

Trends in the South African labor market from 1996 – 2011: Insights from Censuses

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Labor market dynamics are issues of crucial importance to politicians, policy-makers, labor economist and development experts alike. In south after the demise of the apartheid regime the labour market has seen increase in the labor supply. This paper sets out analyse the labour market trends from 1996 -2011.

Data will be extracted from the South African censuses data in 1996, 2001 and 2011. The SPSS program will be used for analysis employing logistic regression analyses.

The results of the study could be used in gauging the labor market policies in South Africa.

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