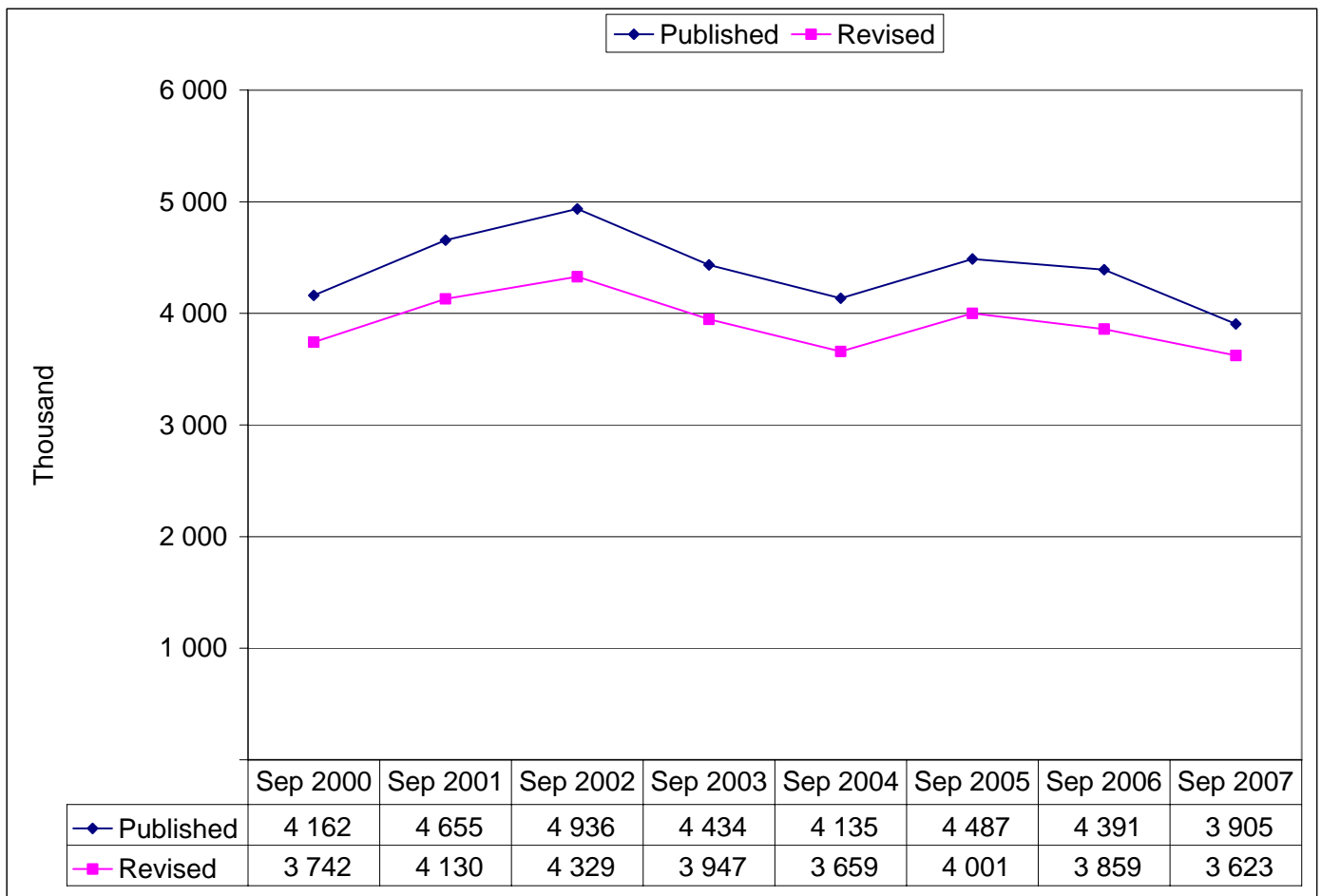


Figure 12: Unemployed – Western Cape, September 2000 to September 2007

