



Quarterly Labour Force Survey

Q3:2019

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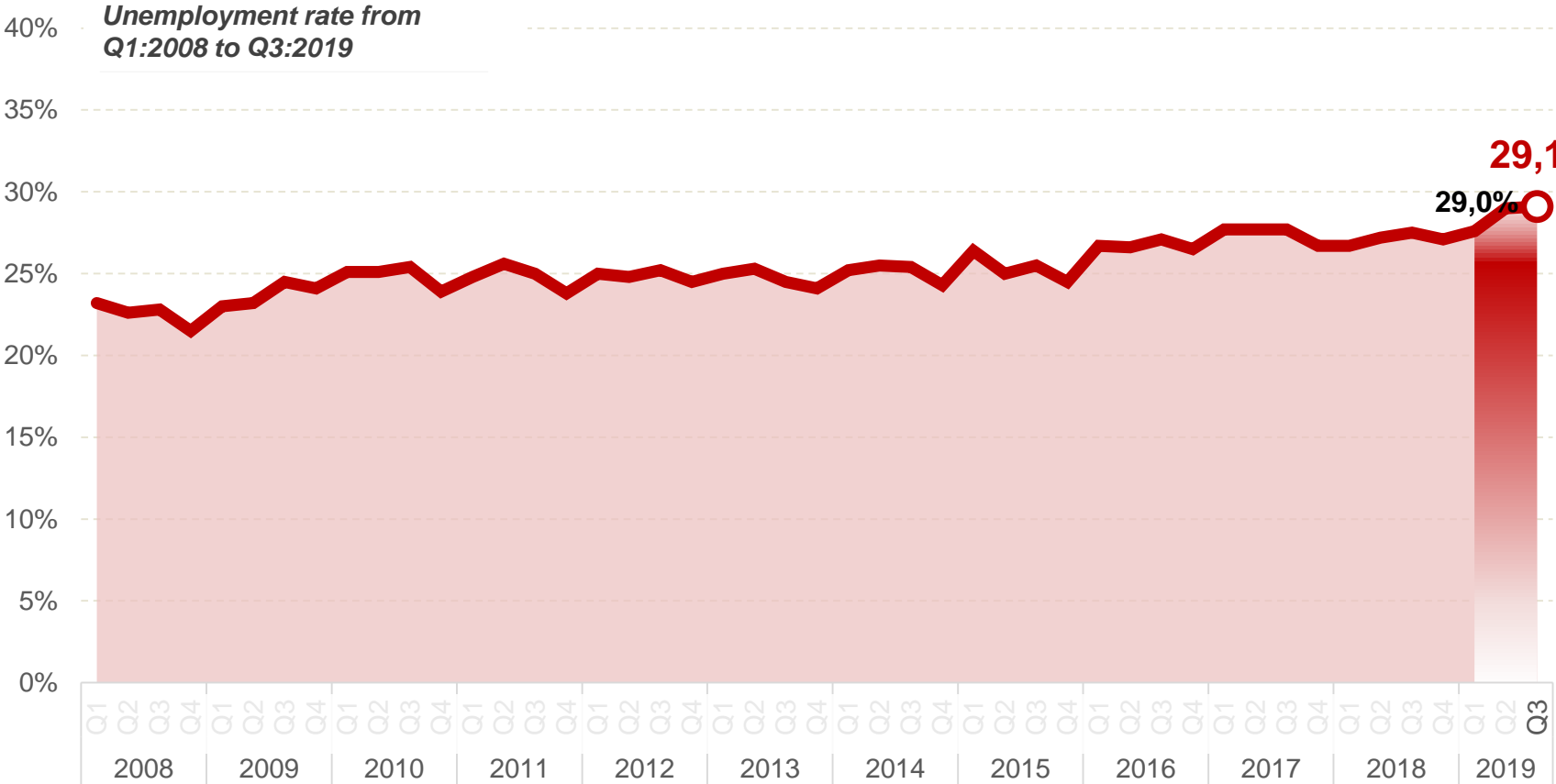


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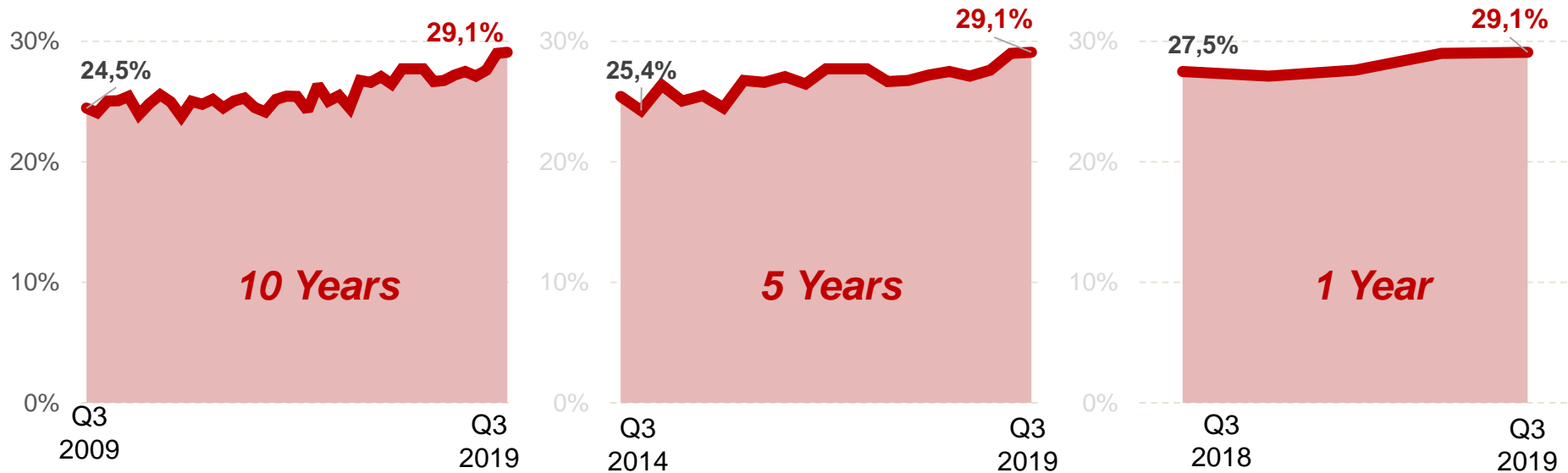


South Africa's unemployment rate increased by 0,1 of a percentage point to 29,1% in Q3 of 2019. The **highest** unemployment rate since the QLFS started in 2008



The unemployment rate has remained **high** over time. There has been 0,1 of a percentage point increase between Q2:2019 and Q3:2019.

Unemployment rate from Q3:2009 to Q3:2019



Unemployment rate increased by **4,6 percentage points** between Q3:2009 and Q3:2019

Unemployment increased from 25,4% in Q3:2014 to 29,1% in Q3:2019 by **3,7 percentage points**

Unemployment rate increased by **1,6 percentage points** compared to the same period last year

The working age population (15-64 years) in Q3:2019 was 38,6 million



38,6 million

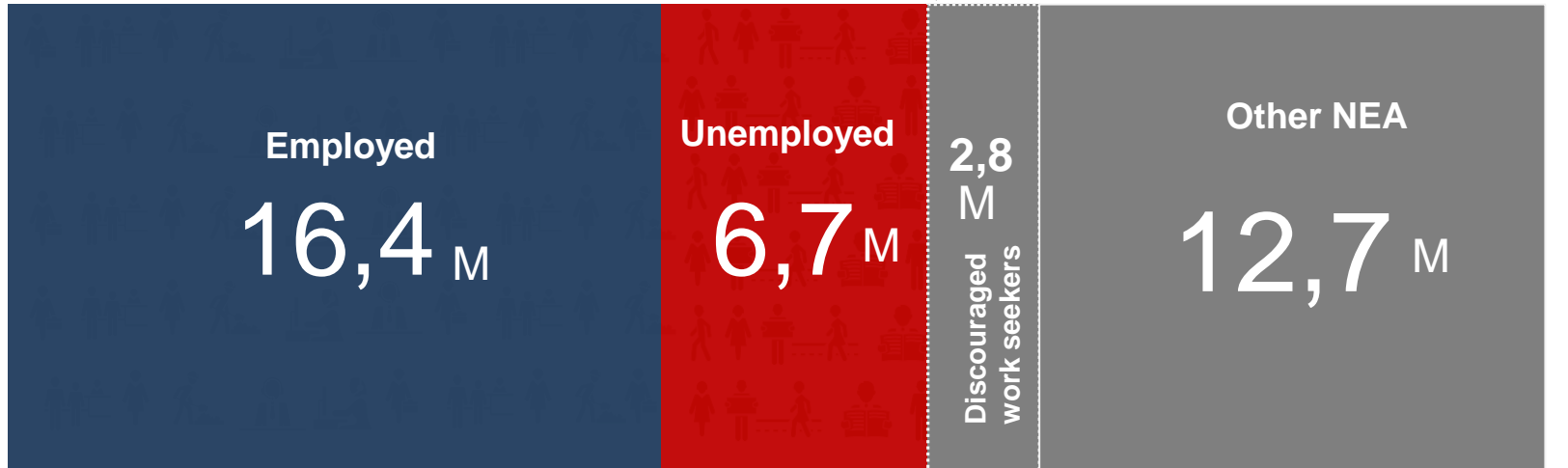
People of working age in South Africa (15 – 64 year olds)

Labour force

23,1 million

Not Economically Active

15,5 million



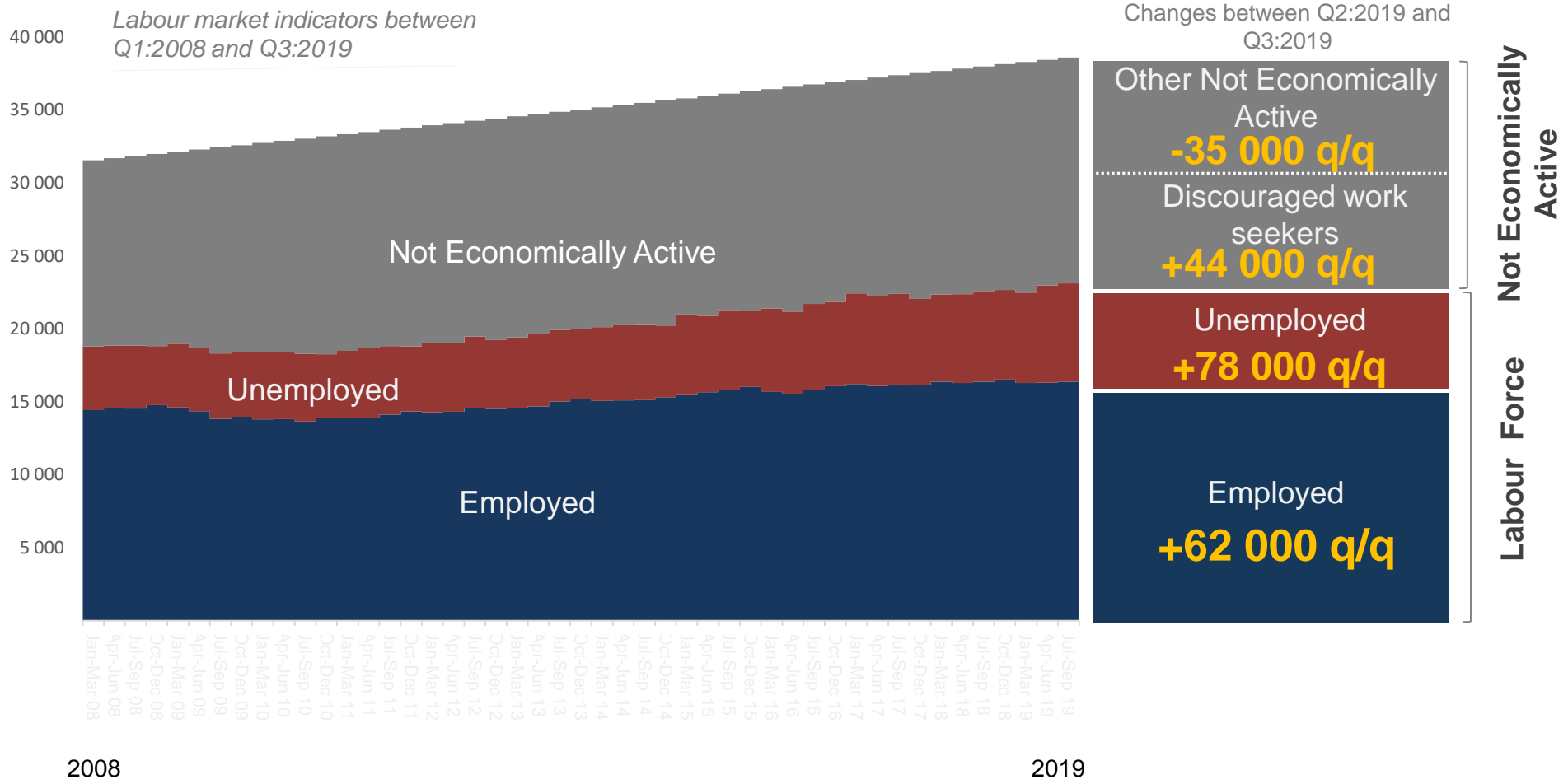
South Africa's official unemployment rate stands at

