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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY: 1st quarter 2021

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the results of the Labour Force Survey for the first quarter of 2021. It should be noted that during the first quarter, the labour market was affected by specific regulatory measures regarding the operation of businesses as well as by measures taken to protect public health and tackle the COVID-19 pandemic in the whole Country. These measures affected, to a large extent, not only the normal functioning of the market, but also the data collection method of the survey.

More specifically, during the 1st quarter of 2021:

- The number of **persons employed** amounted to 3,625,061, recording a decrease by 6.5 % compared to the previous quarter and by 5.9 % compared to the same quarter of the previous year (Tables 1, 2). It is worth noting that, on the basis of Eurostat guidelines on the Labour Force Survey in the Member States, due to the coronavirus-2019 pandemic (COVID-19), persons who are subject to a suspension of their contract are still considered to be employed, if the suspension period is less than 3 months or if they receive more than 50% of their remuneration.
- The number of **unemployed persons** amounted to 745,414, recording a decrease by 0.6 % compared to the previous quarter and without significant change compared to the same quarter of the previous year (Tables 1, 4). The unemployment rate was 17.1%. The unemployment rate in the previous quarter (2020Q4) and in the corresponding quarter of the previous year (2020Q1) was 16.2 %.
- The number of **persons outside the labour force**, i.e., the persons who are neither working nor looking for a job, amounted to 4,700,344. In particular, persons outside the labour force **under the age of 75**, amounted to 3,507,973. Their share increased by 7.7 % compared with the previous quarter and by 5.9 % compared to the same quarter of the previous year (Tables 1, 5).

It is noted that due to the implementation of the new European Regulation 2019/1700 on social statistics, which entered into force on 1.1.2021, the results of the Labor Force Survey for the first quarter of 2021 have been produced after significant changes in the method of data collection, the survey questionnaire, the estimation method, and the definitions used. ELSTAT, after the comparative study of the results of the pilot survey conducted in the 4th quarter of 2020, will announce its assessment regarding the impact that these changes may have had on the survey estimates until 31/12/2021.

Information on methodological issues

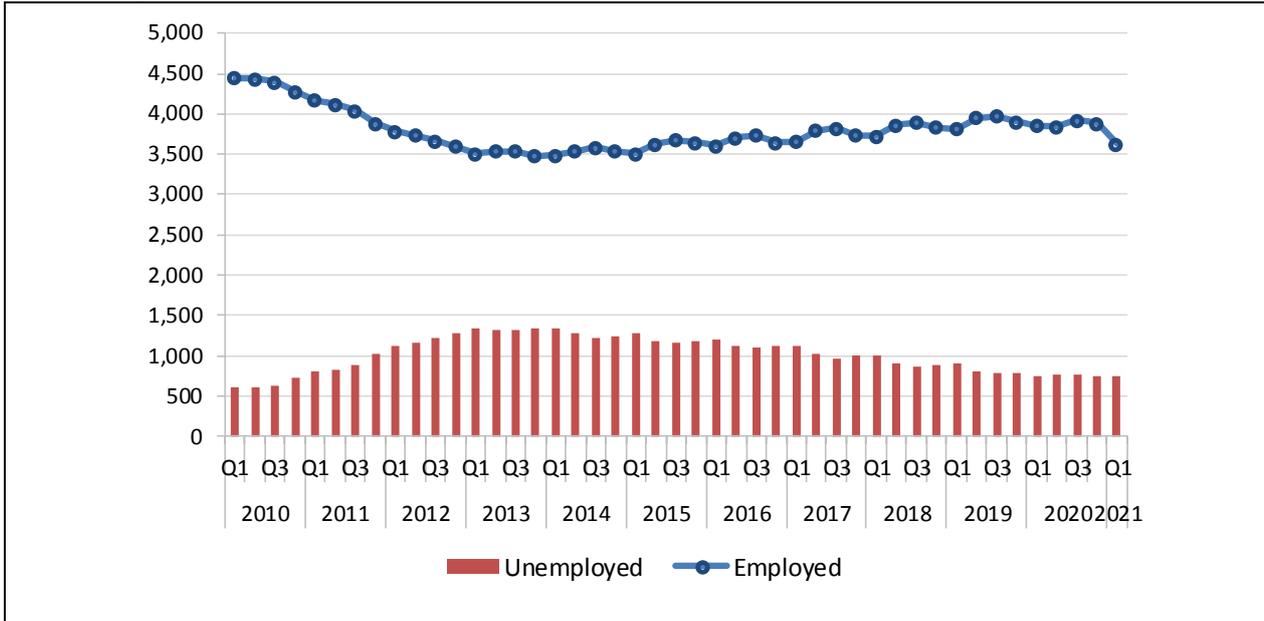
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Graph 1. Number of employed and unemployed

