



stats sa

Department:
Statistics South Africa
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Quarterly Labour Force Survey (QLFS) Q2:2022

Risenga Maluleke
Statistician-General



statssa.gov.za



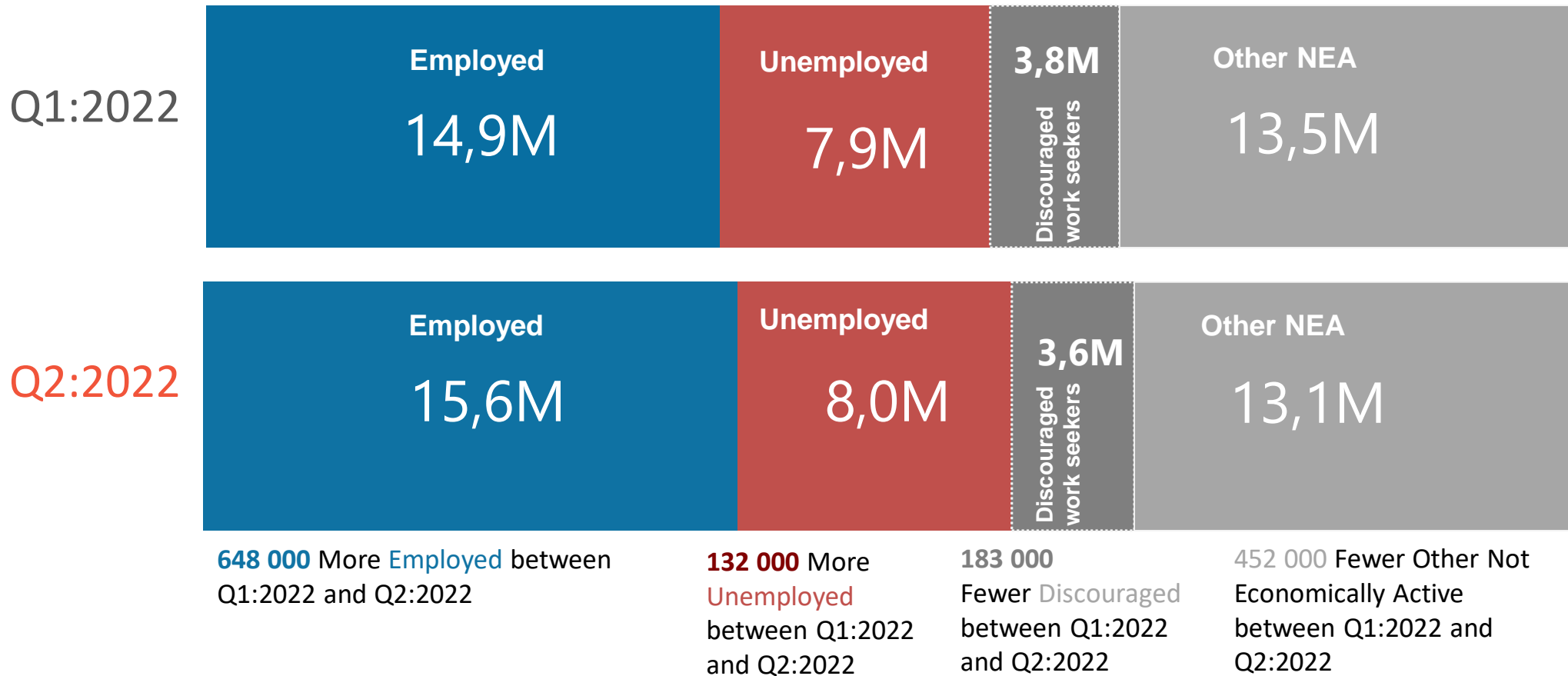
twitter.com/StatsSA



facebook.com/StatsSA

Both employed and unemployed persons increased in **Q2:2022**

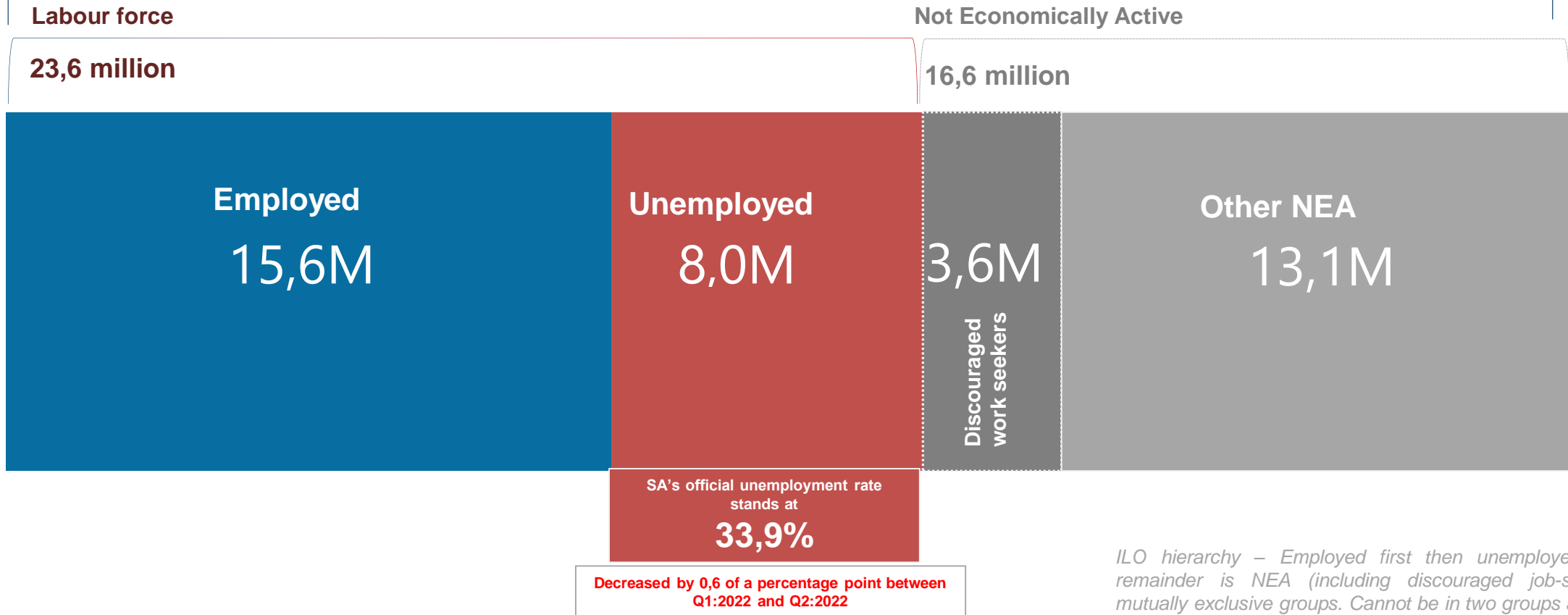
Not Economically Active (NEA)



There were about **648 thousand** more people employed in Q2:2022 than in Q1:2022

