

Quarterly Labour Force Survey Q1:2019



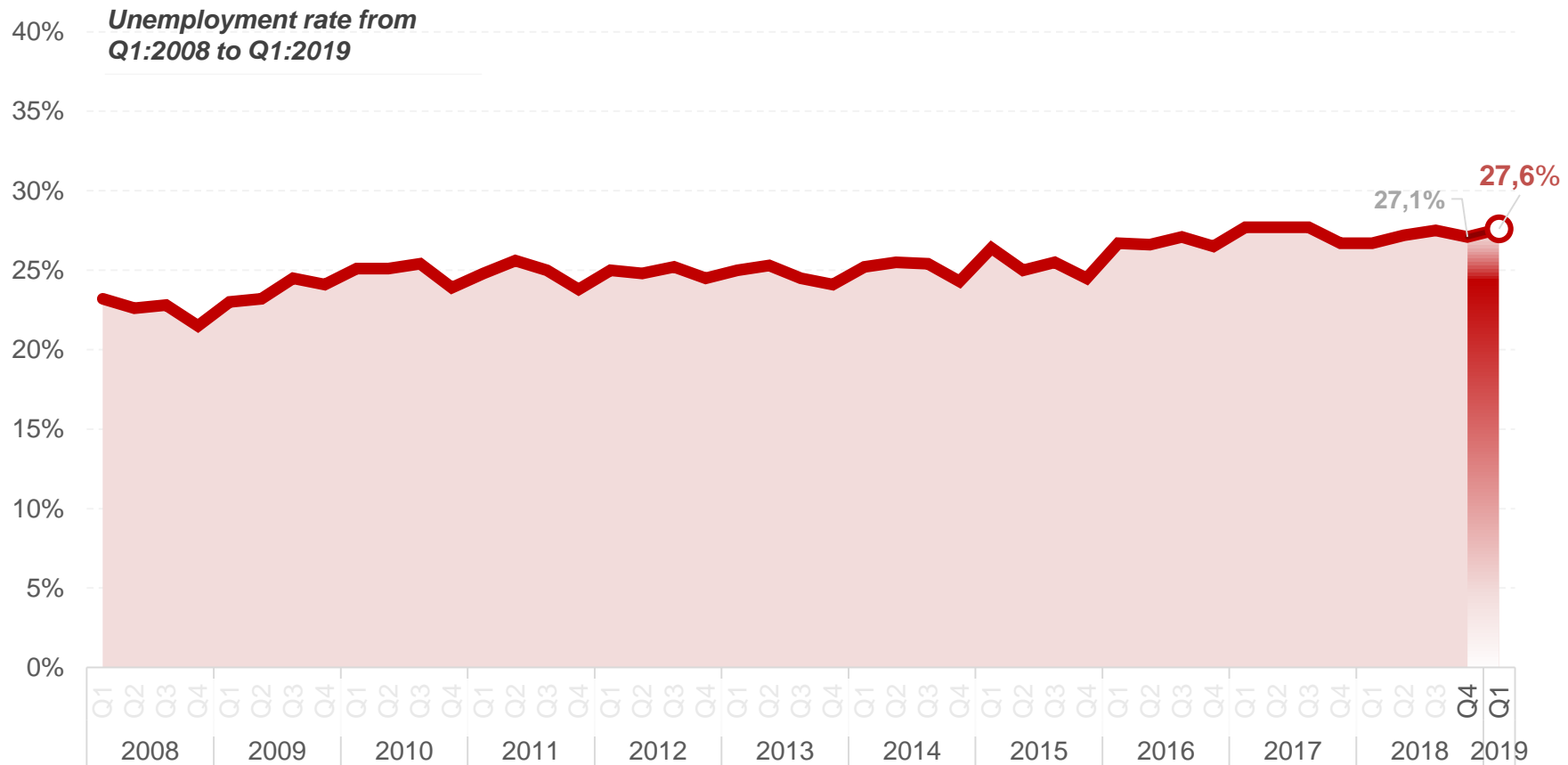
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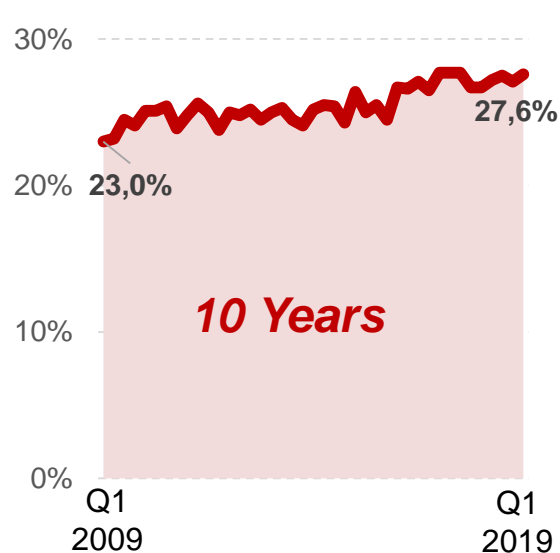
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SOUTH AFRICA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE INCREASED BY 0,5 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT TO 27,6% IN Q1 OF 2019. *The unemployment rate has fluctuated between the 20% and 30% band for the last 11 years.*

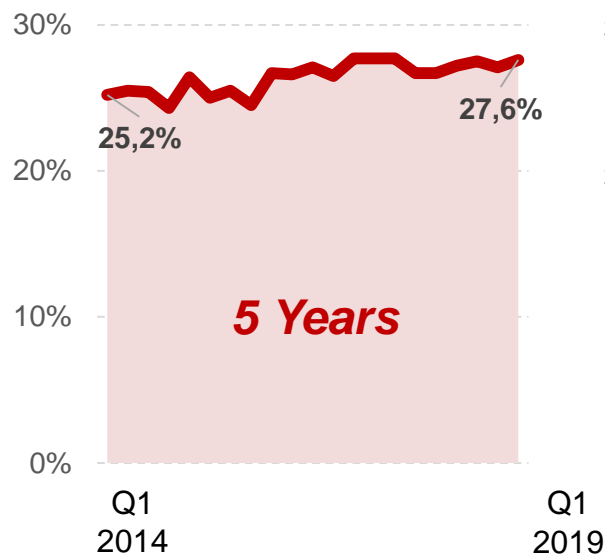


THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE HAS REMAINED HIGH OVER TIME.

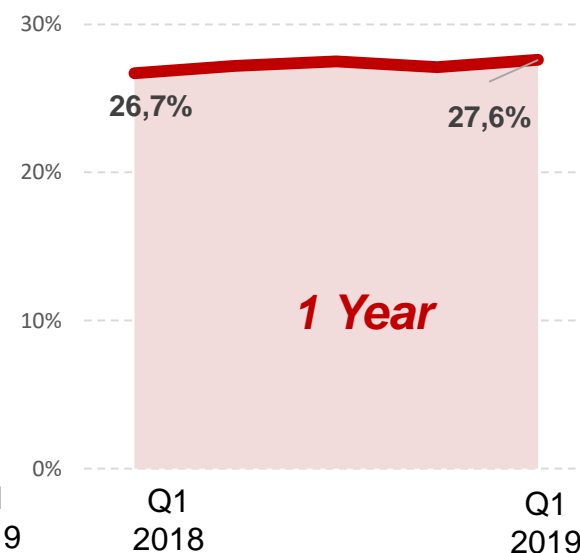
*Unemployment rate from
Q1:2009 to Q1:2019*



Unemployment rate increased by **4,6 percentage points** between Q1:2009 and Q1:2019



Unemployment increased from 25,2% in Q1:2014 to 27,6% in Q1:2019 by **2,4 percentage points**



Unemployment rate increased by **0,9 of a percentage point** compared to the same period last year

THE WORKING AGE POPULATION (15-64 YEARS) IN Q1:2019 WAS 38,3 MILLION



38,3 million

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

Labour force

22,5 million

Not Economically Active

15,8 million

Employed

16,3_M

Unemployed

6,2_M

Discouraged
work seekers

3,0_M

Other NEA

12,8_M

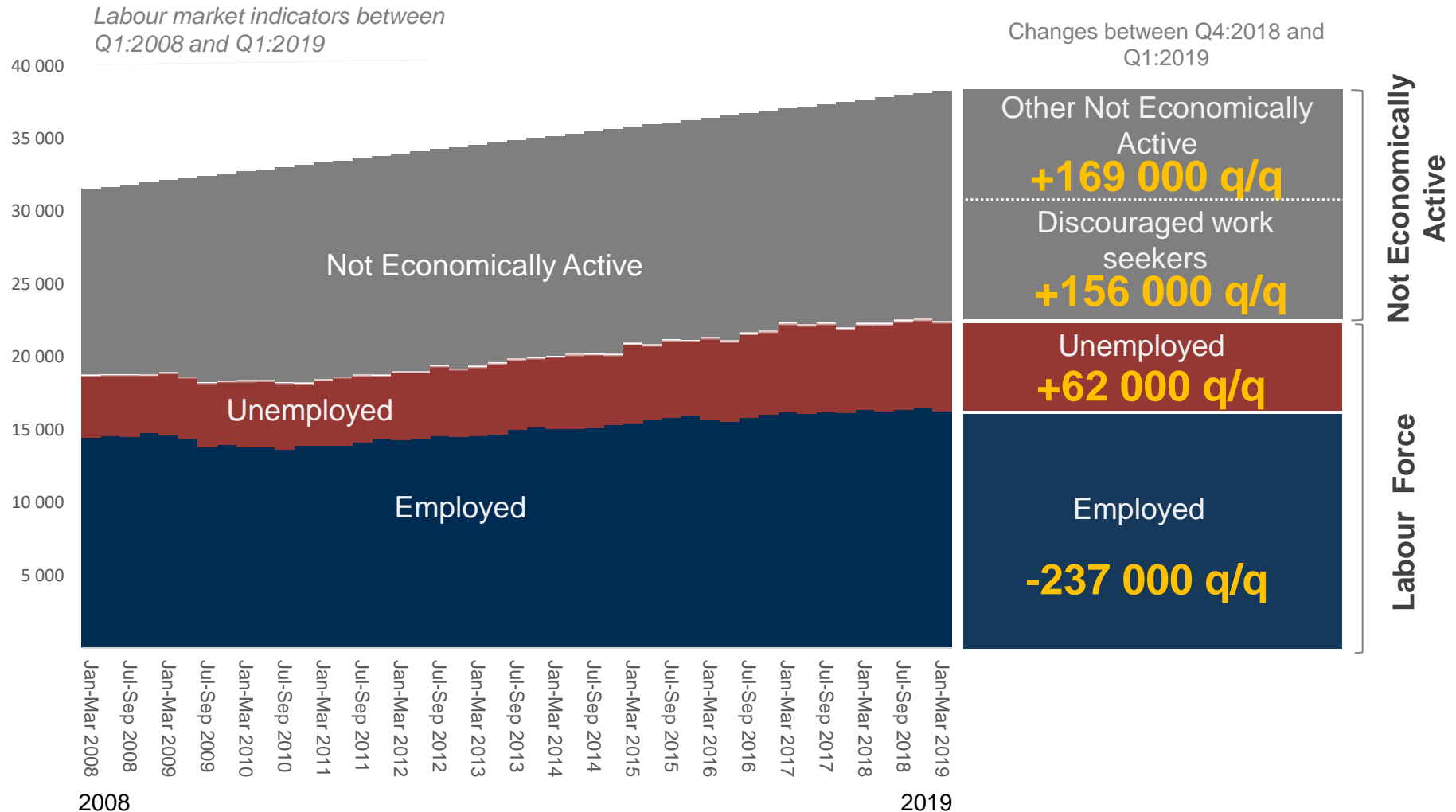
South Africa's
official
unemployment rate
stands at

