



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 second quarter 2010 was done in April, May and June in year 2010. 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 - Second Quarter 2010

| Sector | Economically active population | | | | | |
|--------|--------------------------------|-------|---------|------|---------|------|
| | Total | % | Male | % | Female | % |
| Total | 8050603 | 100.0 | 5297069 | 65.8 | 2753534 | 34.2 |
| Urban | 869542 | 100.0 | 605610 | 69.6 | 263933 | 30.4 |
| Rural | 6790186 | 100.0 | 4469509 | 65.8 | 2320678 | 34.2 |
| Estate | 390874 | 100.0 | 221950 | 56.8 | 168924 | 43.2 |

Table 2: Economically Inactive population by sex and sector - Second Quarter 2010

| Sector | Economically inactive population | | | | | |
|--------|----------------------------------|-------|---------|------|---------|------|
| | Total | % | Male | % | Female | % |
| Total | 8759209 | 100.0 | 2577744 | 29.4 | 6181465 | 70.6 |
| Urban | 1230795 | 100.0 | 354303 | 28.8 | 876492 | 71.2 |
| Rural | 7225194 | 100.0 | 2111242 | 29.2 | 5113952 | 70.8 |
| Estate | 303221 | 100.0 | 112200 | 37.0 | 191021 | 63.0 |

The survey results revealed that (Table 1), the estimated economically active population (or labour force) was about 8.1 million in second quarter 2010. Of which 65.8 percent were males and 34.2 percent were females. Out of the economically inactive population 29.4 percent were males and 70.6 percent were females (Table 2).

Figure 1 : Distribution of Economically active/Inactive population

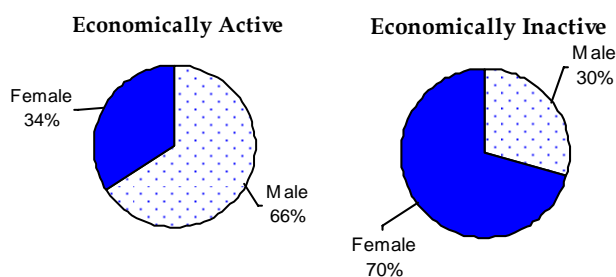


Table 3: Labour Force Participation Rate by sex & year

| 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 | 49.9 | 67.4 | 34.3 |
| 2010Q1 | 49.1 | 67.8 | 32.7 |
| 2010Q2 | 48.5 | 67.6 | 31.6 |

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 second quarter 2010 was about 67.6 percent and it was 31.6 percent for females. It was important to note that, male participation to the labour force was more than twice as that of females.

Note: Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

Table 4 : Labour Force Participation Rate by age group & by sex - Second Quarter 2010

| Age group | Sex | | |
|-----------|-------|------|--------|
| | Total | Male | Female |
| Total | 47.9 | 67.3 | 30.8 |
| 15 - 19 | 17.3 | 23.4 | 10.8 |
| 20 - 24 | 58.2 | 78.0 | 41.3 |
| 25 - 29 | 63.3 | 91.2 | 39.6 |
| 30 - 34 | 66.3 | 97.1 | 41.0 |
| 35 - 39 | 67.7 | 95.5 | 45.3 |
| 40 - 44 | 67.2 | 94.9 | 44.8 |
| 45 - 49 | 72.2 | 96.0 | 50.6 |
| 50 - 54 | 63.2 | 91.2 | 39.8 |
| 55 - 59 | 60.4 | 84.9 | 36.4 |
| 60+ | 27.2 | 45.1 | 12.0 |

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 (30 - 34) yrs, while in female highest participation rate was reported from age group (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, (Second quarter 2009 - Second Quarter 2010)

| Year | Total | Major industry group | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | | Agriculture | Industries | Services |
| April-May-June 2nd Qtr - 2009 | 7465030 100.0 | 2382913 31.9 | 1913893 25.6 | 3168224 42.4 |
| July-Aug-Sept. 3rd Qtr - 2009 | 7641730 100.0 | 2426113 31.7 | 1912169 25.0 | 3303448 43.2 |
| Oct-Nov-Dec 4th Qtr - 2009 | 7592833 100.0 | 2481308 32.7 | 1920825 25.3 | 3190700 42.0 |
| 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 |

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

Agriculture

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

Industries

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

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 second quarter 2009 to second quarter 2010. The total number of employed persons in Sri Lanka was estimated as about 7.6 million in second quarter 2010. Of which, about 44.4 percent engaged in services sector, 32.0 percent in agriculture sector, and 23.6 percent in Industries sector.

