

Sri Lanka - Labour Force Survey-2003

Department of Census and Statistics

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Identification

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TITLE
Labour Force Survey-2003

COUNTRY

Name	Country code
Sri Lanka	LKA

STUDY TYPE
Labor Force Survey [hh/lfs]

ABSTRACT

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 surveys conducted by trained interviewers form a total annual sample of about 16000 housing units. The data collected are based on the respondent's activity or status during the preceding week and previous 12 months period.

KIND OF DATA
Sample survey data [ssd]

UNIT OF ANALYSIS
Individuals from the population aged 10 years or more

Version

VERSION DATE
2025-09-15

Coverage

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE
National. (Excluding Northern Province)

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

Producers and sponsors

PRIMARY INVESTIGATORS

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

FUNDING AGENCY/SPONSOR

Name	Abbreviation
Government of Sri Lanka	GOSL

Sampling

SAMPLING PROCEDURE

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 Population Census - 2001 were taken as sample frame. Sample lists were selected from the above frame taken as Primary Sampling Unit (PSU). A systematic Sample of 10 housing units per PSU was selected on final sampling units.

The total annual sample size is 16,000 housing units, distributed as 400 PSUs per each quarter and 10 housing units (SSUs) per PSU. The allocation to the domains aims at ensuring approximately equal of reliability from domain to domain.

The 1600 Census Blocks were selected by PPS systematic Sampling. 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.

Data Collection

DATES OF DATA COLLECTION

Start	End
2003-01-31	2003-12-31

DATA COLLECTION MODE

Face-to-face [f2f]

SUPERVISION

Supervision was done by both head office and district offices

DATA COLLECTORS

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

Questionnaires

QUESTIONNAIRES

Survey Schedule

Current survey concepts and methods are very Similar to those introduced at the beginning.

The questionnaire is attached in the final report.

Access policy

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