

Table 11 : Percentage distribution of employed population by major industry group by district - 2006

District	Total	Major industry group		
		Agriculture	Industries	Services
Total	100.0	32.2	26.6	41.2
Colombo	100.0	1.9	29.9	68.3
Gampaha	100.0	7.6	38.5	53.9
Kalutara	100.0	21.9	31.6	46.5
Kandy	100.0	26.4	26.7	46.9
Matale	100.0	40.6	17.9	41.5
Nuwara eliya	100.0	70.3	9.2	20.5
Galle	100.0	33.3	29.2	37.5
Matara	100.0	43.5	23.5	33.0
Hambantota	100.0	44.4	26.8	28.8
Kurunegala	100.0	32.4	31.4	36.2
Puttalam	100.0	29.8	32.6	37.7
Anuradhapura	100.0	58.6	14.2	27.2
Polonnaruwa	100.0	41.8	18.7	39.5
Badulla	100.0	70	8.3	21.7
Monaragala	100.0	64.7	13.8	21.5
Ratnapura	100.0	48.5	24.2	27.3
Kegalle	100.0	27.4	30.3	42.3

Table 11 shows the percentage distribution of employed population by major industry groups for districts. The data indicate that, there is a significant variation of employed distribution in agriculture sector among districts. It varies from a share of 2 percent in Colombo district to 70 percent in Nuwara Eliya district, and 70 percent in Badulla district. Therefore, it is evident that, agriculture is the most prominent major industry group in all other districts except districts in Western province, for which low percentage have been reported. On the other hand, Colombo district shows the highest employment contribution of 68% to the 'services' sector, compared with 54 percent in Gampaha district and 47 percent in Kandy districts.

Further, the major two sectors, i.e. 'services' and the 'industries' groups are considered, percentages are higher in more urbanized districts.

Figure 10 and figure 11 illustrate, provincial level distribution of employed population by major industry groups. The contribution made by the total employed persons to the 'agriculture' group is highest in Uva province (68%) , while same proportion in the services sector shows 58 percent in Western province.

Figure 10 : Agriculture sector contribution by provinces - 2006

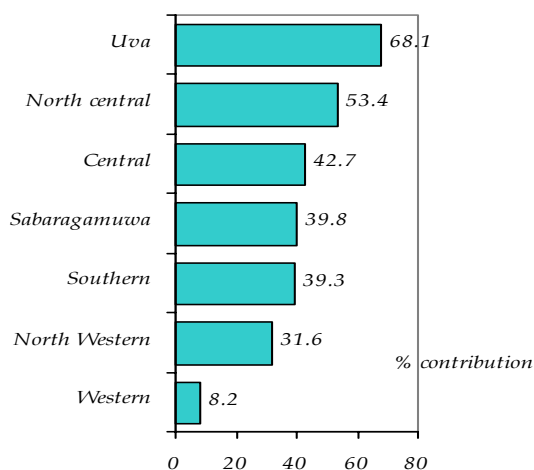


Figure 11 : Services sector contribution by province - 2006