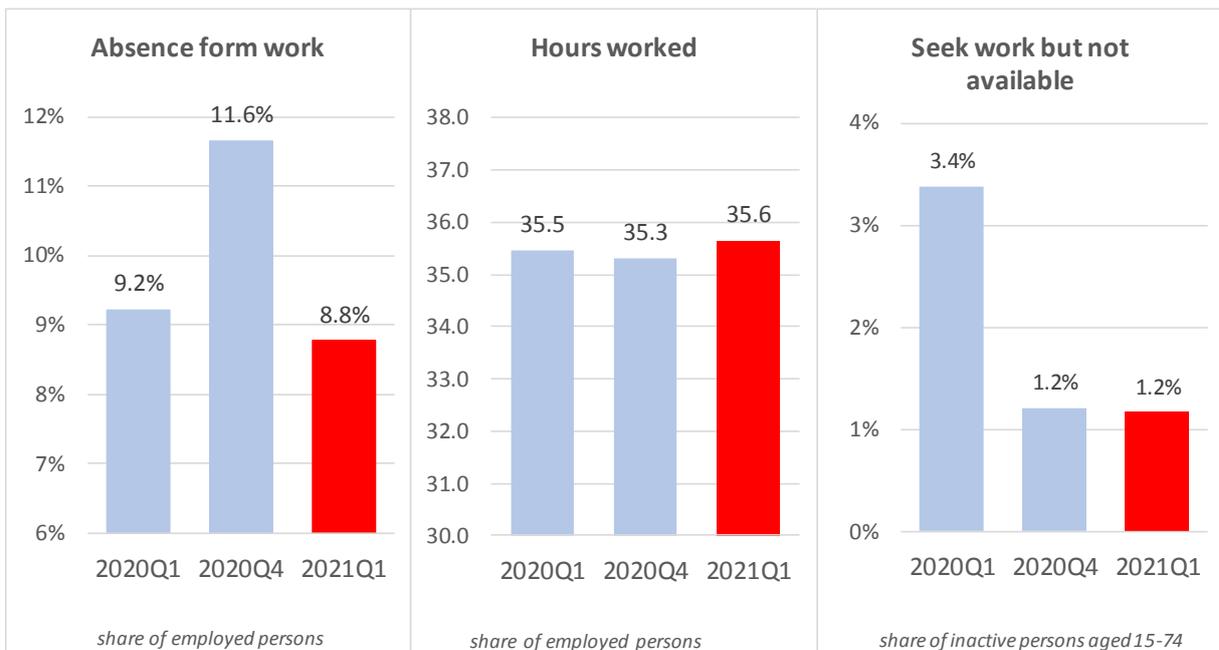
(In thousands)



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.

According to the survey data absences from work decreased, while working hours remained at about the same level compared to the fourth quarter of 2020. Also, the percentage of persons who were not working but had been looking for a job and stated that they were not currently available for work remained at the same level compared to the fourth quarter of 2020 (Graph 2).

Graph 2. Main impacts of the pandemic in labour market

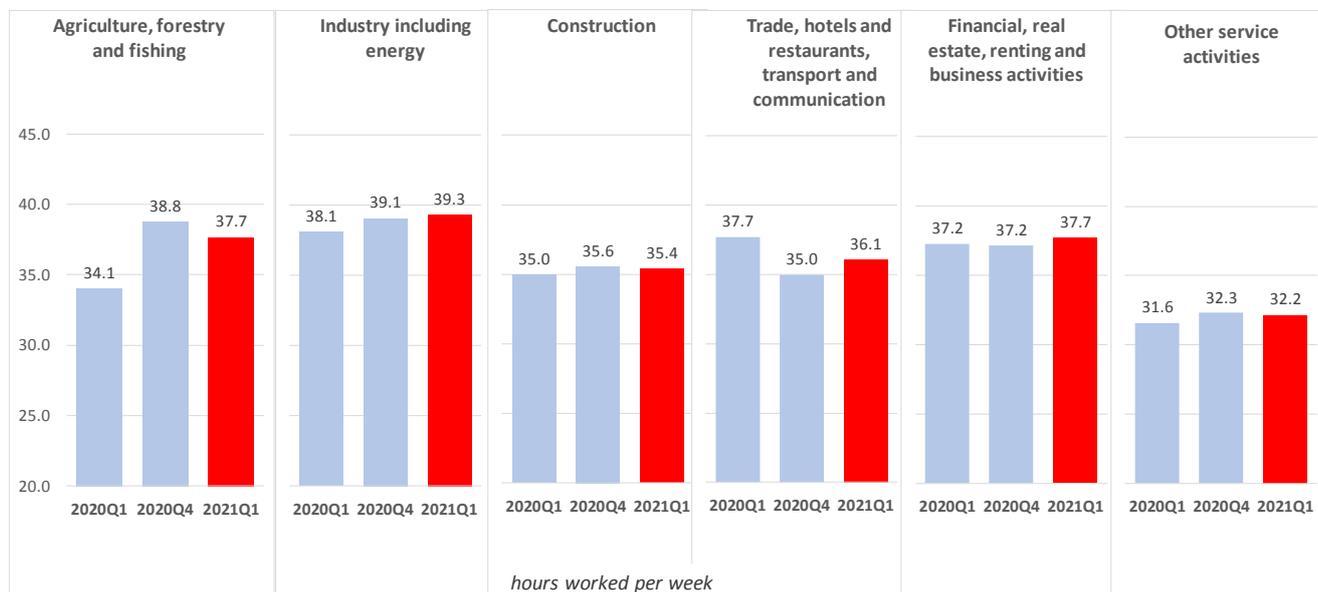


According to the survey data it is observed that, compared to the fourth quarter of 2020, absence from work decreased mainly in the sectors of industry and energy, as well as in the sectors comprising trade, hotels, restaurants, transport and communication and financial, real estate, renting and business activities (Graph 3). Working hours decreased slightly in agriculture, forestry and fishing and increased slightly in the sector comprising trade, hotels, restaurants, transport and communication (Graph 4).

