

The Cretan Unemployment



The recent economic crisis, bailout and austerity measures in Greece has led to a large increase of unemployment amongst the local Cretan population, with more than 25% of unemployed people (in 2013)



Economical crisis due to lack of tourists

Since violent demonstrations in Athens made headlines last year in most of the foreign press, potential visitors to Crete are often asking if it is safe to come to Crete at the moment with all the troubles in Greece. That's actually the reason why tourism has suffered a slight but steady decline in the past 8 years or so. That has also changed the local attitude a little bit.

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Although the tourism section is crucial, it is important to mention that since the people of the island can't afford a luxurious living many businesses in the center of the city are not easily maintained. The number of closed and empty shops is striking as you stroll through the main town of Chania ,Heraklion and other Cretan regions.



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