



**QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE
SRI LANKA LABOUR FORCE
SURVEY**

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Preface

In the past, information on labour force characteristics, employment and unemployment etc. were collected through labour force and socio - economic surveys conducted at five yearly time intervals. However, the employment and unemployment data are required at very short intervals to monitor the programs made in the employment generating policies of the government. Therefore, to satisfy this need, the Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) designed a labour force survey on a quarterly basis, to measure the levels and trends of employment, unemployment and labour force in Sri Lanka on a continuous basis. This survey was commenced from the first quarter of 1990 and this report is the seventy fourth in the series of quarterly reports published so far.

Current survey concepts and methods are very similar to those introduced at the beginning of the survey in 1990. However, some changes were made over the years to improve the accuracy and usefulness of the data. The significant revisions were made on the labour force survey questionnaire in 2006, and the revised version was introduced for the survey conducted in 2006 first quarter, and it will be used in future as well.

The field work of the survey for the second quarter 2009 was done in April, May and June in year 2009. Even though it was planned to conduct the survey in Northern province, the survey was not conducted fully due to the prevailing uncertain conditions in districts of Northern province. In second quarter 2009 the survey was conducted all the provinces other than Northern province. However for comparison purposes related tabulations have been done (i) excluding Northern and Eastern provinces and (ii) excluding Northern province, separately in this report.

A nationally representative annual sample of about 22,500 housing units have been selected for the survey in 2009. However as mentioned above, the survey was not conducted properly in Northern province as scheduled, so this report is based on a quarterly sample of 5,080 housing units, excluding Northern province providing national level estimates with a stipulated standard errors of labour force characteristics as reported in the reference period of the second quarter 2009.

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This report is seventy fourth in the series of the Quarterly Labour Force Survey which was commenced from the first quarter 1990 and is being continued by the Department of the Census and statistics.

Sample Survey Division implemented the Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey programme, under the direction of Mr. G.Y.L. Fernando, Director (2).

Planning and the execution of the survey was done by the staff of the Sample Surveys Division under the supervision of Mr.W.W.M.A.S.Premakumara, Director, Sample Surveys Division.

Field operation activities were organized by Mr. R.A.P. Kumarasinghe, Statistician of the Sample Surveys Division.

The supervision activities were carried out by Mr. Lucky Thangarathnam, Senior Statisticians, and Mr. R.A.P. Kumarasinghe, Mr. I.L.Sherifdeen, Mr. P.A.Subawickrama, Mrs. Chandani Wijebandara and Mr. W. Gnanathilaka, Statisticians, of the sample surveys division and Heads of statistics divisions in each district.

The computer data processing and final tabulations were done by Mrs. W.A.S.M.P. Gunasekara, Mr.T. Thirugnanatheepan Statistical Officers and Mr. M.B.M. Shiras, Statistical Assistant of the Sample Surveys Division, under the supervision of Mr. P.A. Subawickrama, Statistician using Microcomputers.

Developing of sample selection programme and it's related computer software was done by Mr. K.M.R. Wickramasinghe, System Analyst/ Programmer of the sample survey division.

This publication was organized and prepared by Mrs. Chandani Wijebandara, Statistician Sample Surveys Division, assisted by Mrs. W.A.S.M.P. Gunasekara, Statistical officer.

The Data Processing Division, under the direction of Mr. S.A.S. Bandulasena, Deputy Director and under the supervision of Mr. Migara Fernando and Mr. Wasantha Weerasiri, Senior System Analyst/Programmers, was responsible for the survey data entry and preparation of data entry and computer edits programmes. Data entry was decentralized and manual editing, coding & data entry were done by responsible officers at district kachcheries in districts Gampaha, Kalutara, Kandy, Matale, Galle, Matara, Kurunegala, Puttalam, Anuradhapura, Badulla, Ratnapura & Kegalle.

District field staff of the Department who worked on the survey deserve a special word of thanks. They include District Deputy Directors/ Senior Statisticians/ Statisticians and field Statistical Officers, who worked hard at the data collection stage, to make this survey a success.

Printing of the report was done at the Printing Division, under the supervision of Mr. W.C. Weerawansa, Senior Statistician.

Finally, I wish to express my appreciation to all the respondents of the survey for their valuable co-operation.

Selected Labour Force indicators (Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces)
(2000 - 2009 Q2)

	Year												
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009Q1	2008Q2	2009Q2	2009Q2*
Labour force participation rate													
<i>by sex</i>													
Both sexes	50.3	48.8	50.3	49.7	49.6	49.3	51.2	49.8	50.2	49.9	49.6	48.7	48.3
Male	67.2	66.2	67.9	67.5	67.2	67.3	68.1	67.8	67.9	67.4	67.8	66.5	66.6
Female	33.9	31.9	33.6	32.6	33.0	32.6	35.7	33.4	34.3	34.3	33.1	32.8	32.0
<i>by residential sector</i>													
Total	50.3	48.8	50.3	49.7	49.6	49.3	51.2	49.8	50.2	49.9	49.6	48.7	48.3
Urban	44.9	44.2	46.0	45.1	45.6	46.2	45.3	45.0	46.3	44.5	46.1	41.0	41.3
Rural	51.2	49.6	50.9	50.3	50.3	49.7	52.1	50.4	50.7	50.6	50.0	49.7	49.2
Unemployment rate													
<i>by sex</i>													
Both sexes	7.6	7.9	8.8	8.1	8.1	7.2	6.5	6.0	5.2	5.3	5.3	6.3	6.2
Male	5.8	6.2	6.6	6.0	6.0	5.3	4.7	4.3	3.6	4.1	3.6	4.7	4.6
Female	11.1	11.5	12.9	12.3	12.1	10.7	9.7	9.0	8.0	7.5	8.4	9.1	9.2
<i>by selected age groups(yr)</i>													
20 - 29	17.4	18.4	20.1	19.1	18.6	16.0	15.9	15.0	13.2	14.8	13.0	15.5	15.2
20 - 24	23.0	24.4	27.0	25.8	25.2	22.4	21.0	21.1	17.8	19.7	17.4	22.0	21.6
25 - 29	10.9	11.3	11.6	11.4	11.1	9.4	11.0	9.4	9.0	10.4	8.8	10.2	9.9
<i>by selected educational levels</i>													
G.C.E.(A/L) & above													
Both sexes	14.9	15.3	16.8	16.0	15.7	12.2	11.6	11.8	9.9	10.1	9.1	10.4	10.4
Male	8.8	10.1	10.8	10.1	9.6	7.9	6.9	6.6	5.6	7.4	4.0	3.9	4.3
Female	21.5	21.5	23.0	22.4	22.5	17.1	16.8	17.5	14.4	12.8	14.2	17.4	17.1
Employed population													
<i>by sex</i>													
Both sexes	6310247	6235588	6519415	6609466	6704006	6788119	7105322	7041874	7174706	7250951	7106439	6998591	7465030
Male	4241546	4248877	4395164	4496136	4512082	4546397	4610643	4653067	4663277	4669522	4693465	4574261	4925869
Female	2068701	1986711	2124250	2113330	2191924	2241722	2494679	2388807	2511429	2581429	2412974	2424330	2539160
<i>by industry (percentage)</i>													
Total	6310247	6235588	6519415	6609466	6704006	6788119	7105322	7041874	7174706	7250951	7106439	6998591	7465030
%	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)
Agriculture	2274153	2033343	2247602	2223691	2215282	2059293	2287268	2202098	2344415	2459978	2140712	2226901	2382913
%	(36.0)	(32.6)	(34.5)	(33.6)	(33.0)	(30.3)	(32.2)	(31.3)	(32.7)	(33.9)	(30.1)	(31.8)	(31.9)
Industry	1490795	1491408	1459194	1539035	1663383	1787274	1889953	1873857	1888004	1806035	1935656	1803556	1913893
%	(23.6)	(23.9)	(22.4)	(23.3)	(24.8)	(26.3)	(26.6)	(26.6)	(26.3)	(24.9)	(27.2)	(25.8)	(25.6)
Services	2545299	2710837	2812619	2846740	2825341	2941552	2928101	2965919	2942288	2984938	3030071	2968134	3168224
%	(40.3)	(43.5)	(43.1)	(43.1)	(42.1)	(43.3)	(41.2)	(42.1)	(41.0)	(41.2)	(42.6)	(42.4)	(42.4)
<i>by no. of hours worked per week (percentage)</i>													
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0 •	7.2	4.3	5.6	7.3	5.3	4.9	6.7	6.5	7.4	5.3	11.4	13.7	13.4
1 - 9	1.9	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.9	1.5	2.2	2.1	3.0	3.2	3.1
10 - 39	32.7	28.2	32.0	32.9	28.4	27.9	28.6	28.3	29.2	29.3	30.1	31.2	31.2
40+	58.2	66.1	60.9	58.0	64.7	65.7	62.8	63.7	61.2	63.3	55.5	51.8	52.3

• Has a job but not at work during the reference week

* Including Eastern province

Note: However it is to be noted that the difference between corresponding figures in any given two quarters may not necessarily be statistically significant.

**Selected Labour Force indicators
(2000 - 2009 Q2)**

	Year											
	2000#	2001#	2002#	2003*	2004**	2005***	2006 #	2007#	2008*	2009Q1*	2008Q2*	2009Q2*
Labour force participation rate												
<i>by sex</i>												
Both sexes	50.3	48.8	50.3	48.9	48.6	48.3	51.2	49.8	49.5	49.2	49.0	48.3
Male	67.2	66.2	67.9	67.2	66.7	67.1	68.1	67.8	67.8	67.2	67.6	66.6
Female	33.9	31.9	33.6	31.4	31.5	30.9	35.7	33.4	33.2	33.3	32.1	32.0
<i>by residential sector</i>												
Total	50.3	48.8	50.3	48.9	48.6	48.3	51.2	49.8	49.5	49.2	49.0	48.3
Urban	44.9	44.2	46.0	44.4	44.9	45.5	45.3	45.0	45.9	44.0	45.9	41.3
Rural	51.2	49.6	50.9	49.6	49.2	48.7	52.1	50.4	50.0	50.0	49.4	49.2
Unemployment rate												
<i>by sex</i>												
Both sexes	7.6	7.9	8.8	8.4	8.3	7.7	6.5	6.0	5.4	5.5	5.5	6.2
Male	5.8	6.2	6.6	6.0	6.0	5.5	4.7	4.3	3.7	4.2	3.8	4.6
Female	11.1	11.5	12.9	13.2	12.8	11.9	9.7	9.0	8.4	7.9	8.6	9.2
<i>by selected age groups(yr)</i>												
20 - 29	17.4	18.4	20.1	19.4	19.2	17.2	15.9	15.0	13.7	15.2	13.3	15.2
20 - 24	23.0	24.4	27.0	26.4	25.9	24.6	21.0	21.1	18.1	20.3	17.2	21.6
25 - 29	10.9	11.3	11.6	11.4	11.4	9.5	11.0	9.4	9.5	10.7	9.5	9.9
<i>by selected educational levels</i>												
G.C.E.(A/L) & above												
Both sexes	14.9	15.3	16.8	16.5	16.8	13.8	11.6	11.8	10.5	10.6	9.5	10.4
Male	8.8	10.1	10.8	10.4	10.5	8.9	6.9	6.6	6.0	7.8	4.5	4.3
Female	21.5	21.5	23.0	23.3	23.8	19.1	16.8	17.5	15.3	13.4	14.6	17.1
Employed population												
<i>by sex</i>												
Both sexes	6310247	6235588	6519415	7012755	7440226	7518007	7105322	7041874	7648305	7709784	7563981	7465030
Male	4241546	4248877	4395164	4833483	5087861	5134765	4610643	4653067	5033449	5015959	5051817	4925869
Female	2068701	1986711	2124250	2179272	2352365	2383241	2494679	2388807	2614856	2693825	2512164	2539160
<i>by industry (percentage)</i>												
Total	6310247	6235588	6519415	7012755	7394029	7518007	7105322	7041874	7648305	7709784	7563981	7465030
%	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)
Agriculture	2274153	2033343	2247602	2384397	2474725	2306039	2287268	2202098	2489731	2613350	2264792	2382913
%	(36.0)	(32.6)	(34.5)	(34.0)	(33.5)	(30.7)	(32.2)	(31.3)	(32.6)	(33.9)	(29.9)	(31.9)
Industry	1490795	1491408	1459194	1611493	1781447	1928014	1889953	1873857	2004880	1894279	2068786	1913893
%	(23.6)	(23.9)	(22.4)	(23.0)	(24.1)	(25.6)	(26.6)	(26.6)	(26.2)	(24.6)	(27.4)	(25.6)
Services	2545299	2710837	2812619	3016866	3137857	3283954	2928101	2965919	3153693	3202155	3230403	3168224
%	(40.3)	(43.5)	(43.1)	(43.0)	(42.4)	(43.7)	(41.2)	(42.1)	(41.2)	(41.5)	(42.7)	(42.4)
<i>by no. of hours worked per week (percentage)</i>												
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0 •	7.2	4.3	5.6	7.5	5.2	4.7	6.7	6.5	7.2	5.4	11.1	13.4
1 - 9	1.9	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.9	1.5	2.2	2.1	2.9	3.1
10 - 39	32.7	28.2	32.0	32.6	28.7	27.6	28.6	28.3	28.9	29.0	29.8	31.2
40+	58.2	66.1	60.9	58.1	64.5	66.2	62.8	63.7	61.7	63.5	56.3	52.3

• Has a job but not at work during the reference week

*Excluding Northern province

***All the districts are included

** Excluding Mullativu & Kilinochchi districts

Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey
Summary Statistics on Labour Force Characteristics
2nd quarter 2009
(Excluding Northern province)