Graph 3. Impact of the pandemic on absence from work, by sector of economic activity



Graph 4. Impact of the pandemic on hours worked, by sector of economic activity



I. EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Table 1. Employment status by sex, age, Region, educational level, and citizenship ⁽¹⁾, 1st quarter 2021

(In thousands)

		Employed	Unemployed	Persons outside the labour force	Unemployment rate (%)	Labour force rate (%)
	Total⁽²⁾	3,625.1	745.4	4,700.3	17.1	48.2
SEX	Males	2,114.9	335.9	1,920.7	13.7	56.1
	Females	1,510.2	409.5	2,779.7	21.3	40.8
AGE	15 - 19	8.5	12.8	570.6	60.2	3.6
	20 - 24	111.2	78.6	261.9	41.4	42.0
	25 - 29	291.9	133.4	150.4	31.4	73.9
	30 - 44	1,379.3	273.0	412.7	16.5	80.0
	45 - 64	1,733.9	237.5	1,037.9	12.0	65.5
	65+	100.2	10.1	2,266.9	9.2	4.6
REGION (NUTS 2)	Anatoliki Makedonia & Thraki (Eastern Macedonia and Thrace)	182.8	49.7	273.3	21.4	46.0
	Kentriki Makedonia (Central Macedonia)	585.5	136.1	865.5	18.9	45.5
	Dytiki Makedonia (Western Macedonia)	87.9	22.6	121.3	20.5	47.7
	Ipeiros (Epirus)	92.6	22.4	173.9	19.5	39.8
	Thessalia (Thessaly)	244.7	59.5	310.9	19.6	49.5
	Ionioi Nisoi (Ionian Islands)	59.9	11.7	98.5	16.4	42.1
	Dytiki Ellada (Western Greece)	213.8	49.4	302.7	18.8	46.5
	Stereia Ellada	164.7	48.4	256.5	22.7	45.4
	Attiki (Attica)	1,412.2	211.0	1,592.5	13.0	50.5
	Peloponnissos (Peloponnese)	199.6	33.1	231.5	14.2	50.1
	Voreio Aigaio (Northern Aegean)	66.9	10.8	87.9	14.0	46.9
	Notio Aigaio (Southern Aegean)	113.0	32.7	126.9	22.4	53.5
	Kriti (Crete)	201.5	57.9	258.8	22.3	50.1
EDUCATIONAL LEVEL	Less than primary	8.4	4.4	241.7	34.6	5.0
	Primary education	317.4	68.1	1,370.8	17.7	21.9
	Secondary education	1,508.8	374.3	2,113.5	19.9	47.1
	Post - secondary	366.4	101.8	203.4	21.7	69.7
	Tertiary Education	1,424.1	196.8	659.8	12.1	71.1
CITIZENSHIP	Greek	3,486.0	685.4	4,565.2	16.4	47.7
	Foreign	139.1	60.0	135.1	30.1	59.6

The highest unemployment rates are observed among women, persons aged up to 24 years, in the Region of Stereia Ellada, 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 Notio Aigaio (Southern Aegean), persons that have completed tertiary 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.

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 1st quarter of 2021. 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

(In thousands)

	1st quarter 2021	% of total	4th quarter 2020	1st quarter 2020	Quarterly rate of change (%)	Annual rate of change (%)
Total	3,625.1		3,878.5	3,852.6	-6.5	-5.9
Professional status						
Self-employed with employees	273.7	7.6	314.1	288.8	-12.9	-5.2
Self-employed without employees	809.5	22.3	825.7	820.1	-2.0	-1.3
Employees	2,431.7	67.1	2,635.2	2,622.7	-7.7	-7.3
Family workers	110.1	3.0	103.4	121.0	6.5	-9.0
Occupation						
Legislators, senior officials and managers	93.9	2.6	114.1	122.1	-17.7	-23.1
Professionals	791.8	21.8	810.9	769.7	-2.3	2.9
Technicians and associate professionals	287.8	7.9	344.0	318.7	-16.3	-9.7
Clerks	419.5	11.6	464.4	445.7	-9.7	-5.9
Service workers and shop and market sale workers	741.5	20.5	891.9	899.1	-16.9	-17.5
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	414.4	11.4	362.1	385.8	14.5	7.4
Craft and related trade workers	348.4	9.6	353.9	337.3	-1.6	3.3
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	238.7	6.6	241.2	262.1	-1.1	-8.9
Elementary occupations	226.1	6.2	234.0	253.3	-3.4	-10.7
Other unclassified persons	63.0	1.7	62.0	58.9	1.6	7.0
Full-time, part-time job						
Full time	3,342.3	92.2	3,576.3	3,486.7	-6.5	-4.1
Part time	282.7	7.8	302.1	365.9	-6.4	-22.7
Employees by permanent - temporary job						
Permanent	2,210.2	61.0	2,383.6	2,348.7	-7.3	-5.9
Temporary	221.5	6.1	251.7	274.0	-12.0	-19.2