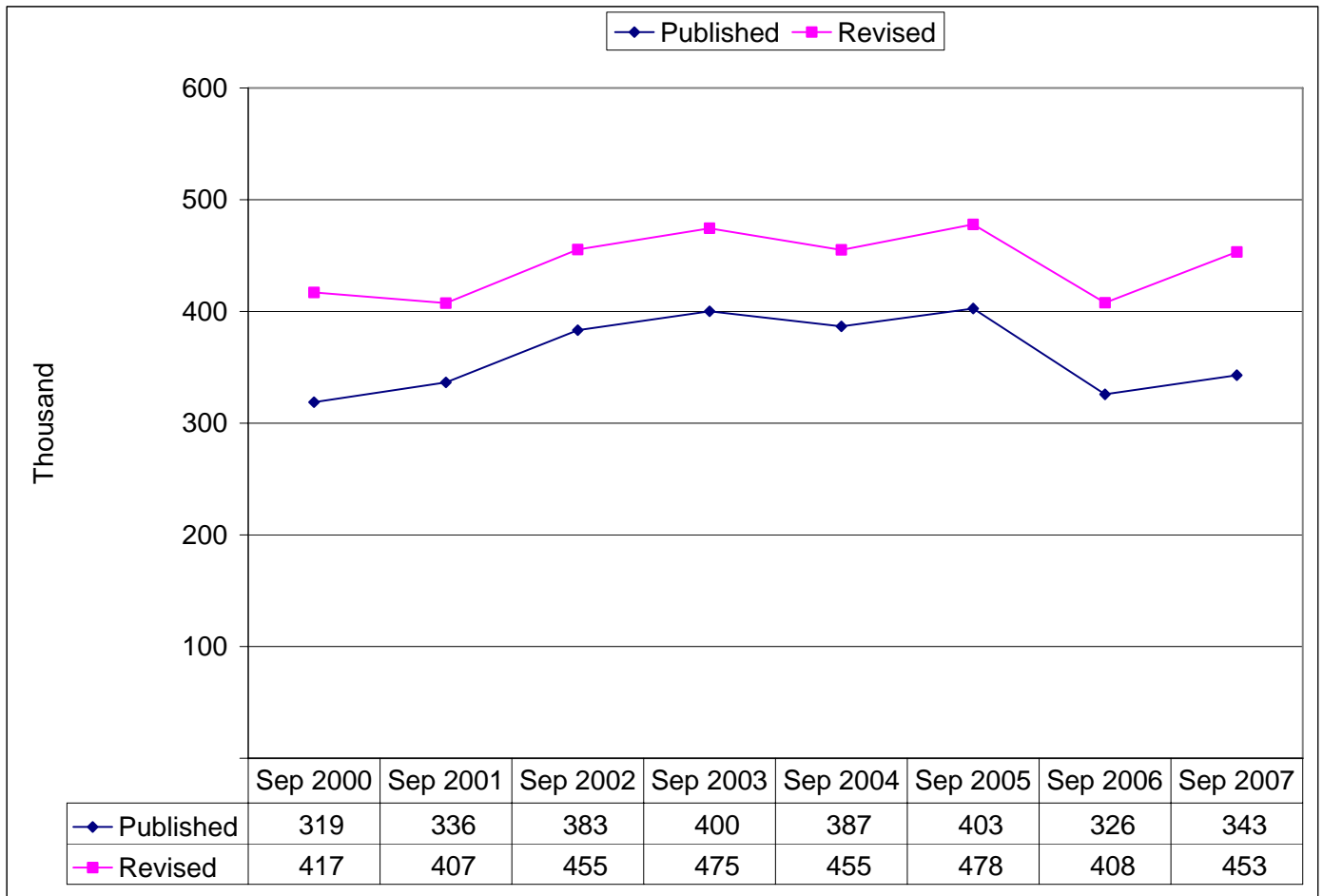


Figure 13: Unemployed – Eastern Cape, September 2000 to September 2007