40,2 million

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

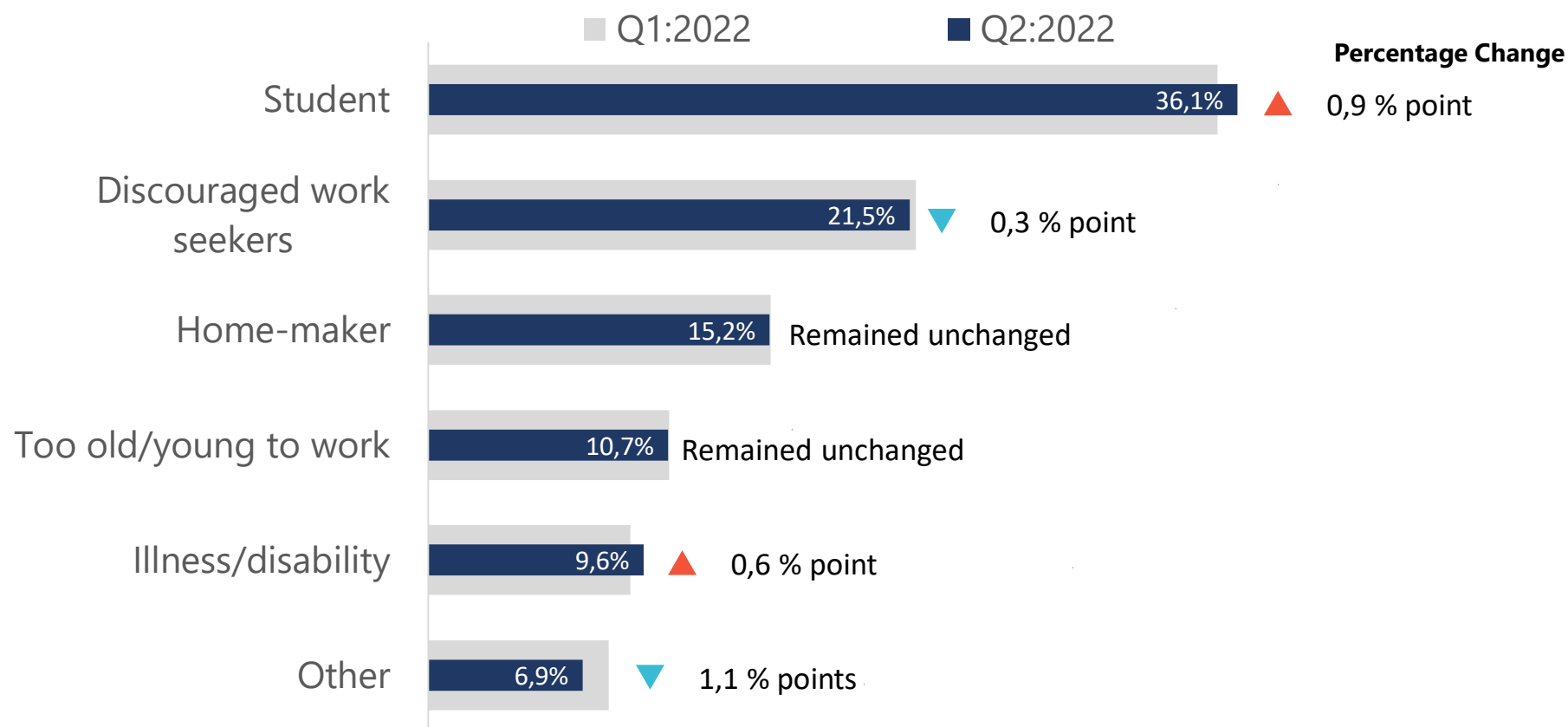


ILO hierarchy – Employed first then unemployed and the remainder is NEA (including discouraged job-seekers). 3 mutually exclusive groups. Cannot be in two groups at the same time.

Due to rounding numbers may not add up

The number of **Not Economically Active** persons **decreased by 635 000** in Q2:2022 compared to Q1:2022

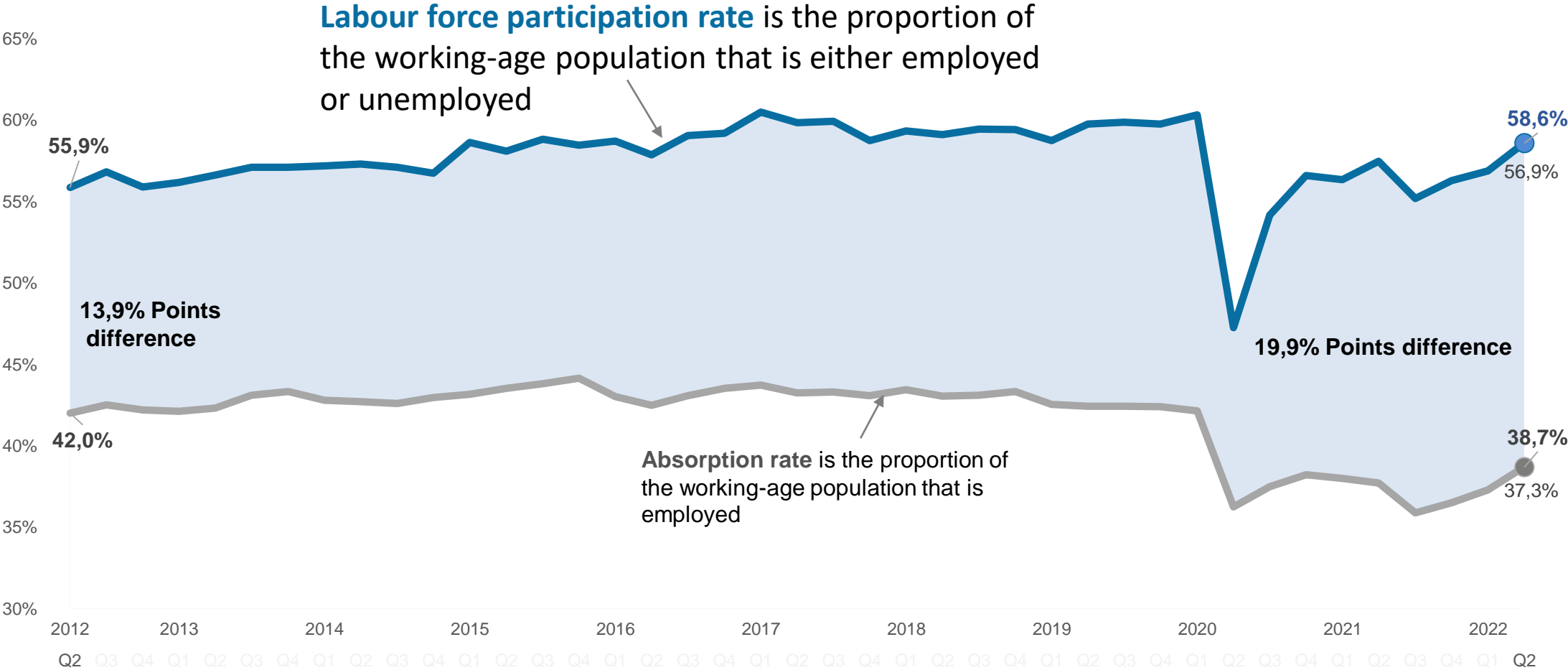
Characteristics of the not economically active, Q1:2022 vs Q2:2022



Quarter-on-quarter changes	
	Thousand
Student	-74
Homemaker	-102
Illness/disability	41
Too young/too old to work	-76
Discouraged work seekers	-183
Other	-241