10 years & over population

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (10 years & over)	16492595	7752125	8740470	2012250	14480345
Labour force in this age group	7961261	5165209	2796051	831948	7129313
Labour force participation rate	48.3	66.6	32.0	41.3	49.2
Employed population	7465030	4925869	2539160	774962	6690068
Employment rate	93.8	95.4	90.8	93.2	93.8
Unemployed population	496231	239340	256891	56986	439245
Unemployment rate	6.2	4.6	9.2	6.8	6.2
Not in labour force	8531334	2586915	5944419	1180302	7351033

15 years & over population

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (15 years & over)	14819109	6884490	7934619	1809195	13009914
Labour force in this age group	7947556	5155259	2792298	831948	7115609
Labour force participation rate	53.6	74.9	35.2	46.0	54.7
Employed population	7451325	4915919	2535407	774962	6676364
Employment rate	93.8	95.4	90.8	93.2	93.8
Unemployed population	496231	239340	256891	56986	439245
Unemployment rate	6.2	4.6	9.2	6.8	6.2
Not in labour force	6871552	1729232	5142321	977247	5894306

20 years & over population

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (20 years & over)	13080755	6065292	7015463	1581876	11498879
Labour force in this age group	7630604	4951418	2679186	805158	6825446
Labour force participation rate	58.3	81.6	38.2	50.9	59.4
Employed population	7213743	4759157	2454586	755774	6457969
Employment rate	94.5	96.1	91.6	93.9	94.6
Unemployed population	416861	192261	224600	49384	367477
Unemployment rate	5.5	3.9	8.4	6.1	5.4
Not in labour force	5450151	1113874	4336277	776717	4673434

Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey
Summary Statistics on Labour Force Characteristics
2nd quarter 2009

(Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces)

10 years & over population

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (10 years & over)	15347618	7220335	8127283	1806762	13540856
Labour force in this age group	7468763	4801772	2666991	741272	6727492
Labour force participation rate	48.7	66.5	32.8	41.0	49.7
Employed population	6998591	4574261	2424330	693248	6305342
Employment rate	93.7	95.3	90.9	93.5	93.7
Unemployed population	470173	227511	242661	48024	422149
Unemployment rate	6.3	4.7	9.1	6.5	6.3
Not in labour force	7878855	2418563	5460291	1065490	6813365

15 years & over population

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (15 years & over)	13825123	6424776	7400347	1624711	12200412
Labour force in this age group	7455914	4792676	2663238	741272	6714642
Labour force participation rate	53.9	74.6	36.0	45.6	55.0
Employed population	6985741	4565165	2420576	693248	6292493
Employment rate	93.7	95.3	90.9	93.5	93.7
Unemployed population	470173	227511	242661	48024	422149
Unemployment rate	6.3	4.7	9.1	6.5	6.3
Not in labour force	6369209	1632100	4737109	883439	5485770

20 years & over population

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (20 years & over)	12243476	5679154	6564322	1424643	10818833
Labour force in this age group	7168474	4614169	2554304	717902	6450572
Labour force participation rate	58.5	81.2	38.9	50.4	59.6
Employed population	6774671	4432048	2342623	676719	6097952
Employment rate	94.5	96.1	91.7	94.3	94.5
Unemployed population	393803	182121	211681	41183	352620
Unemployment rate	5.5	3.9	8.3	5.7	5.5
Not in labour force	5075003	1064985	4010018	706741	4368262

Introduction

Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey was designed to measure the levels and trends of employment, unemployment and labour force in Sri Lanka. This survey is being conducted quarterly, since the first quarter of 1990.

The field work of the survey for the second quarter 2009 was done in April, May and June in year 2009. Even though it was planned to conduct the survey in Northern province, the survey was not conducted fully due to the prevailing uncertain conditions in districts of Northern province. In second quarter 2009 the survey was conducted also in the Eastern province, hence this bulletin consists of summary statistics computed by excluding Northern province.

Labour force participation rate

Labour Force: Number of persons who were employed or unemployed during the reference week

Labour force participation rate: Labour force expressed as a percentage of population age 10 yr. & over

Table 1: Economically active population by sex and sector - Second Quarter 2009

Sector	Economically active population					
	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Total	7961261	100.0	5165209	64.9	2796051	35.1
Urban	831948	100.0	584275	70.2	247672.6	29.8
Rural	7129313	100.0	4580934	64.3	2548379	35.7

Table 2: Economically Inactive population by sex and sector- Second Quarter 2009

Sector	Economically inactive population					
	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Total	8531334	100.0	2586915	30.3	5944419	69.7
Urban	1180302	100.0	364178	30.9	816124	69.1
Rural	7351033	100.0	2222738	30.2	5128295	69.8

The survey results revealed that (Table 1), the estimated economically active population (or labour force) is about 8.0 million in second quarter 2009. Of which 64.9 percent are males and 35.1 percent are females. Of the economically inactive population 30.3 percent are males and 69.7 percent are females (Table 2).

Figure 1: Distribution of Economically active/Inactive population

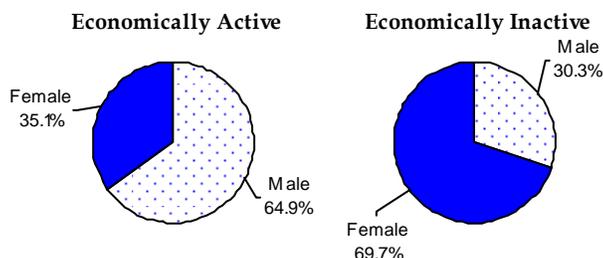


Table 3: Labour Force Participation Rate by sex & year

Year	Labour force participation rate		
	Total	Male	Female
2000	50.3	67.2	33.9
2001	48.8	66.2	31.9
2002	50.3	67.9	33.6
2003	49.7	67.5	32.6
2004	49.6	67.2	33.0
2005	49.3	67.3	32.6
2006	51.2	68.1	35.7
2007	49.8	67.8	33.4
2008	50.2	67.9	34.3
2009 Q1	49.9	67.4	34.3
2009 Q2	48.7	66.5	32.8

* Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

Table 3 provides the information on labour force participation rates since year 2000. As can be seen from this table, male participation rate for the second quarter 2009 is about 66.5 percent and it is 32.8 percent for females. It is important to note that, male participation to the labour force is as twice as that of females.

Table 4: Labour Force Participation Rate by age group & by sex - Second Quarter 2009

Age group	Sex		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	48.3	66.6	32.0
15 - 19	18.2	24.9	12.3
20 - 24	58.8	77.0	42.8
25 - 29	64.3	93.2	40.6
30 - 34	65.3	94.3	40.9
35 - 39	70.0	95.7	48.5
40 - 44	70.3	94.7	48.7
45 - 49	70.3	92.9	49.2
50 - 54	66.2	90.5	45.8
55 - 59	58.3	82.0	34.9
60+	26.4	42.9	12.7

The distribution of labour force participation rate by age groups and by sex implies more male participation compared to female in all age groups.

Highest male participation rate is reported from age group (35 - 39) while in female highest participation rate is reported from age group (45 - 49).

Employment

Employed: Persons who are engaged in some kind of work for pay or profit or family gain during the reference week.

Table 5 : Distribution of Employed population by main industry, (Second quarter 2008 – Second Quarter 2009

Year	Total	Major industry group		
		Agriculture	Industries	Services
April-May-June 2nd Qtr - 2008	7563981 100.0	2264792 29.9	2068786 27.4	3230403 42.7
July-Aug-Sept. 3rd Qtr - 2008	7735132 100.0	2665917 34.5	2000537 25.9	3068678 39.7
Oct-Nov-Dec 4th Qtr - 2008	7712943 100.0	2617910 33.9	1960544 25.4	3134489 40.6
Jan-Feb-Mar 1st Qtr - 2009	7709784 100.0	2613350 33.9	1894279 24.6	3202155 41.5
April-May-June 2nd Qtr - 2009	7465030 100.0	2382913 31.9	1913893 25.6	3168224 42.4

Note: The tabulation groups based on ISIC (Rev.3) are indicated as A,B,C.....Q..

Agriculture

1. Agriculture (A)
2. Forestry and Fishery (B)

Industries

1. Manufacturing (D)
2. Construction (F)
3. Mining & Quarrying (C)
4. Electricity, Gas and Water supply (E)

Services

1. Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles, Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods (G)
2. Hotels and Restaurants (H)
3. Transport, Storage and Communication (I)
4. Financial Intermediation and Real Estate, Renting and Business Activities (J,K)
5. Public Administration and Defence, Compulsory Social Security (L)
6. Education (M)
7. Health and Social work (N)
8. Other Community, Social and Personal Service Activities (O)
9. Private Households with Employed Persons (P)
10. Miscellaneous Labour work
11. Extra Territorial Organizations & bodies (Q)
12. Industries not adequately described

Table 5 shows the percentage distribution of employed population by main industry from second quarter 2008 to second quarter 2009. The total number of employed persons in Sri Lanka is estimated as about 7.5 million in second quarter 2009. Of which, about 42.4 percent engaged in services sector 31.9 percent in agriculture sector, and 25.6 percent in Industries sector.

Table 6 : Percentage distribution of employed population by employment status and Agriculture/ non- agriculture sector - Second Quarter 2009

Employment Status	Total		Sector			
			Agriculture		Non Agriculture	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Total	7465030	100.0	2382913	31.9	5082117	68.1
Employee	4349420	100.0	728764	16.8	3620656	83.2
Public	1132972	100.0	143571	12.7	989401	87.3
Private	3216448	100.0	585192	18.2	2631255	81.8
Employer	213476	100.0	43939	20.6	169537	79.4
Own account worker	2148718	100.0	1088723	50.7	1059995	49.3
Unpaid family worker	753417	100.0	521487	69.2	231930	30.8

Table 6 shows that, more than 80 percent of employees both in private & public sector engage in non-agricultural activities. Also more employers are in non agriculture sector than in agriculture sector. But own account workers and unpaid family workers concentrated more in agriculture sector than in non-agriculture sector.

Note (1): Please see the explanatory note under 'labour force' link in the DCS web site www.statistics.gov.lk for detailed concepts & definitions.

Table 7 : Distribution of Employed population by main industry & by sex - Second Quarter 2009

Major industry group	Total	Sex	
		Male	Female
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture	31.9	29.4	36.9
Industry	25.6	25.6	25.8
Services	42.4	45.1	37.4

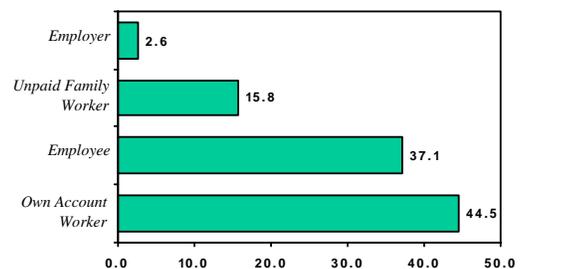
Table 7 depicts the distribution of male and female employed population by main industries. Highest employment concentrations are in service sector for both male and female. Further among employed women about 36.9 percent is in agriculture sector while this share is 29.4 percent for males.

Table 8 : "Informal sector" employment by Agriculture/ Non-agriculture sector - Second Quarter 2009

Sector	Total	Agriculture	Non-agriculture
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Formal	38.2	15.6	48.8
Informal	61.8	84.4	51.2

It is also important to see the distribution of the employed population according to the formal and informal sector classification. Table 8 shows that, 61.8 percent of the total employment is in the informal sector. Further 84.4 percent of the agriculture sector employment is in informal sector, while it is 51.2 percent for non agriculture sector. Further, 44.5 percent of those employed in the informal sector are own account workers, while 37.1 percent of them are paid employees. (Figure 2).

Figure 2 : Percentage Distribution of informal sector employment by Employment status



Underemployment (1)

Table 9 : Underemployment rate by sex - Second Quarter 2009

Rate	Sex		Economic sector		Total
	Male	Female	Agriculture	Non-agriculture	
Underemployment rate	3.4	5.4	6.7	2.9	4.1

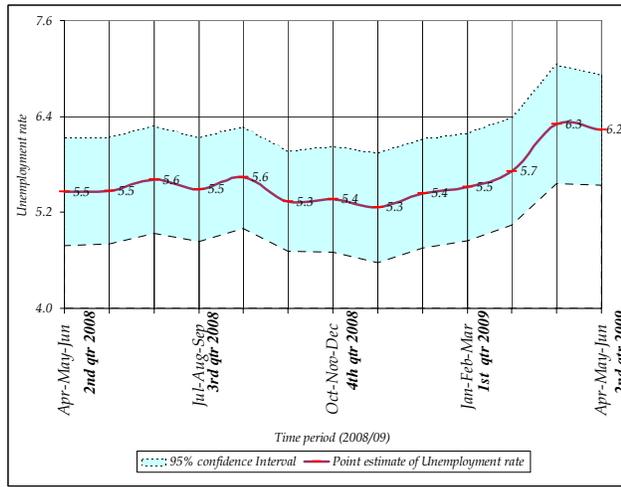
Table 9 reveals that, underemployment rate is higher for females (5.4%) than males (3.4%). And also it is higher in the agriculture sector (6.7%) than as that percentage in non-agriculture sector (2.9%).

Unemployment

Unemployment Rate : The number of unemployed persons as a percentage of the labour force

Unemployed : Persons who are seeking and available for work, but had no employment during the reference period

Figure 3 : Unemployment rates and its 95% confidence intervals (2008 April -Dec./ 2009 Jan. - June)



The number of unemployed persons is estimated as about 496,000 during the second quarter 2009.

The unemployment rate for the second quarter 2009 is reported as 6.2 percent (Excluding Northern province).

As seen in figure 3, it is very important to note that, there is no statistically significant difference between the unemployment rates reported in different time periods of 2008/2009, when sampling error⁽²⁾ is considered.

