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Quarterly Labour Force Survey Quarter 3, 2018: Metadata
Methodology

Introduction

The QLFS sample covers the non-institutional population except for workers' hostels. However, persons living in private dwelling units within institutions are also enumerated. For example, within a school compound, one would enumerate the schoolmaster's house and teachers' accommodation because these are private dwellings. Students living in a dormitory on the school compound would, however, be excluded.

Survey requirements and design

The Quarterly Labour Force Survey (QLFS) uses the Master Sample frame which has been developed as a general-purpose household survey frame that can be used by all other Stats SA household surveys that have a design requirement reasonably compatible with the QLFS. The 2013 Master Sample is based on information collected during the 2011 Population Census conducted by Stats SA. In preparation for Census 2011, the country was divided into 103 576 enumeration areas (EAs). The Census EAs, together with the auxiliary information for the EAs were used as the frame units or building blocks for the formation of primary sampling units (PSUs) for the Master Sample, since they covered the entire country and had other information that is crucial for stratification and creation of PSUs. There are 3 324 primary sampling units (PSUs) in the Master Sample with an expected sample of approximately 33 000 dwelling units (DUs). The number of PSUs in the current Master Sample (3 324) reflects an 8.0% increase in the size of the Master Sample compared to the previous (2008) Master Sample (which had 3 080 PSUs). The larger Master Sample of PSUs was selected to improve the precision (smaller coefficients of variation, or CVs) of the QLFS estimates.

The Master Sample is designed to be representative at provincial level and within provinces at metro/non-metro levels. Within the metros, the sample is further distributed by geographical type. The three geography types are: Urban, Tribal and Farms. This implies, for example, that within a metropolitan area, the sample is representative of the different geography types that may exist within that metro.

It is divided equally into four sub-groups or panels called rotation groups. The rotation groups are designed in such a way that each of these groups has the same distribution pattern as that which is observed in the whole sample. They are numbered from one (1) to four (4) and these numbers also correspond to the quarters of the year in which the sample will be rotated for the particular group.

The sample for the QLFS is based on a stratified two-stage design with probability proportional to size (PPS) sampling of PSUs in the first stage, and sampling of dwelling units (DUs) with systematic sampling in the second stage.
Sample rotation

For each quarter of the QLFS, a ¼ of the sampled dwellings is rotated out of the sample. These dwellings are replaced by new dwellings from the same PSU or the next PSU on the list. Thus, sampled dwellings are expected to remain in the sample for four consecutive quarters. It should be noted that the sampling unit is the dwelling, and the unit of observation is the household.

Therefore, if a household moves out of a dwelling after being in the sample for, say two quarters, and a new household moves in, the new household will be enumerated for the next two quarters. If no household moves into the sampled dwelling, the dwelling will be classified as vacant (or unoccupied).

Weighting

The sample weights were constructed in order to account for the following: the original selection probabilities (design weights), adjustments for PSUs that were sub-sampled or segmented, excluded population from the sampling frame, non-response, weight trimming and benchmarking to known population estimates from the demographic analysis division within Stats SA.

Non-response adjustment

In general, imputation is used for item non-response (i.e. blanks within the questionnaire) and edits failure (i.e. invalid or inconsistent responses). The eligible households in the sampled dwellings can be divided into two response categories: respondents and non-respondents. Weight adjustment is applied to account for the non-respondent households (e.g. refusal, no contact, etc.). The adjustment for total non-response was computed at two levels of non-response: PSU non-response and household non-response.

Final survey weights

In the final step of constructing the sample weights, all individuals within a household are assigned the same adjusted base weight. The adjusted base weights are calibrated such that the aggregate totals will match with independently derived (by Stats SA Demography Division) population estimates (from the Demographic Analysis Division) for various age, race and gender groups at national level and individual metropolitan and non-metropolitan area levels within the provinces. The calibrated weights are constructed using the constraint that each person within the same household should have the same calibrated weight, with a lower bound on the calibrated weights set at 50.

Estimation

The final survey weights are used to obtain the estimates for various domains of interest, e.g. number of persons employed in Agriculture in Western Cape, number of females employed in Manufacturing, etc.
Reliability of the survey estimates

Since estimates are based on sample data, they differ from figures that would have been obtained from complete enumeration of the population using the same instrument. Results are subject to both sampling and non-sampling errors. Non-sampling errors include biases from inaccurate reporting, processing, and tabulation, etc., as well as errors from non-responses and incomplete reporting. These types of errors cannot be measured readily. However, to some extent, non-sampling errors can be minimised through the procedures used for data collection, editing, quality control, and non-response adjustment. The variances of the survey estimates are used to measure sampling errors.

(i) Variance estimation

The most commonly used methods for estimating variances of survey estimates from complex surveys such as the QLFS, are the Taylor-series Linearization, Jack-knife Replication, Balanced Repeated Replication (BRR), and Bootstrap methods (Wolter, 2007). The Fay's BRR method has been used for variance estimation in the QLFS because of its simplicity.

(ii) Coefficient of variation

It is more useful in many situations to assess the size of the standard error relative to the magnitude of the characteristic being measured (the standard error is defined as the square root of the variance).

The coefficient of variation provides such a measure. It is the ratio of the standard error of the survey estimate to the value of the estimate itself expressed as a percentage. It is very useful in comparing the precision of several different survey estimates, where their sizes or scale differ from one another.

(iii) P-value of an estimate of change

The p-value corresponding to an estimate of change is the probability of observing a value larger than the particular observed value under the hypothesis that there is no real change. If p-value <0.01, the difference is highly significant; if p-value is between 0.01 and 0.05, the difference is significant; and if p-value >0.05, the difference is not significant.

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Table A: Contents of the QLFS questionnaire

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<td>Biographical information (marital status, language, migration, education, training, literacy, etc.)</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Economic activities for persons aged 15 years and above</td>
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<td>Unemployment and economic inactivity for persons aged 15 years and above</td>
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<td>Main work activities in the last week for persons aged 15 years and above</td>
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<td>Earnings in the main job for employees, employers and own-account workers aged 15 years and above</td>
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<td>70</td>
<td>Comprehensive coverage of all aspects of the labour market</td>
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Response Rates at National, Provincial and Metropolitan Area Levels, Q3 2018

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Contents of CD
The CD contains a flat, ASCII, fixed-field file, with one line of given length per record. This format was chosen so as to make the data usable with as many statistical programs as possible, and
thus accessible to as wide a range of people as possible.

Users can also access, explore and download the micro data in various formats, i.e. SAS, SPSS, Stata, etc., as well as the metadata from StatsOnline at www.statssa.gov.za.

**Other important information for users can be found in the following:**

- Questionnaire
- Additional code lists (occupation and industry)
- Relevant statistical release
- Record layouts
- Stats SA website: www.statssa.gov.za

**The data file**

The data file contains information on sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Each section contains the following information for each variable:

**Description of variables**

**Descriptive name:** This is a short description of the variable with the variable name in brackets.

**Position of the variable:** The position of a variable within a record is recorded in the format (@xxx y.). ‘@xxx’ indicates that the variable starts at position (i.e. column) xxx, and ‘y’ indicates the length of the field.

**Final code list:** The range of valid values for variables. For continuous variables it only reflects the upper and lower limits.

**Not applicable:** The code for ‘missing’ values is given for each variable (□ = Not applicable).

**Note to users:** Additional information for further clarity on questions.
DATA FILE

Unique number (UQNO) 
(18.)
Unique household identifier allocated to each household.
Valid range: 160100720000003201–987105430000016801

Person number (PERSONNO) 
(19.)
Person (respondent) number
Valid range: 01–20

SECTION 1
This section covers particulars of each person in the household.

Question 1.2

Stayed at least four nights (Q12NIGHTS) 
(1.)

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<th>Has............stayed in this household for at least four nights on average per week during the last four weeks?</th>
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<td>1=Yes</td>
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<td>2=No → <strong>End of question for this person</strong></td>
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Note to users
This question was asked for each person found in the selected dwelling. Those who were not household members (those who had not spent at least four nights per week during the last four weeks) were excluded from the data (2 = No). The instruction in this question was to end the interview for those who had answered 'No' to this question. It is by means of this question that household members are identified within the selected dwelling.

Universe
Every person who had stayed in the households in selected dwelling units at least four nights a week in the four weeks prior to the interview.

Final code list
1 = Yes
Question 1.3

**Gender (Q13GENDER)**

1.3 Is ........ a male or a female?

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<td>1 = Male</td>
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<td>2 = Female</td>
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**Note to users**

This question was asked for all household members, to determine their gender. Enumerators were instructed not to assume the gender of household members by just looking at people’s names or physical appearances. In this instance, they had to ask the respondent the gender of each member of the household without any assumptions.

**Universe**

Every person who had stayed in the households in selected dwelling units at least four nights a week in the four weeks prior to the interview.

**Final code list**

1 = Male
2 = Female

Question 1.5

**Population group (Q15POPULATION)**

1.5 What population group does ..... belong to?

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<td>3 = INDIAN/ARAB</td>
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<td>4 = WHITE</td>
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<td>5 = OTHER, specify in last box at the bottom</td>
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**Note to users**

This question was asked to determine the population group of persons from the selected dwelling units. The respondent had to answer for each member and the enumerator was not to make any assumptions. The enumerator was also instructed not to come to any conclusions, which may be influenced by his observation or using people’s names during the interview. This question may seem very sensitive to some respondents, especially in this post-apartheid era, but it is important to find out the composition of the South African population.

**Universe**

Every person who had stayed in the households in selected dwelling units at least four nights a week in the four weeks prior to the interview.
Final code list
1 = African/Black
2 = Coloured
3 = Indian/Asian
4 = White

Question 1.6
Marital status (Q16MARITALSTATUS) (@24 1.)

1.6 What is ....... 's present marital status?

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<td>3</td>
<td>Widow/Widower</td>
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<td>Divorced or separated</td>
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<td>Never married</td>
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Note to users
This question is about the marital status of the members of the household. Both modern and traditional marriages are considered in this question.

Universe
Every person who had stayed in the households in selected dwelling units at least four nights a week in the four weeks prior to the interview.

