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Preface

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. A nationally representative annual sample of about 25,000 housing units have been selected for the survey in 2004. The present report, which is the fifty sixth in the series, is based on a sample of 4,500 housing units and gives national estimates with a stipulated standard error of labour force characteristics as reported in the reference period of the first quarter of 2004. Kilinochchi, Vavunia and Mulativu districts are not covered in this publication.

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Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey
Summary Statistics on Labour Force Characteristics
First Quarter - 2004

10 years & over population

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (10 years & over)	16315638	7969483	8346156	2125464	14190175
Labour force in this age group	7986948	5369236	2617712	958951	7027997
Labour force participation rate	49.0	67.4	31.4	45.1	49.5
Employed population	7336708	5037384	2299324	892564	6444144
Employment rate	91.9	93.8	87.8	93.1	91.7
Unemployed population	650240	331852	318388	66387	583853
Unemployment rate	8.1	6.2	12.2	6.9	8.3
Not in labour force	8328690	2600247	5728444	1166513	7162177

15 years & over population

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (15 years & over)	14425082	7006884	7418198	1918778	12506304
Labour force in this age group	7955611	5352948	2602663	956932	6998679
Labour force participation rate	55.2	76.4	35.1	49.9	56.0
Employed population	7308961	5022515	2286445	890903	6418058
Employment rate	91.9	93.8	87.9	93.1	91.7
Unemployed population	646650	330432	316218	66029	580621
Unemployment rate	8.1	6.2	12.1	6.9	8.3
Not in labour force	6469471	1653936	4815535	961846	5507625

20 years & over population

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (20 years & over)	12633446	6097273	6536172	1705305	10928141
Labour force in this age group	7513996	5091956	2422040	907952	6606044
Labour force participation rate	59.5	83.5	37.1	53.2	60.4
Employed population	7007305	4833757	2173548	851918	6155387
Employment rate	93.3	94.9	89.7	93.8	93.2
Unemployed population	506691	258199	248492	56033	450657
Unemployment rate	6.7	5.1	10.3	6.2	6.8
Not in labour force	5119450	1005318	4114132	797353	4322097

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1. INTRODUCTION

The field work of the survey in the first quarter of 2004 was done in January and February 2004 and the current labour force status of persons was measured as in the reference weeks of January and February 2004. The estimates described in the following sections **will not cover only the Vavunia, Kilinochchi and Mulathivu districts** in Northern province in its national level estimates and the survey covers only the persons living in housing units and it excludes the institutional population.

2. Working Age Population (age 10 years & over)

◆ The survey estimated that 16.3 million persons as being in the working age population of Sri Lanka (excluding the Vavunia, Kilinochchi and Mulativu districts) during the survey period. (summary table, page ii)

◆ Of the working age population 49.0 percent are males and 51.0 percent are females.

3. Economically Active Population

◆ The overall participation rate in the labour force is nearly 49.0 percent. It is 67.4 percent for male and 31.4 percent for females.

◆ According to table (ii), 30 - 39 yrs age group shows the highest labor force participation rate.

◆ It is also observed that the highest participation rate for male is reported in 25 - 29 yrs age group.

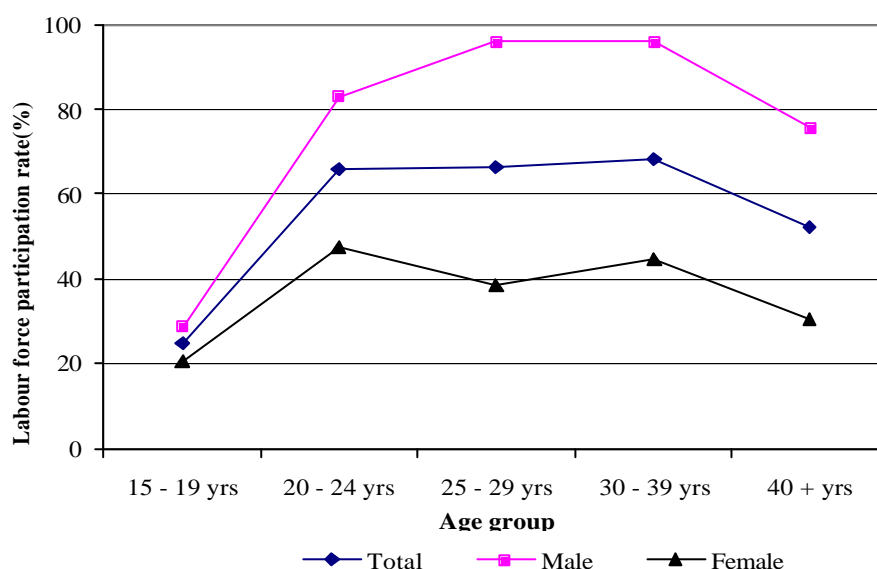
Table (i) - Distribution of population by age & sex

Age (in years)	Total	Male	Female
All age groups	100.0	100.0	100.0
10 - 14	11.6	12.1	11.1
15 - 19	11.0	11.4	10.6
20 - 24	11.0	11.7	10.3
25 - 29	8.7	8.7	8.7
30 - 39	17.8	17.0	18.6
40 +	39.9	39.1	40.6

