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STATE EMPLOYEES BY CATEGORY: **MAY 2026**

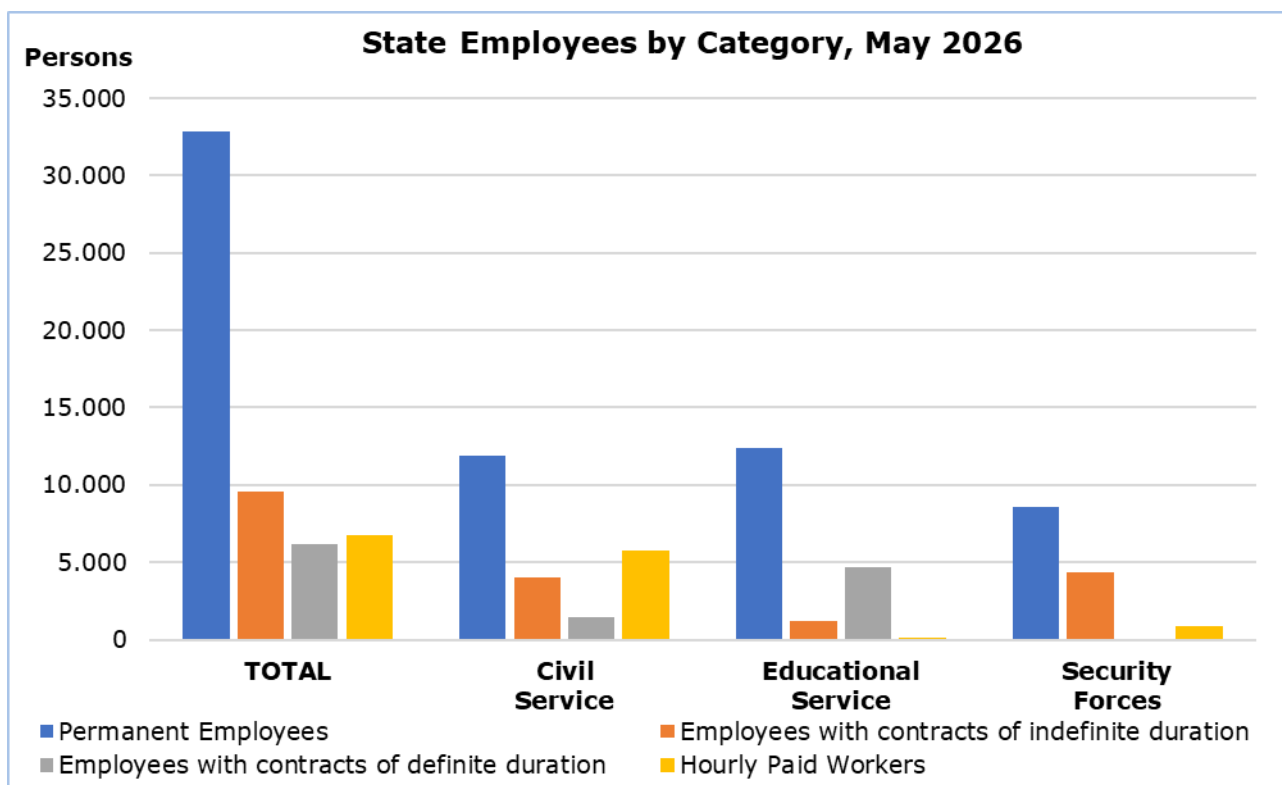
Total Employment: 55.382

In May 2026, the total number of State Employees reached 55.382, recording an increase of 77 employees (0,1%) compared to May 2025. Employment in the Civil Service declined by 1,2%, while it increased in the Educational Service and in the Security Forces by 1,4% and 0,6% respectively.

Compared to May 2025, the largest increase in total State Employees is observed in the category of employees with contracts of indefinite duration (2,1%) and the only decrease is observed in the category of employees with contracts of definite duration (-3,1%). 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 (24,7%), while the largest percentage decrease in employment is observed for employees with contracts of definite duration in the Security Forces (-89,8%).

It is noted that the significant decrease observed in the number of employees with contracts of definite duration in the Security Forces (-89,8%) is mainly attributed to the completion and non-renewal of specific definite duration contracts in July 2025.

For the period January – May 2026 the average total number of State Employees increased by 0,2% compared to the corresponding period of 2025.



Table

Personnel Category		Number of Persons		Change (%)	
		May 2025	May 2026	May 26/ May 25	Jan-May 26/ Jan-May 25
Civil Service	Total	23.407	23.136	-1,2	-1,0
	Permanent Employees	11.955	11.896	-0,5	-0,5
	Employees with contracts of indefinite duration	4.135	4.016	-2,9	-3,0
	Employees with contracts of definite duration	1.472	1.459	-0,9	1,4
	Hourly Paid Workers	5.845	5.765	-1,4	-1,1
Educational Service	Total	18.189	18.450	1,4	1,8
	Permanent Employees	12.457	12.420	-0,3	-0,1
	Employees with contracts of indefinite duration	946	1.180	24,7	24,8
	Employees with contracts of definite duration	4.649	4.702	1,1	2,1
	Hourly Paid Workers	137	148	8,0	2,7
Security Forces	Total	13.709	13.796	0,6	0,0
	Permanent Employees	8.412	8.561	1,8	1,7
	Employees with contracts of indefinite duration	4.273	4.353	1,9	1,2
	Employees with contracts of definite duration	266	27	-89,8	-86,8
	Hourly Paid Workers	758	855	12,8	5,5
Total	Total	55.305	55.382	0,1	0,2
	Permanent Employees	32.824	32.877	0,2	0,2
	Employees with contracts of indefinite duration	9.354	9.549	2,1	1,7
	Employees with contracts of definite duration	6.387	6.188	-3,1	-1,8
	Hourly Paid Workers	6.740	6.768	0,4	-0,2

METHODOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Coverage

State Employees include 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 State Employees 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.

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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