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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY: 3rd quarter 2024

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the results of the Labour Force Survey for the third quarter of 2024.

More specifically, during the third quarter of 2024:

- The number of **employed persons** amounted to σε 4,323,859, recording a decrease of 0.1% compared to the previous quarter and an increase by 1.6% compared to the same quarter of the previous year (Tables 1, 2).
- The number of **unemployed persons** amounted to 482,424, recording a decrease of 8.4% compared to the previous quarter and a decrease by 16.8% compared to the same quarter of the previous year (Tables 1, 4). The unemployment rate for the third quarter of 2024 was 9.0% (Table 1). The unemployment rate was 9.8% in the previous quarter (2024 Q2) and 10.8% in the corresponding quarter of the previous year (2023 Q3).
- The number of **persons outside the labour force**, i.e., the persons who are neither working nor looking for a job, amounted to 4,263,142. In particular, persons outside the labour force **under the age of 75**, amounted to 3,031,115. Their share increased by 1.2% compared with the previous quarter and remained the same compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year (Tables 1, 5).

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Graph 1. Number of employed and unemployed

It should be noted that the quarterly estimates of the Survey are not subject to seasonal adjustment, while the monthly estimates are seasonally adjusted. Therefore, the average of the seasonally adjusted monthly estimates may differ from the estimate for the corresponding quarter.

Information on methodological issues

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I. EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Table 1. Employment status by sex, age, Region, educational level, and citizenship (1), 3rd quarter 2024

(In thousands)

		Employed	Unemployed	Persons outside the labour force	Unemployment rate (%)	Labour force rate (%)
	Total ⁽²⁾	4,323.9	428.4	4,263.1	9.0	52.7
SEX	Males	2,460.9	186.4	1,710.3	7.0	60.8
	Females	1,862.9	242.0	2,552.9	11.5	45.2
AGE	15 - 19	23.6	5.5	568.1	19.0	4.9
	20 - 24	185.1	32.6	252.0	15.0	46.4
	25 - 29	406.0	78.1	102.8	16.1	82.5
	30 - 44	1,462.5	149.4	248.2	9.3	86.7
	45 - 64	2,117.3	155.1	758.5	6.8	75.0
	65+	129.3	7.7	2,333.5	5.6	5.5
REGION (NUTS 2)	Anatoliki Makedonia & Thraki (Eastern Macedonia and Thrace)	224.2	32.6	247.1	12.7	51.0
	Kentriki Makedonia (Central Macedonia)	727.4	102.1	749.0	12.3	52.5
	Dytiki Makedonia (Western Macedonia)	102.5	12.8	115.9	11.1	49.9
	Ipeiros (Epirus)	122.3	14.5	151.7	10.6	47.4
	Thessalia (Thessaly)	254.4	27.5	331.2	9.8	46.0
	Ionioi Nisoi (Ionian Islands)	93.9	7.3	68.1	7.2	59.7
	Dytiki Ellada (Western Greece)	263.0	25.7	274.8	8.9	51.2
	Sterea Ellada	214.9	18.1	234.4	7.8	49.9
	Attiki (Attica)	1,578.6	145.0	1,465.2	8.4	54.1
	Peloponnissos (Peloponnese)	234.1	17.7	210.4	7.0	54.5
	Voreio Aigaio (Northern Aegean)	78.2	4.7	82.2	5.6	50.2
	Notio Aigaio (Southern Aegean)	153.6	4.9	111.5	3.1	58.7
	Kriti (Crete)	276.9	15.5	221.5	5.3	56.9
EDUCATIONAL	Less than primary	12.9	3.2	184.2	20.0	8.0
LEVEL	Primary education	301.8	30.2	1.151.1	9.1	22.4
	Secondary education	1,944.6	203.5	2,027.2	9.5	51.4
	Post - secondary	437.2	62.2	155.0	12.4	76.3
	Tertiary Education	1,627.3	129.4	626.0	7.4	73.7
CITIZENSHIP	Greek	4,137.4	402.1	4,167.6	8.9	52.1
	Foreign	186.4	26.3	95.5	12.4	69.0

The highest unemployment rates are observed among women, persons aged 15-19 years, in the Region of Anatoliki Makedonia & Thraki (Eastern Macedonia and Thrace), and persons that have completed less than primary education. The highest percentage of the labour force is observed among men, persons aged 30-44 years, in the Region of Ionioi Nisoi (Ionian Islands), persons that have completed post-secondary education and persons of foreign citizenship (Table 1).

