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Preface

Department of Census and Statistics has a long history of conducting the Labour Force Survey (LFS) in Sri Lanka. For instance, before 1990 this survey was conducted at every five yearly time intervals and from 1990 onward it was conducted as a regular survey to provide quarterly and annual labour force indicators. Labour Force Surveys provide various labour force indicators including employment and unemployment status of the country. Specially the survey provides necessary information to compile GDP and other important economic indicators of the country.

Various improvements were incorporated into the LFS during past period without breaking its core concepts and definitions which were used since 1990. In 2006, new modules were added to the LFS to capture the information on computer literacy, household economic activities and informal sector employment. The structure of the LFS questionnaire which was used during 2006-2012 was revised in 2013 with new improvements for concepts and classifications used. It is important to note that in 2013 the definition of working age population was revised from age ten and above population to age fifteen and above population.

In 2016, published labour force estimates from 2011 to 2015 were revised according to the population estimates of the Census of Population and Housing which was conducted in 2012. This revision was done along with the international best practices.

Another major achievement for data collection for LFS was taken place in 2017 with the introduction of Computer Assisted Data Collection (CAPI) using tablet computers. Before 2017 enumerators used paper based method and used survey questionnaires to record the answers given by the respondents. A known probability sampling technique is used to select the sample and the annual labour force indicators are compiled using 25,750 housing units covering the entire country. The enumerators who are permanent officers of the Department visited each of these randomly selected housing units to collect the information with a great effort. The field work of the survey for the second quarter 2021 was done in the month of April, May and June in year 2021. This report is based on the data collected in quarterly sample of 6,440 housing units.

I hope the information in this report is very valuable and useful to make evidence based decisions for various users to identify the issues as well as the changes in the labour market of Sri Lanka.

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Selected Labour Force Indicators ...

Indicator	Year								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2019Q2	2020Q2	2021Q1	2021Q2
Labour force participation rate									
By Gender									
Total	53.8	54.1	51.8	52.3	50.6	52.6	50.2	50.9	49.8
Male	75.1	74.5	73.0	73.0	71.9	73.4	71.7	71.7	71.1
Female	35.9	36.6	33.6	34.5	32.0	34.6	31.6	33.4	30.9
By residential sector									
Total	53.8	54.1	51.8	52.3	50.6	52.6	50.2	50.9	49.8
Urban	49.8	50.5	49.6	50.2	47.0	51.9	46.4	48.6	46.6
Rural	54.6	54.8	52.3	52.7	51.3	52.7	51.0	51.4	50.5
Unemployment Rate									
By Gender									
Total	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.8	5.5	4.9	5.4	5.7	5.1
Male	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.3	4.0	3.4	4.1	3.9	3.8
Female	7.0	6.5	7.1	7.4	8.5	7.5	8.2	8.9	7.7
By selected age Group (Year)									
20 - 29	14.2	13.5	15.0	15.3	18.1	15.1	18.2	20.3	18.2
20 - 24	19.9	17.8	20.1	20.3	25.2	17.8	26.5	28.8	30.2
25 - 29	9.2	9.5	10.4	11.0	12.0	12.6	11.0	13.0	9.2
By selected educational level									
GCE A/L and above									
Total	8.3	8.1	9.1	8.5	9.8	9.5	10.0	10.1	9.1
Male	4.7	5.0	5.1	5.0	6.2	5.1	6.3	6.5	6.1
Female	11.9	11.3	13.2	11.9	13.6	14.0	14.2	13.8	12.5
Employed population									
By Gender									
Total	7,947,683	8,208,179	8,015,166	8,180,693	7,999,093	8,203,018	7,977,000	8,181,491	8,082,303
Male	5,149,948	5,279,158	5,300,310	5,368,896	5,372,947	5,384,357	5,369,119	5,369,194	5,504,060
Female	2,797,735	2,929,021	2,714,855	2,811,796	2,626,146	2,818,661	2,607,881	2,812,297	2,578,243
By industry (Percentage)									
Total	7,947,683	8,208,179	8,015,166	8,180,693	7,999,093	8,203,018	7,977,000	8,181,491	8,082,303
%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture	2,153,874	2,140,185	2,043,698	2,071,940	2,169,679	1,990,892	2,159,609	2,083,102	2,250,273
%	27.1	26.1	25.5	25.3	27.1	24.3	27.1	25.5	27.8
Industry	2,097,503	2,331,494	2,239,262	2,258,421	2,152,746	2,319,047	2,146,862	2,228,028	2,041,674
%	26.4	28.4	27.9	27.6	26.9	28.3	26.9	27.2	25.3
Services	3,696,306	3,736,500	3,732,206	3,850,332	3,676,668	3,893,079	3,670,528	3,870,361	3,790,355
%	46.5	45.5	46.6	47.1	46.0	47.5	46.0	47.3	46.9
By no. of hours worked per week (percentage)									
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0#	4.4	4.7	5.6	6.4	14.6	9.6	31.5	3.3	15.9
1 - 9	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.7	2.1	2.0	2.5	1.3	2.9
10 - 39	26.2	26.1	25.7	26.8	27.1	25.8	25.5	26.3	31.4
40 & above	67.9	67.5	66.9	65.1	56.2	62.6	40.6	69.1	49.8

 # has a job but not at work during the reference week

Note : Working age population considered as (age 15 & over population)

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Summary Statistics on Labour Force Characteristics
2021, 1st Quarter
(All Island)

15 years & over population

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (15 years & over)	17,092,123	8,043,095	9,049,028	2,909,618	14,182,505
Labour force in this age group	8,514,766	5,722,184	2,792,581	1,355,533	7,159,232
Labour force participation rate	49.8	71.1	30.9	46.6	50.5
Employed population	8,082,303	5,504,060	2,578,243	1,288,912	6,793,391
Employment rate	94.9	96.2	92.3	95.1	94.9
Unemployed population	432,463	218,124	214,339	66,622	365,841
Unemployment rate	5.1	3.8	7.7	4.9	5.1
Not in labour force	8,577,357	2,320,910	6,256,447	1,554,084	7,023,273

18 years & over population

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (18 years & over)	16,034,236	7,513,534	8,520,701	2,728,297	13,305,938
Labour force in this age group	8,484,183	5,697,118	2,787,065	1,350,091	7,134,092
Labour force participation rate	52.9	75.8	32.7	49.5	53.6
Employed population	8,062,078	5,487,026	2,575,051	1,284,473	6,777,604
Employment rate	95.0	96.3	92.4	95.1	95.0
Unemployed population	422,105	210,091	212,014	65,617	356,488
Unemployment rate	5.0	3.7	7.6	4.9	5.0
Not in labour force	7,550,053	1,816,417	5,733,636	1,378,207	6,171,846

20 years & over population

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (20 years & over)	15,373,314	7,171,989	8,201,325	2,617,097	12,756,218
Labour force in this age group	8,369,207	5,609,102	2,760,105	1,327,107	7,042,100
Labour force participation rate	54.4	78.2	33.7	50.7	55.2
Employed population	7,979,029	5,419,357	2,559,671	1,270,074	6,708,955
Employment rate	95.3	96.6	92.7	95.7	95.3
Unemployed population	390,179	189,745	200,434	57,033	333,146
Unemployment rate	4.7	3.4	7.3	4.3	4.7
Not in labour force	7,004,107	1,562,887	5,441,220	1,289,990	5,714,117

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- *Unemployment rate for the survey period is 5.1%.*

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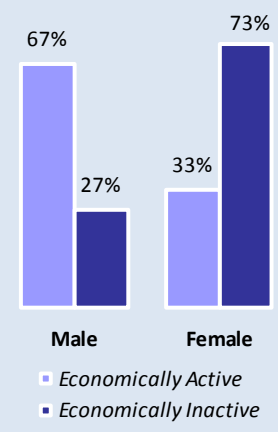

***Figure 1** : Distribution of Economically active/Inactive population- Second quarter - 2021*

Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey (LFS) is designed to measure the levels and trends of employment, unemployment and labour force in Sri Lanka. LFS has been conducted quarterly, since the first quarter of 1990.

This report contains labour force, employment and unemployment statistics for the second quarter 2021 based on the data collected in April, May and June in 2021 covering the whole country.

Labour Force

This is the currently economically active population. Which is the number of persons (age 15 years & above) who are employed or unemployed during the reference one week period.

Labour force participation rate (LFPR)

Labour force population expressed as a percentage of the population, age 15 years and over, defined as LFPR.

Labour Force ....

(Economically Active Population)

Table 1 : Economically active population by gender and sector – Second Quarter 2021

Sector	Economically active population					
	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Sri Lanka	8,514,766	100.0	5,722,184	67.2	2,792,581	32.8
Urban	1,355,533	100.0	936,917	69.1	418,617	30.9
Rural	6,741,191	100.0	4,544,783	67.4	2,196,408	32.6
Estate	418,041	100.0	240,485	57.5	177,557	42.5

According to the Table 1, the estimated economically active population is about 8.5 million in the second quarter 2021. Of which 67.2 percent are males and 32.8 percent are females. The economically inactive population is about 8.6 million. Out of the economically inactive population 27.1 percent are males and 72.9 percent are females. (Table 2).

Table 2 : Economically inactive population by gender and sector – Second Quarter 2021

Sector	Economically inactive population					
	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Sri Lanka	8,577,357	100.0	2,320,910	27.1	6,256,447	72.9
Urban	1,554,084	100.0	439,804	28.3	1,114,281	71.7
Rural	6,712,710	100.0	1,783,555	26.6	4,929,155	73.4
Estate	310,563	100.0	97,552	31.4	213,011	68.6

Table 3 : LFPR by gender and year - All Island

Year	Total	Male	Female
2016	54.1	75.1	36.0
2017	54.1	74.5	36.6
2018	51.8	73.0	33.6
2019	52.3	73.0	34.5
2020	50.6	71.9	32.0
2019 Q2	52.6	73.4	34.6
2020 Q2	50.2	71.7	31.6
2021 Q1	50.9	71.7	33.4
2021 Q2	49.8	71.1	30.9

Table 3 provides the information on LFPRs since year 2016. Referring the Table 3, it is important to note that, male participation to the labour force is always higher than that of female.

