

# Sri Lanka - Labour Force Survey - 2000

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# Overview

## Identification

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### **ID NUMBER**

LKA-DCS-LFS-2000-v1.0

## Version

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### **VERSION DESCRIPTION**

v1.0: Full edited dataset, original version for internal DPD use.

### **PRODUCTION DATE**

2008-06-03

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### **ABSTRACT**

The employment/unemployment data are required at very short intervals to monitor the program made in the employment generating policies of the government. To satisfy this need, Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey was designed as a quarterly basis survey to measure the levels and trends of employment, unemployment and labour force in Sri Lanka. Thus the survey is repeated four times each year since the first quarter of 1990.

Key objectives of the survey

- To study the economically active / inactive population.
- To analyze employment by major industry group and employment status.
- To determine unemployment rates by level of education and by age group
- To study the informal sector employment.
- To determine the underemployment rates by sector and by major industries

### **KIND OF DATA**

Sample survey data [ssd]

### **UNITS OF ANALYSIS**

Individuals from the population aged 10 years or more

## Scope

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### **NOTES**

The scope of LFS 2000 includes the following key sections:-

- 1). Identification Information
- 2). Control Data
- 3). Personal Information
- 4). Information on Labour Force

Identification and Personal Information are as follows:-

Identification Information

- Address, Province, District, D.S. Division, G. N. Division, Sector, Name of MC/UC/PS
- Name of Ward/Village/Estate, Census Block Number, Sample Reference Number
- Survey Quarter, Number of households, Name of the Head of the household
- Identifications of Interviewers & Supervising Officers

#### Personal Information

- Relationship to Head of Household, Gender, Age, Ethnic Group, Religion, Marital Status
- Educational Attainment, Attendance at Schooling or other Educational Institution
- Professional / Technical Training, Persons who are working abroad

#### TOPICS

Topic	Vocabulary	URI
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT [3]	CESSDA	<a href="http://www.nesstar.org/rdf/common">http://www.nesstar.org/rdf/common</a>

## Coverage

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#### GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

National coverage. ( Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces )

#### UNIVERSE

Working age population (10 years and above) living in the non-institutional households in Sri Lanka

## Producers and Sponsors

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#### PRIMARY INVESTIGATOR(S)

Name	Affiliation
Department of Census and Statistics	Ministry of Finance and Planning

#### OTHER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Name	Affiliation	Role

## Metadata Production

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#### METADATA PRODUCED BY

Name	Abbreviation	Affiliation	Role
Department of Census and Statistics	DCS	Ministry of Finance & Planning	Data Collection

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# Sampling

## Sampling Procedure

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The Survey is conducted quarterly to produce estimates of employment, unemployment, labour force participation and basic demographic characteristics. The scope of coverage includes all households in Sri Lanka.

The list of housing units created for Demographic Survey 1994 were taken as sample frame. Sample lists were selected from the above frame taken as Primary Sampling Unit (PSU). A systematic Sample of 15 housing units per PSU was selected on final sampling units.

The total annual sample size is 15915 housing units equally, distributed as 265 PSUs per each quarter and 15 housing units (SSUs) per PSU. The allocation to the domains aims at ensuring approximately equal of reliability from domain to domain.

The 1061 PSUs were selected by systematic Sampling from the PSUs created for Demographic Survey - 1994. A listing operation was conducted in each selected PSU to provide a frame for the second stage of selection. The selection of housing units within PSU was systematic with random start.

## Deviations from Sample Design

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The field of survey conducted in year 2000 was confined to seven province of the country excluding the Northern and the Eastern provinces due to the prevailing situation in the above two provinces.

# Questionnaires

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The questionnaire covered questions under four main headings such as

Identification Information

Control data

Personal Information

Labour force Information

Questions common to all employed persons

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. [Questionnaire is attached in the External Resources section].

## Data Collection

### Data Collection Dates

Start	End	Cycle
2000-01-01	2000-12-31	12 months

### Data Collection Mode

Face-to-face [f2f]

#### DATA COLLECTION NOTES

Data are collected quarterly during a similar time period (eg every third week of the quarter) in each quarter through a scientifically selected sample designed to represent the non-institutional household population. About 4000 households are visited each quarter. Respondents are interviewed to obtain information about each member of the household whose age is 10 years or over.

The inquiry relates to the previous calendar week of the interview to obtain "current" information, and to the previous 12 calendar months to obtain "usual" activity information.

[Inmates of institutions, military camps, and lodgings are not surveyed. Households with more than 5 lodgers and boarders were excluded from the survey.]

### Data Collectors

Name	Abbreviation	Affiliation
Department of Census and Statistics	DCS	Ministry of Finance and Planning

#### SUPERVISION

Senior officers of the DCS visited the district to check enumerator's work

## Data Processing

### Other Processing

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Data was processed in district -wise batches and filed separately with different file names.

Data processing included the following steps.

1. Counting and accepting the filled questionnaires by the DP Division
2. Do a visual check for completeness
3. Preliminary editing and marking codes
4. Entry of data
5. Run edit program for each District batch
6. Produce error report and return to the Survey office
7. Correction of errors on the report
8. Change incorrect data using the corrected error report
9. Re-run the edit program and repeat the error correction procedure
10. Consolidate all clean batch files to form the master file and update same with code labels
11. Produce final tables on clean data (updated with sample weights) with a backup of clean data.

## Data Appraisal

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