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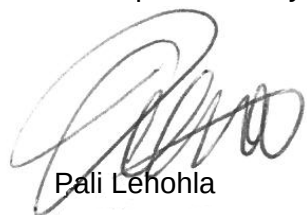
## INTRODUCTION

There are a number of interventions that seek to address challenges faced by various sub-groups of the population and such processes not only require information for planning purposes, but also information on key indicators that can be used for monitoring. Vulnerable Groups<sup>1</sup> within the context of this report is defined as a population sub-groups that experience a higher risk of poverty and social exclusion than the general population. These sectors typically require special attention at all levels with relation to policy, planning, resource allocation and implementation. This report focusses on five vulnerable groups and they are defined as follows:

- o Children – those aged 17 years and below;
- o The youth – people aged between 15-34 years;
- o Women – the female population;
- o Older persons – people aged 60 years and above; and
- o Persons with disabilities – those experiencing various levels of difficulties in functional domains such as seeing, hearing, walking, remembering and concentrating, self-care, communicating and social interaction

The “Vulnerable Groups Indicator Report: 2015” is aimed at providing relevant socio-economic information for planning and monitoring purposes for each of the five groups covered. It is envisaged that the data presented in this report will be useful in providing government, researchers, other sector key stakeholders and the general public as a whole with information needed to inform policy, research and debate.

The current report focuses mainly on presenting data collected in 2015. The main sources of statistics are the General Household Survey (GHS). Economic indicators on the labour market were tabulated using the Quarterly Labour Force Survey (QLFS), while crime related indicators were calculated using data from the Victims of Crime Survey (VOCS). GHS, QLFS and VOCS household surveys each have samples of approximately 30 000 households that are statistically representative of all nine provinces. Unless otherwise stated, unspecified values were excluded from totals as well as when percentages were calculated. The totals from the various survey sources do not always correspond as they were done during different times of the year, using different benchmarking data.



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<sup>1</sup> SOURCE: Social protection and Social inclusion Glossary. DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

## Definitions

- **Sex Parity Ratio (GPR):** Is calculated as the percentage/number of females divided by the percentage/number of males with a particular characteristic. Although these ratios are usually designed to measure the relative access to education of males and females, the ratios can also be generally applied to calculate sex disparities or gaps on different socio-economic indicators (Koronkiewicz, 2008<sup>2</sup>).
- **Graduates:** Individuals who have completed a university degree.
- **Geo-type:** Census 2011 definitions for urban and rural have been applied. According to Stats SA, an urban area is defined as a continuously built-up area with characteristics such as type of economic activity and land use. Cities, towns, townships, suburbs, etc. are typical urban areas.
  - o An **urban area** is one which was proclaimed or classified as such (i.e. in an urban municipality under the old demarcation), or classified as such during census demarcation by Stats SA, based on its observation of aerial photographs or on other information.
  - o A **rural area** is defined as any area that is not classified as urban. Rural areas may comprise one or more of the following: tribal areas, commercial farms and rural formal areas.
- **Head of the household:** There are many debates on what constitutes the term '**household head**'. Arguments and discussions around the definition usually deal with the subjective assumptions carried by its interpretation, its implication and influence in socially constructed Sex roles (Hedman et al., 1996<sup>3</sup>; Rosenhouse, 1989<sup>4</sup>). Taking into account arguments for and against, Stats SA loosely defines the **head of the household** as the person (male or female) who assumes responsibility for the household. This person can be the chief economic provider, the chief decision-maker or the person designated by other members as the head. Survey officers are instructed to record this person as person '01', in the first column of the questionnaire during data collection. However, given that the definition used for households is based on the four-by-four rule<sup>5</sup>, some individuals, especially migrant workers, who may be considered the head of the household by the household, are often excluded from the data as a result of their limited presence within the household. In those cases the acting household head from the household perspective is indicated in the dataset as the household head.
- **Labour force participation rate:** The proportion of the working-age population that is either employed or unemployed.
- **Employed persons:** Those aged 15–64 years who, during the reference week, did any work for at least one hour, or had a job or business but were not at work (temporarily absent).

<sup>2</sup> Koronkiewicz, M. 2008. Sex Parity Index, UNESCO, Bangkok.

<sup>3</sup> Hedman, B., Perucci, F. and Sundstrom, P. 1996. EnSexing Statistics: A Tool for Change. Statistics Sweden: Orebro.

<sup>4</sup> Rosenhouse, S. 1989. Identifying the Poor: Is 'Headship' a Useful Concept? LSMS Working Paper No 58, World Bank, Washington DC.

<sup>5</sup> The person should have been present in the household for at least four nights per week for the past four weeks.

- **Employment-to-population ratio (labour absorption rate):** The proportion of the working-age population that is employed.
- **Not economically active:** Persons aged 15–64 years who are neither employed nor unemployed in the reference week.
- **Unemployment rate:** The proportion of the labour force that is unemployed.
- **Discouraged job-seeker:** A person who was not employed during the reference period, wanted to work, was available to work/start a business but did not take active steps to find work during the last four weeks, provided that the main reason given for not seeking work was any of the following: No jobs available in the area; Unable to find work requiring his/her skills; Lost hope of finding any kind of work.

**Household composition:** Households have been categorised into the following household types:

- o A **single household** is a one-person household
- o **Nuclear households** are defined as 'households consisting of household heads, their spouses and offspring'
- o **Extended households** include other relatives in addition to the nucleus.
- o **Complex households** are all households with members who are not related to the household head

Intergenerational households (Wolf and Folbre, 2012)<sup>6</sup>.

- o A **single generation** household consists of people of the same age group: a married or cohabiting couple, a single person, siblings, or roommates.
- o A **double generation family household** includes a parent or parents and their child or children under age 25.
- o In **more than three-generations households**, the ages in the household can range from infancy to extreme old age.
- o When grandparents and grandchildren whose parents are dead or unable to care for them form a household, this is defined as a **skipped-generation household**.

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<sup>6</sup> Wolf, D. & Folbre, N. 2012. *Universal Coverage of Long Term care in the United States*, Russel Sage Foundation: ISBN-13 / ISBN-10 978-1-61044-799-7

**Formal dwelling** refers to a structure built according to approved plans, i.e. house on a separate stand, flat or apartment, townhouse, room in backyard, rooms or flatlet elsewhere.

- **Informal dwelling** is a makeshift structure not erected according to approved architectural plans, for example shacks or shanties in informal settlements or in backyards.
- **Traditional dwelling** is a category of architecture based on local needs, construction materials and reflecting local traditions. Traditional dwellings tend to evolve over time to reflect the environmental, cultural, technological, economic, and historical context in which it exists.

An orphan is defined as a child whose mother, father or both biological parents have died:

- A **maternal orphan** is a child whose mother has died but whose father is alive.
- A **paternal orphan** is a child whose father has died but whose mother is alive;
- A **double orphan** is a child whose biological mother and father have both passed away.

Type of diseases:

- In medicine, an **acute disease** is a disease, a short course, or both. Acute may be used to distinguish a disease from a chronic form, such as acute leukemia and chronic leukemia, or to highlight the sudden onset of a disease, such as acute myocardial infarction.
- A **chronic disease** is one lasting 3 months or more. Chronic diseases generally cannot be prevented by vaccines or cured by medication, nor do they just disappear.

Access to basic household services:

- **Access to water** - Refers to dwellings access to piped water source in house or in the yard
- **Sanitation** – Refers to dwellings with flushing toilets connected to a sewage system or a septic tank, pit toilet with ventilation pipe
- **Refuse/ Waste** -refers to dwellings with rubbish removed by municipality
- **Electricity**- refers to dwellings which are connected to main electricity suppliers
- **Solid fuels for cooking**- refers to dwelling that use wood, coal, and animal dung as source of energy for cooking



## INDICATORS: CHILDREN

Children are defined as people aged 18 years and below.

### 1.1 The Demography of Children

**Table 1.1.1: Distribution of children, 2015**

| Disaggregation           |        |      | WC    | EC       | NC      | FS    | KZN   | NW    | GP    | MP    | LP    | RSA   |
|--------------------------|--------|------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Sex and province         | Male   | '000 | 962   | 1345     | 201     | 445   | 2029  | 643   | 1833  | 782   | 1085  | 9325  |
|                          |        | %    | 50,7  | 50,9     | 49,1    | 50,3  | 49,9  | 49,8  | 50,5  | 50,2  | 49,3  | 50,2  |
|                          | Female | '000 | 934   | 1298     | 208     | 440   | 2033  | 648   | 1797  | 776   | 1114  | 9251  |
|                          |        | %    | 49,3  | 49,1     | 50,9    | 49,7  | 50,1  | 50,2  | 49,5  | 49,8  | 50,7  | 49,8  |
|                          | Both   | '000 | 1896  | 2644     | 409     | 886   | 4063  | 1291  | 3630  | 1559  | 2199  | 18576 |
|                          |        | %    | 100,0 | 100,0    | 100,0   | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 |
| Sex and geo-type         |        |      | Urban | Rural    | RSA     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          | Male   | '000 | 5206  | 4119     | 9325    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          |        | %    | 50,0  | 50,5     | 50,2    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          | Female | '000 | 5210  | 4041     | 9251    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          |        | %    | 50,0  | 49,5     | 49,8    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          | Both   | '000 | 10415 | 8160     | 18576   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          |        | %    | 100,0 | 100,0    | 100,0   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Sex and population group |        |      | Black | Coloured | Indian/ | White | RSA   |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          | Male   | '000 | 7865  | 788      | 167     | 505   | 9325  |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          |        | %    | 50,2  | 50,3     | 48,3    | 51,2  | 50,2  |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          | Female | '000 | 7812  | 778      | 179     | 482   | 9251  |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          |        | %    | 49,8  | 49,7     | 51,7    | 48,8  | 49,8  |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          | Both   | '000 | 15678 | 1566     | 346     | 987   | 18576 |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          |        | %    | 100,0 | 100,0    | 100,0   | 100,0 | 100,0 |       |       |       |       |       |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 1.1.2: Percentage of children as a proportion of the overall population, 2015**

| Disaggregation           |        |      | WC            | EC       | NC           | FS    | KZN   | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | RSA   |
|--------------------------|--------|------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Sex and province         | Male   | '000 | 962           | 1345     | 201          | 445   | 2029  | 643  | 1833 | 782  | 1085 | 9325  |
|                          |        | %    | 31,7          | 42,4     | 35,6         | 33,4  | 39,5  | 34,9 | 27,3 | 37,8 | 40,2 | 35,1  |
|                          | Female | '000 | 934           | 1298     | 208          | 440   | 2033  | 648  | 1797 | 776  | 1114 | 9251  |
|                          |        | %    | 29,1          | 36,9     | 33,6         | 30,8  | 36,7  | 34,8 | 27,5 | 35,9 | 37,7 | 33,2  |
|                          | Both   | '000 | 1896          | 2644     | 409          | 886   | 4063  | 1291 | 3630 | 1559 | 2199 | 18576 |
|                          |        | %    | 30,4          | 39,5     | 34,6         | 32,1  | 38,0  | 34,9 | 27,4 | 36,8 | 38,9 | 34,1  |
| Sex and geo-type         |        |      | Urban         | Rural    | RSA          |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          | Male   | '000 | 5206          | 4119     | 9325         |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          |        | %    | 30,4          | 43,5     | 35,1         |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          | Female | '000 | 5210          | 4041     | 9251         |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          |        | %    | 29,7          | 39,2     | 33,2         |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          | Both   | '000 | 10415         | 8160     | 18576        |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          |        | %    | 30,1          | 41,3     | 34,1         |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
| Sex and population group |        |      | Black African | Coloured | Indian/Asian | White | RSA   |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          | Male   | '000 | 7865          | 788      | 167          | 505   | 9325  |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          |        | %    | 36,9          | 33,5     | 24,2         | 22,8  | 35,1  |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          | Female | '000 | 7812          | 778      | 179          | 482   | 9251  |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          |        | %    | 35,0          | 31,0     | 26,4         | 20,6  | 33,2  |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          | Both   | '000 | 15678         | 1566     | 346          | 987   | 18576 |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          |        | %    | 35,9          | 32,2     | 25,3         | 21,6  | 34,1  |      |      |      |      |       |

Source: GHS 2015

## 1.2 Children: Household characteristics

**Table 1.2.1: Children less than 18 years by orphan-hood status, 2015**

| Gender |      | Maternal Orphan | Paternal Orphan | Double Orphan | Not Orphaned | Total |
|--------|------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|-------|
| Male   | '000 | 252             | 832             | 256           | 7732         | 9073  |
|        | %    | 2.8             | 9.2             | 2.8           | 85.2         | 100.0 |
| Female | '000 | 272             | 819             | 261           | 7648         | 8999  |
|        | %    | 3.0             | 9.1             | 2.9           | 85.0         | 100.0 |
| Both   | '000 | 524             | 1650            | 517           | 15380        | 18072 |
|        | %    | 2.9             | 9.1             | 2.9           | 85.1         | 100.0 |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 1.2.2: Percentage distribution of children by orphan-hood status, 2015**

| Disaggregation   |        | Orphan-hood | WC    | EC     | NC    | FS    | KZN    | NW    | GP     | MP    | LP     | RSA    |
|------------------|--------|-------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|
|                  |        |             | %     | %      | %     | %     | %      | %     | %      | %     | %      | %      |
| Sex and province | Male   | Maternal    | 1.4   | 3.5    | 2.9   | 3.6   | 3.5    | 2.3   | 2.1    | 3.7   | 2.3    | 2.8    |
|                  |        | Paternal    | 3.2   | 10.4   | 8.6   | 12.3  | 13.0   | 7.9   | 6.6    | 10.4  | 8.9    | 9.2    |
|                  |        | Double      | 0.7   | 3.9    | 3.1   | 1.8   | 3.7    | 3.0   | 2.1    | 2.9   | 3.3    | 2.8    |
|                  |        | Not         | 94.7  | 82.3   | 85.5  | 82.4  | 79.8   | 86.8  | 89.2   | 83.0  | 85.6   | 85.2   |
|                  |        | Per cent    | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0  |
|                  |        | Total       | 953   | 1309   | 198   | 428   | 1982   | 619   | 1778   | 756   | 1049   | 9073   |
|                  | Female | Maternal    | 1.7   | 4.1    | 4.2   | 3.4   | 4.0    | 2.8   | 2.8    | 3.0   | 1.5    | 3.0    |
|                  |        | Paternal    | 3.4   | 10.9   | 7.9   | 8.4   | 13.5   | 8.3   | 7.5    | 7.9   | 8.1    | 9.1    |
|                  |        | Double      | 0.9   | 4.2    | 1.7   | 3.2   | 3.9    | 2.9   | 1.7    | 4.1   | 2.4    | 2.9    |
|                  |        | Not         | 94.1  | 80.8   | 86.2  | 85.0  | 78.6   | 86.0  | 88.1   | 85.1  | 88.0   | 85.0   |
|                  |        | Per cent    | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0  |
|                  |        | Total       | 920.0 | 1256.6 | 205.3 | 425.3 | 1994.3 | 624.6 | 1739.9 | 756.5 | 1076.9 | 8999.3 |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 1.2.2: Percentage distribution of children by orphan-hood status, 2015 (cont.)**

|                             |        | Orphan-hood      | Black/<br>African | Coloured | Asian /Indian | White | Total |
|-----------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------|----------|---------------|-------|-------|
| Sex and population<br>group | Male   | Maternal Orphan  | 3,1               | 1,8      | 1,1           | 0,6   | 2,8   |
|                             |        | Paternal Orphan  | 10,3              | 4,1      | 1,6           | 2,2   | 9,2   |
|                             |        | Double Orphan    | 3,2               | 0,9      | 1,2           | 0,0   | 2,8   |
|                             |        | Not Orphaned     | 83,4              | 93,2     | 96,1          | 97,1  | 85,2  |
|                             |        | Per cent         | 100,0             | 100,0    | 100,0         | 100,0 | 100,0 |
|                             |        | Total (Thousand) | 7632              | 776      | 164           | 501   | 9073  |
|                             | Female | Maternal Orphan  | 3,3               | 2,0      | 2,5           | 1,2   | 3,0   |
|                             |        | Paternal Orphan  | 10,1              | 3,1      | 7,1           | 2,9   | 9,1   |
|                             |        | Double Orphan    | 3,4               | 0,5      | 0,7           | 0,3   | 2,9   |
|                             |        | Not Orphaned     | 83,3              | 94,3     | 89,7          | 95,6  | 85,0  |
|                             |        | Per cent         | 100,0             | 100,0    | 100,0         | 100,0 | 100,0 |
|                             |        | Total (Thousand) | 7584              | 765      | 177           | 474   | 8999  |
|                             |        | Orphan-hood      | Urban             | Rural    | Total         |       |       |
| Sex and geo-type            | Male   | Maternal Orphan  | 2,4               | 3,3      | 2,8           |       |       |
|                             |        | Paternal Orphan  | 6,9               | 12,1     | 9,2           |       |       |
|                             |        | Double Orphan    | 2,4               | 3,4      | 2,8           |       |       |
|                             |        | Not Orphaned     | 88,4              | 81,2     | 85,2          |       |       |
|                             |        | Per cent         | 100,0             | 100,0    | 100,0         |       |       |
|                             |        | Total (Thousand) | 5083              | 3989     | 9073          |       |       |
|                             | Female | Maternal Orphan  | 2,7               | 3,5      | 3,0           |       |       |
|                             |        | Paternal Orphan  | 7,1               | 11,7     | 9,1           |       |       |
|                             |        | Double Orphan    | 2,3               | 3,6      | 2,9           |       |       |
|                             |        | Not Orphaned     | 87,9              | 81,2     | 85,0          |       |       |
|                             |        | Per cent         | 100,0             | 100,0    | 100,0         |       |       |
|                             |        | Total (Thousand) | 5086              | 3914     | 8999          |       |       |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 1.2.3: Children by their parental living arrangements, 2015**

| Gender |      | Lives with mother only | Lives with father | Lives with both | Lives with neither | Total |
|--------|------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------|
| Male   | '000 | 3596                   | 315               | 3207            | 1920               | 9038  |
|        | %    | 39,8                   | 3,5               | 35,5            | 21,2               | 100,0 |
| Female | '000 | 3699                   | 253               | 3098            | 1948               | 8997  |
|        | %    | 41,1                   | 2,8               | 34,4            | 21,6               | 100,0 |
| Both   | '000 | 7295                   | 568               | 6305            | 3868               | 18035 |
|        | %    | 40,4                   | 3,1               | 35,0            | 21,4               | 100,0 |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 1.2.4: Percentage distribution of children by household composition, 2015**

| Disaggregation           |        | HH Composition   | WC<br>% | EC<br>%  | NC<br>%      | FS<br>% | KZN<br>% | NW<br>% | GP<br>% | MP<br>% | LP<br>% | RSA<br>% |
|--------------------------|--------|------------------|---------|----------|--------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| Sex and Province         | Male   | Single           | 0,1     | 0,3      | 0,2          | 0,1     | 0,1      | 0,1     | 0,1     | 0,1     | 0,2     | 0,1      |
|                          |        | Nuclear          | 52,1    | 23,3     | 32,4         | 43,1    | 25,2     | 36,7    | 52,5    | 37,1    | 31,6    | 36,6     |
|                          |        | Extended         | 41,5    | 74,1     | 65,5         | 55,3    | 72,4     | 62,3    | 44,7    | 60,7    | 67,3    | 60,8     |
|                          |        | Complex          | 6,3     | 2,4      | 2,0          | 1,4     | 2,3      | 1,0     | 2,7     | 2,1     | 1,0     | 2,5      |
|                          |        | Per cent         | 100,0   | 100,0    | 100,0        | 100,0   | 100,0    | 100,0   | 100,0   | 100,0   | 100,0   | 100,0    |
|                          |        | Total (Thousand) | 961     | 1345     | 201          | 445     | 2023     | 642     | 1822    | 779     | 1082    | 9299     |
|                          | Female | Single           | 0,0     | 0,0      | 0,0          | 0,0     | 0,1      | 0,1     | 0,1     | 0,1     | 0,3     | 0,1      |
|                          |        | Nuclear          | 47,7    | 23,4     | 32,4         | 43,7    | 25,3     | 35,2    | 52,4    | 36,9    | 31,6    | 36,0     |
|                          |        | Extended         | 45,1    | 74,3     | 64,4         | 53,8    | 72,1     | 63,0    | 45,2    | 61,2    | 66,5    | 61,2     |
|                          |        | Complex          | 7,2     | 2,2      | 3,2          | 2,5     | 2,5      | 1,7     | 2,4     | 1,8     | 1,6     | 2,7      |
|                          |        | Per cent         | 100,0   | 100,0    | 100,0        | 100,0   | 100,0    | 100,0   | 100,0   | 100,0   | 100,0   | 100,0    |
|                          |        | Total (Thousand) | 932     | 1297     | 208          | 439     | 2030     | 648     | 1792    | 776     | 1112    | 9234     |
| Sex and population group |        | HH Composition   | Black/  | Coloured | Asian/Indian | White   | Total    |         |         |         |         |          |
|                          |        |                  |         |          |              |         |          |         |         |         |         |          |
|                          | Male   | Single           | 0,2     | 0,0      | 0,0          | 0,0     | 0,1      |         |         |         |         |          |
|                          |        | Nuclear          | 32,5    | 45,0     | 66,3         | 77,6    | 36,6     |         |         |         |         |          |
|                          |        | Extended         | 65,3    | 48,3     | 32,9         | 18,5    | 60,8     |         |         |         |         |          |
|                          |        | Complex          | 2,0     | 6,8      | 0,9          | 3,9     | 2,5      |         |         |         |         |          |
|                          |        | Per cent         | 100,0   | 100,0    | 100,0        | 100,0   | 100,0    |         |         |         |         |          |
|                          |        | Total (Thousand) | 7848    | 787      | 160          | 504     | 9299     |         |         |         |         |          |
|                          | Female | Single           | 0,1     | 0,0      | 0,0          | 0,0     | 0,1      |         |         |         |         |          |
|                          |        | Nuclear          | 32,6    | 42,6     | 59,7         | 72,5    | 36,0     |         |         |         |         |          |
|                          |        | Extended         | 65,2    | 48,6     | 40,3         | 24,4    | 61,2     |         |         |         |         |          |
|                          |        | Complex          | 2,1     | 8,8      | 0,0          | 3,1     | 2,7      |         |         |         |         |          |
|                          |        | Per cent         | 100,0   | 100,0    | 100,0        | 100,0   | 100,0    |         |         |         |         |          |
|                          |        | Total (Thousand) | 7800    | 776      | 177          | 480     | 9234     |         |         |         |         |          |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 1.2.4: Percentage distribution of children by household composition, 2015 (cont.)**

| Sex and geo-type | HH Composition |                  | Urban | Rural | Total |
|------------------|----------------|------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                  | Male           | Single           | 0,1   | 0,2   | 0,1   |
|                  |                | Nuclear          | 46,2  | 24,6  | 36,6  |
|                  |                | Extended         | 50,8  | 73,3  | 60,8  |
|                  |                | Complex          | 2,9   | 1,9   | 2,5   |
|                  |                | Per cent         | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 |
|                  |                | Total (Thousand) | 5187  | 4113  | 9299  |
|                  | Female         | Single           | 0,1   | 0,1   | 0,1   |
|                  |                | Nuclear          | 45,3  | 24,0  | 36,0  |
|                  |                | Extended         | 51,7  | 73,4  | 61,2  |
|                  |                | Complex          | 2,9   | 2,5   | 2,7   |
|                  |                | Per cent         | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 |
|                  |                | Total (Thousand) | 5194  | 4040  | 9234  |

\* Total excludes missing cases

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 1.2.5: child-headed households across intergenerational household type, 2015**

| Gender |      | Single generation | Double generation | Triple generation | Skip generation | Other | Total |
|--------|------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------|-------|
| Male   | '000 | 13                | 1                 | *                 | *               | 20    | 34    |
|        | %    | 37,6              | 4,0               | 0,0               | 0,0             | 58,5  | 100,0 |
| Female | '000 | 16                | 5                 | *                 | *               | 12    | 33    |
|        | %    | 47,8              | 16,6              | 0,0               | 0,0             | 35,6  | 100,0 |
| Both   | '000 | 29                | 6                 | *                 | *               | 32    | 67    |
|        | %    | 42,6              | 10,2              | 0,0               | 0,0             | 47,3  | 100,0 |

Source: GHS 2015

Note figures less than 1000 are represented by (\*)

### 1.3 Children: Income, poverty, economic activity and social grants

**Table 1.3.1: Children living in households without an employed adult, 2015**

| Sex    |      | Employed adult(s) in household | No employed adult in household | Total households |
|--------|------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Male   | '000 | 6472                           | 2853                           | 9325             |
|        | %    | 69,4                           | 30,6                           | 100,0            |
| Female | '000 | 6430                           | 2821                           | 9251             |
|        | %    | 69,5                           | 30,5                           | 100,0            |
| Both   | '000 | 12902                          | 5674                           | 18576            |
|        | %    | 69,5                           | 30,5                           | 100,0            |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 1.3.2: Percentage of children living in households without an employed adult, 2015**

|                  |        |         | WC  | EC   | NC  | FS  | KZN  | NW  | GP  | MP  | LP   | RSA   |
|------------------|--------|---------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|
| Sex and province | Male   | N('000) | 105 | 647  | 62  | 148 | 723  | 214 | 231 | 231 | 492  | 2853  |
|                  |        | %       | 3,7 | 22,7 | 2,2 | 5,2 | 25,4 | 7,5 | 8,1 | 8,1 | 17,2 | 100,0 |
|                  | Female | N('000) | 109 | 629  | 62  | 152 | 664  | 210 | 262 | 224 | 508  | 2821  |
|                  |        | %       | 3,9 | 22,3 | 2,2 | 5,4 | 23,6 | 7,5 | 9,3 | 7,9 | 18,0 | 100,0 |
|                  | Both   | N('000) | 214 | 1276 | 124 | 300 | 1388 | 424 | 494 | 455 | 1000 | 5674  |
|                  |        | %       | 3,8 | 22,5 | 2,2 | 5,3 | 24,5 | 7,5 | 8,7 | 8,0 | 17,6 | 100,0 |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 1.3.3: Percentage distribution of the main source of income for child-headed households, 2015**

| Disaggregation |        | Salaries/ wages/ commission | Remittances | Social Grants | Sales of farming | Other non-farm | No income | RSA        |            |
|----------------|--------|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-----------|------------|------------|
|                |        |                             |             |               |                  |                |           | (Per cent) | (Thousand) |
| Head sex       | Male   | 22,6                        | 50,8        | 22,8          | 3,8              | 3,8            | 0,0       | 100,0      | 22         |
|                | Female | 0,0                         | 74,0        | 17,4          | 4,6              | 4,6            | 3,9       | 100,0      | 17         |
|                | Both   | 12,6                        | 61,0        | 20,4          | 4,1              | 4,1            | 1,7       | 100,0      | 39         |
| Geo-type       | Urban  | 19,4                        | 74,5        | 6,1           | 0,0              | 0,0            | 0,0       | 100,0      | 11         |
|                | Rural  | 9,8                         | 55,4        | 26,4          | 0,0              | 5,9            | 2,5       | 100,0      | 27         |
|                | Total  | 12,6                        | 61,0        | 20,4          | 4,1              | 4,1            | 1,7       | 100,0      | 39         |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 1.3.4: Percentage distribution of children living in households by household income quintiles, 2015**

| Disaggregation |        |                              | WC    | EC    | NC    | FS    | KZN   | NW    | GP    | MP    | LP    | RSA   |
|----------------|--------|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Province       | Male   | Below quintile 1             | 15,6  | 21,2  | 16,3  | 14,4  | 22,8  | 23,6  | 11,6  | 18,7  | 41,7  | 21,0  |
|                |        | Between Quintiles 1 & 2      | 18,8  | 25,3  | 21,2  | 15,0  | 26,7  | 18,5  | 10,1  | 19,8  | 16,6  | 19,4  |
|                |        | Between Quintiles 2 & 3      | 21,8  | 26,9  | 27,0  | 21,7  | 21,3  | 25,3  | 17,5  | 21,0  | 16,0  | 21,2  |
|                |        | Between Quintiles 3 & 4      | 27,1  | 16,2  | 23,3  | 26,0  | 18,6  | 20,0  | 27,3  | 24,8  | 17,1  | 21,7  |
|                |        | Above quintile 4             | 16,6  | 10,4  | 12,3  | 23,0  | 10,6  | 12,7  | 33,6  | 15,7  | 8,7   | 16,7  |
|                |        | Per cent                     | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 |
|                |        | All male                     | 962   | 1345  | 201   | 445   | 2029  | 643   | 1833  | 782   | 1085  | 9325  |
|                | Female | Below quintile 1             | 13,5  | 21,0  | 13,4  | 18,4  | 20,2  | 22,3  | 12,8  | 20,3  | 44,3  | 21,0  |
|                |        | Between Quintiles 1 & 2      | 19,4  | 24,8  | 22,1  | 15,4  | 26,5  | 17,1  | 9,4   | 20,0  | 17,2  | 19,3  |
|                |        | Between Quintiles 2 & 3      | 21,3  | 26,2  | 27,3  | 20,2  | 20,6  | 26,2  | 18,8  | 21,6  | 17,3  | 21,3  |
|                |        | Between Quintiles 3 & 4      | 26,7  | 16,7  | 24,5  | 23,9  | 21,1  | 18,4  | 26,3  | 23,3  | 15,4  | 21,6  |
|                |        | Above quintile 4             | 19,1  | 11,3  | 12,7  | 22,2  | 11,5  | 16,0  | 32,6  | 14,7  | 5,9   | 16,8  |
|                |        | Per cent                     | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 |
|                |        | All female                   | 934   | 1298  | 208   | 440   | 2033  | 648   | 1797  | 776   | 1114  | 9251  |
| Geo-type       | Male   |                              | Urban | Rural | RSA   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |        | Below quintile 1             | 16,2  | 27,0  | 21,0  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |        | Between Quintiles 1 & 2      | 14,9  | 25,1  | 19,4  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |        | Between Quintiles 2 & 3      | 19,6  | 23,2  | 21,2  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |        | Between Quintiles 3 & 4      | 25,3  | 17,3  | 21,7  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |        | Above quintile 4             | 24,1  | 7,4   | 16,7  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |        | Per cent                     | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |        | All male Children(thousands) | 5206  | 4119  | 9325  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Female | Below quintile 1             | 16,5  | 26,8  | 21,0  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |        | Between Quintiles 1 & 2      | 15,6  | 24,0  | 19,3  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |        | Between Quintiles 2 & 3      | 18,9  | 24,4  | 21,3  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |        | Between Quintiles 3 & 4      | 24,6  | 17,7  | 21,6  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |        | Above quintile 4             | 24,4  | 7,0   | 16,8  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |        | Per cent                     | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| All female     | 5210   | 4041                         | 9251  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |

Note: income Quintiles 1, 2, 3 and 4 are R 2000, R4000, R6000 and R15000 respectively

Source: GHS 2015



**Table 1.3.4: Percentage distribution of children living in households by household income quintiles, 2015 (cont.)**

| Population group | Male   |                                | Black African | Coloured | Indian/ | White | RSA   |
|------------------|--------|--------------------------------|---------------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
|                  |        | Below quintile 1               | 22,7          | 16,6     | 7,5     | 5,6   | 21,0  |
|                  |        | Between Quintiles 1 & 2        | 20,7          | 20,0     | 4,1     | 3,7   | 19,4  |
|                  |        | Between Quintiles 2 & 3        | 22,6          | 21,0     | 9,5     | 2,6   | 21,2  |
|                  |        | Between Quintiles 3 & 4        | 21,5          | 26,0     | 24,7    | 17,4  | 21,7  |
|                  |        | Above quintile 4               | 12,5          | 16,4     | 54,3    | 70,7  | 16,7  |
|                  |        | Per cent                       | 100,0         | 100,0    | 100,0   | 100,0 | 100,0 |
|                  |        | All male Children(thousands)   | 7865          | 788      | 167     | 505   | 9325  |
|                  | Female | Below quintile 1               | 22,7          | 15,9     | 10,0    | 6,0   | 21,0  |
|                  |        | Between Quintiles 1 & 2        | 20,5          | 20,3     | 6,5     | 3,1   | 19,3  |
|                  |        | Between Quintiles 2 & 3        | 22,4          | 23,3     | 14,5    | 3,2   | 21,3  |
|                  |        | Between Quintiles 3 & 4        | 21,7          | 23,2     | 21,0    | 17,7  | 21,6  |
|                  |        | Above quintile 4               | 12,7          | 17,3     | 48,0    | 70,1  | 16,8  |
|                  |        | Per cent                       | 100,0         | 100,0    | 100,0   | 100,0 | 100,0 |
|                  |        | All female Children(thousands) | 7812          | 778      | 179     | 482   | 9251  |

Note: income Quintiles 1, 2, 3 and 4 are R 2000, R4000, R6000 and R15000 respectively

Source: GHS 2015

## 1.4 Children: Health

**Table 1.4.3: Children with access to medical aid, 2015**

| Disaggregation   |        |      | Urban       |                |       | Rural       |                |       | RSA         |                |       |
|------------------|--------|------|-------------|----------------|-------|-------------|----------------|-------|-------------|----------------|-------|
|                  |        |      | Medical aid | No medical aid | Total | Medical aid | No medical aid | Total | Medical aid | No medical aid | Total |
| Sex and geo-type | Male   | '000 | 1196        | 3960           | 5156  | 173         | 3524           | 3697  | 1368        | 7484           | 8853  |
|                  |        | %    | 23,2        | 76,8           | 100,0 | 4,7         | 95,3           | 100,0 | 15,5        | 84,5           | 100,0 |
|                  | Female | '000 | 1156        | 4019           | 5174  | 129         | 3533           | 3662  | 1285        | 7552           | 8836  |
|                  |        | %    | 22,3        | 77,7           | 100,0 | 3,5         | 96,5           | 100,0 | 14,5        | 85,5           | 100,0 |
|                  | Both   | '000 | 2351        | 7979           | 10330 | 302         | 7057           | 7359  | 2653        | 15036          | 17689 |
|                  |        | %    | 22,8        | 77,2           | 100,0 | 4,1         | 95,9           | 100,0 | 15,0        | 85,0           | 100,0 |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 1.4.4: Percentage distribution of types of healthcare facilities visited by children, 2015**

| Disaggregation   |        | Public Hospital    | Public Clinic | Public Other | Private Hospital/<br>Clinic/Doctor | Other facilities | Traditional healer | Total       |            |
|------------------|--------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|
|                  |        |                    |               |              |                                    |                  |                    | (Per cent ) | (Thousand) |
| Sex              | Male   | 6,8                | 72,0          | 0,7          | 19,6                               | 0,4              | 0,5                | 100,0       | 9286       |
|                  | Female | 7,2                | 72,4          | 0,7          | 19,0                               | 0,4              | 0,4                | 100,0       | 9226       |
|                  | Both   | 7,0                | 72,2          | 0,7          | 19,3                               | 0,4              | 0,5                | 100,0       | 18511      |
| Sex and geo-type |        |                    | Urban         | Rural        | RSA                                |                  |                    |             |            |
|                  | Male   | Public Hospital    | 7,9           | 5,5          | 6,8                                |                  |                    |             |            |
|                  |        | Public Clinic      | 60,6          | 86,5         | 72,0                               |                  |                    |             |            |
|                  |        | Public Other       | 0,6           | 0,7          | 0,7                                |                  |                    |             |            |
|                  |        | Private            | 30,0          | 6,4          | 19,6                               |                  |                    |             |            |
|                  |        | Other facilities   | 0,5           | 0,3          | 0,4                                |                  |                    |             |            |
|                  |        | Traditional healer | 0,4           | 0,6          | 0,5                                |                  |                    |             |            |
|                  |        | (Per Cent)         | 100,0         | 100,0        | 100,0                              |                  |                    |             |            |
|                  |        | Total (thousand)   | 5174          | 4112         | 9286                               |                  |                    |             |            |
|                  | Female | Public Hospital    | 8,8           | 5,1          | 7,2                                |                  |                    |             |            |
|                  |        | Public Clinic      | 60,6          | 87,6         | 72,4                               |                  |                    |             |            |
|                  |        | Public Other       | 0,6           | 0,8          | 0,7                                |                  |                    |             |            |
|                  |        | Private            | 29,2          | 5,8          | 19,0                               |                  |                    |             |            |
|                  |        | Other facilities   | 0,4           | 0,3          | 0,4                                |                  |                    |             |            |
|                  |        | Traditional healer | 0,3           | 0,5          | 0,4                                |                  |                    |             |            |
|                  |        | (Per Cent)         | 100,0         | 100,0        | 100,0                              |                  |                    |             |            |
|                  |        | Total (thousand)   | 5191          | 4035         | 9226                               |                  |                    |             |            |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 1.4.5: Percentage of children living less than 30 minutes from the nearest health care facility, 2015**

| Disaggregation   |        |                      | WC   | EC   | NC   | FS   | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | RSA   |
|------------------|--------|----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Sex and province | Male   | % share              | 92,9 | 66,9 | 76,8 | 82,8 | 68,0 | 68,9 | 91,7 | 76,6 | 76,0 | 77,7  |
|                  |        | Male children living | 886  | 896  | 154  | 368  | 1373 | 441  | 1662 | 590  | 818  | 7188  |
|                  |        | All male Children    | 954  | 1339 | 200  | 445  | 2020 | 640  | 1812 | 770  | 1077 | 9257  |
|                  | Female | % share              | 89,5 | 64,7 | 79,8 | 81,4 | 70,5 | 73,6 | 91,4 | 77,2 | 77,1 | 77,9  |
|                  |        | Female children      | 831  | 837  | 165  | 357  | 1428 | 474  | 1623 | 591  | 851  | 7159  |
|                  |        | All female           | 929  | 1295 | 207  | 438  | 2025 | 645  | 1776 | 766  | 1105 | 9185  |
|                  | Both   | % share              | 91,2 | 65,8 | 78,3 | 82,1 | 69,3 | 71,3 | 91,6 | 76,9 | 76,5 | 77,8  |
|                  |        | All children living  | 1717 | 1734 | 319  | 725  | 2801 | 916  | 3285 | 1181 | 1669 | 14347 |
|                  |        | All Children         | 1882 | 2634 | 407  | 883  | 4046 | 1285 | 3588 | 1536 | 2181 | 18442 |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 1.4.5: Percentage of children living less than 30 minutes from the nearest health care facility, 2015 (cont.)**

| Sex and geo-type |        |                                              | Urban | Rural | RSA   |
|------------------|--------|----------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                  | Male   | % share                                      | 89,5  | 62,7  | 77,7  |
|                  |        | Male children living less than 30mins away   | 4619  | 2569  | 7188  |
|                  |        | All male Children (thousand)                 | 5162  | 4095  | 9257  |
|                  | Female | % share                                      | 88,7  | 64,0  | 77,9  |
|                  |        | Female children living less than 30mins away | 4588  | 2571  | 7159  |
|                  |        | All female Children (thousand)               | 5170  | 4015  | 9185  |
|                  | Both   | % share                                      | 89,1  | 63,4  | 77,8  |
|                  |        | All children living less than 30mins away    | 9207  | 5140  | 14347 |
|                  |        | All Children (thousand)                      | 10332 | 8109  | 18442 |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 1.4.6: Percentage of children who suffered from acute diseases compared to the overall population, 2015**

| Disaggregation |                               | WC    | EC     | NC    | FS   | KZN   | NW   | GP    | MP   | LP   | RSA   |
|----------------|-------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|------|-------|
| Province       | % share of children suffering | 9,1   | 11,6   | 8,8   | 11,4 | 8,1   | 11,7 | 17,5  | 13,7 | 8,1  | 11,4  |
|                | Total children suffering      | 172   | 307    | 36    | 101  | 330   | 151  | 634   | 214  | 177  | 2122  |
|                | Children (thousand)           | 1896  | 2644   | 409   | 886  | 4063  | 1291 | 3630  | 1559 | 2199 | 18576 |
|                | % share of persons suffering  | 9,5   | 10,7   | 9,4   | 10,2 | 7,9   | 11,4 | 14,0  | 12,9 | 7,0  | 10,6  |
|                | Total number of persons       | 595   | 716    | 112   | 281  | 841   | 421  | 1863  | 547  | 396  | 5762  |
|                | Population (thousand)         | 6246  | 6693   | 1182  | 2763 | 10688 | 3703 | 13268 | 4236 | 5654 | 54432 |
| Geo-type       |                               | Urban | Rural  | RSA   |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | % share of children suffering | 13,6  | 8,6    | 11,4  |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Total children suffering      | 1420  | 703    | 2122  |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Children (thousand)           | 10415 | 8160   | 18576 |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | % share of persons suffering  | 11,8  | 8,5    | 10,6  |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Total number of persons       | 4085  | 1688   | 5762  |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
| Sex            |                               | Male  | Female | RSA   |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | % share of children suffering | 10,8  | 12,1   | 11,4  |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Total children suffering      | 1004  | 1118   | 2122  |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Children (thousand)           | 9325  | 9251   | 18576 |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | % share of persons suffering  | 9,8   | 11,4   | 10,6  |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Total number of persons       | 2600  | 3172   | 5762  |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Population (thousand)         | 26584 | 27849  | 54432 |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 1.4.7: Percentage of children who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population, 2015**

| Disaggregation |                               | WC    | EC     | NC    | FS   | KZN   | NW   | GP    | MP   | LP   | RSA   |
|----------------|-------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|------|-------|
| Province       | % share of children suffering | 5,2   | 3,5    | 3,0   | 4,2  | 3,2   | 3,8  | 4,6   | 3,9  | 2,2  | 3,7   |
|                | Total children suffering      | 98    | 93     | 12    | 37   | 130   | 49   | 168   | 60   | 47   | 693   |
|                | Children (thousand)           | 1896  | 2644   | 409   | 886  | 4063  | 1291 | 3630  | 1559 | 2199 | 18576 |
|                | % share of persons suffering  | 20,2  | 17,6   | 20,6  | 20,0 | 15,6  | 17,7 | 16,8  | 15,5 | 8,3  | 16,4  |
|                | Total number of persons       | 1259  | 1181   | 244   | 552  | 1668  | 654  | 2234  | 658  | 468  | 8916  |
|                | Population (thousand)         | 6246  | 6693   | 1182  | 2763 | 10688 | 3703 | 13268 | 4236 | 5654 | 54432 |
| Geo-type       |                               | Urban | Rural  | RSA   |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | % share of children suffering | 4,3   | 3,0    | 3,7   |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Total children suffering      | 451   | 242    | 693   |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Children (thousand)           | 10415 | 8160   | 18576 |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | % share of persons suffering  | 17,6  | 14,2   | 16,4  |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Total number of persons       | 6105  | 2811   | 8916  |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Population (thousand)         | 34647 | 19785  | 54432 |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
| Sex            |                               | Male  | Female | Both  |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | % share of children suffering | 4,2   | 3,3    | 3,7   |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Total children suffering      | 387   | 307    | 694   |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Children (thousand)           | 9325  | 9251   | 18576 |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | % share of persons suffering  | 12,9  | 19,7   | 16,4  |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Total number of persons       | 3437  | 5478   | 8916  |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Population (thousand)         | 26584 | 27849  | 54432 |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |

Source: GHS 2015

## 1.5 Children: Vulnerability to hunger

**Table 1.5.1: Children living in households by whether or not hunger was reported in the households, 2015**

|        |         | Reported no hunger | Reported Hunger | Total |
|--------|---------|--------------------|-----------------|-------|
| Male   | N('000) | 7891               | 1405            | 9296  |
|        | %       | 84,9               | 15,1            | 100,0 |
| Female | N('000) | 7833               | 1387            | 9219  |
|        | %       | 85,0               | 15,0            | 100,0 |
| Both   | N('000) | 15724              | 2792            | 18516 |
|        | %       | 84,9               | 15,1            | 100,0 |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 1.5.2: Percentage of children living in households that reported hunger, 2015**

|                          |        |                     | WC            | EC        | NC           | FS    | KZN   | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | RSA   |
|--------------------------|--------|---------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Sex and province         | Male   | %                   | 20,4          | 15,1      | 24,2         | 15,4  | 21,4  | 20,1 | 10,2 | 11,5 | 4,8  | 15,1  |
|                          |        | N('000)             | 196           | 202       | 49           | 69    | 434   | 129  | 185  | 90   | 52   | 1405  |
|                          |        | All male children   | 961           | 1336      | 201          | 445   | 2027  | 641  | 1822 | 780  | 1083 | 9296  |
|                          | Female | %                   | 20,6          | 16,6      | 22,3         | 16,5  | 21,1  | 21,6 | 9,1  | 11,0 | 4,1  | 15,0  |
|                          |        | N('000)             | 192           | 215       | 46           | 72    | 428   | 140  | 162  | 85   | 46   | 1387  |
|                          |        | All female          | 933           | 1296      | 207          | 440   | 2031  | 647  | 1787 | 767  | 1112 | 9219  |
|                          | Both   | %                   | 20,5          | 15,9      | 23,2         | 15,9  | 21,3  | 20,8 | 9,6  | 11,3 | 4,5  | 15,1  |
|                          |        | N('000)             | 389           | 418       | 95           | 141   | 862   | 268  | 347  | 174  | 98   | 2792  |
|                          |        | All children        | 1894          | 2632      | 408          | 886   | 4058  | 1288 | 3609 | 1547 | 2195 | 18516 |
| Sex and geo-type         |        |                     | Urban         | Tradition | Farms        | RSA   |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          |        | %                   | 13,2          | 17,2      | 20,6         | 15,1  |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          |        | N('000)             | 685           | 641       | 79           | 1405  |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          | Male   | All male children   | 5182          | 3729      | 385          | 9296  |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          |        | %                   | 13,2          | 17,1      | 20,9         | 15,0  |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          |        | N('000)             | 685           | 630       | 72           | 1387  |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          | Female | All female children | 5183          | 3691      | 345          | 9219  |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          |        | %                   | 13,2          | 17,1      | 20,7         | 15,1  |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          |        | N('000)             | 1370          | 1271      | 151          | 2792  |       |      |      |      |      |       |
| Sex and population group |        |                     | Black African | Coloured  | Indian/Asian | White | RSA   |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          |        | %                   | 16,3          | 13,8      | 0,5          | 2,8   | 15,1  |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          |        | N('000)             | 1282          | 109       | 1            | 14    | 1405  |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          | Male   | All male children   | 7843          | 787       | 162          | 505   | 9296  |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          |        | %                   | 16,2          | 15,1      | 0,0          | 1,7   | 15,0  |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          |        | N('000)             | 1261          | 117       | 0            | 8     | 1387  |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          | Female | All female          | 7786          | 778       | 176          | 479   | 9219  |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          |        | %                   | 16,3          | 14,4      | 0,2          | 2,3   | 15,1  |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          |        | N('000)             | 2543          | 226       | 1            | 22    | 2792  |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          | Both   | All children        | 15629         | 1565      | 338          | 984   | 18516 |      |      |      |      |       |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 1.5.3: Percentage of child-inclusive households that reported hunger, 2015**

| Disaggregation |                         | WC    | EC     | NC     | FS   | KZN   | NW    | GP    | MP   | LP   | RSA    |
|----------------|-------------------------|-------|--------|--------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|--------|
| Province       | % share                 | 18,1  | 13,5   | 19,7   | 11,7 | 18,1  | 17,7  | 9,6   | 10,5 | 4,0  | 12,8   |
|                | Households experiencing | 159,7 | 134,0  | 36,7   | 60,1 | 266,8 | 103,3 | 208,0 | 73,2 | 36,2 | 1077,9 |
|                | All Child-inclusive HHs | 882   | 990    | 186    | 515  | 1474  | 584   | 2166  | 698  | 915  | 8411   |
| Geo-type       |                         | Urban | Rural  | SA     |      |       |       |       |      |      |        |
|                | % share                 | 11,7  | 14,7   | 12,8   |      |       |       |       |      |      |        |
|                | Households experiencing | 620,5 | 457,4  | 1077,9 |      |       |       |       |      |      |        |
|                | All Child-inclusive HHs | 5297  | 3114   | 8411   |      |       |       |       |      |      |        |
| Head sex       |                         | Male  | Female | Both   |      |       |       |       |      |      |        |
|                | % share                 | 10,0  | 15,7   | 12,8   |      |       |       |       |      |      |        |
|                | Households experiencing | 417,9 | 660,0  | 1077,9 |      |       |       |       |      |      |        |
|                | All Child-inclusive HHs | 4199  | 4213   | 8411   |      |       |       |       |      |      |        |

Source: GHS 2015

## 1.6 Children: Education

**Table 1.6.1: School attendance by children of compulsory school age (7-15 years) by sex, 2015**

| Sex               |        |         | Not  | Attending | Total |               |           |       |
|-------------------|--------|---------|------|-----------|-------|---------------|-----------|-------|
|                   | Male   | N('000) | 56   | 4588      | 4644  |               |           |       |
|                   |        | %       | 1,2  | 98,8      | 100,0 |               |           |       |
|                   | Female | N('000) | 56   | 4560      | 4616  |               |           |       |
|                   |        | %       | 1,2  | 98,8      | 100,0 |               |           |       |
|                   | Both   | N('000) | 113  | 9148      | 9260  |               |           |       |
|                   |        | %       | 1,2  | 98,8      | 100,0 |               |           |       |
| Sex and age group |        |         | 7-13 |           |       | 14-17         |           |       |
|                   |        |         | Not  | Attending | Total | Not attending | Attending | Total |
|                   | Male   | N('000) | 32   | 3572      | 3604  | 121           | 1932      | 2053  |
|                   |        | %       | 0,9  | 99,1      | 100,0 | 5,9           | 94,1      | 100,0 |
|                   | Female | N('000) | 29   | 3524      | 3552  | 116           | 1954      | 2070  |
|                   |        | %       | 0,8  | 99,2      | 100,0 | 5,6           | 94,4      | 100,0 |
|                   | Both   | N('000) | 61   | 7096      | 7157  | 237           | 3885      | 4123  |
|                   |        | %       | 0,8  | 99,2      | 100,0 | 5,8           | 94,2      | 100,0 |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 1.6.2: Levels of learners in public ordinary schools (POS) benefiting from the "No Fees School" policy, 2015**

|                               | Male    |      | Female  |      | Both    |      |
|-------------------------------|---------|------|---------|------|---------|------|
|                               | N('000) | %    | N('000) | %    | N('000) | %    |
| Beneficiary                   | 4124    | 99,4 | 3891    | 99,5 | 8015    | 99,5 |
| All children attending school | 4150    | 100  | 3909    | 100  | 8059    | 100  |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 1.6.3: Percentage of children (5 years and older) who experienced corporal punishment in schools, 2015**

| Province         |                                |                               | WC      | EC       | NC           | FS    | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | RSA  |
|------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|----------|--------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                  | Victims of corporal punishment | N('000)                       | 21      | 352      | 26           | 84    | 650  | 127  | 73   | 84   | 198  | 1614 |
|                  |                                | %                             | 20,7    | 96,7     | 72,4         | 88,3  | 97,5 | 87,3 | 62,6 | 81,2 | 93,4 | 87,8 |
|                  | All children attending school  | N('000)                       | 100     | 365      | 36           | 95    | 667  | 145  | 116  | 104  | 212  | 1839 |
| Population group |                                |                               | Black   | Coloured | Indian/Asian | White | RSA  |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | Victims of corporal punishment | N('000)                       | 1586    | 25       | 0            | 3     | 1614 |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  |                                | %                             | 93,2    | 24,9     | 0,0          | 10,7  | 87,8 |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  |                                | All children attending school | N('000) | 1702     | 100          | 6     | 31   | 1839 |      |      |      |      |
|                  |                                |                               | Male    | Female   | Both         |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Sex              | Victims of corporal punishment | N('000)                       | 780     | 834      | 1614         |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  |                                | %                             | 88,0    | 87,6     | 87,8         |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | All children attending school  | N('000)                       | 886     | 953      | 1839         |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |

Source: GHS 2015

\*Number of children excludes unspecified cases

**Table 1.6.4: Percentage of children aged 0-4 years that attend day care centre, 2015**

| Sex and province |                                         |         | WC   | EC   | NC   | FS   | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | RSA  |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                  |                                         | %       | 73,5 | 72,2 | 73,9 | 75,5 | 80,1 | 66,4 | 79,5 | 83,6 | 45,6 | 72,9 |
|                  | Total number of male children attending | N('000) | 206  | 248  | 44   | 95   | 422  | 120  | 360  | 188  | 140  | 1823 |
|                  | All male children aged 0-4 years        | N('000) | 281  | 344  | 59   | 125  | 526  | 181  | 453  | 225  | 307  | 2501 |
|                  | % share of female children attending    | %       | 77,0 | 74,3 | 76,4 | 75,0 | 78,8 | 64,7 | 77,4 | 80,0 | 49,5 | 73,1 |
|                  | Total number of female children         | N('000) | 198  | 261  | 44   | 89   | 416  | 123  | 366  | 164  | 142  | 1803 |
|                  | All female children aged 0-4 years      | N('000) | 257  | 351  | 57   | 118  | 529  | 191  | 473  | 205  | 287  | 2469 |
|                  | % share of children attending           | %       | 75,2 | 73,3 | 75,1 | 75,3 | 79,4 | 65,5 | 78,4 | 81,9 | 47,5 | 73,0 |
|                  | Total number of children attending      | N('000) | 405  | 509  | 88   | 183  | 838  | 244  | 726  | 352  | 282  | 3626 |
|                  | All children aged 0-4 years             | N('000) | 538  | 695  | 117  | 244  | 1055 | 372  | 926  | 430  | 593  | 4970 |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 1.6.4: Percentage of children aged 0-4 years that attend day care centre, 2015 (cont.)**

|                             |                                           |         | Urban | Rural | RSA  |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------|-------|-------|------|
| Sex and geotype             | % share of male children attending        | %       | 77,6  | 66,8  | 72,9 |
|                             | Total number of male children attending   | N('000) | 1097  | 726   | 1823 |
|                             | All male children aged 0-4 years          | N('000) | 1413  | 1088  | 2501 |
|                             | % share of female children attending      | %       | 77,3  | 67,5  | 73,1 |
|                             | Total number of female children attending | N('000) | 1083  | 720   | 1803 |
|                             | All female children aged 0-4 years        | N('000) | 1401  | 1068  | 2469 |
|                             | % share of children attending             | %       | 77,5  | 67,1  | 73,0 |
|                             | Total number of children attending        | N('000) | 2180  | 1447  | 3626 |
| All children aged 0-4 years |                                           |         | 2814  | 2156  | 4970 |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 1.6.5: Percentage of children aged 7-13 years participating in educational institutions, 2015**

|                              |                                           | WC      | EC    | NC   | FS   | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP    | LP   | RSA  |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|
| Sex and province             | % share of male children participating    | %       | 99,1  | 98,9 | 98,1 | 98,9 | 98,9 | 99,6 | 100,0 | 99,0 | 99,1 |
|                              | Total number of male children attending   | N('000) | 385   | 487  | 71   | 170  | 828  | 251  | 715   | 296  | 3572 |
|                              | All male children aged 7-13 years         | N('000) | 389   | 492  | 72   | 173  | 837  | 254  | 717   | 296  | 3604 |
|                              | % share of female children participating  | %       | 99,3  | 99,2 | 99,5 | 98,9 | 98,6 | 97,8 | 99,8  | 99,4 | 99,2 |
|                              | Total number of female children attending | N('000) | 333   | 484  | 83   | 165  | 814  | 230  | 709   | 280  | 3524 |
|                              | All female children aged 7-13 years       | N('000) | 336   | 488  | 84   | 167  | 826  | 236  | 710   | 281  | 3552 |
|                              | % share of children participating         | %       | 99,2  | 99,0 | 98,9 | 98,5 | 98,8 | 98,3 | 99,7  | 99,7 | 99,2 |
|                              | Total number of children attending        | N('000) | 719   | 971  | 154  | 335  | 1642 | 481  | 1424  | 576  | 7096 |
| All children aged 7-13 years |                                           | N('000) | 725   | 980  | 156  | 340  | 1663 | 489  | 1428  | 577  | 7157 |
|                              |                                           | Urban   | Rural | RSA  |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |
| Sex and geotype              | % share of male children participating    | %       | 99,2  | 99,0 | 99,1 |      |      |      |       |      |      |
|                              | Total number of male children attending   | N('000) | 2025  | 1547 | 3572 |      |      |      |       |      |      |
|                              | All male children aged 7-13 years         | N('000) | 2042  | 1562 | 3604 |      |      |      |       |      |      |
|                              | % share of female children participating  | %       | 99,3  | 99,1 | 99,2 |      |      |      |       |      |      |
|                              | Total number of female children attending | N('000) | 1990  | 1534 | 3524 |      |      |      |       |      |      |
|                              | All female children aged 7-13 years       | N('000) | 2005  | 1547 | 3552 |      |      |      |       |      |      |
|                              | % share of children participating         | %       | 99,2  | 99,1 | 99,2 |      |      |      |       |      |      |
|                              | Total number of children attending        | N('000) | 4015  | 3081 | 7096 |      |      |      |       |      |      |
| All children aged 7-13 years |                                           | N('000) | 4047  | 3110 | 7157 |      |      |      |       |      |      |