Table 4 : LFPR by age group and gender - Second Quarter 2021

Age group (Years)	Total	Male	Female
Sri Lanka	49.8	71.1	30.9
15 - 19	8.5	13.0	3.8
20 - 24	45.9	61.0	31.9
25 - 29	66.9	89.8	44.7
30 - 34	68.8	95.1	45.1
35 - 39	65.3	94.6	41.8
40 - 44	67.8	95.5	42.5
45 - 49	68.6	94.7	45.1
50 - 54	66.7	94.6	42.5
55 - 59	59.9	88.0	36.6
60+	29.0	47.6	13.3

Considering the Table 4, the distribution of LFPR by age group and by gender depicts high male participation compared to female in all age groups. The highest participation rates for male is reported from age group 40—44 years (95.5%), while that for female are reported from 30—34 and 45—49 age groups (45.1%).

Definition of 'Employed'

Persons, who worked at least one hour during the reference period, as paid employees, employers, own account workers or contributing family workers are said to be employed. This also includes persons with a job but not at work during the reference period .

Reference Period :

Previous week of the survey week

The Employment Rate

The proportion of employed population to the total labour force.

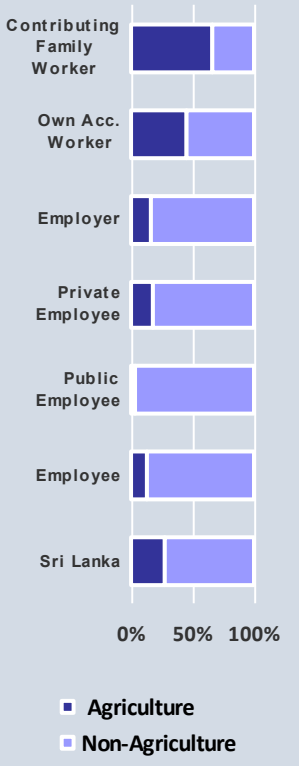

Figure 2 : *Distribution of employed population by employment status and Agriculture/ Non-Agriculture sector - Second quarter 2021*

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Table 5 : Distribution of Employed population by main industry (Second quarter 2020 – Second quarter 2021)

Quarter	Sri Lanka	Major Industry Group		
		Agriculture	Industries	Services
2020 Q2 (No.)	7,977,000	2,159,609	2,146,862	3,670,528
(%)	100.0	27.1	26.9	46.0
2020 Q3 (No.)	7,967,695	2,061,630	2,188,330	3,717,735
(%)	100.0	25.9	27.5	46.7
2020 Q4 (No.)	8,031,233	2,330,266	2,101,645	3,599,322
(%)	100.0	29.0	26.2	44.8
2021 Q1 (No.)	8,181,491	2,083,102	2,228,028	3,870,361
(%)	100.0	25.5	27.2	47.3
2021 Q2 (No.)	8,082,303	2,250,273	2,041,674	3,790,355
(%)	100.0	27.8	25.3	46.9

Table 5 shows the percentage distribution of employed population by main industry from second quarter 2020 to second quarter 2021. During second quarter of 2021, the total number of employed persons in Sri Lanka is estimated as about 8.1 million. Of which, about 46.9 percent engaged in Service sector, 27.8 percent in Agriculture sector and 25.3 percent in Industry sector. In the second quarter of 2021, there is an increase in employed persons in Agriculture and Service sectors compared to the second quarter of 2020.

Main industry categories and sub sectors

Agriculture
1. Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A)

Industries
1. Mining & Quarrying (B)
2. Manufacturing (C)
3. Construction, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (D, E,F)

Services
1. Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles (G)
2. Transportation and storage (H)
3. Accommodation and food services activities (I)
4. Information and communication (J)
5. Financial and insurance activities (K)
6. Professional, scientific and technical activities (M)
7. Administrative and support service activities (N)
8. Public administration and defense compulsory social security (O)
9. Education (P)
10. Human health and social work activities (Q)
11. Other service activities (S)
12. Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services - producing activities of households for own use (T)
13. Real estate activities (L) Arts, entertainment and recreation (R) Activities of extra territorial organizations & bodies (U)

Table 6 : Distribution of employed population by employment status in Agriculture and Non- Agriculture sectors – Second quarter 2021

Employment Status	Sri Lanka		Sector			
			Agriculture		Non-Agriculture	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sri Lanka	8,082,303	100.0	2,250,273	27.8	5,832,030	72.2
Employee	4,604,035	100.0	628,925	13.7	3,975,110	86.3
Public	1,257,395	100.0	31,341	2.5	1,226,054	97.5
Private	3,346,640	100.0	597,584	17.9	2,749,056	82.1
Employer	215,257	100.0	33,471	15.5	181,786	84.5
Own Account Worker	2,675,165	100.0	1,197,272	44.8	1,477,893	55.2
Contributing Family Worker	587,846	100.0	390,605	66.4	197,241	33.6

Table 7 : Percentage distribution of Employed population by main industry & gender – Second quarter 2021

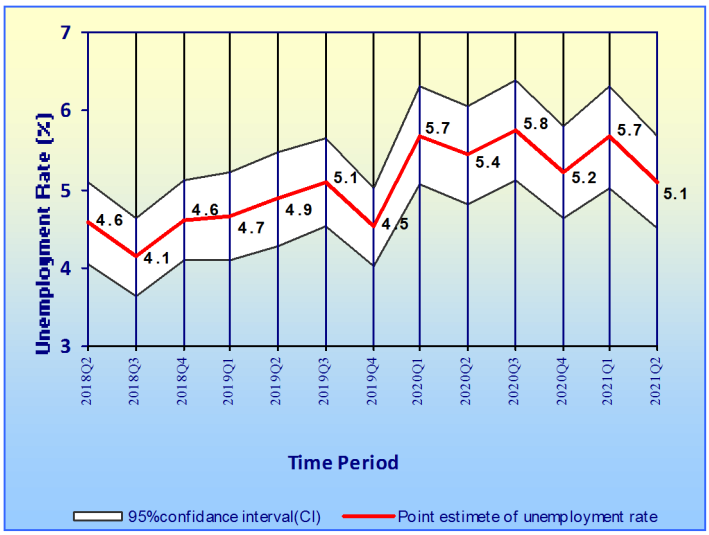
Major Industry Group	Sri Lanka	Gender	
		Male	Female
Sri Lanka	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture	27.8	25.8	32.1
Industry	25.3	27.4	20.8
Services	46.9	46.8	47.1

Majority of the workforce are private sector employees followed by own account workers (Table 6) .

Table 7 depicts the percentage distribution of male and female employed population by main industry sectors. Highest employment share is in service sector and this is true for both male & female, while the lowest shares is for industry sector. Among employed females 32.1 percent is in agriculture sector while this share is 25.8 percent for males.

Unemployment ...

Figure 3 : Unemployment rates and it's 95% confidence intervals (2018Q2 - 2021Q2)



The number of unemployed persons is estimated as 432,463 during the second quarter 2021. The unemployment rate for the second quarter 2021 is 5.1 percent.

As shown in Figure 3, it is very important to note that, when the changes in unemployment rate is explained the corresponding sampling errors[1] and the confidence limits need to considered.

[1]**Sampling error :** When a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed, estimates differ from the true values of population they represent. This difference, or sampling error, occurs by chance, and its variability is measured by the sampling error of the estimate.

For more details, please refer the explanatory note given under the labour force link in the DCS website; www.statistics.gov.lk

Table 8: Number of Unemployed and Unemployment rate by age group and gender – Second quarter 2021

Age group (Years)		Unemployment Rate (%)		
	Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka	Gender	
	Number		Male	Female
Sri Lanka	432,463	5.1	3.8	7.7
15—24	242,768	30.0	24.9	39.8
25—29	80,678	9.2	5.4	16.5
Over 30	109,017	1.6	1.1	2.5

These figures are to be treated with caution as the corresponding CV (Coefficient of variation) values are high.

As can be seen from Table 8, overall unemployment rate reported for female is 7.7 percent and it is 3.8 percent for male. Youth unemployment rate (age 15 – 24 years) corresponding to the second quarter 2021 is 30.0 percent and that is the highest reported unemployment rate among all age groups. Further the unemployment rates for males and females are 24.9 and 39.8 percent respectively for age group 15—24.

The survey results further reveals that the unemployment among females is higher than that of males, in all age groups. Youth and female unemployment contribute more to the overall unemployment of the country.

Table 9 : Number of Unemployed and Unemployment rate by level of education – Second quarter 2021

Level of Education		Unemployment Rate (%)		
	Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka	Gender	
	Number		Male	Female
Sri Lanka	432,463	5.1	3.8	7.7
Below GCE O/L	128,126	2.6	2.3	3.6
GCE O/L	109,964	7.2	6.4	9.4
GCE A/L & above	194,374	9.1	6.1	12.5

The highest unemployment rate is reported from the G.C.E. (A/L) and above group which is 9.1 percent. Corresponding percentages are 6.1 percent and 12.5 percent for males and females respectively. Female unemployment rates are higher than those of males in all levels of education.

Survey results further shows that the problem of unemployment is more acute in the case of educated females than educated males, which was observed consistently over the results of previous survey rounds as well.

Definition of 'Unemployed'

Persons available and/or looking for work, and who did not work and taken steps to find a job during last four weeks and ready to accept a job given a work opportunity within next two weeks are said to be unemployed.

The Unemployment Rate

The proportion of unemployed population to the total labour force.

