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Preface

In the past, information on labour force characteristics, employment and unemployment etc. were collected through labour force and socio - economic surveys conducted at five yearly time intervals. However, the employment and unemployment data are required at very short intervals to monitor the programs made in the employment generating policies of the government. Therefore, to satisfy this need, the Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) designed a labour force survey on a quarterly basis, to measure the levels and trends of employment, unemployment and labour force in Sri Lanka on a continuous basis. This survey was commenced from the first quarter of 1990 and this report is the ninety first in the series of quarterly reports published so far.

Current survey concepts and methods are very similar to those introduced at the beginning of the survey in 1990. However, some changes were made over the years to improve the accuracy and usefulness of the data. The significant revisions were made on the labour force survey questionnaire in 1996, 2006 and the latest revision is in 2013. The revised version is introduced for the survey conducted in 2013 First quarter, and this report consists with statistics using new concepts and classifications.

The field work of the survey for the third quarter 2014 was done in July, August and September in year 2014. This survey covered the whole country. A nationally representative annual sample of about 25,000 housing units have been selected for the survey in 2014. This report is based on a quarterly sample of 6,250 housing units.

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Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey
Summary Statistics on Labour Force Characteristics
2014^{3rd} Quarter
(All Island)

15 years & over population

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (15 years & over)	16,645,617	7,778,242	8,867,375	2,794,844	13,850,773
Labour force in this age group	8,853,951	5,805,087	3,048,865	1,315,778	7,538,173
Labour force participation rate	53.2	74.6	34.4	47.1	54.4
Employed population	8,479,829	5,613,970	2,865,859	1,269,792	7,210,037
Employment rate	95.8	96.7	94.0	96.5	95.6
Unemployed population	374,122	191,117	183,005	45,986	328,136
Unemployment rate	4.2	3.3	6.0	3.5	4.4
Not in labour force	7,791,666	1,973,156	5,818,510	1,479,066	6,312,599

20 years & over population

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (20 years & over)	14,965,908	6,929,811	8,036,097	2,502,297	12,463,611
Labour force in this age group	8,593,281	5,621,261	2,972,019	1,276,834	7,316,447
Labour force participation rate	57.4	81.1	37.0	51.0	58.7
Employed population	8,271,871	5,468,166	2,803,705	1,240,052	7,031,820
Employment rate	96.3	97.3	94.3	97.1	96.1
Unemployed population	321,409	153,095	168,315	36,782	284,627
Unemployment rate	3.7	2.7	5.7	2.9	3.9
Not in labour force	6,372,627	1,308,550	5,064,078	1,225,463	5,147,165

Selected Labour Force Indicators ...

Indicator	Year										
	2010*	2011*	2012*	2013*	2011**	2012**	2013**	2014Q1**	2014Q2**	2013Q3**	2014Q3**
Labour force participation rate											
By Gender											
Total	53.4	53.4	53.0	54.2	53.0	52.6	53.8	53.4	53.6	53.8	53.2
Male	75.0	74.2	75.2	75.0	74.0	75.0	74.9	74.4	75.2	74.8	74.6
Female	34.4	35.0	33.5	36.3	34.4	32.9	35.6	35.3	34.8	35.8	34.4
By residential sector											
Total	53.4	53.4	53.0	54.2	53.0	52.6	53.8	53.4	53.6	53.8	53.2
Urban	46.8	48.5	48.7	48.0	47.8	48.4	47.8	49.3	50.2	48.4	47.1
Rural	54.4	54.2	53.9	55.5	53.8	53.5	55.0	54.2	54.2	55.0	54.4
Unemployment Rate											
By Gender											
Total	4.9	4.2	3.9	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.4	4.1	4.5	4.4	4.2
Male	3.5	2.7	2.9	3.2	2.7	2.8	3.2	3.0	3.4	3.4	3.3
Female	7.7	6.8	6.0	6.4	7.0	6.2	6.6	6.1	6.7	6.0	6.0
By selected age Group (Year)											
20 – 29	13.8	12.4	11.1	13.0	12.3	11.3	13.0	13.3	13.8	12.2	14.0
20 – 24	19.1	18.0	16.7	19.3	17.7	16.8	19.2	19.1	18.8	16.6	20.8
25 – 29	9.2	7.5	6.5	7.5	7.6	6.6	7.5	8.6	9.4	8.0	8.1
By selected educational level											
A/L & above											
Total	11.6	9.0	7.3	8.4	9.0	7.5	8.6	6.9	8.7	6.8	7.9
Male	7.8	5.4	4.3	5.6	5.4	4.5	5.7	3.6	5.7	4.9	6.3
Female	15.8	13.1	10.5	11.3	13.1	10.8	11.6	10.3	11.9	8.9	9.6
Employed population											
By Gender											
Total	7,696,142	7,883,817	7,791,831	8,070,542	8,186,305	8,118,362	8,417,674	8,407,212	8,413,171	8,424,409	8,479,829
Male	5,125,763	5,219,712	5,224,743	5,233,167	5,452,723	5,469,759	5,498,815	5,484,351	5,560,143	5,460,400	5,613,970
Female	2,570,379	2,664,105	2,567,089	2,837,375	2,733,582	2,648,603	2,918,859	2,922,861	2,853,028	2,964,009	2,865,859
By industry (Percentage)											
Total	7,696,142	7,883,817	7,791,831	8,070,542	8,186,305	8,118,362	8,417,674	8,407,212	8,413,171	8,424,409	8,479,829
%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture	2,512,546	2,593,048	2,412,066	2,390,884	2,699,244	2,513,673	2,504,310	2,222,097	2,368,845	2,417,569	2,455,034
%	32.6	32.9	31.0	29.6	33.0	31.0	29.8	26.4	28.2	28.7	29.0
Industry	1,864,538	1,914,671	2,042,262	2,125,376	1,976,711	2,117,286	2,202,159	2,338,905	2,189,738	2,222,344	2,253,174
%	24.2	24.3	26.2	26.3	24.1	26.1	26.2	27.8	26.0	26.4	26.6
Services	3,319,059	3,376,099	3,337,503	3,554,282	3,510,350	3,487,403	3,711,204	3,846,210	3,854,588	3,784,496	3,771,621
%	43.1	42.8	42.8	44.0	42.9	43.0	44.1	45.7	45.8	44.9	44.5
By no. of hours worked per week (percentage)											
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0[#]	6.0	5.3	4.6	5.2	5.2	4.5	5.2	2.9	9.8	5.5	4.1
1 – 9	1.7	1.8	1.2	1.8	1.7	1.2	1.8	1.2	1.7	2.0	1.0
10 – 39	28.4	29.7	25.6	27	29.9	26.0	27.4	27.4	33.7	27.1	24.6
40 & above	63.9	63.2	68.6	66	63.1	68.3	65.6	68.5	54.8	65.4	70.3

has a job but not at work during the reference week

** Excluding Northern Province*

***Whole island covered*

Note : Working age population considered as (age 15 & over population)

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Introduction

Highlights

- Labour force participation rate is 53.2% for the Third Quarter of 2014.
- Unemployment rate for the survey period is 4.2%.

Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey (LFS) is designed to measure the levels and trends of employment, unemployment and labour force in Sri Lanka. LFS has been conducted quarterly, since the first quarter of 1990.

The field work of the survey for the Third quarter of 2014 was done in July, August and September covering the whole country.

Labour Force

(Currently Economically Active Population)

Number of persons (age 15 years & above) who are employed or unemployed during the reference week

Labour force participation rate (LFPR)

Labour force population expressed as a percentage of the population, age 15 years and over

Labour Force ...

Table 1 : Economically active population by gender and sector—Third Quarter 2014

Sector	Economically active population					
	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Sri Lanka	8,853,951	100.0	5,805,087	65.6	3,048,865	34.4
Urban	1,315,778	100.0	911,981	69.3	403,797	30.7
Rural	7,177,406	100.0	4,698,031	65.5	2,479,375	34.5
Estate	360,767	100.0	195,075	54.1	165,692	45.9

According to the Table 1, the estimated economically active population is about 8.8 million in the Third quarter 2014. Of which 65.6 percent are males and 34.4 percent are females. Out of the economically inactive population 25.3 percent are males and 74.7 percent are females (Table 2).

Table 2 : Economically inactive population by gender and sector—Third Quarter 2014

Sector	Economically inactive population					
	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Sri Lanka	7,791,666	100.0	1,973,156	25.3	5,818,510	74.7
Urban	1,479,066	100.0	380,396	25.7	1,098,671	74.3
Rural	6,107,555	100.0	1,533,364	25.1	4,574,191	74.9
Estate	205,045	100.0	59,396	29.0	145,649	71.0

Table 4 : LFPR by age group and gender - Third Quarter 2014

Age group	Total	Male	Female
Sri Lanka	53.2	74.6	34.4
15 - 19	15.5	21.7	9.2
20 - 24	52.5	68.3	39.4
25 - 29	62.8	91.9	39.9
30 - 34	67.9	95.0	43.1
35 - 39	68.5	96.2	44.1
40 - 44	71.7	97.0	49.1
45 - 49	69.8	95.0	46.3
50 - 54	67.9	91.3	46.3
55 - 59	57.3	83.0	35.6
60+	29.9	47.2	15.9

Table 3 : LFPR by gender and year (Excluding Northern province: to keep same domain for the purpose of comparison.)

Year	Total	Male	Female
2008	55.1	76.1	36.6
2009	54.1	74.7	36.2
2010	53.4	75.0	34.4
2011	53.4	74.2	35.0
2012	53.0	75.2	33.5
2013	54.9	75.1	37.5
2014 Q1	53.8	74.7	35.7
2014 Q2	54.0	75.5	35.3
2014 Q3	53.5	74.8	34.9

Table 3 provides the information on LFPRs since year 2008. Referring the table 3, It is important to note that, male participation to the labour force is always higher than that of females.

Considering the Table 4, the distribution of LFPR by age group and by gender depicts high male participation compared to female in all age groups. The highest overall participation rate, as well as the highest participation rates for male and female are reported for the age group of (40 – 44) years.

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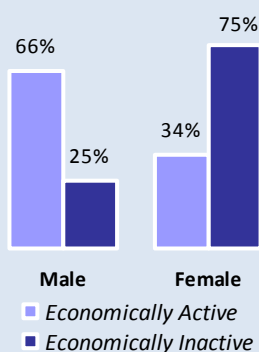


Figure 1 : Distribution of Economically active/Inactive population- Third Quarter 2014

Employment ...

