



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 fourth quarter 2006 was done in October, November and December 2006. However, in 2006, even though it was planned to conduct the labour force survey in Northern and Eastern provinces, the survey was not started in January as scheduled. But, we were able to start the survey work there in February. However, due to the uncertainty situation prevailing in some districts in Northern and Eastern provinces, we were able to complete the part of the survey work only. Further, as completed number of questionnaire is not sufficient to provide reliable estimates, the national level estimates based on the data collected in the fourth quarter does not cover the Northern & Eastern provinces. Data presented in this report for previous years is based on the domain which exclude Northern and Eastern provinces. Further, some selected labour force key indicators are provided for the same domain which excludes Northern and Eastern provinces.

**Labour force participation rate**

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

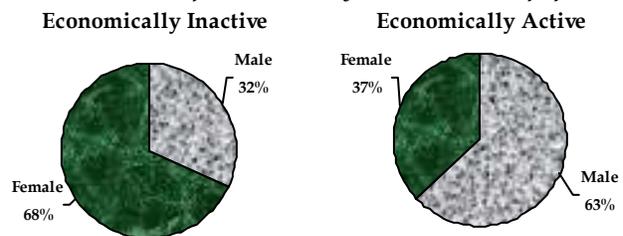
**Labour force participation rate: Labour force expressed as a percentage of population age 10 yr. & over**

**Table 1: Economically active population by sex and sector- Fourth Quarter 2006**

Sector	Economically active population					
	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Total	7629121	100.0	4828029	63.3	2801092	36.7
Urban	826916	100.0	575402	69.6	251514	30.4
Rural	6802206	100.0	4252627	62.5	2549578	37.5

The survey results revealed that, the estimated economically active population (or labour force) was about 7.6 million in fourth quarter 2006. Of which 63 percent were males and 37 percent were females. Of the economically inactive population of 7.3 million, 32 percent were males and 68 percent were females.

**Figure 1: Distribution of Economically active/Inactive population**



**Table 2: Economically Inactive population by sex and sector- Fourth Quarter 2006**

Sector	Economically inactive population					
	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Total	7337848	100.0	2374620	32.4	4963228	67.6
Urban	1031044	100.0	300276	29.1	730768	70.9
Rural	6306803	100.0	2074344	32.9	4232460	67.1

**Table 4: Labour Force Participation Rate by age group & sex- Fourth Quarter 2006**

Age group	Sex		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	51.0	67.0	36.1
15 - 19	23.6	28.2	18.8
20 - 24	63.1	77.8	48.7
25 - 29	66.2	94.0	45.1
30 - 39	72.2	97.3	50.2
40+	55.9	76.3	37.4

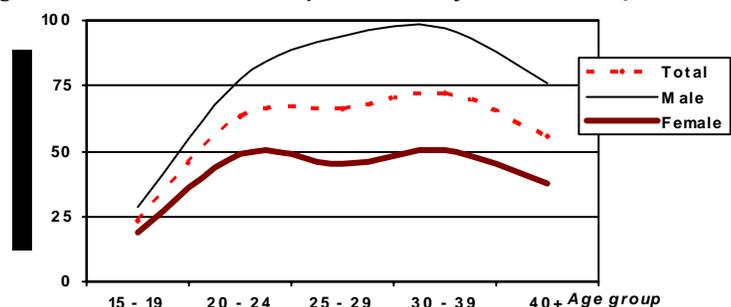
Table 4 provides the labour force participation rates by sex and age groups. Males in age group of (30 - 39) yrs shows the highest labour force participation rate (97.3%), while females in the same age group shows the highest participation rate (50%) among females.

**Table 3: Labour Force Participation Rate by sex**

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
2006Q1	51.7	69.3	35.5
2006Q2	51.1	68.4	35.4
2006 Q3	50.7	68.0	35.0
2006 Q4	51.0	67.0	36.1

Table 3 provides the information on labour force participation rates since year 2000. As can be seen from this table, male participation rate is now fluctuating around 67 percent. The female participation rate fluctuates around 36 percent. It is important to note that, male participation to the labour force is much higher than that of females.

**Figure 2: Labour Force Participation Rate by sex - Fourth Quarter 2006**



## 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, 2006 (1<sup>st</sup> Qtr - 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr)**

Year 2006	Major industry group			
	Total	Agriculture	Industry	Services
Jan-Feb-March (1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr)	7136267 (100.0)	2347886 (32.9)	1853595 (26.0)	2934786 (41.1)
April-May-June (2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr)	7022019 (100.0)	2319676 (33.0)	1795515 (25.6)	2906828 (41.4)
July-Aug-Sept. (3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr)	7111982 (100.0)	2122239 (29.8)	2017518 (28.4)	2972225 (41.8)
Oct-Nov-Dec (4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr)	7149922 (100.0)	2357460 (33.0)	1892086 (26.5)	2900376 (40.6)

The total number of employed persons in Sri Lanka is estimated as about 7.1 million in the fourth quarter 2006. Of this, 65 percent were males and 35 percent were females.

