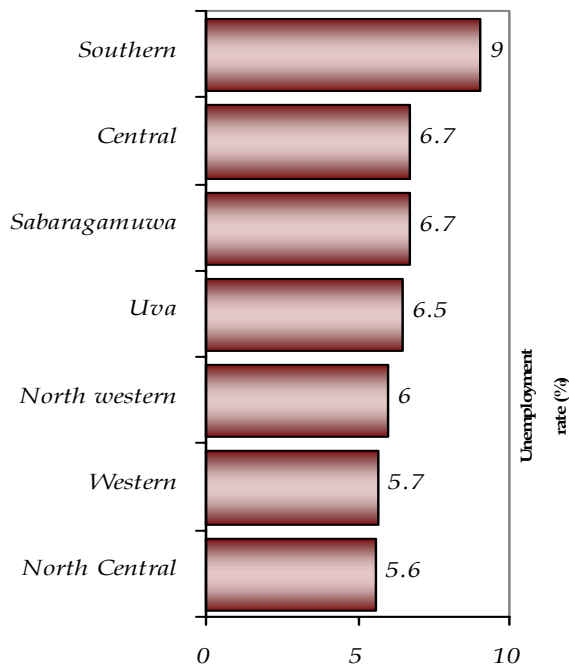


5.4 Unemployment Population by province

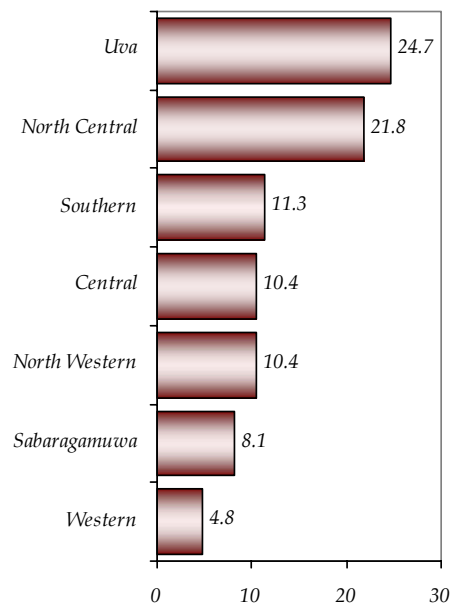
Figure 21 shows the unemployment situation in year 2006 for provinces. Unemployment situation is worst in Southern, Sabaragamuwa and Central provinces showing an unemployment rate of 9 percent and 6.7 percent, respectively..

Figure 21 : Unemployment rates by province - 2006



Looking at the 'Own account worker' category, 43 percent of total employment in North Central province are own account workers, while this share is 38 percent in Uva province. This may be due to the fact that, Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa and Badulla districts, which are predominantly agricultural farming areas in the country.

Figure 22 : Percentage contribution of unpaid family workers by province - 2006



Looking at this scenario further, figure 22 illustrates the percentage contribution made by the unpaid family workers by province.

Uva province has reported the highest contribution made from the unpaid family workers to the labor force, which is reported relatively low unemployment rate of 6.5 percent. Regarding the Sabaragamuwa province, the contribution made by the unpaid family workers is reported as 8.1 percent and the unemployment rate reported is 6.7 percent.

From the table 22, it could also be seen that, Western province shows the highest contribution to the labour force which is made from the 'paid employees' showing 66 percent, followed by 62 percent for the Central province and 36 percent for Uva province.

Table 22 : Unemployment rates, and contribution made by the difference status of employment to the labour force by province -2006

Province	Unemployment rate	Total	Paid employee	Employer	Own Account Worker	Unpaid Family Worker
Total	6.5	100.0	55.6	3.1	30.8	10.5
Western	5.7	100.0	65.5	4.8	25.0	4.8
Central	6.7	100.0	61.8	1.9	25.9	10.4
Southern	9.0	100.0	53.6	2.0	33.2	11.3
North Western	6.0	100.0	51.0	4.3	34.3	10.4
North Central	5.6	100.0	34.3	1.3	42.6	21.8
Uva	6.5	100.0	36.5	0.6	38.2	24.7
Sabaragamuwa	6.7	100.0	56.3	2.7	32.9	8.1