

## Formal sector employment up by 0.1% in the third quarter

PRETORIA: The number of people employed in South Africa's formal non-agricultural sector grew by 0.1% in the third quarter of 2012, Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) said on Tuesday, 11 December 2012.



"The September 2012 Quarterly Employment Statistics (QES) survey shows that the number of people employed in the formal non-agricultural sector of the South African economy increased by about 10 000 persons," said Stats SA.

The QES showed that 10 000 people were added to the country's formal industries in the third quarter of the year thereby bringing the number to 8.44 million in the quarter ending in September.

This reflected an annual increase of about 82 000 workers compared with September 2011.

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