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Unemployment rate at 12.1% in February 2010

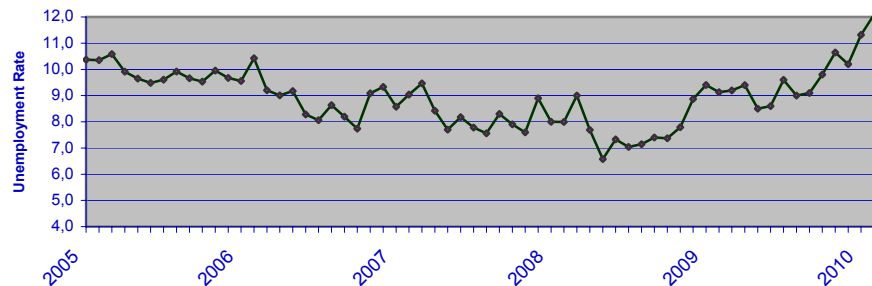
LABOUR FORCE SURVEY: February 2010¹

Unemployment rate in February 2010 was 12.1% compared to 9.1% in February 2009 and 11.3% in January 2010. The number of employed amounted to 4,404,051 persons while the number of unemployed amounted to 605,277 and the number of inactive to 4,282,874. The corresponding figures for February 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 και 2010 are presented in Table 1.

The number of employed decreased by 83,439 persons compared to February 2009 (a 1.9% rate of decrease) and by 41,692 persons compared to January 2010 (a 0.9% rate of decrease).

Unemployed increased by 154,280 persons (a 34.2% rate of increase) compared to February 2009 and by 38,145 persons compared to January 2010 (a 6.7% rate of increase).

Unemployment rate by month (January 2005 – February 2010)



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

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¹ February results do not include data from 6 primary sampling units (about 0.7% 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 (February 2005 - 2009).

	February					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Employed	4,375,186	4,393,989	4,438,614	4,535,309	4,487,490	4,404,051
Unemployed	505,138	511,298	440,982	394,169	450,997	605,277
Inactive	4,213,620	4,230,740	4,290,483	4,293,199	4,314,167	4,282,874
Unemployment rate	10.4	10.4	9.0	8.0	9.1	12.1

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

Περιφέρεια	February					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Anatoliki Makedonia Thraki	14.0	12.5	13.0	9.5	10.9	15.2
Kentriki Makedonia	11.2	10.5	8.3	8.0	8.8	12.6
Dytiki Makedonia	16.6	16.6	9.6	16.4	11.8	16.6
Ipeiros	11.5	10.4	9.0	9.4	10.4	12.2
Thessalia	10.2	9.0	9.3	7.5	7.2	10.3
Ionia Nisia	13.7	11.5	13.6	11.9	11.6	16.8
Dytiki Ellada	13.9	12.3	10.6	11.3	12.3	10.6
Stereia Ellada	12.1	10.3	7.8	7.9	9.9	12.8
Attiki	8.4	9.0	8.4	5.9	8.0	10.9
Peloponnissos	9.2	9.1	8.0	7.7	6.9	9.1
Voreio Aigaio	10.0	14.1	16.0	6.6	7.5	7.9
Notio Aigaio	9.1	16.4	10.7	15.5	17.3	21.3
Criti	9.1	11.9	7.5	8.9	9.8	14.3
Total Country	10.4	10.4	9.0	8.0	9.1	12.1

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

Φύλο	February					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Male	6.5	6.8	5.7	5.2	7.0	9.8
Female	15.9	15.6	13.9	12.1	12.3	15.3
Total	10.4	10.4	9.0	8.0	9.1	12.1

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

Age Group	February					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
15-24 years old	24.8	26.7	26.1	22.1	25.7	32.0
25-34 years old	12.6	13.4	11.8	11.7	12.5	15.2
35-44 years old	9.3	8.6	6.9	6.0	6.8	10.4
45-54 years old	6.6	6.0	5.6	4.9	6.2	8.2
55-64 years old	4.8	5.2	4.1	2.9	4.3	6.6
65-74 years old	2.2	3.4	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.1
Total	10.4	10.4	9.0	8.0	9.1	12.1

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** February 2010
- 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.