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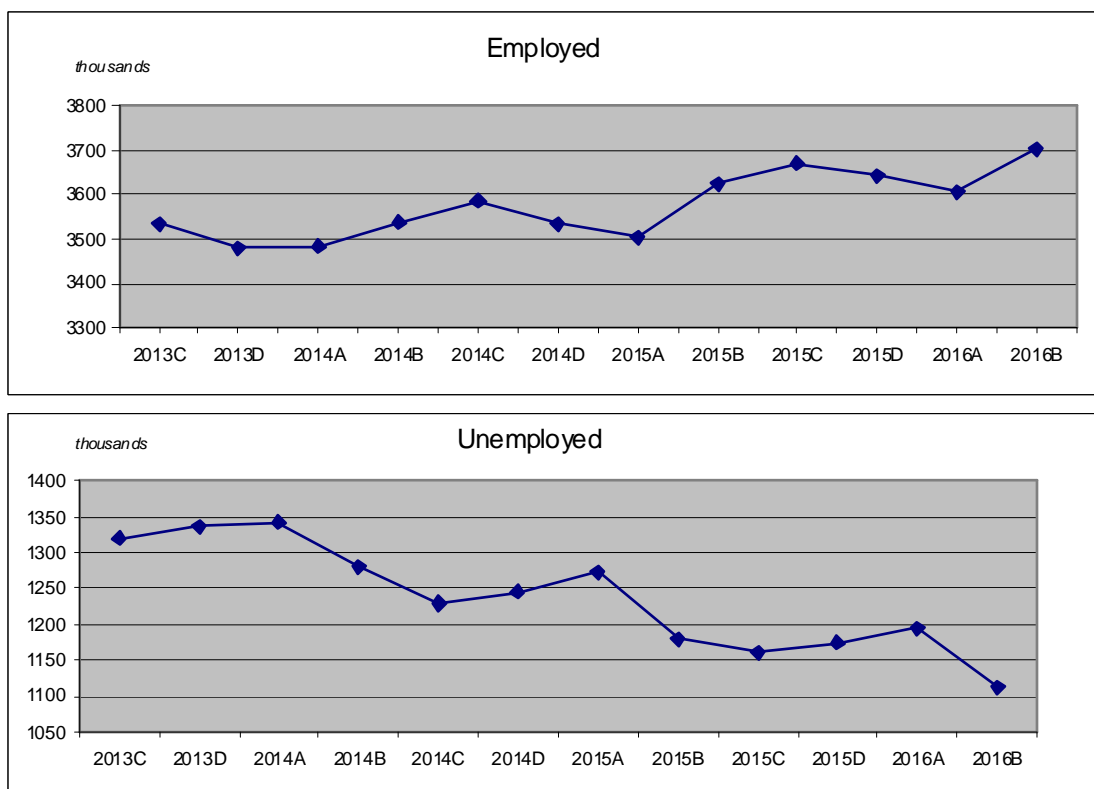
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PRESS RELEASE

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY 2nd Quarter 2016

In the 2nd Quarter of 2016 the number of employed amounted to 3,702,613 persons while the number of unemployed amounted to 1,112,075. The unemployment rate was 23.1% compared with 24.9% in the previous quarter, and 24.6% in the corresponding quarter of 2015

The number of employed persons increased by 2.7% compared with the previous quarter and by 2.1% compared with the 2nd quarter of 2015. The number of unemployed persons decreased by 6.9% compared with the previous quarter and by 5.8 compared with the 2nd quarter of 2015.



The estimates presented in this press release are based on the quarterly Labour Force Survey. It is noted that unlike monthly results the quarterly results of the Labour Force Survey are not seasonally adjusted.

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I. UNEMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS

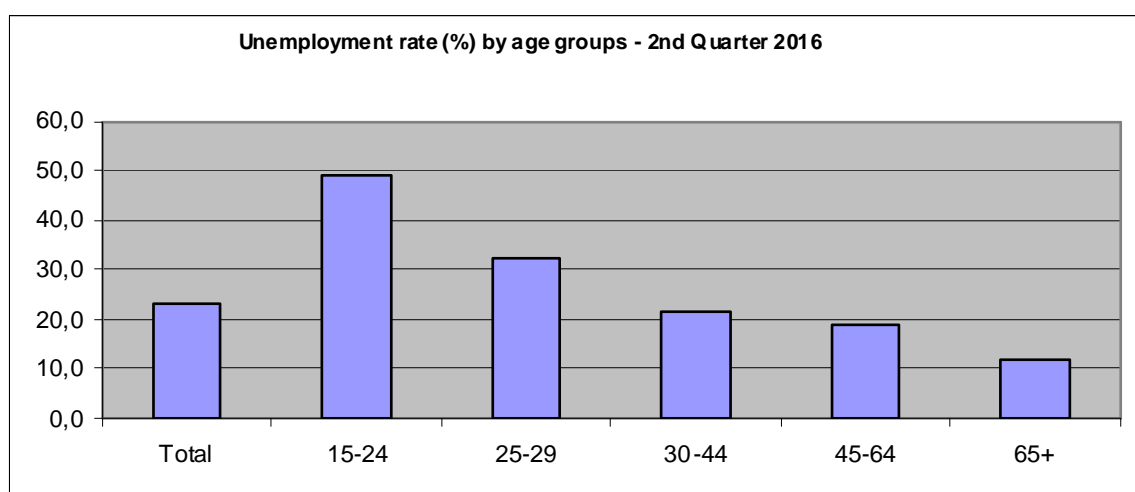
The unemployment rate for females (27.6%) is considerably higher than the unemployment rate for males (19.4%).

As regards the unemployment rate for different age groups, the highest unemployment rate is recorded among young people in the age group of 15-24 years (49.1%). For young females the unemployment rate is 52.5% (Table 1, Chart 1).

Table 1. Unemployment rate (%) by gender and age groups

Age Groups	2nd Quarter					
	2015			2016		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	21.5	28.3	24.6	19.4	27.6	23.1
15-24	45.4	54.1	49.5	46.1	52.5	49.1
25-29	32.8	39.1	35.7	27.8	38.7	32.6
30-44	20.1	28.3	23.8	16.6	27.2	21.5
45-64	17.1	21.2	18.8	17.0	21.8	19.1
65+	12.3	5.9	9.9	13.3	9.7	11.9

Chart 1



As regards the educational attainment level, the unemployment rate is higher among persons who did not attend school (31.6%) and persons that completed lower secondary education (27.4%). The lowest unemployment rates are observed among persons, who have completed post-graduate studies or have a doctorate (11.8%), and among university graduates (17.3%), (Table 2).

Table 2. Unemployment rate (%) by gender and educational level

Level of education	2nd Quarter					
	2015			2016		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	21.5	28.3	24.6	19.4	27.6	23.1
Post Graduate Studies, Phd	9.0	15.3	11.9	9.8	13.9	11.8
University	15.7	20.9	18.5	12.0	21.6	17.3
Tertiary Vocational Educational, Post – Secondary Vocational Education	22.1	29.9	26.0	18.4	29.4	23.9
Secondary Education	22.1	34.2	27.0	21.0	32.0	25.4
Lower Secondary Education	26.0	31.4	27.9	24.5	32.7	27.4
Primary Education	24.0	23.9	24.0	22.9	25.0	23.7
Did not complete Primary Education	28.8	38.0	43.2	23.9	27.6	25.1
Did not attend school	52.7	52.3	52.5	28.2	35.5	31.6

The 11.4% of those looking for job as employees are looking exclusively for a full time job, while 84.0% are looking for full time job but would accept to work part time, if needed. 4.5% are looking for a part time job or they do not care if they find a full or a part time job.

During the 2nd Quarter of 2016, the 6.0% of the unemployed persons did not accept a job offer because of various reasons. The main reasons reported were:

- a) the location of the job was not suitable (25.2%),
- b) the wage was not satisfactory (23.0%),
- c) the working hours were not convenient (20.4%).

The percentage of unemployed persons who have never worked in the past, is 21.4% (over the total unemployed). It should be noted that the percentage of the “long term” unemployed, that is the percentage of persons that have been looking for a job for 12 months or more, is 72.2%.

The unemployment rate is higher for persons of foreign nationality (28.2%) compared with those of Greek nationality (22.7%). It should also be noted that the percentage of the economically active persons with foreign nationality is much higher than the corresponding percentage of persons with Greek nationality (72.7% compared to 51.1%).

The geographical areas (NUTS 2 regions) with the highest unemployment rate are Western Greece (31.3%) and Western Macedonia (30.6%). The lowest unemployment rates are observed in Ionian Islands (11.7%) and Northern Aegean (17.3%) (Table 3).

