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1. INTRODUCTION

This Stats Brief presents results of the September 2012 Employment Survey. The results give summary estimates of formal sector employment, monthly average cash earnings, and minimum hourly wage rates as well as estimates for the Ipelegeng Programme initiated by the Government to create employment.

2. EMPLOYMENT

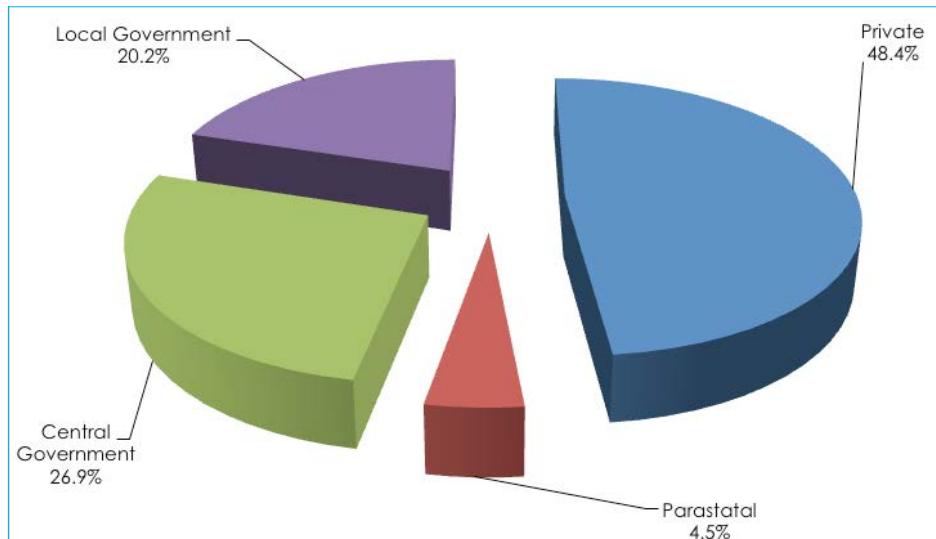
Table 1 shows comparison of formal sector employment for September 2012 and June 2011. Overall employment increased by 0.6percent (2,239 persons), from 387, 426 in June 2011 to 389,665 persons in September 2012. Central Government recorded the highest increase in employment of 3.0 percent, followed by Parastatals with 2.9 percent. Local Government recorded a decline of 2.3 percent in employment. The decrease was in part due to the offloading of certain services performed by the Local Government to other sectors. When responsibilities for providing water resources were outsourced from the Department of Water Affairs under Local Government to Water Utilities Corporation, some employees from the Department were not absorbed by the latter. In addition, when some formerly industrial cadre in Local Government transformed into permanent and pensionable, some were not absorbed into the Department establishment.

The Mining and quarrying sector also recorded a decline, of 3.0 percent between June 2011 and September 2012. The sector has experienced some challenges with the Tati Nickel Mining Company, in particular, laying-off a significant number of its employees in 2011.

In September 2012, 16,033 persons (4.1 percent) in formal sector employment were non-citizens. The major employer of non-citizen employees was the Wholesale and Retail Trade, which employed an estimated 18.9 percent of the non-citizen workforce. Manufacturing followed with 14.9percent, and with Education recording13.5percent (See Table 1).

Figure 1 illustrates employment by sector as at end of September 2012. The Private sector had the largest share, accounting for 48.4 percent, followed by Central Government with 26.9 percent. Local Government and Parastatals employed 20.2 percent and 4.5 percent respectively.

Figure 1: Employment by Sector, September 2012



Private and Parastatal sector employment for September 2012 and June 2011 is illustrated in Figure 2. Two industries, Health and Financial Intermediaries recorded significant changes in industrial employment between the fifteen months period (June 2011 to September 2012), with increases of 2.8 and 2.6 percent respectively. Employment in Mining & Quarrying and Agriculture recorded decreasesof3.0 and 0.8 percent respectively. Other industries employment figures were more or less constant during the period.

