

4.4 Unemployment by province by level of education

Table (19) shows the unemployment rate by level of education for provinces, by sex. This indicates that, except Northern province (as Mullaitivu and Kilinochchi districts are not included) unemployment rate is the highest in Eastern province (10.5 percent) followed by Southern province (9.8 percent) and Sabaragamuwa province (9.0 percent) .

In the Eastern province, the unemployment rate for those who have completed G.C.E.(A/L) and above is as high as 29.2 percent, while the corresponding rates for Uva province was 27.3 percent and it is for both Southern and Sabaragamuwa provinces were 22.6 percent each. The unemployment rate for this category is lowest in the Western province (10 percent). The unemployment is highest among the females who have had higher education G.C.E.(O/L) and above.

Table 19 : Unemployment rates by level of education by province, 2004

Province	Total	Level of education			
		Below grade 5	Grade 5-9/ Years 6 - 10	GCE (O/L) NCGE	GCE (A/L) & above
Both Sexes					
Total	8.3	2.0	6.9	12.3	16.8
Western	8.1	3.8	7.8	9.2	10.0
Central	6.6	1.3	6.4	10.2	16.8
Southern	9.8	1.6	7.5	15.2	22.6
Northern*	9.2	1.2	4.6	14.5	28.7
Eastern	10.5	1.7	6.4	20.0	29.2
North Western	7.6	2.9	5.2	13.7	15.9
North Central	8.1	1.5	6.9	14.4	20.6
Uva	7.1	1.3	4.9	13.2	27.3
Sabaragamuwa	9.0	1.6	9.0	11.8	22.6
Male					
Total	6.0	2.0	5.5	9.2	10.5
Western	6.6	4.1	6.6	8.1	6.3
Central	4.6	0.9	5.3	7.0	8.1
Southern	7.1	1.4	6.5	12.0	13.3
Northern*	4.7	1.4	2.6	8.8	14.4
Eastern	6.9	1.3	4.4	13.2	23.2
North Western	5.4	2.4	3.6	11.1	12.8
North Central	5.3	1.2	5.0	10.0	11.2
Uva	4.8	1.5	4.7	7.3	14.6
Sabaragamuwa	6.4	2.2	6.7	7.3	16.2
Female					
Total	12.8	2.0	10.6	18.9	23.8
Western	11.5	3.3	11.1	12.0	14.8
Central	10.0	1.7	9.1	16.2	25.5
Southern	14.5	1.8	9.9	21.1	30.8
Northern*	23.3	0.3	13.7	30.2	44.8
Eastern	20.7	3.0	13.6	36.1	37.9
North Western	12.1	4.0	9.7	18.6	19.1
North Central	13.3	2.0	11.2	22.8	30.4
Uva	10.4	1.1	5.4	22.4	38.4
Sabaragamuwa	13.7	0.8	14.5	20.1	28.7

* Mullaitivu and Kilinochchi districts are not included