



# Success Rates in Youth Employment Counseling Programmes Among South African Secondary School Dropouts: A Comparative Analysis

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## Abstract

Youth unemployment is a significant issue in South Africa, particularly among secondary school dropouts who may lack the necessary skills and support for employment. The study employed a comparative analysis approach using data from four randomly selected secondary schools across South Africa. Data was collected through structured interviews with participants, focus group discussions, and review of programme documentation. Success rates varied significantly among the programmes evaluated, ranging from 15% to 40%, with dropout students often citing a lack of relevant skills and support networks as major barriers to employment. While some counseling programmes showed promising results in increasing employability, further tailored interventions are needed to address specific challenges faced by secondary school dropouts. Programmes should incorporate more practical training components and strengthen partnerships with community organizations to enhance their impact on dropout students' employability.

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