In the 1st quarter of 2021, the majority of the employed are working as employees (67.1%), while a significant share is working as self-employed without employees (22.3%). In comparison with the previous quarter, a decrease is observed in employees (-7.7%) and in self-employed with employees or without employees (-12.9% and -2.0%, respectively). In comparison with the previous year, there is a decrease in all categories of employees.

Part-time employment amounts to 7.8%, while the share of persons with temporary jobs is 6.1%. Part-time employment has decreased by 6.4% in comparison with the previous quarter and by 22.7% compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year. Temporary jobs have decreased compared to the previous quarter (-12.0%) and to the corresponding quarter of the previous year (-19.2%).

The occupations gathering the biggest shares of the employed are professionals (21.8%) and service workers and shop and market sale workers (20.5%). In comparison with the previous quarter the largest increase occurs for skilled agricultural and fishery workers (14.5%) and the largest decrease in legislators, senior officials and managers as well as service workers and shop and market sale workers (-17.7% and -16.9%, respectively). In comparison with the same quarter last year, the largest increase occurs for skilled agricultural and fishery workers (7.4%) and the largest decrease in legislators, senior officials and managers (-23.1%) (Table 2).

During the period 1st quarter 2010 – 1st quarter 2021, a significant increase in the share of low skilled non-manual occupations is observed ⁽³⁾ while the share of skilled manual occupations decreased during the same period. The share of highly skilled non-manual occupations increased slightly while the share of elementary occupations remained relatively stable since 2011. Finally, the share of workers in agriculture, forestry, animal husbandry and fishing has been declining since 2014 (Graph 5).

Graph 5: Percentage of employed by broad categories of occupations

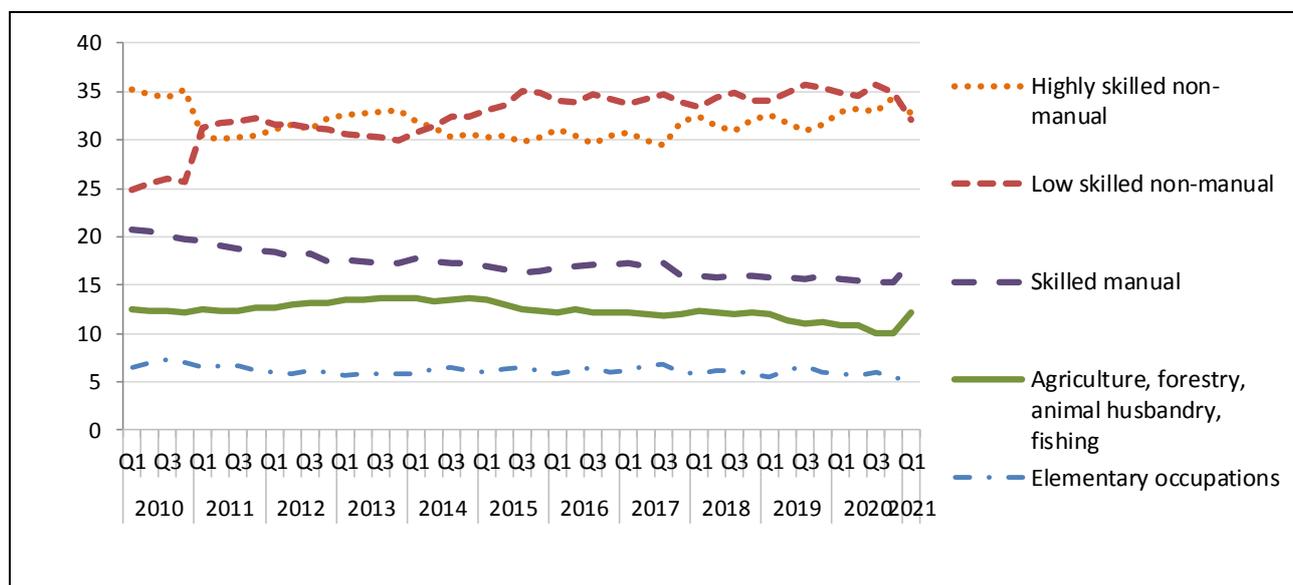


Table 3 presents the number of the employed by section of economic activity in the 1st quarter of 2021. Furthermore, the table includes the corresponding data for the previous quarter and the same quarter one year ago, as well as the corresponding quarterly and annual rates of change.