Table (ii) - Labour force participation rate by age & sex

Age group	Total	Sex	
		Male	Female
Total	49.0	67.4	31.4
15 - 19 yrs	24.6	28.7	20.5
20 - 24 yrs	65.9	83.0	47.5
25 - 29 yrs	66.5	96.0	38.3
30 - 39 yrs	68.3	95.9	44.3
40 + yrs	52.2	75.5	30.8

Figure 1 - Labour force participation rate by age & sex



4. Employed Population

◆ 7.34 million persons were estimated as being the employed population in Sri Lanka (excluding Kilinochchi, Vavunia and Mulathivu districts) during the survey period. This number accounts for 91.9 percent of the total labour force. (summary table, page (ii))

◆ Of the employed persons 12.1 percent were residing in the urban sector and 87.8 percent were residing in the rural sector. (summary table, page (ii))

◆ It is observed that (Table iii) the majority of the employed persons are engaged in 'Services' sector activities. It is nearly 49 percent for 30 - 39 yrs age group and 27 percent for 15 - 19 yrs age group.

◆ There is a marked difference between the proportion of employed population in the agriculture sector and industries sector belongs to 40+ yrs age group. The proportions are around 38 percent and 18 percent respectively.

Industries

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

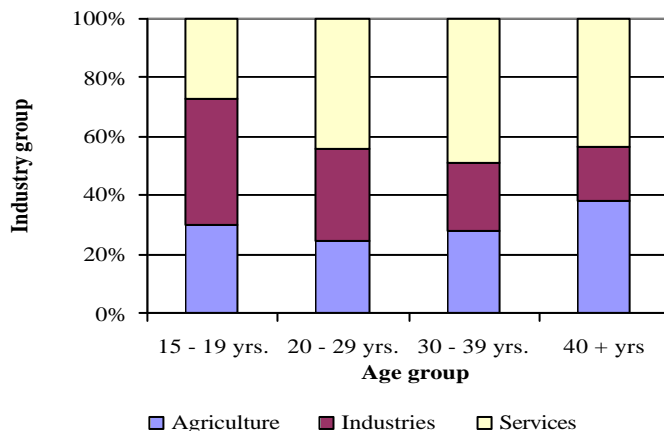
Services

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
6. Education
7. Health and Social work
8. Other Community, Social and Personal Service Activities
9. Private Households with Employed Persons
10. Miscellaneous Labour work

Table(iii) - Distribution of employed population by major industrial category & age groups.

Age group	Total	Agriculture	Industries	Services
Total	100.0	32.0	23.5	44.4
15 - 19 yrs.	100.0	29.7	42.9	27.4
20 - 29 yrs.	100.0	25.0	31.1	44.0
30 - 39 yrs.	100.0	28.1	22.8	49.1
40 + yrs	100.0	38.2	18.3	43.5

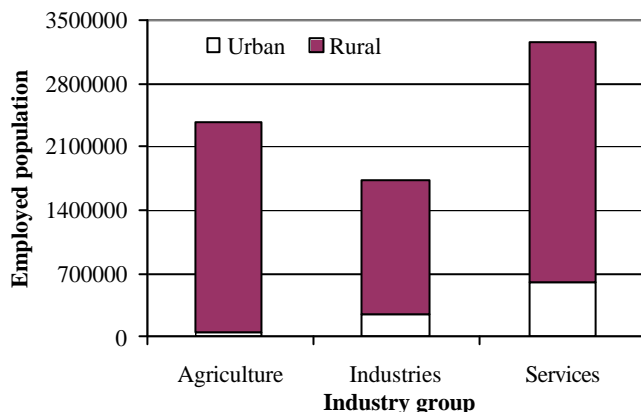
Figure 2 - Distribution of employed population by major industrial category & age groups.



Table(iv)- Distribution of employed population by major industrial category by sector

Sector & Sex	Agriculture	Industries	Services
Urban			
Total	34503	256208	601854
Male	25653	168561	449272
Female	8850	87646	152581
Rural			
Total	2320356	1466877	2656912
Male	1453690	968298	1971909
Female	866666	498579	685002

Figure 3 - Distribution of employed population by major industrial category by sector



4.1 By Level of Education & Industry

◆ Within the 'Agriculture' sector it is only 2.3 percent employed person have passed G.C.E.(A/L) and above, while 89 percent have shown their educational qualifications as only below grade 10. Same proportions are 10 percent and 76 percent in the 'Service' sector.

◆ Proportion of employed persons who have passed G.C.E.(O/L) in 'Industry' sector is more than twice that of in 'Agriculture' sector.

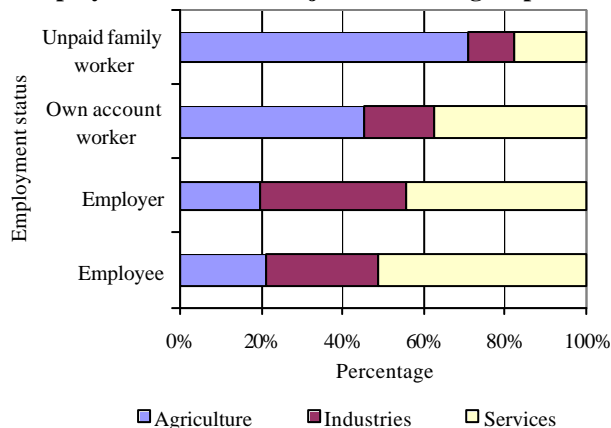
4.2 By employment status

◆ From table (vi), out of total 'employees' 51 percent belongs to 'Service' sector and 21 percent belongs to 'Agriculture' sector.

