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Quarterly Labour Force Survey (QLFS) Q4:2022

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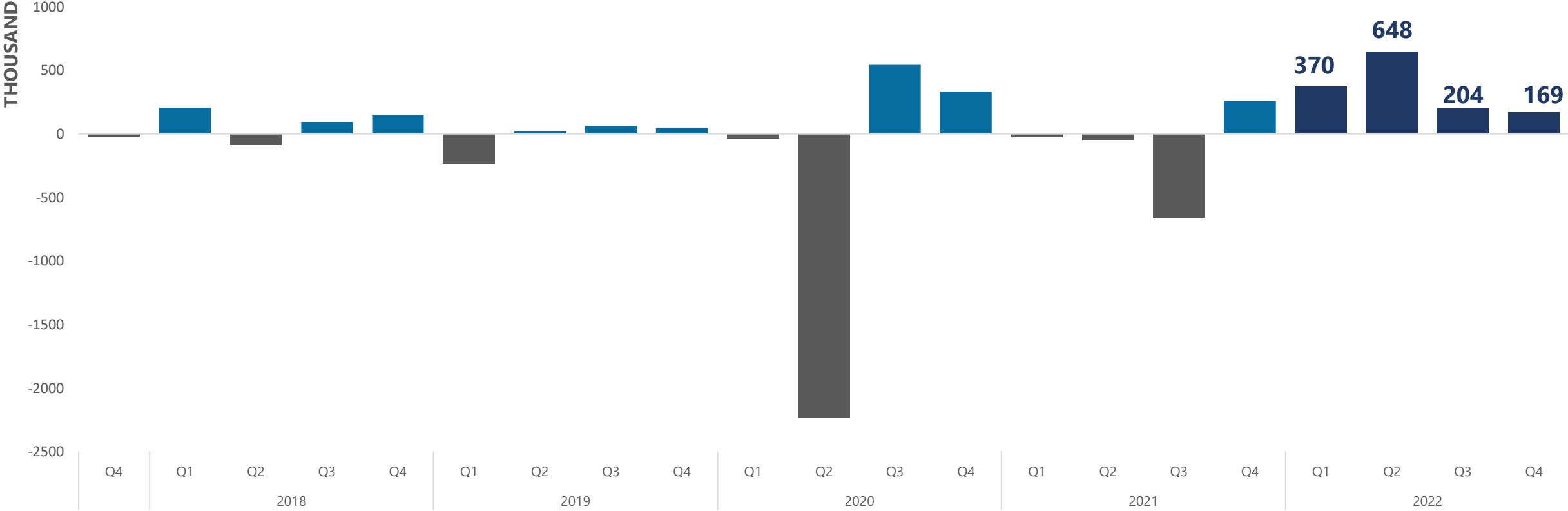


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Employment has been on the increase for four consecutive quarters of 2022.

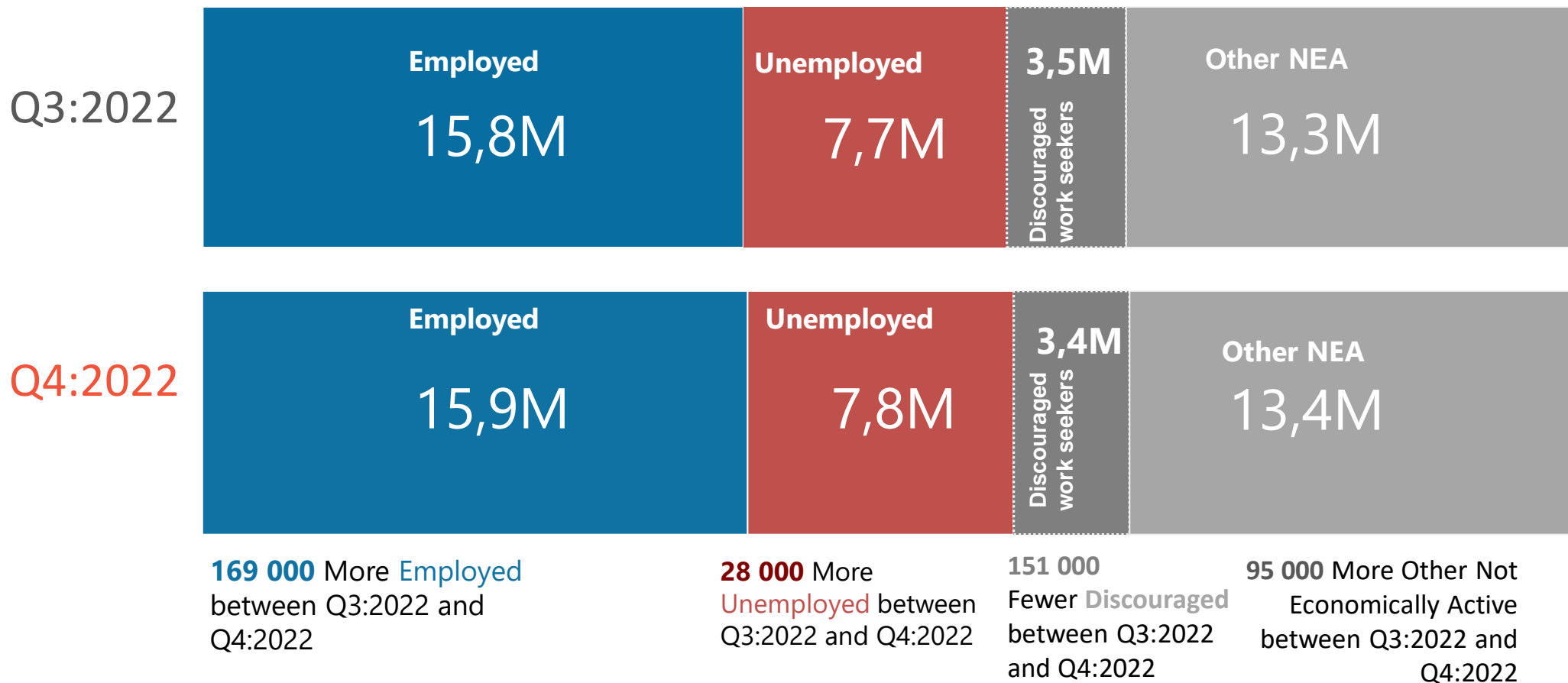
Increased by **169 000 from Q3: 2022 to 15,9 million** in Q4:2022

Employment changes absolute numbers Q1:2022-Q4:2022



There were about **28 thousand** more people who were unemployed in Q4:2022 than in Q3:2022

Not Economically Active (NEA)



There were about **169 thousand** more people employed in Q4:2022 than in Q3:2022

40,5 million

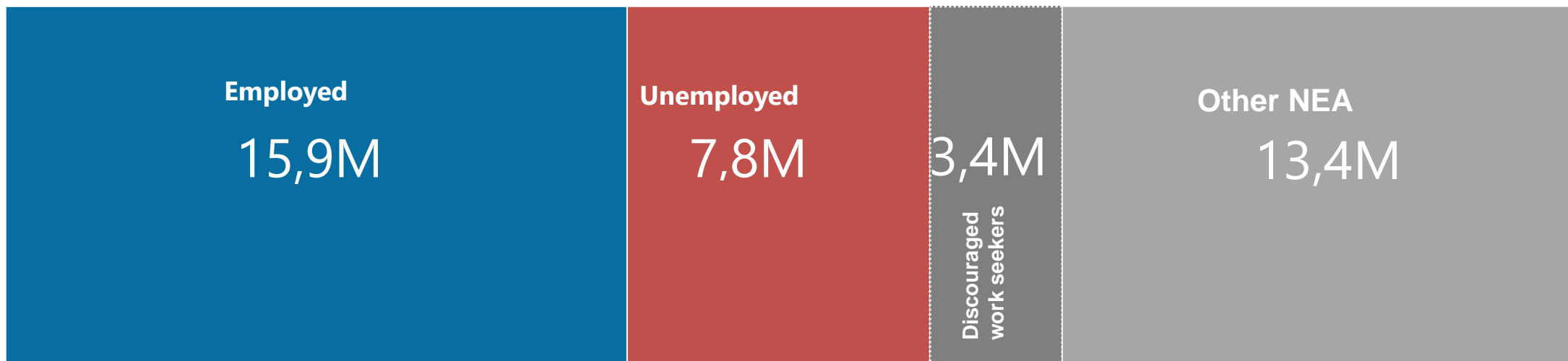
People of working age in South Africa (15 – 64-year-old)

