### Working from Anywhere

South African Perspective

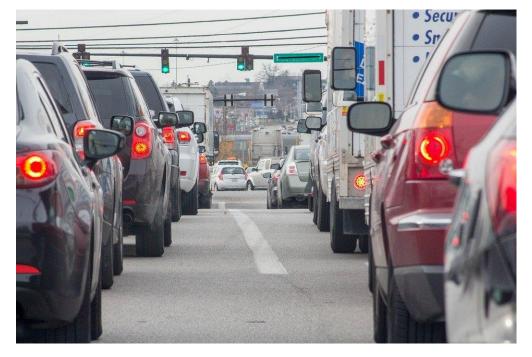
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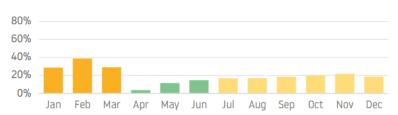
# Traffic in Cape Town

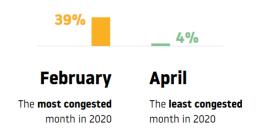
Source: TomTom Traffic Index 2020



#### **CONGESTION LEVELS MONTH BY MONTH**







#### TIME LOST IN RUSH HOUR - PER YEAR

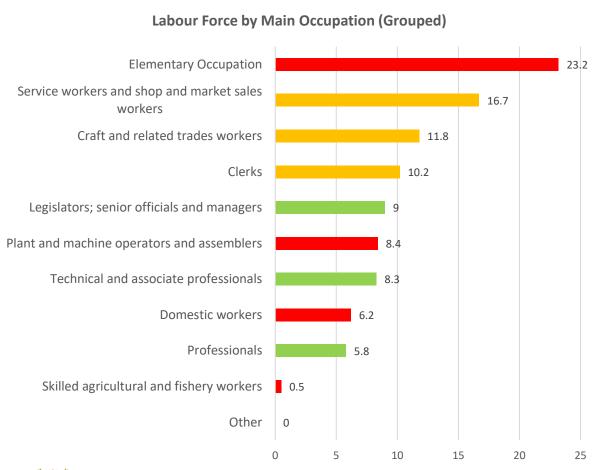
### **103 hours** = **4 days**, **7 hours**

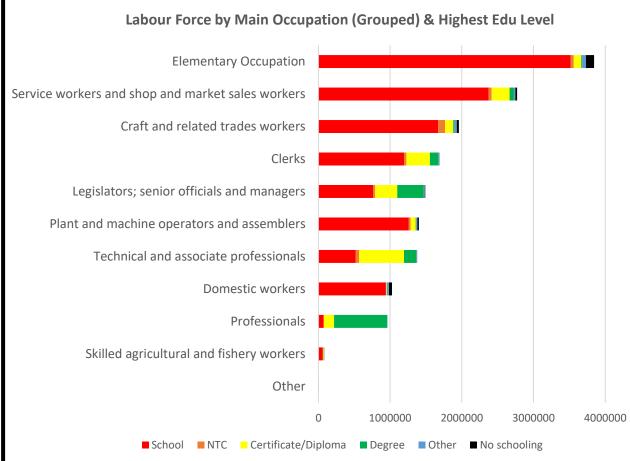
↓ 2 days, 3 hours less than last year





# SA's Labour Force An Unequal Opportunity to Work from Anywhere





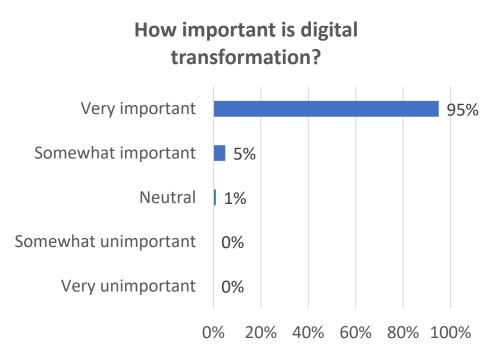


Source: Labour Force Survey 2020 Q1





### Digital Transformation enables Remote Work



Source: World Wide Worx for Cisco Systems, 2020

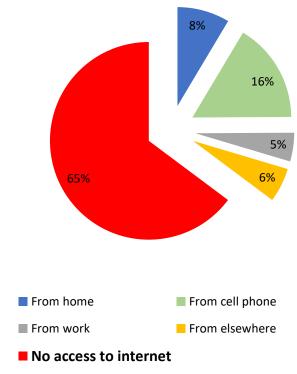
- Only 37% of Companies rolled out a digital transformation strategy
- Pre-Covid-19
  - 57% of Companies issued laptops for remote work to a quarter of their staff
  - 25% of Companies issued laptops for remote work to half of their staff
- Stress
  - No company believed remote work reduced work stress
  - Workers are more stressed if they experience connectivity challenges
- Digitally transformed businesses reported a 70% increase in productivity