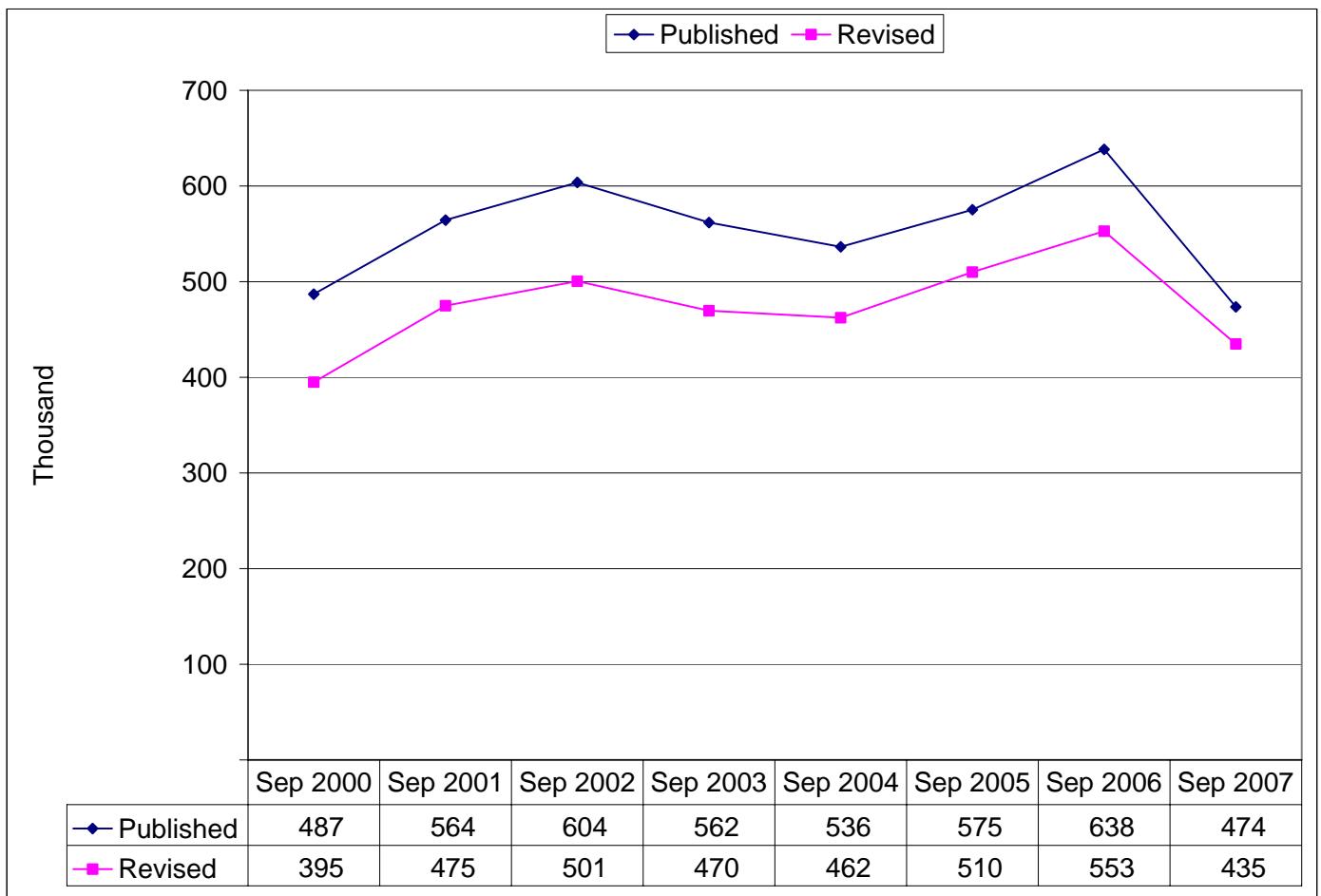


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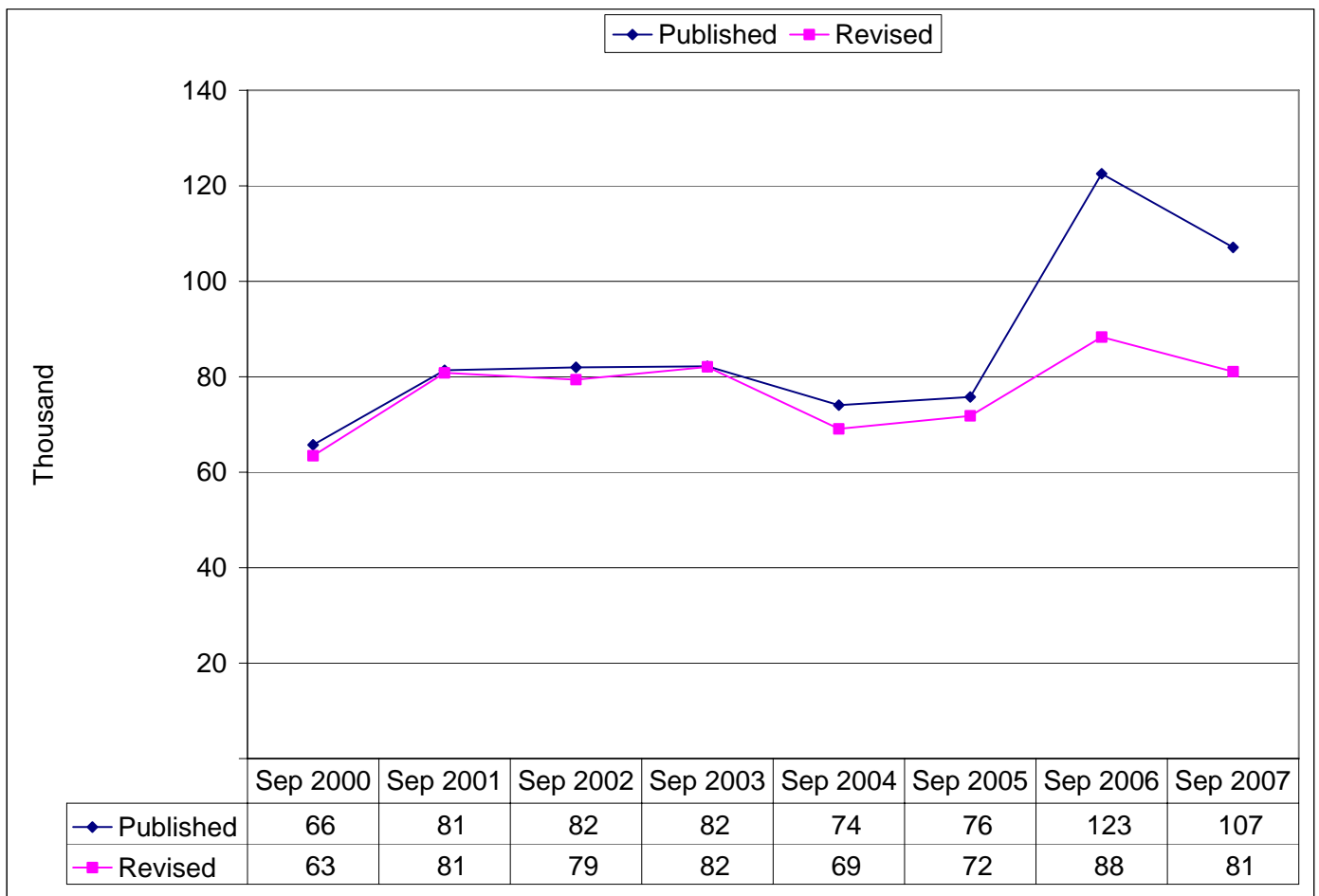