Labour force

Not Economically Active

23,7 million

16,8 million



SA's official unemployment rate stands at

32,7%

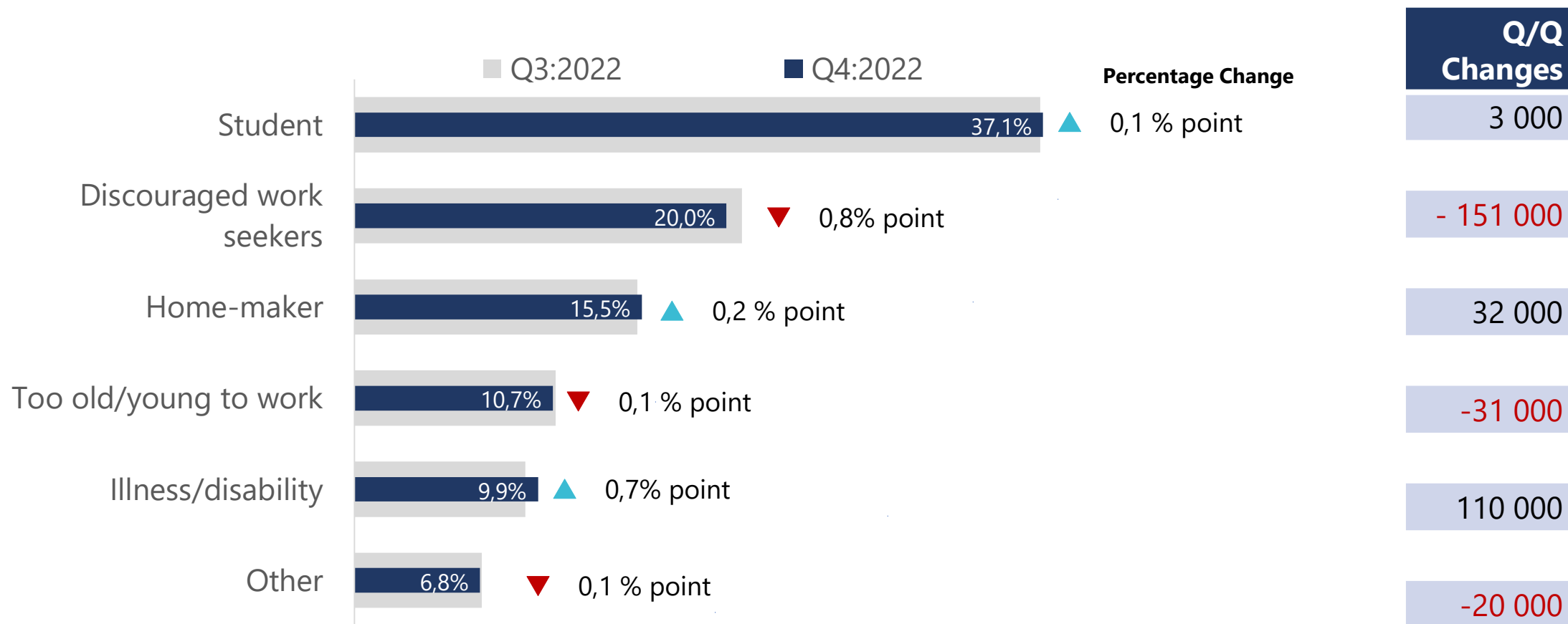
Decreased by 0,2 of a percentage point between Q3:2022 and Q4:2022

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 57 000** in Q4:2022 compared to Q3:2022

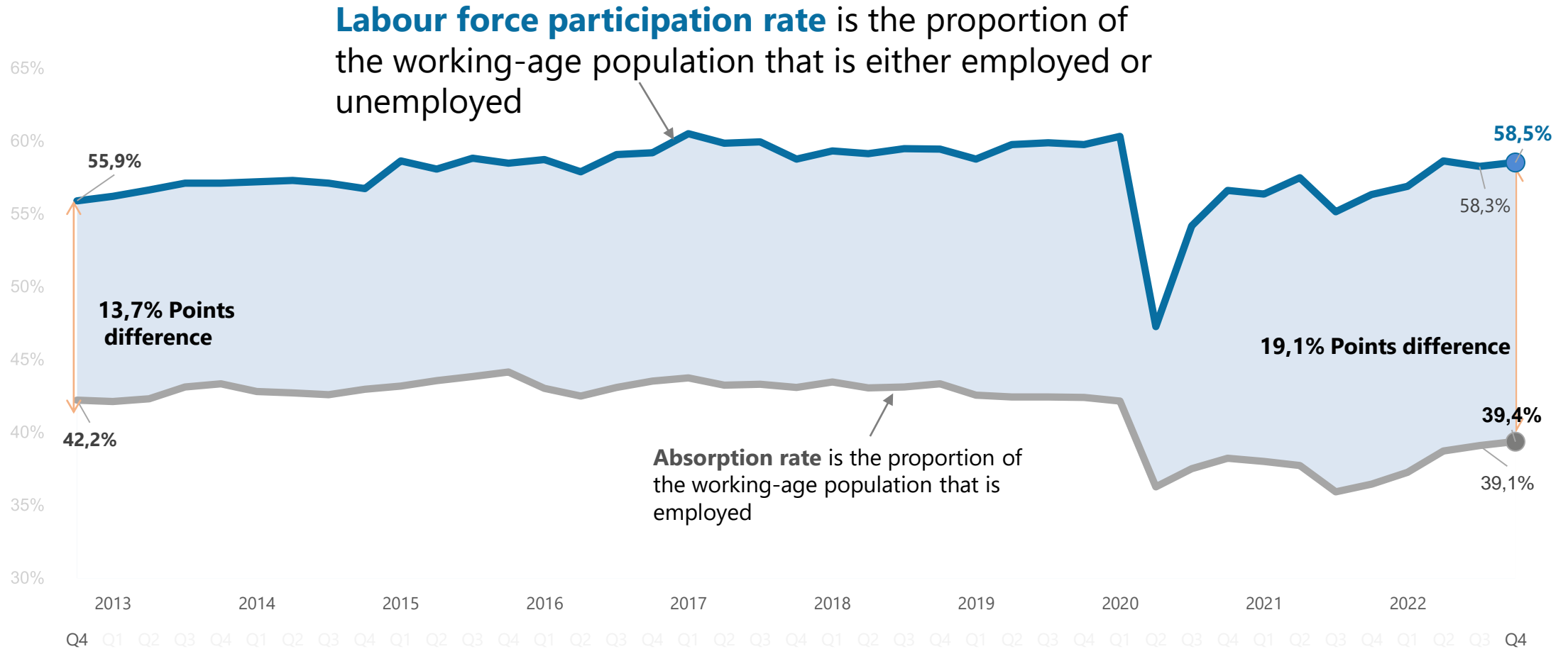
Characteristics of the not economically active, Q3:2022 vs Q4:2022



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The **Labour force participation rate** increased by 0,2 of a percentage point from 58,3% in Q3:2022 to 58,5% in Q4:2022

