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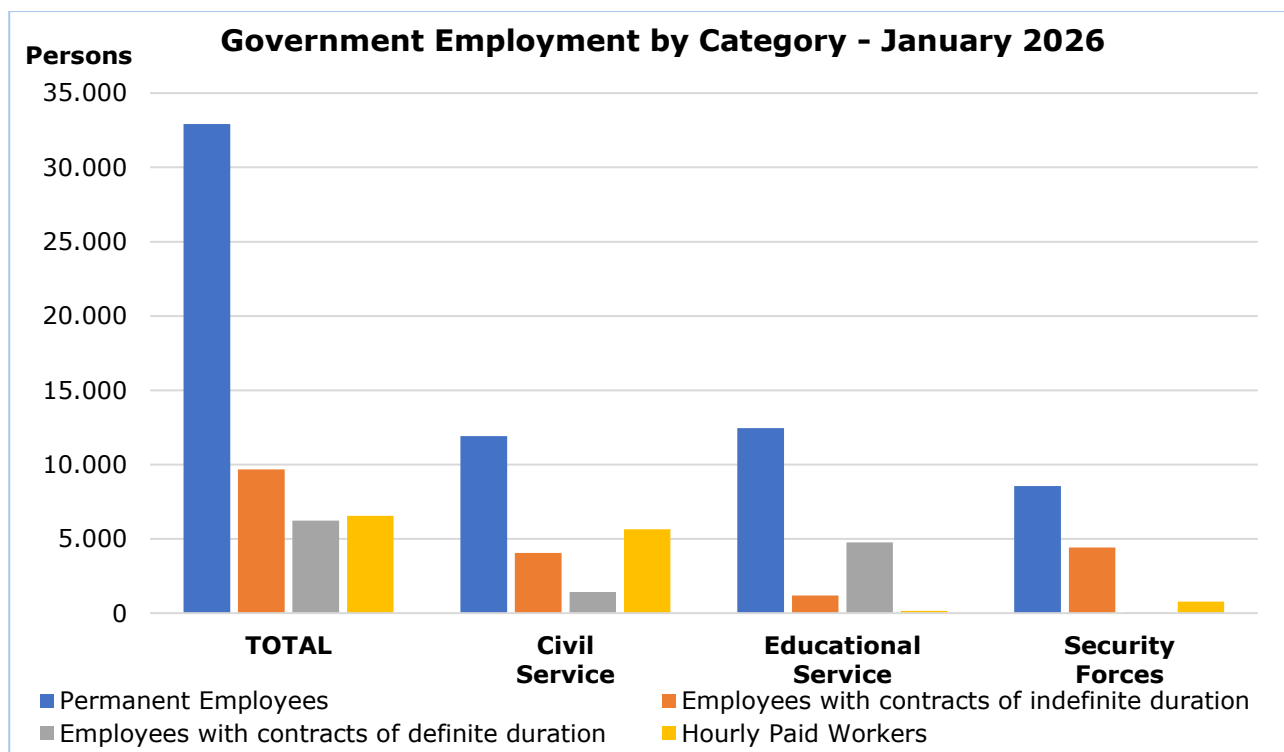
### GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT BY CATEGORY: JANUARY 2026

#### **Total Employment: 55.364**

In January 2026, total government employment reached 55.364 persons, recording an increase of 257 employees (0,5%) compared to January 2025. Employment in the Civil Service declined by 0,8%, while employment in the Educational Service and in the Security Forces increased by 2,0% and 0,6% respectively.

Compared to January 2025, the largest increase in total government employment is observed in the category of employees with contracts of indefinite duration (1,4%) and the largest decrease is observed in the category of employees with contracts of definite duration (-0,8%). Focusing on employee categories by Service, the largest percentage increase in employment is recorded in employees with contracts of indefinite duration in the Educational Service (24,4%), while the largest percentage decrease in employment is observed for employees with contracts of definite duration in the Security Forces (-86,3%).

It is noted that the significant decrease observed in the number of employees with contracts of definite duration in the Security Forces (-86,3%) is mainly attributed to the completion and non-renewal of specific definite duration contracts in July 2025.



Table

Personnel Category		Number of Persons		% Change
		Jan 2025	Jan 2026	Jan 2026 / 2025
<b>Civil Service</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>23.214</b>	<b>23.019</b>	<b>-0,8</b>
	Permanent Employees	12.003	11.906	-0,8
	Employees with contracts of indefinite duration	4.173	4.052	-2,9
	Employees with contracts of definite duration	1.353	1.421	5,0
	Hourly Paid Workers	5.685	5.640	-0,8
<b>Educational Service</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>18.191</b>	<b>18.561</b>	<b>2,0</b>
	Permanent Employees	12.456	12.459	0,0
	Employees with contracts of indefinite duration	953	1.186	24,4
	Employees with contracts of definite duration	4.641	4.771	2,8
	Hourly Paid Workers	141	145	2,8
<b>Security Forces</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>13.702</b>	<b>13.784</b>	<b>0,6</b>
	Permanent Employees	8.273	8.544	3,3
	Employees with contracts of indefinite duration	4.400	4.426	0,6
	Employees with contracts of definite duration	291	40	-86,3
	Hourly Paid Workers	738	774	4,9
<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>55.107</b>	<b>55.364</b>	<b>0,5</b>
	Permanent Employees	32.732	32.909	0,5
	Employees with contracts of indefinite duration	9.526	9.664	1,4
	Employees with contracts of definite duration	6.285	6.232	-0,8
	Hourly Paid Workers	6.564	6.559	-0,1

## **METHODOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

### **Coverage**

Government employment includes the Civil Service, Educational Service and Security Forces staff. Civil Service includes employees of the Ministries, Departments and Services. Educational Service includes the employees of school units and the staff of the Cyprus Productivity Center and the Higher Hotel Institute of Cyprus. Security Forces include the Police Service, Fire Service and the National Guard staff. In all three categories the employees are classified in permanent employees, employees with contracts of indefinite and definite duration and hourly paid workers (regular, casual and seasonal staff).

The members of the House of Representatives are not included in the data.

### **Collection of Data**

Data concerning Government employment is provided by the Treasury of the Republic and refers to the number of persons that were paid in the current month, irrespective of the period and duration of employment.

### **Break in the Series**

As from January 2024 the classification for permanent and casual staff was discontinued. CYSTAT has adjusted the structure of government personnel to permanent, employees with contracts of indefinite duration, employees with contracts of definite duration and hourly paid workers. Therefore, there is a break in the series and data from previous months are not comparable.

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