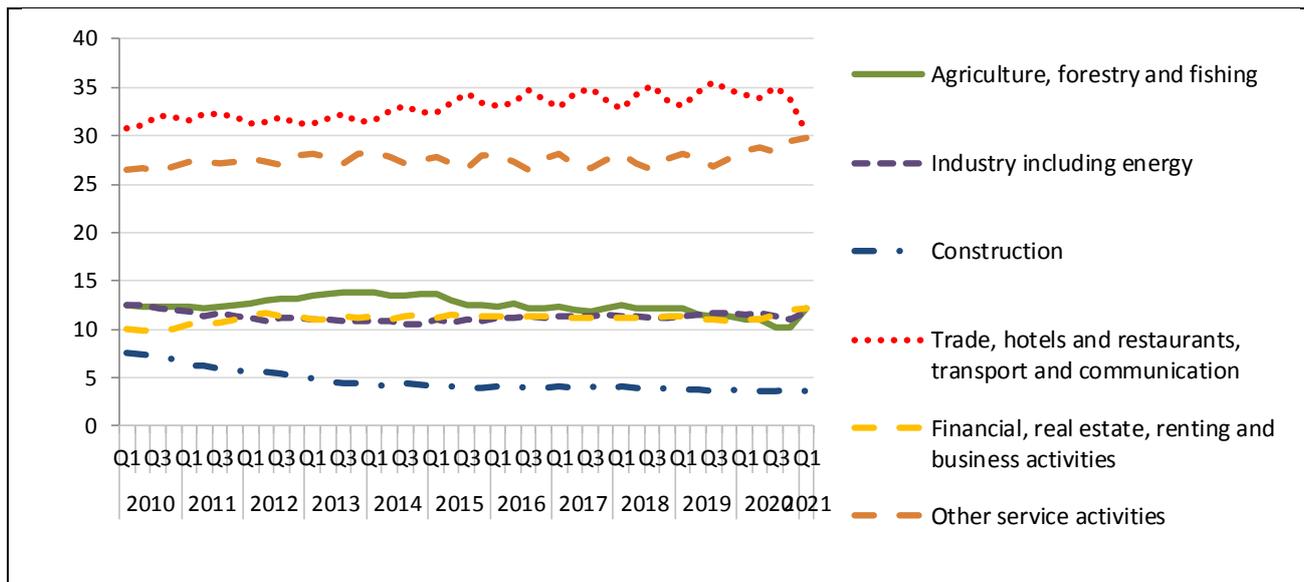
(3) It should be noted that from 2011 onward the new ISCO-08 is used for the classification of occupations and as a result, a sudden decrease is observed for “Highly skilled non-manual” occupations and a corresponding increase for “Low skilled non-manual” occupations. Nevertheless, a steady increase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

	1st quarter 2021	% of total	4th quarter 2020	1st quarter 2020	Quarterly rate of change (%)	Annual rate of change (%)
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	443.8	12.2	394.6	424.2	12.5	4.6
Mining and quarrying	11.1	0.3	10.3	11.5	7.7	-3.3
Manufacturing	367.9	10.1	361.2	375.7	1.8	-2.1
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	34.0	0.9	33.5	30.9	1.4	9.9
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	18.2	0.5	21.6	28.4	-15.7	-36.0
Construction	132.0	3.6	144.2	141.2	-8.5	-6.6
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	653.0	18.0	722.6	706.3	-9.6	-7.6
Transportation and storage	194.2	5.4	196.4	217.2	-1.1	-10.6
Accommodation and food service activities	193.1	5.3	328.5	329.0	-41.2	-41.3
Information and communication	95.2	2.6	102.8	102.3	-7.5	-7.0
Financial and insurance activities	77.4	2.1	86.7	83.6	-10.7	-7.4
Real estate activities	6.1	0.2	4.8	5.4	27.8	14.8
Professional, scientific and technical activities	250.4	6.9	248.4	216.1	0.8	15.9
Administrative and support service activities	66.6	1.8	82.7	85.7	-19.4	-22.3
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	371.3	10.2	375.1	332.4	-1.0	11.7
Education	308.8	8.5	324.5	330.5	-4.8	-6.6
Human health and social work activities	272.9	7.5	273.5	261.3	-0.2	4.4
Arts, entertainment and recreation	36.3	1.0	60.0	58.4	-39.5	-37.9
Other service activities	72.7	2.0	84.3	86.8	-13.8	-16.3
Activities of households as employers	18.3	0.5	20.4	21.0	-10.2	-12.6
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	1.9	0.1	2.4	4.5	-24.1	-59.1