Employed ...

During the reference period, persons, who worked as paid employees, employers, own account workers (self employed), or contributing family workers are said to be employed

This also includes persons with a job but not at work during the reference period

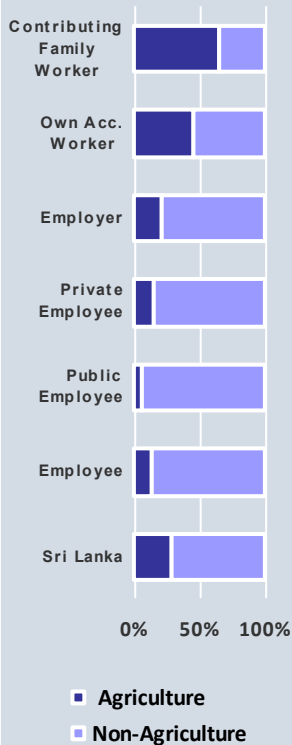


Figure 2: Distribution of employed population by employment status and Agriculture/Non-Agriculture sector - Third Quarter 2014

As shown in Figure 2 & Table 6 contributing family workers are highly concentrated in Agriculture sector.

Table 5: Distribution of Employed population by main industry
(Third Quarter 2013 - Third Quarter 2014)

Quarter	Sri Lanka	Major Industry Group		
		Agriculture	Industries	Services
2013 Q3 (No.)	8,424,409	2,417,569	2,222,344	3,784,496
(%)	100.0	28.7	26.4	44.9
2013 Q4 (No.)	8,319,680	2,546,819	2,095,213	3,677,649
(%)	100.0	30.6	25.2	44.2
2014 Q1 (No.)	8,407,212	2,222,097	2,338,905	3,846,210
(%)	100.0	26.4	27.8	45.7
2014 Q2 (No.)	8,413,171	2,368,845	2,189,738	3,854,588
(%)	100.0	28.2	26.0	45.8
2014 Q3 (No.)	8,479,829	2,455,034	2,253,174	3,771,621
(%)	100.0	29.0	26.6	44.5

Table 5 shows the percentage distribution of employed population by main industry from Third quarter 2013 to Third quarter 2014. During Third quarter of 2014, the total number of employed persons in Sri Lanka is estimated as about 8.5 million. Of which, about 44.5 percent engaged in Services sector, 26.6 percent in Industries sector and 29.0 percent in Agriculture sector.

Table 6: Distribution of employed population by employment status and Agriculture/Non-Agriculture sector - Third Quarter 2014

Employment Status	Sri Lanka		Sector			
	No.	%	Agriculture		Non-Agriculture	
			No.	%	No.	%
Sri Lanka	8,479,829	100.0	2,455,034	29.0	6,024,795	71.0
Employee	4,682,330	100.0	625,952	13.4	4,056,378	86.6
Public	1,246,322	100.0	84,032	6.7	1,162,290	93.3
Private	3,436,008	100.0	541,920	15.8	2,894,088	84.2
Employer	261,098	100.0	53,705	20.6	207,393	79.4
Own Account Worker	2,740,274	100.0	1,256,143	45.8	1,484,132	54.2
Contributing Family Worker	796,127	100.0	519,235	65.2	276,892	34.8

Table 7: Distribution of Employed population by main industry & sex - Third Quarter 2014

Major Industry Group	Sri Lanka	Gender	
		Male	Female
Sri Lanka	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture	29.0	27.0	32.8
Industry	26.6	26.6	26.5
Services	44.5	46.4	40.8

Table 7 depicts the percentage distribution of male and female employed population by main industries. Regardless of the gender, the highest employment concentrated in service sector. Further among employed female 32.8 percent is in agriculture sector while this share is 27.0 percent for males.

Main industry categories and sub sectors

Agriculture

1. Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A)

Industries

1. Mining & Quarrying (B)

2. Manufacturing (C)

3. Construction, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (D, E, F)

Services

1. Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles (G)

2. Transportation and storage (H)

3. Accommodation and food services activities (I)

4. Information and communication (J)

5. Financial and insurance activities (K)

6. Professional, scientific and technical activities (M)

7. Administrative and support service activities (N)

8. Public administration and defense compulsory social security (O)

9. Education (P)

10. Human health and social work activities (Q)

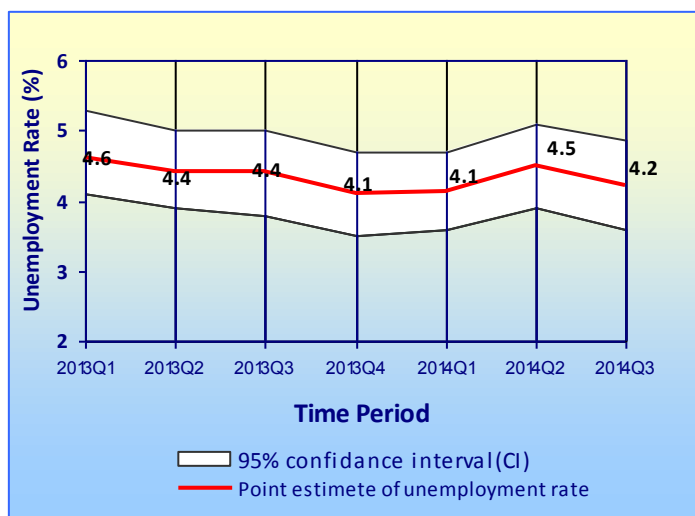
11. Other service activities (S)

12. Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services - producing activities of households for own use (T)

13. Real estate activities (L) Arts, entertainment and recreation (R) Activities of extra territorial organizations & bodies (U)

Unemployment ...

Figure 3: Unemployment rates and its 95% confidence intervals (2013Q1 - 2014Q3)



¹Sampling error : When a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed, estimates differ from the true population values they represent. This difference, or sampling error, occurs by chance, and its variability is measured by the sampling error of the estimate.

For more details, please refer the explanatory note given under the labour force link in the DCS website; www.statistics.gov.lk

Table 8: Unemployment rate by age group and gender – Third Quarter 2014

Age group (Years)	Sri Lanka	Gender	
		Male	Female
Sri Lanka	4.2	3.3	6.0
15–24	20.6	18.2	24.5
25–29	8.1	5.8	12.3
Over 30	1.4	1.0	2.2

As can be seen from Table 8, overall unemployment rate reported for female is 6.0 percent and it is 3.3 percent for male. Youth unemployment rate 15 – 24 years reported for Third quarter 2014 is 20.6 percent and that reported the highest unemployment rate among all other age groups. These rates for both males and females are 18.2 and 24.5 percent respectively.

Further the survey results revealed that the unemployment among females is higher than that of males, in all age groups.

The highest unemployment rate is reported from the G.C.E (A/L) and above group which is about 7.9 percent. Corresponding percentages are 6.3 percent and 9.6 percent for males and females respectively. Female unemployment rates are higher than those of males in all levels of education.

Table 9: Unemployment rate by level of education – Third Quarter 2014

Level of Education	Unemployment Rate (%)		
	Sri Lanka	Male	Female
Sri Lanka	4.2	3.3	6.0
Below GCE O/L	3.0	2.6	3.7
GCE O/L	5.1	3.5	8.1
GCE A/L & above	7.9	6.3	9.6

This shows that the problem of unemployment is more acute in the case of educated females than educated males.

Unemployed ...

Persons available and/or looking for work, and who did not work and taken steps to find a job during last four weeks and ready to accept a job given a work opportunity within next two weeks are said to be unemployed

Unemployment Rate ...

The proportion of unemployed population to the total labour force

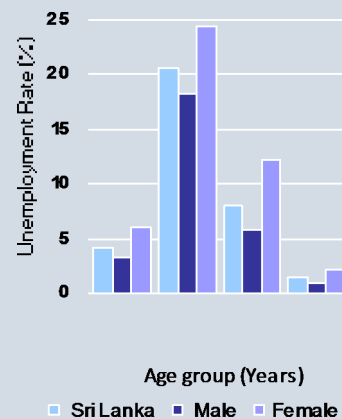


Figure 3: Unemployment rate by age group and gender – Third Quarter 2014

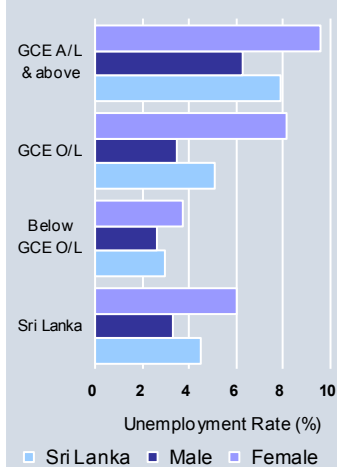


Figure 4: Unemployment rate by level of education and gender – Third Quarter 2014

TABLE 1 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION, 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER - BOTH SEXES

NATIONAL LEVEL DATA								
YEAR	HOUSEHOLD POPULATION (15 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
2006 ¹	13,261,409	7,576,415	57.1	7,084,346	93.5	492,069	6.5	5,684,994
2007 ¹	13,459,252	7,472,932	55.5	7,026,733	94.0	446,199	6.0	5,986,320
2008 ²	14,626,833	8,061,725	55.1	7,628,683	94.6	433,042	5.4	6,565,107
2009 ²	14,876,264	8,051,089	54.1	7,579,835	94.1	471,254	5.9	6,825,175
2010 ²	15,166,285	8,096,477	53.4	7,696,142	95.1	400,335	4.9	7,069,808
2011 ³	16,122,111	8,543,776	53.0	8,186,305	95.8	357,471	4.2	7,578,335
2012 ³	16,081,285	8,454,364	52.6	8,118,362	96.0	336,002	4.0	7,626,921
2013 ³	16,359,761	8,802,113	53.8	8,417,674	95.6	384,439	4.4	7,557,648
2014Q1 ³	16,419,548	8,769,538	53.4	8,407,212	95.9	362,326	4.1	7,650,010
2014Q2 ³	16,454,039	8,811,836	53.6	8,413,171	95.5	398,665	4.5	7,642,203
2014Q3 ³	16,645,617	8,853,951	53.2	8,479,829	95.8	374,122	4.2	7,791,666

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² - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

**TABLE 1A - HISTORICAL TABLE OF LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION,
15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER - MALE**

