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As of the fourth quarter of 2025 (reported early 2026), South Africa's official unemployment rate stands at 31.4%. This represents a slight decrease, making it the lowest rate in five years, though it remains exceptionally high. The expanded unemployment rate, which includes discouraged job seekers, is roughly 42%–44%. South African Government News Agen... +3

Key statistics for Q4 2025:

- **Official Unemployment Rate (LU3):** 31.4%.
- **Expanded Unemployment Rate:** 44.5% (includes people who have stopped looking for work).
- **Total Unemployed Persons:** Approximately 7.8 million.
- **Trend:** Despite a slight decrease in Q4, unemployment remains a chronic issue, with youth (15–34) experiencing rates above 45%. Trading Economics +5

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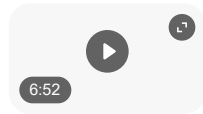
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






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