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## *Preface*

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*In the past, information on labour force characteristics, employment and unemployment etc. were collected through labour force and socio - economic surveys conducted at five yearly time intervals. However, the employment and unemployment data are required at very short intervals to monitor the programs made in the employment generating policies of the government. Therefore, to satisfy this need, the Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) designed a labour force survey on a quarterly basis, to measure the levels and trends of employment, unemployment and labour force in Sri Lanka on a continuous basis. This survey was commenced from the first quarter of 1990 and this report is the seventy seventh in the series of quarterly reports published so far.*

*Current survey concepts and methods are very similar to those introduced at the beginning of the survey in 1990. However, some changes were made over the years to improve the accuracy and usefulness of the data. The significant revisions were made on the labour force survey questionnaire in 2006, and the revised version was introduced for the survey conducted in 2006 first quarter, and it has been using up to now.*

*The field work of the survey for the first quarter 2011 was done in January, February and March in year 2011. Even though it was planned to conduct the survey in Northern province, the survey was not conducted fully due to the prevailing uncertain conditions in districts of Northern province. However for comparison purposes related tabulations have been done (i) excluding Northern and Eastern provinces and (ii) excluding Northern province, separately in this report.*

*A nationally representative annual sample of about 22,500 housing units have been selected for the survey in 2011. However as mentioned above, the survey was not conducted properly in Northern province as scheduled, so this report is based on a quarterly sample of 5,180 housing units, excluding Northern province providing national level estimates with a stipulated standard errors of labour force characteristics as reported in the reference period of the First quarter 2011.*

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**Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey**  
**Summary Statistics on Labour Force Characteristics**  
**2011 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter**  
**(Excluding Northern province)**

**10 years & over population**

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (10 years & over)	16949772	8023139	8926633	2242826	14706946
Labour force in this age group	8133459	5283825	2849633	931660	7201799
Labour force participation rate	48.0	65.9	31.9	41.5	49.0
Employed population	7783574	5125489	2658085	900023	6883551
Employment rate	95.7	97.0	93.3	96.6	95.6
Unemployed population	349885	158336	191548	31637	318248
Unemployment rate	4.3	3.0	6.7	3.4	4.4
Not in labour force	8816313	2739314	6077000	1311166	7505147

**15 years & over population**

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (15 years & over)	15234126	7129073	8105053	2042265	13191861
Labour force in this age group	8122551	5276862	2845689	930477	7192074
Labour force participation rate	53.3	74.0	35.1	45.6	54.5
Employed population	7772666	5118526	2654141	898840	6873827
Employment rate	95.7	97.0	93.3	96.6	95.6
Unemployed population	349885	158336	191548	31637	318248
Unemployment rate	4.3	3.0	6.7	3.4	4.4
Not in labour force	7111575	1852211	5259365	1111789	5999786

**20 years & over population**

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (20 years & over)	13513528	6263642	7249886	1827465	11686063
Labour force in this age group	7833086	5078641	2754445	902268	6930817
Labour force participation rate	58.0	81.1	38.0	49.4	59.3
Employed population	7525538	4948420	2577118	874356	6651182
Employment rate	96.1	97.4	93.6	96.9	96.0
Unemployed population	307548	130221	177327	27912	279635
Unemployment rate	3.9	2.6	6.4	3.1	4.0
Not in labour force	5680442	1185001	4495441	925197	4755246

**Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey**  
**Summary Statistics on Labour Force Characteristics**  
**2011 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter**

(Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces)

**10 years & over population**

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (10 years & over)	15706337	7422172	8284164	1983612	13722725
Labour force in this age group	7670465	4916070	2754395	843490	6826975
Labour force participation rate	48.8	66.2	33.2	42.5	49.7
Employed population	7351776	4770710	2581066	817859	6533917
Employment rate	95.8	97.0	93.7	97.0	95.7
Unemployed population	318689	145360	173329	25631	293058
Unemployment rate	4.2	3.0	6.3	3.0	4.3
Not in labour force	8035872	2506102	5529769	1140121	6895750

**15 years & over population**

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (15 years & over)	14168349	6627418	7540930	1819478	12348871
Labour force in this age group	7659558	4909107	2750451	842307	6817250
Labour force participation rate	54.1	74.1	36.5	46.3	55.2
Employed population	7340869	4763747	2577122	816676	6524193
Employment rate	95.8	97.0	93.7	97.0	95.7
Unemployed population	318689	145360	173329	25631	293058
Unemployment rate	4.2	3.0	6.3	3.0	4.3
Not in labour force	6508791	1718311	4790479	977171	5531620

**20 years & over population**

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (20 years & over)	12621537	5851063	6770474	1632787	10988750
Labour force in this age group	7389396	4727681	2661714	817271	6572125
Labour force participation rate	58.5	80.8	39.3	50.1	59.8
Employed population	7112376	4609769	2502607	795364	6317012
Employment rate	96.3	97.5	94.0	97.3	96.1
Unemployed population	277020	117912	159108	21907	255113
Unemployment rate	3.7	2.5	6.0	2.7	3.9
Not in labour force	5232141	1123381	4108760	815517	4416624

**Selected Labour Force indicators (Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces)  
( 2003 - 2011 Q1)**

	Year										*2011Q1
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010Q1	2011Q1	
<b>Labour force participation rate</b>											
<i>by sex</i>											
Both sexes	49.7	49.6	49.3	51.2	49.8	50.2	49.2	48.6	49.1	48.8	48.0
Male	67.5	67.2	67.3	68.1	67.8	67.9	66.7	67.3	67.8	66.2	65.9
Female	32.6	33.0	32.6	35.7	33.4	34.3	33.7	32.1	32.7	33.2	31.9
<i>by residential sector</i>											
Total	49.7	49.6	49.3	51.2	49.8	50.2	49.2	48.6	49.1	48.8	48.0
Urban	45.1	45.6	46.2	45.3	45.0	46.3	43.9	42.5	44.1	42.5	41.5
Rural	50.3	50.3	49.7	52.1	50.4	50.7	49.8	49.5	49.8	49.7	49.0
<b>Unemployment rate</b>											
<i>by sex</i>											
Both sexes	8.1	8.1	7.2	6.5	6.0	5.2	5.7	4.9	5.1	4.2	4.3
Male	6.0	6.0	5.3	4.7	4.3	3.6	4.3	3.5	3.5	3.0	3.0
Female	12.3	12.1	10.7	9.7	9.0	8.0	8.2	7.5	7.9	6.3	6.7
<i>by selected age groups(yr)</i>											
20 - 29	19.1	18.6	16.0	15.9	15.0	13.2	15.1	13.7	14.5	12.0	12.8
20 - 24	25.8	25.2	22.4	21.0	21.1	17.8	21.0	18.9	20.1	15.8	16.4
25 - 29	11.4	11.1	9.4	11.0	9.4	9.0	10.1	9.1	9.8	8.7	9.6
<i>by selected educational levels</i>											
G.C.E.(A/L) & above											
Both sexes	16.0	15.7	12.2	11.6	11.8	9.9	10.8	11.3	11.9	9.2	10.0
Male	10.1	9.6	7.9	6.9	6.6	5.6	6.6	7.5	7.8	5.8	6.4
Female	22.4	22.5	17.1	16.8	17.5	14.4	15.1	15.6	16.4	13.1	14.3
<b>Employed population</b>											
<i>by sex</i>											
Both sexes	6609466	6704006	6788119	7105322	7041874	7174706.2	7139537	7235641	7287198	7351776	7783574
Male	4496136	4512082	4546397	4610643	4653067	4663277.5	4609197.5	4770375.9	4771572	4770710	5125488.9
Female	2113330	2191924	2241722	2494679	2388807	2511428.7	2530339.2	2465265.4	2515626	2581066	2658085.2
<i>by industry (percentage)</i>											
Total	6609466	6704006	6788119	7105322	7041874	7174706.2	7139536.7	7235641.3	7287198	7351776	7783574
%	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)
Agriculture	2223691	2215282	2059293	2287268	2202098	2344414.8	2318620.6	2353598.6	2455665	2353311	2511427
%	(33.6)	(33.0)	(30.3)	(32.2)	(31.3)	(32.7)	(32.5)	(32.5)	(33.7)	(32.0)	(32.3)
Industry	1539035	1663383	1787274	1889953	1873857	1888003.5	1822684.8	1777129.7	1835359	1879606	1951202
%	(23.3)	(24.8)	(26.3)	(26.6)	(26.6)	(26.3)	(25.5)	(24.6)	(25.2)	(25.6)	(25.1)
Services	2846740	2825341	2941552	2928101	2965919	2942288	2998231	3104913	2996174	3118858.8	3320945
%	(43.1)	(42.1)	(43.3)	(41.2)	(42.1)	(41.0)	(42.0)	(42.9)	(41.1)	(42.4)	(42.7)
<i>by no. of hours worked per week (percentage)</i>											
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0 •	7.3	5.3	4.9	6.7	6.5	7.4	7.9	6.1	3.8	3.7	4.1
1 - 9	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.9	1.5	2.2	2.4	1.8	1.3	1.5	1.5
10 - 39	32.9	28.4	27.9	28.6	28.3	29.2	29.0	28.6	28.8	29.6	29.4
40+	58.0	64.7	65.7	62.8	63.7	61.2	60.8	63.5	66.0	65.2	65.0

• Has a job but not at work during the reference week

\* Excluding Northern province

**Selected Labour Force indicators  
( 2003 - 2011 Q1)**

	Year								
	2003*	2004**	2005***	2006 #	2007#	2008*	2009*	2010*	2011Q1*
<b>Labour force participation rate</b>									
<i>by sex</i>									
Both sexes	48.9	48.6	48.3	51.2	49.8	49.5	48.7	48.1	48.0
Male	67.2	66.7	67.1	68.1	67.8	67.8	66.6	67.1	65.9
Female	31.4	31.5	30.9	35.7	33.4	33.2	32.8	31.2	31.9
<i>by residential sector</i>									
Total	48.9	48.6	48.3	51.2	49.8	49.5	48.7	48.1	48.0
Urban	44.4	44.9	45.5	45.3	45.0	45.9	43.5	42.0	41.5
Rural	49.6	49.2	48.7	52.1	50.4	50.0	49.4	49.0	49.0
<b>Unemployment rate</b>									
<i>by sex</i>									
Both sexes	8.4	8.3	7.7	6.5	6.0	5.4	5.8	4.9	4.3
Male	6.0	6.0	5.5	4.7	4.3	3.7	4.3	3.5	3.0
Female	13.2	12.8	11.9	9.7	9.0	8.4	8.6	7.7	6.7
<i>by selected age groups(yr)</i>									
20 - 29	19.4	19.2	17.2	15.9	15.0	13.7	15.4	13.8	12.8
20 - 24	26.4	25.9	24.6	21.0	21.1	18.1	21.4	19.1	16.4
25 - 29	11.4	11.4	9.5	11.0	9.4	9.5	10.3	9.2	9.6
<i>by selected educational levels</i>									
G.C.E.(A/L) & above									
Both sexes	16.5	16.8	13.8	11.6	11.8	10.5	11.2	11.6	10.0
Male	10.4	10.5	8.9	6.9	6.6	6.0	7.0	7.9	6.4
Female	23.3	23.8	19.1	16.8	17.5	15.3	15.5	15.8	14.3
<b>Employed population</b>									
<i>by sex</i>									
Both sexes	7012755	7440226	7518007	7105322	7041874	7648305	7602414	7706593	7783574
Male	4833483	5087861	5134765	4610643	4653067	5033449	4963176	5131986	5125489
Female	2179272	2352365	2383241	2494679	2388807	2614856	2639238	2574608	2658085
<i>by industry (percentage)</i>									
Total	7012755	7394029	7518007	7105322	7041874	7648305	7602414	7706593	7783574.033
%	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)
Agriculture	2384397	2474725	2306039	2287268	2202098	2489731	2475921	2519905	2511427
%	(34.0)	(33.5)	(30.7)	(32.2)	(31.3)	(32.6)	(32.6)	(32.7)	(32.3)
Industry	1611493	1781447	1928014	1889953	1873857	2004880	1910318	1866733	1951202
%	(23.0)	(24.1)	(25.6)	(26.6)	(26.6)	(26.2)	(25.1)	(24.2)	(25.1)
Services	3016866	3137857	3283954	2928101	2965919	3153693	3216175	3319955	3320345
%	(43.0)	(42.4)	(43.7)	(41.2)	(42.1)	(41.2)	(42.3)	(43.1)	(42.7)
<i>by no. of hours worked per week (percentage)</i>									
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0 •	7.5	5.2	4.7	6.7	6.5	7.2	7.9	6.0	4.1
1 - 9	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.9	1.5	2.2	2.3	1.7	1.5
10 - 39	32.6	28.7	27.6	28.6	28.3	28.9	28.8	28.5	29.4
40+	58.1	64.5	66.2	62.8	63.7	61.7	61.0	63.9	65.0

• Has a job but not at work during the reference week

\*Excluding Northern province

\*\* Excluding Mullativu & Kilinochchi districts

\*\*\*All the districts are included

# Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces



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# Introduction

Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey is 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.