Final code list
1 = Married
2 = Living together like husband and wife
3 = Widow/Widower
4 = Divorced or separated
5 = Never married
### Question 1.7

**Highest education level (Q17EDUCATION)**

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*If code 98 or 00-13, Go to Q1.9*

*If code 14-29, Go to Q1.8*

*If code 30-31, Go to Q1.9*

Diploma or certificate should have been at least six months study duration full time (or equivalent)

Write the appropriate code in the boxes.
Note to users
Enumerators were instructed that it was only those qualifications already obtained which had to be entered. That means the current level of study with which a person was still busy, was not applicable. It was very important to complete each record even if the person had not attended school. Enumerators were instructed to record diplomas and certificates that were of at least six months’ duration. If the answer to Question 1.7 is code 98 or 00–12 or 29–30, the instruction is to go to Question 1.9. If code 13–28 is selected, the instruction is to go to Question 1.8.

Universe
Every person who had stayed in the households in selected dwelling units at least four nights a week in the four weeks prior to the interview.

Final code list
98 = No schooling
00 = Grade R/0
01 = Grade 1/Sub A
02 = Grade 2/Sub B
03 = Grade 3/Standard 1/ABET 1 (Kha ri gude, SANLI)
04 = Grade 4/Standard 2
05 = Grade 5/Standard 3/ABET 2
06 = Grade 6/Standard 4
07 = Grade 7/Standard 5/ABET 3
08 = Grade 8/Standard 6/Form 1
09 = Grade 9/Standard 7/Form 2/ABET 4
10 = Grade 10/Standard 8/Form 3
11 = Grade 11/Standard 9/Form 4
12 = Grade 12/Standard 10/Form 5/Matric (No exemption)
13 = Grade 12/Standard 10/Form 5/Matric (Exemption/Bachelor’s pass)
14 = NTC I/N1/NIC/(v) Level 2
15 = NTC II/N2/NIC/(v) Level 3
16 = NTC III/N3/NIC/(v) Level 4
17 = N4/NTC 4
18 = N5/NTC 5
19 = N6/NTC 6
20 = Certificate with less than Grade 12/Std 10
21 = Diploma with less than Grade 12/Std 10
22 = Certificate with Grade 12/Std 10
23 = Diploma with Grade 12/Std 10
24 = Higher Diploma
25 = Post Higher Diploma (Master’s, Doctoral Diploma)
26 = Bachelor’s Degree
27 = Bachelor’s Degree and Postgraduate Diploma
28 = Honours Degree
29 = Higher Degree (Master’s/PhD)
30 = Other
31 = Do not know
### Study field (Q18FIELD)

**UNIVERSITY/TECHNIKON/COLLEGE**

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<td>Electrical Infrastructure Construction</td>
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<td>Civil Engineering and Building Construction</td>
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<td>Education and Development</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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**Note to users**

This question should only be asked to persons who have obtained a post-school qualification (diploma, certificate or degree) – code 13–28 in Q1.7. The interest in this question is in establishing the field of study in which the qualifications have been obtained.
**Universe**
Every person who has stayed in the households in selected dwelling units at least four nights a week in the four weeks prior to the interview.

**Final code list**
01 = Agriculture or renewable natural resources
02 = Architecture or environmental design
03 = Arts, visual or performing
04 = Business, commerce and management studies
05 = Communication
06 = Computer science
07 = Education, training or development
08 = Engineering or engineering technology
09 = Health care or health sciences
10 = Home economics
11 = Industrial arts, traders or technology
12 = Languages, linguistics or literature
13 = Law
14 = Libraries or museums
15 = Life sciences or physical sciences
16 = Mathematical sciences
17 = Military sciences
18 = Philosophy, religion or theology
19 = Physical education or leisure
20 = Psychology
21 = Public administration or social services
22 = Social sciences or social studies
23 = Other
24 = Management
25 = Marketing
26 = Information technology and computer science
27 = Finance, economics and accounting
28 = Office administration
29 = Electrical infrastructure construction
30 = Civil engineering and building construction
31 = Engineering
32 = Primary agriculture
33 = Hospitality
34 = Tourism
35 = Safety in society
36 = Mechatronics
37 = Education and development
38 = Other
99 = Unspecified
□□ = Not applicable
Currently attending educational institution (Q19ATTE)

1.9 Does ... currently attend any educational institution?
1 = YES
2 = NO → Go to Section 2

Note to users
The question focuses on attendance of educational institutions. 'Educational institution' can include school, university of technology, university, home school, pre-school, crèche, day care, distance/correspondence education, etc. If the respondent is attending an educational institution, the survey officer has to proceed to Question 1.10. If the individual is not attending an educational institution, the enumerator should skip to Section 2.

Universe
Every person who has stayed in the households in selected dwelling units at least four nights per week in the four weeks prior the interview.

Final code list
1 = Yes
2 = No

Education Institution (Q110EDUI)

1.10 Which educational institution does ... currently attend?
1 = PRE-SCHOOL (INCLUDING DAY CARE, CRECHE, GRADE R AND PRE-GRADE R IN AN ECD CENTRE)
2 = ORDINARY SCHOOL (INCLUDING GRADE R LEARNERS WHO ATTEND A FORMAL SCHOOL, GRADE 1-12 LEARNERS AND LEARNERS IN SPECIAL CLASS)
3 = SPECIAL SCHOOL
4 = FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING COLLEGE (FET)
5 = OTHER COLLEGE
6 = HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION (UNIVERSITY OR UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY)
7 = ADULT BASIC EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTRE (ABET CENTRE)
8 = LITERACY CLASSES (E.G. KHAI RI GUBE, SANLI)
9 = HOME-BASED EDUCATION OR HOME SCHOOLING

Note to users
Distance, correspondence and home schooling are included in this question. Survey officers are instructed not to make assumptions by associating people’s ages with the level of education, but rather consider what the respondent gives.
**Universe**
Every person who has stayed in the households in selected dwelling units at least four nights per week in the four weeks prior to the interview who are currently attending an educational institution.

**Final code list**
- 01 = Pre-school (including day care, crèche, Grade R and Pre-Grade R in an ECD Centre)
- 02 = Ordinary school (including Grade R learners who attend a formal school, Grade 1–12 learners and learners in special class)
- 03 = Special school
- 04 = Further Education and Training College (FET)
- 05 = Other college
- 06 = Higher education institution (university/university of technology)
- 07 = Adult Basic Education and Training Centre (ABET CENTRE)
- 08 = Literacy classes (e.g. Khari gude, SANLI)
- 09 = Home-based education/home schooling
- □□ = Not applicable

**SECTION 2**
This section covers economic activities in the last week for persons aged 15 years and older.

**Question 2.0**

*Person himself/herself responding (Q20SELFRESPOND)*

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<th>Interviewer to answer Is the person him/herself responding to questions?</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>No</td>
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</table>

**Note to users**
This question was answered by the enumerator. It was recommended that if all the members of the household who qualified for this section were present, they should answer for themselves. It is by means of this question that the accuracy of the information received can be qualified, as it would reflect whether people answered for themselves or a proxy responded on their behalf.

**Universe**
All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older.

**Final code list**
- 1 = Yes
- 2 = No
- □ = Not applicable

**Note:** Questions 2.1–2.3 are not included in the data, as these questions were asked for administrative purposes and as such do not have any impact on the analysis of the data.
Question 2.4

**Note to users**
This question is applicable to all household members aged 15 years and older, regarding their involvement in economic activities in the seven days prior to the interview. This is part of the questionnaire where there would be a differentiation between the economically active population and those who are not economically active. The instruction to enumerators was that they should consider those activities that lasted for at least an hour within the last seven days. In order to be certain that the categories had been answered, there should be either a 'Yes' or 'No' answer to all of them. Most importantly, if there was a 'Yes' to any part of this question, there should be a skip to Section 4. If all the categories were 'No', there should be a continuation to the next question.

**Paid work (Q24APDWRK)**

a. Do any work for a wage, salary, commission or any payment in kind (excluding domestic work)?

**Universe**
All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older who in the last week did any work for a wage, salary, commission or any payment in kind.

**Final code list**
1 = Yes
2 = No
□ = Not applicable
**Own business (Q24BOWNBUSNS)**

b. Run or do any kind of business, big or small, for himself/herself or with one or more partners?

**Universe**

All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older who in the last week ran or did any kind of business, big or small, for himself/herself or with one or more partners.

**Final code list**

1 = Yes  
2 = No  
□ = Not applicable

**Unpaid work (Q24CUNPDWRK)**

c. Help unpaid in a household business of any kind?

**Universe**

All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older who in the last week helped unpaid in a household business of any kind.

**Final code list**

1 = Yes  
2 = No  
□ = Not applicable
Question 2.5

2.5 In the last week (Monday to Sunday), even though you did not do any work for pay, profit or did not help without pay in a household business, .......

(a) Did you have a paid job that you would definitely return to?

→ If yes, go to Q 2.7, otherwise continue

Examples: a regular job, contract, casual or piece work for pay, work in exchange for food or housing, paid domestic work.

(b) Did you have a business that you would definitely return to?

→ If yes, go to Q 2.7, otherwise continue

Examples: Commercial farming, selling things, making things for sale, construction, repairing things, guarding cars, brewing beer, collecting wood or water for sale, hairdressing, of cha businesses, tax or other transport business, having a legal or medical practice, performing in public, having a public phone shop, etc.

(c) Did you have an unpaid job in any kind of business run by your household that you would definitely return to?

→ Go to Q 3.1

Examples: Commercial farming, help to sell things, make things for sale or exchange, doing the accounts, cleaning up for the business, etc.

Note to users

This was applicable only to household members who had answered 'No' to all the categories in Question 2.4. The main intention of this question was to find the reason why people did not work in the last week prior to the interview. If 'Yes' to either part a) or b), the enumerator should skip to Question 2.7.

Have paid work to return to (Q25APDWRK) (@36 1.)

(a) Did you have a paid job that you would definitely return to?

→ If yes, go to Q 2.7, otherwise continue

Universe

All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older who were not involved in economic activities in the last seven days prior to the interview and who had a paid job that they would definitely return to.

Final code list

1 = Yes
2 = No
□ = Not applicable
Have own business to return to (Q25BOWNBUSNS)

(b) Did you have a business that you would definitely return to?
→ If yes, go to Q 2.7, otherwise continue

Universe
All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older who were not involved in economic activities in the last seven days prior to the interview, and who had a business that they would definitely return to.

Final code list
1 = Yes
2 = No
□ = Not applicable

Have an unpaid work to return to (Q25CUNPDWRK)

(c) Did you have an unpaid job in any kind of business run by your household that you would definitely return to?
→ Go to Q 3.1

Universe
All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older who were not involved in economic activities in the last seven days prior to the interview, and who had an unpaid job in any kind of business run by their household that they would definitely return to.

