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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 November 2008. **The Unemployment rate in November 2008 is 7.8% against 7.6% in November 2007.**

For monthly estimations, a sub sample of the quarterly Labour Force survey's sample was used. In total, 22,745 persons, belonging to 9,525 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 November.

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EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT NOVEMBER 2008

In November 2008, the number of employed people is estimated to 4,553,911. The number of unemployed people is estimated to 384,988 while economically non-actives were estimated to 4,306,855.

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

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

	November				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Employed	4,351,148	4,394,157	4,472,694	4,542,684	4,553,911
Unemployed	514,312	485,808	446,936	373,410	384,988
Economically non active	4,217,037	4,242,347	4,259,517	4,299,948	4,306,855
<i>Unemployment rate</i>	10.6	10.0	9.1	7.6	7.8

In Table 1 data we observe:

The number of employed persons increases from 2004 to 2008. The rate of increase in employment between November 2004 and November 2005 was 1.0%, between November 2005 and November 2006 was 1.8% while between November 2006 and November 2007 the rate of increase was 1.6 %. The number of employed increased between November 2007 and November 2008 by 0.2%.

Number of unemployed decreased from 2004 to 2007, and increased in 2008. Between November 2004 and November 2005, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 5.5%. Between November 2005 and November 2006, decreased by 8.0% and between November of 2006 and November of 2007 decreased by 16.5%. Between November 2007 and November 2008 the number of unemployed increased by 3.1%

These changes in the number of employed and unemployed persons led to the reduction of unemployment rate, from 10.6% in November 2004 to 10.0% in November 2005. In November 2006, the unemployment rate was 9.1%, in November 2007 7.6% and in November 2008 was 7.8%.

Tables 2,3, and 4 present unemployment rates by region, sex and group ages in November 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

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

Region	November				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI	15.3	11.7	11.6	8.4	6.2
KENTRIKI MAKEDONIA	11.9	8.9	8.3	7.8	7.9
DYTIKI MAKEDONIA	12.1	16.4	8.7	13.1	14.5
IPEIROS	10.8	12.6	10.3	7.6	9.0
THESSALIA	10.6	8.3	8.3	9.1	9.9
IONIA NISIA	13.2	7.2	6.7	11.1	8.2
DYTIKI ELLADA	14.7	11.9	10.0	10.3	11.2
STEREA ELLADA	14.0	11.6	10.2	8.6	8.1
ATTICI	8.9	9.5	9.0	6.3	6.5
PELLOPONNISOS	9.2	9.7	8.6	7.0	7.9
VOREIO AIGAIO	5.1	13.4	9.2	5.8	5.7
NOTIO AIGAIO	8.0	10.2	9.9	8.9	5.4
KRITI	7.9	9.0	9.0	5.8	8.6
Greece, total	10.6	10.0	9.1	7.6	7.8

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

Sex	November				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Men	6.8	6.1	5.7	4.8	5.2
Women	16.0	15.4	14.0	11.7	11.6
Total	10.6	10.0	9.1	7.6	7.8

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

Group ages	November				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
15-24 years	25.2	28.4	28.0	21.5	22.4
25-34 »	12.7	12.1	11.3	10.8	10.3
35-44 »	9.8	8.7	7.5	6.0	6.3
45-54 »	6.4	6.0	5.1	4.2	4.8
55-64 »	4.7	3.4	4.1	3.0	3.1
65-74 »	1.3	2.6	0.0	0.8	0.9
Total	10.6	10.0	9.1	7.6	7.8

