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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

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The General Secretariat of National Statistical Service of Greece announces the Labour Force Survey's results for September 2008. **The Unemployment rate in September 2008 is 7.4% against 8.3% in September 2007.**

For monthly estimations, a sub sample of the quarterly Labour Force survey's sample was used. In total, 21,999 persons, belonging to 9,179 different households, were interviewed.

Monthly employment's characteristics (number of employed, unemployed etc.) were estimated by an unbiased estimator, which was calculated based on: a) the probability of selection of a household, b) the non response rate in each primary sampling unit and c) and the estimated population distribution by sex and group ages in every NUT II level area, for September.

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In September 2008, the number of employed people is estimated to 4,550,911. The number of unemployed people is estimated to 363,869 while economically non-actives were estimated to 4,325,644.

The corresponding figures for September 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 are presented in Table 1.

Table 1. Employed, unemployed, economically non-active and rate of unemployment (September, 2004 - 2008)

	September				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Employed	4,324,690	4,381,375	4,500,606	4,503,793	4,550,911
Unemployed	480,427	468,590	401,743	410,324	363,869
Economically non active	4,268,679	4,265,728	4,267,002	4,298,786	4,325,644
<i>Unemployment rate</i>	<i>10.0</i>	<i>9.7</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>8.3</i>	<i>7.4</i>

In Table 1 data we observe:

The number of employed persons increases from 2004 to 2008. The rate of increase in employment between September 2004 and September 2005 was 1.3%, between September 2005 and September 2006 was 2.7% while between September 2006 and September 2007 was 0.1 %. Between September 2007 and September 2008 the rate of increase was 1.0 %.

Number of unemployed decreased from 2004 to 2006, increased in 2007 and decreased in 2008. Between September 2004 and September 2005, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 2.5%. Between September 2005 and September 2006, decreased by 14.3% while between September of 2006 and September of 2007 increased by 2.1%. Between September 2007 and September 2008, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 11.3%

These changes in the number of employed and unemployed persons led to the reduction of unemployment rate, from 10.0% in September 2004 to 9.7% in September 2005. In September 2006, the unemployment rate was 8.2%, in September 2007 8.3% and in September 2008 7.4%.

Tables 2,3, and 4 present unemployment rates by region, sex and group ages in September 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

Table 2: Unemployment rate by region: September 2004 - 2008

Region	September				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI	10.7	11.4	9.0	10.9	7.6
KENTRIKI MAKEDONIA	12.6	11.5	8.8	9.2	8.4
DYTIKI MAKEDONIA	18.1	21.9	19.0	12.7	9.4
IPEIROS	10.5	12.6	11.5	9.8	10.4
THESSALIA	9.3	10.6	8.4	9.4	10.3
IONIA NISIA	3.3	5.8	8.8	4.4	3.3
DYTIKI ELLADA	10.7	8.3	6.3	9.6	8.2
STEREA ELLADA	7.8	10.3	6.2	7.5	7.0
ATTICI	10.0	8.9	8.4	8.2	7.0
PELOPONNISOS	9.1	7.8	6.3	8.3	6.7
VOREIO AIGAIO	8.7	10.8	8.3	7.2	4.2
NOTIO AIGAIO	5.1	6.5	6.9	5.0	4.6
KRITI	5.6	5.4	3.5	3.5	4.7
Greece, total	10.0	9.7	8.2	8.3	7.4

Table 3. Unemployment rate by sex: September 2004-2008

Sex	September				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Men	6.0	6.4	5.3	5.3	5.1
Women	15.8	14.5	12.5	12.7	10.7
Total	10.0	9.7	8.2	8.3	7.4

Table 4: Unemployment rate by age groups: September 2004-2008

Group ages	September				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
15-24 years	27.5	28.0	25.6	23.3	24.3
25-34 »	12.8	12.3	11.4	11.7	10.0
35-44 »	8.0	8.0	6.3	6.1	5.4
45-54 »	4.6	5.1	4.1	5.1	4.0
55-64 »	5.3	3.6	2.7	3.2	3.4
65-74 »	0.0	1.7	1.0	0.5	0.0
Total	10.0	9.7	8.2	8.3	7.4