The field work of the survey for the First Quarter 2011 was done in January, February and March in year 2011. Even though it was planned to conduct the survey in Northern province, the survey was not conducted fully due to unsettled conditions in districts of Northern province, therefore this bulletin consists of summary statistics excluding Northern province.

## Labour force participation rate

Labour Force: Number of persons (age 10 & above) who were employed or unemployed during the reference week

Labour force participation rate: Labour force expressed as a percentage of population age 10 yr. & over

**Table 1: Economically active population by sex and sector - First Quarter 2011**

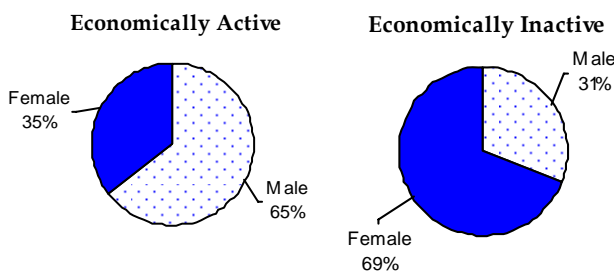
Sector	Economically active population					
	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Total	8133459	100.0	5283825	65.0	2849633	35.0
Urban	931660	100.0	656085	70.4	275575	29.6
Rural	6801360	100.0	4409078	64.8	2392282	35.2
Estate	400439	100.0	218662	54.6	181777	45.4

**Table 2: Economically Inactive population by sex and sector - First Quarter 2011**

Sector	Economically inactive population					
	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Total	8816313	100.0	2739314	31.1	6077000	68.9
Urban	1311166	100.0	406905	31.0	904262	69.0
Rural	7158839	100.0	2205091	30.8	4953748	69.2
Estate	346309	100.0	127318	36.8	218990	63.2

The survey results revealed that (Table 1), the estimated economically active population (or labour force) was about 8.1 million in First Quarter 2011. Of which 65.0 percent were males and 35.0 percent were females. Out of the economically inactive population 31.1 percent were males and 68.9 percent were females (Table 2).

**Figure 1: Distribution of Economically active/Inactive population**



**Table 3: Labour Force Participation Rate by sex & year**

Year	Labour force participation rate		
	Total	Male	Female
2000	50.3	67.2	33.9
2001	48.8	66.2	31.9
2002	50.3	67.9	33.6
2003	49.7	67.5	32.6
2004	49.6	67.2	33.0
2005	49.3	67.3	32.6
2006	51.2	68.1	35.7
2007	49.8	67.8	33.4
2008	50.2	67.9	34.3
2009	49.2	66.7	33.7
2010	48.6	67.3	32.1
2011 Q1	48.8	66.2	33.2

Note: Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

Table 3 provides the information on labour force participation rates since year 2000. As can be seen from this table, male participation rate for the First Quarter 2011 was about 66.2 percent and it was 33.2 percent for females. It is important to note that, male participation to the labour force was almost twice as that of females.

**Table 4: Labour Force Participation Rate by age group & by sex - First Quarter 2011**

Age group	Sex		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	48.0	65.9	31.9
15 - 19	16.8	22.9	10.7
20 - 24	54.5	73.7	37.5
25 - 29	64.3	92.9	41.9
30 - 34	65.6	95.8	40.0
35 - 39	69.1	95.7	45.8
40 - 44	74.0	96.6	51.4
45 - 49	70.1	93.9	51.4
50 - 54	65.0	88.9	43.4
55 - 59	58.9	81.3	37.9
60+	27.5	42.8	14.9

The distribution of labour force participation rate by age group and by sex depicts more male participation compared to female in all age groups.

Highest male participation rate was reported from age group (40 - 44) yrs, while in female highest participation rate was reported from age group (40 - 44) yrs and (45 - 49) yrs.

## Employment

*Employed: Persons who are engaged in some kind of work for pay or profit or family gain during the reference week.*

**Table 5 : Distribution of Employed population by main industry, (First Quarter 2010 – First Quarter 2011)**

Year	Total	Major industry group		
		Agriculture	Industries	Services
Jan-Feb-Mar 1st Qtr - 2010	7725753 100.0	2600463 33.7	1911428 24.7	3213861 41.6
April-May-June 2nd Qtr - 2010	7613267 100.0	2439391 32.0	1795204 23.6	3378672 44.4
July-Aug-Sept. 3rd Qtr - 2010	7578174 100.0	2367294 31.2	1850442 24.4	3360438 44.3
Oct-Nov-Dec 4th Qtr - 2010	7909178 100.0	2672472 33.8	1909857 24.1	3326849 42.1
Jan-Feb-Mar 1st Qtr - 2011	7783574 100.0	2511427 32.3	1951202 25.1	3320945 42.7

**Note: The tabulation groups based on ISIC (Rev.3) are indicated as A,B,C.....Q..**

### Agriculture

- |                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| 1. Agriculture (A)          | 1. Manufacturing (D)                     |
| 2. Forestry and Fishery (B) | 2. Construction (F)                      |
|                             | 3. Mining & Quarrying (C)                |
|                             | 4. Electricity, Gas and Water supply (E) |

### Industries

### Services

1. Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles, Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods (G)
2. Hotels and Restaurants (H)
3. Transport, Storage and Communication (I)
4. Financial Intermediation and Real Estate, Renting and Business Activities (J,K)
5. Public Administration and Defence, Compulsory Social Security (L)
6. Education (M)
7. Health and Social work (N)
8. Other Community, Social and Personal Service Activities (O)
9. Private Households with Employed Persons (P)
10. Miscellaneous Labour work
11. Extra Territorial Organizations & bodies (Q)
12. Industries not adequately described

Table 5 shows the percentage distribution of employed population by main industry from First Quarter 2010 to First Quarter 2011. The total number of employed persons in Sri Lanka was estimated as about 7.8 million in First Quarter 2011. Of which, about 42.7 percent engaged in services sector, 32.3 percent in agriculture sector, and 25.1 percent in Industries sector.

**Table 6 : Percentage distribution of employed population by employment status and Agriculture/ Non- Agriculture sector - First Quarter 2011**

Employment Status	Total		Sector			
			Agriculture		Non Agriculture	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Total	7783574	100.0	2511427	32.3	5272147	67.7
Employee	4208368	100.0	727228	17.3	3481139	82.7
Public	1057555	100.0	110189	10.4	947366	89.6
Private	3150813	100.0	617039	19.6	2533774	80.4
Employer	239956	100.0	33672	14.0	206284	86.0
Own account worker	2484054	100.0	1152978	46.4	1331076	53.6
Contributing family worker	851196.1	100.0	597548	70.2	253648	29.8

Table 6 shows that, comparatively higher percentage of employees both in private & public sector engage in non-agricultural activities. Also more employers were in non agriculture sector than in agriculture sector. But contributing family workers were more concentrated in agriculture sector.

**Table 7 : Distribution of Employed population by main industry & sex - First Quarter 2011**

Major industry group	Total	Sex	
		Male	Female
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture	32.3	29.3	38.0
Industry	25.1	25.0	25.1
Services	42.7	45.6	36.9

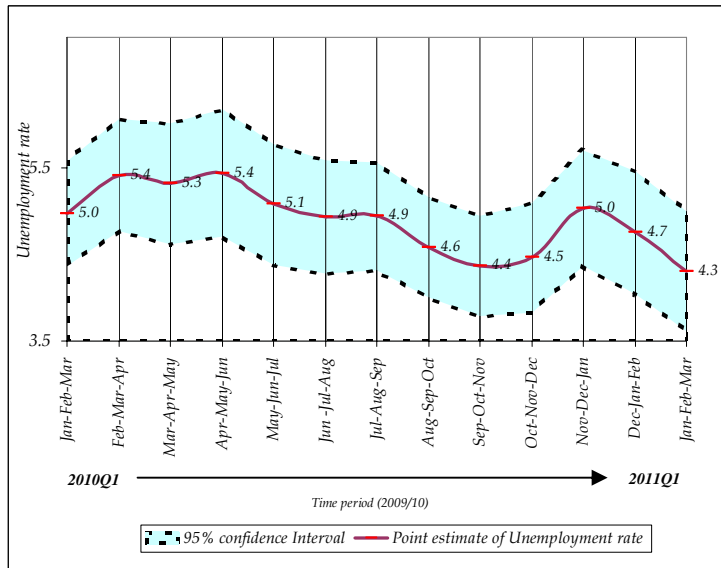
Table 7 depicts the distribution of male and female employed population by main industries. Regardless of sex, highest employment concentrated in service sector. Further among employed women about 38.0 percent was in agriculture sector while this share was 29.3 percent among males.

# Unemployment

**Unemployment Rate : The number of unemployed persons as a percentage of the labour force**

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

**Figure 2 : Unemployment rates and it's 95% confidence intervals (2010 Jan. - 2011 March)**



The number of unemployed persons was estimated as about 349,885 during the First Quarter 2011.

The unemployment rate for the First Quarter 2011 was reported as 4.3 percent.

As seen in figure 2, it is very important to note that, there were no statistically significant difference between the unemployment rates reported in different time periods of 2010/2011, when *sampling error*<sup>(1)</sup> was considered.

**Table 8: Unemployment rate by level of education - First Quarter 2011**

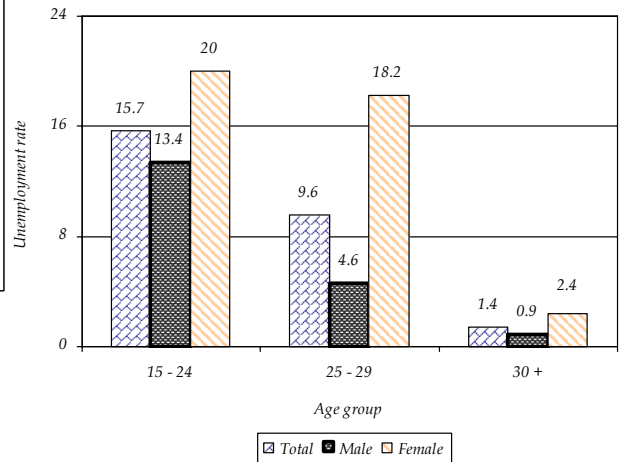
Level of Education	Unemployment rate		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	4.3	3.0	6.7
Below G.C.E. (O/L)	2.5	2.0	3.5
G.C.E. (O/L)	5.3	4.2	7.5
G.C.E. (A/L) & above	10.0	6.4	14.3



**Table 9: Unemployment rate by age group and sex - First Quarter 2011**

Age group	Total	Sex	
		Male	Female
Total	4.3	3.0	6.7
15 - 24	15.7	13.4	20.0
25 - 29	9.6	4.6	18.2
30 +	1.4	0.9	2.4

**Figure 3 : Unemployment rate by age group and sex - First Quarter 2011**



As can be seen from table 9, overall unemployment rate reported for female was 6.7 percent and it was 3.0 percent for male. Youth unemployment rate 15 – 24 yrs reported for First Quarter 2011 was 15.7. Highest unemployment rate was reported from age group 15 – 24 yrs, for both males (13.4) and females (20.0). Further the survey results revealed that the unemployment was severe among females than that of males, in all age groups.

The highest unemployment rate was reported from the G.C.E(A/L) and above group which was about 10.0 percent. There were 6.4 percent and 14.3 percent for males and females respectively. This shows the problem of unemployment is more acute in the case of educated females than educated males (Table 8).