Source: GHS 2015



**Table 1.6.6: Percentage of children aged 14-17 years participating in educational institutions, 2015**

| Disaggregation   |        |                 | WC    | EC    | NC   | FS   | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | RSA  |
|------------------|--------|-----------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Sex and province | Male   | % share         | 92,4  | 92,3  | 89,9 | 98,0 | 97,0 | 89,9 | 97,5 | 95,3 | 98,4 | 95,4 |
|                  |        | Children(14-17) | 191   | 332   | 43   | 115  | 472  | 128  | 343  | 173  | 264  | 2061 |
|                  | Female | % share         | 95,0  | 92,7  | 93,9 | 96,5 | 95,1 | 94,0 | 96,3 | 95,5 | 96,9 | 95,2 |
|                  |        | Children(14-17) | 208   | 305   | 46   | 101  | 451  | 136  | 381  | 162  | 253  | 2044 |
|                  | Both   | % share         | 93,8  | 92,5  | 92,0 | 97,3 | 96,1 | 92,0 | 96,9 | 95,4 | 97,7 | 95,3 |
|                  |        | Children(14-17) | 399   | 637   | 90   | 216  | 922  | 263  | 724  | 335  | 517  | 4105 |
| Sex and geo-type |        |                 | Urban | Rural | RSA  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | Male   | % share         | 95,8  | 95,0  | 95,4 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  |        | Children(14-17) | 1106  | 955   | 2061 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | Female | % share         | 95,5  | 94,7  | 95,2 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  |        | Children(14-17) | 1126  | 918   | 2044 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | Both   | % share         | 95,6  | 94,9  | 95,3 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  |        | Children(14-17) | 2232  | 1873  | 4105 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  |        |                 |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 1.6.7: Percentage of children aged 15 years who have not completed grade 7, 2015**

| Sex and province           |                                                              |         | WC    | EC    | NC   | FS   | KZN  | NW   | GP  | MP   | LP   | RSA  |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|------|
|                            | % share of male children who have not completed grade 7      | %       | 20,2  | 41,5  | 26,5 | 20,5 | 24,6 | 22,3 | 9,7 | 14,2 | 18,4 | 21,4 |
|                            | Total number of male children aged 15 who have not completed | N('000) | 10    | 33    | 3    | 6    | 24   | 7    | 11  | 7    | 14   | 114  |
|                            | All male children aged 15 years                              | N('000) | 51    | 79    | 12   | 31   | 97   | 30   | 113 | 48   | 74   | 534  |
|                            | % share of female children aged 15 who have not completed    | %       | 1,6   | 18,1  | 15,4 | 8,7  | 6,6  | 19,1 | 6,0 | 13,5 | 10,6 | 9,8  |
|                            | Total number of female children aged 15 who have not         | N('000) | 1     | 15    | 1    | 2    | 8    | 7    | 6   | 6    | 7    | 54   |
|                            | All female children aged 15 years                            | N('000) | 60    | 81    | 9    | 28   | 122  | 39   | 97  | 46   | 68   | 551  |
|                            | % share of children aged 15 who have not completed grade 7   | %       | 10,1  | 29,7  | 21,6 | 14,9 | 14,5 | 20,5 | 8,0 | 13,9 | 14,7 | 15,5 |
|                            | Total number of children aged 15 who have not completed      | N('000) | 11    | 47    | 5    | 9    | 32   | 14   | 17  | 13   | 21   | 169  |
| All children aged 15 years | N('000)                                                      | 111     | 160   | 21    | 58   | 219  | 69   | 210  | 94  | 143  | 1085 |      |
|                            |                                                              |         | Urban | Rural | RSA  |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |
| Sex and geotype            | % share of male children who have not completed grade 7      | %       | 13,8  | 30,1  | 21,4 |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |
|                            | Total number of male children aged 15 who have not completed | N('000) | 39    | 75    | 114  |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |
|                            | All male children aged 15 years                              | N('000) | 284   | 250   | 534  |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |
|                            | % share of female children aged 15 who have not completed    | %       | 7,9   | 12,2  | 9,8  |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |
|                            | Total number of female children aged 15 who have not         | N('000) | 24    | 30    | 54   |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |
|                            | All female children aged 15 years                            | N('000) | 307   | 244   | 551  |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |
|                            | % share of children aged 15 who have not completed grade 7   | %       | 10,7  | 21,3  | 15,5 |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |
|                            | Total number of children aged 15 who have not completed      | N('000) | 63    | 105   | 169  |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |
|                            | All children aged 15 years                                   | N('000) | 591   | 494   | 1085 |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 1.6.8: Percentage of children aged 17 years who have not completed grade 9, 2015**

| Sex and province |                                                                 | WC    | EC    | NC   | FS   | KZN  | NW   | GP  | MP   | LP   | RSA  |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|------|
|                  | % share of male children aged 17 who have not completed grade 9 | 21,0  | 55,8  | 38,9 | 27,1 | 28,7 | 39,7 | 8,7 | 46,8 | 33,8 | 31,4 |
|                  | Total number of male children aged 17 who have not completed    | 10    | 45    | 5    | 7    | 33   | 15   | 9   | 20   | 21   | 165  |
|                  | All male children aged 17 years                                 | 49    | 81    | 13   | 26   | 115  | 37   | 100 | 44   | 61   | 525  |
|                  | % share of female children aged 17 who have not completed grade | 20,0  | 23,3  | 50,6 | 20,8 | 19,8 | 21,3 | 7,3 | 12,6 | 14,8 | 17,2 |
|                  | Total number of female children aged 17 who have not completed  | 11    | 15    | 5    | 4    | 21   | 7    | 7   | 6    | 11   | 87   |
|                  | All female children aged 17 years                               | 54    | 66    | 9    | 20   | 104  | 35   | 96  | 51   | 75   | 509  |
|                  | % share of children aged 17 who have not completed grade 9      | 20,5  | 41,2  | 43,8 | 24,4 | 24,5 | 30,6 | 8,0 | 28,3 | 23,3 | 24,4 |
|                  | Total number of children aged 17 who have not completed grade 9 | 21    | 60    | 10   | 11   | 54   | 22   | 16  | 27   | 32   | 252  |
|                  | All children aged 17 years                                      | 103   | 146   | 22   | 46   | 218  | 72   | 196 | 95   | 137  | 1034 |
| Sex and geo-type |                                                                 | Urban | Rural | RSA  |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |
|                  | % share of male children aged 17 who have not completed grade 9 | 18,4  | 45,6  | 31,4 |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |
|                  | Total number of male children aged 17 who have not completed    | 50    | 115   | 165  |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |
|                  | All male children aged 17 years                                 | 273   | 251   | 525  |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |
|                  | % share of female children aged 17 who have not completed grade | 15,3  | 19,3  | 17,2 |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |
|                  | Total number of female children aged 17 who have not completed  | 41    | 47    | 87   |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |
|                  | All female children aged 17 years                               | 267   | 242   | 509  |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |
|                  | % share of children aged 17 who have not completed grade 9      | 16,8  | 32,7  | 24,4 |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |
|                  | Total number of children aged 17 who have not completed grade 9 | 91    | 161   | 252  |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |
|                  | All children aged 17 years                                      | 541   | 493   | 1034 |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 1.6.9: Percentage of children living more than 30 minutes away from the nearest school, 2015**

| Disaggregation   |        |                                         | WC  | EC   | NC   | FS  | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP  | LP   | RSA   |
|------------------|--------|-----------------------------------------|-----|------|------|-----|------|------|------|-----|------|-------|
| Sex and province | Male   | % share                                 | 1,8 | 13,5 | 8,7  | 8,7 | 22,4 | 15,0 | 6,0  | 9,2 | 10,3 | 12,1  |
|                  |        | Male children living less than 30mins   | 9   | 109  | 10   | 21  | 278  | 51   | 61   | 43  | 67   | 649   |
|                  |        | All male Children (thousand)            | 495 | 808  | 118  | 243 | 1239 | 339  | 1014 | 464 | 651  | 5370  |
|                  | Female | % share                                 | 2,7 | 14,3 | 10,1 | 7,6 | 22,4 | 12,2 | 5,9  | 7,2 | 11,5 | 12,1  |
|                  |        | Female children living less than 30mins | 13  | 111  | 12   | 19  | 276  | 42   | 56   | 35  | 79   | 643   |
|                  |        | All female Children (thousand)          | 490 | 779  | 121  | 246 | 1233 | 345  | 945  | 482 | 684  | 5325  |
|                  | Both   | % share                                 | 2,3 | 13,9 | 9,4  | 8,1 | 22,4 | 13,6 | 6,0  | 8,2 | 10,9 | 12,1  |
|                  |        | All children living less than 30mins    | 22  | 221  | 22   | 40  | 554  | 93   | 117  | 77  | 146  | 1293  |
|                  |        | All Children (thousand)                 | 985 | 1587 | 239  | 489 | 2472 | 683  | 1959 | 946 | 1335 | 10695 |

Source: GHS 2015

\*Totals exclude unspecified/none applicable cases

**Table 1.6.9: Percentage of children living more than 30 minutes away from the nearest school, 2015 (cont.)**

| Sex and geo-type |        |                                              | Urban | Rural | RSA   |
|------------------|--------|----------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                  | Male   | % share                                      | 6,3   | 18,4  | 12,1  |
|                  |        | Male children living less than 30mins away   | 177   | 472   | 649   |
|                  |        | All male Children (thousand)                 | 2799  | 2571  | 5370  |
|                  | Female | % share                                      | 5,9   | 19,2  | 12,1  |
|                  |        | Female children living less than 30mins away | 168   | 476   | 643   |
|                  |        | All female Children (thousand)               | 2841  | 2484  | 5325  |
|                  | Both   | % share                                      | 6,1   | 18,8  | 12,1  |
|                  |        | All children living less than 30mins away    | 345   | 948   | 1293  |
|                  |        | All Children (thousand)                      | 5640  | 5055  | 10695 |

Source: GHS 2015

\*Totals exclude unspecified/none applicable cases

**Table 1.6.10: Percentage distribution of reasons for children aged 7-17 years who are not attending school 2015**

|                                | WC    | EC    | NC    | FS    | KZN   | NW    | GP    | MP    | LP    | RSA   |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Too old/young                  | 1,5   | 0,0   | 0,0   | 2,0   | 3,0   | 0,0   | 0,0   | 0,0   | 8,6   | 1,7   |
| Has completed school/education | 20,0  | 11,4  | 5,4   | 0,0   | 3,2   | 11,3  | 3,4   | 5,7   | 0,0   | 6,7   |
| Transport difficulties         | 2,8   | 0,0   | 0,0   | 0,0   | 2,2   | 0,0   | 5,6   | 0,0   | 0,0   | 1,2   |
| No money for fees              | 2,6   | 10,7  | 3,2   | 12,1  | 16,9  | 3,3   | 45,1  | 13,5  | 9,1   | 12,9  |
| Working, do not have time      | 6,4   | 1,3   | 2,9   | 16,8  | 4,4   | 2,7   | 5,9   | 11,4  | 0,0   | 5,7   |
| Family commitments             | 7,4   | 7,1   | 9,7   | 0,0   | 4,0   | 2,2   | 1,4   | 6,9   | 7,0   | 5,1   |
| Education not useful           | 20,9  | 13,3  | 10,5  | 17,5  | 7,2   | 19,1  | 1,5   | 0,0   | 0,0   | 10,0  |
| Poor academic performance      | 18,7  | 19,8  | 18,3  | 7,6   | 19,5  | 23,8  | 11,1  | 26,8  | 17,9  | 18,2  |
| Illness                        | 0,0   | 8,3   | 3,6   | 9,5   | 2,4   | 2,4   | 1,7   | 0,0   | 10,9  | 4,3   |
| Disability                     | 0,0   | 12,9  | 10,6  | 16,1  | 24,1  | 4,9   | 5,4   | 2,0   | 24,7  | 11,2  |
| Pregnancy                      | 0,0   | 6,8   | 9,1   | 0,0   | 4,9   | 7,3   | 1,4   | 10,6  | 4,4   | 5,0   |
| Other                          | 19,8  | 8,5   | 26,6  | 18,5  | 8,2   | 23,1  | 17,4  | 23,2  | 17,4  | 18,1  |
| Per cent                       | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 |
| Total (Thousands)              | 46    | 61    | 12    | 14    | 57    | 30    | 33    | 21    | 19    | 293   |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 1.6.10: Percentage distribution of reasons for children aged 7-17 years who are not attending school 2015 (cont.)**

|                                | Urban | Rural | RSA   |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Too old/young                  | 1,0   | 2,4   | 1,5   |
| Has completed school/education | 9,9   | 6,1   | 8,3   |
| Transport difficulties         | 1,5   | 0,0   | 1,5   |
| No money for fees              | 17,5  | 9,6   | 13,6  |
| Working, do not have time      | 5,7   | 2,6   | 4,8   |
| Family commitments             | 2,9   | 7,7   | 5,2   |
| Education not useful           | 12,8  | 9,8   | 10,8  |
| Poor academic performance      | 20,9  | 17,8  | 18,7  |
| Illness                        | 1,3   | 6,9   | 3,9   |
| Disability                     | 5,4   | 18,6  | 11,4  |
| Pregnancy                      | 2,8   | 7,3   | 4,7   |
| Other                          | 18,3  | 11,3  | 15,6  |
| Per cent                       | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 |
| Total (Thousands)              | 149   | 120   | 293   |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 1.6.11: Experience of violence/ punishment/ abuse at school by learners attending school of ages 5 years and above, 2015**

|                                                                |                                                                     | As a % of all learners | As a % of learners that have experienced violence |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Experienced some form of violence, punishment, or verbal abuse |                                                                     |                        |                                                   |
| Type of violence experienced                                   | Corporal punishment by teacher                                      | 11,2                   | 87,8                                              |
|                                                                | Physical violence by teacher                                        | 0,5                    | 4,0                                               |
|                                                                | Verbal abuse (being insulted, teased or harassed) by teacher        | 0,6                    | 4,4                                               |
|                                                                | Verbal abuse (being insulted, teased or harassed) by other learners | 1,2                    | 9,5                                               |
|                                                                | Physical abuse (being hit or punched) by another learner            | 1,1                    | 9,0                                               |
|                                                                | Other                                                               | 0,1                    | 0,6                                               |
| Children(thousands)*                                           |                                                                     | 14421                  | 1839                                              |

Source: GHS 2015

\* Totals exclude unspecified cases

**Table 1.6.12: Experience of violence/ punishment/ abuse at school by learners attending school of ages 5 years and above by sex and geotype, 2015**

| Sex      |                                  | Male    | Female  | Both  |
|----------|----------------------------------|---------|---------|-------|
|          | %                                | 12,17   | 13,34   | 12,8  |
|          | Experienced violence/ punishment | 886     | 953     | 1839  |
|          | Total number of learners         | 12583   | 1839    | 14421 |
| Geo-type |                                  | Urban   | Rural   | RSA   |
|          | %                                | 8,27    | 18,01   | 12,8  |
|          | Experienced violence/ punishment | 644,061 | 1194,86 | 1839  |
|          | Total number of learners         | 7786,01 | 6635,41 | 14421 |

**Source: GHS 2015**

\* Totals exclude unspecified cases

## 1.7 Children: Housing and basic services

**Table 1.7.1: Percentage distribution of child-headed households by type of housing, 2015**

| Type of housing and sex of the household head |        | Formal | Traditional | Informal | Other | Total |         |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|--------|-------------|----------|-------|-------|---------|
|                                               |        |        |             |          |       | %     | N('000) |
|                                               |        |        |             |          |       |       |         |
|                                               | Male   | 54,3   | 19,0        | 22,6     | 4,1   | 100,0 | 26      |
|                                               | Female | 78,3   | 8,6         | 13,1     | 0     | 100,0 | 17      |
|                                               | Both   | 66,3   | 13,8        | 17,9     | 2,1   | 100,0 | 43      |
|                                               |        |        |             |          |       |       |         |
| Type of housing and geo-type                  |        | Formal | Traditional | Informal | Other | Total |         |
|                                               |        |        |             |          |       | %     | N('000) |
|                                               |        |        |             |          |       |       |         |
|                                               |        |        |             |          |       |       |         |
|                                               |        |        |             |          |       |       |         |
|                                               | Urban  | 51,3   | 6,0         | 42,6     | 0     | 100,0 | 16      |
|                                               | Rural  | 72,1   | 20,7        | 7,2      | 0     | 100,0 | 28      |
|                                               | RSA    | 61,7   | 13,4        | 24,9     | 0,0   | 100,0 | 43      |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 1.7.2: Percentage distribution of children by type of housing, 2015**

| Type of housing and sex      |        | formal | traditional | informal | other | Total |         |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|-------------|----------|-------|-------|---------|
|                              |        |        |             |          |       | %     | N('000) |
| Type of housing and sex      | Male   | 79,3   | 12,3        | 8,2      | 0,2   | 100,0 | 9325    |
|                              | Female | 78,9   | 12,3        | 8,6      | 0,2   | 100,0 | 9251    |
|                              | Both   | 79,1   | 12,3        | 8,4      | 0,2   | 100,0 | 18576   |
| Type of housing and geo-type |        |        |             |          |       |       |         |
|                              | Urban  | 86,1   | 1,5         | 11,9     | 0,4   | 100,0 | 10841   |
|                              | Rural  | 71,3   | 25,4        | 3,4      | 0,0   | 100,0 | 7735    |
|                              | RSA    | 78,7   | 13,4        | 7,7      | 0,2   | 100,0 | 18576   |

Source: GHS 2015

\*totals exclude unspecified cases.

**Table 1.7.3: Living condition indicators of children compared to those of the overall population, 2015**

|                      | Access to service indicator |            |               |             |                         |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------------|
|                      | Access to water             | Sanitation | Refusal waste | Electricity | Solid fuels for cooking |
|                      | %                           | %          | %             | %           | %                       |
| Children with access | 65,8                        | 81,2       | 54,9          | 88,9        | 18,4                    |
| Population           | 71,0                        | 83,2       | 62,0          | 89,0        | 13,9                    |

Source: GHS 2015

## 1.8 Children: Violence and crime victims

**Table 1.8.1: Percentage of children living in households where the households feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area during the day, 2015**

| Disaggregation |                         | WC    | EC     | NC    | FS   | KZN  | NW   | GP    | MP   | LP   | RSA   |
|----------------|-------------------------|-------|--------|-------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|-------|
| Province       | % share                 | 70,8  | 85,5   | 86,0  | 91,1 | 84,9 | 86,7 | 77,2  | 90,0 | 94,9 | 84,1  |
|                | Children (thousands)*   | 1299  | 2428   | 349   | 859  | 3741 | 1147 | 2976  | 1389 | 2117 | 16304 |
|                | % share                 | 72,0  | 85,6   | 87,6  | 90,7 | 84,4 | 87,0 | 77,6  | 89,5 | 95,3 | 83,6  |
|                | Population (thousands)* | 4437  | 5925   | 1032  | 2550 | 9134 | 3226 | 10103 | 3762 | 5403 | 45573 |
| Sex            |                         | Male  | Female | RSA   |      |      |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | % share                 | 84,3  | 83,9   | 84,1  |      |      |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Children (thousands)*   | 8248  | 8056   | 16304 |      |      |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | % share                 | 83,8  | 83,4   | 83,6  |      |      |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Population (thousands)* | 22355 | 23218  | 45573 |      |      |      |       |      |      |       |

Source: VOCS 2015

\*Totals exclude unspecified cases

**Table 1.8.2: Percentage of children living in households where the households feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area at night, 2015**

| Disaggregation |                         | WC   | EC     | NC    | FS   | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | RSA   |
|----------------|-------------------------|------|--------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Province       | % share                 | 32,1 | 28,5   | 24,4  | 18,7 | 35,0 | 27,7 | 22,9 | 25,9 | 52,8 | 31,2  |
|                | Children (thousands)*   | 589  | 809    | 99    | 176  | 1539 | 366  | 881  | 403  | 1178 | 6040  |
|                | % share                 | 31,8 | 27,1   | 28,3  | 18,9 | 35,2 | 28,4 | 24,4 | 28,3 | 52,5 | 31,0  |
|                | Population (thousands)* | 1959 | 1879   | 334   | 531  | 3804 | 1050 | 3165 | 1193 | 2978 | 16893 |
| Sex            |                         | Male | Female | RSA   |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | % share                 | 31,0 | 31,3   | 31,2  |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | Children (thousands)*   | 3037 | 3003   | 6040  |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | % share                 | 31,4 | 30,7   | 31,0  |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | Population (thousands)* | 8357 | 8536   | 16893 |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |

Source: VOCS 2015

\*Totals exclude unspecified cases

**Table 1.8.3: Percentage of children who live in households where the fear of crime prevents them from going to open spaces or parks in their area, 2015**

| Disaggregation |                         | WC   | EC     | NC    | FS   | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | RSA   |
|----------------|-------------------------|------|--------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Province       | % share                 | 49,0 | 42,5   | 60,7  | 32,7 | 20,9 | 22,6 | 44,6 | 35,9 | 13,2 | 33,1  |
|                | Children (thousands)*   | 861  | 1194   | 243   | 301  | 903  | 298  | 1652 | 541  | 290  | 6284  |
|                | % share                 | 47,2 | 44,6   | 56,7  | 32,6 | 21,9 | 22,7 | 41,4 | 33,4 | 13,2 | 33,5  |
|                | Population (thousands)* | 2764 | 3044   | 655   | 896  | 2328 | 828  | 5204 | 1378 | 738  | 17835 |
| Sex            |                         | Male | Female | RSA   |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | % share                 | 33,4 | 32,9   | 33,1  |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | Children (thousands)*   | 3201 | 3083   | 6284  |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | % share                 | 32,6 | 34,4   | 33,5  |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | Population (thousands)* | 8492 | 9343   | 17835 |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |

**Source: VOCS 2015**

\*Totals exclude unspecified cases



## INDICATORS: YOUTH

The youth are defined as people aged between 15-34 years

### 2.1 Demography of youth

**Table 2.1.1: Distribution of youth, 2015**

| Disaggregation           |        |      | WC            | EC       | NC            | FS    | KZN   | NW    | GP    | MP    | LP    | SA    |       |       |
|--------------------------|--------|------|---------------|----------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Sex and province         | Male   | '000 | 1017          | 1222     | 209           | 512   | 2000  | 663   | 2418  | 805   | 1136  | 9980  |       |       |
|                          |        | %    | 48,2          | 49,2     | 50,4          | 49,6  | 50,7  | 50,3  | 51,9  | 49,8  | 51,5  | 50,5  |       |       |
|                          | Female | '000 | 1092          | 1260     | 206           | 521   | 1946  | 655   | 2239  | 812   | 1068  | 9798  |       |       |
|                          |        | %    | 51,8          | 50,8     | 49,6          | 50,4  | 49,3  | 49,7  | 48,1  | 50,2  | 48,5  | 49,5  |       |       |
|                          | Both   | '000 | 2109          | 2481     | 415           | 1032  | 3946  | 1317  | 4657  | 1618  | 2204  | 19779 |       |       |
|                          |        | %    | 100,0         | 100,0    | 100,0         | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 |       |       |
| Sex and Geotype          |        |      | Urban         | Rural    | SA            |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          | Male   | '000 | 6275          | 3705     | 9980          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          |        | %    | 50,4          | 50,6     | 50,5          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          | Female | '000 | 6178          | 3621     | 9798          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          |        | %    | 49,6          | 49,4     | 49,5          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          | Both   | '000 | 12453         | 7326     | 19779         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          |        | %    | 100,0         | 100,0    | 100,0         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Sex and population group |        |      | Black African | Coloured | Indian/ Asian |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | White | SA    |
|                          | Male   | '000 | 8334          | 815      | 233           |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | 597   | 9980  |
|                          |        | %    | 50,5          | 49,8     | 51,7          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | 50,5  | 50,5  |
|                          | Female | '000 | 8175          | 822      | 218           |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | 584   | 9798  |
|                          |        | %    | 49,5          | 50,2     | 48,3          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | 49,5  | 49,5  |
|                          | Both   | '000 | 16509         | 1637     | 451           |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | 1181  | 19779 |
|                          |        | %    | 100,0         | 100,0    | 100,0         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | 100,0 | 100,0 |
| Sex and age group        |        |      | 15-24         | 25-34    | SA            |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          | Male   | '000 | 4813          | 5167     | 9980          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          |        | %    | 50,7          | 50,2     | 50,5          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          | Female | '000 | 4673          | 5126     | 9798          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          |        | %    | 49,3          | 49,8     | 49,5          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          | Both   | '000 | 9486          | 10293    | 19779         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          |        | %    | 100,0         | 100,0    | 100,0         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 2.1.2: Percentage of youth (15-34 years) as a proportion of the overall population, 2015**

| Disaggregation        |        |                             | WC            | EC       | NC           | FS     | KZN    | NW    | GP     | MP    | LP    | RSA    |
|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| Sex and province      | Male   | % youth share               | 33,5          | 38,5     | 37,1         | 38,3   | 38,9   | 36,0  | 35,9   | 38,9  | 42,0  | 37,5   |
|                       |        | Youth (Thousands)           | 1017          | 1222     | 209          | 512    | 2000   | 663   | 2418   | 805   | 1136  | 9980   |
|                       |        | Male population(thousands)  | 3 038         | 3 169    | 563          | 1 335  | 5 142  | 1 840 | 6 725  | 2 070 | 2 701 | 26 584 |
|                       | Female | % youth share               | 34,1          | 35,8     | 33,3         | 36,5   | 35,1   | 35,1  | 34,2   | 37,5  | 36,2  | 35,2   |
|                       |        | Youth (Thousands)           | 1092          | 1260     | 206          | 521    | 1946   | 655   | 2239   | 812   | 1068  | 9798   |
|                       |        | Female population(thousands | 3 207         | 3 523    | 619          | 1 428  | 5 546  | 1 863 | 6 543  | 2 166 | 2 953 | 27 849 |
|                       | Both   | % youth share               | 33,8          | 37,1     | 35,1         | 37,4   | 36,9   | 35,6  | 35,1   | 38,2  | 39,0  | 36,3   |
|                       |        | Youth (Thousands)           | 2109          | 2481     | 415          | 1032   | 3946   | 1317  | 4657   | 1618  | 2204  | 19779  |
|                       |        | Population(thousands)       | 6 246         | 6 693    | 1 182        | 2 763  | 10 688 | 3 703 | 13 268 | 4 236 | 5 654 | 54 432 |
| Disaggregation        |        |                             | African/Black | Coloured | Indian/Asian | White  | RSA    |       |        |       |       |        |
| Sex and population    | Male   | % youth share               | 39,1          | 34,7     | 33,8         | 27,0   | 37,5   |       |        |       |       |        |
|                       |        | Youth (Thousands)           | 8334          | 815      | 233          | 597    | 9980   |       |        |       |       |        |
|                       |        | Male population(thousands)  | 21 327        | 2 352    | 690          | 2 215  | 26 584 |       |        |       |       |        |
|                       | Female | % youth share               | 36,6          | 32,7     | 32,2         | 24,9   | 35,2   |       |        |       |       |        |
|                       |        | Youth (Thousands)           | 8175          | 822      | 218          | 584    | 9798   |       |        |       |       |        |
|                       |        | Female population(thousands | 22 318        | 2 509    | 676          | 2 346  | 27 849 |       |        |       |       |        |
|                       | Both   | % youth share               | 37,8          | 33,7     | 33,1         | 25,9   | 36,3   |       |        |       |       |        |
|                       |        | Youth (Thousands)           | 16509         | 1637     | 451          | 1181   | 19779  |       |        |       |       |        |
| Population(thousands) |        | 43 645                      | 4 861         | 1 366    | 4 561        | 54 432 |        |       |        |       |       |        |
| Sex and geo-type      |        |                             | Urban         | Rural    | RSA          |        |        |       |        |       |       |        |
|                       | Male   | % youth share               | 36,7          | 39,1     | 37,5         |        |        |       |        |       |       |        |
|                       |        | Youth (Thousands)           | 6275          | 3705     | 9980         |        |        |       |        |       |       |        |
|                       |        | Male population(thousands)  | 17 107        | 9 477    | 26 584       |        |        |       |        |       |       |        |
|                       | Female | % youth share               | 35,2          | 35,1     | 35,2         |        |        |       |        |       |       |        |
|                       |        | Youth (Thousands)           | 6178          | 3621     | 9798         |        |        |       |        |       |       |        |
|                       |        | Female population(thousands | 17 541        | 10 308   | 27 849       |        |        |       |        |       |       |        |
|                       | Both   | % youth share               | 35,9          | 37,0     | 36,3         |        |        |       |        |       |       |        |
|                       |        | Youth (Thousands)           | 12453         | 7326     | 19779        |        |        |       |        |       |       |        |
| Population(thousands) |        | 34 647                      | 19 785        | 54 432   |              |        |        |       |        |       |       |        |

Source: GHS 2015

## 2.2 Youth: Household characteristics

**Table 2.2.1: Percentage of youth-headed Households, 2015**

| Disaggregation        |                              | WC            | EC       | NC           | FS    | KZN   | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | RSA   |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Province              | % youth share                | 23,1          | 24,6     | 22,9         | 25,8  | 25,8  | 27,4 | 26,1 | 28,0 | 27,6 | 25,9  |
|                       | Youth Households (thousands) | 410           | 425      | 73           | 234   | 708   | 333  | 1224 | 339  | 423  | 4169  |
|                       | Households (thousands)       | 1775          | 1727     | 320          | 906   | 2747  | 1215 | 4690 | 1211 | 1532 | 16122 |
| Head population group |                              | African/Black | Coloured | Indian/Asian | White | RSA   |      |      |      |      |       |
|                       | % youth share                | 28,3          | 16,1     | 16,8         | 15,1  | 25,9  |      |      |      |      |       |
|                       | Youth Households (thousands) | 3680          | 183      | 62           | 244   | 4169  |      |      |      |      |       |
|                       | Households (thousands)       | 12998         | 1136     | 369          | 1619  | 16122 |      |      |      |      |       |
| Head Sex              |                              | Male          | Female   | RSA          |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                       | % youth share                | 29,2          | 21,1     | 25,9         |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                       | Youth Households (thousands) | 2761          | 1408     | 4169         |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                       | Households (thousands)       | 9459          | 6663     | 16122        |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 2.2.2: Percentage distribution of youth-headed households by age groups, 2015**

| Disaggregation        |                                     | WC            | EC       | NC           | FS    | KZN   | NW    | GP    | MP    | LP    | RSA   |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Province              | 15-24                               | 13,7          | 26,1     | 14,6         | 16,9  | 21,9  | 22,4  | 16,1  | 21,3  | 26,1  | 19,8  |
|                       | Youth headed households (thousands) | 56            | 111      | 11           | 40    | 155   | 75    | 197   | 72    | 110   | 826   |
|                       | 25-34                               | 86,3          | 73,9     | 85,4         | 83,1  | 78,1  | 77,6  | 83,9  | 78,7  | 73,9  | 80,2  |
|                       | Youth headed households (thousands) | 354           | 314      | 63           | 194   | 553   | 258   | 1027  | 267   | 313   | 3342  |
|                       | Youth-headed HHs (Per cent)         | 100,0         | 100,0    | 100,0        | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 |
|                       | All Youth-headed HHs (thousands)    | 410           | 425      | 73           | 234   | 708   | 333   | 1224  | 339   | 423   | 4169  |
| Head population group |                                     | African/Black | Coloured | Indian/Asian | White | RSA   |       |       |       |       |       |
|                       | 15-24                               | 20,5          | 12,0     | 10,0         | 18,1  | 19,8  |       |       |       |       |       |
|                       | Youth headed households (thousands) | 754           | 22       | 6            | 44    | 826   |       |       |       |       |       |
|                       | 25-34                               | 79,5          | 88,0     | 90,0         | 81,9  | 80,2  |       |       |       |       |       |
|                       | Youth headed households (thousands) | 2926          | 161      | 56           | 200   | 3342  |       |       |       |       |       |
|                       | Youth-headed HHs (Per cent)         | 100,0         | 100,0    | 100,0        | 100,0 | 100,0 |       |       |       |       |       |
|                       | Youth-headed HHs (thousands)        | 3680          | 183      | 62           | 244   | 4169  |       |       |       |       |       |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 2.2.2: Percentage distribution of youth-headed households by age groups, 2015 (cont.)**

| Head<br>Sex |                                     | Male  | Female | RSA   |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|
|             | 15-24                               | 19,7  | 20,0   | 19,8  |
|             | Youth headed households (thousands) | 545   | 281    | 826   |
|             | 25-34                               | 80,3  | 80,0   | 80,2  |
|             | Youth headed households (thousands) | 2216  | 1127   | 3342  |
|             | Youth-headed HHs (Per cent)         | 100,0 | 100,0  | 100,0 |
|             | Youth-headed HHs (thousands)        | 2761  | 1408   | 4169  |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 2.2.3: Percentage distribution of youth by household composition, 2015**

| Disaggregation   | WC                     | EC            | NC       | FS           | KZN   | NW    | GP    | MP    | LP    | RSA   |       |
|------------------|------------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Province         | Single                 | 4,9           | 6,1      | 5,1          | 6,4   | 7,2   | 8,5   | 8,1   | 7,2   | 7,8   | 7,1   |
|                  | Nuclear                | 44,3          | 22,4     | 30,4         | 39,8  | 22,5  | 34,5  | 43,6  | 33,1  | 29,3  | 33,3  |
|                  | Extended               | 41,0          | 67,6     | 59,5         | 49,8  | 67,4  | 53,4  | 43,9  | 56,6  | 60,9  | 55,4  |
|                  | Complex                | 9,7           | 3,9      | 5,1          | 4,0   | 3,0   | 3,6   | 4,4   | 3,1   | 2,1   | 4,2   |
|                  | All Youth (Per cent)   | 100,0         | 100,0    | 100,0        | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 |
|                  | All Youth (thousands)* | 2107          | 2480     | 414          | 1029  | 3943  | 1317  | 4642  | 1616  | 2197  | 19745 |
| Geo-type         |                        | Urban         | Rural    | RSA          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Single                 | 8,0           | 5,6      | 7,1          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Nuclear                | 39,3          | 23,0     | 33,3         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Extended               | 47,9          | 68,2     | 55,4         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Complex                | 4,8           | 3,2      | 4,2          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | All Youth (Per cent)   | 100,0         | 100,0    | 100,0        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | All Youth (thousands)* | 12430         | 7315     | 19745        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Population group |                        | African/Black | Coloured | Indian/Asian | White | RSA   |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Single                 | 8,0           | 1,3      | 3,7          | 3,4   | 7,1   |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Nuclear                | 29,4          | 42,8     | 61,4         | 62,9  | 33,3  |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Extended               | 59,1          | 47,1     | 32,8         | 24,4  | 55,4  |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Complex                | 3,4           | 8,9      | 2,1          | 9,3   | 4,2   |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | All Youth (Per cent)   | 100,0         | 100,0    | 100,0        | 100,0 | 100,0 |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | All Youth (thousands)* | 16477         | 1637     | 450          | 1181  | 19745 |       |       |       |       |       |