⁽¹⁾ The definitions of the characteristics that are presented in Table 1 and the other tables of the press release can be found in the **Explanatory notes,** at the end of the press release, under "**Definitions**".

⁽²⁾ Any difference between the grand total and the sum of the detailed categories is due to rounding. The educational attainment level is not recorded for persons aged 90+.

II. CHARACTERISTICS OF EMPLOYED PERSONS

Table 2 presents the number of employed by professional status, occupation, full-time and part-time employment, permanent and temporary job, for the 3rd quarter 2024. Furthermore, the table includes the corresponding data for the previous quarter and the same quarter one year ago, as well as the corresponding quarterly and annual rates of change.

Table 2. Employed persons by professional status, occupation, full-time and part-time job, permanent or temporary job

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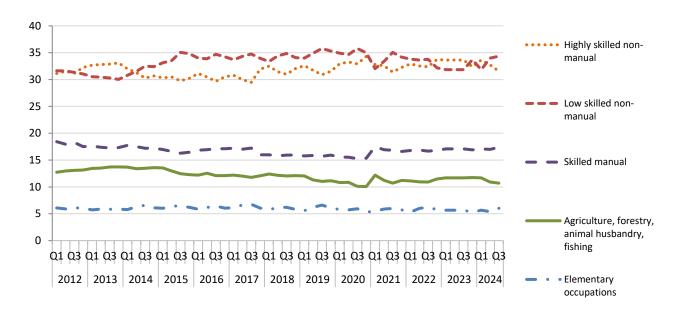
	3rd quarter 2024	% of total	2nd quarter 2024	3rd quarter 2023	Quarterly rate of change (%)	Annual rate of change (%)
Total	4,323.9	100.0	4,327.8	4,256.2	-0.1	1.6
		Professiona	al status			
Self-employed with employees	312.6	7.2	325.0	310.8	-3.8	0.6
Self-employed without employees	839.2	19.4	845.9	851.8	-0.8	-1.5
Employees	3,020.8	69.9	2,999.1	2,943.0	0.7	2.6
Family workers	151.3	3.5	157.8	150.6	-4.1	0.5
		Occupa	tion			
Legislators. senior officials and managers	118.9	2.7	123.7	130.3	-3.9	-8.7
Professionals	930.3	21.5	974.9	917.9	-4.6	1.4
Technicians and associate professionals	274.7	6.4	280.3	291.3	-2.0	-5.7
Clerks	480.4	11.1	462.4	459.6	3.9	4.5
Service workers and shop and market sale workers	1,004.3	23.2	1,007.8	960.8	-0.3	4.5
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	427.4	9.9	431.5	436.6	-1.0	-2.1
Craft and related trade workers	417.4	9.7	417.4	399.2	0.0	4.6
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	306.9	7.1	289.9	294.4	5.9	4.2
Elementary occupations	295.4	6.8	274.1	301.6	7.8	-2.1
Other unclassified persons	68.1	1.6	65.8	64.5	3.5	5.6
		Full-time / par	rt-time job			
Full time	4,053.1	93.7	4,044.9	3,977.4	0.2	1.9
Part time	270.7	6.3	282.9	278.8	-4.3	-2.9
	Employ	yees by perman	ent - tempora	ry job		
Permanent	2,693.6	89.2	2,669.7	2,596.3	0.9	3.7
Temporary	327.2	10.8	329.4	346.7	-0.7	-5.6

In the 3rd quarter 2024, the majority of the employed are working as employees (69.9%), whereas a significant share is working as self-employed without employees (19.4%).

