

Census of Population and Housing 2001

Percentage of employed population by district and major groups of industry

District	Total employed population	Major Groups of Industry																		
		Agriculture and Forestry	Fishing	Mining and Quarrying	Manufacturing	Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	Construction	Wholesale and Retail Trade	Hotels and Restaurants	Transport, Storage and Communication	Financial Intermediation	Real Estate, Renting and Business Activities	Public Administration and Defence; Compulsory Social Security	Education	Health and Social Work	Other Community, Social and Personal Service Activities	Private Households with Employed Persons	Extra Territorial Organizations and Bodies	Industry in Elementary Occupations Unidentifiable or Inadequate	Works Reporting Industry Unidentifiable or Inadequate
Total (18 districts)	5,941,574	27.7	1.0	0.9	17.2	0.2	4.1	11.6	1.8	5.4	1.1	1.6	8.5	3.9	1.7	1.3	1.1	0.0	5.9	4.8
Colombo	855,142	2.1	0.3	0.4	23.1	0.3	4.9	16.7	2.8	8.2	2.5	4.1	10.9	3.7	2.8	2.5	3.3	0.0	4.1	7.2
Gampaha	756,186	4.2	1.1	0.5	34.5	0.2	5.2	14.1	2.0	8.1	1.6	2.6	8.8	3.4	1.6	1.6	1.2	0.0	4.8	4.5
Kalutara	356,837	15.4	0.8	1.1	21.4	0.3	5.1	13.4	2.5	6.3	1.3	1.9	9.4	4.0	1.7	1.5	1.0	0.0	7.2	5.7
Kandy	407,554	21.9	0.0	0.7	13.8	0.3	4.9	14.0	2.4	5.9	1.1	1.5	10.1	5.6	2.4	1.3	1.4	0.0	7.4	5.4
Matale	156,179	39.3	0.1	1.1	10.6	0.1	3.4	11.1	2.1	4.3	0.7	0.9	8.1	3.9	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.0	8.1	3.2
Nuwara Eliya	281,546	61.6	0.0	0.2	6.4	0.0	1.7	6.8	1.3	2.6	0.3	0.4	4.4	2.7	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.0	3.3	5.7
Galle	318,680	29.3	1.2	0.5	16.4	0.1	4.7	10.4	2.4	4.9	0.9	1.1	8.1	4.5	1.7	1.3	0.7	0.0	7.5	4.2
Matara	242,175	35.2	2.4	0.3	15.0	0.2	4.3	10.6	1.1	5.2	1.0	0.9	6.8	5.4	1.5	1.0	0.6	0.0	5.4	3.2
Hambantota	164,923	40.0	3.0	0.5	13.7	0.2	3.9	9.2	1.3	3.7	0.7	0.6	7.3	4.3	1.2	0.9	0.3	0.0	5.5	3.7
Ampara	162,322	40.4	3.6	0.3	6.6	0.2	4.4	9.8	1.0	3.6	0.5	0.3	11.6	5.0	1.4	1.0	0.2	0.0	5.0	5.0
Kurunegala	514,553	33.1	0.2	0.9	16.3	0.1	4.3	10.9	1.2	4.7	0.8	1.0	7.4	4.4	1.6	1.0	0.6	0.0	7.8	4.0
Puttalam	229,425	18.1	9.0	0.6	20.1	0.1	5.5	12.4	1.5	5.5	0.7	1.0	5.9	3.0	1.1	1.2	0.9	0.0	9.2	4.1
Anuradhapura	285,806	51.7	0.6	0.4	6.8	0.1	2.0	7.6	1.1	2.8	0.6	0.6	12.3	3.6	1.3	0.8	0.4	0.0	4.0	3.5
Polonnaruwa	137,078	50.2	1.0	0.4	8.4	0.0	1.4	7.1	1.1	2.5	0.5	0.4	11.5	2.7	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.0	5.2	5.4
Badulla	294,223	55.9	0.1	0.4	5.8	0.1	1.9	7.6	1.0	3.3	0.6	0.6	7.0	4.1	1.5	0.8	0.6	0.0	3.9	4.7
Moneragala	144,600	60.6	0.2	0.5	7.6	0.1	1.5	6.7	0.9	2.6	0.4	0.4	6.6	3.2	0.9	0.7	0.3	0.0	3.0	3.8
Ratnapura	375,365	44.0	0.1	5.8	10.5	0.2	3.0	9.1	1.0	3.4	0.5	0.6	5.1	3.1	1.2	0.7	0.5	0.0	7.9	3.4
Kegalle	258,980	24.7	0.0	1.1	18.5	0.2	5.1	11.0	1.7	6.3	0.9	1.1	7.5	4.6	1.6	1.1	0.8	0.0	9.3	4.5