YEAR	HOUSEHOLD POPULATION (15 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
2006 ¹	6,287,747	4,822,204	76.7	4,596,634	95.3	225,570	4.7	1,465,543
2007 ¹	6,372,572	4,853,559	76.2	4,643,931	95.7	209,627	4.3	1,519,013
2008 ²	6,848,600	5,212,933	76.1	5,018,954	96.3	193,978	3.7	1,635,668
2009 ²	6,925,821	5,173,106	74.7	4,949,825	95.7	223,281	4.3	1,752,715
2010 ²	7,078,246	5,310,872	75.0	5,125,763	96.5	185,108	3.5	1,767,374
2011 ³	7,570,144	5,605,446	74.0	5,452,723	97.3	152,723	2.7	1,964,698
2012 ³	7,508,356	5,629,617	75.0	5,469,759	97.2	159,858	2.8	1,878,740
2013 ³	7,577,344	5,677,815	74.9	5,498,815	96.8	179,000	3.2	1,899,529
2014Q1 ³	7,602,293	5,655,705	74.4	5,484,351	97.0	171,354	3.0	1,946,588
2014Q2 ³	7,656,783	5,754,446	75.2	5,560,143	96.6	194,303	3.4	1,902,337
2014Q3 ³	7,778,242	5,805,087	74.6	5,613,970	96.7	191,117	3.3	1,973,156

**TABLE 1B - HISTORICAL TABLE OF LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION,
15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER - FEMALE**

YEAR	HOUSEHOLD POPULATION (15 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
2006 ¹	6,973,662	2,754,211	39.5	2,487,711	90.3	266,499	9.7	4,219,451
2007 ¹	7,086,680	2,619,373	37.0	2,382,801	91.0	236,572	9.0	4,467,307
2008 ²	7,778,232	2,848,793	36.6	2,609,729	91.6	239,064	8.4	4,929,440
2009 ²	7,950,443	2,877,983	36.2	2,630,010	91.4	247,973	8.6	5,072,460
2010 ²	8,088,039	2,785,605	34.4	2,570,379	92.3	215,226	7.7	5,302,434
2011 ³	8,551,967	2,938,329	34.4	2,733,582	93.0	204,748	7.0	5,613,637
2012 ³	8,572,929	2,824,747	32.9	2,648,603	93.8	176,144	6.2	5,748,181
2013 ³	8,782,417	3,124,298	35.6	2,918,859	93.4	205,439	6.6	5,658,119
2014Q1 ³	8,817,255	3,113,833	35.3	2,922,861	93.9	190,972	6.1	5,703,422
2014Q2 ³	8,797,256	3,057,390	34.8	2,853,028	93.3	204,362	6.7	5,739,867
2014Q3 ³	8,867,375	3,048,865	34.4	2,865,859	94.0	183,005	6.0	5,818,510

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TABLE 2 - LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER ,BY AGE - BOTH SEXES

AGE	HOUSEHOLD POP: (15 YEARS & OVER)	(2014 3 rd Quarter)						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	LABOUR FORCE				
				EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
ALL AGES	16,645,617	8,853,951	53.19	8,479,829	95.77	374,122	4.23	7,791,666
15 - 19 YRS	1,679,709	260,671	15.52	207,958	79.78	52,713	20.22	1,419,038
20 - 24 YRS	1,402,559	735,741	52.46	583,013	79.24	152,728	20.76	666,817
25 - 29 YRS	1,368,764	860,243	62.85	790,210	91.86	70,033	8.14	508,521
30 - 39 YRS	3,304,294	2,252,586	68.17	2,200,754	97.70	51,832	2.30	1,051,708
40 + YRS	8,890,291	4,744,710	53.37	4,697,894	99.01	46,816	0.99	4,145,581

TABLE 2A - LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER ,BY AGE - MALE
(2014 3rd Quarter)

AGE	HOUSEHOLD POP: (15 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
ALL AGES	7,778,242	5,805,087	74.6	5,613,970	96.7	191,117	3.3	1,973,156
15 - 19 YRS	848,432	183,825	21.7	145,803	79.3	38,022	20.7	664,606
20 - 24 YRS	634,636	433,527	68.3	359,011	82.8	74,516	17.2	201,109
25 - 29 YRS	603,448	554,557	91.9	522,190	94.2	32,366	5.8	48,892
30 - 39 YRS	1,562,729	1,493,720	95.6	1,470,725	98.5	22,995	1.5	69,009
40 + YRS	4,128,998	3,139,457	76.0	3,116,241	99.3	23,217	0.7	989,540

TABLE 2B - LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER ,BY AGE - FEMALE
(2014 3rd Quarter)

AGE	HOUSEHOLD POP: (15 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
ALL AGES	8,867,375	3,048,865	34.4	2,865,859	94.0	183,005	6.0	5,818,510
15 - 19 YRS	831,278	76,845	9.2	62,155	80.9	14,691	19.1	754,432
20 - 24 YRS	767,923	302,214	39.4	224,002	74.1	78,212	25.9	465,709
25 - 29 YRS	765,315	305,686	39.9	268,020	87.7	37,666	12.3	459,629
30 - 39 YRS	1,741,565	758,866	43.6	730,030	96.2	28,836	3.8	982,699
40 + YRS	4,761,294	1,605,253	33.7	1,581,653	98.5	23,599	1.5	3,156,041

These figures are to be treated with caution as the corresponding CV (Coefficient of variation) values are high.

**TABLE 3 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY AGE GROUPS
(PERCENTAGE) - BOTH SEXES**

Year	All Ages	Age Groups				
		15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
2006 ¹	100.0	4.1	10.3	12.1	24.3	49.3
2007 ¹	100.0	3.6	9.8	12.1	24.0	50.6
2008 ²	100.0	3.4	9.9	11.7	24.0	51.0
2009 ²	100.0	3.4	8.6	11.5	24.4	52.1
2010 ²	100.0	3.0	8.5	10.9	24.0	53.5
2011 ³	100.0	3.1	8.6	11.0	24.3	53.0
2012 ³	100.0	2.5	8.3	11.0	25.2	53.0
2013 ³	100.0	2.7	7.9	10.1	24.8	54.5
2014Q1 ³	100.0	2.3	7.1	9.8	24.9	55.8
2014Q2 ³	100.0	2.4	7.7	9.7	25.3	55.0
2014Q3 ³	100.0	2.5	6.9	9.3	26.0	55.4

**TABLE 3A - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY AGE GROUPS
(PERCENTAGE) - MALE**

Year	All Ages	Age Groups				
		15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
2006 ¹	100.0	4.0	10.2	12.3	24.0	49.5
2007 ¹	100.0	3.7	9.6	12.7	23.8	50.2
2008 ²	100.0	3.6	9.7	11.9	24.1	50.7
2009 ²	100.0	3.5	8.4	11.8	24.3	52.0
2010 ²	100.0	3.1	8.2	11.3	24.1	53.3
2011 ³	100.0	3.2	8.6	11.3	24.3	52.5
2012 ³	100.0	2.7	8.3	11.2	25.2	52.6
2013 ³	100.0	2.9	7.8	10.2	25.0	54.1
2014Q1 ³	100.0	2.4	7.3	9.6	25.2	55.4
2014Q2 ³	100.0	2.2	8.0	9.8	25.7	54.3
2014Q3 ³	100.0	2.6	6.4	9.3	26.2	55.5

**TABLE 3B - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY AGE GROUPS
(PERCENTAGE) - FEMALE**

Year	All Ages	Age Groups				
		15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
2006 ¹	100.0	4.1	10.3	11.7	24.9	49.0
2007 ¹	100.0	3.4	10.1	10.8	24.3	51.4
2008 ²	100.0	3.2	10.2	11.2	24.0	51.5
2009 ²	100.0	3.3	8.9	11.0	24.6	52.2
2010 ²	100.0	2.9	9.2	10.0	23.9	54.0
2011 ³	100.0	2.8	8.5	10.3	24.4	54.0
2012 ³	100.0	2.2	8.5	10.5	25.1	53.7
2013 ³	100.0	2.4	8.0	10.0	24.3	55.2
2014Q1 ³	100.0	2.1	6.6	10.1	24.5	56.6
2014Q2 ³	100.0	2.6	7.0	9.6	24.5	56.3
2014Q3 ³	100.0	2.2	7.8	9.4	25.5	55.2

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**TABLE 4 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION
(PERCENTAGE) - BOTH SEXES**

Year	Total	Level of education			
		Grade 5 & Below	Grades 6 - 10	GCE (O.L)/ NCGE	GCE (A.L)/ HNCE & above
2006 ¹	100.0	22.2	46.8	16.8	14.3
2007 ¹	100.0	21.1	47.8	15.6	15.5
2008 ²	100.0	20.8	47.4	15.8	15.9
2009 ²	100.0	21.1	47.2	15.5	16.2
2010 ²	100.0	20.2	48.2	15.9	15.8
2011 ³	100.0	18.8	48.1	15.7	17.4
2012 ³	100.0	18.5	47.2	17.6	16.7
2013 ³	100.0	17.9	47.8	16.0	18.3
2014Q1 ³	100.0	16.9	48.2	15.9	19.1
2014Q2 ³	100.0	16.9	48.0	16.1	19.0
2014Q3 ³	100.0	16.2	49.5	16.7	17.6

**TABLE 4A - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION
(PERCENTAGE) - MALE**

Year	Total	Level of education			
		Grade 5 & Below	Grades 6 - 10	GCE (O.L)/ NCGE	GCE (A.L)/ HNCE & above
2006 ¹	100.0	21.0	50.3	16.6	12.1
2007 ¹	100.0	20.1	51.2	15.6	13.0
2008 ²	100.0	20.1	50.6	16.1	13.2
2009 ²	100.0	20.3	50.7	15.7	13.3
2010 ²	100.0	19.1	51.6	16.2	13.1
2011 ³	100.0	18.3	51.0	16.1	14.6
2012 ³	100.0	17.9	51.1	17.8	13.2
2013 ³	100.0	17.6	51.4	16.2	14.8
2014Q1 ³	100.0	16.9	51.8	16.2	15.0
2014Q2 ³	100.0	16.9	51.4	16.2	15.5
2014Q3 ³	100.0	16.0	53.5	16.5	13.9