\* Total excludes missing cases

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 2.2.3: Percentage distribution of youth by household composition, 2015 (cont.)**

| Age group |                        | 15-24 | 25-34  | RSA   |
|-----------|------------------------|-------|--------|-------|
|           | Single                 | 3,4   | 11,2   | 7,1   |
|           | Nuclear                | 30,7  | 36,0   | 33,3  |
|           | Extended               | 61,6  | 48,8   | 55,4  |
|           | Complex                | 4,3   | 4,1    | 4,2   |
|           | All Youth (Per cent)   | 100,0 | 100,0  | 100,0 |
|           | All Youth (thousands)* | 10277 | 9467   | 19745 |
| Sex       |                        | Male  | Female | RSA   |
|           | Single                 | 10,7  | 3,4    | 7,1   |
|           | Nuclear                | 31,6  | 35,0   | 33,3  |
|           | Extended               | 53,0  | 57,9   | 55,4  |
|           | Complex                | 4,7   | 3,6    | 4,2   |
|           | All Youth (Per cent)   | 100,0 | 100,0  | 100,0 |
|           | All Youth (thousands)* | 9962  | 9783   | 19745 |

\* Total excludes missing cases

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 2.2.4: Percentage distribution of youth headed households across intergenerational household type, 2015**

| Disaggregation | WC                                | EC    | NC    | FS    | KZN   | NW    | GP    | MP    | LP    | RSA   |       |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Province       | Single generation                 | 20,5  | 12,6  | 14,1  | 16,0  | 18,2  | 17,7  | 22,2  | 18,8  | 20,1  | 19,0  |
|                | Double generation                 | 43,0  | 37,2  | 50,6  | 45,9  | 28,1  | 33,8  | 31,7  | 39,5  | 34,2  | 35,0  |
|                | Triple generation                 | 0,7   | 0,5   | 1,0   | 0,3   | 0,3   | 0,6   | 0,5   | 0,0   | 0,9   | 0,5   |
|                | Skip generation                   | 0,2   | 0,6   | 0,5   | 0,3   | 0,3   | 0,7   | 0,8   | 0,2   | 1,0   | 0,6   |
|                | Other                             | 35,6  | 49,1  | 33,8  | 37,5  | 53,0  | 47,1  | 44,8  | 41,6  | 43,9  | 44,9  |
|                | All Youth-headed HHs(Per cent)    | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 |
|                | All Youth-headed HHs (thousands)* | 410   | 424   | 73    | 234   | 707   | 332   | 1220  | 339   | 423   | 4162  |
| Geo-type       |                                   | Urban | Rural | RSA   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Single generation                 | 20,0  | 16,6  | 19,0  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Double generation                 | 33,0  | 39,8  | 35,0  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Triple generation                 | 0,4   | 0,6   | 0,5   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Skip generation                   | 0,4   | 1,0   | 0,6   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Other                             | 46,1  | 42,0  | 44,9  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | All Youth-headed HHs(Per cent)    | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | All Youth-headed HHs (thousands)* | 2976  | 1186  | 4162  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 2.2.4: Percentage distribution of youth headed households across intergenerational household type, 2015 (cont.)**

|                       |                                   | African/Black | Coloured | Indian/Asian | White | RSA   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------|-------|
| Head Population group | Single generation                 | 18,2          | 14,6     | 31,5         | 31,9  | 19,0  |
|                       | Double generation                 | 33,0          | 66,7     | 43,2         | 39,0  | 35,0  |
|                       | Triple generation                 | 0,5           | 2,0      | 0,0          | 0,0   | 0,5   |
|                       | Skip generation                   | 0,6           | 0,4      | 0,0          | 0,0   | 0,6   |
|                       | Other                             | 47,7          | 16,3     | 25,3         | 29,1  | 44,9  |
|                       | All Youth-headed HHs(Per cent)    | 100,0         | 100,0    | 100,0        | 100,0 | 100,0 |
|                       | All Youth-headed HHs (thousands)* | 3675          | 182      | 61           | 244   | 4162  |
| Age group             |                                   | 15-24         | 25-34    | RSA          |       |       |
|                       | Single generation                 | 19,6          | 18,9     | 19,0         |       |       |
|                       | Double generation                 | 16,9          | 39,4     | 35,0         |       |       |
|                       | Triple generation                 | 0,0           | 0,6      | 0,5          |       |       |
|                       | Skip generation                   | 0,6           | 0,6      | 0,6          |       |       |
|                       | Other                             | 63,0          | 40,5     | 44,9         |       |       |
|                       | All Youth-headed HHs(Per cent)    | 100,0         | 100,0    | 100,0        |       |       |
|                       | All Youth-headed HHs (thousands)* | 3340          | 823      | 4162         |       |       |
| Head Sex              |                                   | Male          | Female   | RSA          |       |       |
|                       | Single generation                 | 22,7          | 11,8     | 19,0         |       |       |
|                       | Double generation                 | 26,7          | 51,1     | 35,0         |       |       |
|                       | Triple generation                 | 0,4           | 0,7      | 0,5          |       |       |
|                       | Skip generation                   | 0,6           | 0,6      | 0,6          |       |       |
|                       | Other                             | 49,6          | 35,9     | 44,9         |       |       |
|                       | All Youth-headed HHs(Per cent)    | 100,0         | 100,0    | 100,0        |       |       |
|                       | All Youth-headed HHs (thousands)* | 2755          | 1407     | 4162         |       |       |

\* Total excludes missing cases

Source: GHS 2015

## 2.3 Youth: Income, poverty, economic activity and social grants

**Table 2.3.1: Percentage of youth who are beneficiaries of social grants, 2015**

| Disaggregation |                       | 15-24 | 25-34  | RSA(15-34) |
|----------------|-----------------------|-------|--------|------------|
| Age group      | % share               | 18,4  | 1,8    | 10,4       |
|                | All Youth (thousands) | 10293 | 9486   | 19779      |
| Sex            |                       | Male  | Female | Both       |
|                | % share               | 10,4  | 10,4   | 10,4       |
|                | All Youth (thousands) | 9980  | 9798   | 19779      |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 2.3.2: Percentage of youth living in households without an employed adult, 2015**

| Disaggregation        |        |                       | WC    | EC    | NC   | FS   | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | RSA   |
|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Sex and province      | Male   | % share               | 8,5   | 40,0  | 25,0 | 26,1 | 28,5 | 26,6 | 13,2 | 22,5 | 37,6 | 24,4  |
|                       |        | All male Youth        | 1017  | 1222  | 209  | 512  | 2000 | 663  | 2418 | 805  | 1136 | 9980  |
|                       | Female | % share               | 10,8  | 40,2  | 27,2 | 30,9 | 31,0 | 28,1 | 11,5 | 22,5 | 41,9 | 25,7  |
|                       |        | All female Youth      | 1092  | 1260  | 206  | 521  | 1946 | 655  | 2239 | 812  | 1068 | 9798  |
|                       | Both   | % share               | 9,7   | 40,1  | 26,1 | 28,5 | 29,8 | 27,3 | 12,4 | 22,5 | 39,7 | 25,0  |
|                       |        | All Youth (thousands) | 2109  | 2481  | 415  | 1032 | 3946 | 1317 | 4657 | 1618 | 2204 | 19779 |
| Sex and geo-type      |        |                       | Urban | Rural | RSA  |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                       | Male   | % share               | 14,9  | 40,4  | 24,4 |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                       |        | All male Youth        | 6275  | 3705  | 9980 |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                       | Female | % share               | 15,3  | 43,5  | 25,7 |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                       |        | All female Youth      | 6178  | 3621  | 9798 |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                       | Both   | % share               | 15,1  | 41,9  | 25,0 |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
| All Youth (thousands) |        | 12453                 | 7326  | 19779 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
| Sex and age group     |        |                       | 15-24 | 25-34 | RSA  |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                       | Male   | % share               | 31,1  | 17,2  | 24,4 |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                       |        | All male Youth        | 5167  | 4813  | 9980 |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                       | Female | % share               | 30,7  | 20,2  | 25,7 |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                       |        | All female Youth      | 5126  | 4673  | 9798 |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                       | Both   | % share               | 30,9  | 18,7  | 25,0 |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
| All Youth (thousands) |        | 10293                 | 9486  | 19779 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 2.3.3: Percentage of youth-headed households without an employed adult, 2015**

| Disaggregation   |        |                                  | WC    | EC    | NC   | FS   | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | RSA  |
|------------------|--------|----------------------------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Sex and province | Male   | % share                          | 7,4   | 25,7  | 14,2 | 14,3 | 17,2 | 19,8 | 14,1 | 15,4 | 28,8 | 16,9 |
|                  |        | All male Youth-headed HHs        | 274   | 235   | 47   | 151  | 426  | 238  | 903  | 224  | 262  | 2761 |
|                  | Female | % share                          | 19,1  | 45,4  | 52,4 | 57,3 | 35,1 | 50,2 | 25,2 | 38,7 | 52,4 | 37,6 |
|                  |        | All female Youth-headed          | 137   | 189   | 26   | 83   | 281  | 95   | 321  | 115  | 161  | 1408 |
|                  | Both   | % share                          | 11,3  | 34,5  | 27,8 | 29,5 | 24,3 | 28,4 | 17,0 | 23,3 | 37,8 | 23,9 |
|                  |        | All Youth-headed HHs (thousands) | 410   | 425   | 73   | 234  | 708  | 333  | 1224 | 339  | 423  | 4169 |
| Sex and geo-type |        |                                  | Urban | Rural | RSA  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | Male   | % share                          | 12,7  | 28,9  | 16,9 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  |        | All male Youth-headed HHs        | 2050  | 711   | 2761 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | Female | % share                          | 27,8  | 56,8  | 37,6 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  |        | All female Youth-headed          | 932   | 476   | 1408 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | Both   | % share                          | 17,5  | 40,1  | 23,9 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  |        | All Youth-headed HHs (thousands) | 2982  | 1187  | 4169 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  |        |                                  |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 2.3.4: Percentage of youth-headed households classified as low income households (at most household income quintile 1), 2015**

| Disaggregation        |        |                              | WC    | EC       | NC      | FS    | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | RSA  |
|-----------------------|--------|------------------------------|-------|----------|---------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Head Sex and province | Male   | % share                      | 19.3  | 36.1     | 21.0    | 17.9  | 37.6 | 25.8 | 18.4 | 17.9 | 53.7 | 26.9 |
|                       |        | All male Youth-headed HHs    | 274   | 235      | 47      | 151   | 426  | 238  | 903  | 224  | 262  | 2761 |
|                       | Female | % share                      | 16.0  | 32.0     | 19.9    | 28.2  | 36.4 | 35.5 | 22.5 | 26.7 | 47.6 | 30.4 |
|                       |        | All female Youth-headed      | 137   | 189      | 26      | 83    | 281  | 95   | 321  | 115  | 161  | 1408 |
|                       | Both   | % share                      | 18.2  | 34.3     | 20.6    | 21.6  | 37.1 | 28.5 | 19.4 | 20.9 | 51.4 | 28.1 |
|                       |        | Youth-headed HHs (thousands) | 410   | 425      | 73      | 234   | 708  | 333  | 1224 | 339  | 423  | 4169 |
| Head Sex and geo-type |        |                              | Urban | Rural    | RSA     |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                       | Male   | % share                      | 22.9  | 38.5     | 26.9    |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                       |        | All male Youth-headed HHs    | 2050  | 711      | 2761    |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                       | Female | % share                      | 25.7  | 39.3     | 30.4    |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                       |        | All female Youth-headed      | 932   | 476      | 1408    |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                       | Both   | % share                      | 23.8  | 38.8     | 28.1    |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                       |        | Youth-headed HHs (thousands) | 2982  | 1187     | 4169    |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                       |        |                              |       |          |         |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Head sex and race     |        |                              | Black | Coloured | Indian/ | White | RSA  |      |      |      |      |      |
|                       | Male   | % share                      | 29.3  | 20.0     | 11.7    | 4.0   | 26.9 |      |      |      |      |      |
|                       |        | All male Youth-headed HHs    | 2413  | 117      | 48      | 182   | 2761 |      |      |      |      |      |
|                       | Female | % share                      | 31.9  | 19.8     | 0.0     | 15.6  | 30.4 |      |      |      |      |      |
|                       |        | All female Youth-headed      | 1266  | 66       | 14      | 62    | 1408 |      |      |      |      |      |
|                       | Both   | % share                      | 30.2  | 19.9     | 9.1     | 7.0   | 28.1 |      |      |      |      |      |
|                       |        | Youth-headed HHs (thousands) | 3680  | 183      | 62      | 244   | 4169 |      |      |      |      |      |
|                       |        |                              |       |          |         |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |

Source: GHS 2015

Note: Household income quintile 1 is R 2000



**Table 2.3.5: Percentage distribution of main sources of income for youth-headed households, 2015**

| Disaggregation |        | Salaries/wages/<br>commission | Remittances | Social<br>Grants | Sales of<br>farming | Other non-<br>farm | No income | Total Households |           |
|----------------|--------|-------------------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
|                |        |                               |             |                  |                     |                    |           | Per cent         | Thousands |
| Geo-type       | Urban  | 74,7                          | 10,3        | 5,4              | 0,0                 | 8,6                | 1,0       | 100,0            | 2848      |
|                | Rural  | 47,1                          | 27,1        | 16,8             | 0,1                 | 7,1                | 1,8       | 100,0            | 1137      |
|                | SA     | 66,8                          | 15,1        | 8,7              | 0,0                 | 8,1                | 1,2       | 100,0            | 3985      |
| Head sex       |        |                               |             |                  |                     |                    |           |                  |           |
|                | Male   | 74,3                          | 11,2        | 3,8              | 0,0                 | 9,2                | 1,5       | 100,0            | 2848      |
|                | Female | 52,2                          | 22,7        | 18,3             | 0,1                 | 6,1                | 0,7       | 100,0            | 1137      |
|                | Both   | 1,9                           | 0,3         | 0,1              | 0,0                 | 0,2                | 0,0       | 2,5              | 3985      |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 2.3.6: Employed youth (in thousands) by age group 2015**

| Disaggregation   |       | WC            | EC       | NC            | FS    | KZN  | NW  | GP   | MP  | LP  | RSA  |
|------------------|-------|---------------|----------|---------------|-------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|
| Province         | 15-24 | 252           | 122      | 38            | 62    | 254  | 75  | 361  | 104 | 116 | 1383 |
|                  | 25-34 | 670           | 471      | 92            | 261   | 845  | 310 | 1456 | 406 | 458 | 4969 |
|                  | 15-34 | 922           | 592      | 129           | 323   | 1099 | 384 | 1817 | 510 | 574 | 6352 |
| Geo-type         |       | Urban         | Rural    | RSA           |       |      |     |      |     |     |      |
|                  | 15-24 | 1011          | 372      | 1383          |       |      |     |      |     |     |      |
|                  | 25-34 | 3661          | 1308     | 4969          |       |      |     |      |     |     |      |
|                  | 15-34 | 4672          | 1680     | 6352          |       |      |     |      |     |     |      |
| Population group |       | Black African | Coloured | Indian/ Asian | White | RSA  |     |      |     |     |      |
|                  | 15-24 | 970           | 211      | 49            | 153   | 1383 |     |      |     |     |      |
|                  | 25-34 | 3886          | 439      | 169           | 474   | 4969 |     |      |     |     |      |
|                  | 15-34 | 4856          | 650      | 218           | 627   | 6352 |     |      |     |     |      |

Source: QLFS Q3 2015

**Table 2.3.7: Unemployed youth (in thousands) by age group 2015**

| Disaggregation   |       | WC            | EC       | NC           | FS    | KZN  | NW  | GP   | MP  | LP  | RSA  |
|------------------|-------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|
| Province         | 15-24 | 178           | 134      | 48           | 86    | 188  | 76  | 469  | 116 | 84  | 1379 |
|                  | 25-34 | 217           | 244      | 60           | 162   | 293  | 119 | 740  | 183 | 140 | 2158 |
|                  | 15-34 | 395           | 378      | 108          | 249   | 481  | 195 | 1209 | 300 | 224 | 3537 |
| Geo-type         |       | Urban         | Rural    | RSA          |       |      |     |      |     |     |      |
|                  | 15-24 | 988           | 391      | 1379         |       |      |     |      |     |     |      |
|                  | 25-34 | 1564          | 594      | 2158         |       |      |     |      |     |     |      |
|                  | 15-34 | 2552          | 985      | 3537         |       |      |     |      |     |     |      |
| Population group |       | Black African | Coloured | Indian/Asian | White | RSA  |     |      |     |     |      |
|                  | 15-24 | 1164          | 153      | 18           | 44    | 1379 |     |      |     |     |      |
|                  | 25-34 | 1955          | 160      | 22           | 21    | 2158 |     |      |     |     |      |
|                  | 15-34 | 3119          | 313      | 40           | 66    | 3537 |     |      |     |     |      |

Source: QLFS Q3 2015

**Table 2.3.8: Not economically active youth (in thousands) by age group 2015**

| Disaggregation   |       | WC            | EC       | NC           | FS    | KZN  | NW  | GP   | MP  | LP   | RSA  |
|------------------|-------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------|------|-----|------|-----|------|------|
| Province         | 15-24 | 321           | 719      | 86           | 207   | 1099 | 334 | 752  | 346 | 630  | 4494 |
|                  | 25-34 | 474           | 791      | 92           | 254   | 1272 | 406 | 888  | 464 | 777  | 5419 |
|                  | 15-34 | 796           | 1510     | 178          | 461   | 2371 | 740 | 1640 | 810 | 1407 | 9913 |
| Geo-type         |       | Urban         | Rural    | RSA          |       |      |     |      |     |      |      |
|                  | 15-24 | 2217          | 2277     | 4494         |       |      |     |      |     |      |      |
|                  | 25-34 | 2835          | 2584     | 5419         |       |      |     |      |     |      |      |
|                  | 15-34 | 5051          | 4861     | 9913         |       |      |     |      |     |      |      |
| Population group |       | Black African | Coloured | Indian/Asian | White | RSA  |     |      |     |      |      |
|                  | 15-24 | 3906          | 302      | 74           | 212   | 4494 |     |      |     |      |      |
|                  | 25-34 | 4651          | 374      | 119          | 274   | 5419 |     |      |     |      |      |
|                  | 15-34 | 8557          | 675      | 193          | 487   | 9913 |     |      |     |      |      |

Source: QLFS Q3 2015

**Table 2.3.9: Youth labour force participation rate, 2015**

| Disaggregation   |       | WC            | EC       | NC           | FS    | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | SA   |
|------------------|-------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Province         | 15-24 | 41,2          | 18,5     | 37,8         | 29,1  | 20,4 | 22,0 | 38,5 | 25,6 | 15,7 | 26,8 |
|                  | 25-34 | 83,0          | 65,5     | 80,1         | 80,8  | 63,4 | 67,5 | 87,5 | 77,9 | 64,0 | 75,0 |
|                  | 15-34 | 62,3          | 39,1     | 57,2         | 55,4  | 40,0 | 43,9 | 64,8 | 50,0 | 36,2 | 49,9 |
| Geo-type         |       | Urban         | Rural    | SA           |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 15-24 | 33,8          | 17,4     | 26,8         |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 25-34 | 82,1          | 60,5     | 75,0         |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 15-34 | 58,9          | 35,4     | 49,9         |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Population group |       | Black African | Coloured | Indian/Asian | White | SA   |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 15-24 | 24,8          | 41,1     | 32,3         | 32,5  | 26,8 |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 25-34 | 73,6          | 79,5     | 78,6         | 86,7  | 75,0 |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 15-34 | 48,2          | 58,8     | 57,2         | 58,7  | 49,9 |      |      |      |      |      |

Source: QLFS Q3 2015

**Table 2.3.10: Youth unemployment rate, 2015**

| Disaggregation   |       | WC            | EC       | NC           | FS    | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | SA   |
|------------------|-------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Province         | 15-24 | 41,3          | 52,7     | 56,0         | 58,0  | 42,2 | 50,4 | 56,6 | 53,1 | 41,9 | 49,9 |
|                  | 25-34 | 24,5          | 34,1     | 39,7         | 38,4  | 25,9 | 27,7 | 33,6 | 30,9 | 23,4 | 30,3 |
|                  | 15-34 | 30,0          | 39,0     | 45,5         | 43,5  | 30,4 | 33,6 | 39,9 | 37,0 | 28,0 | 35,8 |
| Geo-type         |       | Urban         | Rural    | SA           |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 15-24 | 49,4          | 51,3     | 49,9         |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 25-34 | 29,9          | 31,2     | 30,3         |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 15-34 | 35,3          | 37,0     | 35,8         |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Population group |       | Black African | Coloured | Indian/Asian | White | SA   |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 15-24 | 54,6          | 42,0     | 27,2         | 22,5  | 49,9 |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 25-34 | 33,5          | 26,7     | 11,3         | 4,3   | 30,3 |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 15-34 | 39,1          | 32,5     | 15,4         | 9,5   | 35,8 |      |      |      |      |      |

Source: QLFS Q3 2015

**Table 2.3.11: Youth absorption rate, 2015**

| Disaggregation   |       | WC            | EC       | NC           | FS    | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | SA   |
|------------------|-------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Province         | 15-24 | 24,2          | 8,7      | 16,6         | 12,2  | 11,8 | 10,9 | 16,7 | 12,0 | 9,1  | 13,4 |
|                  | 25-34 | 62,7          | 43,2     | 48,3         | 49,8  | 46,9 | 48,8 | 58,1 | 53,9 | 49,0 | 52,3 |
|                  | 15-34 | 43,7          | 23,9     | 31,1         | 31,3  | 27,8 | 29,1 | 38,9 | 31,5 | 26,0 | 32,1 |
| Geo-type         |       | Urban         | Rural    | SA           |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 15-24 | 17,1          | 8,5      | 13,4         |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 25-34 | 57,5          | 41,6     | 52,3         |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 15-34 | 38,1          | 22,3     | 32,1         |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Population group |       | Black African | Coloured | Indian/Asian | White | SA   |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 15-24 | 11,3          | 23,9     | 23,5         | 25,2  | 13,4 |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 25-34 | 49,0          | 58,2     | 69,7         | 82,9  | 52,3 |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 15-34 | 29,4          | 39,7     | 48,4         | 53,2  | 32,1 |      |      |      |      |      |

Source: QLFS Q3 2015

**Table 2.3.12: Youth inactivity rate, 2015**

| Disaggregation   |       | WC            | EC       | NC           | FS    | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | SA   |
|------------------|-------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Province         | 15-24 | 58,8          | 81,5     | 62,2         | 70,9  | 79,6 | 78,0 | 61,5 | 74,4 | 84,3 | 73,1 |
|                  | 25-34 | 17,0          | 34,5     | 19,9         | 19,2  | 36,6 | 32,5 | 12,5 | 22,1 | 36,0 | 25,0 |
|                  | 15-34 | 37,7          | 60,9     | 42,8         | 44,6  | 60,0 | 56,1 | 35,2 | 50,0 | 63,8 | 50,1 |
| Geo-type         |       | Urban         | Rural    | SA           |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 15-24 | 66,2          | 82,6     | 73,1         |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 25-34 | 17,9          | 39,5     | 25,0         |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 15-34 | 41,2          | 64,6     | 50,1         |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Population group |       | Black African | Coloured | Indian/Asian | White | SA   |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 15-24 | 75,2          | 58,9     | 67,7         | 67,5  | 73,1 |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 25-34 | 26,4          | 20,5     | 21,4         | 13,3  | 25,0 |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 15-34 | 51,8          | 41,2     | 42,8         | 41,3  | 50,1 |      |      |      |      |      |

Source: QLFS Q3 2015

## 2.4 Youth: Health

**Table 2.4.1: Percentage of youth who suffered from acute diseases compared to the overall population, 2015**

| Disaggregation |                       | WC    | EC     | NC    | FS   | KZN   | NW   | GP    | MP   | LP   | SA    |
|----------------|-----------------------|-------|--------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|------|-------|
| Province       | % share               | 8,2   | 7,5    | 7,9   | 8,8  | 5,9   | 9,5  | 11,6  | 10,6 | 5,6  | 8,5   |
|                | Youth(thousands)      | 2109  | 2481   | 415   | 1032 | 3946  | 1317 | 4657  | 1618 | 2204 | 19779 |
|                | % share               | 9,5   | 10,7   | 9,4   | 10,2 | 7,9   | 11,4 | 14,0  | 12,9 | 7,0  | 10,6  |
|                | Population (thousand) | 6246  | 6693   | 1182  | 2763 | 10688 | 3703 | 13268 | 4236 | 5654 | 54432 |
| Geo-type       |                       | Urban | Rural  | SA    |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | % share               | 9,7   | 6,4    | 8,5   |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Youth(thousands)      | 12453 | 7326   | 19779 |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | % share               | 11,8  | 8,5    | 10,6  |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Population (thousand) | 34647 | 19785  | 54432 |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
| Sex            |                       | Male  | Female | Both  |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | % share               | 7,6   | 9,3    | 8,5   |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Youth(thousands)      | 9980  | 9798   | 19779 |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | % share               | 9,8   | 11,4   | 10,6  |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Population (thousand) | 26584 | 27849  | 54432 |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
| Age group      |                       | 15-24 | 25-34  | SA    |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | % share               | 7,5   | 9,5    | 8,5   |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Youth(thousands)      | 10293 | 9486   | 19779 |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | % share               |       |        | 10,6  |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Population (thousand) |       |        | 54432 |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 2.4.2: Percentage of youth who suffered from chronic diseases compared to the overall population, 2015**

| Disaggregation |                       | WC    | EC     | NC    | FS   | KZN   | NW   | GP    | MP   | LP   | SA    |
|----------------|-----------------------|-------|--------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|------|-------|
| Province       | % share               | 8,9   | 7,8    | 8,3   | 9,0  | 6,8   | 7,7  | 7,5   | 7,8  | 3,1  | 7,2   |
|                | Youth(thousands)      | 2109  | 2481   | 415   | 1032 | 3946  | 1317 | 4657  | 1618 | 2204 | 19779 |
|                | % share               | 20,2  | 17,6   | 20,6  | 20,0 | 15,6  | 17,7 | 16,8  | 15,5 | 8,3  | 16,4  |
|                | Population (thousand) | 6246  | 6693   | 1182  | 2763 | 10688 | 3703 | 13268 | 4236 | 5654 | 54432 |
| Geo-type       |                       | Urban | Rural  | SA    |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | % share               | 7,6   | 6,6    | 7,2   |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Youth(thousands)      | 12453 | 7326   | 19779 |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | % share               | 17,6  | 14,2   | 16,4  |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
| Sex            |                       | Male  | Female | Both  |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | % share               | 5,7   | 8,7    | 7,2   |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Youth(thousands)      | 9980  | 9798   | 19779 |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | % share               | 12,9  | 19,7   | 16,4  |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
| Age group      |                       | 15-24 | 25-34  | SA    |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | % share               | 4,7   | 9,8    | 7,2   |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Youth(thousands)      | 10293 | 9486   | 19779 |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | % share               |       |        | 16,4  |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Population (thousand) |       |        | 54432 |      |       |      |       |      |      |       |