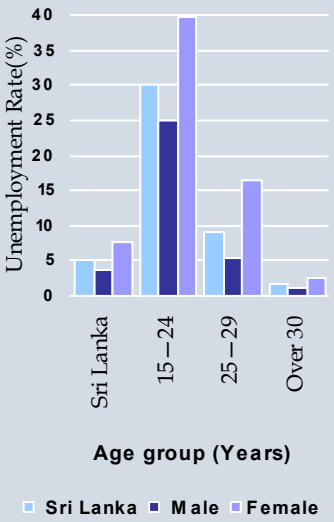


***Figure 4** : Unemployment rate by age group and gender – Second quarter 2021*

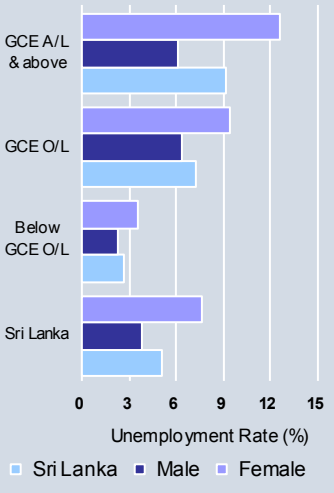


***Figure 5** : Unemployment rate by level of education and gender– Second quarter 2021*

TABLE 1 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION, 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER - BOTH SEXES

NATIONAL LEVEL DATA

YEAR	HOUSEHOLD POPULATION (15 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
2011	14,975,989	7,926,445	52.9	7,591,591	95.8	334,854	4.2	7,049,544
2012	14,857,578	7,798,407	52.5	7,488,704	96.0	309,703	4.0	7,059,171
2013	14,959,065	8,033,804	53.7	7,681,279	95.6	352,526	4.4	6,925,260
2014	15,134,484	8,048,884	53.2	7,700,489	95.7	348,395	4.3	7,085,600
2015	15,281,945	8,214,473	53.8	7,830,976	95.3	383,496	4.7	7,067,473
2016	15,448,679	8,310,682	53.8	7,947,683	95.6	362,999	4.4	7,137,997
2017	15,843,735	8,566,686	54.1	8,208,179	95.8	358,507	4.2	7,277,049
2018	16,196,232	8,387,759	51.8	8,015,166	95.6	372,593	4.4	7,808,473
2019	16,424,016	8,592,010	52.3	8,180,693	95.2	411,318	4.8	7,832,006
2020	16,739,396	8,466,606	50.6	7,999,093	94.5	467,513	5.5	8,272,790
2019Q2	16,398,758	8,623,249	52.6	8,203,018	95.1	420,231	4.9	7,775,509
2020Q2	16,793,046	8,435,358	50.2	7,977,000	94.6	458,359	5.4	8,357,687
2021Q1	17,025,000	8,673,078	50.9	8,181,491	94.3	491,587	5.7	8,351,922
2021Q2	17,092,123	8,514,766	49.8	8,082,303	94.9	432,463	5.1	8,577,357

TABLE 1A - HISTORICAL TABLE OF LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION, 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER - MALE

YEAR	HOUSEHOLD POPULATION (15 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
2011	7,027,780	5,203,267	74.0	5,061,214	97.3	142,053	2.7	1,824,513
2012	6,932,520	5,192,686	74.9	5,046,057	97.2	146,629	2.8	1,739,835
2013	6,926,750	5,187,873	74.9	5,024,341	96.8	163,533	3.2	1,738,877
2014	7,025,780	5,240,034	74.6	5,075,425	96.9	164,609	3.1	1,785,746
2015	7,036,944	5,255,593	74.7	5,097,798	97.0	157,794	3.0	1,781,352
2016	7,064,736	5,303,502	75.1	5,149,948	97.1	153,554	2.9	1,761,234
2017	7,292,047	5,434,510	74.5	5,279,158	97.1	155,352	2.9	1,857,537
2018	7,488,320	5,464,236	73.0	5,300,310	97.0	163,926	3.0	2,024,084
2019	7,610,113	5,554,192	73.0	5,368,896	96.7	185,296	3.3	2,055,920
2020	7,788,634	5,598,004	71.9	5,372,947	96.0	225,057	4.0	2,190,629
2019Q2	7,599,835	5,575,882	73.4	5,384,357	96.6	191,525	3.4	2,023,953
2020Q2	7,799,716	5,595,969	71.7	5,369,119	95.9	226,850	4.1	2,203,747
2021Q1	7,789,803	5,585,902	71.7	5,369,194	96.1	216,708	3.9	2,203,901
2021Q2	8,043,095	5,722,184	71.1	5,504,060	96.2	218,124	3.8	2,320,910

TABLE 1B - HISTORICAL TABLE OF LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION, 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER - FEMALE

YEAR	HOUSEHOLD POPULATION (15 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
2011	7,948,209	2,723,178	34.3	2,530,377	92.9	192,801	7.1	5,225,031
2012	7,925,058	2,605,721	32.9	2,442,647	93.7	163,074	6.3	5,319,336
2013	8,032,315	2,845,931	35.4	2,656,938	93.4	188,993	6.6	5,186,383
2014	8,108,704	2,808,850	34.6	2,625,064	93.5	183,786	6.5	5,299,854
2015	8,245,001	2,958,880	35.9	2,733,178	92.4	225,702	7.6	5,286,121
2016	8,383,943	3,007,180	35.9	2,797,735	93.0	209,445	7.0	5,376,764
2017	8,551,688	3,132,176	36.6	2,929,021	93.5	203,155	6.5	5,419,512
2018	8,707,912	2,923,523	33.6	2,714,855	92.9	208,667	7.1	5,784,390
2019	8,813,903	3,037,818	34.5	2,811,796	92.6	226,022	7.4	5,776,085
2020	8,950,763	2,868,602	32.0	2,626,146	91.5	242,456	8.5	6,082,161
2019Q2	8,798,923	3,047,367	34.6	2,818,661	92.5	228,706	7.5	5,751,556
2020Q2	8,993,330	2,839,390	31.6	2,607,881	91.8	231,509	8.2	6,153,940
2021Q1	9,235,197	3,087,176	33.4	2,812,297	91.1	274,879	8.9	6,148,021
2021Q2	9,049,028	2,792,581	30.9	2,578,243	92.3	214,339	7.7	6,256,447

TABLE 2 - LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER, BY AGE - BOTH SEXES

AGE	HOUSEHOLD POP: (15 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
ALL AGES	17,092,123	8,514,766	49.8	8,082,303	94.9	432,463	5.1	8,577,357
15 - 19 YRS	1,718,809	145,558	8.5	103,274	71.0	42,284	29.0	1,573,250
20 - 24 YRS	1,449,980	664,935	45.9	464,452	69.8	200,484	30.2	785,045
25 - 29 YRS	1,312,147	877,696	66.9	797,018	90.8	80,678	9.2	434,451
30 - 39 YRS	2,597,714	1,738,027	66.9	1,674,159	96.3	63,867	3.7	859,687
40 + YRS	10,013,474	5,088,549	50.8	5,043,399	99.1	45,150	0.9	4,924,924

TABLE 2A - LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER, BY AGE - MALE

AGE	HOUSEHOLD POP: (15 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
ALL AGES	8,043,095	5,722,184	71.1	5,504,060	96.2	218,124	3.8	2,320,910
15 - 19 YRS	871,105	113,082	13.0	84,703	74.9	28,379	25.1	758,023
20 - 24 YRS	695,278	424,083	61.0	318,605	75.1	105,478	24.9	271,195
25 - 29 YRS	644,864	579,339	89.8	547,870	94.6	31,469	5.4	65,525
30 - 39 YRS	1,190,542	1,129,215	94.8	1,103,817	97.8	25,398	2.2	61,327
40 + YRS	4,641,305	3,476,465	74.9	3,449,064	99.2	27,401	0.8	1,164,840

TABLE 2B - LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER, BY AGE - FEMALE

AGE	HOUSEHOLD POP: (15 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
ALL AGES	9,049,028	2,792,581	30.9	2,578,243	92.3	214,339	7.7	6,256,447
15 - 19 YRS	847,703	32,476	3.8	18,571	57.2	13,905	42.8	815,227
20 - 24 YRS	754,703	240,852	31.9	145,847	60.6	95,006	39.4	513,850
25 - 29 YRS	667,283	298,357	44.7	249,148	83.5	49,209	16.5	368,926
30 - 39 YRS	1,407,171	608,812	43.3	570,342	93.7	38,470	6.3	798,359
40 + YRS	5,372,168	1,612,084	30.0	1,594,335	98.9	17,750	1.1	3,760,084

These figures are to be treated with caution as the corresponding CV (Cofficient of variation) values are high.

TABLE 3 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY AGE GROUPS (PERCENTAGE) - BOTH SEXES

Year	All Ages	Age Groups				
		15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
2014	100.0	2.4	7.2	9.7	25.2	55.5
2015	100.0	2.2	7.5	9.7	24.5	56.1
2016	100.0	2.0	7.3	9.5	24.2	57.0
2017	100.0	2.1	7.6	9.2	23.4	57.7
2018	100.0	1.8	7.2	9.0	22.6	59.4
2019	100.0	1.9	7.1	9.3	22.6	59.1
2020	100.0	1.7	6.8	9.2	22.0	60.2
2019Q2	100.0	1.9	7.6	9.1	23.6	57.8
2020Q2	100.0	1.8	6.5	9.1	22.3	60.3
2021Q1	100.0	1.5	6.5	9.3	21.2	61.5
2021Q2	100.0	1.3	5.7	9.9	20.7	62.4

TABLE 3A - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY AGE GROUPS (PERCENTAGE) - MALE

Year	All Ages	Age Groups				
		15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
2014	100.0	2.5	7.3	9.6	25.4	55.2
2015	100.0	2.3	7.3	9.7	24.4	56.2
2016	100.0	2.2	7.3	9.4	24.2	56.9
2017	100.0	2.3	7.5	9.4	23.5	57.3
2018	100.0	2.0	7.3	9.4	22.6	58.7
2019	100.0	2.1	7.2	9.4	22.3	59.0
2020	100.0	1.9	7.0	9.1	21.8	60.3
2019Q2	100.0	2.1	7.6	9.5	23.5	57.3
2020Q2	100.0	2.0	6.4	9.2	21.7	60.7
2021Q1	100.0	1.6	6.6	9.4	20.7	61.8
2021Q2	100.0	1.5	5.8	10.0	20.1	62.7

TABLE 3B - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY AGE GROUPS (PERCENTAGE) - FEMALE

Year	All Ages	Age Groups				
		15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
2014	100.0	2.2	7.1	9.9	24.8	56.0
2015	100.0	2.1	7.8	9.6	24.7	55.9
2016	100.0	1.6	7.2	9.6	24.3	57.3
2017	100.0	1.7	7.8	9.0	23.2	58.3
2018	100.0	1.4	6.9	8.3	22.7	60.7
2019	100.0	1.4	7.0	9.1	23.1	59.4
2020	100.0	1.4	6.5	9.3	22.6	60.1
2019Q2	100.0	1.5	7.5	8.5	23.9	58.7
2020Q2	100.0	1.4	6.8	8.9	23.6	59.4
2021Q1	100.0	1.4	6.3	9.2	22.3	60.9
2021Q2	100.0	0.7	5.7	9.7	22.1	61.8