**TABLE 4B - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION
(PERCENTAGE) - FEMALE**

Year	Total	Level of education			
		Grade 5 & Below	Grades 6 - 10	GCE (O.L)/ NCGE	GCE (A.L)/ HNCE & above
2006 ¹	100.0	24.4	40.3	17.1	18.3
2007 ¹	100.0	23.0	41.0	15.5	20.5
2008 ²	100.0	22.2	41.3	15.3	21.2
2009 ²	100.0	22.5	40.6	15.3	21.7
2010 ²	100.0	22.3	41.3	15.3	21.1
2011 ³	100.0	19.8	42.2	15.0	23.1
2012 ³	100.0	19.8	39.2	17.2	23.8
2013 ³	100.0	18.5	41.0	15.7	24.8
2014Q1 ³	100.0	16.7	41.2	15.1	27.0
2014Q2 ³	100.0	16.8	41.4	15.9	25.9
2014Q3 ³	100.0	16.4	41.6	17.1	24.8

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**TABLE 5 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS
(PERCENTAGE) - BOTH SEXES**

YEAR	TOTAL EMPLOYED	EMPLOYEE			EMPLOYER	OWN ACCOUNT WORKER	UNPAID FAMILY WORKER
		TOTAL	PUBLIC	PRIVATE			
2006 ¹	100.0	55.7	13.5	42.2	3.1	30.9	10.3
2007 ¹	100.0	56.6	13.8	42.8	2.9	30.4	10.1
2008 ²	100.0	56.5	15.3	41.3	2.9	30.3	10.3
2009 ²	100.0	57.7	15.5	42.2	2.6	29.2	10.4
2010 ²	100.0	55.5	14.3	41.3	2.6	31.5	10.3
2011 ³	100.0	55.0	14.4	40.5	2.9	31.5	10.7
2012 ³	100.0	56.5	15.2	41.3	2.8	31.9	8.8
2013 ³	100.0	55.7	15.1	40.6	3.0	32.2	9.1
2014Q1 ³	100.0	57.3	16.2	41.1	3.0	31.9	7.8
2014Q2 ³	100.0	56.7	15.7	41.0	2.6	31.8	8.9
2014Q3 ³	100.0	55.2	14.7	40.5	3.1	32.3	9.4

**TABLE 5A - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS
(PERCENTAGE) - MALE**

YEAR	TOTAL EMPLOYED	EMPLOYEE			EMPLOYER	OWN ACCOUNT WORKER	UNPAID FAMILY WORKER
		TOTAL	PUBLIC	PRIVATE			
2006 ¹	100.0	56.1	12.3	43.8	4.4	35.3	4.2
2007 ¹	100.0	57.3	12.1	45.2	4.0	34.5	4.3
2008 ²	100.0	57.6	13.7	43.9	4.1	34.2	4.1
2009 ²	100.0	59.2	13.7	45.5	3.6	33.0	4.3
2010 ²	100.0	56.2	12.8	43.4	3.5	36.0	4.3
2011 ³	100.0	55.8	12.7	43.1	3.8	36.0	4.3
2012 ³	100.0	56.6	12.8	43.8	3.8	35.9	3.6
2013 ³	100.0	56.6	12.8	43.9	4.2	36.2	3.0
2014Q1 ³	100.0	57.7	13.3	44.4	4.0	36.1	2.2
2014Q2 ³	100.0	57.1	13.5	43.7	3.4	36.4	3.0
2014Q3 ³	100.0	56.9	12.6	44.3	3.9	35.8	3.4

**TABLE 5B - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS
(PERCENTAGE) - FEMALE**

YEAR	TOTAL EMPLOYED	EMPLOYEE			EMPLOYER	OWN ACCOUNT WORKER	UNPAID FAMILY WORKER
		TOTAL	PUBLIC	PRIVATE			
2006 ¹	100.0	54.9	15.7	39.2	0.8	22.8	21.5
2007 ¹	100.0	55.2	17.1	38.1	0.7	22.5	21.6
2008 ²	100.0	54.4	18.2	36.2	0.7	22.8	22.1
2009 ²	100.0	55.0	19.0	36.0	0.9	22.1	22.0
2010 ²	100.0	54.3	17.3	37.0	0.8	22.6	22.3
2011 ³	100.0	53.2	17.8	35.4	0.9	22.7	23.2
2012 ³	100.0	56.1	19.9	36.2	0.9	23.6	19.4
2013 ³	100.0	54.0	19.4	34.6	0.9	24.6	20.5
2014Q1 ³	100.0	56.6	21.8	34.8	1.1	23.8	18.6
2014Q2 ³	100.0	55.9	20.0	35.9	1.0	22.6	20.4
2014Q3 ³	100.0	52.0	18.8	33.2	1.4	25.4	21.2

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Table 6 - Currently Employed person by Industry group (Based on ISIC Fourth Revision) - both sexes

Year	Total	Industry Group																
		1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	Other
2013Q1	8,451,187	2,384,795	91,095	1,562,593	619,699	1,179,540	538,086	172,303	60,176	171,119	78,545	113,199	680,605	304,780	135,555	135,519	181,797	41,783
2013Q2	8,475,419	2,668,059	124,897	1,481,903	610,893	1,182,254	529,608	205,370	63,923	149,866	73,979	92,527	535,117	290,140	134,632	132,309	140,883	59,059
2013Q3	8,424,409	2,417,569	99,365	1,559,801	563,178	1,152,871	468,023	179,715	81,633	167,329	71,116	112,284	631,193	379,552	146,451	128,103	220,715	45,509
2013Q4	8,319,680	2,546,819	85,254	1,451,858	558,101	1,088,977	534,329	195,489	44,829	123,793	48,217	110,098	670,239	343,814	147,440	131,996	185,713	52,715
2013	8,417,674	2,504,310	100,153	1,514,039	587,968	1,150,911	517,511	188,219	62,640	153,027	67,964	107,027	629,288	329,572	141,020	131,982	182,277	49,766
2014Q1	8,407,212	2,222,097	84,766	1,677,763	576,376	1,093,264	553,820	217,762	74,883	161,334	54,578	99,456	650,652	372,222	143,603	140,825	234,157	49,654
2014Q2	8,413,171	2,368,845	76,340	1,511,065	602,333	1,136,098	479,568	169,433	86,659	169,762	60,098	116,147	684,770	338,812	141,213	145,795	259,000	67,234
2014Q3	8,479,829	2,455,034	92,293	1,522,508	638,374	1,130,811	570,134	218,904	53,217	152,603	41,595	106,779	667,197	292,472	123,828	160,968	180,015	73,098

These figures are to be treated with caution as the corresponding CV (Coefficient of variation) values are high.

Note: These Industry groups are based on ISIC - Rev. 4

1 Agriculture, forestry and fishing (A)

2 Mining & quarrying (B)

3 Manufacturing (C)

6 Construction, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (D, E,F)

7 Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles(G)

8 Transportation and storage (H)

9 Accommodation and food services activities (I)

10 Information and communication (J)

11 Financial and insurance activities (K)

13 Professional, scientific and technical activities (M)

14 Administrative and support service activities (N)

15 Public administration and defence compulsory social security (O)

16 Education (P)

17 Human health and social work activities (Q)

19 Other service activities (S)

20 Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services - producing activities of households for own use (T)

Other

Other

12 Real estate activities (L)

18 Arts, entertainment and recreation (R)

21 Activities of extra territorial organizations & bodies (U)

Table 6 - Currently Employed person by Industry group (Based on ISIC Fourth Revision) - both sexes

Year	Total	Industry Group																
		1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	Other
2013Q1	8,451,187	2,384,795	91,095	1,562,593	619,699	1,179,540	538,086	172,303	60,176	171,119	78,545	113,199	680,605	304,780	135,555	135,519	181,797	41,783
2013Q2	8,475,419	2,668,059	124,897	1,481,903	610,893	1,182,254	529,608	205,370	63,923	149,866	73,979	92,527	535,117	290,140	134,632	132,309	140,883	59,059
2013Q3	8,424,409	2,417,569	99,365	1,559,801	563,178	1,152,871	468,023	179,715	81,633	167,329	71,116	112,284	631,193	379,552	146,451	128,103	220,715	45,509
2013Q4	8,319,680	2,546,819	85,254	1,451,858	558,101	1,088,977	534,329	195,489	44,829	123,793	48,217	110,098	670,239	343,814	147,440	131,996	185,713	52,715
2013	8,417,674	2,504,310	100,153	1,514,039	587,968	1,150,911	517,511	188,219	62,640	153,027	67,964	107,027	629,288	329,572	141,020	131,982	182,277	49,766
2014Q1	8,407,212	2,222,097	84,766	1,677,763	576,376	1,093,264	553,820	217,762	74,883	161,334	54,578	99,456	650,652	372,222	143,603	140,825	234,157	49,654
2014Q2	8,413,171	2,368,845	76,340	1,511,065	602,333	1,136,098	479,568	169,433	86,659	169,762	60,098	116,147	684,770	338,812	141,213	145,795	259,000	67,234
2014Q3	8,479,829	2,455,034	92,293	1,522,508	638,374	1,130,811	570,134	218,904	53,217	152,603	41,595	106,779	667,197	292,472	123,828	160,968	180,015	73,098

These figures are to be treated with caution as the corresponding CV (Coefficient of variation) values are high.