<sup>(1)</sup> Sampling error :

When a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed, estimates differ from the true population values they represent. This difference, or sampling error, occurs by chance, and its variability is measured by the standard error of the estimate. **For more details, please refer the explanatory note on the labour force link in the DCS website.**

**TABLE 1 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION, 10 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER - BOTH SEXES**

YEAR	HOUSEHOLD POPULATION (10 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)	
1990	11573941	6001148	51.9	5047354	84.1	953794	15.9	5572793
1991	11795793	5877198	49.8	5015517	85.3	861680	14.7	5918596
1992	12058463	5808062	48.2	4962105	85.4	845957	14.6	6250400
1993	12278055	6032383	49.1	5201474	86.2	830910	13.8	6245675
1994	12492850	6078863	48.7	5281272	86.9	797591	13.1	6413985
1995	12736185	6106138	47.9	5357117	87.7	749021	12.3	6630048
1996	12831240	6241889	48.6	5537285	88.7	704604	11.3	6589365
1997	12870791	6266160	48.7	5607881	89.5	658279	10.5	6604630
1998	12881790	6660520	51.7	6049238	90.8	611285	9.2	6221274
1999	13169250	6673487	50.7	6082641	91.2	590846	8.9	6495782
2000	13564660	6827312	50.3	6310145	92.4	517168	7.6	6737345
2001	13870479	6772834	48.8	6235588	92.1	537246	7.9	7097644
2002	14201396	7145382	50.3	6519415	91.2	625967	8.8	7056014
*2003	15651479	7653716	48.9	7012755	91.6	640961	8.4	7997763
** 2004	16593431	8061354	48.6	7394029	91.7	667324	8.3	8532077
*** 2005	16870976	8141347	48.3	7518007	92.3	623341	7.7	8729628
# 2006	14833801	7598762	51.2	7105322	93.5	493440	6.5	7235040
# 2007	15047882	7488896	49.8	7041874	94.0	447021	6.0	7558986
* 2008	16319065	8081702	49.5	7648305	94.6	433397	5.4	8237363
# 2008	15078016	7568715	50.2	7174706	94.8	394009	5.2	7509301
* 2009	16578628	8073668	48.7	7602414	94.2	471254	5.8	8504961
# 2009	15397595	7572388	49.2	7139537	94.3	432852	5.7	7825206
* 2010	16861526	8107739	48.1	7706593	95.1	401146	4.9	8753787
# 2010	15650155	7610389	48.6	7235641	95.1	374748	4.9	8039766
* 2011Q1	16949772	8133459	48.0	7783574	95.7	349885	4.3	8816313
# 2011Q1	15706337	7670465	48.8	7351776	95.8	318689	4.2	8035872

**Note: The normal Labour Force Survey programme was not implemented in 2005 due to the Tsunami - 2004. However a special labour force survey was conducted in August 2005 and the estimates based on this special survey are given under year 2005.**

(Up to 2002 fourth quarter, both Northern & Eastern provinces are excluded from the estimates.)

\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

\*\*\* - All the districts are included

# - Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

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

YEAR	HOUSEHOLD POPULATION (10 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)	
*1993	6109486	3989443	65.3	3601779	90.3	387663	9.7	2120044
*1994	6228064	4072937	65.4	3678648	90.3	394289	9.7	2155127
*1995	6318003	4068608	64.4	3700951	91.0	367656	9.0	2249395
*1996	6373670	4200886	65.9	3857147	91.8	343741	8.2	2172784
*1997	6372365	4184248	65.6	3862087	92.3	322168	7.7	2188110
*1998	6344453	4281996	67.5	4004504	93.5	277491	6.5	2062456
*1999	6506662	4402713	67.7	4107497	93.3	295217	6.7	2103953
*2000	6702871	4501597	67.2	4241477	94.2	260120	5.8	2201274
*2001	6837264	4529016	66.2	4248877	93.8	280139	6.2	2308248
*2002	6935012	4705586	67.9	4395164	93.4	310421	6.6	2229427
**2003	7657368	5144206	67.2	4833483	94.0	310723	6.0	2513162
***2004	8049643	5372897	66.7	5049426	94.0	323471	6.0	2676746
****2005	8103016	5436362	67.1	5134765	94.5	301597	5.5	2666654
* 2006	7098813	4837308	68.1	4610643	95.3	226664	4.7	2261505
* 2007	7174676	4862788	67.8	4653067	95.7	209721	4.3	2311888
** 2008	7713680	5227427	67.8	5033449	96.3	193978	3.7	2486253
*2008	7122164	4838462	67.9	4663277	96.4	175184	3.6	2283702
** 2009	7783492	5186457	66.6	4963176	95.7	223281	4.3	2597035
*2009	7221475	4815541	66.7	4609198	95.7	206343	4.3	2405934
** 2010	7919105	5317553	67.1	5131986	96.5	185568	3.5	2601551
* 2010	7345889	4944338	67.3	4770376	96.5	173962	3.5	2401551
** 2011Q1	8023139	5283825	65.9	5125489	97.0	158336	3.0	2739314
* 2011Q1	7422172	4916070	66.2	4770710	97.0	145360	3.0	2506102

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

YEAR	HOUSEHOLD POPULATION (10 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)	
*1993	6168572	2042941	33.1	1599695	78.3	443247	21.7	4125631
*1994	6264782	2005927	32.0	1602625	79.9	403302	20.1	4258857
*1995	6418183	2037530	31.7	1656166	81.3	381364	18.7	4380652
*1996	6457583	2041002	31.6	1680138	82.3	360864	17.7	4416583
*1997	6498427	2081906	32.0	1745794	83.9	336112	16.1	4416521
*1998	6537344	2378526	36.4	2044732	86.0	333795	14.0	4158818
*1999	6662613	2270782	34.1	1975153	87.0	295629	13.0	4392047
*2000	6861794	2325716	33.9	2068667	89.0	257048	11.0	4536078
*2001	7033214	2243818	31.9	1986711	88.5	257107	11.5	4789396
*2002	7266384	2439796	33.6	2124250	87.1	315546	12.9	4826588
**2003	7994111	2509510	31.4	2179272	86.8	330238	13.2	5484600
***2004	8543788	2688457	31.5	2344604	87.2	343853	12.8	5855331
**** 2005	8767960	2704985	30.9	2383241	88.1	321744	11.9	6062975
* 2006	7734989	2761454	35.7	2494679	90.3	266775	9.7	4973535
* 2007	7873206	2626108	33.4	2388807	91.0	237300	9.0	5247098
** 2008	8605385	2854275	33.2	2614856	91.6	239419	8.4	5751110
*2008	7955852	2730253	34.3	2511429	92.0	218825	8.0	5225599
** 2009	8795136	2887211	32.8	2639238	91.4	247973	8.6	5907926
*2009	8176119	2756847	33.7	2530339	91.8	226508	8.2	5419272
** 2010	8942422	2790186	31.2	2574608	92.3	215578	7.7	6152236
* 2010	8304266	2666051	32.1	2465265	92.5	200786	7.5	5638215
** 2011Q1	8926633	2849633	31.9	2658085	93.3	191548	6.7	6077000
* 2011Q1	8284164	2754395	33.2	2581066	93.7	173329	6.3	5529769

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

\*\*\*\* - All the districts are included

**TABLE 2 - LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION 10 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER ,BY AGE - BOTH SEXES**  
(2011 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter)

AGE	HOUSEHOLD POP: (10 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)	
<b>ALL AGES</b>	16949772	8133459	48.0	7783574	95.7	349885	4.3	8816313
10 - 14 YRS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
15 - 19 YRS	1720598	289466	16.8	247129	85.4	42337	14.6	1431133
20 - 24 YRS	1500646	817225	54.5	683590	83.6	133636	16.4	683421
25 - 29 YRS	1409676	906598	64.3	819879	90.4	86720	9.6	503078
30 - 39 YRS	2909808	1956942	67.3	1902005	97.2	54937	2.8	952866
40 + YRS	7693398	4152320	54.0	4120065	99.2	32256	0.8	3541077

\* Reliable estimates cannot be provided.

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

**TABLE 2A - LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION 10 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER ,BY AGE - MALE**

(2011 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter)

AGE	HOUSEHOLD POP: (10 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	8023139	5283825	65.9	5125489	97.0	158336	3.0	2739314
10 - 14 YRS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
15 - 19 YRS	865431	198221	22.9	170106	85.8	28116	14.2	667209
20 - 24 YRS	702078	517559	73.7	448785	86.7	68774	13.3	184519
25 - 29 YRS	618555	574759	92.9	548591	95.4	26168	4.6	43796
30 - 39 YRS	1348095	1290794	95.7	1265659	98.1	25136	1.9	57300
40 + YRS	3594914	2695528	75.0	2685385	99.6	10143	0.4	899386

**TABLE 2B - LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION 10 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER ,BY AGE - FEMALE**

(2011 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter)

AGE	HOUSEHOLD POP: (10 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	8926633	2849633	31.9	2658085	93.3	191548	6.7	6077000
10 - 14 YRS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
15 - 19 YRS	855168	91244	10.7	77023	84.4	14221	15.6	763924
20 - 24 YRS	798567	299666	37.5	234805	78.4	64861	21.6	498901
25 - 29 YRS	791121	331839	41.9	271287	81.8	60552	18.2	459282
30 - 39 YRS	1561713	666147	42.7	636346	95.5	29801	4.5	895566
40 + YRS	4098484	1456792	35.5	1434679	98.5	22113	1.5	2641691

\* Reliable estimates cannot be provided due to small cell sizes.

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



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

Year	All Ages	Age Groups					
		10 - 14 YRS	15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
*1990	100.0	1.1	5.7	11.9	13.7	27.0	40.7
*1991	100.0	0.7	5.4	12.7	13.7	26.8	40.7
*1992	100.0	0.5	5.1	13.4	14.1	27.0	39.9
*1993	100.0	0.4	5.2	12.7	14.2	26.7	40.7
*1994	100.0	0.4	4.9	12.3	13.9	28.2	40.3
*1995	100.0	0.3	4.9	11.6	14.1	26.5	42.7
*1996	100.0	0.4	5.3	12.1	13.7	28.1	40.4
*1997	100.0	0.3	5.1	11.9	13.3	27.2	42.1
*1998	100.0	0.8	5.9	12.1	12.5	26.7	42.1
*1999	100.0	0.9	5.8	11.8	12.2	26.1	43.3
*2000	100.0	0.5	5.2	12.2	12.3	26.0	43.8
*2001	100.0	0.4	4.3	12.1	12.0	25.4	45.8
*2002	100.0	0.3	4.4	12.2	12.1	26.2	44.8
**2003	100.0	0.3	4.2	11.6	12.2	26.3	45.4
*** 2004	100.0	0.4	4.1	11.8	12.2	25.5	46.0
**** 2005	100.0	0.1	3.6	11.3	12.9	25.6	46.5
*2006	100.0	0.3	4.0	10.2	12.0	24.2	49.2
*2007	100.0	0.2	3.6	9.8	12.0	23.9	50.5
*2008	100.0	0.2	3.4	9.8	11.6	23.8	51.2
**2008	100.0	0.3	3.5	9.8	11.6	23.8	50.9
*2009	100.0	0.3	3.3	8.5	11.4	24.3	52.2
**2009	100.0	0.3	3.4	8.5	11.5	24.3	51.9
*2010	100.0	0.1	2.9	8.4	10.8	24.0	53.8
**2010	100.0	0.1	3.0	8.5	10.9	24.0	53.5
* 2011Q1	100.0	0.1	3.1	8.7	10.7	24.3	53.0
** 2011Q1	100.0	0.1	3.2	8.8	10.5	24.4	52.9

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

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

\*\*\*\* - All the districts are included

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

Year	All Ages	Age Groups					
		10 - 14 YRS	15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
*1990	100.0	1.0	5.7	11.7	13.3	26.3	42.1
*1991	100.0	0.6	5.2	12.6	13.2	25.7	42.8
*1992	100.0	0.4	4.7	13.2	13.9	26.2	41.6
*1993	100.0	0.4	4.8	11.5	14.8	26.2	42.2
*1994	100.0	0.4	4.7	11.9	13.5	27.2	42.2
*1995	100.0	0.3	4.8	11.0	14.0	26.0	43.8
*1996	100.0	0.4	5.0	11.7	13.4	27.8	41.7
*1997	100.0	0.3	4.8	11.1	13.0	27.1	43.6
*1998	100.0	0.7	5.6	11.9	12.3	26.2	43.3
*1999	100.0	0.7	5.8	11.8	11.8	25.7	44.1
*2000	100.0	0.4	5.2	12.0	12.3	25.4	44.7
*2001	100.0	0.3	4.1	12.0	12.1	25.0	46.4
*2002	100.0	0.3	4.2	11.8	11.8	26.2	45.8
**2003	100.0	0.3	3.9	11.4	12.7	25.7	46.1
***2004	100.0	0.3	3.9	11.5	12.6	25.0	46.6
****2005	100.0	0.2	4.1	11.1	13.3	25.2	46.1
* 2006	100.0	0.3	4.0	10.2	12.2	23.9	49.4
* 2007	100.0	0.2	3.7	9.6	12.7	23.7	50.1
*2008	100.0	0.3	3.4	9.6	11.9	23.9	51.0
**2008	100.0	0.3	3.7	9.7	11.9	23.9	50.5
*2009	100.0	0.3	3.3	8.3	11.7	24.2	52.3
**2009	100.0	0.3	3.5	8.4	11.8	24.2	51.9
*2010	100.0	0.1	2.9	8.1	11.2	24.0	53.6
**2010	100.0	0.1	3.1	8.2	11.3	24.1	53.2
* 2011Q1	100.0	0.1	3.2	8.5	11.0	24.5	52.6
** 2011Q1	100.0	0.1	3.3	8.8	10.7	24.7	52.4

