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Preface

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. A nationally representative annual sample of about 16,000 housing units have been selected for the survey in 1998. The present report, which is the thirty third in the series, is based on a sample of 4000 housing units (excluding Northern and Eastern provinces) and gives national estimates with a stipulated standard error of labour force characteristics as reported in the reference period of the first quarter of 1998.

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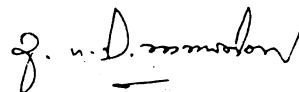
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1 INTRODUCTION

The field work of the survey in the first quarter of 1998 was done in January and February 1998 and the current labour force status of persons was measured as in the reference weeks of January and February 1998. The estimates described in the following sections will exclude the Northern and the Eastern Provinces in it's national level estimates and the survey covers only the persons living in housing units and it excludes the institutional population.

2. Economically Active Population

- The economically active population in Sri Lanka is estimated at 6.64 million. Of this number 5.94 million are employed and 0.70 million are unemployed.
- Of the persons age 10 years and over, 51.6 percent is estimated to be economically active.
- A higher participation in the labour force is reported for males (66.6 percent) as compared to females (37.6 percent).
- The highest participation rate for females is reported in the age group 25-29 years. For males, participation is highest in the age group 25-44 years.

Fig 1 - Labour force participation rate by age and sex

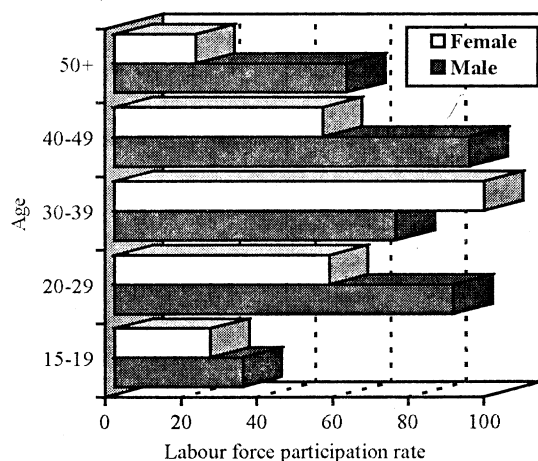


Table (i) - Labour force participation rate by age & sex

Age (in years)	Total	Male	Female
All age groups	51.6	66.6	37.6
10 - 14	2.5	2.1	3.0
15 - 19	29.3	33.7	25.1
20 - 24	70.1	87.2	53.2
25 - 29	75.9	92.4	60.5
30 - 34	73.0	97.4	50.9
35 - 39	75.8	98.1	58.3
40 - 44	72.7	95.4	50.7
45 - 49	75.7	92.1	59.2
50 - 54	60.5	84.8	37.3
55 - 59	52.3	74.6	32.4
60 & over	25.2	43.4	9.0

Table (ii)-Labour force participation rate by sex & sector

Sex	Sector		
	Total	Urban	Rural
Total	51.6	46.5	52.3
Male	66.6	64.4	66.9
Female	37.6	29.6	38.9

3. Employed Population

- The employed population in Sri Lanka is estimated at 5.9 million.
- Of the employed persons 3.9 million (or 64.8 percent) are males and 2.1 million (or 35.2 percent) are females.
- Of the employed persons, 0.7 million (or 11.1 percent) are residing in the urban sector and 5.3 million (or 88.9 percent) are residing in the rural sector.
- The highest proportion is reported in the major occupation group. Skilled Agricultural and Fishery workers (27.3%) for males and in the major occupational group Elementary occupations for females (31.1%)
- Occupations under the major industry group "Agricultural, Livestock and Fisheries" have dominated all other inindustry groups in the rural sector.

Fig 2 - Percentage distribution of currently employed population by major occupational group

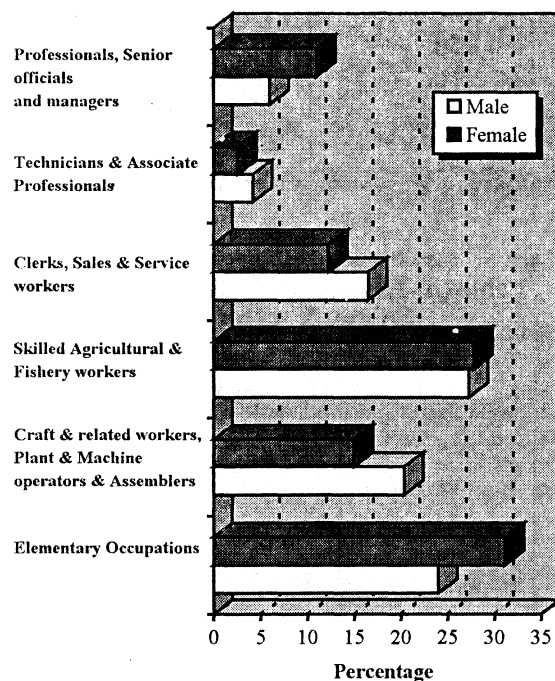


Table (iii) Percentage distribution of currently employed population by sex and major occupational group

Major occupational group	Sex		
	Both	Male	Female
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Senior Officials & Managers	1.9	2.6	0.2
Professionals	6.0	3.4	10.8
Technicians & Associate-Professionals	3.6	4.2	2.6
Clerks	4.1	3.5	5.2
Sales & Service Workers	10.9	13.0	7.1
Skilled Agricultural & Fishery workers	27.5	27.3	27.8
Craft & related workers	13.5	13.5	13.4
Plant & Machine Operators & Assemblers	5.1	6.9	1.6
Elementary Occupations	26.5	24.0	31.1
Un identified	1.1	1.6	0.1

Table (iv) - Percentage distribution of currently employed population by major industrial group and sector

Major Industrial Group	Sector		
	Total	Urban	Rural
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture, livestock, & Fisheries	41.6	1.4	46.6
Mining & Quarrying	1.3	1.0	1.3
Manufacturing	15.4	25.7	14.1
Electricity Gas & Water	0.6	0.5	0.6
Construction	5.2	5.2	5.2
Trade and Hotels etc..	10.0	19.4	8.8
Transport & Communication	4.5	6.3	4.3
Insurance & Real Estate	2.0	4.8	1.6
Personal Services	16.9	31.5	15.1
Not Defined	2.5	4.2	2.3

- Occupations under the major industry groups "Personal Services" and "Manufacturing" dominate all other major industry groups in the urban sector.
- Of the employed persons 54.9 percent work as "employees" and another 28.8 as "own account workers".
- A higher proportion of employed females work as "unpaid family workers" as compared to employed males (respective proportions being 29.1 percent and 6.8 percent.)

Fig 3 - Percentage of currently employed persons by employment status and major industrial sector

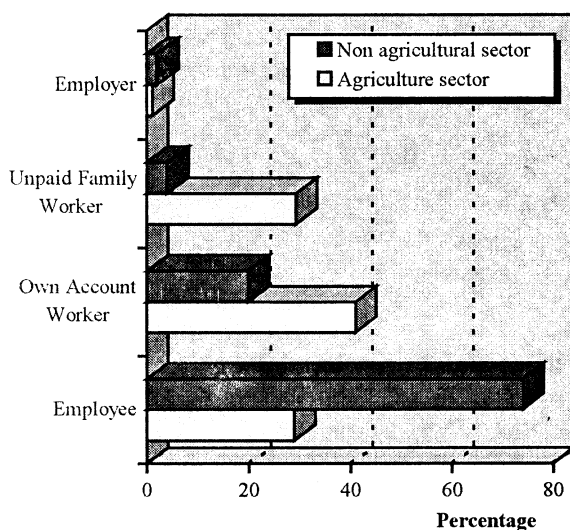


Fig 4 - Percentage distribution of currently employed population by employment status

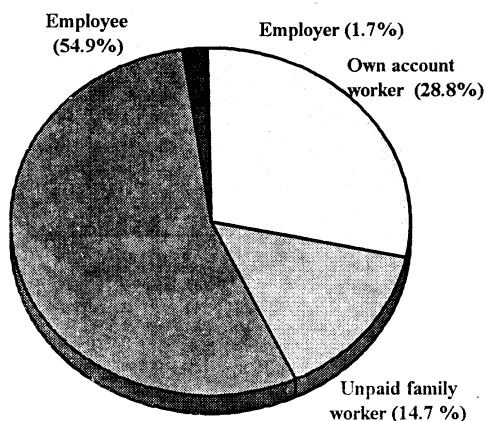


Table (v) - Percentage distribution of currently employed persons by employment status and sex

Employment Status	Total	Male	Female
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Employee	54.9	54.4	55.8
Employer	1.7	2.4	0.3
Own-Account Worker	28.8	36.3	14.9
Unpaid Family Worker	14.7	6.8	29.1

Table (vi) - Percentage distribution of Currently employed persons by employment status and major industrial sector

Employment status	Major industrial sector		
	Total	Agricultural sector	Non agricultural sector
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Employee	54.9	28.8	74.1
Employer	1.7	1.1	2.1
Own-Account Worker	28.8	40.9	19.9
Unpaid Family Worker	14.7	29.2	4.0