◆ It is noted that, 71 percent of unpaid family workers have engaged in 'Agriculture' sector and it is around 11 percent in the 'Industries' sector.

◆ 17 percent of own account workers belongs to 'Industries' sector, comparing 45 percent in 'Agriculture' and 37 percent in 'Service' sectors.

Figure 5 - Distribution of employed persons by employment status & Major industrial group



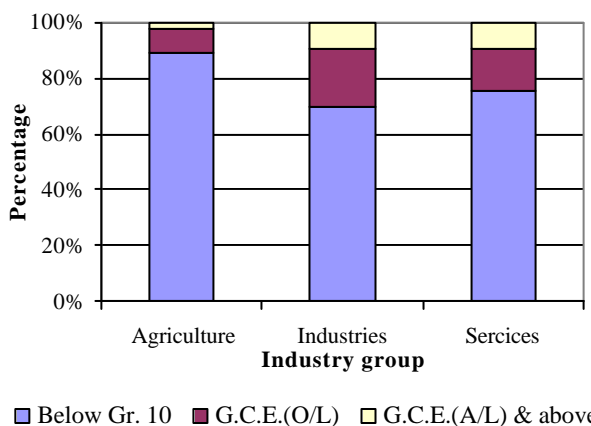
Table(vii) - Currently employed persons by major occupational groups

Occupational groups	Industries	Services
Total	100.0	100.0
Senior officials and managers & professionals	3.2	15.0
Technical and associate professionals	3.6	9.2
clerks	2.9	7.5
Proprietors and managers of enterprises	2.6	5.8
Sales and service workers	1.8	22.0
Craft and related workers	55.2	4.8
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	6.6	11.7
Elementary occupations	22.6	21.8
Other	1.4	2.2

Table (v): Distribution of employed person by major Industrial category & level of education

Level of education	Industrial sector		
	Agriculture	Industries	Services
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Below Gr. 10	88.6	69.4	75.8
G.C.E.(O/L)	9.2	20.9	14.2
G.C.E.(A/L) & above	2.3	9.7	10.0

Figure 4: Distribution of employed persons by major Industrial category & level of education



Table(vi) - Distribution of employed persons by employment status & Major industry group

Employment status	Industry group			
	Total	Agriculture	Industries	Services
Total	100.0	32.1	23.5	44.4
Employee	100.0	21.2	27.5	51.3
Employer	100.0	19.6	35.9	44.5
Own account worker	100.0	45.4	17.3	37.3
Unpaid family worker	100.0	71.2	10.7	18.2

◆ Out of the total employment in the services sector, 15.0 percent belongs to Senior officials, Managers & Professionals occupational group while it is only 3.2 percent in the industries sector.

◆ 22 percent of the services sector employed persons belongs to Sales and Service workers occupational group, and in the industry sector, it is only 1.8 percent.

◆ It is also noted that, 55 percent of employed person in industries sector are Craft & Related workers.

5. Unemployed Population

◆ The survey estimated that the total unemployed population as 0.65 million, of which 0.33 million are males and 0.32 million are females. (summary table, page ii)

5.1 Unemployment rate

◆ Unemployment rate is reported to be 8.1 percent in the first quarter of 2004. That is of all economically active persons, 8.1 percent are unemployed.

◆ According to table (vii) it is observed that the unemployment rate increases with the increase of the level of education.

◆ It was also observed that, the unemployment is higher among females than males.

◆ The female unemployment rate is nearly two times (19.5 percent) that of the male unemployment rate (10.3 percent) among those who have passed G.C.E.(A/L) and above. It indicates that unemployed females are more educated than their male counterparts.

5.2 Duration of Unemployment

◆ Nearly 74 percent of the unemployed persons who have passed the G.C.E.(A/L) and above have been seeking work for a period exceeding one year. It is around 61 percent for unemployed persons below grade 5.

◆ Nearly 29 percent of the unemployed persons who are having level of education below grade 5, have been seeking work for a period less than 6 months.

Table (viii) - Unemployment rate by level of education & sex

Level of education	Total	Sex	
		Male	Female
Total	8.1	6.2	12.2
Below Gr.5	2.5	1.2	4.6
Gr. 5 - 9	7.3	5.9	11.0
G.C.E.(O/L)	11.6	9.7	15.7
G.C.E.(A/L) & above	14.7	10.3	19.5

Figure 6 - Unemployment rate by level of education & sex

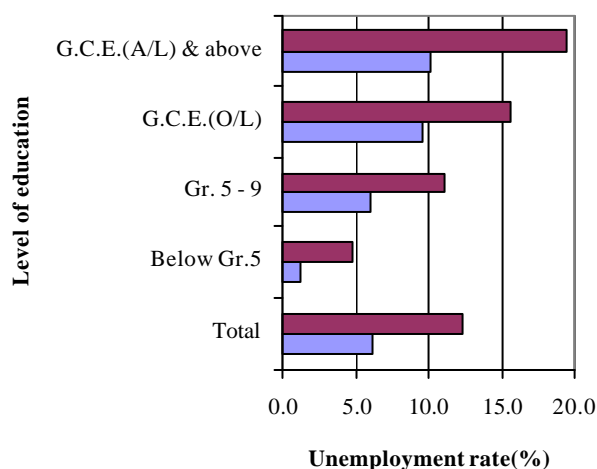


Table (ix) - Unemployed persons by duration of unemployment by level of education