27,6%

Increased by 0,5 ppt
between
Q4:2018 and Q1:2019

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

THERE WAS AN INCREASE OF 149 000 PEOPLE OF WORKING AGE IN SOUTH AFRICA (15 – 64 YEAR OLDS) BETWEEN Q4:2018 AND Q1:2019



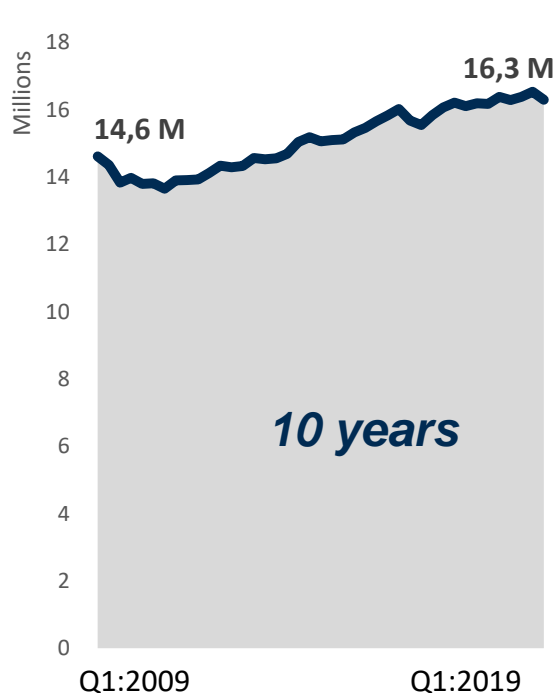
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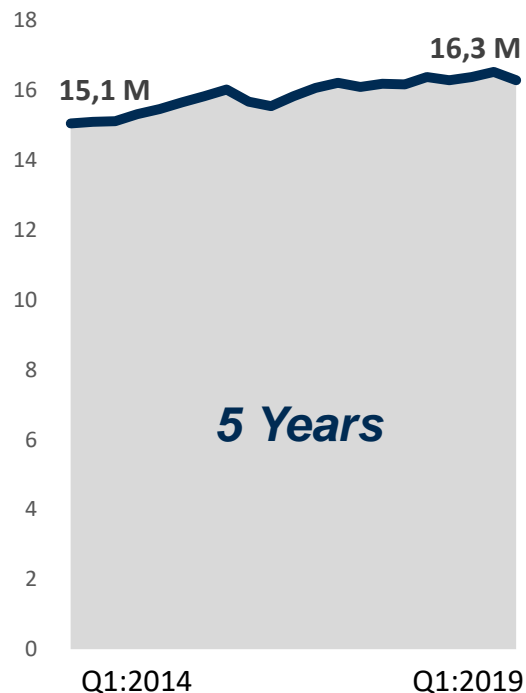
EMPLOYMENT & LABOUR MARKET RATES

THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYED PERSONS DECLINED BY 237 000 TO 16,3 MILLION IN Q1:2019 Q/Q

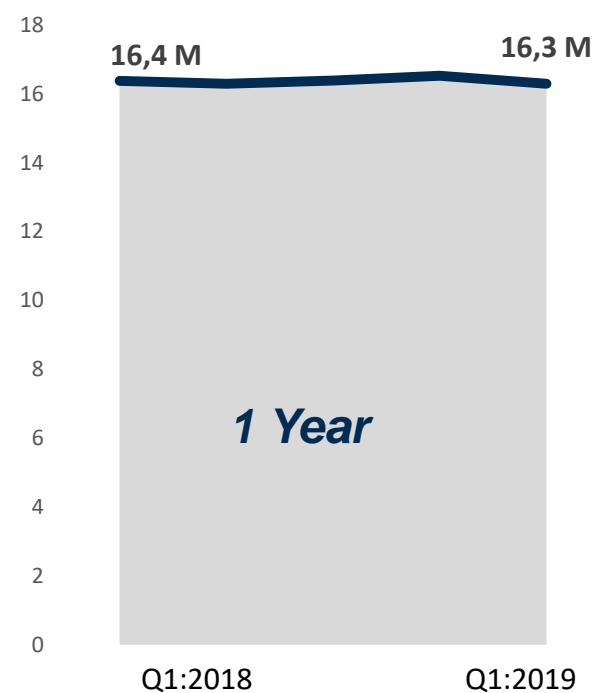
*Number of employed
From Q1:2009 to Q1:2019*



The number of employed people increased by **1,7 million** from **14,6 million** in Q1:2009 to **16,3 million** in Q1:2019

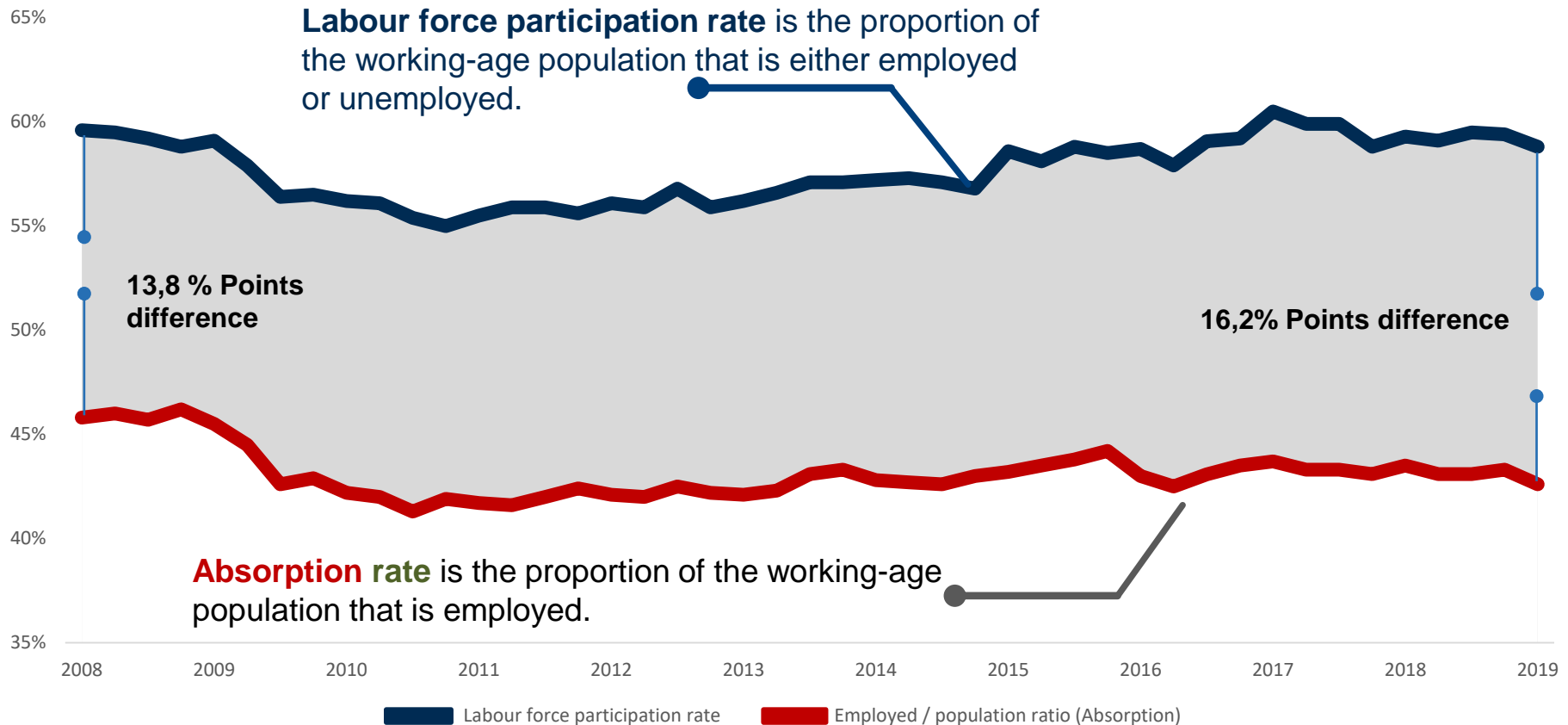


The number of employed people increased by **1,2 million** from **15,1 million** in Q1:2014 to **16,3 million** in Q1:2019




The number of employed people decreased by **86 thousand** from **16,4 million** in Q1:2018 to **16,3 million** in Q1:2019

THE LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE DECREASED BY 0,8 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT FROM 59,6% IN Q1:2008 TO 58,8% IN Q1:2019



LABOUR MARKET RATES VARY SIGNIFICANTLY DEPENDING ON EDUCATION LEVEL

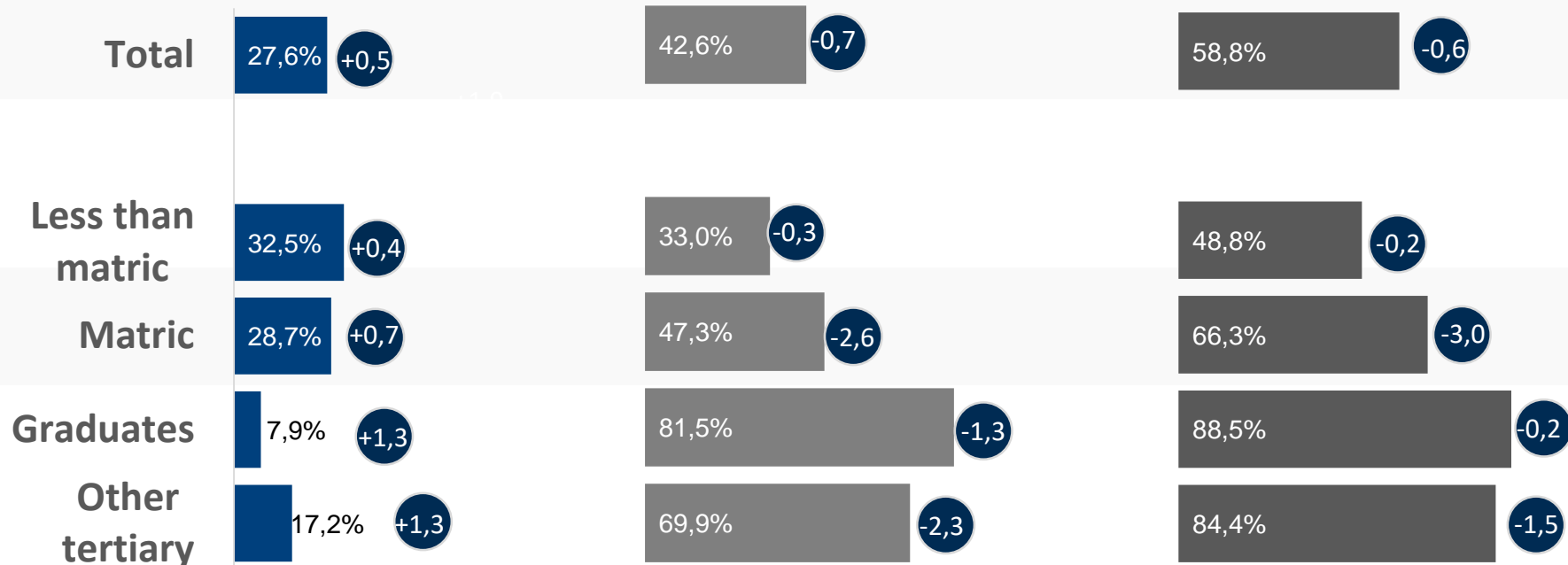
Labour market rates by education level, Q1:2019

 Change: Percentage points
Q4:2018 to Q1:2019

Unemployment rate

Absorption rate

Participation rate



THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR THOSE AGED 25-34 (34,2%) IS MORE THAN DOUBLE THAT OF THE 45-54 (15,6%) YEAR OLDS.