Note: These Industry groups are based on ISIC - Rev. 4

1 Agriculture, forestry and fishing (A)

2 Mining & quarrying (B)

3 Manufacturing (C)

6 Construction, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (D, E,F)

7 Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles(G)

8 Transportation and storage (H)

9 Accommodation and food services activities (I)

10 Information and communication (J)

11 Financial and insurance activities (K)

13 Professional, scientific and technical activities (M)

14 Administrative and support service activities (N)

15 Public administration and defence compulsory social security (O)

16 Education (P)

17 Human health and social work activities (Q)

19 Other service activities (S)

20 Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services - producing activities of households for own use (T)

Other

Other

12 Real estate activities (L)

18 Arts, entertainment and recreation (R)

21 Activities of extra territorial organizations & bodies (U)

Table 6A - Currently Employed person by Industry group (Based on ISIC Fourth Revision) - Male

Year	Total	Industry Group																	
		1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	Other	
2013Q1	5,494,375	1,443,103	85,549	832,273	602,776	815,614	510,089	125,664	48,189	94,623	48,198	81,373	440,604	97,611	52,826	86,219	94,956	34,708	
2013Q2	5,589,387	1,648,760	105,142	791,286	595,611	848,894	496,622	137,380	45,849	93,209	47,087	66,670	336,147	78,087	61,901	98,629	90,438	47,674	
2013Q3	5,460,400	1,477,031	90,801	838,262	544,400	838,078	447,558	133,081	61,564	93,653	44,313	81,311	395,070	116,053	48,422	91,193	121,393	38,217	
2013Q4	5,451,097	1,562,658	71,056	738,504	540,923	771,563	523,085	145,083	35,445	75,366	27,873	85,112	458,554	100,928	54,615	94,114	126,238	39,980	
2013	5,498,815	1,532,888	88,137	800,081	570,928	818,537	494,339	135,302	47,762	89,213	41,868	78,616	407,594	98,169	54,441	92,539	108,256	40,144	
2014Q1	5,484,351	1,362,507	82,150	887,088	553,770	785,855	537,980	138,400	58,939	95,721	33,216	83,886	410,024	111,607	53,901	107,445	140,438	41,424	
2014Q2	5,560,143	1,470,647	67,481	795,310	574,646	840,352	465,922	115,006	65,719	96,023	43,269	89,768	442,802	106,991	69,703	116,445	149,253	50,806	
2014Q3	5,613,970	1,515,812	85,601	806,493	602,794	778,216	555,183	162,370	43,786	87,096	30,185	84,722	437,431	94,410	57,740	118,083	95,972	58,075	

Table 6B - Currently Employed person by Industry group (Based on ISIC Fourth Revision) - Female

Year	Total	Industry Group																	
		1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	Other	
2013Q1	2,956,812	941,691	5,546	730,319	16,923	363,926	27,996	46,639	11,987	76,496	30,347	31,826	240,001	207,169	82,729	49,300	86,840	7,076	
2013Q2	2,886,033	1,019,299	19,755	690,617	15,282	333,360	32,986	67,990	18,074	56,658	26,891	25,857	198,970	212,054	72,731	33,680	50,445	11,384	
2013Q3	2,964,009	940,538	8,564	721,539	18,777	314,793	20,464	46,634	20,069	73,677	26,804	30,973	236,124	263,500	98,029	36,910	99,322	7,292	
2013Q4	2,868,583	984,161	14,198	713,354	17,178	317,415	11,244	50,405	9,384	48,427	20,344	24,986	211,684	242,886	92,825	37,882	59,475	12,735	
2013	2,918,859	971,422	12,016	713,957	17,040	332,374	23,173	52,917	14,878	63,814	26,096	28,411	221,695	231,402	86,578	39,443	74,021	9,622	
2014Q1	2,922,861	859,591	2,616	790,675	22,606	307,409	15,840	79,363	15,944	65,613	21,362	15,571	240,628	260,614	89,701	33,379	93,719	8,231	
2014Q2	2,853,028	898,198	8,859	715,755	27,687	295,746	13,646	54,427	20,940	73,739	16,829	26,379	241,968	231,821	71,510	29,350	109,748	16,428	
2014Q3	2,865,859	939,222	6,691	716,014	35,580	352,596	14,951	56,534	9,431	65,507	11,411	22,057	229,766	198,061	66,088	42,885	84,044	15,022	

Note: These Industry groups are based on ISIC - Rev. 4

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1 Agriculture, forestry and fishing (A)

2 Mining & quarrying (B)

3 Manufacturing (C)

6 Construction, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (D, E,F)

7 Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles(G)

8 Transportation and storage (H)

9 Accommodation and food services activities (I)

10 Information and communication (J)

11 Financial and insurance activities (K)

13 Professional, scientific and technical activities (M)

14 Administrative and support service activities (N)

15 Public administration and defence compulsory social security (O)

16 Education (P)

17 Human health and social work activities (Q)

19 Other service activities (S)

20 Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services - producing activities of households for own use (T)

Other

Other

12 Real estate activities (L)

18 Arts, entertainment and recreation (R)

21 Activities of extra territorial organizations & bodies (U)

Table 6C: Historical table of currently employed population by major industry group - Both sexes

Major Industry Group	Year							
	2013Q1	2013Q2	2013Q3	2013Q4	2013	2014Q1	2014Q2	2014Q3
Total	8,451,187	8,475,419	8,424,409	8,319,680	8,417,674	8,407,212	8,413,171	8,479,829
Agriculture	2,384,795	2,668,059	2,417,569	2,546,819	2,504,310	2,222,097	2,368,845	2,455,034
Industry	2,273,387	2,217,693	2,222,344	2,095,213	2,202,159	2,338,905	2,189,738	2,253,174
Services	3,793,005	3,589,668	3,784,496	3,677,649	3,711,204	3,846,210	3,854,588	3,771,621

Table 6D: Historical table of currently employed population by major industry group (percentage) - Both sexes

Major Industry Group	Year							
	2013Q1	2013Q2	2013Q3	2013Q4	2013	2014Q1	2014Q2	2014Q3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture	28.2	31.5	28.7	30.6	29.8	26.4	28.2	29.0
Industry	26.9	26.2	26.4	25.2	26.2	27.8	26.0	26.6
Services	44.9	42.4	44.9	44.2	44.1	45.7	45.8	44.5

Note: These Industry groups are based on ISIC - Rev. 4

Agriculture

1. Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A)

Industries

1. Mining & Quarrying (B)
2. Manufacturing (C)
3. Construction, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (D)

Services

1. Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles (G)
2. Transportation and storage (H)
3. Accommodation and food services activities (I)
4. Information and communication (J)
5. Financial and insurance activities (K)
6. Professional, scientific and technical activities (M)
7. Administrative and support service activities (N)
8. Public administration and defence compulsory social security (O)
9. Education (P)
10. Human health and social work activities (Q)
11. Other service activities (S)
12. Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services - producing activities of households for own use (T)
13. Real estate activities (L) Arts, entertainment and recreation (R) Activities of extra territorial organizations & bodies (U)

Table 7 - Currently Employed person by Occupation group (Based on ISCO 08) - Both sexes

Year	Total	Occupation group									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2013Q1	8,451,187	386,014	529,198	526,092	326,261	939,243	1,614,985	1,439,627	755,911	1,861,809	72,047
2013Q2	8,475,419	399,208	479,978	449,325	264,479	932,950	1,768,371	1,510,774	734,832	1,888,189	47,313
2013Q3	8,424,409	410,962	568,194	560,401	312,735	953,482	1,526,744	1,436,420	660,846	1,959,064	35,561
2013Q4	8,319,680	377,366	552,416	463,065	341,943	916,510	1,589,784	1,369,946	680,608	1,966,023	62,019
2013	8,417,674	393,388	532,446	499,721	311,354	935,546	1,624,971	1,439,192	708,049	1,918,771	54,235
2014Q1	8,407,212	384,205	532,961	539,418	346,957	1,045,104	1,616,420	1,470,432	712,451	1,732,228	27,036
2014Q2	8,413,171	354,097	584,337	476,300	362,434	1,032,993	1,681,506	1,411,315	631,652	1,848,361	30,175
2014Q3	8,479,829	411,281	497,037	497,843	367,870	953,240	1,713,156	1,470,774	746,512	1,780,437	41,679

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| 1 | Managers, Senior Officials and Legislators | 6 | Skilled Agricultura, Forestry and Fishery workers |
| 2 | Professionals | 7 | Craft and Related Trades workers |
| 3 | Technicians and Associate Professionals | 8 | Plant and Machine operators and Assemblers |
| 4 | Clerks and Clerical support workers | 9 | Elementary occupations |
| 5 | Services and Sales workers | 10 | Armed Forces Occupations & unidentified occupations |

Table 7A - Currently Employed person by Occupation group (Based on ISCO 08) - Male

Year	Total	Occupation group									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2013Q1	5,494,375	263,261	208,292	331,813	153,235	638,914	1,049,024	991,394	638,205	1,159,943	60,293
2013Q2	5,589,387	292,861	177,098	306,841	129,309	639,673	1,154,039	1,047,750	650,240	1,150,102	41,474
2013Q3	5,460,400	286,320	209,881	342,750	164,472	680,057	992,438	970,236	574,852	1,208,337	31,056
2013Q4	5,451,097	274,564	219,229	302,044	167,280	632,750	1,060,751	891,425	596,679	1,245,865	60,510
2013	5,498,815	279,252	203,625	320,862	153,574	647,849	1,064,063	975,201	614,994	1,191,062	48,333
2014Q1	5,484,351	284,081	171,495	351,237	179,010	720,092	1,018,793	948,457	631,067	1,153,083	27,036
2014Q2	5,560,143	275,261	218,664	328,830	171,161	744,115	1,094,956	985,670	538,805	1,173,692	28,989
2014Q3	5,613,970	302,566	200,880	329,244	163,200	654,527	1,132,517	986,275	663,902	1,141,161	39,698

Table 7B - Currently Employed person by Occupation group (Based on ISCO 08) - Female

Year	Total	Occupation group									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2013Q1	2,956,812	122,753	320,906	194,279	173,026	300,328	565,961	448,233	117,706	701,866	11,754
2013Q2	2,886,033	106,347	302,880	142,485	135,170	293,277	614,332	463,024	84,592	738,087	5,839
2013Q3	2,964,009	124,641	358,312	217,652	148,262	273,425	534,307	466,184	85,994	750,726	4,505
2013Q4	2,868,583	102,802	333,187	161,021	174,662	283,761	529,033	478,521	83,929	720,159	1,509
2013	2,918,859	114,136	328,821	178,859	157,780	287,698	560,908	463,990	93,055	727,709	5,902
2014Q1	2,922,861	100,124	361,466	188,181	167,947	325,012	597,626	521,975	81,384	579,145	..
2014Q2	2,853,028	78,836	365,672	147,470	191,273	288,878	586,550	425,645	92,847	674,670	1,186
2014Q3	2,865,859	108,716	296,157	168,599	204,670	298,712	580,639	484,499	82,610	639,275	1,982

.. Negligible

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|---|--|----|---|
| 1 | Managers, Senior Officials and Legislators | 6 | Skilled Agricultura, Forestry and Fishery workers |
| 2 | Professionals | 7 | Craft and Related Trades workers |
| 3 | Technicians and Associate Professionals | 8 | Plant and Machine operators and Assemblers |
| 4 | Clerks and Clerical support workers | 9 | Elementary occupations |
| 5 | Services and Sales workers | 10 | Armed Forces Occupations & unidentified occupations |

TABLE 8 - CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY HOURS PER WEEK ACTUALLY WORKED AT THE MAIN JOB AND MAJOR INDUSTRIAL GROUP (PERCENTAGE) - BOTH SEXES

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL GROUP	TOTAL	0 *	1 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 & OVER
Total	100.0	4.1	1.0	3.4	6.9	14.3	38.8	31.4
1	100.0	6.9	2.3	7.5	13.3	19.0	35.0	16.1
2	100.0	2.1	..	..	..	14.9	24.7	58.4
3	100.0	2.3	0.4	2.4	6.1	14.7	41.9	32.3
6	100.0	5.3	0.3	1.9	6.4	12.2	47.6	26.4
7	100.0	1.7	0.4	1.0	2.6	9.5	32.8	52.0
8	100.0	2.9	1.0	1.3	3.8	7.9	30.7	52.4
9	100.0	0.5	..	3.0	3.1	8.4	26.2	58.8
10	100.0	..	..	..	5.1	6.2	40.3	48.5
11	100.0	1.2	..	0.6	..	3.0	55.8	39.5
13	100.0	6.1	..	..	10.0	9.9	45.2	28.7
14	100.0	1.2	..	1.4	..	3.4	30.9	63.1
15	100.0	3.8	0.2	0.4	1.0	7.7	61.4	25.5
16	100.0	10.4	0.7	0.9	7.6	51.3	25.3	3.7
17	100.0	2.8	2.4	..	1.4	3.4	55.9	34.1
19	100.0	2.7	0.6	3.3	5.7	10.4	39.8	37.4
20	100.0	2.1	2.7	4.5	5.2	12.9	33.5	39.0
Other	100.0	0.9	..	11.7	11.4	3.1	42.6	30.3

* Has a job but not at work during the reference week

.. Negligible

These figures are to be treated with caution as the corresponding CV (Coefficient of variation) values are high.