Labour force participation and absorption rates Q4:2012-Q4:2022

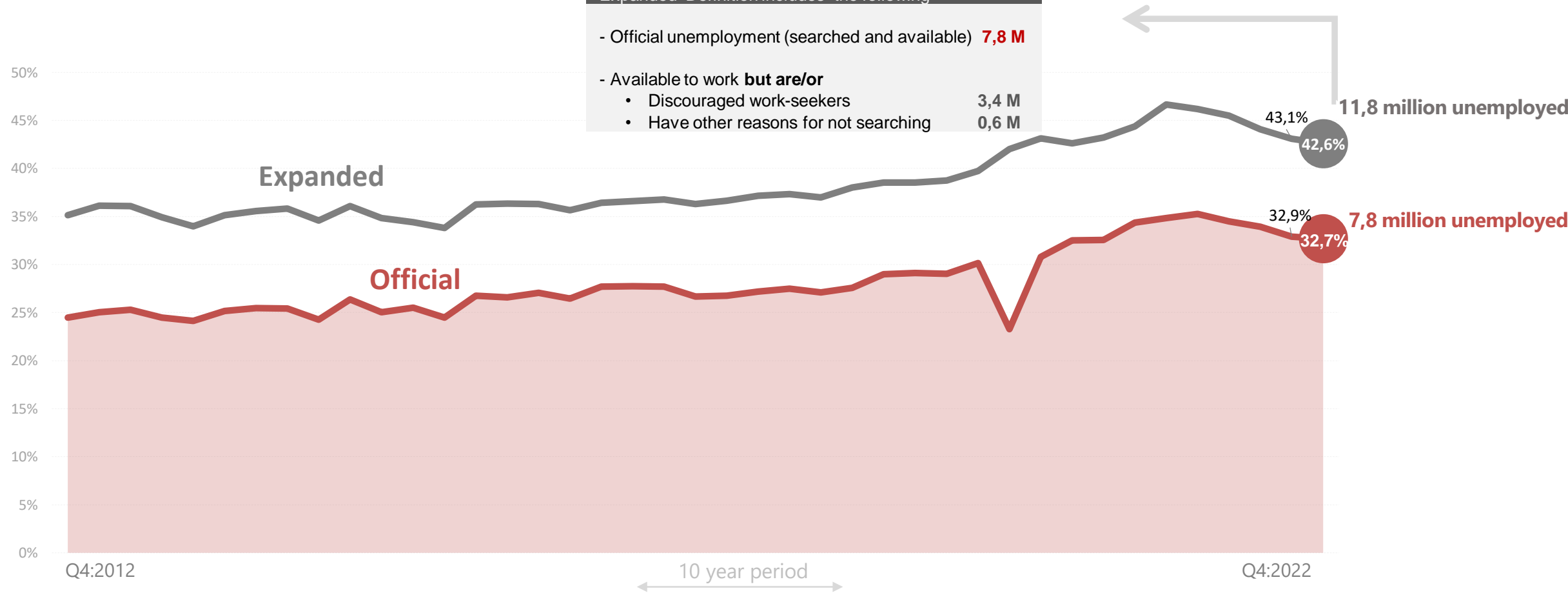


The expanded unemployment rate **decreased by 0,5** of a percentage points to **42,6%** in Q4:2022 compared to Q3:2022.

Official vs Expanded unemployment: Q4:2012-Q4:2022

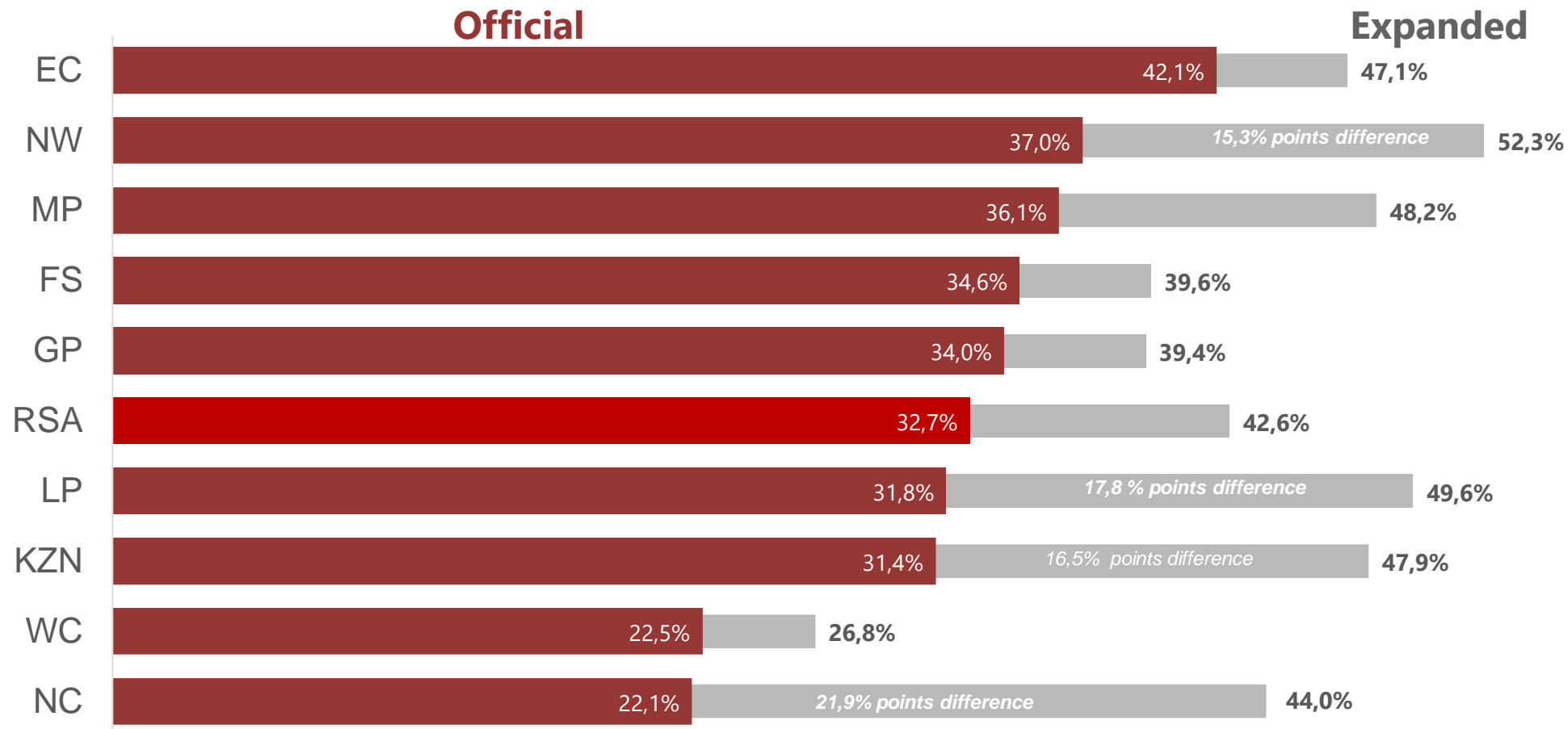
Expanded Definition includes the following

- Official unemployment (searched and available) **7,8 M**
- Available to work **but are/or**
 - Discouraged work-seekers **3,4 M**
 - Have other reasons for not searching **0,6 M**



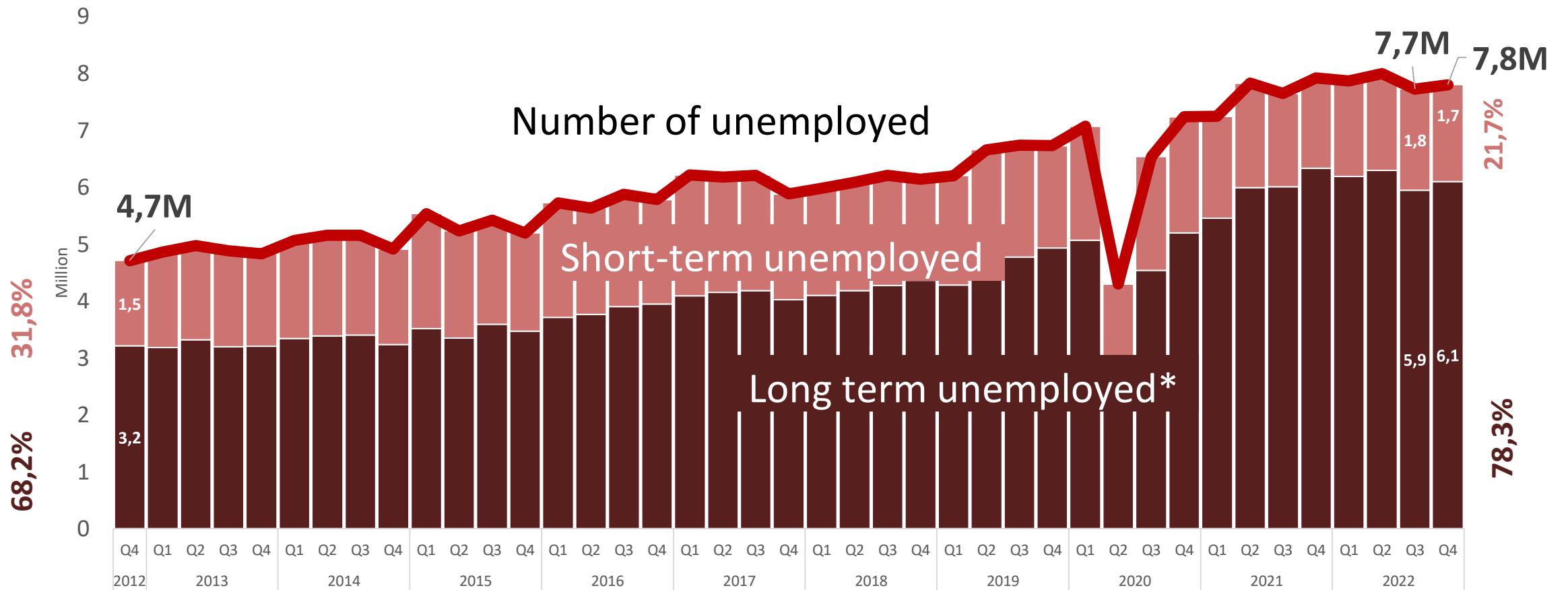
NW (52,3%) recorded the **highest expanded unemployment rate** in Q4:2022, followed by LP (49,6%).
NW, LP, KZN and NC recorded more than 15 percentage points difference between expanded and official unemployment rates

