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Unemployment rate at 13.9% in November 2010

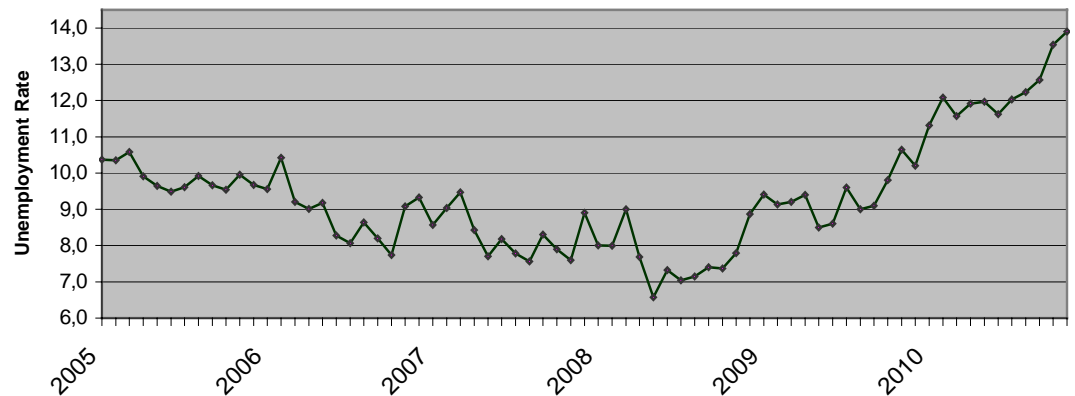
LABOUR FORCE SURVEY: November 2010

Unemployment rate in November 2010 was 13.9% compared to 10.6% in November 2009 and 13.5% in October 2010. The number of employed amounted to 4,307,054 persons while the number of unemployed amounted to 692,577 and the number of inactive to 4,320,927. The corresponding figures for November 2005 to 2010 are presented in Table 1.

The number of employed decreased by 157,176 persons compared with November 2009 (a 3.5% rate of decrease) and by 62,489 persons compared with October 2010 (a 1.4% rate of decrease).

Unemployed increased by 160,624 persons (a 30.2% rate of increase) compared with November 2009 and by 8,530 persons compared with October 2010 (a 1.2% rate of increase).

Unemployment rate by month (January 2005 – November 2010)



Tables 2, 3 and 4 illustrate unemployment rate by NUTS II regions, gender and age groups from November 2005 to 2010.

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Table 1. Employed, unemployed, economically non-active and unemployment rate (November 2005-2010)

	November					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Employed	4,394,157	4,472,694	4,542,684	4,553,911	4,464,230	4,307,054
Unemployed	485,808	446,936	373,410	384,988	531,953	692,577
Inactive	4,242,347	4,259,517	4,299,948	4,306,855	4,286,229	4,320,927
Unemployment rate	10.0	9.1	7.6	7.8	10.6	13.9

Table 2: Unemployment rate by region (NUTSII): November 2005-2010

Region	November					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Anatoliki Makedonia Thraki (East Macedonia and Thrace)	11.7	11.6	8.4	6.2	14.2	16.2
Kentriki Makedonia (Central Macedonia)	8.9	8.3	7.8	7.9	10.2	14.2
Dytiki Makedonia (West Macedonia)	16.4	8.7	13.1	14.5	14.3	15.4
Ipeiros (Epirus)	12.6	10.3	7.6	9.0	10.5	12.8
Thessalia (Thessaly)	8.3	8.3	9.1	9.9	9.7	14.1
Ionioi Nisoi (Ionian Islands)	7.2	6.7	11.1	8.2	11.7	16.2
Dytiki Ellas (West Greece)	11.9	10.0	10.3	11.2	7.9	13.1
Stereia Ellas	11.6	10.2	8.6	8.1	11.6	13.6
Attiki (Attica)	9.5	9.0	6.3	6.5	10.7	13.9
Peloponnissos (Peloponnese)	9.7	8.6	7.0	7.9	7.6	10.9
Voreio Aigaio (North Aegean)	13.4	9.2	5.8	5.7	5.9	9.7
Notio Aigaio (South Aegean)	10.2	9.9	8.9	5.4	17.8	13.3
Kriti (Crete)	9.0	9.0	5.8	8.6	11.0	14.5
Total Country	10.0	9.1	7.6	7.8	10.6	13.9

Table 3. Unemployment rate by gender: November 2005-2010

Gender	November					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Male	6.1	5.7	4.8	5.2	8.8	11.6
Female	15.4	14.0	11.7	11.6	13.3	17.0
Total	10.0	9.1	7.6	7.8	10.6	13.9

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

Age Group	November					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
15-24 years old	28.4	28.0	21.5	22.4	27.8	35.6
25-34 years old	12.1	11.3	10.8	10.3	13.5	17.9
35-44 years old	8.7	7.5	6.0	6.3	9.3	12.0
45-54 years old	6.0	5.1	4.2	4.8	7.2	10.1
55-64 years old	3.4	4.1	3.0	3.1	5.5	6.8
65-74 years old	2.6	0.0	0.8	0.9	1.5	1.9
Total	10.0	9.1	7.6	7.8	10.6	13.9

EXPLANATORY NOTES

- Labour Force Survey** Labour Force Survey produces estimates since 1981 (second quarter of the year). From 1998 onwards it is a continuous quarterly survey. The main statistical objectives of the Labour Force Survey is to divide the population of working age (15 years and over) into three mutually exclusive and exhaustive groups - persons in employment, unemployed persons and inactive persons. In addition, the Labour Force Survey collects information on demographic characteristics, on main job characteristics, on the existence and characteristics of a second job, on educational attainment, on participation in education, on previous working experience and on search of job.
- Legislation** The 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. The 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** The sample of Labour Force Survey is equally allocated to the 4 (or 5) weeks of the month. Every selected household is assigned to a specific week, the reference week, running from Monday to Sunday.
- For employment the reference period is the reference week.
 - For employment seeking the reference period is the reference week and the previous 3 weeks.
- 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 worked, even for just one hour, for pay or profit or they were working 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 are neither classified as employed nor as unemployed.
- Economically active population (labour force)** are persons 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) the response rate in every primary sampling unit, c) the estimated population for January 2010, allocated by NUTS II areas, gender and age group).
- References** Analytical description of the Labour Force Survey' s methodology and definitions can be found at www.statistics.gr.