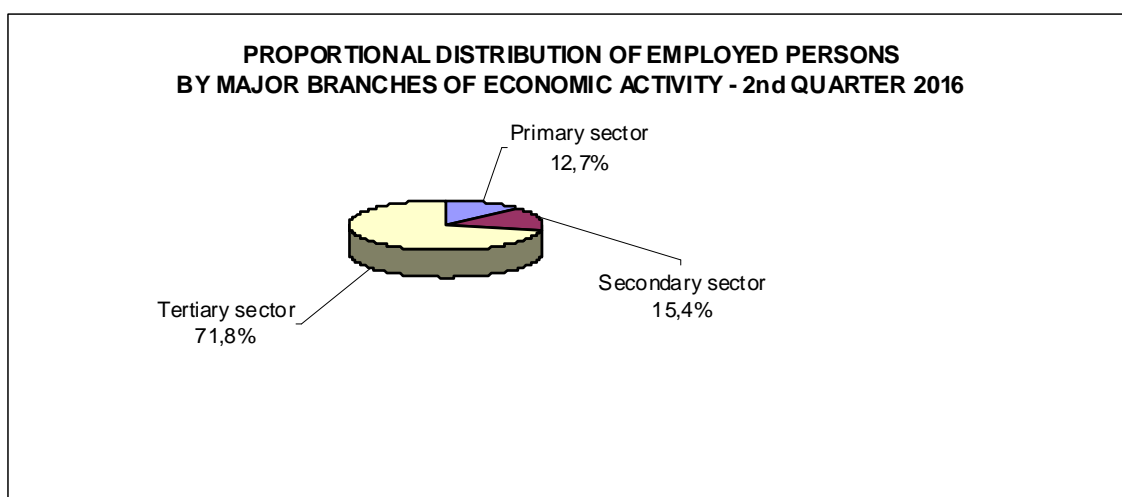
Table 3. Unemployment rate by regions (NUTS 2)¹		
NUTS 2 Region	2nd Quarter 2015	2nd Quarter 2016
Greece, total	24.6	23.1
Anatoliki Makedonia Thraki (Eastern Macedonia and Thrace)	23.4	21.9
Kentriki Makedonia (Central Macedonia)	25.6	24.2
Dytiki Makedonia (Western Macedonia)	30.1	30.6
Ipeiros (Epirus)	23.8	24.0
Thessalia (Thessaly)	25.8	24.9
Ionioi Nisoi (Ionian Islands)	19.8	11.7
Dytiki Ellas (Western Greece)	27.8	31.3
Stereia Ellas	25.3	24.4
Attiki (Attica)	25.0	22.6
Peloponnissos (Peloponnese)	22.9	19.6
Voreio Aigaio (Northern Aegean)	19.4	17.3
Notio Aigaio (Southern Aegean)	13.4	18.4
Kriti (Crete)	22.7	20.4

II. EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS

During the 2nd Quarter of 2016, 143,836 persons, who were unemployed one year ago found a job. During the same period, 46,772 persons who were inactive one year ago got into employment. On the contrary, 115,103 persons, who were working one year ago, are now unemployed and 56,862 persons, who were working, are now inactive. In addition, 105,904 persons who were inactive one year ago, during the 2nd Quarter of 2016 entered labour market and are looking for a job.

By examining changes in employment by sector of economic activity, there is a 0.3% decrease in employment level in Primary Sector during the 2nd Quarter of 2016 compared to the 2nd Quarter of 2015. In the Secondary Sector there is an increase of 6.0% and an increase of 1.7% in the Tertiary Sector. Chart 2 presents the proportional distribution of employed persons by major branches of economic activity in the 2nd Quarter of 2016.

Chart 2



¹ NUTS 2 Regions are the lowest geographical areas for which Labour Force Survey (LFS) publishes estimates. LFS results are not published at lower level (NUTS 3) because, due to small population and sample size, estimates in these areas have large sampling errors. It should be noted that in 4 NUTS 2 Regions, namely Western Macedonia, Ionian Islands, Northern Aegean and Southern Aegean, there is the problem of small populations and sample sizes and as a result estimates in these areas have large sampling errors.

The percentage of part time employed amounts to 9.8% of the total of the employed. The percentage of part timers, who choose to work part time because they cannot find a full time job, is 69.7%, while 8.2% choose a part time job for other personal or family reasons, 4.8% because they are in education, 1.7% because they are looking after children or incapacitated adults and 15.6% for other reasons.