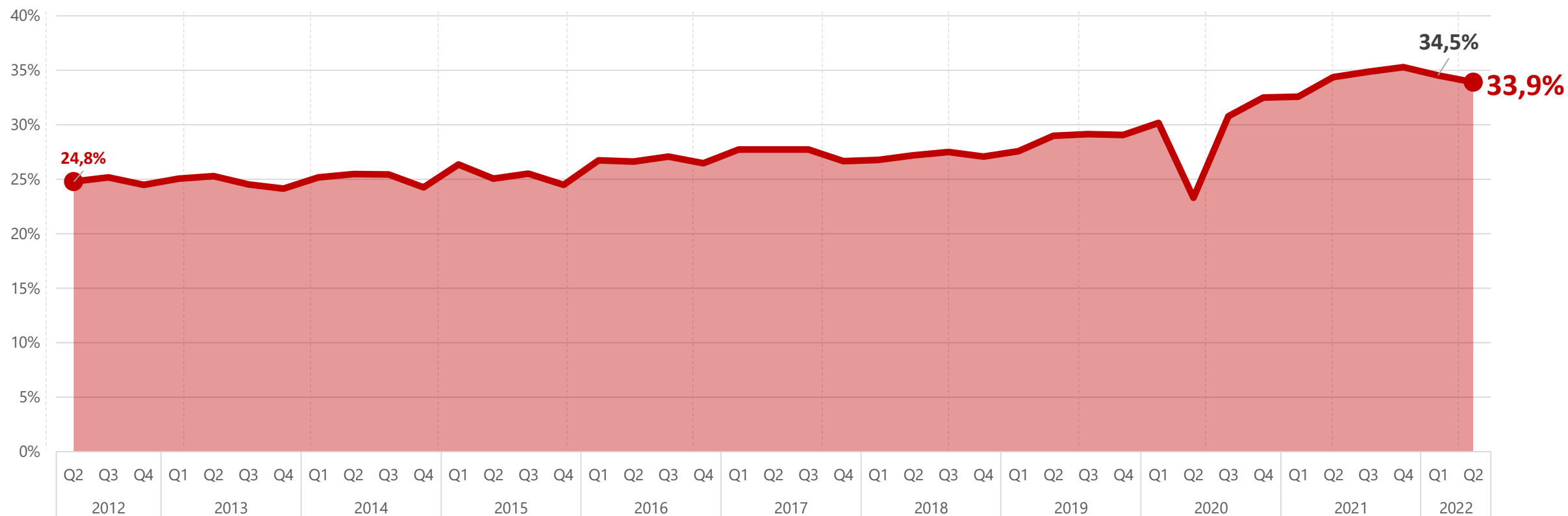
The **Labour force participation rate** increased by 1,7 percentage points from 56,9% in Q1:2022 to 58,6% in Q2:2022

Labour force participation and absorption rates Q2:2012-Q2:2022



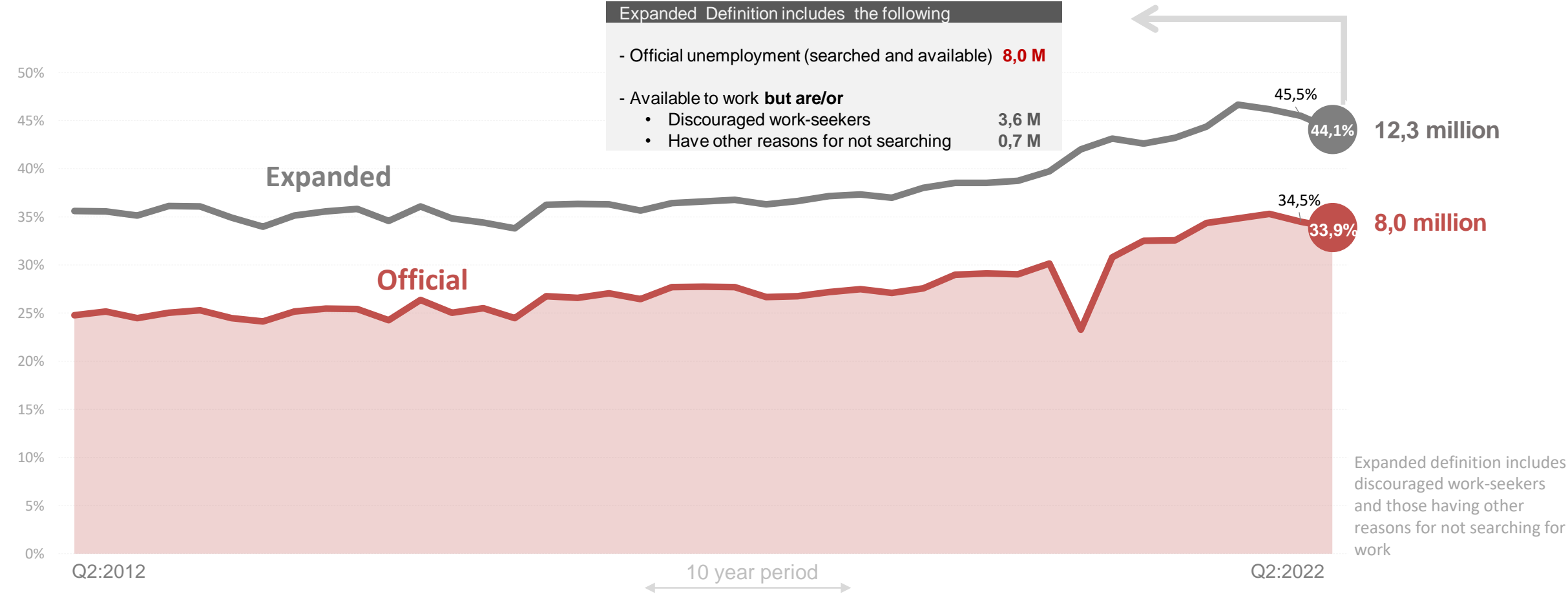
South Africa's **unemployment rate decreased** by 0,6 of a percentage point to **33,9%** in Q2:2022 compared to Q1:2022.

Unemployment rate: Q2:2012 to Q2:2022



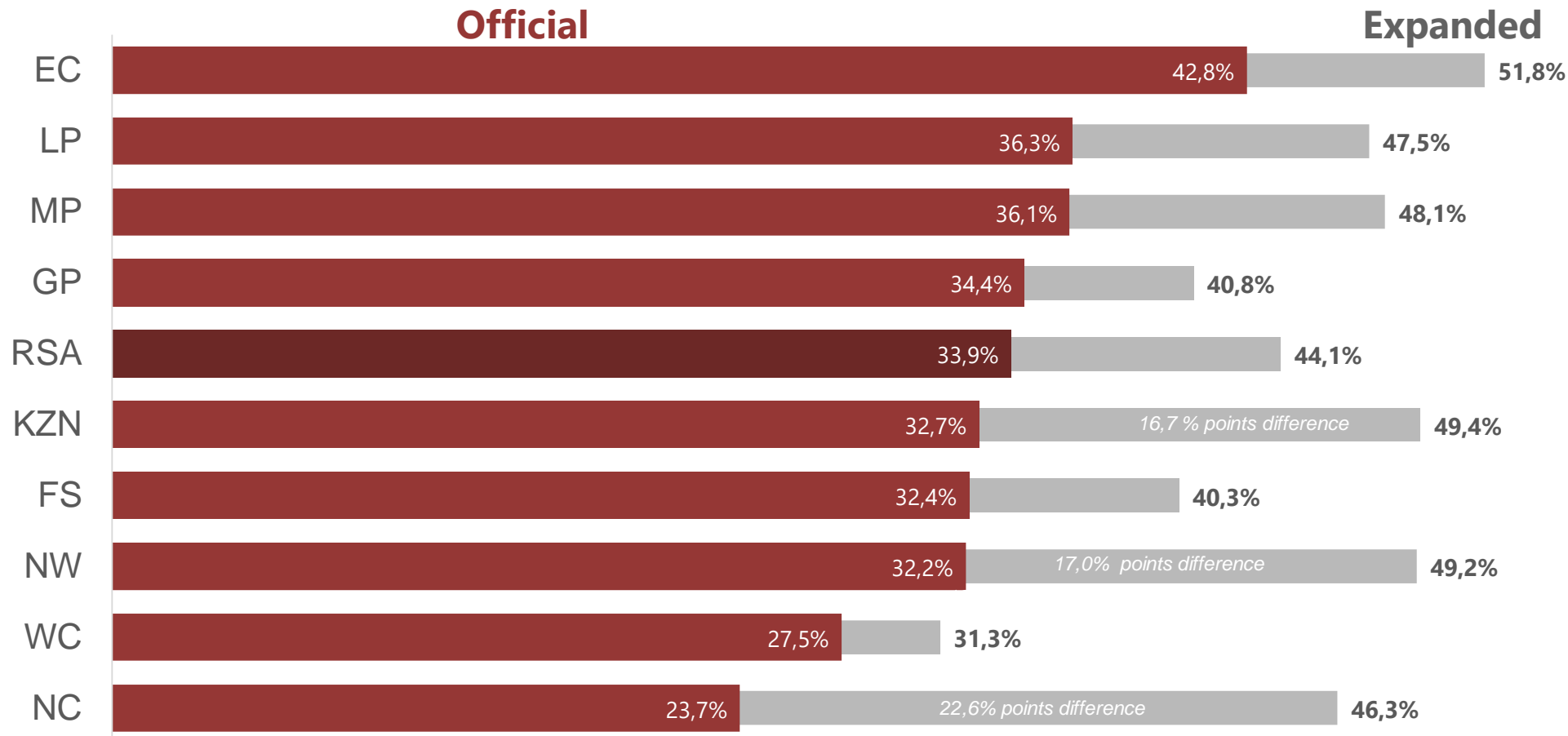
Expanded unemployment rate **decreased by 1,4** percentage points to **44,1%** in Q2:2022 compared to Q1:2022.

