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### *LABOUR FORCE SURVEY*

*March 2008*

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

For monthly estimations, a sub sample of the quarterly Labour Force survey's sample was used. In total, **22,280** persons, belonging to **9,258** 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 **March**.

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## EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT MARCH 2008

In **March** 2008, the number of employed people is estimated to **4,494,724**. The number of unemployed people is estimated to **442,558**, while economically non-actives were estimated to **4,287,843**. Unemployment rate is **9,0%**.

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

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

	March				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Employed</b>	4.234.344	4.293.940	4.425.928	4.418.510	4.494.724
<b>Unemployed</b>	536.029	508.138	448.627	462.042	442.558
<b>Economically non active</b>	4.279.263	4.294.597	4.266.141	4.292.428	4.287.843
<b>Unemployment rate</b>	11,2	10,6	9,2	9,5	9,0

In Table 1 data we observe:

The number of employed persons increases from 2004 to 2008. The rate of increase in employment between **March** 2004 and **March** 2005 was **1.4%**, between **March** 2005 and **March** 2006 was **3.1%**, between **March** 2006 and **March** 2007 the rate of decrease was **0.2%**, while between **March** 2007 and **March** 2008 was **1.7%**.

The number of unemployed persons decreased from 2004 to 2006, increased in 2007 and decreased again from 2007 to 2008. Between **March** 2004 and **March** 2005, the number of unemployed persons decreased by **5.2%**. Between **March** 2005 and **March** 2006, decreased by **11.7%**, between **March** 2006 and **March** 2007 increased by **3.0%**, while between **March** 2007 and **March** 2008 decreased **4.2%**.

These changes in the number of employed and unemployed persons led to the reduction of unemployment rate, from **11.2%** in **March** 2004 to **10.6%** in **March** 2005. The unemployment rate was **9.2%** in **March** 2006, while it increased in **9.5%** in **March** 2007 and decreased in **9.0%** in **March** 2008.

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

**Table 2: Unemployment rate by region: March 2004 - 2008**

Region	March				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI	13,1	12,4	10,6	9,9	11,8
KENTRIKI MAKEDONIA	12,5	12,6	10,3	9,4	9,4
DYTIKI MAKEDONIA	17,3	19,9	19,2	14,1	8,0
IPEIROS	9,7	10,9	10,6	9,4	10,2
THESSALIA	10,5	8,7	9,6	6,2	9,1
IONIA NISIA	15,7	15,6	19,6	19,1	8,6
DYTIKI ELLADA	10,9	10,6	7,8	8,2	9,8
STEREA ELLADA	10,4	11,4	7,7	8,9	9,0
ATTICI	10,2	9,2	7,7	8,7	7,2
PELOPONNISOS	12,1	9,1	7,0	7,5	9,1
VOREIO AIGAIO	9,9	8,2	9,1	10,1	5,4
NOTIO AIGAIO	12,6	15,0	11,5	21,8	20,8
KRITI	10,1	7,3	9,2	10,0	10,7
<b>Greece, total</b>	<b>11,2</b>	<b>10,6</b>	<b>9,2</b>	<b>9,5</b>	<b>9,0</b>

**Table 3. Unemployment rate by sex: March 2004-2008**

Sex	March				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Men	7,4	6,6	5,9	6,2	6,3
Women	16,9	16,5	14,1	14,2	12,7
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,2</b>	<b>10,6</b>	<b>9,2</b>	<b>9,5</b>	<b>9,0</b>

**Table 4: Unemployment rate by age groups: March 2004-2008**

Group ages	March				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
15-24 ετών	30,2	26,3	25,3	25,6	27,1
25-34 »	14,1	13,8	11,4	12,4	11,9
35-44 »	8,1	8,7	7,9	7,7	7,1
45-54 »	5,9	5,9	5,5	5,6	5,4
55-64 »	5,5	4,8	3,9	4,6	3,4
65-74 »	0,0	0,9	1,9	0,5	0,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,2</b>	<b>10,6</b>	<b>9,2</b>	<b>9,5</b>	<b>9,0</b>