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## *Preface*

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*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 seventh 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 has been using up to now.*

*The field work of the survey for the second quarter 2010 was done in April, May and June in year 2010. 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. 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 2010. 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 2010.*

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**Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey**  
**Summary Statistics on Labour Force Characteristics**  
**2010 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter**  
**(Excluding Northern province)**

**10 years & over population**

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (10 years & over)	16809812	7874813	8934999	2100337	14709475
Labour force in this age group	8050603	5297069	2753534	869542	7181061
Labour force participation rate	47.9	67.3	30.8	41.4	48.8
Employed population	7613267	5081075	2532192	822023	6791244
Employment rate	94.6	95.9	92.0	94.5	94.6
Unemployed population	437336	215994	221342	47519	389816
Unemployment rate	5.4	4.1	8.0	5.5	5.4
Not in labour force	8759209	2577744	6181465	1230795	7528414

**15 years & over population**

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (15 years & over)	15111675	7046436	8065239	1897232	13214442
Labour force in this age group	8043900	5291862	2752038	869542	7174358
Labour force participation rate	53.2	75.1	34.1	45.8	54.3
Employed population	7606564	5075868	2530696	822023	6784541
Employment rate	94.6	95.9	92.0	94.5	94.6
Unemployed population	437336	215994	221342	47519	389816
Unemployment rate	5.4	4.1	8.0	5.5	5.4
Not in labour force	7067774	1754574	5313201	1027690	6040084

**20 years & over population**

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (20 years & over)	13382982	6155282	7227700	1697169	11685813
Labour force in this age group	7744183	5082932	2661251	833565	6910618
Labour force participation rate	57.9	82.6	36.8	49.1	59.1
Employed population	7373137	4910755	2462382	791923	6581214
Employment rate	95.2	96.6	92.5	95.0	95.2
Unemployed population	371045	172176	198869	41642	329404
Unemployment rate	4.8	3.4	7.5	5.0	4.8
Not in labour force	5638800	1072350	4566449	863604	4775196

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(Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces)

**10 years & over population**

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (10 years & over)	15585980	7305774	8280206	1826059	13759921
Labour force in this age group	7556722	4940799	2615923	771998	6784724
Labour force participation rate	48.5	67.6	31.6	42.3	49.3
Employed population	7145578	4731075	2414503	729034	6416544
Employment rate	94.6	95.8	92.3	94.4	94.6
Unemployed population	411144	209724	201421	42965	368179
Unemployment rate	5.4	4.2	7.7	5.6	5.4
Not in labour force	8029258	2364975	5664282	1054061	6975197

**15 years & over population**

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (15 years & over)	14047864	6560762	7487102	1657049	12390815
Labour force in this age group	7550019	4935592	2614427	771998	6778021
Labour force participation rate	53.7	75.2	34.9	46.6	54.7
Employed population	7138875	4725868	2413007	729034	6409841
Employment rate	94.6	95.8	92.3	94.4	94.6
Unemployed population	411144	209724	201421	42965	368179
Unemployment rate	5.4	4.2	7.7	5.6	5.4
Not in labour force	6497845	1625170	4872675	885051	5612794

**20 years & over population**

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (20 years & over)	12494460	5761098	6733361	1497631	10996829
Labour force in this age group	7284401	4754793	2529607	742035	6542366
Labour force participation rate	58.3	82.5	37.6	49.5	59.5
Employed population	6937545	4587911	2349634	704948	6232598
Employment rate	95.2	96.5	92.9	95.0	95.3
Unemployed population	346855	166882	179973	37087	309768
Unemployment rate	4.8	3.5	7.1	5.0	4.7
Not in labour force	5210059	1006305	4203754	755596	4454463

**Selected Labour Force indicators (Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces)**  
**( 2003 - 2010 Q2)**

	Year											2010Q1	2010Q2
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009Q1	2009Q2	2009Q3	2009Q4	2009		
<b>Labour force participation rate</b>													
<i>by sex</i>													
Both sexes	49.7	49.6	49.3	51.2	49.8	50.2	49.9	48.7	49.3	48.9	49.2	49.1	48.5
Male	67.5	67.2	67.3	68.1	67.8	67.9	67.4	66.5	66.3	66.5	66.7	67.8	67.6
Female	32.6	33.0	32.6	35.7	33.4	34.3	34.3	32.8	34.3	33.5	33.7	32.7	31.6
<i>by residential sector</i>													
Total	49.7	49.6	49.3	51.2	49.8	50.2	49.9	48.7	49.3	48.9	49.2	49.1	48.5
Urban	45.1	45.6	46.2	45.3	45.0	46.3	44.5	41.0	45.8	44.4	43.9	44.1	42.3
Rural	50.3	50.3	49.7	52.1	50.4	50.7	50.6	49.7	49.7	49.4	49.8	49.8	49.3
<b>Unemployment rate</b>													
<i>by sex</i>													
Both sexes	8.1	8.1	7.2	6.5	6.0	5.2	5.3	6.3	5.8	5.4	5.7	5.1	5.4
Male	6.0	6.0	5.3	4.7	4.3	3.6	4.1	4.7	4.4	3.9	4.3	3.5	4.2
Female	12.3	12.1	10.7	9.7	9.0	8.0	7.5	9.1	8.1	8.1	8.2	7.9	7.7
<i>by selected age groups(yr)</i>													
20 - 29	19.1	18.6	16.0	15.9	15.0	13.2	14.8	15.5	15.3	14.7	15.1	14.5	14.9
20 - 24	25.8	25.2	22.4	21.0	21.1	17.8	19.7	22.0	21.6	20.6	21.0	20.1	20.4
25 - 29	11.4	11.1	9.4	11.0	9.4	9.0	10.4	10.2	9.9	9.8	10.1	9.8	10.0
<i>by selected educational levels</i>													
G.C.E.(A/L) & above													
Both sexes	16.0	15.7	12.2	11.6	11.8	9.9	10.1	10.4	10.3	12.5	10.8	11.9	12.3
Male	10.1	9.6	7.9	6.9	6.6	5.6	7.4	3.9	6.9	8.3	6.6	7.8	8.6
Female	22.4	22.5	17.1	16.8	17.5	14.4	12.8	17.4	13.7	16.8	15.1	16.4	16.2
<b>Employed population</b>													
<i>by sex</i>													
Both sexes	6609466	6704006	6788119	7105322	7041874	7174706	7250951	6998591	7183604	7124899	7139537	7287198	7145578
Male	4496136	4512082	4546397	4610643	4653067	4663277	4669522	4574261	4598416	4594540	4609198	4771572	4731075
Female	2113330	2191924	2241722	2494679	2388807	2511429	2581429	2424330	2585188	2530359	2530339	2515626	2414503
<i>by industry (percentage)</i>													
Total	6609466	6704006	6788119	7105322	7041874	7174706	7250951	6998591	7183604	7124898	7139537	7287198	7145578
%	(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	2223691	2215282	2059293	2287268	2202098	2344415	2459978	2226901	2292224	2295380	2318621	2455665	2299235
%	(33.6)	(33.0)	(30.3)	(32.2)	(31.3)	(32.7)	(33.9)	(31.8)	(31.9)	(32.2)	(32.5)	(33.7)	(32.2)
Industry	1539035	1663383	1787274	1889953	1873857	1888004	1806035	1803556	1833177	1847868	1822685	1835359	1696088
%	(23.3)	(24.8)	(26.3)	(26.6)	(26.6)	(26.3)	(24.9)	(25.8)	(25.5)	(25.9)	(25.5)	(25.2)	(23.7)
Services	2846740	2825341	2941552	2928101	2965919	2942288	2984938	2968134	3058203	2981650	2998231	2996174	3150255
%	(43.1)	(42.1)	(43.3)	(41.2)	(42.1)	(41.0)	(41.2)	(42.4)	(42.6)	(41.8)	(42.0)	(41.1)	(44.1)
<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 •	7.3	5.3	4.9	6.7	6.5	7.4	5.3	13.7	6.8	5.9	7.9	3.8	10.7
1 - 9	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.9	1.5	2.2	2.1	3.2	1.9	2.3	2.4	1.3	2.9
10 - 39	32.9	28.4	27.9	28.6	28.3	29.2	29.3	31.2	27.8	27.5	29.0	28.8	32.2
40+	58.0	64.7	65.7	62.8	63.7	61.2	63.3	51.8	63.4	64.3	60.8	66.0	54.2