Source: GHS 2015

## 2.5 Youth: Vulnerability to hunger

**Table 2.5.1: Percentage of youth living in households that reported hunger, 2015**

| Disaggregation           |        |                      | WC    | EC      | NC           | FS    | KZN   | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | SA    |
|--------------------------|--------|----------------------|-------|---------|--------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Sex and province         | Male   | % share              | 17,1  | 15,8    | 19,3         | 12,9  | 20,2  | 19,1 | 10,1 | 11,1 | 4,6  | 13,9  |
|                          |        | All male Youth       | 1011  | 1214    | 209          | 505   | 1992  | 663  | 2389 | 791  | 1134 | 9907  |
|                          | Female | % share              | 18,4  | 15,1    | 21,3         | 14,5  | 19,5  | 17,2 | 8,6  | 11,4 | 5,1  | 13,7  |
|                          |        | All female Youth     | 1089  | 1254    | 204          | 519   | 1937  | 655  | 2216 | 798  | 1065 | 9737  |
|                          | Both   | % share              | 17,8  | 15,4    | 20,3         | 13,8  | 19,9  | 18,1 | 9,4  | 11,2 | 4,8  | 13,8  |
|                          |        | All Youth (thousand) | 2100  | 2468    | 413          | 1024  | 3929  | 1317 | 4605 | 1589 | 2199 | 19644 |
| Sex and geo-type         |        |                      | Urban | Rural   | SA           |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          | Male   | % share              | 12,3  | 16,7    | 13,9         |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          |        | All male Youth       | 6218  | 3689    | 9907         |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          | Female | % share              | 12,0  | 16,5    | 13,7         |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          |        | All female Youth     | 6125  | 3611    | 9737         |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          | Both   | % share              | 12,2  | 16,6    | 13,8         |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          |        | All Youth (thousand) | 12344 | 7300    | 19644        |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
| Sex and Population group |        |                      | Black | Coloure | Indian/Asian | White | SA    |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          | Male   | % share              | 15,2  | 13,3    | 0,9          | 1,9   | 13,9  |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          |        | All male Youth       | 8280  | 815     | 222          | 589   | 9907  |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          | Female | % share              | 15,0  | 12,0    | 1,8          | 1,8   | 13,7  |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          |        | All female Youth     | 8125  | 821     | 209          | 582   | 9737  |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          | Both   | % share              | 15,1  | 12,6    | 1,3          | 1,8   | 13,8  |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          |        | All Youth (thousand) | 16406 | 1636    | 431          | 1171  | 19644 |      |      |      |      |       |
| Sex and age group        |        |                      | 15-24 | 25-34   | SA           |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          | Male   | % share              | 14,7  | 13,1    | 13,9         |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          |        | All male Youth       | 5136  | 4772    | 9907         |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          | Female | % share              | 14,9  | 12,4    | 13,7         |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          |        | All female Youth     | 5085  | 4651    | 9737         |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                          | Both   | % share              | 14,8  | 12,8    | 13,8         |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
| All Youth (thousand)     |        | 10221                | 9423  | 19644   |              |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 2.5.2: Percentage of youth-headed households that reported hunger, 2015**

| Disaggregation        |        |                                     | WC    | EC    | NC   | FS   | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP  | LP  | SA   |
|-----------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|------|
| Head sex and province | Male   | % share                             | 14,7  | 11,0  | 10,0 | 7,7  | 10,7 | 16,3 | 9,6  | 8,3 | 5,2 | 10,3 |
|                       |        | Male youth-headed HHs (thousands)   | 271   | 233   | 47   | 150  | 424  | 238  | 887  | 222 | 262 | 2733 |
|                       | Female | % share                             | 19,3  | 15,7  | 42,0 | 13,9 | 16,2 | 17,9 | 8,6  | 9,7 | 2,2 | 13,0 |
|                       |        | Female youth-headed HHs (thousands) | 136   | 189   | 26   | 83   | 280  | 95   | 317  | 114 | 161 | 1399 |
|                       | Both   | % share                             | 16,2  | 13,1  | 21,3 | 9,9  | 12,9 | 16,7 | 9,3  | 8,8 | 4,1 | 11,3 |
|                       |        | Youth-headed HHs (thousands)        | 407   | 422   | 73   | 233  | 704  | 333  | 1203 | 335 | 422 | 4132 |
| Head sex and geo-type |        |                                     | Urban | Rural | SA   |      |      |      |      |     |     |      |
|                       | Male   | % share                             | 9,8   | 11,8  | 10,3 |      |      |      |      |     |     |      |
|                       |        | Male youth-headed HHs (thousands)   | 2027  | 706   | 2733 |      |      |      |      |     |     |      |
|                       | Female | % share                             | 12,3  | 14,5  | 13,0 |      |      |      |      |     |     |      |
|                       |        | Female youth-headed HHs (thousands) | 925   | 474   | 1399 |      |      |      |      |     |     |      |
|                       | Both   | % share                             | 10,6  | 12,9  | 11,3 |      |      |      |      |     |     |      |
|                       |        | Youth-headed HHs (thousands)        | 2952  | 1180  | 4132 |      |      |      |      |     |     |      |
|                       |        |                                     |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |      |

Source: GHS 2015

## 2.6 Youth: Education

**Table 2.6.1: Percentage of youth who attend educational institutions, 2016**

| Disaggregation           |        |                         | Black African | Coloured | Indian/Asian | White | SA    |
|--------------------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------|-------|
| Sex and population group | Male   | % share                 | 31,2          | 21,3     | 21,3         | 26,4  | 30,2  |
|                          |        | Male youth(thousands)   | 8282          | 811      | 230          | 591   | 9914  |
|                          | Female | % share                 | 31,1          | 24,3     | 29,9         | 34,9  | 30,7  |
|                          |        | Female youth(thousands) | 8111          | 818      | 213          | 570   | 9712  |
|                          | Both   | % share                 | 31,1          | 22,8     | 28,1         | 32,9  | 30,5  |
|                          |        | Youth (thousands)       | 16392         | 1629     | 444          | 1161  | 19626 |
| Sex and age group        |        |                         | 15-24         | 25-34    | SA (15-34)   |       |       |
|                          | Male   | % share                 | 54,3          | 4,3      | 30,2         |       |       |
|                          |        | Male youth(thousands)   | 5142          | 4772     | 9914         |       |       |
|                          | Female | % share                 | 53,3          | 5,8      | 30,7         |       |       |
|                          |        | Female youth(thousands) | 5097          | 4615     | 9712         |       |       |
|                          | Both   | % share                 | 53,8          | 5,0      | 30,5         |       |       |
|                          |        | Youth (thousands)       | 10239         | 9387     | 19626        |       |       |
|                          |        |                         |               |          |              |       |       |

Source: GHS 2015



**Table 2.6.2: Percentage distribution of the types of educational institutions attended by youth aged 15-24 years, 2015**

| Disaggregation           |                                        | Male          | Female | Both     |        |              |        |       |        |  |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------|--------|----------|--------|--------------|--------|-------|--------|--|
| Sex                      | School/Pre-school                      | 86,6          | 83,0   | 84,8     |        |              |        |       |        |  |
|                          | ABET/Literacy Classes                  | 0,7           | 1,0    | 0,8      |        |              |        |       |        |  |
|                          | Higher Education Institution           | 6,3           | 7,7    | 7,0      |        |              |        |       |        |  |
|                          | Further Education and Training College | 4,5           | 6,2    | 5,4      |        |              |        |       |        |  |
|                          | Other College                          | 1,3           | 1,6    | 1,5      |        |              |        |       |        |  |
|                          | Other                                  | 0,6           | 0,4    | 0,5      |        |              |        |       |        |  |
|                          | Total(per cent)                        | 100,0         | 100,0  | 100,0    |        |              |        |       |        |  |
|                          | Total(thousands)*                      | 2779          | 2701   | 5480     |        |              |        |       |        |  |
| Sex and population group |                                        | Black African |        | Coloured |        | Indian/Asian |        | White |        |  |
|                          |                                        | Male          | Female | Male     | Female | Male         | Female | Male  | Female |  |
|                          | School/Pre-school                      | 88,3          | 85,3   | 87,8     | 82,3   | 55,5         | 59,1   | 70,5  | 61,0   |  |
|                          | ABET/Literacy Classes                  | 0,7           | 1,1    | 0,3      | 0,1    | 0,0          | 0,0    | 0,8   | 1,4    |  |
|                          | Higher Education Institution           | 4,4           | 5,3    | 7,2      | 8,7    | 35,6         | 34,0   | 24,4  | 30,3   |  |
|                          | Further Education and Training College | 4,7           | 6,5    | 3,5      | 6,2    | 2,9          | 0,0    | 2,1   | 4,5    |  |
|                          | Other College                          | 1,3           | 1,5    | 0,0      | 1,9    | 6,0          | 2,4    | 1,4   | 2,9    |  |
|                          | Other                                  | 0,5           | 0,3    | 1,2      | 0,9    | 0,0          | 4,5    | 0,8   | 0,0    |  |
|                          | Total(per cent)                        | 100,0         | 100,0  | 100,0    | 100,0  | 100,0        | 100,0  | 100,0 | 100,0  |  |
|                          | Total(thousands)*                      | 2399          | 2290   | 162      | 183    | 51           | 54     | 166   | 174    |  |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 2.6.3: Percentage of youth aged 15-24 years who are not attending any educational institution and are also not employed, 2015**

| Disaggregation           |        |                         | Black African | Coloured | Indian/Asian | White | SA    |
|--------------------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------|-------|
| Sex and population group | Male   | % share                 | 29,3          | 33,2     | 21,3         | 15,6  | 28,7  |
|                          |        | Male youth(thousands)   | 4308          | 444      | 105          | 310   | 5167  |
|                          | Female | % share                 | 36,9          | 39,3     | 24,5         | 15,0  | 35,6  |
|                          |        | Female youth(thousands) | 4282          | 440      | 103          | 300   | 5126  |
|                          | Both   | % share                 | 33,1          | 36,2     | 22,9         | 15,3  | 32,1  |
|                          |        | Youth (thousands)       | 8591          | 884      | 209          | 609   | 10293 |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 2.6.4: Percentage distribution of the highest levels of education attained by youth, 2015**

| Disaggregation            |                   | 15-24         |          | 25-34        |        | SA(15-34)     |          |              |       |               |          |              |       |
|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|--------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------|
|                           |                   | Male          | Female   | Male         | Female | Male          | Female   | Both         |       |               |          |              |       |
| Sex and age group         | Less than matric  | 73,5          | 68,1     | 51,7         | 49,2   | 63,0          | 59,1     | 61,1         |       |               |          |              |       |
|                           | Matric            | 21,6          | 26,4     | 33,1         | 33,3   | 27,2          | 29,7     | 28,4         |       |               |          |              |       |
|                           | Other tertiary    | 2,7           | 3,4      | 8,3          | 9,8    | 5,4           | 6,4      | 5,9          |       |               |          |              |       |
|                           | Graduates         | 1,3           | 1,6      | 5,6          | 6,9    | 3,4           | 4,2      | 3,8          |       |               |          |              |       |
|                           | Other             | 0,8           | 0,5      | 1,3          | 0,7    | 1,0           | 0,6      | 0,8          |       |               |          |              |       |
|                           | Total (per cent)  | 100,0         | 100,0    | 100,0        | 100,0  | 100,0         | 100,0    | 100,0        |       |               |          |              |       |
|                           | Total (thousands) | 5142          | 5099     | 4796         | 4659   | 9939          | 9758     | 19696        |       |               |          |              |       |
| Population and age groups |                   | 15-24         |          |              |        | 25-34         |          |              |       | SA(15-34)     |          |              |       |
|                           |                   | Black African | Coloured | Indian/Asian | White  | Black African | Coloured | Indian/Asian | White | Black African | Coloured | Indian/Asian | White |
|                           | Less than matric  | 73,5          | 68,3     | 40,4         | 47,5   | 54,0          | 50,8     | 16,2         | 15,7  | 64,1          | 60,2     | 27,3         | 32,1  |
|                           | Matric            | 22,3          | 27,3     | 45,0         | 36,6   | 32,2          | 36,3     | 43,3         | 38,9  | 27,0          | 31,4     | 44,1         | 37,7  |
|                           | Other tertiary    | 2,8           | 2,5      | 4,4          | 6,9    | 8,5           | 8,0      | 13,0         | 16,7  | 5,5           | 5,0      | 9,1          | 11,6  |
|                           | Graduates         | 0,9           | 0,6      | 8,6          | 8,7    | 4,3           | 3,3      | 25,8         | 28,6  | 2,5           | 1,9      | 17,9         | 18,3  |
|                           | Other             | 0,6           | 1,3      | 1,6          | 0,3    | 1,0           | 1,6      | 1,7          | 0,2   | 0,8           | 1,4      | 1,7          | 0,2   |
|                           | Total (per cent)  | 100,0         | 100,0    | 100,0        | 100,0  | 100,0         | 100,0    | 100,0        | 100,0 | 100,0         | 100,0    | 100,0        | 100,0 |
|                           | Total (thousands) | 8548          | 880      | 207          | 606    | 7892          | 751      | 243          | 569   | 16440         | 1631     | 450          | 1175  |

Source: GHS 2015

## 2.7 Youth: Housing and basic services

**Table 2.7.1: Percentage distribution of households headed by youth living in formal, informal and traditional housing, 2015**

| Disaggregation         |        |       | Formal | Traditional | Informal | Other | Total *    |             |
|------------------------|--------|-------|--------|-------------|----------|-------|------------|-------------|
|                        |        |       |        |             |          |       | (Per cent) | (thousands) |
| Head sex and geo-type  | Male   | Urban | 67,1   | 1,1         | 30,1     | 1,7   | 100,0      | 2050        |
|                        |        | Rural | 71,6   | 13,0        | 13,9     | 1,5   | 100,0      | 711         |
|                        |        | RSA   | 68,3   | 4,2         | 26,0     | 1,6   | 100,0      | 2761        |
|                        | Female | Urban | 70,5   | 2,1         | 26,4     | 1,0   | 100,0      | 932         |
|                        |        | Rural | 76,0   | 18,1        | 5,7      | 0,2   | 100,0      | 476         |
|                        |        | RSA   | 72,4   | 7,5         | 19,4     | 0,8   | 100,0      | 1408        |
|                        | Both   | Urban | 68,2   | 1,4         | 29,0     | 1,5   | 100,0      | 2982        |
|                        |        | Rural | 73,4   | 15,1        | 10,6     | 0,9   | 100,0      | 1187        |
|                        |        | RSA   | 69,6   | 5,3         | 23,7     | 1,3   | 100,0      | 4169        |
| Head sex and age group |        |       |        |             |          |       |            |             |
|                        | 15-24  | 15-24 | 63,9   | 8,3         | 25,8     | 2,0   | 100,0      | 545         |
|                        |        | 25-34 | 69,3   | 3,2         | 26,0     | 1,5   | 100,0      | 2216        |
|                        |        | RSA   | 68,3   | 4,2         | 26,0     | 1,6   | 100,0      | 2761        |
|                        | 25-34  | 15-24 | 72,9   | 9,7         | 16,8     | 0,6   | 100,0      | 281         |
|                        |        | 25-34 | 72,2   | 6,9         | 20,0     | 0,8   | 100,0      | 1127        |
|                        |        | RSA   | 72,4   | 7,5         | 19,4     | 0,8   | 100,0      | 1408        |
|                        | Both   | 15-24 | 67,0   | 8,7         | 22,8     | 1,5   | 100,0      | 826         |
|                        |        | 25-34 | 70,3   | 4,4         | 24,0     | 1,3   | 100,0      | 3342        |
|                        |        | RSA   | 69,6   | 5,3         | 23,7     | 1,3   | 100,0      | 4169        |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 2.7.2: Percentage distribution of youth living in in households with formal, informal and traditional housing, 2015**

| Disaggregation    |        |       | Formal | Traditional | Informal | Other | Total *    |             |
|-------------------|--------|-------|--------|-------------|----------|-------|------------|-------------|
|                   |        |       |        |             |          |       | (Per cent) | (thousands) |
| Sex and geo-type  | Male   | Urban | 80.9   | 1.3         | 17.0     | 0.9   | 100.0      | 6275        |
|                   |        | Rural | 71.6   | 23.5        | 4.7      | 0.3   | 100.0      | 3705        |
|                   |        | SA    | 79.1   | 9.2         | 11.1     | 0.6   | 100.0      | 9980        |
|                   | Female | Urban | 82.3   | 1.8         | 15.3     | 0.6   | 100.0      | 6178        |
|                   |        | Rural | 71.4   | 23.5        | 5.0      | 0.1   | 100.0      | 3621        |
|                   |        | SA    | 79.9   | 9.5         | 10.3     | 0.4   | 100.0      | 9798        |
|                   | Both   | Urban | 83.8   | 1.3         | 14.2     | 0.7   | 100.0      | 12453       |
|                   |        | Rural | 72.1   | 23.0        | 4.7      | 0.2   | 100.0      | 7326        |
|                   |        | SA    | 79.5   | 9.4         | 10.7     | 0.5   | 100.0      | 19779       |
| Sex and age group | 15-24  | 15-24 | 80.0   | 11.5        | 8.1      | 0.4   | 100.0      | 5167        |
|                   |        | 25-34 | 78.0   | 6.8         | 14.4     | 0.8   | 100.0      | 4813        |
|                   |        | SA    | 79.1   | 9.2         | 11.1     | 0.6   | 100.0      | 9980        |
|                   | 25-34  | 15-24 | 80.6   | 11.0        | 8.1      | 0.3   | 100.0      | 5126        |
|                   |        | 25-34 | 79.0   | 7.9         | 12.6     | 0.4   | 100.0      | 4673        |
|                   |        | SA    | 79.9   | 9.5         | 10.3     | 0.4   | 100.0      | 9798        |
|                   | Both   | 15-24 | 80.3   | 11.2        | 8.1      | 0.4   | 100.0      | 10293       |
|                   |        | 25-34 | 78.5   | 7.4         | 13.5     | 0.6   | 100.0      | 9486        |
|                   |        | SA    | 79.5   | 9.4         | 10.7     | 0.5   | 100.0      | 19779       |

Source: GHS 2015

\* Total excludes unspecified cases

**Table 2.7.3: Living condition indicators of the youth compared to those of the overall population, 2015**

| Age cohort        | Access to service indicator |             |                |              |                          |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------------|
|                   | Access to water*            | Sanitation* | Refuse/ Waste* | Electricity* | Solid fuels for cooking* |
|                   | %                           | %           | %              | %            | %                        |
| 15-24             | 49,8                        | 81,5        | 56,3           | 89,4         | 16,8                     |
| 25-34             | 50,2                        | 82,9        | 64,9           | 86,3         | 10,5                     |
| 15-34             | 69,8                        | 82,2        | 60,4           | 87,9         | 13,7                     |
| <b>Population</b> | <b>71,0</b>                 | <b>83,2</b> | <b>62,0</b>    | <b>89,0</b>  | <b>13,9</b>              |

Source: GHS 2015

\*Access to water: % of total population/Youth with access to water.

\*Sanitation: % of population/Youth living in dwelling with flush toilets with or offsite disposal.

\*Refuse/Waste: % of population/Youth living in dwellings where rubbish is removed by municipality.

\*Electricity: % of Population/Youth living in dwellings with electricity that is connected to main electricity suppliers.

\*Solid fuels for cooking: % of population/Youth living in dwellings with wood, coal and animal dung as the source of energy for cooking

## 2.8 Youth: Violence and crime victims

**Table 2.8.1: Percentage of youth living in households where the households feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area during the day, 2015**

| Disaggregation |                         | WC    | EC     | NC    | FS   | KZN  | NW   | GP    | MP   | LP   | RSA   |
|----------------|-------------------------|-------|--------|-------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|-------|
| Province       | % share                 | 71,6  | 86,0   | 87,4  | 90,3 | 84,3 | 86,6 | 77,9  | 89,4 | 95,7 | 83,9  |
|                | Youth (thousands)*      | 1448  | 2140   | 352   | 904  | 3181 | 1094 | 3352  | 1384 | 2032 | 15888 |
|                | % share                 | 72,0  | 85,6   | 87,6  | 90,7 | 84,4 | 87,0 | 77,6  | 89,5 | 95,3 | 83,6  |
|                | Population (thousands)* | 4437  | 5925   | 1032  | 2550 | 9134 | 3226 | 10103 | 3762 | 5403 | 45573 |
| Sex            |                         | Male  | Female | RSA   |      |      |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | % share                 | 84,3  | 83,6   | 83,9  |      |      |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Youth (thousands)*      | 7948  | 7940   | 15888 |      |      |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | % share                 | 83,8  | 83,4   | 83,6  |      |      |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Population (thousands)* | 22355 | 23218  | 45573 |      |      |      |       |      |      |       |
| Age group      |                         | 15-24 | 25-34  | RSA   |      |      |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | % share                 | 84,1  | 83,8   | 83,9  |      |      |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Youth (thousands)*      | 7725  | 8163   | 15888 |      |      |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | % share                 |       |        | 83,9  |      |      |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Population (thousands)* |       |        | 15888 |      |      |      |       |      |      |       |

Source: VOCS 2015

\*Totals exclude unspecified cases

**Table 2.8.2: Percentage of youth living in households where the households feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area at night, 2015**

| Disaggregation |                        | WC    | EC     | NC    | FS   | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | RSA   |
|----------------|------------------------|-------|--------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Province       | % share                | 29,3  | 27,2   | 26,8  | 17,8 | 35,2 | 30,1 | 24,1 | 29,1 | 52,6 | 31,0  |
|                | Youth (thousands)      | 591   | 676    | 108   | 178  | 1324 | 379  | 1031 | 452  | 1111 | 5850  |
|                | % share                | 31,8  | 27,1   | 28,3  | 18,9 | 35,2 | 28,4 | 24,4 | 28,3 | 52,5 | 31,0  |
|                | Population (thousands) | 1959  | 1879   | 334   | 531  | 3804 | 1050 | 3165 | 1193 | 2978 | 16893 |
| Sex            |                        | Male  | Female | RSA   |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | % share                | 31,4  | 30,5   | 31,0  |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | Youth (thousands)      | 2959  | 2891   | 5850  |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | % share                | 31,4  | 30,7   | 31,0  |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | Population (thousands) | 8357  | 8536   | 16893 |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
| Age group      |                        | 15-24 | 25-34  | RSA   |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | % share                | 31,1  | 30,9   | 31,0  |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | Youth (thousands)      | 2850  | 3001   | 5850  |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | % share                |       |        | 31,0  |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | Population (thousands) |       |        | 16893 |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |

Source: VOCS 2015

\*Totals exclude unspecified cases

**Table 2.8.3: Percentage of Youth who live in households where the fear of crime prevent them from going to parks in their area, 2015**

| Disaggregation |                        | WC    | EC     | NC    | FS   | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | RSA   |
|----------------|------------------------|-------|--------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Province       | % share                | 46,9  | 43,4   | 55,9  | 33,0 | 21,6 | 21,6 | 39,4 | 32,9 | 12,5 | 32,4  |
|                | Youth (thousands)      | 905   | 1067   | 220   | 324  | 799  | 268  | 1630 | 501  | 262  | 5977  |
|                | % share                | 47,2  | 44,6   | 56,7  | 32,6 | 21,9 | 22,7 | 41,4 | 33,4 | 13,2 | 33,5  |
|                | Population (thousands) | 2764  | 3044   | 655   | 896  | 2328 | 828  | 5204 | 1378 | 738  | 17835 |
| Sex            |                        | Male  | Female | RSA   |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | % share                | 30,9  | 33,8   | 32,4  |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | Youth (thousands)      | 2847  | 3129   | 5977  |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | % share                | 32,6  | 34,4   | 33,5  |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | Population (thousands) | 8492  | 9343   | 17835 |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
| Age group      |                        | 15-24 | 25-34  | RSA   |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | % share                | 31,8  | 33,0   | 32,4  |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | Youth (thousands)      | 2849  | 3127   | 5977  |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | % share                |       |        | 33,5  |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | Population (thousands) |       |        | 17835 |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |

Source: VOCS 2015, \*Totals exclude unspecified cases

**Table 2.8.4: Percentage of youth who have been victims of property crime during the past 5 years, 2015**

| Disaggregation |                    | Male  | Female | RSA   |
|----------------|--------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| Sex            | % share            | 2,8   | 2,3    | 2,5   |
|                | # affected         | 270   | 216    | 486   |
|                | Youth (thousands)* | 9524  | 9572   | 19096 |
| Age group      |                    | 15-24 | 25-34  | RSA   |
|                | % share            | 2,9   | 2,2    | 2,5   |
|                | # affected         | 267   | 220    | 486   |
|                | Youth (thousands)* | 9270  | 9826   | 19096 |

Source: VOCS 2015, \*Totals exclude unspecified cases

**Table 2.8.5: Percentage of youth who have been victims of assault during the past 5 years, 2015**

| Disaggregation |                    | Male  | Female | RSA   |
|----------------|--------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| Sex            | % share            | 1,3   | 0,7    | 1,0   |
|                | # affected         | 128   | 65     | 193   |
|                | Youth (thousands)* | 9524  | 9572   | 19096 |
| Age group      |                    | 15-24 | 25-34  | RSA   |
|                | % share            | 1,0   | 1,0    | 1,0   |
|                | # affected         | 93    | 100    | 193   |
|                | Youth (thousands)* | 9270  | 9826   | 19096 |

Source: VOCS 2015, \*Totals exclude unspecified cases

## INDICATORS: WOMEN

Women are defined as the female population.

### 3.1 Demography of women

**Table 3.1.1: Percentage distribution of the female population, 2015**

| Disaggregation   |      | WC            | EC       | NC      | FS    | KZN   | NW    | GP    | MP    | LP   | RSA   |
|------------------|------|---------------|----------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| Province         | '000 | 3207          | 3523     | 619     | 1428  | 5546  | 1863  | 6543  | 2166  | 2953 | 27849 |
|                  | %    | 11,5          | 12,7     | 2,2     | 5,1   | 19,9  | 6,7   | 23,5  | 7,8   | 10,6 | 100,0 |
| Geo-type         |      | Urban         | Rural    | SA      |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |
|                  | '000 | 17541         | 10308    | 27849   |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |
|                  | %    | 63,0          | 37,0     | 100,0   |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |
| Age group        |      | 0-4           | 5-14     | 15-24   | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65-74 | 75+  | RSA   |
|                  | '000 | 2577          | 5107     | 5126    | 4673  | 3825  | 2737  | 1912  | 1285  | 607  | 27849 |
|                  | %    | 9,3           | 18,3     | 18,4    | 16,8  | 13,7  | 9,8   | 6,9   | 4,6   | 2,2  | 100,0 |
| Population group |      | Black African | Coloured | Indian/ | White | SA    |       |       |       |      |       |
|                  | '000 | 22318         | 2509     | 676     | 2346  | 27849 |       |       |       |      |       |
|                  | %    | 80,1          | 9,0      | 2,4     | 8,4   | 100,0 |       |       |       |      |       |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 3.1.2: Percentage distribution of women (18 years and above) by their marital status, 2015**

| Disaggregation |                        | WC    | EC    | NC    | FS    | KZN   | NW    | GP    | MP    | LP    | RSA   |
|----------------|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Province       | Married/Cohabiting     | 49,5  | 32,4  | 41,9  | 45,2  | 32,9  | 44,0  | 49,1  | 45,0  | 40,8  | 42,3  |
|                | Widow/Widower/Divorced | 13,8  | 19,9  | 13,8  | 17,6  | 13,7  | 13,2  | 12,4  | 13,2  | 17,7  | 14,7  |
|                | Never married          | 36,7  | 47,7  | 44,3  | 37,2  | 53,3  | 42,8  | 38,5  | 41,8  | 41,5  | 43,1  |
|                | Total(per cent)        | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 |
|                | Total(thousands)       | 2273  | 2225  | 411   | 988   | 3513  | 1215  | 4746  | 1389  | 1839  | 18598 |
| Geo-type       |                        | Urban | Rural | RSA   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Married/Cohabiting     | 45,7  | 35,5  | 42,3  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Widow/Widower/Divorced | 13,0  | 17,9  | 14,7  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Never married          | 41,3  | 46,6  | 43,1  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Total(per cent)        | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Total(thousands)       | 12331 | 6267  | 18598 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 3.1.2: Percentage distribution of women (18 years and above) by their marital status, 2015 (cont.)**

|                  |                        | Black African | Coloured | Indian/ Asian | White | RSA   |
|------------------|------------------------|---------------|----------|---------------|-------|-------|
| Population group | Married/Cohabiting     | 37,9          | 48,5     | 63,1          | 64,7  | 42,3  |
|                  | Widow/Widower/Divorced | 14,2          | 14,1     | 16,3          | 18,7  | 14,7  |
|                  | Never married          | 47,9          | 37,4     | 20,5          | 16,6  | 43,1  |
|                  | Total(per cent)        | 100,0         | 100,0    | 100,0         | 100,0 | 100,0 |
|                  | Total(thousands)       | 14505         | 1731     | 497           | 1864  | 18598 |

Source: GHS 2015

### 3.2 Women: Household characteristics

**Table 3.2.1: Percentage of households headed by females aged 15 years and above, 2015**

| Disaggregation   |                             | WC    | EC       | NC      | FS    | KZN   | NW   | GP    | MP   | LP   | RSA   |
|------------------|-----------------------------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|------|-------|
| Province         | % share of female headed    | 37,7  | 51,2     | 43,0    | 42,3  | 47,4  | 37,7 | 33,4  | 41,8 | 49,4 | 41,3  |
|                  | Households headed by        | 669   | 884      | 137     | 383   | 1303  | 458  | 1567  | 505  | 756  | 6657  |
|                  | All Households (thousands)* | 1775  | 1727     | 320     | 906   | 2747  | 1215 | 4690  | 1209 | 1531 | 16119 |
| Geo-type         |                             | Urban | Rural    | RSA     |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                  | % share of female headed    | 37,6  | 49,6     | 41,3    |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                  | Households headed by        | 4167  | 2496     | 6657    |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                  | All Households (thousands)* | 11088 | 5031     | 16119   |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |
| Population group |                             | Black | Coloured | Indian/ | White | RSA   |      |       |      |      |       |
|                  | % share of female headed    | 43,2  | 40,2     | 27,4    | 30,2  | 41,3  |      |       |      |      |       |
|                  | Households headed by        | 5616  | 457      | 101     | 489   | 6657  |      |       |      |      |       |
|                  | All Households (thousands)* | 12995 | 1136     | 369     | 1619  | 16119 |      |       |      |      |       |
| Age group        |                             | 15-24 | 25-34    | 35-44   | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+  | RSA   |      |      |       |
|                  | % share of female headed    | 34,0  | 33,7     | 35,6    | 41,4  | 46,6  | 60,6 | 41,3  |      |      |       |
|                  | Households headed by        | 281   | 1127     | 1410    | 1418  | 1109  | 1318 | 6657  |      |      |       |
|                  | All Households (thousands)* | 826   | 3342     | 3966    | 3426  | 2382  | 2177 | 16119 |      |      |       |

Source: GHS 2015



**Table 3.2.2: Percentage distribution of male and female-headed households by household composition, 2015**

| Disaggregation |                              | WC    | EC       | NC      | FS    | KZN   | NW    | GP    | MP    | LP    | RSA   |
|----------------|------------------------------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Male           | Single                       | 19,6  | 30,8     | 21,7    | 26,4  | 31,8  | 36,5  | 25,6  | 28,6  | 32,9  | 28,0  |
|                | Nuclear                      | 56,9  | 36,2     | 46,2    | 50,0  | 37,2  | 39,8  | 53,4  | 42,1  | 38,6  | 46,3  |
|                | Extended                     | 19,0  | 31,2     | 29,0    | 21,9  | 29,4  | 22,2  | 18,8  | 27,0  | 27,3  | 23,5  |
|                | Complex                      | 4,6   | 1,9      | 3,1     | 1,7   | 1,5   | 1,6   | 2,3   | 2,3   | 1,3   | 2,2   |
|                | Total (Per cent)             | 100,0 | 100,0    | 100,0   | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 |
|                | Male-headed HHs (thousands)* | 1103  | 841      | 182     | 519   | 1439  | 755   | 3104  | 704   | 773   | 9419  |
| Female         | Single                       | 19,3  | 18,4     | 17,5    | 17,2  | 18,8  | 18,4  | 21,6  | 17,0  | 15,6  | 18,8  |
|                | Nuclear                      | 37,6  | 25,6     | 26,3    | 32,8  | 24,2  | 30,2  | 34,3  | 31,6  | 27,5  | 30,0  |
|                | Extended                     | 37,7  | 54,2     | 53,0    | 47,8  | 55,2  | 48,9  | 41,7  | 50,1  | 55,8  | 48,9  |
|                | Complex                      | 5,4   | 1,8      | 3,3     | 2,1   | 1,9   | 2,5   | 2,3   | 1,3   | 1,1   | 2,3   |
|                | Total (Per cent)             | 100,0 | 100,0    | 100,0   | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 |
|                | Female-headed HHs            | 669   | 883      | 137     | 382   | 1296  | 457   | 1558  | 505   | 752   | 6639  |
| Male           |                              | Urban | Rural    | RSA     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Single                       | 26,5  | 32,0     | 28,0    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Nuclear                      | 50,7  | 34,3     | 46,3    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Extended                     | 20,5  | 31,7     | 23,5    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Complex                      | 2,3   | 2,0      | 2,2     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Total (Per cent)             | 100,0 | 100,0    | 100,0   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Male-headed HHs (thousands)* | 6889  | 2530     | 9419    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Female         | Single                       | 22,2  | 13,3     | 18,8    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Nuclear                      | 32,8  | 25,4     | 30,0    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Extended                     | 42,4  | 59,8     | 48,9    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Complex                      | 2,7   | 1,6      | 2,3     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Total (Per cent)             | 100,0 | 100,0    | 100,0   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Female-headed HHs            | 4147  | 2492     | 6639    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Male           |                              | Black | Coloured | Indian/ | White | RSA   |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Single                       | 32,8  | 9,7      | 10,1    | 11,4  | 28,0  |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Nuclear                      | 40,1  | 59,2     | 68,3    | 74,2  | 46,3  |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Extended                     | 25,2  | 26,9     | 20,1    | 11,0  | 23,5  |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Complex                      | 1,9   | 4,1      | 1,5     | 3,3   | 2,2   |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Total (Per cent)             | 100,0 | 100,0    | 100,0   | 100,0 | 100,0 |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Male-headed HHs (thousands)* | 7353  | 677      | 264     | 1124  | 9419  |       |       |       |       |       |
| Female         | Single                       | 17,1  | 10,1     | 24,5    | 45,6  | 18,8  |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Nuclear                      | 29,0  | 34,8     | 42,7    | 34,1  | 30,0  |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Extended                     | 52,0  | 50,7     | 31,5    | 15,7  | 48,9  |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Complex                      | 1,9   | 4,4      | 1,4     | 4,7   | 2,3   |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Total (Per cent)             | 100,0 | 100,0    | 100,0   | 100,0 | 100,0 |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Female-headed HHs            | 5595  | 456      | 101     | 486   | 6639  |       |       |       |       |       |

Source: GHS 2015

\*Total only includes households headed by person of ages 15 years or older.