Table 10 : Unemployment rate by level of education Second Quarter 2009

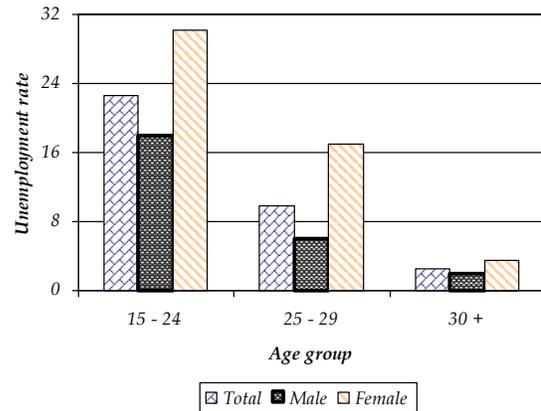
Level of Education	Unemployment rate		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	6.2	4.6	9.2
Below G.C.E. (O/L)	4.6	4.0	5.9
G.C.E. (O/L)	8.6	7.6	10.7
G.C.E. (A/L) & above	10.4	4.3	17.1



Table 11: Unemployment rate by age group and sex – Second Quarter 2009

Age group	Total	Sex	
		Male	Female
Total	6.2	4.6	9.2
15 - 24	22.6	18.0	30.2
25 - 29	9.9	6.1	17.0
30 +	2.5	2.0	3.5

Figure 4 : Unemployment rate by age group and sex – Second quarter 2009



As can be seen from table 11, overall the unemployment rate reported for females is 9.2 percent and 4.6 percent for males. Youth unemployment rate (15 - 24 yrs) reported for Second quarter 2009 is 22.6. Highest unemployment rate is reported from age group (15 - 24 yrs), for both males (18.0) and females (30.2). Further the survey results reveal that the unemployment is severe among females than that of males, in all age groups.

The highest unemployment rate is reported from the G.C.E(A/L) and above group which is about 10.4 percent. That is 4.3 percent and 17.1 percent for males and females respectively. This shows the problem of unemployment is more acute in the case of educated females than educated males (Table 10).

Table 12: Literacy rate by sex & sector

Sex & sector	2 nd quarter 2008	2 nd quarter 2009
Total	92.1	91.5
Male	93.3	92.8
Female	91.0	90.3
Urban	94.5	95.2
Rural	92.5	91.8
Estate	79.6	75.3

Literacy ⁽³⁾

Table 12 shows that, during the second quarter of 2009, the literacy rate is about 91.5, and also the male literacy rate (92.8) is higher than that of females (90.3). Further, the survey results reveal that literacy level of estate sector (75.3) is relatively lower than urban (95.2) and rural (91.8) sectors.

⁽²⁾ Sampling error :

When a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed, estimates differ from the true population values they represent. This difference, or sampling error, occurs by chance, and its variability is measured by the standard error of the estimate. **For more details, please refer the explanatory note on the labour force link in the DCS website.**

⁽³⁾ Please see the explanatory note under 'labour force' link in the DCS web site www.statistics.gov.lk for detailed concepts & definitions.

**TABLE 1 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION,
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YEAR	HOUSEHOLD POPULATION (10 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
1990	11573941	6001148	51.9	5047354	84.1	953794	15.9	5572793
1991	11795793	5877198	49.8	5015517	85.3	861680	14.7	5918596
1992	12058463	5808062	48.2	4962105	85.4	845957	14.6	6250400
1993	12278055	6032383	49.1	5201474	86.2	830910	13.8	6245675
1994	12492850	6078863	48.7	5281272	86.9	797591	13.1	6413985
1995	12736185	6106138	47.9	5357117	87.7	749021	12.3	6630048
1996	12831240	6241889	48.6	5537285	88.7	704604	11.3	6589365
1997	12870791	6266160	48.7	5607881	89.5	658279	10.5	6604630
1998	12881790	6660520	51.7	6049238	90.8	611285	9.2	6221274
1999	13169250	6673487	50.7	6082641	91.2	590846	8.9	6495782
2000	13564660	6827312	50.3	6310145	92.4	517168	7.6	6737345
2001	13870479	6772834	48.8	6235588	92.1	537246	7.9	7097644
2002	14201396	7145382	50.3	6519415	91.2	625967	8.8	7056014
*2003	15651479	7653716	48.9	7012755	91.6	640961	8.4	7997763
** 2004	16593431	8061354	48.6	7394029	91.7	667324	8.3	8532077
*** 2005	16870976	8141347	48.3	7518007	92.3	623341	7.7	8729628
# 2006	14833801	7598762	51.2	7105322	93.5	493440	6.5	7235040
# 2007	15047882	7488896	49.8	7041874	94.0	447021	6.0	7558986
* 2008	16319065	8081702	49.5	7648305	94.6	433397	5.4	8237363
# 2008	15078016	7568715	50.2	7174706	94.8	394009	5.2	7509301
* 2009 Q1	16568684	8160062	49.2	7709784	94.5	450278	5.5	8408622
# 2009 Q1	15352990	7659156	49.9	7250951	94.7	408206	5.3	7693834
* 2009 Q2	16492595	7961261	48.3	7465030	93.8	496231	6.2	8531334
# 2009 Q2	15347618	7468763	48.7	6998591	93.7	470173	6.3	7878855

Note: The normal Labour Force Survey programme was not implemented in 2005 due to the Tsunami - 2004. However a special labour force survey was conducted in August 2005 and the estimates based on this special survey are given under year 2005.

(Up to 2002 fourth quarter, both Northern & Eastern provinces are excluded from the estimates.)

* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

*** - All the districts are included

- Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

TABLE 1A - HISTORICAL TABLE OF LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION, 10 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER - MALE

YEAR	HOUSEHOLD POPULATION (10 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
*1993	6109486	3989443	65.3	3601779	90.3	387663	9.7	2120044
*1994	6228064	4072937	65.4	3678648	90.3	394289	9.7	2155127
*1995	6318003	4068608	64.4	3700951	91.0	367656	9.0	2249395
*1996	6373670	4200886	65.9	3857147	91.8	343741	8.2	2172784
*1997	6372365	4184248	65.6	3862087	92.3	322168	7.7	2188110
*1998	6344453	4281996	67.5	4004504	93.5	277491	6.5	2062456
*1999	6506662	4402713	67.7	4107497	93.3	295217	6.7	2103953
*2000	6702871	4501597	67.2	4241477	94.2	260120	5.8	2201274
*2001	6837264	4529016	66.2	4248877	93.8	280139	6.2	2308248
*2002	6935012	4705586	67.9	4395164	93.4	310421	6.6	2229427
**2003	7657368	5144206	67.2	4833483	94.0	310723	6.0	2513162
***2004	8049643	5372897	66.7	5049426	94.0	323471	6.0	2676746
****2005	8103016	5436362	67.1	5134765	94.5	301597	5.5	2666654
* 2006	7098813	4837308	68.1	4610643	95.3	226664	4.7	2261505
* 2007	7174676	4862788	67.8	4653067	95.7	209721	4.3	2311888
** 2008	7713680	5227427	67.8	5033449	96.3	193978	3.7	2486253
*2008	7122164	4838462	67.9	4663277	96.4	175184	3.6	2283702
** 2009 Q1	7785829	5234755	67.2	5015959	95.8	218796	4.2	2551075
*2009 Q1	7218012	4867280	67.4	4669522	95.9	197758	4.1	2350732
** 2009 Q2	7752125	5165209	66.6	4925869	95.4	239340	4.6	2586915
*2009 Q2	7220335	4801772	66.5	4574261	95.3	227511	4.7	2418563

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**** - All the districts are included

TABLE 1B - HISTORICAL TABLE OF LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION, 10 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER - FEMALE

YEAR	HOUSEHOLD POPULATION (10 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
*1993	6168572	2042941	33.1	1599695	78.3	443247	21.7	4125631
*1994	6264782	2005927	32.0	1602625	79.9	403302	20.1	4258857
*1995	6418183	2037530	31.7	1656166	81.3	381364	18.7	4380652
*1996	6457583	2041002	31.6	1680138	82.3	360864	17.7	4416583
*1997	6498427	2081906	32.0	1745794	83.9	336112	16.1	4416521
*1998	6537344	2378526	36.4	2044732	86.0	333795	14.0	4158818
*1999	6662613	2270782	34.1	1975153	87.0	295629	13.0	4392047
*2000	6861794	2325716	33.9	2068667	89.0	257048	11.0	4536078
*2001	7033214	2243818	31.9	1986711	88.5	257107	11.5	4789396
*2002	7266384	2439796	33.6	2124250	87.1	315546	12.9	4826588
**2003	7994111	2509510	31.4	2179272	86.8	330238	13.2	5484600
***2004	8543788	2688457	31.5	2344604	87.2	343853	12.8	5855331
**** 2005	8767960	2704985	30.9	2383241	88.1	321744	11.9	6062975
* 2006	7734989	2761454	35.7	2494679	90.3	266775	9.7	4973535
* 2007	7873206	2626108	33.4	2388807	91.0	237300	9.0	5247098
** 2008	8605385	2854275	33.2	2614856	91.6	239419	8.4	5751110
*2008	7955852	2730253	34.3	2511429	92.0	218825	8.0	5225599
** 2009 Q1	8782854	2925307	33.3	2693825	92.1	231482	7.9	5857548
*2009 Q1	8134978	2791876	34.3	2581429	92.5	210448	7.5	5343102
** 2009 Q2	8740470	2796051	32.0	2539160	90.8	256891	9.2	5944419
*2009 Q2	8127283	2666991	32.8	2424330	90.9	242661	9.1	5460291

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TABLE 2 - LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION 10 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER ,BY AGE - BOTH SEXES

(2009 2nd quarter)

AGE	HOUSEHOLD POP: (10 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
ALL AGES	16492595	7961261	48.3	7465030	93.8	496231	6.2	8531334
10 - 14 YRS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
15 - 19 YRS	1738354	316952	18.2	237582	75.0	79370	25.0	1421401
20 - 24 YRS	1383540	814109	58.8	638313	78.4	175796	21.6	569431
25 - 29 YRS	1497881	962883	64.3	867912	90.1	94971	9.9	534997
30 - 39 YRS	2834783	1915629	67.6	1833629	95.7	82000	4.3	919154
40 + YRS	7364551	3937982	53.5	3873889	98.4	64093	1.6	3426569

* Reliable estimates cannot be provided.

TABLE 2A - LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION 10 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER ,BY AGE - MALE

(2009 2nd quarter)

AGE	HOUSEHOLD POP: (10 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
ALL AGES	7752125	5165209	66.6	4925869	95.4	239340	4.6	2586915
10 - 14 YRS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
15 - 19 YRS	819198	203840	24.9	156761	76.9	47079	23.1	615358
20 - 24 YRS	649608	500215	77.0	420879	84.1	79336	15.9	149393
25 - 29 YRS	674072	628489	93.2	590336	93.9	38153	6.1	45583
30 - 39 YRS	1291312	1226756	95.0	1199149	97.7	27607	2.3	64557
40 + YRS	3450300	2595959	75.2	2548794	98.2	47165	1.8	854341

TABLE 2B - LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION 10 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER ,BY AGE - FEMALE

(2009 2nd quarter)

AGE	HOUSEHOLD POP: (10 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
ALL AGES	8740470	2796051	32.0	2539160	90.8	256891	9.2	5944419
10 - 14 YRS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
15 - 19 YRS	919156	113112	12.3	80821	71.5	32291	28.5	806044
20 - 24 YRS	733932	313894	42.8	217434	69.3	96460	30.7	420038
25 - 29 YRS	823809	334394	40.6	277576	83.0	56818	17.0	489415
30 - 39 YRS	1543471	688874	44.6	634481	92.1	54393	7.9	854598
40 + YRS	3914251	1342023	34.3	1325095	98.7	16929	1.3	2572227

* Reliable estimates cannot be provided due to small cell sizes.

▨ These figures are to be treated with caution as the corresponding CV (Coefficient of variation) values are high.