29,1%

Increased by 0,1 of a ppt between Q2:2019 and Q3:2019

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,

The working age population (15 – 64 years) increased by 149 000 people between Q2:2019 and Q3:2019



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EMPLOYMENT & LABOUR MARKET RATES



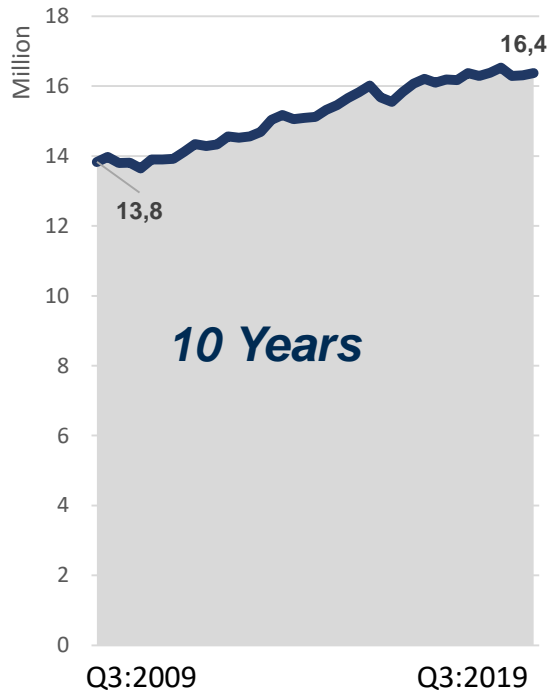
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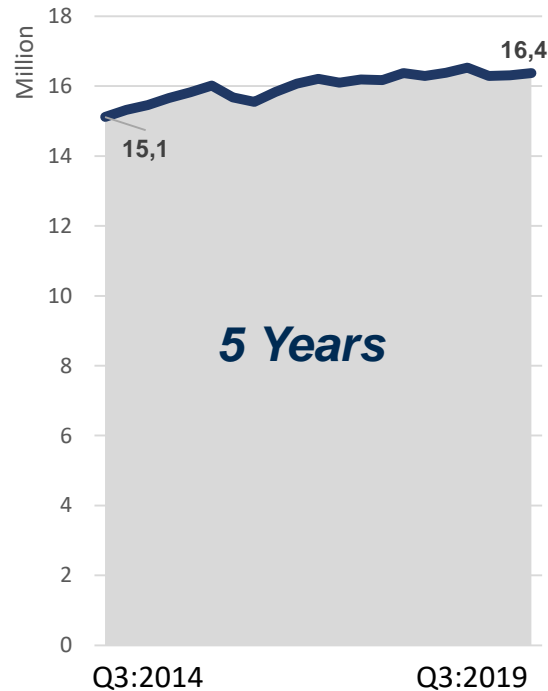


The number of employed persons increased by 62 000 to 16,4 million between Q2:2019 and Q3:2019

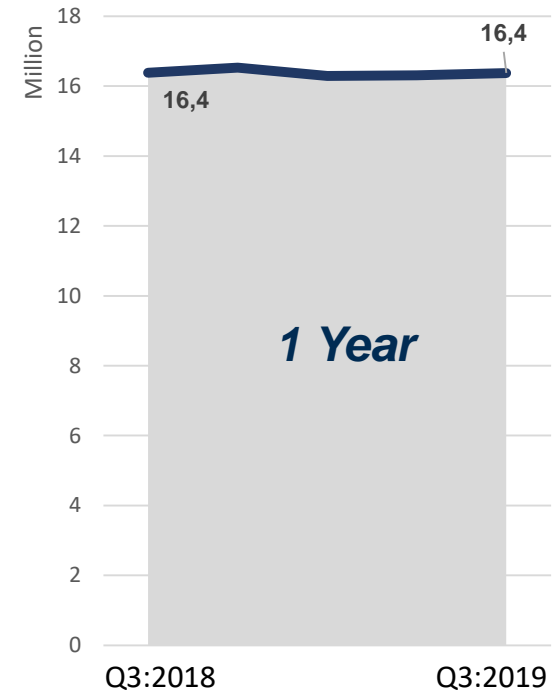
*Number of employed
From Q3:2009 to Q3:2019*



The number of employed people increased by **2,6 million** from **13,8 million** in Q3:2009 to **16,4 million** in Q3:2019



The number of employed people increased by **1,3 million** from **15,1 million** in Q3:2014 to **16,4 million** in Q3:2019



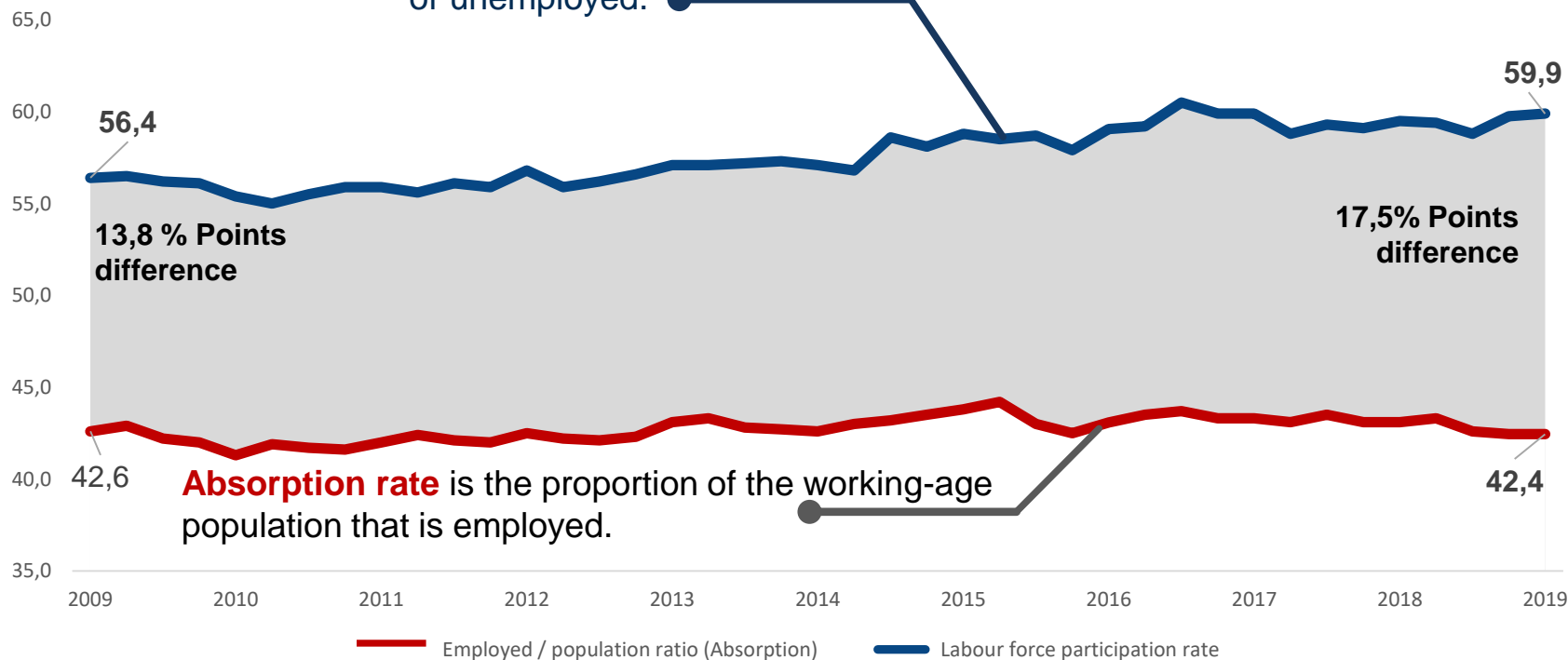
The number of employed people decreased by **5 000** from 16,380 million in Q3:2018 to 16,375 million in Q3:2019

The Labour force participation rate increased by 3,5 percentage points from 56,4% in Q3:2009 to 59,9% in Q3:2019

Labour force participation and absorption rate, 2009-2019

Labour force participation rate is the proportion of the working-age population that is either employed or unemployed.

Absorption rate is the proportion of the working-age population that is employed.



Labour market rates vary significantly depending on education level

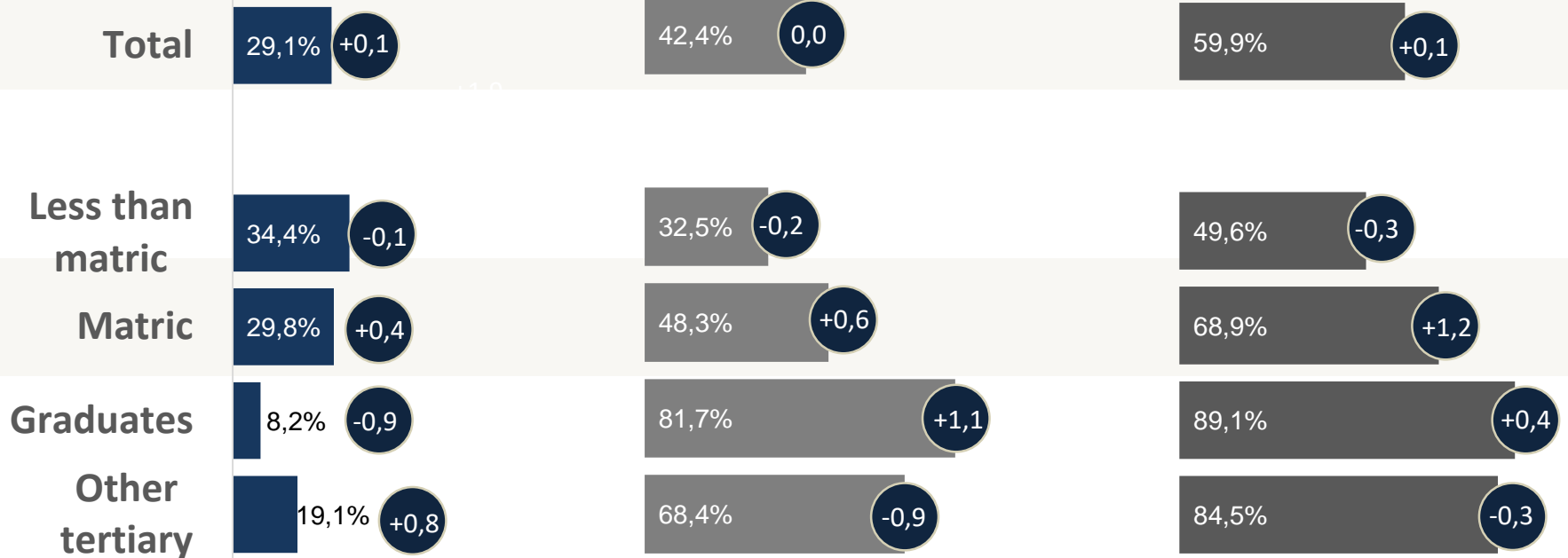
Labour market rates by education level, Q3:2019

Change: Percentage points Q2:2019 to Q3:2019

Unemployment rate

Absorption rate

Participation rate



The unemployment rate for those aged 25-34 (36,1%) is more than double that of the 45-54 (17,2%) year olds.