TABLE 4 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION (PERCENTAGE) - BOTH SEXES

Year	Total	Level of education			
		Grade 5 & Below	Grades 6 - 10	GCE (O.L)/ NCGE	GCE (A.L)/ HNCE & above
2014	100.0	16.4	48.9	16.0	18.6
2015	100.0	16.7	47.4	17.3	18.6
2016	100.0	16.2	47.4	16.3	20.1
2017	100.0	15.8	46.1	17.3	20.8
2018	100.0	14.9	45.9	18.1	21.2
2019	100.0	14.0	45.8	17.4	22.8
2020	100.0	13.7	46.0	17.8	22.5
2019Q2	100.0	14.6	45.3	18.2	21.9
2020Q2	100.0	13.6	46.3	18.4	21.8
2021Q1	100.0	12.7	44.4	18.2	24.7
2021Q2	100.0	12.5	46.1	17.5	24.0

TABLE 4A - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION (PERCENTAGE) - MALE

Year	Total	Level of education			
		Grade 5 & Below	Grades 6 - 10	GCE (O.L)/ NCGE	GCE (A.L)/ HNCE & above
2014	100.0	16.4	52.6	16.2	14.8
2015	100.0	16.7	51.1	17.7	14.6
2016	100.0	16.1	51.1	16.7	16.1
2017	100.0	15.7	49.8	17.6	16.9
2018	100.0	14.7	49.7	18.8	16.7
2019	100.0	14.1	49.6	18.0	18.2
2020	100.0	13.8	49.8	18.3	18.1
2019Q2	100.0	14.7	48.3	19.3	17.7
2020Q2	100.0	13.7	49.6	18.8	17.9
2021Q1	100.0	13.0	47.9	19.3	19.7
2021Q2	100.0	12.8	49.4	18.6	19.3

TABLE 4B - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION (PERCENTAGE) - FEMALE

Year	Total	Level of education			
		Grade 5 & Below	Grades 6 - 10	GCE (O.L)/ NCGE	GCE (A.L)/ HNCE & above
2014	100.0	16.5	41.7	15.8	26.0
2015	100.0	16.6	40.4	16.7	26.3
2016	100.0	16.3	40.6	15.6	27.5
2017	100.0	16.1	39.4	16.8	27.7
2018	100.0	15.2	38.4	16.5	29.9
2019	100.0	13.8	38.4	16.3	31.6
2020	100.0	13.4	38.1	16.8	31.7
2019Q2	100.0	14.4	39.5	16.2	29.9
2020Q2	100.0	13.4	39.3	17.4	29.8
2021Q1	100.0	12.1	37.5	16.1	34.2
2021Q2	100.0	11.8	39.3	15.0	33.9

TABLE 5 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS (PERCENTAGE) - BOTH SEXES

YEAR	TOTAL EMPLOYED	EMPLOYEE			EMPLOYER	OWN ACCOUNT WORKER	UNPAID FAMILY WORKER
		TOTAL	PUBLIC	PRIVATE			
2014	100.0	56.4	15.5	40.9	2.7	32.0	8.9
2015	100.0	56.1	15.1	41.0	3.1	32.3	8.4
2016	100.0	57.8	14.6	43.3	2.7	31.6	7.8
2017	100.0	57.7	14.4	43.3	3.0	31.3	8.0
2018	100.0	57.8	14.5	43.3	2.8	32.3	7.2
2019	100.0	57.9	14.9	43.0	2.6	32.5	7.0
2020	100.0	57.5	14.8	42.7	2.5	33.2	6.8
2019Q2	100.0	58.5	15.0	43.5	2.5	32.4	6.6
2020Q2	100.0	58.0	14.8	43.2	2.3	32.8	7.0
2021Q1	100.0	58.0	15.7	42.3	2.7	33.2	6.1
2021Q2	100.0	57.0	15.6	41.4	2.7	33.1	7.3

TABLE 5A - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS (PERCENTAGE) - MALE

YEAR	TOTAL EMPLOYED	EMPLOYEE			EMPLOYER	OWN ACCOUNT WORKER	UNPAID FAMILY WORKER
		TOTAL	PUBLIC	PRIVATE			
2014	100.0	57.3	13.1	44.2	3.6	36.2	2.8
2015	100.0	56.7	12.8	43.9	4.2	36.3	2.8
2016	100.0	58.9	12.4	46.4	3.7	34.7	2.7
2017	100.0	58.8	12.3	46.4	4.1	34.5	2.6
2018	100.0	57.8	12.0	45.8	3.7	36.0	2.5
2019	100.0	57.7	12.2	45.5	3.5	36.5	2.3
2020	100.0	56.7	12.0	44.7	3.4	37.5	2.4
2019Q2	100.0	58.7	12.8	45.9	3.5	35.8	2.0
2020Q2	100.0	57.1	12.4	44.6	2.9	37.2	2.8
2021Q1	100.0	57.5	12.9	44.7	3.8	36.6	2.0
2021Q2	100.0	56.1	12.3	43.8	3.5	37.6	2.9

TABLE 5B - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS (PERCENTAGE) - FEMALE

YEAR	TOTAL EMPLOYED	EMPLOYEE			EMPLOYER	OWN ACCOUNT WORKER	UNPAID FAMILY WORKER
		TOTAL	PUBLIC	PRIVATE			
2014	100.0	54.8	20.1	34.7	1.0	23.7	20.5
2015	100.0	55.1	19.3	35.8	1.1	24.9	18.8
2016	100.0	55.9	18.5	37.4	0.9	25.9	17.2
2017	100.0	55.7	18.0	37.7	1.1	25.6	17.7
2018	100.0	57.8	19.3	38.5	1.0	24.9	16.3
2019	100.0	58.3	19.9	38.4	0.8	24.8	16.1
2020	100.0	59.0	20.5	38.5	0.8	24.4	15.8
2019Q2	100.0	58.0	19.0	39.0	0.6	26.0	15.4
2020Q2	100.0	59.9	19.6	40.2	1.0	23.7	15.5
2021Q1	100.0	58.8	21.2	37.6	0.6	26.7	13.9
2021Q2	100.0	58.8	22.5	36.2	1.0	23.6	16.7

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Table 6 - Currently Employed person by Industry group (Based on ISIC Fourth Revision) - both sexes

		Industry Group																
Year	Total	1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	Other
2017	8,208,179	2,140,185	63,014	1,580,936	687,544	1,160,443	512,991	210,380	70,264	159,813	69,568	152,363	526,732	377,129	149,272	118,917	161,681	66,947
2018	8,015,166	2,043,698	62,136	1,463,919	713,207	1,141,416	502,126	238,145	55,220	173,330	86,286	166,978	434,348	425,092	142,861	116,733	194,303	55,368
2019	8,180,693	2,071,940	60,902	1,504,314	693,205	1,134,496	514,469	232,344	64,382	187,933	90,317	205,009	436,175	425,931	169,232	135,247	186,970	67,828
2020	7,999,093	2,169,679	56,856	1,397,689	698,201	1,095,384	523,654	217,281	57,828	183,474	85,990	164,829	447,051	402,808	156,424	123,220	167,255	51,470
2019Q2	8,203,018	1,990,892	70,129	1,548,399	700,518	1,149,546	536,121	227,962	66,074	168,097	97,366	213,022	463,692	399,698	190,284	124,280	195,126	61,811
2020Q2	7,977,000	2,159,609	50,717	1,434,736	661,410	1,070,356	525,323	213,496	50,468	179,197	92,850	161,055	426,347	427,455	179,937	116,665	176,960	50,417
2021Q1	8,181,491	2,083,102	58,888	1,454,350	714,791	1,174,877	510,635	214,348	67,096	161,965	89,844	122,662	511,317	467,123	152,103	130,024	221,055	47,310
2021Q2	8,082,303	2,250,273	56,277	1,315,591	669,807	1,097,913	504,156	222,172	71,008	218,047	91,583	122,019	499,076	400,053	199,863	144,145	173,057	47,263

Note: These Industry groups are based on ISIC - Rev. 4

1 Agriculture, forestry and fishing (A)
2 Minning & quarrying (B)
3 Manufacturing (C)
6 Construction, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (D, E,F)
7 Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles(G)
8 Transportation and storage (H)
9 Accommodation and food services activities (I)
10 Information and communication (J)
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13 Professional, scientific and technical activities (M)
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16 Education (P)
17 Human health and social work activities (Q)
19 Other service activities (S)
20 Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services - producing activities of households for own use (T)
Other

Other
12 Real estate activities (L)
18 Arts, entertainment and recreation (R)
21 Activities of extra teritorial organizations & bodies (U)

Table 6A - Currently Employed person by Industry group (Based on ISIC Fourth Revision) - Male

		Industry Group																
Year	Total	1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	Other
2017	5,279,158	1,279,980	60,026	822,518	655,436	814,523	495,005	134,587	50,551	93,495	46,100	109,152	336,452	114,026	48,245	83,172	84,014	51,877
2018	5,300,310	1,270,968	59,514	785,112	688,318	835,444	483,618	153,022	38,942	92,422	53,152	118,324	286,200	135,153	52,200	83,418	119,488	45,016
2019	5,368,896	1,333,249	59,244	784,687	665,725	800,488	497,102	145,858	46,255	105,999	59,418	149,307	278,608	131,014	61,889	93,078	101,972	55,004
2020	5,372,947	1,404,424	54,650	769,527	670,928	800,735	504,586	143,909	43,545	108,800	55,021	119,004	284,605	120,956	58,231	94,149	101,098	38,778
2019Q2	5,384,357	1,265,748	68,252	809,805	673,693	794,926	522,149	143,969	46,376	93,403	62,666	151,731	296,290	139,594	70,514	86,624	108,006	50,611
2020Q2	5,369,119	1,419,558	50,004	771,838	629,393	758,582	511,152	144,660	43,200	115,751	61,649	118,819	292,614	138,060	71,696	94,509	109,759	37,875
2021Q1	5,369,194	1,357,836	57,781	760,977	681,666	832,230	500,982	126,135	43,603	97,449	56,356	78,198	297,756	157,857	49,234	91,812	137,694	41,629
2021Q2	5,504,060	1,421,380	54,771	798,382	652,796	832,847	486,323	147,242	48,800	128,123	65,565	86,077	298,887	128,581	82,334	108,075	127,420	36,456