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

**Selected Labour Force indicators  
( 2003 - 2010 Q2)**

	Year											2010Q1*	2010Q2*
	2003*	2004**	2005***	2006 #	2007#	2008*	2009Q1*	2009Q2*	*2009Q3	*2009Q4	2009*		
<b>Labour force participation rate</b>													
<i>by sex</i>													
Both sexes	48.9	48.6	48.3	51.2	49.8	49.5	49.2	48.3	48.7	48.5	48.7	48.2	47.9
Male	67.2	66.7	67.1	68.1	67.8	67.8	67.2	66.6	66.2	66.5	66.6	67.3	67.3
Female	31.4	31.5	30.9	35.7	33.4	33.2	33.3	32.0	33.2	32.9	32.8	31.6	30.8
<i>by residential sector</i>													
Total	48.9	48.6	48.3	51.2	49.8	49.5	49.2	48.3	48.7	48.5	48.7	48.2	47.9
Urban	44.4	44.9	45.5	45.3	45.0	45.9	44.0	41.3	44.9	43.9	43.5	42.8	41.4
Rural	49.6	49.2	48.7	52.1	50.4	50.0	50.0	49.2	49.2	49.2	49.4	49.0	48.8
<b>Unemployment rate</b>													
<i>by sex</i>													
Both sexes	8.4	8.3	7.7	6.5	6.0	5.4	5.5	6.2	5.9	5.7	5.8	5.0	5.4
Male	6.0	6.0	5.5	4.7	4.3	3.7	4.2	4.6	4.4	4.0	4.3	3.4	4.1
Female	13.2	12.8	11.9	9.7	9.0	8.4	7.9	9.2	8.6	8.7	8.6	7.9	8.0
<i>by selected age groups(yr)</i>													
20 - 29	19.4	19.2	17.2	15.9	15.0	13.7	15.2	15.2	15.5	15.7	15.4	14.3	14.9
20 - 24	26.4	25.9	24.6	21.0	21.1	18.1	20.3	21.6	21.9	21.8	21.4	19.7	20.2
25 - 29	11.4	11.4	9.5	11.0	9.4	9.5	10.7	9.9	10.1	10.5	10.3	9.7	10.2
<i>by selected educational levels</i>													
G.C.E.(A/L) & above													
Both sexes	16.5	16.8	13.8	11.6	11.8	10.5	10.6	10.4	10.2	13.4	11.2	12.0	12.3
Male	10.4	10.5	8.9	6.9	6.6	6.0	7.8	4.3	6.8	9.1	7.0	8.0	8.5
Female	23.3	23.8	19.1	16.8	17.5	15.3	13.4	17.1	13.8	17.8	15.5	16.7	16.4
<b>Employed population</b>													
<i>by sex</i>													
Both sexes	7012755	7440226	7518007	7105322	7041874	7648305	7709784	7465030	7641730	7592833	7602414	7725753	7613267
Male	4833483	5087861	5134765	4610643	4653067	5033449	5015959	4925869	4970147	4940502	4963176	5108289	5081075
Female	2179272	2352365	2383241	2494679	2388807	2614856	2693825	2539160	2671584	2652331	2639238	2617464	2532192
<i>by industry (percentage)</i>													
Total	7012755	7394029	7518007	7105322	7041874	7648305	7709784	7465030	7641730	7592833	7602414	7725753	7613267
%	(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	2384397	2474725	2306039	2287268	2202098	2489731	2613350	2382913	2426113	2481308	2475921	2600463	2439391
%	(34.0)	(33.5)	(30.7)	(32.2)	(31.3)	(32.6)	(33.9)	(31.9)	(31.7)	(32.7)	(32.6)	(33.7)	(32.0)
Industry	1611493	1781447	1928014	1889953	1873857	2004880	1894279	1913893	1912169	1920825	1910318	1911428	1795204
%	(23.0)	(24.1)	(25.6)	(26.6)	(26.6)	(26.2)	(24.6)	(25.6)	(25.0)	(25.3)	(25.1)	(24.7)	(23.6)
Services	3016866	3137857	3283954	2928101	2965919	3153693	3202155	3168224	3303448	3190700	3216175	3213861	3378672
%	(43.0)	(42.4)	(43.7)	(41.2)	(42.1)	(41.2)	(41.5)	(42.4)	(43.2)	(42.0)	(42.3)	(41.6)	(44.4)
<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 •	7.5	5.2	4.7	6.7	6.5	7.2	5.4	13.4	7.0	5.8	7.9	3.7	10.4
1 - 9	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.9	1.5	2.2	2.1	3.1	1.8	2.3	2.3	1.3	2.7
10 - 39	32.6	28.7	27.6	28.6	28.3	28.9	29.0	31.2	27.7	27.5	28.8	28.6	31.9
40+	58.1	64.5	66.2	62.8	63.7	61.7	63.5	52.3	63.6	64.5	61.0	66.5	55.0

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

\*Excluding Northern province

\*\* Excluding Mullativu & Kilinochchi districts

\*\*\*All the districts are included

# Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

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# Introduction

Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey is 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 2010 was done in April, May and June in year 2010. Even though it was planned to conduct the survey in Northern province, the survey was not conducted fully due to unsettled conditions in districts of Northern province, therefore this bulletin consists of summary statistics excluding Northern province.

## Labour force participation rate

Labour Force: Number of persons (age 10 & above) 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 2010**

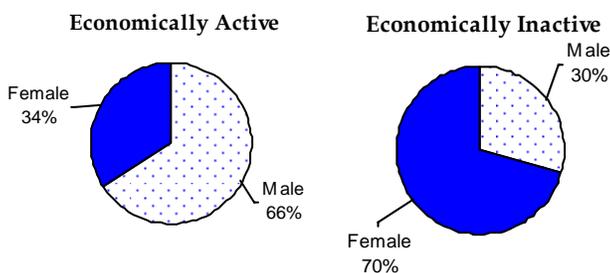
Sector	Economically active population					
	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Total	8050603	100.0	5297069	65.8	2753534	34.2
Urban	869542	100.0	605610	69.6	263933	30.4
Rural	6790186	100.0	4469509	65.8	2320678	34.2
Estate	390874	100.0	221950	56.8	168924	43.2

**Table 2: Economically Inactive population by sex and sector - Second Quarter 2010**

Sector	Economically inactive population					
	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Total	8759209	100.0	2577744	29.4	6181465	70.6
Urban	1230795	100.0	354303	28.8	876492	71.2
Rural	7225194	100.0	2111242	29.2	5113952	70.8
Estate	303221	100.0	112200	37.0	191021	63.0

The survey results revealed that (Table 1), the estimated economically active population (or labour force) was about 8.1 million in second quarter 2010. Of which 65.8 percent were males and 34.2 percent were females. Out of the economically inactive population 29.4 percent were males and 70.6 percent were 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	49.2	66.7	33.7
2010Q1	49.1	67.8	32.7
2010Q2	48.5	67.6	31.6

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 2010 was about 67.6 percent and it was 31.6 percent for females. It was important to note that, male participation to the labour force was more than twice as that of females.