**TABLE 3 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY AGE GROUPS
(PERCENTAGE) - BOTH SEXES**

Year	All Ages	Age Groups					
		10 - 14 YRS	15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
*1990	100.0	1.1	5.7	11.9	13.7	27.0	40.7
*1991	100.0	0.7	5.4	12.7	13.7	26.8	40.7
*1992	100.0	0.5	5.1	13.4	14.1	27.0	39.9
*1993	100.0	0.4	5.2	12.7	14.2	26.7	40.7
*1994	100.0	0.4	4.9	12.3	13.9	28.2	40.3
*1995	100.0	0.3	4.9	11.6	14.1	26.5	42.7
*1996	100.0	0.4	5.3	12.1	13.7	28.1	40.4
*1997	100.0	0.3	5.1	11.9	13.3	27.2	42.1
*1998	100.0	0.8	5.9	12.1	12.5	26.7	42.1
*1999	100.0	0.9	5.8	11.8	12.2	26.1	43.3
*2000	100.0	0.5	5.2	12.2	12.3	26.0	43.8
*2001	100.0	0.4	4.3	12.1	12.0	25.4	45.8
*2002	100.0	0.3	4.4	12.2	12.1	26.2	44.8
**2003	100.0	0.3	4.2	11.6	12.2	26.3	45.4
*** 2004	100.0	0.4	4.1	11.8	12.2	25.5	46.0
**** 2005	100.0	0.1	3.6	11.3	12.9	25.6	46.5
*2006	100.0	0.3	4.0	10.2	12.0	24.2	49.2
*2007	100.0	0.2	3.6	9.8	12.0	23.9	50.5
*2008	100.0	0.2	3.4	9.8	11.6	23.8	51.2
**2008	100.0	0.3	3.5	9.8	11.6	23.8	50.9
*2009Q1	100.0	0.5	3.4	8.7	11.0	24.4	51.9
**2009Q1	100.0	0.5	3.6	8.7	11.4	24.5	51.4
*2009Q2	100.0	0.2	3.0	8.4	11.6	24.6	52.3
**2009Q2	100.0	0.2	3.2	8.6	11.6	24.6	51.9

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**** - All the districts are included

**TABLE 3A - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY AGE GROUPS
(PERCENTAGE) - MALE**

Year	All Ages	Age Groups					
		10 - 14 YRS	15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
*1990	100.0	1.0	5.7	11.7	13.3	26.3	42.1
*1991	100.0	0.6	5.2	12.6	13.2	25.7	42.8
*1992	100.0	0.4	4.7	13.2	13.9	26.2	41.6
*1993	100.0	0.4	4.8	11.5	14.8	26.2	42.2
*1994	100.0	0.4	4.7	11.9	13.5	27.2	42.2
*1995	100.0	0.3	4.8	11.0	14.0	26.0	43.8
*1996	100.0	0.4	5.0	11.7	13.4	27.8	41.7
*1997	100.0	0.3	4.8	11.1	13.0	27.1	43.6
*1998	100.0	0.7	5.6	11.9	12.3	26.2	43.3
*1999	100.0	0.7	5.8	11.8	11.8	25.7	44.1
*2000	100.0	0.4	5.2	12.0	12.3	25.4	44.7
*2001	100.0	0.3	4.1	12.0	12.1	25.0	46.4
*2002	100.0	0.3	4.2	11.8	11.8	26.2	45.8
**2003	100.0	0.3	3.9	11.4	12.7	25.7	46.1
***2004	100.0	0.3	3.9	11.5	12.6	25.0	46.6
****2005	100.0	0.2	4.1	11.1	13.3	25.2	46.1
* 2006	100.0	0.3	4.0	10.2	12.2	23.9	49.4
* 2007	100.0	0.2	3.7	9.6	12.7	23.7	50.1
*2008	100.0	0.3	3.4	9.6	11.9	23.9	51.0
**2008	100.0	0.3	3.7	9.7	11.9	23.9	50.5
*2009Q1	100.0	0.4	3.6	8.7	11.1	24.2	51.9
**2009Q1	100.0	0.4	3.7	8.8	11.4	24.3	51.4
*2009Q2	100.0	0.2	2.9	8.3	11.8	24.3	52.4
**2009Q2	100.0	0.2	3.2	8.5	12.0	24.3	51.7

**TABLE 3B - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY AGE GROUPS
(PERCENTAGE) - FEMALE**

Year	All Ages	Age Groups					
		10 - 14 YRS	15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
*1990	100.0	1.2	5.6	12.4	14.5	28.4	38.0
*1991	100.0	0.9	6.0	13.0	14.6	29.1	36.4
*1992	100.0	0.8	5.9	13.9	14.4	29.2	35.8
*1993	100.0	0.4	5.9	15.4	12.9	27.7	37.7
*1994	100.0	0.5	5.3	13.2	14.8	30.4	35.9
*1995	100.0	0.4	5.0	12.9	14.3	27.3	40.1
*1996	100.0	0.5	6.0	13.1	14.2	28.8	37.4
*1997	100.0	0.3	5.7	13.7	14.0	27.6	38.7
*1998	100.0	1.0	6.4	12.4	12.8	27.6	39.7
*1999	100.0	1.1	5.9	11.7	12.9	27.1	41.4
*2000	100.0	0.7	5.3	12.6	12.1	27.4	41.9
*2001	100.0	0.5	4.7	12.4	11.8	26.2	44.5
*2002	100.0	0.5	4.7	13.1	12.6	26.2	42.9
**2003	100.0	0.4	4.7	12.2	11.2	27.6	43.9
***2004	100.0	0.5	4.6	12.3	11.3	26.6	44.7
****2005	100.0	0.1	2.5	11.9	12.0	26.4	47.2
* 2006	100.0	0.3	4.1	10.3	11.7	24.8	48.8
* 2007	100.0	0.3	3.4	10.1	10.7	24.2	51.3
*2008	100.0	0.2	3.2	10.1	11.0	23.8	51.7
**2008	100.0	0.2	3.2	10.1	11.0	23.8	51.7
*2009Q1	100.0	0.7	3.2	8.5	10.8	24.8	52.0
**2009Q1	100.0	0.7	3.3	8.5	11.4	24.9	51.3
*2009Q2	100.0	0.2	3.2	8.5	11.0	25.1	52.1
**2009Q2	100.0	0.1	3.2	8.6	10.9	25.0	52.2

These figures are to be treated with caution as the corresponding CV (Coefficient of variation) values are high.

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

*** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**** - All the districts are included

**TABLE 4 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION
(PERCENTAGE) - BOTH SEXES**

Year	Total	Level of education			
		Below Grade 6	Grades 6 - 10	GCE (O.L)/ NCGE	GCE (A.L)/ HNCE and above
*1990	100.0	31.9	45.1	16.0	7.0
*1991	100.0	31.6	44.8	15.6	7.9
*1992	100.0	29.9	44.9	16.5	8.7
*1993	100.0	28.5	45.1	16.9	9.5
*1994	100.0	28.2	45.4	17.5	8.8
*1995	100.0	26.8	44.9	18.0	10.3
*1996	100.0	29.5	43.3	16.9	10.3
*1997	100.0	27.9	44.0	17.6	10.5
*1998	100.0	26.8	45.0	17.2	11.0
*1999	100.0	25.4	45.7	18.0	10.9
*2000	100.0	25.1	46.3	16.7	11.9
*2001	100.0	22.7	46.1	17.7	13.5
*2002	100.0	24.6	45.6	15.8	14.0
**2003	100.0	24.5	46.2	15.9	13.3
***2004	100.0	24.3	44.7	16.8	14.2
**** 2005	100.0	20.6	45.8	18.2	15.4
* 2006	100.0	22.2	46.9	16.7	14.2
* 2007	100.0	21.1	47.8	15.6	15.5
*2008	100.0	20.3	48.0	15.8	16.0
**2008	100.0	21.9	47.4	15.4	15.3
*2009Q1	100.0	20.5	48.6	14.3	16.6
**2009Q1	100.0	21.2	47.8	14.5	16.5
*2009Q2	100.0	20.0	47.4	16.5	16.1
**2009Q2	100.0	20.8	47.1	16.3	15.8

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

*** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**** - All the districts are included

**TABLE 4A - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION
(PERCENTAGE) - MALE**

Year	Total	Level of education			
		Below Grade 6	Grades 6 - 10	GCE (O.L)/ NCGE	GCE (A.L)/ HNCE and above
*1990	100.0	29.6	48.3	16.1	5.9
*1991	100.0	28.0	49.0	15.5	7.5
*1992	100.0	27.4	48.2	17.0	7.4
*1993	100.0	25.4	49.8	17.2	7.7
*1994	100.0	25.5	49.6	17.7	7.2
*1995	100.0	25.1	48.2	18.3	8.4
*1996	100.0	27.7	47.1	16.8	8.4
*1997	100.0	26.5	47.2	17.5	8.7
*1998	100.0	25.3	48.5	17.0	9.2
*1999	100.0	24.0	49.4	17.7	9.0
*2000	100.0	24.1	49.6	16.6	9.8
*2001	100.0	21.5	49.3	17.8	11.4
*2002	100.0	23.5	49.1	16.0	11.4
**2003	100.0	23.8	49.2	16.2	10.8
***2004	100.0	22.6	48.3	17.3	11.8
**** 2005	100.0	19.9	49.6	18.0	12.5
* 2006	100.0	21.0	50.4	16.6	12.1
* 2007	100.0	20.1	51.3	15.6	13.0
*2008	100.0	19.4	51.3	16.1	13.2
**2008	100.0	21.1	50.7	15.6	12.6
*2009Q1	100.0	19.1	53.1	14.5	13.4
**2009Q1	100.0	19.9	52.1	14.7	13.3
*2009Q2	100.0	19.3	50.1	16.8	13.8
**2009Q2	100.0	20.3	49.7	16.7	13.4

**TABLE 4B - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION
(PERCENTAGE) - FEMALE**

Year	Total	Level of education			
		Below Grade 6	Grades 6 - 10	GCE (O.L)/ NCGE	GCE (A.L)/ HNCE and above
*1990	100.0	37.0	38.1	15.6	9.3
*1991	100.0	39.6	35.8	15.9	8.8
*1992	100.0	35.7	37.0	15.5	11.9
*1993	100.0	35.6	34.7	16.3	13.5
*1994	100.0	34.5	35.8	17.2	12.6
*1995	100.0	30.8	37.3	17.5	14.3
*1996	100.0	33.7	34.4	17.1	14.7
*1997	100.0	31.0	37.0	17.6	14.4
*1998	100.0	29.9	38.2	17.7	14.3
*1999	100.0	28.3	38.0	18.7	15.0
*2000	100.0	27.3	39.6	17.1	16.1
*2001	100.0	25.5	39.2	17.3	18.0
*2002	100.0	27.0	38.3	15.3	19.4
**2003	100.0	26.1	39.6	15.5	18.9
***2004	100.0	27.9	36.9	15.8	19.4
**** 2005	100.0	22.1	37.6	18.6	21.7
* 2006	100.0	24.3	40.4	17.0	18.2
* 2007	100.0	23.0	41.1	15.5	20.4
*2008	100.0	21.9	41.8	15.3	21.0
**2008	100.0	23.6	40.9	14.9	20.6
*2009Q1	100.0	23.1	40.4	14.1	22.4
**2009Q1	100.0	23.7	39.7	14.1	22.6
*2009Q2	100.0	21.2	42.3	15.9	20.6
**2009Q2	100.0	21.9	41.9	15.6	20.6

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

*** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**** - All the districts are included

**TABLE 5 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS
(PERCENTAGE) - BOTH SEXES**

YEAR	TOTAL EMPLOYED	EMPLOYEE			EMPLOYER	OWN ACCOUNT WORKER	UNPAID FAMILY WORKER
		TOTAL	PUBLIC	PRIVATE			
*1990	100.0	55.2	21.5	33.7	1.8	29.2	13.8
*1991	100.0	62.4	22.9	39.5	2.2	25.4	10.0
*1992	100.0	60.1	20.0	40.0	1.6	27.1	11.2
*1993	100.0	60.0	17.4	42.8	2.0	27.4	10.4
*1994	100.0	60.7	16.4	44.3	2.3	27.2	9.8
*1995	100.0	59.8	15.6	44.3	2.5	28.3	9.4
*1996	100.0	60.8	15.0	45.8	2.3	26.8	10.0
*1997	100.0	59.4	15.1	44.3	2.3	28.8	9.4
*1998	100.0	55.6	14.5	41.2	1.9	28.9	13.6
*1999	100.0	57.5	14.4	43.1	2.0	28.3	12.2
*2000	100.0	56.3	13.4	42.9	2.3	28.4	13.0
*2001	100.0	58.6	13.9	44.7	2.3	28.5	10.6
*2002	100.0	57.9	13.4	44.5	2.8	28.6	10.7
**2003	100.0	57.9	13.5	44.4	2.6	29.6	9.9
***2004	100.0	59.4	13.0	46.4	2.9	28.3	9.4
**** 2005	100.0	59.3	13.3	46.1	3.1	29.7	7.9
* 2006	100.0	55.6	13.4	42.1	3.1	30.8	10.5
*2007	100.0	56.5	13.8	42.7	2.8	30.4	10.3
*2008	100.0	56.0	14.9	41.1	3.0	30.2	10.8
**2008	100.0	56.4	15.2	41.2	2.9	30.2	10.4
*2009Q1	100.0	56.9	15.5	41.4	2.7	28.4	12.1
**2009Q1	100.0	57.1	16.0	41.1	2.6	28.7	11.6
*2009Q2	100.0	58.1	15.1	43.0	2.9	28.6	10.5
**2009Q2	100.0	58.3	15.2	43.1	2.9	28.8	10.1

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

*** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**** - All the districts are included

**TABLE 5A - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS
(PERCENTAGE) - MALE**

YEAR	EMPLOYEE					OWN ACCOUNT WORKER	UNPAID FAMILY WORKER
	TOTAL EMPLOYED	TOTAL	PUBLIC	PRIVATE	EMPLOYER		
*1990	100.0	55.2	19.7	35.5	2.3	34.6	7.9
*1991	100.0	61.5	20.3	41.2	2.9	29.8	5.9
*1992	100.0	58.7	18.4	40.3	2.0	32.2	7.2
*1993	100.0	57.7	15.6	42.0	2.6	33.0	6.7
*1994	100.0	59.3	15.9	43.4	2.9	32.0	5.9
*1995	100.0	58.4	14.6	43.7	3.1	33.5	5.1
*1996	100.0	59.5	14.1	45.4	3.2	31.2	6.1
*1997	100.0	58.3	14.4	43.9	3.0	33.2	5.5
*1998	100.0	55.8	14.1	41.7	2.5	34.8	6.8
*1999	100.0	57.7	13.8	43.9	2.7	33.5	6.2
*2000	100.0	56.6	12.6	44.0	3.1	33.8	6.5
*2001	100.0	57.9	12.9	45.0	3.1	33.4	5.5
*2002	100.0	57.5	12.6	44.8	3.7	34.0	4.8
**2003	100.0	57.4	12.6	44.9	3.4	34.5	4.8
***2004	100.0	58.9	11.9	47.0	3.9	32.7	4.5
**** 2005	100.0	59.9	11.7	48.1	4.1	32.9	3.2
* 2006	100.0	56.0	12.3	43.8	4.4	35.2	4.4
* 2007	100.0	57.2	12.1	45.1	3.9	34.5	4.4
*2008	100.0	56.7	13.3	43.4	4.2	34.6	4.5
**2008	100.0	57.5	13.7	43.8	4.0	34.1	4.3
*2009Q1	100.0	58.4	12.9	45.5	3.6	33.0	5.1
**2009Q1	100.0	58.8	13.5	45.3	3.5	32.9	4.8
*2009Q2	100.0	59.1	13.5	45.6	3.9	33.0	4.0
**2009Q2	100.0	59.7	13.5	46.2	3.8	32.6	3.8