Table 6B - Currently Employed person by Industry group (Based on ISIC Fourth Revision) - Female

		Industry Group																
Year	Total	1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	Other
2017	2,929,021	860,204	2,988	758,418	32,108	345,921	17,986	75,792	19,713	66,319	23,468	43,211	190,280	263,103	101,027	35,745	77,667	15,070
2018	2,714,855	772,730	2,622	678,808	24,888	305,972	18,507	85,123	16,278	80,908	33,134	48,654	148,149	289,939	90,661	33,314	74,815	10,352
2019	2,811,796	738,692	1,658	719,627	27,479	334,008	17,368	86,486	18,126	81,934	30,899	55,701	157,567	294,916	107,344	42,169	84,998	12,825
2020	2,626,146	765,256	2,206	628,162	27,273	294,649	19,068	73,372	14,282	74,674	30,969	45,826	162,446	281,852	98,193	29,071	66,157	12,692
2019Q2	2,818,661	725,144	1,877	738,594	26,826	354,620	13,972	83,993	19,698	74,694	34,701	61,291	167,402	260,104	119,770	37,656	87,120	11,200
2020Q2	2,607,881	740,052	713	662,898	32,017	311,774	14,170	68,837	7,268	63,446	31,201	42,236	133,733	289,395	108,241	22,156	67,201	12,542
2021Q1	2,812,297	725,266	1,107	693,373	33,124	342,647	9,652	88,213	23,493	64,517	33,488	44,465	213,561	309,266	102,869	38,213	83,361	5,681
2021Q2	2,578,243	828,893	1,505	517,209	17,011	265,067	17,833	74,930	22,208	89,924	26,017	35,942	200,189	271,472	117,529	36,071	45,637	10,807

Note: These Industry groups are based on ISIC - Rev. 4

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1 Agriculture, forestry and fishing (A)
2 Minning & quarrying (B)
3 Manufacturing (C)
6 Construction, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (D, E,F)
7 Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles(G)
8 Transportation and storage (H)
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10 Information and communication (J)
11 Financial and insurance activities (K)
13 Professional, scientific and technical activities (M)
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16 Education (P)
17 Human health and social work activities (Q)
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20 Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services - producing activities of households for own use (T)
Other

Other
12 Real estate activities (L)
18 Arts, entertainment and recreation (R)
21 Activities of extra teritorial organizations & bodies (U)

Table 6C: Historical table of currently employed population by major industry group - Both sexes

Major Industry Group	Year							
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2019Q2	2020Q2	2021Q1	2021Q2
Total	8,208,179	8,015,166	8,180,693	7,999,093	8,203,018	7,977,000	8,181,491	8,082,303
Agriculture	2,140,185	2,043,698	2,071,940	2,169,679	1,990,892	2,159,609	2,083,102	2,250,273
Industry	2,331,494	2,239,262	2,258,421	2,152,746	2,319,047	2,146,862	2,228,028	2,041,674
Services	3,736,500	3,732,206	3,850,332	3,676,668	3,893,079	3,670,528	3,870,361	3,790,355

Table 6D: Histirical table of currently employed population by major industry group (percentage) - Both sexes

Major Industry Group	Year							
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2019Q2	2020Q2	2021Q1	2021Q2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture	26.1	25.5	25.3	27.1	24.3	27.1	25.5	27.8
Industry	28.4	27.9	27.6	26.9	28.3	26.9	27.2	25.3
Services	45.5	46.6	47.1	46.0	47.5	46.0	47.3	46.9

Note: These Industry groups are based on ISIC - Rev. 4

Agriculture

1. Agriculture Foresty and Fishery (A)

Industries

1. Minning & Quarrying (B)
2. Manufacturing (C)
3. Construction, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (D, E,F)

Services

1. Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles(G)
2. Transportation and storage (H)
3. Accommodation and food services activities (I)
4. Information and communication (J)
5. Financial and insurance activities (K)
6. Professional, scientific and technical activities (M)
7. Administrative and support service activities (N)
8. Public administration and defence compulsory social security (O)
9. Education (P)
10. Human health and social work activities (Q)
11. Other service activities (S)
12. Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services - producing activities of households for own use (T)
13. Real estate activities (L) Arts, entertainment and recreation (R) Activities of extra territorial organizations & bodies (U)

Table 7 - Currently Employed person by Occupation group (Based on ISCO 08) - Both sexes

Year	Total	Occupation group									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2016	7,947,683	480,492	519,032	484,965	320,791	891,034	1,435,354	1,274,167	702,675	1,795,378	43,795
2017	8,208,179	560,734	557,870	554,603	327,836	822,243	1,404,798	1,367,232	739,821	1,838,349	34,692
2018	8,015,166	619,312	558,574	662,323	286,493	701,676	1,308,806	1,297,912	706,185	1,836,250	37,635
2019	8,180,693	622,467	609,084	741,805	308,894	707,967	1,375,540	1,307,767	714,546	1,757,807	34,816
2020	7,999,093	512,087	531,298	695,206	306,448	756,851	1,373,582	1,222,380	729,394	1,833,523	38,325
2019Q2	8,203,018	610,121	603,218	742,494	311,827	711,785	1,312,697	1,329,050	715,847	1,827,006	38,973
2020Q2	7,977,000	497,841	516,004	754,071	307,304	674,327	1,463,588	1,219,456	723,269	1,786,681	34,459
2021Q1	8,181,491	351,632	632,856	663,271	287,492	965,816	1,235,624	1,136,273	890,197	1,990,776	27,553
2021Q2	8,082,303	292,699	566,083	668,897	317,059	924,873	1,323,606	1,118,628	808,019	2,019,552	42,887

These figures are to be treated with caution as the corresponding CV (Cofficient of variation) values are high.

1	Managers, Senior Officials and Legislators	6	Skilled Agricultura, Forestry and Fishery workers
2	Professionals	7	Craft and Related Trades workers
3	Technicians and Associate Professionals	8	Plant and Machine operators and Assemblers
4	Clerks and Clerical support workers	9	Elementary occupations
5	Services and Sales workers	10	Armed Forces Occupations & unidentified occupations

Table 7A - Currently Employed person by Occupation group (Based on ISCO 08) - Male

Year	Total	Occupation group									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2016	5,149,948	344,185	188,059	310,846	155,926	606,054	930,845	830,428	607,801	1,139,332	36,473
2017	5,279,158	406,096	211,033	355,936	154,428	553,098	892,473	899,082	631,271	1,144,468	31,274
2018	5,300,310	458,466	195,476	441,897	141,871	504,461	882,375	891,693	607,346	1,145,178	31,548
2019	5,368,896	453,211	228,884	477,666	148,506	494,410	943,543	892,716	619,409	1,080,828	29,724
2020	5,372,947	373,757	191,282	452,640	140,458	540,840	984,507	883,796	617,644	1,154,222	33,801
2019Q2	5,384,357	437,482	238,004	474,346	162,642	492,619	879,497	900,682	613,105	1,152,480	33,499
2020Q2	5,369,119	349,202	176,175	501,713	144,961	482,506	1,046,715	876,369	628,655	1,133,669	29,154
2021Q1	5,369,194	289,474	243,561	419,111	146,129	598,708	935,292	793,085	691,364	1,226,848	25,624
2021Q2	5,504,060	239,158	217,735	431,059	155,014	679,659	996,627	870,358	633,074	1,241,306	40,070

Table 7B - Currently Employed person by Occupation group (Based on ISCO 08) - Female

Year	Total	Occupation group									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2016	2,797,735	136,307	330,973	174,120	164,865	284,980	504,509	443,739	94,874	656,046	7,322
2017	2,929,021	154,639	346,838	198,667	173,408	269,145	512,325	468,150	108,550	693,881	3,418
2018	2,714,855	160,846	363,098	220,426	144,622	197,215	426,431	406,219	98,839	691,072	6,088
2019	2,811,796	169,256	380,200	264,139	160,388	213,557	431,997	415,051	95,138	676,978	5,092
2020	2,626,146	138,329	340,016	242,566	165,990	216,011	389,075	338,584	111,750	679,301	4,524
2019Q2	2,818,661	172,639	365,213	268,148	149,185	219,166	433,199	428,368	102,742	674,526	5,474
2020Q2	2,607,881	148,639	339,829	252,359	162,343	191,821	416,873	343,087	94,614	653,011	5,305
2021Q1	2,812,297	62,159	389,296	244,160	141,363	367,108	300,332	343,188	198,833	763,928	1,930
2021Q2	2,578,243	53,541	348,348	237,838	162,045	245,214	326,979	248,270	174,945	778,246	2,817

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1	Managers, Senior Officials and Legislators	6	Skilled Agricultura, Forestry and Fishery workers
2	Professionals	7	Craft and Related Trades workers
3	Technicians and Associate Professionals	8	Plant and Machine operators and Assemblers
4	Clerks and Clerical support workers	9	Elementary occupations
5	Services and Sales workers	10	Armed Forces Occupations & unidentified occupations

TABLE 8 - CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY HOURS PER WEEK ACTUALLY WORKED AT THE MAIN JOB AND MAJOR INDUSTRIAL GROUP (PERCENTAGE) - BOTH SEXES

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL GROUP	TOTAL	0 *	1 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 & OVER
Total	100.0	15.9	2.9	7.2	10.8	13.5	28.3	21.4
1	100.0	7.3	4.7	11.1	15.0	19.6	27.8	14.5
2	100.0	22.7	13.8	11.5	10.6	2.4	16.5	22.5
3	100.0	16.3	2.1	5.6	8.5	13.1	28.5	25.9
6	100.0	23.1	2.5	7.3	13.2	9.9	27.7	16.3
7	100.0	18.7	1.8	4.5	7.8	10.4	22.1	34.7
8	100.0	23.9	2.2	5.3	7.9	11.5	23.7	25.4
9	100.0	34.8	1.8	5.4	9.0	9.3	18.1	21.6
10	100.0	1.3	2.6	..	7.0	3.2	42.5	43.4
11	100.0	6.8	0.9	2.3	12.6	7.6	58.7	11.1
13	100.0	17.7	..	6.1	8.1	7.5	44.2	16.4
14	100.0	19.9	2.6	..	9.2	5.1	34.2	28.9
15	100.0	7.8	1.6	3.7	8.5	4.2	50.1	24.2
16	100.0	33.8	4.1	12.7	9.6	22.7	12.2	4.8
17	100.0	3.9	..	2.7	4.5	6.5	39.4	43.0
19	100.0	29.8	2.2	9.1	11.1	13.8	19.0	14.9
20	100.0	26.1	4.2	7.0	10.1	20.4	19.9	12.2
Other	100.0	19.8	5.7	5.4	9.0	11.3	24.3	24.5

