

Table 13.1 : Distribution of State Sector Employees by Language Abilities and Major Occupational Group

Language Abilities	Total	Major Occupational Group								
		Senior Officials & Managers	Professionals	Technicians & Associate Professionals	Clerks & Related Workers	Services & Sales Workers	Craft & Related Workers	Machine Operators & Related Workers	Elementary Occupations	
Competency for Profession										
Sinhala	316,853	3,434	51,002	58,491	31,055	96,510	6,156	6,164	64,041	
Tamil	50,596	595	11,370	9,070	4,533	11,173	426	562	12,867	
English	117,785	3,305	32,538	32,425	15,371	15,433	1,279	1,320	16,114	
Ability to Read and Write										
Sinhala	300,662	3,063	47,112	54,652	29,386	92,633	6,043	5,960	61,813	
Tamil	53,923	727	11,705	12,190	7,466	9,446	413	419	11,557	
English	170,026	2,424	41,673	44,045	24,611	29,517	2,262	1,972	23,522	
Ability to Speech										
Sinhala	300,953	3,061	47,171	54,458	29,206	92,874	6,058	5,975	62,150	
Tamil	57,238	710	11,286	10,176	4,834	17,261	583	871	11,517	
English	74,848	2,162	22,047	21,903	8,393	11,760	770	795	7,018	
No Knowledge										
Sinhala	4,718	22	1,296	790	602	518	35	45	1,410	
Tamil	205,885	2,116	31,753	37,412	20,732	63,713	4,706	4,106	41,347	
English	102,108	29	3,485	6,626	3,213	51,646	2,951	2,801	31,357	

Note : The Major Occupational Groups have been described in the appendix.