Final code list
2 = No
□ = Not applicable
Question 2.7

*Main reason absent from work (Q27RSNABSENT)*

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<th>Reason</th>
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<td>Health reasons</td>
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<td>02</td>
<td>Vacation leave</td>
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<td>03</td>
<td>Caring for family or others</td>
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<td>04</td>
<td>Maternity or paternity leave</td>
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<td>05</td>
<td>Other family/community obligations</td>
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<td>06</td>
<td>Strike/stay-away/lockout</td>
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<td>07</td>
<td>Problems with transport</td>
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<td>08</td>
<td>Bad weather</td>
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<td>09</td>
<td>Study or training leave</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>Unrest (Violence)</td>
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<td>11</td>
<td>Temporarily laid off/reduction in economic activity</td>
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<td>Seasonal work</td>
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<td>Start a new job/business at a definite date in the future</td>
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<td>14</td>
<td>Other reason</td>
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<td>□□</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
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*Note to users*

This question was aimed at establishing the reasons why people were absent from their normal activities in the seven days prior to the interview. If more than one reason was given, only the main one was recorded. A provision was made to specify the reasons that were not on the pre-coded list. If option 01, 02 or 04 were selected, the enumerator should go to Section 4. If option 13 were selected, the enumerator should go to Question 3.1; for all other reasons the enumerator should proceed to Question 2.7a.

*Universe*

Members of the household aged 15 years and older who were not involved in economic activities in the seven days prior to the interview but who had a job/business to return to.

*Final code list*

- 01 = Health reasons
- 02 = Vacation leave
- 03 = Caring for family or others
- 04 = Maternity or paternity leave
- 05 = Other family/community obligations
- 06 = Strike/stay-away/lockout
- 07 = Problems with transport
- 08 = Bad weather
- 09 = Study or training leave
- 10 = Unrest (Violence)
- 11 = Temporarily laid off/reduction in economic activity
- 12 = Seasonal work
- 13 = Start a new job/business at a definite date in the future
- 14 = Other reason
- □□ = Not applicable
**Time absent from work (Q27ATime)**  
(@4 1.)

<table>
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<th>27a</th>
<th>Including the time that you have been absent, will you return to that same job/business...</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Within 3 months? → Go to Section 4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>After 3 months?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Not sure to return</td>
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</table>

**Note to users**
This question was aimed at establishing the duration of absence from the main job/business. If option 1 was selected, the enumerator should go to Section 4.

**Universe**
Members of the household aged 15 years and older who were not involved in economic activities in the seven days prior to the interview but who had a job/business to return to.

**Final code list**
1 = Within 3 months?
2 = After 3 months?
3 = Not sure to return
□□ = Not applicable

**Receive pay (Q27BRECPAY)**  
(@4 1.)

<table>
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<th>2.7b</th>
<th>Do you continue to receive pay from your job/business during your absence from work?</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Yes → Go to Section 4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>No → Go to Q3.1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note to users**
The purpose of this question was to establish whether those who indicated that they will return to the same job after 3 months (or those who were not sure/did not know) were getting paid during their absence from work. This is mainly to determine whether they have some job attachment in the form of pay. If option 1 was selected, the enumerator should go to Section 4. If option was selected, the enumerator should go to Q3.1.

**Universe**
Members of the household aged 15 years and older who were not involved in economic activities in the seven days prior to the interview but who had a job/business to return to.

**Final code list**
1 = Yes
2 = No
□□ = Not applicable
SECTION 3
This section covers unemployment and economic inactivity for persons aged 15 years and older.

Question 3.1

Note to users
The purpose of this question was to establish whether a person had taken any action to look for a job or start any kind of business in the last four weeks prior to the interview. The instruction to the enumerator was to complete both given categories with either a 'Yes' or a 'No' answer. If 'No' to both part a) and b), the enumerator should skip to Question 3.3; and if any 'Yes' to part a) and b), the enumerator should continue to Q3.2.

Look for work (Q31ALOOKWRK) (@43 1.)
a) To look for any kind of work

Universe
All household members aged 15 years and older who were unemployed or inactive in the last four weeks, and who were looking for any kind of job.

Final code list
1 = Yes
2 = No
□□ = Not applicable

Start business (Q31BSTARTBUSNS) (@44 1.)
b) To start any kind of business

Universe
All household members aged 15 years and older who were unemployed or economically inactive in the last four weeks, and who were trying to start any kind of business.
**Final code list**

1 = Yes  
2 = No  
□ = Not applicable

### Working/business arrangement (Q31CTYPWRK)

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<th>3.1c</th>
<th>In the last four weeks what kind of working/business arrangement were you looking for?</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Full-time</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Part-time</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Any working arrangement</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note to users**

This question is aimed at establishing the working/business arrangement that the respondent would be interested in taking on, whether it is full time or part time.

**Universe**

All household members aged 15 years and older who were unemployed or inactive in the last four weeks, and who were looking for any kind of job.

**Final code list**

1 = Full-time  
2 = Part-time  
3 = Any working arrangement  
□ = Not applicable
Question 3.2

Steps taken to look for work or start business

3.2 In the last four weeks what have you done to search for work or to start a business?

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<th>Mark all applicable options</th>
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<td>01 = WANTED/REGISTERED AT EMPLOYMENT AGENCY/TRADE UNION</td>
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<tr>
<td>02 = ENQUIRED AT WORKPLACES, FARMS, FACTORIES OR CALLED ON OTHER POSSIBLE EMPLOYERS</td>
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</tr>
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<td>03 = PLACED/ANSWERED ADVERTISEMENT(S)</td>
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<tr>
<td>04 = SEARCHED THROUGH JOB ADVERTISEMENT(S) / SEARCHED THE INTERNET</td>
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<tr>
<td>05 = SOUGHT ASSISTANCE FROM RELATIVES OR FRIENDS</td>
<td>05</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>06 = LOOKED FOR LAND, BUILDING, EQUIPMENT OR APPLIED FOR PERMIT TO START OWN BUSINESS OR FARMING</td>
<td>06</td>
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<td>07 = WANTED AT THE STREET SIDE WHERE CASUAL WORKERS ARE FOUND</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>08 = SOUGHT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LOOK FOR WORK OR START A BUSINESS</td>
<td>08</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>09 = OTHER, SPECIFY</td>
<td>09</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10 = NOTHING</td>
<td>10</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

→ Go back to Q 3.1
→ Go to Q 3.6

Note to users

The question is intended to establish what the people did to look for work or start their own business. If a person had tried several ways of finding work, all applicable options were recorded. If the answer was 'Nothing', go back to Question 3.1; otherwise, go to Question 3.6.

Universe

All household members aged 15 years and older who were willing to accept jobs if offered, and had tried to look for work in the four weeks prior to the interview.

Final code list

Registered (Q3201REGISTER) (@46 1.)
1 = Yes
□ = Not applicable

Enquired (Q3202ENQUIRE) (@47 1.)
1 = Yes
□ = Not applicable

Placed adverts (Q3203JOBADS) (@48 1.)
1 = Yes
□ = Not applicable

Search job (Q3204JOBSEARCH) (@49 1.)
1 = Yes
□ = Not applicable
Sought assistance (Q3205ASSISTANCE)
1 = Yes
□ = Not applicable

Start own business (Q3206STARTBUSNS)
1 = Yes
□ = Not applicable

Casual work (Q3207CASUAL)
1 = Yes
□ = Not applicable

Financial assistance (Q3208FINASSIST)
1 = Yes
□ = Not applicable

Nothing (Q3210NOTHING)
□ = Not applicable

Question 3.3

Have a job or start a business (Q33HAVEJOB)

Note to users
This question seeks to ascertain whether a person had not taken any action to start a business in the last four weeks prior to the interview because the person had already arranged to take up a job at some later date. The instruction to the enumerator was to complete both given categories with either a 'Yes' or a 'No' answer. If 'No', the enumerator should skip to Question 3.4

Universe
All household members aged 15 years and older, who did not try to start any kind of business.

Final code list
1 = Yes
2 = No
□ = Not applicable
How soon are you expecting to start work or a business (Q33AWHNSTART)  

<table>
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<th>33a</th>
<th>How soon are you expecting to start working in this job or business?</th>
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<td>Within 1 Month or less     → Go to Q 3.6</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>In more than 1 Month to 3 Months</td>
<td>2</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>In more than 3 Months</td>
<td>3</td>
<td></td>
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</table>

>Note to users
This question is aimed at establishing how soon the respondent is expected to start working or operating a business. Note the skip instruction. If option 1 is selected, the enumerator should skip to Question 3.6.

*Universe*
All household members aged 15 years and older, who did not try to start any kind of business.

*Final code list*
1 = Within 1 month or less  
2 = In more than 1 month to 3 months  
3 = In more than 3 months  
□ = Not applicable

Question 3.4

> Liked to work (Q34WANTTOWRK)  

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>3.4</th>
<th>Would you have liked to work last week (Monday to Sunday)?</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>No</td>
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>Note to users
This question was asked to establish whether a person would have liked to work for pay, profit or to have helped without pay in a household business. The instruction to the enumerator was to complete both given categories with either a ‘Yes’ or a ‘No’ answer. If ‘Yes’, the enumerator should skip to Question 3.8.

*Universe*
All household members in the selected dwelling aged 15 years and older.

*Final code list*
1 = Yes  
2 = No  
□ = Not applicable
Question 3.5

*Reason for not working (Q35YNOTWRK)* (Q58 1.)

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<td>Housewife/homemaker (family considerations/child care)</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Health reasons</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Retired or too old for work</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>No desire to work</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Too young to work</td>
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<td>Pregnancy</td>
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<td>Disabled or unable to work</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td>□</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
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*Note to users*

This was applicable to all household members aged 15 years and older who did not work and did not have a job to return to in the last seven days prior to the interview. The intention of this question was to find out the reasons people were not working in the last seven days prior to the interview. For any other reason that was not specified in the given categories, there was provision to specify. After this question, the instruction was to go to Question 3.12.

*Universe*

All household members aged 15 years and older, who did not work and did not have a job to return to in the last seven days prior to the interview.

*Final code list*

1 = Scholar or student
2 = Housewife/homemaker (family considerations/child care)
3 = Health reasons
4 = Retired or too old for work
5 = No desire to work
6 = Too young to work
7 = Pregnancy
8 = Disabled or unable to work
9 = Other
□ = Not applicable
Question 3.6

How long been trying to find work (Q36TIMESEEK) (@59 2.)

