

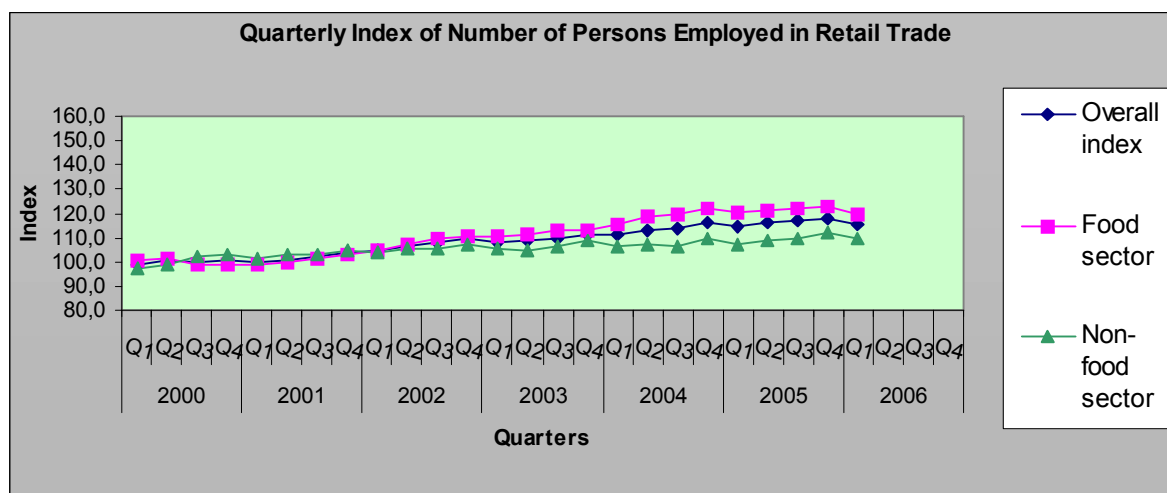
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**PRESS RELEASE**  
**Quarterly Index of Number of Persons Employed in Retail Trade <sup>1</sup>**  
**1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2006**

The Economic and Short-Term Indicators Division of the National Statistical Service of Greece publishes the quarterly Index of Number of Persons Employed in Retail Trade for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2006 as follows :

- The Index of Number of Persons Employed in Retail Trade in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2006, as compared to the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2005 increased by 0,5 %
- The Index of Number of Persons Employed in Retail Trade in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2006, as compared to the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2005 decreased by -2,5 %



<sup>1</sup> The index of number of persons employed in retail trade is a new index with base year :2000=100,0 covering the period from

2000 onwards.

The compilation and publication of this new index is based on the requirements of the Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics.

The objective of the index of number of persons employed is to show the development of employment in retail trade.

**TABLE 1**  
**Index of Number of Persons Employed in Retail Trade**  
**Annual and quarterly rates of change**

(Base year: 2000=100,0)

	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter 2006	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter 2005	Annual rate (%)	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter 2006	4 <sup>th</sup> quarter 2005	Quarterly rate(%)
<b>General Index</b>	115,1	114,6	0,5	115,1	118,1	-2,5
<b>Food sector</b>	119,4	120,3	-0,8	119,4	122,7	-2,7
<b>Non-food sector</b>	109,3	107,3	1,8	109,3	111,8	-2,2

**TABLE 2**  
**Quarterly Index of Number of Persons Employed in Retail Trade**  
 (Base year: 2000=100,0)

<b>Overall index</b>					
YEAR	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Ave
2000	99,2	100,5	99,5	100,7	100,0
2001	100,0	100,9	102,2	104,0	101,8
2002	104,6	106,4	107,8	109,4	107,0
2003	108,3	108,5	109,8	111,2	109,4
2004	111,4	113,4	114,1	116,7	113,9
2005	114,6	116,2	116,8	118,1	116,4
2006	115,1				
<b>Food sector</b>					
YEAR	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Ave
2000	100,5	101,6	99,0	98,9	100,0
2001	98,7	99,5	101,5	103,3	100,7
2002	105,0	107,3	109,7	110,9	108,2
2003	110,3	111,5	112,6	113,4	112,0
2004	115,7	118,5	119,9	122,2	119,1
2005	120,3	121,6	122,4	122,7	121,8
2006	119,4				
<b>Non-food sector</b>					
YEAR	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Ave
2000	97,7	99,2	100,2	103,0	100,0
2001	101,6	102,8	103,1	104,8	103,1
2002	104,1	105,3	105,5	107,5	105,6
2003	105,7	104,6	106,2	108,6	106,3
2004	106,0	107,0	106,8	109,7	107,4
2005	107,3	109,2	109,7	111,8	109,5
2006	109,3				

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