Note: Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

**Table 4: Labour Force Participation Rate by age group & by sex - Second Quarter 2010**

Age group	Sex		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	47.9	67.3	30.8
15 - 19	17.3	23.4	10.8
20 - 24	58.2	78.0	41.3
25 - 29	63.3	91.2	39.6
30 - 34	66.3	97.1	41.0
35 - 39	67.7	95.5	45.3
40 - 44	67.2	94.9	44.8
45 - 49	72.2	96.0	50.6
50 - 54	63.2	91.2	39.8
55 - 59	60.4	84.9	36.4
60+	27.2	45.1	12.0

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

Highest male participation rate was reported from age group (30 - 34) yrs, while in female highest participation rate was reported from age group (45 - 49) yrs.

## 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 2009 - Second Quarter 2010)**

Year	Total	Major industry group		
		Agriculture	Industries	Services
April-May-June 2nd Qtr - 2009	7465030 100.0	2382913 31.9	1913893 25.6	3168224 42.4
July-Aug-Sept. 3rd Qtr - 2009	7641730 100.0	2426113 31.7	1912169 25.0	3303448 43.2
Oct-Nov-Dec 4th Qtr - 2009	7592833 100.0	2481308 32.7	1920825 25.3	3190700 42.0
Jan-Feb-Mar 1st Qtr - 2010	7725753 100.0	2600463 33.7	1911428 24.7	3213861 41.6
April-May-June 2nd Qtr - 2010	7613267 100.0	2439391 32.0	1795204 23.6	3378672 44.4

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 2009 to second quarter 2010. The total number of employed persons in Sri Lanka was estimated as about 7.6 million in second quarter 2010. Of which, about 44.4 percent engaged in services sector, 32.0 percent in agriculture sector, and 23.6 percent in Industries sector.

**Table 6 : Percentage distribution of employed population by employment status and Agriculture/ Non- Agriculture sector - Second Quarter 2010**

Employment Status	Total		Sector			
			Agriculture		Non Agriculture	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Total	7613267	100.0	2439391	32.0	5173876	68.0
Employee	4292787	100.0	798178	18.6	3494609	81.4
Public	1076717	100.0	112152	10.4	964565	89.6
Private	3216071	100.0	686026	21.3	2530044	78.7
Employer	198807	100.0	34884	17.5	163922	82.5
Own account worker	2334295	100.0	1078631	46.2	1255664	53.8
Contributing family worker	787378	100.0	527697	67.0	259681	33.0

Table 6 shows that, comparatively higher percentage of employees both in private & public sector engage in non-agricultural activities. Also more employers were in non agriculture sector than in agriculture sector. But contributing family workers were more concentrated in agriculture sector.

**Table 7 : Distribution of Employed population by main industry & sex - Second Quarter 2010**

Major industry group	Total	Sex	
		Male	Female
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture	32.0	29.1	37.8
Industry	23.6	23.4	23.9
Services	44.4	47.4	38.3

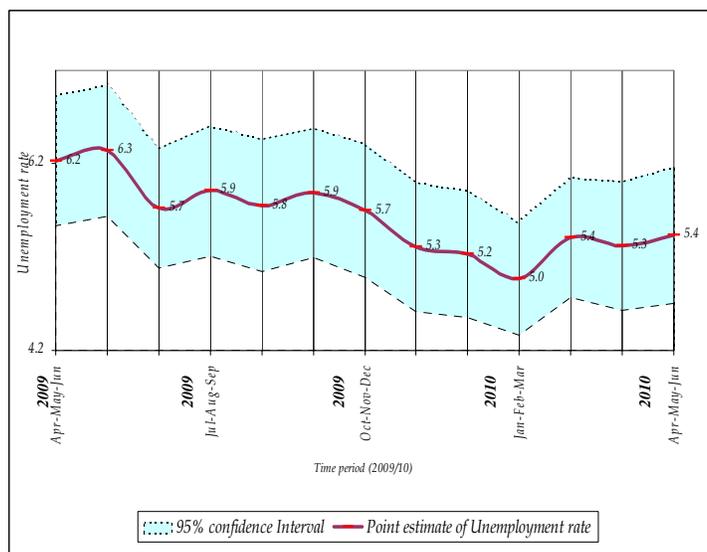
Table 7 depicts the distribution of male and female employed population by main industries. Highest employment concentrated in service sector for both male and female. Further among employed women about 37.8 percent was in agriculture sector while this share was 29.1 percent for males.

# 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 2 : Unemployment rates and it's 95% confidence intervals (2009 April - 2010 June)**



The number of unemployed persons was estimated as about 437,000 during the second quarter 2010.

The unemployment rate for the second quarter 2010 was reported as 5.4 percent.

As seen in figure 2, it is very important to note that, there were no statistically significant difference between the unemployment rates reported in different time periods of 2009/2010, when *sampling error*<sup>(1)</sup> was considered.

**Table 8: Unemployment rate by level of education - Second Quarter 2010**

Level of Education	Unemployment rate		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	5.4	4.1	8.0
Below G.C.E. (O/L)	3.1	2.5	4.3
G.C.E. (O/L)	7.8	7.0	9.4
G.C.E. (A/L) & above	12.3	8.5	16.4



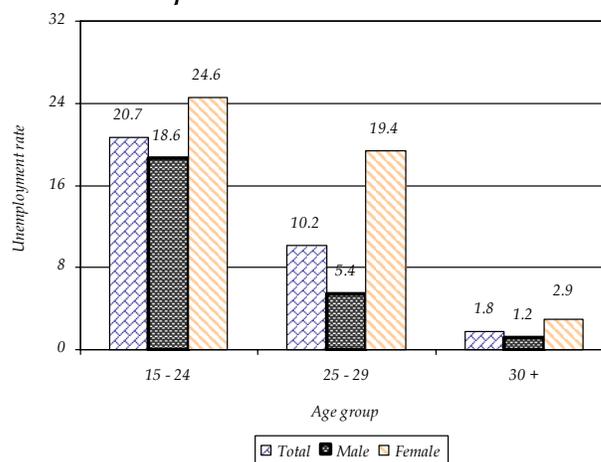
<sup>(1)</sup> Sampling error :

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.**

**Table 9: Unemployment rate by age group and sex - Second Quarter 2010**

Age group	Total	Sex	
		Male	Female
Total	5.4	4.1	8.0
15 - 24	20.7	18.6	24.6
25 - 29	10.2	5.4	19.4
30 +	1.8	1.2	2.9

**Figure 3 : Unemployment rate by age group and sex - Second quarter 2010**



As can be seen from table 9, overall unemployment rate reported for female was 8.0 percent and it was 4.1 percent for male. Youth unemployment rate 15 - 24 yrs reported for second quarter 2010 was 20.7. Highest unemployment rate was reported from age group 15 - 24 yrs, for both males (18.6) and females (24.6). Further the survey results revealed that the unemployment was severe among females than that of males, in all age groups.

The highest unemployment rate was reported from the G.C.E(A/L) and above group which was about 12.3 percent. There were 8.5 percent and 16.4 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 8).