**Table 3.2.2: Percentage distribution of male and female-headed households by household composition, 2015**

|        |                                | 15-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+   | RSA   |
|--------|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|        |                                |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Male   | Single                         | 59,2  | 40,1  | 26,9  | 20,4  | 16,7  | 14,4  | 28,0  |
|        | Nuclear                        | 13,8  | 41,4  | 55,2  | 52,4  | 45,1  | 40,9  | 46,3  |
|        | Extended                       | 21,1  | 16,1  | 16,0  | 25,7  | 36,1  | 42,4  | 23,5  |
|        | Complex                        | 6,0   | 2,4   | 1,9   | 1,5   | 2,1   | 2,3   | 2,2   |
|        | Total (Per cent)               | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 |
|        | Male-headed HHS (thousands)*   | 541   | 2209  | 2542  | 2003  | 1271  | 853   | 9419  |
| Female | Single                         | 36,5  | 28,0  | 15,0  | 13,7  | 14,9  | 20,2  | 18,8  |
|        | Nuclear                        | 16,2  | 38,6  | 48,9  | 32,4  | 19,5  | 11,6  | 30,0  |
|        | Extended                       | 39,6  | 30,7  | 33,8  | 52,2  | 64,1  | 66,3  | 48,9  |
|        | Complex                        | 7,7   | 2,7   | 2,3   | 1,7   | 1,5   | 1,9   | 2,3   |
|        | Total (Per cent)               | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 |
|        | Female-headed HHS (thousands)* | 281   | 1123  | 1404  | 1414  | 1104  | 1311  | 6639  |

Source: GHS 2015

\*Total only includes households headed by person of ages 15 years or older.

**Table 3.2.3: Mean household size by sex of the household head, 2015**

| Disaggregation |        | WC    | EC    | NC    | FS    | KZN   | NW  | GP  | MP  | LP  | RSA |
|----------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Province       | Male   | 3,2   | 3,2   | 3,5   | 3,0   | 3,3   | 2,8 | 2,9 | 3,3 | 3,1 | 3,1 |
|                | Female | 3,4   | 3,7   | 3,7   | 3,4   | 4,2   | 3,6 | 3,3 | 3,8 | 3,8 | 3,7 |
|                | Both   | 3,3   | 3,5   | 3,6   | 3,2   | 3,7   | 3,1 | 3,1 | 3,5 | 3,5 | 3,3 |
| Geo-type       |        | Urban | Rural | RSA   |       |       |     |     |     |     |     |
|                | Male   | 3,0   | 3,4   | 3,1   |       |       |     |     |     |     |     |
|                | Female | 3,3   | 4,2   | 3,7   |       |       |     |     |     |     |     |
|                | Both   | 3,1   | 3,8   | 3,3   |       |       |     |     |     |     |     |
| Age group      |        | 15-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ | RSA |     |     |     |
|                | Male   | 1,7   | 2,3   | 3,1   | 3,6   | 3,8   | 3,7 | 3,1 |     |     |     |
|                | Female | 2,4   | 2,9   | 3,6   | 4,1   | 4,1   | 3,9 | 3,7 |     |     |     |
|                | Both   | 1,9   | 2,5   | 3,2   | 3,8   | 3,9   | 3,9 | 3,3 |     |     |     |

Source: GHS 2015

### 3.3 Women: Income, poverty, economic activity and social grants

**Table 3.3.1: Dependency ratios by sex of the household head, 2015**

| Disaggregation | Total Dependency ratio                    |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                |                                           | WC    | EC    | NC   | FS   | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | SA   |
| Province       | Male                                      | 0,57  | 0,77  | 0,72 | 0,61 | 0,60 | 0,53 | 0,45 | 0,65 | 0,73 | 0,59 |
|                | Female                                    | 0,81  | 1,30  | 1,09 | 1,16 | 1,16 | 1,16 | 0,80 | 1,29 | 1,36 | 1,12 |
|                | Both                                      | 0,65  | 1,04  | 0,87 | 0,84 | 0,86 | 0,77 | 0,57 | 0,91 | 1,04 | 0,81 |
| Geo-type       |                                           | Urban | Rural | SA   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                | Male                                      | 0,51  | 0,79  | 0,59 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                | Female                                    | 0,87  | 1,48  | 1,12 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                | Both                                      | 0,64  | 1,13  | 0,81 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                | Old-age dependency ratio                  |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Province       |                                           | WC    | EC    | NC   | FS   | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | SA   |
|                | Male                                      | 0,14  | 0,19  | 0,16 | 0,14 | 0,12 | 0,11 | 0,09 | 0,11 | 0,15 | 0,13 |
|                | Female                                    | 0,15  | 0,20  | 0,19 | 0,18 | 0,16 | 0,19 | 0,14 | 0,14 | 0,19 | 0,17 |
|                | Both                                      | 0,14  | 0,20  | 0,17 | 0,16 | 0,14 | 0,14 | 0,10 | 0,12 | 0,17 | 0,14 |
| Geo-type       |                                           | Urban | Rural | SA   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                | Male                                      | 0,11  | 0,17  | 0,13 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                | Female                                    | 0,14  | 0,20  | 0,17 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                | Both                                      | 0,12  | 0,19  | 0,14 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                | Child- dependency ratio                   |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Province       |                                           | WC    | EC    | NC   | FS   | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | SA   |
|                | Male                                      | 0,43  | 0,58  | 0,56 | 0,48 | 0,47 | 0,42 | 0,36 | 0,54 | 0,57 | 0,46 |
|                | Female                                    | 0,66  | 1,10  | 0,90 | 0,98 | 1,00 | 0,97 | 0,66 | 1,15 | 1,17 | 0,95 |
|                | Both                                      | 0,51  | 0,84  | 0,70 | 0,69 | 0,72 | 0,63 | 0,46 | 0,79 | 0,87 | 0,67 |
| Geo-type       |                                           | Urban | Rural | SA   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                | Male                                      | 0,40  | 0,62  | 0,46 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                | Female                                    | 0,72  | 1,28  | 0,95 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                | Both                                      | 0,52  | 0,95  | 0,67 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                | Mean proportion of children per household |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Province       |                                           | WC    | EC    | NC   | FS   | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | SA   |
|                | Male                                      | 0,19  | 0,22  | 0,23 | 0,20 | 0,19 | 0,18 | 0,17 | 0,22 | 0,23 | 0,20 |
|                | Female                                    | 0,25  | 0,35  | 0,31 | 0,35 | 0,34 | 0,33 | 0,26 | 0,38 | 0,38 | 0,33 |
|                | Both                                      | 0,21  | 0,29  | 0,26 | 0,26 | 0,26 | 0,23 | 0,20 | 0,29 | 0,30 | 0,25 |
| Geo-type       |                                           | Urban | Rural | SA   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                | Male                                      | 0,18  | 0,23  | 0,20 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                | Female                                    | 0,27  | 0,40  | 0,33 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                | Both                                      | 0,22  | 0,32  | 0,25 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 3.3.2: Percentage of households without an employed household member by sex of household head, 2015**

|                  |                                                         | WC    | EC       | NC      | FS    | KZN   | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | RSA   |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Province         | % share of male households without an employed member   | 14,4  | 31,8     | 23,2    | 20,9  | 22,2  | 23,5 | 13,2 | 18,8 | 27,5 | 19,4  |
|                  | Male headed households without an employed member       | 160   | 268      | 42      | 109   | 321   | 178  | 413  | 133  | 214  | 1838  |
|                  | All male-headed households (thousands)                  | 1106  | 843      | 183     | 522   | 1444  | 757  | 3123 | 705  | 776  | 9459  |
|                  | % share of female households without an employed member | 24,7  | 49,7     | 49,3    | 48,9  | 41,0  | 45,4 | 26,9 | 39,6 | 54,0 | 39,5  |
|                  | Female headed households without an employed member     | 165   | 440      | 68      | 187   | 534   | 208  | 422  | 200  | 408  | 2632  |
|                  | All female-headed households (thousands)                | 669   | 884      | 137     | 383   | 1303  | 458  | 1567 | 506  | 756  | 6663  |
|                  | % share of households without an employed member        | 18,3  | 41,0     | 34,4    | 32,7  | 31,1  | 31,8 | 17,8 | 27,5 | 40,6 | 27,7  |
|                  | Households without an employed member (thousands)       | 325   | 708      | 110     | 296   | 855   | 386  | 835  | 333  | 622  | 4470  |
|                  | All Households (thousands)                              | 1775  | 1727     | 320     | 906   | 2747  | 1215 | 4690 | 1211 | 1532 | 16122 |
| Geo-type         |                                                         | Urban | Rural    | RSA     |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                  | % share of male households without an employed member   | 14,7  | 32,3     | 19,4    |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                  | Male headed households without an employed member       | 1018  | 820      | 1838    |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                  | All male-headed households (thousands)                  | 6922  | 2537     | 9459    |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                  | % share of female households without an employed member | 29,6  | 56,0     | 39,5    |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                  | Female headed households without an employed member     | 1234  | 1398     | 2632    |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                  | All female-headed households (thousands)                | 4166  | 2497     | 6663    |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                  | % share of households without an employed member        | 20,3  | 44,1     | 27,7    |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
|                  | Households without an employed member (thousands)       | 2252  | 2218     | 4470    |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |
| Population group |                                                         | Black | Coloured | Indian/ | White | RSA   |      |      |      |      |       |
|                  | % share of male households without an employed member   | 20,5  | 14,4     | 13,1    | 16,6  | 19,4  |      |      |      |      |       |
|                  | Male headed households without an employed member       | 1517  | 98       | 35      | 188   | 1838  |      |      |      |      |       |
|                  | All male-headed households (thousands)                  | 7381  | 679      | 268     | 1131  | 9459  |      |      |      |      |       |
|                  | % share of female households without an employed member | 40,8  | 27,4     | 27,3    | 38,8  | 39,5  |      |      |      |      |       |
|                  | Female headed households without an employed member     | 2290  | 125      | 28      | 190   | 2632  |      |      |      |      |       |
|                  | All female-headed households (thousands)                | 5617  | 457      | 101     | 489   | 6663  |      |      |      |      |       |
|                  | % share of households without an employed member        | 29,3  | 19,7     | 17,0    | 23,3  | 27,7  |      |      |      |      |       |
|                  | Households without an employed member (thousands)       | 3806  | 223      | 63      | 378   | 4470  |      |      |      |      |       |
|                  | All Households (thousands)                              | 12998 | 1136     | 369     | 1619  | 16122 |      |      |      |      |       |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 3.3.3: Percentage of employed who are employers as a proportion of the overall employed, 2015**

| Disaggregation           |        |                                 | WC    | EC       | NC          | FS    | KZN   | NW  | GP   | MP   | LP   | RSA  |
|--------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|-------|----------|-------------|-------|-------|-----|------|------|------|------|
| Sex and province         | Male   | % share of male employers       | 5,7   | 7,6      | 3,8         | 6,6   | 7,4   | 4,1 | 8,7  | 5,2  | 10,2 | 7,4  |
|                          |        | Male employers (thousand)       | 73    | 55       | 7           | 29    | 103   | 23  | 252  | 35   | 77   | 656  |
|                          |        | All employed male (thousand)    | 1281  | 728      | 174         | 444   | 1392  | 574 | 2889 | 676  | 759  | 8916 |
|                          | Female | % share of female employers     | 1,9   | 1,7      | 1,1         | 1,5   | 2,3   | 1,2 | 3,0  | 2,0  | 2,0  | 2,3  |
|                          |        | Female employers (thousand)     | 20    | 11       | 1           | 5     | 27    | 4   | 64   | 10   | 12   | 156  |
|                          |        | All employed female (thousand)  | 1036  | 644      | 129         | 351   | 1181  | 348 | 2121 | 508  | 594  | 6912 |
|                          | Both   | % share of employers            | 4,0   | 4,8      | 2,7         | 4,3   | 5,0   | 3,0 | 6,3  | 3,9  | 6,6  | 5,1  |
|                          |        | All employers (thousand)        | 93    | 66       | 8           | 34    | 130   | 28  | 317  | 46   | 89   | 811  |
|                          |        | All employed persons (thousand) | 2317  | 1372     | 302         | 795   | 2573  | 921 | 5011 | 1184 | 1353 | 1582 |
| Sex and geo-type         |        |                                 | Urban | Rural    | RSA         |       |       |     |      |      |      |      |
|                          | Male   | % share of male employers       | 7,5   | 6,8      | 7,4         |       |       |     |      |      |      |      |
|                          |        | Male employers (thousand)       | 503   | 152      | 656         |       |       |     |      |      |      |      |
|                          |        | All employed male (thousand)    | 6667  | 2249     | 8916        |       |       |     |      |      |      |      |
|                          | Female | % share of female employers     | 2,5   | 1,4      | 2,3         |       |       |     |      |      |      |      |
|                          |        | Female employers (thousand)     | 132   | 23       | 156         |       |       |     |      |      |      |      |
|                          |        | All employed female (thousand)  | 5230  | 1683     | 6912        |       |       |     |      |      |      |      |
|                          | Both   | % share of employers            | 5,3   | 4,5      | 5,1         |       |       |     |      |      |      |      |
|                          |        | All employers (thousand)        | 636   | 176      | 811         |       |       |     |      |      |      |      |
|                          |        | All employed persons (thousand) | 11897 | 3931     | 15828       |       |       |     |      |      |      |      |
| Sex and population group |        |                                 | Black | Coloured | Indian/Asia | White | RSA   |     |      |      |      |      |
|                          | Male   | % share of male employers       | 5,7   | 3,2      | 14,3        | 18,2  | 7,4   |     |      |      |      |      |
|                          |        | Male employers (thousand)       | 375   | 29       | 46          | 206   | 656   |     |      |      |      |      |
|                          |        | All employed male (thousand)    | 6582  | 881      | 322         | 1131  | 8916  |     |      |      |      |      |
|                          | Female | % share of female employers     | 1,6   | 1,0      | 3,3         | 7,1   | 2,3   |     |      |      |      |      |
|                          |        | Female employers (thousand)     | 82    | 8        | 6           | 60    | 156   |     |      |      |      |      |
|                          |        | All employed female (thousand)  | 5122  | 757      | 182         | 852   | 6912  |     |      |      |      |      |
|                          | Both   | % share of employers            | 3,9   | 2,2      | 10,3        | 13,4  | 5,1   |     |      |      |      |      |
|                          |        | All employers (thousand)        | 457   | 36       | 52          | 266   | 811   |     |      |      |      |      |
|                          |        | All employed persons (thousand) | 11704 | 1638     | 504         | 1983  | 15828 |     |      |      |      |      |
| Sex and age group        |        |                                 | 15-34 | 35+      | RSA         |       |       |     |      |      |      |      |
|                          | Male   | % share of male employers       | 4,7   | 9,3      | 7,4         |       |       |     |      |      |      |      |
|                          |        | Male employers (thousand)       | 174   | 481      | 656         |       |       |     |      |      |      |      |
|                          |        | All employed male (thousand)    | 3717  | 5200     | 8916        |       |       |     |      |      |      |      |
|                          | Female | % share of female employers     | 1,7   | 2,6      | 2,3         |       |       |     |      |      |      |      |
|                          |        | Female employers (thousand)     | 44    | 112      | 156         |       |       |     |      |      |      |      |
|                          |        | All employed female (thousand)  | 2635  | 4277     | 6912        |       |       |     |      |      |      |      |
|                          | Both   | % share of employers            | 3,4   | 6,3      | 5,1         |       |       |     |      |      |      |      |
|                          |        | All employers (thousand)        | 218   | 593      | 811         |       |       |     |      |      |      |      |

Source: QLFS Q3 2015

**Table 3.3.4: Percentage of employed who are own-account workers as a proportion the employed, 2015**

| Disaggregation                  |        |                                       | WC    | EC       | NC           | FS    | KZN  | NW  | GP   | MP   | LP   | RSA   |  |
|---------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|-------|----------|--------------|-------|------|-----|------|------|------|-------|--|
| Sex and province                | Male   | % share of male own account workers   | 6.9   | 10.7     | 2.3          | 7.7   | 8.2  | 6.9 | 9.3  | 8.1  | 10.0 | 8.5   |  |
|                                 |        | Male own account workers (thousand)   | 89    | 78       | 4            | 34    | 115  | 40  | 268  | 55   | 76   | 758   |  |
|                                 |        | All employed male (thousand)          | 1281  | 728      | 174          | 444   | 1392 | 574 | 2889 | 676  | 759  | 8916  |  |
|                                 | Female | % share of female own account workers | 4.7   | 7.2      | 1.7          | 9.1   | 9.9  | 8.3 | 8.4  | 10.9 | 14.5 | 8.6   |  |
|                                 |        | Female own account workers (thousand) | 49    | 46       | 2            | 32    | 117  | 29  | 178  | 56   | 86   | 594   |  |
|                                 |        | All employed female (thousand)        | 1036  | 644      | 129          | 351   | 1181 | 348 | 2121 | 508  | 594  | 6912  |  |
|                                 | Both   | % share of own account workers        | 5.9   | 9.0      | 2.1          | 8.3   | 9.0  | 7.4 | 8.9  | 9.3  | 12.0 | 8.5   |  |
|                                 |        | All own account workers (thousand)    | 137   | 124      | 6            | 66    | 232  | 68  | 446  | 110  | 162  | 1352  |  |
|                                 |        | All employed persons (thousand)       | 2317  | 1372     | 302          | 795   | 2573 | 921 | 5011 | 1184 | 1353 | 15828 |  |
| Sex and geo-type                |        |                                       | Urban | Rural    | RSA          |       |      |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                                 | Male   | % share of male own account workers   | 8.3   | 9.2      | 8.5          |       |      |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                                 |        | Male own account workers (thousand)   | 551   | 207      | 758          |       |      |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                                 |        | All employed male (thousand)          | 6667  | 2249     | 8916         |       |      |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                                 | Female | % share of female own account workers | 7.4   | 12.4     | 8.6          |       |      |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                                 |        | Female own account workers (thousand) | 386   | 208      | 594          |       |      |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                                 |        | All employed female (thousand)        | 5230  | 1683     | 6912         |       |      |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                                 | Both   | % share of own account workers        | 7.9   | 10.6     | 8.5          |       |      |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                                 |        | All own account workers (thousand)    | 937   | 415      | 1352         |       |      |     |      |      |      |       |  |
| All employed persons (thousand) |        | 11897                                 | 3931  | 15828    |              |       |      |     |      |      |      |       |  |
| Sex and Population group        |        |                                       | Black | Coloured | Indian/Asian | White | RSA  |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                                 | Male   | % share of male own account workers   | 9.4   | 5.0      | 8.6          | 6.1   | 8.5  |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                                 |        | Male own account workers (thousand)   | 617   | 44       | 28           | 69    | 758  |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                                 |        | All employed male (thousand)          | 6582  | 881      | 322          | 1131  | 8916 |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                                 | Female | % share of female own account workers | 9.8   | 2.4      | 3.3          | 7.8   | 8.6  |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                                 |        | Female own account workers (thousand) | 503   | 18       | 6            | 67    | 594  |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                                 |        | All employed female (thousand)        | 5122  | 757      | 182          | 852   | 6912 |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                                 | Both   | % share of own account workers        | 9.6   | 3.8      | 6.7          | 6.9   | 8.5  |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                                 |        | All own account workers (thousand)    | 1120  | 63       | 34           | 136   | 1352 |     |      |      |      |       |  |
| All employed persons (thousand) |        | 11704                                 | 1638  | 504      | 1983         | 15828 |      |     |      |      |      |       |  |
| Sex and age group               |        |                                       | 15-34 | 35+      | RSA          |       |      |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                                 | Male   | % share of male own account workers   | 7.2   | 9.5      | 8.5          |       |      |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                                 |        | Male own account workers (thousand)   | 266   | 492      | 758          |       |      |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                                 |        | All employed male (thousand)          | 3717  | 5200     | 8916         |       |      |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                                 | Female | % share of female own account workers | 6.2   | 10.1     | 8.6          |       |      |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                                 |        | Female own account workers (thousand) | 162   | 432      | 594          |       |      |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                                 |        | All employed female (thousand)        | 2635  | 4277     | 6912         |       |      |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                                 | Both   | % share of own account workers        | 6.7   | 9.7      | 8.5          |       |      |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                                 |        | All own account workers (thousand)    | 428   | 924      | 1352         |       |      |     |      |      |      |       |  |
| All employed persons (thousand) |        | 6352                                  | 9477  | 15828    |              |       |      |     |      |      |      |       |  |

Source: QLFS Q3 2015

**Table 3.3.5: Percentage of employed who are working as contributing family members as a proportion the employed, 2015**

| Disaggregation           |        |                                                         | WC    | EC   | NC    | FS   | KZN   | NW  | GP   | MP   | LP   | RSA   |  |
|--------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|-----|------|------|------|-------|--|
| Sex and province         | Male   | % share of males working as contributing family members | 0,1   | 0,2  | 0,2   | 0,5  | 0,5   | 0,6 | 0,3  | 0,3  | 0,6  | 0,3   |  |
|                          |        | Males working as contributing family members (thousand) | 1     | 1    | 0     | 2    | 7     | 4   | 7    | 2    | 5    | 29    |  |
|                          |        | All employed male (thousand)                            | 1281  | 728  | 174   | 444  | 1392  | 574 | 2889 | 676  | 759  | 8916  |  |
|                          | Female | % share of females working as contributing family       | 0,4   | 0,5  | 1,5   | 0,4  | 0,7   | 0,5 | 0,4  | 0,7  | 1,5  | 0,6   |  |
|                          |        | Females working as contributing family members          | 4     | 3    | 2     | 1    | 8     | 2   | 9    | 4    | 9    | 41    |  |
|                          |        | All employed female (thousand)                          | 1036  | 644  | 129   | 351  | 1181  | 348 | 2121 | 508  | 594  | 6912  |  |
|                          | Both   | % share of persons working as contributing family       | 0,2   | 0,3  | 0,8   | 0,4  | 0,6   | 0,6 | 0,3  | 0,5  | 1,0  | 0,4   |  |
|                          |        | All persons working as contributing family members      | 5     | 4    | 2     | 3    | 15    | 5   | 16   | 6    | 14   | 71    |  |
|                          |        | All employed persons (thousand)                         | 2317  | 1372 | 302   | 795  | 2573  | 921 | 5011 | 1184 | 1353 | 15828 |  |
| Sex and geo-type         | Male   | % share of males working as contributing family members | 0,3   | 0,4  | 0,3   |      |       |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                          |        | Males working as contributing family members (thousand) | 20    | 9    | 29    |      |       |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                          |        | All employed male (thousand)                            | 6667  | 2249 | 8916  |      |       |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                          | Female | % share of females working as contributing family       | 0,5   | 0,8  | 0,6   |      |       |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                          |        | Females working as contributing family members          | 29    | 13   | 41    |      |       |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                          |        | All employed female (thousand)                          | 5230  | 1683 | 6912  |      |       |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                          | Both   | % share of persons working as contributing family       | 0,4   | 0,6  | 0,4   |      |       |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                          |        | All persons working as contributing family members      | 49    | 22   | 71    |      |       |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                          |        | All employed persons (thousand)                         | 11897 | 3931 | 15828 |      |       |     |      |      |      |       |  |
| Sex and Population group | Male   | % share of males working as contributing family members | 0,4   | 0,0  | 0,7   | 0,1  | 0,3   |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                          |        | Males working as contributing family members (thousand) | 26    | 0    | 2     | 1    | 29    |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                          |        | All employed male (thousand)                            | 6582  | 881  | 322   | 1131 | 8916  |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                          | Female | % share of females working as contributing family       | 0,6   | 0,1  | 2,8   | 0,4  | 0,6   |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                          |        | Females working as contributing family members          | 32    | 1    | 5     | 4    | 41    |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                          |        | All employed female (thousand)                          | 5122  | 757  | 182   | 852  | 6912  |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                          | Both   | % share of persons working as contributing family       | 0,5   | 0,1  | 1,5   | 0,2  | 0,4   |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                          |        | All persons working as contributing family members      | 58    | 1    | 7     | 5    | 71    |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                          |        | All employed persons (thousand)                         | 11704 | 1638 | 504   | 1983 | 15828 |     |      |      |      |       |  |
| Sex and age group        | Male   | % share of males working as contributing family members | 0,5   | 0,2  | 0,3   |      |       |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                          |        | Males working as contributing family members (thousand) | 20    | 10   | 29    |      |       |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                          |        | All employed male (thousand)                            | 3717  | 5200 | 8916  |      |       |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                          | Female | % share of females working as contributing family       | 0,9   | 0,4  | 0,6   |      |       |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                          |        | Females working as contributing family members          | 24    | 18   | 41    |      |       |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                          |        | All employed female (thousand)                          | 2635  | 4277 | 6912  |      |       |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                          | Both   | % share of persons working as contributing family       | 0,7   | 0,3  | 0,4   |      |       |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                          |        | All persons working as contributing family members      | 43    | 28   | 71    |      |       |     |      |      |      |       |  |
|                          |        | All employed persons (thousand)                         | 6352  | 9477 | 15828 |      |       |     |      |      |      |       |  |

Source: QLFS Q3 2015

**Table 3.3.6: Percentage distribution employed persons by sex, 2015**

| Disaggregation |                  | WC               | EC    | NC    | FS       | KZN   | NW    | GP    | MP    | LP    | RSA   |       |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Province       | Male             | Formal           | 74.2  | 61.4  | 67.0     | 62.1  | 69.4  | 73.7  | 80.1  | 65.7  | 56.7  | 71.4  |
|                |                  | Informal         | 12.6  | 26.0  | 15.6     | 18.1  | 21.7  | 15.1  | 16.2  | 23.5  | 28.1  | 18.9  |
|                |                  | Agriculture      | 11.0  | 9.3   | 15.6     | 12.7  | 6.3   | 7.8   | 0.7   | 8.7   | 11.5  | 6.6   |
|                |                  | Domestic Workers | 2.2   | 3.3   | 1.8      | 7.1   | 2.6   | 3.5   | 3.1   | 2.2   | 3.7   | 3.1   |
|                |                  | Per cent         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0    | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
|                |                  | All employed     | 1281  | 728   | 174      | 444   | 1392  | 574   | 2889  | 676   | 759   | 8916  |
|                | Female           | Formal           | 68.1  | 66.3  | 67.6     | 62.8  | 63.4  | 65.1  | 74.3  | 56.7  | 47.7  | 66.0  |
|                |                  | Informal         | 9.7   | 16.2  | 9.7      | 17.0  | 17.9  | 14.2  | 11.5  | 18.5  | 26.8  | 15.0  |
|                |                  | Agriculture      | 10.0  | 3.2   | 5.6      | 2.5   | 4.0   | 3.1   | 0.7   | 7.5   | 9.7   | 4.5   |
|                |                  | Domestic Workers | 12.2  | 14.2  | 17.1     | 17.7  | 14.7  | 17.7  | 13.6  | 17.3  | 15.8  | 14.6  |
|                |                  | Per cent         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0    | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
|                |                  | All employed     | 1036  | 644   | 129      | 351   | 1181  | 348   | 2121  | 508   | 594   | 6912  |
| Geo-type       | Urban            |                  |       | Rural | RSA      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Male             | Formal           | 77.4  | 53.8  | 71.4     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |                  | Informal         | 17.3  | 23.6  | 18.9     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |                  | Agriculture      | 2.2   | 19.5  | 6.6      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |                  | Domestic Workers | 3.1   | 3.1   | 3.1      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |                  | Per cent         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |                  | All employed     | 6667  | 2249  | 8916     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Female           | Formal           | 70.7  | 51.5  | 66.0     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |                  | Informal         | 13.0  | 21.0  | 15.0     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |                  | Agriculture      | 1.9   | 12.5  | 4.5      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |                  | Domestic Workers | 14.4  | 15.0  | 14.6     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |                  | Per cent         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |                  | All employed     | 5230  | 1683  | 6912     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                | Population group | Black            |       |       | Coloured |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Male           |                  | Formal           | 67.6  | 70.1  | 85.4     | 90.7  | 71.4  |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |                  | Informal         | 22.1  | 13.0  | 14.3     | 5.9   | 18.9  |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |                  | Agriculture      | 6.4   | 14.8  | 0.1      | 3.3   | 6.6   |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |                  | Domestic Workers | 3.9   | 2.1   | 0.2      | 0.0   | 3.1   |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |                  | Per cent         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0    | 100.0 | 100.0 |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |                  | All employed     | 6582  | 881   | 322      | 1131  | 8916  |       |       |       |       |       |
| Female         |                  | Formal           | 60.5  | 69.4  | 89.1     | 91.1  | 66.0  |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |                  | Informal         | 17.1  | 9.7   | 10.2     | 7.7   | 15.0  |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |                  | Agriculture      | 4.4   | 10.0  | 0.0      | 0.8   | 4.5   |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |                  | Domestic Workers | 18.0  | 10.9  | 0.6      | 0.3   | 14.6  |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |                  | Per cent         | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0    | 100.0 | 100.0 |       |       |       |       |       |
|                |                  | All employed     | 5122  | 757   | 182      | 852   | 6912  |       |       |       |       |       |

