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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY May 2007

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

For monthly estimations, a sub sample of the quarterly Labour Force survey's sample was used. In total, 28,985 persons, belonging to 12,000 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 May.

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EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT MAY 2007

In May 2007, the number of employed people is estimated to 4,518,652. The number of unemployed people is estimated to 378,299, while the economically non active were estimated to 4,309,757. Unemployment rate is 7,7%.

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

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

	May 2004	May 2005	May 2006	May 2007
Employed	4,344,593	4,423,020	4,459,885	4,518,652
Unemployed	486,210	472,397	450,520	378,299
Economically non active	4,226,045	4,207,457	4,239,721	4,309,757
Unemployment rate	10.1	9.6	9.2	7.7

In Table 1 data we observe:

The number of employed persons increases from 2004 to 2007. The rate of increase in employment between May 2004 and May 2005 was 1.8%, between May 2005 and May 2006 was 0.8% while between May 2006 and May 2007 the rate of increase was 1.3 %.

Number of unemployed decreased during the same period. Between May 2004 and May 2005, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 2.8%. Between May 2005 and May 2006, decreased by 4.6% while between May of 2006 and May of 2007 decreased by 16.0%.

These changes in the number of employed and unemployed persons led to the reduction of unemployment rate, from 10.1% in May 2004 to 9.6% in May 2005. In May 2006, the unemployment rate was 9.2%, and in May 2007 7.7%.

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

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

	May 2004	May 2005	May 2006	May 2007
ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI	12.7	10.5	11.2	9.8
KENTRIKI MAKEDONIA	11.6	10.0	9.8	7.9
DYTIKI MAKEDONIA	14.0	16.9	14.7	12.1
IPEIROS	11.4	10.7	9.5	8.2
THESSALIA	10.7	10.4	7.8	8.0
IONIA NISIA	8.5	9.3	8.5	6.6
DYTIKI ELLADA	15.0	13.1	10.4	9.8
STEREA ELLADA	14.1	10.6	9.0	7.7
ATTICI	8.5	8.5	8.8	7.6
PELOPONNISOS	9.1	9.1	8.2	6.6
VOREIO AIGAIO	5.1	11.8	11.1	9.4
NOTIO AIGAIO	6.8	8.8	9.1	6.4
KRITI	5.1	6.1	6.3	3.4
Total	10.1	9.6	9.2	7.7

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

	May 2004	May 2005	May 2006	May 2007
MALES	6.2	5.8	5.8	4.9
FEMALES	15.7	15.1	14.0	11.8
TOTAL	10.1	9.6	9.2	7.7

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

	May 2004	May 2005	May 2006	May 2007
15-24 years old	24.3	24.7	24.8	23.2
25-34 years old	13.3	12.6	12.5	10.8
35-44 years old	8.2	8.4	7.5	5.9
45-54 years old	5.5	5.5	5.0	4.3
55-64 years old	3.7	3.8	3.8	2.8
65-74 years old	0.8	1.6	0.9	1.0
TOTAL	10.1	9.6	9.2	7.7