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Unemployment rate at 9.6 in July 2009

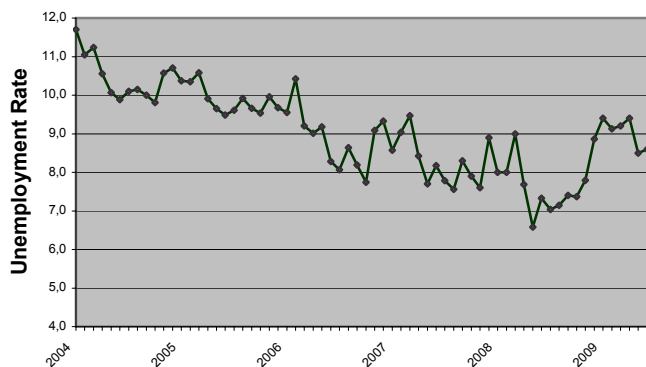
LABOUR FORCE SURVEY: July 2009

Unemployment rate in July 2009 was 9,6% compared to 7,0% in July 2008 and 8,6% in June 2009. The number of employed amounted to 4,492,162 persons while the number of unemployed amounted to 476,707 and the number of inactive to 4,300,080. The corresponding figures for July 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 και 2009 are presented in Table 1.

The number of employed decreased by 102,841 persons compared to July 2008 (a 2.3% rate of decrease) and by 80,154 persons compared to June 2009 (a 1.8% rate of decrease).

Unemployed increased by 128,772 persons (a 37.0% rate of increase) compared to July 2008 and by 49,000 persons compared to June 2009 (a 11.5% rate of increase).

Unemployment rate by month (January 2004 – July 2009)



Tables 2, 3 and 4 present unemployment rate by NUTS II areas, gender and age groups for July 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 και 2009.

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

	July					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Employed	4,341,179	4,375,292	4,483,879	4,558,139	4,595,003	4,492,162
Unemployed	487,867	464,953	393,293	384,564	347,935	476,707
Inactive	4,236,201	4,268,968	4,282,505	4,267,089	4,284,665	4,300,080
Unemployment rate	10.1	9.6	8.1	7.8	7.0	9.6

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

Περιφέρεια	July					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Anatoliki Makedonia Thraki	15.0	11.9	10.2	7.1	9.1	8.3
Kentriki Makedonia	12.0	11.4	9.2	9.0	7.6	11.3
Dytiki Makedonia	16.1	16.2	10.9	9.2	13.0	12.3
Ipeiros	11.8	11.4	8.1	13.0	10.8	10.6
Thessalia	9.8	8.7	8.1	5.8	8.5	9.4
Ionia Nisia	5.4	4.0	8.8	4.2	4.3	3.0
Dytiki Ellada	12.8	10.1	10.6	11.4	9.3	8.7
Stereia Ellada	14.3	12.2	9.6	11.9	9.1	9.9
Attiki	8.6	9.0	7.4	7.1	6.2	9.8
Peloponnissos	7.3	8.1	7.2	8.6	6.3	8.4
Voreio Aigaio	10.6	9.1	8.1	5.6	2.2	5.4
Notio Aigaio	6.8	6.6	5.1	4.1	3.0	8.2
Criti	5.5	5.3	3.5	3.5	3.4	6.7
Total Country	10.1	9.6	8.1	7.8	7.0	9.6

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

Φύλο	July					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Male	6.1	5.8	4.7	4.7	4.4	6.6
Female	15.9	15.1	12.9	12.3	10.8	13.8
Total	10.1	9.6	8.1	7.8	7.0	9.6

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

Age Group	July					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
15-24 years old	25.6	24.4	23.0	20.8	20.9	23.9
25-34 years old	13.2	13.4	11.4	11.7	10.2	12.6
35-44 years old	8.0	7.1	5.7	6.1	5.7	8.0
45-54 years old	5.7	5.9	4.3	3.4	3.5	6.7
55-64 years old	3.4	3.3	3.0	3.3	2.8	5.3
65-74 years old	1.6	0.7	1.1	2.8	1.9	0.8
Total	10.1	9.6	8.1	7.8	7.0	9.6

EXPLANATORY NOTES

- Labour Force Survey** Labour Force Survey produces early estimates since 1981 (second quarter of the year). Since 1998 is a continuous quarterly survey. The main statistical objectives of Labour Force Survey is to divide the population of working age (15 years and above) into three mutually exclusive and exhaustive groups - persons in employment, unemployed persons and inactive persons. In addition, Labour Force Survey collects information on demographic characteristics, on main job characteristics, on the existence and characteristics of second job, on educational attainment, on participation in education, on previous working experience and on search of job.
- Legislation** Current survey is completely harmonized with European legislation. The principal legal act is the [Council Regulation \(EC\) No. 577/98](#) that stipulates the provisions on design, survey characteristics and decision making processes. Survey framework was modified in successive Commission regulations. ([Regulation \(EC\) No 1372/2007](#) , [Regulation \(EC\) No 2257/2003](#) , [Regulation \(EC\) No 1991/2002](#)).
- Reference Period** July 2009
- Coverage** For the monthly estimates, a sub-sample of the quarterly Labour Force survey's sample was used.
- Definitions** **Employed** are persons aged 15 years or older, who during the reference week had worked, even for just one hour, for pay or profit or they have worked in the family business, or they were not at work but had a job or business from which they were temporarily absent.
- Unemployed** are persons aged 15-74 who were without work during the reference week (they were not classified as employed), were currently available for work and were either actively seeking work in the past four weeks or had already found a job to start within the next three months.
- Inactive** are those persons who neither classified as employed nor as unemployed.
- Economically active population (labour force)** are persons that either employed or unemployed
- Unemployment Rate:** Is the ratio of unemployed divided by total labour force.
- Methodology** Labour Force Survey' s estimates are produced by a suitable unbiased estimator which takes in to account a) the probability of selection of every sampled household, b) response rate in every primary sampling unit, c) the estimated population for July 2009, allocated by NUTS II areas, sex and age group).
- References** Analytical description of Labour Force Survey' s methodology and definitions can be found at www.statistics.gr.