* Has a job but not at work during the reference week .. Net reported

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Industry group

1 Agriculture, forestry and fishing (A)
2 Minning & quarrying (B)
3 Manufacturing (C)
6 Construction, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (D, E,F)
7 Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles(G)
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TABLE 9 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY AGE GROUPS (PERCENTAGE) - BOTH SEXES

YEAR	TOTAL	AGE GROUPS				
		15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40 + YRS
2014	100.0	14.2	39.8	19.3	15.4	11.3
2015	100.0	14.5	37.4	20.5	15.8	11.8
2016	100.0	16.1	39.7	21.1	13.2	9.8
2017	100.0	12.8	37.7	22.2	14.8	12.4
2018	100.0	14.1	38.9	22.5	15.0	9.5
2019	100.0	13.0	36.0	22.8	14.3	13.8
2020	100.0	13.5	39.3	21.5	13.8	12.0
2019Q2	100.0	14.3	32.0	25.7	15.8	12.1
2020Q2	100.0	14.9	40.8	19.5	13.0	11.8
2021Q1	100.0	8.5	43.6	23.1	16.5	8.3
2021Q2	100.0	9.8	46.4	18.7	14.8	10.4

TABLE 9A - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY AGE GROUPS (PERCENTAGE) - MALE

YEAR	TOTAL	AGE GROUPS				
		15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
2014	100.0	20.1	37.6	18.3	11.7	12.3
2015	100.0	21.7	39.9	14.6	12.6	11.2
2016	100.0	23.0	42.8	16.9	7.7	9.6
2017	100.0	18.1	40.3	19.7	10.8	11.1
2018	100.0	20.5	40.9	17.5	10.7	10.5
2019	100.0	18.3	38.9	19.5	8.3	15.0
2020	100.0	18.8	41.0	18.6	11.9	9.7
2019Q2	100.0	22.7	34.0	22.1	7.7	13.6
2020Q2	100.0	22.2	40.9	15.3	11.8	9.7
2021Q1	100.0	13.6	46.2	20.6	13.6	6.0
2021Q2	100.0	13.0	48.4	14.4	11.6	12.6

TABLE 9B - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY AGE GROUPS (PERCENTAGE) - FEMALE

YEAR	TOTAL	AGE GROUPS				
		15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
2014	100.0	8.9	41.7	20.2	18.7	10.4
2015	100.0	9.4	35.6	24.6	18.1	12.2
2016	100.0	11.1	37.5	24.2	17.2	10.0
2017	100.0	8.8	35.7	24.2	17.9	13.5
2018	100.0	9.1	37.3	26.5	18.4	8.7
2019	100.0	8.7	33.6	25.5	19.3	12.9
2020	100.0	8.5	37.7	24.1	15.6	14.1
2019Q2	100.0	7.4	30.3	28.8	22.6	10.9
2020Q2	100.0	7.7	40.7	23.5	14.2	13.9
2021Q1	100.0	4.4	41.6	25.0	18.8	10.1
2021Q2	100.0	6.5	44.3	23.0	17.9	8.3

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TABLE 10 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION (PERCENTAGE) - BOTH SEXES

YEAR	TOTAL	LEVEL OF EDUCATION			
		GRADE 5 & BELOW	GRADES 6 - 10	GCE(O/L) NCGE	GCE(A/L) HNCE & ABOVE
2014	100.0	3.1	37.7	22.4	36.8
2015	100.0	2.5	34.4	24.4	38.7
2016	100.0	2.7	35.4	22.1	39.8
2017	100.0	3.1	30.3	24.7	41.9
2018	100.0	2.2	30.5	21.4	45.8
2019	100.0	2.9	31.4	23.9	41.9
2020	100.0	2.2	32.6	23.5	41.7
2019Q2	100.0	2.6	27.7	24.9	44.8
2020Q2	100.0	1.4	32.9	23.5	42.1
2021Q1	100.0	0.5	28.9	24.3	46.4
2021Q2	100.0	1.4	28.2	25.4	44.9

TABLE 10A - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION (PERCENTAGE) - MALE

YEAR	TOTAL	LEVEL OF EDUCATION			
		GRADE 5 & BELOW	GRADES 6 - 10	GCE(O/L) NCGE	GCE(A/L) HNCE & ABOVE
2014	100.0	3.1	48.1	22.7	26.0
2015	100.0	1.7	44.1	30.9	23.4
2016	100.0	1.5	48.2	23.9	26.4
2017	100.0	2.0	37.5	30.0	30.5
2018	100.0	3.1	43.1	25.0	28.9
2019	100.0	2.9	42.2	27.0	28.0
2020	100.0	2.3	41.5	27.7	28.5
2019Q2	100.0	3.3	41.8	28.2	26.7
2020Q2	100.0	1.8	43.5	26.1	28.6
2021Q1	100.0	0.4	36.2	29.5	33.9
2021Q2	100.0	2.4	33.8	32.1	31.7

TABLE 10B - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION (PERCENTAGE) - FEMALE

YEAR	TOTAL	LEVEL OF EDUCATION			
		GRADE 5 & BELOW	GRADES 6 - 10	GCE(O/L) NCGE	GCE(A/L) HNCE & ABOVE
2014	100.0	3.1	28.5	22.1	46.4
2015	100.0	3.0	27.7	19.9	49.4
2016	100.0	3.6	26.0	20.8	49.6
2017	100.0	3.9	24.8	20.7	50.7
2018	100.0	1.5	20.6	18.7	59.2
2019	100.0	2.9	22.5	21.4	53.3
2020	100.0	2.2	24.2	19.7	53.9
2019Q2	100.0	1.9	15.9	22.1	60.0
2020Q2	100.0	1.0	22.5	21.0	55.5
2021Q1	100.0	0.5	23.1	20.2	56.2
2021Q2	100.0	0.4	22.5	18.6	58.4

These figures are to be treated with caution as the corresponding CV (Cofficient of variation)values are high.

TABLE 11 - CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY SEX AND DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT

(2021 1st Quarter)

Sex	Total	Duration		
		Less than 6 months	6 to less than 12 months	12+ months
Both sexes	432,463	155,047	112,125	165,291
%	100.0	35.9	25.9	38.2
Male	218,124	88,058	54,120	75,947
%	100.0	40.4	24.8	34.8
Female	214,339	66,989	58,005	89,344
%	100.0	31.3	27.1	41.7

TABLE 12 - STANDARD ERROR AND COFFICIENT OF VARIATION OF SELECTED VARIABLES

	Estimated Value	Standard Error	Cofficient of Variation (%)	Estimated Value (Ratio)	Standard Error	Cofficient of Variation (%)
General labour force characteristics						
Population (15 years & over)	17,092,123	155,240	0.9			
Employed Population	8,082,303	112,486	1.4			
Unemployed Population	432,463	26,450	6.1			
Employment Rate				94.9	0.30	0.31
Unemployment Rate				5.1	0.30	5.85
Labour Force	8,514,766	117,564	1.4			
Not in Labour Force	8,577,357	111,949	1.3			
Employed persons by major industry Groups						
1	2,250,273	88,614	3.9			
2	56,277	11,209	19.9			
3	1,315,591	51,604	3.9			
6	669,807	33,962	5.1			
7	1,097,913	41,816	3.8			
8	504,156	28,341	5.6			
9	222,172	21,310	9.6			
10	71,008	11,087	15.6			
11	218,047	19,963	9.2			
13	91,583	12,488	13.6			
14	122,019	15,282	12.5			
15	499,076	29,698	6.0			
16	400,053	25,412	6.4			
17	199,863	16,102	8.1			
19	144,145	15,549	10.8			
20	173,057	18,738	10.8			
Other	47,263	7,890	16.7			
Unemployed persons by level of education						
Below grade 6	5,628,048	111,485	2.0			
Grade 6 - 10	8,855,647	144,267	1.6			
G.C.E.(O/L)/N.C.G.E.	3,482,277	90,932	2.6			
G.C.E.(A/L)/H.N.C.E. & above	3,606,746	107,371	3.0			

Industry group

1 Agriculture, forestry and fishing (A)
2 Minning & quarrying (B)
3 Manufacturing (C)
6 Construction, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (D, E,F)
7 Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles(G)
8 Transportation and storage (H)
9 Accommodation and food services activities (I)
10 Information and communication (J)
11 Financial and insurance activities (K)
13 Professional, scientific and technical activities (M)
14 Administrative and support service activities (N)
15 Public administration and defence compulsory social security (O)
16 Education (P)
17 Human health and social work activities (Q)
19 Other service activities (S)
20 Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services - producing activities of households for own use (T)
Other

Other
Real estate activities (L)
Arts, entertainment and recreation (R)
Activities of extra teritorial organizations & bodies (U)

Special Statistical Appendix

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Coverage

Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey was designed to measure the levels and trends of employment, unemployment and labour force in Sri Lanka. This survey is being conducted quarterly, since the first quarter of 1990.

This quarterly survey of households is conducted through a scientifically selected sample designed to represent the civilian non-institutional population. Respondents are interviewed to obtain information about the employment status etc. of each member of the household 15 years of age and older.

The field work of the survey is done during the third week of each month, Monday through Sunday. This is known as the "survey week". The inquiry relates to activity or status are referred in the preceding week of the survey week; referred to as the "reference week".

The concepts and definitions underlying labour force data are as follows.

Concepts & Definitions

1. ***Labour force***: The labour force is composed of the economically active population 15 years of age and over.

2. **The *Economically Active Population***: is defined as those persons who are/were employed or unemployed during the reference period of the survey.

3. ***Employed***: Persons, who during the reference period, worked as paid employees, employers, own account workers (self employed), or unpaid family workers are said to be employed. This includes persons with a job but not at work during the reference period.

4. ***Unemployed***: Persons who are seeking and available for work, but had no employment during the reference period.