Figure 2: Private and Parastatal Sector Employment by Industry, June 2011 -September 2012

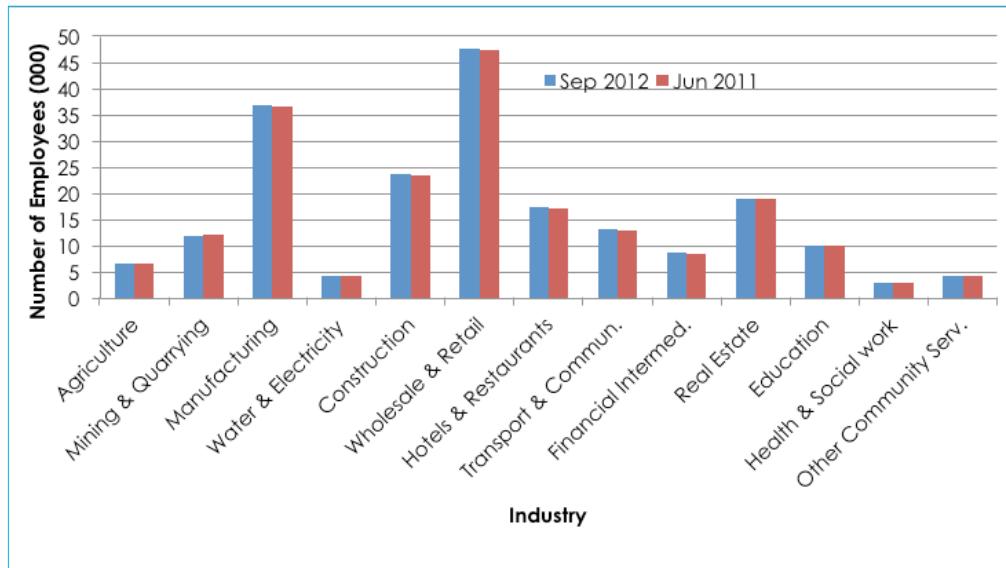
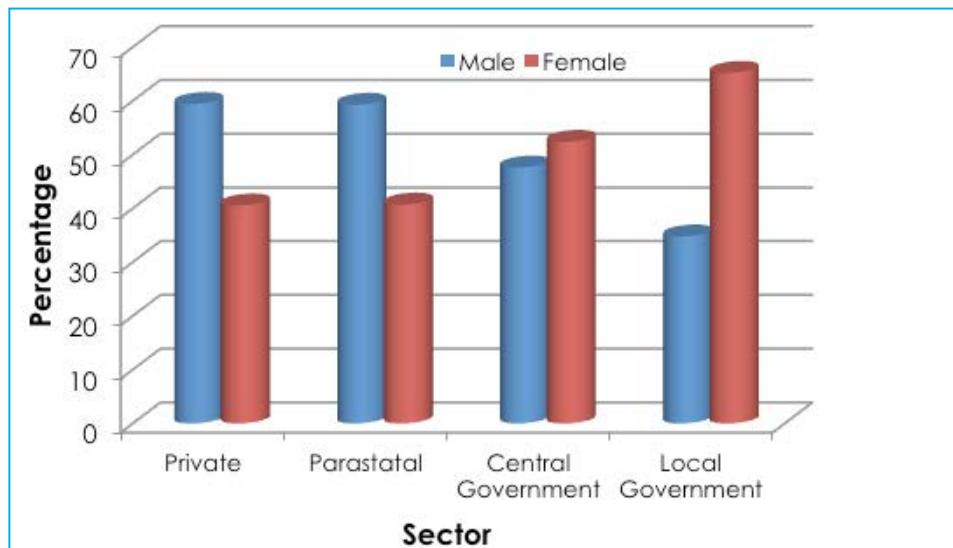


Figure 3 displays the proportion of male and female employees by sector. The highest proportion of female employees was in the Local Government sector with 65.0 percent. This is largely due to the Ipelegeng Programme, which is dominated by female employees, who accounted for 72.6 percent of the Ipelegeng participants.

The proportion of employees by sex at industry level showed that males were dominant in Mining & Quarrying and Construction industries, at 87.8 percent and 84.2 percent respectively. The highest proportion of females was found in the Health & Social Work with 68.6 percent, followed by Community & Other Services and Financial Intermediaries at 63.9 percent and 63.0 percent respectively. A significant proportion (62.2 percent) of females was also recorded for Hotels & Restaurants (See Table 3).

Figure 3: Males and Females in the Formal Sector Employment, September 2012



3. WAGES/EARNINGS

This section presents the earnings data collected during September 2012 and June 2011 employment surveys.