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

Agriculture	Services
1. Agriculture (A)	1. Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles,
2. Forestry and Fishery (B)	Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods
<b>Industries</b>	2. Hotels and Restaurants
1. Manufacturing (D)	3. Transport, Storage and Communication
2. Construction	4. Financial Intermediation and Real Estate,
3. Mining & Quarrying	Renting and Business Activities
4. Electricity, Gas and Water supply	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

**Table 6 : Percentage distribution of employed population by employment status and Agriculture/non- agriculture sector - Fourth quarter 2006.**

Employment status	Total		Sector			
	No	%	Agriculture No	%	Non-Agriculture No.	%
Total	7149922	100.0	2357460	33.0	4792462	67.0
Employee	3996428	100.0	696837	17.4	3299591	82.6
Public	934993	100.0	86255	9.2	848738	90.8
Private	3061435	100.0	610582	19.9	2450853	80.1
Employer	216361	100.0	33915	15.7	182446	84.3
Own account worker	2178066	100.0	1088382	50.0	1089684	50.0
Unpaid family worker	759067	100.0	538326	70.9	220741	29.1

Table 6 shows that, of the total paid employees, 83 percent are involved in the non-agricultural sector activities, while this percentage is only 17 percent when the agriculture sector is considered.

On the other hand, 71 percent of the unpaid family workers are in the agriculture sector, and the balance, 29 percent are in the non-agriculture sector. Further, 80 percent of private sector paid employees are involved in non-agricultural activities, while 20 percent engage with agricultural activities.

**Figure 3 : Distribution of Employed population by main industry - Fourth quarter 2006.**

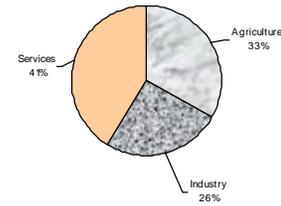


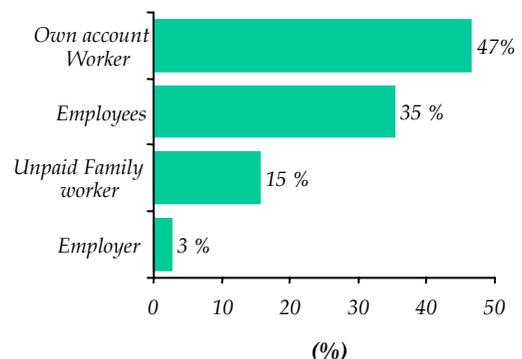
Table 5 shows the percentage distribution of employed population by main industry for the different quarters in 2006. Of the total estimated employed population, 41 percent was reported as services sector employment, while this share is 33 percent for agriculture sector and 26 percent for industry sector, when 2006 fourth quarter is considered.

**Table 7 : Informal sector\*\* employment by Agriculture/ Non-agriculture sector**

Sector	Total	Agriculture	Non-agriculture
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Formal	38.9	16.7	49.8
Informal	61.1	83.3	50.2

It is also important to see that, the employed population according to the formal and informal sector classification. During the fourth quarter 2006, it is estimated that 61 percent of the total employment are in the informal sector. Agriculture sector comprises 83 percent of informal sector employment. 50 percent of the total non-agricultural employment are in the informal sector. Further, 47 percent of the total informal sector employment are own account workers, while 35 percent are paid employees.

**Figure 4 : Distribution of informal sector employment by Employment status**



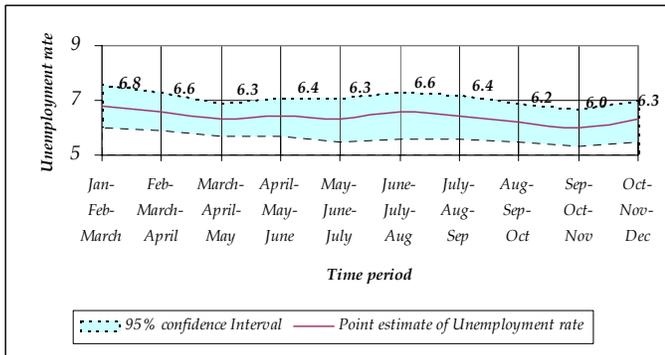
\*\* Please see the explanatory note under 'labour force' link in the DCS web site [www.statistics.gov.lk](http://www.statistics.gov.lk) for detailed concepts & definitions.

## 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 5 : Unemployment rates and it's 95% confidence intervals**

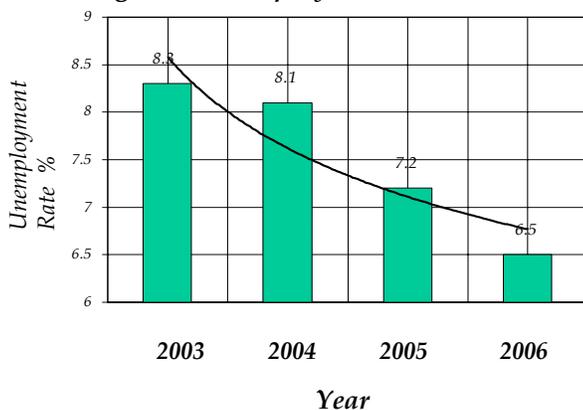


The number of unemployed persons is estimated as about 480,000 during the fourth quarter 2006. The unemployment rate for the fourth quarter 2006 is reported as 6.3 percent.