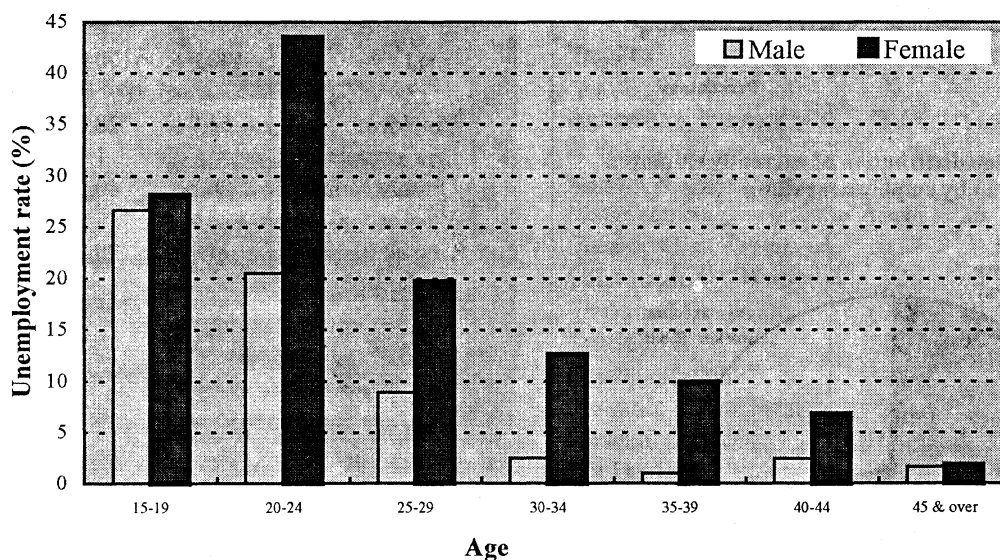
4. Unemployed Population

- The unemployment rate in Sri Lanka is estimated at 10.6 percent.
- The unemployed population in Sri Lanka is estimated at 0.70 million of which 0.30 million are males and 0.40 million are females.
- The highest unemployment rates have been reported in the age group 15-19 yrs for males and in the 20-24 yrs age group for females.
- However, the highest number of unemployed persons is reported in the age groups 20-24 yrs. for both males and females
- A relatively higher unemployment rate is reported among females (16.2 percent) as compared to males (7.1 percent).

Table (vii) - Unemployment rate by age group and sex

Age Group (years)	Sector		
	Total	Male	Female
All Age Groups	10.6	7.1	16.2
15 - 19	27.3	26.6	28.1
20 - 24	29.2	20.5	43.5
25 - 29	13.3	8.9	19.7
30 - 34	6.2	2.5	12.6
35 - 39	4.8	1.0	9.9
40 - 44	4.0	2.4	6.8
45 & over	1.6	1.6	1.8

Fig 5- Unemployment rate by sex and age



5. Educational Attainment

- Nearly 28 percent of the employed persons have attained a level of education equivalent to G.C.E. (O/L) or above.
- Of the employed persons 5.0 percent have not gone to school at all.
- Of the unemployed females, more than 50 percent have attained educational qualifications equivalent to G.C.E. (O/L) or above. Corresponding proportion for unemployed males is 34.0 percent.
- Over fifty five percent of the unemployed persons have attained a level of education up to grade 9 only.

Table (viii) - Percentage distribution of currently employed and unemployed population by education level and sex

Labour Force Status & Sex	Total	No Schooling	Grade 0-4/ Year 1-5	Grade 5-9/Year 6-10	GCE(O/L)/NCGE	GCE(A/L), HNCE & Above
Employed						
Total	100.0	5.0	23.6	43.2	18.3	9.9
Male	100.0	3.6	23.4	46.8	17.6	8.5
Female	100.0	7.4	24.1	36.5	19.6	12.5
Unemployed						
Total	100.0	0.1	6.1	49.9	29.2	14.8
Male	100.0	0.1	7.8	58.1	27.6	6.4
Female	100.0	0.6	4.9	43.9	30.3	20.9

Fig 6-Educational attainment of currently employed and unemployed population

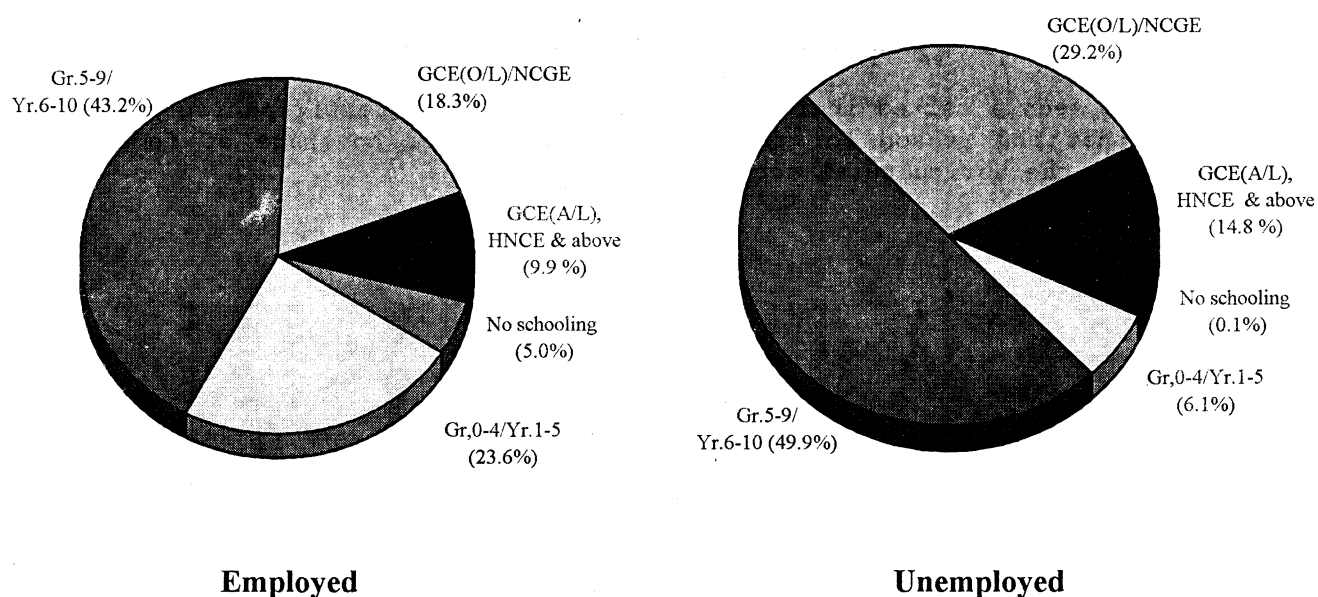


TABLE 1 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION, 10 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER - BOTH SEXES

NATIONAL LEVEL DATA								
YEAR	HOUSEHOLD POPULATION (10 YEARS & OVER)	TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTIC- IPATION RATE (%)	LABOUR FORCE				NOT IN LABOUR FORCE
				EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
1990	11573941	6001148	51.9	5047354	84.1	953794	15.9	5572793
1991	11795793	5877198	49.8	5015517	85.3	861680	14.7	5918596
1992	12058463	5808062	48.2	4962105	85.4	845957	14.6	6250400
1993	12278055	6032383	49.1	5201474	86.2	830910	13.8	6245675
1994	12492850	6078863	48.7	5281272	86.9	797591	13.1	6413985
1995	12736185	6106138	47.9	5357117	87.7	749021	12.3	6630048
1996	12831240	6241889	48.6	5537285	88.7	704604	11.3	6589365
1997								
1	12858650	6237278	48.5	5569359	89.3	667917	10.7	6621373
2	12861640	6226208	48.4	5588698	89.8	637509	10.2	6635426
3	12863470	6218304	48.3	5571389	89.6	646914	10.4	6645162
4	12872930	6235836	48.4	5590966	89.7	644870	10.3	6637093
1998								
1 #	12877860	6647212	51.6	5946148	89.5	701067	10.6	6230654

- STANDARD ERROR OF THE ESTIMATES ARE GIVEN IN TABLE - 19

Note : It can be seen a marked increase in the labour force participation rate. It has been observed that the reason for this increase is better coverage of female unpaid family workers in the agricultural sector.