Official vs Expanded unemployment: Q2:2012-Q2:2022



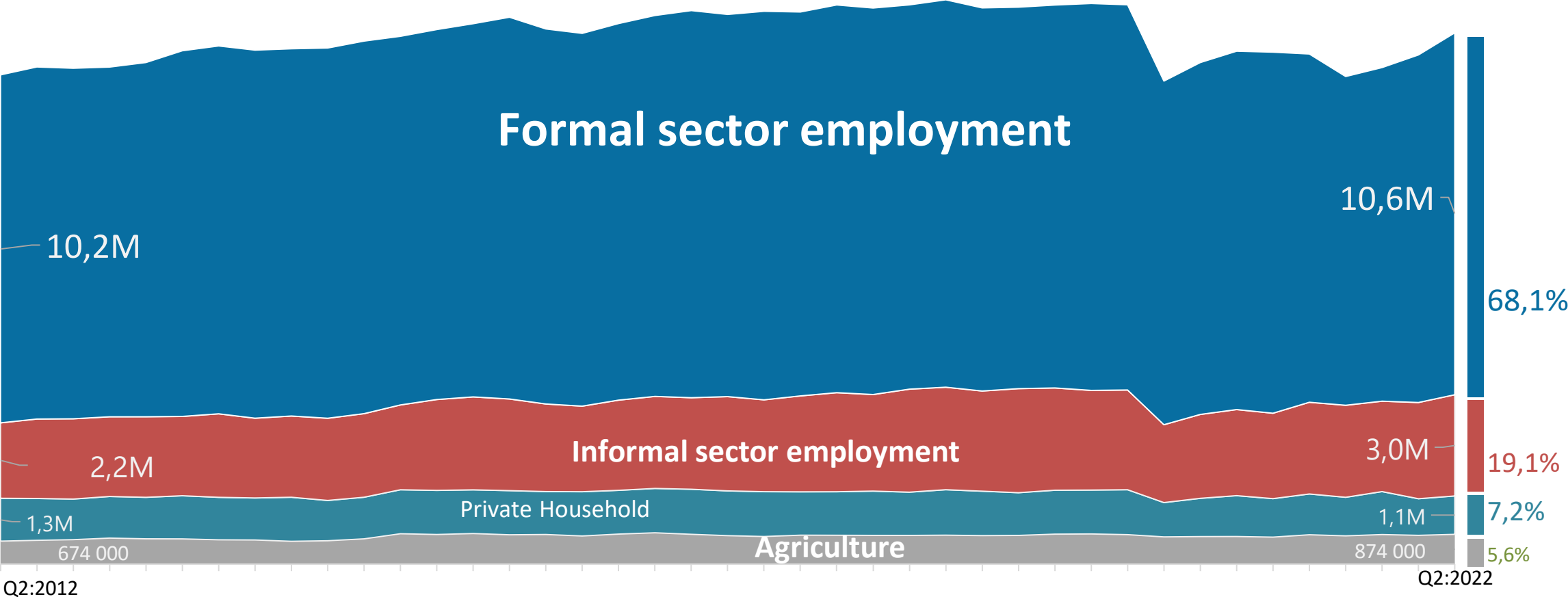
EC (51,8%) recorded the highest expanded unemployment rate in Q2:2022, followed by KZN (49,4%) and NW (49,2%). NC, NW and KZN recorded more than 15 percentage points difference between expanded and official unemployment rates.

Provincial unemployment rate: Official vs Expanded Q2:2022



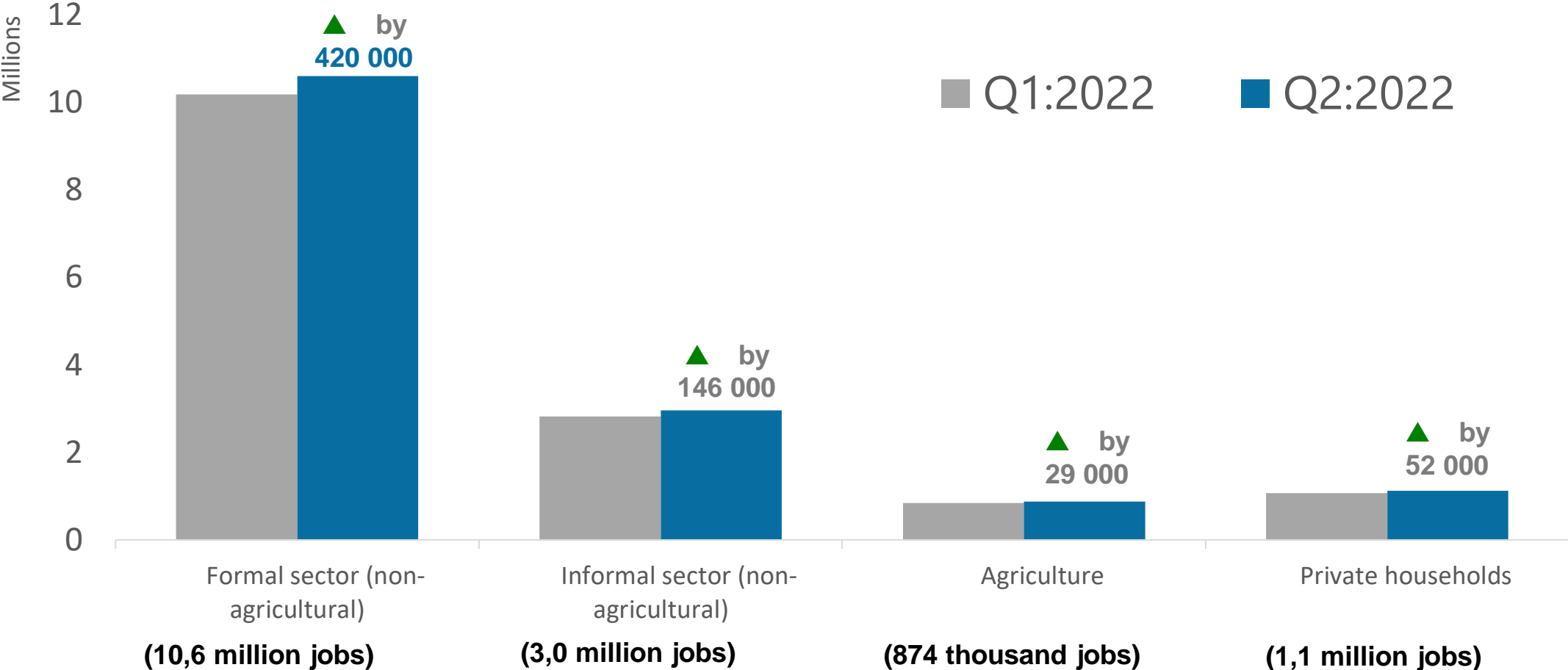
The **formal sector** in South Africa accounts for **68,1%** of total employment.

