

**Indicator 45 : Unemployment Rate of Young People Aged 15-24 years, Each Sex and Total**

**i) By District**

| District         | 1993        |             |             | 2006        |             |             |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                  | Total       | Male        | Female      | Total       | Male        | Female      |
| Colombo          | 39.9        | 35.5        | 45.5        | 16.6        | 14.5        | 19.9        |
| Gampaha          | 35.8        | 33.2        | 39.1        | 17.6        | 17.0        | 18.5        |
| Kalutara         | 44.8        | 43.7        | *           | 19.6        | 14.2        | 28.1        |
| Kandy            | 44.9        | 30.1        | 62.1        | 27.6        | 25.6        | 31.0        |
| Matale           | 26.9        | *           | 41.2        | 18.5        | 11.8        | 29.3        |
| N'Eliya          | 33.9        | *           | 45.1        | 17.2        | 13.1        | 22.5        |
| Galle            | 42.0        | 36.8        | 49.3        | 33.0        | 26.7        | 42.4        |
| Matara           | 45.5        | 51.3        | 37.1        | 28.2        | 21.1        | 39.6        |
| Hambatota        | 38.2        | 38.0        | 38.4        | 28.1        | 22.3        | 37.3        |
| Kurunegala       | 25.5        | 17.3        | 37.1        | 21.6        | 18.7        | 26.0        |
| Puttalam         | 32.4        | 25.4        | 44.5        | 15.2        | 9.1         | 28.7        |
| Anuradhapura     | 21.6        | 18.2        | 26.8        | 15.3        | 9.8         | 25.8        |
| Polonnaruwa      | 17.7        | *           | *           | 25.2        | *           | 35.9        |
| Badulla          | 23.5        | 21.9        | 25.9        | 22.6        | 20.4        | 25.6        |
| Moneragala       | *           | *           | *           | 25.4        | *           | 42.4        |
| Ratnapura        | 39.5        | 38.0        | 41.5        | 25.2        | 20.1        | 34.5        |
| Kegalle          | 39.1        | 34.8        | 44.3        | 22.0        | 15.6        | 32.2        |
| <b>Sri Lanka</b> | <b>34.9</b> | <b>29.9</b> | <b>42.2</b> | <b>21.6</b> | <b>17.5</b> | <b>28.2</b> |

Note : \* Cell count is not enough to provide reliable estimates.

Source : Quarterly Labour Force Survey - Department of Census & Statistics

**ii) By Province**

| Province         | 1993        |             |             | 2006        |             |             |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                  | Total       | Male        | Female      | Total       | Male        | Female      |
| Western          | 39.4        | 36.5        | 43.5        | 17.6        | 15.5        | 20.8        |
| Central          | 36.4        | 24.6        | 52.5        | 22.2        | 18.9        | 27.1        |
| Southern         | 42.0        | 41.7        | 42.6        | 30.3        | 23.9        | 40.3        |
| North Western    | 27.7        | 20.1        | 39.4        | 19.2        | 14.8        | 26.9        |
| North Central    | 20.3        | 14.7        | 29.9        | 18.6        | 12.6        | 29.4        |
| Uva              | 22.6        | 18.4        | 28.7        | 23.6        | 18.8        | 31.0        |
| Sabaragamuwa     | 39.3        | 36.2        | 43.1        | 23.9        | 18.3        | 33.5        |
| <b>Sri Lanka</b> | <b>34.9</b> | <b>29.9</b> | <b>42.2</b> | <b>21.6</b> | <b>17.5</b> | <b>28.2</b> |

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**iii) By Sector**

| Sector           | 1993        |             |             | 2006        |             |             |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                  | Total       | Male        | Female      | Total       | Male        | Female      |
| Urban            | 29.7        | 25.7        | 36.5        | 16.4        | 14.2        | 19.9        |
| Rural            | 43.9        | 41.7        | 46.9        | 22.7        | 18.0        | 30.4        |
| Estate           | 33.8        | 28.2        | 41.7        | 17.3        | 16.7        | 17.9        |
| <b>Sri Lanka</b> | <b>34.9</b> | <b>29.9</b> | <b>42.2</b> | <b>21.6</b> | <b>17.5</b> | <b>28.2</b> |

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**DEFINITION**

Unemployment rate of young people aged 15-24 years is the number of unemployed people aged 15-24 divided by the labour force of the same age group. Persons who were available and / or looking for work, and had no employment during the reference period, are considered to be unemployed. The labour force consists of those who are employed plus those who are unemployed during the relevant reference period.