



PRESS RELEASE

JOB VACANCIES: 1st quarter 2020

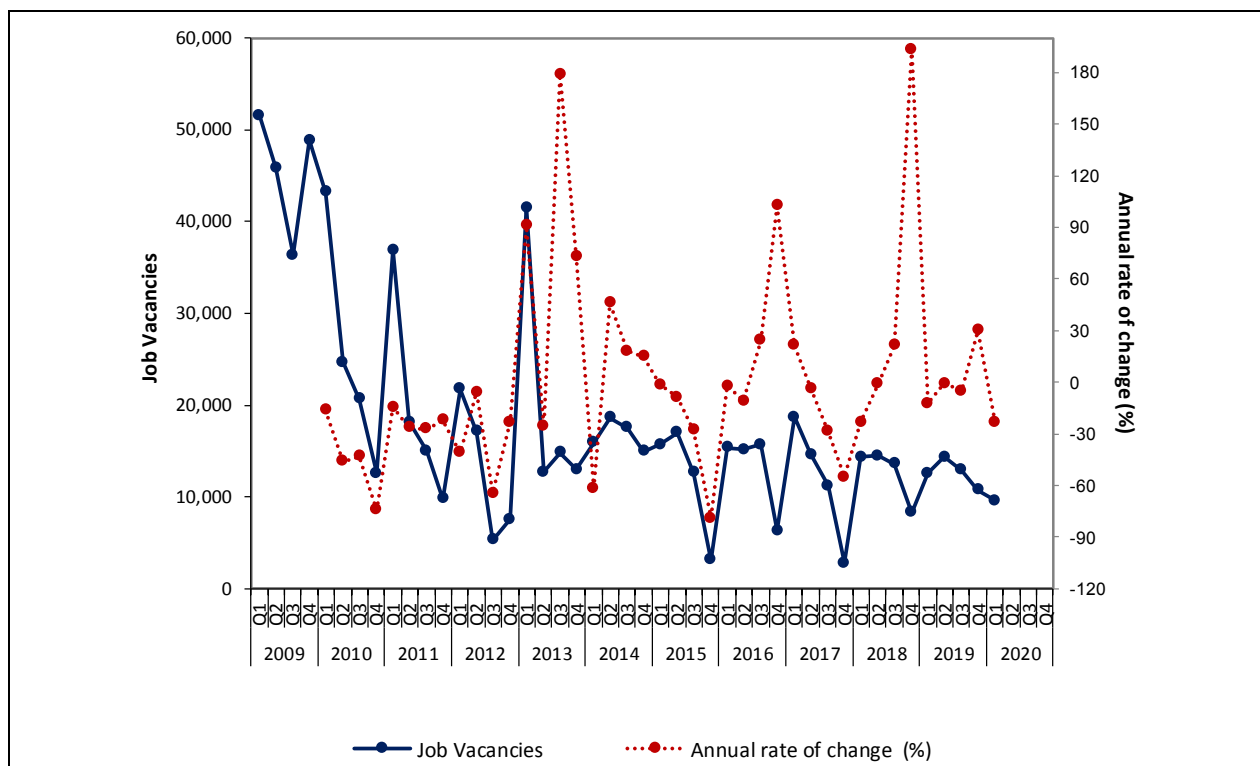
The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the quarterly Press Release aiming at presenting data on job vacancies¹ for the whole economy excluding Primary Sector and Activities of Households, referring to the 1st quarter 2020.

The number of job vacancies in the 1st quarter 2020 recorded a decrease of 23.5% in comparison with the 1st quarter 2019 (9,617 and 12,570 correspondingly), while the corresponding number of job vacancies in the 1st quarter 2019 had recorded a decrease of 12.4% in comparison with the 1st quarter 2018 (Table 1, Graph 2).

Table 1 that follows depicts analytically the evolution of the number of job vacancies from the 1st quarter 2009 to the 1st quarter 2020.

Also, in Graph 1 that follows, the number of job vacancies and the annual change for each quarter of the period 2009-2020 are presented, while in Graph 2 the number of Job vacancies and the annual change of the 1st quarter of the same period are depicted.