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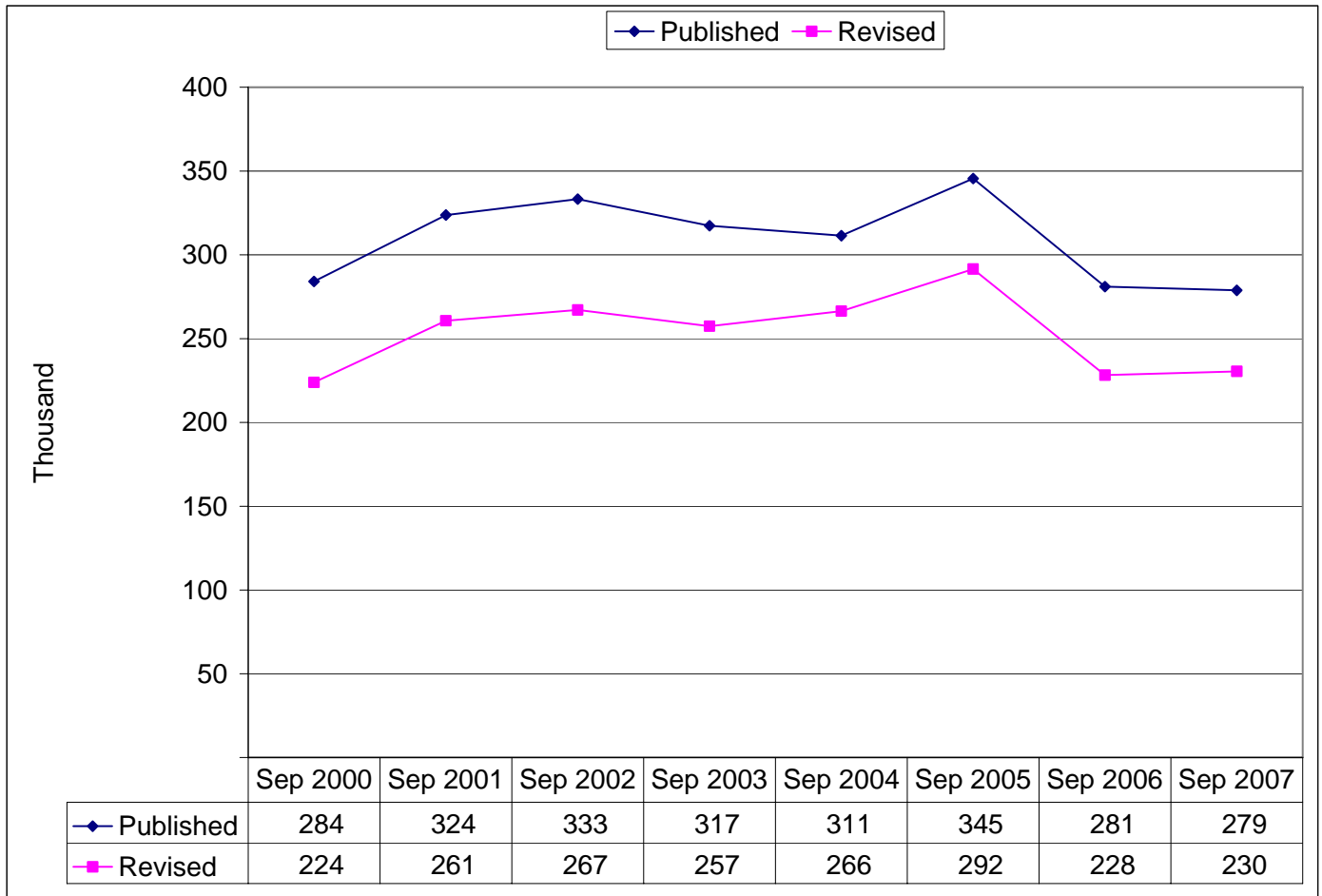


