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STATE EMPLOYEES BY CATEGORY: **OCTOBER 2026**

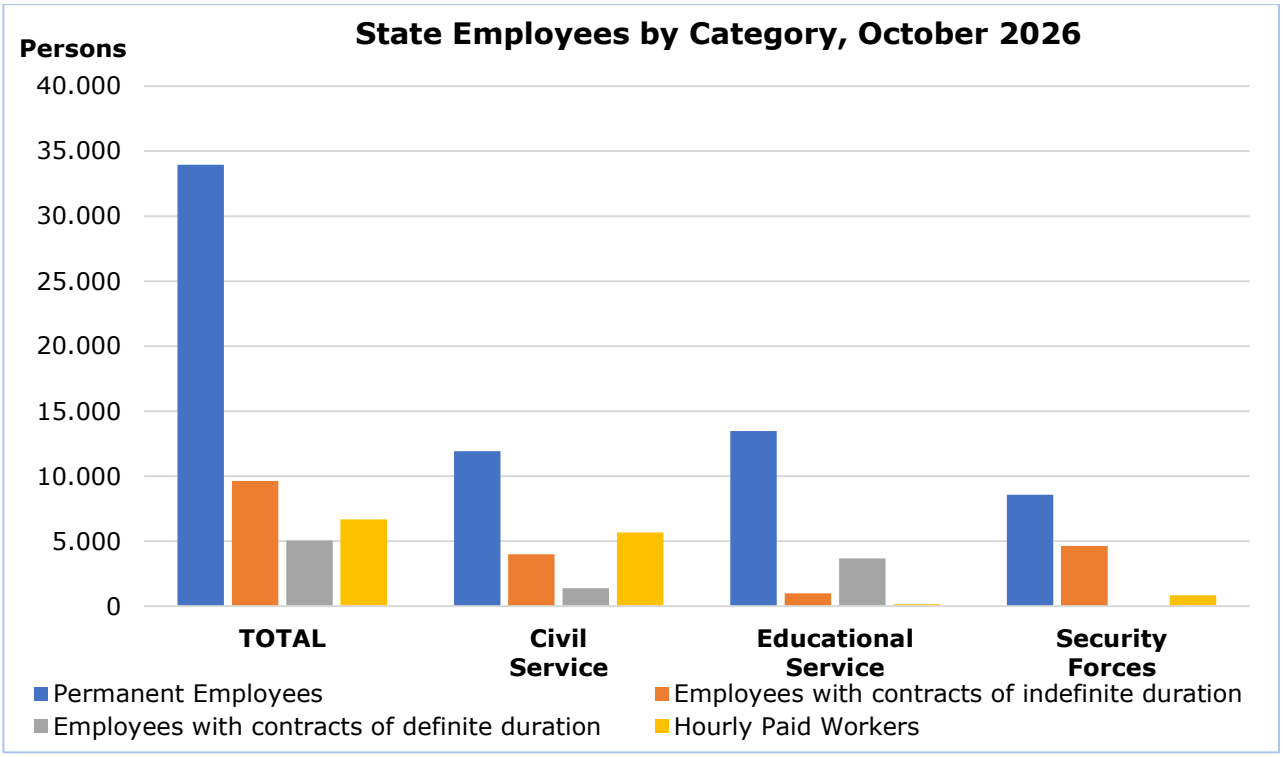
Total Employment: 55.317

In October 2026, the total number of State Employees reached 55.317, recording an increase of 341 employees (0,6%) compared with October 2025. Employment in the Civil Service declined by 0,7%, while it increased in the Educational Service and the Security Forces by 0,7% and 2,8% respectively.

Compared with October 2025, the only increase in total State Employees is observed in Permanent Employees (3,5%), while the largest decrease (-13,1%) is observed in Employees with contracts of definite duration. Focusing on employee categories by Service, the largest percentage increase in employment is recorded for Hourly Paid Workers in the Security Forces (14,2%), while the largest percentage decrease is observed for Employees with contracts of definite duration in the Security Forces (-97,6%).

It is noted that the significant decrease observed in the number of Employees with contracts of definite duration in the Security Forces (-97,6%) is mainly attributed to the completion and non-renewal of specific contracts of definite duration from August 2025 onwards.

For the period January – October 2026, the average total number of State Employees increased by 0,5% compared with the corresponding period of 2025.



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Table

Personnel Category		Number of Persons		Change (%)	
		Oct 2025	Oct 2026	Oct 26/ Oct 25	Jan-Oct 26/ Jan-Oct 25
Civil Service	**Total**	**23.119**	**22.960**	**-0,7**	**-1,0**
	Permanent Employees	11.893	11.908	0,1	-0,5
	Employees with contracts of indefinite duration	4.066	4.003	-1,5	-2,7
	Employees with contracts of definite duration	1.357	1.372	1,1	1,8
	Hourly Paid Workers	5.803	5.677	-2,2	-1,5
Educational Service	**Total**	**18.172**	**18.292**	**0,7**	**2,1**
	Permanent Employees	12.466	13.473	8,1	1,5
	Employees with contracts of indefinite duration	1.192	998	-16,3	15,4
	Employees with contracts of definite duration	4.367	3.670	-16,0	0,9
	Hourly Paid Workers	147	151	2,7	2,3
Security Forces	**Total**	**13.685**	**14.065**	**2,8**	**0,8**
	Permanent Employees	8.466	8.580	1,3	1,7
	Employees with contracts of indefinite duration	4.391	4.632	5,5	2,0
	Employees with contracts of definite duration	83	2	-97,6	-91,1
	Hourly Paid Workers	745	851	14,2	9,6
Total	**Total**	**54.976**	**55.317**	**0,6**	**0,5**
	Permanent Employees	32.825	33.961	3,5	0,8
	Employees with contracts of indefinite duration	9.649	9.633	-0,2	1,3
	Employees with contracts of definite duration	5.807	5.044	-13,1	-2,4
	Hourly Paid Workers	6.695	6.679	-0,2	-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 (Members of Parliament and Representatives of Religious Groups).

Data Source

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.

For more information:
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Methodological Information

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