5. ***Currently Economically Active***: A person who was employed or unemployed during the current reference period is considered to be currently economically active.

6. ***Not in the Labour Force (not economically active)***: Persons who were neither working not available/looking for work are classified as "not in the labour force". Persons are not in the labour force for such reasons as: full time care of the household, full – time students, retired or old age, infirmed or disabled, or are not interested in working for one reason or another. Current and Usual definitions apply.

7. ***Criteria for classification of underemployment:*** In order to classify an employed persons as visibly underemployed,

(i) If the person has worked less than the normal duration in his/her main activity

In Sri Lanka scenario, 35 hours per week is taken as the cut-off point applicable to all workers, except government teachers. As in practice, though teachers do have a normal duration of work which is below the general cut-off point, they should be on a full time schedule according to the nature of their job. Further, those who do have a secondary job or those who are employers, were considered as having worked the normal duration in their respective activity.

Therefore, if the person has worked less than the normal duration in his/her activity (as described above), then the person is further questioned to ascertain whether he/She is prepared and available for further work if provided. Such persons are considered underemployed in their respective employment.

(ii) If the person has worked more than the normal duration in his/her activity

If the person has worked even more than 35 hours as usually, but he has worked less than 35 hours actually in the reference period, only due to the off season or bad weather, such persons were also further questioned to check their underemployment situation, considering them as a special category.

8. *Informal Sector Employment*
In order to classify a person to be employed in informal sector employment, following information were used.

(i) Registration of the organization
(ii) Accounts keeping practices of the organization
(iii)Total number of regular employees of the organization.

Reliability of the estimates

Statistics based on the quarterly labour force data are subject to both sampling and non - sampling errors. When a sample rather than the entire population is surveyed, there is a chance that the sample estimates may differ from the "true" population values they represent.

The exact differences or sampling error, varies depending on the particular sample selected, and this variability is measured by the standard error of the estimate. There is about a 95 percent chance, or level of confidence, that an estimate based on a sample will differ by no more than 1.96 standard errors from the " true" population value, because of sampling error. Analyses relating to the Labour Force Survey are generally conducted at the 95 percent level of confidence.

For example, the confidence interval for the quarterly unemployment rate is calculated as fallows

When the estimated unemployment rate is 4.5 and standard error of unemployment rate is 0.275 then 95% confidence interval

Estimated value (of the unemployment rate) ± (standard error) * (1.96)

4.5 ± (0.275) * (1.96)
(4.5 ± 0.539)

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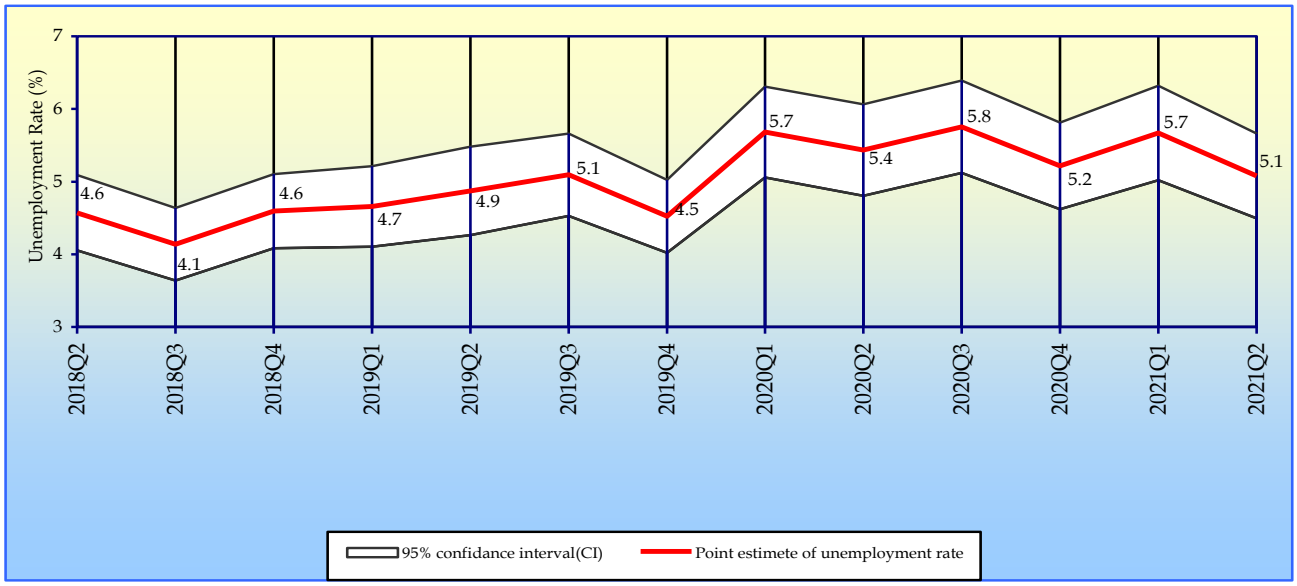
This means, the 95 percent confidence interval on the quarterly unemployment rate could range from (4.0 to 5.0). This implies that there is about 95 percent chance that the "true" unemployment rate lies within this interval. This range includes all the values range from 4.0 to 5.0. When the comparison of this estimate is done between two quarters, if any of the value within the 95 percent confidence interval of one quarter overlaps with the confidence interval of the other , it means that the estimates of this two quarters are not significantly different.

Therefore, in each quarterly labour force report, a separate table is given including approximate standard errors for some selected variables, so that users could understand this statistical scenario clearly.

Distribution of unemployment rates and 95% confidence intervals (2018Q2 - 2021Q2)



As seen in figure, it is very important to note that, there were no statistically significant differences between the unemployment rates reported in different time periods of 2018/2021, when sampling error was considered.

Change in survey schedule

Current survey concepts and methods are very similar to those introduced at the beginning of the survey in 1990. However, some changes have been made over the years to improve the accuracy and usefulness of the data. In January 2006, some improvements were made to the labour force survey schedule in order to fulfill the requirements of data users and also to provide additional information for planning purposes. The revision was made focusing on literacy, household economic activities, and informal sector employment and under employment etc.

From January , 2013 onwards, the lower bound of working age populations is considered as age 15, hence age 15 and over population is considered as working age population. The survey schedule is updated to obtain more precise information on following age, informal employment, informal sector, secondary occupation, wages & income , unemployment & trainings.

New Industry & Occupation classifications

From January 2013 onward the survey uses new industry & occupation classifications, such as

SLIC Rev 4:- Sri Lanka Standard Industry Classification based on International Standard Industry classification - Rev.4 (ISIC Rev 4)
SLSCO 08:- Sri Lanka Standard Classification of Occupation-2008 based on International Standard Classification of Occupation-2008 (ISCO 2008)

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Note :

It is important to note that, all the data published here are the estimates based on a sample survey and these are subject to sampling errors. These sampling errors can be statistically evaluated from the survey results. Therefore, sampling error is normally measured in terms of the standard error of the particular variable. Standard error could be used to calculate the confidence limits with a prescribed accuracy where the true value of the estimates lies.

Further reliability of the estimates can be expressed in terms of Coefficient of Variation (CV). The CV is a relative measure of the sampling error and is calculated as sampling error divided by the expected value of the given characteristic.

In view of this, following table is given to show the estimates for some selected variables, it's standard error, CV and 95% Confidence interval.

It is also important to note that all the estimates we publish in this report are subject to sampling error and one should be cautious in the interpretation of results, especially with respect to the trends over time.

Estimate of Confidence Intervals for some selected characteristics

	Labour Force					Employed				
	No.	Standard	C.V	95% C.I.		No.	Standard	C.V	95% C.I.	
Year		error	(%)	Lower	Upper		error	(%)	Lower	Upper
2012	7,798,407	66,291	0.85	7,668,392	7,928,422	7,488,704	63,894	0.85	7,363,389	7,614,018
2013	8,033,804	55,985	0.70	7,924,021	8,143,587	7,681,279	54,298	0.71	7,574,802	7,787,755
2014	8,048,884	60,868	0.76	7,929,525	8,168,243	7,700,489	58,417	0.76	7,585,937	7,815,042
2015	8,214,473	52,021	0.63	8,112,463	8,316,483	7,830,976	50,426	0.64	7,732,093	7,929,860
2016	8,310,682	66,023	0.79	8,181,215	8,440,148	7,947,683	64,616	0.81	7,820,977	8,074,389
2017	8,566,686	49,822	0.58	8,468,989	8,664,382	8,208,179	48,420	0.59	8,113,231	8,303,126
2018	8,387,759	57,008	0.68	8,275,971	8,499,546	8,015,166	55,036	0.69	7,907,245	8,123,087
2019	8,592,010	54,293	0.63	8,485,546	8,698,475	8,180,693	52,108	0.64	8,078,513	8,282,872
2020	8,466,606	58,917	0.70	8,351,075	8,582,137	7,999,093	56,610	0.71	7,888,086	8,110,101
2019Q2	8,623,249	109,930	1.27	8,407,340	8,839,158	8,203,018	105,561	1.29	7,995,689	8,410,346
2020Q2	8,435,358	110,818	1.31	8,217,707	8,653,010	7,977,000	105,088	1.32	7,770,603	8,183,397
2021Q1	8,673,078	118,961	1.37	8,439,427	8,906,728	8,181,491	113,000	1.38	7,959,548	8,403,433
2021Q2	8,514,766	117,564	1.38	8,283,862	8,745,670	8,082,303	112,486	1.39	7,861,372	8,303,233

	Unemployed					Unemployment Rate				
	No.	Standard	C.V	95% C.I.		Rate	Standard	C.V	95% C.I.	
Year		error	(%)	Lower	Upper		error	(%)	Lower	Upper
2012	309,703	13,287	4.29	283,643	335,763	4.0	0.2	4.14	3.6	4.3
2013	352,526	12,030	3.41	328,935	376,116	4.4	0.1	3.31	4.1	4.7
2014	348,395	12,697	3.64	323,497	373,293	4.3	0.2	3.50	4.0	4.6
2015	383,496	12,283	3.20	359,410	407,583	4.7	0.1	3.11	4.4	5.0
2016	362,999	11,186	3.08	341,064	384,933	4.4	0.1	3.02	4.1	4.6
2017	358,507	11,347	3.17	336,256	380,758	4.2	0.1	3.08	3.9	4.4
2018	372,593	11,350	3.05	350,337	394,849	4.4	0.1	2.94	4.2	4.7
2019	411,318	12,814	3.12	386,191	436,444	4.8	0.1	3.00	4.5	5.1
2020	467,513	14,029	3.00	440,004	495,022	5.5	0.2	2.88	5.2	5.8
2019Q2	420,231	27,760	6.61	365,708	474,754	4.9	0.3	6.37	4.3	5.5
2020Q2	458,359	28,417	6.20	402,546	514,172	5.4	0.3	5.91	4.8	6.1
2021Q1	491,587	30,185	6.14	432,300	550,873	5.7	0.3	5.85	5.0	6.3
2021Q2	432,463	26,450	6.12	380,513	484,413	5.1	0.3	5.85	4.5	5.7

ALTERNATIVE ESTIMATES

Alternative Estimates of Employment, Unemployment and Labour Force Characteristics

Official employment, unemployment and labour force characteristics are estimated at the Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey, based on the internationally comparable concepts and definitions recommended by the ILO. However the validity of the concepts and definitions used at the survey is questioned very often in some forums, for the appropriateness of these concepts and definitions in the Sri Lankan context.