Figure 16: Unemployed – KwaZulu-Natal, September 2000 to September 2007

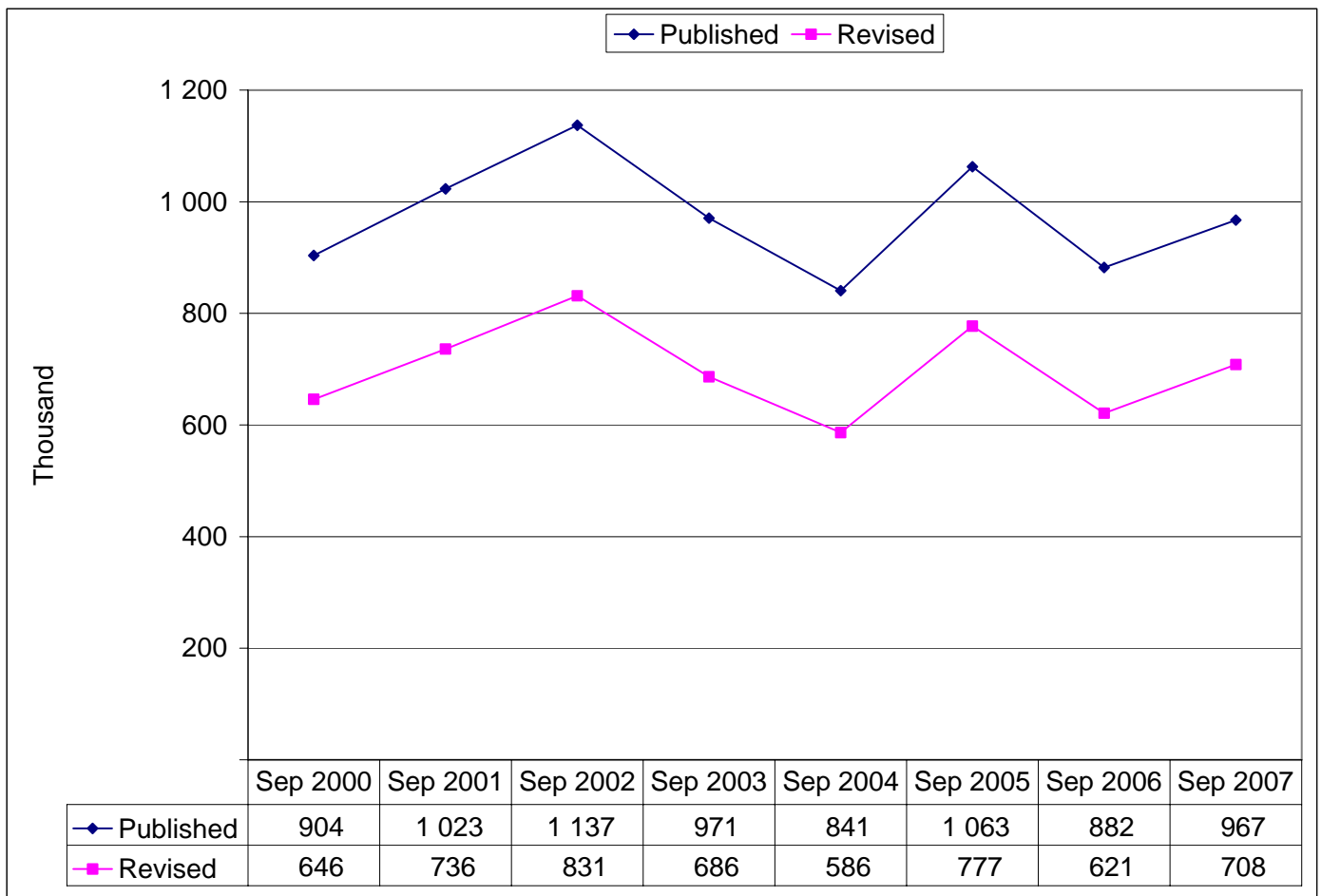


Figure 17: Unemployed – North West, September 2000 to September 2007