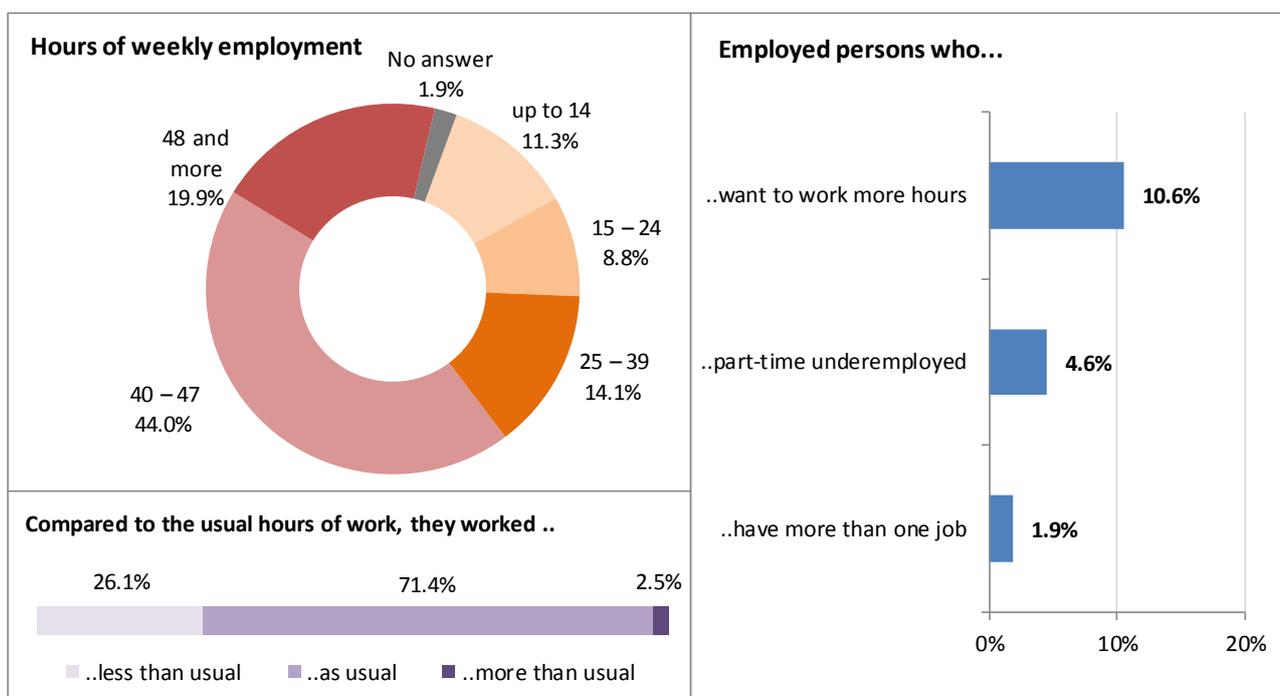
The evolution of the percentage distribution of the employed persons in broad groups of economic activity during the period 1st quarter 2010 – 1st quarter 2021, shows an increase in the share of persons working in the sector comprising trade, transport and communication, hotels and restaurants. A decrease is recorded in the share of persons working in construction and agriculture-forestry-fishing (Graph 6).

Graph 6: Percentage of employed persons by broad groups of economic activity



Most of the employed (44.0%) report having worked 40 - 47 hours in the reference week while a significant share (19.9%) reports having worked for 48 hours and more. Most of the employed persons (71.4%) worked the usual hours during the reference week. 10.6% of them state that they wish to work more hours while 4.6% are part-time workers who wish to work more and they are available to start working more in the next two weeks and 1.9% of the employed reports having more than one job (Graph 7).

Graph 7: Hours worked, existence of a second job, wish to work more hours and search for a job, 1st quarter 2021



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 (OAED, for Greece) for the 1st quarter of 2021. 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

(In thousands)

	1st quarter 2021	% of total	4th quarter 2020	1st quarter 2020	Quarterly rate of change (%)	Annual rate of change (%)
Total	745.4		750.1	745.1	-0.6	0.0
Reason for leaving the last job						
Never worked in the past	147.6	19.8	139.6	142.9	5.7	3.3
Dismissed or made redundant ⁽⁴⁾	115.8	15.5	158.3	157.5	-26.9	-26.5
A job of limited duration has ended	260.4	34.9	244.1	236.1	6.7	10.3
Other reason	131.0	17.6	115.9	94.6	13.0	38.4
Did not report a reason ⁽⁴⁾	90.6	12.2	92.2	114.0	-1.7	-20.5
Duration of unemployment						
Less than 1 month	21.4	2.9	34.2	19.3	-37.4	10.9
1 - 2 months	44.3	5.9	54.8	41.4	-19.2	7.0
3 - 5 months	135.8	18.2	56.1	90.7	142.3	49.7
6 - 11 months	104.1	14.0	107.1	68.4	-2.9	52.2
<i>Long - term unemployed</i>						
12 - 17 months	121.1	16.3	110.2	85.0	9.9	42.5
18 - 23 months	39.6	5.3	44.5	72.2	-10.9	-45.1
24 - 47 months	96.1	12.9	125.1	126.7	-23.2	-24.2
4 years or more	178.1	23.9	218.1	241.4	-18.3	-26.2
<i>Long-term unemployed total</i>	<i>434.9</i>	<i>58.4</i>	<i>497.9</i>	<i>525.3</i>	<i>-42.5</i>	<i>-53.0</i>
Did not answer	4.9	0.7	0.0	0.0		
Educational level						
Less than primary	4.4	0.6	3.4	10.0	31.1	-55.6
Primary education	68.1	9.1	62.9	79.1	8.2	-14.0
Secondary education	374.3	50.2	367.5	372.9	1.8	0.4
Post - secondary	101.8	13.7	102.4	103.7	-0.6	-1.9
Tertiary	196.8	26.4	213.9	179.4	-8.0	9.7
Registration at a public employment office (OAED)						
Registered at a public employment office and receives benefit or assistance	122.3	16.4	145.8	127.1	-16.1	-3.8
Registered at a public employment office but does not receive benefit or assistance	482.7	64.8	488.5	474.0	-1.2	1.8
Not registered at a public employment office	138.6	18.6	115.5	143.0	20.0	-3.0
Did not answer	1.8	0.2	0.3	1.0	601.3	78.4