The monthly average earnings by industry, citizenship and sector for September 2012 and June 2011 are presented in Table 5. The monthly average earnings were P5,071 for citizens, compared with P14,182 for non-citizens. The average earnings for citizens dropped to P4,408 when Ipelegeng participants were included. The monthly average earnings for all employees (excluding Ipelegeng) in September 2012 were estimated at P5,504, an increase of 1.7 percent over the June 2011 figure of P 5,413. The average earning dropped to P4,810 when Ipelegeng participants were included.

Minimum hourly wage rates in Thebe per hour, from 2005 to 2013 for Private and Parastatal organizations only, appear on Table 7. The minimum hourly wage rates have been increasing over these years except for 2008 to 2011, where rates remained the same.



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Table 1: Estimated Number of Paid Employees by Economic Activity, Citizenship and Sex, September 2012

Sector/ Economic Activity	Citizens			Non-Citizens			All Employees			June-11
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
Agriculture	3,025	2,601	5,626	639	214	853	3,664	2,815	6,479	6,528
Mining & Quarrying	10,086	1,408	11,494	312	34	346	10,398	1,442	11,840	12,201
Manufacturing	18,883	15,561	34,444	2,018	368	2,385	20,901	15,929	36,829	36,638
Water & Electricity	3,028	1,098	4,125	8	10	18	3,036	1,107	4,143	4,105
Construction	18,216	3,492	21,707	1,706	237	1,943	19,922	3,729	23,650	23,347
Wholesale & Retail	24,104	20,414	44,518	2,388	638	3,026	26,492	21,052	47,544	47,436
Hotels & Restaurants	6,048	10,570	16,618	503	187	690	6,551	10,757	17,308	17,150
Transport & Communication	7,411	4,685	12,096	722	305	1,027	8,133	4,990	13,123	12,969
Financial Intermediaries	3,117	5,506	8,622	136	29	165	3,253	5,535	8,787	8,563
Real Estate	12,693	5,456	18,123	735	171	906	13,428	5,627	19,029	18,899
Education	3,022	4,909	7,931	1,188	977	2,165	4,210	5,886	10,096	10,060
Health & Social work	680	1,758	2,438	252	282	535	932	2,040	2,973	2,891
Other Community Services	1,346	2,585	3,931	175	108	283	1,521	2,693	4,214	4,173
Private & Parastatal	111,658	80,042	191,673	10,782	3,560	14,342	122,440	83,602	206,015	204,960
Private	101,639	72,982	174,594	10,436	3,501	13,937	112,075	76,483	188,531	187,968
Parastatal	10,019	7,060	17,079	346	59	405	10,365	7,119	17,484	16,992
Central Government	49,449	53,979	103,428	509	988	1,497	49,958	54,967	104,925	101,912
Local Government	27,272	51,259	78,531	115	79	194	27,387	51,338	78,725	80,554
Ipelegeng Program	14,427	38,190	52,617	-	-	-	14,427	38,190	52,617	52,270
Local Gov. Excl. Ipelegeng	12,845	13,069	25,914	115	79	194	12,960	13,148	26,108	28,284
All sectors excl. Ipelegeng Programme employees	178,961	142,078	321,012	11,406	4,627	16,033	190,367	146,705	337,045	335,156
All Sectors	188,379	185,280	373,632	11,406	4,627	16,033	199,785	189,907	389,665	387,426

Table 2: Estimated Percentage Distribution of Paid Employees by Economic Activity/Sector, September 2012