TABLE 1A - HISTORICAL TABLE OF LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION, 10 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER - MALE

Year	Household population (10 years & over)	Total labour force	Labour Force participation Rate (%)	Labour Force				Not in Labour Force
				Employed		Unemployed		
				Number	Rate (% to Total Labour Force)	Number	Rate (% to Total Labour Force)	
1993	6109486	3989443	65.3	3601779	90.3	387663	9.7	2120044
1994	6228064	4072937	65.4	3678648	90.3	394289	9.7	2155127
1995	6318003	4068608	64.4	3700951	91.0	367656	9.0	2249395
1996	6373670	4200886	65.9	3857147	91.8	343741	8.2	2172784
1997								
1	6422932	4190437	65.2	3853175	91.9	337262	8.1	2232495
2	6347370	4169934	65.7	3868420	92.8	301515	7.2	2177436
3	6397135	4204093	65.7	3892905	92.6	311188	7.4	2193042
4	6391306	4139707	64.8	3820325	92.3	319383	7.7	2251598
1998								
1	6237661	4151549	66.6	3855324	92.9	296225	7.1	2086115

TABLE 1B - HISTORICAL TABLE OF LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION, 10 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER - FEMALE

Year	Household population (10 years & over)	Total labour force	Labour Force participation Rate (%)	Labour Force				Not in Labour Force
				Employed		Unemployed		
				Number	Rate (% to Total Labour Force)	Number	Rate (% to Total Labour Force)	
1993	6168572	2042941	33.1	1599695	78.3	443247	21.7	4125631
1994	6264782	2005927	32.0	1602625	79.9	403302	20.1	4258857
1995	6418183	2037530	31.7	1656166	81.3	381364	18.7	4380652
1996	6457583	2041002	31.6	1680138	82.3	360864	17.7	4416583
1997								
1	6433672	2046837	31.8	1716182	83.8	330655	16.2	4386834
2	6514259	2056275	31.6	1720280	83.7	335995	16.3	4457987
3	6466331	2014212	31.2	1678486	83.3	335726	16.7	4452118
4	6481620	2096126	32.3	1770639	84.5	325487	15.5	4385492
1998								
1	6640209	2495667	37.6	2090825	83.8	404842	16.2	4144543

TABLE 2 - LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION 10 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER, BY AGE - BOTH SEXES

(First QUARTER 1998)

AGE	HOUSEHOLD POP: (10 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	12877860	6647212	51.6	5946148	89.5	701067	10.6	6230654
10 - 14 YRS	1642509	*	*	38719	93.5	*	*	1601086
15 - 19 YRS	1651664	483240	29.3	351384	72.7	131855	27.3	1168426
20 - 24 YRS	1437316	1008070	70.1	713417	70.8	294654	29.2	429246
25 - 29 YRS	1182716	897905	75.9	778070	86.7	119835	13.4	284812
30 - 39 YRS	2313641	1720571	74.4	1625276	94.5	95296	5.5	593071
40 - 49 YRS	1830143	1357137	74.2	1312017	96.7	45121	3.3	473008
50 - 59 YRS	1337550	764658	57.2	753056	98.5	11602	1.5	572892
60 + YRS	1482321	374209	25.2	374209	100.0	1108113

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* The age group has been included only to depict the number employed.

TABLE 2A - LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION 10 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER, BY AGE - MALE

(FIRST QUARTER 1998)

AGE	HOUSEHOLD POP: (10 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE (%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
ALL AGES	6237661	4151549	66.6	3855324	92.9	296225	7.1	2086115
10 - 14 YRS	837024	*	*	16808	95.9	*	*	819489
15 - 19 YRS	800005	269632	33.7	197800	73.4	71832	26.6	530374
20 - 24 YRS	715277	623833	87.2	496281	79.6	127552	20.5	91445
25 - 29 YRS	572349	528827	92.4	481680	91.1	47146	8.9	43523
30 - 39 YRS	1060484	1036062	97.7	1017092	98.2	18970	1.8	24421
40 - 49 YRS	908590	851533	93.7	828528	97.3	23005	2.7	57056
50 - 59 YRS	644238	520233	80.8	513241	98.7	6992	1.3	124005
60 + YRS	699693	303893	43.4	303893	100.0	395801

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* The age group has been included only to depict the number employed.

TABLE 2B - LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION 10 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER, BY AGE - FEMALE

(FIRST QUARTER 1998)

AGE		HOUSEHOLD POP: (10 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE
			TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE (%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
					NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
ALL AGES		6640209	2495667	37.6	2090825	83.8	404842	16.2	4144543
10	- 14 YRS	805486	*	*	21911	91.7	*	*	781598
15	- 19 YRS	851660	213608	25.1	153584	71.9	60023	28.1	638053
20	- 24 YRS	722039	384238	53.2	217137	56.5	167101	43.5	337801
25	- 29 YRS	610368	369079	60.5	296390	80.3	72689	19.7	241289
30	- 39 YRS	1253160	684510	54.6	608184	88.8	76326	11.2	568649
40	- 49 YRS	921556	505604	54.9	483488	95.6	22115	4.4	415952
50	- 59 YRS	693312	244425	35.3	239815	98.1	4610	1.9	448887
60 + YRS		782628	70316	9.0	70316	100.0	712313

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* The age group has been included only to depict the number employed.

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

Year	All Ages	Age Groups							
		10 - 14 YRS	15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40 - 49 YRS	50 - 59 YRS	60 + YRS
1990	100.0	1.1	5.7	11.9	13.7	27.0	20.5	12.4	7.8
1991	100.0	0.7	5.4	12.7	13.7	26.8	21.8	11.8	7.1
1992	100.0	0.5	5.1	13.4	14.1	27.0	21.2	11.9	6.8
1993	100.0	0.4	5.2	12.7	14.2	26.7	22.8	11.1	6.8
1994	100.0	0.4	4.9	12.3	13.9	28.2	22.4	11.6	6.3
1995	100.0	0.3	4.9	11.6	14.1	26.5	23.9	12.3	6.5
1996	100.0	0.4	5.3	12.1	13.7	28.1	22.7	11.8	5.9
1997									
1	100.0	0.2	5.4	11.3	13.2	26.8	24.2	12.4	6.5
2	100.0	0.3	4.7	11.2	13.5	28.9	23.3	11.4	6.7
3	100.0	0.1	5.1	11.2	12.8	28.4	24.6	11.6	6.1
4	100.0	0.3	5.4	11.8	12.4	26.4	25.1	12.5	6.1
1998									
1	100.0	0.7	5.9	12.0	13.1	27.3	22.1	12.7	6.3

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

Year	All Ages	Age Groups							
		10 - 14 YRS	15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40 - 49 YRS	50 - 59 YRS	60 + YRS
1990	100.0	1.0	5.7	11.7	13.3	26.3	19.9	12.6	9.6
1991	100.0	0.6	5.2	12.6	13.2	25.7	21.5	13.0	8.3
1992	100.0	0.4	4.7	13.2	13.9	26.2	21.1	12.4	8.1
1993	100.0	0.4	4.8	11.5	14.8	26.2	21.9	12.0	8.3
1994	100.0	0.4	4.7	11.9	13.5	27.2	22.2	12.5	7.5
1995	100.0	0.3	4.8	11.0	14.0	26.0	23.4	13.0	7.4
1996	100.0	0.4	5.0	11.7	13.4	27.8	22.3	12.6	6.8
1997									
1	100.0	0.2	5.1	11.2	13.7	25.7	23.2	13.2	7.7
2	100.0	0.3	4.5	10.4	13.0	28.8	23.7	11.6	7.8
3	100.0	0.1	5.0	10.9	12.5	27.2	24.7	12.6	7.0
4	100.0	0.3	4.9	11.2	11.9	26.3	25.8	12.9	6.9
1998									
1	100.0	0.4	5.1	12.9	12.5	26.4	21.5	13.3	7.9

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

Year	All Ages	Age Groups							
		10 - 14 YRS	15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40 - 49 YRS	50 - 59 YRS	60 + YRS
1990	100.0	1.2	5.6	12.4	14.5	28.4	21.8	12.2	4.0
1991	100.0	0.9	6.0	13.0	14.6	29.1	22.5	9.2	4.7
1992	100.0	0.8	5.9	13.9	14.4	29.2	21.4	10.7	3.7
1993	100.0	0.4	5.9	15.4	12.9	27.7	24.9	9.2	3.6
1994	100.0	0.5	5.3	13.2	14.8	30.4	22.7	9.5	3.7
1995	100.0	0.4	5.0	12.9	14.3	27.3	24.9	10.7	4.5
1996	100.0	0.5	6.0	13.1	14.2	28.8	23.6	10.1	3.7
1997									
1	100.0	0.4	6.1	11.4	12.1	29.3	26.4	10.6	3.8
2	100.0	0.3	5.2	12.9	14.7	29.1	22.2	11.2	4.4
3	100.0	0.1	5.2	11.8	13.7	31.2	24.6	9.2	4.2
4	100.0	0.3	6.7	13.0	13.6	26.5	23.8	11.7	4.3
1998									
1	100.0	1.0	7.3	10.4	14.2	29.1	23.1	11.5	3.4

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

Year	Total	Level of Education				
		No Schooling	Grades 0 - 4/ Years 1 - 5	Grades 5 - 9/ Years 6 - 10	GCE (O.L.)/ NCGE	GCE (A.L.)/ HNCE AND ABOVE
1990	100.0	7.0	24.9	45.1	16.0	7.0
1991	100.0	7.9	23.7	44.8	15.6	7.9
1992	100.0	7.0	22.9	44.9	16.5	8.7
1993	100.0	6.8	21.7	45.1	16.9	9.5
1994	100.0	6.9	21.3	45.4	17.5	8.8
1995	100.0	5.9	20.9	44.9	18.0	10.3
1996	100.0	5.3	24.2	43.3	16.9	10.3
1997						
1	100.0	4.9	23.0	44.0	18.3	9.8
2	100.0	5.6	24.9	43.3	15.8	10.5
3	100.0	4.4	21.4	44.2	19.1	10.9
4	100.0	5.2	24.0	42.9	17.3	10.6
1998						
1	100.0	5.0	23.6	43.2	18.3	9.9

