

3.4 Labour force participation rates by district

Map (2) :Labour force participation rates by district - 2006

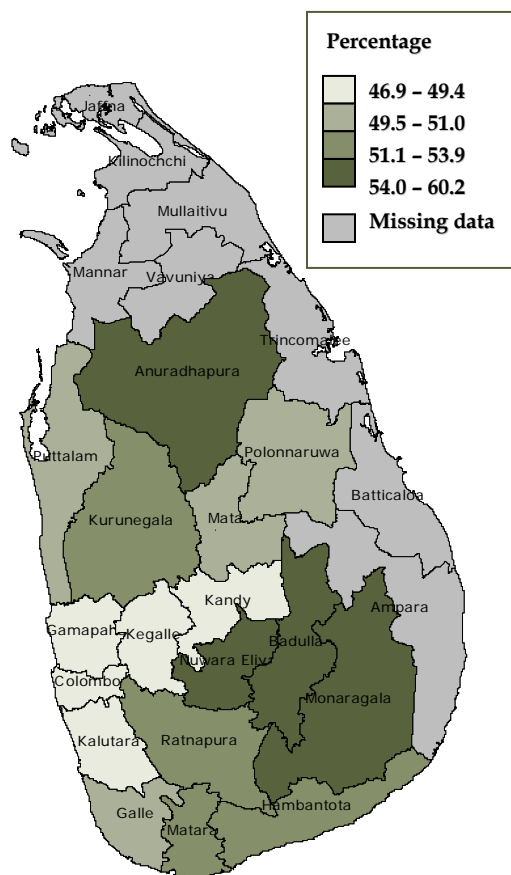


Table 6 : Labour force participation rate by district & sex - 2006

District	Total	Sex	
		Male	Female
Total	51.2	68.1	35.7
Colombo	47.7	67.6	29.6
Gampaha	49.3	67.9	32.1
Kalutara	49.4	67.3	33.0
Kandy	46.9	65.2	30.7
Matale	50.4	68.6	32.8
Nuwara eliya	57.9	64.7	51.7
Galle	49.7	65.2	35.7
Matara	51.7	67.9	36.6
Hambantota	52.2	70.1	35.6
Kurunegala	53.9	69.7	39.8
Puttalam	51.0	68.4	34.7
Anuradhapura	55.6	72.9	40.7
Polonnaruwa	49.5	69.4	30.1
Badulla	60.2	71.0	50.3
Monaragala	56.4	72.2	41.0
Ratnapura	53.3	68.5	38.4
Kegalle	49.3	67.1	33.0

Pattern is different for Colombo district showing 30 percent and same percentage for Kandy district is 31 percent.

Labour force participation rate by districts are given in table 6 above. It is evident that, there is a variation among district in participation in labour force. Badulla district has the highest participation rate (60%) and, Kandy district has the lowest (47%). It is also important to note that, Colombo, Gampaha and Kegalle districts have reported relatively low participation rates. Most of the employed persons in Badulla district are estate workers, and therefore, this may be the reason for it's higher participation rate reported.

When looking at the female participation rates, Nuwara Eliya district shows highest participation rate revealing it's plantation nature. This situation can also be seen in the Badulla district as well.

It is also interesting to note that this scenario reveals the real situation of the districts.

It also reveals that male participation rates is nearly double as that of females. This scenario is different for male, showing the highest labour force participation rate of 73 percent in Anuradhapura district, followed by Monaragala (72%) , Badulla (71%) and Hambantota (70%) .

Although, Nuwara-Eliya district has the highest female labour force participation rate among all other districts, it's male participation rate (64.7%) is the lowest among the all districts.