Table 6 : Percentage distribution of employed population by employment status and Agriculture/ Non-Agriculture sector - Second Quarter 2010

| Employment Status | Total | | Sector | | | |
|----------------------------|---------|-------|-------------|------|-----------------|------|
| | | | Agriculture | | Non Agriculture | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Total | 7613267 | 100.0 | 2439391 | 32.0 | 5173876 | 68.0 |
| Employee | 4292787 | 100.0 | 798178 | 18.6 | 3494609 | 81.4 |
| Public | 1076717 | 100.0 | 112152 | 10.4 | 964565 | 89.6 |
| Private | 3216071 | 100.0 | 686026 | 21.3 | 2530044 | 78.7 |
| Employer | 198807 | 100.0 | 34884 | 17.5 | 163922 | 82.5 |
| Own account worker | 2334295 | 100.0 | 1078631 | 46.2 | 1255664 | 53.8 |
| Contributing family worker | 787378 | 100.0 | 527697 | 67.0 | 259681 | 33.0 |

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 - Second Quarter 2010

| Major industry group | Total | Sex | |
|----------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| | | Male | Female |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Agriculture | 32.0 | 29.1 | 37.8 |
| Industry | 23.6 | 23.4 | 23.9 |
| Services | 44.4 | 47.4 | 38.3 |

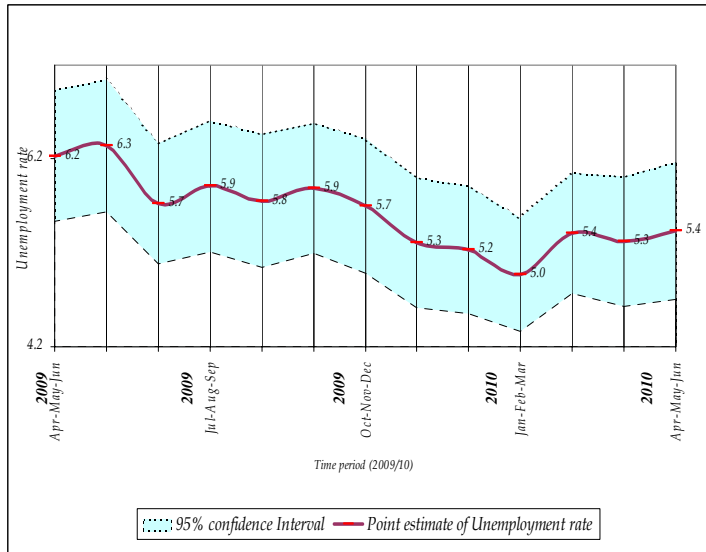
Table 7 depicts the distribution of male and female employed population by main industries. Highest employment concentrated in service sector for both male and female. Further among employed women about 37.8 percent was in agriculture sector while this share was 29.1 percent for males.

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 (2009 April - 2010 June)



The number of unemployed persons was estimated as about 437,000 during the second quarter 2010.

The unemployment rate for the second quarter 2010 was reported as 5.4 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 2009/2010, when *sampling error*⁽¹⁾ was considered.

Table 8: Unemployment rate by level of education - Second Quarter 2010

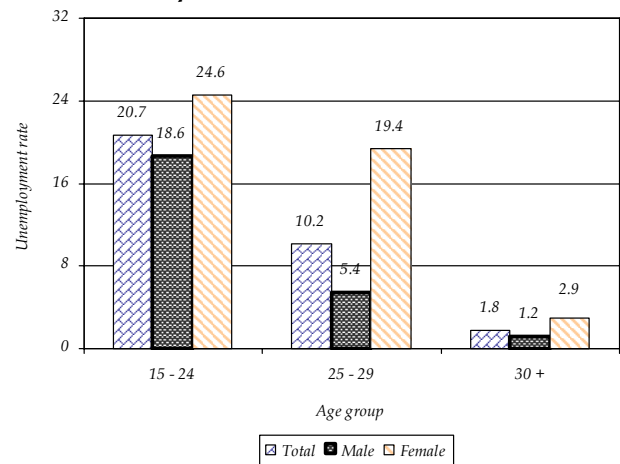
| Level of Education | Unemployment rate | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|------|--------|
| | Total | Male | Female |
| Total | 5.4 | 4.1 | 8.0 |
| Below G.C.E. (O/L) | 3.1 | 2.5 | 4.3 |
| G.C.E. (O/L) | 7.8 | 7.0 | 9.4 |
| G.C.E. (A/L) & above | 12.3 | 8.5 | 16.4 |