Level of education	Total	Duration		
		Less than 6 months	6 to 12 months	12+ months
Total	100.0	15.8	12.2	72.0
Below Gr.5	100.0	28.5	10.6	60.9
Gr. 5 - 9	100.0	19.5	10.5	70.0
G.C.E.(O/L)	100.0	12.1	12.3	75.7
G.C.E.(A/L) & above	100.0	11.5	14.6	73.8

Statistical significance of the change in unemployment rate

- ◆ Estimated value of the unemployment rate in first quarter of year 2004 = 0.080 *
- ◆ Estimated value of the unemployment rate in fourth quarter of year 2003 = 0.079 *

The difference between the above estimated values is **not statistically significant** at 5 percent level of significance (two tail test)

* Excluding Northern province

7. 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 & 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)	
*1998	11281913	5567813	49.4	4870332	87.5	697481	12.5	5714099
*1999	11582873	5632621	48.6	4974104	88.3	658517	11.7	5950382
*2000	11978962	5738351	47.9	5124615	89.3	613736	10.7	6241526
*2002	12612657	6162963	48.9	5482779	89.0	680184	11.0	6450265
**2003 1st Q	13763753	6667351	48.4	5897220	88.4	770131	11.6	7096402
**2003 2nd Q	13800975	6040535	43.8	5393507	89.3	647028	10.7	7760440
**2003 3rd Q	13772448	6584839	47.8	5869100	89.1	715739	10.9	7187610
**2003 4th Q	14023824	6896889	49.2	6238541	90.5	658348	9.5	7126935
***2004 1st Q	14422969	7075515	49.1	6363109	89.9	712406	10.1	7347454

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
*1999	658517	11.7	158129	41.3	269327	31.9	113285	15.4	81121	5.7	36655	1.6
*2000	613736	10.7	126288	36.5	266306	30.7	117768	15.7	71019	4.9	32354	1.4
*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	113919.98	14.5	75086	4.9	37414	1.5
**2003 1st Q	770131	11.6	144218	41.0	329198	32.7	148683	17.4	100129	6.1	47904	1.7
**2003 2nd Q	647028	10.7	131639	40.9	304375	33.6	107144	13.3	70872	4.6	32997	1.3
**2003 3rd Q	715739	10.9	155374	41.8	312967	33.8	134389	15.9	74154	4.4	38856	1.4
**2003 4th Q	658348	9.5	135206	37.8	312231	29.1	96314	11.3	76716	4.4	37882	1.3
***2004 1st Q	712406	10.1	155245	41.9	302368	27.9	116757	13.6	81047	4.5	56990	1.9

* Excluding Northern and Eastern province

** Including Eastern province but excluding Northern province

*** Excluding kilinochchi, Vavunia and Mulathivu districts.

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

Year	Industry group														
	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
*2002															
No.	5487325	1559133	983601	264384	723210	104151	292951	164062	518764	211281	80915	96911	91085	283032	113845
%	100.0	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
**2003 1 Q															
No.	5897220	1728584	1012981	376057	767504	93108	352767	206716	548755	200763	80884	110336	84657	221967	112141
%	100.0	29.3	17.2	6.4	13.0	1.6	6.0	3.5	9.3	3.4	1.4	1.9	1.4	3.8	1.9
**2003 2 Q															
No.	5393507	1596622	929969	291635	676441	101672	303527	160125	439127	185825	98894	90590	58946	346777	113359
%	100.0	29.6	17.2	5.4	12.5	1.9	5.6	3.0	8.1	3.4	1.8	1.7	1.1	6.4	2.1
**2003 3 Q															
No.	5877771	1684793	1022514	368696	755561	95098	346432	171596	531672	256926	79550	85734	87899	284148	107153
%	100.0	28.7	17.4	6.3	12.9	1.6	5.9	2.9	9.0	4.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	4.8	1.8
**2003 4 Q															
No.	6249221	1717682	1177025	339344	781933	131740	375541	181048	522391	291982	105526	92632	65223	326416	140738
%	100.0	27.5	18.8	5.4	12.5	2.1	6.0	2.9	8.4	4.7	1.7	1.5	1.0	5.2	2.3
***2004 1st Q															
No.	6369078	1758744	1115066	355419	890984	119183	388437	167217	556712	282288	111520	100164	62567	299825	160954
%	100.0	27.6	17.5	5.6	14.0	1.9	6.1	2.6	8.7	4.4	1.8	1.6	1.0	4.7	2.5

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 (F) | 10 Health and Social work (N) |
| 4 Wholesale and Retail Trade,Repair of Motor Vehicles, Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods (G) | 11 Other Community,Social and Personal Service Activities (O) |
| 5 Hotels and Restaurants (H) | 12 Private Households with Employed Person (P) |
| 6 Transport, Storage and Communication (I) | 13 Miscellaneous Labour work |
| 7 Financial Intermediation and Real Estate, Renting and Business Activities (J,K) | 14 Other (C,E,Q) |

