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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

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The General Secretariat of National Statistical Service of Greece announces the Labour Force Survey's results for January 2008.

For monthly estimations, a sub sample of the quarterly Labour Force survey's sample was used. In total, 28,357 persons, belonging to 11,798 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 January.

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EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT JANUARY 2008

In January 2008, the number of employed people is estimated to 4,511,585. The number of unemployed people is estimated to 390,210, while economically non-actives were estimated to 4,318,462. Unemployment rate is 8,0%.

The corresponding figures for January 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 are presented in **Table 1**.

Table 1. Employed, unemployed, economically non-active and rate of unemployment (January, 2004 - 2008).

	Ιανουάριος				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Employed	4,242,371	4,292,129	4,369,914	4,491,606	4,511,585
Unemployed	562,217	496,668	461,640	421,130	390,210
Economically non active	4,235,917	4,292,670	4,299,836	4,254,469	4,318,462
Unemployment rate	11.7	10.4	9.6	8.6	8.0

In Table 1 data we observe:

The number of employed persons increases from 2004 to 2008. The rate of increase in employment between January 2004 and January 2005 was 1.2%, between January 2005 and January 2006 was 1.8%, between January 2006 and January 2007 the rate of increase was 2.8 %, while between January 2007 and January 2008 was 0.4%.

Number of unemployed decreased from 2004 to 2008. Between January 2004 and January 2005, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 11.7%. Between January 2005 and January 2006, decreased by 10.4%, between January of 2006 and January of 2007 decreased by 9.6%, while between January 2007 and January 2008 decreased 7.3%.

These changes in the number of employed and unemployed persons led to the reduction of unemployment rate, from 11.7% in January 2004 to 10.4% in January 2005. In January 2006, the unemployment rate was 9.6%, in January 2007 8.6% and in January 2008 8.0%.

Tables 2,3, and 4 present in detail the unemployment rate by region, sex and group ages in January 2004, 2005, 2006,2007 and 2008.

Table 2: Unemployment rate by region: January 2004 - 2008

Region	January				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI	15.3	12.5	12.6	9.4	8.2
KENTRIKI MAKEDONIA	12.0	12.1	10.8	9.0	8.7
DYTIKI MAKEDONIA	17.6	18.2	12.5	13.7	13.3
IPEIROS	10.7	11.2	8.8	11.6	9.8
THESSALIA	11.4	9.9	7.3	6.3	7.6
IONIA NISIA	20.7	8.8	17.9	9.5	13.8
DYTIKI ELLADA	11.2	9.7	10.1	9.3	8.8
STEREA ELLADA	15.2	11.4	10.0	11.7	9.2
ATTICI	9.7	8.9	8.1	7.7	6.7
PELOPONNISOS	10.7	7.9	8.4	6.6	8.0
VOREIO AIGAIO	11.2	10.9	7.0	5.0	4.1
NOTIO AIGAIO	15.6	14.7	14.4	14.9	12.1
KRITI	12.4	10.2	10.2	7.3	5.6
Total	11.7	10.4	9.6	8.6	8.0

Table 3. Unemployment rate by sex: January 2004-2008

Sex	January				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Men	7.8	6.7	6.5	5.0	5.1
Women	17.5	15.8	14.1	13.6	12.1
Total	11.7	10.4	9.6	8.6	8.0

Table 4: Unemployment rate by age groups: January 2004-2008

Group ages	January				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
15-24 ετών	29.2	25.9	23.9	23.7	20.6
25-34 »	13.9	13.2	13.1	12.1	11.3
35-44 »	9.9	7.5	6.7	7.0	6.4
45-54 »	6.5	7.0	5.7	4.3	4.5
55-64 »	5.2	4.1	4.6	3.2	4.0
65-74 »	2.2	1.2	1.7	2.4	1.5
Total	11.7	10.4	9.6	8.6	8.0

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