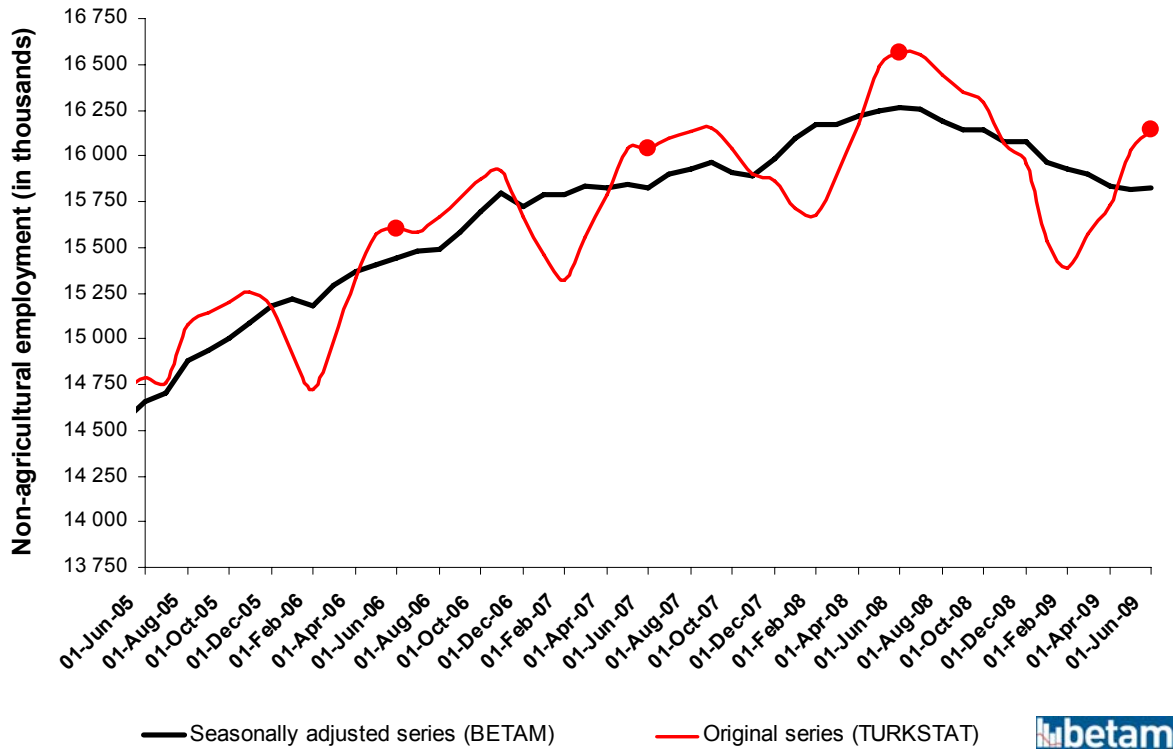


## THE FALL IN NON-AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT HAS STOPPED

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According to the TURKSTAT labor force statistics released on September 15th, the non-agricultural labor force has decreased by 4 thousand and the non-agricultural employment increased by 113 thousand. However, these changes in the labor force statistics are mostly driven by the seasonal fluctuations.<sup>1</sup> Once deseasonalized, the series show that the non-agricultural labor force decreased by 17 thousand while the non-agricultural employment rose only by 4 thousand in June. The decline in the non-agricultural labor force may suggest that the added worker effect is disappearing. Moreover the fall in non-agricultural employment seems to have stopped in June (Figure 1).

**Figure 1 Non-Agricultural Employment**



Source: TURKSTAT, **betam**

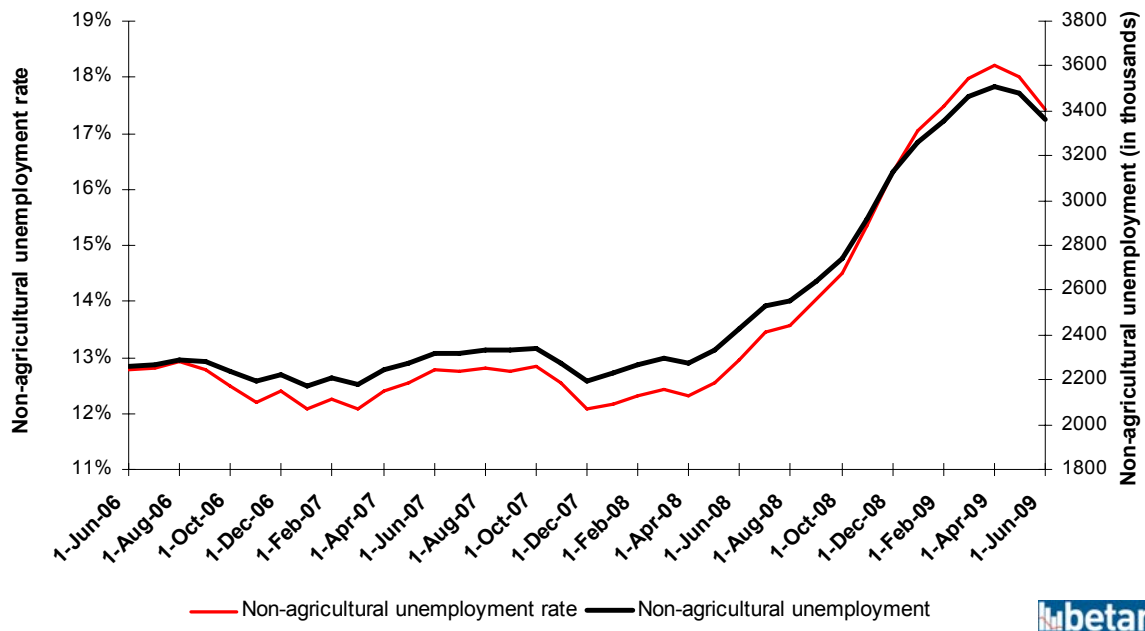
As a result of these changes in the non-agricultural labor force and employment, the non-agricultural unemployment rate fell to 17.4 percent in June from 18 percent in May. This decline in the unemployment is the first since the beginning of the economic crisis in September 2008.

**Figure 2 Non-agricultural unemployment rate and unemployment (in thousands)**

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<sup>1</sup> The dots in figure 1 represent the data belongs to June in every year



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