Other

- Minning & Quarrying (C)
- Electricity,Gas and Water supply (E)
- Extra Teritorial Organizations & bodies (Q)
- 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 province

** Including Eastern province but excluding Northern province

*** Excluding kilinochchi, Vavunia and Mulathivu districts.

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 1st Q	14102740	7295631	51.7	6662823	91.3	632809	8.7	6807114
2002 2nd Q	14164330	7017253	49.5	6329655	90.2	687599	9.8	7147068
2002 3rd Q	14266703	7049665	49.4	6408594	90.9	641071	9.1	7217039
2002 4th Q	14271782	7218959	50.6	6676572	92.5	542387	7.5	7052823
**2003 1st Q	15572891	7643237	49.1	6942839	90.8	700398	9.2	7929654
**2003 2nd Q	15576118	7526895	48.3	6920265	91.9	606630	8.1	8049223
**2003 3rd Q	15672313	7609421	48.6	6972889	91.6	636532	8.4	8062893
**2003 4th Q	15784594	7835312	49.6	7215029	92.1	620284	7.9	7949282
***2004 1st Q	16315638	7986948	49.0	7336708	91.9	650240	8.1	8328690

- STANDARD ERROR OF THE ESTIMATES ARE GIVEN IN TABLE - 18

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

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

*** - Excluding Mulativu, Kilinochchi and Vavunia districts

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 1st Q	7584911	5069675	66.8	4745828	93.6	323847	6.4	2515235
**2003 2nd Q	7638845	5101737	66.8	4813727	94.4	288010	5.6	2537108
**2003 3rd Q	7669571	5146340	67.1	4824041	93.7	322299	6.3	2523231
**2003 4th Q	7736147	5259073	68.0	4950338	94.1	308735	5.9	2477075
***2004 1st Q	7969483	5369236	67.4	5037384	93.8	331852	6.2	2600247

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 1st Q	7987980	2573562	32.2	2197011	85.4	376551	14.6	5414418
**2003 2nd Q	7937273	2425158	30.6	2106538	86.9	318620	13.1	5512115
**2003 3rd Q	8002743	2463081	30.8	2148848	87.2	314233	12.8	5539661
**2003 4th Q	8048447	2576240	32.0	2264691	87.9	311549	12.1	5472207
***2004 1st Q	8346156	2617712	31.4	2299324	87.8	318388	12.2	5728444

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

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

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

(FIRST QUARTER 2004)								
AGE	HOUSEHOLD POP: (10 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE	
ALL AGES	16315638	7986948	49.0	7336708	91.9	650240	8.1	8328690
10 - 14 YRS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
15 - 19 YRS	1791636	441615	24.6	301656	68.3	139959	31.7	1350021
20 - 24 YRS	1793789	1182899	65.9	909010	76.8	273889	23.2	610890
25 - 29 YRS	1422087	945864	66.5	839137	88.7	106728	11.3	476223
30 - 39 YRS	2905757	1984292	68.3	1909780	96.2	74512	3.8	921465
40 + YRS	6511813	3400940	52.2	3349378	98.5	51562	1.5	3110873

* Reliable estimates cannot be provided.

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

(FIRST QUARTER 2004)

AGE	HOUSEHOLD POP: (10 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE	
ALL AGES	7969483	5369236	67.4	5037384	93.8	331852	6.2	2600247
10 - 14 YRS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
15 - 19 YRS	909611	260992	28.7	188759	72.3	72234	27.7	648618
20 - 24 YRS	931449	773418	83.0	617986	79.9	155433	20.1	158031
25 - 29 YRS	694449	666995	96.0	619740	92.9	47255	7.1	27454
30 - 39 YRS	1352127	1296489	95.9	1271797	98.1	24692	1.9	55638
40 + YRS	3119248	2355053	75.5	2324234	98.7	30819	1.3	764195

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

(FIRST QUARTER 2004)


AGE	HOUSEHOLD POP: (10 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE	
ALL AGES	8346156	2617712	31.4	2299324	87.8	318388	12.2	5728444
10 - 14 YRS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
15 - 19 YRS	882026	180623	20.5	112897	62.5	67726	37.5	701403
20 - 24 YRS	862340	409481	47.5	291024	71.1	118457	28.9	452859
25 - 29 YRS	727638	278869	38.3	219396	78.7	59473	21.3	448768
30 - 39 YRS	1553630	687803	44.3	637983	92.8	49820	7.2	865827
40 + YRS	3392565	1045887	30.8	1025145	98.0	20742	2.0	2346678

* 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 above 40 percent.

**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 1st Q	100.0	0.4	4.0	11.7	11.8	25.7	46.4
**2003 2nd Q	100.0	0.1	3.9	11.5	12.5	26.7	45.2
**2003 3rd Q	100.0	0.3	4.6	10.9	12.2	26.6	45.3
**2003 4th Q	100.0	0.4	4.1	12.3	12.2	26.2	44.8
*** 2004 1st Q	100.0	0.4	4.1	12.4	11.4	26.0	45.7

 These figures are to be treated with caution as the corresponding CV (Coefficient of variation) values are above 40 percent.