Part-time employment amounts to 6.3%, recording a decrease by 4.3% in comparison with the previous quarter and a decrease by 2.9% compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year. The share of persons with temporary jobs is 10.8%, decreased by 0.7% compared to the previous quarter and decreased by 5.6% compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

The occupations gathering the largest shares of the employed are service workers and shop and market sale workers (23.2%) and professionals (21.5 %). Compared to the previous quarter, the largest increase occurs for elementary occupations (7.8%) whereas the largest decrease is observed in professionals (4.6%). In comparison with the same quarter of 2023, the largest increase occurs in craft and related trade workers (4.6%) whereas the largest decrease is observed in legislators, senior officials and managers (8.7%) (Table 2).

As of the 1st quarter 2014, an increase in the share of low skilled non-manual occupations ⁽³⁾ is observed – a trend that is reversed to some extent since 2021. The share of skilled manual occupations increases slightly from 2021 onwards. The share of highly skilled non-manual occupations follows an upward trend while the share of elementary occupations remains stable as of 2012, with a slight downward trend. The share of workers in agriculture, forestry, animal husbandry and fishing has been declining since 2014 with a stabilizing trend in the recent years (Graph 2).



Graph 2: Percentage of employed by broad categories of occupations

Table 3 presents the number of the employed by section of economic activity in the 3rd quarter 2024. Furthermore, the table includes the corresponding data for the previous quarter and the same quarter one year ago, as well as the corresponding quarterly and annual rates of change.

⁽³⁾ It should be noted that from 2011 onward the new ISCO-08 is used for the classification of occupations and as a result, a sudden decrease is observed for "Highly skilled non-manual" occupations and a corresponding increase for "Low skilled non-manual" occupations. Nevertheless, a steady increase in the share of "Low skilled non manual" occupations is being observed from 2011 onwards.

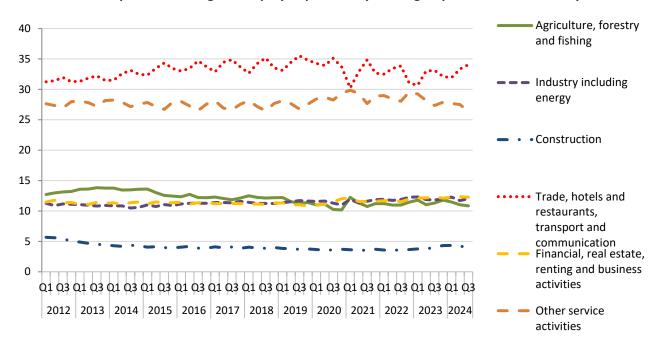
Table 3. Employed persons by section of economic activity

(In thousands)

n thousands)	3rd quarter 2024	% of total	2nd quarter 2024	3rd quarter 2023	Quarterly rate of change (%)	Annual rate of change (%)
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing	468.2	10.8	476.7	481.3	-1.8	-2.7
Mining and quarrying	8.2	0.2	9.3	10.7	-11.8	-23.4
Manufacturing	420.9	9.7	407.5	417.1	3.3	0.9
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	46.6	1.1	48.0	42.4	-2.9	9.9
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	43.9	1.0	41.7	32.6	5.3	34.7
Construction	194.1	4.5	175.5	174.5	10.6	11.2
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	727.0	16.8	706.3	693.6	2.9	4.8
Transportation and storage	245.6	5.7	240.5	228.4	2.1	7.5
Accommodation and food service activities	451.4	10.4	439.7	441.4	2.7	2.3
Information and communication	99.9	2.3	109.6	103.8	-8.9	-3.8
Financial and insurance activities	80.0	1.9	83.9	86.2	-4.6	-7.2
Real estate activities	10.8	0.2	12.5	14.2	-13.6	-23.9
Professional, scientific and technical activities	276.1	6.4	289.7	267.4	-4.7	3.3
Administrative and support service activities	112.1	2.6	94.7	97.4	18.4	15.1
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	353.3	8.2	361.1	374.0	-2.2	-5.5
Education	312.6	7.2	343.9	312.6	-9.1	0.0
Human health and social work activities	296.9	6.9	317.0	307.2	-6.3	-3.4
Arts, entertainment and recreation	61.3	1.4	50.6	45.9	21.1	33.6
Other service activities	85.6	2.0	91.4	95.0	-6.3	-9.9
Activities of households as employers	25.8	0.6	24.8	26.5	4.0	-2.6
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	0.9	0.0	1.0	2.2	-10.0	-59.1

