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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY December 2007

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

For monthly estimations, a sub sample of the quarterly Labour Force survey's sample was used. In total, 22,037 persons, belonging to 9,210 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 December.

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In December 2007, the number of employed people is estimated to 4,456,981 The number of unemployed people is estimated to 438,066, while economically non actives were estimated to 4,322,573. Unemployment rate is 8,9%.

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

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

	December 2004	December 2005	December 2006	December 2007
Employed	4.289.389	4.366.570	4.405.648	4.456.981
Unemployed	514.280	467.601	453.340	438.066
Economically non active	4.283.235	4.291.505	4.325.105	4.322.573
Unemployment rate	10,7	9,7	9,3	8,9

In Table 1 data we observe:

The number of employed persons increases from 2004 to 2007. The rate of increase in employment between December 2004 and December 2005 was 1.8%, between December 2005 and December 2006 was 0.9% while between December 2006 and December 2007 the rate of increase was 1.2 %.

Number of unemployed decreased from 2004 to 2007. Between December 2004 and December 2005, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 9.1%. Between December 2005 and December 2006, decreased by 3.0% while between December of 2006 and December of 2007 decreased by 3.4%.

These changes in the number of employed and unemployed persons led to the reduction of unemployment rate, from 10.7% in December 2004 to 9.7% in December 2005. In December 2006, the unemployment rate was 9.3%, and in December 2007 8.9%.

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

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

	December 2004	December 2005	December 2006	December 2007
ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI	11,8	12,3	10,3	12,4
KENTRIKI MAKEDONIA	13,8	11,0	9,4	10,2
DYTIKI MAKEDONIA	19,7	20,3	18,3	12,9
IPEIROS	11,0	12,6	11,6	10,2
THESSALIA	9,0	10,0	8,7	9,4
IONIA NISIA	12,5	10,3	12,8	11,0
DYTIKI ELLADA	11,2	7,6	6,9	10,5
STEREA ELLADA	9,7	9,9	8,8	8,3
ATTICI	9,6	8,6	9,6	7,4
PELOPONNISOS	10,5	7,5	5,7	8,6
VOREIO AIGAIO	9,9	9,6	9,5	7,9
NOTIO AIGAIO	7,8	8,6	9,3	12,3
KRITI	7,2	8,2	7,9	6,6
Total	10,7	9,7	9,3	8,9

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

	December 2004	December 2005	December 2006	December 2007
MALES	6,6	6,4	6,0	6,1
FEMALES	16,7	14,4	14,1	13,0
TOTAL	10,7	9,7	9,3	8,9

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

	December 2004	December 2005	December 2006	December 2007
15-24 years old	28,0	26,7	28,4	24,5
25-34 years old	14,1	12,0	12,8	12,7
35-44 years old	8,5	8,2	7,3	6,8
45-54 years old	5,2	5,8	4,9	5,6
55-64 years old	5,3	4,3	3,5	3,0
65-74 years old	0,9	2,3	2,1	0,5
TOTAL	10,7	9,7	9,3	8,9