The concepts and definitions, which were found to be controversial, are as below.

(1) Number of Hours of Work : A person who work at least one hour during the reference week, is considered employed, under these definitions.

(2) Working Age Population : All persons of age 10 years and over are considered to be in the working age, before 2013. However, this was changed as age 15 and over from 2013 onward.

(3) Employment Status : All,

a) Paid employees, (those who work for wages/salaries).

b) Employers (who have at least one paid employee under them).

c) Own account workers (who carry out the economic activity without having anypaid employees).

d) Contributing family workers (who make their contribution to the economic activities carried out bytheir own household, without wages/salaries).

The validity of the above concepts and definitions is raised due to the following reasons.

(1) Number of Hours of Work : Some pointed out that one hour per week is too low, to consider a person to be employed.

(2) Working Age Population : Some pointed out those persons in the age group 10-14 yrs. are too young to be considered in the working age. (From 2013 onward the working age population is considered as age 15 and over).

(3) Employment Status : Some pointed out that 'contributing family workers' may work in the family enterprise without payment because they have no other work, and so it is not appropriate to consider them as employed.

An attempt has been made to produce 'Alternative estimates of Employment, Unemployment and Labour Force Characteristics,' by revising the original concepts and definitions so that the above issues are addressed as explained below.

The revisions made are,

(1) Number of Hours of Work : Persons who work 20 hours or more per week only are considered to be employed.

(2) Contributing Family Worker : Contributing family workers are not considered as employed. They are considered as economically inactive (not in the labour force) so only, a) paid employees b) employers and c) own account workers are considered to be employed.

Following tables are based on the above alternative concepts and definitions.

Alternative Estimates ***(Page 2)***

Alternative Estimates of Employment, Unemployment and Labour Force Characteristics

TABLE 1 - LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF HOUSEHOLD POPULATION 15 YEARS & OVER (ALTERNATIVE ESTIMATES)

YEAR	HOUSEHOLD POPULATION (15 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
2014	15,134,484	7,017,985	46.4	6,669,590	95.0	348,395	5.0	8,116,499
2015	15,281,945	7,156,393	46.8	6,772,896	94.6	383,496	5.4	8,125,553
2016	15,448,679	7,325,972	47.4	6,962,973	95.0	362,999	5.0	8,122,707
2017	15,843,735	7,474,883	47.2	7,116,376	95.2	358,507	4.8	8,368,851
2018	16,196,232	7,428,999	45.9	7,056,406	95.0	372,593	5.0	8,767,233
2019	16,424,016	7,609,700	46.3	7,198,383	94.6	411,318	5.4	8,814,316
2020	16,739,396	7,438,037	44.4	6,970,524	93.7	467,513	6.3	9,301,359
2019Q2	16,398,758	7,632,233	46.5	7,212,002	94.5	420,231	5.5	8,766,525
2020Q2	16,793,046	7,300,540	43.5	6,842,181	93.7	458,359	6.3	9,492,506
2021Q1	17,025,000	7,779,648	45.7	7,288,061	93.7	491,587	6.3	9,245,352
2021Q2	17,092,123	7,219,755	42.2	6,787,292	94.0	432,463	6.0	9,872,368

TABLE 2 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF NUMBER AND RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT BY AGE (ALTERNATIVE ESTIMATES)

YEAR	TOTAL		AGE GROUP									
			15 - 19		20 - 24		25 - 29		30 - 39		40 & ABOVE	
	NO.	RATE	NO.	RATE	NO.	RATE	NO.	RATE	NO.	RATE	NO.	RATE
2014	348,395	5.0	49,540	25.7	138,565	22.2	67,235	9.3	53,648	3.0	39,407	1.1
2015	383,496	5.4	55,557	28.6	143,351	22.0	78,592	10.4	60,768	3.4	45,229	1.2
2016	362,999	5.0	58,622	32.8	144,156	22.2	76,624	10.0	47,956	2.7	35,640	0.9
2017	358,507	4.8	46,016	25.1	135,121	19.7	79,727	10.4	53,053	3.0	44,590	1.1
2018	372,593	5.0	52,624	30.4	144,824	22.1	84,000	11.3	55,853	3.3	35,291	0.8
2019	411,318	5.4	53,652	29.3	148,046	22.4	93,793	11.8	59,009	3.4	56,818	1.3
2020	467,513	6.3	62,910	38.0	183,722	27.5	100,359	13.0	64,493	3.9	56,029	1.3
2019Q2	420,231	5.5	60,283	30.8	134,412	19.8	108,142	13.4	66,410	3.7	50,983	1.2
2020Q2	458,359	6.3	68,256	40.3	186,900	29.0	89,292	12.2	59,636	3.7	54,275	1.3
2021Q1	491,587	6.3	41,723	30.4	214,538	31.3	113,387	13.8	81,119	4.8	40,820	0.9
2021Q2	432,463	6.0	42,284	36.6	200,484	34.1	80,678	10.3	63,867	4.2	45,150	1.1

Alternative Estimates ***(Page 3)***

Table 3 - Currently Employed persons by Industry group (No. and percentage) (Based on ISIC Fourth Revision) - (Alternative estimates)

Year		Industry group																	
		Total	1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	Other
2017	No.	7,116,376	1,555,527	57,397	1,397,453	650,665	1,007,347	497,936	180,162	66,999	158,429	66,035	145,217	519,684	352,121	145,028	105,521	149,109	61,746
	%	100.0	21.9	0.8	19.6	9.1	14.2	7.0	2.5	0.9	2.2	0.9	2.0	7.3	4.9	2.0	1.5	2.1	0.9
2018	No.	7,056,406	1,513,837	58,743	1,336,902	676,629	1,010,560	487,204	205,377	54,000	171,779	81,274	158,089	431,126	398,079	140,278	101,641	178,313	52,575
	%	100.0	21.5	0.8	18.9	9.6	14.3	6.9	2.9	0.8	2.4	1.2	2.2	6.1	5.6	2.0	1.4	2.5	0.7
2019	No.	7,198,383	1,538,804	58,117	1,365,637	659,891	992,825	500,547	204,840	62,552	184,666	87,913	193,082	430,760	401,519	164,487	119,721	172,494	60,528
	%	100.0	21.4	0.8	19.0	9.2	13.8	7.0	2.8	0.9	2.6	1.2	2.7	6.0	5.6	2.3	1.7	2.4	0.8
2020	No.	6,970,524	1,592,043	51,906	1,276,171	660,251	970,228	494,638	186,117	55,187	174,496	82,307	157,459	433,734	370,960	152,648	114,254	153,050	45,075
	%	100.0	22.8	0.7	18.3	9.5	13.9	7.1	2.7	0.8	2.5	1.2	2.3	6.2	5.3	2.2	1.6	2.2	0.6
2019Q2	No.	7,212,002	1,464,219	63,936	1,403,744	669,249	1,006,567	523,090	206,346	63,655	163,041	91,571	195,292	453,920	383,297	184,616	109,835	179,785	49,839
	%	100.0	20.3	0.9	19.5	9.3	14.0	7.3	2.9	0.9	2.3	1.3	2.7	6.3	5.3	2.6	1.5	2.5	0.7
2020Q2	No.	6,842,181	1,545,311	41,261	1,293,477	621,688	946,070	487,781	181,658	46,921	162,820	86,609	153,463	399,221	384,858	176,092	109,113	164,716	41,122
	%	100.0	22.6	0.6	18.9	9.1	13.8	7.1	2.7	0.7	2.4	1.3	2.2	5.8	5.6	2.6	1.6	2.4	0.6
2021Q1	No.	7,288,061	1,612,570	57,168	1,311,637	681,122	1,064,661	492,513	188,016	67,096	157,996	86,181	110,047	507,180	433,574	148,064	119,170	207,144	43,920
	%	100.0	22.1	0.8	18.0	9.3	14.6	6.8	2.6	0.9	2.2	1.2	1.5	7.0	5.9	2.0	1.6	2.8	0.6
2021Q2	No.	6,787,292	1,590,524	42,038	1,161,475	602,815	943,740	464,258	181,757	68,491	211,074	84,941	118,790	473,037	331,556	193,035	124,206	153,547	42,008
	%	100.0	23.4	0.6	17.1	8.9	13.9	6.8	2.7	1.0	3.1	1.3	1.8	7.0	4.9	2.8	1.8	2.3	0.6

Note: The tabulation groups based on ISIC (Rev.4) are indicated as A,B,C……..U. Due to the limitations on reliability (based on CV),some of these groups have been combined.

Industry Group

1 Agriculture, forestry and fishing (A)
2 Minning & quarrying (B)
3 Manufacturing (C)
6 Construction, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (D, E,F)
7 Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles(G)
8 Transportation and storage (H)
9 Accommodation and food services activities (I)
10 Information and communication (J)
11 Financial and insurance activities (K)
13 Professional, scientific and technical activities (M)
14 Administrative and support service activities (N)
15 Public administration and defence compulsory social security (O)
16 Education (P)
17 Human health and social work activities (Q)
19 Other service activities (S)
20 Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services - producing activities of households for own use (T)
Other

Other
12 Real estate activities (L)
18 Arts, entertainment and recreation (R)
21 Activities of extra teritorial organizations & bodies (U)

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