Source: QLFS Q3 2015



**Table 3.3.6: Percentage distribution employed persons by sex, 2015 (cont.)**

| Age group |        |                                 | 15-34 | 35+   | RSA   |
|-----------|--------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|           | Male   | Formal                          | 68,5  | 73,5  | 71,4  |
|           |        | Informal                        | 21,7  | 16,9  | 18,9  |
|           |        | Agriculture                     | 7,5   | 6,0   | 6,6   |
|           |        | Domestic Workers                | 2,3   | 3,6   | 3,1   |
|           |        | Per cent                        | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 |
|           |        | All employed males(thousands)   | 3717  | 5200  | 8916  |
|           | Female | Formal                          | 70,7  | 63,1  | 66,0  |
|           |        | Informal                        | 14,6  | 15,2  | 15,0  |
|           |        | Agriculture                     | 5,5   | 3,8   | 4,5   |
|           |        | Domestic Workers                | 9,1   | 17,9  | 14,6  |
|           |        | Per cent                        | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 |
|           |        | All employed females(thousands) | 2635  | 4277  | 6912  |

Source: QLFS Q3 2015

**Table 3.3.7: Labour force participation rates for persons aged 15-64 years, 2015**

| Table 6.1: Labour force participation rates for persons aged 15 and over, 2012 |        |      |          |             |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------|----------|-------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Disaggregation                                                                 |        | WC   | EC       | NC          | FS    | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | RS   |
| Province                                                                       | Male   | 76.1 | 51.4     | 65.9        | 67.8  | 53.7 | 60.4 | 78.9 | 66.1 | 53.9 | 65.5 |
|                                                                                | Female | 60.5 | 43.0     | 54.8        | 56.5  | 43.2 | 40.7 | 67.4 | 50.5 | 40.0 | 52.4 |
|                                                                                | Both   | 68.0 | 47.1     | 60.3        | 62.0  | 48.2 | 50.8 | 73.3 | 58.1 | 46.6 | 58.8 |
| Geo-type                                                                       | Urban  |      | Rural    | RSA         |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                                                                | Male   | 73.4 | 49.6     | 65.5        |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                                                                | Female | 60.3 | 37.4     | 52.4        |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                                                                | Both   | 66.8 | 43.3     | 58.8        |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Population group                                                               | Black  |      | Coloured | Indian/Asia | White | RSA  |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                                                                | Male   | 63.2 | 70.8     | 73.2        | 78.4  | 65.5 |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                                                                | Female | 51.5 | 56.9     | 44.0        | 58.8  | 52.4 |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                                                                | Both   | 57.2 | 63.6     | 59.0        | 68.5  | 58.8 |      |      |      |      |      |
| Age group                                                                      | 15-34  |      | 35+      | RSA         |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                                                                | Male   | 55.0 | 78.8     | 65.5        |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                                                                | Female | 44.8 | 61.2     | 52.4        |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                                                                | Both   | 49.9 | 69.6     | 58.8        |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |

Source: QLFS Q3 2015

**Table 3.3.8: Female unemployment rate, 2015**

| Disaggregation   |       | WC            | EC       | NC      | FS    | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | RSA  |
|------------------|-------|---------------|----------|---------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Province         | 15-34 | 32,6          | 42,2     | 54,2    | 50,5  | 34,3 | 35,6 | 44,6 | 41,9 | 32,9 | 40,0 |
|                  | 35+   | 13,5          | 18,1     | 24,4    | 22,2  | 10,1 | 22,8 | 21,9 | 16,8 | 12,3 | 17,6 |
|                  | Total | 22,4          | 29,3     | 38,4    | 34,9  | 21,6 | 28,3 | 31,8 | 28,8 | 21,2 | 27,7 |
| Geo-type         |       | Urban         | Rural    | RSA     |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 15-34 | 39,1          | 42,4     | 40,0    |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 35+   | 17,8          | 17,0     | 17,6    |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | Total | 27,4          | 28,7     | 27,7    |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Population group |       | Black African | Coloured | Indian/ | White | RSA  |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 15-34 | 44,2          | 33,4     | 14,0    | 9,6   | 40,0 |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 35+   | 20,3          | 14,2     | 12,9    | 4,5   | 17,6 |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | Total | 31,4          | 22,9     | 13,4    | 6,1   | 27,7 |      |      |      |      |      |

Source: QLF5 Q3 2015

**Table 3.3.9: Female absorption rate, 2015**

| Disaggregation   |       | WC            | EC       | NC               | FS    | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | RSA  |
|------------------|-------|---------------|----------|------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Province         | 15-34 | 38,5          | 20,3     | 23,9             | 24,3  | 23,9 | 22,1 | 33,6 | 24,8 | 19,9 | 26,9 |
|                  | 35+   | 56,4          | 44,5     | 43,7             | 51,0  | 48,0 | 37,2 | 58,5 | 51,3 | 48,9 | 51,3 |
|                  | Total | 47,4          | 30,6     | 33,8             | 37,1  | 34,3 | 29,4 | 46,4 | 36,2 | 31,9 | 38,2 |
| Geo-type         |       | Urban         | Rural    | RSA              |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 15-34 | 32,6          | 17,3     | 26,9             |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 35+   | 56,3          | 40,3     | 51,3             |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | Total | 44,2          | 26,9     | 38,2             |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Population group |       | Black African | Coloured | Indian/<br>Asian | White | RSA  |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 15-34 | 24,1          | 36,4     | 38,9             | 47,9  | 26,9 |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 35+   | 50,1          | 50,8     | 37,9             | 63,1  | 51,3 |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | Total | 35,5          | 43,9     | 38,4             | 57,4  | 38,2 |      |      |      |      |      |

Source: QLF5 Q3 2015

**Table 3.3.10: Female inactivity rate, 2015**

| Disaggregation   |       | WC    | EC       | NC      | FS    | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | RSA  |
|------------------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Province         | 15-34 | 43,0  | 64,8     | 47,9    | 51,0  | 63,7 | 65,7 | 39,3 | 57,3 | 70,1 | 55,2 |
|                  | 35+   | 54,9  | 76,0     | 66,0    | 57,3  | 72,5 | 72,9 | 42,2 | 57,8 | 70,8 | 60,0 |
|                  | Total | 48,9  | 69,6     | 57,0    | 54,0  | 67,5 | 69,1 | 40,8 | 57,5 | 70,4 | 57,4 |
| Geo-type         |       | Urban | Rural    | RSA     |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 15-34 | 46,4  | 70,0     | 55,2    |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 35+   | 50,8  | 80,3     | 60,0    |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | Total | 48,5  | 74,3     | 57,4    |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Population group |       | Black | Coloured | Indian/ | White | RSA  |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 15-34 | 56,8  | 45,4     | 54,7    | 47,0  | 55,2 |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 35+   | 57,2  | 57,0     | 78,4    | 75,9  | 60,0 |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | Total | 57,0  | 51,5     | 67,5    | 65,0  | 57,4 |      |      |      |      |      |

Source: QLFS Q3 2015

**Table 3.3.11: Gender parity ratios in income earnings, 2015**

| Disaggregation |              | WC    | EC    | NC   | FS   | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | RSA  |
|----------------|--------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Province       | R1-R1500     | 1,20  | 1,31  | 1,27 | 1,31 | 1,60 | 1,21 | 1,06 | 1,28 | 1,52 | 1,31 |
|                | R1501-R2500  | 1,36  | 0,85  | 0,76 | 0,61 | 1,04 | 0,69 | 1,13 | 0,87 | 0,77 | 0,96 |
|                | R2501-R3500  | 0,76  | 0,50  | 0,62 | 0,51 | 0,64 | 0,52 | 0,75 | 0,68 | 0,60 | 0,67 |
|                | R3501-R5500  | 0,51  | 0,54  | 0,45 | 1,00 | 0,54 | 0,43 | 0,60 | 0,66 | 0,43 | 0,57 |
|                | R5501-R7500  | 0,43  | 0,46  | 0,41 | 0,68 | 0,53 | 0,42 | 0,54 | 0,21 | 0,50 | 0,48 |
|                | R7501-R11500 | 0,75  | 0,87  | 0,53 | 0,51 | 0,61 | 0,35 | 0,55 | 0,70 | 0,25 | 0,56 |
|                | R11501+      | 0,73  | 0,99  | 0,70 | 0,58 | 0,53 | 0,49 | 0,63 | 0,51 | 0,60 | 0,64 |
| Geo-type       |              | Urban | Rural | RSA  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                | R1-R1500     | 1,22  | 1,46  | 1,31 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                | R1501-R2500  | 1,03  | 0,84  | 0,96 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                | R2501-R3500  | 0,77  | 0,44  | 0,67 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                | R3501-R5500  | 0,61  | 0,41  | 0,57 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                | R5501-R7500  | 0,49  | 0,45  | 0,48 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                | R7501-R11500 | 0,63  | 0,34  | 0,56 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                | R11501+      | 0,64  | 0,60  | 0,64 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |

Source: QLFS Q3 2015

**Table 3.3.11: Gender parity ratios in income earnings, 2015 (cont.)**

|                  | Black African |       | Coloured | Indian/Asian | White | RSA  |
|------------------|---------------|-------|----------|--------------|-------|------|
|                  |               |       |          |              |       |      |
| Population group | R1-R1500      | 1,34  | 1,25     | 0,56         | 1,21  | 1,31 |
|                  | R1501-R2500   | 0,94  | 1,21     | 0,95         | 0,91  | 0,96 |
|                  | R2501-R3500   | 0,65  | 0,62     | 0,49         | 1,28  | 0,67 |
|                  | R3501-R5500   | 0,53  | 0,60     | 0,54         | 0,99  | 0,57 |
|                  | R5501-R7500   | 0,45  | 0,47     | 0,45         | 0,75  | 0,48 |
|                  | R7501-R11500  | 0,49  | 1,02     | 0,48         | 0,76  | 0,56 |
|                  | R11501+       | 0,67  | 0,97     | 0,46         | 0,55  | 0,64 |
| Age group        |               | 15-34 | 35+      | RSA          |       |      |
|                  | R1-R1500      | 0,99  | 1,56     | 1,31         |       |      |
|                  | R1501-R2500   | 0,77  | 1,17     | 0,96         |       |      |
|                  | R2501-R3500   | 0,61  | 0,73     | 0,67         |       |      |
|                  | R3501-R5500   | 0,52  | 0,60     | 0,57         |       |      |
|                  | R5501-R7500   | 0,53  | 0,46     | 0,48         |       |      |
|                  | R7501-R11500  | 0,65  | 0,52     | 0,56         |       |      |
|                  | R11501+       | 0,71  | 0,61     | 0,64         |       |      |

Source: QLFS Q3 2015

### 3.4 Women: Health

**Table 3.4.1: Percentage of persons with access to medical aid by sex, 2015**

| Disaggregation              |                                               | WC    | EC       | NC           | FS    | KZN   | NW   | GP    | MP   | LP   | RSA   |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------|----------|--------------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|------|-------|
| Province                    | % share of males with access to medical aid   | 23,7  | 10,8     | 18,1         | 16,3  | 11,7  | 17,5 | 26,7  | 15,9 | 9,4  | 17,6  |
|                             | Males with access to medical aid (thousand)   | 718   | 342      | 102          | 217   | 597   | 318  | 1776  | 326  | 253  | 4649  |
|                             | Male population(thousands)                    | 3027  | 3153     | 563          | 1331  | 5113  | 1821 | 6652  | 2052 | 2683 | 26395 |
|                             | % share of females with access to medical aid | 24,6  | 10,5     | 17,2         | 16,1  | 12,1  | 12,6 | 28,8  | 15,2 | 7,7  | 17,4  |
|                             | Females with access to medical aid (thousand) | 788   | 367      | 106          | 230   | 667   | 234  | 1865  | 325  | 226  | 4808  |
|                             | Female population(thousands)                  | 3198  | 3503     | 617          | 1427  | 5505  | 1851 | 6477  | 2147 | 2936 | 27661 |
|                             | % share of persons with access to medical     | 24,2  | 10,7     | 17,6         | 16,2  | 11,9  | 15,0 | 27,7  | 15,5 | 8,5  | 17,5  |
|                             | Persons with access to medical aid            | 1506  | 709      | 208          | 447   | 1264  | 551  | 3641  | 651  | 480  | 9458  |
|                             | Total population(thousands)                   | 6225  | 6656     | 1180         | 2757  | 10619 | 3672 | 13130 | 4198 | 5620 | 54056 |
| Geo-type                    |                                               | Urban | Rural    | RSA          |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                             | % share of males with access to medical aid   | 24,1  | 5,9      | 17,6         |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                             | Males with access to medical aid (thousand)   | 4097  | 552      | 4649         |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                             | Male population(thousands)                    | 16990 | 9405     | 26395        |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                             | % share of females with access to medical aid | 24,6  | 5,0      | 17,4         |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                             | Females with access to medical aid (thousand) | 4298  | 511      | 4808         |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                             | Female population(thousands)                  | 17438 | 10223    | 27661        |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                             | % share of persons with access to medical     | 24,4  | 5,4      | 17,5         |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                             | Persons with access to medical aid            | 8395  | 1062     | 9458         |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |
| Total population(thousands) | 34428                                         | 19628 | 54056    |              |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |
| Population group            |                                               | Black | Coloured | Indian/Asian | White | RSA   |      |       |      |      |       |
|                             | % share of males with access to medical aid   | 10,9  | 19,6     | 42,4         | 72,9  | 17,6  |      |       |      |      |       |
|                             | Males with access to medical aid (thousand)   | 2300  | 460      | 289          | 1599  | 4649  |      |       |      |      |       |
|                             | Male population(thousands)                    | 21174 | 2345     | 683          | 2194  | 26395 |      |       |      |      |       |
|                             | % share of females with access to medical aid | 10,4  | 19,0     | 46,8         | 73,7  | 17,4  |      |       |      |      |       |
|                             | Females with access to medical aid (thousand) | 2301  | 476      | 314          | 1717  | 4808  |      |       |      |      |       |
|                             | Female population(thousands)                  | 22155 | 2503     | 672          | 2331  | 27661 |      |       |      |      |       |
|                             | % share of persons with access to medical     | 10,6  | 19,3     | 44,5         | 73,3  | 17,5  |      |       |      |      |       |
|                             | Persons with access to medical aid            | 4601  | 936      | 603          | 3317  | 9458  |      |       |      |      |       |
|                             | Total population(thousands)                   | 43328 | 4848     | 1355         | 4525  | 54056 |      |       |      |      |       |

Source: GHS 2015

## 2.5 Women: Vulnerability to hunger

**Table 3.5.1: Percentage of Households that reported hunger by sex of household head, 2015**

| Disaggregation        |        | WC                                            | EC    | NC    | FS    | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | RSA  |
|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Head sex and province | Male   | % share                                       | 11,7  | 11,3  | 12,4  | 10,2 | 12,3 | 14,2 | 7,9  | 8,4  | 9,8  |
|                       |        | Males living in HHs that experienced hunger   | 128   | 94    | 23    | 53   | 178  | 108  | 244  | 58   | 37   |
|                       |        | Male-headed HHs (thousands)                   | 1099  | 835   | 181   | 519  | 1438 | 756  | 3078 | 696  | 772  |
|                       | Female | % share                                       | 17,9  | 13,7  | 21,9  | 12,3 | 17,2 | 18,1 | 11,0 | 12,0 | 4,2  |
|                       |        | Females living in HHs that experienced hunger | 119   | 120   | 30    | 47   | 223  | 82   | 171  | 60   | 32   |
|                       |        | Female-headed HHs (thousands)                 | 667   | 877   | 137   | 381  | 1299 | 456  | 1548 | 500  | 754  |
|                       | Both   | % share                                       | 14,0  | 12,5  | 16,5  | 11,1 | 14,6 | 15,7 | 9,0  | 9,9  | 4,5  |
|                       |        | Persons living in HHs that experienced        | 247   | 215   | 52    | 100  | 401  | 190  | 415  | 118  | 69   |
|                       |        | All households (thousands)                    | 1766  | 1713  | 318   | 900  | 2737 | 1212 | 4627 | 1196 | 1526 |
| Head sex and geo-type |        |                                               | Urban | Rural | RSA   |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                       | Male   | % share                                       | 9,0   | 12,1  | 9,8   |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                       |        | Males living in HHs that experienced hunger   | 617   | 305   | 922   |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                       |        | Male-headed HHs (thousands)                   | 6853  | 2520  | 9374  |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                       | Female | % share                                       | 12,4  | 14,9  | 13,4  |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                       |        | Females living in HHs that experienced hunger | 513   | 372   | 885   |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                       |        | Female-headed HHs (thousands)                 | 4134  | 2487  | 6621  |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                       | Both   | % share                                       | 10,3  | 13,5  | 11,3  |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                       |        | Persons living in HHs that experienced        | 1131  | 677   | 1807  |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                       |        | All households (thousands)                    | 10987 | 5007  | 15995 |      |      |      |      |      |      |

Source: GHS 2015

Note: totals exclude unspecified cases

## 2.6 Women: Education

**Table 3.6.1: Percentage of persons aged 20 and above who are functionally literate by sex, 2015**

| Disaggregation            |        |                                           | WC      | EC       | NC          | FS    | KZN   | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | RSA  |  |
|---------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------------|---------|----------|-------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|--|
| Sex and province          | Male   | % share of functionally literate males    | 90.2    | 77.3     | 78.1        | 84.9  | 85.0  | 78.0 | 92.2 | 82.7 | 83.1 | 85.9 |  |
|                           |        | Functionally literate males (thousands)   | 1795    | 1286     | 265         | 712   | 2436  | 877  | 4312 | 995  | 1222 | 1390 |  |
|                           |        | All males (thousands)                     | 1991    | 1665     | 339         | 839   | 2866  | 1124 | 4678 | 1204 | 1469 | 1617 |  |
|                           | Female | % share of functionally literate females  | 91.4    | 78.9     | 77.8        | 83.1  | 77.9  | 79.4 | 91.3 | 80.2 | 74.8 | 83.4 |  |
|                           |        | Functionally literate females (thousands) | 1990    | 1636     | 299         | 775   | 2568  | 905  | 4118 | 1043 | 1280 | 1461 |  |
|                           |        | All females (thousands)                   | 2179    | 2073     | 384         | 933   | 3299  | 1141 | 4509 | 1301 | 1711 | 1752 |  |
|                           | Both   | % share of functionally literate          | 90.8    | 78.2     | 77.9        | 83.9  | 81.2  | 78.7 | 91.8 | 81.4 | 78.6 | 84.6 |  |
|                           |        | Functionally literate persons             | 3785    | 2922     | 564         | 1487  | 5004  | 1782 | 8430 | 2038 | 2501 | 2851 |  |
|                           |        | Total population aged 20+                 | 4170    | 3737     | 724         | 1772  | 6165  | 2265 | 9186 | 2504 | 3181 | 3370 |  |
| Sex and geo-type          |        |                                           | Urban   | Rural    | RSA         |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|                           | Male   | % share of functionally literate males    | 90.7    | 74.8     | 85.9        |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|                           |        | Functionally literate males (thousands)   | 10283   | 3616     | 13900       |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|                           |        | All males (thousands)                     | 11337   | 4838     | 16175       |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|                           | Female | % share of functionally literate females  | 89.8    | 70.5     | 83.4        |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|                           |        | Functionally literate females (thousands) | 10520   | 4096     | 14615       |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|                           |        | All females (thousands)                   | 11716   | 5813     | 17529       |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|                           | Both   | % share of functionally literate          | 90.2    | 72.4     | 84.6        |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|                           |        | Functionally literate persons             | 20803   | 7712     | 28515       |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |  |
| Total population aged 20+ |        | 23053                                     | 10651   | 33704    |             |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |  |
| Sex and Population group  |        |                                           | Black   | Coloured | Indian/Asia | White | RSA   |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|                           | Male   | % share of functionally literate males    | 83.8    | 86.1     | 96.5        | 99.3  | 85.9  |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|                           |        | Functionally literate males (thousands)   | 10523   | 1270     | 476         | 1632  | 13900 |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|                           |        | All males (thousands)                     | 12563   | 1475     | 493         | 1644  | 16175 |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|                           | Female | % share of functionally literate females  | 80.7    | 87.0     | 92.6        | 98.2  | 83.4  |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|                           |        | Functionally literate females (thousands) | 10978   | 1430     | 444         | 1763  | 14615 |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|                           |        | All females (thousands)                   | 13610   | 1643     | 480         | 1796  | 17529 |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|                           | Both   | % share of functionally literate          | 82.2    | 86.6     | 94.6        | 98.7  | 84.6  |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|                           |        | Functionally literate persons             | 21501   | 2700     | 920         | 3395  | 28515 |      |      |      |      |      |  |
| Total population aged 20+ |        | 26173                                     | 3119    | 972      | 3440        | 33704 |       |      |      |      |      |      |  |
| Sex and age group         |        |                                           | 20 - 39 | 40 - 59  | 60+         | RSA   |       |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|                           | Male   | % share of functionally literate males    | 92.7    | 81.6     | 61.5        | 85.9  |       |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|                           |        | Functionally literate males (thousands)   | 8729    | 4113     | 1057        | 13900 |       |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|                           |        | All males (thousands)                     | 9414    | 5042     | 1719        | 16175 |       |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|                           | Female | % share of functionally literate females  | 95.2    | 79.0     | 52.6        | 83.4  |       |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|                           |        | Functionally literate females (thousands) | 8727    | 4467     | 1420        | 14615 |       |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|                           |        | All females (thousands)                   | 9171    | 5658     | 2700        | 17529 |       |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|                           | Both   | % share of functionally literate          | 93.9    | 80.2     | 56.1        | 84.6  |       |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|                           |        | Functionally literate persons             | 17457   | 8580     | 2477        | 28515 |       |      |      |      |      |      |  |
| Total population aged 20+ |        | 18585                                     | 10700   | 4419     | 33704       |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |  |

Source: GHS 2015 \* Total includes persons of ages 20 years and above

**Table 3.6.2: Percentage distribution of the highest level of education obtained by persons aged 25 years and above by sex, 2015**

| Disaggregation           |        |                  | WC    | EC    | NC    | FS    | KZN   | NW    | GP    | MP    | LP    | RSA   |
|--------------------------|--------|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Sex and province         | Male   | Less than matric | 49,5  | 69,0  | 65,9  | 59,1  | 56,5  | 66,2  | 44,6  | 58,4  | 66,2  | 55,3  |
|                          |        | Matric           | 27,5  | 18,7  | 24,1  | 28,3  | 31,8  | 21,5  | 30,7  | 26,4  | 20,6  | 27,2  |
|                          |        | Other tertiary   | 9,6   | 5,5   | 7,0   | 5,8   | 5,6   | 7,2   | 10,2  | 9,4   | 8,1   | 8,1   |
|                          |        | Graduates        | 11,6  | 6,2   | 2,2   | 5,5   | 5,2   | 3,3   | 11,4  | 4,8   | 4,1   | 7,6   |
|                          |        | Other            | 2,0   | 0,7   | 0,8   | 1,2   | 0,9   | 1,8   | 3,1   | 1,1   | 1,0   | 1,8   |
|                          |        | Per cent         | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 |
|                          |        | Total            | 1729  | 1360  | 285   | 707   | 2332  | 980   | 4054  | 986   | 1160  | 13592 |
|                          | Female | Less than matric | 52,4  | 70,6  | 68,0  | 63,6  | 63,0  | 66,5  | 44,2  | 62,6  | 71,9  | 58,8  |
|                          |        | Matric           | 27,8  | 17,1  | 22,7  | 24,6  | 25,1  | 20,8  | 30,5  | 21,8  | 16,9  | 24,6  |
|                          |        | Other tertiary   | 9,8   | 6,7   | 6,7   | 6,3   | 6,1   | 7,6   | 11,1  | 9,4   | 7,0   | 8,4   |
|                          |        | Graduates        | 8,7   | 5,4   | 2,5   | 5,0   | 5,3   | 3,7   | 11,4  | 5,5   | 3,9   | 7,0   |
|                          |        | Other            | 1,3   | 0,3   | 0,2   | 0,6   | 0,5   | 1,4   | 2,9   | 0,8   | 0,3   | 1,3   |
|                          |        | Per cent         | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 |
|                          |        | Total            | 1885  | 1726  | 337   | 806   | 2783  | 975   | 3944  | 1085  | 1440  | 14981 |
| Sex and Population group |        |                  | Urban | Rural | RSA   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          | Male   | Less than matric | 48,1  | 73,8  | 55,3  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          |        | Matric           | 30,5  | 18,6  | 27,2  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          |        | Other tertiary   | 9,6   | 4,3   | 8,1   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          |        | Graduates        | 9,8   | 2,1   | 7,6   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          |        | Other            | 2,0   | 1,3   | 1,8   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          |        | Per cent         | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          |        | Total            | 9756  | 3836  | 13592 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          | Female | Less than matric | 50,5  | 76,0  | 58,8  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          |        | Matric           | 28,9  | 15,6  | 24,6  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          |        | Other tertiary   | 9,8   | 5,4   | 8,4   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          |        | Graduates        | 9,3   | 2,3   | 7,0   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          |        | Other            | 1,5   | 0,7   | 1,3   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          |        | Per cent         | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          |        | Total            | 10121 | 4860  | 14981 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |

Source: GHS 2015



**Table 3.6.2: Percentage distribution of the highest level of education obtained by persons aged 25 years and above by sex, 2015(cont.)**

| Sex and Population group |        |                  | Black African | Coloured | Indian/Asian | White | SA    |
|--------------------------|--------|------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------|-------|
|                          | Male   | Less than matric | 61.4          | 60.3     | 29.0         | 16.1  | 55.3  |
|                          |        | Matric           | 25.4          | 25.6     | 42.4         | 36.2  | 27.2  |
|                          |        | Other tertiary   | 6.7           | 7.3      | 9.0          | 18.4  | 8.1   |
|                          |        | Graduates        | 4.6           | 4.7      | 17.5         | 28.3  | 7.6   |
|                          |        | Other            | 1.8           | 2.1      | 2.1          | 1.1   | 1.8   |
|                          |        | Per cent         | 100.0         | 100.0    | 100.0        | 100.0 | 100.0 |
|                          |        | Total            | 10407         | 1258     | 438          | 1489  | 13592 |
|                          | Female | Less than matric | 64.8          | 64.0     | 31.8         | 18.9  | 58.8  |
|                          |        | Matric           | 21.8          | 24.5     | 41.4         | 39.7  | 24.6  |
|                          |        | Other tertiary   | 7.5           | 6.3      | 10.8         | 15.7  | 8.4   |
|                          |        | Graduates        | 4.6           | 4.3      | 14.7         | 24.0  | 7.0   |
|                          |        | Other            | 1.3           | 0.8      | 1.4          | 1.7   | 1.3   |
|                          |        | Per cent         | 100.0         | 100.0    | 100.0        | 100.0 | 100.0 |
|                          |        | Total            | 11483         | 1429     | 426          | 1643  | 14981 |

Source: GHS 2015

### 3.7 Women: Housing and basic services

**Table 3.7.1: Type of housing by sex of the household head, 2015**

| Disaggregation        |        |       | Formal | Traditional | Informal | Other | Total (Percent) | Total (thousands) |
|-----------------------|--------|-------|--------|-------------|----------|-------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Head sex and geo-type | Male   | Urban | 78.7   | 1.0         | 19.0     | 1.4   | 100.0           | 6922              |
|                       |        | Rural | 73.4   | 15.7        | 10.4     | 0.6   | 100.0           | 2537              |
|                       |        | SA    | 78.7   | 1.0         | 19.0     | 1.4   | 100.0           | 9459              |
|                       | Female | Urban | 83.4   | 1.3         | 14.5     | 0.8   | 100.0           | 4166              |
|                       |        | Rural | 72.7   | 23.4        | 3.9      | 0.0   | 100.0           | 2497              |
|                       |        | SA    | 73.4   | 15.7        | 10.4     | 0.6   | 100.0           | 6663              |
|                       | Both   | Urban | 80.5   | 1.1         | 17.3     | 1.1   | 100.0           | 11088             |
|                       |        | Rural | 73.0   | 19.5        | 7.1      | 0.3   | 100.0           | 5034              |
|                       |        | SA    | 78.1   | 6.9         | 14.1     | 0.9   | 100.0           | 16122             |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 3.7.2: Living condition indicators of male and female-headed households, 2015**

| Disaggregation |                   | Access to service indicator |             |                |              |                 |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|
|                |                   | Access to water*            | Sanitation* | Refuse/ Waste* | Electricity* | Solid fuels for |
|                |                   | %                           | %           | %              | %            | %               |
| Head Sex       | Male-headed HHs   | 75.9                        | 84.1        | 69.6           | 83.9         | 7.2             |
|                | Female headed HHs | 68.9                        | 81.8        | 60.4           | 87.7         | 13.8            |
|                | All households    | 72.8                        | 83.2        | 65.8           | 85.5         | 9.9             |