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

Year	Total	Level of Education				
		No Schooling	Grades 0 - 4/ Years 1 - 5	Grades 5 - 9/ Years 6 - 10	GCE (O.L.) / NCGE	GCE (A.L.) / HNCE AND ABOVE
1990	100.0	4.2	25.4	48.3	16.1	5.9
1991	100.0	4.6	23.4	49.0	15.5	7.5
1992	100.0	4.5	22.9	48.2	17.0	7.4
1993	100.0	4.1	21.3	49.8	17.2	7.7
1994	100.0	4.3	21.2	49.6	17.7	7.2
1995	100.0	4.0	21.1	48.2	18.3	8.4
1996	100.0	3.4	24.3	47.1	16.8	8.4
1997						
1	100.0	2.3	24.2	47.3	18.0	8.3
2	100.0	3.8	25.8	46.0	16.0	8.5
3	100.0	2.9	21.5	47.3	18.9	9.3
4	100.0	3.2	24.1	46.5	17.4	8.8
1998						
1	100.0	3.6	23.4	46.8	17.6	8.5

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

Year	Total	Level of Education				
		No Schooling	Grades 0 - 4/ Years 1 - 5	Grades 5 - 9/ Years 6 - 10	GCE (O.L.) / NCGE	GCE (A.L.) / HNCE AND ABOVE
1990	100.0	13.1	23.9	38.1	15.6	9.3
1991	100.0	15.1	24.5	35.8	15.9	8.8
1992	100.0	13.0	22.7	37.0	15.5	11.9
1993	100.0	12.9	22.7	34.7	16.3	13.5
1994	100.0	13.0	21.5	35.8	17.2	12.6
1995	100.0	10.3	20.5	37.3	17.5	14.3
1996	100.0	9.8	23.9	34.4	17.1	14.7
1997						
1	100.0	10.8	20.3	36.7	19.2	13.0
2	100.0	9.5	22.8	37.3	15.3	15.1
3	100.0	7.9	21.0	37.1	19.4	14.5
4	100.0	9.6	23.9	35.1	16.9	14.5
1998						
1	100.0	7.5	24.1	36.5	19.6	12.5

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			
1990	100.0	55.2	21.5	33.7	1.8	29.2	13.8
1991	100.0	62.4	22.9	39.5	2.2	25.4	10.0
1992	100.0	60.1	20.0	40.0	1.6	27.1	11.2
1993	100.0	60.0	17.4	42.8	2.0	27.4	10.4
1994	100.0	60.7	16.4	44.3	2.3	27.2	9.8
1995	100.0	59.8	15.6	44.3	2.5	28.3	9.4
1996	100.0	60.8	15.0	45.8	2.3	26.8	10.0
1997							
1	100.0	59.6	15.0	44.7	1.7	29.0	9.7
2	100.0	60.0	15.6	44.2	2.4	27.5	10.2
3	100.0	59.4	16.5	42.9	2.7	28.8	9.1
4	100.0	58.0	13.7	44.3	2.7	31.2	8.2
1998							
1	100.0	54.9	13.1	41.8	1.7	28.8	14.7

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			
1990	100.0	55.2	19.7	35.5	2.3	34.6	7.9
1991	100.0	61.5	20.3	41.2	2.9	29.8	5.9
1992	100.0	58.7	18.4	40.3	2.0	32.2	7.2
1993	100.0	57.7	15.6	42.0	2.6	33.0	6.7
1994	100.0	59.3	15.9	43.4	2.9	32.0	5.9
1995	100.0	58.4	14.6	43.7	3.1	33.5	5.1
1996	100.0	59.5	14.1	45.4	3.2	31.2	6.1
1997							
1	100.0	59.4	14.6	44.8	2.1	33.2	5.3
2	100.0	58.4	15.0	43.4	2.9	32.0	6.7
3	100.0	58.4	14.5	43.9	3.5	32.4	5.7
4	100.0	56.5	13.0	43.5	3.2	36.1	4.2
1998							
1	100.0	54.4	12.6	41.8	2.4	36.3	6.8

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			
1990	100.0	55.1	25.3	29.8	0.6	17.9	26.5
1991	100.0	64.5	28.6	35.9	0.7	16.0	18.9
1992	100.0	63.4	24.1	39.4	0.7	14.8	21.0
1993	100.0	65.6	21.0	44.6	0.7	15.0	18.7
1994	100.0	64.2	17.7	46.5	0.9	16.1	18.8
1995	100.0	63.2	17.6	45.5	1.1	16.7	19.1
1996	100.0	63.9	17.0	46.8	0.5	16.7	18.9
1997							
1	100.0	60.2	15.8	44.3	0.7	19.5	19.7
2	100.0	63.5	17.4	46.1	1.1	17.5	18.0
3	100.0	61.7	21.1	40.6	0.8	20.6	16.9
4	100.0	61.2	15.0	46.2	1.5	20.5	16.8
1998							
1	100.0	55.8	14.0	41.8	0.3	14.9	29.1

TABLE 6 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY MAJOR INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - BOTH SEXES

Year	Total	Major Industrial Groups									
		Agriculture	Mining & Quarrying	Manufac- turing	Electricity Gas & Water	Constr- ction	Trade & Hotels	Transport Storage & Communica- tion	Insurance & Real Estate	Personal Services	Not Defined
1990	5047354	2360951	79763	669282	31999	196990	485196	206470	63744	792773	160185
1991	5015519	2130241	55677	751035	20744	236696	538695	205492	93190	742131	241620
1992	4962104	2088953	79560	650229	17492	237694	559258	216286	73501	839003	200130
1993	5201473	2159053	80544	684349	32763	226792	576628	212056	82235	911827	235228
1994	5281272	2084730	43316	756219	30307	216440	644749	245981	96742	953706	209085
1995	5357110	1966794	89250	788582	24944	285494	652770	252205	81265	929207	286607
1996	5537402	2072197	86824	806704	27539	297122	663575	270668	109662	1009624	193355
1997											
1	5569353	2080723	87699	845341	48052	326066	758917	251752	77376	899161	194277
2	5588732	2089912	78576	855304	13449	294473	710854	296734	88830	1002444	158129
3	5571372	1971509	80157	904447	21587	298971	690337	294022	112533	959981	237842
4	5590945	2134431	64951	875351	46251	284585	703135	237116	89364	979238	176545
1998											
1	5946156	2472298	78240	914708	35377	309346	593746	268065	117195	1006737	150431

TABLE 6.1 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY MAJOR INDUSTRIAL GROUPS (PERCENTAGE) - BOTH SEXES

Year	Total	Major Industrial Groups									
		Agriculture	Mining & Quarrying	Manufac- turing	Electricity Gas & Water	Constr- ction	Trade & Hotels	Transport & Storage & Communica- tion	Insurance & Real Estate	Personal Services	Not Defined
1990	100.0	46.8	1.6	13.3	0.6	3.9	9.6	4.1	1.3	15.7	3.2
1991	100.0	42.5	1.1	15.0	0.4	4.7	10.7	4.1	1.9	14.8	4.8
1992	100.0	42.1	1.6	13.1	0.4	4.8	11.3	4.4	1.5	16.9	4.0
1993	100.0	41.5	1.5	13.2	0.6	4.4	11.1	4.1	1.6	17.5	4.5
1994	100.0	39.5	0.8	14.3	0.6	4.1	12.2	4.7	1.8	18.1	4.0
1995	100.0	36.7	1.7	14.7	0.5	5.3	12.2	4.7	1.5	17.3	5.4
1996	100.0	37.4	1.6	14.6	0.5	5.4	12.0	4.9	2.0	18.2	3.5
1997											
1	100.0	37.4	1.6	15.2	0.9	5.9	13.6	4.5	1.4	16.1	3.5
2	100.0	37.4	1.4	15.3	0.2	5.3	12.7	5.3	1.6	17.9	2.8
3	100.0	35.4	1.4	16.2	0.4	5.4	12.4	5.3	2.0	17.2	4.3
4	100.0	38.2	1.2	15.7	0.8	5.1	12.6	4.2	1.6	17.5	3.2
1998											
1	100.0	41.6	1.3	15.4	0.6	5.2	10.0	4.5	2.0	16.9	2.5

TABLE 6A - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY MAJOR INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - MALE

Year	Total	Major Industrial Groups			
		Agriculture	Manufac- turing	Personal Services	Other
1993	3601807	1439257	331072	567658	1263821
1994	3678652	1370508	398212	621750	1288183
1995	3700948	1325113	380115	570740	1424979
1996	3857229	1360123	428005	649439	1419660
1997					
1	3853192	1402669	368887	558681	1522954
2	3868437	1372195	449388	639641	1407214
3	3892924	1285368	499481	592627	1515449
4	3820341	1385089	454045	611947	1369260
1998					
1	3855333	1451605	479561	607780	1316387