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

Year	All Ages	Age Groups					
		10 - 14 YRS	15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
*1990	100.0	1.2	5.6	12.4	14.5	28.4	38.0
*1991	100.0	0.9	6.0	13.0	14.6	29.1	36.4
*1992	100.0	0.8	5.9	13.9	14.4	29.2	35.8
*1993	100.0	0.4	5.9	15.4	12.9	27.7	37.7
*1994	100.0	0.5	5.3	13.2	14.8	30.4	35.9
*1995	100.0	0.4	5.0	12.9	14.3	27.3	40.1
*1996	100.0	0.5	6.0	13.1	14.2	28.8	37.4
*1997	100.0	0.3	5.7	13.7	14.0	27.6	38.7
*1998	100.0	1.0	6.4	12.4	12.8	27.6	39.7
*1999	100.0	1.1	5.9	11.7	12.9	27.1	41.4
*2000	100.0	0.7	5.3	12.6	12.1	27.4	41.9
*2001	100.0	0.5	4.7	12.4	11.8	26.2	44.5
*2002	100.0	0.5	4.7	13.1	12.6	26.2	42.9
**2003	100.0	0.4	4.7	12.2	11.2	27.6	43.9
***2004	100.0	0.5	4.6	12.3	11.3	26.6	44.7
****2005	100.0	0.1	2.5	11.9	12.0	26.4	47.2
* 2006	100.0	0.3	4.1	10.3	11.7	24.8	48.8
* 2007	100.0	0.3	3.4	10.1	10.7	24.2	51.3
*2008	100.0	0.2	3.2	10.1	11.0	23.8	51.7
**2008	100.0	0.2	3.2	10.1	11.0	23.8	51.7
*2009	100.0	0.4	3.2	8.9	10.9	24.5	52.2
**2009	100.0	0.3	3.3	8.9	11.0	24.5	52.0
*2010	100.0	0.2	2.9	9.1	10.0	23.9	54.0
**2010	100.0	0.2	2.9	9.2	10.0	23.8	53.9
* 2011Q1	100.0	0.2	2.9	9.0	10.2	24.0	53.8
** 2011Q1	100.0	0.1	2.9	8.8	10.2	23.9	54.0

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

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

\*\*\*\* - All the districts are included

**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
*1990	100.0	31.9	45.1	16.0	7.0
*1991	100.0	31.6	44.8	15.6	7.9
*1992	100.0	29.9	44.9	16.5	8.7
*1993	100.0	28.5	45.1	16.9	9.5
*1994	100.0	28.2	45.4	17.5	8.8
*1995	100.0	26.8	44.9	18.0	10.3
*1996	100.0	29.5	43.3	16.9	10.3
*1997	100.0	27.9	44.0	17.6	10.5
*1998	100.0	26.8	45.0	17.2	11.0
*1999	100.0	25.4	45.7	18.0	10.9
*2000	100.0	25.1	46.3	16.7	11.9
*2001	100.0	22.7	46.1	17.7	13.5
*2002	100.0	24.6	45.6	15.8	14.0
**2003	100.0	24.5	46.2	15.9	13.3
***2004	100.0	24.3	44.7	16.8	14.2
**** 2005	100.0	20.6	45.8	18.2	15.4
* 2006	100.0	22.2	46.9	16.7	14.2
* 2007	100.0	21.1	47.8	15.6	15.5
*2008	100.0	20.3	48.0	15.8	16.0
**2008	100.0	21.9	47.4	15.4	15.3
*2009	100.0	20.4	47.7	15.6	16.3
**2009	100.0	21.1	47.3	15.5	16.1
*2010	100.0	19.5	48.7	15.9	16.0
**2010	100.0	20.2	48.2	15.8	15.7
* 2011Q1	100.0	18.0	48.6	16.3	17.2
** 2011Q1	100.0	18.7	48.1	16.2	17.0

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

\*\*\*\* - All the districts are included

**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
*1990	100.0	29.6	48.3	16.1	5.9
*1991	100.0	28.0	49.0	15.5	7.5
*1992	100.0	27.4	48.2	17.0	7.4
*1993	100.0	25.4	49.8	17.2	7.7
*1994	100.0	25.5	49.6	17.7	7.2
*1995	100.0	25.1	48.2	18.3	8.4
*1996	100.0	27.7	47.1	16.8	8.4
*1997	100.0	26.5	47.2	17.5	8.7
*1998	100.0	25.3	48.5	17.0	9.2
*1999	100.0	24.0	49.4	17.7	9.0
*2000	100.0	24.1	49.6	16.6	9.8
*2001	100.0	21.5	49.3	17.8	11.4
*2002	100.0	23.5	49.1	16.0	11.4
**2003	100.0	23.8	49.2	16.2	10.8
***2004	100.0	22.6	48.3	17.3	11.8
**** 2005	100.0	19.9	49.6	18.0	12.5
* 2006	100.0	21.0	50.4	16.6	12.1
* 2007	100.0	20.1	51.3	15.6	13.0
*2008	100.0	19.4	51.3	16.1	13.2
**2008	100.0	21.1	50.7	15.6	12.6
*2009	100.0	19.5	51.3	15.7	13.4
**2009	100.0	20.3	50.8	15.6	13.2
*2010	100.0	18.3	52.2	16.2	13.3
**2010	100.0	19.1	51.7	16.1	13.1
* 2011Q1	100.0	17.1	51.7	16.6	14.6
** 2011Q1	100.0	18.0	50.9	16.6	14.5

**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
*1990	100.0	37.0	38.1	15.6	9.3
*1991	100.0	39.6	35.8	15.9	8.8
*1992	100.0	35.7	37.0	15.5	11.9
*1993	100.0	35.6	34.7	16.3	13.5
*1994	100.0	34.5	35.8	17.2	12.6
*1995	100.0	30.8	37.3	17.5	14.3
*1996	100.0	33.7	34.4	17.1	14.7
*1997	100.0	31.0	37.0	17.6	14.4
*1998	100.0	29.9	38.2	17.7	14.3
*1999	100.0	28.3	38.0	18.7	15.0
*2000	100.0	27.3	39.6	17.1	16.1
*2001	100.0	25.5	39.2	17.3	18.0
*2002	100.0	27.0	38.3	15.3	19.4
**2003	100.0	26.1	39.6	15.5	18.9
***2004	100.0	27.9	36.9	15.8	19.4
**** 2005	100.0	22.1	37.6	18.6	21.7
* 2006	100.0	24.3	40.4	17.0	18.2
* 2007	100.0	23.0	41.1	15.5	20.4
*2008	100.0	21.9	41.8	15.3	21.0
**2008	100.0	23.6	40.9	14.9	20.6
*2009	100.0	22.0	41.2	15.3	21.6
**2009	100.0	22.4	40.8	15.2	21.6
*2010	100.0	21.9	41.9	15.2	21.0
**2010	100.0	22.3	41.4	15.3	21.0
* 2011Q1	100.0	19.6	42.9	15.6	22.0
** 2011Q1	100.0	20.1	42.6	15.6	21.7

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

\*\*\*\* - All the districts are included

**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			
*1990	100.0	55.2	21.5	33.7	1.8	29.2	13.8
*1991	100.0	62.4	22.9	39.5	2.2	25.4	10.0
*1992	100.0	60.1	20.0	40.0	1.6	27.1	11.2
*1993	100.0	60.0	17.4	42.8	2.0	27.4	10.4
*1994	100.0	60.7	16.4	44.3	2.3	27.2	9.8
*1995	100.0	59.8	15.6	44.3	2.5	28.3	9.4
*1996	100.0	60.8	15.0	45.8	2.3	26.8	10.0
*1997	100.0	59.4	15.1	44.3	2.3	28.8	9.4
*1998	100.0	55.6	14.5	41.2	1.9	28.9	13.6
*1999	100.0	57.5	14.4	43.1	2.0	28.3	12.2
*2000	100.0	56.3	13.4	42.9	2.3	28.4	13.0
*2001	100.0	58.6	13.9	44.7	2.3	28.5	10.6
*2002	100.0	57.9	13.4	44.5	2.8	28.6	10.7
**2003	100.0	57.9	13.5	44.4	2.6	29.6	9.9
***2004	100.0	59.4	13.0	46.4	2.9	28.3	9.4
**** 2005	100.0	59.3	13.3	46.1	3.1	29.7	7.9
* 2006	100.0	55.6	13.4	42.1	3.1	30.8	10.5
*2007	100.0	56.5	13.8	42.7	2.8	30.4	10.3
*2008	100.0	56.0	14.9	41.1	3.0	30.2	10.8
**2008	100.0	56.4	15.2	41.2	2.9	30.2	10.4
*2009	100.0	57.3	15.2	42.1	2.7	29.0	11.0
**2009	100.0	57.6	15.5	42.1	2.6	29.2	10.6
*2010	100.0	55.2	13.9	41.3	2.7	31.5	10.7
**2010	100.0	55.5	14.3	41.2	2.6	31.5	10.4
* 2011Q1	100.0	53.6	13.2	40.4	3.1	31.8	11.4
** 2011Q1	100.0	54.1	13.6	40.5	3.1	31.9	10.9

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

\*\*\*\* - All the districts are included

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

YEAR	EMPLOYEE					OWN ACCOUNT WORKER	UNPAID FAMILY WORKER
	TOTAL EMPLOYED	TOTAL	PUBLIC	PRIVATE	EMPLOYER		
*1990	100.0	55.2	19.7	35.5	2.3	34.6	7.9
*1991	100.0	61.5	20.3	41.2	2.9	29.8	5.9
*1992	100.0	58.7	18.4	40.3	2.0	32.2	7.2
*1993	100.0	57.7	15.6	42.0	2.6	33.0	6.7
*1994	100.0	59.3	15.9	43.4	2.9	32.0	5.9
*1995	100.0	58.4	14.6	43.7	3.1	33.5	5.1
*1996	100.0	59.5	14.1	45.4	3.2	31.2	6.1
*1997	100.0	58.3	14.4	43.9	3.0	33.2	5.5
*1998	100.0	55.8	14.1	41.7	2.5	34.8	6.8
*1999	100.0	57.7	13.8	43.9	2.7	33.5	6.2
*2000	100.0	56.6	12.6	44.0	3.1	33.8	6.5
*2001	100.0	57.9	12.9	45.0	3.1	33.4	5.5
*2002	100.0	57.5	12.6	44.8	3.7	34.0	4.8
**2003	100.0	57.4	12.6	44.9	3.4	34.5	4.8
***2004	100.0	58.9	11.9	47.0	3.9	32.7	4.5
**** 2005	100.0	59.9	11.7	48.1	4.1	32.9	3.2
* 2006	100.0	56.0	12.3	43.8	4.4	35.2	4.4
* 2007	100.0	57.2	12.1	45.1	3.9	34.5	4.4
*2008	100.0	56.7	13.3	43.4	4.2	34.6	4.5
**2008	100.0	57.5	13.7	43.8	4.0	34.1	4.3
*2009	100.0	58.5	13.3	45.2	3.7	33.2	4.6
**2009	100.0	59.0	13.6	45.4	3.6	33.0	4.5
*2010	100.0	55.4	12.3	43.1	3.6	36.4	4.6
**2010	100.0	56.1	12.8	43.3	3.5	35.9	4.4
* 2011Q1	100.0	53.6	11.6	42.1	4.3	37.6	4.5
** 2011Q1	100.0	54.3	12.1	42.3	4.2	37.2	4.3

