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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 2009. Unemployment rate was 9.4% in January 2009.

For monthly estimates, a sub sample of the quarterly Labour Force survey's sample was used. In total, 28,638 persons, belonging to 11,963 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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In January 2009, the number of employed people is estimated to 4,485,015. The number of unemployed people is estimated to 465,692, while economically non-actives were estimated to 4,298,759. Unemployment rate is 9,4%.

The corresponding figures for January 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 are presented in **Table 1**.

Table 1. Employed, unemployed, economically non-active and rate of unemployment (January, 2004 - 2009).

	January					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Employed	4,242,371	4,292,129	4,369,914	4,491,606	4,511,585	4,485,015
Unemployed	562,217	496,668	461,640	421,130	390,210	465,692
Economically non active	4,235,917	4,292,670	4,299,836	4,254,469	4,318,462	4,298,759
Unemployment rate	11.7	10.4	9.6	8.6	8.0	9.4

In Table 1 data we observe:

The number of employed persons increases from 2004 to 2008 and decreases between 2008 and 2009. 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%. The number of employed persons decreased by 0.6% between January 2008 and January 2009.

Number of unemployed decreased from 2004 to 2008 and increased in 2009. Between January 2004 and January 2005, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 11.7%. Between January 2005 and January 2006, decreased by 7.1%, between January of 2006 and January of 2007 decreased by 8.8%, while between January 2007 and January 2008 decreased 7.3%. The number of unemployed persons increased by 19.3% between January 2008 and January 2009.

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%. The unemployment rate increased to 9.4 in January 2009.

Tables 2,3, and 4 present in detail the unemployment rate by region, sex and group ages in January 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

Table 2: Unemployment rate by region: January 2004 – 2009

Region	January					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI	15.3	12.5	12.6	9.4	8.2	8.8
KENTRIKI MAKEDONIA	12.0	12.1	10.8	9.0	8.7	10.4
DYTIKI MAKEDONIA	17.6	18.2	12.5	13.7	13.3	16.4
IPEIROS	10.7	11.2	8.8	11.6	9.8	12.8
THESSALIA	11.4	9.9	7.3	6.3	7.6	9.4
IONIA NISIA	20.7	8.8	17.9	9.5	13.8	10.9
DYTIKI ELLADA	11.2	9.7	10.1	9.3	8.8	9.2
STEREA ELLADA	15.2	11.4	10.0	11.7	9.2	11.9
ATTICI	9.7	8.9	8.1	7.7	6.7	7.1
PELLOPONNISOS	10.7	7.9	8.4	6.6	8.0	9.5
VOREIO AIGAIO	11.2	10.9	7.0	5.0	4.1	8.2
NOTIO AIGAIO	15.6	14.7	14.4	14.9	12.1	16.3
KRITI	12.4	10.2	10.2	7.3	5.6	12.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>11.7</i>	<i>10.4</i>	<i>9.6</i>	<i>8.6</i>	<i>8.0</i>	<i>9.4</i>

Table 3. Unemployment rate by sex: January 2004-2009

Sex	January					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Men	7.8	6.7	6.5	5.0	5.1	6.7
Women	17.5	15.8	14.1	13.6	12.1	13.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>11.7</i>	<i>10.4</i>	<i>9.6</i>	<i>8.6</i>	<i>8.0</i>	<i>9.4</i>

Table 4: Unemployment rate by age groups: January 2004-2009

Group ages	January					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
15-24 years old	29.2	25.9	23.9	23.7	20.6	25.0
25-34 »	13.9	13.2	13.1	12.1	11.3	12.0
35-44 »	9.9	7.5	6.7	7.0	6.4	8.3
45-54 »	6.5	7.0	5.7	4.3	4.5	6.2
55-64 »	5.2	4.1	4.6	3.2	4.0	4.0
65-74 »	2.2	1.2	1.7	2.4	1.5	1.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>11.7</i>	<i>10.4</i>	<i>9.6</i>	<i>8.6</i>	<i>8.0</i>	<i>9.4</i>