TABLE 6A.1 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY MAJOR INDUSTRIAL GROUPS (PERCENTAGE) - MALE

Year	Total	Major Industrial Groups			
		Agriculture	Manufac- turing	Personal Services	Other
1993	100.0	40.0	9.2	15.8	35.1
1994	100.0	37.3	10.8	16.9	35.0
1995	100.0	35.8	10.3	15.4	38.5
1996	100.0	35.3	11.1	16.8	36.8
1997					
1	100.0	36.4	9.6	14.5	39.5
2	100.0	35.5	11.6	16.5	36.4
3	100.0	33.0	12.8	15.2	38.9
4	100.0	36.3	11.9	16.0	35.8
1998					
1	100.0	37.7	12.4	15.8	34.1

TABLE 6B - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY MAJOR INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - FEMALE

Year	Total	Major Industrial Groups			
		Agriculture	Manufac- turing	Personal Services	Other
1993	1599706	719808	353282	344180	182437
1994	1602626	714225	358008	331958	198436
1995	1656159	641680	408963	358467	247050
1996	1680175	712143	378711	360203	229115
1997					
1	1716190	678059	476457	340483	221191
2	1720287	717721	405919	362807	233840
3	1678495	686158	404969	367359	220011
4	1770648	749350	421308	367295	232695
1998					
1	2090831	1020704	435149	398960	236017

TABLE 6B.1 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY MAJOR INDUSTRIAL GROUPS (PERCENTAGE) - FEMALE

Year	Total	Major Industrial Groups			
		Agriculture	Manufac- turing	Personal Services	Other
1993	100.0	45.0	22.1	21.5	11.4
1994	100.0	44.6	22.3	20.7	12.4
1995	100.0	38.7	24.7	21.6	14.9
1996	100.0	42.4	22.5	21.4	13.6
1997					
1	100.0	39.5	27.8	19.8	12.9
2	100.0	41.7	23.6	21.1	13.6
3	100.0	40.9	24.1	21.9	13.1
4	100.0	42.3	23.8	20.7	13.1
1998					
1	100.0	48.8	20.8	19.1	11.3

TABLE 7 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS - BOTH SEXES

Year	Total	Major Occupational Groups									
		Senior Officials & Managers	Profe- ssionals	Technicians & Associate Profess- ionals	Clerks	Sales & Service Workers	Skilled Agricultural & Fishery Workers	Craft & Related Workers	Plant & Machine Operators & Assemblers	Elementary Occupation	Uniden- tified
1990	5047354	22360	232655	160716	169645	462607	1474439	593432	272919	1647629	10951
1991	5015519	39753	229843	160509	206221	488942	1191529	693632	205248	1782996	16846
1992	4962105	120852	254983	158049	184299	476333	1448329	752179	210342	1147737	209003
1993	5201474	74362	309453	194130	210475	533980	1592374	747645	248904	1119142	171012
1994	5281273	70855	278979	171716	243614	642599	1330001	826947	255333	1272628	188602
1995	5357109	81871	296289	180941	257214	657552	1320757	840597	229523	1399110	93268
1996	5537402	70829	310985	216449	262503	652713	1302070	895680	281174	1427616	117389
1997											
1	5569353	73055	264776	201858	228630	703511	1306315	910339	311949	1410890	158041
2	5588724	92517	333595	240238	278806	647337	1236501	817013	361893	1427128	153696
3	5571372	95998	335408	241821	284699	620552	1183881	823322	374755	1476726	134234
4	5590945	113685	313552	246465	224758	680612	1281528	793799	307778	1509832	118953
1998											
1	5946156	105881	355919	216509	245139	648433	1633672	800129	301670	1576036	62757

TABLE 7.1 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS (PERCENTAGE) - BOTH SEXES

Year	Total	Major Occupational Groups									
		Senior Officials & Managers	Profe- ssionals	Technicians & Associate Profess- ionals	Clerks	Sales & Service Workers	Skilled Agricultural & Fishery Workers	Craft & Related Workers	Plant & Machine Operators & Assemblers	Elementary Occupation	Uniden- tified
1990	100.0	0.4	4.6	3.2	3.4	9.2	29.2	11.8	5.4	32.6	0.2
1991	100.0	0.8	4.6	3.2	4.1	9.7	23.6	13.8	4.1	35.5	0.3
1992	100.0	2.4	5.1	3.2	3.7	9.6	29.2	15.2	4.2	23.1	4.2
1993	100.0	1.4	5.9	3.7	4.0	10.3	30.6	14.4	4.8	21.5	3.3
1994	100.0	1.3	5.3	3.3	4.6	12.2	25.2	15.7	4.8	24.1	3.6
1995	100.0	1.5	5.5	3.4	4.8	12.3	24.7	15.7	4.3	26.1	1.7
1996	100.0	1.3	5.6	3.9	4.7	11.8	23.5	16.2	5.1	25.8	2.1
1997											
1	100.0	1.3	4.8	3.6	4.1	12.6	23.5	16.3	5.6	25.3	2.8
2	100.0	1.7	6.0	4.3	5.0	11.6	22.1	14.6	6.5	25.5	2.8
3	100.0	1.7	6.0	4.3	5.1	11.1	21.2	14.8	6.7	26.5	2.4
4	100.0	2.0	5.6	4.4	4.0	12.2	22.9	14.2	5.5	27.0	2.1
1998											
1	100.0	1.8	6.0	3.6	4.1	10.9	27.5	13.5	5.1	26.5	1.1

TABLE 7A - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS - MALE

Year	Major Occupational Group										
	Total	Senior officials and Managers	Professionals	Technicians and Associate professionals	Clerks	Sales & Service workers	Skilled Agricultural and Fishery workers	Craft & Related workers	Paint & Machine operators and Assemblers	Elementary occupations	Unidentified
1993	3601806	59767	139075	143226	118992	434627	1095624	468233	210993	776570	154700
1994	3678652	55147	125606	128923	143947	518133	929882	527320	226015	847803	175877
1995	3700949	68221	114634	134409	161138	509569	947839	522641	198335	960296	83866
1996	3857229	59909	140569	165335	147373	516531	901074	599093	252189	972596	102560
1997											
1	3853192	67687	106410	154843	120770	561293	927460	539799	280428	959898	134603
2	3868437	73682	153715	176162	155726	498739	871655	555198	304189	936618	142754
3	3892924	76304	159710	176377	181889	511149	813959	536360	320389	1001809	114978
4	3820341	91967	138247	174249	122029	537064	899120	510709	273048	963642	110265
1998											
1	3855333	102082	129311	161260	135810	499322	1051677	520555	267695	926398	61223

TABLE 7A.1 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS (PERCENTAGE) - MALE

Year	Major Occupational Group										
	Total	Senior officials and Managers	Profess- ionals	Technicians and Associate profess- ionals	Clerks	Sales & Service workers	Skilled Agricultural and Fishery workers	Craft & Related workers	Paint & Machine operators and Assemblers	Element- ary occu- pations	Uniden- tified
1993	100.0	1.7	3.9	4.0	3.3	12.1	30.4	13.0	5.9	21.6	4.3
1994	100.0	1.5	3.4	3.5	3.9	14.1	25.3	14.3	6.1	23.0	4.8
1995	100.0	1.8	3.1	3.6	4.4	13.8	25.6	14.1	5.4	25.9	2.3
1996	100.0	1.6	3.6	4.3	3.8	13.4	23.4	15.5	6.5	25.2	2.7
1997											
1	100.0	1.8	2.8	4.0	3.1	14.6	24.1	14.0	7.3	24.9	3.5
2	100.0	1.9	4.0	4.6	4.0	12.9	22.5	14.4	7.9	24.2	3.7
3	100.0	2.0	4.1	4.5	4.7	13.1	20.9	13.8	8.2	25.7	3.0
4	100.0	2.4	3.6	4.6	3.2	14.1	23.5	13.4	7.1	25.2	2.9
1998											
1	100.0	2.6	3.4	4.2	3.5	13.0	27.3	13.5	6.9	24.0	1.6

TABLE 7B - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS - FEMALE

Year	Major Occupational Group										
	Total	Senior officials and Managers	Professionals	Technicians and Associate professionals	Clerks	Sales & Service workers	Skilled Agricultural and Fishery workers	Craft & Related workers	Paint & Machine operators and Assemblers	Elementary occupations	Unidentified
1993	1599706	14596	170381	50906	91486	99359	496758	279417	37913	342579	16312
1994	1602627	15709	153373	42793	99667	124467	400120	299628	29318	424827	12726
1995	1656167	13650	181655	46532	96076	147983	372917	317951	31188	438814	9401
1996	1680175	10920	170415	51112	115131	136182	400997	296586	28980	455020	14830
1997											
1	1716190	5369	158368	47016	107861	142221	378863	370542	31522	450990	23438
2	1720287	18835	179880	64076	123080	148598	364846	261815	57704	490511	10942
3	1678495	19694	175700	65445	102811	109406	369926	286966	54368	474922	19257
4	1770648	21719	175307	72217	102730	143551	382414	283093	34730	546198	8688
1998											
1	2090831	3800	226609	55250	109330	149113	582002	279577	33975	649642	1534

TABLE 7B.1 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS (PERCENTAGE) - FEMALE

