

Sri Lanka - Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey-2007

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Identification

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LKA-DCS-LFS-2007-V01

TITLE
Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey-2007

COUNTRY

Name	Country code
Sri Lanka	LKA

STUDY TYPE
Labor Force Survey [hh/lfs]

ABSTRACT

Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) designed a Labour Force Survey(LFS) on a quarterly basis to measure the levels and trends of employment, unemployment and labourforce in Sri Lanka on a continuous basis. This surveycommenced from the first quarter 1990 with USAID technical assistance and is being continuedby the DCS.

Mainly, following information can be obtained by the survey.

- 1.The economically active / inactive from population.
- 2.Employment by major industry group and employment status.
- 3.Unemployment rates by level of education and by age group
- 4.The informal sector employment.
- 5.The underemployment rates by sector and by major industries
- 6.Total Jobs in Sri Lanka with Secondary Employment
- 7.Informal Employment in Sri Lanka
- 8.Literacy

KIND OF DATA
Sample survey data [ssd]

UNIT OF ANALYSIS
Individuals from the population aged 10 years or more

Version

VERSION DESCRIPTION
v01

VERSION DATE
2025-09-14

Coverage

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE
National

UNIVERSE
Working age population (10 years and above) living in the non-institutional households in Sri Lanka.

Producers and sponsors

PRIMARY INVESTIGATORS

Name	Affiliation
Department of Census and Statistics	Ministry of Finance and Planning

PRODUCERS

FUNDING AGENCY/SPONSOR

Name	Abbreviation
Government of Sri Lanka	GOSL

Sampling

SAMPLING PROCEDURE

Sampling plan and the sampling frame

A two stage stratified sampling procedure was adopted to select a sample of 22,500 housing units to be enumerated in the survey. The master sampling frame prepared for 2001 Census of Population and Housing was used as the sampling frame for the selection of sample for the labour force survey 2007.

Sample size

The quarterly survey was conducted since 1990 using a sample of 2,000 housing units per quarter in areas other than North and East, and the sample size was increased to 4,000 housing units per quarter in 1996 and continued thereafter. However, in 1992 and 1997, an annual sample of 20,000 housing units was selected to give reliable estimates of district level. In 2004 again 20,000 housing units were selected for the survey. However, in order to provide district level estimates precisely, it was decided to use 20,000 25,000 housing units as the annual sample. As such, in 2007, the annual sample of 22,500 housing units were selected

Sample Allocation

Allocation of 2,250 Primary Sampling Units (PSU) for the districts and sectors were done using the Neymann Allocation procedure. In other words, the allocation of PSU to strata was disproportionate, designed to produce estimates of acceptable reliability for each area for which separate estimates were needed. Then The district sample was equally distributed among the 12 monthly rounds.

Selection of Primary Sampling Units (PSU)

Primary sampling units are the census blocks prepared for the Census of Population and Housing - 2001. The sample frame, which is a collection of all census blocks in the domain, was used for the selection of primary sampling units. A sample of 2,250 primary sampling units was selected from the sampling frame for the 2007 labour force survey.

Selection of Secondary Sampling Units (SSU)

Secondary Sampling Units are the housing units in the selected 2,250 primary sampling units (census blocks). From each primary sampling unit 10 housing units (SSU) were selected for the survey

WEIGHTING

Please refer page number 7 of annual report for weighting procedure

Data Collection

DATES OF DATA COLLECTION

Start	End
2007-01-01	2007-12-31

DATA COLLECTION MODE

Face-to-face [f2f]

SUPERVISION

Supervision was done by district statistical offices and head office

DATA COLLECTORS

Name	Abbreviation	Affiliation
Department of Census and Statistics	DCS	Ministry of Finance and Planning

Questionnaires

QUESTIONNAIRES

Survey Schedule

Current survey concepts and methods are very Similar to those introduced at the beginning. However, some changes have been made in the year 2006 improve the accuracy and usefulness of the data.

The questionnaire is attached in the final report.

Access policy

CONFIDENTIALITY

Under the Statistical ordinance, micro data cannot be released with identifications for public use. Procedures are in place to ensure that information relating to any particular individual person, household or undertaking will be kept strictly confidential and will not be divulged to external parties. Information on individual or individual Household/establishment will not be divulged or published in such a form that will facilitate the identification of any particular person or establishment as the data have been collected under the Census/Statistical ordinance, according to which the information at individual level cannot be divulged and such information is strictly confidential.

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