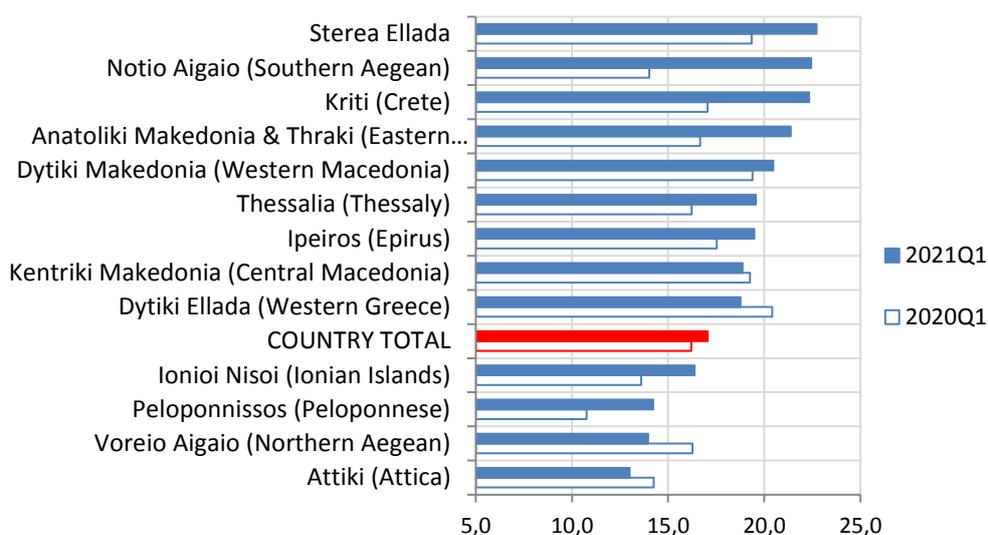
(4) It refers to persons who stopped working during the last eight (8) years. Persons who worked for the last time more than 8 years ago are not asked why they stopped working.

Most unemployed persons report as main reason for stopping their last job that it was a job of limited duration (34.9%) or they were dismissed ⁽⁴⁾ (15.5%). The share of the unemployed that have not worked in the past amounts to 19.8% (Table 4).

The majority of the unemployed (58.4%) are seeking a job for one year or more (long-term unemployed). 59.9% of the unemployed have completed up to secondary education. 18.6% of the unemployed report that they are not registered at the public employment office (OAED), while 16.4% report that they receive a benefit or assistance from the public employment office (Table 4).

The Regions of Sterea Ellada, Notio Aigaio and Kriti (Crete) have recorded the highest unemployment rates (Graph 8).

Graph 8: 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 1st quarter 2021. 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)

	1st quarter 2021	% of total	4th quarter 2020	1st quarter 2020	Quarterly rate of change (%)	Annual rate of change (%)
Total	3,508.0		3,257.4	3,312.0	7.7	5.9
Existence of previous employment experience						
Never worked in the past	1,477.3	42.1	1,494.5	1,518.7	-1.2	-2.7
Worked in the last job more than 8 years ago ⁽⁵⁾	1,045.2	29.8	962.8	1,017.4	8.6	2.7
Worked in the last 8 years	985.5	28.1	800.1	775.9	23.2	27.0
Reason for leaving the last job						
Dismissed or made redundant	56.5	5.7	48.3	53.7	17.0	5.3
A job of limited duration has ended	128.1	13.0	132.1	148.8	-3.0	-13.9
Had to look after children or incapacitated adults	21.7	2.2	14.0	13.4	55.6	62.0
Resigned for other personal or family reasons	28.7	2.9	31.4	31.4	-8.5	-8.5
Education or training	8.7	0.9	9.9	16.5	-12.1	-47.1
Own illness or disability	28.4	2.9	33.2	30.6	-14.5	-7.1
Retirement	402.0	40.8	459.1	429.0	-12.4	-6.3
Other reasons	311.3	31.6	72.1	52.6	331.6	492.1
Willingness to work						
Wish to work	486.0	13.9	257.2	271.7	89.0	78.9
Do not want to work	2,928.9	83.5	3,000.2	3,040.2	-2.4	-3.7
Did not answer	93.1	2.7	0.0	0.0		
Job search and immediate availability for work						
Persons seeking work but not immediately available	40.9	1.2	39.5	111.9	3.6	-63.4
Persons available to work but not seeking	307.4	8.8	164.2	98.5	87.2	212.1
Other	3,159.6	90.1	3,053.7	3,101.5	3.5	1.9

Most of the persons outside the labour force 15 - 74 years old have not worked in the past (42.1%) or they worked for the last time 8 years ago and more (28.1%).