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<td>Less than 3 months</td>
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<td>02</td>
<td>3 months – less than 6 months</td>
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<td>03</td>
<td>6 months – less than 9 months</td>
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<tr>
<td>04</td>
<td>9 months – less than 1 year</td>
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<tr>
<td>05</td>
<td>1 year – less than 3 years</td>
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<td>06</td>
<td>3 years – 5 years</td>
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<td>More than 5 years</td>
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<td>Don’t know</td>
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Note to users
The question deals with the amount of time a person spent trying to look for a job.

Universe
All household members aged 15 years and older, who also tried to look for work in the last four weeks prior to the interview.

Final code list
01 = Less than 3 months
02 = 3 months – less than 6 months
03 = 6 months – less than 9 months
04 = 9 months – less than 1 year
05 = 1 year – less than 3 years
06 = 3 years – 5 years
07 = More than 5 years
08 = Do not know
□□ = Not applicable

Question 3.7

Activity before looking for work (Q37ACTPRIORJOBSEEK) (@61 1.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Code</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Working</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Managing a home</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Going to school</td>
</tr>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Other, specify</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

→ Go to Q 3.9
Note to users
The purpose of this question is to find out the main activity a person was engaged in before starting to look for work.

Universe
All household members aged 15 years and older, who had tried to look for work in the last four weeks prior to the interview.

Final code list
1 = Working
2 = Managing a home
3 = Going to school
4 = Other
□ = Not applicable

Question 3.8
Reason why not look for work or start business (Q38RSNNOTSEEK)

Note to users
This question seeks reasons as to why unemployed people did not try to look for work or start their own business.

Universe
All household members aged 15 years and older, who did not have jobs to return to in the last four weeks prior to the interview but who did not look for work either.
Final code list
01 = Awaiting the season for work
02 = Waiting to be recalled to former job
03 = Health reasons
04 = Pregnancy
05 = Disabled or unable to work (handicapped)
06 = Housewife/homemaker (family considerations/child care)
07 = Undergoing training to help find work
08 = No jobs available in the area
09 = Lack of money to pay for transport to look for work
10 = Unable to find work requiring his/her skills
11 = Lost hope of finding any kind of work
12 = No transport available
13 = Scholar or student
14 = Retired/too old to work
15 = Too young to work
16 = Other reason
□□ = Not applicable

Question 3.9

Accept job if offered (Q39JOBOFFER) (@64 1.)

Note to users
This question is applicable to people not working, who knew of available jobs for which they qualified but were not willing to do these jobs. What needs to be ascertained by this question is, if suitable jobs were offered, would people be willing to accept them. If the response to this question was a 'Yes', then skip to Question 3.12.

Universe
All household members aged 15 years and older, who did not work and did not have jobs to return to in the last seven days prior to the interview.

Final code list
1 = Yes
2 = No
3 = Don’t know
□ = Not applicable
Question 3.10

Started business (Q310STARTBUSNS) (@65 1.)

Note to users
This question is applicable to people not working. The aim is to find out if circumstances had allowed, would people have started a business in the past week. If the response to this question was a 'Yes', then skip to Question 3.12.

Universe
All household members aged 15 years and older, who did not work and did not have jobs to return to in the seven days prior to the interview.

Final code list
1 = Yes
2 = No
□ = Not applicable

Question 3.11

Reason not available for work (Q311RSNNOTAVAILABLE) (@66 1.)

Note to users
This was applicable to all household members aged 15 years and older, who did not work and did not have a job to return to in the last seven days prior to the interview. The intention of this question was to find out the reasons people were not working in the seven days prior to the interview. For any other reason that was not specified in the given categories, there was provision to specify.
Universe
All household members aged 15 years and older, who did not work and did not have a job to return to and were not available for work in the seven days prior to the interview.

Final code list
1 = Scholar or student
2 = Housewife/homemaker (family considerations/child care)
3 = Health reasons
6 = Too young to work
7 = Pregnancy
8 = Disabled or unable to work
9 = Other
□ = Not applicable

How soon can you start work or a business (Q311bWHNSTART) (@67 1.)

Note to users
This question is asked of respondents who were not available to work or start a business last week. It seeks to find out how soon people are willing to start work or a business.

Universe
All household members aged 15 years and older, who did not have jobs to return to in the last four weeks prior to the interview and who were not looking for work.

Final code list
1 = Within a week
2 = Within two weeks
3 = Within four weeks
4 = Later than four weeks from now
5 = No desire to work
6 = Do not know
□ = Not applicable
Question 3.12

*Ever worked (Q312EVERWRK)* (@68 1.)

Note to users
The aim of this question was to find out if the person had ever worked for pay, profit or family gain. This includes those who worked for some form of payment or worked unpaid for a family business, or as part of farming activities. The instruction for the interviewer was to go to Question 3.19 if the answer to this question was 'No'.

Universe
All household members aged 15 years and older, who did not have jobs to return to in the last four weeks prior to the interview and who were not looking for work.

Final code list
1 = Yes
2 = No
□ = Not applicable

Question 3.13

*Time since last worked (Q313TIMEUNEMPLOY)* (@69 2.)

Note to users
The aim of this question was to find out when last a person had worked. The enumerator was asked to probe for more information since some people are usually uncertain of the required information.
Universe

All household members aged 15 years and older, who did not have jobs to return to and had not worked for pay, profit or family gain in the last four weeks prior to the interview, and who were not looking for work.

Final code list

01 = Less than 3 months
02 = 3 months – less than 6 months
03 = 6 months – less than 9 months
04 = 9 months – less than 1 year
05 = 1 year – less than 3 years
06 = 3 years – 5 years
07 = More than 5 years
08 = Do not know
□□ = Not applicable

Question 3.14

Main reason you stopped working (Q314RSNSTOPWRK)

Note to users

The purpose of this question was to establish the reasons people stopped working in their last jobs. For any other reason that was not specified in the given categories, there was provision to specify.

Universe

All household members aged 15 years and older, who had not been working.
**Final code list**

01 = Health reason  
02 = Caring for own children/relatives  
03 = Pregnancy  
04 = Other family/community responsibilities  
05 = Going to school  
06 = Lost job/job ended/laid off/business sold/closed down  
07 = Changed residence  
08 = Dissatisfied with the job  
09 = Retired/too old to work  
10 = Other  
□□ = Not applicable

**Question 3.15**

**Previous occupation (Q315PREVOCCUPATION)**

3.15.a What kind of work did you do in your last job/business?  
*Work includes all the activities mentioned earlier. Record at least two words: Car sales person, Office cleaner, Vegetable farmer, Primary School teacher, etc.*

3.15.b What were your main tasks or duties in this work?  
*Examples: Selling fruit, repairing watches, keeping accounts feeding and watering cattle, teaching children.*

**Note to users**

This question was applicable to household members who had worked before, but were currently unemployed. It is important that the main tasks should be in English as the occupational codes are in that language only. The instruction to the enumerator was to ask the respondent the main tasks or duties done in his/her last job given in Question 3.15.a. Questions 3.15.a and 3.15.b were write-in questions. The responses were used to determine the person's last occupation. The occupation was coded to four digits on the basis of the South African Standard Classification of Occupations (SASCO) (see occupation code list).
**Universe**

All household members aged 15 years and older, who had worked before and were currently unemployed or not economically active.

**Final code list**

Valid range: 1110–9333

9999 = Unspecified

□□□□ = Not applicable

**Question 3.16**

**Previous industry (Q316PREVINDUSTRY)**

3.16.a What was the name of the establishment / institution / business / organisation that you worked for (the one that paid your salary)?

For government or large organisations, give the name of the establishment and branch or division:

- e.g. Education Dept - Rapele Primary School; Harmony Gold Mining - Maintenance Div.

For individuals who worked from home and their businesses don’t have names write “Own house”

For individuals who worked in private household write “Private household”

For individuals who worked for businesses without names write “No Name”

3.16.b What were the main goods or services produced at your place of work or its main functions?

Examples: Repairs cars, Selling commercial real estate, Sell food wholesale to restaurants, Retail clothing shop, Manufacture electrical appliances, Ber/restaurant, Primary Education, Delivering newspapers to homes. For domestic workers write “private household”. 
Note to users
This question was applicable to household members who had been employed previously, but were currently unemployed or economically inactive. It is important that the service or main goods produced at the respondent's previous work are in English as the industry codes are in this language only. Although a person may have had certain roles and responsibilities within the company she/he was working for, the enumerator was instructed to record the main goods or services produced by the company. Questions 3.16.a and 3.16.b were write-in questions. The responses were used to determine the type of industry. The industry was coded to three digits on the basis of the Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (SIC) (see industry code list).

Universe
All household members aged 15 years and older, who had been employed previously, but were currently unemployed or economically inactive.

Final code list
Valid range: 010–990
999 = Unspecified
□□□ = Not applicable

Question 3.17
Whom did you work for (Q317WRK4WHOM) (@801.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>3.17</th>
<th>In your last job/business, were you:</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Working for someone else for pay? (Including paid domestic workers, gardeners or security guards)</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Payment in cash or in kind (e.g. food, accommodation). Option 1 includes all employees: Full-time, part-time, casual work and piecework.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>An employer (employing one or more employees)?</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Own-account worker (not employing any employees)?</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Helping without pay in a household business?</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note to users
This question establishes whether people were employers, wage earners, self-employed, etc. in the main economic activities they were involved in.

Universe
All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were unemployed or not economically active.
**Final code list**

1 = Working for someone else for pay  
2 = An employer (employing one or more employees)  
3 = Own-account worker (not employing any employees)  
4 = Helping without pay in a household business  
□ = Not applicable

**Question 3.19**

<table>
<thead>
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<th>3.19</th>
<th>How do you support yourself?</th>
<th>YES</th>
<th>NO</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>a =</td>
<td>Did you do odd jobs during the last week (Monday to Sunday)?</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td></td>
<td>→ If yes, go back to Q 2.4, otherwise continue</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>b =</td>
<td>Are you supported by persons in the household?</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>c =</td>
<td>Are you supported by persons not in the household?</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>d =</td>
<td>Are you supported by charity, church, welfare, etc.?</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>e =</td>
<td>Do you receive Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF)?</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>f =</td>
<td>From savings or money previously earned?</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>g =</td>
<td>Do you receive old age or disability pension?</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>h =</td>
<td>Do you receive child support/torchare grants?</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>i =</td>
<td>Do you receive any other welfare grants?</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>j =</td>
<td>Do you have any other sources of support, e.g. bursary, study loan?</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

→ Go to Q 5.9

**Note to users**

This question establishes how people supported themselves. If ‘Yes’ in option a) was selected, the enumerator was asked to go back to Question 2.4, otherwise to continue. At the end of this question, the enumerator should go to Question 5.9.