Provincial unemployment rate: Official vs Expanded Q4:2022



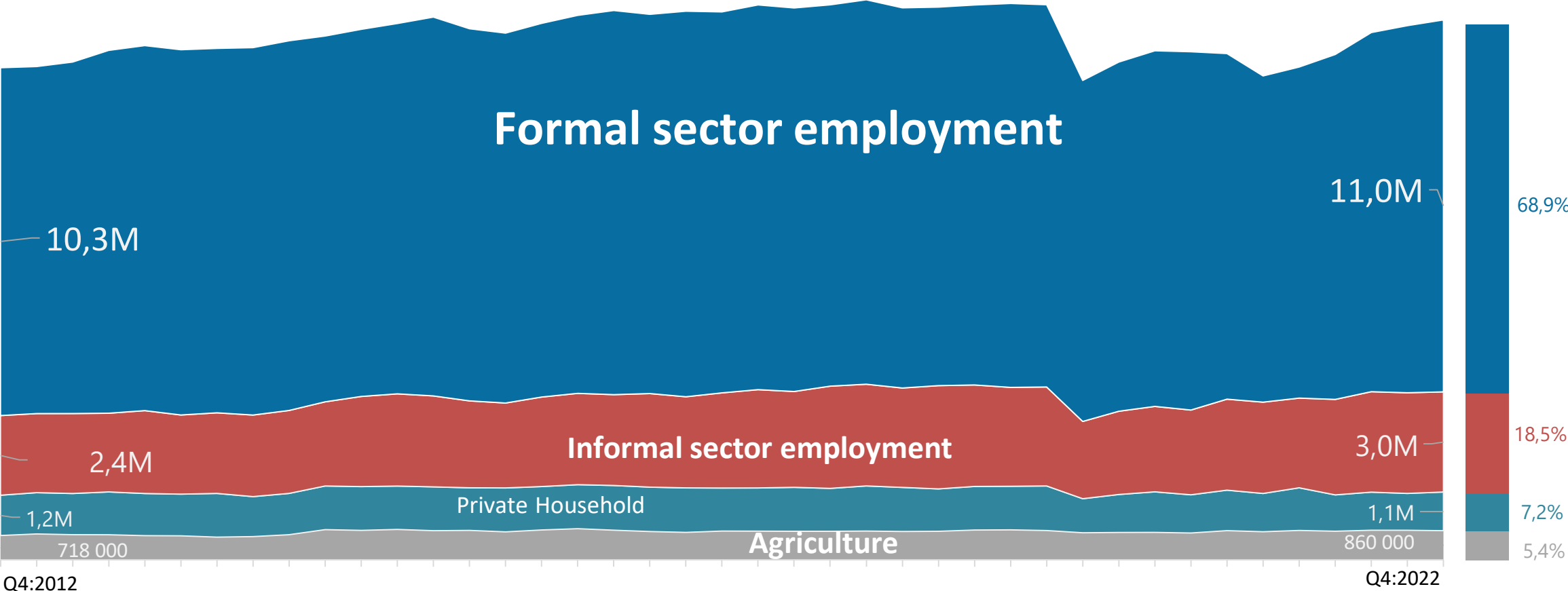
The number of unemployed people in South Africa increased from 4,7 million in Q4:2012 to 7,8 million in Q4:2022. The proportion of those in long-term unemployment increased from 68,2% in Q4:2012 to 78,3% in Q4:2022

*Long term unemployment –unemployed for a year or longer



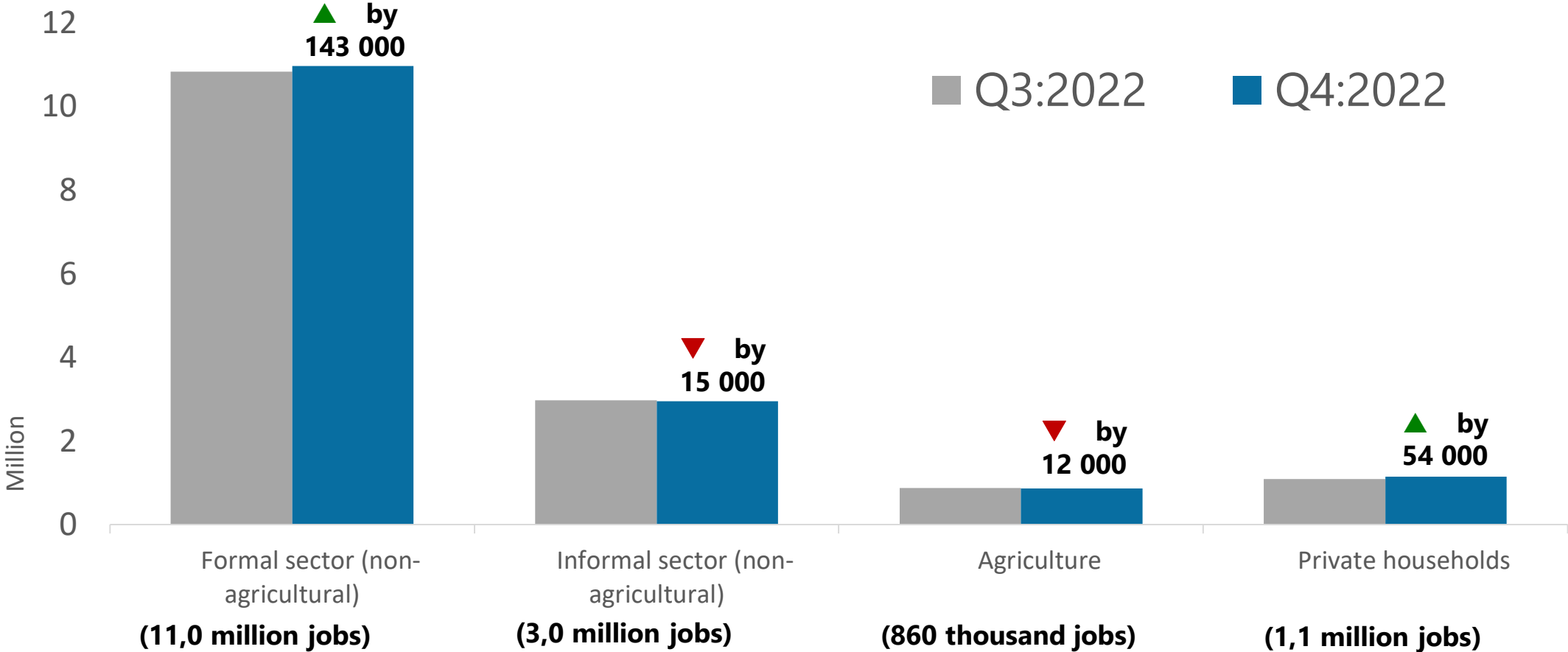
The **formal sector** in South Africa accounts for **68,9%** of total employment.

Employment share by sector, Q4:2012 to Q4:2022



Formal sector employment increased by **143 thousand jobs** between Q3:2022 and Q4:2022.