Sector/ Economic Activity				Sep-12			All Employees			Jun-11 Total
	Citizens			Non-Citizens			Male		Female	
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
Agriculture	1.6	1.4	1.5	5.6	4.6	5.3	1.8	1.5	1.7	1.7
Mining & Quarrying	5.2	0.8	3.1	2.7	0.7	2.2	5.1	0.8	3	3.1
Manufacturing	9.8	8.6	9.2	17.7	8	14.9	10.2	8.6	9.5	9.5
Water & Electricity	1.6	0.6	1.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	1.5	0.6	1.1	1.1
Construction	9.4	1.9	5.8	15	5.1	12.1	9.7	2	6.1	6
Wholesale & Retail	12.5	11.3	11.9	20.9	13.8	18.9	12.9	11.4	12.2	12.2
Hotels & Restaurants	3.1	5.9	4.4	4.4	4	4.3	3.2	5.8	4.4	4.4
Transport & Communication	3.8	2.6	3.2	6.3	6.6	6.4	4	2.7	3.4	3.3
Financial Intermediaries	1.6	3.1	2.3	1.2	0.6	1	1.6	3	2.3	2.2
Real Estate	6.6	3	4.9	6.4	3.7	5.7	6.6	3	4.9	4.9
Education	1.6	2.7	2.1	10.4	21.1	13.5	2.1	3.2	2.6	2.6
Health & Social work	0.4	1	0.7	2.2	6.1	3.3	0.5	1.1	0.8	0.7
Other Community Services	0.7	1.4	1.1	1.5	2.3	1.8	0.7	1.5	1.1	1.1
Private & Parastatal	57.7	44.4	51.3	94.5	76.9	89.5	59.8	45.2	52.9	52.9
Private	52.6	40.5	46.7	91.5	75.7	86.9	54.7	41.4	48.4	48.5
Parastatal	5.2	3.9	4.6	3	1.3	2.5	5.1	3.9	4.5	4.4
Central Government	28.2	27.2	27.7	4.5	21.4	9.3	26.8	27	26.9	26.3
Local Government	0.1	0	0.1	1	1.7	1.2	13.4	27.8	20.2	20.8
Ipelegeng Program	7.5	21.2	14.1	0	0	0	7	20.7	13.5	13.5
Local Gov. Excl. Ipelegeng	6.6	7.2	6.9	1	1.7	1.2	6.3	7.1	6.7	7.3
All sectors excl. Ipelegeng Programme employees	92.5	78.8	85.9	100	100	100	93	79.3	86.5	86.5
All Sectors	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Table 3: Estimated Number of Paid Employees by Economic Activity/Sector, September 2012

Sector/ Economic Activity	September-2012					
	All employees			All employees		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Agriculture	3,664	2,815	6,479	56.6	43.4	100
Mining & Quarrying	10,398	1,442	11,840	87.8	12.2	100
Manufacturing	20,901	15,929	36,829	56.8	43.3	100
Water & Electricity	3,036	1,107	4,143	73.3	26.7	100
Construction	19,922	3,729	23,650	84.2	15.8	100
Wholesale & Retail	26,492	21,052	47,544	55.7	44.3	100
Hotels & Restaurants	6,551	10,757	17,308	37.8	62.2	100
Transport & Communication	8,133	4,990	13,123	62	38	100
Financial Intermediaries	3,253	5,535	8,787	37	63	100
Real Estate	13,428	5,627	19,029	70.6	29.6	100
Education	4,210	5,886	10,096	41.7	58.3	100
Health & Social work	932	2,040	2,973	31.3	68.6	100
Other Community Services	1,521	2,693	4,214	36.1	63.9	100
Private & Parastatal	122,440	83,602	206,015	59.4	40.6	100
Private	112,075	76,483	188,531	59.4	40.6	100
Parastatal	10,365	7,119	17,484	59.3	40.7	100
Central Government	49,958	54,967	104,925	47.6	52.4	100
Local Government	27,387	51,338	78,725	34.8	65.2	100
Ipelegeng Program	14,427	38,190	52,617	27.4	72.6	100
Local Gov. Excl. Ipelegeng	12,960	13,148	26,108	49.6	50.4	100
All sectors excl. Ipelegeng Programme employees	190,367	146,705	337,045	56.5	43.5	100
All Sectors	199,785	189,907	389,665	52.6	47.5	100

Table 4: Estimated Number of Paid Employees by Economic Activity/Sector, 2009–2012

