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Unemployment rate at in November 2009

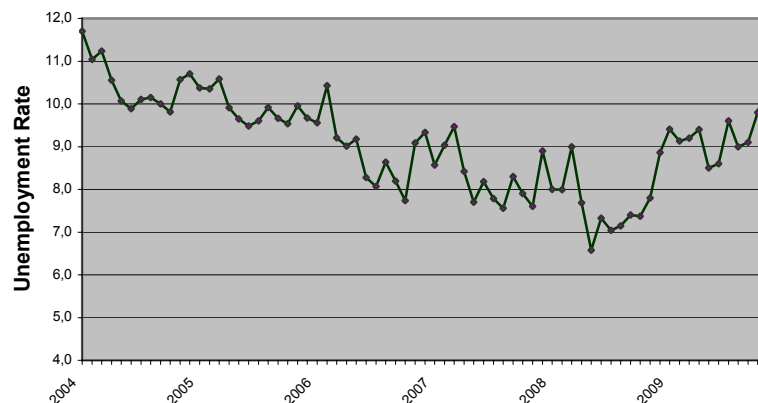
LABOUR FORCE SURVEY: November 2009

Unemployment rate in November 2009 was 10.6% compared to 7,8% in November 2008 and 9.8% in October 2009. The number of employed amounted to 4,464,230 persons while the number of unemployed amounted to 531,953 and the number of inactive to 4,286,229. The corresponding figures for November 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 και 2009 are presented in Table 1.

The number of employed decreased by 89,681 persons compared to November 2008 (a 2.0% rate of decrease) and by 40,870 persons compared to October 2009 (a 0.9% rate of decrease).

Unemployed increased by 146,965 persons (a 27.6% rate of increase) compared to November 2008 and increased by 40,814 persons compared to October 2009 (a 8.3% rate of increase).

Unemployment rate by month (January 2004 – November 2009)



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

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

	November					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Employed	4,351,148	4,394,157	4,472,694	4,542,684	4,553,911	4,464,230
Unemployed	514,312	485,808	446,936	373,410	384,988	531,953
Inactive	4,217,037	4,242,347	4,259,517	4,299,948	4,306,855	4,286,229
Unemployment rate	10.6	10.0	9.1	7.6	7.8	10.6

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

Περιφέρεια	November					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Anatoliki Makedonia Thraki	15.3	11.7	11.6	8.4	6.2	14.2
Kentriki Makedonia	11.9	8.9	8.3	7.8	7.9	10.2
Dytiki Makedonia	12.1	16.4	8.7	13.1	14.5	14.3
Ipeiros	10.8	12.6	10.3	7.6	9.0	10.5
Thessalia	10.6	8.3	8.3	9.1	9.9	9.7
Ionia Nisia	13.2	7.2	6.7	11.1	8.2	11.7
Dytiki Ellada	14.7	11.9	10.0	10.3	11.2	7.9
Stereia Ellada	14.0	11.6	10.2	8.6	8.1	11.6
Attiki	8.9	9.5	9.0	6.3	6.5	10.7
Peloponnissos	9.2	9.7	8.6	7.0	7.9	7.6
Voreio Aigaio	5.1	13.4	9.2	5.8	5.7	5.9
Notio Aigaio	8.0	10.2	9.9	8.9	5.4	17.8
Criti	7.9	9.0	9.0	5.8	8.6	11.0
Total Country	10.6	10.0	9.1	7.6	7.8	10.6

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

Φύλο	November					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Male	6.8	6.1	5.7	4.8	5.2	8.8
Female	16.0	15.4	14.0	11.7	11.6	13.3
Total	10.6	10.0	9.1	7.6	7.8	10.6

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

Age Group	November					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
15-24 years old	25.2	28.4	28.0	21.5	22.4	27.8
25-34 years old	12.7	12.1	11.3	10.8	10.3	13.5
35-44 years old	9.8	8.7	7.5	6.0	6.3	9.3
45-54 years old	6.4	6.0	5.1	4.2	4.8	7.2
55-64 years old	4.7	3.4	4.1	3.0	3.1	5.5
65-74 years old	1.3	2.6	0.0	0.8	0.9	1.5
Total	10.6	10.0	9.1	7.6	7.8	10.6

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** November 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 November 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.