Table 9: Unemployment rate by age group and sex - Second Quarter 2010

| Age group | Total | Sex | |
|-----------|-------|------|--------|
| | | Male | Female |
| Total | 5.4 | 4.1 | 8.0 |
| 15 - 24 | 20.7 | 18.6 | 24.6 |
| 25 - 29 | 10.2 | 5.4 | 19.4 |
| 30 + | 1.8 | 1.2 | 2.9 |

Figure 3 : Unemployment rate by age group and sex - Second quarter 2010



As can be seen from table 9, overall unemployment rate reported for female was 8.0 percent and it was 4.1 percent for male. Youth unemployment rate 15 - 24 yrs reported for second quarter 2010 was 20.7. Highest unemployment rate was reported from age group 15 - 24 yrs, for both males (18.6) and females (24.6). 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 12.3 percent. There were 8.5 percent and 16.4 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).

⁽¹⁾ 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.**

Selected Labour Force indicators (Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces)
(2003 - 2010 Q2)

| | Year | | | | | | | | | | | 2010Q1 | 2010Q2 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009Q1 | 2009Q2 | 2009Q3 | 2009Q4 | 2009 | | |
| Labour force participation rate | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>by sex</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Both sexes | 49.7 | 49.6 | 49.3 | 51.2 | 49.8 | 50.2 | 49.9 | 48.7 | 49.3 | 48.9 | 49.2 | 49.1 | 48.5 |
| Male | 67.5 | 67.2 | 67.3 | 68.1 | 67.8 | 67.9 | 67.4 | 66.5 | 66.3 | 66.5 | 66.7 | 67.8 | 67.6 |
| Female | 32.6 | 33.0 | 32.6 | 35.7 | 33.4 | 34.3 | 34.3 | 32.8 | 34.3 | 33.5 | 33.7 | 32.7 | 31.6 |
| <i>by residential sector</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 49.7 | 49.6 | 49.3 | 51.2 | 49.8 | 50.2 | 49.9 | 48.7 | 49.3 | 48.9 | 49.2 | 49.1 | 48.5 |
| Urban | 45.1 | 45.6 | 46.2 | 45.3 | 45.0 | 46.3 | 44.5 | 41.0 | 45.8 | 44.4 | 43.9 | 44.1 | 42.3 |
| Rural | 50.3 | 50.3 | 49.7 | 52.1 | 50.4 | 50.7 | 50.6 | 49.7 | 49.7 | 49.4 | 49.8 | 49.8 | 49.3 |
| Unemployment rate | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>by sex</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Both sexes | 8.1 | 8.1 | 7.2 | 6.5 | 6.0 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 6.3 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 5.4 |
| Male | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 3.5 | 4.2 |
| Female | 12.3 | 12.1 | 10.7 | 9.7 | 9.0 | 8.0 | 7.5 | 9.1 | 8.1 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 7.9 | 7.7 |
| <i>by selected age groups(yr)</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 - 29 | 19.1 | 18.6 | 16.0 | 15.9 | 15.0 | 13.2 | 14.8 | 15.5 | 15.3 | 14.7 | 15.1 | 14.5 | 14.9 |
