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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY March 2007

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

For monthly estimations, a sub sample of the quarterly Labour Force survey's sample was used. In total, 28,255 persons, belonging to 11,273 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 March.

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EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT MARCH 2007

In March 2007, the number of employed people is estimated to 4,418,510. The number of unemployed people is estimated to 462,042, while the economically non active were estimated to 4,292,428. Unemployment rate is 9,5%.

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

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

	March 2004	March 2005	March 2006	March 2007
Employed	4.234.344	4.293.940	4.425.928	4.418.510
Unemployed	536.029	508.138	448.627	462.042
Economically non active	4.279.263	4.294.597	4.266.141	4.292.428
Unemployment rate	11,2	10,6	9,2	9,5

In Table 1 data we observe:

The number of employed persons increases from 2004 to 2006 and decreases in 2007. The rate of increase in employment between March 2004 and March 2005 was 1.4%, between March 2005 and March 2006 was 3.7% while between March 2006 and March 2007 the rate of decrease was 0.17 %.

The change in the number of unemployed was not monotonic during these years. Between March 2004 and March 2005, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 5.2%. Between March 2005 and March 2006, decreased by 11.7% while between March of 2006 and March of 2007 increased by 3.0%.

These changes in the number of employed and unemployed persons lead to the reduction of unemployment rate, from 11.2% in March 2004 to 10.6% in March 2005. In March 2006, the unemployment rate was 9.2%, and in March 2006 increased to 9.5%.

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

Table 2: Unemployment rate by region: March 2004 - 2007

	March 2004	March 2005	March 2006	March 2007
ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI	13,1	12,4	10,6	9,9
KENTRIKI MAKEDONIA	12,5	12,6	10,3	9,4
DYTIKI MAKEDONIA	17,3	19,9	19,2	14,1
IPEIROS	9,7	10,9	10,6	9,4
THESSALIA	10,5	8,7	9,6	6,2
IONIA NISIA	15,7	15,6	19,6	19,1
DYTIKI ELLADA	10,9	10,6	7,8	8,2
STEREA ELLADA	10,4	11,4	7,7	8,9
ATTICI	10,2	9,2	7,7	8,7
PELOPONNISOS	12,1	9,1	7,0	7,5
VOREIO AIGAIO	9,9	8,2	9,1	10,1
NOTIO AIGAIO	12,6	15,0	11,5	21,8
KRITI	10,1	7,3	9,2	10,0
Total	11,2	10,6	9,2	9,5

Table 3: Unemployment rate by sex: March 2004-2007

	March 2004	March 2005	March 2006	March 2007
MALES	7,4	6,6	5,9	6,2
FEMALES	16,9	16,5	14,1	14,2
TOTAL	11,2	10,6	9,2	9,5

Table 4: Unemployment rate by age groups: March 2004-2007

	March 2004	March 2005	March 2006	March 2007
15-24 years old	30,2	26,3	25,3	25,6
25-34 years old	14,1	13,8	11,4	12,4
35-44 years old	8,1	8,7	7,9	7,7
45-54 years old	5,9	5,9	5,5	5,6
55-64 years old	5,5	4,8	3,9	4,6
65-74 years old	0,0	0,9	1,9	0,5
TOTAL	11,2	10,6	9,2	9,5