



HELLENIC REPUBLIC



MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE

**GENERAL SECRETARIAT**



**NATIONAL STATISTICAL SERVICE  
OF GREECE**

Piraeus, 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2007

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### *LABOUR FORCE SURVEY August 2007*

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

For monthly estimations, a sub sample of the quarterly Labour Force survey's sample was used. In total, 29,014 persons, belonging to 12,009 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 August.

Contact person: Stelios Zachariou

Tel: +30 210 4852173

Fax: + 30 210 4852948

*E-mail: zacharis@statistics.gr*

## EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT AUGUST 2007

In August 2007, the number of employed people is estimated to 4,549,954. The number of unemployed people is estimated to 372,090, while the economically non active were estimated to 4,289,300. Unemployment rate is 7,6%.

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

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

	August 2004	August 2005	August 2006	August 2007
<b>Employed</b>	4,358,877	4,390,548	4,499,488	4,549,954
<b>Unemployed</b>	492,596	483,276	425,265	372,090
<b>Economically non active</b>	4,218,031	4,238,611	4,239,746	4,289,300
<b>Unemployment rate</b>	10,2	9,9	8,6	7,6

In Table 1 data we observe:

The number of employed persons increases from 2004 to 2007. The rate of increase in employment between August 2004 and August 2005 was 0.7%, between August 2005 and August 2006 was 2.5% while between August 2006 and August 2007 the rate of increase was 1.1 %.

Number of unemployed decreased during the same period. Between August 2004 and August 2005, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 1.9%. Between August 2005 and August 2006, decreased by 12.0% while between August of 2006 and August of 2007 decreased by 12.5%.

These changes in the number of employed and unemployed persons led to the reduction of unemployment rate, from 10.2% in August 2004 to 9.9% in August 2005. In August 2006, the unemployment rate was 8.6%, and in August 2007 7.6%.

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

**Table 2: Unemployment rate by region: August 2004 - 2007**

	August 2004	August 2005	August 2006	August 2007
ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI	11,9	12,7	11,2	9,9
KENTRIKI MAKEDONIA	12.6	11.0	8.9	8.5
DYTIKI MAKEDONIA	14.9	17.5	11.4	13.0
IPEIROS	11.4	11.8	10.0	7.2
THESSALIA	10.3	11.0	8.0	8.8
IONIA NISIA	4.8	6.4	5.5	4.6
DYTIKI ELLADA	15.7	12.0	10.5	9.6
STEREA ELLADA	13.6	8.7	10.2	8.0
ATTICI	8.5	8.9	8.3	7.4
PELOPONNISOS	9.4	10.3	8.1	6.0
VOREIO AIGAIO	4.8	11.9	8.1	6.5
NOTIO AIGAIO	5.7	6.0	4.8	3.6
KRITI	6.1	5.8	6.4	2.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>7.6</b>

**Table 3: Unemployment rate by sex: August 2004-2007**

	August 2004	August 2005	August 2006	August 2007
MALES	6.4	6.0	5.3	4.6
FEMALES	15.5	15.5	13.4	11.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>7.6</b>

**Table 4: Unemployment rate by age groups: August 2004-2007**

	August 2004	August 2005	August 2006	August 2007
15-24 years old	23.4	26.5	24.8	22.2
25-34 years old	13.8	12.6	11.4	10.5
35-44 years old	8.2	8.4	7.1	5.8
45-54 years old	6.3	6.1	4.5	4.2
55-64 years old	3.4	3.6	3.8	2.9
65-74 years old	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>7.6</b>