

2016-2008: Evolution of job hiring in the Public Service

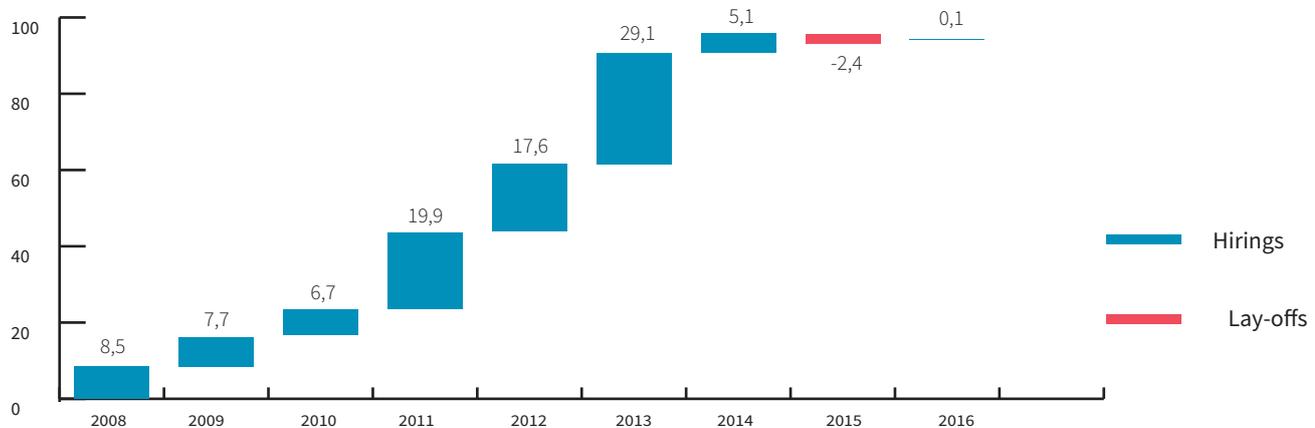
Key highlights

- Hiring in the Public Service increased almost threefold after the 2011 Revolution until 2013.
- The "Stop" phase after the "Go" phase began simultaneously with the presence of the IMF in Tunisia.

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The evolution of job hiring in public administration in Tunisia can be divided into three distinct time periods. The first period before 2011 where an average of 7500 people entered the public service per year. Second, the post-revolutionary period, between 2011 and 2013, hiring in the public service skyrocketed with an average of 22,200 people per annum. This employment skyrocketing is attributed to the choice of the authorities of the time to calm down social tension and renew growth by public service employment through the "Go & Stop" policy advocated by Taoufik Rajhi¹. As shown in the figure above, after the "Go" phase, the "Stop" phase was implemented in 2014, from that date onward; therefore, the State has practically suspended public hiring and even reduced the number of jobs in 2015. It is important to note that the "Stop" phase coincides with the 2013 IMF Stand-by agreement. Will the extension of the IMF's presence, by signing an Extended Fund Facility in 2016, be the prelude to an austerity period and large public service layoff?

¹ <http://www.leaders.com.tn/article/12629-economie-tunisienne-un-temps-pour-le-go-et-un-autre-pour-le-stop>