

Table 6 : Percentage distribution of employed population by major industrial groups : 1990-2004

	Total		Major Industry Group					
	Number	%	Agriculture	%	Industry	%	Services	%
*1990	5047354	100.0	2360951	47.0	978034	19.3	1708368	33.8
*1991	5015519	100.0	2130241	42.0	1064152	21.2	1821128	36.3
*1992	4962104	100.0	2088953	42.0	984975	19.8	1888178	38.1
*1993	5201473	100.0	2159053	41.5	1024448	19.7	2017974	38.8
*1994	5281272	100.0	2084730	39.4	1046282	19.8	2150263	40.7
*1995	5357110	100.0	1966794	36.7	1188270	22.2	2202054	41.1
*1996	5537402	100.0	2072197	37.4	1218189	21.9	2246884	40.6
*1997	5607881	100.0	2031907	39.3	1354956	24.1	2221019	39.6
*1998	6049238	100.0	2378410	39.3	1325714	21.9	2230425	36.9
*1999	6082746	100.0	2208324	41.8	1330114	21.8	2544203	41.8
*2000	6310247	100.0	2274153	36.0	1490795	23.6	2545299	40.3
*2001	6235588	100.0	2033343	32.6	1491408	23.9	2710837	43.5
*2002	6519415	100.0	2247602	34.4	1459194	22.4	2812619	43.1
**2003	7012755	100.0	2384397	34.0	1611493	23.0	3016866	43.0
***2004	7394029	100.0	2474725	33.4	1781447	24.1	3137857	42.4

* Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

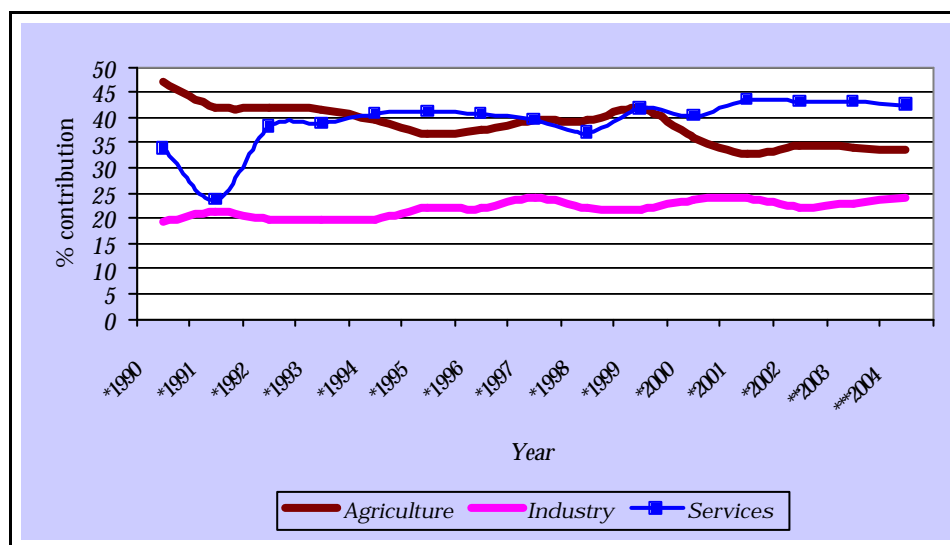
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*** Excluding Mullaitivu & Kilinochchi districts

Table 6 gives the percentage distribution of employed population by major industry from 1990 to 2004. The major industry group 'Agriculture' is showing a downward trend during this period. In 1990, the percentage share in agriculture group was 47 percent and in 2004 it has dropped to around 33 percent.

On the other hand, percentage share of the 'services' group has increased from 33.8 percent in 1990 to 42.4 percent in 2004. Similarly the percentage share of 'industry' category has increased from 19.3 percent to 24.1 during the same period considered. These downward and upward trends, are described in figure 4.

Figure 4 : Percentage share of employed population by major industrial group 1990-2004



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