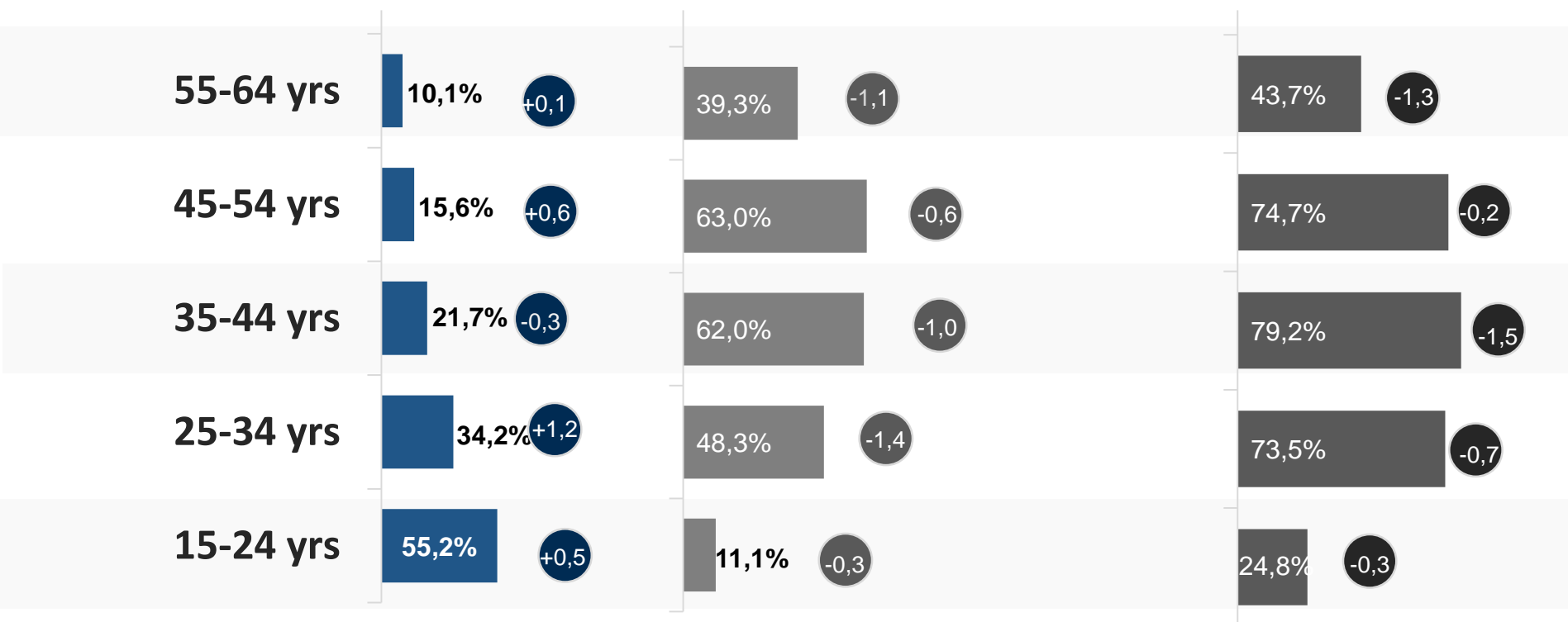
Labour market rates by age group, Q1:2019

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Unemployment rate

Absorption rate

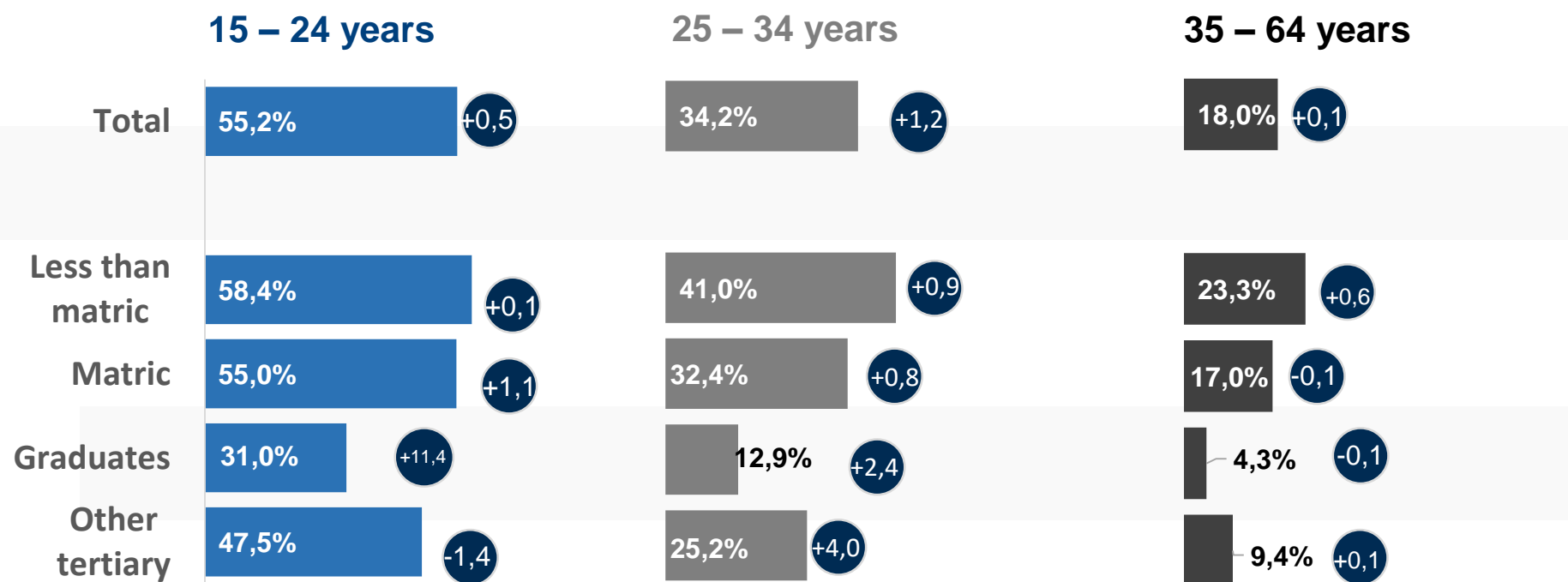
Participation rate



THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AMONG THE YOUTH IS HIGHER IRRESPECTIVE OF EDUCATION LEVEL

Unemployment rate by education level and age group, Q1:2019

● Change: Percentage points
Q4:2018 to Q1:2019



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

NOT IN EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION OR TRAINING (NEET)



NEET

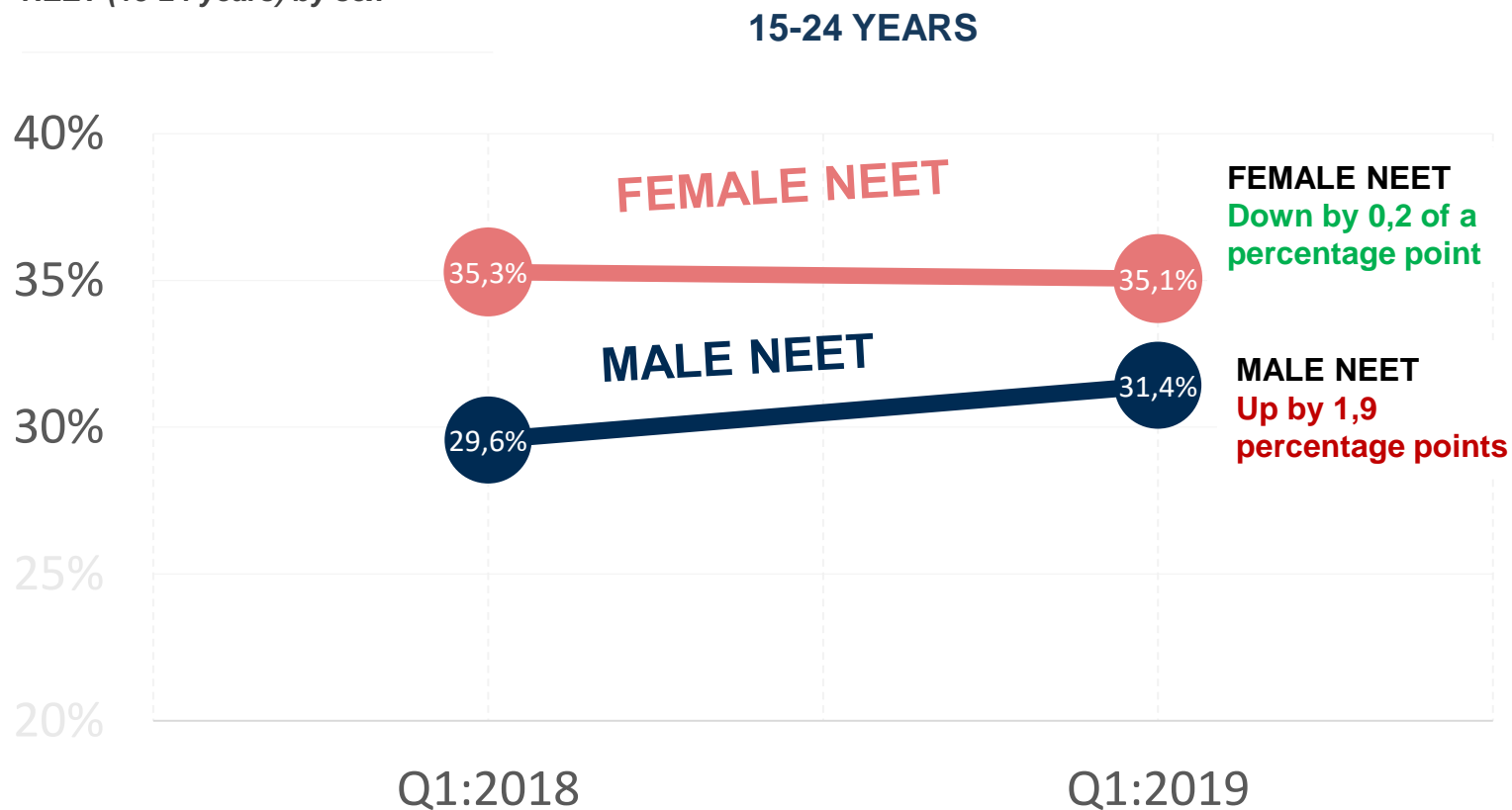


Those young people (15-34 years) who are categorised as NEET are considered to be *disengaged* from both work and education.

Youth NEET rate is calculated as the total number of youth who are NEET as a proportion of the total youth-specific working-age population