**Universe**

All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were unemployed or not economically active in the seven days prior to the interview.

**Odd jobs (Q319aODDJOBS) (@81 1.)**

Did you do odd jobs during the last week?

**Universe**

All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were unemployed or not economically active in the seven days prior to the interview.
Final code list
2 = No
□ = Not applicable

Persons in the household (Q319bINHPERS) (@82 1.)
Supported by persons in the household?

Universe
All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were unemployed or not economically active in the seven days prior to the interview.

Final code list
1 = Yes
2 = No
□ = Not applicable

Persons not in the household (Q319cNOTHHPERS) (@83 1.)
Supported by persons not in the household?

Universe
All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were unemployed or not economically active in the seven days prior to the interview.

Final code list
1 = Yes
2 = No
□ = Not applicable

Charity (Q319dCHARITY) (@84 1.)
Supported by charity, church, welfare, etc.?

Universe
All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were unemployed or not economically active in the seven days prior to the interview.

Final code list
1 = Yes
2 = No
□ = Not applicable

UIF (Q319eUIF) (@85 1.)
Do you receive any money from the Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF)?

Universe
All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were unemployed or not economically active in the seven days prior to the interview.
**Final code list**

1 = Yes  
2 = No  
☐ = Not applicable

*Savings (Q319fSAVINGS)*  
From savings or money previously earned?

**Universe**

All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were unemployed or not economically active in the seven days prior to the interview.

**Final code list**

1 = Yes  
2 = No  
☐ = Not applicable

*Pension (Q319gPENSION)*  
Do you receive old-age or disability pension?

**Universe**

All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were unemployed or not economically active in the seven days prior to the interview.

**Final code list**

1 = Yes  
2 = No  
☐ = Not applicable

*Child support grant (Q319hGRANTS)*  
Do you receive child support/foster care grants?

**Universe**

All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were unemployed or not economically active in the seven days prior to the interview.

**Final code list**

1 = Yes  
2 = No  
☐ = Not applicable

*Welfare grants (Q319iWELFARE)*  
Do you receive any other welfare grants?

**Universe**

All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were unemployed or not economically active in the seven days prior to the interview.
**Final code list**

1 = Yes
2 = No
□ = Not applicable

**Other source of support (Q319jOTHR)**

Do you have other sources of support, e.g. bursary, study loan?

**Universe**

All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were unemployed or not economically active in the seven days prior to the interview.

**Final code list**

1 = Yes
2 = No
□ = Not applicable

**SECTION 4**

This section covers main work activity in the last week for persons aged 15 years and older.

**Question 4.1**

**More than one job (Q41MULTIPLEJOBS)**

The question seeks to find out if people had taken an initiative to look for or prepare for any extra work. If 'Yes', then the enumerator had to read this out: The questions that follow refer to your main job/business. That is the one where you usually work the most hours per week, even if you were absent from it in the last week.

**Universe**

All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active in the last seven days prior to the interview.

**Final code list**

1 = Yes
2 = No
□ = Not applicable
Question 4.2

**Occupation (Q42OCCUPATION)**

| 4.2.a | What kind of work do you usually do in the main job/business that you had during the last week (Monday to Sunday)?
|       | Work includes all the activities mentioned earlier.
|       | Record at least two words: Car sales person, Office cleaner, Vegetable farmer, Primary School teacher, etc.

| 4.2.b | What are your main tasks or duties in this work?
|       | Examples: Selling fruit, repairing watches, keeping accounts feeding and watering cattle, teaching children.

**Note to users**

This question is applicable to household members who had been performing certain economic activities in the seven days prior to the interview. It is important that the main tasks should be in English as the occupational codes are in that language only. The instruction to the enumerator was to ask the respondent the main tasks or duties done or usually done in his/her job given in Question 4.2.a.

Questions 4.2.a and 4.2.b were write-in questions. The responses from both questions were used to determine the occupation code. The occupation was coded to four digits on the basis of the South African Standard Classification of Occupations (SASCO) (see occupational code list).

**Final code list**

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<td>□□□□ = Not applicable</td>
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**Universe**

All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active and were working for someone for pay in the seven days prior to the interview.
Question 4.3

*Industry (Q43INDUSTRY)*

*Note to users*

This question is applicable to household members who had been performing certain economic activities in the seven days prior to the interview. It is important that the service or main goods are in English as the industry codes are in this language only. Although a person may have had certain roles and responsibilities within the company she/he was working with, the enumerator was instructed to record the main goods or services produced by the company.

Questions 4.3.a and 4.3.b were write-in questions. The responses to these two questions were used to determine the type of industry. The industry was coded to three digits on the basis of the Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (SIC) (see industry code list).

*Universe*

All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active in the seven days prior to the interview.

*Final code list*

Valid range: 010–990

999 = □□□ = Not applicable
Question 4.4

Year commenced working

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>4.4</th>
<th>When did you start working for this employer or started running this business? Give year and month.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>State year in four figures, e.g. 2001</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>State month in two figures, e.g. 08 for August</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note to users

This question was asked to establish when people started working for the main employer for whom they were working with the aim of checking whether people were staying in one job for a long time or changing jobs often (job stability).

Universe

All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active and were working for someone for pay in the seven days prior to the interview.

Year (Q44YEARSTART) (@99 4.)

Final code list

Valid range: 1956–2018

□□□□ = Not applicable

Month (Q44MONTHSTART) (@103 2.)

Final code list

Valid range: 01–12

□□ = Not applicable
Question 4.5

**Main work (Q45WRK4WHOM)**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>4.5</th>
<th>In the job/business, that you had during the last week (Monday to Sunday) were you?...</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Working for someone else for pay? (Including paid domestic workers, gardeners or security guards)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Payment in cash or in kind (e.g. food, accommodation). Option 1 includes all employees: Full-time, part-time, casual work and piecework.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Go to Q 4.6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>An employer (employing one or more employees)?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Go to Q 4.13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Own-account worker (not employing any employees)?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Go to Q 4.13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Helping without pay in a household business?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Go to Q 4.13</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note to users**

This question establishes whether people were employers, wage earners, self-employed, etc. in the main economic activities they were involved in. Only one category had to be chosen. If option '1' was chosen, the instruction was to go to Question 4.6; otherwise skip to Question 4.13.

**Universe**

All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active in the seven days prior to the interview and who worked for someone else for pay or employed one or more employees, or did not employ any employees, or helped without pay in a household business.

**Final code list**

1 = Working for someone else for pay  
2 = An employer (employing one or more employees)  
3 = Own-account worker (not employing any employees)  
4 = Helping without pay in a household business  
□ = Not applicable

**Note:** Questions 4.6–4.12 were asked only to those people who worked for someone else for pay or who worked for one or more private households as a domestic employee, gardener or security guard.
The following are for employees only (option 1 in Question 4.5).

**Question 4.6**

*Contribution to pension or retirement fund (Q46PENSION)*

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<th>1</th>
<th>Yes</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Do not know</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>□</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note to users**

This question intends to find out if employers contributed to the pension fund for their employees because this is one of the important benefits that some employed workers receive. The information gathered through this question will help the government in its plans for state pensions and other social security schemes.

**Universe**

All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active and were working for someone for pay in the seven days prior to the interview and who were employees.

**Final code list**

1 = Yes
2 = No
3 = Do not know
□ = Not applicable

**Question 4.7**

*Paid leave (Q47PDLEAVE)*

<table>
<thead>
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<th>1</th>
<th>Yes</th>
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<td>2</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Do not know</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>□</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note to users**

This question aims at finding out if employers gave their employees paid leave since this is a law requirement. The law states that employees are entitled to three weeks' paid leave per year.

**Universe**

All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active and were working for someone for pay in the seven days prior to the interview and who were employees.

**Final code list**

1 = Yes
2 = No
3 = Do not know
□ = Not applicable
Paid leave sick leave (Q47B1PDSICK) (@108 1.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>4.7. b</th>
<th>Are you entitled to any ...</th>
<th>YES</th>
<th>NO</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1 = paid sick leave?</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>2 = maternity / paternity leave?</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note to users
This question aims at finding out if employers gave their employees paid sick leave since this is a law requirement.

Universe
All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active and were working for someone for pay in the calendar week prior to the interview.

Final code list
1 = Yes
2 = No
□ = Not applicable

Maternity/paternity leave (Q47B2Maternity) (@109 1.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>4.7. b</th>
<th>Are you entitled to any ...</th>
<th>YES</th>
<th>NO</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1 = paid sick leave?</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>2 = maternity / paternity leave?</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note to users
The question aims to establish if employees are entitled to maternity or paternity leave from their employers.

Universe
All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active and were working for someone for pay in the calendar week prior to the interview.

Final code list
1 = Yes
2 = No
□ = Not applicable
Paid vacation leave (Q47CLEASE)  

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>4.7. c</th>
<th>In the last twelve months, did you take….</th>
<th>YES</th>
<th>NO</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>paid vacation leave?</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>paid sick leave?</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>maternity / paternity leave?</td>
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<td>2</td>
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Note to users
This question aims at finding out if employees went on paid leave in the last 12 months. The law states that employees are entitled to three weeks' paid leave per year.

Universe
All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active and were working for someone for pay in the seven days prior to the interview and who were employees.

Final code list
1 = Yes
2 = No
□ = Not applicable

Paid sick leave (Q47CSICK)  

<table>
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<tr>
<th>4.7. c</th>
<th>In the last twelve months, did you take….</th>
<th>YES</th>
<th>NO</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>paid vacation leave?</td>
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<td>paid sick leave?</td>
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<td>2</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>maternity / paternity leave?</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
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Note to users
This question aims at finding out if employees went on paid sick leave in the last 12 months.

Universe
All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active and were working for someone for pay in the calendar week prior to the interview.

Final code list
1 = Yes
2 = No
□ = Not applicable
Maternity/paternity leave (Q47CMATERNNITY)  

<table>
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<th>4.7. c</th>
<th>In the last twelve months, did you take...</th>
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<th>NO</th>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>maternity / paternity leave?</td>
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<td>2</td>
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Note to users
The question aims to establish if employees went on maternity or paternity leave in the last 12 months.

Universe
All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active and were working for someone for pay in the calendar week prior to the interview.