Industry group

- 1 Agriculture, forestry and fishing (A)
- 2 Mining & quarrying (B)
- 3 Manufacturing (C)
- 6 Construction, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (D, E,F)
- 7 Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles(G)
- 8 Transportation and storage (H)
- 9 Accommodation and food services activities (I)
- 10 Information and communication (J)
- 11 Financial and insurance activities (K)
- 13 Professional, scientific and technical activities (M)
- 14 Administrative and support service activities (N)
- 15 Public administration and defence compulsory social security (O)
- 16 Education (P)
- 17 Human health and social work activities (Q)
- 19 Other service activities (S)
- 20 Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services - producing activities of households for own use (T)
- Other

- Other
- 12 Real estate activities (L)
- 18 Arts, entertainment and recreation (R)
- 21 Activities of extra territorial organizations & bodies (U)

**TABLE 9 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY AGE GROUPS
(PERCENTAGE) - BOTH SEXES**

YEAR	TOTAL	AGE GROUPS				
		15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40 + YRS
2006 ¹	100.0	17.5	39.3	21.5	11.9	9.8
2007 ¹	100.0	15.7	41.2	19.7	13.1	10.4
2008 ²	100.0	15.8	38.4	21.5	13.6	10.6
2009 ²	100.0	14.5	37.5	21.3	15.1	11.6
2010 ²	100.0	14.8	38.7	21.2	14.7	10.6
2011 ³	100.0	12.8	42.5	20.6	15.6	8.5
2012 ³	100.0	14.2	40.6	18.8	15.6	10.7
2013 ³	100.0	13.7	40.9	18.1	15.2	12.1
2014Q1 ³	100.0	14.1	38.7	21.3	14.6	11.3
2014Q2 ³	100.0	13.9	37.6	21.3	17.0	10.2
2014Q3 ³	100.0	14.1	40.8	18.7	13.9	12.5

**TABLE 9A - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY AGE GROUPS
(PERCENTAGE) - MALE**

YEAR	TOTAL	AGE GROUPS				
		15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
2006 ¹	100.0	21.2	40.1	18.4	8.3	11.9
2007 ¹	100.0	19.9	40.7	16.0	10.2	13.1
2008 ²	100.0	19.4	37.8	19.5	9.4	13.9
2009 ²	100.0	17.9	36.4	18.9	12.4	14.4
2010 ²	100.0	19.6	41.2	15.5	11.7	12.0
2011 ³	100.0	17.6	44.9	16.7	13.1	7.6
2012 ³	100.0	19.5	41.6	17.1	12.4	9.4
2013 ³	100.0	16.9	44.0	15.4	11.6	12.1
2014Q1 ³	100.0	20.5	35.7	19.9	11.7	12.3
2014Q2 ³	100.0	19.4	35.5	20.8	13.6	10.6
2014Q3 ³	100.0	19.9	39.0	16.9	12.0	12.1

**TABLE 9B - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY AGE GROUPS
(PERCENTAGE) - FEMALE**

YEAR	TOTAL	AGE GROUPS				
		15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
2006 ¹	100.0	14.4	38.7	24.2	14.9	7.9
2007 ¹	100.0	11.9	41.5	23.0	15.6	8.0
2008 ²	100.0	12.9	38.9	23.2	17.0	8.0
2009 ²	100.0	11.5	38.5	23.5	17.5	9.0
2010 ²	100.0	10.7	36.5	26.1	17.4	9.3
2011 ³	100.0	9.3	40.7	23.4	17.5	9.1
2012 ³	100.0	9.4	39.8	20.3	18.6	11.9
2013 ³	100.0	10.9	38.3	20.3	18.3	12.2
2014Q1 ³	100.0	8.4	41.4	22.5	17.3	10.5
2014Q2 ³	100.0	8.7	39.6	21.7	20.2	9.9
2014Q3 ³	100.0	8.0	42.7	20.6	15.8	12.9

These figures are to be treated with caution as the corresponding CV (Coefficient of variation) values are high.

¹ - Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

³ - All the districts are included

² - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

TABLE 10 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION (PERCENTAGE) - BOTH SEXES

YEAR	TOTAL	LEVEL OF EDUCATION			
		GRADE 5 & BELOW	GRADES 6 - 10	GCE(O/L) NCGE	GCE(A/L) HNCE & ABOVE
2006 ¹	100.0	4.5	41.8	26.7	27.0
2007 ¹	100.0	4.3	41.0	22.1	32.6
2008 ²	100.0	4.5	39.3	23.4	32.8
2009 ²	100.0	4.3	39.9	23.1	32.7
2010 ²	100.0	2.7	34.9	22.7	39.7
2011 ³	100.0	2.7	37.9	19.9	39.4
2012 ³	100.0	2.6	37.4	27.3	32.8
2013 ³	100.0	3.9	36.5	22.1	37.4
2014Q1 ³	100.0	3.9	36.7	26.0	33.4
2014Q2 ³	100.0	2.5	38.3	21.0	38.2
2014Q3 ³	100.0	1.1	44.1	20.4	34.3

TABLE 10A - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION (PERCENTAGE) - MALE

YEAR	TOTAL	LEVEL OF EDUCATION			
		GRADE 5 & BELOW	GRADES 6 - 10	GCE(O/L) NCGE	GCE(A/L) HNCE & ABOVE
2006 ¹	100.0	6.1	48.8	26.7	18.3
2007 ¹	100.0	5.8	49.4	24.5	20.3
2008 ²	100.0	5.3	49.7	23.1	21.9
2009 ²	100.0	4.4	48.0	25.3	22.3
2010 ²	100.0	3.4	40.4	25.4	30.9
2011 ³	100.0	2.0	47.6	20.4	29.9
2012 ³	100.0	2.0	46.8	29.7	21.5
2013 ³	100.0	4.6	43.6	24.3	27.5
2014Q1 ³	100.0	5.3	50.3	26.3	18.1
2014Q2 ³	100.0	1.8	46.8	24.5	26.9
2014Q3 ³	100.0	..	55.0	17.4	27.5

TABLE 10B - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION (PERCENTAGE) - FEMALE

YEAR	TOTAL	LEVEL OF EDUCATION			
		GRADE 5 & BELOW	GRADES 6 - 10	GCE(O/L) NCGE	GCE(A/L) HNCE & ABOVE
2006 ¹	100.0	3.1	35.8	26.7	34.3
2007 ¹	100.0	3.0	33.5	19.9	43.6
2008 ²	100.0	3.8	30.9	23.7	41.7
2009 ²	100.0	4.3	32.5	21.1	42.1
2010 ²	100.0	2.1	30.1	20.5	47.3
2011 ³	100.0	3.3	30.7	19.5	46.5
2012 ³	100.0	3.0	28.8	25.1	43.1
2013 ³	100.0	3.2	30.4	20.3	46.1
2014Q1 ³	100.0	2.6	24.6	25.7	47.1
2014Q2 ³	100.0	3.1	30.3	17.7	48.9
2014Q3 ³	100.0	2.3	32.7	23.6	41.4

These figures are to be treated with caution as the corresponding CV (Coefficient of variation) values are high.

¹ - Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

³ - All the districts are included

² - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

TABLE 11 - CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY SEX AND DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT

(2014 3rd Quarter)

Sex	Total	Duration		
		Less than 6 months	6 to less than 12 months	12+ months
Both sexes	374122	53566	218298	102258
%	100.0	14.3	58.3	27.3
Male	191117	19898	112844	58376
%	100.0	10.4	59.0	30.5
Female	183005	33668	105455	43882
%	100.0	18.4	57.6	24.0

STANDARD ERROR AND COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION OF SELECTED VARIABLES

(2014 3rd Quarter)

	Estimated Value	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)	Estimated Value (Ratio)	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
General labour force characteristics						
Population (15 years & over)	16,645,617	195,435	1.2			
Employed Population	8,479,829	131,427	1.5			
Unemployed Population	374,122	29,042	7.8			
Employment Rate	-	-	-	95.775	0.320	0.335
Unemployment Rate	-	-	-	4.225	0.320	7.584
Labour Force	8,853,951	134,556	1.5			
Not in Labour Force	7,791,666	132,860	1.7			
Employed persons by major industry Groups						
1	2,455,034	112,011	4.6			
2	92,293	18,039	19.5			
3	1,522,508	60,105	3.9			
6	638,374	37,337	5.8			
7	1,130,811	46,451	4.1			
8	570,134	29,868	5.2			
9	218,904	23,143	10.6			
10	53,217	9,544	17.9			
11	152,603	16,517	10.8			
13	41,595	8,562	20.6			
14	106,779	13,293	12.4			
15	667,197	49,206	7.4			
16	292,472	21,247	7.3			
17	123,828	14,378	11.6			
19	160,968	16,416	10.2			
20	180,015	19,236	10.7			
Other	73,098	11,293	15.4			
Unemployed persons by level of education						
Below grade 5	4,212	2,496	59.3			
Grade 5 - 9/Year 6 - 10	165,064	17,834	10.8			
G.C.E.(O/L)/N.C.G.E.	76,440	11,191	14.6			
G.C.E.(A/L)/H.N.C.E. & above	128,406	14,726	11.5			
Industry group						
1 Agriculture, forestry and fishing (A)						
2 Mining & quarrying (B)						
3 Manufacturing (C)						
6 Construction, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (D, E,F)						
7 Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles(G)						
8 Transportation and storage (H)						
9 Accommodation and food services activities (I)						
10 Information and communication (J)						
11 Financial and insurance activities (K)						
13 Professional, scientific and technical activities (M)						
14 Administrative and support service activities (N)						
15 Public administration and defence compulsory social security (O)						
16 Education (P)						
17 Human health and social work activities (Q)						
19 Other service activities (S)						
20 Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services - producing activities of households for own use (T)						
Other						
	Other					
	Real estate activities (L)					
	Arts, entertainment and recreation (R)					
	Activities of extra territorial organizations & bodies (U)					

Special Statistical Appendix

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Coverage

Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey was designed to measure the levels and trends of employment, unemployment and labour force in Sri Lanka. This survey is being conducted quarterly, since the first quarter of 1990.

