

Table 8 : Percentage distribution of major industry groups by districts, 2004

District	Total		Major Industry group					
			Agriculture		Industries		Services	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Total	7394029	100.0	2475049	33.5	1781684	24.1	3137297	42.4
Colombo	811962	100.0	25298	3.1	231813	28.5	554850	68.3
Gampaha	817056	100.0	57596	7.0	333857	40.9	425603	52.1
Kalutara	444827	100.0	89928	20.2	141946	31.9	212953	47.9
Kandy	416909	100.0	111479	26.7	99126	23.8	206304	49.5
Matale	159018	100.0	70824	44.5	27622	17.4	60572	38.1
Nuwara Eliya	311193	100.0	220264	70.8	23670	7.6	67259	21.6
Galle	383821	100.0	119760	31.2	99929	26.0	164132	42.8
Matara	347959	100.0	168141	48.3	67213	19.3	112606	32.4
Hambantota	211929	100.0	89394	42.2	49375	23.3	73160	34.5
Jaffna	165371	100.0	63572	38.4	32824	19.8	68975	41.7
Mannar	28522	100.0	14014	49.1	3454	12.1	11054	38.8
Vavuniya	41404	100.0	11137	26.9	5613	13.6	24654	59.5
Bataloa	142790	100.0	46525	32.6	33286	23.3	62979	44.1
Ampara	198754	100.0	89382	45.4	28179	14.3	79193	40.2
Trincomalee	115182	100.0	34813	30.2	14709	12.8	65660	57.0
Kurunegala	673450	100.0	194304	28.9	198527	29.5	280619	41.7
Puttalam	278294	100.0	88257	31.7	75964	27.3	114073	41.0
Anuradhapura	330526	100.0	191172	57.8	39305	11.9	100049	30.3
Polonnaruwa	140215	100.0	67145	47.9	26916	19.2	46154	32.9
Badulla	415215	100.0	282325	68.0	43189	10.4	89701	21.6
Monaragala	182122	100.0	122632	67.3	24111	13.2	35379	19.4
Ratnapura	456577	100.0	224102	49.1	99895	21.9	132580	29.0
Kegalle	322932	100.0	92985	28.8	81160	25.1	148787	46.1

Excluding Mullaitivu & Kilinochchi districts

District	Major Industry group			
	Total (%)	Agriculture (%)	Industry (%)	Services (%)
Mullaitivu	100.0	55.6	9.9	34.5
Kilinochchi	100.0	42.1	9.5	48.4

Table 8 shows the percentage distribution of employed population by major industry groups for districts. This also reveals that the significance variation of percentage of employed population in agriculture sector among districts. It varies from a share of 3.1 percent in the Colombo district to 70.8 percent in Nuwara Eliya district. Therefore, it is evident that, agriculture is the most prominent major industry group in all other districts except districts in Western province for which low percentages have been reported.

On the other hand, the other major two sectors, that is 'services' and the 'industries' sectors are considered, percentages are higher among more urbanized districts, (viz: showing 96.8 percent for Colombo district, 93 percent for Gampaha and 79.8 percent in Kalutara district) when two sectors are taken together. This situation implies that the correlation between socio-economic activities and the urbanization structure in these districts.