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

YEAR	EMPLOYEE					OWN ACCOUNT WORKER	UNPAID FAMILY WORKER
	TOTAL EMPLOYED	TOTAL	PUBLIC	PRIVATE	EMPLOYER		
*1990	100.0	55.1	25.3	29.8	0.6	17.9	26.5
*1991	100.0	64.5	28.6	35.9	0.7	16.0	18.9
*1992	100.0	63.4	24.1	39.4	0.7	14.8	21.0
*1993	100.0	65.6	21.0	44.6	0.7	15.0	18.7
*1994	100.0	64.2	17.7	46.5	0.9	16.1	18.8
*1995	100.0	63.2	17.6	45.5	1.1	16.7	19.1
*1996	100.0	63.9	17.0	46.8	0.5	16.7	18.9
*1997	100.0	61.8	16.7	45.2	0.9	19.0	18.3
*1998	100.0	55.2	15.2	40.1	0.6	17.2	27.0
*1999	100.0	57.2	15.6	41.5	0.6	17.5	24.8
*2000	100.0	55.5	15.0	40.5	0.8	17.2	26.5
*2001	100.0	60.1	15.9	44.1	0.5	18.1	21.3
*2002	100.0	58.8	15.1	43.7	0.8	17.4	23.0
**2003	100.0	59.0	15.7	43.3	0.9	18.8	21.3
***2004	100.0	60.6	15.5	45.1	0.9	18.7	19.8
**** 2005	100.0	58.3	16.6	41.6	0.9	22.7	18.2
* 2006	100.0	54.8	15.6	39.2	0.8	22.7	21.7
* 2007	100.0	55.1	17.1	38.0	0.7	22.5	21.7
*2008	100.0	54.7	17.9	36.8	0.7	22.2	22.4
**2008	100.0	54.3	18.2	36.2	0.7	22.8	22.2
*2009	100.0	55.2	18.6	36.5	0.9	21.4	22.5
**2009	100.0	54.9	19.0	35.9	0.9	22.0	22.3
*2010	100.0	54.7	16.9	37.8	0.8	22.0	22.6
**2010	100.0	54.3	17.3	37.0	0.8	22.6	22.4
* 2011Q1	100.0	53.7	16.3	37.4	1.0	21.1	24.2
** 2011Q1	100.0	53.5	16.5	37.0	1.0	21.8	23.7

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

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

\*\*\*\* - All the districts are included

**Table 6 - Currently Employed person by Industry group (Based on ISIC Third Revision)**

Year	Industry group														
	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
*2002	<b>6519415</b>	2247602	1072720	386475	838796	117556	309553	168973	524724	227785	82260	110390	93252	317121	22208
**2003	<b>7012755</b>	2384397	1156682	454810	867131	121627	363393	191390	541070	262440	98107	110827	75858	333477	51548
***2004	<b>7394029</b>	2474725	1307357	474090	910770	120552	417340	175633	535064	273628	103966	122395	68813	323277	86419
****2005	<b>7518007</b>	2306039	1385374	542639	904008	138924	484999	233736	512819	297437	129237	133537	53314	324440	71504
* 2006	<b>7105322</b>	2287268	1363092	526861	954981	129351	430331	221146	400504	276783	109660	123900	80247	179941	21255
* 2007	<b>7041874</b>	2202098	1331368	542489	932094	118516	456804	215217	433013	259489	115943	104601	87381	219692	23168
* 2008	<b>7174706</b>	2344415	1354897	533106	924468	103814	425972	236024	462634	298810	110933	128812	84097	153297	13428
** 2008	<b>7648305</b>	2489731	1414483	590397	984326	110317	447604	241474	512048	325633	120987	141853	84960	170572	13920
* 2009	<b>7139537</b>	2318621	1301267	521417	913387	133182	419627	220979	487438	300143	128490	104603	96132	190672	3579
** 2009	<b>7602414</b>	2475921	1348084	562234	977138	141599	445111	226660	524390	336012	136619	123090	96367	205432	3757
*2010	<b>7235641</b>	2353599	1270292	506838	985896	138983	462651	255988	490720	269318	104984	120841	83846	190928	759
**2010	<b>7706593</b>	2519905	1318335	548397	1050671	145795	484210	264394	536759	301572	115914	129688	84161	205706	1087
*2011Q1	<b>7351776</b>	2353311	1360368	519238	1009021	114058	478234	253757	477007	247657	134040	99161	73529	226168	6227
**2011Q1	<b>7783574</b>	2511427	1388632	562570	1061317	116619	506630	265931	520332	279530	140372	103876	73529	246582	6227

**Industry group**

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|--|--|
| 1 Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A,B)   | 8 Public Administration and Defence,Compulsory Social Security (L)   |
| 2 Manufacturing (D)  | 9 Education (M)  |
| 3 Construction, Mining & Quarrying ,<br>Electricity,Gas and Water supply (C,E,F)                           | 10 Health and Social work (N)  |
| 4 Wholesale and Retail Trade,Repair of Motor Vehicles,<br>Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods (G) | 11 Other Community,Social and Personal Service Activities<br>Extra Teritorial Organizations & bodies (O,Q) |
| 5 Hotels and Restaurants (H)   | 12 Private Households with Employed Persons ( P)   |
| 6 Transport, Storage and Communication (I)   | 13 Miscellaneous Labour work   |
| 7 Financial Intermediation and Real Estate,<br>Renting and Business Activities (J,K)                       | 14 Industries not adequately described   |

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

Note: The tabulation groups based on ISIC (Rev.3) are indicated as A,B,C.....Q. Due to the limitations on reliability ( based on CV),some of these groups have been combined.

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu,Kilinochchi districts.

\*\*\*\* - All the districts are included

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

	Total	Industry group							
		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	Other
*2002	<b>4395164</b>	1397423	569761	373516	656505	115203	387301	70813	824642
**2003	<b>4833483</b>	1529117	624791	436404	681185	138146	405572	98074	920194
***2004	<b>5049426</b>	1559301	710910	456049	721800	122372	392949	102645	983400
****2005	<b>5134765</b>	1482610	749993	519197	702048	171330	376877	83551	1049159
* 2006	<b>4610643</b>	1342214	683873	507192	717258	156022	294597	86521	822966
* 2007	<b>4653067</b>	1321995	703080	523470	688653	151782	308080	79092	876915
*2008	<b>4663277.5</b>	1388714	716259	510488	680091	162634	344695	87931	772466
** 2008	<b>5033448.7</b>	1510401	749653	565666	725049	167414	385219	98596	831450
* 2009	<b>4609197.5</b>	1382024	677262	501657	669223	145341	346799	90983	795909
** 2009	<b>4963175.7</b>	1510834	701206	541934	715499	149890	377259	107615	858938
*2010	<b>4770376</b>	1411109	675462	487054	729883	176715	355244	83610	851301
**2010	<b>5131986</b>	1547382	700626	527923	777178	182882	395799	96696	903501
*2011Q1	<b>4770710</b>	1372794	721578	503598	726623	172412	333748	69851	870107
**2011Q1	<b>5125489</b>	1502607	738049	545594	766539	182432	372685	88455	929127

**Industry group**

1 Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A,B)

2 Manufacturing (D)

3 Construction, Mining & Quarrying ,  
Electricity, Gas and Water supply (C,E,F)

4 Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles,  
Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods (G)

7 Financial Intermediation and Real Estate,  
Renting and Business Activities (J,K)

8 Public Administration and Defence, Compulsory Social Security (L)

9 Education (M)

**Other**

Hotels and Restaurants (H)

Transport, Storage and Communication (I)

Health and Social work (N)

Other Community, Social and Personal Service Activities

Extra Territorial Organizations & bodies (O,Q)

Private Households with Employed Persons (P)

Miscellaneous Labour work

Industries not adequately described

Note: The tabulation groups based on ISIC (Rev.3) are indicated as A,B,C.....Q. Due to the limitations on reliability ( based on CV), some of these groups have been combined.

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

\*\*\*\* - All the districts are included



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

	Total	Industry group							
		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	Other
*2002	<b>2124250</b>	850179	502959	12959	182291	53770	137423	156972	227697
**2003	<b>2179272</b>	855280	531891	18407	185946	53243	135498	164365	234642
***2004	<b>2344604</b>	915424	596447	18041	188970	53261	142116	170983	259362
****2005	<b>2383241</b>	823429	635382	23442	201959	62405	135942	213886	286796
* 2006	<b>2494679</b>	945054	679218	19669	237723	65125	105908	190262	251720
* 2007	<b>2388807</b>	880103	628288	19019	243441	63435	124933	180397	249190
* 2008	<b>2511429</b>	955701	638638	22619	244376	73390	117939	210878	247887
** 2008	<b>2614856</b>	979331	664830	24731	259277	74060	126829	227037	258762
* 2009	<b>2530339</b>	936596	624006	19761	244164	75638	140638	209160	280376
** 2009	<b>2639238</b>	965086	646877	20300	261639	76770	147132	228396	293037
*2010	<b>2465265</b>	942490	594830	19784	256013	79273	135476	185708	251692
**2010	<b>2574608</b>	972523	617710	20474	273493	81512	140960	204876	263059
*2011Q1	<b>2581066</b>	980517	638791	15640	282398	81345	143259	177806	261310
**2011Q1	<b>2658085</b>	1008820	650583	16976	294778	83498	147647	191075	264708

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

**Industry group**

- 1 Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A,B)
- 2 Manufacturing (D)
- 3 Construction, Mining & Quarrying ,  
Electricity, Gas and Water supply (C,E,F)
- 4 Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles,  
Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods (G)
- 7 Financial Intermediation and Real Estate,  
Renting and Business Activities (J,K)
- 8 Public Administration and Defence, Compulsory Social Security (L)
- 9 Education (M)

**Other**

- Hotels and Restaurants (H)
- Transport, Storage and Communication (I)
- Health and Social work (N)
- Other Community, Social and Personal Service Activities
- Extra Territorial Organizations & bodies (O,Q)
- Private Households with Employed Persons (P)
- Miscellaneous Labour work
- Industries not adequately described

Note: The tabulation groups based on ISIC (Rev.3) are indicated as A,B,C.....Q. Due to the limitations on reliability (based on CV), some of these groups have been combined.

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

\*\*\*\* - All the districts are included

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

Major Industry group	Year													
	*2002	**2003	***2004	****2005	* 2006	* 2007	*2008	**2008	*2009	**2009	*2010	**2010	*2011Q1	**2011Q1
Total	6519415	7012755	7394029	7518007	7105322	7041874	7174706	7648305	7139537	7602414	7235641	7706593	7351776	7783574
Agriculture	2247602	2384397	2474725	2306039	2287268	2202098	2344415	2489731	2318621	2475921	2353599	2519905	2353311	2511427
Industry	1459194	1611493	1781447	1928014	1889953	1873857	1888004	2004880	1822685	1910318	1777130	1866733	1879606	1951202
Services	2812619	3016866	3137857	3283954	2928101	2965919	2942288	3153693	2998231	3216175	3104913	3319955	3118859	3320945

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

Major Industry group	Year													
	*2002	**2003	***2004	****2005	* 2006	* 2007	*2008	**2008	*2009	**2009	*2010	**2010	*2011Q1	**2011Q1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture	34.5	34.0	33.5	30.7	32.2	31.3	32.7	32.6	32.5	32.6	32.5	32.7	32.0	32.3
Industry	22.4	23.0	24.1	25.6	26.6	26.6	26.3	26.2	25.5	25.1	24.6	24.2	25.6	25.1
Services	43.1	43.0	42.4	43.7	41.2	42.1	41.0	41.2	42.0	42.3	42.9	43.1	42.4	42.7

**Agriculture**

1. Agriculture (A)
2. Forestry and Fishery (B)

**Industries**

1. Manufacturing (D)
2. Construction
3. Mining & Quarrying
4. Electricity, Gas and Water supply

**Services**

1. Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles, Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods
2. Hotels and Restaurants
3. Transport, Storage and Communication
4. Financial Intermediation and Real Estate, Renting and Business Activities
5. Public Administration and Defence, Compulsory Social Security

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

\*\*\*\* - All the districts are included

**Table 7 - Currently Employed person by Occupation group (Based on ISCO 88)**

Year	Total	Occupation group										
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	0
*2002	<b>6519415</b>	85553	352238	316763	283719	406992	510148	1579024	935477	373588	1608511	67402
**2003	<b>7012755</b>	88043	367654	341634	303828	328796	628729	1634289	1084436	419540	1735336	80470
***2004	<b>7394029</b>	99839	404410	366488	322697	420343	671461	1513636	1124715	460589	1951081	58770
****2005	<b>7518007</b>	120491	471200	403904	300322	515909	574416	1561884	1216224	531439	1760335	61883
* 2006	<b>7105322</b>	128944	376469	362275	276587	526322	513217	1590110	1214163	501561	1576960	38715
* 2007	<b>7041874</b>	123290	366668	381596	283703	494515	508488	1503669	1201598	563927	1574113	40306
* 2008	<b>7174706</b>	121463	415993	398489	299331	477055	546087	1603701	1165096	526921	1576276	44295
** 2008	<b>7648305</b>	126636	448659	424802	308632	498271	604974	1699212	1255470	555896	1673147	52607
* 2009	<b>7139537</b>	117080	421793	372116	304686	471279	550658	1607477	1106431	500259	1619891	67867
** 2009	<b>7602414</b>	119190	458305	392898	313734	509501	606492	1705701	1175137	530788	1717903	72765
* 2010	<b>7235641</b>	115675	395550	376112	304326	477572	577655	1611306	1132093	537286	1641844	66223
** 2010	<b>7706593</b>	116910	434260	394419	314984	523201	626716	1715262	1206369	560407	1739505	74559
* 2011Q1	<b>7351776</b>	123723	402188	376990	316988	535375	606798	1616812	1205513	583343	1527850	56197
** 2011Q1	<b>7783574</b>	126285	440568	403647	329522	541883	670415	1697967	1269894	607981	1635326	60087