Final code list
1 = Yes
2 = No
□ = Not applicable

Question 4.8
UIF Deductions (Q48UIF)  

<table>
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<th>4.8</th>
<th>Does your employer pay UIF contributions for you?</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Don't know</td>
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Note to users
The aim of this question is to establish if the organisations that people worked for were formal or informal based on whether these businesses/organisations were registered and provided their employees with basic benefits.

Universe
All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active and were working for someone for pay in the seven days prior to the interview and who were employees.

Final code list
1 = Yes
2 = No
3 = Do not know
□ = Not applicable
Question 4.9

**Medical aid or health insurance contribution (Q49MEDICAL)**

| Question 4.9 Are you entitled to medical aid benefits from your employer? |
|---|---|---|
| 1 = Yes | 1 |
| 2 = No | 2 |
| 3 = Do not know | 3 |

**Note to users**

The aim of this question is to establish if the organisations that people worked for were formal or informal, based on whether these businesses/organisations were registered and provided their employees with basic benefits.

**Universe**

All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active and were working for someone for pay in the seven days prior to the interview and who were employees.

**Final code list**

1 = Yes
2 = No
3 = Do not know
☐ = Not applicable

Question 4.10

**Registered for income tax (Q410INCOMETAX)**

| Question 4.10 Does your employer deduct income tax (PAYE / SITE) from your salary/wage? |
|---|---|---|
| 1 = Yes | 1 |
| 2 = No | 2 |
| 3 = Do not know | 3 |

**Note to users**

The aim of this question is to establish if the organisations/businesses that people worked for were registered for income tax.

**Universe**

All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active and were working for someone for pay in the seven days prior to the interview and who were employees.

**Final code list**

1 = Yes
2 = No
3 = Do not know
☐ = Not applicable
Question 4.11

Employment contract (Q411CONTRACTTYPE) (©116 1.)

Note to users
The question is intended to find out if people involved in economic activities had written contracts with their employers. Most domestic workers have written contracts, but they may not know it. The interviewers were instructed to probe and make the respondents understand that even a one-page written agreement regarding their work between themselves and the employers qualified.

Universe
All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active and were working for someone for pay in the seven days prior to the interview and who were employees.

Final code list
1 = A written contract
2 = A verbal agreement
□ = Not applicable

Question 4.12

Work status (Q412CONTRDURATION) (©117 1.)

Note to users
This question was asked to establish the degree of job security, i.e. the duration of the contract/agreement.

Universe
All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active and were working for someone for pay in the seven days prior to the interview and who were employees (option 1 in Question 4.5).

Final code list
1 = Limited duration
2 = Permanent nature
3 = Unspecified duration
□ = Not applicable
**Contract period (Q412ACONTRPERIOD)**

<table>
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<th>4.12. a</th>
<th>What is the duration of your contract or agreement?</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Less than a year</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>1 year to less than 3 years</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>3 years or more</td>
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</table>

**Note to users**
The question is intended for establishing the period of the contract for employees who are employed on a contract of limited duration.

**Universe**
All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active and were working for someone for pay in the calendar week prior to the interview.

**Final code list**
1 = Less than a year
2 = 1 year to less than 3 years
3 = 3 years or more
□ = Not applicable

**Trade union membership (Q412BMEMUNION)**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>4.12. b</th>
<th>Are you a member of a trade union or other workers' organisations?</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Don’t know</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note to users**
The question is intended for establishing if people are registered members of trade unions.

**Universe**
All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active and were working for someone for pay in the calendar week prior to the interview.

**Final code list**
1 = Yes
2 = No
3 = Don’t know
□ = Not applicable

**Salary increment (Q412CSALINCREMENT)**

Quarterly Labour Force Survey Quarter 3, 2018: Metadata
Note to users

This question is aimed at finding out if employees have a say or are consulted in the determination of their annual salary increase or not.

Universe

All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active and were working for someone for pay in the calendar week prior to the interview.

Final code list

1 = Negotiation between myself and employer at company
2 = Negotiation between union and employer
3 = Bargaining council or other sector bargaining arrangement
4 = Employer only
5 = No regular annual salary increase
6 = Other, specify
☐ = Not applicable

For employers, own-account workers and persons helping unpaid in household businesses (options 2, 3 and 4 in Question 4.5).
Question 4.13

Registered for VAT (Q413VAT) (@121 1.)

Note to users

The aim of this question is to establish if the organisations/businesses that people worked for were registered for VAT.

Universe

All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active in the seven days prior to the interview and who were employers, self-employed, and persons helping unpaid in a household business (options 2, 3 or 4 in Question 4.5).

Final code list

1 = Yes
2 = No
3 = Do not know
☐ = Not applicable

Question 4.14

Registered for business income tax (Q414TAX) (@122 1.)

Note to users

The aim of this question is to establish if the organisations/businesses that people worked for were registered for income tax.

Universe

All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active in the seven days prior to the interview and who were employers, self-employed, and persons helping unpaid in a household business (options 2, 3 or 4 in Question 4.5).

Final code list

1 = Yes
2 = No
3 = Do not know
☐ = Not applicable
**Business organisation/association (Q414ABPROTECT)**

4.14.a Does your business or the business where you work belong to any organisation / association that protects your business interests?

- 1 = Yes
- 2 = No
- 3 = Don't know
- □ = Not applicable

**Note to users**

The aim of this question is to establish if the organisations/businesses that people worked for belong to any organisation or association that protects the business interests.

**Universe**

All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active in the seven days prior to the interview and who were employers, self-employed, and persons helping unpaid in a household business (options 2, 3 or 4 in Question 4.5).

**Final code list**

1 = Yes
2 = No
3 = Do not know
□ = Not applicable

For all employed persons (employees, employers, own-account workers and persons helping unpaid in household businesses).

**Question 4.15**

**Type of business or enterprise (Q415TYPEBUSNS)**

4.15 Is the establishment / institution / business / organisation you work for (the one that pays your salary) classified as ...

- 1 = National/Provincial/Local government?
- 2 = Government controlled business (e.g. Eskom/Telkom)?
- 3 = A private enterprise?
- 4 = Non-profit organisation (NGO/CBO)?
- 5 = A private household?
- 6 = Don't know

**Note to users**

This question seeks to ascertain how many people were working for the government and NGOs as well as the numbers working for private companies, and those who were self-employed.
**Universe**

All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active in the seven days prior to the interview, who were employees, employers, self-employed, and persons helping unpaid in a household business.

**Final code list**

1 = National/provincial/local government
2 = Government controlled business (e.g. Eskom, Telkom)
3 = A private enterprise
4 = Non-profit organisation (NGO/CBO)
5 = A private household
6 = Do not know
□ = Not applicable

**Question 4.16**

*Number of employees (Q416NRWORKERS)*

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<td>1 employee</td>
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<td>03</td>
<td>between 2 and 4 employees</td>
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<td>between 5 and 9 employees</td>
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<td>05</td>
<td>between 10 and 19 employees</td>
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<td>06</td>
<td>between 20 and 49 employees</td>
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<td>07</td>
<td>50 or more employees</td>
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<td>08</td>
<td>Do not know</td>
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<tr>
<td>□□</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
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</table>

**Note to users**

This question deals with the size of the organisation/business in terms of it being formal or informal. The question seeks to determine how many people were usually employed per type of organisation/business.

**Universe**

All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active in the seven days prior to the interview, who were employees, employers, self-employed, and persons helping unpaid in a household business.

**Final code list**

01 = 0 employee
02 = 1 employee
03 = between 2 and 4 employees
04 = between 5 and 9 employees
05 = between 10 and 19 employees
06 = between 20 and 49 employees
07 = 50 or more employees
08 = Do not know
□□ = Not applicable
Question 4.16a

Job satisfaction (Q416ASATISFIED)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>4.16a</th>
<th>Are you satisfied with your main job?</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1 = Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>2 = No</td>
</tr>
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Note to users

The question was asked to find out if people were satisfied in their job or not.

Universe

All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active in the seven days prior to the interview, who were employees, employers, self-employed, and persons helping unpaid in a household business.

Final code list

1 = Yes
2 = No

Question 4.18

Hours usually work (Q418HRSWRK)

Note to users

This question is intended to find out from people who had one job only, how many hours they usually worked each week.

Universe

All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active in the seven days prior to the interview, who were employees, employers, self-employed, and persons helping unpaid in a household business.

Final code list

Valid range: 001–112
999 = Unspecified
□□□□ = Not applicable

Question 4.19
Note to users
This question was asked to find out from people who had one job only, how many hours they usually worked on each day of the week, as well as their total hours for the week. Then the enumerator was instructed to go to Question 4.22.

Universe
All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active in the seven days prior to the interview, who were employees, employers, self-employed, and persons helping unpaid in a household business.

Hours worked past week – on Monday (Q419MONHRSWRK) (@131  2.)

Final code list
Valid range: 00–20
□□ = Not applicable

Hours worked past week – on Tuesday (Q419TUEHRSWRK) (@133  2.)

Final code list
Valid range: 00–20
□□ = Not applicable

Hours worked past week – on Wednesday (Q419WEDHRSWRK) (@135  2.)

Final code list
Valid range: 00–20
□□ = Not applicable

Hours worked past week – on Thursday (Q419THUHRSWRK) (@137  2.)

Final code list
Valid range: 00–18
□□ = Not applicable

Hours worked past week – on Friday (Q419FRIHRSWRK) (@139  2.)
**Final code list**
Valid range: 00–18
□□ = Not applicable

**Hours worked past week – on Saturday (Q419SATHRSWRK)**
(@141 2.)

**Final code list**
Valid range: 00–20
□□ = Not applicable

**Hours worked past week – on Sunday (Q419SUNHRWRK)**
(@143 2.)

**Final code list**
Valid range: 00–18
□□ = Not applicable

**Hours worked – in total (Q419TOTALHRS)**
(@145 3.)

**Final code list**
Valid range: 000–126
□□□□ = Not applicable

**Question 4.20**

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<th>How many hours do you usually work each week (Monday to Sunday).......</th>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>In your first job/business?</td>
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<tr>
<td>2.</td>
<td>In your second job/business?</td>
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<tr>
<td>3.</td>
<td>In all other job/businesses?</td>
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<td></td>
<td><strong>Total hours for all jobs/businesses</strong></td>
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**Note to users**
This question was asked to find out from people with more than one job, how many hours they usually worked each week in their first, second and all other jobs/businesses, as well as the total hours spent working during the whole week.

