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PRESS RELEASE

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY November 2007

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

For monthly estimations, a sub sample of the quarterly Labour Force survey's sample was used. In total, 28,990 persons, belonging to 12,036 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 November.

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EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT NOVEMBER 2007

In November 2007, the number of employed people is estimated to 4,542,684 The number of unemployed people is estimated to 373,410, while economically non actives were estimated to 4,299,948. Unemployment rate is 7,6%.

The corresponding figures for November 2004, 2005, 2006 are presented in Table 1.

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

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	November 2004	November 2005	November 2006	November 2007	
Employed	4.351.148	4.394.157	4.472.694	4.542.684	
Unemployed	514.312	485.808	446.936	373.410	
Economically non active	4.217.037	4.242.347	4.259.517	4.299.948	
Unemployment rate	10,6	10,0	9,1	7,6	

In Table 1 data we observe:

The number of employed persons increases from 2004 to 2007. The rate of increase in employment between November 2004 and November 2005 was 1.0%, between November 2005 and November 2006 was 1.8% while between November 2006 and November 2007 the rate of increase was 1.6%.

Number of unemployed decreased from 2004 to 2007. Between November 2004 and November 2005, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 5.5%. Between November 2005 and November 2006, decreased by 8.0% while between November of 2006 and November of 2007 increased by 16.5%.

These changes in the number of employed and unemployed persons led to the reduction of unemployment rate, from 10.6% in November 2004 to 10.0% in November 2005. In November 2006, the unemployment rate was 9.1%, and in November 2007 7.6%.

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

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

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

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

	November 2004	November 2005	November 2006	November 2007
MALES	6,8	6,1	5,7	4,8
FEMALES	16,0	15,4	14,0	11,7
TOTAL	10,6	10,0	9,1	7,6

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

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	November 2004	November 2005	November 2006	November 2007
15-24 years old	25,2	28,4	28,0	21,5
25-34 years old	12,7	12,1	11,3	10,8
35-44 years old	9,8	8,7	7,5	6,0
45-54 years old	6,4	6,0	5,1	4,2
55-64 years old	4,7	3,4	4,1	3,0
65-74 years old	1,3	2,6	0,0	0,8
TOTAL	10,6	10,0	9,1	7,6