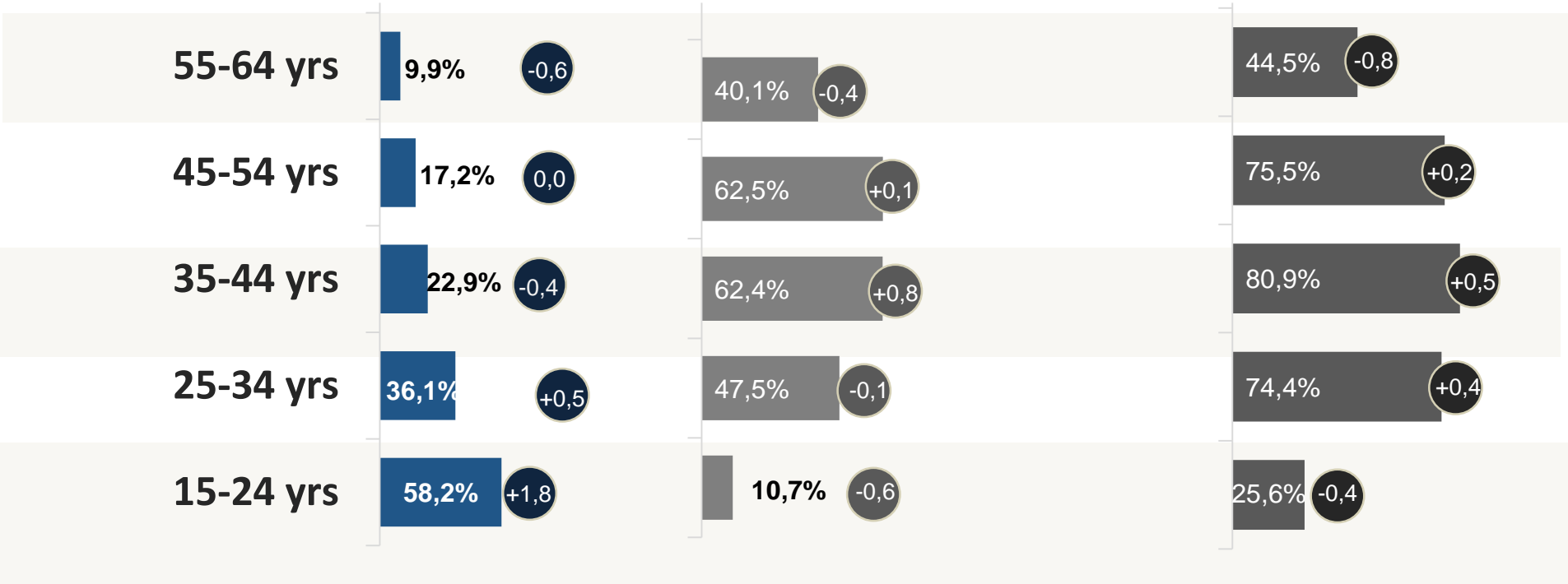
Labour market rates by age group, Q3:2019

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Unemployment rate


Absorption rate

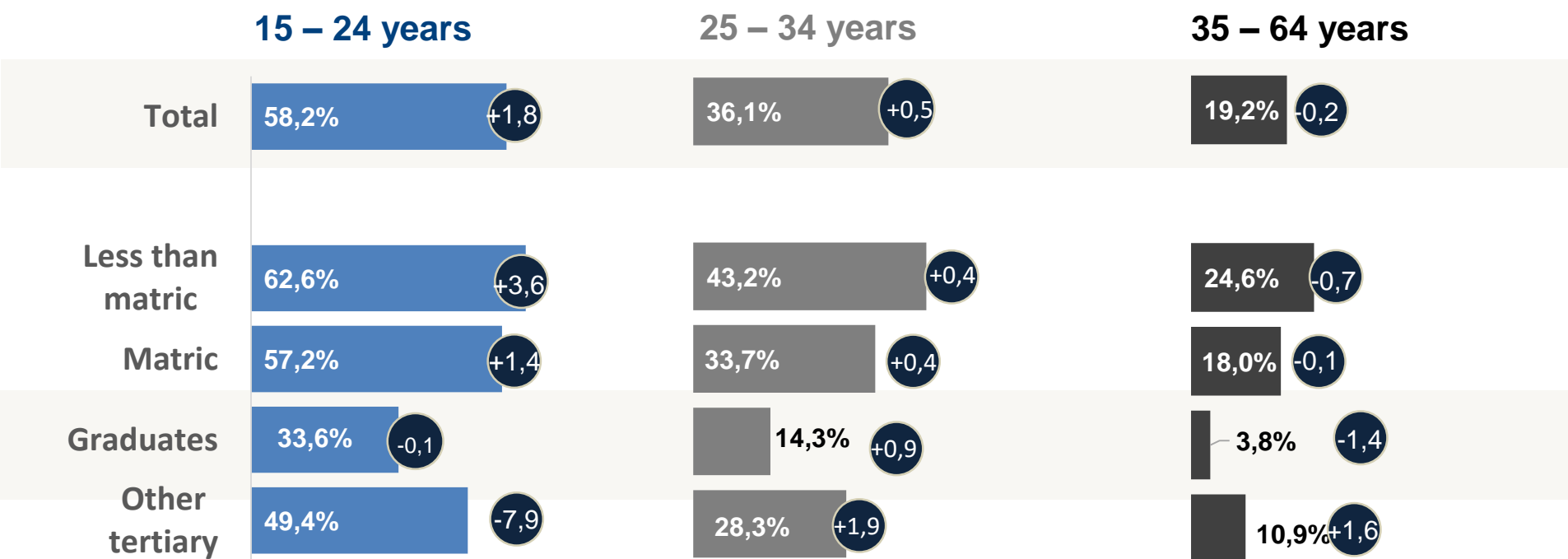
Participation rate



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

Unemployment rate by education level and age group, Q3:2019

 Change: Percentage points Q2:2019 to Q3:2019



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

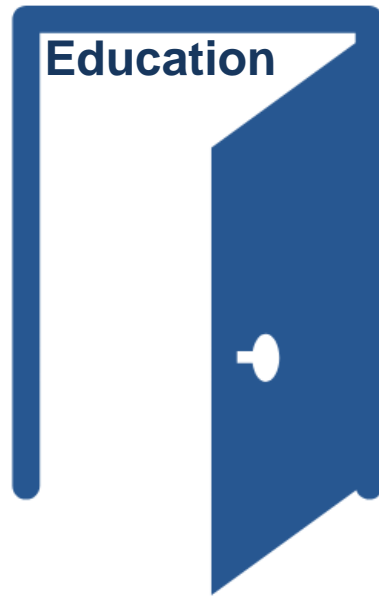


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Not in employment, education or training (NEET)

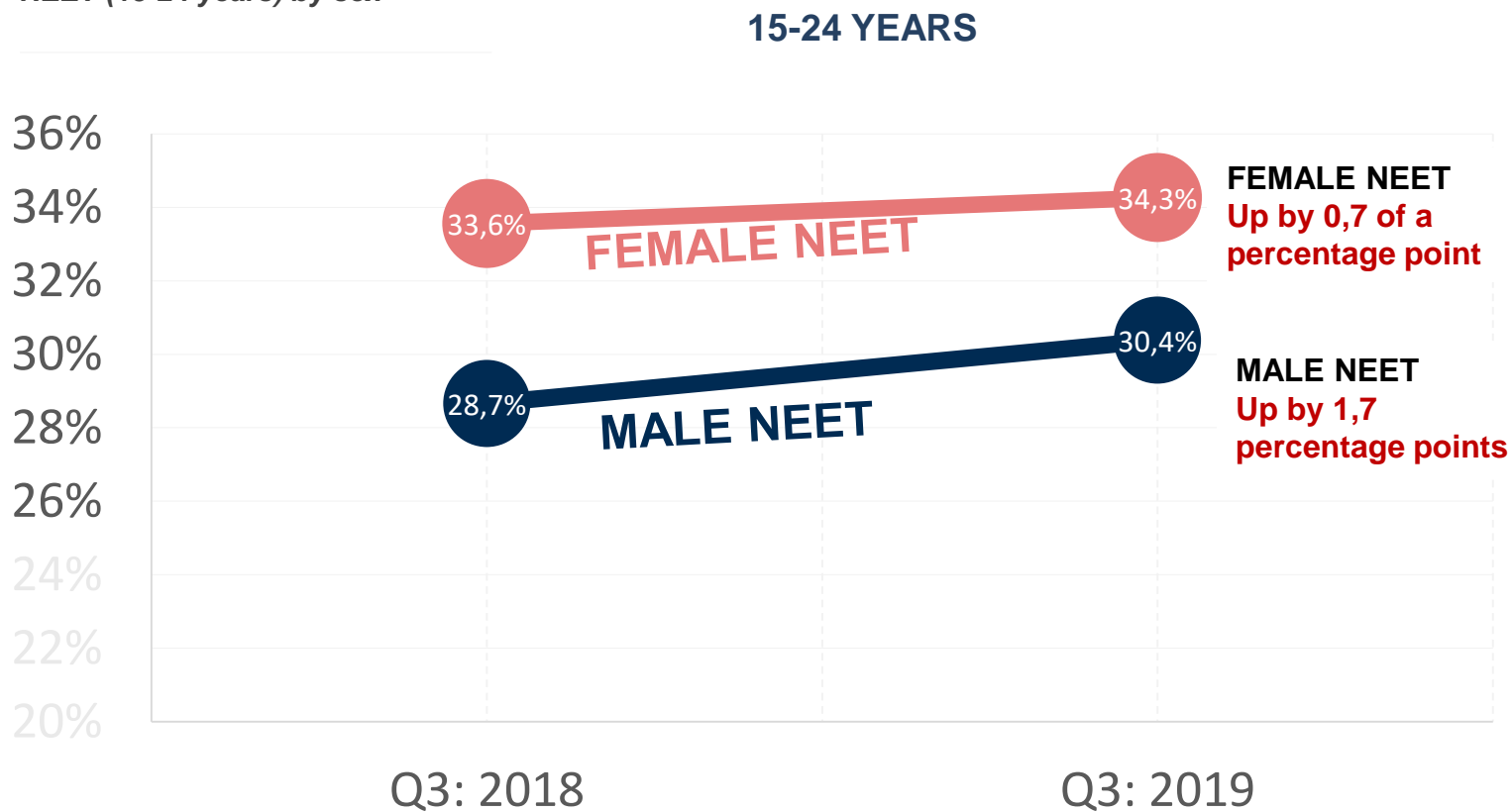


Those young people (15-34 years) who are categorised as NEET are considered to be *disengaged* from both work and education.

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

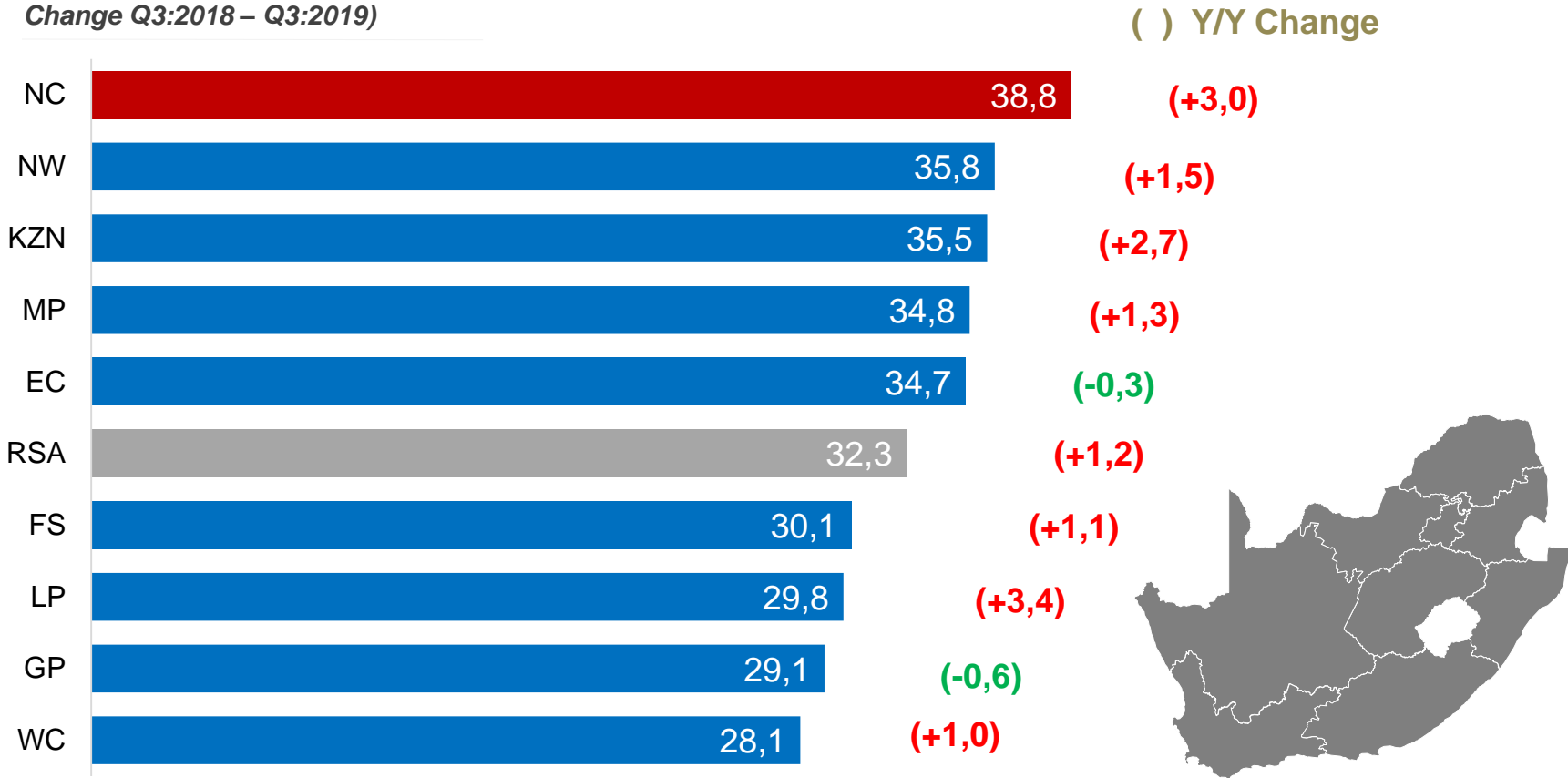
Approximately 3,3 million (32,3%) out of 10,3 million young people **aged 15-24 years** were not in employment, education or training (NEET). The overall NEET rate increased by 1,2 percentage points in Q3:2019 compared to Q3:2018.