| 20 - 24 | 25.8 | 25.2 | 22.4 | 21.0 | 21.1 | 17.8 | 19.7 | 22.0 | 21.6 | 20.6 | 21.0 | 20.1 | 20.4 |
| 25 - 29 | 11.4 | 11.1 | 9.4 | 11.0 | 9.4 | 9.0 | 10.4 | 10.2 | 9.9 | 9.8 | 10.1 | 9.8 | 10.0 |
| <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 | 10.1 | 10.4 | 10.3 | 12.5 | 10.8 | 11.9 | 12.3 |
| Male | 10.1 | 9.6 | 7.9 | 6.9 | 6.6 | 5.6 | 7.4 | 3.9 | 6.9 | 8.3 | 6.6 | 7.8 | 8.6 |
| Female | 22.4 | 22.5 | 17.1 | 16.8 | 17.5 | 14.4 | 12.8 | 17.4 | 13.7 | 16.8 | 15.1 | 16.4 | 16.2 |
| Employed population | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>by sex</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Both sexes | 6609466 | 6704006 | 6788119 | 7105322 | 7041874 | 7174706 | 7250951 | 6998591 | 7183604 | 7124899 | 7139537 | 7287198 | 7145578 |
| Male | 4496136 | 4512082 | 4546397 | 4610643 | 4653067 | 4663277 | 4669522 | 4574261 | 4598416 | 4594540 | 4609198 | 4771572 | 4731075 |
| Female | 2113330 | 2191924 | 2241722 | 2494679 | 2388807 | 2511429 | 2581429 | 2424330 | 2585188 | 2530359 | 2530339 | 2515626 | 2414503 |
| <i>by industry (percentage)</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 6609466 | 6704006 | 6788119 | 7105322 | 7041874 | 7174706 | 7250951 | 6998591 | 7183604 | 7124898 | 7139537 | 7287198 | 7145578 |
| % | (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 | 2223691 | 2215282 | 2059293 | 2287268 | 2202098 | 2344415 | 2459978 | 2226901 | 2292224 | 2295380 | 2318621 | 2455665 | 2299235 |
| % | (33.6) | (33.0) | (30.3) | (32.2) | (31.3) | (32.7) | (33.9) | (31.8) | (31.9) | (32.2) | (32.5) | (33.7) | (32.2) |
| Industry | 1539035 | 1663383 | 1787274 | 1889953 | 1873857 | 1888004 | 1806035 | 1803556 | 1833177 | 1847868 | 1822685 | 1835359 | 1696088 |
| % | (23.3) | (24.8) | (26.3) | (26.6) | (26.6) | (26.3) | (24.9) | (25.8) | (25.5) | (25.9) | (25.5) | (25.2) | (23.7) |
| Services | 2846740 | 2825341 | 2941552 | 2928101 | 2965919 | 2942288 | 2984938 | 2968134 | 3058203 | 2981650 | 2998231 | 2996174 | 3150255 |
| % | (43.1) | (42.1) | (43.3) | (41.2) | (42.1) | (41.0) | (41.2) | (42.4) | (42.6) | (41.8) | (42.0) | (41.1) | (44.1) |
| <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 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 0 • | 7.3 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 6.7 | 6.5 | 7.4 | 5.3 | 13.7 | 6.8 | 5.9 | 7.9 | 3.8 | 10.7 |
| 1 - 9 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 3.2 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 1.3 | 2.9 |
| 10 - 39 | 32.9 | 28.4 | 27.9 | 28.6 | 28.3 | 29.2 | 29.3 | 31.2 | 27.8 | 27.5 | 29.0 | 28.8 | 32.2 |
| 40+ | 58.0 | 64.7 | 65.7 | 62.8 | 63.7 | 61.2 | 63.3 | 51.8 | 63.4 | 64.3 | 60.8 | 66.0 | 54.2 |