**Universe**
All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active in the seven days prior to the interview, who were employees, employers, self-employed, and persons helping unpaid in a household business.

**Hours usually worked – In your first job/business (Q420FIRSTHRSWRK)**
(@148 3.)
Final code list
Valid range: 004–084
□□□ = Not applicable

Hours usually worked – In your second job/business
(Q420SECONDHRSRWK) (@151 3.)

Final code list
Valid range: 001–048
□□□ = Not applicable

Hours usually worked – In all other jobs/businesses
(Q420OTHERHRSRWK) (@154 3.)

Final code list
Valid range: 007–016
□□□ = Not applicable

Hours worked – In total (Q420TOTALHRSRWK) (@157 3.)

Final code list
Valid range: 011–112
□□□ = Not applicable

Question 4.21

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<th>Thinking of each day last week (Monday to Sunday), how many hours did you actually work?</th>
<th>Hours in .......</th>
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<td>First job/business</td>
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<td>On Saturday?</td>
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<td>On Sunday?</td>
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<td>Total hours</td>
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Note to users
This question intended to find out from people with more than one job, how many hours they usually worked each day of the week in their first, second and all other jobs/businesses, as well as the total hours spent working during the whole week.

Universe
All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active in the seven days prior to the interview, who were employees, employers, self-employed, and persons helping unpaid in a household business.

**Hours worked for the first job/business**

*Hours worked on first job – on Monday (Q4211MONHRSWRK)*

*Final code list*

Valid range: 00–12
□□ = Not applicable

*Hours worked on first job – on Tuesday (Q4211TUEHRSWRK)*

*Final code list*

Valid range: 00–12
□□ = Not applicable

*Hours worked on first job – on Wednesday (Q4211WEDHRSWRK)*

*Final code list*

Valid range: 00–12
□□ = Not applicable

*Hours worked on first job – on Thursday (Q4211THUHRSWRK)*

*Final code list*

Valid range: 00–12
□□ = Not applicable

*Hours worked on first job – on Friday (Q4211FRIHRSWRK)*

*Final code list*

Valid range: 00–12
□□ = Not applicable

*Hours worked on first job – on Saturday (Q4211SATHRSWRK)*

*Final code list*

Valid range: 00–12
□□ = Not applicable

*Hours worked on first job – on Sunday (Q4211SUNHRSWRK)*

*Final code list*

Valid range: 00–12
□□ = Not applicable

*Hours worked on first job – in total (Q4211TOTALHRS)*

*Final code list*
Valid range: 004–084
□□□ = Not applicable

Hours worked for the second job/business

**Hours worked on second job – on Monday (Q4212MONHRSWRK)**

**Final code list**
Valid range: 00–09
□□ = Not applicable

**Hours worked on second job – on Tuesday (Q4212TUEHRSWRK)**

**Final code list**
Valid range: 00–09
□□ = Not applicable

**Hours worked on second job – on Wednesday (Q4212WEDHRSWRK)**

**Final code list**
Valid range: 00–09
□□ = Not applicable

**Hours worked on second job – on Thursday (Q4212THUHRSWRK)**

**Final code list**
Valid range: 00–09
□□ = Not applicable

**Hours worked on second job – on Friday (Q4212FRIHRSWRK)**

**Final code list**
Valid range: 00–09
□□ = Not applicable

**Hours worked on second job – on Saturday (Q4212SATHRSWRK)**

**Final code list**
Valid range: 00–10
□□ = Not applicable

**Hours worked on second job – on Sunday (Q4212SUNHRSWRK)**

**Final code list**
Valid range: 00–10
□□ = Not applicable

**Hours worked on second job – in total (Q4212TOTALHRS)**

**Final code list**
Valid range: 000–063
□□ = Not applicable

Hours worked for all other job/business

*Hours worked on all other jobs – on Monday (Q4213MONHRswrk)* (*@194 2.*)

**Final code list**
Valid range: 00-02
□□ = Not applicable

*Hours worked on all other jobs – on Tuesday (Q4213TUEHRswrk)* (*@196 2.*)

**Final code list**
Valid range: 00-08
□□ = Not applicable

*Hours worked on all other jobs – on Wednesday (Q4213WEDHRswrk)* (*@198 2.*)

**Final code list**
Valid range: 00–08
□□ = Not applicable

*Hours worked on all other jobs – on Thursday (Q4213THUHRswrk)* (*@200 2.*)

**Final code list**
Valid range: 00–08
□□ = Not applicable

*Hours worked on all other jobs – on Friday (Q4213FRIHRswrk)* (*@202 2.*)

**Final code list**
Valid range: 00–08
□□ = Not applicable

*Hours worked on all other jobs – on Saturday (Q4213SATHRswrk)* (*@204 2.*)

**Final code list**
Valid range: 00–07
□□ = Not applicable

*Hours worked on all other jobs – on Sunday (Q4213SUNHRswrk)* (*@206 2.*)

**Final code list**
Valid range: 00–05
□□ = Not applicable

*Hours worked on all other jobs – in total (Q4213TOTALHRs)* (*@208 3.*)

**Final code list**
Valid range: 002–019
Question 4.22

*Liked to work more hours (Q422MOREHRS)*

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>Yes, in the current job</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Yes, in taking an additional job</td>
<td>2</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Yes, in another job with more hours</td>
<td>3</td>
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<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>4</td>
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<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td><em>Don't Know</em></td>
<td>5</td>
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**Note to users**

This question was asked to find out if people were willing to work more hours than they actually worked in the last week, provided that they were paid for these extra hours. If the answer was a 'No' or 'Do not know', the instruction was to end the interview for this person.

**Universe**

All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active in the seven days prior to the interview, who were employees, employers, self-employed, and persons helping unpaid in a household business.

**Final code list**

1 = Yes, in the current job  
2 = Yes, in taking an additional job  
3 = Yes, in another job with more hours  
4 = No  
5 = Do not know  
☐ = Not applicable

Question 4.23

*Additional hours (Q423ADDHRS)*

**Note to users**

The question was asked to establish how many additional hours people could have worked the previous week.

**Universe**

All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active in the seven days prior to the interview, who were employees, employers, self-employed, and persons helping unpaid in a household business.

**Final code list**

Valid range: 01–84
Question 4.24

Willing to work longer hours (Q424WRKXHRS) (@215 1.)

4.24 Do you want to work more hours at your current rate of pay?

1 = Yes
2 = No
3 = Don’t know

Note to users
This question was asked to find out if people were willing to work more hours at their current rate of pay.

Universe
All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active in the seven days prior to the interview.

Final code list
1 = Yes
2 = No
3 = Do not know
□ = Not applicable

Question 4.25

Willing to do extra work (Q425STARTXWRK) (@216 1.)

4.25 If extra work became available, would you be able to start such work in the next four weeks?

1 = Yes
2 = No
3 = Don’t know

Note to users
This question intended to establish if people would be able to start extra work in the four weeks after the interview, if such work was available.

Universe
All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older, who were economically active in the seven days prior to the interview, who were employees, employers, self-employed, and persons helping unpaid in a household business.

Final code list
1 = Yes
2 = No
3 = Do not know
□ = Not applicable
SECTION 5
Ask for all persons aged 15 years and older.

Question 5.9

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<td>(a1)</td>
<td>Did you do any work on your own or the household’s plot, farm, food garden, cattle post or kraal or help in growing farm produce or in looking after animals for the household’s own consumption? Examples: ploughing, harvesting, looking after livestock.</td>
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<td>(b1)</td>
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<td>(c1)</td>
<td>Did you produce any other goods for household use? Examples: clothing, furniture, clay pots, etc.</td>
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<td>(d1)</td>
<td>Did you do any construction or major repair work on your own home, plot, cattle post or business or those of the household?</td>
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<td>If yes, for how many hours?</td>
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Note to users
This question was applicable to all household members aged 15 years and older, regarding their involvement in economic activities in the last seven days prior to the interview. This is part of the questionnaire where there would be a differentiation between the economically active population and those who are not economically active. The instruction to enumerators was that they should consider those activities that lasted for at least an hour within the seven days. In order to be certain that the categories had been answered, there should be either a ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ answer to all of them. If ‘Yes’ to any of these questions, the number of hours spent on the activity had to be indicated as well.

Do farm work (Q59AFARMWRK) (@217 1.)

a1) Did you do any work on your own or the household’s plot, farm, food garden, cattle post or kraal or help in growing farm produce or in looking after animals for the household’s own consumption?

Universe
All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older who in the last week did any work on their own or the household’s plot, farm, food garden, cattle post or kraal or helped in growing farm produce or in looking after animals for the household’s own consumption.

Final code list
1 = Yes
2 = No
□ = Not applicable
**Time (Q59ATIME)**
(a2) If yes, for how many hours?

**Final code list**
Valid range: 00–82
99 = □□ = Not applicable

**Fetch water (Q59BFETCHWATER)**
(b1) Did you fetch water or collect wood/dung for household use?

**Universe**
All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older who in the last week fetched water or collected wood/dung for household use.

**Final code list**
1 = Yes
2 = No
□ = Not applicable

**Time (Q59BTIME)**
(b2) If yes, for how many hours?

**Final code list**
Valid range: 00–82
□□ = Not applicable

**Produce goods (Q59CPRODHHGOODS)**
(c1) Did you produce any other goods for household use?

**Universe**
All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older who in the last week produced any other goods for household use.

**Final code list**
1 = Yes
2 = No
□ = Not applicable

**Time (Q59CTIME)**
(c2) If yes, for how many hours?

**Final code list**
Valid range: 01–40
□□ = Not applicable
**Do construction (Q59DCONSTRUC)**  
(@226 1.)

d1) Did you do any construction or major repair work on your own home, plot, cattle post or business or that of the household?

**Universe**

All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older who in the last week did any construction or major repair work on their own home, plot, cattle post or business or that of the household.

**Final code list**

1 = Yes  
2 = No  
□ = Not applicable

**Time (Q59DTIME)**  
(@227 2.)

d2) If yes, for how many hours?

**Final code list**

Valid range: 00–82  
□□ = Not applicable

**Catch food (Q59ECATCHFOOD)**  
(@229 1.)

e1) Did you catch any fish, prawns, shells, wild animals or other food for household consumption?

**Universe**

All members of the households in selected dwelling units aged 15 years and older who in the last week caught any fish, prawns, shells, wild animals or other food for household consumption.

**Final code list**

1 = Yes  
2 = No  
□ = Not applicable

**Time (Q59ETIME)**  
(@230 2.)

e2) If yes, for how many hours?