**TABLE 5B - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS
(PERCENTAGE) - FEMALE**

YEAR	EMPLOYEE					OWN ACCOUNT WORKER	UNPAID FAMILY WORKER
	TOTAL EMPLOYED	TOTAL	PUBLIC	PRIVATE	EMPLOYER		
*1990	100.0	55.1	25.3	29.8	0.6	17.9	26.5
*1991	100.0	64.5	28.6	35.9	0.7	16.0	18.9
*1992	100.0	63.4	24.1	39.4	0.7	14.8	21.0
*1993	100.0	65.6	21.0	44.6	0.7	15.0	18.7
*1994	100.0	64.2	17.7	46.5	0.9	16.1	18.8
*1995	100.0	63.2	17.6	45.5	1.1	16.7	19.1
*1996	100.0	63.9	17.0	46.8	0.5	16.7	18.9
*1997	100.0	61.8	16.7	45.2	0.9	19.0	18.3
*1998	100.0	55.2	15.2	40.1	0.6	17.2	27.0
*1999	100.0	57.2	15.6	41.5	0.6	17.5	24.8
*2000	100.0	55.5	15.0	40.5	0.8	17.2	26.5
*2001	100.0	60.1	15.9	44.1	0.5	18.1	21.3
*2002	100.0	58.8	15.1	43.7	0.8	17.4	23.0
**2003	100.0	59.0	15.7	43.3	0.9	18.8	21.3
***2004	100.0	60.6	15.5	45.1	0.9	18.7	19.8
**** 2005	100.0	58.3	16.6	41.6	0.9	22.7	18.2
* 2006	100.0	54.8	15.6	39.2	0.8	22.7	21.7
* 2007	100.0	55.1	17.1	38.0	0.7	22.5	21.7
*2008	100.0	54.7	17.9	36.8	0.7	22.2	22.4
**2008	100.0	54.3	18.2	36.2	0.7	22.8	22.2
*2009Q1	100.0	54.1	20.2	33.9	1.1	20.0	24.8
**2009Q1	100.0	54.0	20.6	33.4	1.0	20.8	24.2
*2009Q2	100.0	56.2	18.1	38.1	1.0	20.1	22.8
**2009Q2	100.0	55.4	18.4	37.0	1.0	21.4	22.2

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** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

*** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**** - All the districts are included

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Table 6 - Currently Employed person by Industry group (Based on ISIC Third Revision) - Both sexes

Year	Industry group														
	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
*2002	6519415	2247602	1072720	386475	838796	117556	309553	168973	524724	227785	82260	110390	93252	317121	22208
**2003	7012755	2384397	1156682	454810	867131	121627	363393	191390	541070	262440	98107	110827	75858	333477	51548
***2004	7394029	2474725	1307357	474090	910770	120552	417340	175633	535064	273628	103966	122395	68813	323277	86419
****2005	7518007	2306039	1385374	542639	904008	138924	484999	233736	512819	297437	129237	133537	53314	324440	71504
* 2006	7105322	2287268	1363092	526861	954981	129351	430331	221146	400504	276783	109660	123900	80247	179941	21255
* 2007	7041874	2202098	1331368	542489	932094	118516	456804	215217	433013	259489	115943	104601	87381	219692	23168
* 2008	7174706	2344415	1354897	533106	924468	103814	425972	236024	462634	298810	110933	128812	84097	153297	13428
** 2008	7648305	2489731	1414483	590397	984326	110317	447604	241474	512048	325633	120987	141853	84960	170572	13920
* 2009Q1	7250951	2459978	1297352	508683	938061	116682	408078	242564	520753	280437	142356	86942	104361	137981	6722
** 2009Q1	7709784	2613350	1348779	545501	992245	120674	430056	246208	565005	331224	147038	105603	104361	153020	6722
* 2009Q2	6998591	2226901	1251341	552215	866129	129433	445091	220529	495242	283091	116619	115306	101189	192872	2634
** 2009Q2	7465030	2382913	1310213	603680	932224	142126	466743	229076	526135	310212	126565	135014	102131	195363	2634

Industry group

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|--|--|
| 1 Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A,B) | 8 Public Administration and Defence,Compulsory Social Security (L) |
| 2 Manufacturing (D) | 9 Education (M) |
| 3 Construction, Mining & Quarrying ,
Electricity,Gas and Water supply (C,E,F) | 10 Health and Social work (N) |
| 4 Wholesale and Retail Trade,Repair of Motor Vehicles,
Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods (G) | 11 Other Community,Social and Personal Service Activities
Extra Teritorial Organizations & bodies (O,Q) |
| 5 Hotels and Restaurants (H) | 12 Private Households with Employed Persons (P) |
| 6 Transport, Storage and Communication (I) | 13 Miscellaneous Labour work |
| 7 Financial Intermediation and Real Estate,
Renting and Business Activities (J,K) | 14 Industries not adequately described |

Note: The tabulation groups based on ISIC (Rev.3) are indicated as A,B,C.....Q. Due to the limitations on reliability (based on CV),some of these groups have been combined.

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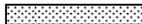
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Table 6A - Currently Employed person by Industry group (Based on ISIC Third Revision) - Male

	Total	Industry group							
		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	Other
*2002	4395164	1397423	569761	373516	656505	115203	387301	70813	824642
**2003	4833483	1529117	624791	436404	681185	138146	405572	98074	920194
***2004	5049426	1559301	710910	456049	721800	122372	392949	102645	983400
****2005	5134765	1482610	749993	519197	702048	171330	376877	83551	1049159
* 2006	4610643	1342214	683873	507192	717258	156022	294597	86521	822966
* 2007	4653067	1321995	703080	523470	688653	151782	308080	79092	876915
*2008	4663277.5	1388714	716259	510488	680091	162634	344695	87931	772466
** 2008	5033448.7	1510401	749653	565666	725049	167414	385219	98596	831450
* 2009Q1	4669522.2	1487216	684102	491765	666980	167967	341741	89893	739858
** 2009Q1	5015959	1616721	708275	527252	707318	170632	378764	112948	794048
* 2009Q2	4574260.6	1322352	652299	523368	641412	154650	369511	82495	828174
** 2009Q2	4925869.5	1446649	685156	574834	688537	160541	396668	91013	882472

Industry group

1 Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A,B)

2 Manufacturing (D)

3 Construction, Mining & Quarrying ,
Electricity, Gas and Water supply (C,E,F)

4 Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles,
Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods (G)

7 Financial Intermediation and Real Estate,
Renting and Business Activities (J,K)

8 Public Administration and Defence, Compulsory Social Security (L)

9 Education (M)

Other

Hotels and Restaurants (H)

Transport, Storage and Communication (I)

Health and Social work (N)

Other Community, Social and Personal Service Activities

Extra Territorial Organizations & bodies (O,Q)

Private Households with Employed Persons (P)

Miscellaneous Labour work

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*** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**** - All the districts are included

Table 6B - Currently Employed person by Industry group (Based on ISIC Third Revision) - Female

	Total	Industry group							
		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	Other
*2002	2124250	850179	502959	12959	182291	53770	137423	156972	227697
**2003	2179272	855280	531891	18407	185946	53243	135498	164365	234642
***2004	2344604	915424	596447	18041	188970	53261	142116	170983	259362
****2005	2383241	823429	635382	23442	201959	62405	135942	213886	286796
* 2006	2494679	945054	679218	19669	237723	65125	105908	190262	251720
* 2007	2388807	880103	628288	19019	243441	63435	124933	180397	249190
* 2008	2511429	955701	638638	22619	244376	73390	117939	210878	247887
** 2008	2614856	979331	664830	24731	259277	74060	126829	227037	258762
* 2009Q1	2581429	972762	613250	16918	271081	74597	179012	190544	263265
** 2009Q1	2693825	996629	640503	18248	284927	75576	186241	218276	273425
* 2009Q2	2424330	904549	599042	28846	224717	65879	125732	200596	274969
** 2009Q2	2539160	936264	625057	28846	243687	68536	129467	219199	288104

Industry group

- 1 Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A,B)
- 2 Manufacturing (D)
- 3 Construction, Mining & Quarrying ,
Electricity, Gas and Water supply (C,E,F)
- 4 Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles,
Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods (G)
- 7 Financial Intermediation and Real Estate,
Renting and Business Activities (J,K)
- 8 Public Administration and Defence, Compulsory Social Security (L)
- 9 Education (M)

Other

- Hotels and Restaurants (H)
- Transport, Storage and Communication (I)
- Health and Social work (N)
- Other Community, Social and Personal Service Activities
- Extra Territorial Organizations & bodies (O,Q)
- Private Households with Employed Persons (P)
- Miscellaneous Labour work
- Industries not adequately described

Note: The tabulation groups based on ISIC (Rev.3) are indicated as A,B,C.....Q. Due to the limitations on reliability (based on CV), some of these groups have been combined.

 These figures are to be treated with caution as the corresponding CV (Coefficient of variation) values are high.

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

*** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**** - All the districts are included

Table 6C: Historical table of currently employed population by major industry group - Both sexes

Major Industry group	Year																		
	*1995	*1996	*1997	*1998	*1999	*2000	*2001	*2002	**2003	***2004	****2005	* 2006	* 2007	*2008	**2008	*2009Q1	**2009Q1	*2009Q2	**2009Q2
Total	5357120	5536216	5607868	6049388	6082449	6310247	6235588	6519415	7012755	7394029	7518007	7105322	7041874	7174706	7648305	7250951	7709784	6998591	7465030
Agriculture	1966793	2071764	2031902	2378572	2208066	2274153	2033343	2247602	2384397	2474725	2306039	2287268	2202098	2344415	2489731	2459978	2613350	2226901	2382913
Industry	1188271	1217977	1354952	1325735	1330134	1490795	1491408	1459194	1611493	1781447	1928014	1889953	1873857	1888004	2004880	1806035	1894279	1803556	1913893
Services	2202056	2246475	2221014	2345081	2544249	2545299	2710837	2812619	3016866	3137857	3283954	2928101	2965919	2942288	3153693	2984938	3202155	2968134	3168224

Table 6D: Historical table of employed population by major industry group (percentage) - Both sexes

Major Industry group	Year																		
	*1995	*1996	*1997	*1998	*1999	*2000	*2001	*2002	**2003	***2004	****2005	* 2006	* 2007	*2008	**2008	*2009Q1	**2009Q1	*2009Q2	**2009Q2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture	36.7	37.4	36.2	39.3	36.3	36.0	32.6	34.5	34.0	33.5	30.7	32.2	31.3	32.7	32.6	33.9	33.9	31.8	31.9
Industry	22.2	22.0	24.2	21.9	21.9	23.6	23.9	22.4	23.0	24.1	25.6	26.6	26.6	26.3	26.2	24.9	24.6	25.8	25.6
Services	41.1	40.6	39.6	38.8	41.8	40.3	43.5	43.1	43.0	42.4	43.7	41.2	42.1	41.0	41.2	41.2	41.5	42.4	42.4

Agriculture

1. Agriculture (A)
2. Forestry and Fishery (B)

Industries

1. Manufacturing (D)
2. Construction
3. Mining & Quarrying
4. Electricity, Gas and Water supply

Services

1. Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles, Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods
2. Hotels and Restaurants
3. Transport, Storage and Communication
4. Financial Intermediation and Real Estate, Renting and Business Activities
5. Public Administration and Defence, Compulsory Social Security

6. Education
7. Health and Social work
8. Other Community, Social and Personal Service Activities
9. Private Households with Employed Persons
10. Miscellaneous Labour work
11. Extra Territorial Organizations & bodies
12. Industries not adequately described

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

*** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**** - All the districts are included

Table 7 - Currently Employed person by Occupation group (Based on ISCO 88) - Both sexes

Year	Total	Occupation group										
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	0
*2002	6519415	85553	352238	316763	283719	406992	510148	1579024	935477	373588	1608511	67402
**2003	7012755	88043	367654	341634	303828	328796	628729	1634289	1084436	419540	1735336	80470
***2004	7394029	99839	404410	366488	322697	420343	671461	1513636	1124715	460589	1951081	58770
****2005	7518007	120491	471200	403904	300322	515909	574416	1561884	1216224	531439	1760335	61883
* 2006	7105322	128944	376469	362275	276587	526322	513217	1590110	1214163	501561	1576960	38715
* 2007	7041874	123290	366668	381596	283703	494515	508488	1503669	1201598	563927	1574113	40306
* 2008	7174706	121463	415993	398489	299331	477055	546087	1603701	1165096	526921	1576276	44295
** 2008	7648305	126636	448659	424802	308632	498271	604974	1699212	1255470	555896	1673147	52607
* 2009Q1	7250951	141861	416073	393505	320193	482444	555148	1738925	1118164	497491	1512447	74699
** 2009Q1	7709784	145042	458870	420587	328539	516838	594360	1835047	1198880	523149	1602956	85517
* 2009Q2	6998591	99952	392551	372755	300844	464177	520515	1532147	1098867	511554	1643087	62142
** 2009Q2	7465030	101688	427570	388074	306683	502604	589049	1627611	1179343	549147	1729448	63812

Occupation group

1 Senior Officials and Managers

2 Professionals

3 Technical and Associate Professionals

4 Clerks

5 Proprietors and Managers of Enterprises

6 Sales and Service workers

7 Skilled Agricultural and Fishery workers

8 Craft and Related workers

9 Plant and Machine operators and Assemblers

10 Elementary occupations

0 Unidentified

Note: It is to be noted here that these occupation groups are based on ISCO - 88, but they are not necessarily the **Major Groups** of ISCO - 88 classification

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

*** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**** - All the districts are included

Table 7A - Currently Employed person by Occupation group (Based on ISCO 88) - Male