Figure 18: Unemployed – Gauteng, September 2000 to September 2007

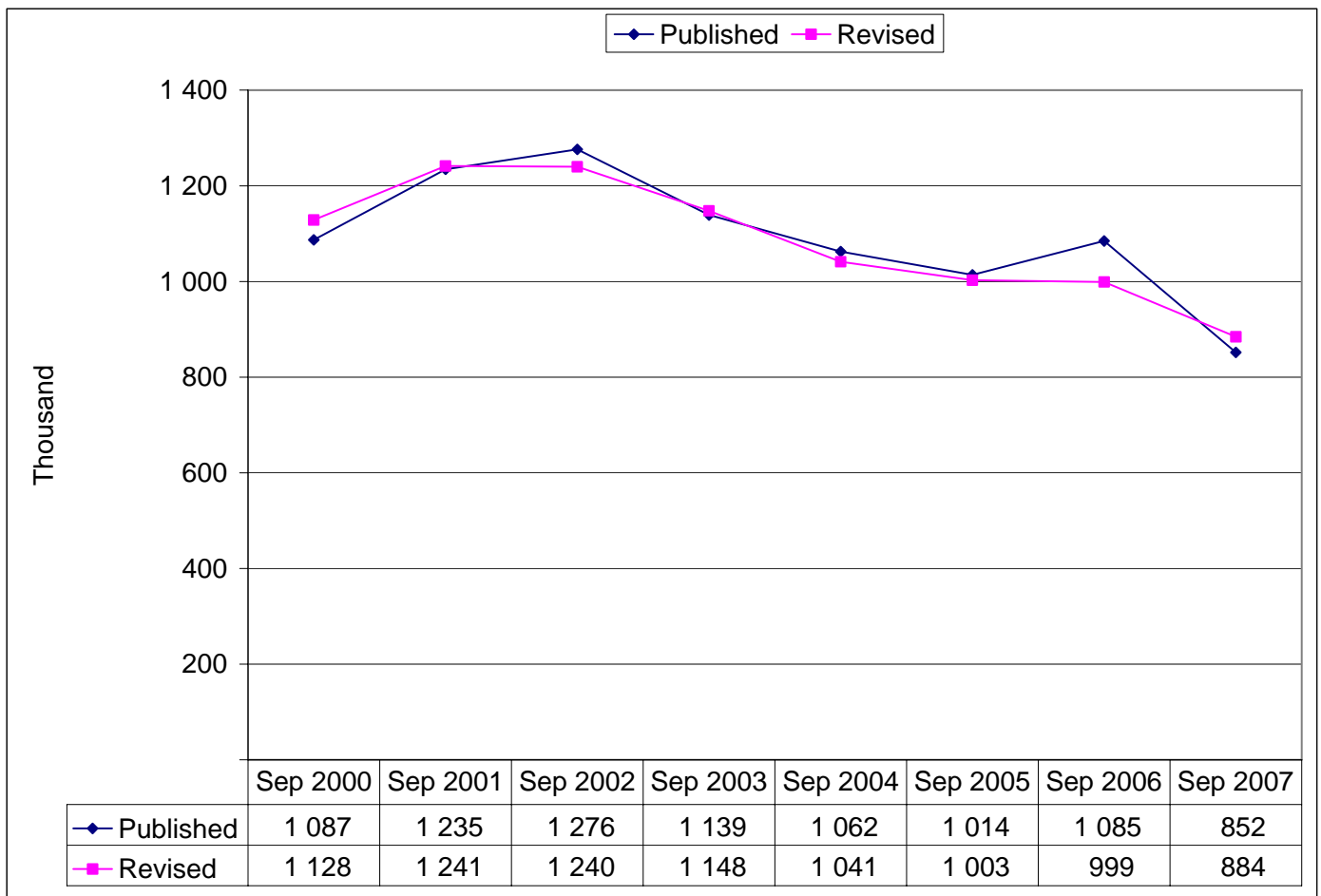


Figure 19: Unemployed – Mpumalanga, September 2000 to September 2007

