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Unemployment rate at 18.4% in August 2011

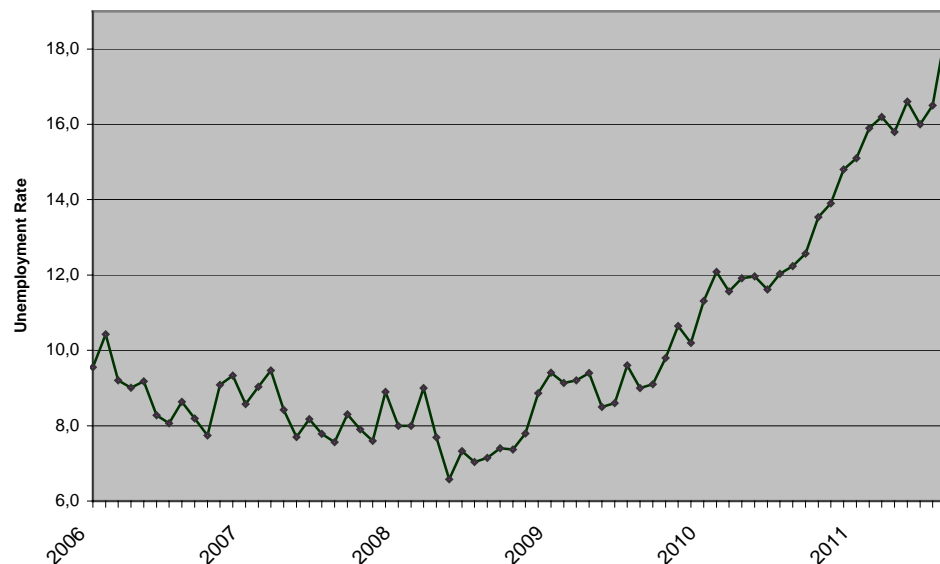
LABOUR FORCE SURVEY: August 2011

Unemployment rate in August 2011 was 18.4% compared to 12.2% in August 2010 and 16.5% in July 2011. The number of employed amounted to 4,034,537 persons while the number of unemployed amounted to 907,953 and the number of inactive to 4,403,503. The corresponding figures for August 2006 to 2011 are presented in Table 1.

The number of employed decreased by 364,353 persons compared with August 2010 (a 8.3% rate of decrease) and by 105,469 persons compared with July 2011 (a 2.5% rate of decrease).

Unemployed increased by 294,845 persons (a 48.1% rate of increase) compared with August 2010 and by 87,677 persons compared with July 2011 (a 10.7% rate of increase).

Unemployment rate by month (January 2006 – August 2011)



Tables 2, 3 and 4 illustrate unemployment rate by NUTS II regions, gender and age groups from August 2006 to 2011.

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Table 1. Employed, unemployed, economically non-active and unemployment rate (August 2006-2011)

	August					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Employed	4,499,488	4,549,954	4,608,779	4,564,246	4,398,890	4,034,537
Unemployed	425,265	372,090	354,727	452,706	613,108	907,953
Inactive	4,239,746	4,289,300	4,274,297	4,255,326	4,298,958	4,403,503
Unemployment rate	8.6	7.6	7.1	9.0	12.2	18.4

Table 2: Unemployment rate by region (NUTS II): August 2006-2011

Region	August					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Anatoliki Makedonia Thraki (East Macedonia and Thrace)	11.2	9.9	6.8	12.1	13.5	20.4
Kentriki Makedonia (Central Macedonia)	8.9	8.5	8.8	10.4	13.5	20.7
Dytiki Makedonia (West Macedonia)	11.4	13.0	15.3	9.4	13.9	23.1
Ipeiros (Epirus)	10.0	7.2	8.0	8.7	10.5	13.0
Thessalia (Thessaly)	8.0	8.8	7.5	8.5	13.1	18.2
Ionioi Nisoi (Ionian Islands)	5.5	4.6	4.4	3.8	5.6	12.8
Dytiki Ellas (West Greece)	10.5	9.6	11.6	8.7	12.0	20.6
Stereia Ellas	10.2	8.0	7.7	10.9	12.6	15.5
Attiki (Attica)	8.3	7.4	6.2	9.5	12.9	18.5
Peloponnissos (Peloponnese)	8.1	6.0	6.6	5.1	10.0	15.7
Voreio Aigaio (North Aegean)	8.1	6.5	4.7	7.8	6.9	15.0
Notio Aigaio (South Aegean)	4.8	3.6	1.2	6.3	5.9	16.3
Kriti (Crete)	6.4	2.4	4.3	6.3	11.2	16.4
Total Country	8.6	7.6	7.1	9.0	12.2	18.4

Table 3. Unemployment rate by gender: August 2006-2011

Gender	August					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Male	5.3	4.6	4.5	7.2	9.9	15.5
Female	13.4	11.8	11.0	11.6	15.5	22.3
Total	8.6	7.6	7.1	9.0	12.2	18.4

Table 4: Unemployment rate by age groups: August 2006-2011

Age Group	August					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
15-24 years old	24.8	22.2	19.2	24.2	30.8	43.5
25-34 years old	11.4	10.5	10.6	11.8	16.4	24.9
35-44 years old	7.1	5.8	5.4	7.2	10.2	15.6
45-54 years old	4.5	4.2	4.0	6.2	8.9	13.3
55-64 years old	3.8	2.9	2.7	4.7	5.6	8.9
65-74 years old	0.0	0.2	1.8	1.6	2.1	8.3
Total	8.6	7.6	7.1	9.0	12.2	18.4

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 August 2011, 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.