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

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	16578628	8073668	48.7	7602414	94.2	471254	5.8	8504961
# 2009	15397595	7572388	49.2	7139537	94.3	432852	5.7	7825206
* 2010 Q1	16850938	8129954	48.2	7725753	95.0	404201	5.0	8720984
# 2010 Q1	15639788	7677804	49.1	7287198	94.9	390606	5.1	7961984
* 2010 Q2	16809812	8050603	47.9	7613267	94.6	437336	5.4	8759209
# 2010 Q2	15585980	7556722	48.5	7145578	94.6	411144	5.4	8029258

**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	7783492	5186457	66.6	4963176	95.7	223281	4.3	2597035
*2009	7221475	4815541	66.7	4609198	95.7	206343	4.3	2405934
** 2010 Q1	7858341	5288361	67.3	5108289	96.6	180072	3.4	2569980
* 2010 Q1	7295649	4946122	67.8	4771572	96.5	174550	3.5	2349527
** 2010 Q2	7874813	5297069	67.3	5081075	95.9	215994	4.1	2577744
*2010 Q2	7305774	4940799	67.6	4731075	95.8	209724	4.2	2364975

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

\*\*\*\* - 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	8795136	2887211	32.8	2639238	91.4	247973	8.6	5907926
*2009	8176119	2756847	33.7	2530339	91.8	226508	8.2	5419272
** 2010 Q1	8992597	2841593	31.6	2617464	92.1	224129	7.9	6151004
* 2010 Q1	8344139	2731682	32.7	2515626	92.1	216056	7.9	5612457
** 2010 Q2	8934999	2753534	30.8	2532192	92.0	221342	8.0	6181465
*2010 Q2	8280206	2615923	31.6	2414503	92.3	201421	7.7	5664282

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

\*\*\*\* - All the districts are included

**TABLE 2 - LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION 10 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER ,BY AGE - BOTH SEXES**  
(2010 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)	
<b>ALL AGES</b>	16809812	8050603	47.9	7613267	94.6	437336	5.4	8759209
10 - 14 YRS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
15 - 19 YRS	1728692	299718	17.3	233427	77.9	66290	22.1	1428975
20 - 24 YRS	1422610	827357	58.2	659860	79.8	167497	20.2	595253
25 - 29 YRS	1489248	942890	63.3	847007	89.8	95884	10.2	546358
30 - 39 YRS	2839753	1902337	67.0	1843039	96.9	59299	3.1	937416
40 + YRS	7631372	4071598	53.4	4023232	98.8	48366	1.2	3559773

\* Reliable estimates cannot be provided.

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

(2010 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	7874813	5297069	67.3	5081075	95.9	215994	4.1	2577744
10 - 14 YRS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
15 - 19 YRS	891153	208930	23.4	165113	79.0	43817	21.0	682223
20 - 24 YRS	652227	508983	78.0	419533	82.4	89451	17.6	143243
25 - 29 YRS	683572	623589	91.2	589757	94.6	33832	5.4	59983
30 - 39 YRS	1272676	1225596	96.3	1205950	98.4	19645	1.6	47080
40 + YRS	3546808	2724763	76.8	2695516	98.9	29248	1.1	822044

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

(2010 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	8934999	2753534	30.8	2532192	92.0	221342	8.0	6181465
10 - 14 YRS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
15 - 19 YRS	837539	90787	10.8	68314	75.2	22473	24.8	746751
20 - 24 YRS	770383	318373	41.3	240327	75.5	78046	24.5	452010
25 - 29 YRS	805676	319301	39.6	257250	80.6	62051	19.4	486375
30 - 39 YRS	1567077	676742	43.2	637088	94.1	39653	5.9	890335
40 + YRS	4084564	1346835	33.0	1327716	98.6	19118	1.4	2737729

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

**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
*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
*2009	100.0	0.3	3.3	8.5	11.4	24.3	52.2
**2009	100.0	0.3	3.4	8.5	11.5	24.3	51.9
*2010 Q1	100.0	0.1	2.7	8.4	11.2	24.4	53.2
**2010Q1	100.0	0.1	2.8	8.5	11.2	24.5	52.9
*2010 Q2	100.0	0.1	2.8	8.6	10.9	24.4	53.2
**2010Q2	100.0	0.1	3.1	8.7	11.1	24.2	52.8

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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
*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
*2009	100.0	0.3	3.3	8.3	11.7	24.2	52.3
**2009	100.0	0.3	3.5	8.4	11.8	24.2	51.9
*2010 Q1	100.0	0.1	2.7	8.1	11.6	24.7	52.8
**2010Q1	100.0	0.1	2.9	8.2	11.7	24.7	52.5
*2010 Q2	100.0	0.1	2.9	8.1	11.4	23.9	53.6
**2010Q2	100.0	0.1	3.2	8.3	11.6	23.7	53.1

**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
*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
*2009	100.0	0.4	3.2	8.9	10.9	24.5	52.2
**2009	100.0	0.3	3.3	8.9	11.0	24.5	52.0
*2010 Q1	100.0	0.1	2.7	8.8	10.4	23.9	54.1
**2010Q1	100.0	0.1	2.8	9.1	10.3	24.0	53.6
*2010 Q2	100.0	0.1	2.6	9.4	10.1	25.4	52.4
**2010Q2	100.0	0.1	2.7	9.5	10.2	25.2	52.4

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

Year	Total	Level of education			
		Grade 5 & Below	Grades 6 - 10	GCE (O.L)/ NCGE	GCE (A.L)/ HNCE & above
*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
*2009	100.0	20.4	47.7	15.6	16.3
**2009	100.0	21.1	47.3	15.5	16.1
*2010 Q1	100.0	20.2	48.3	15.5	16.0
**2010Q1	100.0	21.0	47.9	15.4	15.7
*2010 Q2	100.0	19.7	48.3	15.8	16.3
**2010Q2	100.0	20.2	48.1	15.6	16.1

\* - 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			
		Grade 5 & Below	Grades 6 - 10	GCE (O.L)/ NCGE	GCE (A.L)/ HNCE & above
*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
*2009	100.0	19.5	51.3	15.7	13.4
**2009	100.0	20.3	50.8	15.6	13.2
*2010 Q1	100.0	19.0	51.9	15.6	13.5
**2010Q1	100.0	20.0	51.2	15.5	13.3
*2010 Q2	100.0	18.2	52.0	16.5	13.3
**2010Q2	100.0	18.7	51.9	16.3	13.0

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

Year	Total	Level of education			
		Grade 5 & Below	Grades 6 - 10	GCE (O.L)/ NCGE	GCE (A.L)/ HNCE & above
*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
*2009	100.0	22.0	41.2	15.3	21.6
**2009	100.0	22.4	40.8	15.2	21.6
*2010 Q1	100.0	22.4	41.6	15.3	20.7
**2010Q1	100.0	22.9	41.2	15.4	20.5
*2010 Q2	100.0	22.5	41.0	14.4	22.2
**2010Q2	100.0	23.0	40.4	14.2	22.3

\* - 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			
*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
*2009	100.0	57.3	15.2	42.1	2.7	29.0	11.0
**2009	100.0	57.6	15.5	42.1	2.6	29.2	10.6
*2010 Q1	100.0	55.0	13.5	41.5	2.4	31.6	11.0
**2010Q1	100.0	55.5	14.2	41.4	2.4	31.4	10.7
*2010 Q2	100.0	56.3	13.9	42.3	2.7	30.4	10.6
**2010Q2	100.0	56.4	14.1	42.2	2.6	30.7	10.3

\* - 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		
*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
*2009	100.0	58.5	13.3	45.2	3.7	33.2	4.6
**2009	100.0	59.0	13.6	45.4	3.6	33.0	4.5
*2010 Q1	100.0	55.6	11.9	43.7	3.3	36.6	4.5
**2010Q1	100.0	56.4	12.7	43.7	3.2	36.1	4.3
*2010 Q2	100.0	55.9	12.3	43.6	3.6	35.9	4.6
**2010Q2	100.0	56.4	12.5	43.9	3.5	35.6	4.5