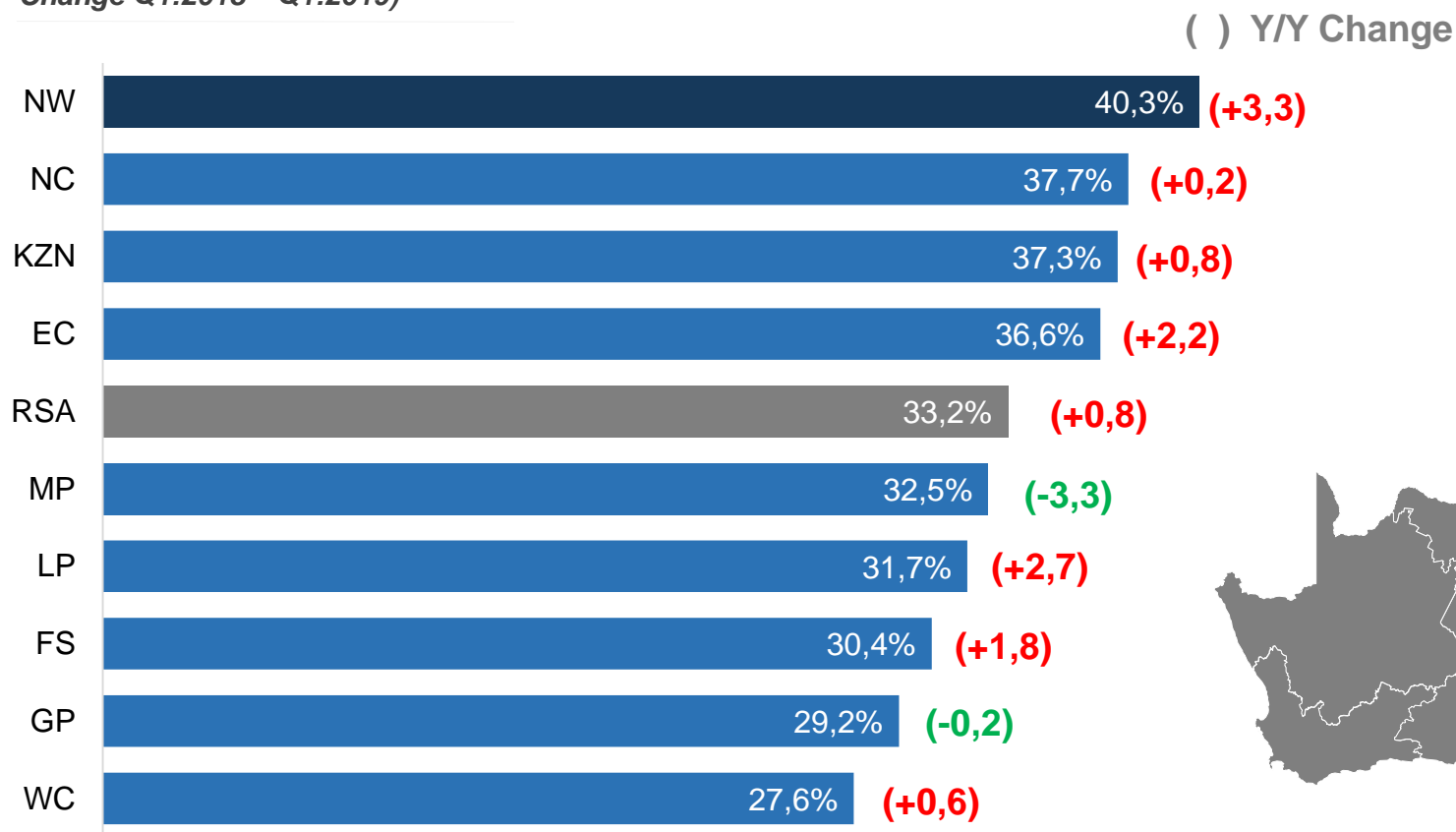
APPROXIMATELY 3,4 MILLION (33,2%) OUT OF 10,3 MILLION YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 15-24 YEARS WERE NOT IN EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION OR TRAINING (NEET). *The overall NEET rate increased by 0,8 of a percentage point in Q1:2019 compared to Q1:2018.*

NEET (15-24 years) by sex



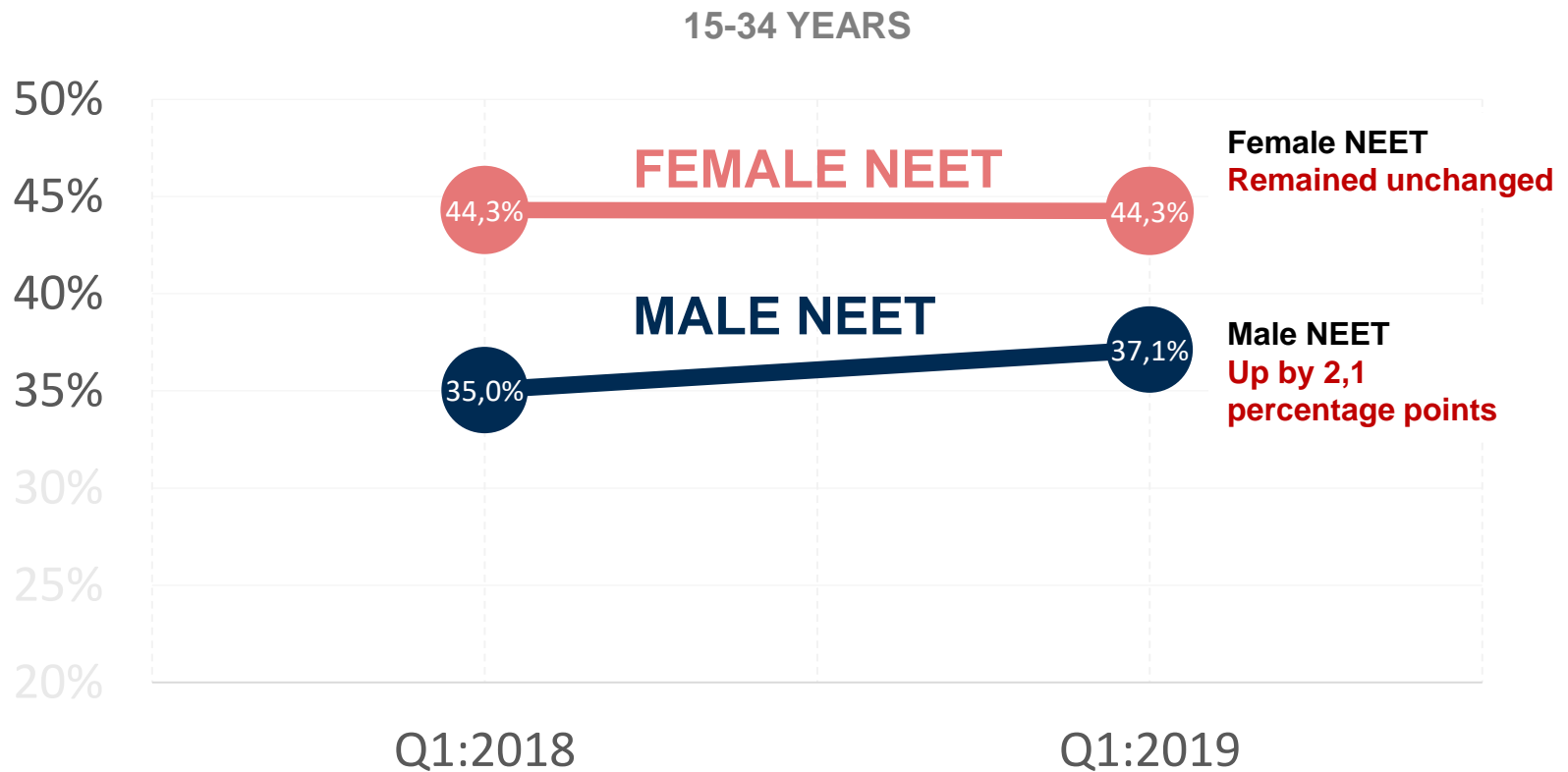
NW RECORDED THE HIGHEST RATE OF YOUNG PEOPLE **AGED 15-24 YEARS** NOT IN EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION OR TRAINING IN Q1:2019.

Provincial NEET rate (Year on Year Change Q1:2018 – Q1:2019)



APPROXIMATELY 8,3 MILLION (40,7%) OUT OF 20,3 MILLION YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 15-34 YEARS, WERE NOT IN EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION OR TRAINING (NEET). *The overall NEET rate increased by 1,0 percentage point y/y.*

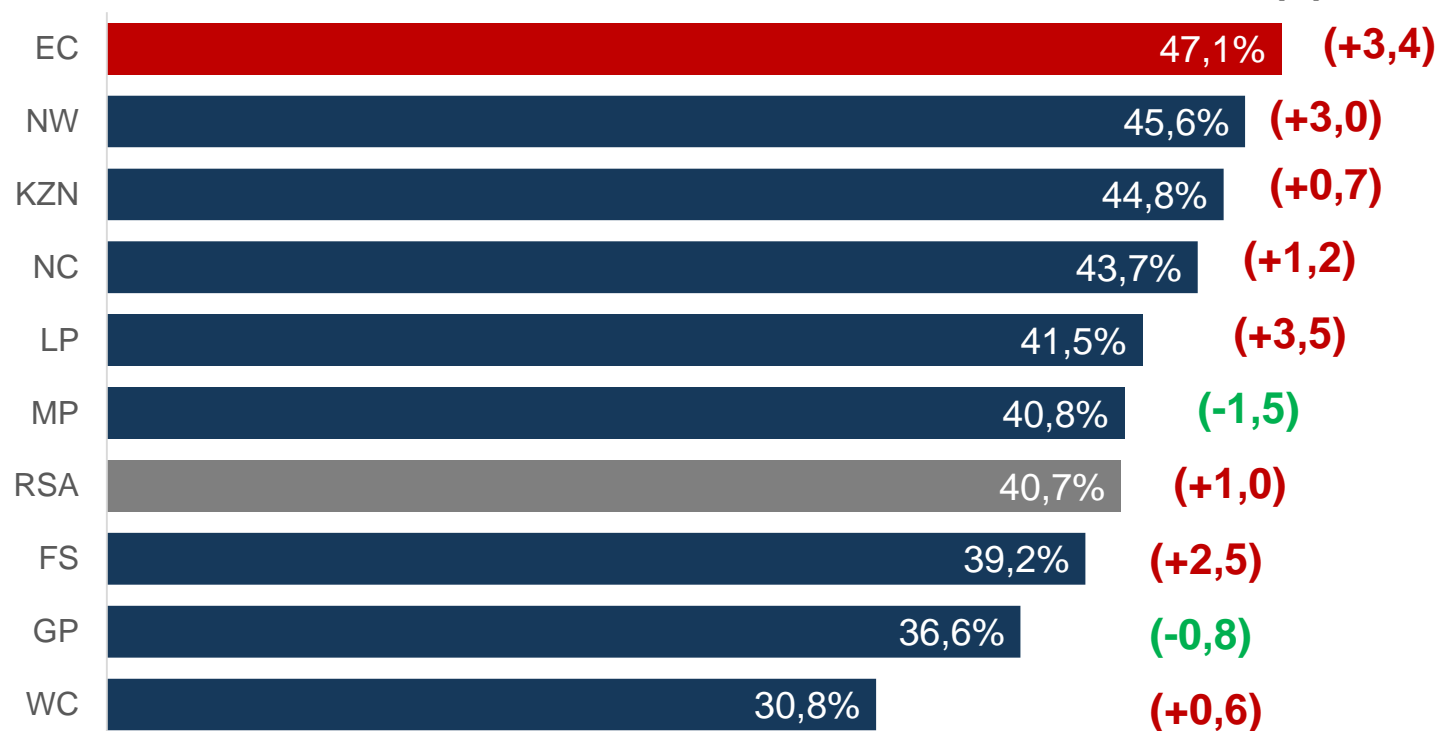
NEET (15-34 years) by sex



THE EC PROVINCE HAD THE HIGHEST RATE OF YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 15-34 YEARS NOT IN EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION OR TRAINING AT 47,1%. The rate increased by 3,4 percentage points year-on-year.