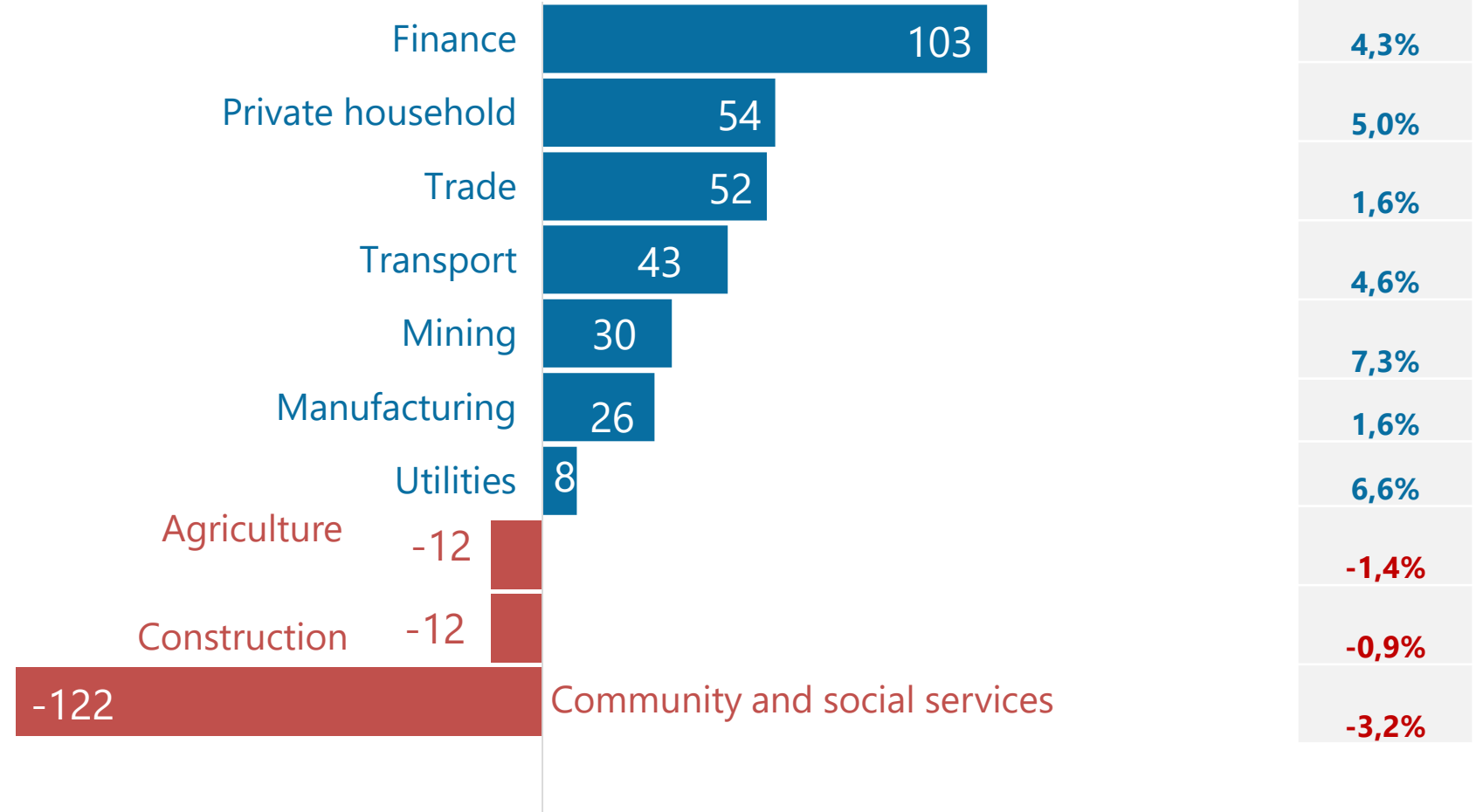
Employment changes by sector, (Quarter-on-quarter)



Employment **increased by 169 000** in Q4:2022 compared to Q3:2022.

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

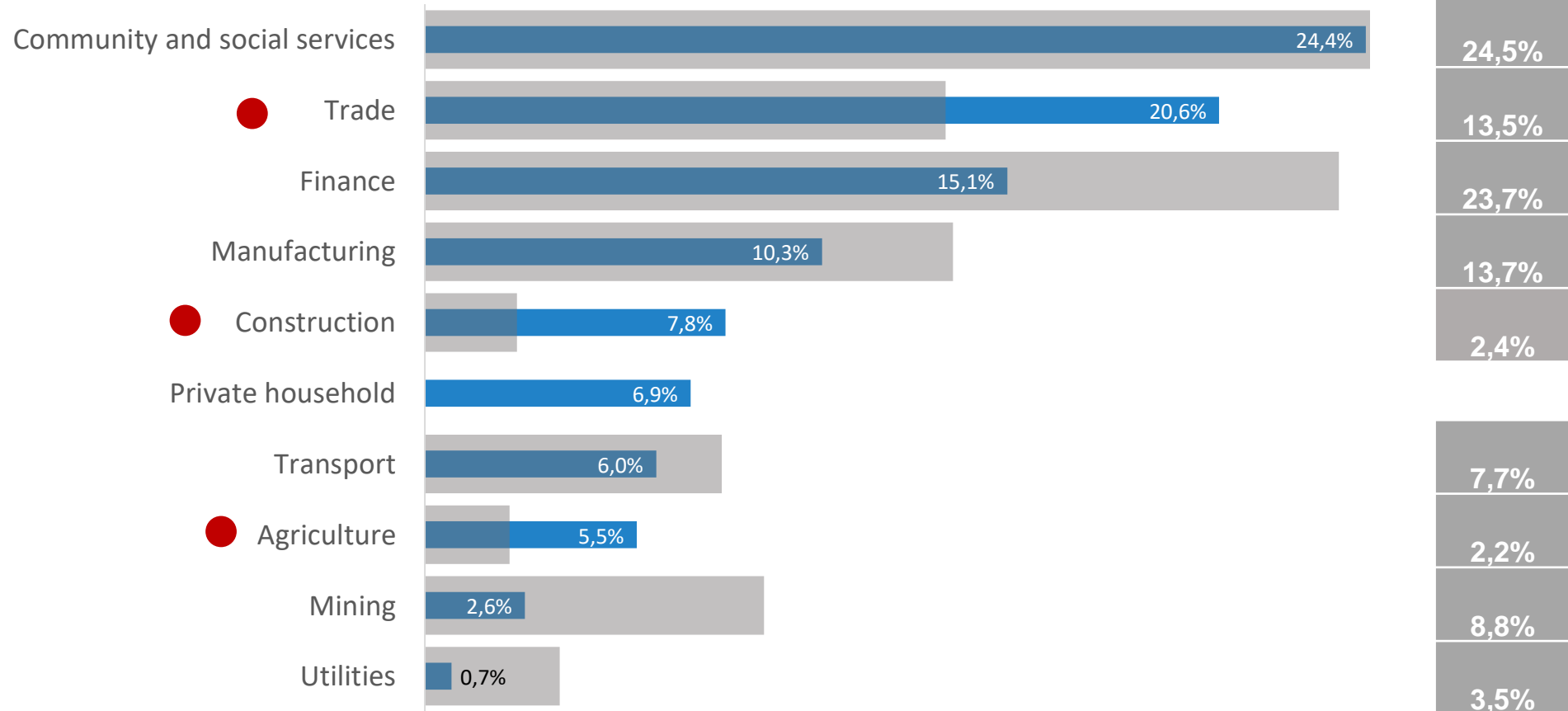
Increases in employment were mainly in **Finance, Private households and Trade**