**Occupation group**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 Senior Officials and Managers           | 7 Skilled Agricultural and Fishery workers   |
| 2 Professionals                           | 8 Craft and Related workers                  |
| 3 Technical and Associate Professionals   | 9 Plant and Machine operators and Assemblers |
| 4 Clerks                                  | 10 Elementary occupations                    |
| 5 Proprietors and Managers of Enterprises | 0 Unidentified                               |
| 6 Sales and Service workers               |  |

Note: It is to be noted here that these occupation groups are based on ISCO - 88, but they are not necessarily the **Major Groups** of ISCO - 88 classification

- \* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces
- \*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province
- \*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.
- \*\*\*\* - All the districts are included

**Table 7A - Currently Employed person by Occupation group - Male (Based on ISCO 88)**

Year	Total	Occupation group										
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	0
*2002	<b>4395164</b>	67276	146656	215548	151511	318172	379695	1024190	596472	335568	1097444	62633
**2003	<b>4833483</b>	71574	161375	236263	167584	260270	464633	1109200	711720	368452	1205366	77047
***2004	<b>4993403</b>	75416	174521	250898	174982	341828	498477	1004912	726641	426469	1319258	
****2005	<b>5134765</b>	87788	187002	266866	159566	406137	418628	1013877	801448	484351	1249168	59935
* 2006	<b>4610643</b>	101399	146344	238819	143606	419443	314226	966263	743733	444703	1055753	36354
* 2007	<b>4653067</b>	91026	147844	258111	138384	379768	318994	925933	779097	504603	1070890	38418
* 2008	<b>4663277</b>	90314	154443	275928	161252	364206	339828	975507	731382	478825	1050236	41356
** 2008	<b>5033449</b>	94075	168152	296103	167400	380629	385895	1049917	799554	503286	1139158	49280
* 2009	<b>4609198</b>	94072	150660	241033	151532	350875	354709	995412	704257	450086	1056823	59738
** 2009	<b>4963176</b>	95394	168781	254607	156245	375649	396056	1070983	758317	477738	1145231	64176
* 2010	<b>4770376</b>	87931	148759	254265	168305	357254	391654	1006090	740280	487749	1067383	60705
** 2010	<b>5131986</b>	89166	165516	268272	174664	387776	426082	1085264	800647	509945	1155776	68877
* 2011Q1	<b>4770710</b>	98840	158777	248381	165021	424153	386417	983328	762520	512684	978685	51905
** 2011Q1	<b>5125489</b>	101402	184632	271775	173413	428449	431253	1045939	820700	537322	1074808	55796

**Occupation group**

1 Senior Officials and Managers

2 Professionals

3 Technical and Associate Professionals

4 Clerks

5 Proprietors and Managers of Enterprises

6 Sale and Service workers

7 Skilled Agricultural and Fishery workers

8 Craft and Related workers

9 Plant and Machine operators and Assemblers

10 Elementary occupations

0 Unidentified

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

Note: It is to be noted here that these occupation groups are based on ISCO - 88, but they are not necessarily the **Major Groups** of ISCO - 88 classification

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**Table 7B - Currently Employed person by Occupation group - Female (Based on ISCO 88)**

Year	Occupation group											
	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	0
*2002	<b>2124250</b>	18277	205582	101215	132209	88819	130453	554835	339005	38020	511066	4769
**2003	<b>2179272</b>	16469	206279	105370	136245	68526	164096	525090	372716	51088	529971	3423
***2004	<b>2341857</b>	24423	229889	115590	147715	78515	172984	508724	398074	34120	631823	
****2005	<b>2383241</b>	32702	284198	137038	140756	109772	155788	548007	414776	47088	511167	1949
* 2006	<b>2494679</b>	27544	230126	123456	132981	106879	198990	623847	470430	56858	521207	2360
* 2007	<b>2388807</b>	32265	218824	123485	145319	114747	189494	577736	422502	59324	503223	1888
* 2008	<b>2511429</b>	31148	261549	122561	138079	112849	206258	628193	433715	48095	526040	2940
** 2008	<b>2614856</b>	32560	280507	128699	141231	117642	219079	649295	455917	52609	533989	3327
* 2009	<b>2530339</b>	23008	271134	131083	153154	120404	195949	612065	402173	50172	563067	8129
** 2009	<b>2639238</b>	23796	289523	138291	157489	133852	210437	634719	416820	53050	572671	8590
* 2010	<b>2465265</b>	27743	246791	121847	136022	120318	186001	605216	391812	49537	574461	5518
** 2010	<b>2574608</b>	27743	268744	126148	140320	135425	200634	629998	405722	50462	583729	5683
* 2011Q1	<b>2581066</b>	24883	243411	128609	151967	111221	220381	633484	442993	70659	549166	4292
** 2011Q1	<b>2658085</b>	24883	255935	131872	156109	113434	239161	652028	449194	70659	560518	4292

**Occupation group**

- 1 Senior Officials and Managers
- 2 Professionals
- 3 Technical and Associate Professionals
- 4 Clerks
- 5 Proprietors and Managers of Enterprises
- 6 Sale and Service workers

- 7 Skilled Agricultural and Fishery workers
- 8 Craft and Related workers
- 9 Plant and Machine operators and Assemblers
- 10 Elementary occupations
- 0 Unidentified

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\*\*\*\* - All the districts are included

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

(2011 1<sup>st</sup> quarter)

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL GROUP	TOTAL	0 *	1 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 & OVER
Total	100.0	4.1	1.5	5.7	8.9	14.7	34.7	30.4
1	100.0	6.9	3.3	9.8	13.6	17.8	32.8	15.9
2	100.0	2.0	0.7	3.9	8.1	12.2	38.8	34.4
3	100.0	7.3	0.9	4.6	9.1	13.1	36.2	28.8
4	100.0	2.1	0.5	2.5	5.3	8.3	28.7	52.7
5	100.0	1.4	..	0.8	1.7	10.5	22.4	63.1
6	100.0	2.9	0.7	2.4	3.4	7.8	27.6	55.3
7	100.0	1.9	0.4	3.3	8.3	10.2	50.7	25.2
8	100.0	1.6	..	2.5	4.2	10.8	46.8	34.0
9	100.0	2.4	2.3	11.5	12.6	51.4	17.5	2.3
10	100.0	1.4	0.8	..	1.6	9.7	59.0	27.5
11	100.0	..	..	6.2	9.5	15.8	29.5	39.0
12	100.0	3.1	..	..	5.6	9.9	18.0	63.4
13	100.0	6.6	0.9	6.1	8.6	20.6	43.7	13.5
14	100.0	..	..	..	..	47.1	35.3	17.7

\* Has a job but not at work during the reference week

.. Negligible

**Industry group**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A,B)  | 8. Public Administration and Defence, Compulsory Social Security (L)  |
| 2. Manufacturing (D)   | 9. Education (M)  |
| 3. Construction, Mining & Quarrying ,<br>Electricity, Gas and Water supply (C,E,F)                           | 10. Health and Social work (N)  |
| 4. Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles,<br>Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods (G) | 11. Other Community, Social and Personal Service Activities<br>Extra Territorial Organizations & bodies (O,Q) |
| 5. Hotels and Restaurants (H)  | 12. Private Households with Employed Persons (P)  |
| 6. Transport, Storage and Communication (I)  | 13. Miscellaneous Labour work   |
| 7. Financial Intermediation and Real Estate,<br>Renting and Business Activities (J,K)                        | 14. Industries not adequately described   |

Note: The tabulation groups based on ISIC (Rev.3) are indicated as A,B,C.....Q. Due to the limitations on reliability (based on CV), some of these groups have been combined.

**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
*1990	100.0	20.3	40.3	19.3	13.2	7.1
*1991	100.0	19.3	42.2	16.7	15.8	6.0
*1992	100.0	19.2	40.9	20.4	13.4	6.1
*1993	100.0	20.4	38.5	18.9	15.5	6.8
*1994	100.0	22.4	41.2	15.6	15.5	5.5
*1995	100.0	21.1	38.2	20.1	15.1	5.5
*1996	100.0	24.0	39.3	18.1	14.3	4.3
*1997	100.0	22.5	41.5	19.0	12.7	4.3
*1998	100.0	21.9	40.8	17.6	13.6	6.0
*1999	100.0	23.9	40.5	17.2	12.5	5.9
*2000	100.0	19.5	44.4	18.4	11.9	5.8
*2001	100.0	21.2	45.4	17.8	10.4	5.1
*2002	100.0	19.8	47.1	16.6	11.0	5.5
**2003	100.0	19.9	45.8	17.2	11.6	5.6
***2004	100.0	18.1	45.9	17.4	11.7	6.8
**** 2005	100.0	19.5	44.8	16.4	12.2	7.1
* 2006	100.0	17.5	39.3	21.5	11.9	9.8
* 2007	100.0	15.7	41.2	19.7	13.1	10.4
* 2008	100.0	15.9	38.4	20.9	13.7	11.2
** 2008	100.0	15.8	38.4	21.5	13.6	10.6
* 2009	100.0	14.6	37.1	21.0	15.2	12.1
** 2009	100.0	14.5	37.5	21.3	15.1	11.6
* 2010	100.0	15.0	38.0	21.0	15.0	11.0
** 2010	100.0	14.8	38.7	21.2	14.7	10.6
* 2011Q1	100.0	13.1	37.5	23.5	16.5	9.3
** 2011Q1	100.0	12.1	38.2	24.8	15.7	9.2

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

\*\*\*\* - All the districts are included

**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
*1990	100.0	23.8	41.2	16.1	9.6	9.2
*1991	100.0	23.0	42.6	15.1	11.7	7.7
*1992	100.0	21.8	42.7	18.5	10.0	7.1
*1993	100.0	24.0	39.5	16.0	12.7	8.0
*1994	100.0	24.3	40.8	13.3	13.4	8.6
*1995	100.0	22.3	38.2	19.0	12.9	7.6
*1996	100.0	27.2	39.6	16.9	10.9	5.4
*1997	100.0	25.0	41.5	17.2	11.5	4.8
*1998	100.0	27.7	39.6	16.5	9.5	6.7
*1999	100.0	27.6	40.6	14.3	9.3	8.2
*2000	100.0	24.0	46.4	15.2	9.1	5.3
*2001	100.0	25.4	46.3	15.0	7.1	6.2
*2002	100.0	22.2	49.1	13.5	8.3	6.9
**2003	100.0	22.7	47.6	14.8	8.3	6.6
***2004	100.0	20.8	45.4	15.4	10.1	8.3
**** 2005	100.0	21.8	44.3	15.0	12.5	6.3
* 2006	100.0	21.2	40.1	18.4	8.3	11.9
*2007	100.0	19.9	40.7	16.0	10.2	13.1
*2008	100.0	19.8	37.5	18.2	9.7	14.9
** 2008	100.0	19.4	37.8	19.5	9.4	13.9
*2009	100.0	18.2	35.2	19.0	12.6	15.0
** 2009	100.0	17.9	36.4	18.9	12.4	14.4
*2010	100.0	19.8	40.4	15.1	12.1	12.6
** 2010	100.0	19.6	41.2	15.5	11.7	12.0
* 2011Q1	100.0	18.9	41.2	15.7	17.3	7.0
** 2011Q1	100.0	17.8	43.4	16.5	15.9	6.4