*Provincial NEET rate (Year – on – Year
Change Q1:2018 – Q1:2019)*

() Y/Y Change

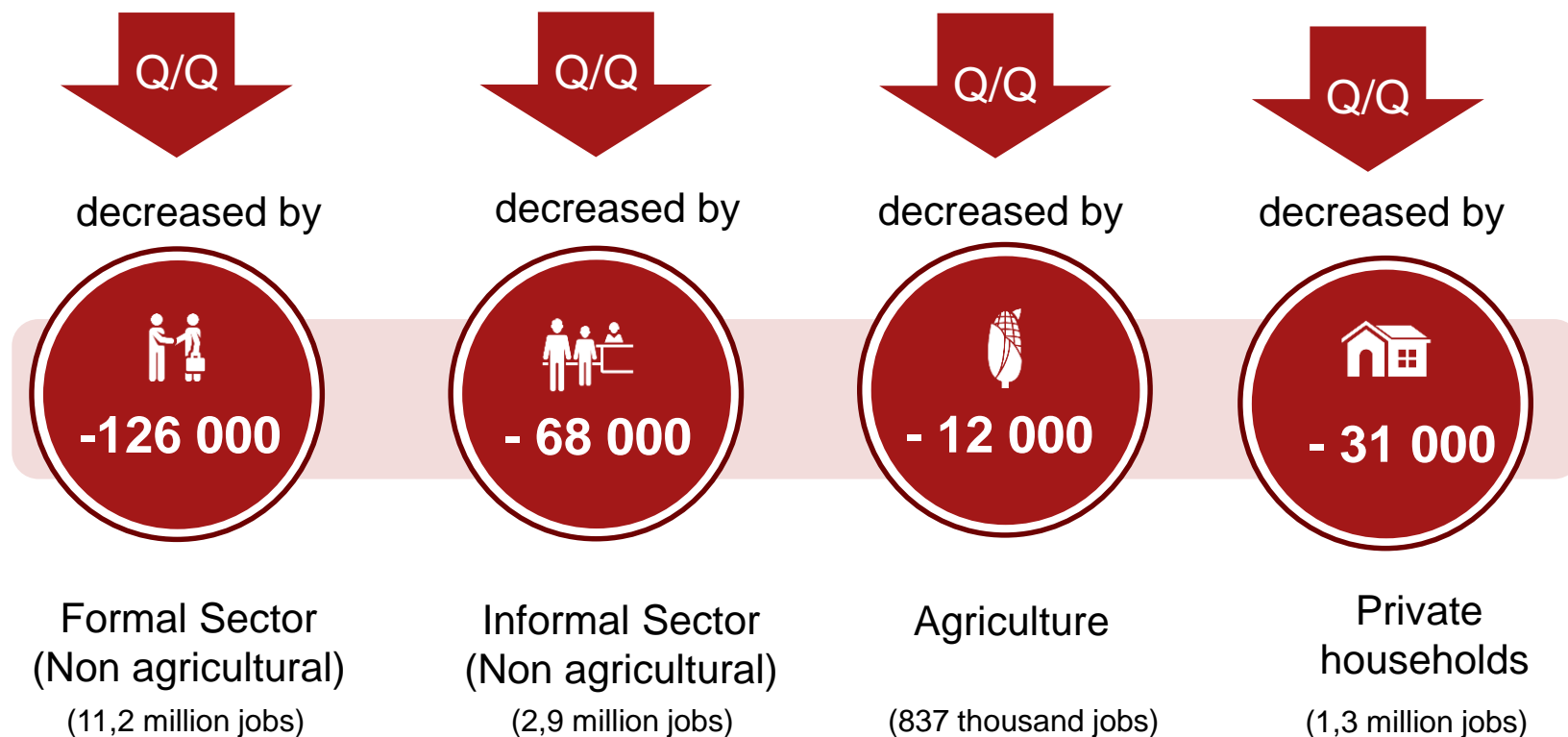


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EMPLOYMENT

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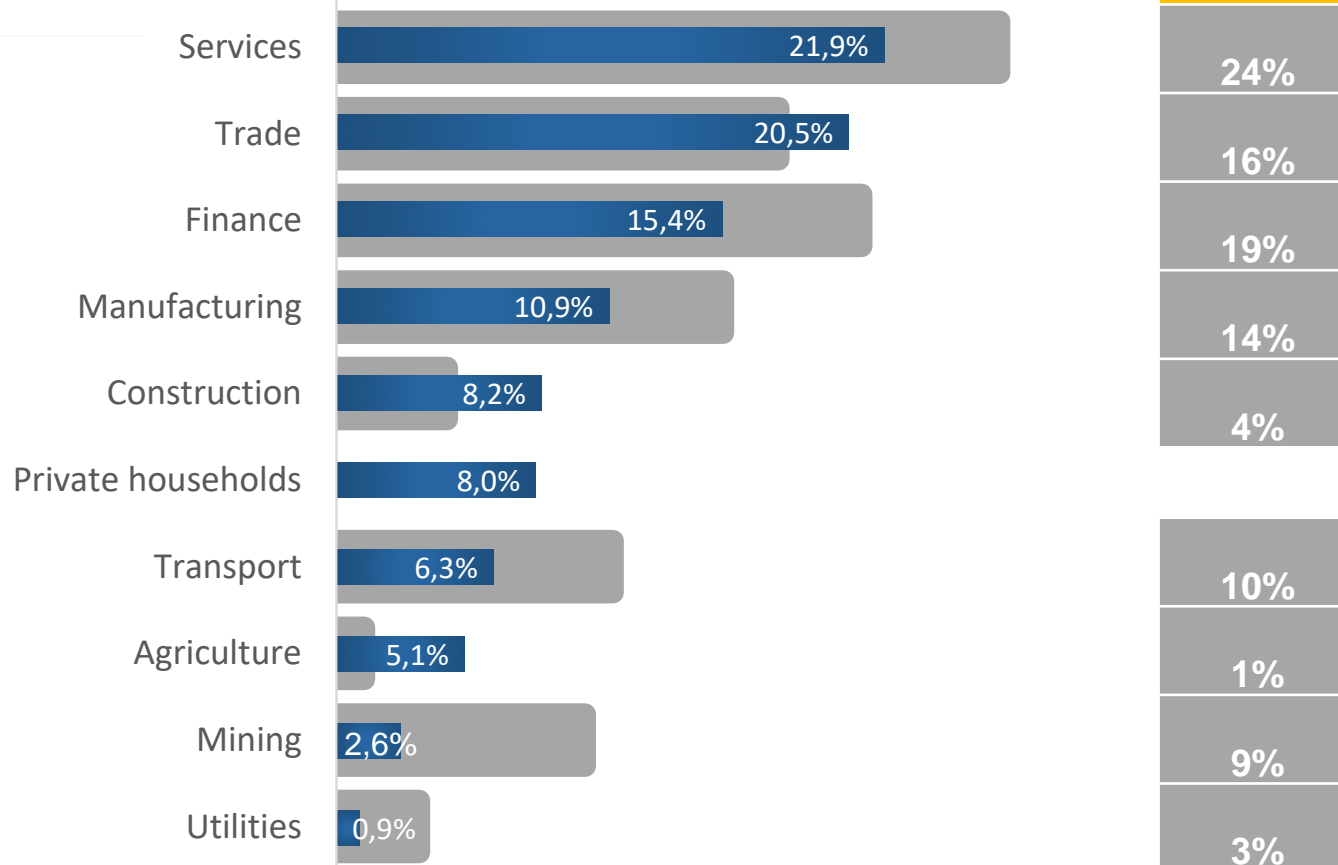


CONSTRUCTION, TRADE AND AGRICULTURE HAVE HIGHER EMPLOYMENT SHARES RELATIVE TO THEIR GDP CONTRIBUTION

Employment and GDP share per industry

Employment shares, Q1:2019

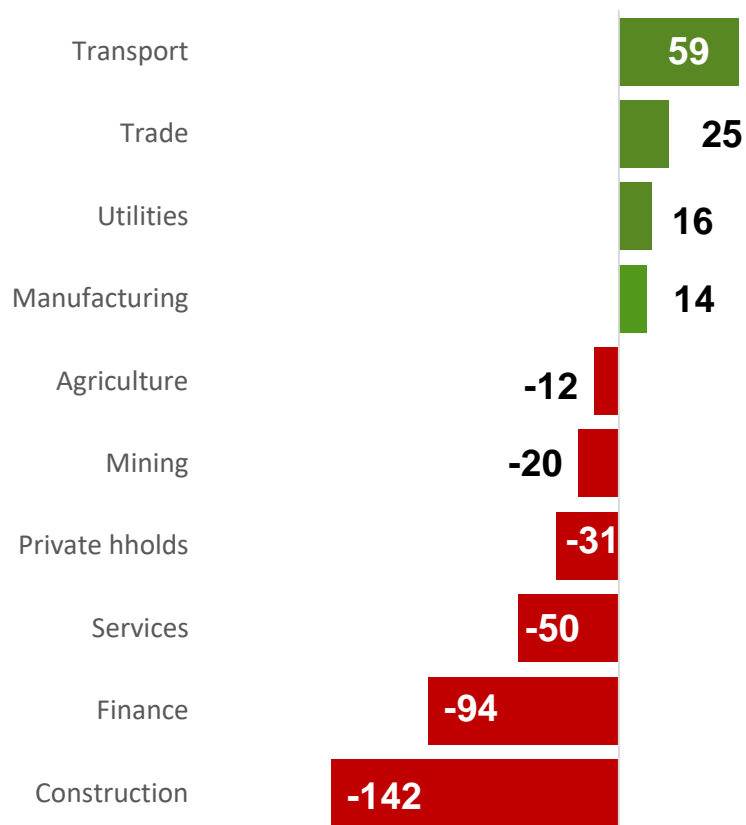
Share of Nominal GDP (Q4:2018)



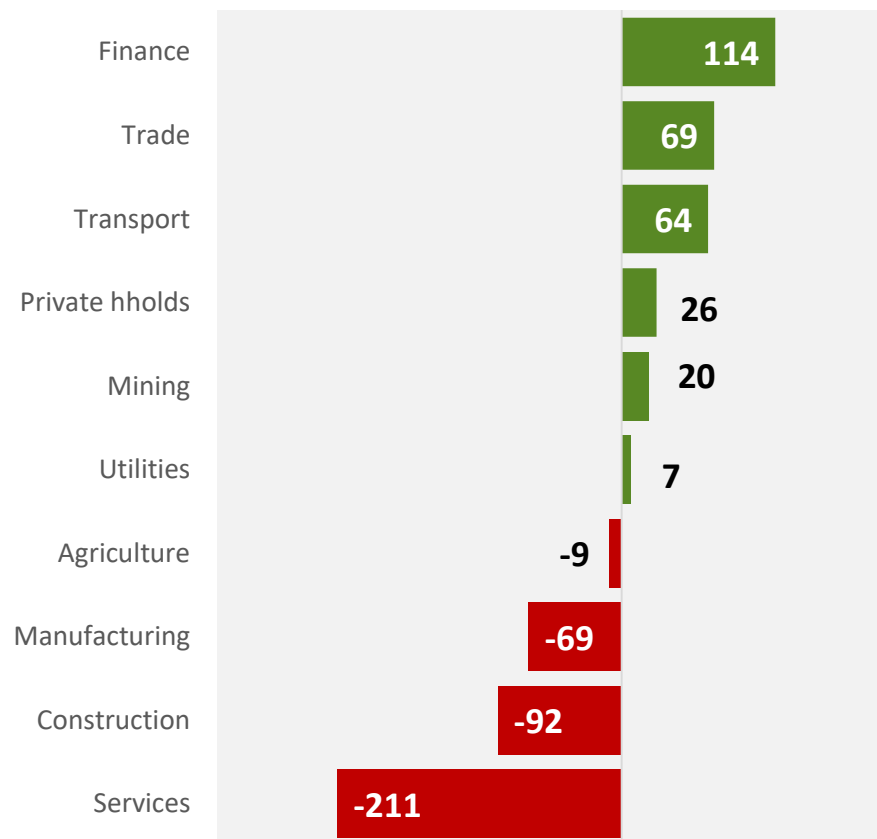
THE LARGEST **QUARTER-ON-QUARTER** EMPLOYMENT DECLINES WERE RECORDED IN CONSTRUCTION, FINANCE AND SERVICES.