Employment share by sector, Q2:2012 to Q2:2022



Formal sector employment increased by **420 000** jobs between Q1:2022 and Q2:2022

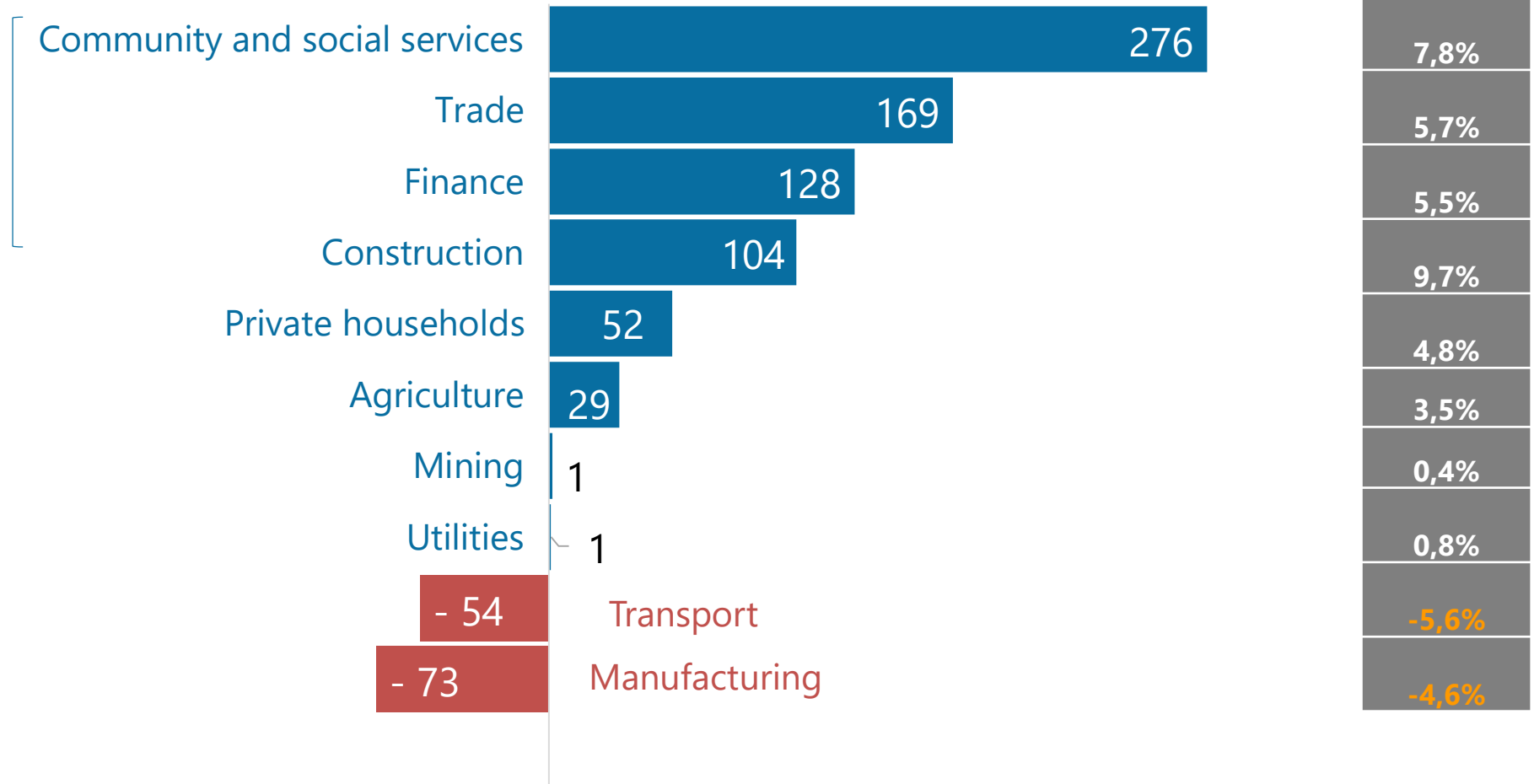
Employment changes by sector, (Quarter-on-quarter)



Employment **increased by 648 000** in Q2:2022 compared to Q1:2022.

Employment changes by industry, **Quarter-on-quarter change ('000)**

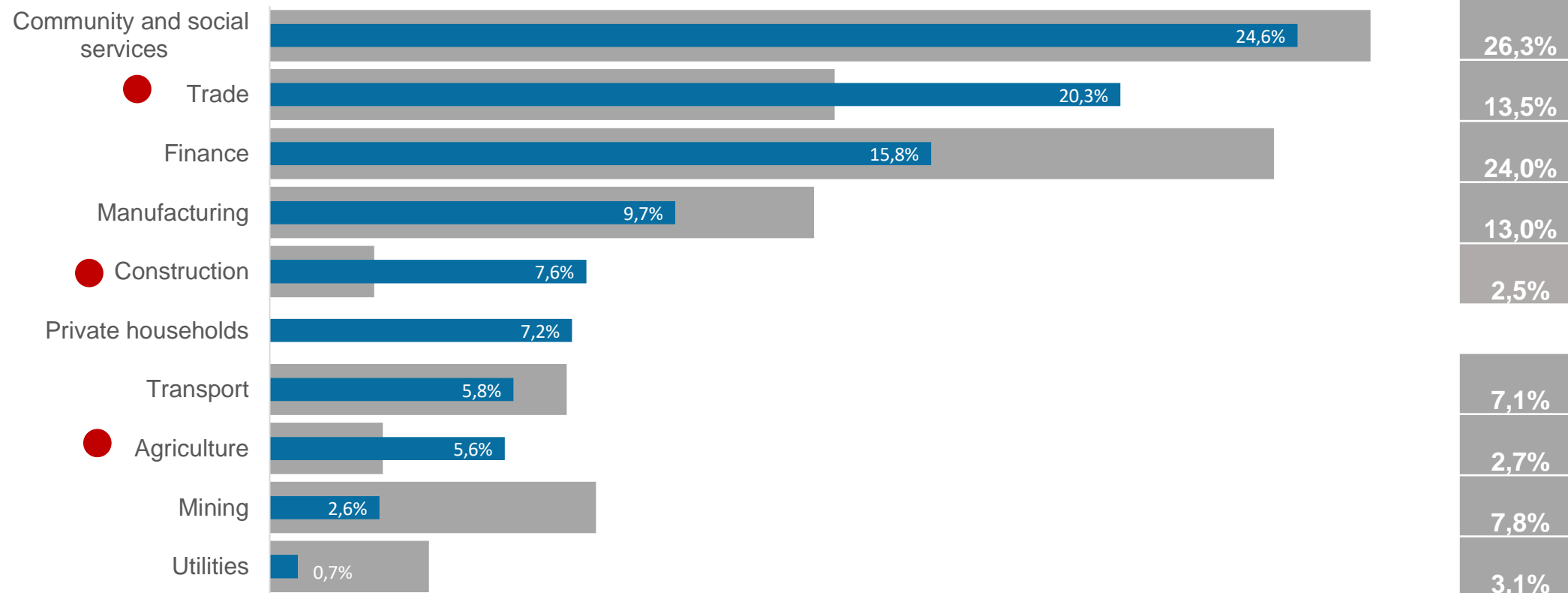
Increases in employment were mainly in **Community and social services, Trade, Finance and Construction**