**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
*1990	100.0	17.0	39.4	22.2	16.6	5.0
*1991	100.0	16.3	42.0	18.0	19.2	4.6
*1992	100.0	16.7	39.1	22.2	16.9	5.3
*1993	100.0	12.8	34.1	23.7	21.8	7.7
*1994	100.0	16.7	37.6	21.4	20.6	3.9
*1995	100.0	19.9	38.3	21.2	17.2	3.4
*1996	100.0	21.0	39.0	19.2	17.4	3.2
*1997	100.0	20.1	41.6	20.7	13.8	3.8
*1998	100.0	17.1	41.8	18.6	17.0	5.4
*1999	100.0	20.2	40.5	20.0	15.6	3.7
*2000	100.0	15.1	42.3	21.5	14.8	6.3
*2001	100.0	16.7	44.5	20.9	14.1	3.8
*2002	100.0	17.5	45.1	19.5	13.7	4.2
**2003	100.0	17.2	44.1	19.4	14.7	4.6
***2004	100.0	15.7	46.4	19.3	13.3	5.3
**** 2005	100.0	17.3	45.3	17.6	11.9	7.8
*2006	100.0	14.4	38.7	24.2	14.9	7.9
*2007	100.0	11.9	41.5	23.0	15.6	8.0
*2008	100.0	12.7	39.1	23.1	16.9	8.2
** 2008	100.0	12.9	38.9	23.2	17.0	8.0
*2009	100.0	11.4	38.8	22.8	17.5	9.5
** 2009	100.0	11.5	38.5	23.5	17.5	9.0
*2010	100.0	10.8	36.0	26.1	17.5	9.6
** 2010	100.0	10.7	36.5	26.1	17.4	9.3
* 2011Q1	100.0	8.2	34.5	30.2	15.9	11.3
** 2011Q1	100.0	7.4	33.9	31.6	15.6	11.5

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province


\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

\*\*\*\* - All the districts are included



**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
*1990	100.0	8.5	49.7	26.5	15.4
*1991	100.0	9.0	45.7	30.3	15.1
*1992	100.0	9.2	50.5	27.0	13.7
*1993	100.0	8.3	44.9	28.7	18.0
*1994	100.0	8.6	44.9	28.3	18.2
*1995	100.0	5.5	47.1	29.1	18.4
*1996	100.0	7.9	47.1	26.1	19.0
*1997	100.0	5.7	44.7	28.2	21.4
*1998	100.0	5.8	44.2	27.1	22.9
*1999	100.0	4.4	41.9	29.2	24.5
*2000	100.0	3.1	45.6	26.0	25.3
*2001	100.0	3.6	40.7	27.3	28.4
*2002	100.0	4.7	40.7	25.2	29.4
**2003	100.0	4.8	40.2	26.1	28.9
***2004	100.0	5.4	36.6	26.2	31.7
**** 2005	100.0	4.5	37.2	28.6	29.7
* 2006	100.0	4.6	41.9	26.6	26.9
* 2007	100.0	4.4	41.0	22.0	32.6
* 2008	100.0	4.2	41.2	22.8	31.8
** 2008	100.0	4.5	39.3	23.4	32.8
* 2009	100	4.4	40.3	22.7	32.6
** 2009	100.0	4.3	39.9	23.1	32.7
* 2010	100.0	2.8	35.0	22.8	39.4
** 2010	100.0	2.7	34.9	22.7	39.7
* 2011Q1	100.0	1.2	37.2	21.5	40.1
** 2011Q1	100.0	2.0	35.5	20.3	42.1

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

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

\*\*\*\* - All the districts are included

**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
*1990	100.0	10.6	57.7	23.3	8.4
*1991	100.0	11.2	53.2	25.0	10.5
*1992	100.0	9.9	57.4	25.1	7.9
*1993	100.0	11.4	47.7	28.0	12.9
*1994	100.0	11.4	50.3	27.0	11.3
*1995	100.0	5.3	54.4	29.4	10.9
*1996	100.0	8.7	56.9	23.8	10.6
*1997	100.0	7.0	54.5	25.0	13.5
*1998	100.0	6.7	54.8	24.7	13.9
*1999	100.0	4.8	48.3	29.1	17.8
*2000	100.0	3.9	54.7	26.0	15.4
*2001	100.0	4.4	50.9	25.2	19.5
*2002	100.0	5.6	50.1	24.7	19.6
**2003	100.0	5.5	47.3	27.7	19.5
***2004	100.0	7.0	44.0	27.4	21.6
**** 2005	100.0	5.2	44.9	29.1	20.8
* 2006	100.0	6.2	48.9	26.6	18.3
* 2007	100.0	5.8	49.5	24.5	20.3
*2008	100.0	5.3	52.2	21.7	20.8
** 2008	100.0	5.3	49.7	23.1	21.9
*2009	100.0	4.5	49.7	24.6	21.3
** 2009	100.0	4.4	48.0	25.3	22.3
*2010	100.0	3.6	41.4	25.2	29.8
** 2010	100.0	3.4	40.4	25.3	30.9
* 2011Q1	100.0	0.7	45.4	24.6	29.3
** 2011Q1	100.0	0.7	43.8	23.6	31.9

**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
*1990	100.0	6.4	42.2	29.5	21.9
*1991	100.0	7.1	39.6	34.5	18.8
*1992	100.0	8.5	43.6	28.9	19.4
*1993	100.0	5.7	42.5	29.4	22.5
*1994	100.0	6.9	39.6	29.6	24.9
*1995	100.0	5.7	40.0	28.8	25.5
*1996	100.0	7.1	37.6	28.3	27.0
*1997	100.0	4.5	35.3	31.3	28.9
*1998	100.0	5.1	35.4	29.1	30.5
*1999	100.0	4.0	35.5	29.3	31.2
*2000	100.0	2.3	36.3	26.1	35.3
*2001	100.0	2.6	29.7	29.7	38.0
*2002	100.0	3.9	31.4	25.6	39.1
**2003	100.0	4.0	33.5	24.6	37.8
***2004	100.0	3.9	29.7	25.0	41.3
**** 2005	100.0	4.0	29.9	28.1	38.0
* 2006	100.0	3.1	35.9	26.7	34.3
* 2007	100.0	3.2	33.5	19.8	43.4
*2008	100.0	3.3	32.3	23.7	40.7
** 2008	100.0	3.8	31.0	23.6	41.6
*2009	100.0	4.4	31.8	20.9	42.9
** 2009	100.0	4.3	32.5	21.1	42.1
*2010	100.0	2.0	29.5	20.7	47.8
** 2010	100.0	2.1	30.2	20.5	47.2
* 2011Q1	100.0	1.6	30.3	18.9	49.1
** 2011Q1	100.0	3.2	28.7	17.6	50.5

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

\*\*\*\* - All the districts are included

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

(2011 1<sup>st</sup> quarter)

Sex	Total	Duration		
		Less than 6 months	6 to less than 12 months	12+ months
Both sexes	349885	108469	93179	148236
%	100.0	31.0	26.6	42.4
Male	158336	53232	47857	57247
%	100.0	33.6	30.2	36.2
Female	191548	55237	45323	90989
%	100.0	28.8	23.7	47.5

## STANDARD ERROR AND COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION OF SELECTED VARIABLES

	(2011 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter)					
	Estimated Value	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)	Estimated Value (Ratio)	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
<b>General labour force characteristics</b>						
Population ( 10 years & over)	16949772	209363	1.24	-	-	-
Employed Population	7783574	122280	1.57	-	-	-
Unemployed Population	349885	29984	8.57	-	-	-
Employment Rate	-	-	-	95.7	0.4	0.4
Unemployment Rate	-	-	-	4.3	0.4	8.2
Labour Force	8133459	128222	1.58	-	-	-
Not in Labour Force	8816313	140310	1.59	-	-	-
<b>Employed persons by major industry Groups</b>						
1	2511427	100094	3.99	-	-	-
2	1388632	60532	4.36	-	-	-
3	562570	34967	6.22	-	-	-
4	1061317	50574	4.77	-	-	-
5	116619	14453	12.39	-	-	-
6	506630	28076	5.54	-	-	-
7	265931	22025	8.28	-	-	-
8	520332	35871	6.89	-	-	-
9	279530	24126	8.63	-	-	-
10	140372	19018	13.55	-	-	-
11	103876	12491	12.03	-	-	-
12	73529	12288	16.71	-	-	-
13	246582	28028	11.37	-	-	-
14	6227	3193	51.28	-	-	-
<b>Unemployed persons by level of education</b>						
Below grade 5	7133	3308	46.38	-	-	-
Grade 5 - 9/Year 6 - 10	124325	14459	11.63	-	-	-
G.C.E.(O/L)/N.C.G.E.	71175	10437	14.66	-	-	-
G.C.E.(A/L)/H.N.C.E. & above	147252	18769	12.75	-	-	-

**Industry group**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A,B)   | 8. Public Administration and Defence,Compulsory Social Security (L)   |
| 2. Manufacturing (D)  | 9. Education (M)  |
| 3. Construction, Mining & Quarrying ,<br>Electricity,Gas and Water supply (C,E,F)                           | 10. Health and Social work (N)  |
| 4. Wholesale and Retail Trade,Repair of Motor Vehicles,<br>Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods (G) | 11. Other Community,Social and Personal Service Activities<br>Extra Teritorial Organizations & bodies (O,Q) |
| 5. Hotels and Restaurants (H)   | 12. Private Households with Employed Persons (P)  |
| 6. Transport, Storage and Communication (I)   | 13. Miscellaneous Labour work   |
| 7. Financial Intermediation and Real Estate,<br>Renting and Business Activities (J,K)                       | 14. Industries not adequately described   |

## Explanatory Notes

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### 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 10 years of age and older.

The field work of the survey is done during the third week of the 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 and definitions

1. **Labour force** : The labour force is composed of the economically active population 10 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 on the order of

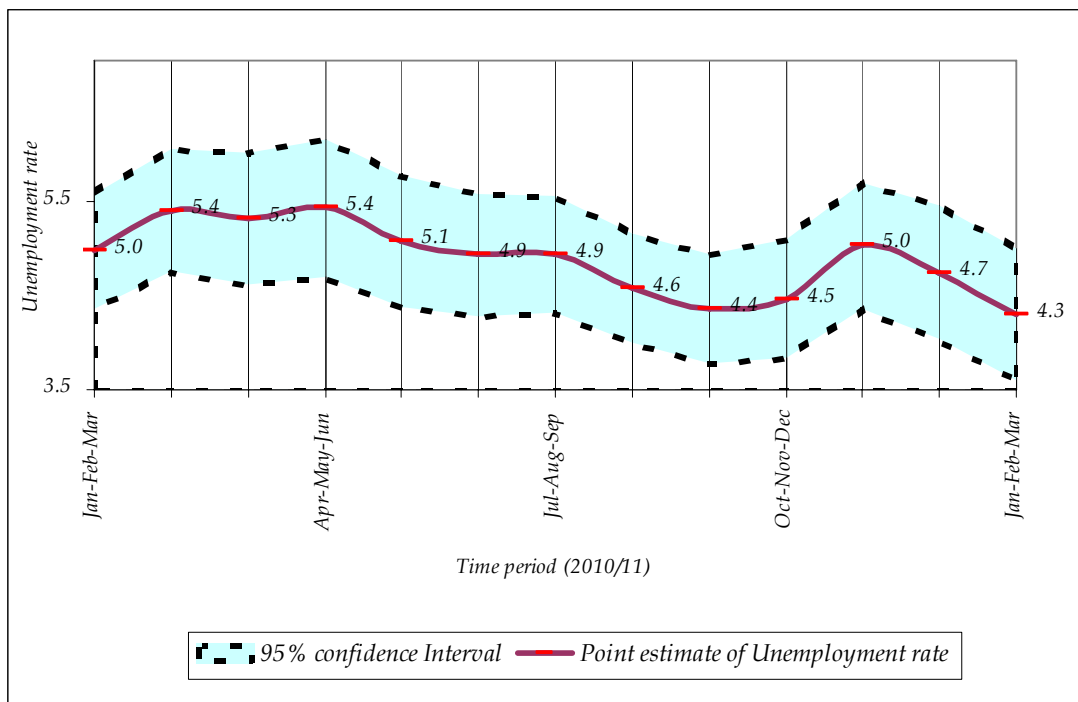
Estimated value *(of the unemployment rate)*  $\pm$  (standard error) \* ( 1.96)

6.4  $\pm$  (0.4) \* (1.96)  
(6.4  $\pm$  0.784)

This means, the 95 percent confidence interval on the quarterly unemployment rate could range from (5.6 to 7.2) . 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 5.6 to 7.2 . 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.

**Unemployment rates and it's lower and upper limits (2010 Jan. - 2011 Mar.)**



As seen in figure 2, it is very important to note that, there were no statistically significant difference between the unemployment rates reported in different time periods of 2009/2010, 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.

Beginning in January 2006, some improvements were made to the labour force survey schedule in order to fulfill the requirements of it's users and also to provide additional information for the planning purposes. This revision was made focusing on literacy, household economic activities, and informal sector employment and under employment etc.