Among the persons that worked for the last time during the previous eight years, the majority stopped working due to retirement (40.8%) or because it was a job of limited duration that ended (13.0%).

83.5% of the persons outside the labour force state that they would not like to work. 1.2% of the persons outside the labour force are seeking a job but are not currently available to start working, while 8.8% of them want to work, are available for work in the next 2 weeks but are not seeking work.

(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.

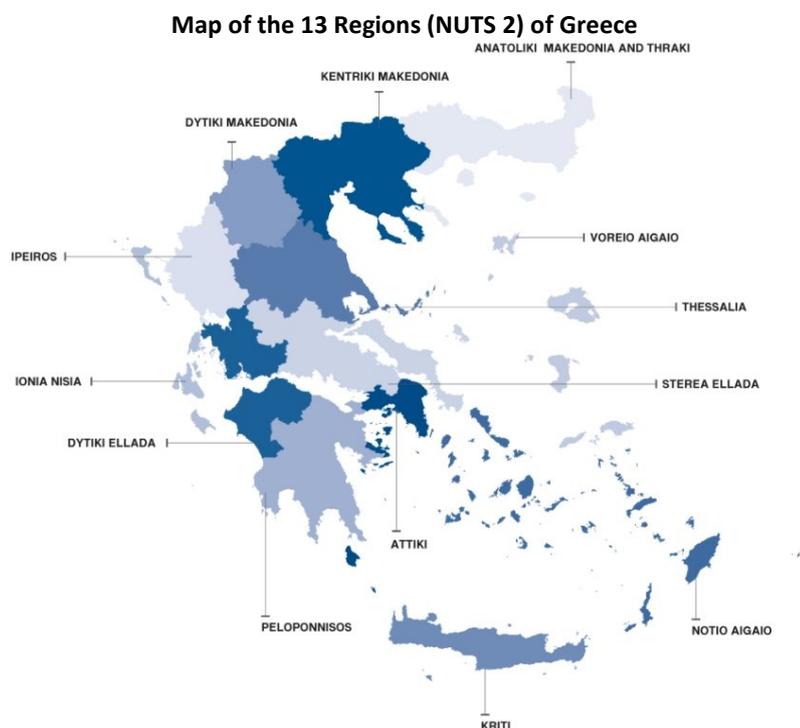
Legislation The current survey is fully harmonized with European legislation. The basic act is Regulation (EC) No 2019/1700 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common framework for European statistics relating to persons and households, which is in force since 1/1/2021 and replaced 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 in to 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.

Data collection during the pandemic period of COVID-19 In 2021Q1, the labour market was affected by specific regulatory measures regarding the operation of businesses as well as by measures taken to protect public health and tackle the COVID-19 pandemic in the whole Country. These measures affected, to a large extent, not only the normal functioning of the market, but also the data collection method of the survey.

Since November 2020, for reasons of public health protection, personal interviews are suspended, and data are collected exclusively by way of telephone interviews and electronic questionnaire.

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	<p>Population: Persons aged 15 years and over.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>Self-employed persons are employed in all cases (including family workers).</p>	<p>Population: Persons aged 15-89 years.</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sick leave, maternity/paternity leave, and educational leave are excluded, and in these cases, persons are classified as employed. <p>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.</p>
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 reduced 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		
Typology used in Graph 7	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	01 - 03
	Industry including energy	05 - 39
	Construction	41 - 43
	Trade, hotels and restaurants, transport and communication	45 - 61
	Financial, real estate, renting and business activities	62 - 82
	Other service activities	84 - 99
Typology used in Graph 9	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	01 - 03
	Industry including energy	05 - 39
	Construction	41 - 43
	Trade	45 - 47
	Transport and communication	49 - 53, 58 - 61
	Hotels and restaurants	55 - 56
	Financial, real estate, renting and business activities	62 - 82
	Public administration	84
	Education	85
	Health	86
	Other service activities	87 - 99

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 <i>(Legislators, senior officials and managers, Professionals, Technicians and associate professionals)</i>	0,1,2,3
Low skilled non-manual <i>(Clerks, Service workers and shop and market sale workers)</i>	4,5
Skilled manual <i>(Craft and related trade workers, Plant and machine operators and assemblers)</i>	0,7,8
Occupations in agriculture, forestry and fishing <i>(skilled and non-skilled)</i>	6 and 92
Elementary occupations <i>(non-skilled workers, except those working in primary sector)</i>	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/>

(6) <http://www.statistics.gr/en/economic-activities>

(7) <http://www.statistics.gr/en/occupation>