As seen in the figure 5, it is very important to note that, there is no statistically significant difference between the unemployment rate reported in different time periods in 2006, when *sampling error*\* is considered.

However, as shown in figure 6, the long term declining trend of unemployment has continued, and there is a significant decrease of unemployment rate in 2006 when compared with the unemployment rate reported in 2003, 2004 and 2005.

**Figure 6 : Unemployment rate : 2003-2006**



**Table 8 : Unemployment rate by age group and sex - Fourth Quarter 2006**

Age group	Sex		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	6.3	4.3	9.8
15 - 19	20.3	14.8	28.7
20 - 24	19.9	13.3	30.3
25 - 29	11.9	9.2	16.1
30 +	2.1	1.3	3.5

The total unemployment rate recorded in the fourth quarter 2006 is 6.3 percent.

As can be seen from table 8, the unemployment rate reported for females is 9.8 percent and 4.3 percent for males. However, the unemployment rate among the youth (age 20 - 24 yrs) is still high and it was reported as 20 percent. It is 13 percent and 30 percent for males and female respectively.

\* *Sampling error :*

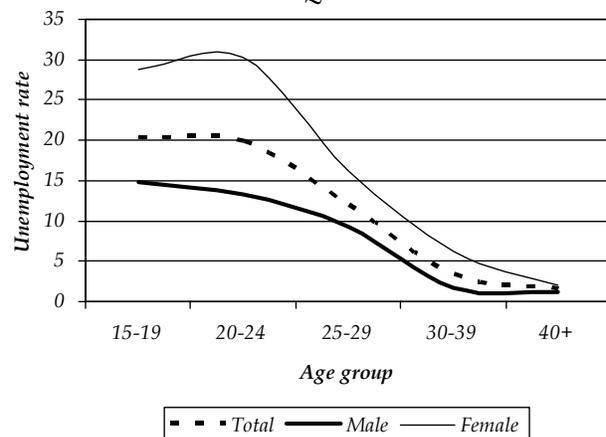
When a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed, estimates differ from the true population values they represent. This difference, or *sampling error*, occurs by chance, and its variability is measured by the standard error of the estimate. **For more detail, please refer the explanatory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

**Table 9 : Unemployment rates by level of education Fourth Quarter 2006**

Level of Education	Unemployment rates		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	6.3	4.3	9.8
Below Gr. 5	1.5	1.3	1.9
Gr. 5-9	5.5	4.0	8.9
G.C.E. (O/L)	9.2	6.2	14.2
G.C.E. (A/L) & above	12.0	7.7	16.5

It also reveals that, the unemployment among the educated youth (G.C.E(A/L) and above) is reported as 12 percent. It is 8 percent and 17 percent for male and female respectively. This is shown that the problem of unemployment is more acute in the case of educated females than males.

**Figure 7 : Unemployment rate by age group and sex - Fourth Quarter 2006**



**Selected Labour Force indicators (Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces)**  
( 1996 - 2006 Fourth quarter)