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

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

**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 1st Q	100.0	0.4	3.8	11.7	12.0	25.4	46.8
**2003 2nd Q	100.0	0.1	3.9	10.9	13.0	25.9	46.2
**2003 3rd Q	100.0	0.3	4.3	10.7	13.2	26.0	45.5
**2003 4th Q	100.0	0.3	3.7	12.1	12.5	25.5	45.9
***2004 1st Q	100.0	0.3	3.7	12.3	12.3	25.2	46.1

**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 1st Q	100.0	0.4	4.4	11.8	11.4	26.4	45.6
**2003 2nd Q	100.0	0.1	4.0	12.8	11.5	28.6	42.9
**2003 3rd Q	100.0	0.3	5.3	11.4	10.1	28.0	44.9
**2003 4th Q	100.0	0.7	5.1	12.8	11.6	27.6	42.3
***2004 1st Q	100.0	0.6	4.9	12.7	9.5	27.7	44.6

These figures are to be treated with caution as the corresponding CV (Coefficient of variation) values are above 40 percent.

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

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

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

Year	Total	Level of education			
		Below Grade 5	Grades 5 - 9/ Years 6 - 10	GCE (O.L)/ NCGE	GCE (A.L)/ HNCE and 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 1st Q	100.0	25.7	45.4	15.8	13.1
**2003 2nd Q	100.0	24.4	46.3	15.9	13.4
**2003 3rd Q	100.0	24.3	45.6	16.3	13.8
**2003 4th Q	100.0	23.7	47.5	15.8	13.1
***2004 1st Q	100.0	23.1	45.2	17.5	14.2

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

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

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

Year	Total	Level of education			
		Below Grade 5	Grades 5 - 9/ Years 6 - 10	GCE (O.L.)/ NCGE	GCE (A.L.)/ HNCE and 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 1st Q	100.0	25.0	48.5	16.1	10.5
**2003 2nd Q	100.0	24.1	48.6	16.4	10.9
**2003 3rd Q	100.0	23.6	49.0	16.2	11.2
**2003 4th Q	100.0	22.8	50.6	15.9	10.6
***2004 1st Q	100.0	21.6	49.2	17.8	11.4

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

Year	Total	Level of education			
		Below Grade 5	Grades 5 - 9/ Years 6 - 10	GCE (O.L.)/ NCGE	GCE (A.L.)/ HNCE and 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 1st Q	100.0	27.2	38.8	15.3	18.8
**2003 2nd Q	100.0	25.3	41.0	14.8	18.9
**2003 3rd Q	100.0	26.1	38.0	16.3	19.6
**2003 4th Q	100.0	25.5	40.6	15.5	18.3
***2004 1st Q	100.0	26.4	36.6	16.7	20.3

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

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

**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 1st Q	100.0	58.2	14.2	44.0	2.7	29.6	9.5
**2003 2nd Q	100.0	56.9	13.3	43.6	2.7	30.4	10.0
**2003 3rd Q	100.0	57.4	13.2	44.1	2.6	29.2	10.8
**2003 4th Q	100.0	59.2	13.4	45.7	2.3	29.2	9.3
***2004 1st Q	100.0	61.1	13.8	47.3	2.8	27.6	8.5

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

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

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

YEAR	TOTAL EMPLOYED	EMPLOYEE			EMPLOYER	OWN ACCOUNT WORKER	UNPAID FAMILY WORKER
		TOTAL	PUBLIC	PRIVATE			
*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 1st Q	100.0	58.5	13.4	44.1	3.6	34.8	4.2
**2003 2nd Q	100.0	56.2	12.3	43.9	3.6	35.5	4.7
**2003 3rd Q	100.0	57.4	12.4	45.0	3.3	33.7	5.6
**2003 4th Q	100.0	58.5	12.2	46.3	3.0	33.9	4.6
***2004 1st Q	100.0	60.4	12.1	48.4	3.6	31.7	4.2

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

YEAR	TOTAL EMPLOYED	EMPLOYEE			EMPLOYER	OWN ACCOUNT WORKER	UNPAID FAMILY WORKER
		TOTAL	PUBLIC	PRIVATE			
*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 1st Q	100.0	59.6	15.9	43.7	0.9	18.6	20.9
**2003 2nd Q	100.0	58.5	15.7	42.9	0.8	18.7	22.0
**2003 3rd Q	100.0	57.4	15.1	42.2	0.9	19.0	22.7
**2003 4th Q	100.0	60.6	16.1	44.4	0.8	19.0	19.6
***2004 1st Q	100.0	62.4	17.5	44.9	1.0	18.6	18.0

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

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

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	6519415	2247602	1072720	286543	838796	117556	309553	168973	524724	227785	82260	108458	93252	317121	124072
**2003 1st Q	6942839	2380894	1106334	397207	882850	104827	375671	216846	560382	253600	82149	122454	85627	253926	120071
**2003 2nd Q	6920265	2414863	1124619	332333	836349	120496	331976	194549	530315	219462	118809	118880	62480	388865	126270
**2003 3rd Q	6972889	2439144	1120100	393471	857115	100668	357612	176929	540664	270241	81665	97451	88495	329502	119832
**2003 4th Q	7215029	2302687	1275355	367166	899608	162441	390325	190291	531643	306455	109806	98543	66830	366562	147317
***2004 1st Q	7336708	2354859	1242362	383344	1006731	133884	400525	170930	568978	296426	113818	112601	64905	321773	165571

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 (F) | 10 Health and Social work (N) |
| 4 Wholesale and Retail Trade,Repair of Motor Vehicles,
Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods (G) | 11 Other Community,Social and Personal Service Activities (O) |
| 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,
Renting and Business Activities (J,K) | 14 Other (C,E,Q) |

Other

- Minning & Quarrying (C)
- Electricity,Gas and Water supply (E)
- Extra Teritorial Organizations & bodies (Q)
- 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 Vavunia,Mulathivu,Kilinochchi districts.

