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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY *February 2007*

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The General Secretariat of National Statistical Service of Greece announces the Labour Force Survey's results for February 2007.

For monthly estimations, a sub sample of the quarterly Labour Force survey's sample was used. In total, 23.280 persons, belonging to 9.609 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 February.

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In February 2007, the number of employed people is estimated to 4,438,614. The number of unemployed people is estimated to 440,982, while the economically non active were estimated to 4,290,438. Unemployment rate is 9,0%.

The corresponding figures for February 2004, 2005 and 2006 are presented in **Table 1**.

Table 1. Employed, unemployed, economically non active and rate of unemployment (February 2004 - 2007).

	February 2004	February 2005	February 2006	February 2007
Employed	4,269,897	4,375,186	4,393,989	4,438,614
Unemployed	529,996	505,138	511,298	440,982
Economically non active	4,245,263	4,213,620	4,230,740	4,290,483
Unemployment rate	11,0	10,4	10,4	9,0

In Table 1 data we observe:

The number of employed persons increases every year. The rate of increase in employment between February 2004 and February 2005 was 2.5%, between February 2005 and February 2006 was 0.4% while between February 2006 and February 2007 was 1.0 %.

The change in the number of unemployed was not monotonic during these years. Between February 2004 and February 2005, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 4.7%. Between February 2005 and February 2006, increased by 1.2% while between February of 2006 and February of 2007 decreased by 13.8%.

These changes in the number of employed and unemployed persons lead to the reduction of unemployment rate, from 11.0% in February 2004 to 10.4% in February 2005. In February 2006, the unemployment rate was again 10.4%, and decreased at 9.0% in February 2006.

Tables 2,3, and 4 present in detail the unemployment rate by region, sex and group ages in February 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.

Table 2: Unemployment rate by region: February 2004 - 2007

	February 2004	February 2005	February 2006	February 2007
ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI	13,9	14,0	12,5	13,0
KENTRIKI MAKEDONIA	12,4	11,2	10,5	8,3
DYTIKI MAKEDONIA	14,2	16,6	16,6	9,6
IPEIROS	12,9	11,5	10,4	9,0
THESSALIA	8,2	10,2	9,0	9,3
IONIA NISIA	20,3	13,7	11,5	13,6
DYTIKI ELLADA	15,8	13,9	12,3	10,6
STEREA ELLADA	16,0	12,1	10,3	7,8
ATTICI	8,7	8,4	9,0	8,4
PELOPONNISOS	7,4	9,2	9,1	8,0
VOREIO AIGAIO	10,1	10,0	14,1	16,0
NOTIO AIGAIO	8,7	9,1	16,4	10,7
KRITI	12,3	9,1	11,9	7,5
Total	11,0	10,4	10,4	9,0

Table 3: Unemployment rate by sex: February 2004-2007

	February 2004	February 2005	February 2006	February 2007
MALES	6,9	6,5	6,8	5,7
FEMALES	17,0	15,9	15,6	13,9
TOTAL	11,0	10,4	10,4	9,0

Table 4: Unemployment rate by age groups: February 2004-2007

	February 2004	February 2005	February 2006	February 2007
15-24 years old	26,8	24,8	26,7	26,1
25-34 years old	13,6	12,6	13,4	11,8
35-44 years old	9,4	9,3	8,6	6,9
45-54 years old	6,2	6,6	6,0	5,6
55-64 years old	4,3	4,8	5,2	4,1
65-74 years old	0,7	2,2	3,4	1,0
TOTAL	11,0	10,4	10,4	9,0