

Table 3.6 - Distribution of employees by sector of employment, ethnicity and sex 2016

Sector of employment and ethnicity	Total		Male		Female	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
All employees						
Total	1,109,475	100.0	611,448	100.0	498,027	100.0
Sinhalese	929,272	83.8	516,649	84.5	412,623	82.9
Sri Lankan Tamil	108,021	9.7	55,051	9.0	52,970	10.6
Indian Tamil	15,706	1.4	6,613	1.1	9,093	1.8
Sri Lankan Moor	50,134	4.5	29,004	4.7	21,130	4.2
Burgher	881	0.1	516	0.1	365	0.1
Malay	998	0.1	604	0.1	394	0.1
Other	403	0.0	282	0.0	121	0.0
Not Specified	4,060	0.4	2,729	0.4	1,331	0.3
Central government employees						
Total	724,669	100.0	463,788	100.0	260,881	100.0
Sinhalese	636,712	87.9	410,064	88.4	226,648	86.9
Sri Lankan Tamil	54,503	7.5	31,094	6.7	23,409	9.0
Indian Tamil	5,712	0.8	2,773	0.6	2,939	1.1
Sri Lankan Moor	23,061	3.2	16,674	3.6	6,387	2.4
Burgher	631	0.1	386	0.1	245	0.1
Malay	679	0.1	437	0.1	242	0.1
Other	288	0.0	206	0.0	82	0.0
Not Specified	3,083	0.4	2,154	0.5	929	0.4
Provincial council employees						
Total	384,806	100.0	147,660	100.0	237,146	100.0
Sinhalese	292,560	76.0	106,585	72.2	185,975	78.4
Sri Lankan Tamil	53,518	13.9	23,957	16.2	29,561	12.5
Indian Tamil	9,994	2.6	3,840	2.6	6,154	2.6
Sri Lankan Moor	27,073	7.0	12,330	8.4	14,743	6.2
Burgher	250	0.1	130	0.1	120	0.1
Malay	319	0.1	167	0.1	152	0.1
Other	115	0.0	76	0.1	39	0.0
Not Specified	977	0.3	575	0.4	402	0.2