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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY July 2007

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

For monthly estimations, a subsample of the quarterly Labour Force survey's sample was used. In total, 22,969 persons, belonging to 9,359 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 July.

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EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT JULY 2007

In July 2007, the number of employed people is estimated to 4,558,139. The number of unemployed people is estimated to 384,564, while the economically non active were estimated to 4,267,089. Unemployment rate is 7,8%.

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

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

	July 2004	July 2005	July 2006	July 2007
Employed	4.341.179	4.375.292	4.483.879	4.558.139
Unemployed	487.867	464.953	393.293	384.564
Economically non active	4.236.201	4.268.968	4.282.505	4.267.089
Unemployment rate	10,1	9,6	8,1	7,8

In Table 1 data we observe:

The number of employed persons increases from 2004 to 2007. The rate of increase in employment between July 2004 and July 2005 was 0.8%, between July 2005 and July 2006 was 2.5% while between July 2006 and July 2007 the rate of increase was 1.7 %.

Number of unemployed decreased during the same period. Between July 2004 and July 2005, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 4.7%. Between July 2005 and July 2006, decreased by 15.4% while between July of 2006 and July of 2007 decreased by 2.2%.

These changes in the number of employed and unemployed persons led to the reduction of unemployment rate, from 10.1% in July 2004 to 9.6% in July 2005. In July 2006, the unemployment rate was 8.1%, and in July 2007 7.8%.

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

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

	July 2004	July 2005	July 2006	July 2007
ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI	15,0	11,9	10,2	7,1
KENTRIKI MAKEDONIA	12,0	11,4	9,2	9,0
DYTIKI MAKEDONIA	16,1	16,2	10,9	9,2
IPEIROS	11,8	11,4	8,1	13,0
THESSALIA	9,8	8,7	8,1	5,8
IONIA NISIA	5,4	4,0	8,8	4,2
DYTIKI ELLADA	12,8	10,1	10,6	11,4
STEREA ELLADA	14,3	12,2	9,6	11,9
ATTICI	8,6	9,0	7,4	7,1
PELOPONNISOS	7,3	8,1	7,2	8,6
VOREIO AIGAIO	10,6	9,1	8,1	5,6
NOTIO AIGAIO	6,8	6,6	5,1	4,1
KRITI	5,5	5,3	3,5	3,5
Total	10,1	9,6	8,1	7,8

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

	July 2004	July 2005	July 2006	July 2007
MALES	6,1	5,8	4,7	4,7
FEMALES	15,9	15,1	12,9	12,3
TOTAL	10,1	9,6	8,1	7,8

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

	July 2004	July 2005	July 2006	July 2007
15-24 years old	25,6	24,4	23,0	20,8
25-34 years old	13,2	13,4	11,4	11,7
35-44 years old	8,0	7,1	5,7	6,1
45-54 years old	5,7	5,9	4,3	3,4
55-64 years old	3,4	3,3	3,0	3,3
65-74 years old	1,6	0,7	1,1	2,8
TOTAL	10,1	9,6	8,1	7,8