Year	Total	Occupation group										
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	0
*2002	4395164	67276	146656	215548	151511	318172	379695	1024190	596472	335568	1097444	62633
**2003	4833483	71574	161375	236263	167584	260270	464633	1109200	711720	368452	1205366	77047
***2004	4993403	75416	174521	250898	174982	341828	498477	1004912	726641	426469	1319258	
****2005	5134765	87788	187002	266866	159566	406137	418628	1013877	801448	484351	1249168	59935
* 2006	4610643	101399	146344	238819	143606	419443	314226	966263	743733	444703	1055753	36354
* 2007	4653067	91026	147844	258111	138384	379768	318994	925933	779097	504603	1070890	38418
* 2008	4663277	90314	154443	275928	161252	364206	339828	975507	731382	478825	1050236	41356
** 2008	5033449	94075	168152	296103	167400	380629	385895	1049917	799554	503286	1139158	49280
* 2009Q1	4669522	112819	155234	245950	161950	351936	345844	1092794	705291	455896	976818	64989
** 2009Q1	5015959	115017	176211	264449	164644	376796	374725	1168935	765450	475277	1059592	74863
* 2009Q2	4574261	83929	144338	263945	147179	354521	335769	944648	703135	466423	1072835	57538
** 2009Q2	4925869	84590	157344	275532	151628	380170	382030	1011803	769677	501181	1152705	59209

Table 7B - Currently Employed person by Occupation group (Based on ISCO 88) - Female

Year	Total	Occupation group										
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	0
*2002	2124250	18277	205582	101215	132209	88819	130453	554835	339005	38020	511066	4769
**2003	2179272	16469	206279	105370	136245	68526	164096	525090	372716	51088	529971	3423
***2004	2341857	24423	229889	115590	147715	78515	172984	508724	398074	34120	631823	
****2005	2383241	32702	284198	137038	140756	109772	155788	548007	414776	47088	511167	1949
* 2006	2494679	27544	230126	123456	132981	106879	198990	623847	470430	56858	521207	2360
* 2007	2388807	32265	218824	123485	145319	114747	189494	577736	422502	59324	503223	1888
* 2008	2511429	31148	261549	122561	138079	112849	206258	628193	433715	48095	526040	2940
** 2008	2614856	32560	280507	128699	141231	117642	219079	649295	455917	52609	533989	3327
* 2009Q1	2581429	29042	260839	147556	158243	130508	209304	646131	412873	41595	535629	9710
** 2009Q1	2693825	30025	282660	156138	163895	140042	219634	666112	433430	47872	543363	10654
* 2009Q2	2424330	16024	248212	108810	153665	109655	184746	587500	395732	45131	570252	4603
** 2009Q2	2539160	17098	270226	112541	155055	122434	207019	615808	409666	47967	576743	4603

Occupation group

1 Senior Officials and Managers

2 Professionals

3 Technical and Associate Professionals

4 Clerks

5 Proprietors and Managers of Enterprises

6 Sale and Service workers

7 Skilled Agricultural and Fishery workers

8 Craft and Related workers

9 Plant and Machine operators and Assemblers

10 Elementary occupations

0 Unidentified



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Note: It is to be noted here that these occupation groups are based on ISCO - 88, but they are not necessarily the **Major Groups** of ISCO - 88 classification

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TABLE 8 - CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY HOURS PER WEEK ACTUALLY WORKED AT THE MAIN JOB AND MAJOR INDUSTRIAL GROUP (PERCENTAGE) - BOTH SEXES

(2009 2nd quarter)

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL GROUP	TOTAL	0 #	1 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 & OVER
Total	100.0	13.4	3.1	7.1	10.6	13.5	28.0	24.2
1	100.0	15.2	4.1	12.0	14.7	16.7	24.9	12.4
2	100.0	14.7	3.5	5.0	10.0	10.5	31.8	24.4
3	100.0	20.7	*	7.2	8.8	10.5	32.2	18.0
4	100.0	8.8	*	*	6.7	12.6	21.4	44.4
5	100.0	*	..	*	*	*	*	55.9
6	100.0	9.5	*	*	*	*	28.8	45.5
7	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	37.6	24.8
8	100.0	*	*	*	6.7	8.7	43.3	30.5
9	100.0	19.6	*	*	14.7	40.9	14.3	*
10	100.0	*	..	*	*	*	46.2	34.2
11	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
12	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	47.6
13	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	24.9	*
14	100.0	*	*

Has a job but not at work during the reference week

.. Negligible

* These figures are to be treated with caution as the corresponding CV (Coefficient of variation) values are high.

Industry group

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A,B) | 8. Public Administration and Defence,Compulsory Social Security (L) |
| 2. Manufacturing (D) | 9. Education (M) |
| 3. Construction, Mining & Quarrying ,
Electricity, Gas and Water supply (C,E,F) | 10. Health and Social work (N) |
| 4. Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles,
Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods (G) | 11. Other Community, Social and Personal Service Activities
Extra Territorial Organizations & bodies (O,Q) |
| 5. Hotels and Restaurants (H) | 12. Private Households with Employed Persons (P) |
| 6. Transport, Storage and Communication (I) | 13. Miscellaneous Labour work |
| 7. Financial Intermediation and Real Estate,
Renting and Business Activities (J,K) | 14. Industries not adequately described |

Note: The tabulation groups based on ISIC (Rev.3) are indicated as A,B,C.....Q. Due to the limitations on reliability (based on CV), some of these groups have been combined.

**TABLE 9 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY AGE GROUPS
(PERCENTAGE) - BOTH SEXES**

YEAR	TOTAL	AGE GROUPS				
		15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40 + YRS
*1990	100.0	20.3	40.3	19.3	13.2	7.1
*1991	100.0	19.3	42.2	16.7	15.8	6.0
*1992	100.0	19.2	40.9	20.4	13.4	6.1
*1993	100.0	20.4	38.5	18.9	15.5	6.8
*1994	100.0	22.4	41.2	15.6	15.5	5.5
*1995	100.0	21.1	38.2	20.1	15.1	5.5
*1996	100.0	24.0	39.3	18.1	14.3	4.3
*1997	100.0	22.5	41.5	19.0	12.7	4.3
*1998	100.0	21.9	40.8	17.6	13.6	6.0
*1999	100.0	23.9	40.5	17.2	12.5	5.9
*2000	100.0	19.5	44.4	18.4	11.9	5.8
*2001	100.0	21.2	45.4	17.8	10.4	5.1
*2002	100.0	19.8	47.1	16.6	11.0	5.5
**2003	100.0	19.9	45.8	17.2	11.6	5.6
***2004	100.0	18.1	45.9	17.4	11.7	6.8
**** 2005	100.0	19.5	44.8	16.4	12.2	7.1
* 2006	100.0	17.5	39.3	21.5	11.9	9.8
* 2007	100.0	15.7	41.2	19.7	13.1	10.4
* 2008	100.0	15.9	38.4	20.9	13.7	11.2
** 2008	100.0	15.8	38.4	21.5	13.6	10.6
* 2009Q1	100.0	13.2	37.8	22.8	15.5	10.6
** 2009Q1	100.0	13.7	38.1	23.4	14.4	10.4
* 2009Q2	100.0	16.2	35.1	19.4	15.7	13.5
** 2009Q2	100.0	16.0	35.4	19.1	16.5	12.9

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

*** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**** - All the districts are included

**TABLE 9A - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY AGE GROUPS
(PERCENTAGE) - MALE**

YEAR	TOTAL	AGE GROUPS				
		15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
*1990	100.0	23.8	41.2	16.1	9.6	9.2
*1991	100.0	23.0	42.6	15.1	11.7	7.7
*1992	100.0	21.8	42.7	18.5	10.0	7.1
*1993	100.0	24.0	39.5	16.0	12.7	8.0
*1994	100.0	24.3	40.8	13.3	13.4	8.6
*1995	100.0	22.3	38.2	19.0	12.9	7.6
*1996	100.0	27.2	39.6	16.9	10.9	5.4
*1997	100.0	25.0	41.5	17.2	11.5	4.8
*1998	100.0	27.7	39.6	16.5	9.5	6.7
*1999	100.0	27.6	40.6	14.3	9.3	8.2
*2000	100.0	24.0	46.4	15.2	9.1	5.3
*2001	100.0	25.4	46.3	15.0	7.1	6.2
*2002	100.0	22.2	49.1	13.5	8.3	6.9
**2003	100.0	22.7	47.6	14.8	8.3	6.6
***2004	100.0	20.8	45.4	15.4	10.1	8.3
**** 2005	100.0	21.8	44.3	15.0	12.5	6.3
* 2006	100.0	21.2	40.1	18.4	8.3	11.9
*2007	100.0	19.9	40.7	16.0	10.2	13.1
*2008	100.0	19.8	37.5	18.2	9.7	14.9
** 2008	100.0	19.4	37.8	19.5	9.4	13.9
*2009Q1	100.0	14.2	37.5	23.4	12.6	12.3
** 2009Q1	100.0	15.3	37.4	22.9	12.1	12.4
*2009Q2	100.0	20.0	32.1	16.4	11.1	20.4
** 2009Q2	100.0	19.7	33.1	15.9	11.5	19.7

**TABLE 9B - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY AGE GROUPS
(PERCENTAGE) - FEMALE**

YEAR	TOTAL	AGE GROUPS				
		15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
*1990	100.0	17.0	39.4	22.2	16.6	5.0
*1991	100.0	16.3	42.0	18.0	19.2	4.6
*1992	100.0	16.7	39.1	22.2	16.9	5.3
*1993	100.0	12.8	34.1	23.7	21.8	7.7
*1994	100.0	16.7	37.6	21.4	20.6	3.9
*1995	100.0	19.9	38.3	21.2	17.2	3.4
*1996	100.0	21.0	39.0	19.2	17.4	3.2
*1997	100.0	20.1	41.6	20.7	13.8	3.8
*1998	100.0	17.1	41.8	18.6	17.0	5.4
*1999	100.0	20.2	40.5	20.0	15.6	3.7
*2000	100.0	15.1	42.3	21.5	14.8	6.3
*2001	100.0	16.7	44.5	20.9	14.1	3.8
*2002	100.0	17.5	45.1	19.5	13.7	4.2
**2003	100.0	17.2	44.1	19.4	14.7	4.6
***2004	100.0	15.7	46.4	19.3	13.3	5.3
**** 2005	100.0	17.3	45.3	17.6	11.9	7.8
*2006	100.0	14.4	38.7	24.2	14.9	7.9
*2007	100.0	11.9	41.5	23.0	15.6	8.0
*2008	100.0	12.7	39.1	23.1	16.9	8.2
** 2008	100.0	12.9	38.9	23.2	17.0	8.0
*2009Q1	100.0	12.3	38.1	22.3	18.3	9.1
** 2009Q1	100.0	12.1	38.8	23.9	16.6	8.6
*2009Q2	100.0	12.8	37.9	22.3	20.1	7.0
** 2009Q2	100.0	12.6	37.5	22.1	21.2	6.6

These figures are to be treated with caution as the corresponding CV (Coefficient of variation) values are high.

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

*** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

**** - All the districts are included

**TABLE 10 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION
(PERCENTAGE) - BOTH SEXES**

YEAR	TOTAL	LEVEL OF EDUCATION			
		BELOW GRADE 6	GRADES 6 - 10	GCE(O/L) NCGE	GCE(A/L) HNCE AND ABOVE
*1990	100.0	8.5	49.7	26.5	15.4
*1991	100.0	9.0	45.7	30.3	15.1
*1992	100.0	9.2	50.5	27.0	13.7
*1993	100.0	8.3	44.9	28.7	18.0
*1994	100.0	8.6	44.9	28.3	18.2
*1995	100.0	5.5	47.1	29.1	18.4
*1996	100.0	7.9	47.1	26.1	19.0
*1997	100.0	5.7	44.7	28.2	21.4
*1998	100.0	5.8	44.2	27.1	22.9
*1999	100.0	4.4	41.9	29.2	24.5
*2000	100.0	3.1	45.6	26.0	25.3
*2001	100.0	3.6	40.7	27.3	28.4
*2002	100.0	4.7	40.7	25.2	29.4
**2003	100.0	4.8	40.2	26.1	28.9
***2004	100.0	5.4	36.6	26.2	31.7
**** 2005	100.0	4.5	37.2	28.6	29.7
* 2006	100.0	4.6	41.9	26.6	26.9
* 2007	100.0	4.4	41.0	22.0	32.6
* 2008	100.0	4.2	41.2	22.8	31.8
** 2008	100.00	4.5	39.3	23.4	32.8
* 2009Q1	100.00	3.8	38.4	24.8	33.0
** 2009Q1	100.00	3.9	37.3	25.3	33.4
* 2009Q2	100.00	6.7	42.4	23.1	27.8
** 2009Q2	100.00	6.4	42.8	23.1	27.8

These figures are to be treated with caution as the corresponding CV (Coefficient of variation) values are high.

- * - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces
- ** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province
- *** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.
- **** - All the districts are included

**TABLE 10A - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION
(PERCENTAGE) - MALE**

Year	TOTAL	BELOW	GRADES	GCE(O/L)	GCE(A/L)
		GRADE 6	6 - 10	NCGE	HNCE AND ABOVE
*1990	100.0	10.6	57.7	23.3	8.4
*1991	100.0	11.2	53.2	25.0	10.5
*1992	100.0	9.9	57.4	25.1	7.9
*1993	100.0	11.4	47.7	28.0	12.9
*1994	100.0	11.4	50.3	27.0	11.3
*1995	100.0	5.3	54.4	29.4	10.9
*1996	100.0	8.7	56.9	23.8	10.6
*1997	100.0	7.0	54.5	25.0	13.5
*1998	100.0	6.7	54.8	24.7	13.9
*1999	100.0	4.8	48.3	29.1	17.8
*2000	100.0	3.9	54.7	26.0	15.4
*2001	100.0	4.4	50.9	25.2	19.5
*2002	100.0	5.6	50.1	24.7	19.6
**2003	100.0	5.5	47.3	27.7	19.5
***2004	100.0	7.0	44.0	27.4	21.6
**** 2005	100.0	5.2	44.9	29.1	20.8
* 2006	100.0	6.2	48.9	26.6	18.3
* 2007	100.0	5.8	49.5	24.5	20.3
*2008	100.0	5.3	52.2	21.7	20.8
** 2008	100.0	5.3	49.7	23.1	21.9
*2009Q1	100.0	4.1	44.2	26.6	25.1
** 2009Q1	100.0	4.3	43.2	26.7	25.8
*2009Q2	100.0	8.3	52.3	28.2	11.2
** 2009Q2	100.0	7.9	51.5	28.2	12.5

**TABLE 10B - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION
(PERCENTAGE) - FEMALE**

Year	TOTAL	BELOW	GRADES	GCE(O/L)	GCE(A/L)
		GRADE 6	6 - 10	NCGE	HNCE AND ABOVE
*1990	100.0	6.4	42.2	29.5	21.9
*1991	100.0	7.1	39.6	34.5	18.8
*1992	100.0	8.5	43.6	28.9	19.4
*1993	100.0	5.7	42.5	29.4	22.5
*1994	100.0	6.9	39.6	29.6	24.9
*1995	100.0	5.7	40.0	28.8	25.5
*1996	100.0	7.1	37.6	28.3	27.0
*1997	100.0	4.5	35.3	31.3	28.9
*1998	100.0	5.1	35.4	29.1	30.5
*1999	100.0	4.0	35.5	29.3	31.2
*2000	100.0	2.3	36.3	26.1	35.3
*2001	100.0	2.6	29.7	29.7	38.0
*2002	100.0	3.9	31.4	25.6	39.1
**2003	100.0	4.0	33.5	24.6	37.8
***2004	100.0	3.9	29.7	25.0	41.3
**** 2005	100.0	4.0	29.9	28.1	38.0
* 2006	100.0	3.1	35.9	26.7	34.3
* 2007	100.0	3.2	33.5	19.8	43.4
*2008	100.0	3.3	32.3	23.7	40.7
** 2008	100.0	3.8	31.0	23.6	41.6
*2009Q1	100.0	3.5	32.9	23.2	40.4
** 2009Q1	100.0	3.5	31.8	24.0	40.7
*2009Q2	100.0	5.2	33.1	18.4	43.3
** 2009Q2	100.0	4.9	34.7	18.4	42.0

These figures are to be treated with caution as the corresponding CV (Coefficient of variation) values are high.

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

*** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**** - All the districts are included

TABLE 11 - CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY SEX AND DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT

Sex	Total	Duration		
		Less than 6 months	6 to less than 12 months	12+ months
Both sexes	496231	186980	108319	200931
%	100.0	37.7	21.8	40.5
Male	239340	114157	57233	67950
%	100.0	47.7	23.9	28.4
Female	256891	72824	51086	132981
%	100.0	28.3	19.9	51.8

STANDARD ERROR AND COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION OF SELECTED VARIABLES

	2009 2 nd quarter					
	Estimated Value	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)	Estimated Value (Ratio)	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
General labour force characteristics						
Population (10 years & over)	16492595	181816	1.1	-	-	-
Employed Population	7465030	112670	1.5	-	-	-
Unemployed Population	496231	29501	5.9	-	-	-
Employment Rate	-	-	-	93.8	0.355	0.378
Unemployment Rate	-	-	-	6.2	0.355	5.693
Labour Force	7961261	117679	1.5	-	-	-
Not in Labour Force	8531334	135091	1.6	-	-	-
Employed persons by major industry Groups						
1	2382913	102447	4.3	-	-	-
2	1310213	56377	4.3	-	-	-
3	603680	33699	5.6	-	-	-
4	932224	41646	4.5	-	-	-
5	142126	15192	10.7	-	-	-
6	466743	27575	5.9	-	-	-
7	229076	18871	8.2	-	-	-
8	526135	32471	6.2	-	-	-
9	310212	25379	8.2	-	-	-
10	126565	14711	11.6	-	-	-
11	135014	15951	11.8	-	-	-
12	102131	12774	12.5	-	-	-
13	195363	22211	11.4	-	-	-
14	2634	1885	71.6	-	-	-
Unemployed persons by level of education						
Grade 5 & below	31543	6048	19.2	-	-	-
Grade 6 - 10	212218	18135	8.5	-	-	-
G.C.E.(O/L)/N.C.G.E.	114705	12507	10.9	-	-	-
G.C.E.(A/L)/H.N.C.E. & above	137764	13868	10.1	-	-	-

Industry group

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A,B) | 8. Public Administration and Defence,Compulsory Social Security (L) |
| 2. Manufacturing (D) | 9. Education (M) |
| 3. Construction, Mining & Quarrying ,
Electricity,Gas and Water supply (C,E,F) | 10. Health and Social work (N) |
| 4. Wholesale and Retail Trade,Repair of Motor Vehicles,
Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods (G) | 11. Other Community,Social and Personal Service Activities
Extra Teritorial Organizations & bodies (O,Q) |
| 5. Hotels and Restaurants (H) | 12. Private Households with Employed Persons (P) |
| 6. Transport, Storage and Communication (I) | 13. Miscellaneous Labour work |
| 7. Financial Intermediation and Real Estate,
Renting and Business Activities (J,K) | 14. Industries not adequately described |

Explanatory Notes

Coverage

Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey was designed to measure the levels and trends of employment, unemployment and labour force in Sri Lanka. This survey is being conducted quarterly, since the first quarter of 1990.

This quarterly survey of households is conducted through a scientifically selected sample designed to represent the civilian non-institutional population. Respondents are interviewed to obtain information about the employment status etc. of each member of the household 10 years of age and older.

The field work of the survey is done during the third week of the each month, Monday through Sunday. This is known as the "survey week". The inquiry relates to activity or status are referred in the preceding week of the survey week; referred to as the "reference week".

The concepts and definitions underlying labour force data are as follows.

Concepts and definitions

1. **Labour force** : The labour force is composed of the economically active population 10 years of age and over.
2. **The Economically Active Population** : is defined as those persons who are/were employed or unemployed during the reference period of the survey.
3. **Employed** : Persons, who during the reference period, worked as paid employees, employers, own account workers (self employed), or unpaid family workers are said to be employed. This includes persons with a job but not at work during the reference period.
4. **Unemployed** : Persons who are seeking and available for work, but had no employment during the reference period.
5. **Currently Economically Active** : A person who was employed or unemployed during the current reference period is considered to be currently economically active.
6. **Not in the Labour Force (not economically active)** : Persons who were neither working not available/looking for work are classified as "not in the labour force". Persons are not in the labour force for such reasons as: full time care of the household, full - time students, retired or old age, infirmed or disabled, or are not interested in working for one reason or another. Current and Usual definitions apply.
7. **Criteria for classification of underemployment**

In order to classify an employed persons as visibly underemployed,

(i) If the person has worked less than the normal duration in his/her main activity

In Sri Lanka scenario, 35 hours per week is taken as the cut-off point applicable to all workers, except government teachers. As in practice, though teachers do have a normal duration of work which is below the general cut-off point, they should be on a full time schedule according to the nature of their job. Further, those who do have a secondary job, or those who are employers, were considered as having worked the normal duration in their respective activity.

Therefore, if the person has worked less than the normal duration in his/her activity (as described above), then the person is further questioned to ascertain whether he/She is prepared and available for further work if provided. Such persons are considered underemployed in their respective employment.

(ii) If the person has worked more than the normal duration in his/her activity

If the person has worked even more than 35 hours as usually, but he has worked less than 35 hours actually in the reference period, only due to the off season or bad weather, such persons were also further questioned to check their underemployment situation, considering them as a special category.

8. Informal Sector Employment

In order to classify a person to be employed in informal sector employment, following information were used.

- (i) Registration of the organization
- (ii) Accounts keeping practices of the organization
- (iii) Total number of regular employees of the organization.

Reliability of the estimates

Statistics based on the quarterly labour force data are subject to both sampling and non - sampling errors. When a sample rather than the entire population is surveyed, there is a chance that the sample estimates may differ from the "true" population values they represent.

The exact differences, or sampling error, varies depending on the particular sample selected, and this variability is measured by the standard error of the estimate. There is about a 95 percent chance, or level of confidence, that an estimate based on a sample will differ by no more than 1.96 standard errors from the " true" population value, because of sampling error. Analyses relating to the Labour Force Survey are generally conducted at the 95 percent level of confidence.

For example, the confidence interval for the quarterly unemployment rate is on the order of ,

Estimated value *(of the unemployment rate)* \pm (standard error) * (1.96)

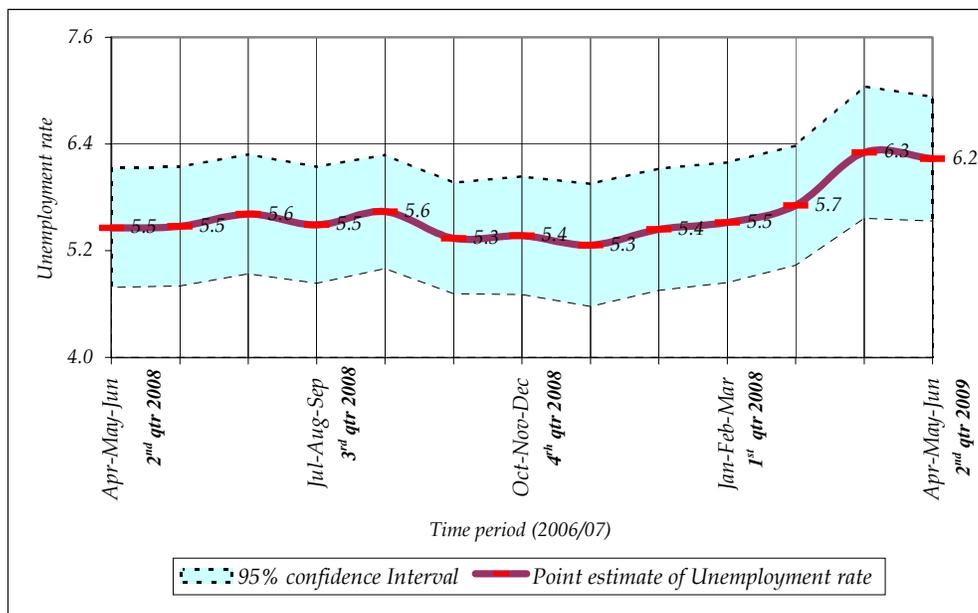
6.4 \pm (0.4) * (1.96)

(6.4 \pm 0.784)

This means, the 95 percent confidence interval on the quarterly unemployment rate could range from (5.6 to 7.2) . This implies that there is about 95 percent chance that the "true" unemployment rate lies within this interval. This range includes all the values range from 5.6 to 7.2 . When the comparison of this estimate is done between two quarters, if any of the value within the 95 percent confidence interval of one quarter overlaps with the confidence interval of the other , it means that the estimates of this two quarters *are not significantly different*.

Therefore, in each quarterly labour force report, a separate table is given including approximate standard errors for some selected variables, so that users could understand this statistical scenario clearly.

Unemployment rates and it's lower and upper limits (2008 April/2009 June)



As shown in the given figure, it is very clear that, there is no statistical significant differences between the quarterly unemployment rates reported in 2006, (since all the 95 percent confidence intervals overlap) when sampling error is considered.

Change in survey schedule

Current survey concepts and methods are very similar to those introduced at the beginning of the survey in 1990. However, some changes have been made over the years to improve the accuracy and usefulness of the data.

Beginning in January 2006, some improvements were made to the labour force survey schedule in order to fulfill the requirements of it's users and also to provide additional information for the planning purposes. This revision was made focusing on literacy, household economic activities, and informal sector employment and under employment etc.

Note :

It is important to note that, all the data published here are the estimates based on a sample survey and these are subject to sampling errors. These sampling errors can be statistically evaluated from the survey results. Therefore, sampling error is normally measured in terms of the standard error of the particular variable. Standard error could be used to calculate the confidence limits with a prescribed accuracy where the true value of the estimates lies.

Further reliability of the estimates can be expressed in terms of Coefficient of Variation (CV). The CV is a relative measure of the sampling error and is calculated as sampling error divided by the expected value of the given characteristic.

In view of this, following table is given to show the estimates for some selected variables, its standard error, CV and 95% Confidence interval.

It is also important to note that all the estimates we publish in this report are subject to sampling error and one should be cautious in the interpretation of results, especially with respect to the trends over time.

