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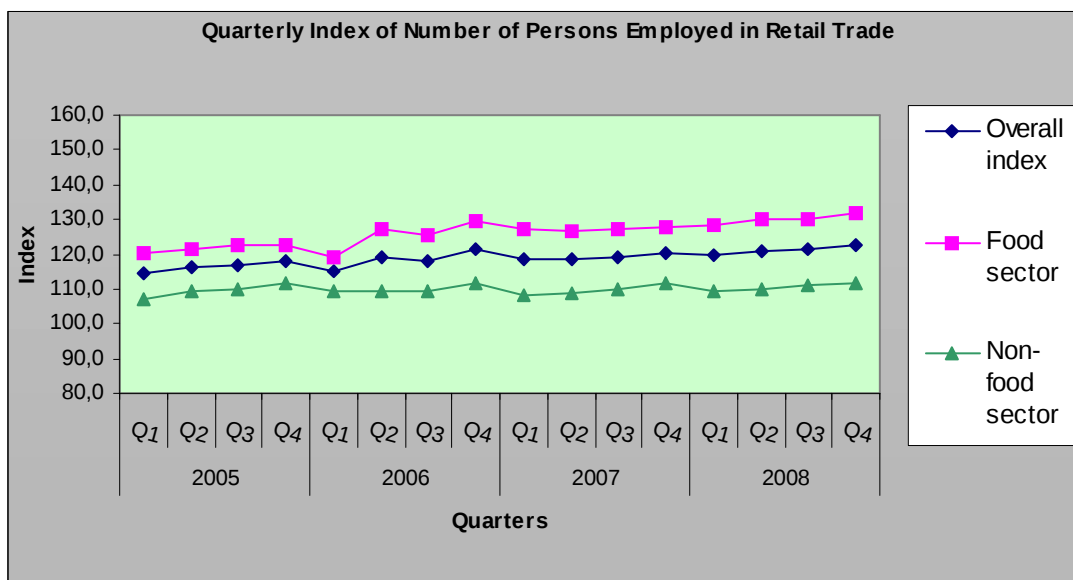
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PRESS RELEASE

Index of Number of Persons Employed in Retail Trade ¹ (2000=100,0) Forth quarter 2008

The National Statistical Service of Greece publishes the Index of Number of Persons Employed in Retail Trade for the 4th quarter 2008 as follows :

- The Index of Number of Persons Employed in Retail Trade in the 4th quarter 2008, as compared to the 4th quarter 2007 increased by 1,7 %. A year earlier the annual rate of change was -0,7%
- The Index of Number of Persons Employed in Retail Trade in the 4th quarter 2008, as compared to the 3rd quarter 2008 increased by 0,7 % . A year earlier the quarterly rate of change was 0,9%.



¹ The index of number of persons employed in retail trade is a new index with base year :2000=100,0 covering the period from 2000 onwards.

The compilation and publication of this new index is based on the requirements of the Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics.

The objective of the index of number of persons employed is to show the development of employment in retail trade.

TABLE 1

Index of Number of Persons Employed in Retail Trade
Annual and quarterly rates of change

(Base year: 2000=100,0)

	4 th quarter 2008	4 th quarter 2007	Annual rate (%)	4 th quarter 2008	3 rd quarter 2008	Quarterly rate(%)
General Index	122.4	120.3	1.7	122.4	121.6	0.7
Food sector	131.6	127.7	3.0	131.6	130.3	0.9
Non-food sector	111.7	111.6	0.1	111.7	111.3	0.3

TABLE 2

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(Base year: 2000=100,0)

Overall index

YEAR	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Ave
2002	104,6	106,4	107,8	109,4	107,0
2003	108,3	108,5	109,8	111,2	109,4
2004	111,4	113,4	114,1	116,7	113,9
2005	114,6	116,2	116,8	118,1	116,4
2006	115,1	119,0	118,1	121,2	118,4
2007	118,7	118,5	119,3	120,3	119,2
2008	119,7	120,9	121,6	122,4	121,2

Food sector

YEAR	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Ave
2002	105,0	107,3	109,7	110,9	108,2
2003	110,3	111,5	112,6	113,4	112,0
2004	115,7	118,5	119,9	122,2	119,1
2005	120,3	121,6	122,4	122,7	121,8
2006	119,4	127,4	125,2	129,4	125,4
2007	127,4	126,5	127,0	127,7	127,2
2008	128,6	130,0	130,3	131,6	130,1

Non-food sector

YEAR	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Ave
2002	104,1	105,3	105,5	107,5	105,6
2003	105,7	104,6	106,2	108,6	106,3
2004	106,0	107,0	106,8	109,7	107,4
2005	107,3	109,2	109,7	111,8	109,5
2006	109,3	109,2	109,5	111,5	109,9
2007	108,4	109,0	110,1	111,6	109,8
2008	109,3	110,2	111,3	111,7	110,6

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