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

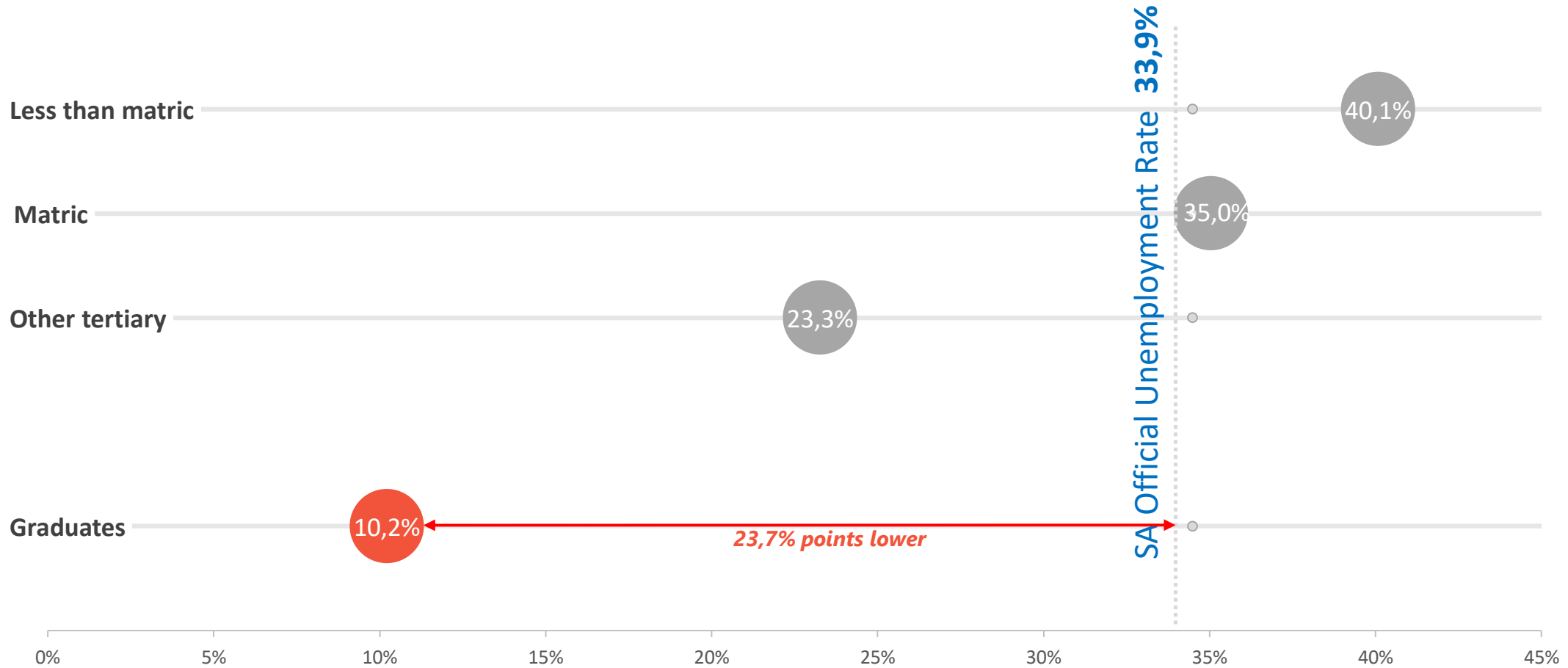
Employment and GDP share per industry

Employment shares, Q2:2022



Graduate unemployment rate (10.2%) is 23,7 percentage points lower than the national official unemployment rate

Official Unemployment rate Q2:2022

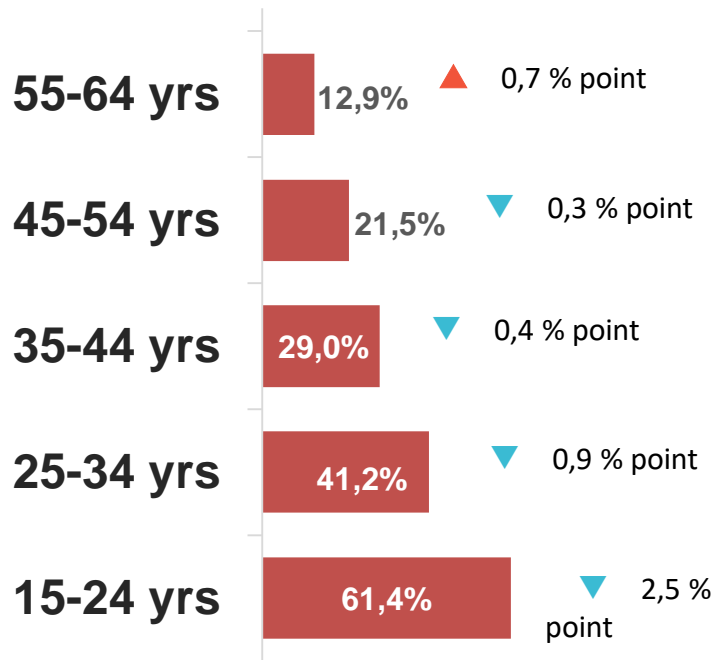


Youth aged 15-24 years and 25-34 years recorded the highest unemployment rates of 61,4% and 41,2% respectively

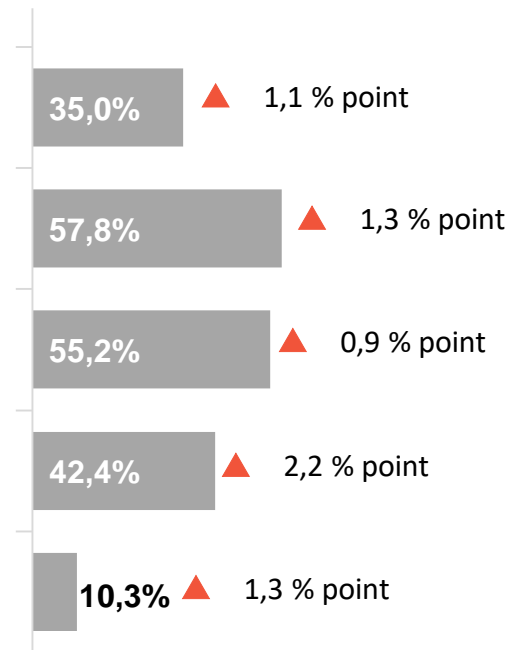
Labour market rates by age group, Q2:2022