NEET (15-24 years) by sex



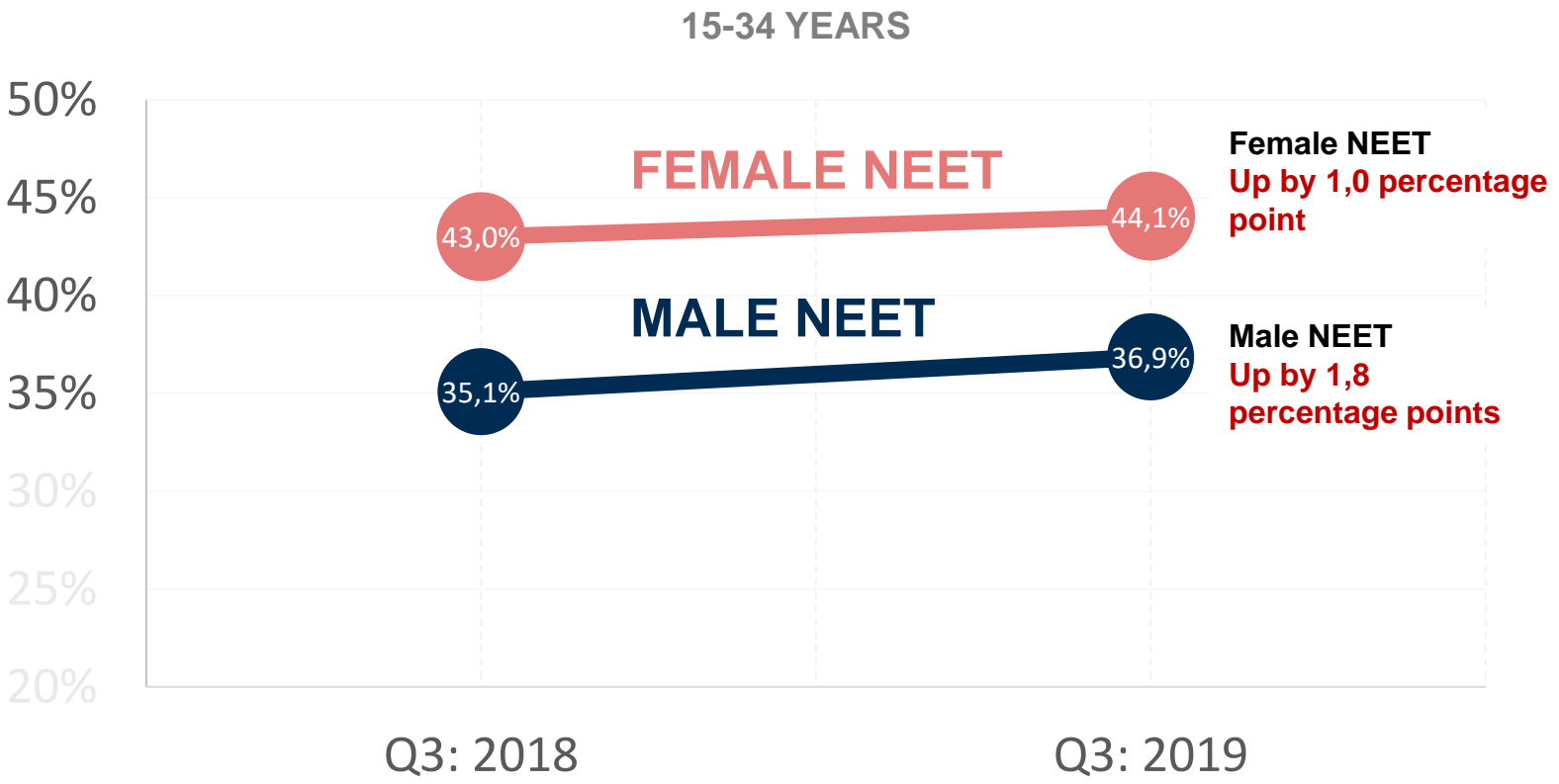
NC recorded the highest rate of young people aged 15-24 years not in employment, education or training in Q3: 2019.

Provincial NEET rate (Year on Year Change Q3:2018 – Q3:2019)



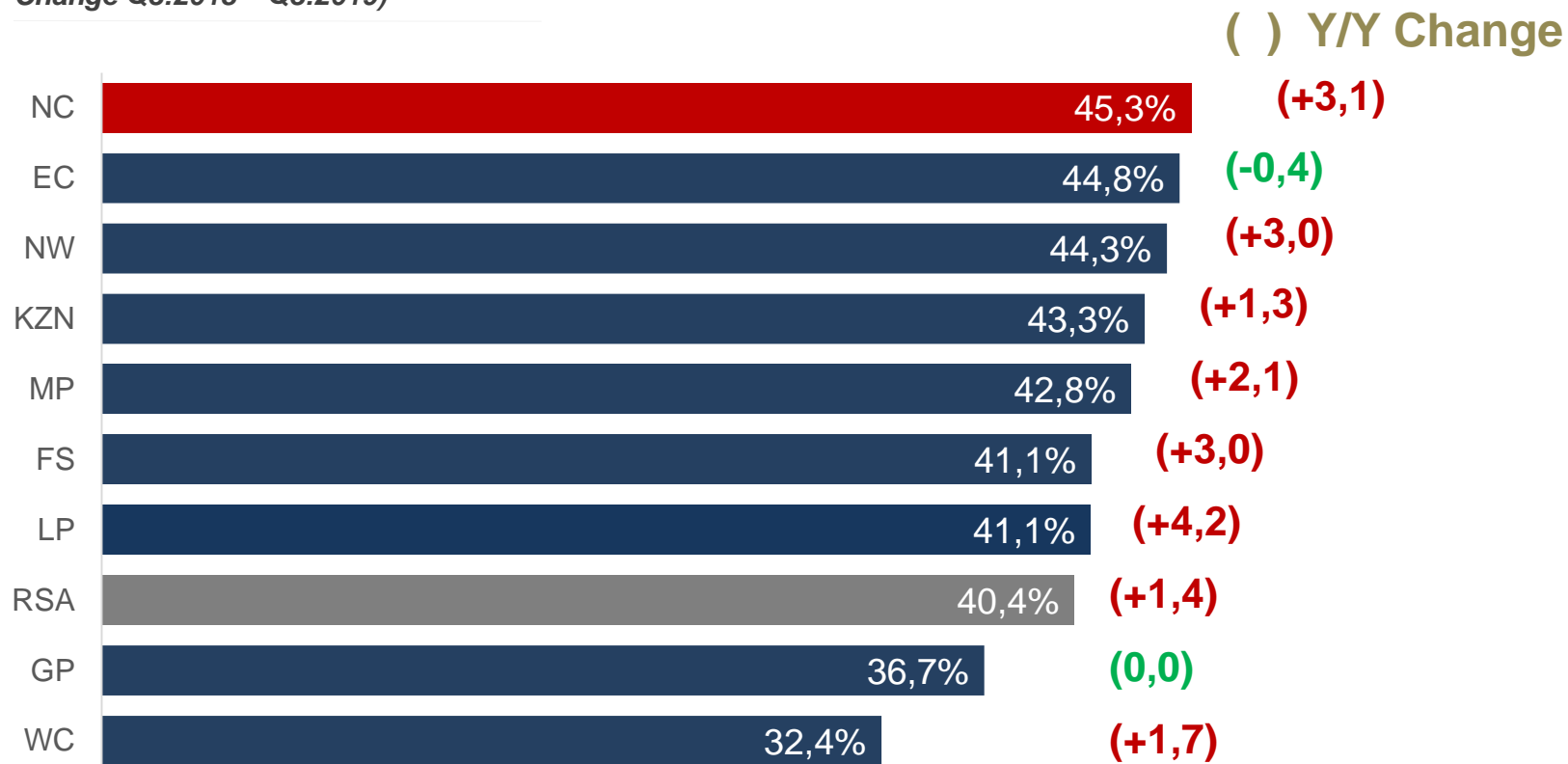
Approximately 8,2 million (40,4%) out of 20,4 million young people aged 15-34 years were not in employment, education or training (NEET). The overall NEET rate increased by 1,4 percentage points y/y.

NEET (15-34 years) by sex



The NC province had the highest rate of young people aged 15-34 years not in employment, education or training at **45,3%**. The rate increased by 3,1 percentage points year-on-year.

Provincial NEET rate (Year – on – Year
Change Q3:2018 – Q3:2019)