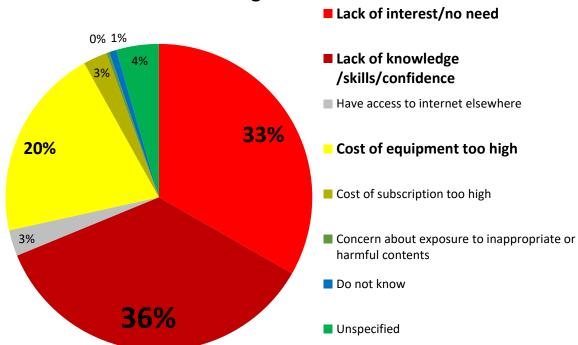


### Internet Access in South Africa

#### Household Access to the Internet



#### Reasons for not having internet access at home







### Critical Success Factors

Source: World Wide Worx & CISCO

Success factors and benefits of remote working



Company support

Allowing time with children

Had connectivity at home

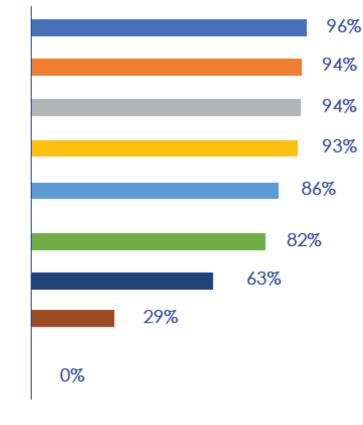
Non-distracting home environment

Good time management skills

Providing flexible hours

Higher outputs while working from home

Lower reported stress levels while working from home







# HSRC Experiences

1 am good.

am not well but I am surviving Pretty well, all things considered

Working from home is tough

Stressed and anxious

Fine.

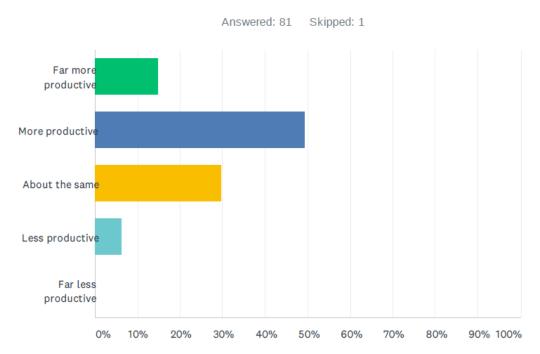
At times, I am extremely tired.





## HSRC Experiences

Q6 7 months into lockdown, how are your productivity levels now compared to early lockdown months?



#### Home Office Situation (IED CPT + DBN) 18 17 16 14 14 12 12 10 My home I have a dedicated I have a dedicated I work whereever I envirionment is office/room to work desk to work at can (bed/kitchen at home table) conducive home

■ Not really

■ Kinda agree

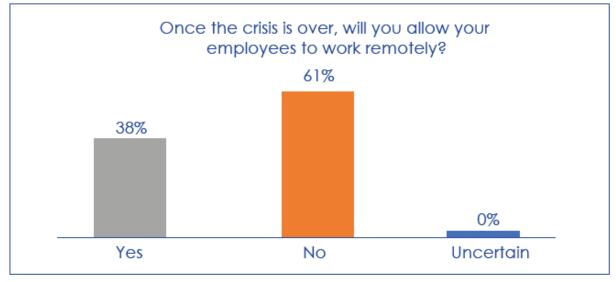
■ Fully agree

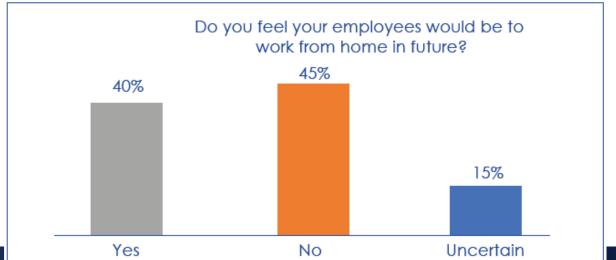




■ Absolutely not

### Post COVID-19









### Conclusions

- Digital transformation is essential
  - How do we promote transformation among small and informal businesses?
- Productivity and Wellbeing may improve
  - Flexibility may improve the Work Life Balance, if managed well
- Must recognise jobs at risk
  - Job transitioning strategies are needed to accommodate vulnerable workers





# Thank you

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