Employment changes by industry

Quarter-on-quarter change ('000)

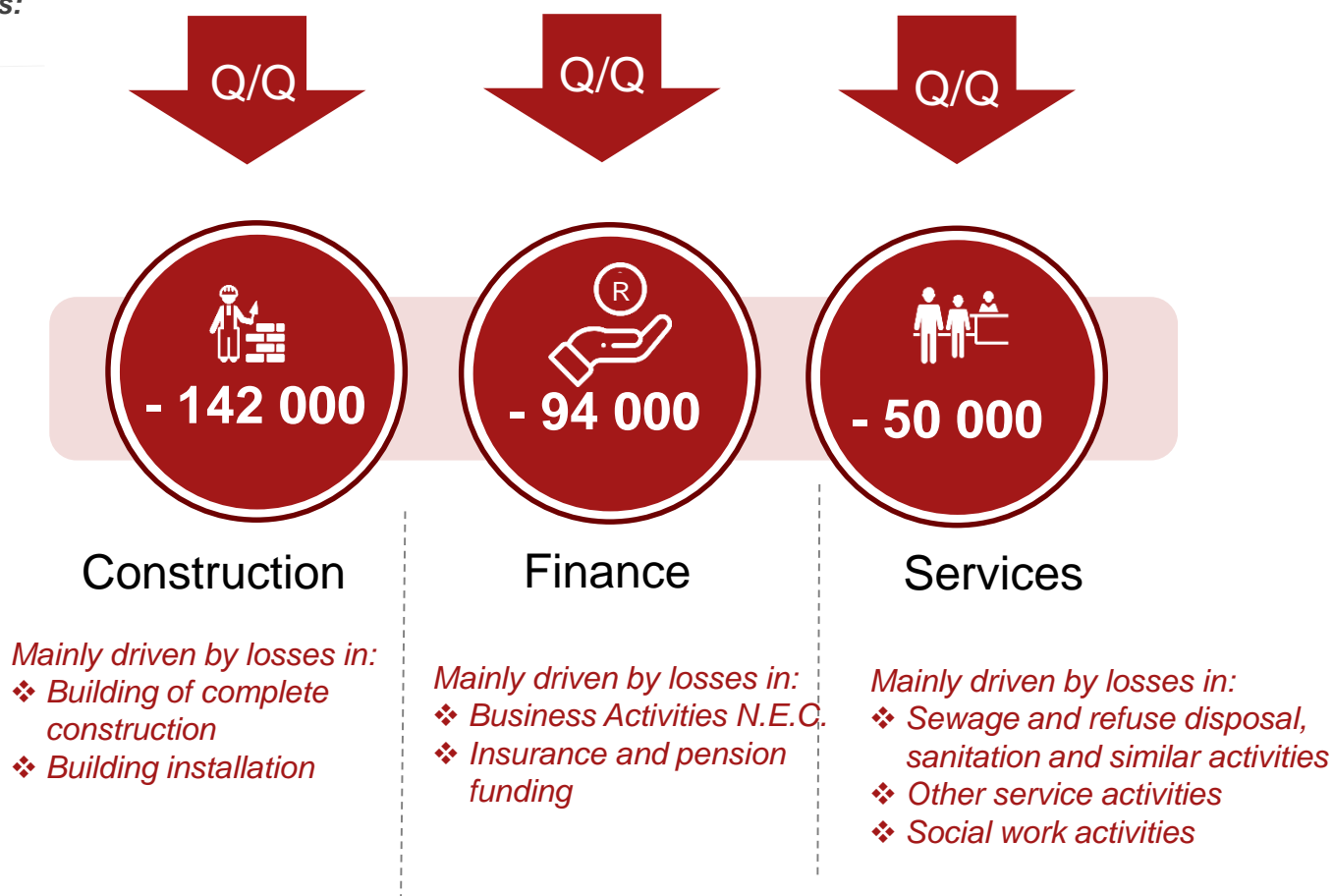


Year-on-year change ('000)



EMPLOYMENT LOSSES WERE MAINLY DRIVEN BY CONSTRUCTION, FINANCE AND SERVICES

Quarter-on-quarter
employment changes:
Losses



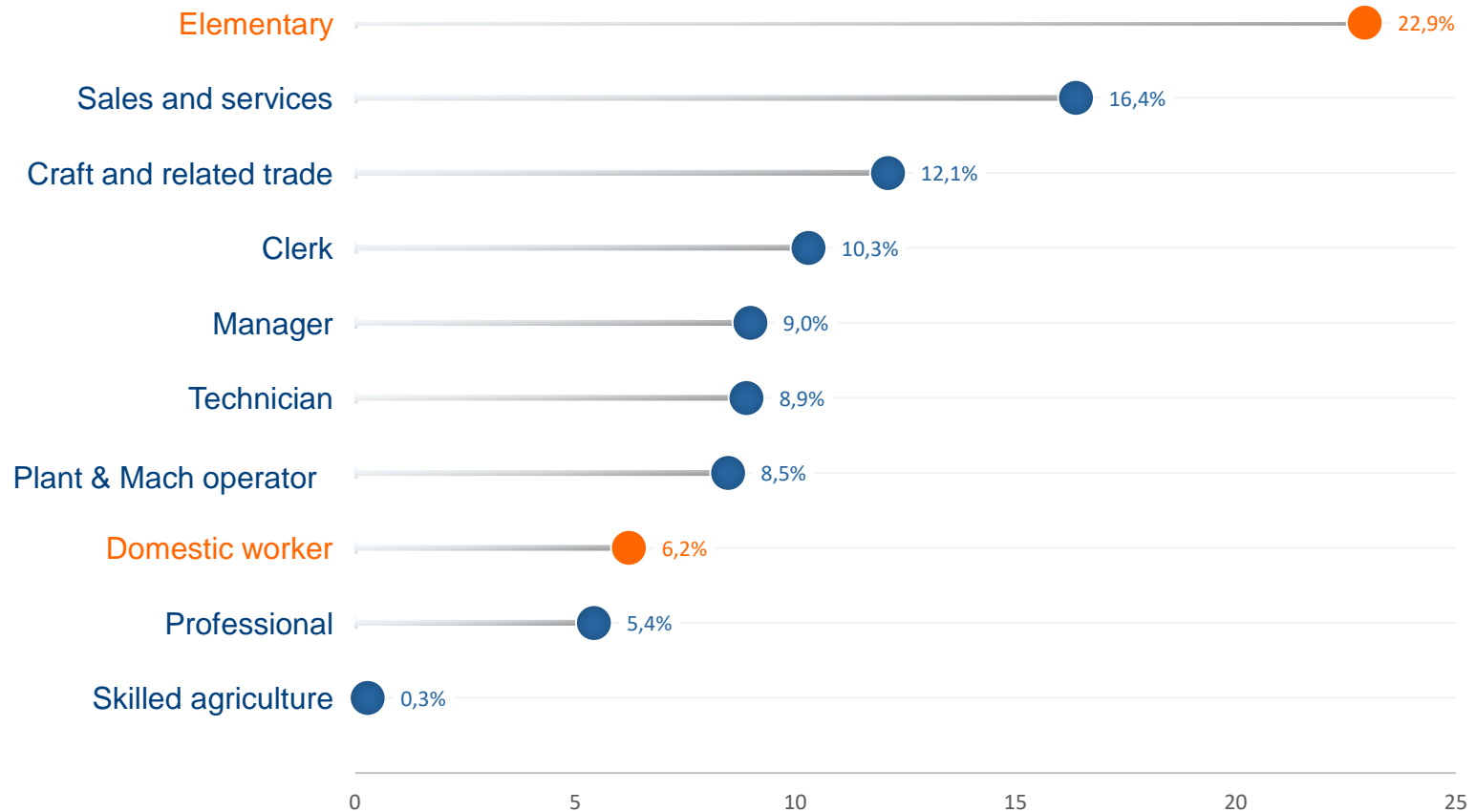
EMPLOYMENT GAINS WERE MAINLY DRIVEN BY THE TRANSPORT, TRADE, UTILITIES AND MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

Quarter-on-quarter
employment changes:
Gains

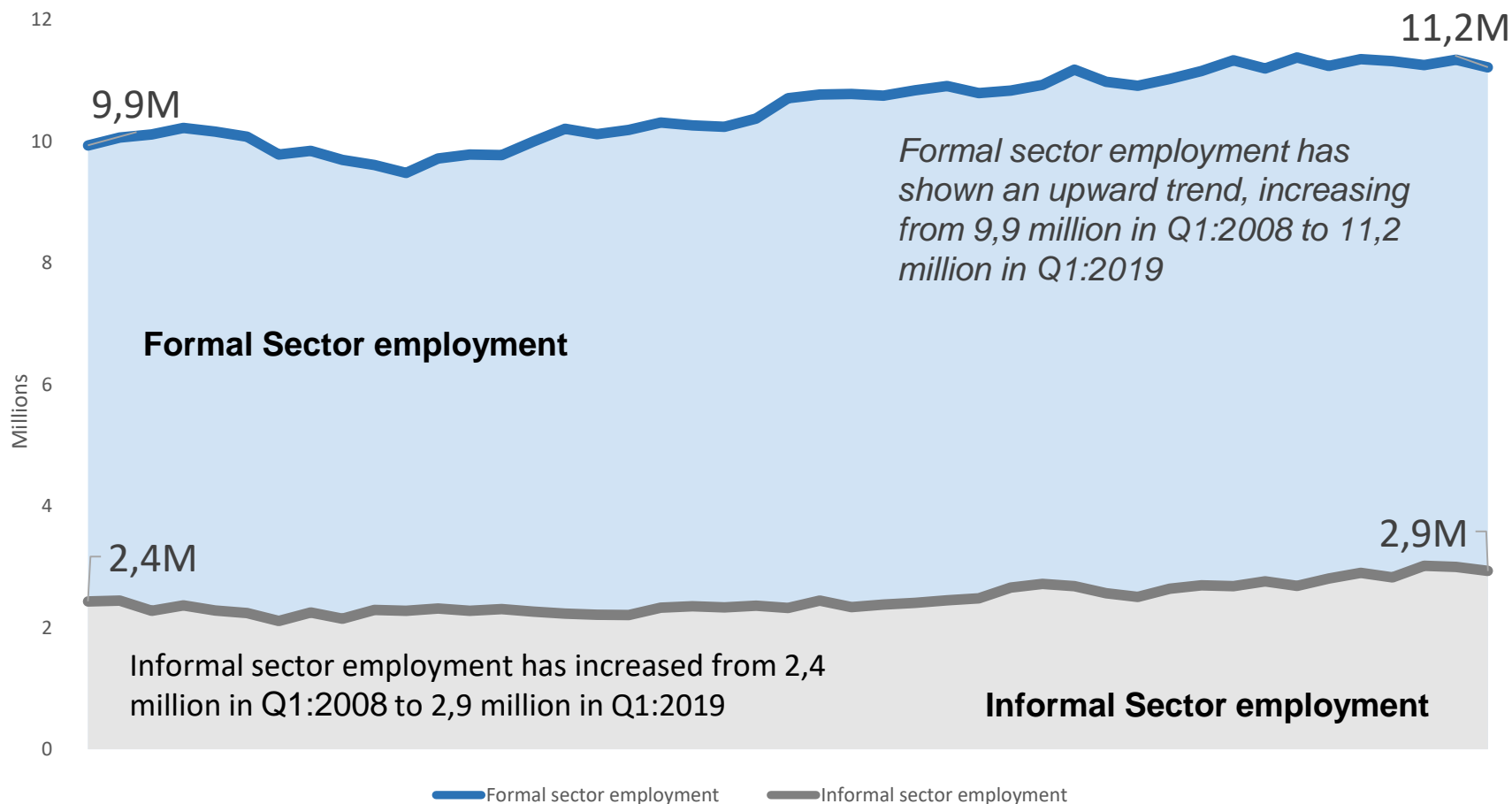


CLOSE TO A THIRD (29,1%) OF ALL PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN Q1:2019 WERE EMPLOYED IN ELEMENTARY AND DOMESTIC WORK OCCUPATIONS

