

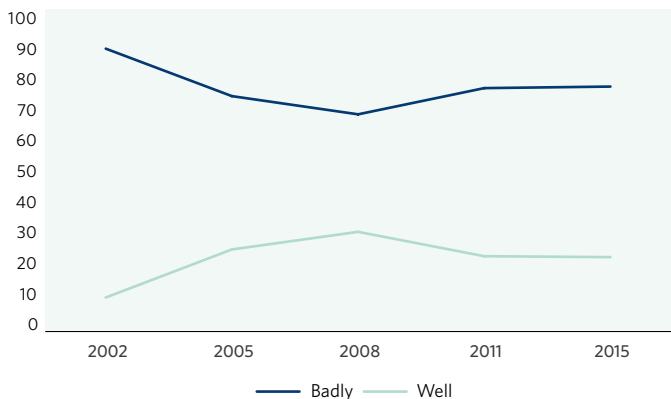
# **PART ONE**

# **REDISTRIBUTION AND LABOUR MARKET TRANSFORMATION**



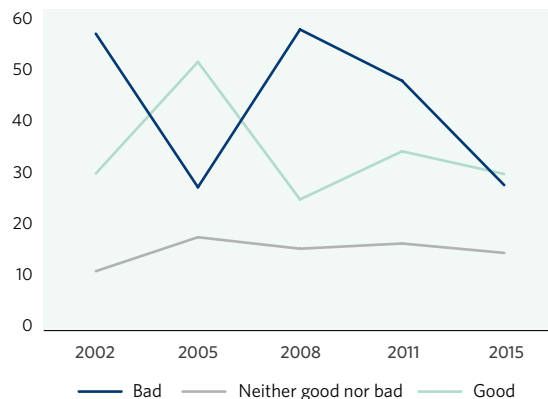
According to Statistics South Africa, in the third quarter of 2015, South Africa's economy narrowly escaped a technical recession with a marginal growth of 0.7 per cent following a 1.3 per cent contraction in the second quarter. The labour force continued to grow; however, the unemployment rate soared to 25.5 per cent in the third quarter of 2015, having been on a steady upward trend since 2012. In 2015, public sentiment was mostly pessimistic about the government's performance in creating jobs and narrowing the gap between the rich and poor. However, in 2015, the government received overwhelmingly positive feedback on the distribution of welfare payments.

### How well or badly would you say the current government is handling creating jobs\*



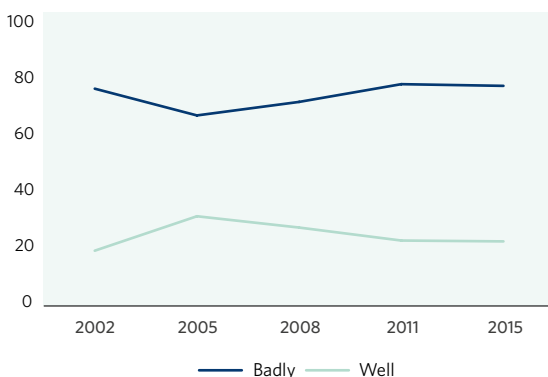
\*Source: Afrobarometer surveys for South Africa

### In general, how would you describe the present economic conditions in South Africa\*



South Africa's vital labour statistics			
	2000	2008	2015
Labour force	16 078 000	18 808 000	21 246 000
Not economically active	10 930 000	12 736 000	14 867 000
Unemployment rate (official)	23.3%	21.4%	25.5%
Labour force participation rate	59.5%	59.6%	58.8%
Labour absorption rate	45.7%	45.8%	43.8%

### How well or badly would you say the current government is handling narrowing the gaps between rich and poor\*



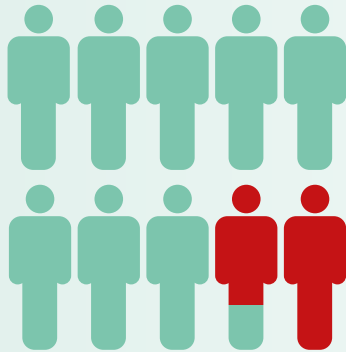
### Unemployment rate



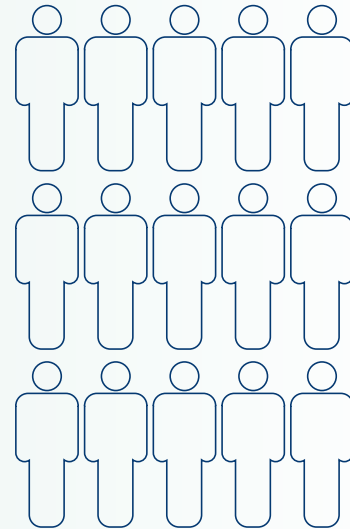
Source: Stats SA, Labour force survey, Historical revision September series 2000 to 2007; Source data for 2008-2013: own calculations based on Revised Quarterly Labour Force Surveys (2008-2014), Quarter 4 for 2008-2013; Source data for 2014-2015: Stats SA, Quarterly Labour Force Survey, Quarter 3, 2015

## TOTAL GRANT RECIPIENTS

ACTUAL 2014/2015  
**16.5 million**  
PEOPLE



FORECAST 2017/2018  
**17.5 million**  
PEOPLE



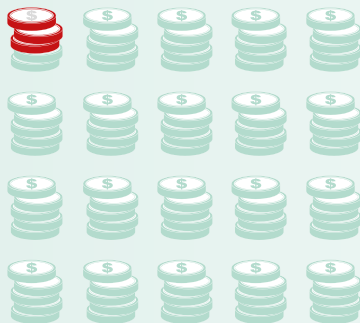
6%

How did government perform in distributing your welfare payment?

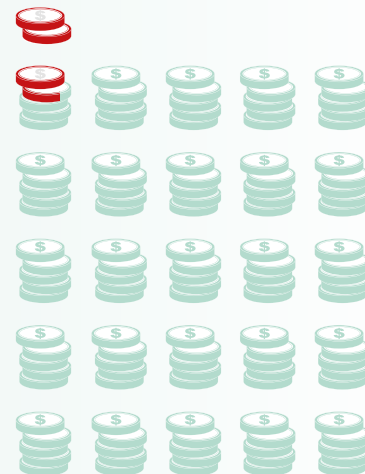
● WELL ● BADLY

## PERCENTAGE OF GDP SPENT ON SOCIAL GRANTS

ACTUAL 2014/2015  
**3.1% of GDP**



FORECAST 2017/2018  
**3.0% of GDP**



-0.1%



### ESTIMATED GRANT EXPENDITURE GROWTH

2015/2016	2018/2019
<b>R154 billion</b>	<b>R195.7 billion</b>

Sources: Grant expenditure figures, Medium Term Budget Policy Statement 2015; Grant and pension recipients, Budget review 2015 (National Treasury); Afrobarometer surveys for South Africa