Year	Total	Major Occupational Group									
		Senior Officials and Managers	Profess- ionals	Technicians and Associate profess- ionals	Clerks	Sales & Service workers	Skilled Agricultural and Fishery workers	Craft & Related Workers	Plant & Machine operators & Assemblers	Elementary occupa- tions	Uniden- tified
1993	100.0	0.9	10.7	3.2	5.7	6.2	31.1	17.5	2.4	21.4	1.0
1994	100.0	1.0	9.6	2.7	6.2	7.8	25.0	18.7	1.8	26.5	0.8
1995	100.0	0.8	11.0	2.8	5.8	8.9	22.5	19.2	1.9	26.5	0.6
1996	100.0	0.6	10.1	3.0	6.9	8.1	23.9	17.7	1.7	27.1	0.9
1997											
1	100.0	0.3	9.2	2.7	6.3	8.3	22.1	21.6	1.8	26.3	1.4
2	100.0	1.1	10.5	3.7	7.2	8.6	21.2	15.2	3.4	28.5	0.6
3	100.0	1.2	10.5	3.9	6.1	6.5	22.0	17.1	3.2	28.3	1.1
4	100.0	1.2	9.9	4.1	5.8	8.1	21.6	16.0	2.0	30.8	0.5
1998											
1	100.0	0.2	10.8	2.6	5.2	7.1	27.8	13.4	1.6	31.1	0.1

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

(FIRST QUARTER 1998)

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL GROUP	TOTAL	0 *	1 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 & OVER
TOTAL	100.0	4.3	1.6	8.1	12.1	15.7	33.0	25.1
AGRICULTURE ETC.	100.0	4.7	2.9	13.5	14.6	18.5	30.3	15.5
MINING & QUARRING	100.0	2.1	..	3.3	..	32.2	20.3	42.1
MANUFACTURING	100.0	5.7	1.5	4.6	11.3	11.6	39.4	26.0
ELECTRICITY GAS & WATER	100.0	7.9	..	..	14.6	8.5	55.4	13.5
CONSTRUCTION	100.0	8.9	0.7	6.8	13.2	13.9	29.6	26.9
TRADE & HOTELS ETC.	100.0	2.3	0.8	3.5	8.2	11.6	22.8	50.7
TRANSPORT, STORAGE & COMMUNICATION	100.0	1.4	..	0.3	4.7	10.4	36.0	47.1
INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	100.0	2.4	0.5	..	16.2	11.7	51.6	17.6
PERSONAL SERVICES	100.0	3.0	0.5	4.8	10.3	17.0	36.0	28.4
NOT DEFINED	100.0	2.4	..	8.2	17.0	10.7	48.7	13.1

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

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

(FIRST QUARTER 1998)

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL GROUP	TOTAL	0 *	1 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 & OVER
TOTAL	100.0	3.9	1.4	5.7	10.4	14.5	33.9	30.3
AGRICULTURE ETC.	100.0	4.4	2.6	10.0	13.6	16.8	31.0	21.5
MINING & QUARRING	100.0	..	..	1.0	..	36.8	18.8	43.4
MANUFACTURING	100.0	5.9	1.2	4.2	10.3	12.4	42.2	23.9
ELECTRICITY GAS & WATER	100.0	9.2	..	..	17.1	10.0	47.8	15.9
CONSTRUCTION	100.0	8.6	0.7	6.3	13.6	14.1	29.2	27.4
TRADE & HOTELS ETC.	100.0	2.5	1.1	1.5	4.3	12.5	23.3	54.9
TRANSPORT, STORAGE & COMMUNICATION	100.0	1.5	..	0.3	5.0	10.7	33.8	48.6
INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	100.0	1.8	0.6	..	16.9	2.9	57.5	20.2
PERSONAL SERVICES	100.0	1.7	0.6	2.4	7.1	14.0	39.6	34.7
NOT DEFINED	100.0	3.1	..	8.9	15.6	9.6	48.3	14.6

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

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

(FIRST QUARTER 1998)

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL GROUP	TOTAL	0 *	1 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 & OVER
TOTAL	100.0	4.9	2.0	12.6	15.3	17.9	31.5	15.7
AGRICULTURE ETC.	100.0	5.0	3.2	18.5	15.9	20.9	29.4	7.0
MINING & QUARRING	100.0	16.6	..	19.8	..	..	30.7	33.0
MANUFACTURING	100.0	5.5	1.8	5.0	12.4	10.7	36.3	28.3
ELECTRICITY GAS & WATER	100.0	..	..	..	..	..	100.0	..
CONSTRUCTION	100.0	15.6	..	15.6	5.0	9.3	39.1	15.5
TRADE & HOTELS ETC.	100.0	1.7	..	10.9	23.2	8.3	20.8	35.1
TRANSPORT, STORAGE & COMMUNICATION	100.0	..	..	..	..	6.3	68.8	24.9
INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	100.0	4.2	..	..	14.4	35.4	35.6	10.5
PERSONAL SERVICES	100.0	4.9	0.5	8.4	15.2	21.6	30.5	18.8
NOT DEFINED	100.0	5.6	21.9	14.3	50.1	8.0

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

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 - 49 YRS	50 - 59 YRS	60 YRS & OVER
1990	100.0	20.3	40.3	19.3	13.2	4.6	2.0	0.5
1991	100.0	19.3	42.2	16.7	15.8	4.8	1.0	0.2
1992	100.0	19.2	40.9	20.4	13.4	4.5	1.3	0.3
1993	100.0	20.4	38.5	18.9	15.5	5.0	1.6	0.2
1994	100.0	22.4	41.2	15.6	15.5	3.9	1.2	0.4
1995	100.0	21.1	38.2	20.1	15.1	5.0	0.5	..
1996	100.0	24.0	39.3	18.1	14.3	3.6	0.6	0.1
1997								
1	100.0	20.9	42.5	19.1	12.3	3.4	1.1	0.7
2	100.0	18.5	42.3	22.9	13.1	2.6	0.6	..
3	100.0	25.8	36.9	19.6	13.5	3.2	0.7	0.3
4	100.0	25.3	39.8	19.5	12.0	2.9	0.4	0.1
1998								
1	100.0	18.9	42.2	17.2	13.6	6.5	1.7	..

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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 - 49 YRS	50 - 59 YRS	60 YRS /& OVER
1990	100.0	23.8	41.2	16.1	9.6	5.1	3.5	0.6
1991	100.0	23.0	42.6	15.1	11.7	6.1	1.3	0.3
1992	100.0	21.8	42.7	18.5	10.0	4.4	2.4	0.3
1993	100.0	24.0	39.5	16.0	12.7	4.9	2.7	0.4
1994	100.0	24.3	40.8	13.3	13.4	5.5	2.3	0.8
1995	100.0	22.3	38.2	19.0	12.9	6.7	0.8	0.1
1996	100.0	27.2	39.6	16.9	10.9	4.6	0.7	0.1
1997								
1	100.0	23.3	41.1	18.3	10.7	4.2	1.2	1.2
2	100.0	21.2	41.3	20.9	14.1	1.3	1.2	..
3	100.0	31.4	36.6	16.1	12.9	1.5	0.8	0.6
4	100.0	26.2	41.2	18.8	9.6	3.3	0.8	0.1
1998								
1	100.0	24.3	43.2	16.0	6.4	7.8	2.4	..

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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 - 49 YRS	50 - 59 YRS	60 YRS & OVER
1990	100.0	17.0	39.4	22.2	16.6	4.1	0.7	0.2
1991	100.0	16.3	42.0	18.0	19.2	3.6	0.9	0.1
1992	100.0	16.7	39.1	22.2	16.9	4.7	0.2	0.4
1993	100.0	12.8	34.1	23.7	21.8	6.6	0.9	0.2
1994	100.0	16.7	37.6	21.4	20.6	3.4	0.1	0.4
1995	100.0	19.9	38.3	21.2	17.2	3.3	0.1	..
1996	100.0	21.0	39.0	19.2	17.4	2.6	0.6	..
1997								
1	100.0	18.4	43.9	20.0	13.9	2.7	0.9	0.3
2	100.0	16.0	43.2	24.7	12.2	3.8	..	..
3	100.0	20.7	37.2	22.9	14.0	4.7	0.6	..
4	100.0	24.5	38.4	20.3	14.3	2.5
1998								
1	100.0	14.9	41.5	18.0	18.9	5.5	1.1	..