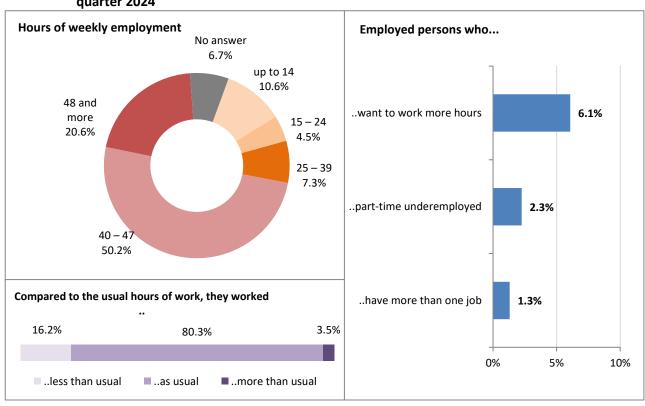
As regards the evolution of the percentage of people employed in broad sectors of economic activity during the period Q1 2012 – Q1 2024, an increase (but with large fluctuations) is observed in the percentage of those working in the sector that includes trade, transport and communications, hotels and food service. A decrease is observed in the percentage of those working in the construction sector, while stabilizing trends are observed in the industry-energy and financial, real estate, renting and business activities sectors (Graph 3).

Graph 3: Percentage of employed persons by broad groups of economic activity



50.2% of the employed report having worked 40 - 47 hours in the reference week while a significant share (20.6%) report having worked for 48 hours or more. Most of the employed persons (80.3%) worked the usual hours during the reference week. 6.1% of them state that they wish to work more hours, 2.3% are underemployed part-time workers who wish to work more, and they are available to start working more in the next two weeks, and 1.3% of the employed report having more than one job (Graph 4).

Graph 4: Hours worked, existence of a second job, wish to work more hours and search for a job, 3rd quarter 2024



III. CHARACTERISTICS OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS

Table 4 presents the number of unemployed by reason for leaving the last job, duration of unemployment, educational level and by registration in a public employment office (DYPA - former OAED) for the 3rd quarter 2024. Furthermore, the table includes the corresponding data for the previous quarter and the same quarter one year ago, as well as the quarterly and annual rates of change.

Table 4. Unemployed by reason for leaving the last job ⁽⁴⁾, duration of unemployment, educational level and registration in public employment office

