

**Table 12 : Percentage distribution of employed population by occupation by district, 2004**

District	Total	Occupation group										
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	0
Total	100.0	1.4	5.5	5.0	4.4	5.7	9.1	20.5	15.2	6.2	26.4	0.8
Colombo	100.0	3.5	8.5	7.8	10.3	7.5	13.8	0.8	16.9	9.8	19.7	1.2
Gampaha	100.0	3.9	6.8	6.0	7.3	3.0	10.9	3.8	23.8	12.9	20.9	0.8
Kalutara	100.0	1.5	5.6	6.3	6.4	6.5	9.9	11.1	18.3	7.8	25.6	1.0
Kandy	100.0	0.9	6.5	5.9	4.3	3.8	13.0	14.8	15.6	5.5	28.7	1.0
Matale	100.0	1.9	4.9	2.7	1.8	2.9	8.7	20.7	14.0	5.0	36.8	0.6
Nuwara Eliya	100.0	0.1	3.0	3.2	2.2	0.8	4.8	23.0	5.4	2.3	55.1	0.2
Galle	100.0	0.6	5.9	6.2	4.3	14.5	6.6	15.4	14.1	3.8	27.5	1.0
Matara	100.0	0.3	3.9	4.5	2.6	12.9	5.0	30.8	10.5	3.1	26.3	0.1
Hambantota	100.0	0.7	4.1	3.4	3.5	0.8	8.5	39.4	16.9	5.4	17.1	0.2
Jaffna	100.0	0.5	9.5	3.8	4.5	4.8	7.3	28.6	14.8	3.6	22.5	..
Mannar	100.0	0.8	7.7	5.9	2.3	2.8	5.2	41.2	8.5	2.8	22.7	..
Mulativu	100.0	0.6	8.6	3.6	3.1	4.9	10.7	12.9	11.8	6.9	35.4	1.4
Bataloe	100.0	0.7	6.5	7.7	2.1	2.0	12.3	22.2	17.0	5.9	23.4	0.2
Ampara	100.0	..	6.9	5.5	1.8	2.1	13.6	38.4	12.5	3.4	14.8	1.0
Trincomalee	100.0	0.2	6.0	6.8	2.0	1.6	13.1	25.8	11.1	7.3	24.2	1.9
Kurunegala	100.0	0.9	5.1	4.4	3.3	9.9	7.7	17.8	17.8	7.8	24.3	0.9
Puttalam	100.0	0.8	4.6	4.1	2.3	2.6	10.7	19.7	19.0	6.4	29.3	0.5
Anuradhapura	100.0	0.5	3.2	3.9	2.7	3.2	7.1	53.8	9.8	2.9	11.7	1.1
Polonnaruwa	100.0	0.7	3.0	4.3	2.0	13.1	6.1	32.0	13.8	5.3	18.9	0.8
Badulla	100.0	0.7	3.4	2.2	2.1	4.2	3.9	35.9	6.7	3.0	37.8	0.1
Monaragala	100.0	0.2	2.2	2.7	0.6	0.5	6.4	62.4	8.8	2.6	13.0	0.6
Ratnapura	100.0	0.3	3.0	2.9	1.8	6.0	4.6	28.0	13.4	2.6	36.5	0.8
Kegalle	100.0	0.5	6.3	4.3	4.2	4.0	13.1	6.5	17.7	5.1	36.4	1.6

.. Negligible

Excluding Mullaitivu & Kilinochchi districts

Occupation group

1. Senior officials and Managers

2. Professional

3. Technical & Associate Professionals

4. Clerks

5. Proprietors and managers of Enterprises

6. Sale and Service workers

7. Skilled agricultural and Fishery workers

8. Craft & related workers

9. Plant & Machine operators and assemblers

10. Elementary Occupation

0 Unidentified

In table 13 below, the districts have been ranked according to the percentage of employees reported in the respective major industrial category. This implies that, according to the ranks given under agriculture category, highest rank is occupied by Monaragala district followed by Anuradhapura district, which are predominantly agricultural areas in the country.

When elementary occupation category is considered, Nuwara-eliya has shown the highest percentage occupying highest rank, where large number of estates are located. This may be due to the fact that most of the unskilled labourers are working in the estate sector.

With regard to the Craft & related workers category all three districts in the Western province have shown relatively high ranks when compared with the other two categories.