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

YEAR	TOTAL	LEVEL OF EDUCATION				
		NO SCHOOLING	GRADES 0 - 4/ YEARS 1 - 5	GRADES 5 - 9/ YEARS 6 - 10	GCE (O/L) NCGE	GCE (A/L) HNCE AND ABOVE
1990	100.0	1.3	7.2	49.7	26.5	15.4
1991	100.0	1.9	7.1	45.7	30.3	15.1
1992	100.0	1.5	7.7	50.5	27.0	13.7
1993	100.0	1.3	7.0	44.9	28.7	18.0
1994	100.0	1.2	7.4	44.9	28.3	18.2
1995	100.0	0.8	4.7	47.1	29.1	18.4
1996	100.0	1.2	6.7	47.1	26.1	19.0
1997						
1	100.0	1.0	3.0	46.0	28.1	22.0
2	100.0	0.1	4.9	46.9	26.6	21.5
3	100.0	0.2	5.8	43.3	28.2	22.4
4	100.0	1.0	5.5	45.1	30.0	18.4
1998						
1	100.0	0.1	6.1	49.9	29.2	14.8

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

YEAR	TOTAL	LEVEL OF EDUCATION				
		NO SCHOOLING	GRADES 0 - 4/ YEARS 1 - 5	GRADES 5 - 9/ YEARS 6 - 10	GCE (O/L) NCGE	GCE (A/L) HNCE AND ABOVE
1990	100.0	1.2	9.4	57.7	23.3	8.4
1991	100.0	2.1	9.1	53.2	25.0	10.5
1992	100.0	1.3	8.6	57.4	25.1	7.9
1993	100.0	1.7	9.7	47.7	28.0	12.9
1994	100.0	1.4	10.0	50.3	27.0	11.3
1995	100.0	0.5	4.8	54.4	29.4	10.9
1996	100.0	0.8	7.9	56.9	23.8	10.6
1997						
1	100.0	1.3	3.8	56.6	26.8	11.6
2	100.0	0.1	6.9	57.8	18.8	16.3
3	100.0	..	7.2	52.7	26.9	13.2
4	100.0	0.9	6.6	56.5	22.9	13.2
1998						
1	100.0	0.1	7.8	58.1	27.6	6.4

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

YEAR	TOTAL	LEVEL OF EDUCATION				
		NO SCHOOLING	GRADES 0 - 4/ YEARS 1 - 5	GRADES 5 - 9/ YEARS 6 - 10	GCE (O/L) NCGE	GCE (A/L) HNCE AND ABOVE
1990	100.0	1.3	5.1	42.2	29.5	21.9
1991	100.0	1.7	5.4	39.6	34.5	18.8
1992	100.0	1.7	6.8	43.6	28.9	19.4
1993	100.0	1.1	4.6	42.5	29.4	22.5
1994	100.0	2.1	4.8	39.6	29.6	24.9
1995	100.0	1.1	4.6	40.0	28.8	25.5
1996	100.0	1.6	5.5	37.6	28.3	27.0
1997						
1	100.0	0.7	2.1	35.1	29.5	32.6
2	100.0	..	3.1	37.2	33.5	26.3
3	100.0	0.4	4.5	34.6	29.4	31.0
4	100.0	1.1	4.4	34.0	37.0	23.8
1998						
1	100.0	..	4.9	43.9	30.3	20.9

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TABLE 11 - CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY SEX, LEVEL OF EDUCATION AND SECTOR
(FIRST QUARTER 1998)

SEX & SECTOR	TOTAL	LEVEL OF EDUCATION				
		NO SCHOOLING	GRADE 0 - 4/ YEAR 1 - 5	GRADE 5 - 9/ YEAR 6 - 10	GCE (O.L.) / NCGE	GCE (A.L.) / HNCE AND ABOVE
BOTH SECTORS						
TOTAL	701067	345	42697	349913	204450	103661
MALE	296225	345	23035	172088	81713	19044
FEMALE	404842	..	19663	177825	122737	84618
URBAN						
TOTAL	57800	..	1882	35000	11248	9670
MALE	22621	..	1882	14879	3257	2603
FEMALE	35179	..	..	20121	7991	7067
* RURAL						
TOTAL	643267	345	40816	314913	193202	93992
MALE	273604	345	21153	157209	78456	16441
FEMALE	369663	..	19663	157704	114745	77551

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* Including estate sector

TABLE 11A - CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY SEX, LEVEL OF EDUCATION AND SECTOR
(PERCENTAGE)
(FIRST QUARTER 1998)

SEX & SECTOR	TOTAL	LEVEL OF EDUCATION				
		NO SCHOOLING	GRADE 0 - 4/ YEAR 1 - 5	GRADE 5 - 9/ YEAR 6 - 10	GCE (O.L.)/ NCGE	GCE (A.L.)/ HNCE AND ABOVE
BOTH SECTORS						
TOTAL	100.0	0.1	6.1	49.9	29.2	14.8
MALE	100.0	0.1	7.8	58.1	27.6	6.4
FEMALE	100.0	..	4.9	43.9	30.3	20.9
URBAN						
TOTAL	100.0	..	3.3	60.6	19.5	16.7
MALE	100.0	..	8.3	65.8	14.4	11.5
FEMALE	100.0	..	..	57.2	22.7	20.1
* RURAL						
TOTAL	100.0	0.1	6.4	49.0	30.0	14.6
MALE	100.0	0.1	7.7	57.5	28.7	6.0
FEMALE	100.0	..	5.3	42.7	31.0	21.0

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* Including estate sector

TABLE 12 - CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY SEX, DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND
OCCUPATION DESIRED

(FIRST QUARTER 1998)

OCCUPATION DESIRED & SEX	TOTAL	DURATION		
		LESS THAN 6 MONTHS	6 TO LESS THAN 12 MONTHS	12+ MONTHS
BOTH SEXES				
TOTAL	585199	82808	62832	439559
%	100.0	14.2	10.7	75.1
MANAGERIAL	240	..	..	240
PROFESSIONAL	45910	4443	5493	35974
TECHNICAL	27982	8255	..	19727
CLERICAL	100586	9384	13272	77930
SALES & SERVICES	34949	4919	..	30030
AGRICULTURAL & FISHERY	1331	1331	..	..
CRAFT & RELATED WORKERS	99914	18352	9413	72149
PLANT & MACHINE OPERATORS	37530	7001	5561	24968
ELEMENTARY OCCUPATIONS	94753	18526	9997	66230
OTHERS	142004	10598	19095	112311
MALE				
TOTAL	256951	41236	21658	194057
%	100.0	16.0	8.4	75.5
MANAGERIAL	..	..	..	..
PROFESSIONAL	7863	..	..	7863
TECHNICAL	19092	6924	..	12168
CLERICAL	25465	2753	..	22712
SALES & SERVICES	19802	2741	..	17061
AGRICULTURAL & FISHERY	1331	1331	..	..
CRAFT & RELATED WORKERS	38228	5863	3575	28789
PLANT & MACHINE OPERATORS	26010	3165	5561	17284
ELEMENTARY OCCUPATIONS	48898	10108	4112	34678
OTHERS	70262	8351	8409	53502
FEMALE				
TOTAL	328248	41572	41174	245502
%	100.0	12.7	12.5	74.8
MANAGERIAL	240	..	..	240
PROFESSIONAL	38047	4443	5493	28112
TECHNICAL	8890	1331	..	7559
CLERICAL	75121	6631	13272	55218
SALES & SERVICES	15147	2178	..	12969
AGRICULTURAL & FISHERY	..	..	..	..
CRAFT & RELATED WORKERS	61686	12489	5837	43360
PLANT & MECHINE OPERATORS	11520	3836	..	7684
ELEMENTARY OCCUPATIONS	45855	8417	5885	31552
OTHERS	71742	2247	10686	58809

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TABLE 13 - CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS WHO NEVER HAD A JOB BY AGE, SEX AND SECTOR

(FIRST QUARTER 1998)

AGE & SEX	ALL RESIDENTIAL SECTORS	SECTOR	
		URBAN SECTOR	RURAL SECTOR
BOTH SEXES			
ALL AGES	537136	37083	500052
%	100.0	6.9	93.1
10 - 14 YRS	2704	..	2704
15 - 19 YRS	123451	10676	112775
20 - 24 YRS	256334	15812	240522
25 - 29 YRS	71457	5079	66377
30 - 39 YRS	71211	5382	65829
40 + YRS	11979	135	11844
MALE			
ALL AGES	222329	10609	211720
%	100.0	4.8	95.2
10 - 14 YRS	727	..	727
15 - 19 YRS	66732	7336	59396
20 - 24 YRS	114994	2589	112405
25 - 29 YRS	26426	342	26084
30 - 39 YRS	13450	342	13108
40 + YRS	..	..	..
FEMALE			
ALL AGES	314807	26474	288332
%	100.0	8.4	91.6
10 - 14 YRS	1977	..	1977
15 - 19 YRS	56719	3340	53379
20 - 24 YRS	141340	13223	128117
25 - 29 YRS	45030	4737	40294
30 - 39 YRS	57761	5039	52721
40 + YRS	11979	135	11844

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TABLE 14 - CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE AND SECTOR (PERCENTAGE) - BOTH SEXES

(FIRST QUARTER 1998)

SECTOR	TOTAL	SOURCE OF ASSISTANCE						
		GOVERNMENT	CHARITABLE INSTITUTION	PARENTS SPOUSE CHILD	PROPERTY INCOME	WITHDRAWN SAVINGS	NO ASSISTANCE REQUIRED	NO ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE
BOTH SECTORS	100.0	4.3	0.5	90.6	1.8	2.2	..	0.5
URBAN SECTOR	100.0	96.8	0.6	2.5
RURAL SECTOR	100.0	4.7	0.5	90.1	2.0	2.2	..	0.6

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TABLE 15 - CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY SEX, REASONS FOR NOT ACTIVELY SEEKING WORK AND SECTOR (PERCENTAGE)

(FIRST QUARTER 1998)