Estimate of Confidence Intervals for some selected characteristics

Year	Labour Force					Employed				
	No.	Standard error	C.V (%)	95% C.I.		No.	Standard error	C.V (%)	95% C.I.	
				Lower	Upper				Lower	Upper
2003 *	7653717	83576	1.09	7489909	7817525	7012756	77834	1.11	6860202	7165310
2004 **	8061354	79707	0.99	7905128	8217579	7394029	74648	1.01	7247719	7540340
2005***	8141347	233233	2.86	7684210	8598485	7518007	219889	2.92	7087025	7948988
2006#	7598762	65349	0.86	7470593	7726931	7105321.98	63609	0.90	6980566	7230078
2007#	7488896	58056	0.78	7375030	7602761	7041874	56401	0.80	6931254	7152495
2008#	7568715	59889	0.79	7451255	7686176	7174706	57976	0.81	7060997	7288416
2008*	8081702	62761	0.78	7958614	8204789	7648305	60235	0.79	7530171	7766438
2008 Q1#	7530722	111233	1.48	7312064	7749379	7148318	107700	1.51	6936604	7360032
2008 Q1*	7991191	115483	1.45	7764232	8218149	7581163	111389	1.47	7362250	7800076
2008 Q2#	7506155	119538	1.59	7271177	7741133	7106439	116089	1.63	6878239	7334639
2008 Q2*	8000628	124818	1.56	7755332	8245925	7563981	120656	1.60	7326864	7801098
2008 Q3#	7587847	132076	1.74	7328205	7847488	7192034	128216	1.78	6939980	7444088
2008 Q3*	8184379	136260	1.66	7916582	8452176	7735132	131576	1.70	7476539	7993724
2008 Q4#	7650137	118169	1.54	7417848	7882426	7252034	113707	1.57	7028515	7475552
2008 Q4*	8150608	126303	1.55	7902390	8398825	7712943	119060	1.54	7478960	7946925
2009Q1#	7659156	124515	1.63	7414384	7903928	7250951	118904	1.64	7017208	7484694
2009Q1*	8160062	128614	1.58	7907299	8412824	7709784	123340	1.60	7467387	7952181
2009Q2#	7468763	113535	1.52	7245581	7691946	6998591	108907	1.56	6784504	7212677
2009Q2*	7961261	117679	1.48	7729990	8192532	7465030	112670	1.51	7243603	7686457

Year	Unemployed					Unemployment Rate				
	No.	Standard error	C.V (%)	95% C.I.		Rate	Standard error	C.V (%)	95% C.I.	
				Lower	Upper				Lower	Upper
2003 *	640961	20755	3.24	600281	681641	8.4	0.2	2.99	7.9	8.9
2004 **	667324	18385	2.76	631290	703358	8.3	0.2	2.55	7.9	8.7
2005***	623341	39397	6.32	546123	700558	7.7	0.4	5.76	6.8	8.5
2006#	493440	15000	3.04	464020	522859	6.5	0.2	2.96	6.1	6.9
2007#	447021	13838	3.10	419880	474162	6.0	0.2	3.01	5.6	6.3
2008#	394009	13117	3.33	368282	419736	5.2	0.2	3.22	4.9	5.5
2008*	433397	14105	3.25	405734	461060	5.4	0.2	3.12	5.0	5.7
2008 Q1#	382403	26561	6.95	330191	434616	5.1	0.3	6.73	4.4	5.7
2008 Q1*	410028	27299	0.07	356378	463678	5.1	0.3	6.43	4.5	5.8
2008 Q2#	399716	27151	6.79	346345	453086	5.3	0.4	6.60	4.6	6.0
2008 Q2*	436647	28221	6.46	381187	492108	5.5	0.3	6.25	4.8	6.1
2008 Q3#	395813	25505	6.44	345674	445952	5.2	0.3	6.25	4.6	5.9
2008 Q3*	449248	28250	6.29	393727	504769	5.5	0.3	6.06	4.8	6.1
2008 Q4#	398103	25672	6.45	347639	448568	5.2	0.3	6.20	4.6	5.8
2008 Q4*	437665	29251	6.68	380180	495150	5.4	0.3	6.30	4.7	6.0
2009Q1#	408206	28266	6.92	352640	463771	5.3	0.4	6.61	4.6	6.0
2009Q1*	450278	29286	6.50	392723	507832	5.5	0.3	6.23	4.8	6.2
2009Q2#	470173	29081	6.19	413007	527339	6.3	0.4	5.94	5.6	7.0
2009Q2*	496231	29501	5.95	438253	554209	6.2	0.4	5.69	5.5	6.9

* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

***- All the districts are included

** - Excluding Mulathivu and Kilinochchi districts.

- Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

Alternative Estimates of Employment, Unemployment and Labour Force Characteristics

◆ Official employment, unemployment and labour force characteristics are estimated at the Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey, based on the internationally comparable concepts and definitions recommended by the ILO. However the validity of the concepts and definitions used at the survey is questioned very often in some forums, for the appropriateness of these concepts and definitions in the Sri Lankan context.

The concepts and definitions, which were found to be controversial are as below.

(1) Number of Hours of Work :

A person who work **at least one hour** during the reference week, is considered **employed**, under these definitions.

(2) Working Age Population :

All persons of **age 10 years and over** are considered to be in the working age.

(3) Employment Status :

All, a) Paid employees, (those who work for wages/salaries).

b) Employers (who have at least one paid employee under them).

c) Own account workers (who carry out the economic activity without having any paid employees).

d) Unpaid family workers (who make their contribution to the economic activities carried out by their own household, without wages/salaries).

The validity of the above concepts and definitions is raised due to the following reasons.

(1) **Number of hours of Work** : Some point out that **one hour per week** is too low, to consider a person to be employed.

(2) **Working age Population** : Some point out that persons in the age group 10-14 yrs. are too young to consider to be in the working age.

(3) **Employment Status** : Some point out that 'unpaid family workers' may work in the family enterprise **without payment** because they have no other work, and so it is not appropriate to consider them as **employed**.

An attempt has been made to produce '**Alternative estimates of Employment, Unemployment and Labour Force Characteristics**,' by revising the original concepts and definitions so that the above issues are addressed as explained below.

The revisions made are,

(1) Number of Hours of Work :

Persons who work **20 hours or more per week only** are considered to be employed.

(2) Working Age Population :

Persons who are **over 15 yrs of age only** are considered to be in the working age.

(3) Unpaid Family Worker :

Unpaid family workers are **not** considered as employed. Those unpaid family workers who were reported to be seeking some other work are considered as **unemployed** and the rest of the unpaid family workers are considered as **economically inactive** (not in the labour force) so only, **a) paid employees b) employers and c) own account workers are considered to be employed**.

Following tables are based on the above alternative concepts and definitions.

TABLE 1 - LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF HOUSEHOLD POPULATION 15 YEARS & OVER (ALTERNATIVE ESTIMATES)

YEAR	HOUSEHOLD POPULATION (15 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
*1998	11281913	5567813	49.4	4870332	87.5	697481	12.5	5714099
*1999	11582873	5632621	48.6	4974104	88.3	658517	11.7	5950382
*2000	11978962	5738351	47.9	5124615	89.3	613736	10.7	6241526
*2001	12258565	5893030	48.1	5292093	89.8	600937	10.2	6365944
*2002	12612657	6162963	48.9	5482779	89.0	680184	11.0	6450265
**2003	13839853	6547396	47.3	5849585	89.3	697811	10.7	7292837
***2004	14670217	7051951	48.1	6327524	89.7	724427	10.3	7618797
****2005	13630354	6565951	48.2	5964493	90.8	601458	9.2	7064403
*2006	13261409	6467138	48.8	5975069	92.4	492069	7.6	6794271
*2007	13459252	6425260	47.7	5979061	93.1	446199	6.9	7033992
*2008	13557956	6393192	47.2	5999538	93.8	393654	6.2	7164764
**2008	14626581	6859040	46.9	6425997	93.7	433042	6.3	7767541
*2009Q1	13815987	6412497	46.4	6004292	93.6	408206	6.4	7403489
**2009Q1	14849952	6872245	46.3	6421968	93.4	450278	6.6	7977707
*2009Q2	13825123	6140742	44.4	5670569	92.3	470173	7.7	7684381
**2009Q2	14819109	6594484	44.5	6098253	92.5	496231	7.5	8224625

TABLE 2 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF NUMBER AND RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT BY AGE (ALTERNATIVE ESTIMATES)

YEAR	AGE GROUP											
	TOTAL		15 - 19		20 - 24		25 - 29		30 - 39		40 & ABOVE	
	NO.	RATE	NO.	RATE	NO.	RATE	NO.	RATE	NO.	RATE	NO.	RATE
*1999	658517	11.7	158129	41.3	269327	31.9	113285	15.4	81121	5.7	36655	1.6
*2000	613736	10.7	126288	36.5	266306	30.7	117768	15.7	71019	4.9	32354	1.4
*2001	601026	10.2	130397	40.2	271672	30.5	105295	14.0	63668	4.4	29905	1.2
*2002	680184	11.0	136693	41.1	317071	32.7	113919.98	14.5	75086	4.9	37414	1.5
**2003	697811	10.7	141608.9	40.4	314693	32.2	121632	14.5	80467	4.8	39410	1.5
***2004	724427	10.3	134848	38.0	332229	31.2	122725	13.4	84461	4.8	50165	1.7
****2005	601458	9.2	122670	39.7	268331	28.4	99649	11.3	70764	4.4	40044	1.4
*2006	492069	7.6	86180	29.7	193481	24.0	105966	12.5	58443	3.8	47999	1.6
*2007	446199	6.9	69856	27.7	183617	24.0	87993	10.7	58252	3.8	46480	1.5
*2008	393654	6.2	62422	27.4	151228	20.4	82204	10.4	53900	3.5	43899	1.4
**2008	433042	6.3	68487	27.1	166409	20.8	93202	10.9	58838	3.6	46107	1.4
*2009Q1	408206	6.4	53943	24.4	154406	23.4	93077	12.1	63344	3.9	43435	1.4
**2009Q1	450278	6.6	61469	24.7	171718	23.9	105351	12.4	64874	3.8	46866	1.4
*2009Q2	470173	7.7	76370	36.2	165098	25.7	91344	12.3	74039	4.9	63321	2.1
**2009Q2	496231	7.5	79370	33.7	175796	25.2	94971	11.9	82000	5.0	64093	2.0

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

*** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**** - All the districts are included

Table 3 - Currently Employed persons by Industry group (No. and percentage) (Based on ISIC Third Revision) -
(Alternative estimates)

Year	Industry group														
	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
*2002															
No.	5487325	1559133	983601	264384	723210	104151	292951	164062	518764	211281	80915	96911	91085	283032	113845
%	100.0	28.4	17.9	4.8	13.2	1.9	5.3	3.0	9.5	3.9	1.5	1.8	1.7	5.2	2.1
**2003															
No.	5860182	1682994	1038390	343650	744153	104923	344294	176993	510486	233874	91213	94491	74181	293951	126590
%	100.0	28.7	17.7	5.9	12.7	1.8	5.9	3.0	8.7	4.0	1.6	1.6	1.3	5.0	2.2
***2004															
No.	6337164	1792810	1191379	439936	794793	108521	402536	170027	526501	257965	102328	108076	65639	293621	83032
%	100.0	28.3	18.8	6.9	12.5	1.7	6.4	2.7	8.3	4.1	1.6	1.7	1.0	4.6	1.3
****2005															
No.	5971029	1573306	1147255	476851	739850	108424	422920	204139	465608	245956	118065	105175	47645	253367	62468
%	100.0	26.3	19.2	8.0	12.4	1.8	7.1	3.4	7.8	4.1	2.0	1.8	0.8	4.2	1.0
*2006															
No.	5978575	1570682	1221566	492116	822922	111890	416188	214276	397926	254378	105956	110924	78341	160429	20981
%	100.0	26.3	20.4	8.2	13.8	1.9	7.0	3.6	6.7	4.3	1.8	1.9	1.3	2.7	0.4
*2007															
No.	5979061	1543596	1182348	507060	807657	100638	441290	209288	428978	242713	112778	94647	82955	202406	22706
%	100.0	25.8	19.8	8.5	13.5	1.7	7.4	3.5	7.2	4.1	1.9	1.6	1.4	3.4	0.4
*2008															
No.	5999538	1609009	1205793	496771	790533	90257	403186	228957	456435	268121	106630	114215	80651	136037	12944
%	100.0	26.8	20.1	8.3	13.2	1.5	6.7	3.8	7.6	4.5	1.8	1.9	1.3	2.3	0.2
**2008															
No.	6425997.5	1732266	1257331	550875	842616	95772.7	423760	234407	505254	293699	116026	126616	81346.7	152592.9	13436
%	100.0	27.0	19.6	8.6	13.1	1.5	6.6	3.6	7.9	4.6	1.8	2.0	1.3	2.4	0.2
*2009Q1															
No.	6004292	1597281	1165129	479922	800515	102506	394840	234042	514285	266500	141263	75945	100462	124879	6722
%	100.0	26.6	19.4	8.0	13.3	1.7	6.6	3.9	8.6	4.4	2.4	1.3	1.7	2.1	0.1
**2009Q1															
No.	6421968	1732578	1208903	513550	847374	105737	415037	237686	558537	317287	145076	93991	100462	139028	6722
%	100.0	27.0	18.8	8.0	13.2	1.6	6.5	3.7	8.7	4.9	2.3	1.5	1.6	2.2	0.1
*2009Q2															
No.	5670569	1454184	1082143	493175	702777	113100	415351	205433	471388	258506	114559	97544	97454	162322	2634
%	100.0	25.6	19.1	8.7	12.4	2.0	7.3	3.6	8.3	4.6	2.0	1.7	1.7	2.9	0.0
**2009Q2															
No.	6098253	1589091	1136424	542533	763151	124630	437003	213980	502281	284298	124505	115319	98396	164011	2634
%	100.0	26.1	18.6	8.9	12.5	2.0	7.2	3.5	8.2	4.7	2.0	1.9	1.6	2.7	0.0

Industry group

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| 1 Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A,B) | 8 Public Administration and Defence,Compulsory Social Security (L) |
| 2 Manufacturing (D) | 9 Education (M) |
| 3 Construction, Mining & Quarrying ,
Electricity,Gas and Water supply (C,E,F) | 10 Health and Social work (N) |
| 4 Wholesale and Retail Trade,Repair of Motor Vehicles,
Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods (G) | 11 Other Community,Social and Personal Service Activities
Extra Teritorial Organizations & bodies (O,Q) |
| 5 Hotels and Restaurants (H) | 12 Private Households with Employed Persons (P) |
| 6 Transport, Storage and Communication (I) | 13 Miscellaneous Labour work |
| 7 Financial Intermediation and Real Estate,
Renting and Business Activities (J,K) | 14 Industries not adequately described |

Note: The tabulation groups based on ISIC (Rev.3) are indicated as A,B,C.....Q. Due to the limitations on reliability (based on CV),some of these groups have been combined.

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