Source: GHS 2015

### 3.8 Women: Violence and crime victims

**Table 3.8.1: Percentage of women (16 yrs. and above) living in households where the households feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area during the day, 2015**

| Disaggregation |                         | WC    | EC    | NC   | FS    | KZN  | NW   | GP    | MP   | LP   | RSA   |
|----------------|-------------------------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|------|-------|------|------|-------|
| Province       | % share                 | 72,4  | 85,6  | 86,7 | 90,0  | 83,9 | 86,1 | 77,0  | 89,0 | 95,4 | 83,1  |
|                | Females (thousands)*    | 1701  | 2000  | 364  | 900   | 3184 | 1079 | 3570  | 1280 | 1880 | 15957 |
|                | % share                 | 72,0  | 85,6  | 87,6 | 90,7  | 84,4 | 87,0 | 77,6  | 89,5 | 95,3 | 83,6  |
|                | Population (thousands)* | 4437  | 5925  | 1032 | 2550  | 9134 | 3226 | 10103 | 3762 | 5403 | 45573 |
| Age group      |                         | 16-24 | 25-34 | 35+  | RSA   |      |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | % share                 | 83,7  | 83,5  | 82,6 | 83,1  |      |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Females(thousands)*     | 3849  | 4091  | 8017 | 15957 |      |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | % share                 |       |       |      | 83,6  |      |      |       |      |      |       |
|                | Population (thousands)* |       |       |      | 45876 |      |      |       |      |      |       |

Source: VOCS 2015

\*Totals exclude unspecified cases

**Table 3.8.2: Percentage of women (16 yrs. and above) living in households where the households feel unsafe or very unsafe to walk alone in their area at night, 2015**

| Disaggregation |                         | WC      | EC      | NC      | FS      | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | RSA   |
|----------------|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Province       | % share                 | 31,6    | 25,0    | 26,9    | 18,8    | 33,8 | 27,0 | 24,1 | 27,3 | 54,3 | 30,4  |
|                | Females (thousands)*    | 742     | 584     | 113     | 187     | 1281 | 337  | 1113 | 393  | 1071 | 5822  |
|                | % share                 | 31,8    | 27,1    | 28,3    | 18,9    | 35,2 | 28,4 | 24,4 | 28,3 | 52,5 | 31,0  |
|                | Population (thousands)* | 1959    | 1879    | 334     | 531     | 3804 | 1050 | 3165 | 1193 | 2978 | 16893 |
| Age group      |                         | 16-24   | 25-34   | 35+     | RSA     |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | % share                 | 30,8    | 30,21   | 30,23   | 30,4    |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | Females (thousands)*    | 1413,18 | 1477,37 | 2931,48 | 5822,03 |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | % share                 |         |         |         | 31,0    |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | Population (thousands)* |         |         |         | 16893   |      |      |      |      |      |       |

Source: VOCS 2015

\*Totals exclude unspecified cases

**Table 3.8.3: Percentage of women (16 yrs. and above) who live in households where the fear of crime prevent them from going to open spaces or parks in their area, 2015**

| Disaggregation |                         | WC    | EC    | NC   | FS    | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | RSA   |
|----------------|-------------------------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Province       | % share                 | 47,6  | 47,0  | 59,8 | 34,4  | 22,9 | 24,8 | 43,3 | 35,6 | 12,5 | 35,1  |
|                | Females (thousands)*    | 1062  | 1080  | 248  | 335   | 854  | 303  | 1937 | 502  | 243  | 6563  |
|                | % share                 | 47,2  | 44,6  | 56,7 | 32,6  | 21,9 | 22,7 | 41,4 | 33,4 | 13,2 | 33,5  |
|                | Population (thousands)* | 2764  | 3044  | 655  | 896   | 2328 | 828  | 5204 | 1378 | 738  | 17835 |
| Age group      |                         | 16-24 | 25-34 | 35+  | RSA   |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | % share                 | 32,8  | 34,8  | 36,4 | 35,1  |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | Females (thousands)*    | 1470  | 1659  | 3433 | 6563  |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | % share                 |       |       |      | 33,5  |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|                | Population (thousands)* |       |       |      | 17835 |      |      |      |      |      |       |

Source: VOCS 2015, \*Totals exclude unspecified cases

**Table 3.8.4: Percentage of women aged 16 and above who have been victims of property crime during the past 5 years, 2015**

| Disaggregation   |                      | WC            | EC   | NC       | FS   | KZN          | NW   | GP    | MP   | LP    | RSA   |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------|------|----------|------|--------------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| Province         | % share              | 2,7           | 3,3  | 0,7      | 1,6  | 1,0          | 0,9  | 2,5   | 0,9  | 1,4   | 1,9   |
|                  | # affected           | 63            | 78   | 3        | 16   | 40           | 11   | 119   | 13   | 28    | 373   |
|                  | Females (thousands)* | 2358          | 2354 | 422      | 1008 | 3820         | 1260 | 4721  | 1458 | 1986  | 19386 |
| Population group |                      | Black African |      | Coloured |      | Indian/Asian |      | White |      | RSA   |       |
|                  | % share              | 1,9           |      | 2,0      |      | 1,7          |      | 2,3   |      | 1,9   |       |
|                  | # affected           | 284           |      | 35       |      | 9            |      | 45    |      | 373   |       |
|                  | Females (thousands)* | 15168         |      | 1771     |      | 526          |      | 1922  |      | 19386 |       |

Source: VOCS 2015, \*Totals exclude unspecified cases

**Table 3.8.5: Percentage of women aged 16 and above who have been victims of Assault during the past 5 years, 2015**

| Disaggregation   |                      | WC            | EC   | NC       | FS   | KZN          | NW   | GP    | MP   | LP    | RSA   |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------|------|----------|------|--------------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| Province         | % share              | 1,0           | 0,8  | 2,1      | 1,1  | 0,2          | 0,2  | 0,2   | 0,5  | 0,2   | 0,5   |
|                  | # affected           | 23            | 18   | 9        | 11   | 8            | 3    | 10    | 8    | 3     | 95    |
|                  | Females (thousands)* | 2358          | 2354 | 422      | 1008 | 3820         | 1260 | 4721  | 1458 | 1986  | 19386 |
| Population group |                      | Black African |      | Coloured |      | Indian/Asian |      | White |      | RSA   |       |
|                  | % share              | 0,4           |      | 1,4      |      | 1,1          |      | 0,3   |      | 0,5   |       |
|                  | # affected           | 58            |      | 24       |      | 6            |      | 6     |      | 95    |       |
|                  | Females (thousands)* | 15168         |      | 1771     |      | 526          |      | 1922  |      | 19386 |       |

Source: VOCS 2015 \*Totals exclude unspecified cases

## INDICATORS: OLDER PERSONS

Older persons are defined as people aged 60 years and above.

### 4.1 Demography of older persons

**Table 4.1.1: Percentage distribution of the older persons by sex, 2015**

| Disaggregation   |                               | WC    | EC       | NC      | FS    | KZN   | NW    | GP    | MP    | LP    | RSA   |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Province         | Male                          | 43,2  | 37,3     | 36,5    | 38,8  | 35,1  | 40,5  | 41,8  | 37,8  | 34,3  | 38,8  |
|                  | Female                        | 56,8  | 62,7     | 63,5    | 61,2  | 64,9  | 59,5  | 58,2  | 62,2  | 65,7  | 61,2  |
|                  | All Elderly persons(Per cent) | 100,0 | 100,0    | 100,0   | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 |
|                  | All Elderly                   | 589   | 585      | 108     | 246   | 831   | 302   | 1077  | 289   | 415   | 4442  |
| Geo-type         |                               | Urban | Rural    | RSA     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Male                          | 41,1  | 34,8     | 38,8    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Female                        | 58,9  | 65,2     | 61,2    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | All Elderly persons(Per cent) | 100,0 | 100,0    | 100,0   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | All Elderly                   | 2842  | 1601     | 4442    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Population group |                               | Black | Coloured | Indian/ | White | RSA   |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Male                          | 36,7  | 41,7     | 44,4    | 42,9  | 38,8  |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Female                        | 63,3  | 58,3     | 55,6    | 57,1  | 61,2  |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | All Elderly persons(Per cent) | 100,0 | 100,0    | 100,0   | 100,0 | 100,0 |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | All Elderly                   | 2903  | 402      | 158     | 979   | 4442  |       |       |       |       |       |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 4.1.2: Percentage of older persons (60 years and above) as a proportion of the overall population by sex, 2015**

| Disaggregation   |        |                                 | WC    | EC       | NC      | FS    | KZN   | NW   | GP    | MP   | LP   | RSA   |
|------------------|--------|---------------------------------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|------|-------|
| Province         | Male   | % share of males 60 and above   | 8,4   | 6,9      | 7,0     | 7,2   | 5,7   | 6,7  | 6,7   | 5,3  | 5,3  | 6,5   |
|                  |        | Males 60 and above              | 254   | 218      | 39      | 95    | 292   | 122  | 451   | 110  | 142  | 1724  |
|                  |        | Total male population           | 3038  | 3169     | 563     | 1335  | 5142  | 1840 | 6725  | 2070 | 2701 | 26584 |
|                  | Female | % share of females 60 and above | 10,4  | 10,4     | 11,1    | 10,6  | 9,7   | 9,6  | 9,6   | 8,3  | 9,2  | 9,8   |
|                  |        | Females 60 and above            | 335   | 367      | 69      | 151   | 539   | 180  | 626   | 180  | 273  | 2718  |
|                  |        | Total female population         | 3207  | 3523     | 619     | 1428  | 5546  | 1863 | 6543  | 2166 | 2953 | 27849 |
|                  | Both   | % share of persons 60 and above | 9,4   | 8,7      | 9,1     | 8,9   | 7,8   | 8,2  | 8,1   | 6,8  | 7,3  | 8,2   |
|                  |        | Population 60 and above         | 589   | 585      | 108     | 246   | 831   | 302  | 1077  | 289  | 415  | 4442  |
|                  |        | Total population                | 6246  | 6693     | 1182    | 2763  | 10688 | 3703 | 13268 | 4236 | 5654 | 54432 |
| Geo-type         | Male   |                                 | Urban | Rural    | RSA     |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                  |        | % share of males 60 and above   | 6,8   | 5,9      | 6,5     |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                  |        | Males 60 and above              | 1167  | 557      | 1724    |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                  | Female | % share of females 60 and above | 9,6   | 10,1     | 9,8     |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                  |        | Females 60 and above            | 1675  | 1043     | 2718    |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                  |        | Total female population         | 17537 | 10310    | 27849   |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                  | Both   | % share of persons 60 and above | 8,2   | 8,1      | 8,2     |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                  |        | Population 60 and above         | 2841  | 1601     | 4442    |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |
|                  |        | Total population                | 34647 | 19785    | 54432   |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |
| Population group | Male   |                                 | Black | Coloured | Indian/ | White | RSA   |      |       |      |      |       |
|                  |        | % share of males 60 and above   | 5,0   | 7,1      | 10,2    | 19,0  | 6,5   |      |       |      |      |       |
|                  |        | Males 60 and above              | 1066  | 168      | 70      | 420   | 1724  |      |       |      |      |       |
|                  | Female | % share of females 60 and above | 8,2   | 9,3      | 13,0    | 23,8  | 9,8   |      |       |      |      |       |
|                  |        | Females 60 and above            | 1837  | 234      | 88      | 559   | 2718  |      |       |      |      |       |
|                  |        | Total female population         | 22318 | 2509     | 676     | 2346  | 27849 |      |       |      |      |       |
|                  | Both   | % share of persons 60 and above | 6,7   | 8,3      | 11,6    | 21,5  | 8,2   |      |       |      |      |       |
|                  |        | Population 60 and above         | 2903  | 402      | 158     | 979   | 4442  |      |       |      |      |       |
|                  |        | Total population                | 43645 | 4861     | 1366    | 4561  | 54432 |      |       |      |      |       |

Source: GHS 2015

## 4.2 Older persons: Household characteristics

**Table 4.2.1: Percentage distribution of households headed by persons 60 years and older by sex of the household head, 2015**

| Disaggregation |                       | WC    | EC    | NC       | FS           | KZN   | NW    | GP    | MP    | LP    | RSA   |  |
|----------------|-----------------------|-------|-------|----------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| Province       | Male                  | 54.4  | 39.9  | 42.6     | 42.3         | 38.7  | 44.5  | 49.3  | 42.7  | 36.3  | 43.8  |  |
|                | Female                | 45.6  | 60.1  | 57.4     | 57.7         | 61.3  | 55.5  | 50.7  | 57.3  | 63.7  | 56.2  |  |
|                | Older persons-        | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0    | 100.0        | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |
|                | Older persons-        | 369   | 450   | 74       | 194          | 626   | 237   | 747   | 223   | 332   | 3251  |  |
| Geo-type       |                       | Urban | Rural | Both     |              |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |
|                | Male                  | 48.1  | 37.7  | 43.8     |              |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |
|                | Female                | 51.9  | 62.3  | 56.2     |              |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |
|                | Older persons-        | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0    |              |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |
|                | Older persons-        | 1926  | 1325  | 3251     |              |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |
|                | Head population group |       | Black | Coloured | Indian/Asian | White | RSA   |       |       |       |       |  |
| Male           |                       | 38.5  | 50.6  | 66.7     | 59.8         | 43.8  |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| Female         |                       | 61.6  | 49.5  | 33.3     | 40.3         | 56.2  |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| Older persons- |                       | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0    | 100.0        | 100.0 |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| Older persons- |                       | 2351  | 244   | 86       | 570          | 3251  |       |       |       |       |       |  |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 4.2.2: Mean Ratio of Children to Older persons in older person-headed households by sex of the household head and province, 2015**

| Disaggregation        | HH Composition | WC   | EC   | NC   | FS   | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | RSA  |
|-----------------------|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Head sex and Province | Male           | 0,30 | 1,03 | 0,73 | 0,70 | 0,98 | 0,84 | 0,40 | 1,29 | 1,15 | 0,75 |
|                       | Female         | 0,62 | 1,57 | 1,25 | 1,32 | 1,77 | 1,25 | 1,02 | 1,70 | 1,53 | 1,37 |
|                       | Both           | 0,45 | 1,36 | 1,03 | 1,06 | 1,47 | 1,07 | 0,71 | 1,53 | 1,39 | 1,10 |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 4.2.3: Percentage distribution of persons aged 60 years and older living across different types of intergenerational households, 2015**

| Disaggregation   | Intergenerational | WC    | EC       | NC           | FS    | KZN   | NW    | GP    | MP    | LP    | RSA   |
|------------------|-------------------|-------|----------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Province         | Single generation | 32,8  | 10,2     | 15,9         | 16,7  | 13,4  | 16,9  | 27,9  | 13,2  | 7,9   | 19,0  |
|                  | Double generation | 27,2  | 14,8     | 21,7         | 20,9  | 17,9  | 19,2  | 24,7  | 18,3  | 17,6  | 20,7  |
|                  | Triple generation | 23,3  | 39,0     | 34,6         | 32,6  | 42,0  | 33,3  | 23,5  | 41,7  | 42,3  | 33,3  |
|                  | Skip generation   | 3,8   | 23,3     | 11,5         | 15,9  | 16,4  | 13,9  | 10,9  | 15,4  | 21,7  | 14,4  |
|                  | Other             | 12,9  | 12,7     | 16,3         | 13,9  | 10,4  | 16,8  | 13,1  | 11,5  | 10,5  | 12,5  |
|                  | Per cent          | 100,0 | 100,0    | 100,0        | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 |
|                  | Total             | 589   | 585      | 108          | 246   | 831   | 302   | 1076  | 289   | 413   | 4440  |
| Geo-type         |                   | Urban | Rural    | RSA          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Single generation | 24,9  | 8,5      | 19,0         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Double generation | 24,2  | 14,5     | 20,7         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Triple generation | 27,1  | 44,5     | 33,3         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Skip generation   | 10,3  | 21,8     | 14,4         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Other             | 13,5  | 10,8     | 12,5         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Per cent          | 100,0 | 100,0    | 100,0        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Total             | 2840  | 1600     | 4440         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Population group |                   | Black | Coloured | Asian/Indian | White | Total |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Single generation | 8,4   | 13,6     | 28,5         | 51,1  | 19,0  |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Double generation | 17,5  | 32,4     | 37,2         | 22,7  | 20,7  |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Triple generation | 42,7  | 37,9     | 20,4         | 5,9   | 33,3  |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Skip generation   | 19,7  | 9,0      | 4,8          | 2,6   | 14,4  |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Other             | 11,7  | 7,2      | 9,2          | 17,7  | 12,5  |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Per cent          | 100,0 | 100,0    | 100,0        | 100,0 | 100,0 |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Total             | 2901  | 402      | 158          | 979   | 4440  |       |       |       |       |       |
| Sex              |                   | Male  | Female   | Both         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Single generation | 26,2  | 14,5     | 19,0         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Double generation | 22,6  | 19,5     | 20,7         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Triple generation | 29,2  | 36,0     | 33,3         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Skip generation   | 8,8   | 18,0     | 14,4         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Other             | 13,3  | 12,1     | 12,5         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Per cent          | 100,0 | 100,0    | 100,0        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                  | Total             | 1724  | 2716     | 4440         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |

Source: GHS 2015

\*totals exclude unspecified cases

**Table 4.2.4: Percentage distribution of household composition of households headed by persons 60 years and older, 2015**

| Disaggregation   | HH Composition   | WC     | EC       | NC           | FS    | KZN   | NW    | GP    | MP    | LP    | RSA   |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------|------------------|--------|----------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Province         | Single           | 21,6   | 15,9     | 22,8         | 18,2  | 13,4  | 18,7  | 18,4  | 16,4  | 12,9  | 16,9  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Nuclear          | 43,4   | 17,2     | 22,3         | 24,2  | 20,5  | 24,1  | 35,0  | 17,7  | 16,1  | 25,9  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Extended         | 28,9   | 65,7     | 52,7         | 55,5  | 64,2  | 55,3  | 45,5  | 64,3  | 70,0  | 55,3  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Complex          | 6,1    | 1,2      | 2,2          | 2,1   | 1,9   | 1,9   | 1,1   | 1,5   | 1,0   | 2,0   |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Per cent         | 100,0  | 100,0    | 100,0        | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 100,0 |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Total (Thousand) | 369    | 448      | 73           | 193   | 623   | 237   | 740   | 222   | 331   | 3236  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population group |                  | Black/ | Coloured | Asian/Indian | White | RSA   |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Single           | 14,1   | 9,0      | 14,4         | 32,3  | 16,9  |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Nuclear          | 17,5   | 32,5     | 58,0         | 53,0  | 25,9  |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Extended         | 67,0   | 54,1     | 26,8         | 11,7  | 55,3  |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Complex          | 1,5    | 4,5      | 0,9          | 3,1   | 2,0   |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Per cent         | 100,0  | 100,0    | 100,0        | 100,0 | 100,0 |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Total (Thousand) | 2341   | 243      | 85           | 567   | 3236  |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Geo-type         |                  | Urban  | Rural    | RSA          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Single           | 19,1   | 13,6     | 16,9         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Nuclear          | 33,2   | 15,3     | 25,9         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Extended         | 45,2   | 69,8     | 55,3         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Complex          | 2,5    | 1,4      | 2,0          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Per cent         | 100,0  | 100,0    | 100,0        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Total (Thousand) | 1925   | 1325     | 3249         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Head sex         |                  | Male   | Female   | RSA          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Single           | 14,8   | 18,5     | 16,9         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Nuclear          | 42,6   | 12,8     | 25,9         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Extended         | 40,2   | 67,0     | 55,3         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Complex          | 2,4    | 1,7      | 2,0          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Per cent         | 100,0  | 100,0    | 100,0        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Total (Thousand) | 1419   | 1818     | 3236         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |  |  |  |  |

Source: GHS 2015

\*totals exclude unspecified cases



### 4.3 Older persons: Income, poverty, economic activity and social grants

**Table 4.3.1: Percentage of older persons who are beneficiaries of social grants, 2015**

| Disaggregation   |         | WC    | EC       | NC           | FS    | KZN   | NW   | GP    | MP   | LP   | RSA   |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------|---------|-------|----------|--------------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Province         | N('000) | 589   | 585      | 108          | 246   | 831   | 302  | 1 077 | 289  | 415  | 4 442 |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | %       | 48,9  | 82,3     | 77,3         | 70,9  | 79,9  | 79,7 | 54,4  | 77,5 | 89,0 | 70,0  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population group |         | Black | Coloured | Indian/Asian | White | RSA   |      |       |      |      |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | N('000) | 2 903 | 402      | 158          | 979   | 4 442 |      |       |      |      |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | %       | 84,8  | 82,4     | 72,7         | 20,6  | 70,0  |      |       |      |      |       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sex              |         | Male  | Female   | Both         |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | N('000) | 1 724 | 2 718    | 4 442        |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | %       | 61,8  | 75,3     | 70,0         |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Geo-type         |         | Urban | Rural    | RSA          |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | N('000) | 2 842 | 1 601    | 4 442        |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | %       | 59,7  | 88,5     | 70,0         |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |  |  |  |  |  |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 4.3.2: Labour force participation rate of older persons, 2015**

| Disaggregation   |        | WC    | EC       | NC      | FS    | KZN  | NW  | GP   | MP   | LP   | RSA  |
|------------------|--------|-------|----------|---------|-------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|
| Province         | Male   | 23,3  | 15,9     | 17,0    | 19,2  | 16,3 | 8,5 | 30,0 | 25,1 | 15,8 | 21,3 |
|                  | Female | 13,4  | 4,5      | 7,5     | 10,4  | 8,0  | 5,8 | 14,8 | 10,4 | 9,2  | 10,0 |
|                  | Both   | 17,6  | 8,8      | 11,2    | 13,8  | 10,7 | 6,8 | 21,4 | 16,6 | 11,3 | 14,4 |
| Geo-type         |        | Urban | Rural    | RSA     |       |      |     |      |      |      |      |
|                  | Male   | 25,0  | 13,4     | 21,3    |       |      |     |      |      |      |      |
|                  | Female | 12,3  | 6,3      | 10,0    |       |      |     |      |      |      |      |
|                  | Both   | 17,5  | 8,7      | 14,4    |       |      |     |      |      |      |      |
| Population group |        | Black | Coloured | Indian/ | White | RSA  |     |      |      |      |      |
|                  | Male   | 16,7  | 15,1     | 21,2    | 35,4  | 21,3 |     |      |      |      |      |
|                  | Female | 8,8   | 6,3      | 4,3     | 16,1  | 10,0 |     |      |      |      |      |
|                  | Both   | 11,7  | 10,0     | 11,8    | 24,4  | 14,4 |     |      |      |      |      |

Source: QLFS Q3 2015

**Table 4.3.3: Unemployment rate of older persons, 2015**

| Disaggregation   |        | WC    | EC       | NC      | FS    | KZN | NW  | GP  | MP  | LP  | RSA |
|------------------|--------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Province         | Male   | 3,3   | 8,0      | 3,8     | 4,6   | 2,8 | 0,0 | 9,3 | 3,5 | 3,9 | 6,0 |
|                  | Female | 6,0   | 3,1      | 0,0     | 3,5   | 4,3 | 0,0 | 8,4 | 7,6 | 2,4 | 5,6 |
|                  | Both   | 4,5   | 6,4      | 2,3     | 4,1   | 3,6 | 0,0 | 8,9 | 4,9 | 3,1 | 5,9 |
| Geo-type         |        | Urban | Rural    | RSA     |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|                  | Male   | 6,6   | 3,8      | 6,0     |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|                  | Female | 7,1   | 1,0      | 5,6     |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|                  | Both   | 6,8   | 2,5      | 5,9     |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Population group |        | Black | Coloured | Indian/ | White | RSA |     |     |     |     |     |
|                  | Male   | 9,2   | 3,3      | 8,1     | 2,5   | 6,0 |     |     |     |     |     |
|                  | Female | 6,2   | 4,6      | 16,8    | 4,2   | 5,6 |     |     |     |     |     |
|                  | Both   | 7,8   | 3,8      | 9,8     | 3,1   | 5,9 |     |     |     |     |     |

Source: QLFS Q3 2015

**Table 4.3.4: Absorption rate of older persons, 2015**

| Disaggregation   |        | WC    | EC       | NC      | FS    | KZN  | NW  | GP   | MP   | LP   | RSA  |
|------------------|--------|-------|----------|---------|-------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|
| Province         | Male   | 22,5  | 14,7     | 16,4    | 18,4  | 15,9 | 8,5 | 27,2 | 24,2 | 15,2 | 20,0 |
|                  | Female | 12,6  | 4,4      | 7,5     | 10,1  | 7,6  | 5,8 | 13,5 | 9,6  | 9,0  | 9,4  |
|                  | Both   | 16,8  | 8,2      | 11,0    | 13,3  | 10,3 | 6,8 | 19,5 | 15,8 | 11,0 | 13,5 |
| Geo-type         |        | Urban | Rural    | RSA     |       |      |     |      |      |      |      |
|                  | Male   | 23,4  | 12,9     | 20,0    |       |      |     |      |      |      |      |
|                  | Female | 11,4  | 6,2      | 9,4     |       |      |     |      |      |      |      |
|                  | Both   | 16,3  | 8,5      | 13,5    |       |      |     |      |      |      |      |
| Population group |        | Black | Coloured | Indian/ | White | RSA  |     |      |      |      |      |
|                  | Male   | 15,2  | 14,6     | 19,4    | 34,5  | 20,0 |     |      |      |      |      |
|                  | Female | 8,3   | 6,0      | 3,6     | 15,4  | 9,4  |     |      |      |      |      |
|                  | Both   | 10,8  | 9,6      | 10,6    | 23,6  | 13,5 |     |      |      |      |      |

Source: QLFS Q3 2015

**Table 4.3.5: Inactivity rate of older persons, 2015**

| Disaggregation   |        | WC    | EC       | NC      | FS    | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | RSA  |
|------------------|--------|-------|----------|---------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Province         | Male   | 76,7  | 84,1     | 83,0    | 80,8  | 83,7 | 91,5 | 70,0 | 74,9 | 84,2 | 78,7 |
|                  | Female | 86,6  | 95,5     | 92,5    | 89,6  | 92,0 | 94,2 | 85,2 | 89,6 | 90,8 | 90,0 |
|                  | Both   | 82,4  | 91,2     | 88,8    | 86,2  | 89,3 | 93,2 | 78,6 | 83,4 | 88,7 | 85,6 |
| Geo-type         |        | Urban | Rural    | RSA     |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | Male   | 75,0  | 86,6     | 78,7    |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | Female | 87,7  | 93,7     | 90,0    |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | Both   | 82,5  | 91,3     | 85,6    |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Population group |        | Black | Coloured | Indian/ | White | RSA  |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | Male   | 83,3  | 84,9     | 78,8    | 64,6  | 78,7 |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | Female | 91,2  | 93,7     | 95,7    | 83,9  | 90,0 |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | Both   | 88,3  | 90,0     | 88,2    | 75,6  | 85,6 |      |      |      |      |      |

Source: QLF5 Q3 2015

**Table 4.3.6: Older persons living in households without an employed adult, 2015**

| Disaggregation   |        |         | WC    | EC       | NC           | FS    | KZN   | NW   | GP    | MP   | LP   | RSA   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------|--------|---------|-------|----------|--------------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Province         | Male   | N('000) | 254   | 219      | 39           | 95    | 292   | 122  | 450   | 109  | 142  | 1 724 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  |        | %       | 39,6  | 60,7     | 61,0         | 47,3  | 47,7  | 55,4 | 39,8  | 45,9 | 60,1 | 47,8  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Female | N('000) | 335   | 367      | 68           | 151   | 539   | 180  | 626   | 180  | 272  | 2 718 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  |        | %       | 38,4  | 68,8     | 58,4         | 57,7  | 52,3  | 54,3 | 43,9  | 49,0 | 65,2 | 52,5  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Both   | N('000) | 589   | 585      | 108          | 246   | 831   | 302  | 1 077 | 289  | 415  | 4 442 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  |        | %       | 38,9  | 65,8     | 59,3         | 53,7  | 50,7  | 54,7 | 42,2  | 47,8 | 63,5 | 50,7  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population group |        |         | Black | Coloured | Indian/Asian | White | RSA   |      |       |      |      |       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Male   | '000    | 1 066 | 168      | 70           | 420   | 1 724 |      |       |      |      |       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  |        | N('000) | 51,4  | 34,5     | 37,0         | 45,8  | 47,8  |      |       |      |      |       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Female | '000    | 1 837 | 234      | 88           | 559   | 2 718 |      |       |      |      |       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  |        | %       | 56,1  | 28,3     | 37,9         | 53,3  | 52,5  |      |       |      |      |       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Both   | N('000) | 2 903 | 402      | 158          | 979   | 4 442 |      |       |      |      |       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  |        | %       | 54,4  | 30,9     | 37,5         | 50,1  | 50,7  |      |       |      |      |       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Sex    |         |       | Male     | Female       | Both  |       |      |       |      |      |       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  |        | N('000) | 1 724 | 2 718    | 4 442        |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  |        | %       | 47,8  | 52,5     | 50,7         |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Geo-type         |        |         | Urban | Rural    | RSA          |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Male   | N('000) | 1 167 | 557      | 1 724        |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  |        | %       | 41,4  | 61,3     | 47,8         |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Female | N('000) | 1 675 | 1 043    | 2 718        |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  |        | %       | 45,4  | 64,0     | 52,5         |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Both   | '000    | 2 842 | 1 601    | 4 442        |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  |        | %       | 43,7  | 63,1     | 50,7         |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Source: GHS 2015

**Table 4.3.7: Percentage distribution of the main source of income for households headed by older persons, 2015**

| Disaggregation |                           | WC   | EC   | NC   | FS   | KZN  | NW   | GP   | MP   | LP   | RSA  |
|----------------|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                | Salaries/wages/commission | 34,5 | 16,2 | 11,9 | 29,5 | 23,3 | 20,2 | 40,6 | 16,8 | 12,5 | 26,8 |
|                | Remittances               | 0,7  | 1,0  | 0,0  | 1,3  | 2,9  | 1,2  | 1,8  | 1,5  | 0,8  | 1,5  |
|                | Social Grants             |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |

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