Sector/ Economic Activity	Mar 2009	Jun 2009	Sep 2009	Dec 2009	Mar 2010	Jun 2010	Sep 2010	Dec 2010	Mar 2011	Jun 2011	Sept 2012
Agriculture	5,906	6,067	6,199	6,228	6,236	6,314	6,376	6,458	6,488	6,528	6,479
Mining & Quarrying	10,592	10,471	10,551	10,656	10,801	11,033	11,329	11,572	11,668	12,201	11,840
Manufacturing	35,704	35,662	35,796	35,833	35,932	36,309	36,366	36,463	36,549	36,638	36,829
Water & Electricity	2,894	2,910	3,066	3,116	3,248	3,667	3,782	3,882	4,000	4,105	4,143
Construction	22,062	22,383	22,670	22,687	22,933	23,132	23,164	23,242	23,298	23,347	23,650
Wholesale & Retail Trade	45,775	46,203	46,592	46,961	46,997	47,031	47,122	47,271	47,370	47,436	47,544
Hotels & Restaurants	16,116	16,401	16,700	16,769	16,816	16,907	16,969	17,064	17,095	17,150	17,308
Transport & Communication	12,474	12,584	12,579	12,620	12,668	12,695	12,742	12,808	12,887	12,969	13,123
Financial Intermediaries	7,704	7,861	8,158	8,177	8,192	8,265	8,363	8,505	8,540	8,563	8,787
Real Estate	18,255	18,357	18,425	18,591	18,650	18,663	18,774	18,813	18,884	18,899	19,029
Education	9,736	9,790	9,857	9,793	9,838	9,912	9,924	9,928	10,006	10,060	10,096
Health & Social work	2,537	2,587	2,784	2,791	2,808	2,869	2,865	2,859	2,877	2,891	2,973
Other Community Services	3,744	3,775	3,934	3,942	4,003	4,066	4,088	4,119	4,150	4,173	4,214
Private & Parastatal	193,498	195,051	197,311	198,163	199,121	200,864	201,862	202,983	203,812	204,960	206,015
Private	179,001	180,071	182,234	182,984	183,425	184,686	185,652	186,234	186,865	187,968	188,531
Parastatal	14,497	14,980	15,077	15,179	15,696	16,178	16,210	16,749	16,947	16,992	17,484
Central Government	96,167	96,906	97,407	99,559	100,097	100,514	101,966	102,448	103,056	101,912	104,925
Local Government	94,968	97,854	67,038	60,197	62,049	60,761	70,061	73,401	72,009	80,554	78,725
Ipolegeng Program	66,806	69,320	38,153	31,164	32,957	31,811	41,285	45,140	43,651	52,270	52,617
Local Gov. Excl. Ipolegeng	28,162	28,534	28,885	29,033	29,092	28,950	28,776	28,261	28,358	28,284	26,108
All Sectors	384,633	389,811	361,956	357,919	361,267	362,139	373,889	378,832	378,877	387,426	389,665

Table 5: Estimated Monthly Average Cash Earnings by Economic Activity, Citizenship and Sex, September 2012

Sector/ Economic Activity	September-2012						Jun-11		
	Citizens			Non-Citizens			Male	Female	Total
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Agriculture	940	892,113	917,683	3,967	1,370	3,316	1,468	928	1,233
Mining & Quarrying	8,159	9,265	8,295	39,172	25,899	37,868	9,090	9,657	9,159
Manufacturing	3,781	2,714	3,299	15,360	20,633	16,180	4,899	3,128	4,133
Water & Electricity	12,391	10,654	11,929	37,445	8,763	21,875	12,457	10,638	11,971
Construction	2,811	2,769	2,804	11,199	21,544	12,461	3,529	3,963	3,598
Wholesale & Retail	3,635	2,371	3,055	11,854	8,861	11,223	4,376	2,568	3,575
Hotels & Restaurants	2,253	1,844	1,993	8,592	10,641	9,147	2,739	1,997	2,278
Transport & Communication	7,308	6,478	6,987	17,986	18,715	18,203	8,256	7,226	7,864
Financial Intermediaries	12,787	10,712	11,462	52,474	35,123	49,424	14,446	10,840	12,175
Real Estate	5,061	6,586	5,527	20,661	12,513	19,123	5,915	6,766	6,174
Education	10,322	6,645	8,046	14,364	10,065	12,424	11,463	7,212	8,985
Health & Social work	8,481	5,815	6,559	22,078	13,341	17,536	12,158	6,856	8,318
Other Community Services	4,079	2,144	2,807	18,728	12,904	16,506	5,765	2,576	3,727
Private & Parastatal	4,901	4,004	4,527	14,747	12,770	14,260	5,768	4,377	5,204
Private	5,384	4,391	4,970	14,999	12,741	14,438	6,279	4,774	5,670
Parastatal	13,686	11,782	12,899	36,046	27,028	34,732	14,432	11,908	13,405
Central Government	6,003	6,517	6,271	10,863	13,769	12,781	6,214	6,500	6,364
Local Government	2,468	1,233	1,662	22,062	14,987	19,181	2,550	1,255	1,705
Ipelegeng Program	360	360	-	-	-	-	360	360	360
Local Gov. Excl. Ipelegeng	4,835	3,786	4,306	22,062	14,987	19,181	4,988	3,853	4,417
All sectors excl. Ipelegeng Programme employees	5,063	5,080	5,071	14,647	13,021	14,182	5,680	5,275	5,504
All Sectors	4,838	3,970	4,408	14,647	13,021	14,182	5,438	4,148	4,810
									4,731

