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## Women, unemployment and grants

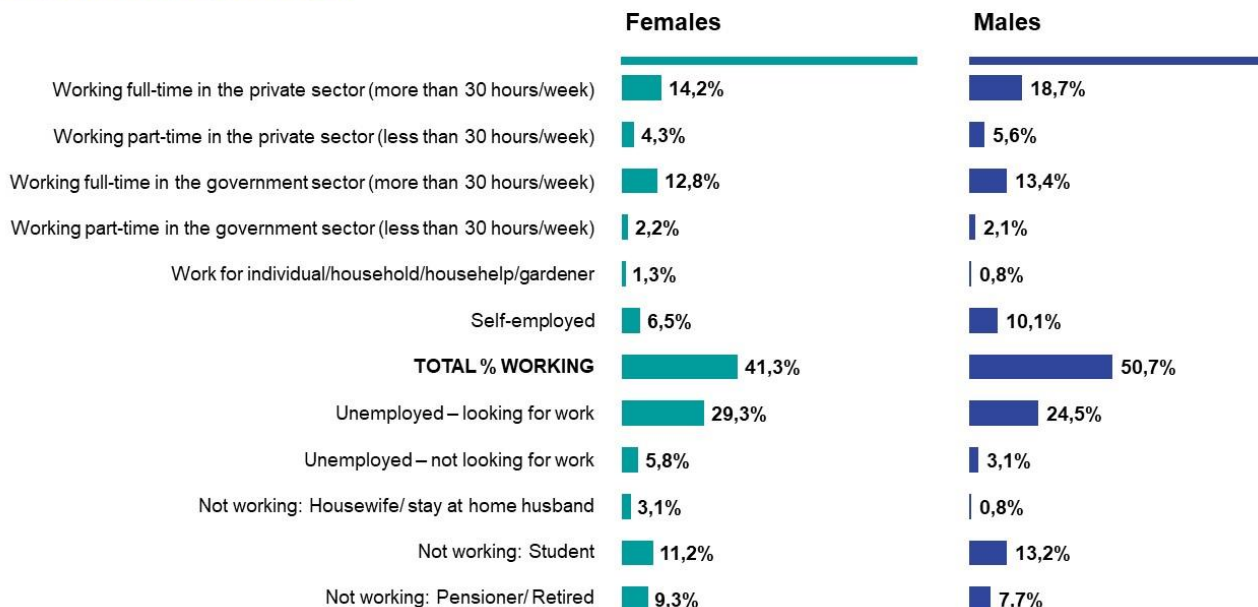
*Women bear a larger unemployment burden than men.*

From the “What Worries the World” study published last week ([What is worrying the world’s citizens mid-2021?](#)), it was clear that South Africans are the nation in the world most worried about unemployment. Almost two thirds (64%) of online South Africans indicated that unemployment is their biggest worry.

The “Mzansi Roars” study, undertaken by Ipsos in 2020, enables an in-depth look at the total South African adult population, so this [National Women’s Day](#) we are looking at the employment figures from this study, and it is clear that women bear a larger unemployment burden than men. Women are also more likely to share their households with a larger number of people<sup>1</sup> and live in households where there are more children of 14 years old or younger present<sup>2</sup>, than men.

For those respondents that indicated that they receive one or other type of grant from government (35.3%), it should come as no surprise, considering the above mentioned, that 47.1% of women indicated that they receive one or other type of government grant, while 22.7% of men are in the same situation.

### WORKING STATUS



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<sup>1</sup> Male respondents live in households with an average of 3.6 people, while Female respondents live in households with an average of 3.8 people.  
<sup>2</sup> Male respondents live in households with an average of 0.9 children, while Female respondents live in households with an average of 1.2 children.



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## Technical Detail

- **Mzansi Roars:** In July and August 2020 3,612 face-to-face interviews were conducted face-to-face with a randomly selected sample of adult South Africans, 15 years and older. Final results were weighted and projected to the universe, i.e. adult South Africans.

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