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Quarterly Employment Statistics (QES) – Q4:2021

Total employment increased by 62 000 or (0,6%) quarter-on-quarter, from 9 953 000 in September 2021 to 10 015 000 in December 2021. This was largely due to increases in the following industries: trade (48 000 or 2,3%), community services (45 000 or 1,6%) and manufacturing (1 000 or 0,1%).

However, there were decreases in the following industries: construction (-20 000 or -3,6%), transport (-5 000 or -1,2%), business services (-5 000 or -0,2%), mining (-1 000 or -0,2%) and electricity (-1 000 or -1,7%).

Total employment increased by 154 000 or (1,6%) year-on-year between December 2020 and December 2021.

Full-time employment decreased by 44 000 or (-0,5%) quarter-on-quarter, from 8 889 000 in September 2021 to 8 845 000 in December 2021. This was largely due to decreases in the following industries: construction (-23 000 or -4,6%), business services (-19 000 or -0,9%), community services (-9 000 or -0,4%), manufacturing (-7 000 or -0,6%), transport (-3 000 or -0,7%), mining (-1 000 or -0,2%) and electricity (-1 000 or -1,7%).

However, the trade industry reported an increase of 19 000 employees or 1,0%.

Full-time employment decreased by 12 000 or (-0,1%) year-on-year between December 2020 and December 2021.

Part-time employment increased by 106 000 or (10,0%) quarter-on-quarter, from 1 064 000 in September 2021 to 1 170 000 in December 2021. This was largely due to increases in the following industries: community services (54 000 or 10,9%), trade (29 000 or 14,3%), business services (14 000 or 6,6%), manufacturing (8 000 or 11,9%) and construction (3 000 or 4,5%).

The electricity industry reported no quarterly change.

However, the transport industry reported a decrease of 2 000 employees or (-11,8%).

Part-time employment increased by 166 000 or (16,5%) year-on-year between December 2020 and December 2021.

Gross earnings paid to employees increased by R44,3 billion or (5,7%) from R783,0 billion in September 2021 to R827,3 billion in December 2021. This was largely due to increases in the following industries: trade, community services, manufacturing, business services, transport, construction and electricity.

However, the mining industry reported a quarterly decrease.

Year-on-year, gross earnings increased by R51,7 billion or (6,7%) between December 2020 and December 2021.

Basic salary/wages paid to employees increased by R6,2 billion or (0,9%) from R713,4 billion in September 2021 to R719,6 billion in December 2021. This was largely due to increases in the following industries: trade, business services, transport, manufacturing, electricity and community services.

However, there were decreases in the construction and mining industries.

Year-on-year, basic salary/wages increased by R46,4 billion or (6,9%) between December 2020 and December 2021.

Bonus paid to employees increased by R36,9 billion or (75,5%) from R48,8 billion in September 2021 to R85,7 billion in December 2021. This was largely due to increases in the following industries: community services, manufacturing, trade, business services, transport, construction and electricity.

Year-on-year, bonus payments increased by R2,8 billion or (3,4%) between December 2020 and December 2021.

Overtime paid to employees increased by R1,3 billion or (6,1%) from R20,7 billion in September 2021 to R22,0 billion in December 2021. This was largely due to increases in the following industries: community services, manufacturing, trade, construction and transport.

However, there were decreases in the following industries: business services and electricity.

Year-on-year, overtime payments increased by R2,5 billion or (13,1%) between December 2020 and December 2021.

Average monthly earnings showed a quarter-on-quarter increase of 0,3%, from R23 908 in August 2021 to R23 982 in November 2021. Year-on-year, average monthly earnings increased by 3,9%.

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