	Year											
	1996	1998	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006 Q1	2006 Q2	2006 Q3	2006 Q4
<b>Labour force participation rate</b>												
<i>by sex</i>												
Both sexes	48.6	51.7	50.3	48.8	50.3	49.7	49.6	49.3	51.7	51.1	50.7	<b>51.0</b>
Male	65.9	67.5	67.2	66.2	67.9	67.5	67.2	67.3	69.3	68.4	68.0	<b>67.0</b>
Female	31.6	36.4	33.9	31.9	33.6	32.6	33.0	32.6	35.5	35.4	35.0	<b>36.1</b>
<i>by residential sector</i>												
Total	48.6	51.7	50.3	48.8	50.3	49.7	49.6	49.3	51.7	51.1	50.7	<b>51.0</b>
Urban	44.4	45.2	44.9	44.2	46.0	45.1	45.6	46.2	46.3	45.1	45.1	<b>44.5</b>
Rural	49.5	52.7	51.2	49.6	50.9	50.3	50.3	49.7	52.5	52.0	51.5	<b>51.9</b>
<b>Unemployment rate</b>												
<i>by sex</i>												
Both sexes	11.3	9.2	7.6	7.9	8.8	8.1	8.1	7.2	7.2	6.3	6.4	<b>6.3</b>
Male	8.2	6.5	5.8	6.2	6.6	6.0	6.0	5.3	5.5	4.9	4.6	<b>4.3</b>
Female	17.7	14.0	11.1	11.5	12.9	12.3	12.1	10.7	10.1	8.7	9.8	<b>9.8</b>
<i>by selected age groups(yr)</i>												
20 - 29	22.0	19.3	17.4	18.4	20.1	19.1	18.6	16.0	16.8	15.3	16.4	<b>15.9</b>
20 - 24	29.1	25.4	23.0	24.4	27.0	25.8	25.2	22.4	22.4	20.6	21.5	<b>19.9</b>
25 - 29	14.4	12.4	10.9	11.3	11.6	11.4	11.1	9.4	11.3	10.1	11.9	<b>11.9</b>
<i>by selected educational levels</i>												
G.C.E.(A/L) & above												
Both sexes	19.0	17.5	14.9	15.3	16.8	16.0	15.7	12.2	12.1	10.6	11.3	<b>12</b>
Male	10.1	9.4	8.8	10.1	10.8	10.1	9.6	7.9	6.8	6.8	6.5	<b>7.7</b>
Female	28.3	25.8	21.5	21.5	23.0	22.4	22.5	17.1	18.6	14.7	16.5	<b>16.5</b>
<b>Employed population</b>												
<i>by sex</i>												
Both sexes	5536216	6049388	6310247	6235588	6519415	6609466	6704006	6788119	7081435	7073844	7111982	<b>7149922</b>
Male	3856411	4004621	4241546	4248877	4395164	4496136	4512082	4546397	4634156	4572623	4628710	<b>4622779</b>
Female	1679805	2044767	2068701	1986711	2124250	2113330	2191924	2241722	2447279	2501221	2483272	<b>2527143</b>
<i>by industry (percentage)</i>												
Total	5536216	6049388	6310247	6235588	6519415	6609466	6704006	6788119	7081435	7073844	7111982	<b>7149922</b>
%	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	<b>(100.0)</b>
Agriculture	2071764	2378572	2274153	2033343	2247602	2223691	2215282	2059293	2346321	2423036	2122239	<b>2357460</b>
%	(37.4)	(39.3)	(36.0)	(32.6)	(34.5)	(33.6)	(33.0)	(30.3)	(33.1)	(34.3)	(29.8)	<b>(33.0)</b>
Industry	1217977	1325735	1490795	1491408	1459194	1539035	1663383	1787274	1862896	1791226	2017518	<b>1892086</b>
%	(22.0)	(21.9)	(23.6)	(23.9)	(22.4)	(23.3)	(24.8)	(26.3)	(26.3)	(25.3)	(28.4)	<b>(26.5)</b>
Services	2246475	2345081	2545299	2710837	2812619	2846740	2825341	2941552	2872217	2859583	2972225	<b>2900376</b>
%	(40.6)	(38.8)	(40.3)	(43.5)	(43.1)	(43.1)	(42.1)	(43.3)	(40.6)	(40.4)	(41.8)	<b>(40.6)</b>
<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	<b>100.0</b>
0 •	4.9	5.3	7.2	4.3	5.6	7.3	5.3	4.9	4.5	9.6	6.5	<b>6.9</b>
1 - 9	1.8	2.3	1.9	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.7	1.6	2.6	2.0	1.5	<b>1.9</b>
10 - 39	32.0	32.9	32.7	28.2	32.0	32.9	28.4	27.9	30.8	28.1	27.3	<b>29.4</b>
40+	61.3	59.6	58.2	66.1	60.9	58.0	64.7	65.7	62.1	60.3	64.8	<b>61.8</b>