This quarterly survey of households is conducted through a scientifically selected sample designed to represent the civilian non-institutional population. Respondents are interviewed to obtain information about the employment status etc. of each member of the household 15 years of age and older.

The field work of the survey is done during the third week of each month, Monday through Sunday. This is known as the "survey week". The inquiry relates to activity or status are referred in the preceding week of the survey week; referred to as the "reference week".

The concepts and definitions underlying labour force data are as follows.

Concepts & Definitions

1. **Labour force** : The labour force is composed of the economically active population 15 years of age and over.
2. **The Economically Active Population** : is defined as those persons who are/were employed or unemployed during the reference period of the survey.
3. **Employed** : Persons, who during the reference period, worked as paid employees, employers, own account workers (self employed), or unpaid family workers are said to be employed. This includes persons with a job but not at work during the reference period.
4. **Unemployed** : Persons who are seeking and available for work, but had no employment during the reference period.
5. **Currently Economically Active** : A person who was employed or unemployed during the current reference period is considered to be currently economically active.
6. **Not in the Labour Force (not economically active)** : Persons who were neither working nor available/looking for work are classified as "not in the labour force". Persons are not in the labour force for such reasons as: full time care of the household, full – time students, retired or old age, infirmed or disabled, or are not interested in working for one reason or another. Current and Usual definitions apply.
7. **Criteria for classification of underemployment**: In order to classify an employed persons as visibly underemployed,

(i) If the person has worked less than the normal duration in his/her main activity

In Sri Lanka scenario, 35 hours per week is taken as the cut-off point applicable to all workers, except government teachers. As in practice, though teachers do have a normal duration of work which is below the general cut-off point, they should be on a full time schedule according to the nature of their job. Further, those who do have a secondary job, or those who are employers, were considered as having worked the normal duration in their respective activity.

Therefore, if the person has worked less than the normal duration in his/her activity (as described above), then the person is further questioned to ascertain whether he/She is prepared and available for further work if provided. Such persons are considered underemployed in their respective employment.

(ii) If the person has worked more than the normal duration in his/her activity

If the person has worked even more than 35 hours as usually, but he has worked less than 35 hours actually in the reference period, only due to the off season or bad weather, such persons were also further questioned to check their underemployment situation, considering them as a special category.

8. Informal Sector Employment

In order to classify a person to be employed in informal sector employment, following information were used.

- (i) Registration of the organization
- (ii) Accounts keeping practices of the organization
- (iii) Total number of regular employees of the organization.

Reliability of the estimates

Statistics based on the quarterly labour force data are subject to both sampling and non - sampling errors. When a sample rather than the entire population is surveyed, there is a chance that the sample estimates may differ from the "true" population values they represent.

The exact differences or sampling error, varies depending on the particular sample selected, and this variability is measured by the standard error of the estimate. There is about a 95 percent chance, or level of confidence, that an estimate based on a sample will differ by no more than 1.96 standard errors from the " true" population value, because of sampling error. Analyses relating to the Labour Force Survey are generally conducted at the 95 percent level of confidence.

For example, the confidence interval for the quarterly unemployment rate is on the order of

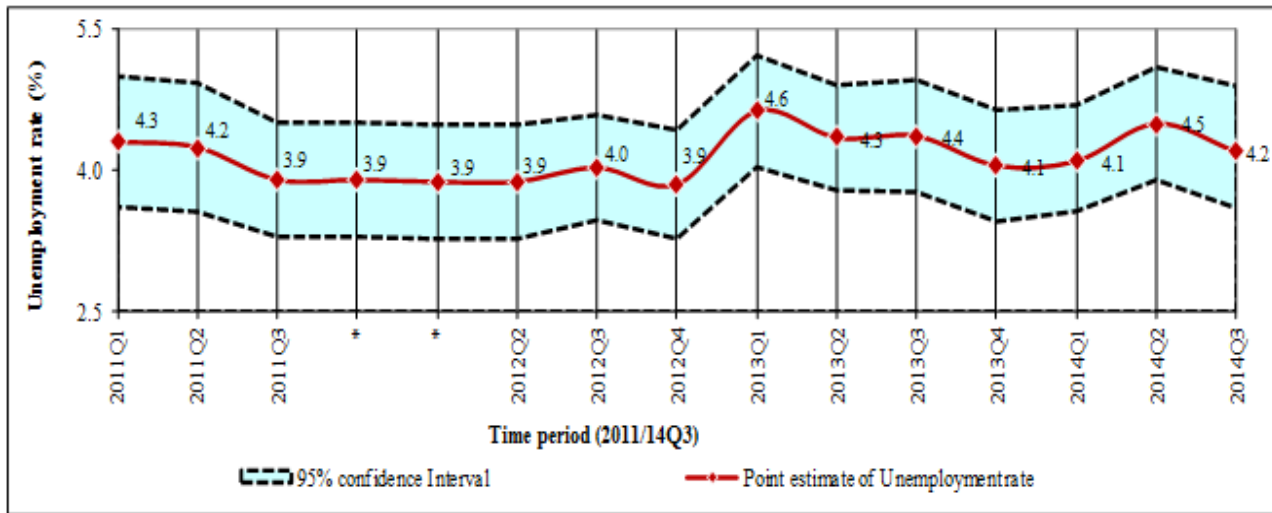
Estimated value *(of the unemployment rate)* \pm (standard error) * (1.96)

6.4 \pm (0.4) * (1.96)
(6.4 \pm 0.784)

This means, the 95 percent confidence interval on the quarterly unemployment rate could range from (5.6 to 7.2) . This implies that there is about 95 percent chance that the "true" unemployment rate lies within this interval. This range includes all the values range from 5.6 to 7.2. When the comparison of this estimate is done between two quarters, if any of the value within the 95 percent confidence interval of one quarter overlaps with the confidence interval of the other , it means that the estimates of this two quarters *are not significantly different*.

Therefore, in each quarterly labour force report, a separate table is given including approximate standard errors for some selected variables, so that users could understand this statistical scenario clearly.

Distribution of unemployment rates and 95% confidence intervals (2011Q1 - 2014Q3)



Note:

- * Survey was not conducted in the fourth quarter 2011 & first quarter 2012 due to activities of population census.
- Excluding Northern Province

As seen in figure 2, it is very important to note that, there were no statistically significant differences between the unemployment rates reported in different time periods of 2011/2013, when sampling error was considered.

Change in survey schedule

Current survey concepts and methods are very similar to those introduced at the beginning of the survey in 1990. However, some changes have been made over the years to improve the accuracy and usefulness of the data. In January 2006, some improvements were made to the labour force survey schedule in order to fulfill the requirements of data users and also to provide additional information for planning purposes. The revision was made focusing on literacy, household economic activities, and informal sector employment and under employment etc.

From January , 2013 onwards, the lower bound of working age populations is considered as age 15, hence age 15 and over population is considered as working age population .The survey schedule is updated to obtain more precise information on following age, informal employment, informal sector, secondary occupation, wages & income , unemployment & trainings.

New Industry & Occupation classifications

From January 2013 onward the survey uses new industry & occupation classifications, such as

SLIC Rev 4:- Sri Lanka Standard Industry Classification based on International Standard Industry classification - Rev.4 (ISIC Rev 4)

SLSCO 08:- Sri Lanka Standard Classification of Occupation -2008 based on International Standard Classification of Occupation-2008 (ISCO 2008)

Note :

It is important to note that, all the data published here are the estimates based on a sample survey and these are subject to sampling errors. These sampling errors can be statistically evaluated from the survey results. Therefore, sampling error is normally measured in terms of the standard error of the particular variable. Standard error could be used to calculate the confidence limits with a prescribed accuracy where the true value of the estimates lies.

Further reliability of the estimates can be expressed in terms of Coefficient of Variation (CV). The CV is a relative measure of the sampling error and is calculated as sampling error divided by the expected value of the given characteristic.

In view of this, following table is given to show the estimates for some selected variables, its standard error, CV and 95% Confidence interval.

It is also important to note that all the estimates we publish in this report are subject to sampling error and one should be cautious in the interpretation of results, especially with respect to the trends over time.