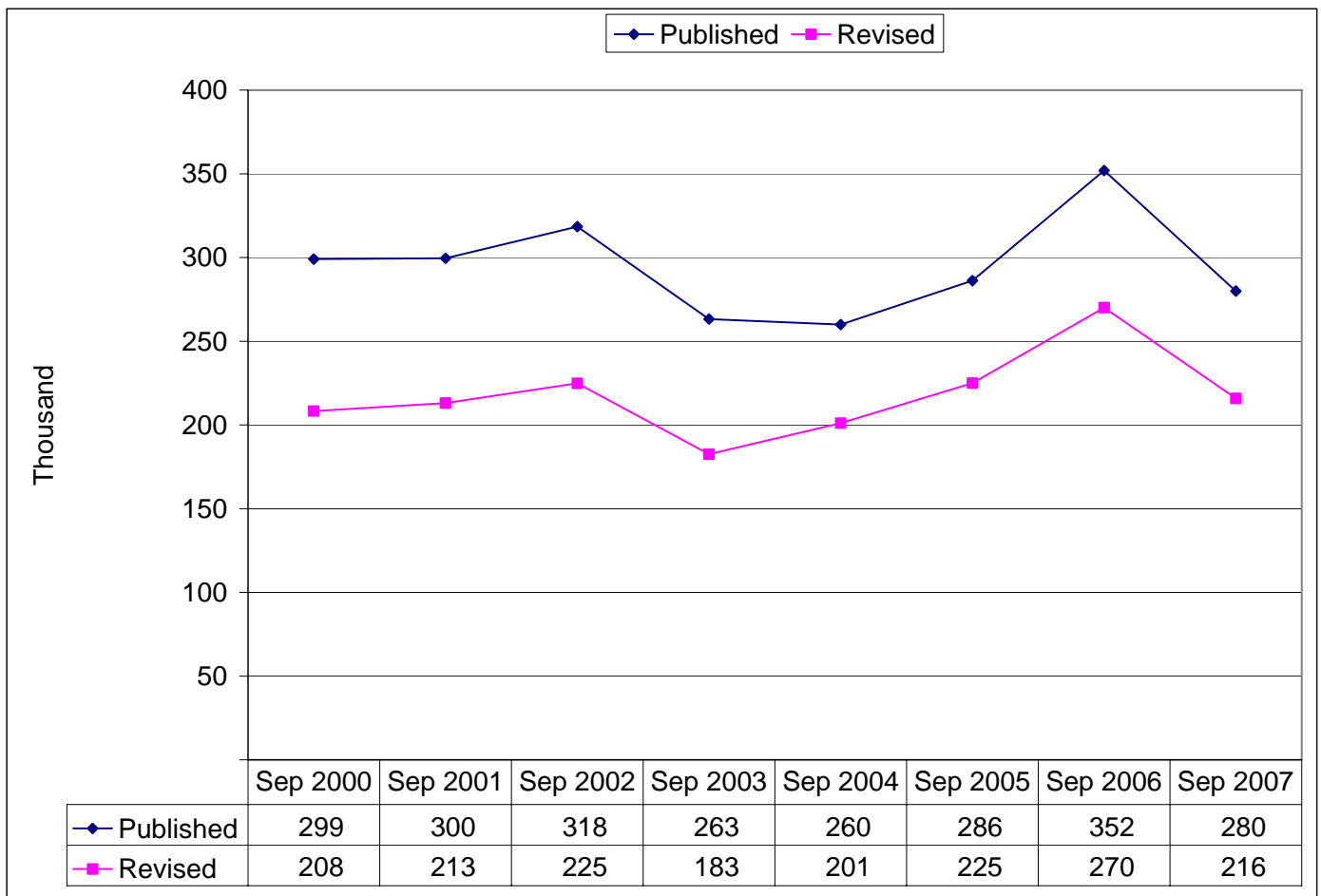


Figure 20: Unemployed – Limpopo, September 2000 to September 2007

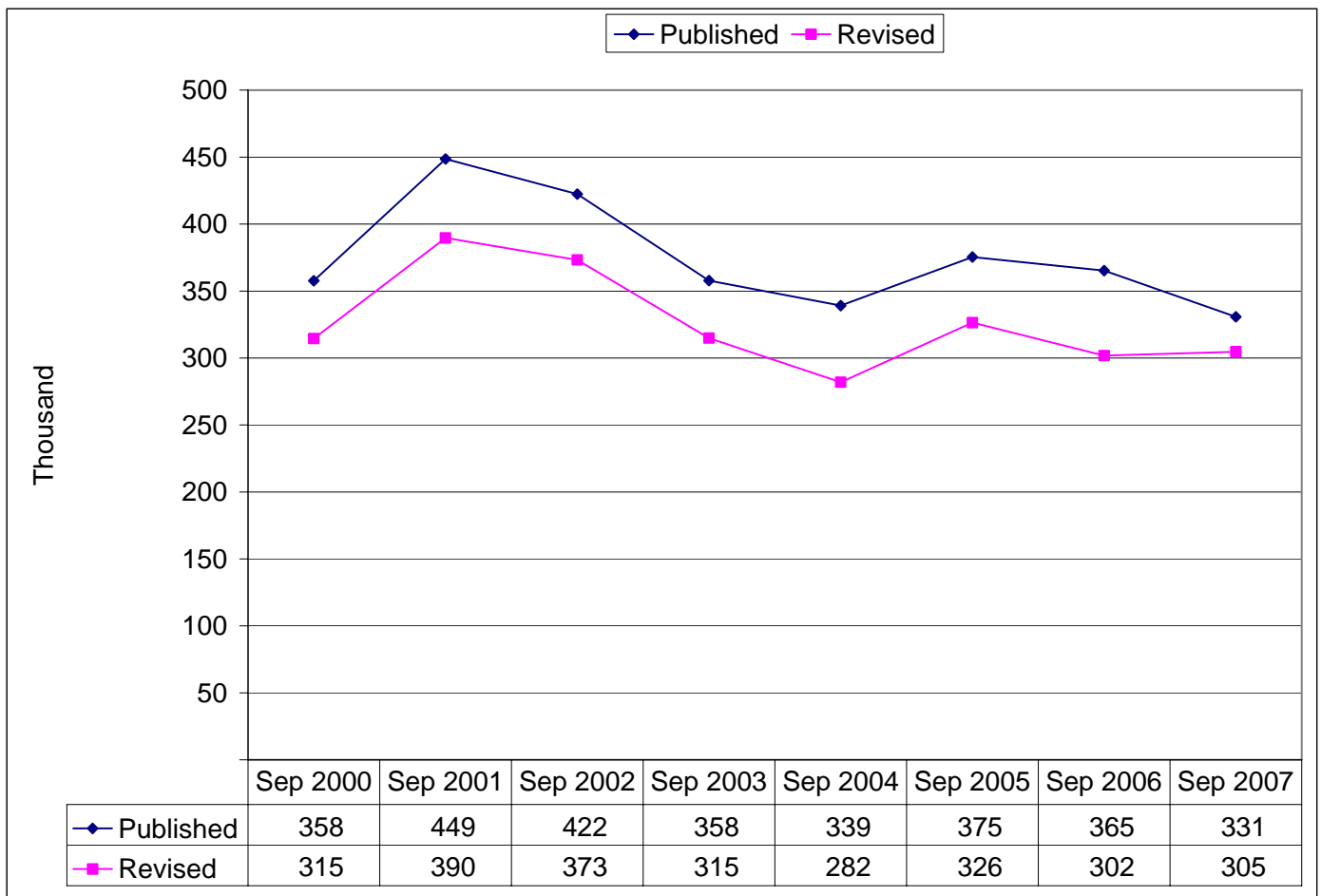


Figure 21: Not Economically