



Youth Unemployment

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- The state of youth unemployment
- Features of youth unemployment
- Interventions to address youth unemployment
- UYF's contribution
- Indicators to measure success
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The state of youth unemployment



- Youth represent the majority of the unemployed
 - \pm 70% of the unemployed are youth
 - Unemployment rate (narrow definition) - \pm
- Most affected cohorts of youth
 - African youth
 - Rural youth
 - Young women
 - Youth with disabilities
 - Youth with low levels of education
 - Youth in conflict with the law
 - Youth affected by HIV

Economic participation 2001 – 2004*



Employment status	2001	2002	2003	2004	% Change 2001-2004
Not economically active	3 359 414	3 197 073	3 559 905	3 725 195	10.9
Employed	5 370 419	5 121 588	5 103 594	5 259 895	-2.1
Unemployed	5 060 872	5 660 323	5 952 835	5 994 179	18.4
Total	13 790 706	13 978 984	14 616 333	14 979 268	8.6
Unemployment rate	48.5	52.5	53.8	53.3	

* Based on Labour Force Survey

Unemployment rates by Population Group*

	2001	2002	2003	2004
	%	%	%	%
Population group				
African/Black	42.9	47.5	49.9	46.2
Coloured	26.6	30.2	27.2	24.1
Indian/Asian	22.8	21.3	31.1	21.2
White	9.3	9.1	9.3	7.5
Total	36.7	40.2	42.5	39.1

* Based on LFS – official definition

Unemployment rate by Gender*



	2001	2002	2003	2004
	%	%	%	%
Gender				
Male	34.1	36.3	37.4	33.9
Female	39.6	44.3	48.2	44.8
Total	36.7	40.2	42.5	39.1

* Based on LFS – official definition

Youth employed by education level



Highest educational level		2001	2002	2003	2004	% Change 2001 - 2004
No schooling	%	2.9	2.9	2.5	1.7	-40.7
Some primary	%	7.6	6.7	6.3	5.9	-24.7
Completed primary	%	3.9	4.0	3.6	3.0	-24.4
Some secondary	%	41.0	37.9	37.9	38.1	-9.0
Completed secondary	%	30.1	32.6	33.1	35.7	16.1
Higher	%	13.8	15.4	16.1	15.2	7.6
Unknown	%	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	-43.1
Total	N	5 370 419	5 121 588	5 103 594	5 259 895	-2.1
	%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	

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Unemployment rate by Province



Province	2001	2002	2003	2004
Western Cape	24.1	24.6	27.1	24.1
Eastern Cape	43.2	38.7	41.1	44.5
Northern Cape	36.3	39.6	38.6	33.4
Free State	41.5	45.9	44.9	40.1
KwaZulu-Natal	37.1	45.6	47.9	45.0
North West	39.7	43.0	46.6	44.1
Gauteng	35.1	37.5	42.1	37.5
Mpumalanga	37.0	42.1	43.0	39.5
Limpopo	42.3	49.1	53.6	45.8
Total	36.7	40.2	42.5	39.1

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Features of youth unemployment



- Level of education – least educated less chances of being employed
- Type of skill acquired contributes to prospects of employment
- Economic activity of location (rural, per-/urban) determine prospect – probably explain high migration to urban areas

Youth Population - % change



Province		2001	2002	2003	2004	% Change 2001 - 2004
Eastern Cape	N	2 016 859	2 059 360	1 689 831	1 755 522	-13.0
	%	14.6	14.7	11.6	11.7	
Free State	N	887 947	907 929	874 510	878 037	-1.1
	%	6.4	6.5	6.0	5.9	
Gauteng	N	2 591 230	2 654 754	3 471 774	3 589 696	38.5
	%	18.8	19.0	23.8	24.0	
KwaZulu- Natal	N	2 882 316	2 927 674	3 130 719	3 186 373	10.5
	%	20.9	20.9	21.4	21.3	

Province		2001	2002	2003	2004	% Change 2001 - 2004
Limpopo	N	1 655 845	1 691 116	1 486 892	1 544 285	-6.7
	%	12.0	12.1	10.2	10.3	
Mpumalanga	N	982 839	978 755	1 006 863	1 027 372	4.5
	%	7.1	7.0	6.9	6.9	
North West	N	1 146 747	1 143 599	1 160 510	1 185 892	3.4
	%	8.3	8.2	7.9	7.9	
Northern Cape	N	270 409	270 750	250 398	234 371	-13.3
	%	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.6	
Western Cape	N	1 356 514	1 345 046	1 544 817	1 577 940	16.3
	%	9.8	9.6	10.6	10.5	
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Graduate unemployment by race



Table 69: Tertiary unemployment rates by race, 1995 and 2002

Race	1995	2002
African	10.01	25.95
Coloured	8.49	9.86
Indian	5.56	8.21
White	2.26	4.63
Total	6.44	15.37

Source: Bhorat, 2003: 44

Features of unemployment



- Level of education – least educated less chances of being employed
- Type of skill acquired contributes to prospects of employment – (overall increase in graduate unemployment)
- Economic activity of location (rural, per-/urban) determine prospect – probably explain high migration to urban areas
- Population group – white youth least affected by unemployment; more prospects