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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### *LABOUR FORCE SURVEY*

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The General Secretariat of National Statistical Service of Greece announces the Labour Force Survey's results for February 2009. Unemployment rate was 9.1% in February 2009.

For monthly estimates, a sub sample of the quarterly Labour Force survey's sample was used. In total, 22,825 persons, belonging to 9,544 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 February.

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## EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT FEBRUARY 2009

In February 2009, the number of employed people is estimated to 4,487,490. The number of unemployed people is estimated to 450,997, while economically non-actives were estimated to 4,314,167. Unemployment rate is 9,4%.

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

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

	February					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Employed	4,269,897	4,375,186	4,393,989	4,438,614	4,535,309	4,487,490
Unemployed	529,996	505,138	511,298	440,982	394,169	450,997
Economically non active	4,245,263	4,213,620	4,230,740	4,290,483	4,293,199	4,314,167
Unemployment rate	11.0	10.4	10.4	9.0	8.0	9.1

In Table 1 we observe:

The number of employed persons increases from 2004 to 2008. The rate of increase in employment between February 2004 and February 2005 was 2.5%, between February 2005 and February 2006 was 0.4%, between February 2006 and February 2007 the rate of increase was 1.0 %, while between February 2007 and February 2008 was 2.2%. The number of employed persons decreased by 1.1% between February 2008 and February 2009.

The number of unemployed persons decreased from 2004 to 2005, increased in 2006 and decreased again from 2007 to 2008. Between February 2004 and February 2005, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 4.7%. Between February 2005 and February 2006, increased by 1.2%, between February 2006 and February 2007 decreased by 13.8%, while between February 2007 and February 2008 decreased 10.6%. The number of unemployed persons increased by 14.4% between February 2008 and February 2009.

These changes in the number of employed and unemployed persons led to the reduction of unemployment rate, from 11.0% in February 2004 to 10.4% in February 2005. The unemployment rate remained 10.4% in February 2006, while it decreased in 9.0% in February 2007 and in 8.0% in February 2008. The unemployment rate increased to 9.1 in February 2009.

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

**Table 2: Unemployment rate by region: February 2004 – 2009**

Region	February					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI	13.9	14.0	12.5	13.0	9.5	10.9
KENTRIKI MAKEDONIA	12.4	11.2	10.5	8.3	8.0	8.8
DYTIKI MAKEDONIA	14.2	16.6	16.6	9.6	16.4	11.8
IPEIROS	12.9	11.5	10.4	9.0	9.4	10.4
THESSALIA	8.2	10.2	9.0	9.3	7.5	7.2
IONIA NISIA	20.3	13.7	11.5	13.6	11.9	11.6
DYTIKI ELLADA	15.8	13.9	12.3	10.6	11.3	12.3
STEREA ELLADA	16.0	12.1	10.3	7.8	7.9	9.9
ATTICI	8.7	8.4	9.0	8.4	5.9	8.0
PELOPONNISOS	7.4	9.2	9.1	8.0	7.7	6.9
VOREIO AIGAIO	10.1	10.0	14.1	16.0	6.6	7.5
NOTIO AIGAIO	8.7	9.1	16.4	10.7	15.5	17.3
KRITI	12.3	9.1	11.9	7.5	8.9	9.8
<i>Total</i>	11.0	10.4	10.4	9.0	8.0	9.1

**Table 3. Unemployment rate by sex: February 2004-2009**

Sex	February					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Men	6.9	6.5	6.8	5.7	5.2	7.0
Women	17.0	15.9	15.6	13.9	12.1	12.3
<i>Total</i>	11.0	10.4	10.4	9.0	8.0	9.1

**Table 4: Unemployment rate by age groups: February 2004-2009**

Group ages	February					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
15-24 years old	26.8	24.8	26.7	26.1	22.1	25.7
25-34 »	13.6	12.6	13.4	11.8	11.7	12.5
35-44 »	9.4	9.3	8.6	6.9	6.0	6.8
45-54 »	6.2	6.6	6.0	5.6	4.9	6.2
55-64 »	4.3	4.8	5.2	4.1	2.9	4.3
65-74 »	0.7	2.2	3.4	1.0	1.2	1.0
<i>Total</i>	26.8	24.8	26.7	26.1	8.0	9.1