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EMPLOYMENT

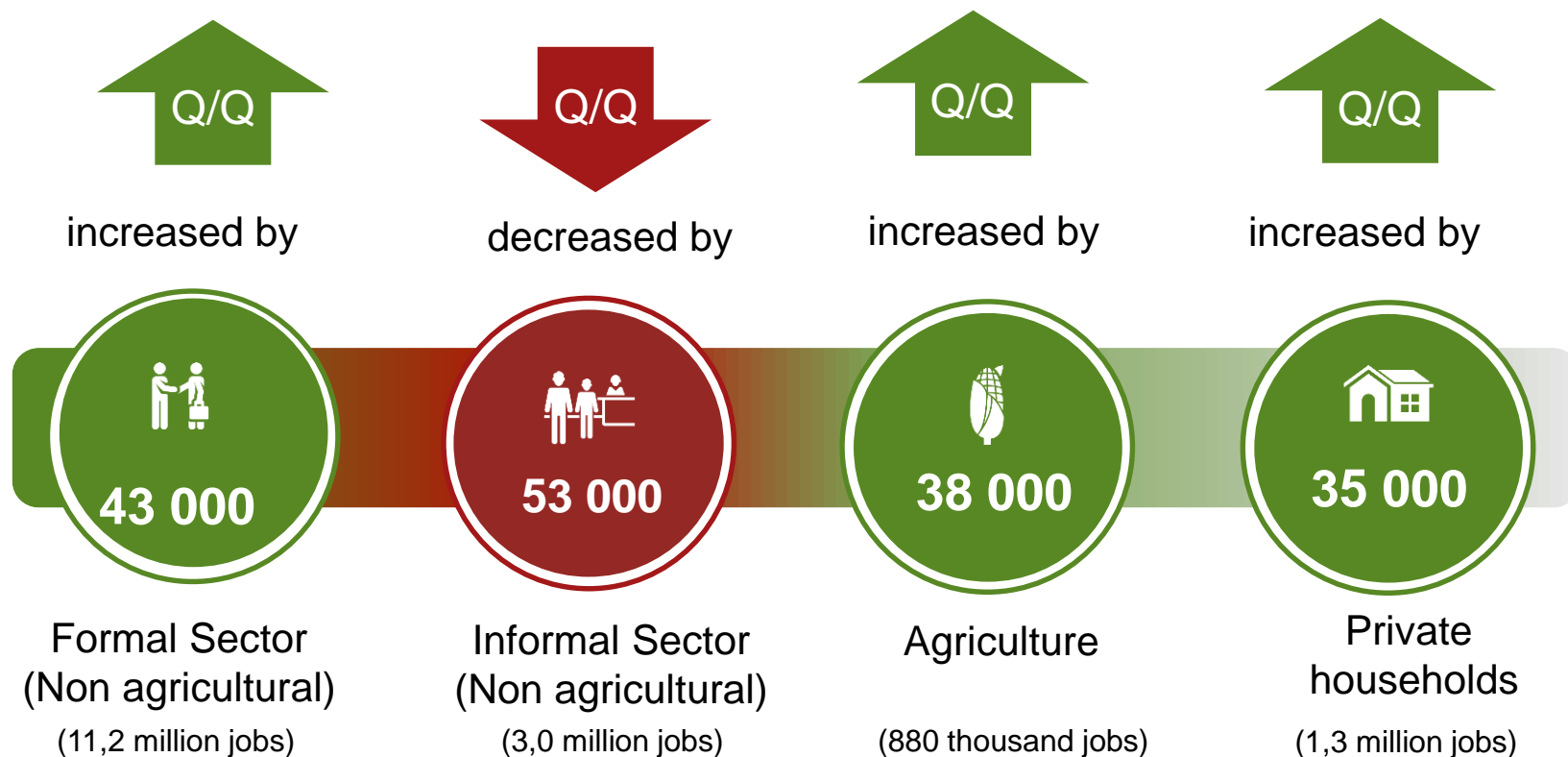


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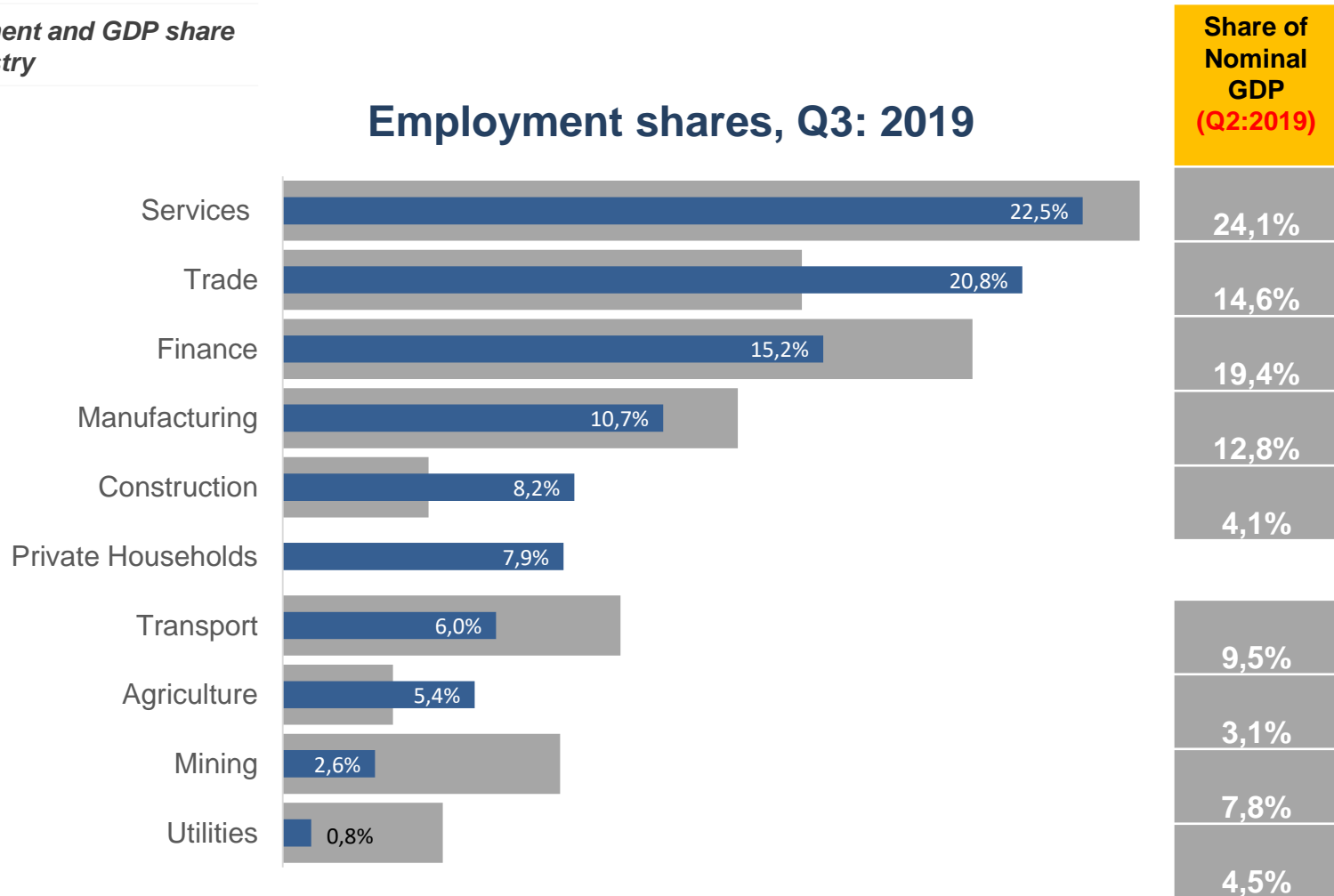
The number of persons employed increased by 62 000 in Q3:2019 to 16,4 million Q/Q.



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

Employment and GDP share per industry

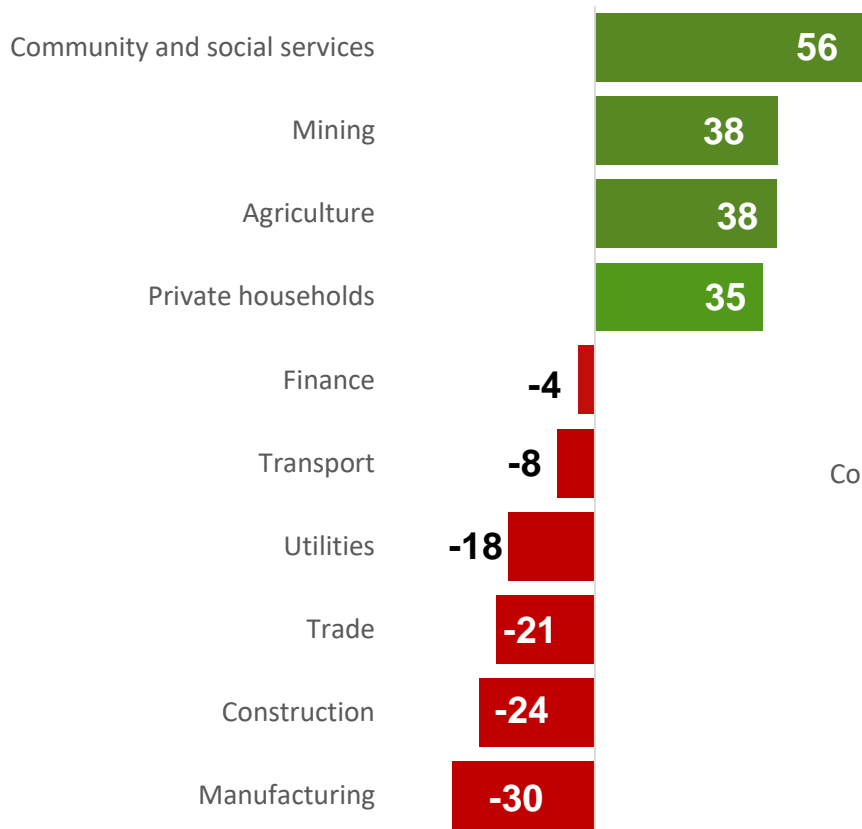
Employment shares, Q3: 2019



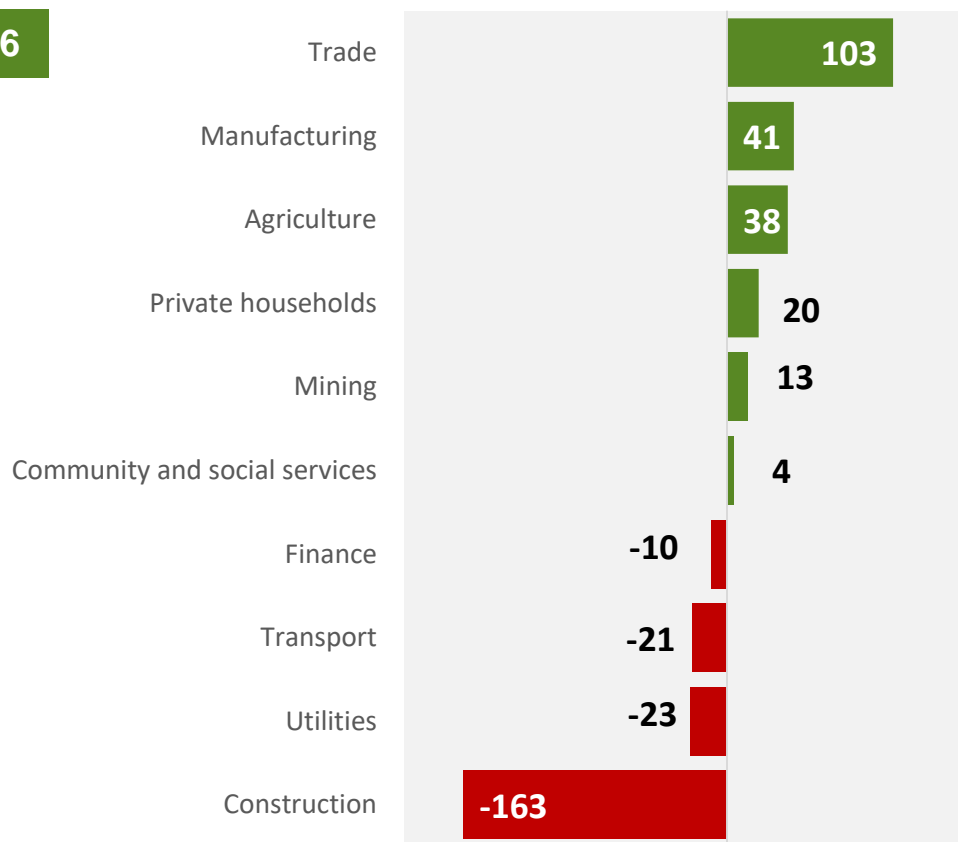
Employment gains were observed in Services, Mining, Agriculture and Private households (q/q). *Largest declines were observed in Manufacturing, Construction, Trade and Utilities.*

Employment changes by industry

Quarter-on-quarter change ('000)

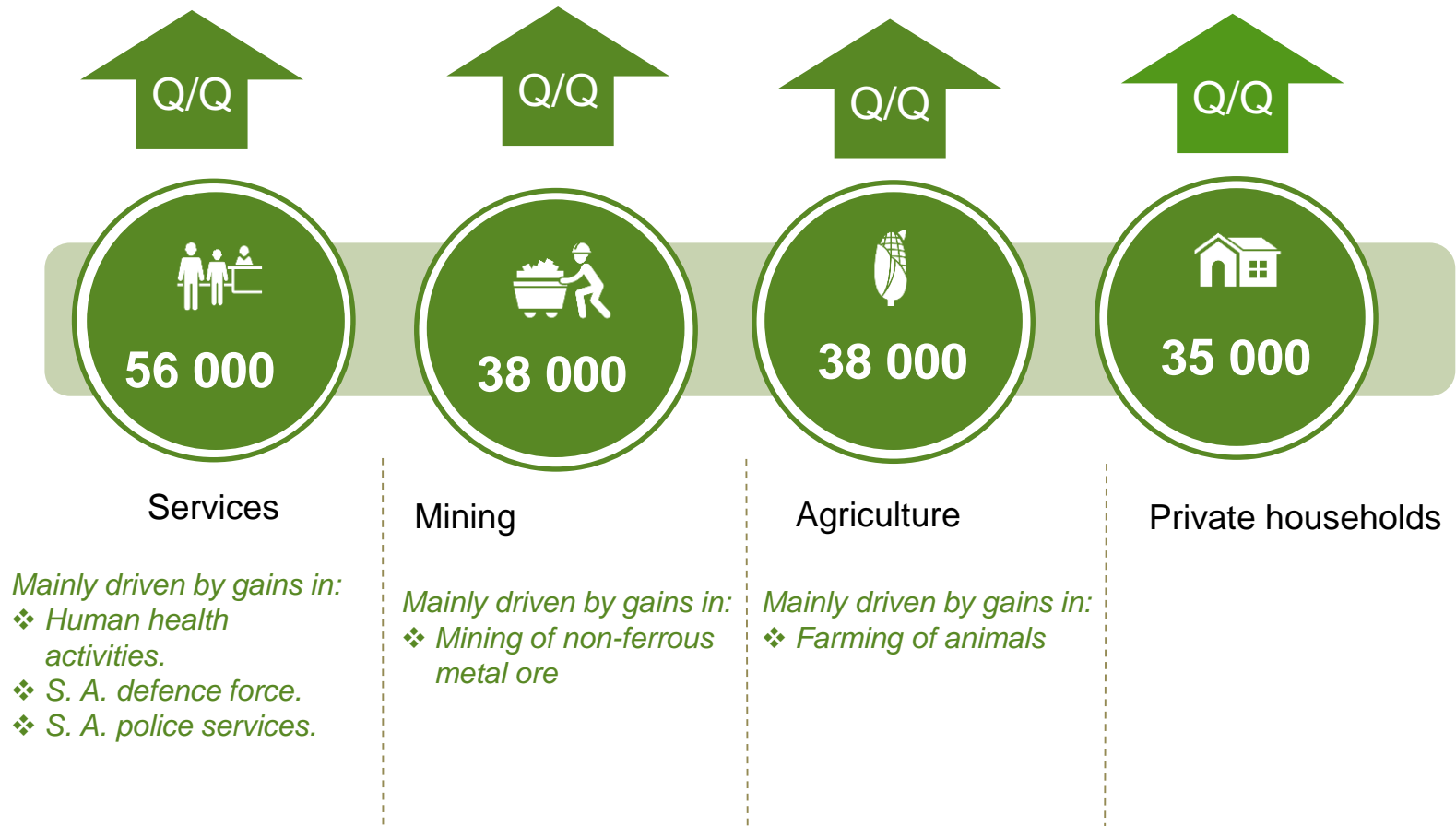


Year-on-year change ('000)