The percentage of employees is estimated at 65.9% of the total of the employed persons (Chart 3) and is the lower amongst all European Union countries, where the mean percentage of employees over all employed persons is 83.9% (2015 estimate).

Chart 3

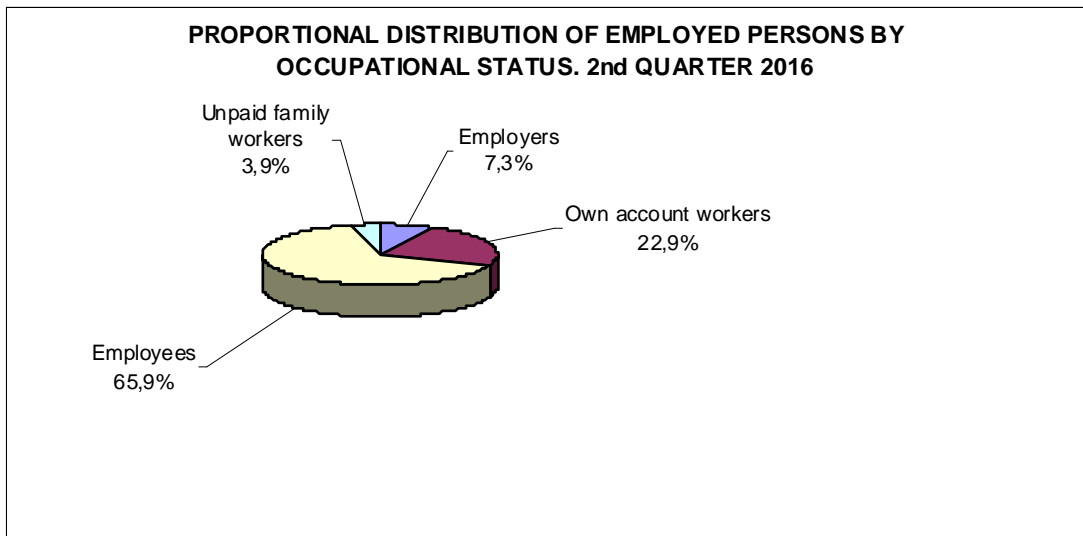


Table 4 illustrates the number of the employed by Section of economic activity for the 2nd Quarter of 2016 compared to the 2nd Quarter of 2015 and the 1st Quarter of 2016, while Table 5 gives the percentage allocation of the employed for the different Sections of economic activity in the 13 Regions of Greece (NUTS 2).

Table 4. Persons employed aged 15 years and over by economic activity²*Thousands*

Economic activity (NACE Rev. 2 Sections)	2nd Quarter 2015	1st Quarter 2015	2nd Quarter 2016
Total	3,625.5	3,606.3	3,702.6
A. Agriculture, forestry and fishing	472.4	445.3	471.2
B. Mining and quarrying	9.5	13.3	13.7
C. Manufacturing	332.0	338.7	350.1
D. Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	25.2	27.8	29.9
E. Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	22.7	22.3	23.0
F. Construction	149.4	146.4	154.7
G. Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	657.3	655.2	650.3
H. Transportation and storage	169.6	180.2	181.2
I. Accommodation and food service activities	333.7	303.0	351.9
J. Information and communication	74.3	76.2	80.2
K. Financial and insurance activities	87.1	92.9	93.9
L. Real estate activities	6.1	6.4	6.3
M. Professional, scientific and technical activities	216.1	210.1	196.5
N. Administrative and support service activities	85.5	78.7	89.8
O. Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	304.9	325.6	332.6
P. Education	297.9	304.9	301.4
Q. Human health and social work activities	213.0	213.9	218.4
R. Arts, entertainment and recreation	42.1	47.8	48.2
S. Other service activities	77.2	72.0	65.2
T. Activities of households as employers	47.5	41.9	41.2
U. Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	2.1	3.5	2.7

² Estimates of "rare" characteristics, that is estimates of characteristics that refer to 10,000 persons of the country as a whole, are accompanied by large sampling errors.