Active – South Africa, September 2000 to September 2007

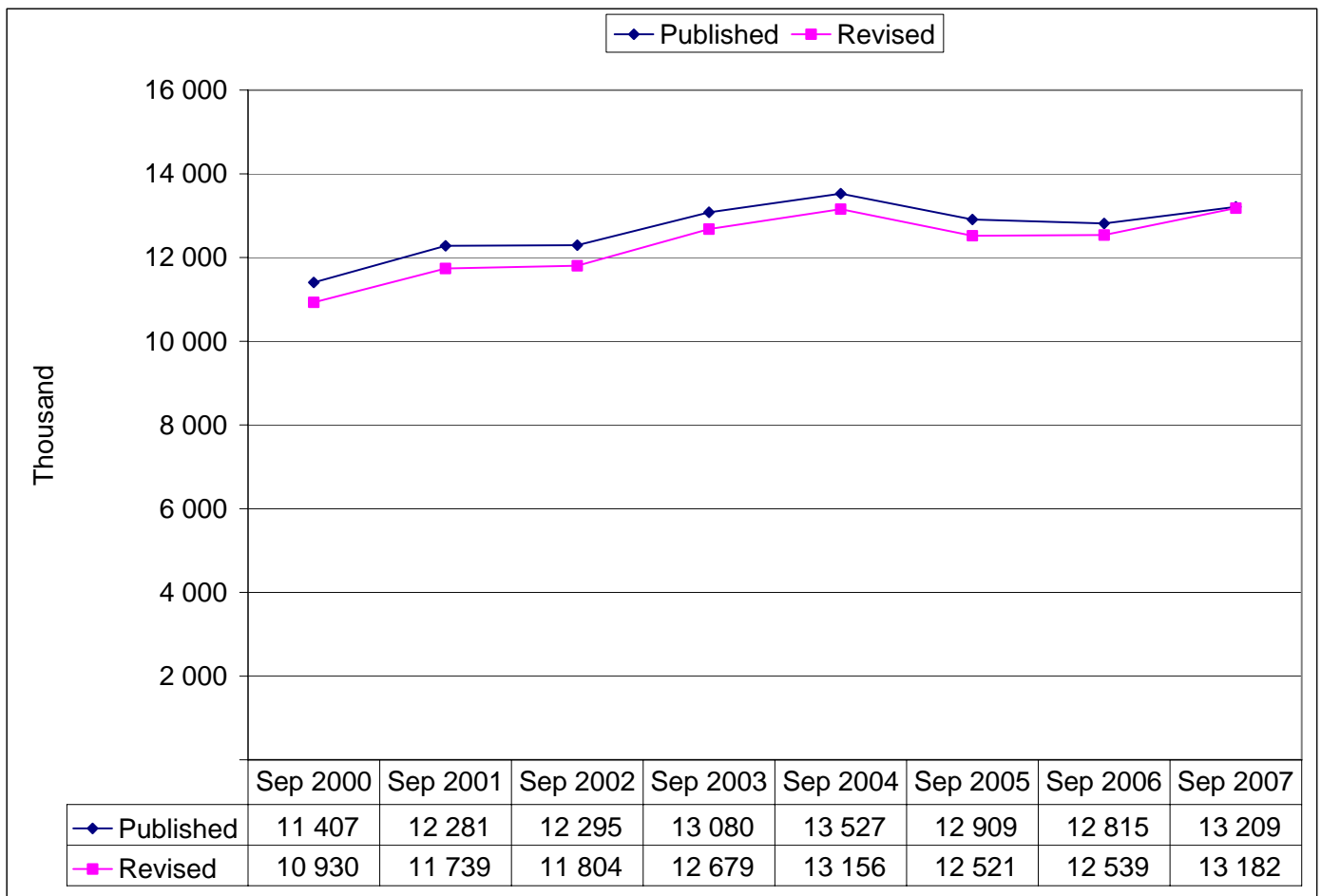


Figure 22: Discouraged Work-seekers – South Africa, September 2000 to September 2007