	3rd quarter 2024	% of total	2nd quarter 2024	3rd quarter 2023	Quarterly rate of change (%)	Annual rate of change (%)			
Total	428.4	100.0	467.6	514.6	-8.4	-16.8			
Reason for leaving the last job									
Never worked in the past	88.4	20.6	108.1	111.3	-18.2	-20.6			
Dismissed or made redundant (4)	71.9	16.8	77.5	84.2	-7.2	-14.6			
A job of limited duration that has ended	128.8	30.1	149.6	163.6	-13.9	-21.3			
Other reason	72.3	16.9	66.5	76.0	8.7	-4.9			
Did not report a reason (4)	67.0	15.6	66.0	79.6	1.5	-15.8			
	Dı	uration of u	nemployment						
Less than 1 month	17.6	4.1	11.7	22.9	50.4	-23.1			
1 - 2 months	45.7	10.7	37.8	36.0	20.9	26.9			
3 - 5 months	34.0	7.9	60.9	48.4	-44.2	-29.8			
6 - 11 months	80.4	18.8	100.6	88.0	-20.1	-8.6			
	ı	Long - term	unemployed						
12 - 17 months	54.2	12.7	52.4	65.8	3.4	-17.6			
18 - 23 months	40.7	9.5	42.7	44.3	-4.7	-8.1			
24 - 47 months	44.7	10.4	39.3	68.3	13.7	-34.6			
4 years or more	102.4	23.9	114.3	131.8	-10.4	-22.3			
Long-term unemployed total	242.0	56.5	248.6	310.3	-2.7	-22.0			
Did not answer	8.8	2.1	8.1	9.1	8.6	-3.3			
		Educatio	onal level						
Less than primary	3.2	0.8	3.5	1.6	-8.6	100.0			
Primary education	30.2	7.0	43.6	42.5	-30.7	-28.9			
Secondary education	203.5	47.5	218.4	259.0	-6.8	-21.4			
Post - secondary	62.2	14.5	71.9	58.5	-13.5	6.3			
Tertiary	129.4	30.2	130.2	153.0	-0.6	-15.4			
Registration at a public employment office (DYPA)									
Registered at a public employment office and receives benefit or assistance	53.6	12.5	55.9	61.4	-4.1	-12.7			
Registered at a public employment office but does not receive benefit or assistance	274.3	64.0	286.5	325.9	-4.3	-15.8			
Not registered at a public employment office	97.5	22.8	119.7	124.2	-18.5	-21.5			
Did not answer	3.0	0.7	5.5	3.1	-45.5	-3.2			

⁽⁴⁾ It refers to persons who stopped working during the last eight (8) years. Persons who worked for the last time more than 8 years ago are not asked why they stopped working.

Most unemployed persons report as main reason for stopping their last job that it was a job of limited duration that ended (30.1%). The share of the unemployed that have not worked in the past amounts to 20.6% (Table 4).

The majority of the unemployed (56.5%) are seeking a job for one year or more (long-term unemployed). 55.3% of the unemployed have completed up to secondary education. 22.8% of the unemployed report that they are not registered at the public employment office (DYPA), whereas 12.5% report that they receive a benefit or assistance from the public employment office (Table 4).

The Regions of Anatoliki Makedonia & Thraki (Eastern Macedonia and Thrace) and of Kentriki Makedonia (Central Macedonia) have recorded the highest unemployment rates whereas the lowest is observed in the Region of Notio Aigaio (Southern Aegean) (Table 1, Graph 5).

Anatoliki Makedonia & Thraki (Eastern Macedonia... Kentriki Makedonia (Central Macedonia) Dytiki Makedonia (Western Macedonia) Ipeiros (Epirus) Thessalia (Thessaly) **COUNTRY TOTAL** Dytiki Ellada (Western Greece) 2024Q3 Attiki (Attica) Sterea Ellada □ 2023Q3 Ionioi Nisoi (Ionian Islands) Peloponnissos (Peloponnese) Voreio Aigaio (Northern Aegean) Kriti (Crete) Notio Aigaio (Southern Aegean) 0 5 10 15 20

Graph 5: Unemployment rate (%) by Region (NUTS 2)

IV. CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS OUTSIDE THE LABOUR FORCE

Table 5 presents the number of the persons outside the labour force, aged less than 75, by existence of previous work experience, their willingness to work, as well as job search and immediate availability for work, for the 3rd quarter 2024. Furthermore, the table includes the corresponding data for the previous quarter and the same quarter one year ago, as well as the corresponding quarterly and annual rates of change.