Table 6: Estimated Monthly Average Cash Earnings by Economic Activity/Sector, 2009–2012

SECTOR/ ECONOMIC ACTIVITY	Mar 2009	Jun 2009	Sept 2009	Dec 2009	Mar 2010	Jun 2010	Sept 2010	Dec 2010	Mar 2011	Jun 2011	Sep 2012
Agriculture	1,108	1,423	1,323	1,334	927	1,087	1,137	1,157	1,187	1,271	1,233
Mining & Quarrying	7,733	9,827	8,708	9,632	7,912	9,180	9,246	9,759	9,868	11,061	9,159
Manufacturing	2,180	2,062	2,235	2,600	2,446	2,784	2,793	2,856	2,924	3,052	4,133
Water & Electricity	9,914	9,917	10,365	10,056	10,029	9,829	9,866	10,427	10,461	10,774	11,971
Construction	2,908	2,136	2,376	2,943	2,891	3,205	3,348	3,369	3,536	3,607	3,598
Wholesale & Retail	2,815	3,848	2,868	3,547	2,925	3,038	3,177	3,515	3,834	3,844	3,575
Hotels & Restaurants	1,799	2,221	1,607	2,155	1,854	1,970	2,006	2,008	2,026	1,876	2,278
Transport & Communication	5,754	5,531	5,695	6,591	5,951	6,343	6,818	7,565	7,667	7,754	7,864
Financial Intermediaries	8,887	10,802	10,127	11,593	13,494	11,599	12,057	12,277	12,479	12,523	12,175
Real Estate	4,853	4,509	4,908	5,455	5,807	6,332	6,400	6,567	6,711	6,761	6,174
Education	6,451	6,784	7,556	8,653	8,655	8,699	8,796	8,524	8,535	8,572	8,985
Health & Social work	7,300	4,060	5,363	5,859	11,094	7,619	7,580	8,125	8,132	8,318	8,534
Other community services	2,260	2,807	2,568	2,662	3,770	2,760	2,842	3,062	3,029	3,006	3,727
Private & Parastatal	3,802	4,105	3,904	4,521	4,380	4,638	4,660	4,873	5,022	5,154	5,204
Private	3,250	3,532	3,282	3,799	3,689	3,977	3,980	4,141	4,294	4,429	5,670
Parastatal	10,609	10,991	11,423	13,226	12,464	12,178	12,450	13,012	13,050	13,180	13,405
Central Government	5,319	5,397	5,420	5,435	5,186	5,447	5,548	6,066	6,091	6,160	6,364
Local Government	1,423	1,495	2,169	2,544	2,478	2,410	2,252	2,012	2,041	1,846	1,705
Ipelengeng Program	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360
Local Gov. Excl. Ipelengeng	3,859	4,164	4,559	4,888	4,878	4,663	4,968	4,651	4,629	4,593	4,417
All Sectors	3,594	3,771	3,992	4,443	4,277	4,428	4,451	4,641	4,746	4,731	4,810

Table 7: Minimum Hourly Wage Rates (Thebe)

Private and Parastatals	(June)	(May)	(April)	(April)	(April)	(April)	(April)
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Building, Construction, Exploration and Quarrying	310	335	355	380	380	380	380
Manufacturing, Service and Repair Trades	310	335	355	380	380	380	380
Wholesale Distributive Trades	310	335	355	380	380	380	380
Retail Distributive Trades	310	290	310	330	330	330	330
Hotel, Catering and Entertainment Trades	310	335	355	380	380	380	380
Garage, Motor Trades and Road Transport	270	335	355	380	380	380	380
Retail and Wholesale Night watchmen	265	280	300	320	320	320	320
Security Guards Employed by Security Companies	310	280	355	380	380	380	380

Agricultural Sector – P500 per month (2013 June)
 Domestic Service Sector – P2.50 per hour (2013 June)
Source: Department of Labour and Social Security