▲ ▼ Change: Percentage points
Q1:2022 to Q2:2022

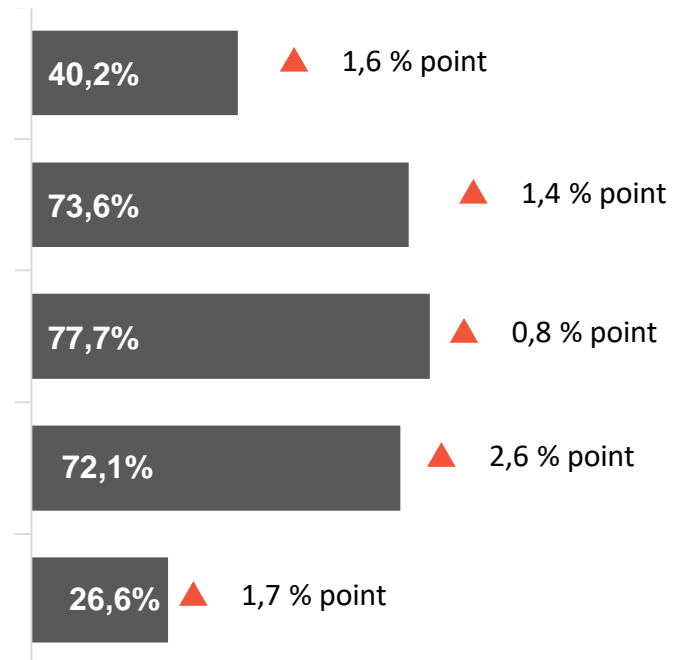
Unemployment rate



Absorption rate

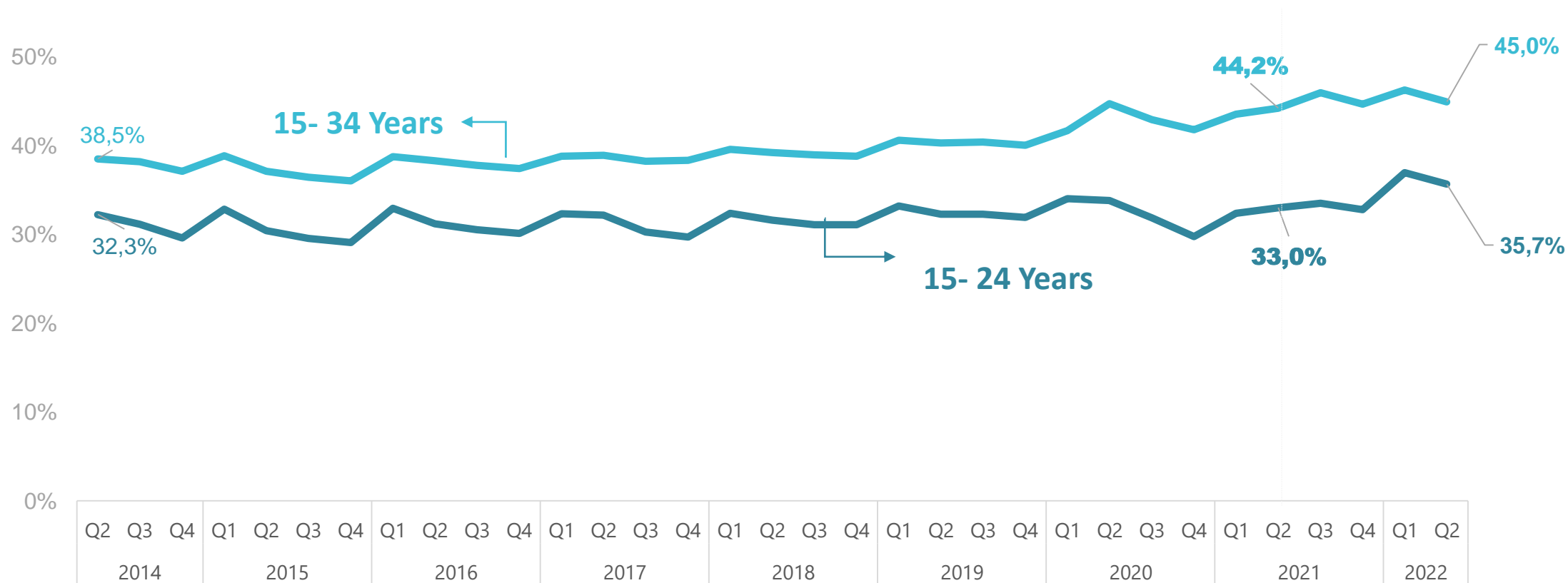


Participation rate



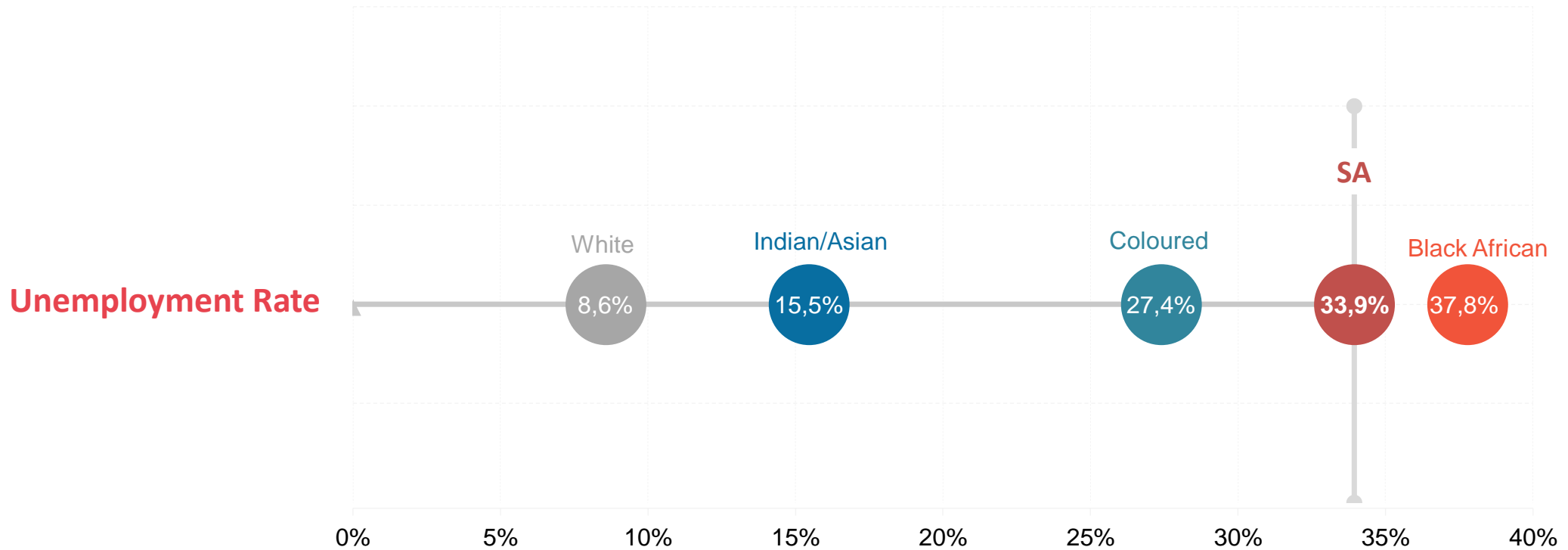
Approximately **3,7 million** (35,7%) out of 10,2 million young people **aged 15-24** years were not in employment, education or training (NEET). *The overall NEET rate increased by 2,7 percentage points in Q2:2022 compared to Q2:2021.*