**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		
*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
*2009	100.0	55.2	18.6	36.5	0.9	21.4	22.5
**2009	100.0	54.9	19.0	35.9	0.9	22.0	22.3
*2010 Q1	100.0	53.8	16.5	37.3	0.8	22.2	23.2
**2010Q1	100.0	53.9	17.0	36.9	0.8	22.3	23.1
*2010 Q2	100.0	56.9	17.0	39.9	0.9	19.7	22.4
**2010Q2	100.0	56.4	17.5	38.8	0.9	20.7	22.0

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 6 - Currently Employed person by Industry group (Based on ISIC Third Revision)**

Year	Industry group														
	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
*2002	<b>6519415</b>	2247602	1072720	386475	838796	117556	309553	168973	524724	227785	82260	110390	93252	317121	22208
**2003	<b>7012755</b>	2384397	1156682	454810	867131	121627	363393	191390	541070	262440	98107	110827	75858	333477	51548
***2004	<b>7394029</b>	2474725	1307357	474090	910770	120552	417340	175633	535064	273628	103966	122395	68813	323277	86419
****2005	<b>7518007</b>	2306039	1385374	542639	904008	138924	484999	233736	512819	297437	129237	133537	53314	324440	71504
* 2006	<b>7105322</b>	2287268	1363092	526861	954981	129351	430331	221146	400504	276783	109660	123900	80247	179941	21255
* 2007	<b>7041874</b>	2202098	1331368	542489	932094	118516	456804	215217	433013	259489	115943	104601	87381	219692	23168
* 2008	<b>7174706</b>	2344415	1354897	533106	924468	103814	425972	236024	462634	298810	110933	128812	84097	153297	13428
** 2008	<b>7648305</b>	2489731	1414483	590397	984326	110317	447604	241474	512048	325633	120987	141853	84960	170572	13920
* 2009	<b>7139537</b>	2318621	1301267	521417	913387	133182	419627	220979	487438	300143	128490	104603	96132	190672	3579
** 2009	<b>7602414</b>	2475921	1348084	562234	977138	141599	445111	226660	524390	336012	136619	123090	96367	205432	3757
*2010 Q1	7287198	2455665	1321300	514058	949791	131997	451129	230911	472188	281645	105949	118008	75626	178931	
**2010Q1	7725753	2600463	1356464	554964	1011680	137028	471071	236696	536740	307503	118075	121978	75626	196150	1313
*2010 Q2	7145578	2299235	1221981	474107	951842	144380	480489	240166	475439	270174	114099	135332	87942	250391	
**2010Q2	7613267	2439391	1274204	521000	1028609	154108	505809	244844	507931	302117	123294	149531	87942	274488	

**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 ,<br>Electricity,Gas and Water supply (C,E,F)                           | 10 Health and Social work (N)  |
| 4 Wholesale and Retail Trade,Repair of Motor Vehicles,<br>Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods (G) | 11 Other Community,Social and Personal Service Activities<br>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,<br>Renting and Business Activities (J,K)                       | 14 Industries not adequately described   |

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

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.

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu,Kilinochchi districts.

\*\*\*\* - All the districts are included

**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	<b>4395164</b>	1397423	569761	373516	656505	115203	387301	70813	824642
**2003	<b>4833483</b>	1529117	624791	436404	681185	138146	405572	98074	920194
***2004	<b>5049426</b>	1559301	710910	456049	721800	122372	392949	102645	983400
****2005	<b>5134765</b>	1482610	749993	519197	702048	171330	376877	83551	1049159
* 2006	<b>4610643</b>	1342214	683873	507192	717258	156022	294597	86521	822966
* 2007	<b>4653067</b>	1321995	703080	523470	688653	151782	308080	79092	876915
*2008	<b>4663277.5</b>	1388714	716259	510488	680091	162634	344695	87931	772466
** 2008	<b>5033448.7</b>	1510401	749653	565666	725049	167414	385219	98596	831450
* 2009	<b>4609197.5</b>	1382024	677262	501657	669223	145341	346799	90983	795909
** 2009	<b>4963175.7</b>	1510834	701206	541934	715499	149890	377259	107615	858938
*2010 Q1	<b>4771572</b>	1471193	695093	490896	704291	166378	352556	86363	804802
**2010Q1	<b>5108289</b>	1585286	709465	531082	754416	169811	410783	97862	849583
*2010 Q2	<b>4731075</b>	1368022	661523	459469	714664	160474	342812	80297	943813
**2010Q2	<b>5081075</b>	1481066	685611	505454	768331	163630	369057	89956	1017971

**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.

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

\*\*\*\* - All the districts are included

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

	Industry group								
	Total	1	2	3	4	7	8	9	Other
*2002	<b>2124250</b>	850179	502959	12959	182291	53770	137423	156972	227697
**2003	<b>2179272</b>	855280	531891	18407	185946	53243	135498	164365	234642
***2004	<b>2344604</b>	915424	596447	18041	188970	53261	142116	170983	259362
****2005	<b>2383241</b>	823429	635382	23442	201959	62405	135942	213886	286796
* 2006	<b>2494679</b>	945054	679218	19669	237723	65125	105908	190262	251720
* 2007	<b>2388807</b>	880103	628288	19019	243441	63435	124933	180397	249190
* 2008	<b>2511429</b>	955701	638638	22619	244376	73390	117939	210878	247887
** 2008	<b>2614856</b>	979331	664830	24731	259277	74060	126829	227037	258762
* 2009	<b>2530339</b>	936596	624006	19761	244164	75638	140638	209160	280376
** 2009	<b>2639238</b>	965086	646877	20300	261639	76770	147132	228396	293037
*2010 Q1	<b>2515626</b>	984473	626207	23162	245500	64533	119631	195282	256838
**2010Q1	<b>2617464</b>	1015177	646999	23882	257264	66885	125957	209641	271658
*2010 Q2	<b>2414503</b>	931213	560458	14637	237179	79692	132627	189877	268820
**2010Q2	<b>2532192</b>	958326	588592	15547	260277	81214	138875	212161	277201

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)
- 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.

\* - 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															
	*2000	*2001	*2002	**2003	***2004	****2005	* 2006	* 2007	*2008	**2008	*2009	**2009	*2010Q1	**2010Q1	*2010Q2	**2010Q2
Total	6310247	6235588	6519415	7012755	7394029	7518007	7105322	7041874	7174706	7648305	7139537	7602414	7287198	7725753	7145578	7613267
Agriculture	2274153	2033343	2247602	2384397	2474725	2306039	2287268	2202098	2344415	2489731	2318621	2475921	2455665	2600463	2299235	2439391
Industry	1490795	1491408	1459194	1611493	1781447	1928014	1889953	1873857	1888004	2004880	1822685	1910318	1835359	1911428	1696088	1795204
Services	2545299	2710837	2812619	3016866	3137857	3283954	2928101	2965919	2942288	3153693	2998231	3216175	2996174	3213861	3150255	3378672

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

Major Industry group	Year															
	*2000	*2001	*2002	**2003	***2004	****2005	* 2006	* 2007	*2008	**2008	*2009	**2009	*2010Q1	**2010Q1	*2010Q2	**2010Q2
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
Agriculture	36.0	32.6	34.5	34.0	33.5	30.7	32.2	31.3	32.7	32.6	32.5	32.6	33.7	33.7	32.2	32.0
Industry	23.6	23.9	22.4	23.0	24.1	25.6	26.6	26.6	26.3	26.2	25.5	25.1	25.2	24.7	23.7	23.6
Services	40.3	43.5	43.1	43.0	42.4	43.7	41.2	42.1	41.0	41.2	42.0	42.3	41.1	41.6	44.1	44.4