**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, its 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**

Year	Labour Force					Employed				
	No.	Standard error	C.V (%)	95% C.I.		No.	Standard error	C.V (%)	95% C.I.	
				Lower	Upper				Lower	Upper
2003 *	7653717	83576	1.09	7489909	7817525	7012756	77834	1.11	6860202	7165310
2004 **	8061354	79707	0.99	7905128	8217579	7394029	74648	1.01	7247719	7540340
2005***	8141347	233233	2.86	7684210	8598485	7518007	219889	2.92	7087025	7948988
2006#	7598762	65349	0.86	7470593	7726931	7105322	63609	0.90	6980566	7230078
2007#	7488896	58056	0.78	7375030	7602761	7041874	56401	0.80	6931254	7152495
2008#	7568715	59889	0.79	7451255	7686176	7174706	57976	0.81	7060997	7288416
2008*	8081702	62761	0.78	7958614	8204789	7648305	60235	0.79	7530171	7766438
2009#	8073598	62298	0.77	7951419	8195778	7602344	60103	0.79	7484471	7720218
2009*	7572363	60302	0.80	7454091	7690634	7139511	58209	0.82	7025344	7253678
2010#	7610389	62372	0.82	7488058.7	7732720.2	7235641	59966	0.83	7118028.94	7353253.6
2010*	8107739	65106	0.80	7980052.8	8235425.3	7706593	62445	0.81	7584127	7829059.6
2011Q1#	7670465	121853	1.59	7430953.3	7909977.2	7351776	118944	1.62	7117982	7585570.6
2011Q1*	8133459	128222	1.58	7881484.3	8385432.9	7783574	122280	1.57	7543278	8023869.8

Year	Unemployed					Unemployment Rate				
	No.	Standard error	C.V (%)	95% C.I.		Rate	Standard error	C.V (%)	95% C.I.	
				Lower	Upper				Lower	Upper
2003 *	640961	20755	3.2	600281	681641	8.4	0.2	2.99	7.9	8.9
2004 **	667324	18385	2.8	631290	703358	8.3	0.2	2.55	7.9	8.7
2005***	623341	39397	6.3	546123	700558	7.7	0.4	5.76	6.8	8.5
2006#	493440	15000	3.0	464020	522859	6.5	0.2	2.96	6.1	6.9
2007#	447021	13838	3.1	419880	474162	6.0	0.2	3.01	5.6	6.3
2008#	394009	13117	3.3	368282	419736	5.2	0.2	3.22	4.9	5.5
2008*	433397	14105	3.3	405734	461060	5.4	0.2	3.12	5.0	5.7
2009#	471254	14863	3.2	442104	500404	5.8	0.2	3.04	5.5	6.2
2009*	432852	14260	3.3	404884	460820	5.7	0.2	3.18	5.4	6.1
2010#	374748	13551	3.6	348170	401326	4.9	0.2	3.47	4.6	5.3
2010*	401146	14063	3.5	373565	428727	4.9	0.2	3.36	4.6	5.3
2011Q1#	318689	25477	8.0	268613	368765	4.2	0.3	7.80	3.5	4.8
2011Q1*	349885	29984	8.6	290961	408808	4.3	0.4	8.22	3.6	5.0

\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu and Kilinochchi districts.

\*\*\*- All the districts are included

# - Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces



## 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.

### (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 any paid employees).

d) Unpaid family workers (who make their contribution to the economic activities carried out by their 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 point out that **one hour per week** is too low, to consider a person to be employed.

(2) **Working age Population** : Some point out that persons in the age group 10-14 yrs. are too young to consider to be in the working age.

(3) **Employment Status** : Some point out that 'unpaid 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) Working Age Population :

Persons who are **over 15 yrs of age only** are considered to be in the working age.

### (3) Unpaid Family Worker :

Unpaid family workers are **not** considered as employed. Those unpaid family workers who were reported to be seeking some other work are considered as **unemployed** and the rest of the unpaid family workers 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.

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

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)	
*2001	12258565	5893030	48.1	5292093	89.8	600937	10.2	6365944
*2002	12612657	6162963	48.9	5482779	89.0	680184	11.0	6450265
**2003	13839853	6547396	47.3	5849585	89.3	697811	10.7	7292837
***2004	14670217	7051951	48.1	6327524	89.7	724427	10.3	7618797
****2005	13630354	6565951	48.2	5964493	90.8	601458	9.2	7064403
*2006	13261409	6467138	48.8	5975069	92.4	492069	7.6	6794271
*2007	13459252	6425260	47.7	5979061	93.1	446199	6.9	7033992
*2008	13557956	6393192	47.2	5999538	93.8	393654	6.2	7164764
**2008	14626581	6859040	46.9	6425997	93.7	433042	6.3	7767541
*2009	13853482	6380349	46.1	5947497	93.2	432852	6.8	7473133
**2009	14876264	6836598	46.0	6365344	93.1	471254	6.9	8039665
*2010	14115065	6443474	45.6	6069301	94.2	374173	5.8	7671592
**2010	15166285	6892444	45.4	6492109	94.2	400335	5.8	8273841
*2011Q1	14168349	6430022	45.4	6111334	95.0	318689	5.0	7738326
**2011Q1	15234126	6856053	45.0	6506168	94.9	349885	5.1	8378073

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

YEAR	AGE GROUP											
	TOTAL		15 - 19		20 - 24		25 - 29		30 - 39		40 & ABOVE	
	NO.	RATE	NO.	RATE	NO.	RATE	NO.	RATE	NO.	RATE	NO.	RATE
*2001	601026	10.2	130397	40.2	271672	30.5	105295	14.0	63668	4.4	29905	1.2
*2002	680184	11.0	136693	41.1	317071	32.7	113920	14.5	75086	4.9	37414	1.5
**2003	697811	10.7	141609	40.4	314693	32.2	121632	14.5	80467	4.8	39410	1.5
***2004	724427	10.3	134848	38.0	332229	31.2	122725	13.4	84461	4.8	50165	1.7
****2005	601458	9.2	122670	39.7	268331	28.4	99649	11.3	70764	4.4	40044	1.4
*2006	492069	7.6	86180	29.7	193481	24.0	105966	12.5	58443	3.8	47999	1.6
*2007	446199	6.9	69856	27.7	183617	24.0	87993	10.7	58252	3.8	46480	1.5
*2008	393654	6.2	62422	27.4	151228	20.4	82204	10.4	53900	3.5	43899	1.4
**2008	433042	6.3	68487	27.1	166409	20.8	93202	10.9	58838	3.6	46107	1.4
*2009	432852	6.8	63376	28.0	160563	24.5	90834	11.7	65666	4.2	52413	1.7
**2009	471254	6.9	68447	27.3	176801	24.9	100508	11.9	70988	4.2	54511	1.6
*2010	374173	5.8	55963	27.6	142343	22.4	78615	10.5	56056	3.6	41196	1.2
**2010	400335	5.8	59339	26.5	154788	22.5	84777	10.5	59041	3.6	42390	1.2
*2011Q1	318689	5.0	41669	21.3	119574	18.6	75048	10.0	52704	3.4	29694	0.9
**2011Q1	349885	5.1	42337	20.1	133636	19.2	86720	11.0	54937	3.3	32256	0.9

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

\*\*\*\* - All the districts are included

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

Year	Industry group														
	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>*2002</b>															
No.	<b>5487325</b>	1559133	983601	264384	723210	104151	292951	164062	518764	211281	80915	96911	91085	283032	113845
%	<b>100.0</b>	28.4	17.9	4.8	13.2	1.9	5.3	3.0	9.5	3.9	1.5	1.8	1.7	5.2	2.1
<b>**2003</b>															
No.	<b>5860182</b>	1682994	1038390	343650	744153	104923	344294	176993	510486	233874	91213	94491	74181	293951	126590
%	<b>100.0</b>	28.7	17.7	5.9	12.7	1.8	5.9	3.0	8.7	4.0	1.6	1.6	1.3	5.0	2.2
<b>***2004</b>															
No.	<b>6337164</b>	1792810	1191379	439936	794793	108521	402536	170027	526501	257965	102328	108076	65639	293621	83032
%	<b>100.0</b>	28.3	18.8	6.9	12.5	1.7	6.4	2.7	8.3	4.1	1.6	1.7	1.0	4.6	1.3
<b>****2005</b>															
No.	<b>5971029</b>	1573306	1147255	476851	739850	108424	422920	204139	465608	245956	118065	105175	47645	253367	62468
%	<b>100.0</b>	<b>26.3</b>	19.2	8.0	12.4	1.8	7.1	3.4	7.8	4.1	2.0	1.8	0.8	4.2	1.0
<b>*2006</b>															
No.	<b>5978575</b>	1570682	1221566	492116	822922	111890	416188	214276	397926	254378	105956	110924	78341	160429	20981
%	<b>100.0</b>	<b>26.3</b>	20.4	8.2	13.8	1.9	7.0	3.6	6.7	4.3	1.8	1.9	1.3	2.7	0.4
<b>*2007</b>															
No.	<b>5979061</b>	1543596	1182348	507060	807657	100638	441290	209288	428978	242713	112778	94647	82955	202406	22706
%	<b>100.0</b>	25.8	19.8	8.5	13.5	1.7	7.4	3.5	7.2	4.1	1.9	1.6	1.4	3.4	0.4
<b>*2008</b>															
No.	<b>5999538</b>	1609009	1205793	496771	790533	90257	403186	228957	456435	268121	106630	114215	80651	136037	12944
%	<b>100.0</b>	26.8	20.1	8.3	13.2	1.5	6.7	3.8	7.6	4.5	1.8	1.9	1.3	2.3	0.2
<b>**2008</b>															
No.	<b>6425997.5</b>	1732266	1257331	550875	842615.7	95772.7	423760.3	234407	505254	293699	116026	126616	81347	152592.9	13436
%	<b>100.0</b>	27.0	19.6	8.6	13.1	1.5	6.6	3.6	7.9	4.6	1.8	2.0	1.3	2.4	0.2
<b>*2009</b>															
No.	<b>5947497</b>	1564800	1154758	484131	775679	114969	401454	209011	478742	281272	124932	91098	92713	170430	3507
%	<b>100.0</b>	26.3	19.4	8.1	13.0	1.9	6.7	3.5	8.0	4.7	2.1	1.5	1.6	2.9	0.1
<b>**2009</b>															
No.	<b>6365344</b>	1699505	1196383	522005	830954	122469	426494	214438	515695	316534	132843	107364	92949	184026	3685
%	<b>100.0</b>	26.7	18.8	8.2	13.1	1.9	6.7	3.4	8.1	5.0	2.1	1.7	1.5	2.9	0.1
<b>*2010</b>															
No.	<b>6069301</b>	1609380	1146333	467767	843248	118274	445079	244202	483863	250325	100698	108915	80146	170312	759
%	<b>100.0</b>	26.5	18.9	7.7	13.9	1.9	7.3	4.0	8.0	4.1	1.7	1.8	1.3	2.8	0.0
<b>**2010</b>															
No.	<b>6492109</b>	1750513	1185767	506939	900499	124378	465455	252609	529555	281793	111388	117761	80146	184222	1087
%	<b>100.0</b>	27.0	18.3	7.8	13.9	1.9	7.2	3.9	8.2	4.3	1.7	1.8	1.2	2.8	0.0
<b>*2011Q1</b>															
No.	<b>6111334</b>	1548653	1226309	489354	855788	102953	460994	242311	464944	208181	132858	89876	72346	210541	6227
%	<b>100.0</b>	25.3	20.1	8.0	14.0	1.7	7.5	4.0	7.6	3.4	2.2	1.5	1.2	3.4	0
<b>**2011Q1</b>															
No.	<b>6506168</b>	1690286	1250831	528512	902476	105514	487971	252694	507355	238795	139190	94590	72346	229381	6227
%	<b>100.0</b>	26.0	19.2	8.1	13.9	1.6	7.5	3.9	7.8	3.7	2.1	1.5	1.1	3.5	0.1

**Industry group**

1 Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A,B)

2 Manufacturing (D)

3 Construction, Mining & Quarrying ,  
Electricity, Gas and Water supply (C,E,F)4 Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles,  
Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods (G)

5 Hotels and Restaurants (H)

6 Transport, Storage and Communication (I)

7 Financial Intermediation and Real Estate,  
Renting and Business Activities (J,K)

8 Public Administration and Defence, Compulsory Social Security (L)

9 Education (M)

10 Health and Social work (N)

11 Other Community, Social and Personal Service Activities  
Extra Territorial Organizations & bodies (O,Q)

12 Private Households with Employed Persons (P)

13 Miscellaneous Labour work

14 Industries not adequately described

Note: The tabulation groups based on ISIC (Rev.3) are indicated as A,B,C,.....Q. Due to the limitations on reliability (based on CV), some of these groups have been combined.

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