SEX & SECTOR	REASONS FOR NOT ACTIVELY SEEKING WORK			
	TOTAL	DISCOURAGED NOT ABLE TO GET A JOB	BELIEVE NO SUITABLE WORK AVAILABLE	OTHER REASON
BOTH SECTORS				
TOTAL	100.0	40.3	20.4	39.4
MALE	100.0	30.9	17.7	51.4
FEMALE	100.0	44.9	21.7	33.5
URBAN SECTOR				
TOTAL	100.0	56.5	43.5	..
MALE	100.0	100.0	..	..
FEMALE	100.0	54.8	45.3	..
RURAL SECTOR				
TOTAL	100.0	39.9	19.8	40.2
MALE	100.0	30.7	17.8	51.5
FEMALE	100.0	44.5	20.9	34.6

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* Including Estate Sector

TABLE 16 - NUMBER OF PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE BY SEX, REASONS FOR NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AND SECTOR (PERCENTAGE)

(FIRST QUARTER 1998)

SEX & SECTOR	TOTAL NOT IN LABOUR FORCE	REASONS				
		ENGAGED IN STUDIES	HOUSEHOLD WORK	DISABLE OR INFIRM	RETIRED	OTHER REASONS
BOTH SECTORS						
TOTAL	100.0	44.1	32.3	2.3	15.6	5.7
MALE	100.0	64.2	1.2	4.5	22.0	8.1
FEMALE	100.0	34.0	48.0	1.2	12.4	4.5
URBAN SECTOR						
TOTAL	100.0	32.1	36.6	2.1	20.1	9.1
MALE	100.0	51.5	2.1	4.0	25.3	17.0
FEMALE	100.0	22.8	53.0	1.2	17.6	5.4
* RURAL SECTOR						
TOTAL	100.0	45.9	31.6	2.3	14.9	5.2
MALE	100.0	66.0	1.1	4.5	21.5	6.8
FEMALE	100.0	35.7	47.2	1.2	11.6	4.4

* Including Estate Sector

TABLE 17 - USUAL LABOUR FORCE STATUS (DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION 10 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER,
BY AGE - BOTH SEXES

(FIRST QUARTER 1998)

AGE	HOUSEHOLD POP: (10 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	12873930	6365369	49.4	5601501	88.0	763871	12.0	6508569
10 - 14 YRS	1642509	*	*	23421	89.7	*	*	1616384
15 - 19 YRS	1651664	425803	25.8	285208	67.0	140595	33.0	1225862
20 - 24 YRS	1436944	952237	66.3	643591	67.6	308648	32.4	484706
25 - 29 YRS	1182581	870365	73.6	744120	85.5	126246	14.5	312217
30 - 39 YRS	2313641	1673186	72.3	1555747	93.0	117440	7.0	640456
40 - 49 YRS	1830143	1321361	72.2	1263629	95.6	57731	4.4	508784
50 - 59 YRS	1337550	743994	55.6	734597	98.7	9399	1.3	593555
60 + YRS	1478902	352297	23.8	351188	99.7	1109	0.3	1126605

* The age group has been included only to depict the number employed.

TABLE 18 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF USUAL LABOUR FORCE STATUS (DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION 10 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER - BOTH SEXES

YEAR	HOUSEHOLD POP: (10 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)	
1990	11573941	5423464	46.9	4480415	82.6	943049	17.4	6150477
1991	11795793	5515831	46.8	4626243	83.9	889588	16.1	6279962
1992	12058463	5524670	45.8	4630792	83.8	893878	16.2	6533791
1993	12278055	5788175	47.1	4773069	82.5	1015107	17.5	6489882
1994	12491815	5750618	46.0	5011626	87.1	738993	12.9	6741195
1995	12735447	5787261	45.4	5090049	88.0	697213	12.0	6948187
1996	12831240	5939606	46.3	5239568	88.2	700041	11.8	6891641
1997								
1	12856320	5963113	46.4	5267173	88.3	695938	11.7	6893202
2	12861640	5962274	46.4	5276783	88.5	685491	11.5	6899360
3	12863470	5900719	45.9	5235770	88.7	664950	11.3	6962745
4	12873000	5944929	46.2	5299304	89.1	645625	10.9	6928069
1998								
1	12873930	6365369	49.4	5601501	88.0	763871	12.0	6508569

TABLE 19 - STANDARD ERROR AND COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION OF SELECTED VARIABLES

	Estimated Value	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)	Estimated Value (Ratio)	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
Population (10 years & over)	12877902	762294	5.92	-	-	-
Employed Population	5946165	370973	6.23	-	-	-
Unemployed Population	701066	82779	11.81	-	-	-
Employment Rate	-	-	-	0.8946	0.01139	1.27
Unemployment Rate	-	-	-	0.1054	0.01139	10.80
Labour Force	6647231	398203	5.99	-	-	-
Not in Labour Force	6230671	417408	6.70	-	-	-

Technical Notes

A. Introduction

The data is derived from household interviews obtained from a sample of the population 10 years of age and older. The survey is conducted quarterly by the Department of Census & Statistics and provides comprehensive data on the Labour Force, the Employed, the Unemployed and includes such characteristics as age, sex, occupation, and industry attachment. The survey also provides information on hours worked, and reasons for unemployment and nonparticipation in the labour force. The survey is conducted by trained interviewers from a total annual sample of about 16000 household. The data collected are based on the respondent's activity or status during the preceding week and previous 12 months period.

B. Collection and Coverage

Data are collected quarterly during a similar time period 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, 10 years of age or older. The inquiry relates to the pervious 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 are not surveyed.

C. Concepts and Definitions :

The concepts and definitions underlying the labour force data from this survey differ somewhat from those in previous labour force surveys. Therefore comparisons of data should be made carefully taking into account the concepts and definitions that follow:

Labour Force : The Labour Force is composed of the economically active population aged 10 years and over.

Economically Active Population : The economically active population is defined as those persons who are/were employed or unemployed during the reference period of the survey.

Employed : Employed persons are all household members who during the reference period worked as paid employees, employers, own account workers (self-employed) or unpaid family workers, in family enterprises. Also included are persons who had a job but were temporarily absent from work because of such things as vacation, illness, bad weather, and labour management disputes etc. It should be noted that if a person has one or more jobs, that person is counted only once.

Unemployed : Persons who were available and/or looking for work, and had no employment during the reference period, are considered to be unemployed.

Reference Period : In this survey there are two reference periods, "current" and "usual". The "current" reference period is the week preceding the week of data collection, i.e. last week.

The "usual" reference period is the preceding 12 months, i.e., the past 12 months.

Currently Economically Active : A person who was employed or unemployed is considered to be currently economically active.

Usually Economically Active : A person whose major activity during the past 12 months was employment and/or unemployed is considered to have been usually economically active. Twenty -six weeks or more is the measure that determines the major activity of the respondent for the year.

Currently Employed : A person who works for pay, profit, or unpaid family gain for one (1) hour or more during the past week is considered to have been employed during that period. This includes persons whether paid or not, with a job but not at work for the various cited above.

Usually Employed : A person whose major economic activity during the past 12 months was employment is considered to have been usually employed.

Currently Unemployed : A person who did no work but who was looking or available for work during the past week is considered to have been currently unemployed.

Not in Labour Force (Not Economically Active) : Persons who were neither working nor available /looking for work are classified as not in the labour force. This group includes persons engaged in own house work, going to school, unable to work because of long term infirmities, retired, and others. Others include persons voluntarily idle.

MEASURES OF THE LABOUR FORCE :

The working age population is the total non-institutional household population aged 10 years or over.

The participation rate is the proportion of the labour force that is in the working age population.

The labour force is the number of persons classified as employed or unemployed according to the criterion described above.

The unemployed rate represents the number of unemployed persons as a percent of the labour force.

These measures can be computed for age, sex, educational attainment and other personal or economic characteristics.

Occupation, Industry and Employment Status : These apply to the job held by the currently employed during the survey week. For persons with more than one job, it is usually the main job that is described. However, classifications are also made for the secondary job. Occupations are classified according to the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO), ILO, 1988. Industry is classified according to ILO's International Standard Industrial Classification. The employment - status classification specifies employment in the public or private sectors, and further breaks down into employees (wage and salary workers), employers, own account workers (self-employed), and unpaid family workers.

Hours of Work refer to hours actually worked during the week. If the hours actually worked are less than the hours usually worked, respondents are asked the reasons for working fewer hours, which include the following: illness or injury, strike, vacation, reduction in economic activity, off season inactivity, bad weather, mechanical or electrical failure, and shortage of raw materials.

A **Household** consists of all persons, related or not, who occupy a housing unit, which covers a house, an apartment, a group of rooms when occupied as separate living quarters. Domestic servants, Boarders, and lodgers who live and have their meals or share other essentials of living with the family are also related as members of the household. Persons, who usually live here but are temporary away are included as members of the household, but persons who have usual residence elsewhere, but are present at the time of the interview, are excluded.

Geographic Data : Data is available at national and provincial levels, and further broken down by urban and rural categories. URBAN areas are those that have an administrative structure of a Municipal Council, an Urban Council. Rural areas are those not classified as urban.

D. SAMPLE DESIGN

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 Units (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, distributed as 265 PSUs per each quarter and 15 housing units (SSUs) per PSU. The allocation to the domains aims at ensuring approximately equal levels of reliability from domain to domain.

The 1,061 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.

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