**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

\* - 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)**

Year	Total	Occupation group										
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	0
*2002	<b>6519415</b>	85553	352238	316763	283719	406992	510148	1579024	935477	373588	1608511	67402
**2003	<b>7012755</b>	88043	367654	341634	303828	328796	628729	1634289	1084436	419540	1735336	80470
***2004	<b>7394029</b>	99839	404410	366488	322697	420343	671461	1513636	1124715	460589	1951081	58770
****2005	<b>7518007</b>	120491	471200	403904	300322	515909	574416	1561884	1216224	531439	1760335	61883
* 2006	<b>7105322</b>	128944	376469	362275	276587	526322	513217	1590110	1214163	501561	1576960	38715
* 2007	<b>7041874</b>	123290	366668	381596	283703	494515	508488	1503669	1201598	563927	1574113	40306
* 2008	<b>7174706</b>	121463	415993	398489	299331	477055	546087	1603701	1165096	526921	1576276	44295
** 2008	<b>7648305</b>	126636	448659	424802	308632	498271	604974	1699212	1255470	555896	1673147	52607
* 2009	<b>7139537</b>	117080	421793	372116	304686	471279	550658	1607477	1106431	500259	1619891	67867
** 2009	<b>7602414</b>	119190	458305	392898	313734	509501	606492	1705701	1175137	530788	1717903	72765
*2010 Q1	<b>7287198</b>	127166	405244	361350	280048	488862	514500	1726066	1086466	510071	1715942	71482
**2010Q1	<b>7725753</b>	127737	434675	375325	290545	541347	577323	1803750	1155186	529418	1814477	75971
*2010 Q2	<b>7145578</b>	122108	369632	373173	308620	479053	573689	1488803	1138465	534433	1692558	65045
**2010Q2	<b>7613267</b>	122723	407794	391022	316803	550374	615304	1576539	1217990	556499	1788193	70025

**Occupation group**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 Senior Officials and Managers           | 7 Skilled Agricultural and Fishery workers   |
| 2 Professionals                           | 8 Craft and Related workers                  |
| 3 Technical and Associate Professionals   | 9 Plant and Machine operators and Assemblers |
| 4 Clerks                                  | 10 Elementary occupations                    |
| 5 Proprietors and Managers of Enterprises | 0 Unidentified                               |
| 6 Sales and Service workers               |  |

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 - Male (Based on ISCO 88)**

Year	Total	Occupation group										
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	0
*2002	<b>4395164</b>	67276	146656	215548	151511	318172	379695	1024190	596472	335568	1097444	62633
**2003	<b>4833483</b>	71574	161375	236263	167584	260270	464633	1109200	711720	368452	1205366	77047
***2004	<b>4993403</b>	75416	174521	250898	174982	341828	498477	1004912	726641	426469	1319258	
****2005	<b>5134765</b>	87788	187002	266866	159566	406137	418628	1013877	801448	484351	1249168	59935
* 2006	<b>4610643</b>	101399	146344	238819	143606	419443	314226	966263	743733	444703	1055753	36354
* 2007	<b>4653067</b>	91026	147844	258111	138384	379768	318994	925933	779097	504603	1070890	38418
* 2008	<b>4663277</b>	90314	154443	275928	161252	364206	339828	975507	731382	478825	1050236	41356
** 2008	<b>5033449</b>	94075	168152	296103	167400	380629	385895	1049917	799554	503286	1139158	49280
* 2009	<b>4609198</b>	94072	150660	241033	151532	350875	354709	995412	704257	450086	1056823	59738
** 2009	<b>4963176</b>	95394	168781	254607	156245	375649	396056	1070983	758317	477738	1145231	64176
*2010 Q1	<b>4771572</b>	98838	145156	242420	162819	347760	353254	1079243	700749	451123	1123862	66350
**2010Q1	<b>5108289</b>	99408	156892	253805	167967	389973	402689	1136035	756256	469597	1204827	70839
*2010 Q2	<b>4731075</b>	92541	136117	246634	182197	381468	382815	921755	746804	492573	1089347	58823
**2010Q2	<b>5081075</b>	93157	150097	258943	187433	422684	413808	989130	814497	513024	1175157	63145

**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

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

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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\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

\*\*\*\* - All the districts are included

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

Year	Total	Occupation group										
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	0
*2002	<b>2124250</b>	18277	205582	101215	132209	88819	130453	554835	339005	38020	511066	4769
**2003	<b>2179272</b>	16469	206279	105370	136245	68526	164096	525090	372716	51088	529971	3423
***2004	<b>2341857</b>	24423	229889	115590	147715	78515	172984	508724	398074	34120	631823	
****2005	<b>2383241</b>	32702	284198	137038	140756	109772	155788	548007	414776	47088	511167	1949
* 2006	<b>2494679</b>	27544	230126	123456	132981	106879	198990	623847	470430	56858	521207	2360
* 2007	<b>2388807</b>	32265	218824	123485	145319	114747	189494	577736	422502	59324	503223	1888
* 2008	<b>2511429</b>	31148	261549	122561	138079	112849	206258	628193	433715	48095	526040	2940
** 2008	<b>2614856</b>	32560	280507	128699	141231	117642	219079	649295	455917	52609	533989	3327
* 2009	<b>2530339</b>	23008	271134	131083	153154	120404	195949	612065	402173	50172	563067	8129
** 2009	<b>2639238</b>	23796	289523	138291	157489	133852	210437	634719	416820	53050	572671	8590
*2010 Q1	<b>2515626</b>	28328	260088	118931	117230	141103	161246	646824	385718	58948	592079	5132
**2010Q1	<b>2617464</b>	28328	277782	121520	122578	151373	174635	667715	398930	59820	609651	5132
*2010 Q2	<b>2414503</b>	29566	233515	126538	126423	97584	190874	567048	391661	41859	603211	6222
**2010Q2	<b>2532192</b>	29566	257696	132079	129371	127690	201497	587409	403493	43474	613036	6880

**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

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

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\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

\*\*\*\* - All the districts are included

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

(2010 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter)

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL GROUP	TOTAL	0 *	1 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 & OVER
Total	100.0	10.4	2.7	7.3	11.1	13.5	29.1	25.9
1	100.0	12.5	4.9	11.7	15.7	15.3	25.0	14.9
2	100.0	11.3	*	5.7	9.8	13.0	31.5	26.1
3	100.0	17.5	*	6.8	13.2	10.8	27.8	20.5
4	100.0	5.0	*	4.7	6.8	10.9	30.1	41.3
5	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	61.1
6	100.0	*	*	*	*	9.8	26.0	45.7
7	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	42.2	27.6
8	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	44.8	33.9
9	100.0	16.9	*	*	13.5	42.6	20.4	*
10	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	35.5	36.6
11	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	27.3	35.5
12	100.0	*	..	*	*	*	*	56.5
13	100.0	*	*	*	17.2	14.4	38.0	*
14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

\* Has a job but not at work during the reference week

.. Negligible

**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 ,<br>Electricity, Gas and Water supply (C,E,F)                           | 10. Health and Social work (N)  |
| 4. Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles,<br>Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods (G) | 11. Other Community, Social and Personal Service Activities<br>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,<br>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
*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
* 2009	100.0	14.6	37.1	21.0	15.2	12.1
** 2009	100.0	14.5	37.5	21.3	15.1	11.6
*2010 Q1	100.0	13.9	39.4	22.8	13.9	10.1
**2010Q1	100.0	13.7	39.9	23.0	13.7	9.7
*2010 Q2	100.0	15.6	38.1	21.2	13.9	11.1
**2010Q2	100.0	15.2	38.3	21.9	13.6	11.1

\* - 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
*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
*2009	100.0	18.2	35.2	19.0	12.6	15.0
** 2009	100.0	17.9	36.4	18.9	12.4	14.4
*2010 Q1	100.0	17.5	38.2	18.0	13.7	12.6
**2010Q1	100.0	16.9	38.8	18.4	13.7	12.2
*2010 Q2	100.0	20.4	41.1	15.2	9.4	13.9
**2010Q2	100.0	20.3	41.4	15.7	9.1	13.5

