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The Survey of Markets is the first of its kind to be conducted and will be repeated in the future to compliment the picture of employment in Swaziland.

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Introduction

The Survey of Markets in Swaziland was conducted to fill a known gap in Swaziland's employment statistics. The Annual Survey of Employment and Wages gives an estimate of total employment in the monetary sector in Swaziland broken down into the following categories of employment in the economy:

- a) Paid Employment
- b) Working Partners and Proprietors
- c) Unpaid Family Workers
- d) Small Swazi Traders
- e) Domestic Servants.

This estimate of total employment has not, however, covered the employment generated by the traditional and handicraft markets that exist in Swaziland. The objective of this survey was, therefore, to provide an estimate of the employment in Swaziland's markets and thereby provide a more comprehensive picture of employment in the monetary sector of the economy.

Coverage

All known markets in Swaziland were covered in the survey. This includes both the permanent or "established" markets for which licenses are issued to stall holders and those markets which exist for the selling of produce but for which no licences for stalls are issued. Mbabane, Pigg's Peak and Lobamba Lomdzala (Mahlanya) markets fall into the former category. Big Bend and the market at Oshoek fall into the second category. Excluded from survey were isolated road-side stalls.

Timing

The survey was carried out during the month of February, 1975, as and when transport and staff were available. Ideally, this survey should have co-incided with the Annual Survey of Employment and Wages which is collected in September of each year. No information is at present available on the seasonality of employment in Swaziland's markets but it is not thought to be very large.

SCOPE OF THE SURVEY

The objective of the survey was, as stated above, to obtain an estimate of employment generated by markets in Swaziland. Information was collected on the number of stalls, the number of sellers and the number of unpaid family workers. An attempt was initially made to determine the gross earnings of stall holders but this was abandoned as stall holders were generally most reluctant or unable to give any information about their earnings or receipts.

EMPLOYMENT.

Table 1 summarises the picture of employment at markets in Swaziland. Employment is defined, for the purpose of the survey, as the "number of sellers" at the market.

Sellers in markets numbered 1155. This represents 1,7 per cent of the total employment of the monetary sector of the economy recorded in September, 1973.

Table 2 shows the number of stalls and sellers in covered and uncovered markets by district. It can be seen that only 71 stalls out of a total of 1057 were in the open, the remainder being in a covered market area.

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Table 1.

NUMBER OF STALLS AND NUMBER OF SELLERS BY
DISTRICT AND TYPE OF MARKET

District/Market	Number of Stalls	Number of Sellers
<u>Established Markets:</u>		
Hhohho	388	438
Manzini	173	173
Lubombo	145	145
Shiselweni	163	163
Total	869	919
<u>Unestablished Markets:</u>		
Hhohho	**	**
Manzini	**	**
Lubombo	45	45
Shiselweni	**	**
Total	45	45
<u>Handicraft Markets:</u>		
Mbabane*	38	67
Enkaba	30	34
Oshoek	75	90
Total	143	191
Grand Total	1057	1155

NOTE:

- * Established Market
- ** Not Applicable.

Table 2

NUMBER OF STALLS AND NUMBER OF SELLERS
BY DISTRICT.

Market/ District	Covered	Stalls	Uncovered	Stalls
	No. of Stalls	No. of Sellers	No. of Stalls	No. of Sellers
<u>HHOHHO</u>				
1. Enkaba-Handicraft	30	34	-	-
2. Oshoek-Handicraft	43	58	32	32
3. Mahlanya	133	133	14	14
4. Motshane	48	50	-	-
5. Havelock	53	53	-	-
6. Pigg's Peak	46	46	-	-
7. Mbabane-Handicraft	38	52	-	-
8. Mbabane	94	130	-	-
Total	485	556	46	46
<u>MANZINI.</u>				
1. Manzini	129	129	8	8
2. Luve	36	36	-	-
Total	165	165	8	8
<u>LUBOMBO</u>				
1. Siteki	72	72	-	-
2. Big Bend	6	6	17	17
3. Sipofaneni	52	52	-	-
4. Mhlume	21	21	-	-
5. Tshaneni	22	22	-	-
Total	173	173	17	17
<u>SHISELWENI</u>				
1. Hlatikulu	55	55	-	-
2. Nhlangano	56	56	-	-
3. Mankayane	52	52	-	-
Total	163	163	-	-
Grand Total	986	1057	71	71