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

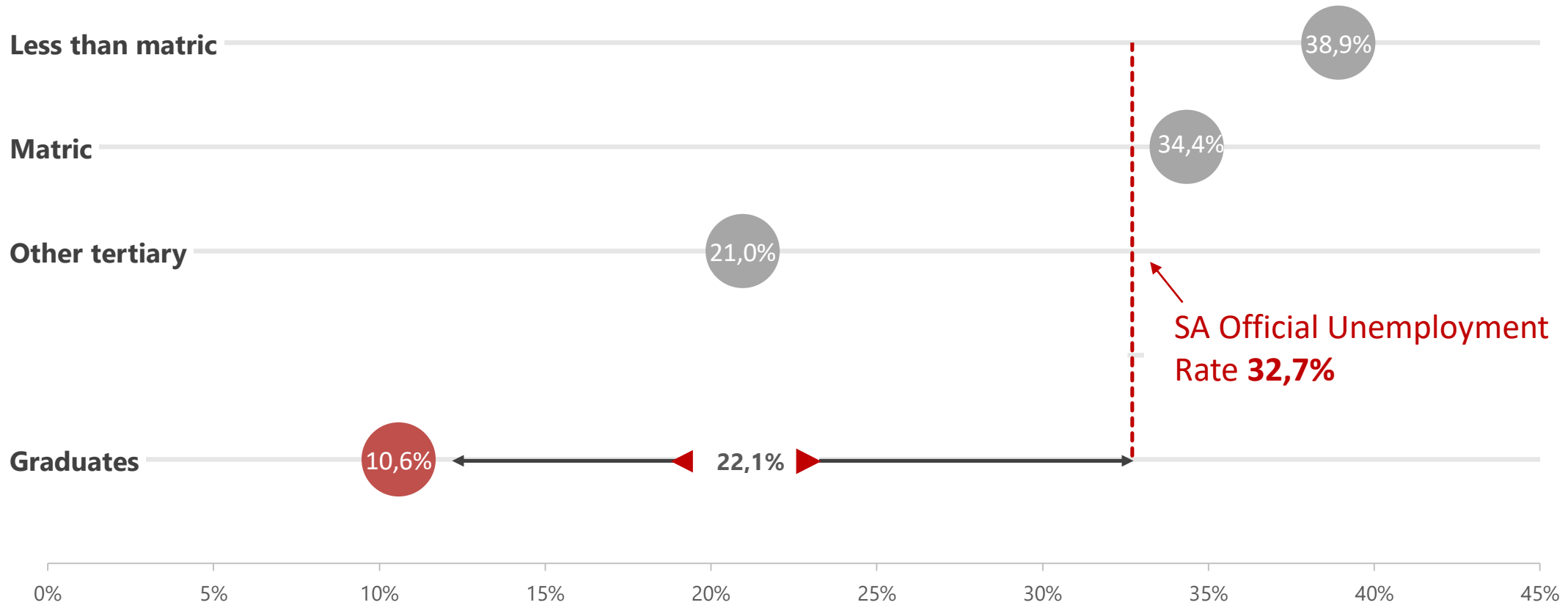
Employment and GDP share per industry

Employment shares, Q3:2022



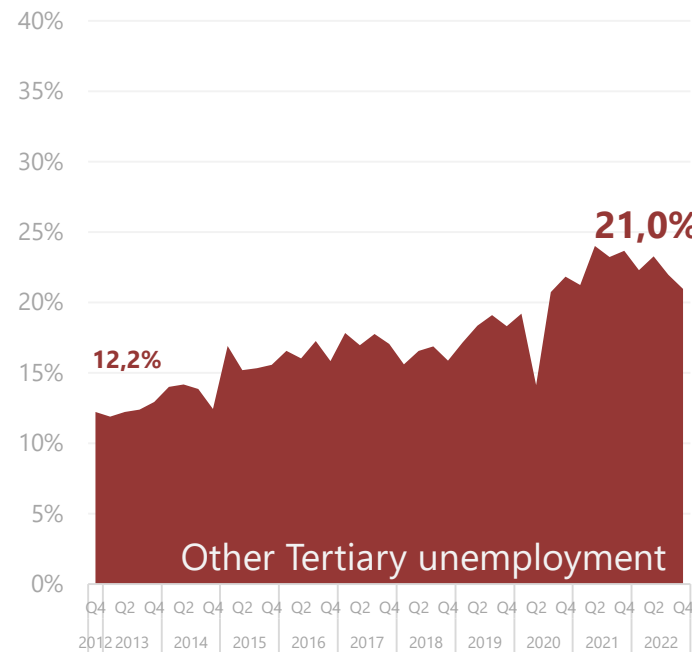
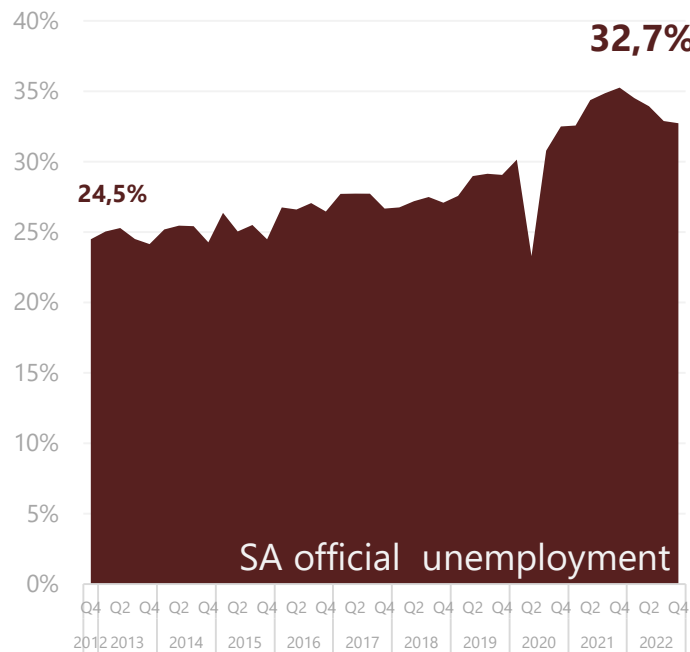
Graduate unemployment rate (10,6%) is 22,1 percentage points lower than the national official unemployment rate.

Official Unemployment rate Q4:2022



Graduate unemployment has more than doubled (4,4% in 2012 to 10,6% in 2022) in the last 10 years.