**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
*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
*2009	100.0	11.4	38.8	22.8	17.5	9.5
** 2009	100.0	11.5	38.5	23.5	17.5	9.0
*2010 Q1	100.0	11.1	40.3	26.6	14.0	8.1
**2010Q1	100.0	11.2	40.7	26.6	13.7	7.8
*2010 Q2	100.0	10.6	35.1	27.5	18.5	8.2
**2010Q2	100.0	10.2	35.3	28.0	17.9	8.6

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

\*\*\*\* - All the districts are included

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

YEAR	TOTAL	LEVEL OF EDUCATION			
		GRADE 5 & BELOW	GRADES 6 - 10	GCE(O/L) NCGE	GCE(A/L) HNCE & ABOVE
*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	100.0	4.5	39.3	23.4	32.8
* 2009	100	4.4	40.3	22.7	32.6
** 2009	100.0	4.3	39.9	23.1	32.7
*2010 Q1	100.0	3.1	34.0	22.8	40.1
**2010Q1	100.0	3.0	33.7	22.2	41.1
*2010 Q2	100.0	3.1	33.5	23.8	39.6
**2010Q2	100.0	3.1	34.5	22.9	39.5

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\*\* - 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	LEVEL OF EDUCATION			
		GRADE 5 & BELOW	GRADES 6 - 10	GCE(O/L) NCGE	GCE(A/L) HNCE & ABOVE
*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
*2009	100.0	4.5	49.7	24.6	21.3
** 2009	100.0	4.4	48.0	25.3	22.3
*2010 Q1	100.0	4.8	37.6	26.3	31.3
**2010Q1	100.0	4.6	36.8	25.9	32.7
*2010 Q2	100.0	4.2	38.1	29.4	28.3
**2010Q2	100.0	4.1	38.4	29.1	28.5

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

YEAR	TOTAL	LEVEL OF EDUCATION			
		GRADE 5 & BELOW	GRADES 6 - 10	GCE(O/L) NCGE	GCE(A/L) HNCE & ABOVE
*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
*2009	100.0	4.4	31.8	20.9	42.9
** 2009	100.0	4.3	32.5	21.1	42.1
*2010 Q1	100.0	1.8	31.0	19.9	47.2
**2010Q1	100.0	1.8	31.1	19.2	47.9
*2010 Q2	100.0	1.8	28.8	18.0	51.4
**2010Q2	100.0	2.1	30.8	16.9	50.2

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

Sex	Total	(2010 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter) Duration		
		Less than 6 months	6 to less than 12 months	12+ months
Both sexes	437336	126713	101372	209250
%	100.0	29.0	23.2	47.8
Male	215994	77125	45492	93377
%	100.0	35.7	21.1	43.2
Female	221342	49588	55880	115874
%	100.0	22.4	25.2	52.4

## STANDARD ERROR AND COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION OF SELECTED VARIABLES

(2010 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter)

	Estimated Value	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)	Estimated Value (Ratio)	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
<b>General labour force characteristics</b>						
Population ( 10 years & over)	16809812	210778	1.25	-	-	-
Employed Population	7613267	112129	1.47	-	-	-
Unemployed Population	437336	31456	7.19	-	-	-
Employment Rate	-	-	-	94.6	0.374	0.395
Unemployment Rate	-	-	-	5.4	0.374	6.876
Labour Force	8050603	117935	1.46	-	-	-
Not in Labour Force	8759209	149458	1.71	-	-	-
<b>Employed persons by major industry Groups</b>						
1	2439391	94721	3.88	-	-	-
2	1274204	55143	4.33	-	-	-
3	521000	31656	6.08	-	-	-
4	1028609	47560	4.62	-	-	-
5	154108	19398	12.59	-	-	-
6	505809	29661	5.86	-	-	-
7	244844	23703	9.68	-	-	-
8	507931	32782	6.45	-	-	-
9	302117	23839	7.89	-	-	-
10	123294	13837	11.22	-	-	-
11	149531	15733	10.52	-	-	-
12	87942	12705	14.45	-	-	-
13	274488	26576	9.68	-	-	-
14	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Unemployed persons by level of education</b>						
Below grade 5	13429	4028	29.99	-	-	-
Grade 5 - 9/Year 6 - 10	150944	17351	11.49	-	-	-
G.C.E.(O/L)/N.C.G.E.	100304	13232	13.19	-	-	-
G.C.E.(A/L)/H.N.C.E. & above	172659	17840	10.33	-	-	-

**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 ,<br>Electricity,Gas and Water supply (C,E,F)                           | 10. Health and Social work (N)  |
| 4. Wholesale and Retail Trade,Repair of Motor Vehicles,<br>Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods (G) | 11. Other Community,Social and Personal Service Activities<br>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,<br>Renting and Business Activities (J,K)                       | 14. Industries not adequately described   |

## Explanatory Notes

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### 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 nor 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

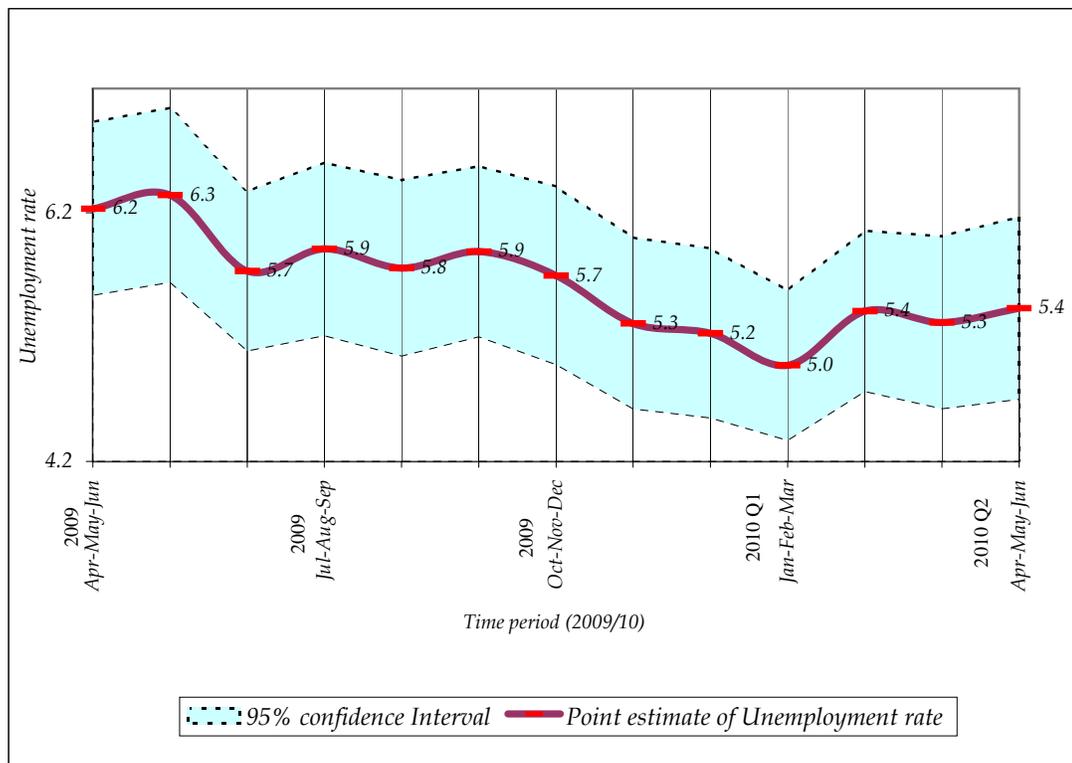
Estimated value *(of the unemployment rate)*  $\pm$  (standard error) \* ( 1.96)