2014-2022 NEET rate for ages 15-24 & 15-34,



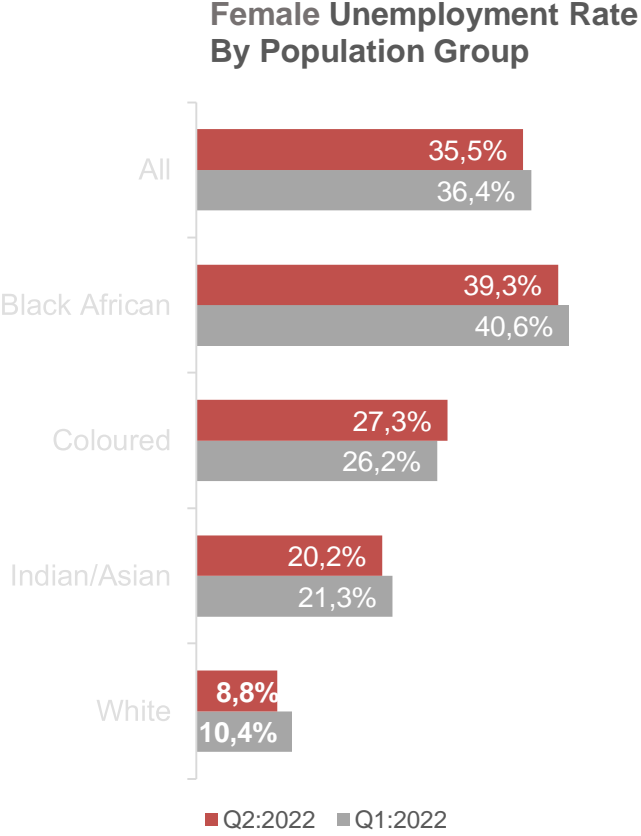
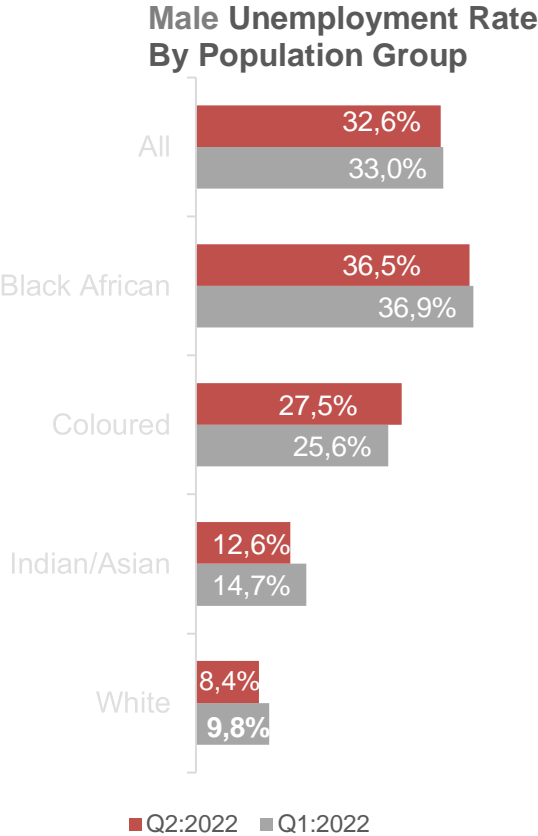
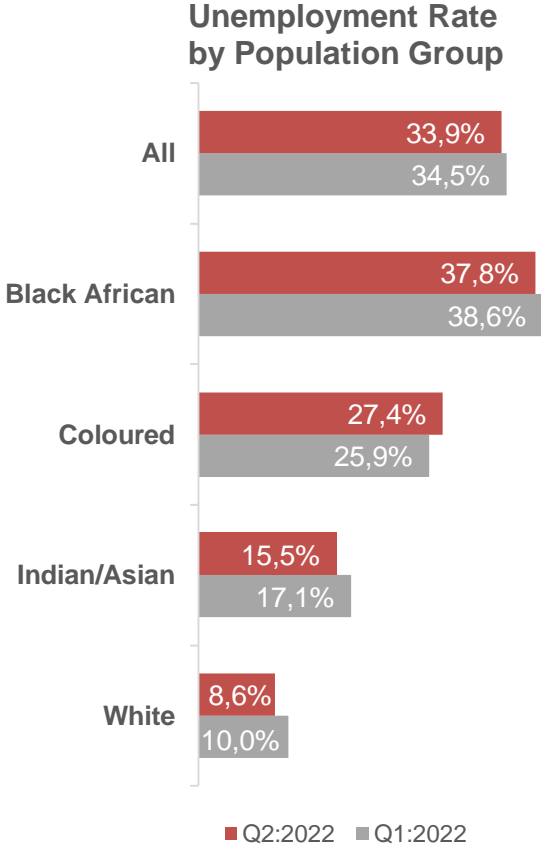
The unemployment rate among the **Black African (37,8%)** population group remains higher than the national average and other population groups.

OFFICIAL unemployment rate by population group, Q2:2022



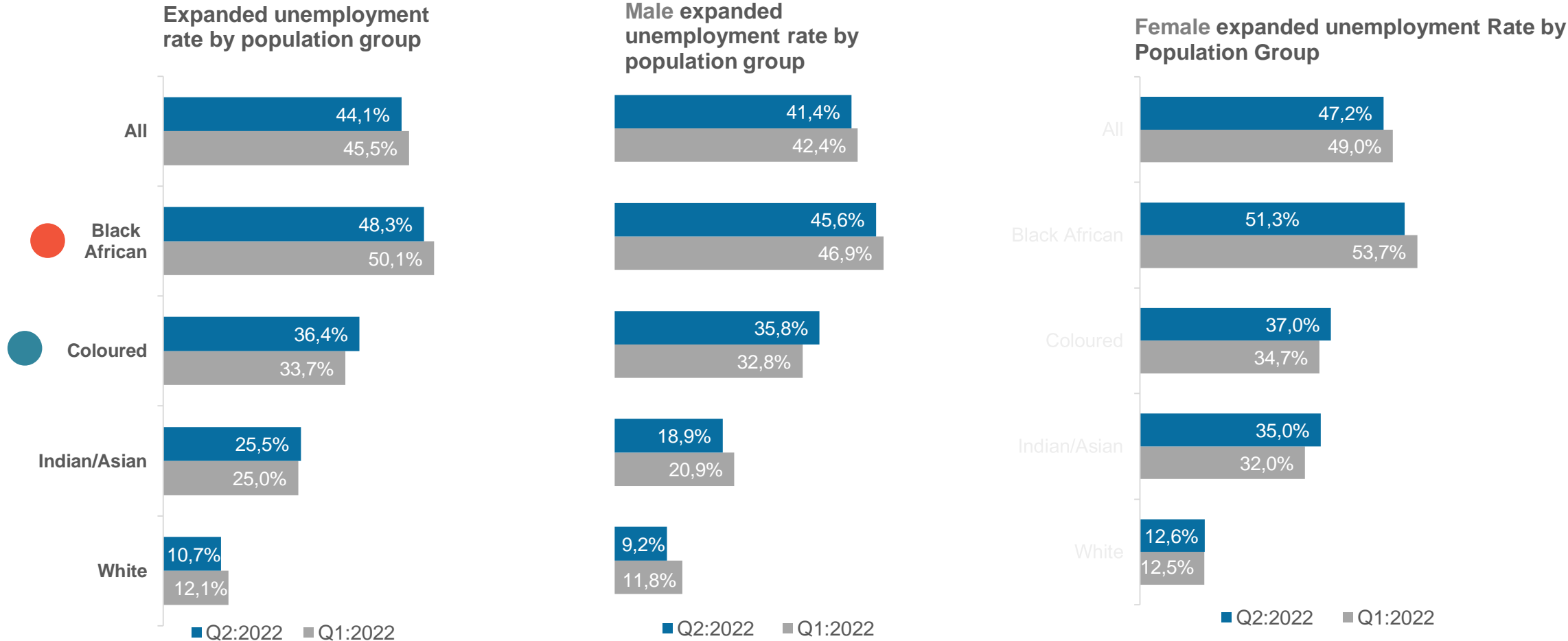
Black African women are the most vulnerable with an **unemployment rate of 39,3%** in Q2:2022. This is 3,8 percentage points higher than the national average for women at 35,5%.

OFFICIAL unemployment rate by population group and sex, Q2:2022



Black African and Coloured population groups remain vulnerable in the labour market.

EXPANDED unemployment rate by population group and sex



RECAP (QLFS, Q2:2022)

- ❖ Unemployment rate **decreased** by 0,6 of a percentage point to 33,9%. The Absorption rate (38,7%) and labour force participation rate (58,6%) increased by 1,4 and 1,7 percentage points respectively.
- ❖ The number of those **employed** and those **unemployed** increased by 648 000 and 132 000 respectively in Q2:2022 compared to Q1:2022. The not economically active decreased by 635 000 in the same quarter.
- ❖ The largest **employment gains** were recorded in Community and social services (276 000), Trade (169 000), Finance (128 000) and Construction (104 000).



NOW IN THE FIELD



- Geospatial Information Frame**
- Quarterly Labour Force Survey (Collected quarterly)**
- General Household Survey (January – December)**
- Domestic Tourism Survey (January – December)**
- Governance, Public Safety and Justice Survey (April 2022 - March 2023)**
- Consumer Price Index**

Upcoming Survey
Income and Expenditure Survey for 12 months
(November 2022 –November 2023)

CENSUS 2022



QLFS

Q2:2022

Ndzi hela kwala!



statssa.gov.za



twitter.com/StatsSA



facebook.com/StatsSA

