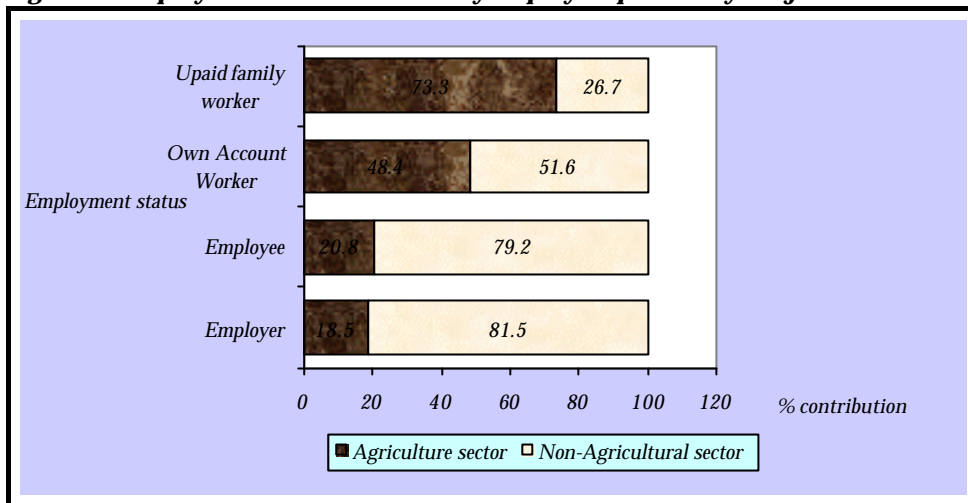


Figure 7 : Employment status of currently employed persons by major Industrial sector - 2004



Excluding Mullaitivu & Kilinochchi districts

Table 11 : Employment distribution by employment status by province, 2004

Province	Total employed	%	Employee	%	Employer	%	Own account worker	%	Unpaid family worker	%
Total	7394559	100.0	4395124	59.4	216019	2.9	2090660	28.3	692756	9.4
Western	2074153	100.0	1421564	68.5	83817	4.0	483881	23.3	84890	4.1
Central	887120	100.0	561014	63.2	16336	1.8	211356	23.8	98414	11.1
Southern	943933	100.0	527447	55.9	18624	1.9	291988	30.9	105873	11.2
Northern*	235298	100.0	142185	60.4	14294	6.0	66234	28.1	12585	5.3
Eastern	454726	100.0	248026	54.5	13001	2.9	146595	32.2	47103	10.4
North Western	951744	100.0	542304	56.9	30283	3.2	281678	29.6	97480	10.2
North Central	470741	100.0	168283	35.7	8274	1.8	209349	44.5	84835	18.0
Uva	597336	100.0	291278	48.8	9840	1.6	183484	30.7	112735	18.9
Sabaragamuwa	779509	100.0	493023	63.2	21549	2.8	216095	27.7	48841	6.3

* Excluding Mullaitivu & Kilinochchi districts.

Table 11 gives the Employment Distribution by Province. Highest percentage of employees has been reported by Western province showing 69 percent, and North Central Province 36 percent. In the case of own account workers, the corresponding are 23 percent and 46 percent respectively.

3.3 Employment by Occupation

The district level distribution of estimated employed population by major occupational groups are given in table 12 below. It indicates that 21 percent of the total employed persons were engaged in agricultural sector which comprises of skilled agricultural and fishery workers. It is also revealed that there is a big variation of the percentage of employed population in agriculture sector among districts. Colombo districts has the lowest percentage of 0.85 and Monaragala shows the highest percentage of 62.4.

Matara, Hambantota, Mannar, Ampara, Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa and Badulla districts are also shown to have about 30 percent or more of its employees as engaged in the agricultural sector, while the Kalutara and Kegalle district have reported lower percentages of agricultural related activities.