Employment share by occupation, Q1:2019



THE FORMAL SECTOR IN SOUTH AFRICA ACCOUNTS FOR OVER 65% OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT



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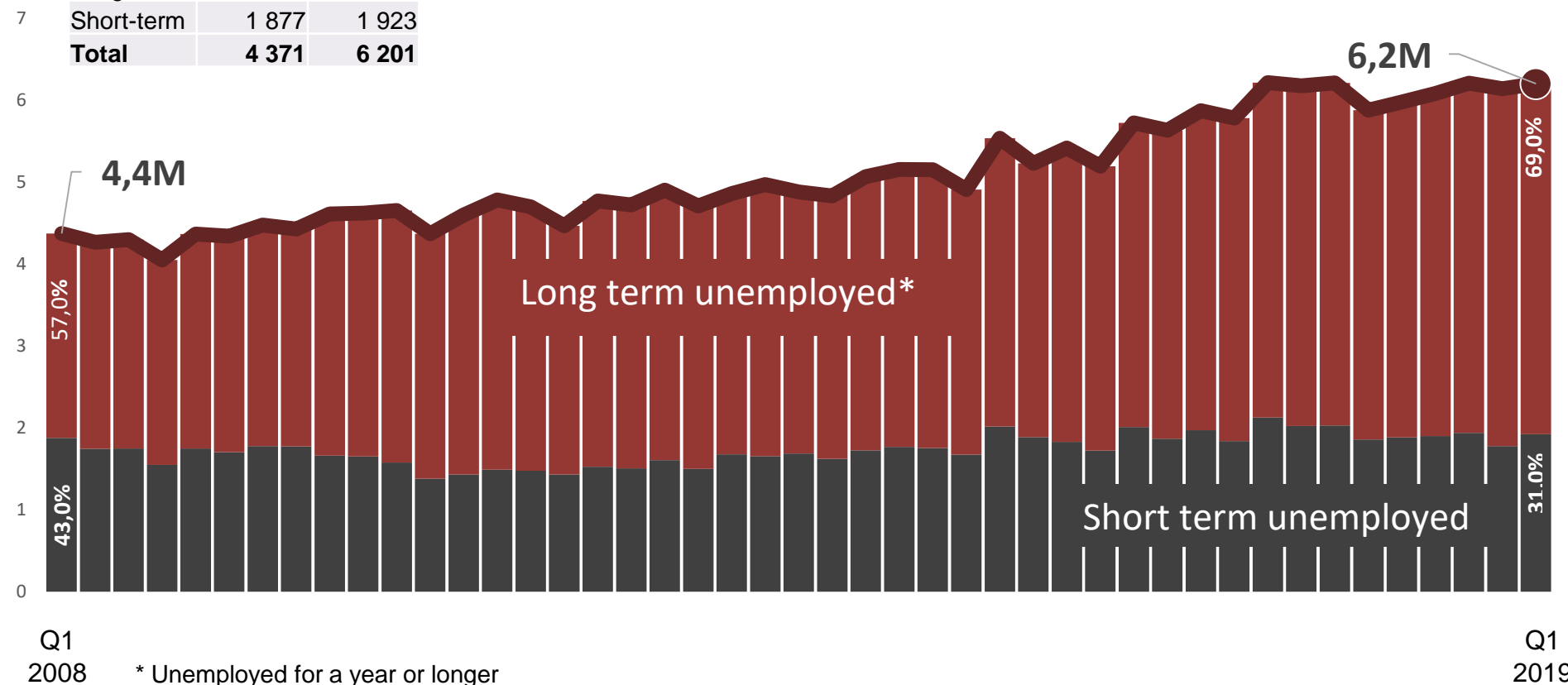
Q1:2019

UNEMPLOYMENT

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE INCREASED FROM 4,4 MILLION IN Q1:2008 TO 6,2 MILLION IN Q1:2019. *The proportion of those in long-term unemployment increased from 57,0% in Q1:2008 to 69,0% in Q1:2019, an increase of 12 percentage points.*

Levels of unemployment

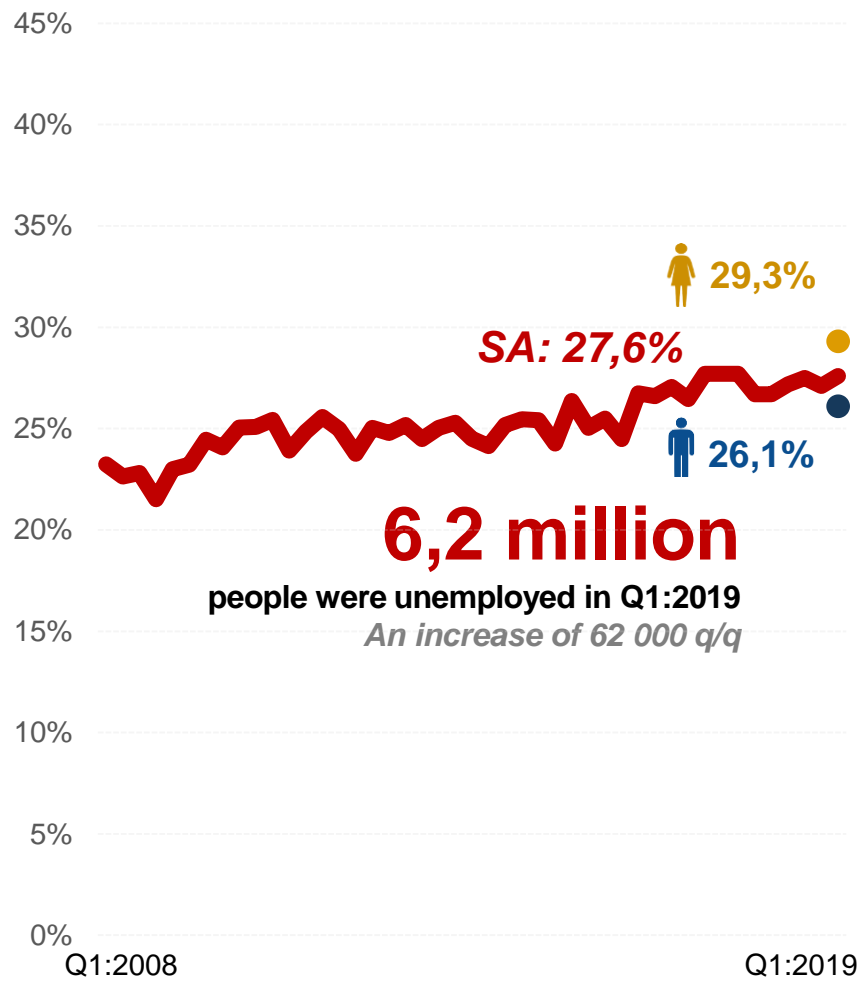
	Q1: 2008	Q1: 2019
	Thousand	
Long-term	2 493	4 278
Short-term	1 877	1 923
Total	4 371	6 201



Q1:2019

Official Unemployment Rate

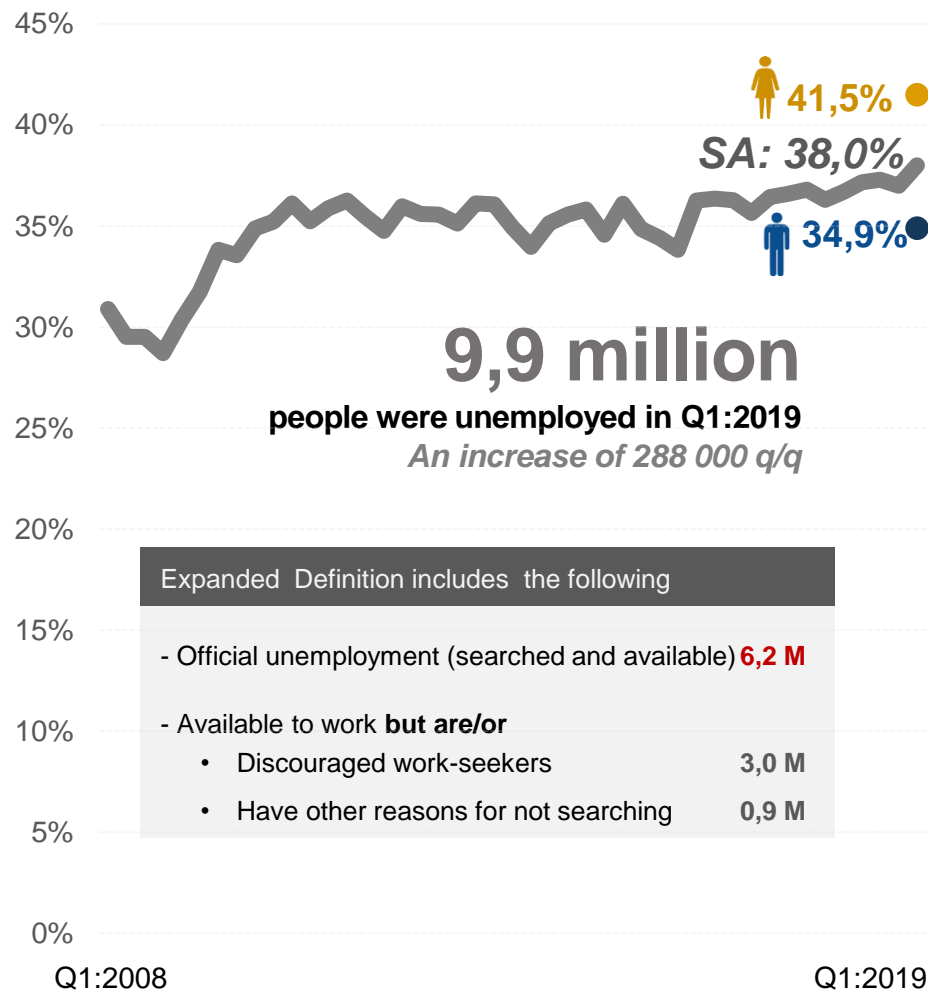
27,6% (+0,5 % Point Change Q/Q)



Q1:2019

Expanded Unemployment Rate

38,0% (+1,0 % Point Change Q/Q)



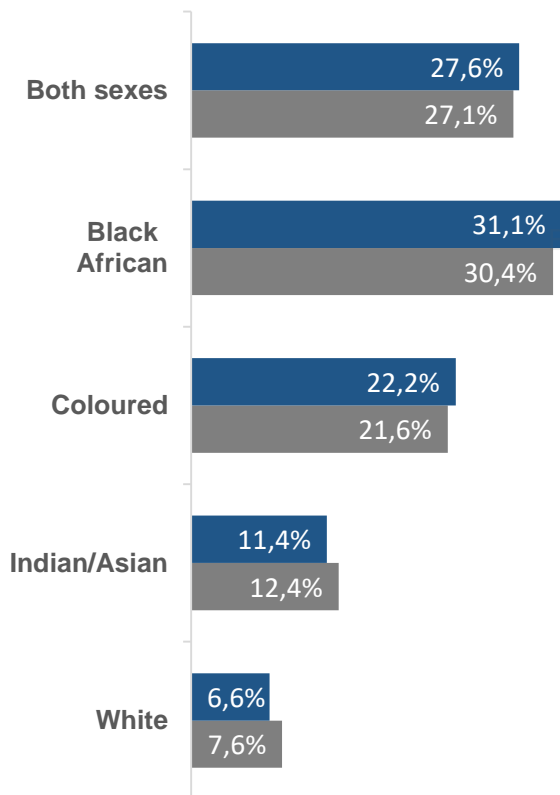
Expanded Definition includes the following

- Official unemployment (searched and available) **6,2 M**
- Available to work **but are/or**
 - Discouraged work-seekers **3,0 M**
 - Have other reasons for not searching **0,9 M**

BLACK AFRICAN WOMEN ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE WITH AN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF OVER 30%.