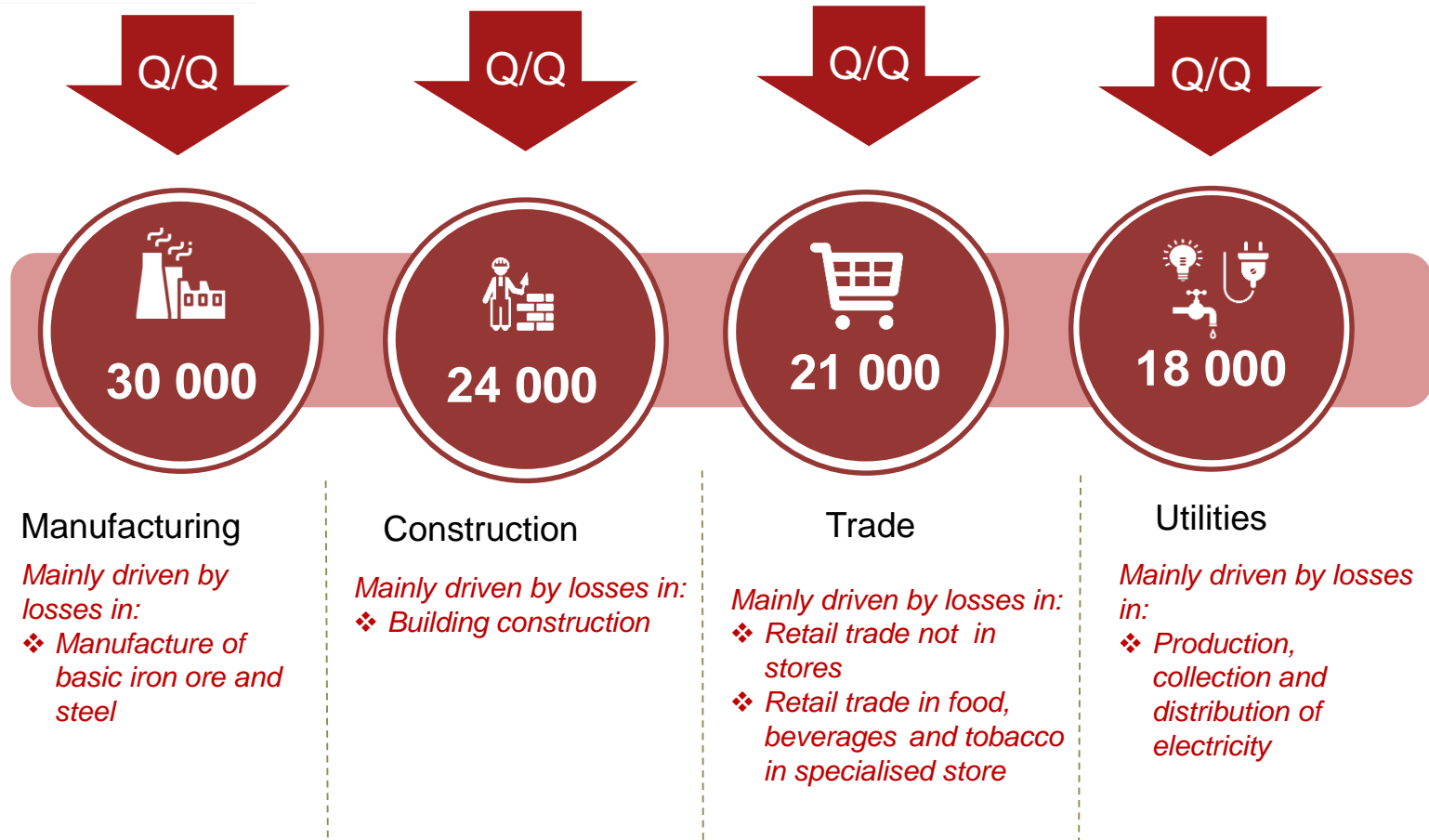
Employment gains were mainly driven by services (56 000), mining (38 000), agriculture (38 000) and private households (35 000).

Quarter-on-quarter
employment changes:
Gains



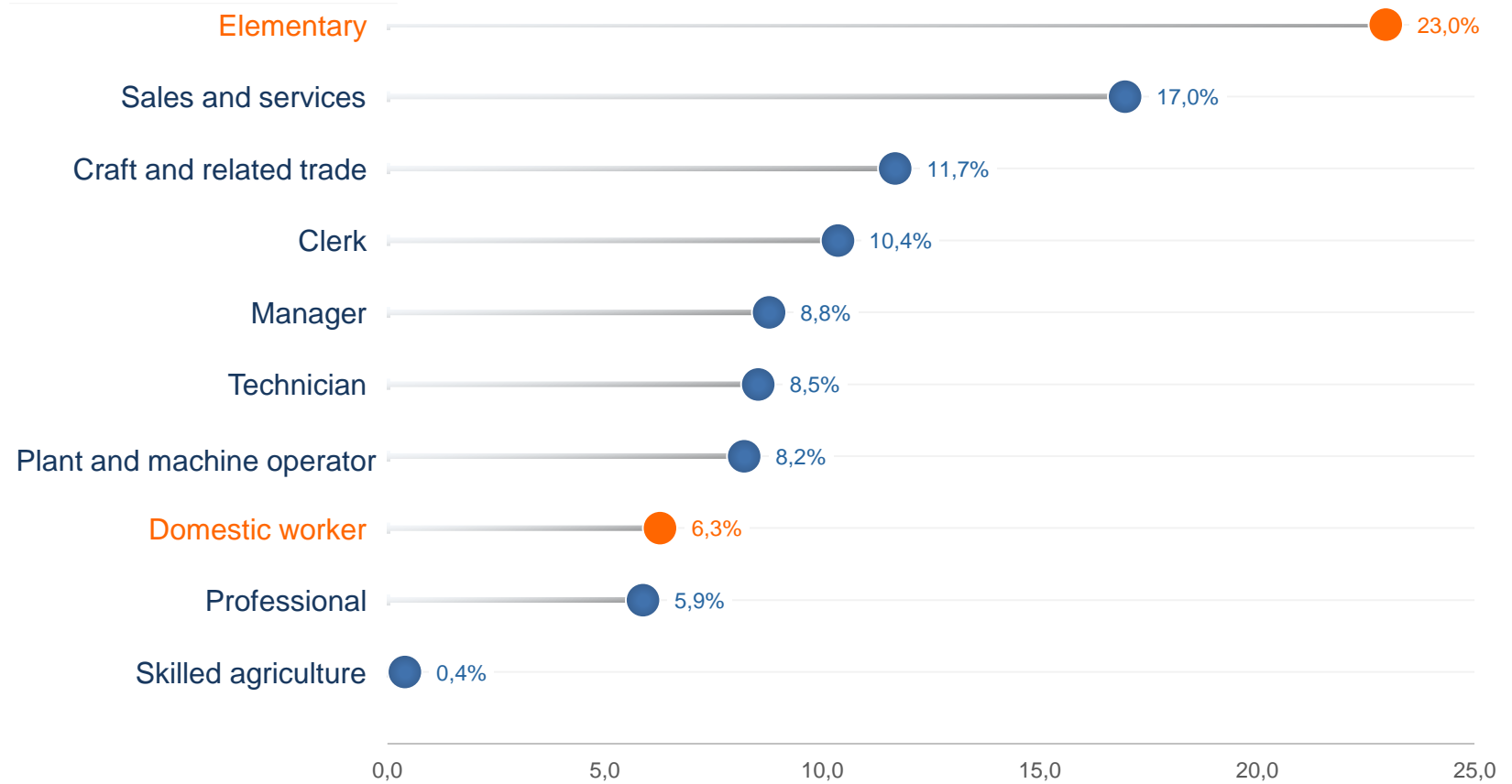
Employment losses were mainly driven by manufacturing, construction, trade and utilities.

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

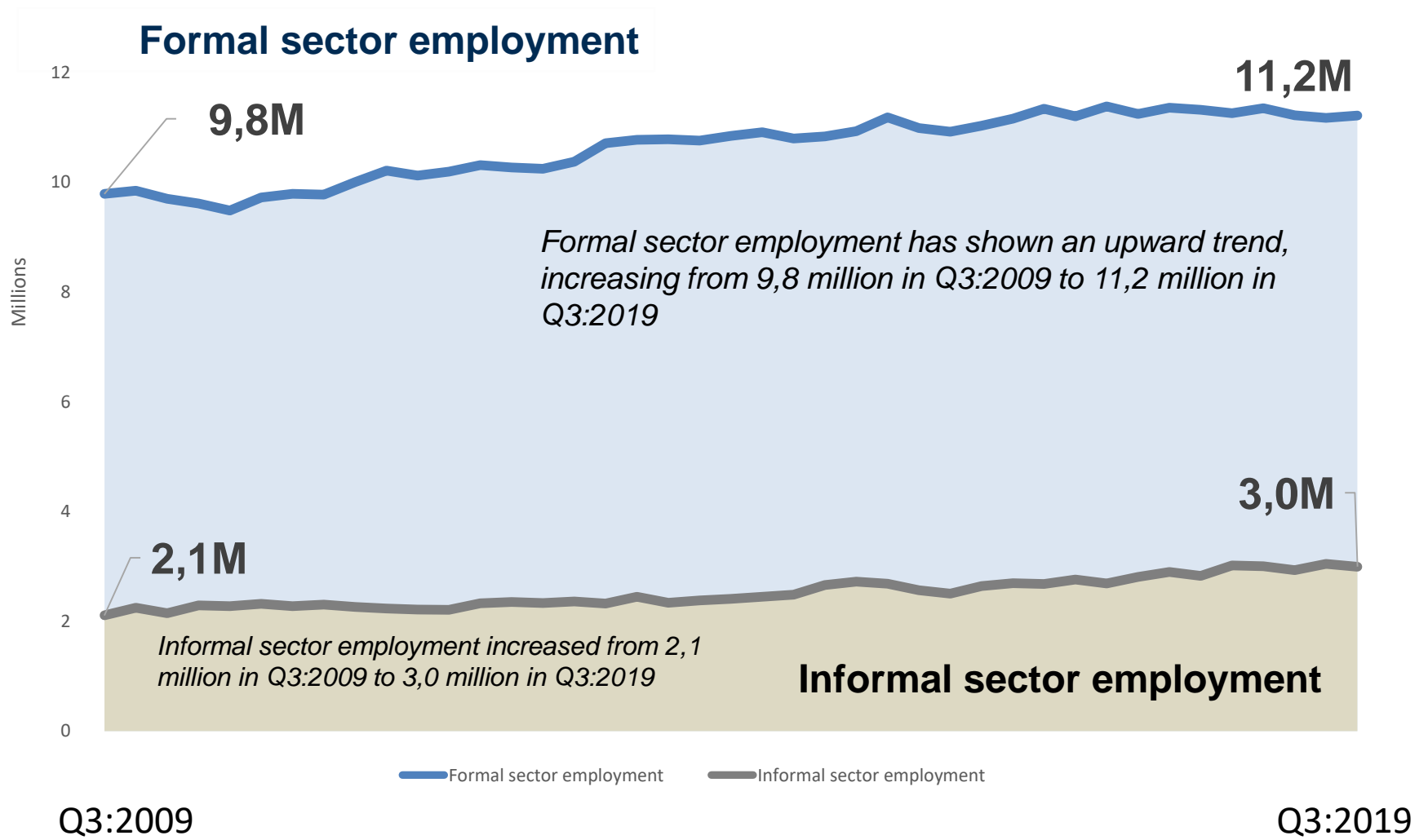


Close to a third (29,3%) of all people employed in Q3:2019 were employed in elementary and domestic work occupations.

Employment share by occupation, Q3:2019



The formal sector in South Africa accounted for 68,5% of total employment in Q3:2019.