Table 5. Persons outside the labour force, aged less than 75 years, by existence of previous work experience, willingness to work and availability for work

(In thousands)

	3rd quarter 2024	% of total	2nd quarter 2024	3rd quarter 2023	Quarterly rate of change (%)	Annual rate of change (%)		
Total	3,031.1	100.0	2,994.6	3,032.5	1.2	0.0		
	Existence of	previous emp	loyment experi	ence				
Never worked in the past	1,428.9	47.1	1,403.4	1,423.2	1.8	0.4		
Worked in the last job more than 8 years ago ⁽⁵⁾	864.0	28.5	897.6	913.8	-3.7	-5.4		
Did not work in the last 8 years	738.1	24.4	693.6	695.5	6.4	6.1		
	Reas	on for leaving	the last job					
Dismissed or made redundant	37.8	5.1	30.6	42.8	23.5	-11.7		
A job of limited duration that has ended	107.6	14.6	87.2	81.4	23.4	32.2		
Had to look after children or incapacitated adults	17.7	2.4	19.2	24.5	-7.8	-27.8		
Resigned for other personal or family reasons	38.5	5.2	46.4	34.3	-17.0	12.2		
Education or training	25.8	3.5	29.4	20.5	-12.2	25.9		
Own illness or disability	36.1	4.9	35.3	26.8	2.3	34.7		
Retirement	443.4	60.1	413.1	440.0	7.3	0.8		
Other reasons	31.4	4.2	32.5	25.2	-3.4	24.6		
		Willingness t	o work					
Wish to work	174.3	5.8	171.2	165.2	1.8	5.5		
Do not want to work	2,825.7	93.2	2,792.1	2,842.6	1.2	-0.6		
Did not answer	31.1	1.0	31.2	24.7	-0.3	25.9		
	Job search and immediate availability for work							
Persons seeking work but not immediately available	20.7	0.7	17.1	13.3	21.1	55.6		
Persons available to work but not seeking	72.5	2.4	81.5	99.4	-11.0	-27.1		
Other	2,937.9	96.9	2,895.9	2,919.8	1.5	0.6		

Most of the persons outside the labour force, 15-74 years old, have never worked in the past (47.1%) or they worked for the last time 8 years ago and more (28.5%). Among the persons that worked for the last time during the previous eight years, the majority stopped working due to retirement (60.1%) or because it was a job of limited duration that ended (14.6%).

93.2% of the persons outside the labour force state that they do not want to work. 0.7% of the persons outside the labour force are seeking a job but are not currently available to start working, while 2.4% of them want to work, are available for work in the next two weeks but are not seeking work.

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⁽⁵⁾ Persons who worked for the last time more than 8 years ago, are not asked why they stopped working.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Labour Force Survey The Labour Force Survey produces estimates since 1981 (second Quarter of the year). From 1998 onwards it is a continuous quarterly survey. The main statistical objective of the Labour Force Survey is to divide the population of working age (15 years and over) into three mutually exclusive and exhaustive groups - persons in employment, unemployed persons and persons outside the labour force. In addition, the Labour Force Survey collects information on demographic characteristics, main job characteristics, the existence and characteristics of a second job, educational attainment, participation in education, previous working experience and search of a job.

Legislation

The current survey is fully harmonized with European legislation. The basic act is Regulation (EU) No 2019/1700 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common framework for European statistics relating to persons and households, which is in force since 1/1/2021 and replaced Regulation (EC) 577/98. Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2240 sets out the design and characteristics of the survey and Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2241 lays down the technical elements of the monthly unemployment data.

Reference Period

The sample of the Labour Force Survey is equally allocated to the 4 (or 5) weeks of the month. Every selected household is assigned to a specific week, the reference week, running from Monday to Sunday.

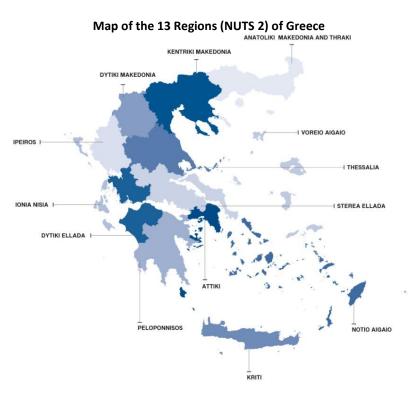
- for employment, the reference period is the reference week,
- for employment seeking, the reference period is the reference week and the previous 3 weeks.