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

## Selected Labour Force indicators ( 1996 - 2006 Fourth quarter)

	Year											
	1996	1998	2000	2001	2002	2003*	2004**	2005***	# 2006 Q1	#2006 Q2	# 2006 Q3	# 2006 Q4
<b>Labour force participation rate</b>												
<i>by sex</i>												
Both sexes	48.6	51.7	50.3	48.8	50.3	48.9	48.6	48.3	51.7	51.1	50.7	<b>51.0</b>
Male	65.9	67.5	67.2	66.2	67.9	67.2	66.7	67.1	69.3	68.4	68.0	<b>67.0</b>
Female	31.6	36.4	33.9	31.9	33.6	31.4	31.5	30.9	35.5	35.4	35.0	<b>36.1</b>
<i>by residential sector</i>												
Total	48.6	51.7	50.3	48.8	50.3	48.9	48.6	48.3	51.7	51.1	50.7	<b>51.0</b>
Urban	44.4	45.2	44.9	44.2	46.0	44.4	44.9	45.5	46.3	45.1	45.1	<b>44.5</b>
Rural	49.5	52.7	51.2	49.6	50.9	49.6	49.2	48.7	52.5	52.0	51.5	<b>51.9</b>
<b>Unemployment rate</b>												
<i>by sex</i>												
Both sexes	11.3	9.2	7.6	7.9	8.8	8.4	8.3	7.7	7.2	6.3	6.4	<b>6.3</b>
Male	8.2	6.5	5.8	6.2	6.6	6.0	6.0	5.5	5.5	4.9	4.6	<b>4.3</b>
Female	17.7	14.0	11.1	11.5	12.9	13.2	12.8	11.9	10.1	8.7	9.8	<b>9.8</b>
<i>by selected age groups(yr)</i>												
20 - 29	22.0	19.3	17.4	18.4	20.1	19.4	19.2	17.2	16.8	15.3	16.4	<b>15.9</b>
20 - 24	29.1	25.4	23.0	24.4	27.0	26.4	25.9	24.6	22.4	20.6	21.5	<b>19.9</b>
25 - 29	14.4	12.4	10.9	11.3	11.6	11.4	11.4	9.5	11.3	10.1	11.9	<b>11.9</b>
<i>by selected educational levels</i>												
G.C.E.(A/L) & above												
Both sexes	19.0	17.5	14.9	15.3	16.8	16.5	16.8	13.8	12.1	10.6	11.3	<b>12</b>
Male	10.1	9.4	8.8	10.1	10.8	10.4	10.5	8.9	6.8	6.8	6.5	<b>7.7</b>
Female	28.3	25.8	21.5	21.5	23.0	23.3	23.8	19.1	18.6	14.7	16.5	<b>16.5</b>
<b>Employed population</b>												
<i>by sex</i>												
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Female	1679805	2044767	2068701	1986711	2124250	2179272	2352365	2383241	2447279	2501221	2483272	<b>2527143</b>
<i>by industry (percentage)</i>												
Total	5536216	6049388	6310247	6235588	6519415	7012755	7394029	7518007	7081435	7073844	7111782	<b>7149922</b>
%	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	<b>(100.0)</b>
Agriculture	2071764	2378572	2274153	2033343	2247602	2384397	2474725	2306039	2346321	2423036	2122239	<b>2357460</b>
%	(37.4)	(39.3)	(36.0)	(32.6)	(34.5)	(34.0)	(33.5)	(30.7)	(33.1)	(34.3)	(29.8)	<b>(33.0)</b>
Industry	1217977	1325735	1490795	1491408	1459194	1611493	1781447	1928014	1862896	1791226	2017518	<b>1892086</b>
%	(22.0)	(21.9)	(23.6)	(23.9)	(22.4)	(23.0)	(24.1)	(25.6)	(26.3)	(25.3)	(28.4)	<b>(26.5)</b>
Services	2246475	2345081	2545299	2710837	2812619	3016866	3137857	3283954	2872217	2859583	2972225	<b>2900376</b>
%	(40.6)	38.8)	(40.3)	(43.5)	(43.1)	(43.0)	(42.4)	(43.7)	(40.6)	(40.4)	(41.8)	<b>(40.6)</b>
<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	<b>100.0</b>
0 •	4.9	5.3	7.2	4.3	5.6	7.5	5.2	4.7	4.5	9.6	6.5	<b>6.9</b>
1 - 9	1.8	2.3	1.9	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.6	1.5	2.6	2.0	1.5	<b>1.9</b>
10 - 39	32.0	32.9	32.7	28.2	32.0	32.6	28.7	27.6	30.8	28.1	27.3	<b>29.4</b>
40+	61.3	59.6	58.2	66.1	60.9	58.1	64.5	66.2	62.1	60.3	64.8	<b>61.8</b>

• 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

(Before 2003, estimates excluded both Northern & Eastern provinces)

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**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 1st Q	14758669	7627761	51.7	7081435	92.8	546326	7.2	7130908
# 2006 2nd Q	14779182	7549361	51.1	7073844	93.7	475516	6.3	7229821
# 2006 3rd Q	14988913	7601845	50.7	7111982	93.6	489863	6.4	7387068
# 2006 4th Q	14966969	7629121	51.0	7149922	93.7	479199	6.3	7337848

**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 1st Q	7081764	4904351	69.3	4634156	94.5	270196	5.5	2177412
* 2006 2nd Q	7036024	4809554	68.4	4572623	95.1	236931	4.9	2226470
* 2006 3rd Q	7132190	4849763	68.0	4628710	95.4	221053	4.6	2282427
* 2006 4th Q	7202649	4828029	67.0	4622779	95.7	205250	4.3	2374620

**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 1st Q	7676905	2723410	35.5	2447279	89.9	276130	10.1	4953496
* 2006 2nd Q	7743158	2739807	35.4	2501221	91.3	238585	8.7	5003351
* 2006 3rd Q	7856723	2752082	35.0	2483272	90.2	268810	9.8	5104641
* 2006 4th Q	7764320	2801092	36.1	2527143	90.2	273949	9.8	4963228