Table 5. Proportional distribution of employed persons aged 15 years and over by economic activity and region

Economic activity	2nd Quarter 2016						
	Greece, total	Anatoliki Makedonia Thraki (Eastern Macedonia and Thrace)	Kentriki Makedonia (Central Macedonia)	Dytiki Makedonia (Western Macedonia)	Ipeiros (Epirus)	Thessalia (Thessaly)	Ionian Islands
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
A. Agriculture, forestry and fishing	12.7	27.9	15.5	17.8	20.0	22.5	8.2
B. Mining and quarrying	0.4	0.8	0.4	5.6	0.0	0.2	0.0
C. Manufacturing	9.5	8.0	11.8	11.8	8.3	11.3	5.0
D. Electricity, Gas, steam and air conditioning supply	0.8	0.4	0.6	7.0	0.5	0.2	0.2
E. Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.7	0.1
F. Construction	4.2	2.0	3.1	3.0	6.4	3.6	5.8
G. Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	17.6	15.1	18.3	13.0	15.1	14.9	18.4
H. Transportation and storage	4.9	2.4	3.9	2.5	1.9	3.4	6.6
I. Accommodation and food service activities	9.5	8.2	8.4	6.7	8.0	10.1	26.9
J. Information and communication	2.2	0.6	1.8	0.2	0.8	0.5	0.3
K. Financial and insurance activities	2.5	1.5	2.1	0.7	1.1	1.0	1.3
L. Real estate activities	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.2
M. Professional, scientific and technical activities	5.3	3.4	5.6	3.5	3.8	3.4	5.6
N. Administrative and support service activities	2.4	1.3	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.0	2.9
O. Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9.0	13.2	7.6	10.4	9.8	8.8	4.9
P. Education	8.1	7.0	9.0	9.0	9.8	9.0	5.0
Q. Human health and social work activities	5.9	4.9	5.7	4.2	7.9	5.4	4.4
R. Arts, entertainment and recreation	1.3	0.4	1.1	1.4	1.3	1.0	1.3
S. Other service activities	1.8	1.5	1.6	1.1	2.2	1.7	2.6
T. Activities of households as employers	1.1	0.2	1.1	0.0	0.7	0.9	0.3
U. Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Table 5. Proportional distribution of employed persons aged 15 years and over by economic activity and region (continued)

Economic activity	2nd Quarter 2016						
	Dytiki Ellas (Western Greece)	Stereaa Ellas	Attiki (Attica)	Peloponnisos (Peloponnese)	Voreio Aigaio (Northern Aegean)	Notio Aigaio (Southern Aegean)	Kriti (Crete)
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
A. Agriculture, forestry and fishing	24.8	23.3	1.1	29.3	15.2	8.6	15.3
B. Mining and quarrying	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.2	2.1	0.1
C. Manufacturing	6.6	16.3	9.8	5.5	4.4	5.3	6.1
D. Electricity, Gas, steam and air conditioning supply	0.6	1.1	0.8	1.3	0.8	0.2	0.3
E. Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	0.1	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.3
F. Construction	5.9	4.5	3.6	6.1	5.6	8.1	5.4
G. Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	16.9	16.1	18.6	15.5	19.5	18.8	19.2
H. Transportation and storage	3.0	3.7	7.1	3.1	3.1	4.4	4.6
I. Accommodation and food service activities	8.3	7.8	7.1	8.5	11.9	22.4	18.3
J. Information and communication	1.0	0.1	4.4	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.7
K. Financial and insurance activities	1.0	1.1	4.3	1.0	1.1	2.0	1.7
I. Real estate activities	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0
M. Professional, scientific and technical activities	2.7	2.6	7.9	3.8	2.3	3.0	2.1
N. Administrative and support service activities	2.0	2.3	3.4	1.0	2.0	3.9	3.0
O. Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	9.9	5.5	9.8	7.5	16.9	9.4	5.5
P. Education	8.7	7.2	8.2	7.4	8.4	4.6	8.4
Q. Human health and social work activities	4.9	3.3	7.4	3.9	4.9	4.0	5.5
R. Arts, entertainment and recreation	1.5	1.2	1.6	1.4	0.8	0.8	1.2
S. Other service activities	1.4	2.0	1.8	1.9	1.8	2.0	1.6
T. Activities of households as employers	0.3	0.7	1.7	1.6	0.5	0.3	0.8
U. Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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 objective 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, main job characteristics, the existence and characteristics of a second job, educational attainment, participation in education, previous working experience and 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 amended by 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** The survey covers all members of the private households, who are residing at least one year in Greece and excludes the members of the collective households (i.e. hospitals, hotels, barracks, asylums, old people's homes, Orphanages, etc).
- 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 allocation of population by NUTS 2 Regions, gender and age group.
- References** Analytical description of the Labour Force Survey's methodology and definitions can be found at www.statistics.gr.