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

Year	Total	Industry group						
		1	2	4	7	8	9	Other
*2002	4395164	1397423	569761	656505	115203	387301	70813	1198158
**2003 1st Q	4745828	1501081	591659	708905	146638	413229	97422	1286896
**2003 2nd Q	4813727	1575429	583492	660588	144120	408980	80819	1360300
**2003 3rd Q	4824041	1584990	623262	659342	129815	416109	94575	1315949
**2003 4th Q	4950338	1454969	700431	703303	140797	382696	119483	1448658
***2004 1st Q	5037384	1479343	668667	813172	139335	388208	115026	1433633

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

Year	Total	Industry group						
		1	2	4	7	8	9	Other
*2002	2124250	850179	502959	182291	53770	137423	156972	240656
**2003 1st Q	2197011	879813	514675	173945	70208	147154	156178	255037
**2003 2nd Q	2106538	839434	541127	175761	50429	121335	138643	239809
**2003 3rd Q	2148848	854154	496839	197773	47114	124555	175667	252746
**2003 4th Q	2264691	847718	574925	196305	49494	148946	186972	260332
***2004 1st Q	2299324	875516	573695	193559	31595	180770	181400	262789

Industry group

1 Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A,B)

2 Manufacturing (D)

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

Mining & Quarrying (C)

Electricity, Gas and Water supply (E)

Extra Territorial Organizations & bodies (Q)

Industries not adequately described

Construction (F)

Hotels and Restaurants (H)

Transport, Storage and Communication (I)

Classification categories of industries have been revised based on ISIC - Rev. 3, commencing from 2002 first quarter.

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 Vavunia, Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

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	6519415	85553	352238	316763	283719	406992	510148	1579024	935477	373588	1608511	67402
**2003 1st Q	6942839	65373	376837	312584	310721	436107	567169	1669487	1018811	417960	1674778	93011
**2003 2nd Q	6920265	93639	309627	372402	304675	322628	632699	1690844	1052950	363131	1716843	60827
**2003 3rd Q	6892423	91294	384966	286740	297697	277560	655423	1699341	1080675	409737	1708990	80466
**2003 4th Q	7123866	100430	399997	394809	302220	278891	659625	1477549	1183411	487330	1839604	91163
***2004 1st Q	7336708	85651	463832	390000	300840	304024	750201	1397102	1114835	502142	1962684	65397

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 Sale 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 Vavunia, Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

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	4395164	67276	146656	215548	151511	318172	379695	1024190	596472	335568	1097444	62633
**2003 1st Q	4745828	50813	157392	211714	176630	343426	413037	1116916	684909	364490	1140869	85632
**2003 2nd Q	4813727	75967	145876	249674	177889	265724	473224	1164377	667623	311373	1223105	58894
**2003 3rd Q	4824041	71547	155031	206173	158254	213171	487359	1159038	717092	372651	1204602	79121
**2003 4th Q	4862209	86535	188013	277492	157561	218760	484912	996530	775358	425292	1251756	88129
***2004 1st Q	5037384	62095	212829	265840	156222	256351	550478	921979	739623	460188	1347881	63897

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

Year	Total	Occupation group										
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	0
*2002	2124250	18277	205582	101215	132209	88819	130453	554835	339005	38020	511066	4769
**2003 1st Q	2197011	14561	219446	100870	134091	92681	154133	552571	333902	53470	533909	7379
**2003 2nd Q	2106538	17673	163751	122728	126786	56903	159475	526467	385328	51757	493738	1933
**2003 3rd Q	2147503	19747	229934	80567	139443	64389	168064	540302	363582	37086	504388	1345
**2003 4th Q	2261657	13895	211984	117317	144659	60131	174714	481019	408053	62038	587848	3034
***2004 1st Q	2299324	23557	251004	124161	144618	47673	199722	475122	375212	41953	614803	1500

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

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

- The estimates in these cells have a CV value around 20 percent

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

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

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

(FIRST QUARTER 2004)

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL GROUP	TOTAL	0 *	1 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 & OVER
Total	100.0	2.9	1.4	4.7	9.9	14.5	34.6	32.1
1	100.0	4.0	2.1	8.1	15.7	21.3	31.8	17.0
2	100.0	2.3	1.6	4.8	6.9	9.2	37.8	37.4
3	100.0	5.3	1.7	5.1	10.6	9.5	42.6	25.3
4	100.0	1.2	0.3	2.2	6.7	6.9	28.0	54.8
5	100.0	1.0	..	0.2	3.4	7.3	23.4	64.9
6	100.0	2.9	1.5	1.1	3.7	6.4	28.1	56.2
7	100.0	2.7	..	2.0	3.2	6.2	40.6	45.4
8	100.0	0.9	0.8	1.4	3.0	9.4	51.4	33.0
9	100.0	0.1	0.6	4.0	15.8	50.8	25.0	3.8
10	100.0	1.6	2.0	..	2.8	5.0	53.5	35.2
11	100.0	7.6	3.9	5.1	7.3	6.4	31.3	38.4
12	100.0	..	1.8	1.8	..	10.5	24.7	61.2
13	100.0	5.9	2.5	4.4	17.3	17.1	35.3	17.6
14	100.0	1.1	..	1.2	2.4	9.2	43.0	43.1

