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The latest Quarterly Labour Force Survey (QLFS) results released by Statistics South Africa (Stats
SA) shows that the official unemployment rate in South Africa jumped to 29% in the second quarter of the year, an increase of 1.4 percentage points from the rate of 27.6% in the first quarter of 2019. This is the highest jobless rate since the start of 2008, which means about 6.7 million aged between 15 and 64 years were unemployed in the second quarter of 2019. Job cuts in the second quarter of 2019 were notable in private households (49 000), transport (42 000), mining (36 000) and financial services (21 000) sectors.

The primary agricultural sector gained 5 000 jobs in Q2 2019 to a total of 842 000 compared to the previous quarter. The sub-sectors that experienced a notable increase in employment included the horticultural sectors, partly due to harvesting activity in the citrus industry.

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