

Table 14 : Distribution of Agriculture and Non Agriculture workers by number of hours per week : urban sector vs rural sector, 2004

Urban sector

Hours per week	Total	%	Agriculture				Non Agriculture			
			Male	%	Female	%	Male	%	Female	%
Total	996241	100.0	53292	100.0	14150	100.0	656060	100.0	272739	100.0
1 – 21	73861	7.4	3752	7.0	7906	55.9	37610	5.7	24593	9.0
22 – 35	123918	12.4	10083	18.9	3320	23.5	65341	10.0	45174	16.6
36 and over	755224	75.8	36733	68.9	2710	19.2	527142	80.3	188638	69.2
Not at work	43239	4.3	2725	5.1	214	1.5	25966	4.0	14334	5.3

Rural sector

Hours per week	Total	%	Agriculture				Non Agriculture			
			Male	%	Female	%	Male	%	Female	%
Total	6397788	100.0	1506009	100.0	901274	100.0	2834065	100.0	1156440	100.0
1 – 21	662279	10.4	196644	13.1	194073	21.5	167363	5.9	104199	9.0
22 – 35	1224553	19.1	354315	23.5	256650	28.5	396429	14.0	217159	18.8
36 and over	4167785	65.1	861955	57.2	398568	44.2	2137690	75.4	769573	66.5
Not at work	343171	5.4	93095	6.2	51983	5.8	132583	4.7	65509	5.7

Excluding Mullaitivu & Kilinochchi districts

4.0 Unemployed population

4.1 Distribution of unemployed population by sex

It was revealed that 667324 persons were unemployed during the year 2004. (Excluding Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu districts). Of this total, 323471 (48 percent) are males and 343853 (52 percent) are females.

Sectorially, it is seen that, the rural sector has the largest number of unemployed persons amounting to 575851. This number in the urban sector was 91473. Thus, the unemployment is higher for urban sector than the rural sector.

The unemployment rate at national level was 8.3 percent. The rates for urban and rural sectors were 8.4 and 8.3 percent respectively.

Table 15 : Number of unemployed and unemployment rate by sex and sector, 2004

Sector	Total		Male		Female	
	Number of Unemployed	Unemployment Rate	Number of Unemployed	Unemployment Rate	Number of Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
All Island	667324	8.3	323471	6.0	343853	12.8
	(100.0)		(100.0)		(100.0)	
Urban	91473	8.4	45880	6.1	45593	13.7
	(13.7)		(14.2)		(13.3)	
Rural	575851	8.3	277591	6.0	298260	12.7
	(86.3)		(85.8)		(86.7)	

Excluding Mullaitivu & Kilinochchi districts