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UNEMPLOYMENT

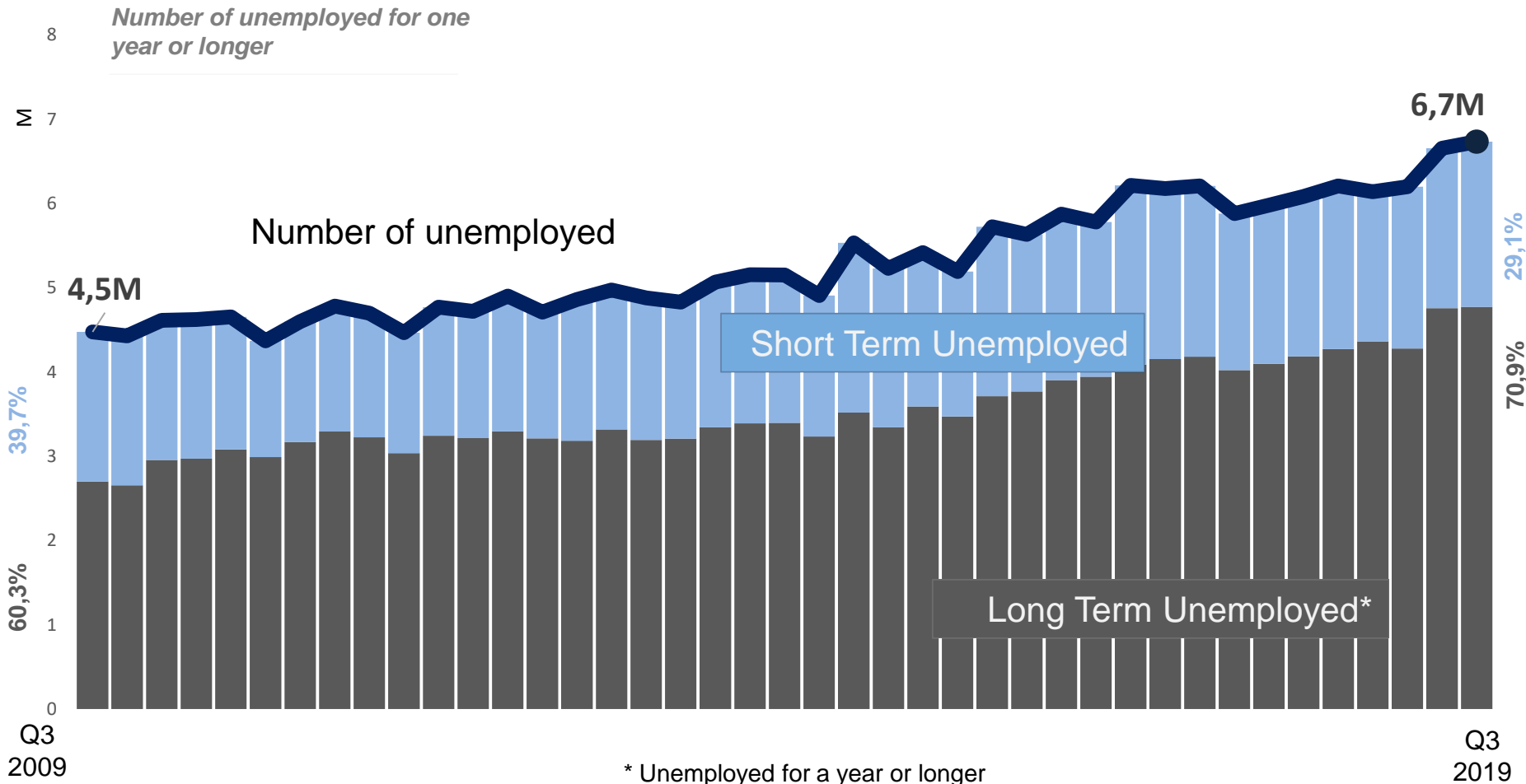


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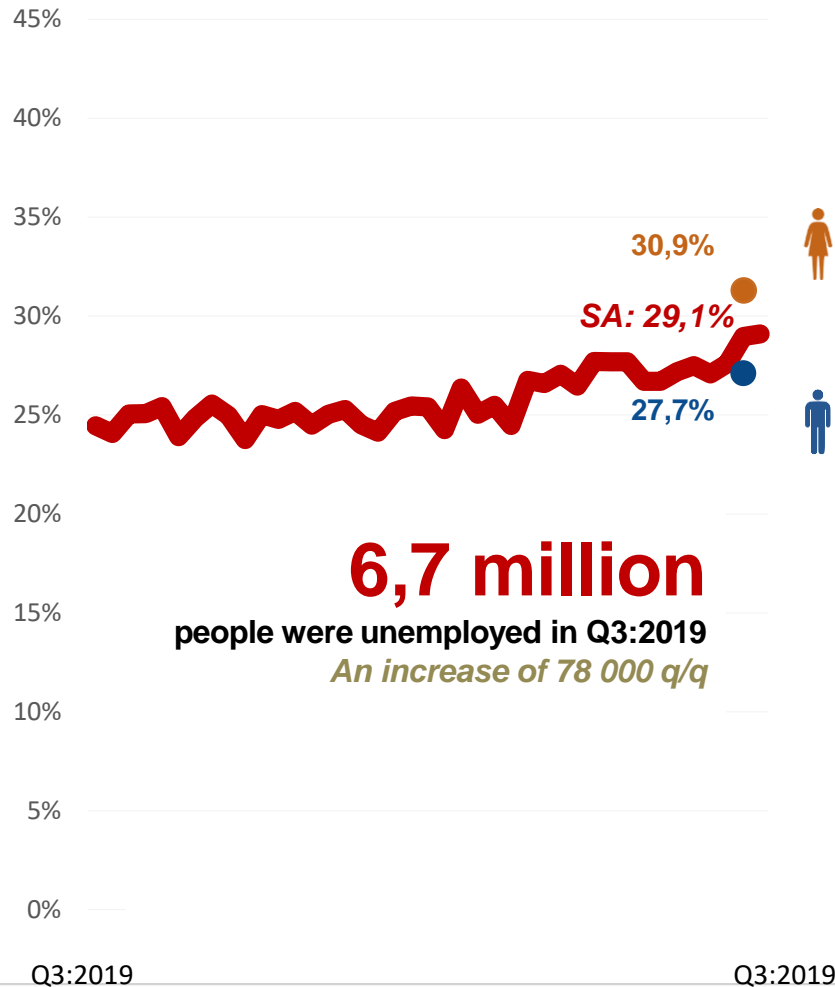


The number of unemployed people in South Africa increased from 4,5 million in Q3:2009 to 6,7 million in Q3:2019. The proportion of those in long-term unemployment increased from 60,3% in Q3:2009 to **70,9%** in Q3:2019



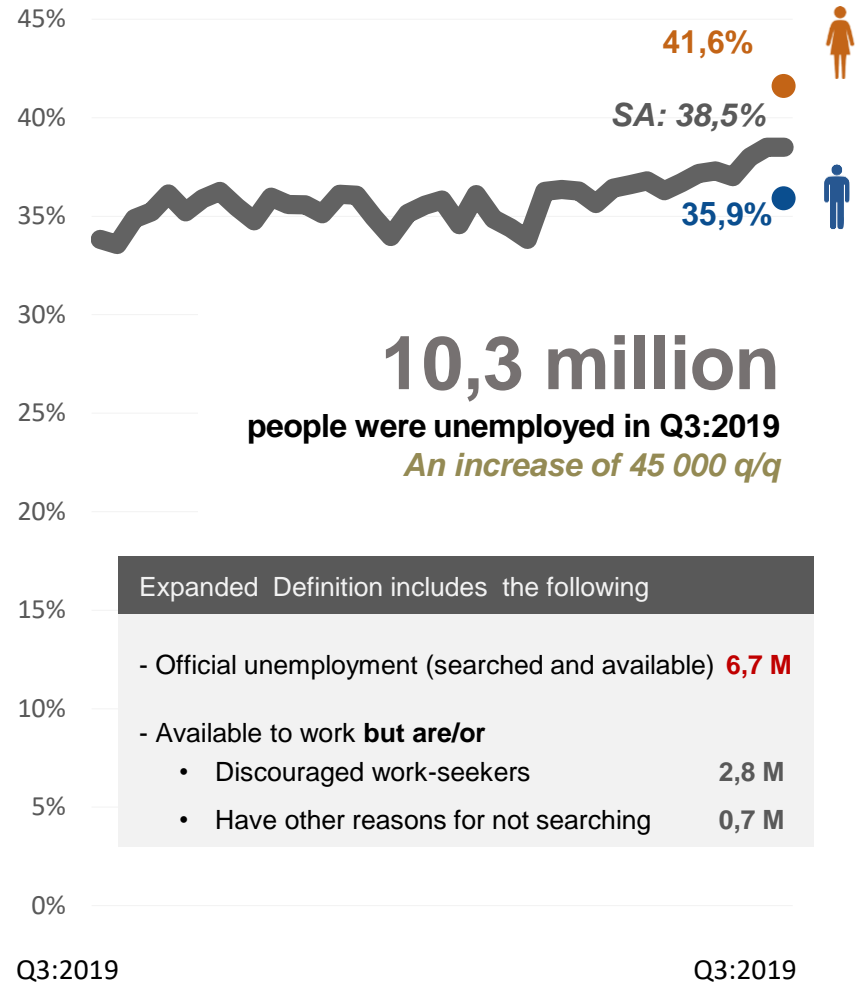
Official Unemployment Rate

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



Expanded Unemployment Rate

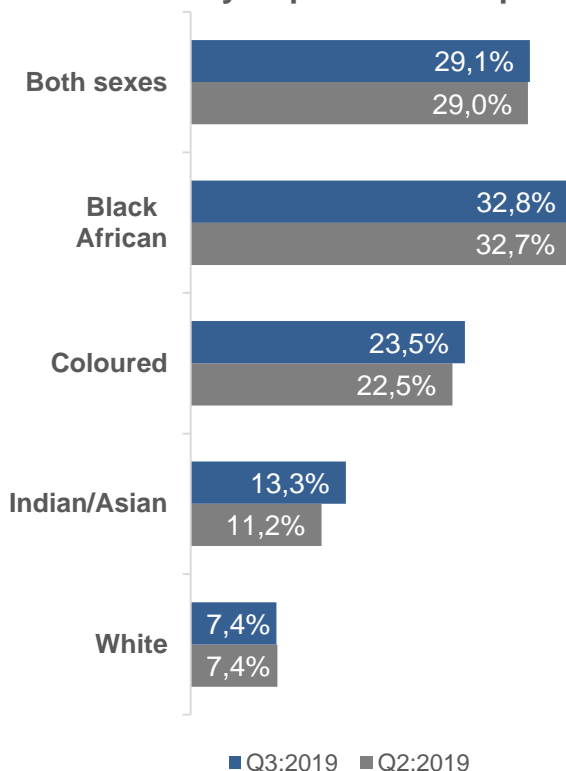
38,5% (+0,0 % Point Change Q/Q)



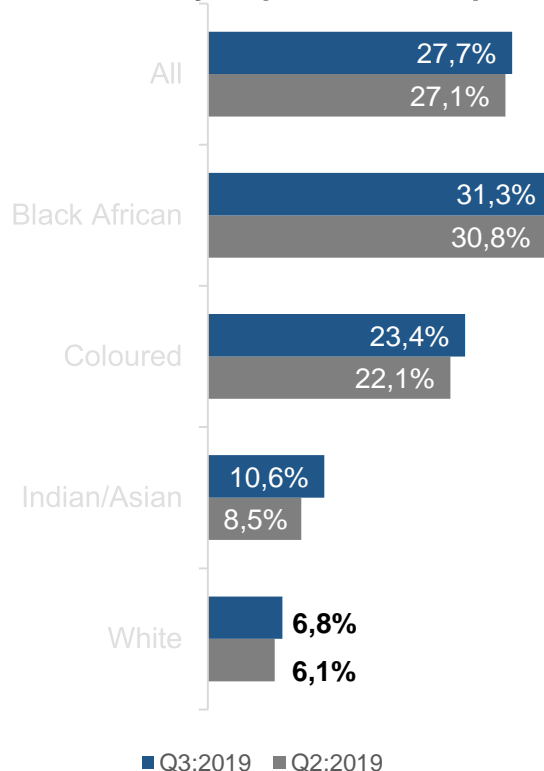
Black African women are the most vulnerable with an unemployment rate of over 30%.