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 (2009April - 2010 June)



As seen in figure , it is very important to note that, there were no statistically significant difference between the unemployment rates reported in different time periods of 2009/2010, except 2nd quarter of 2009, when sampling error was 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	7105322	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
2009*	7572363	60302	0.80	7454091	7690634	7139511	58209	0.82	7025344	7253678
2009#	8073598	62298	0.77	7951419	8195778	7602344	60103	0.79	7484471	7720218
2010Q1*	7677804	132459	1.73	7417416	7938191	7287198	129686	1.78	7032262	7542134
2010Q1#	8129954	135564	1.67	7863532	8396376	7725753	132996	1.72	7464378	7987128
2010Q2*	7556722	111564	1.48	7337415	7776029	7145578	105694	1.48	6937809	7353347
2010Q2#	8050603	117935	1.46	7818832	8282374	7613267	112129	1.47	7392907	7833628

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	3.2	600281	681641	8.4	0.2	2.99	7.9	8.9
2004 **	667324	18385	2.8	631290	703358	8.3	0.2	2.55	7.9	8.7
2005***	623341	39397	6.3	546123	700558	7.7	0.4	5.76	6.8	8.5
2006#	493440	15000	3.0	464020	522859	6.5	0.2	2.96	6.1	6.9
2007#	447021	13838	3.1	419880	474162	6.0	0.2	3.01	5.6	6.3
2008#	394009	13117	3.3	368282	419736	5.2	0.2	3.22	4.9	5.5
2008*	433397	14105	3.3	405734	461060	5.4	0.2	3.12	5.0	5.7
2009#	432852	14260	3.3	404884	460820	5.7	0.2	3.18	5.4	6.1
2009*	471254	14863	3.2	442104	500404	5.8	0.2	3.04	5.5	6.2
2010Q1#	390606	25112	6.4	341241	439970	5.1	0.3	6.31	4.5	5.7
2010Q1*	404201	25359	6.3	354364	454038	5.0	0.3	6.17	4.4	5.6
2010Q2*#	411144	30744	7.5	350709	471580	5.4	0.4	7.1	4.7	6.2
2010Q2*	437336	31456	7.2	375516	499155	5.4	0.4	6.88	4.7	6.2

\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu and Kilinochchi districts.

\*\*\*- All the districts are included

# - 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 &amp; 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)	
*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
*2009	13853482	6380349	46.1	5947497	93.2	432852	6.8	7473133
**2009	14876264	6836598	46.0	6365344	93.1	471254	6.9	8039665
*2010Q1	14057240	6577175	46.8	6187462	94.1	389713	5.9	7480065
**2010Q1	15102796	6996750	46.3	6593442	94.2	403308	5.8	8106046
*2010Q2	14047864	6191822	44.1	5780678	93.4	411144	6.6	7856042
**2010Q2	15111675	6638759	43.9	6201423	93.4	437336	6.6	8472916

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
**2009	432852	6.8	63376	28.0	160563	24.5	90834	11.7	65666	4.2	52413	1.7
***2009	471254	6.9	68447	27.3	176801	24.9	100508	11.9	70988	4.2	54511	1.6
*2010Q1	389713	5.9	54288	28.3	153397	23.4	88702	11.2	54028	3.4	39298	1.2
**2010Q1	403308	5.8	55410	26.4	160783	22.9	92585	10.9	55231	3.2	39298	1.1
*2010Q2	411144	6.6	64289	33.8	156737	24.9	87295	12.0	56995	3.8	45829	1.5
**2010Q2	437336	6.6	66290	30.6	167497	24.7	95884	12.0	59299	3.7	48366	1.4

\* - 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
<b>*2002</b>															
No.	<b>5487325</b>	1559133	983601	264384	723210	104151	292951	164062	518764	211281	80915	96911	91085	283032	113845
%	<b>100.0</b>	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
<b>**2003</b>															
No.	<b>5860182</b>	1682994	1038390	343650	744153	104923	344294	176993	510486	233874	91213	94491	74181	293951	126590
%	<b>100.0</b>	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
<b>***2004</b>															
No.	<b>6337164</b>	1792810	1191379	439936	794793	108521	402536	170027	526501	257965	102328	108076	65639	293621	83032
%	<b>100.0</b>	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
<b>****2005</b>															
No.	<b>5971029</b>	1573306	1147255	476851	739850	108424	422920	204139	465608	245956	118065	105175	47645	253367	62468
%	<b>100.0</b>	<b>26.3</b>	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
<b>*2006</b>															
No.	<b>5978575</b>	1570682	1221566	492116	822922	111890	416188	214276	397926	254378	105956	110924	78341	160429	20981
%	<b>100.0</b>	<b>26.3</b>	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
<b>*2007</b>															
No.	<b>5979061</b>	1543596	1182348	507060	807657	100638	441290	209288	428978	242713	112778	94647	82955	202406	22706
%	<b>100.0</b>	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
<b>*2008</b>															
No.	<b>5999538</b>	1609009	1205793	496771	790533	90257	403186	228957	456435	268121	106630	114215	80651	136037	12944
%	<b>100.0</b>	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
<b>**2008</b>															
No.	<b>6425997.5</b>	1732266	1257331	550875	842615.7	95772.7	423760.3	234407	505254	293699	116026	126616	81347	152592.9	13436
%	<b>100.0</b>	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
<b>*2009</b>															
No.	<b>5947497</b>	1564800	1154758	484131	775679	114969	401454	209011	478742	281272	124932	91098	92713	170430	3507
%	<b>100.0</b>	26.3	19.4	8.1	13.0	1.9	6.7	3.5	8.0	4.7	2.1	1.5	1.6	2.9	0.1
<b>**2009</b>															
No.	<b>6365344</b>	1699505	1196383	522005	830954	122469	426494	214438	515695	316534	132843	107364	92949	184026	3685
%	<b>100.0</b>	26.7	18.8	8.2	13.1	1.9	6.7	3.4	8.1	5.0	2.1	1.7	1.5	2.9	0.1
<b>*2010Q1</b>															
No.	<b>6187462</b>	1705514	1213290	486081	818899	114327	442023	223970	470016	260264	103438	107939	72437	169265	..
%	<b>100.0</b>	27.6	19.6	7.9	13.2	1.8	7.1	3.6	7.6	4.2	1.7	1.7	1.2	2.7	..
<b>**2010Q1</b>															
No.	<b>6593442</b>	1831234	1241753	526987	878184	118045	461965	229756	534568	286123	115563	111909	72437	183605	1313
%	<b>100.0</b>	27.8	18.8	8.0	13.3	1.8	7.0	3.5	8.1	4.3	1.8	1.7	1.1	2.8	0.0
<b>*2010Q2</b>															
No.	<b>5780678</b>	1501422	1058920	421513	770251	121852	445232	226367	455553	262004	104573	117731	80782	214480	..
%	<b>100.0</b>	26.0	18.3	7.3	13.3	2.1	7.7	3.9	7.9	4.5	1.8	2.0	1.4	3.7	..
<b>**2010Q2</b>															
No.	<b>6201423</b>	1623798	1097368	463383	837244	131579	470552	231044	488045	293946	113768	131930	80782	237983	..
%	<b>100.0</b>	26.2	17.7	7.5	13.5	2.1	7.6	3.7	7.9	4.7	1.8	2.1	1.3	3.8	..

**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 ,<br>Electricity,Gas and Water supply (C,E,F)                           | 10 Health and Social work (N)  |
| 4 Wholesale and Retail Trade,Repair of Motor Vehicles,<br>Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods (G) | 11 Other Community,Social and Personal Service Activities<br>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,<br>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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