Graph 1: Evolution of Job Vacancies¹: 1st quarter 2009 – 1st quarter 2020



Information on methodological issues

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**Table 1: Evolution of job vacancies¹,
1st quarter 2009 – 1st quarter 2020**

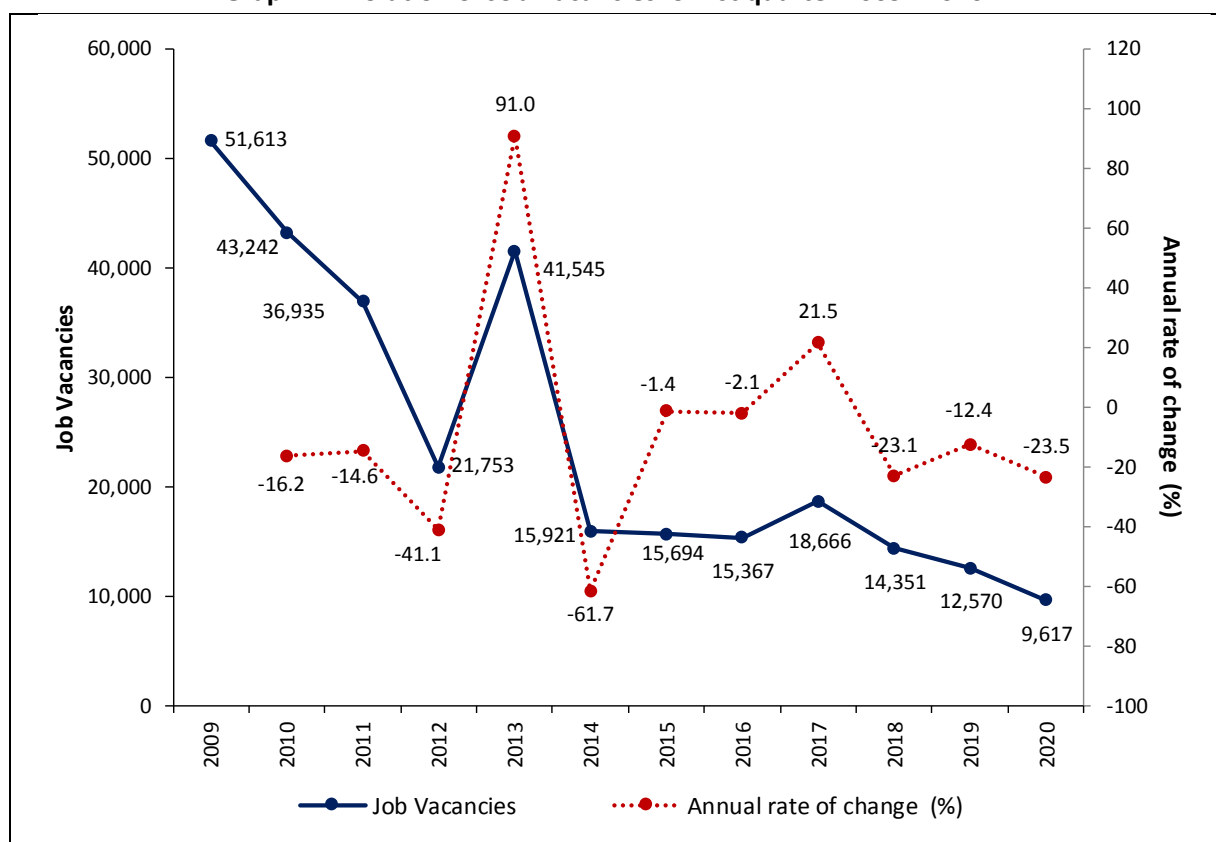
Not seasonally adjusted data and not adjusted for the number of the working days

Year	Quarter	<i>Job Vacancies to be filled in immediately</i>	<i>Quarterly rate of change (%)</i>	<i>Annual rate of change (%)</i>
2009	Q1	51,613		
	Q2	45,886	-11.1	
	Q3	36,356	-20.8	
	Q4	48,897	34.5	
2010	Q1	43,242	-11.6	-16.2
	Q2	24,700	-42.9	-46.2
	Q3	20,638	-16.4	-43.2
	Q4	12,561	-39.1	-74.3
2011	Q1	36,935	194.0	-14.6
	Q2	18,159	-50.8	-26.5
	Q3	15,043	-17.2	-27.1
	Q4	9,775	-35.0	-22.2
2012	Q1	21,753	122.5	-41.1
	Q2	17,124	-21.3	-5.7
	Q3	5,325	-68.9	-64.6
	Q4	7,520	41.2	-23.1
2013	Q1	41,545	452.5	91.0
	Q2	12,747	-69.3	-25.6
	Q3	14,852	16.5	178.9
	Q4	13,007	-12.4	73.0
2014	Q1	15,921	22.4	-61.7
	Q2	18,596	16.8	45.9
	Q3	17,541	-5.7	18.1
	Q4	14,930	-14.9	14.8
2015	Q1	15,694	5.1	-1.4
	Q2	17,000	8.3	-8.6
	Q3	12,626	-25.7	-28.0
	Q4	3,119	-75.3	-79.1
2016	Q1	15,367	392.7	-2.1
	Q2	15,178	-1.2	-10.7
	Q3	15,689	3.4	24.3
	Q4	6,315	-59.7	102.5
2017	Q1	18,666	195.6	21.5
	Q2	14,630	-21.6	-3.6
	Q3	11,188	-23.5	-28.7
	Q4	2,825	-74.7	-55.3
2018	Q1	14,351	408.0	-23.1
	Q2	14,466	0.8	-1.1
	Q3	13,584	-6.1	21.4
	Q4	8,288	-39.0	193.4