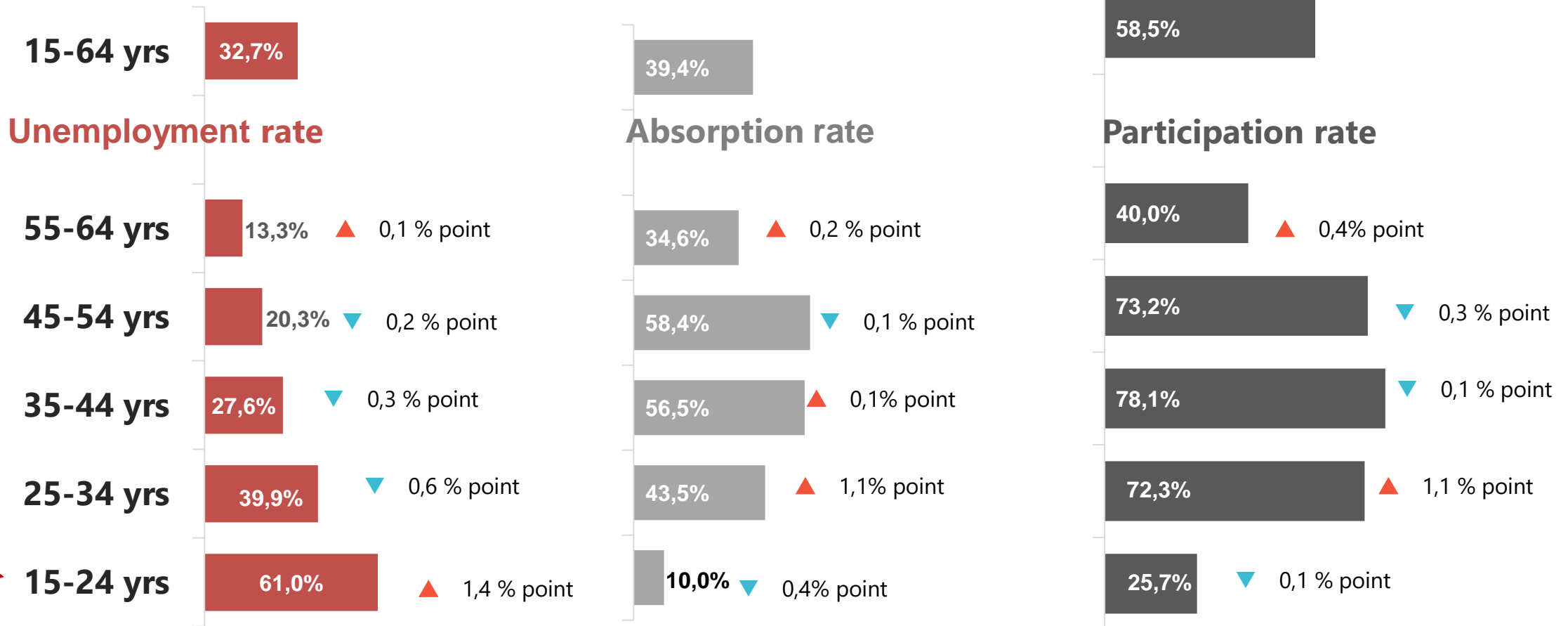
Graduate unemployment Q4:2012-Q4:2022



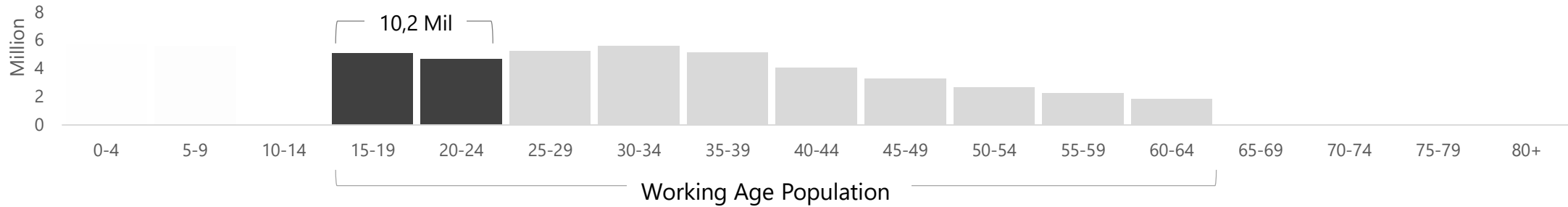
Youth aged 15-24 years and 25-34 years recorded the highest unemployment rates of 61,0% and 39,9% respectively.

Labour market rates by age group, Q4:2022

▲ ▼ Change: Percentage points Q3:2022 to Q4:2022



Approximately **3,4 million (33,6%)** out of **10,2 million** young people aged 15-24 years were not in employment, education or training (NEET).



Number of NEET for ages 15-24
Q4:2022

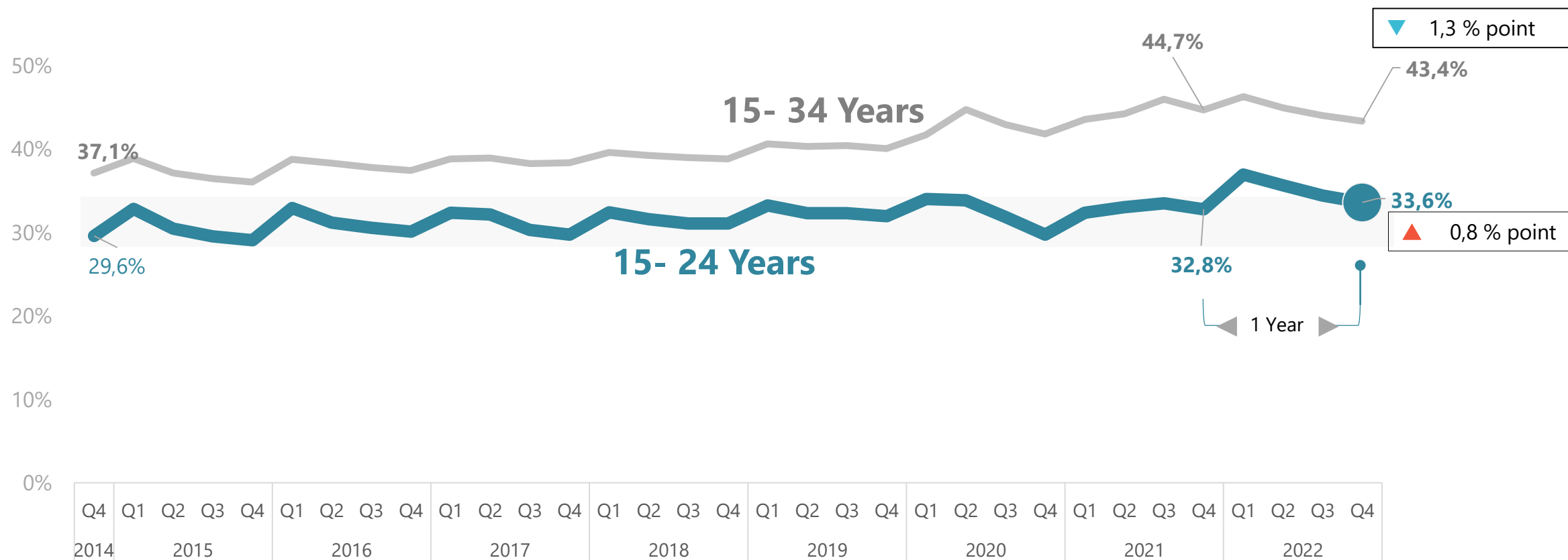
3,4 Mil NEET

6,8 Mil

**Employed or in
Education or Training**

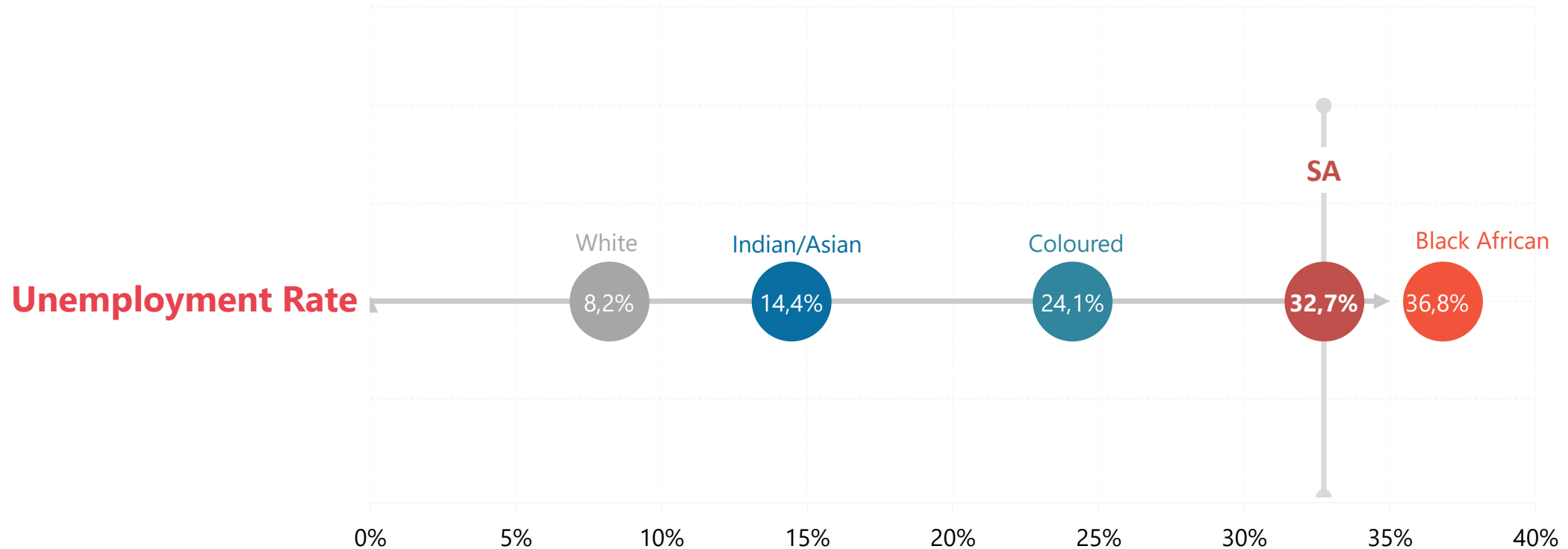
The overall NEET rate (15 – 24) increased by 0,8 percentage point in Q4:2022 compared to Q4:2021.

Q4:2014-Q4:2022 NEET rate for ages 15-24 & 15-34 year old



The unemployment rate among the **Black African (36,8%)** population group remains higher than the national average and other population groups.

