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Unemployment rate at 11.3 in January 2010

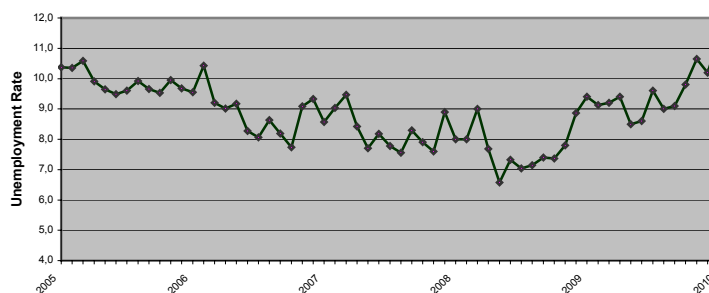
LABOUR FORCE SURVEY: January 2010¹

Unemployment rate in January 2010 was 11.3% compared to 9.4% in January 2009 and 10.2% in December 2009. The number of employed amounted to 4,445,743 persons while the number of unemployed amounted to 567,132 and the number of inactive to 4,276,258. The corresponding figures for January 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 και 2010 are presented in Table 1.

The number of employed decreased by 39,272 persons compared to January 2009 (a 0.9% rate of decrease) and by 11,914 persons compared to December 2009 (a 0.3% rate of decrease).

Unemployed increased by 101,440 persons (a 21.8% rate of increase) compared to January 2009 and by 62,022 persons compared to December 2009 (a 12.3% rate of increase).

Unemployment rate by month (January 2005 – January 2010)



Tables 2, 3 and 4 present unemployment rate by NUTS II areas, gender and age groups for January 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 και 2010.

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¹ January results do not include data from 12 primary sampling units (about 1.5% of the total sample) because survey was not conducted in time in the particular areas.

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

	January					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Employed	4,292,129	4,369,914	4,491,606	4,511,585	4,485,015	4,445,743
Unemployed	496,668	461,640	421,130	390,210	465,692	567,132
Inactive	4,292,670	4,299,836	4,254,469	4,318,462	4,298,759	4,276,258
Unemployment rate	10.7	9.7	9.3	8.9	8.9	11.3

Table 2: Unemployment rate by region: January 2005-2010

Περιφέρεια	January					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Anatoliki Makedonia Thraki	12.5	12.6	9.4	8.2	8.8	10.9
Kentriki Makedonia	12.1	10.8	9.0	8.7	10.4	12.2
Dytiki Makedonia	18.2	12.5	13.7	13.3	16.4	17.7
Ipeiros	11.2	8.8	11.6	9.8	12.8	12.6
Thessalia	9.9	7.3	6.3	7.6	9.4	10.0
Ionia Nisia	8.8	17.9	9.5	13.8	10.9	19.1
Dytiki Ellada	9.7	10.1	9.3	8.8	9.2	9.7
Stereia Ellada	11.4	10.0	11.7	9.2	11.9	11.8
Attiki	8.9	8.1	7.7	6.7	7.1	10.7
Peloponnissos	7.9	8.4	6.6	8.0	9.5	9.0
Voreio Aigaio	10.9	7.0	5.0	4.1	8.2	3.0
Notio Aigaio	14.7	14.4	14.9	12.1	16.3	15.3
Criti	10.2	10.2	7.3	5.6	12.4	12.1
Total Country	10.4	9.6	8.6	8.0	9.4	11.3

Table 3. Unemployment rate by sex: January 2005-2010

Φύλο	January					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Male	6.7	6.5	5.0	5.1	6.7	8.7
Female	15.8	14.1	13.6	12.1	13.3	14.9
Total	10.4	9.6	8.6	8.0	9.4	11.3

Table 4: Unemployment rate by age groups: January 2005-2010

Age Group	January					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
15-24 years old	25.9	23.9	23.7	20.6	25.0	30.4
25-34 years old	13.2	13.1	12.1	11.3	12.0	14.6
35-44 years old	7.5	6.7	7.0	6.4	8.3	9.7
45-54 years old	7.0	5.7	4.3	4.5	6.2	8.4
55-64 years old	4.1	4.6	3.2	4.0	4.0	4.6
65-74 years old	1.2	1.7	2.4	1.5	1.3	2.0
Total	10.4	9.6	8.6	8.0	9.4	11.3

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** December 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 January 2010, 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.