Estimate of Confidence Intervals for some selected characteristics

Year	Labour Force					Employed				
	No.	Standard error	C.V (%)	95% C.I.		No.	Standard error	C.V (%)	95% C.I.	
				Lower	Upper				Lower	Upper
2006 ¹	7,576,415	102,940	1.36	7,374,579	7,778,251	7,084,346	97,662	1.38	6,892,860	7,275,832
2007 ¹	7,472,932	104,109	1.39	7,268,805	7,677,059	7,026,733	99,184	1.41	6,832,262	7,221,204
2008 ²	8,061,725	109,709	1.36	7,846,618	8,276,832	7,628,683	104,306	1.37	7,424,169	7,833,196
2009 ²	8,051,089	107,213	1.33	7,840,876	8,261,302	7,579,835	102,161	1.35	7,379,527	7,780,143
2010 ²	8,096,477	110,375	1.36	7,880,065	8,312,889	7,696,142	105,457	1.37	7,489,372	7,902,913
2011 ³	8,543,776	163,523	1.91	8,223,154	8,864,397	8,186,305	157,067	1.92	7,878,342	8,494,268
2012 ³	8,454,364	144,233	1.71	8,171,566	8,737,162	8,118,362	138,850	1.71	7,846,117	8,390,606
2013 ³	8,802,113	61,249	0.70	8,682,006	8,922,219	8,417,674	59,454	0.71	8,301,087	8,534,261
2014Q1 ³	8,769,538	126,314	1.44	8,521,442	9,017,634	8,407,212	122,418	1.46	8,166,767	8,647,658
2014Q2 ³	8,811,836	128,636	1.46	8,559,176	9,064,496	8,413,171	122,901	1.46	8,171,774	8,654,567
2014Q3 ³	8,853,951	134,556	1.52	8,589,660	9,118,242	8,479,829	131,427	1.55	8,221,683	8,737,975

Year	Unemployed					Unemployment Rate				
	No.	Standard error	C.V (%)	95% C.I.		Rate	Standard error	C.V (%)	95% C.I.	
				Lower	Upper				Lower	Upper
2006 ¹	492,069	15,823	3.2	461,045	523,093	6.5	0.2	2.95	6.1	6.9
2007 ¹	446,199	14,698	3.3	417,380	475,018	6.0	0.2	3.02	5.6	6.3
2008 ²	433,042	14,975	3.5	403,680	462,405	5.4	0.2	3.14	5.0	5.7
2009 ²	471,254	15,683	3.3	440,503	502,004	5.9	0.2	3.07	5.5	6.2
2010 ²	400,335	14,742	3.7	371,430	429,240	4.9	0.2	3.39	4.6	5.3
2011 ³	357,471	17,726	5.0	322,715	392,226	4.2	0.2	4.52	3.8	4.6
2012 ³	336,002	15,267	4.5	306,067	365,938	4.0	0.2	4.17	3.6	4.3
2013 ³	384,439	13,218	3.4	358,519	410,359	4.4	0.1	3.34	4.1	4.7
2014Q1 ³	362,326	25,145	6.9	312,939	411,713	4.1	0.3	6.72	3.6	4.7
2014Q2 ³	398,665	28,432	7.1	342,820	454,511	4.5	0.3	6.83	3.9	5.1
2014Q3 ³	374,122	29,042	7.8	317,078	431,166	4.2	0.3	7.58	3.6	4.9

¹ - Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

³ - All the districts are included

² - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

ALTERNATIVE ESTIMATES

Alternative Estimates of Employment, Unemployment and Labour Force Characteristics

Official employment, unemployment and labour force characteristics are estimated at the Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey, based on the internationally comparable concepts and definitions recommended by the ILO. However the validity of the concepts and definitions used at the survey is questioned very often in some forums, for the appropriateness of these concepts and definitions in the Sri Lankan context.

The concepts and definitions, which were found to be controversial, are as below.

- (1) **Number of Hours of Work** : A person who work **at least one hour** during the reference week, is considered **employed**, under these definitions.
- (2) **Working Age Population** : All persons of **age 10 years and over** are considered to be in the working age, before 2013. However, this was changed as age 15 and over from 2013 onward.
- (3) **Employment Status** : All,
 - a) Paid employees, (those who work for wages/salaries).
 - b) Employers (who have at least one paid employee under them).
 - c) Own account workers (who carry out the economic activity without having any paid employees).
 - d) Contributing family workers (who make their contribution to the economic activities carried out by their own household, without wages/salaries).

The validity of the above concepts and definitions is raised due to the following reasons.

- (1) **Number of Hours of Work** : Some pointed out that one hour per week is too low, to consider a person to be employed.
- (2) **Working Age Population** : Some pointed out those persons in the age group 10-14 yrs. are too young to be considered in the working age. (From 2013 onward the working age population is considered as age 15 and over).
- (3) **Employment Status** : Some pointed out that 'contributing family workers' may work in the family enterprise without payment because they have no other work, and so it is not appropriate to consider them as employed.

An attempt has been made to produce '**Alternative estimates of Employment, Unemployment and Labour Force Characteristics,**' by revising the original concepts and definitions so that the above issues are addressed as explained below.

The revisions made are,

- (1) **Number of Hours of Work** : Persons who work **20 hours or more per week only** are considered to be employed.
- (2) **Contributing Family Worker** : Contributing family workers are **not** considered as employed. Those contributing family workers who were reported to be seeking some other work are considered as **unemployed** and the rest of the unpaid family workers are considered as **economically inactive** (not in the labour force) so only, **a) paid employees b) employers and c) own account workers are considered to be employed.**

Following tables are based on the above alternative concepts and definitions.

Alternative Estimates of Employment, Unemployment and Labour Force Characteristics

TABLE 1 - LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF HOUSEHOLD POPULATION 15 YEARS & OVER (ALTERNATIVE ESTIMATES)

YEAR	HOUSEHOLD POPULATION (15 YEARS & OVER)	TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	LABOUR FORCE				NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
				EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
2006 ¹	13,261,409	6,467,138	48.8	5,975,069	92.4	492,069	7.6	6,794,271
2007 ¹	13,459,252	6,425,260	47.7	5,979,061	93.1	446,199	6.9	7,033,992
2008 ²	14,626,581	6,859,040	46.9	6,425,997	93.7	433,042	6.3	7,767,541
2009 ²	14,876,264	6,836,598	46.0	6,365,344	93.1	471,254	6.9	8,039,665
2010 ²	15,166,285	6,892,444	45.4	6,492,109	94.2	400,335	5.8	8,273,841
2011 ³	16,122,111	7,196,558	44.6	6,839,087	95.0	357,471	5.0	8,925,553
2012 ³	16,081,285	7,417,834	46.1	7,081,831	95.5	336,002	4.5	8,663,451
2013 ³	16,359,761	7,619,111	46.6	7,234,672	95.0	384,439	5.0	8,740,650
2014Q1 ³	16,415,549	7,713,441	47.0	7,351,115	95.3	362,326	4.7	8,702,108
2014Q2 ³	16,454,039	7,507,970	45.6	7,109,305	94.7	398,665	5.3	8,946,069
2014Q3 ³	16,645,617	7,760,707	46.6	7,386,585	95.2	374,122	4.8	8,884,910

TABLE 2 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF NUMBER AND RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT BY AGE (ALTERNATIVE ESTIMATES)

YEAR	AGE GROUP											
	TOTAL		15 - 19		20 - 24		25 - 29		30 - 39		40 & ABOVE	
	NO.	RATE	NO.	RATE	NO.	RATE	NO.	RATE	NO.	RATE	NO.	RATE
2006 ¹	492,069	7.6	86,180	29.7	193,481	24.0	105,966	12.5	58,443	3.8	47,999	1.6
2007 ¹	446,199	6.9	69,856	27.7	183,617	24.0	87,993	10.7	58,252	3.8	46,480	1.5
2008 ²	433,042	6.3	68,487	27.1	166,409	20.8	93,202	10.9	58,838	3.6	46,107	1.4
2009 ²	471,254	6.9	68,447	27.3	176,801	24.9	100,508	11.9	70,988	4.2	54,511	1.6
2010 ²	400,335	5.8	59,339	26.5	154,788	22.5	84,777	10.5	59,041	3.6	42,390	1.2
2011 ³	357,471	5.0	45,900	21.0	151,882	20.7	73,545	8.7	55,880	3.2	30,263	0.8
2012 ³	336,056	4.5	47,690	23.6	136,553	19.5	63,135	7.3	52,541	2.8	36,084	1.0
2013 ³	384,439	5.0	52,652	22.9	157,353	21.7	69,413	8.5	58,352	3.1	46,669	1.2
2014Q1 ³	362,383	4.7	52,022	24.3	139,740	20.8	77,111	9.6	49,981	2.6	43,471	1.1
2014Q2 ³	398,665	5.3	55,541	27.0	149,858	21.4	84,739	11.0	67,757	3.5	40,770	1.0
2014Q3 ³	374,122	4.8	52,713	25.8	152,728.4	23.4	70,033	9.1	51,832	2.6	46,816	1.1

¹ - Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces³ - All the districts are included² - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

Table 3 - Currently Employed persons by Industry group (No. and percentage) (Based on ISIC Fourth Revision) - (Alternative estimates)

Year	Industry group																		
	Total	1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	Other	
2013	No. 7,234,672	1,797,192	92,742	1,360,236	561,214	989,320	499,257	160,616	59,656	151,882	64,976	103,930	620,201	305,115	136,759	116,217	170,324	45,035	
	% 100.0	24.8	1.3	18.8	7.8	13.7	6.9	2.2	0.8	2.1	0.9	1.4	8.6	4.2	1.9	1.6	2.4	0.6	
2014Q1	No. 7,351,115	1,582,602	81,454	1,549,883	536,076	955,973	534,383	189,878	70,893	161,334	50,358	97,547	642,333	349,500	140,445	135,070	224,192	49,195	
	% 100.0	21.5	1.1	21.1	7.3	13.0	7.3	2.6	1.0	2.2	0.7	1.3	8.7	4.8	1.9	1.8	3.0	0.7	
2014Q2	No. 7,109,305	1,661,053	64,663	1,326,868	560,905	986,968	468,404	146,567	76,456	157,900	54,193	110,756	633,359	294,558	136,378	137,194	236,557	56,524	
	% 100.0	23.4	0.9	18.7	7.9	13.9	6.6	2.1	1.1	2.2	0.8	1.6	8.9	4.1	1.9	1.9	3.3	0.8	
2014Q3	No. 7,386,585	1,761,362	89,493	1,391,596	613,641	993,541	551,062	188,890	53,217	151,747	39,266	105,323	663,141	287,227	120,909	147,317	166,061	62,793	
	% 100.0	23.8	1.2	18.8	8.3	13.5	7.5	2.6	0.7	2.1	0.5	1.4	9.0	3.9	1.6	2.0	2.2	0.9	

Note: The tabulation groups based on ISIC (Rev.4) are indicated as A,B,C.....U. Due to the limitations on reliability (based on CV),some of these groups have been combined.

Industry Group

1 Agriculture, forestry and fishing (A)	Other
2 Mining & quarrying (B)	12 Real estate activities (L)
3 Manufacturing (C)	18 Arts, entertainment and recreation (R)
6 Construction, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste and remediation activities (D, E,F)	21 Activities of extra territorial organizations & bodies (U)
7 Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles(G)	
8 Transportation and storage (H)	
9 Accommodation and food services activities (I)	
10 Information and communication (J)	
11 Financial and insurance activities (K)	
13 Professional, scientific and technical activities (M)	
14 Administrative and support service activities (N)	
15 Public administration and defence compulsory social security (O)	
16 Education (P)	
17 Human health and social work activities (Q)	
19 Other service activities (S)	
20 Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services - producing activities of households for own use (T)	
Other	