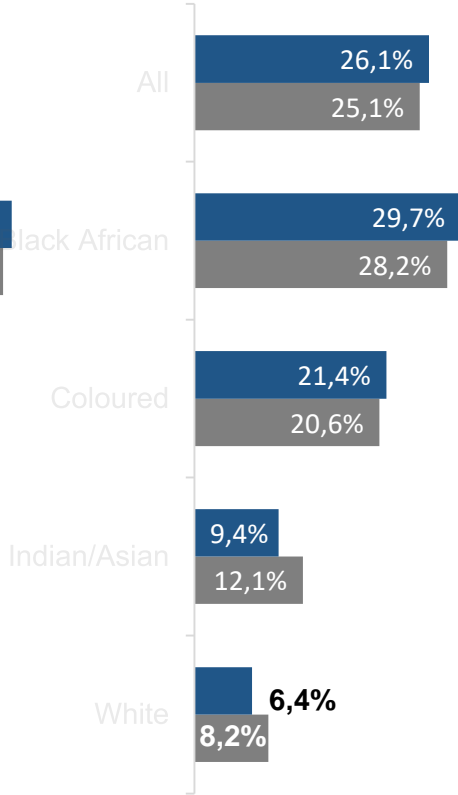
OFFICIAL unemployment rate
by population group and sex

Unemployment Rate
by Population Group



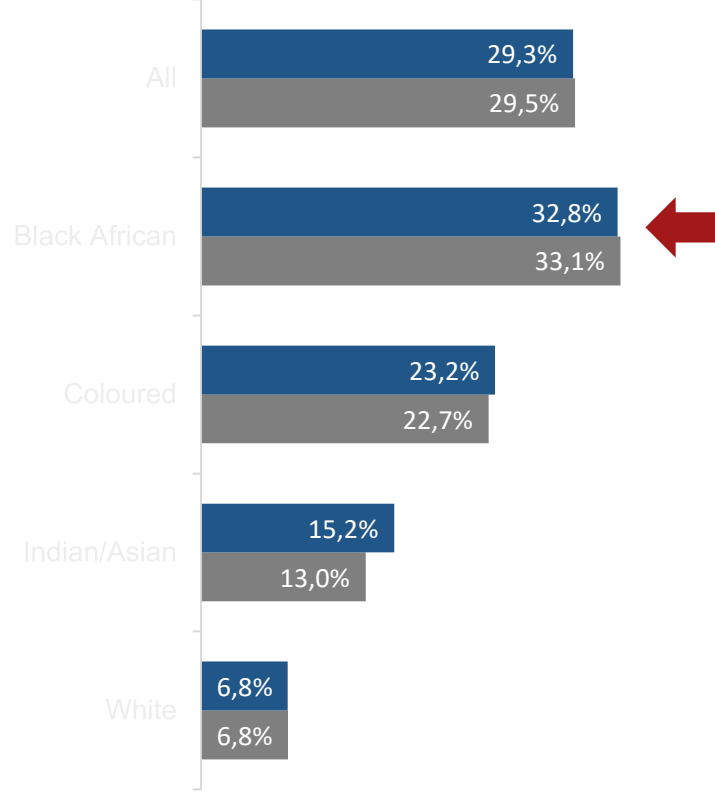
■ Q1:2019 ■ Q4:2018

Male Unemployment Rate
By Population Group



■ Q1:2019 ■ Q4:2018

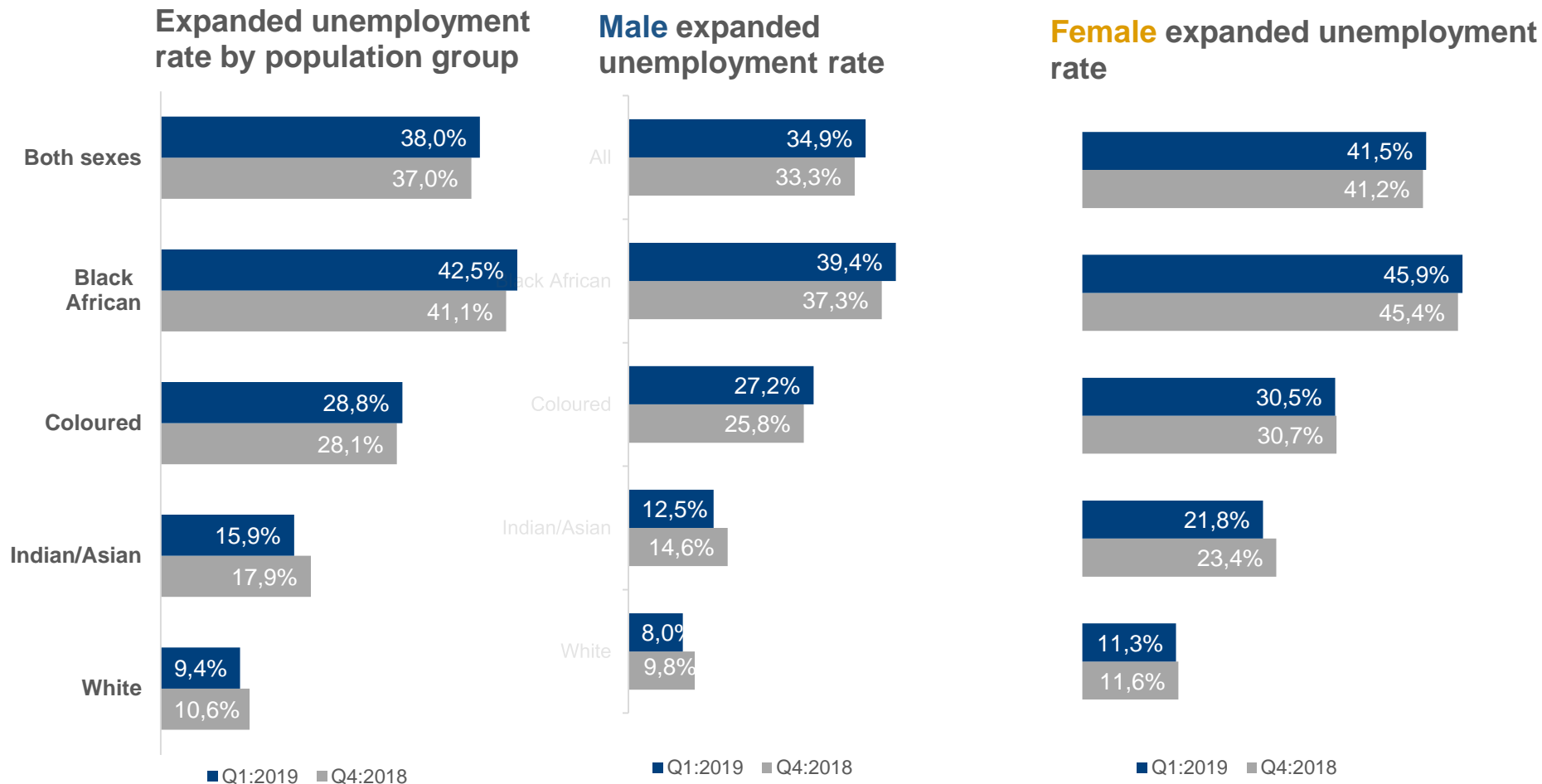
Female Unemployment Rate
by Population Group



■ Q1:2019 ■ Q4:2018

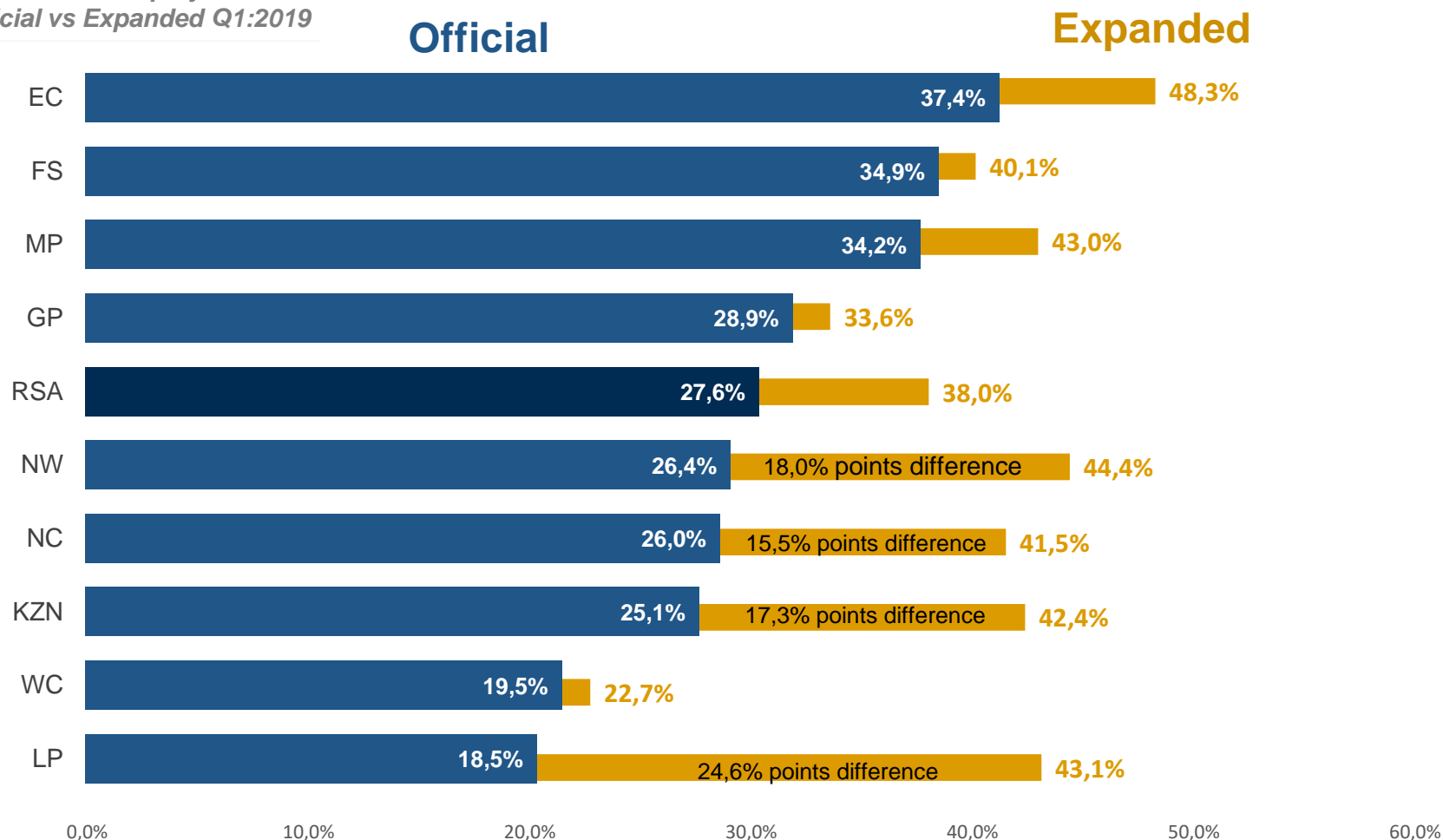
IRRESPECTIVE OF SEX, THE BLACK AFRICAN AND COLOURED POPULATION GROUPS REMAIN VULNERABLE IN THE LABOUR MARKET

EXPANDED unemployment rate by population group and sex



HIGHEST OFFICIAL & EXPANDED UNEMPLOYMENT RATES RECORDED IN EC; *while LP, NW, KZN and NC provinces all have more than 15% points difference between their expanded and official unemployment rates*

Provincial unemployment rate:
Official vs Expanded Q1:2019



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UNDERSTANDING NON-ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE (NEA)

15,8 MILLION PEOPLE AGED 15 – 64 YEARS WERE NOT ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE.

This is an increase of 325 000 q/q

Reasons why – Not economically active (NEA)

5 main reasons for NEA

Q4:2018 to Q1:2019
% Change

Q4:2018 to Q1:2019
Change in levels

Too old/young to work; 9,8%

Up by 0,3 of
a % point

Illness/disability; 10,4%

Up by 0,2 of
a % point

Home-maker
16,5%

Up by 0,1 of
a % point

Discouraged work seekers
19,0%

Up by 0,6 of
a % point

Student
38,9%

Down by 1,8
% points

Quarter-on-quarter changes

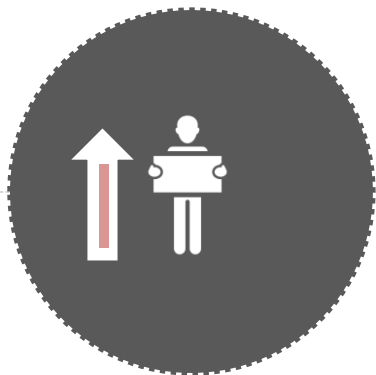
	Thousand
Student	-151
Homemaker	62
Illness/disability	59
Too young/too old to work	76
Discouraged work seekers	156
Other	122

NEA
15,8 M

Recap

Q1:2019

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



Unemployment rate increased by 0,5 of a % point to 27,6% .

Absorption rate and labour force participation rate decreased by 0,7 of a percentage point and 0,6 of a percentage point respectively.

EMPLOYMENT GAINS



Employment gains were recorded in **Transport (59 000)**, Trade (25 000), Utilities (16 000) and Manufacturing (14 000).

EMPLOYMENT LOSSES



Largest employment losses were observed in **Construction (142 000)**, Finance (94 000) and Community and social services (50 000).

YOUTH



Of the 10,3 million persons aged 15-24 years, **33,2%** were not in employment, education or training.

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Ndzi hela kwala!