Coverage

The survey covers all members of the private households, who are residing at least one year in Greece and excludes the members of collective households (i.e. hospitals, hotels, military camps, asylums, homes for the elderly, orphanages, etc.).

Geographical classification

The geographical classification is based on Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics.



Methodology

The estimates of the Labour Force Survey are produced by a suitable unbiased estimator, which takes into account: a) the probability of selection of every sampled household, b) the response rate in every primary sampling unit, c) the allocation of population by NUTS 2 Regions, gender and age group, and d) the distribution of private households to Greece total. As of January 2021, data are collected via electronic questionnaire (CATI, CAPI).

Definitions

Employed: comprise persons aged 15 to 89 (in completed years at the end of the reference week) who, during the reference week, were in one of the following categories:

- a) persons who during the reference week worked for at least 1 hour for pay or profit, including contributing family workers
- b) persons with a job or business who were temporarily not at work during the reference week but had an attachment to their job, where the following groups have a job attachment:
- persons not at work due to holidays, working time arrangements, sick leave, maternity or paternity leave;
- persons in job-related training;
- persons on parental leave, either receiving and/or being entitled to job-related income or benefits, or whose parental leave is expected to be 3 months or less;
- seasonal workers during the off-season, where they continue to regularly perform tasks and duties for the job or business, excluding fulfilment of legal or administrative obligations;
- persons temporarily not at work for other reasons where the expected duration of the absence is 3 months or less.

Note: contributing family workers, persons in own-use production work, voluntary workers, unpaid trainees and individuals involved in other forms of work are defined in the 19th International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS) Resolution concerning statistics of work, employment and labour underutilisation, adopted on 11 October 2013.

Unemployed persons comprise persons aged 15 to 74 who were, during the reference week, (a) not employed, (b) currently available for work, and (c) actively seeking work, or found a job to start within a period of at most 3 months from the end of the reference week.

Persons outside the labour force comprise persons who were in one of the following categories: (a) aged below 15, (b) aged above 89, or (c) aged 15 to 89 and neither employed nor unemployed during the reference week, according to the definitions of employment and unemployment described above.

Economically active population (labour force) are persons either employed or unemployed.

Unemployment Rate is the ratio of unemployed divided by total labour force.

Regions: the 13 NUTS 2 areas in which Greece is divided.

Educational level: the highest completed level of education provided in 4 categories. The category "Less than primary" includes persons that never went to school. The category "Primary education" includes persons that completed primary school", and the category "Secondary education" includes persons that completed at most "Lyceum"- Upper Secondary Education. The category "Tertiary education" also includes persons that completed master or PHD.

Self-employed with employees: persons that who work in their own business, professional practice or farm for the purpose of earning a profit, and who employ at least one other person.

Self-employed without employees: persons that who work in their own business, professional practice or farm for the purpose of earning a profit, and who do not employ any other person.

Employees: persons who work for a public or private employer and who receive compensation in the form of wages, salaries, fees, gratuities, payment by results or payment in kind.

Family workers: persons who help another member of the family to run an agricultural holding or other business, provided they are not considered as employees.

Part-time job: a worker's job where the normal hours of work are less than those of comparable full-time workers. The distinction between full-time and part-time job is based on the spontaneous answer given by the respondent.

Temporary work: work of **employees,** which will terminate either after a period fixed in advance, or after a period not known in advance, but nevertheless defined by objective criteria, such as the completion of an assignment or the period of absence of an employee temporarily replaced.

Duration of unemployment: the time that the respondent is looking for work and, simultaneously, had no job.

