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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

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The General Secretariat of National Statistical Service of Greece announces the Labour Force Survey's results for January 2007.

For monthly estimations, a sub sample of the quarterly Labour Force survey's sample was used. In total, 23.131 persons, belonging to 9.444 different households, were interviewed.

Monthly employment's characteristics (number of employed, unemployed etc.) were estimated by an unbiased estimator, which was calculated based on: a) the probability of selection of a household, b) the non response rate in each primary sampling unit and c) and the estimated population distribution by sex and group ages in every NUT II level area, for January.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

JANUARY 2007

In January 2007, the number of employed people is estimated to 4,491,606. The number of unemployed people is estimated to 421,130, while the economically non active were estimated to 4,254,469. Unemployment rate is 8.6%.

The corresponding figures for January 2004, 2005 and 2006 are presented in **Table 1**.

Table 1. Employed, Unemployed, economically non active and rate of unemployment (January 2004 - 2007).

	January 2004	January 2005	January 2006	January 2007
Employed	4,242,371	4,292,129	4,369,914	4,491,606
Unemployed	562,217	496,668	461,640	421,130
Economically non active	4,235,917	4,292,670	4,299,836	4,254,469
Unemployment rate	11.7	10.4	9.6	8.6

In Table 1 data we observe:

The number of employed persons increases every year. The rate of increase in employment between January 2004 and January 2005 was 1.2%, between January 2005 and January 2006 was 1.8% while between January 2006 and January 2007 was 2.8%.

The number of unemployed persons decreases every year. The rate of decrease of unemployed persons between January 2004 and January 2005 was 11.7%. Between January 2005 and January 2006 was 7.1% while between January of 2006 and January of 2007 was 8.8%.

These changes in the number of employed and unemployed persons lead to the reduction of unemployment rate, from 11.7% in January 2004 to 10.4% in January 2005, 9.6% in January of 2006 and 8.6% in January of 2007.

Tables 2,3, and 4 present in detail the unemployment rate by region, sex and group ages in January 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.

Table 2: Unemployment rate by region, January 2004-2007

	January 2004	January 2005	January 2006	January 2007
ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI	15,3	12,5	12,6	9,4
KENTRIKI MAKEDONIA	12,0	12,1	10,8	9,0
DYTIKI MAKEDONIA	17,6	18,2	12,5	13,7
IPEIROS	10,7	11,2	8,8	11,6
THESSALIA	11,4	9,9	7,3	6,3
IONIA NISIA	20,7	8,8	17,9	9,5
DYTIKI ELLADA	11,2	9,7	10,1	9,3
STEREA ELLADA	15,2	11,4	10,0	11,7
ATTICI	9,7	8,9	8,1	7,7
PELLOPONNISOS	10,7	7,9	8,4	6,6
VOREIO AIGAIO	11,2	10,9	7,0	5,0
NOTIO AIGAIO	15,6	14,7	14,4	14,9
KRITI	12,4	10,2	10,2	7,3
Total	11,7	10,4	9,6	8,6

Table 3: Unemployment rate by sex, January 2004-2007

	January 2004	January 2005	January 2006	January 2007
MALES	7,8	6,7	6,5	5,0
FEMALES	17,5	15,8	14,1	13,6
TOTAL	11,7	10,4	9,6	8,6

Table 4: Unemployment rate by 10-years age groups, January 2004-2007

	January 2004	January 2005	January 2006	January 2007
15-24 years old	29,2	25,9	23,9	23,7
25-34 years old	13,9	13,2	13,1	12,1
35-44 years old	9,9	7,5	6,7	7,0
45-54 years old	6,5	7,0	5,7	4,3
55-64 years old	5,2	4,1	4,6	3,2
65-74 years old	2,2	1,2	1,7	2,4
TOTAL	11,7	10,4	9,6	8,6