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

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

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

\*\*\*\* - 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**

(2006 4th 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>	14966969	7629121	51.0	7149922	93.7	479199	6.3	7337848
10 - 14 YRS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
15 - 19 YRS	1608116	379004	23.6	302089	79.7	76916	20.3	1229112
20 - 24 YRS	1427940	901357	63.1	721541	80.1	179816	19.9	526583
25 - 29 YRS	1352254	894855	66.2	788477	88.1	106379	11.9	457399
30 - 39 YRS	2530421	1826997	72.2	1766453	96.7	60544	3.3	703424
40 + YRS	6450821	3604291	55.9	3549923	98.5	54368	1.5	2846530

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

(2006 4th 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	7202649	4828029	67.0	4622779	95.7	205250	4.3	2374620
10 - 14 YRS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
15 - 19 YRS	813367	229641	28.2	195545	85.2	34095	14.8	583727
20 - 24 YRS	706799	550108	77.8	476743	86.7	73364	13.3	156691
25 - 29 YRS	581903	547180	94.0	496793	90.8	50387	9.2	34723
30 - 39 YRS	1182698	1150309	97.3	1132452	98.4	17857	1.6	32390
40 + YRS	3059531	2335317	76.3	2306949	98.8	28369	1.2	724214

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

(2006 4th 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	7764320	2801092	36.1	2527143	90.2	273949	9.8	4963228
10 - 14 YRS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
15 - 19 YRS	794749	149364	18.8	106543	71.3	42820	28.7	645385
20 - 24 YRS	721141	351249	48.7	244798	69.7	106451	30.3	369892
25 - 29 YRS	770351	347676	45.1	291684	83.9	55992	16.1	422675
30 - 39 YRS	1347722	676688	50.2	634001	93.7	42686	6.3	671035
40 + YRS	3391290	1268974	37.4	1242974	98.0	26000	2.0	2122316

\* 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 1st Q	100.0	0.3	3.8	10.2	11.8	24.3	49.7
* 2006 2nd Q	100.0	0.5	4.1	10.6	12.5	24.1	48.2
* 2006 3rd Q	100.0	0.2	4.1	10.0	12.6	23.6	49.5
* 2006 4th Q	100.0	0.3	4.2	10.1	11.0	24.7	49.6

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 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 1st Q	100.0	0.3	3.4	10.7	11.8	23.9	49.9
* 2006 2nd Q	100.0	0.3	4.4	10.2	12.8	24.1	48.3
* 2006 3rd Q	100.0	0.2	4.0	9.7	13.2	23.1	49.8
* 2006 4th Q	100.0	0.3	4.2	10.3	10.7	24.5	49.9

**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 1st Q	100.0	0.1	4.4	9.1	11.9	25.0	49.5
* 2006 2nd Q	100.0	0.8	3.5	11.4	11.9	24.2	48.2
* 2006 3rd Q	100.0	0.1	4.2	10.5	11.4	24.7	49.0
* 2006 4th Q	100.0	0.3	4.2	9.7	11.5	25.1	49.2

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 5	Grades 5 - 9/ Years 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 1st Q	100.0	22.1	47.3	16.8	13.8
* 2006 2nd Q	100.0	23.4	46.3	16.9	13.4
*2006 3rd Q	100.0	20.6	47.0	17.5	14.9
* 2006 4th Q	100.0	23.2	46.3	15.3	15.2

\* - 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 5	Grades 5 - 9/ Years 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 1st Q	100.0	21.0	49.8	17.0	12.3
* 2006 2nd Q	100.0	21.9	50.4	16.4	11.3
* 2006 3rd Q	100.0	19.2	50.9	17.3	12.6
* 2006 4th Q	100.0	22.2	50.0	15.2	12.6

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

Year	Total	Level of education			
		Below Grade 5	Grades 5 - 9/ Years 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 1st Q	100.0	24.2	42.5	16.5	16.7
* 2006 2nd Q	100.0	26.2	38.9	17.7	17.2
* 2006 3rd Q	100.0	23.1	39.7	17.9	19.2
* 2006 4th Q	100.0	24.9	39.5	15.6	20.0

\* - 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 1st Q	100.0	55.3	13.4	41.9	3.2	31.6	9.9
* 2006 2nd Q	100.0	55.4	13.4	42.0	3.0	30.6	11.1
* 2006 3rd Q	100.0	56.1	14.0	42.1	3.6	30.1	10.2
* 2006 4th Q	100.0	55.9	13.1	42.8	3.0	30.5	10.6

\* - 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					EMPLOYER	OWN ACCOUNT WORKER	UNPAID FAMILY WORKER
	TOTAL EMPLOYED	TOTAL	PUBLIC	PRIVATE				
*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 1st Q	100.0	55.8	12.3	43.4	4.4	36.3	3.6	
* 2006 2nd Q	100.0	56.4	12.2	44.1	4.0	34.4	5.2	
* 2006 3rd Q	100.0	55.9	13.0	42.9	5.1	34.5	4.5	
* 2006 4th Q	100.0	56.1	11.5	44.6	4.3	35.0	4.6	

