

3.0 Employed Population

The survey revealed that there were 7.4 million persons being employed during the year 2004. Of these employed persons, approximately 5.0 million or 68.3 percent were males and 2.3 million or 31.7 percent were females. As domains of the survey are different during the period of 1993 - 2004, it is not possible to compare the employed population directly. However, employment rates has been increasing from 86.2 percent in 1993 to 91.7 percent in 2004.

Table 4: Employed population and employment rates since 1993-2004

Year	Employed Population			Employment Rate (%)		
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female
*1993	5201474	3601779	1599695	86.2	90.3	78.3
*1994	5281272	3678648	1602625	86.9	90.3	79.9
*1995	5357117	3700951	1656166	87.7	91.0	81.3
*1996	5537285	3857147	1680138	88.7	91.8	82.3
*1997	5607881	3862087	1745794	89.5	92.3	83.9
*1998	6049238	4004504	2044732	90.8	93.5	86.0
*1999	6082641	4107497	1975153	91.2	93.3	87.0
*2000	6310145	4241477	2068667	92.4	94.2	89.0
*2001	6235588	4248877	1986711	92.1	93.8	88.5
*2002	6519415	4395164	2124250	91.2	93.4	87.1
**2003	7012755	4833483	2179272	91.6	94.0	86.8
***2004	7394029	5049426	2344604	91.7	94.0	87.2

* Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

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*** Excluding Mullaitivu & Kilinochchi districts

3.1 Distribution of employed population by major industrial group by residential sector and Sex.

Table 5: Percentage distribution of employed population by Industry 2004

Sector/sex	Industry group							
	Total	%	Agriculture	%	Industries	%	Services	%
Urban	996241	100.0	67,442	6.8	271762	27.3	657038	66.0
Male	709352	100.0	53,292	7.5	184966	26.1	471094	66.4
Female	286889	100.0	14,150	4.9	86796	30.3	185943	64.8
Rural	6397788	100.0	2,407,283	37.6	1509685	23.6	2480819	38.8
Male	4340074	100.0	1,506,009	34.7	981993	22.6	1852071	42.7
Female	2057714	100.0	901,274	43.8	527692	25.6	628748	30.6

Excluding Mullaitivu & Kilinochchi districts

The distribution of employed population by major industry groups are given in table 5. A total of 657,038 persons or 66 percent of urban sector employment are in the service sector, where as this share in the rural sector is 39 percent. This also confirms that, the percentage share of female employed those who are in Agricultural Industry is higher in the rural sector comprising 44% of total employment. In the case of Urban Sector, this share is only 5 percent. There is no marked difference between urban and rural sectors when the major industry group "Industries" is considered.