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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 April 2008.

For monthly estimations, a sub sample of the quarterly Labour Force survey's sample was used. In total, 22,598 persons, belonging to 9,393 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 April.

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EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT APRIL 2008

In April 2008, the number of employed people is estimated to 4,572,840. The number of unemployed people is estimated to 380,775, while economically non-actives were estimated to 4,273,989. Unemployment rate is 7.7%.

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

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

	April				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Employed	4,331,345	4,350,693	4,419,463	4,512,386	4,572,840
Unemployed	511,171	478,578	437,539	415,047	380,775
Economically non active	4,210,687	4,270,487	4,288,394	4,277,743	4,273,989
Unemployment rate	10.6	9.9	9.0	8.4	7.7

In Table 1 data we observe:

The number of employed persons increases from 2004 to 2008. The rate of increase in employment between April 2004 and April 2005 was 0.4%, between April 2005 and April 2006 was 1.6%, between April 2006 and April 2007 was 2.1 %, while between April 2007 and April 2008 was 1.3%.

The number of unemployed persons decreased from 2004 to 2008. Between April 2004 and April 2005, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 6.4%. Between April 2005 and April 2006, decreased by 8.6%, between April 2006 and April 2007 decreased by 5.1%, while between April 2007 and April 2008 decreased 8.3%.

These changes in the number of employed and unemployed persons led to the reduction of unemployment rate, from 10.6% in April 2004 to 9.9% in April 2005. The unemployment rate was 9.0% in April 2006, 8.4% in April 2007 and 7.7% in April 2008.

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

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

Region	April				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI	15.8	12.2	11.7	7.2	7.5
KENTRIKI MAKEDONIA	11.5	11.8	10.8	9.5	8.4
DYTIKI MAKEDONIA	16.5	17.1	11.4	13.1	13.8
IPEIROS	12.6	11.8	8.6	12.3	9.7
THESSALIA	9.1	8.3	7.2	5.3	6.1
IONIA NISIA	16.2	6.6	16.9	10.6	17.1
DYTIKI ELLADA	10.9	10.3	9.9	10.1	9.0
STEREA ELLADA	14.1	11.8	10.4	13.2	10.5
ATTICI	9.1	9.1	7.9	7.3	6.1
PELOPONNISOS	7.4	8.0	7.8	9.6	8.0
VOREIO AIGAIO	11.7	10.8	9.7	6.5	3.4
NOTIO AIGAIO	12.0	10.1	8.9	11.0	13.5
KRITI	6.7	6.2	6.0	4.9	4.7
Greece, total	10.6	9.9	9.0	8.4	7.7

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

Sex	April				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Men	6.7	6.1	5.6	5.0	4.8
Women	16.2	15.6	13.9	13.3	11.8
Total	10.6	9.9	9.0	8.4	7.7

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

Group ages	April				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
15-24 ετών	26.6	23.7	24.2	21.2	20.4
25-34 »	12.9	13.1	12.1	12.0	11.4
35-44 »	8.7	7.8	6.8	7.0	5.8
45-54 »	6.0	6.6	5.2	4.2	4.1
55-64 »	4.0	3.4	3.8	4.2	3.6
65-74 »	2.5	1.1	1.6	3.3	0.7
Total	10.6	9.9	9.0	8.4	7.7