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STATE EMPLOYEES BY CATEGORY: AUGUST 2026

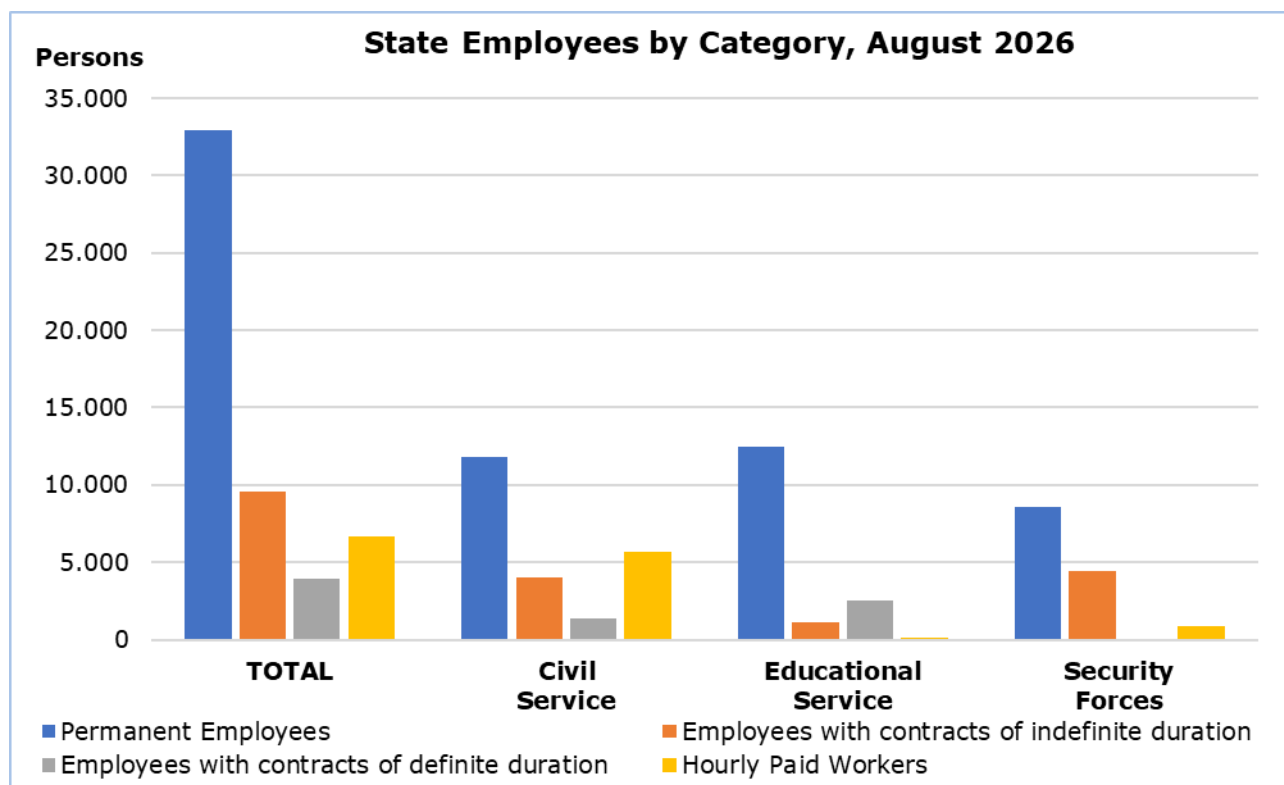
Total Employment: 53.080

In August 2026, the total number of State Employees reached 53.080, recording an increase of 419 employees (0,8%) compared with August 2025. Employment in the Civil Service declined by 1,0%, while it increased by 2,2% in both the Educational Service and the Security Forces.

Compared with August 2025, the largest increase in total State Employees is observed in employees with contracts of indefinite duration (3,0%), while a minor decrease (-0,1%) is observed in Hourly Paid Workers. Focusing on employee categories by Service, the largest percentage increase in employment is recorded for employees with contracts of indefinite duration in the Educational Service (26,0%), while the largest percentage decrease is observed for employees with contracts of definite duration in the Security Forces (-96,6%).

It is noted that the significant decrease observed in the number of employees with contracts of definite duration in the Security Forces (-96,6%) is mainly attributed to the completion and non-renewal of specific contracts of definite duration from August 2025 onwards.

For the period January – August 2026, the average total number of State Employees increased by 0,4% compared with the corresponding period of 2025.



Table

Personnel Category		Number of Persons		Change (%)	
		Aug 2025	Aug 2026	Aug 26/ Aug 25	Jan-Aug 26/ Jan-Aug 25
Civil Service	Total	23.108	22.872	-1,0	-1,0
	Permanent Employees	11.894	11.841	-0,4	-0,5
	Employees with contracts of indefinite duration	4.108	3.989	-2,9	-2,9
	Employees with contracts of definite duration	1.300	1.352	4,0	2,3
Educational Service	Hourly Paid Workers	5.806	5.690	-2,0	-1,4
	Total	15.948	16.301	2,2	2,1
	Permanent Employees	12.465	12.444	-0,2	-0,2
	Employees with contracts of indefinite duration	920	1.159	26,0	25,1
Security Forces	Employees with contracts of definite duration	2.423	2.552	5,3	3,8
	Hourly Paid Workers	140	146	4,3	2,5
	Total	13.605	13.907	2,2	0,3
	Permanent Employees	8.494	8.622	1,5	1,7
	Employees with contracts of indefinite duration	4.275	4.433	3,7	1,3
	Employees with contracts of definite duration	87	3	-96,6	-90,6
Total	Hourly Paid Workers	749	849	13,4	8,7
	Total	52.661	53.080	0,8	0,4
	Permanent Employees	32.853	32.907	0,2	0,2
	Employees with contracts of indefinite duration	9.303	9.581	3,0	1,8
	Employees with contracts of definite duration	3.810	3.907	2,5	-0,6
	Hourly Paid Workers	6.695	6.685	-0,1	-0,2

METHODOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Coverage

State Employees include the Civil Service, Educational Service and Security Forces. 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, the Fire Service and the National Guard. In all three categories the employees are classified as 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 State Employees are provided by the Treasury of the Republic and refer to the number of persons who were paid in the current month, irrespective of the period and duration of employment.

Break in the Series

As of January 2024, the classification of permanent and casual staff was discontinued. CYSTAT has adjusted the structure of government personnel to permanent employees, 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.

Definitions

As of March 2026, the term "Government" has been replaced by the term "State Employees" for greater accuracy. The methodology and the comparability of the data over time are not affected.

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