OFFICIAL unemployment rate by population group and sex

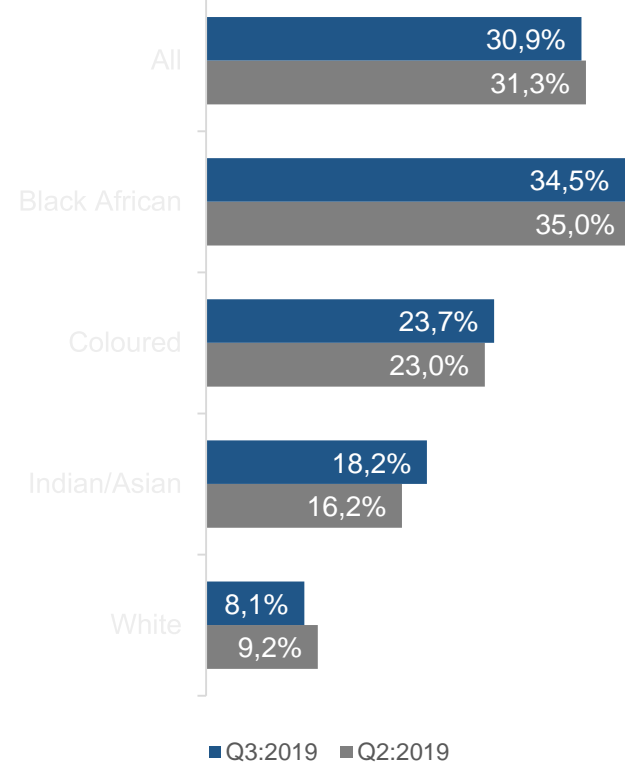
Unemployment Rate by Population Group



Male Unemployment Rate By Population Group



Female Unemployment Rate by Population Group



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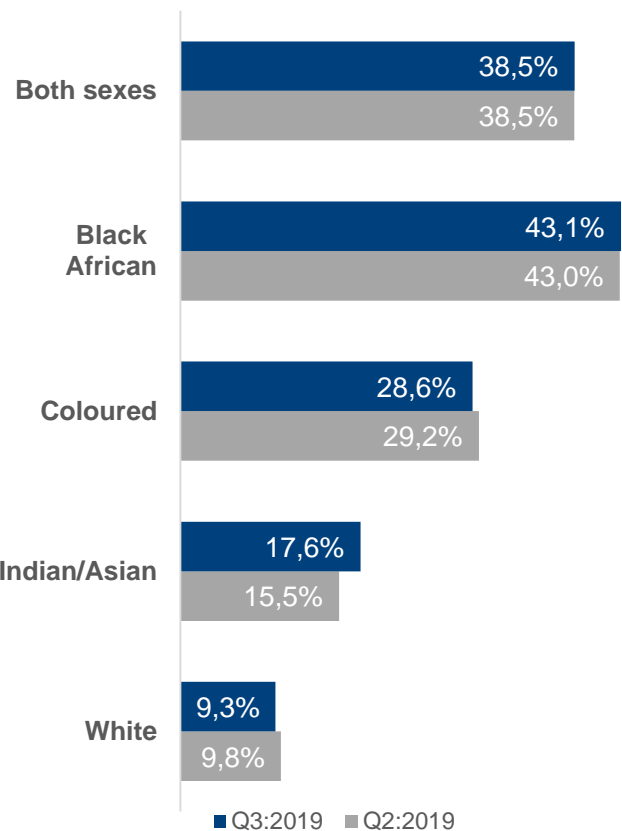
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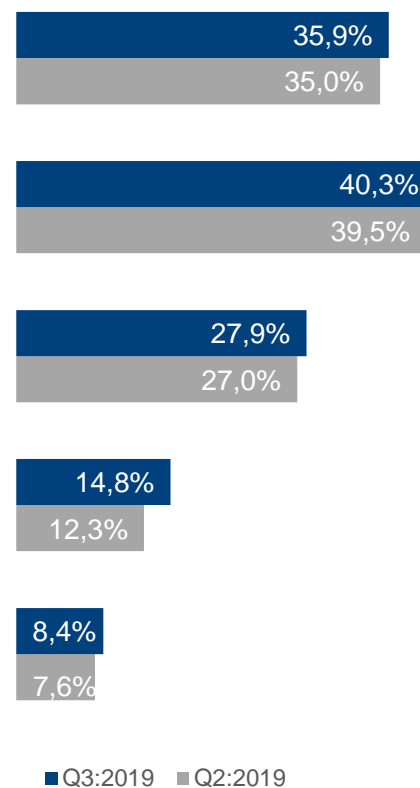
Irrespective of sex, the black African and coloured population groups remain vulnerable in the labour market

EXPANDED unemployment rate by population group and sex

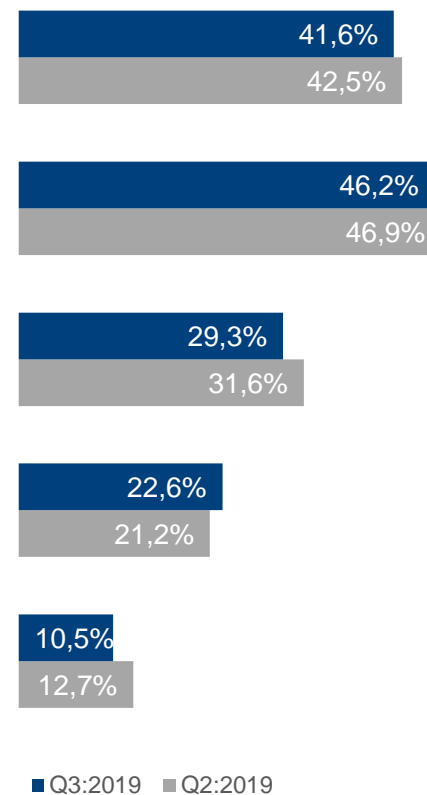
Expanded unemployment rate by population group



Male expanded unemployment rate



Female expanded unemployment rate

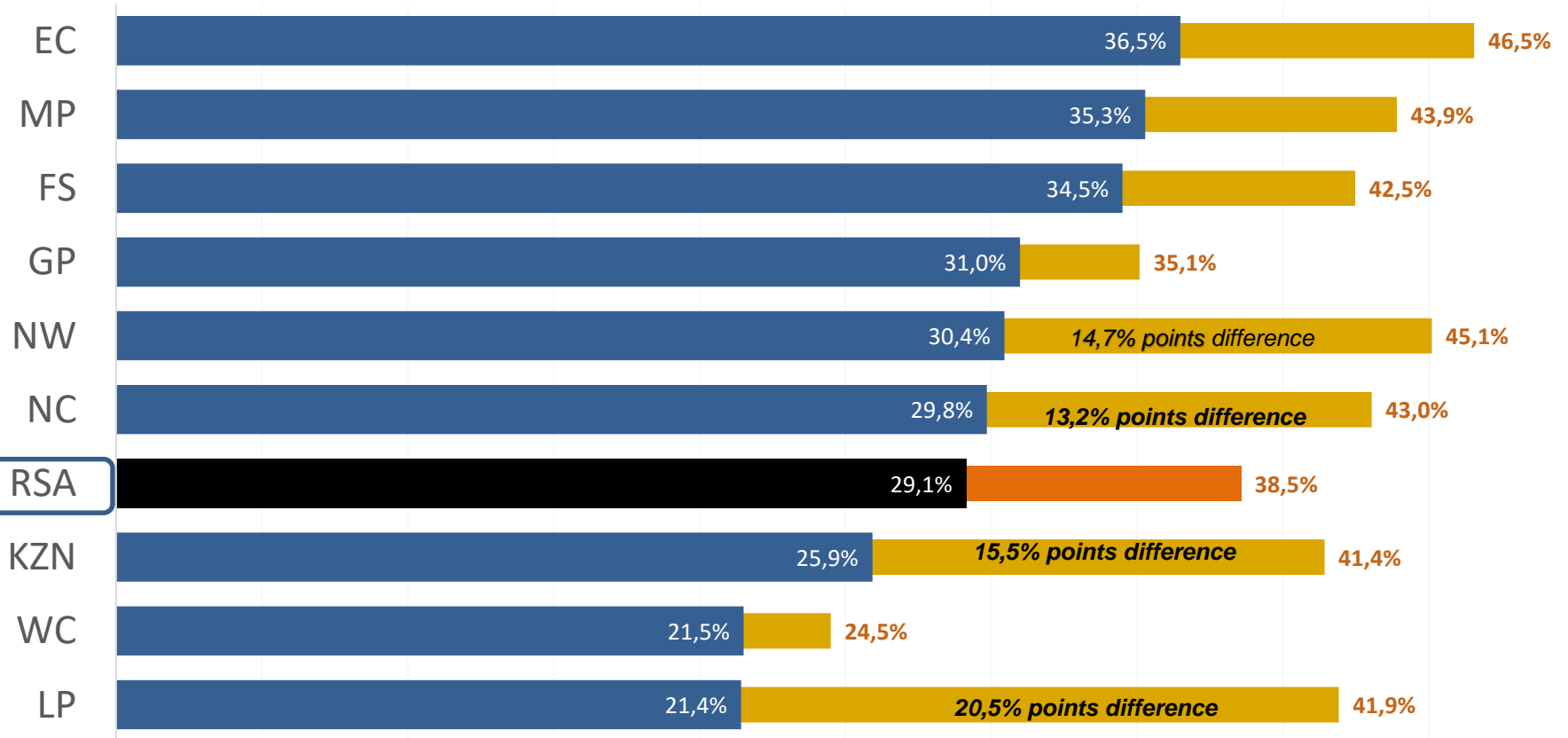


EC recorded the highest unemployment rate in both official and expanded. LP, KZN and NW provinces all have more than 14 % points difference between their expanded and official unemployment rates

Provincial unemployment rate:
Official vs Expanded Q3:2019

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.

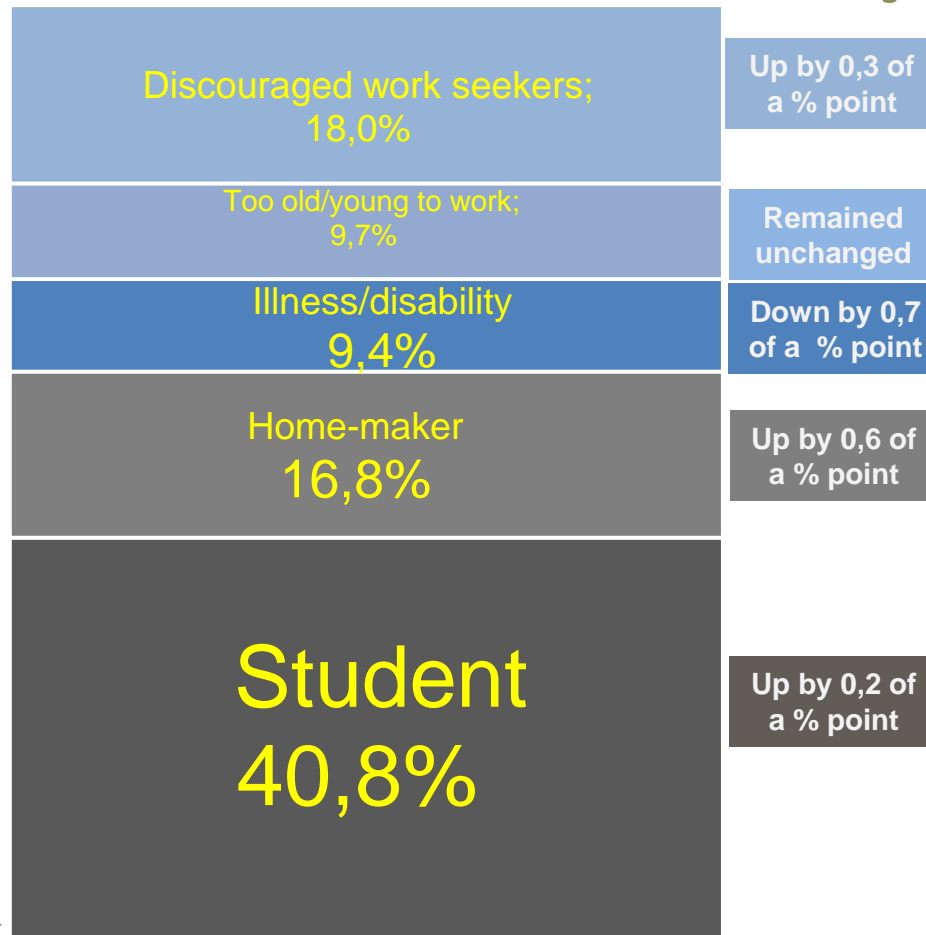
This is an increase of 9 000 q/q

Reasons why – Not economically active (NEA)

5 main reasons for NEA

Q2:2019 to Q3:2019
% Change

Q2:2019 to Q3:2019
Change in levels



Quarter-on-quarter changes	
	Thousand
Student	30
Homemaker	88
Illness/disability	-103
Too young/too old to work	-2
Discouraged work seekers	44
Other	-47

NEA
15,5 M



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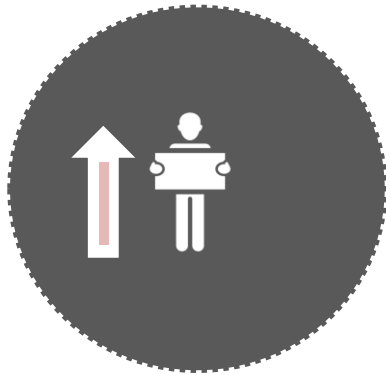
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Recap

Q3:2019

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



Unemployment rate increased by 0,1 of a percentage point to 29,1%

Absorption rate remained unchanged and labour force participation rate increased by 0,1 of a percentage point

EMPLOYMENT GAINS



Employment gains were recorded in **Services (56 000)**, Mining (38 000), Agriculture (38 000) and Private households (35 000).

EMPLOYMENT LOSSES



Largest employment losses were observed in **Manufacturing (30 000)**, Construction (24 000), Trade (21 000) and Utilities (18 000)

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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