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

**Selected Labour Force indicators
(2003 - 2010 Q2)**

| | Year | | | | | | | | | | | 2010Q1* | 2010Q2* |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 2003* | 2004** | 2005*** | 2006 # | 2007# | 2008* | 2009Q1* | 2009Q2* | *2009Q3 | *2009Q4 | 2009* | | |
| Labour force participation rate | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>by sex</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Both sexes | 48.9 | 48.6 | 48.3 | 51.2 | 49.8 | 49.5 | 49.2 | 48.3 | 48.7 | 48.5 | 48.7 | 48.2 | 47.9 |
| Male | 67.2 | 66.7 | 67.1 | 68.1 | 67.8 | 67.8 | 67.2 | 66.6 | 66.2 | 66.5 | 66.6 | 67.3 | 67.3 |
| Female | 31.4 | 31.5 | 30.9 | 35.7 | 33.4 | 33.2 | 33.3 | 32.0 | 33.2 | 32.9 | 32.8 | 31.6 | 30.8 |
| <i>by residential sector</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 48.9 | 48.6 | 48.3 | 51.2 | 49.8 | 49.5 | 49.2 | 48.3 | 48.7 | 48.5 | 48.7 | 48.2 | 47.9 |
| Urban | 44.4 | 44.9 | 45.5 | 45.3 | 45.0 | 45.9 | 44.0 | 41.3 | 44.9 | 43.9 | 43.5 | 42.8 | 41.4 |
| Rural | 49.6 | 49.2 | 48.7 | 52.1 | 50.4 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 49.2 | 49.2 | 49.2 | 49.4 | 49.0 | 48.8 |
| Unemployment rate | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>by sex</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Both sexes | 8.4 | 8.3 | 7.7 | 6.5 | 6.0 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 6.2 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.0 | 5.4 |
| Male | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 3.4 | 4.1 |
| Female | 13.2 | 12.8 | 11.9 | 9.7 | 9.0 | 8.4 | 7.9 | 9.2 | 8.6 | 8.7 | 8.6 | 7.9 | 8.0 |
| <i>by selected age groups(yr)</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 - 29 | 19.4 | 19.2 | 17.2 | 15.9 | 15.0 | 13.7 | 15.2 | 15.2 | 15.5 | 15.7 | 15.4 | 14.3 | 14.9 |
| 20 - 24 | 26.4 | 25.9 | 24.6 | 21.0 | 21.1 | 18.1 | 20.3 | 21.6 | 21.9 | 21.8 | 21.4 | 19.7 | 20.2 |
| 25 - 29 | 11.4 | 11.4 | 9.5 | 11.0 | 9.4 | 9.5 | 10.7 | 9.9 | 10.1 | 10.5 | 10.3 | 9.7 | 10.2 |
| <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 | 10.6 | 10.4 | 10.2 | 13.4 | 11.2 | 12.0 | 12.3 |
| Male | 10.4 | 10.5 | 8.9 | 6.9 | 6.6 | 6.0 | 7.8 | 4.3 | 6.8 | 9.1 | 7.0 | 8.0 | 8.5 |
| Female | 23.3 | 23.8 | 19.1 | 16.8 | 17.5 | 15.3 | 13.4 | 17.1 | 13.8 | 17.8 | 15.5 | 16.7 | 16.4 |
| Employed population | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>by sex</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Both sexes | 7012755 | 7440226 | 7518007 | 7105322 | 7041874 | 7648305 | 7709784 | 7465030 | 7641730 | 7592833 | 7602414 | 7725753 | 7613267 |
| Male | 4833483 | 5087861 | 5134765 | 4610643 | 4653067 | 5033449 | 5015959 | 4925869 | 4970147 | 4940502 | 4963176 | 5108289 | 5081075 |
| Female | 2179272 | 2352365 | 2383241 | 2494679 | 2388807 | 2614856 | 2693825 | 2539160 | 2671584 | 2652331 | 2639238 | 2617464 | 2532192 |
| <i>by industry (percentage)</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 7012755 | 7394029 | 7518007 | 7105322 | 7041874 | 7648305 | 7709784 | 7465030 | 7641730 | 7592833 | 7602414 | 7725753 | 7613267 |
| % | (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 | 2384397 | 2474725 | 2306039 | 2287268 | 2202098 | 2489731 | 2613350 | 2382913 | 2426113 | 2481308 | 2475921 | 2600463 | 2439391 |
| % | (34.0) | (33.5) | (30.7) | (32.2) | (31.3) | (32.6) | (33.9) | (31.9) | (31.7) | (32.7) | (32.6) | (33.7) | (32.0) |
| Industry | 1611493 | 1781447 | 1928014 | 1889953 | 1873857 | 2004880 | 1894279 | 1913893 | 1912169 | 1920825 | 1910318 | 1911428 | 1795204 |
| % | (23.0) | (24.1) | (25.6) | (26.6) | (26.6) | (26.2) | (24.6) | (25.6) | (25.0) | (25.3) | (25.1) | (24.7) | (23.6) |
| Services | 3016866 | 3137857 | 3283954 | 2928101 | 2965919 | 3153693 | 3202155 | 3168224 | 3303448 | 3190700 | 3216175 | 3213861 | 3378672 |
| % | (43.0) | (42.4) | (43.7) | (41.2) | (42.1) | (41.2) | (41.5) | (42.4) | (43.2) | (42.0) | (42.3) | (41.6) | (44.4) |
| <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 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 0 • | 7.5 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 6.7 | 6.5 | 7.2 | 5.4 | 13.4 | 7.0 | 5.8 | 7.9 | 3.7 | 10.4 |
| 1 - 9 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 3.1 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 1.3 | 2.7 |
| 10 - 39 | 32.6 | 28.7 | 27.6 | 28.6 | 28.3 | 28.9 | 29.0 | 31.2 | 27.7 | 27.5 | 28.8 | 28.6 | 31.9 |
| 40+ | 58.1 | 64.5 | 66.2 | 62.8 | 63.7 | 61.7 | 63.5 | 52.3 | 63.6 | 64.5 | 61.0 | 66.5 | 55.0 |

• 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