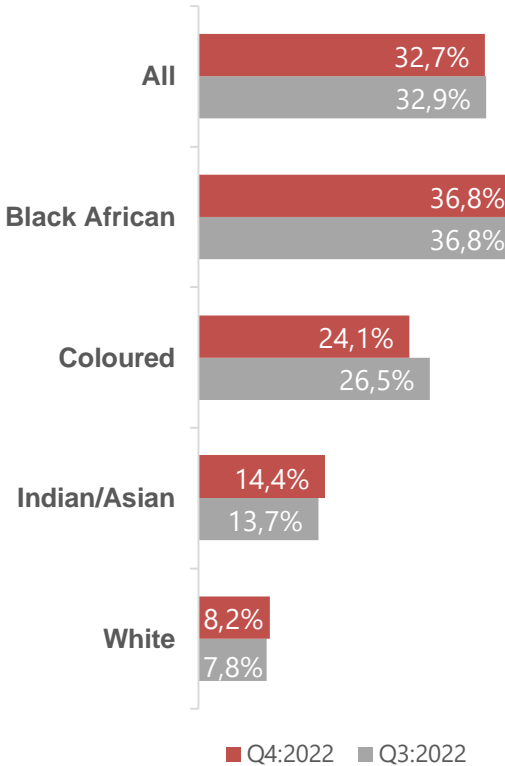
OFFICIAL unemployment rate by population group, Q4:2022



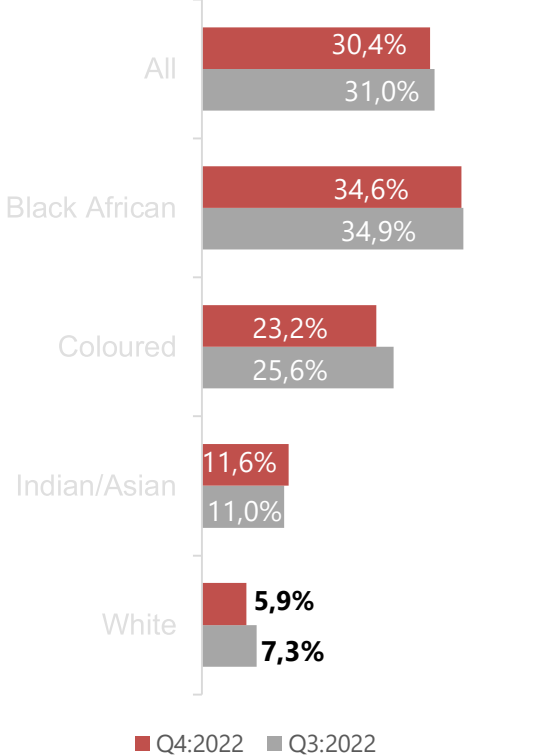
Black African women continue to be the most vulnerable with an **unemployment rate of 39,5%** in Q4:2022. This is 4,0 percentage points higher than the national average for women at 35,5%.

OFFICIAL unemployment rate by population group and sex, Q4:2022

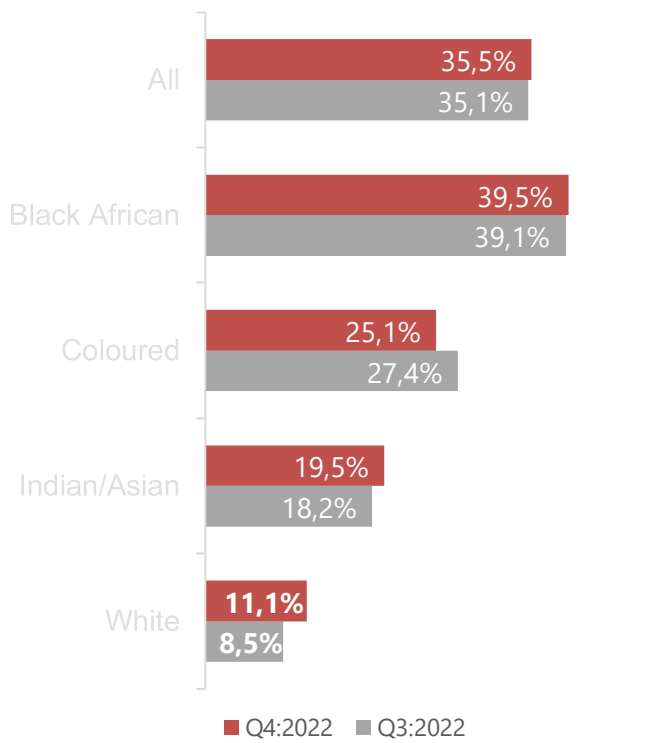
Unemployment Rate by Population Group



Male Unemployment Rate By Population Group

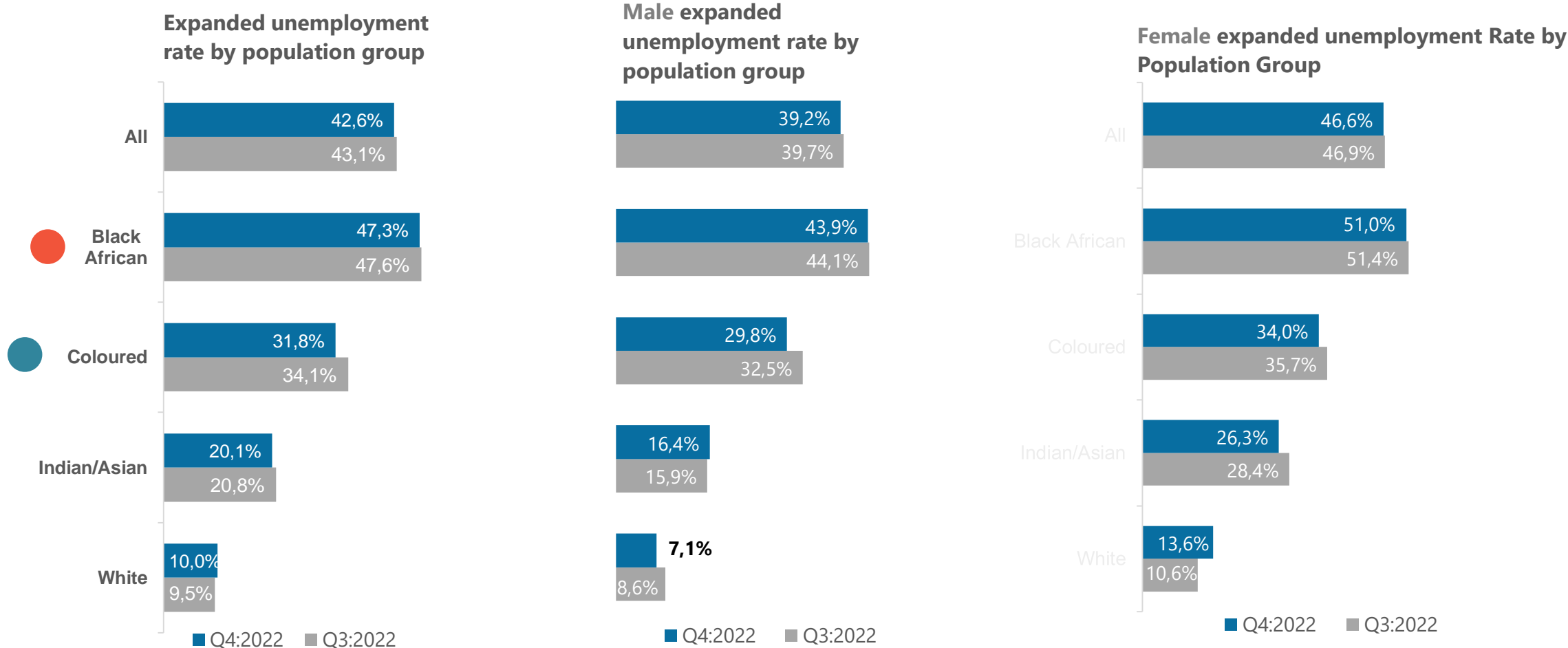


Female Unemployment Rate By Population Group



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

EXPANDED unemployment rate by population group and sex



RECAP (QLFS, Q4:2022)


- ❖ Unemployment rate **decreased** by 0,2 of a percentage point to 32,7%. The Absorption rate increased by 0,3 of a percentage point to 39,4% and the labour force participation rate increased by 0,2 of a percentage point to 58,5%.
- ❖ The number of unemployed **increased** by 28 000 in Q4:2022 compared to Q3:2022. While the number of those employed **increased** by 169 000 in the same quarter.
- ❖ The largest **industry employment gains** were recorded in Finance (103 000), Private households(54 000) and Trade (52 000).



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