Changes in Labor Force Survey as of 2021

	Up to 2020	From 2021 onwards
Data collection	Paper questionnaires	By electronic means (CAPI)
Questionnaire	The number of the surveyed characteristics and the relevant questions remained the same for every quarter of the year.	The number of the surveyed characteristics and the relevant questions changes every quarter. For specific characteristics, only annual estimates are produced.
Definition of employed	Population: Persons aged 15 years and over. Persons who reported that they did not work in the reference week but had a job from which they were temporarily absent are classified as employed, except in the following cases: • Employees who are non-active, are absent for more than 3 months and receive less than 50 % of their salary. • Employees who are absent from work due to seasonality. Self-employed persons are employed in all cases (including family workers).	Population: Persons aged 15-89 years. Persons who reported that they did not work in the reference week but had a job from which they were temporarily absent are considered to be employed only if the duration of their absence is less than 3 months or if they continue to receive income from their work. • Sick leave, maternity/paternity leave, and educational leave are excluded, and in these cases, persons are classified as employed. Seasonal workers, regardless of professional status, who reported that they did not work in the reference week but had a job from which they were temporarily absent due to seasonality are considered to be employed only if they perform tasks related to their work (e.g. renovation, business trip) excluding legal or administrative obligations.
Weighting	Population adjustment according to gender, age and NUTS-2 Region.	Sample weights are applied for all members of the same household and in addition the results of the survey are now extrapolated to the estimated number of households in the Country.

Sector of economic activity: the classification of economic activities is based on the products that a business produces or the services that provides. Since 2008, a classification equivalent to NACE Rev. $2^{(6)}$ is used. Labour Force Survey collects information at 3-digit level for the main job and at 2-digit level for the second and the previous job.

- in Table 3, the NACE Rev.2 classification is used at 1-digit level,
- in Graphs 7 and 9, for the classification of economic activity, the following typologies are used:

Typology of economic sector categories – correspondence with 2-digit NACE Rev. 2 codes						
	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	01 - 03				
	Industry including energy	05 - 39				
Typology used	Construction	41 - 43				
Typology used in Graph 7	Trade, hotels and restaurants, transport and communication	45 - 61				
	Financial, real estate, renting and business activities	62 - 82				
	Other service activities	84 - 99				
	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	01 - 03				
	Industry including energy	05 - 39				
	Construction	41 - 43				
	Trade	45 - 47				
Tunalagu usad in	Transport and communication	49 - 53, 58 - 61				
Typology used in Graph 9	Hotels and restaurants	55 - 56				
Grapirs	Financial, real estate, renting and business activities	62 - 82				
	Public administration	84				
	Education	85				
	Health	86				
	Other service activities	87 - 99				

^{(6) &}lt;a href="http://www.statistics.gr/en/economic-activities">http://www.statistics.gr/en/economic-activities

Occupation: is a set of jobs consisting of similar tasks and duties. Since 2011 the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO- $08^{(7)}$) of ILO is used. The Labour Force Survey collects information at 3-digit level for the main, the second and the previous job.

- in Table 2 and in Graph 5, the ISCO-08 classification is used at 1-digit level,
- in Graph 6, for the classification of occupation, the following typology is used:

Typology of occupation categories – correspondence with ISCO–08 codes				
Highly skilled non-manual (Legislators, senior officials and managers, Professionals, Technicians and associate professionals)	0,1,2,3			
Low skilled non-manual (Clerks, Service workers and shop and market sale workers)	4,5			
Skilled manual (Craft and related trade workers, Plant and machine operators and assemblers)	0,7,8			
Occupations in agriculture, forestry and fishing (skilled and non-skilled)	6 and 92			
Elementary occupations (non-skilled workers, except those working in primary sector)	9 except 92			

Analytical description of the methodology and definitions used in the Labour Force Survey can be found on the website of ELSTAT at the link:

http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SJO01/-

^{(7) &}lt;a href="http://www.statistics.gr/en/occupation">http://www.statistics.gr/en/occupation