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### *LABOUR FORCE SURVEY*

*December 2008*

The General Secretariat of National Statistical Service of Greece announces the Labour Force Survey's results for December 2008. **The Unemployment rate in December 2008 is 8.9% at the same level as in December 2007.**

For monthly estimations, a sub sample of the quarterly Labour Force survey's sample was used. In total, 22,046 persons, belonging to 9,206 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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## EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT DECEMBER 2008

In December 2008, the number of employed people is estimated to 4,463,387. The number of unemployed people is estimated to 434,149 while economically non-actives were estimated to 4,350,927.

The corresponding figures for December 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 are presented in Table 1.

**Table 1. Employed, unemployed, economically non-active and rate of unemployment (December, 2004 - 2008)**

	December				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Employed	4,289,389	4,366,570	4,405,648	4,456,981	4,463,387
Unemployed	514,280	467,601	453,340	438,066	434,149
Economically non active	4,283,235	4,291,505	4,325,105	4,322,573	4,350,927
<i>Unemployment rate</i>	10.7	9.7	9.3	8.9	8.9

In Table 1 data we observe:

The number of employed persons increases from 2004 to 2008. 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 %. The number of employed increased between December 2007 and December 2008 by 0.1%.

Number of unemployed decreased from 2004 to 2008. 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% and between December of 2006 and December of 2007 decreased by 3.4%. Between December 2007 and December 2008 the number of unemployed increased by 0.9%

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%, in December 2007 8.9% and in December 2008 was 8.9%.

**Tables 2,3, and 4** present unemployment rates by region, sex and group ages in December 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

**Table 2: Unemployment rate by region: December 2004 - 2008**

Region	December				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI	11.8	12.3	10.3	12.4	9.3
KENTRIKI MAKEDONIA	13.8	11.0	9.4	10.2	8.8
DYTIKI MAKEDONIA	19.7	20.3	18.3	12.9	13.4
IPEIROS	11.0	12.6	11.6	10.2	12.2
THESSALIA	9.0	10.0	8.7	9.4	9.1
IONIA NISIA	12.5	10.3	12.8	11.0	10.2
DYTIKI ELLADA	11.2	7.6	6.9	10.5	7.8
STEREA ELLADA	9.7	9.9	8.8	8.3	9.0
ATTICI	9.6	8.6	9.6	7.4	8.3
PELLOPONNISOS	10.5	7.5	5.7	8.6	5.8
VOREIO AIGAIO	9.9	9.6	9.5	7.9	6.8
NOTIO AIGAIO	7.8	8.6	9.3	12.3	11.8
KRITI	7.2	8.2	7.9	6.6	11.2
<b>Greece, total</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>8.9</b>

**Table 3. Unemployment rate by sex: December 2004-2008**

Sex	December				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Men	6.6	6.4	6.0	6.1	6.5
Women	16.7	14.4	14.1	13.0	12.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>8.9</b>

**Table 4: Unemployment rate by age groups: December 2004-2008**

Group ages	December				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
15-24 years	28.0	26.7	28.4	24.5	26.3
25-34 »	14.1	12.0	12.8	12.7	11.6
35-44 »	8.5	8.2	7.3	6.8	6.8
45-54 »	5.2	5.8	4.9	5.6	5.7
55-64 »	5.3	4.3	3.5	3.0	4.5
65-74 »	0.9	2.3	2.1	0.5	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>8.9</b>