

Apartheid ^{in Practice}

Jobs & Wages in South Africa



Africans are paid poverty wages—the average weekly wage for an African farm worker is 4.2 Rand (£2.80)

Whites earn from five times more than Africans in manufacturing industries up to 20 times more in agriculture

Average earnings per household in 1975 (as ratios) were whites 100, Coloureds and Asians 33-50, and Africans 11-12

All the dangerous and hard work is done by Africans. In 30 years, 19,000 workers died from accidents in the mines—93% were Africans



Racial discrimination operates in all fields of employment. The law, employers, the government and white trade unions keep whites in all the top jobs and leave the unskilled work for Blacks. Black workers are largely excluded from wage negotiations.

African trade unions are not recognized by law, their organisers are harrassed, restricted and banned by the authorities.

Strikes by Africans are effectively illegal