**Final code list**

Valid range: 00–18  
□□ = Not applicable
Question 1.4

Age (Q14AGE)  

1.4 What is ...’s date of birth and age in completed years?

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<th>Age (less than 1 year = 000)</th>
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Day of birth: Example of day 0 1
Month of birth: Example of month 0 3
Year of birth: Example of year 1983

Derived variable
This is a derived variable indicating the age of the household member. Age of the household member was derived from Question 1.4 of the questionnaire.

This question was asked for each member of the household. The instruction was to write the age in completed years to the nearest whole numbers and not in words. Thus, if a person was two years and six months, the instruction was to write the two completed years. For children aged less than a year, the instruction was to write 000.

Universe
Every person who had stayed in the households in selected dwelling units at least four nights a week in the four weeks prior to the interview.

Final code list
Valid range: 0–107

Derived variables

Geography Type (Geo_type_code)

Classification according to the settlement characteristics

Final Code List
1 = Urban
2 = Traditional
3 = Farms

Stratum (Stratum)

Note to users
6-digit number representing stratum formed during Master Sample 2006 where (digit 1 = province based on 2005 provincial boundaries, digits 2&3 = metro/non-metro, digit 4 = geography type, digits 5&6 = for sequential numbering).
Valid range: 10101–90401

**Employment status (Status)**

*Derived variable*

Derived from a logical series of questions:
- Paid work (Question 2.4a)
- Own business (Question 2.4b)
- Unpaid work (Question 2.4c)
- Paid work (Question 2.5a)
- Own business (Question 2.5b)
- Reason absent (Question 2.7)

**Final code list**

1 = Employed
2 = Unemployed
3 = Discouraged job-seeker
4 = Other not economically active
□ = Not applicable

**Employment Status Expanded (Status_Exp)**

*Derived variable*

Derived from a logical series of questions:
- Paid work (Question 2.4a)
- Own business (Question 2.4b)
- Unpaid work (Question 2.4c)
- Paid work (Question 2.5a)
- Own business (Question 2.5b)
- Reason absent (Question 2.7)

**Final code list**

1 = Employed
2 = Unemployed
4 = Not economically active
□ = Not applicable

**Inactivity reason (InactReason)**

*Derived variable*

Derived from a series of questions:
- Reason for not working (Question 3.5)
- Reason why not look for work or start business (Question 3.8)
- Reason not available for work (Question 3.11)

**Final code list**

1 = Scholar/student
2 = Home-maker
3 = Health reasons
4 = Too young/old/retired
5 = Discouraged job-seekers
6 = Other
□ = Not applicable

Unemployment status (Unempl_status)

Derived variable
Derived from a logical series of questions:
Activity prior job search (Question 3.7)
Ever worked (Question 3.12)
Time unemployed (Question 3.13)
Reason for stopping work (Question 3.14)

Final code list
1 = Job loser
2 = Job leaver
3 = New entrant
4 = Re-entrant
5 = Other – last worked >5 years ago
□ = Not applicable

Main industry (Indus)

Derived variable: Derived from Question 4.2.

Final code list
01 = Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing
02 = Mining and quarrying
03 = Manufacturing
04 = Electricity, gas and water supply
05 = Construction
06 = Wholesale and retail trade
07 = Transport, storage and communication
08 = Financial intermediation, insurance, real estate and business services
09 = Community, social and personal services
10 = Private households
11 = Other
□□ = Not applicable

Main occupation (Occup)

Derived variable: Derived from Question 4.1.

Final code list
01 = Legislators, senior officials and managers
02 = Professionals
03 = Technical and associate professionals
04 = Clerks
05 = Service workers and shop and market sales workers
06 = Skilled agricultural and fishery workers
07 = Craft and related trades workers
08 = Plant and machine operators and assemblers
09 = Elementary occupation
10 = Domestic workers
☐☐ = Not applicable

**Previous industry (Previndus)**

Derived variable: Derived from Question 3.16.

**Final code list**

01 = Agriculture, hunting and forestry
02 = Mining
03 = Manufacturing
04 = Electricity, gas and water
05 = Construction
06 = Wholesale and retail trade
07 = Transport, storage and communication
08 = Finance and business services
09 = Community, social and personal services
10 = Private households
11 = Other
☐☐ = Not applicable

(See coded list for industry)

**Previous occupation (PrevOccup)**

Derived variable: Derived from Question 3.15.

**Final code list**

01 = Legislators, senior officials and managers
02 = Professionals
03 = Technical and associate professionals
04 = Clerks
05 = Service workers and shop and market sales workers
06 = Skilled agricultural and fishery workers
07 = Craft and related trades workers
08 = Plant and machine operators and assemblers
09 = Elementary occupation
10 = Domestic workers
11 = Other
☐☐ = Not applicable

**Sector (Sector1)**

Derived from a logical series of questions:

Work for whom (Question 4.5)
Income tax deducted (Question 4.10)
Business registered for VAT (Question 4.13)
Business registered for income tax (Question 4.14)
Number of employees (Question 4.16)

Agriculture is excluded from the formal and informal sector in this variable.

**Final code list**
1 = Formal sector (non-agricultural)
2 = Informal sector (non-agricultural)
3 = Agriculture
4 = Private households
□ = Not applicable

**Sector (Sector2)**

**Derived variable**
Derived from a logical series of questions:
Work for whom (Question 4.5)
Income tax deducted (Question 4.10)
Business registered for VAT (Question 4.13)
Business registered for income tax (Question 4.14)
Number of employees (Question 4.16)

Agriculture is included in the formal and informal sector in this variable.

**Final code list**
1 = Formal sector (including agriculture)
2 = Informal sector (including agriculture)
4 = Private households
□ = Not applicable

**Informal employment (Infempl)**

**Derived variable**
This variable is intended to identify persons who are in precarious employment situations. Informal employment includes all persons aged 15 years and older who are employed and work in:
- Private households and who are helping unpaid in a household business; or
- Working for someone else for pay and are NOT entitled to basic benefits from their employer such as a pension or medical aid and has no written contract; or
- Working in the informal sector.

Formal employment includes all persons aged 15 years and older who are employed and who do NOT meet the above criteria.

Employers and own-account workers aged 15 years and older are included in the category 'Other'.
Derived from a series of questions:
Status (Derived variable)
Sector 2 (Derived variable)
Work for whom (Question 4.5)
Contribution to pension or retirement fund (Question 4.6)
Medical aid or health insurance contributions (Question 4.9)
Employment contract (Question 4.11)

Final code list
1 = Formal employment
2 = Informal employment
8 = Other
□ = Not applicable

Long-term unemployment (long_term_unempl) (@257 1.)
Derived variable
Long-term unemployment: Persons in long-term unemployment are those individuals among the unemployed who are without work and trying to find a job or start a business for one year or more.

Derived from Question 3.6: For how long have you been without work and trying to find a job or start a business?

Final code list
1 = Long-term unemployment (1 year and longer)
2 = Short-term unemployment (less than 1 year)
□ = Not applicable

Involvement in at least one non-market activity (At_least_1) (@258 1.)
Derived variable
Derived from a series of questions:
Do farm work (Question 5.9a)
Fetch water (Question 5.9b)
Produce goods (Question 5.9c)
Do construction (Question 5.9d)
Catch food (Question 5.9e)

Final code list
1 = Involved in at least one activity
2 = Not involved in any activity
□ = Not applicable

Underemployment (underempl) (@259 1.)
Derived variable
If total hours usually worked is less than 35 and want to work more hours and is available to start work within the next four weeks.
Derived from a logical series of questions:

Hours usually work  (Question 4.18)
Total hours usually work  (Question 4.20)
Like to work more hours  (Question 4.22)
Able to start extra work  (Question 4.25)

**Final code list**
1 = Underemployed
2 = Not underemployed
□ = Not applicable

**Hours worked (Hrswrk)**  (@260  3.)

**Derived variable**
This variable includes total hours worked by persons aged 15 years and older.

Derived from a logical series of questions:

Hours usually worked in case of a single job  (Question 4.18)
Total hours worked in the case of multiple jobs  (Question 4.20)

**Valid range**
001–112
999 =
□□□ = Not applicable

**Education Status (Education Status)**  (@261  1.)

**Derived variable**: Derived from Question 1.7: What is the highest level of education that ..... has successfully completed?

**Final code list**
1 = No schooling
2 = Less than primary completed
3 = Primary completed
4 = Secondary not completed
5 = Secondary completed
6 = Tertiary
7 = Other

**Not in employment, education or training (NEET)**  (@264  1.)

This variable is intended to identify persons (especially the youth) who are not in employment, education or training. This includes persons who are regarded as unemployed, not economically active and not attending any educational institutions or training.

**Derived variable**: Derived from a series of questions:

Status  (Derived variable)
Currently attending educational institution (Question 1.9)

Final code list
1 = Yes
2 = No
□ = Not applicable

Province (Province)
South African provinces as at December 2005 released by the Municipal Demarcation Board in January 2006.

Final code list
1 = Western Cape
2 = Eastern Cape
3 = Northern Cape
4 = Free State
5 = KwaZulu-Natal
6 = North West
7 = Gauteng
8 = Mpumalanga
9 = Limpopo

Metro/non-metro (Metro_code)
Derived variable: Derived from stratum

Final code list
01 = WC – Non-metro
02 = WC – City of Cape Town
03 = EC – Non-metro
04 = EC – Buffalo City
05 = EC – Nelson Mandela Bay
06 = NC – Non-metro
07 = FS – Non-metro
08 = FS – Mangaung
09 = KZN – Non-metro
10 = KZN – eThekwini
11 = NW – Non-metro
12 = GP – Non-metro
13 = GP – Ekurhuleni
14 = GP – City of Johannesburg
15 = GP – City of Tshwane
16 = MP – Non-metro
17 = LP – Non-metro
**Age group (Age_grp1)**

*Derived variable*

Derived from Question 1.4: What is …’s date of birth and age in completed years?

*Final code list*

01 = Age 00–04  
02 = Age 05–09  
03 = Age 10–14  
04 = Age 15–19  
05 = Age 20–24  
06 = Age 25–29  
07 = Age 30–34  
08 = Age 35–39  
09 = Age 40–44  
10 = Age 45–49  
11 = Age 50–54  
12 = Age 55–59  
13 = Age 60–64  
14 = Age 65–69  
15 = Age 70–74  
16 = Age 75+

**Weight (Weight)**

Valid range: 50–3306.1280503