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(Table 1 – Continued)

Year	Quarter	Job Vacancies to be filled in immediately	Quarterly rate of change (%)	Annual rate of change (%)
2019	Q1	12,570	51.7	-12.4
	Q2	14,343	14.1	-0.9
	Q3	12,897	-10.1	-5.1
	Q4	10,767	-16.5	29.9
2020	Q1	9,617	-10.7	-23.5

Graph 2: Evolution of Job Vacancies¹ of 1st quarter 2009 –2020

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Survey on Job Vacancies	The Survey on Job Vacancies is conducted on a quarterly basis in a sample of enterprises, aiming at recording the number of job vacancies in the whole economy excluding Primary Sector and Activities of Households, of NACE Rev. 2.
Purpose of the survey	The purpose of the survey is to record on a quarterly basis the job vacancies to be filled in immediately, that is job vacancies, which are to be filled in within a period <u>not longer</u> than three months.
Methodology	<p>Data for the number of job vacancies are collected with the Labour Cost and Job Vacancies survey which is conducted on a quarterly basis.</p> <p>The statistical population is the total number of enterprises employing at least three (3) employees and belongs to sections B-S of Nace Rev.2. The survey covers the entire Country.</p> <p>The one-stage stratified sampling method is applied, using the enterprise as a surveyed unit. The strata are derived from the combinations of the 2-digit code of economic activity (NACE Rev.2) and the enterprise size class.</p> <p>The sampling frame is the current Business Register of ELSTAT.</p> <p>The survey is conducted by visits on enterprise premises by means of printed questionnaires (PAPI).</p>
Legal Framework	Regulations (EC) 453/2008, (EC) 1062/2008 and (EC) 19/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council.
Data collection during the pandemic period of COVID-19	<p>From mid-March 2020, for reasons of public health protection, visits on enterprise premises were suspended and data collection was carried out exclusively by electronic means. It should be noted that on account of the exceptional circumstances, the response rate of enterprises was lower compared with the previous quarters.</p> <p>Furthermore, many enterprises reported the Vacant Jobs as they were influenced by the restriction measures in force, because they had to review their planning concerning the hiring of personnel, in the light of the uncertainty in their re-opening timeframe.</p>
Reference date	Job vacancies are recorded on the 1 st day of the 3 rd month of each calendar quarter. The responses of many enterprises, however, refer to their planning concerning the hiring of personnel, after the restriction measures due to COVID-19.
Definitions	<p>The statistical unit is the enterprise employing at least three (3) employees.</p> <p>Job vacancy is considered a paid post that is newly created, unoccupied, or about to become vacant, for which the employer is taking active steps and is prepared to take further steps to find a suitable candidate from outside the enterprise concerned and which the employer intends to fill either immediately or in the near future. It should be noted that job vacancies refer only to employees.</p> <p>A vacant post which is going to be filled by the following categories is not considered as Job Vacancy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ an apprentice without remuneration coming either by the employer or through the Social Security Funds➤ contractors which are not on the payroll list,➤ personnel who is re-hired or returns to the enterprise after a holiday, paid or not, leave➤ internal movement of a member of personnel inside the enterprise <p>Job Vacancies to be filled in immediately are job vacancies for full or part-time employment, which are to be filled in within a period <u>not longer than three months</u>.</p>

Statistical classifications The European statistical classification of economic activities NACE Rev. 2 is used.

Coverage of NACE Rev. 2 sections

- B Mining and quarrying
- C Manufacturing
- D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply
- E Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities
- F Construction
- G Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles
- H Transportation and Storage
- I Accommodation and Food Services Activities
- J Information and Communication
- K Financial and insurance activities
- L Real Estate activities
- M Professional, scientific and technical activities
- N Administrative and support service activities
- O Public Administration and Defence; Compulsory Social Security
- P Education
- Q Human Health and Social Work Activities
- R Arts, Entertainment and Recreation
- S Other Service Activities