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

YEAR	EMPLOYEE					EMPLOYER	OWN ACCOUNT WORKER	UNPAID FAMILY WORKER
	TOTAL EMPLOYED	TOTAL	PUBLIC	PRIVATE				
*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 1st Q	100.0	54.5	15.4	39.1	0.9	22.7	22.0	
* 2006 2nd Q	100.0	53.5	15.5	38.0	1.1	23.5	21.9	
* 2006 3rd Q	100.0	56.5	16.0	40.6	0.9	21.8	20.8	
* 2006 4th Q	100.0	55.6	16.0	39.6	0.7	22.1	21.6	

\* - 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 1st Q	<b>7081435</b>	2346321	1332735	530161	974771	125906	404715	235820	406017	239391	110249	108934	90721	160726	14966
* 2006 2nd Q	<b>7073844</b>	2423036	1249792	541434	884615	149599	403798	212971	368187	302943	91073	140764	90030	193322	22281
* 2006 3rd Q	<b>7111982</b>	2122239	1485770	531747	962062	125715	437725	244160	435800	288526	121672	100798	78593	147340	29834
*2006 4th Q	<b>7149922</b>	2357460	1357431	534656	931840	110745	439342	195727	376980	284870	133866	147029	63742	203414	12822

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, Minning & 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.

- \* - 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 1st Q	<b>4634156</b>	1370058	703602	519407	721440	171716	310315	66656	770961
* 2006 2nd Q	<b>4572623</b>	1427732	631178	527670	632208	147976	254795	106845	844219
* 2006 3rd Q	<b>4628710</b>	1260961	738603	510841	732320	167129	329438	97955	791463
*2006 4th Q	<b>4622779</b>	1391357	665551	502975	717486	142656	265815	89242.7	847696

**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**

	Total	Industry group							
		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 1st Q	<b>2447279</b>	976264	629133	10754	253331	64105	95701	172735	245257
* 2006 2nd Q	<b>2501221</b>	995304	618614	13764	252407	64995	113392	196098	246648
* 2006 3rd Q	<b>2483272</b>	861278	747167	20907	229742	77030	106362	190571	250215
*2006 4th Q	<b>2527143</b>	966103	691880	31680	214353	53071	111165	195627	263264

**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

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

Major Industry group	Year																	
	*1992	*1993	*1994	*1995	*1996	*1997	*1998	*1999	*2000	*2001	*2002	**2003	***2004	****2005	*2006 1st Q	*2006 2nd Q	*2006 3rd Q	*2006 4th Q
Total	4924130	5201904	5281279	5357120	5536216	5607868	6049388	6082449	6310247	6235588	6519415	7012755	7394029	7518007	7081435	7073844	7111982	7149922
Agriculture	2078560	2159187	2084733	1966793	2071764	2031902	2378572	2208066	2274153	2033343	2247602	2384397	2474725	2306039	2346321	2423036	2122239	2357460
Industry	991492	1024524	1046282	1188271	1217977	1354952	1325735	1330134	1490795	1491408	1459194	1611493	1781447	1928014	1862896	1791226	2017518	1892086
Services	1854078	2018193	2150265	2202056	2246475	2221014	2345081	2544249	2545299	2710837	2812619	3016866	3137857	3283954	2872217	2859583	2972225	2900376

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

Major Industry group	Year																	
	*1992	*1993	*1994	*1995	*1996	*1997	*1998	*1999	*2000	*2001	*2002	**2003	***2004	****2005	*2006 1st Q	*2006 2nd Q	*2006 3rd Q	*2006 4th Q
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
Agriculture	42.2	41.5	39.5	36.7	37.4	36.2	39.3	36.3	36.0	32.6	34.5	34.0	33.5	30.7	33.1	34.3	29.8	33.0
Industry	20.1	19.7	19.8	22.2	22.0	24.2	21.9	21.9	23.6	23.9	22.4	23.0	24.1	25.6	26.3	25.3	28.4	26.5
Services	37.7	38.8	40.7	41.1	40.6	39.6	38.8	41.8	40.3	43.5	43.1	43.0	42.4	43.7	40.6	40.4	41.8	40.6

**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)**

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 1st Q	<b>7081435</b>	124707	335577	393351	270559	548642	523519	1617066	1198548	463319	1570286	35861
*2006 2nd Q	<b>7018472</b>	166892	401582	326942	269185	496285	507505	1732877	1108857	446921	1561426	55372
*2006 3rd Q	<b>7111982</b>	108327	401967	388295	293786	558466	507498	1457324	1287159	548965	1523113	37083
*2006 4th Q	<b>7149922</b>	128138	380608	329304	298556	476859	535481	1625975	1218253	483187	1638611	34949

**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 1st Q	<b>4634156</b>	108038	123867	262774	152972	456925	313010	975632	758243	425306	1025869	31520
*2006 2nd Q	<b>4572623</b>	122594	158887	214422	142059	370967	307080	1053866	701891	399022	1046462	55372
*2006 3rd Q	<b>4628710</b>	85739	168672	267582	154939	434826	300501	899762	770274	477788	1033033	35595
* 2006 4th Q	<b>4622779</b>	107760	141431	214340	142293	392691	336689	1008152	737882	417775	1092263	31503

**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 1st Q	<b>2447279</b>	16669	211710	130577	117587	91717	210509	641434	440306	38013	544417	4341
*2006 2nd Q	<b>2501221</b>	44298	242695	112520	127126	125318	200425	679011	406965	47899	514964	
*2006 3rd Q	<b>2483272</b>	22588	233295	120713	138847	123640	206997	557562	516886	71177	490080	1487
*2006 4th Q	<b>2527143</b>	20378.627	239177	114963	156263	84168	198792	617823	480371	65412	546348	3445

**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 Sale and Service workers                |  |

 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

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

(2006 4th quarter)

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL GROUP	TOTAL	0 *	1 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 & OVER
Total	100.0	6.9	1.9	5.6	10.6	13.2	32.9	28.9
1	100.0	7.9	2.7	10.2	16.6	18.5	27.8	16.1
2	100.0	4.5	1.9	4.3	9.4	8.9	37.7	33.2
3	100.0	13.6	1.8	5.4	9.3	11.4	36.8	21.7
4	100.0	3.2	0.8	2.4	5.6	7.7	30.5	49.8
5	100.0	5.0	..	..	4.3	10.2	20.4	60.1
6	100.0	5.2	1.1	1.5	6.1	9.7	26.8	49.6
7	100.0	2.7	0.8	0.5	4.2	8.1	52.8	30.9
8	100.0	3.0	..	..	0.8	4.6	59.8	31.8
9	100.0	22.6	2.8	4.5	11.8	33.7	20.7	3.9
10	100.0	1.0	1.6	..	..	8.6	53.8	35.0
11	100.0	7.6	3.7	7.7	13.3	9.4	21.5	36.7
12	100.0	..	1.6	3.4	3.0	1.5	10.3	80.2
13	100.0	9.5	3.6	6.7	18.5	21.9	30.2	9.5
14	100.0	..	..	..	11.1	8.7	38.7	41.4

\* 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
*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 1st Q	100.0	22.3	37.9	19.6	11.4	8.7
*2006 2nd Q	100.0	18.6	41.4	21.0	10.9	8.1
*2006 3rd Q	100.0	15.6	39.6	24.8	11.5	8.5
*2006 4th Q	100.0	16.1	37.6	22.3	12.7	11.4

\* - 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 1st Q	100.0	26.0	45.8	13.8	3.9	10.5
*2006 2nd Q	100.0	24.2	36.5	18.7	8.6	11.8
*2006 3rd Q	100.0	17.8	41.1	21.2	9.3	10.5
*2006 4th Q	100.0	16.7	36.0	24.7	8.8	13.9

**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 1st Q	100.0	18.7	30.2	25.3	18.8	7.0
*2006 2nd Q	100.0	13.0	46.2	23.3	13.2	4.4
*2006 3rd Q	100.0	13.7	38.3	27.8	13.3	6.8
*2006 4th Q	100.0	15.6	38.9	20.4	15.6	9.5

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\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

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

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

\*\*\*\* - 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 5	GRADES 5 - 9/ YEARS 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 1st Q	100.0	5.4	45.6	24.3	24.8
*2006 2nd Q	100.0	4.1	43.6	28.8	23.5
*2006 3rd Q	100.0	3.7	40.6	28.1	27.6
*2006 4th Q	100.0	5.3	40.5	23.3	30.9

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

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

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

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



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

YEAR	TOTAL	LEVEL OF EDUCATION			
		BELOW GRADE 5	GRADES 5 - 9/ YEARS 6 - 10	GCE(O/L) NCGE	GCE(A/L) 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 1st Q	100.0	8.4	50.7	25.5	15.4
*2006 2nd Q	100.0	5.5	50.7	27.8	15.9
*2006 3rd Q	100.0	5.1	49.5	27.0	18.5
*2006 4th Q	100.0	6.6	47.2	22.6	23.6

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

YEAR	TOTAL	LEVEL OF EDUCATION			
		BELOW GRADE 5	GRADES 5 - 9/ YEARS 6 - 10	GCE(O/L) NCGE	GCE(A/L) 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 1st Q	100.0	2.4	40.5	23.1	34.0
*2006 2nd Q	100.0	2.7	36.5	29.7	31.1
*2006 3rd Q	100.0	2.6	33.2	29.0	35.2
*2006 4th Q	100.0	4.4	35.5	23.8	36.3

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

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

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

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



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

SEX	2006 4th Quarter			
	TOTAL	DURATION		
		LESS THAN 6 MONTHS	6 TO LESS THAN 12 MONTHS	12 + MONTHS
BOTH SEXES	479199	162423	86226	230550
%	100.0	33.9	18.0	48.1
MALE	205250	75383	44311	85556
%	100.0	36.7	21.6	41.7
FEMALE	273949	87041	41915	144993
%	100.0	31.8	15.3	52.9