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

.. Negligible

Industry group

1 Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A,B)

2 Manufacturing (D)

3 Construction (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 (O)

12 Private Households with Employed Persons (P)

13 Miscellaneous Labour work

14 Other (C,E,Q)

Other

Minning & Quarrying (C)

Electricity, Gas and Water supply (E)

Extra Territorial Organizations & bodies (Q)

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

		(FIRST QUARTER 2004)							
MAJOR INDUSTRIAL GROUP	TOTAL	0 *	1 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 & OVER	
Total	100.0	3.1	1.2	3.5	8.4	12.5	33.4	37.8	
1	100.0	3.6	1.6	6.5	15.2	20.1	30.8	22.2	
2	100.0	3.4	1.9	1.7	5.0	6.7	36.7	44.7	
3	100.0	5.3	1.7	5.1	10.7	9.4	42.2	25.4	
4	100.0	1.5	0.2	1.8	4.7	6.5	27.7	57.5	
5	100.0	1.2	..	0.2	0.8	7.6	24.7	65.5	
6	100.0	3.0	1.5	1.2	3.9	6.8	26.0	57.7	
7	100.0	2.8	..	2.4	2.5	6.2	36.4	49.6	
8	100.0	0.5	0.8	1.2	1.3	6.2	49.4	40.6	
9	100.0	..	..	1.9	8.1	58.1	25.2	6.7
10	100.0	3.3	..	..	5.8	..	41.9	49.0
11	100.0	7.8	0.7	7.3	5.3	5.2	23.9	49.8	
12	100.0	..	..	..	..	5.6	36.1	58.3
13	100.0	6.3	2.8	4.3	14.9	17.9	36.4	17.4	
14	100.0	1.4	..	1.4	1.8	8.8	36.5	50.2	

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

..Negligible

Industry group

1 Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A,B)

2 Manufacturing (D)

3 Construction (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 (O)

12 Private Households with Employed Persons (P)

13 Miscellaneous Labour work

14 Other (C,E,Q)

Other

Minning & Quarrying (C)

Electricity,Gas and Water supply (E)

Extra Teritorial Organizations & bodies (Q)

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

(FIRST QUARTER 2004)

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL GROUP	TOTAL	0 *	1 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 & OVER
Total	100.0	2.4	1.9	7.3	13.1	18.6	37.2	19.4
1	100.0	4.7	2.9	10.9	16.5	23.2	33.4	8.3
2	100.0	1.0	1.3	8.5	9.2	12.0	39.1	28.9
3	100.0	..	..	..	..	11.1	88.9	..
4	100.0	..	0.5	3.6	15.1	8.5	29.0	43.3
5	100.0	..	..	..	13.5	5.9	18.0	62.6
6	100.0	0.9	..	..	..	..	72.5	26.6
7	100.0	2.4	..	..	6.1	5.8	59.0	26.7
8	100.0	1.9	0.7	1.9	6.7	16.4	55.8	16.6
9	100.0	0.2	0.9	5.3	20.7	46.1	24.9	1.9
10	100.0	..	3.9	..	..	9.5	64.1	22.6
11	100.0	7.1	11.7	..	12.1	9.1	49.0	11.0
12	100.0	..	2.3	2.2	..	11.6	22.0	61.9
13	100.0	3.1	..	4.7	34.7	11.8	27.1	18.7
14	100.0	..	..	..	5.5	11.0	73.2	10.3

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

.. Negligible

Industry group

1 Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A,B)

2 Manufacturing (D)

3 Construction (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 (O)

12 Private Households with Employed Persons (P)

13 Miscellaneous Labour work

14 Other (C,E,Q)

Other

Minning & Quarrying (C)

Electricity,Gas and Water supply (E)

Extra Teritorial Organizations & bodies (Q)

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 1st Q	100.0	18.9	43.5	18.8	12.9	6.0
**2003 2nd Q	100.0	18.8	47.5	17.4	11.0	5.3
**2003 3rd Q	100.0	21.7	45.0	17.4	10.5	5.4
**2003 4th Q	100.0	20.2	47.6	15.1	11.7	5.4
***2004 1st Q	100.0	21.6	42.4	16.5	11.5	8.0

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

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

**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 1st Q	100.0	21.4	46.7	16.3	7.5	8.2
**2003 2nd Q	100.0	24.0	50.2	12.4	7.2	6.1
**2003 3rd Q	100.0	21.1	44.6	16.3	10.9	7.1
**2003 4th Q	100.0	24.7	49.0	14.1	7.4	4.9
***2004 1st Q	100.0	21.9	47.0	14.3	7.5	9.3

**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 1st Q	100.0	16.7	40.7	20.9	17.5	4.2
**2003 2nd Q	100.0	14.0	45.0	21.9	14.5	4.6
**2003 3rd Q	100.0	22.3	45.3	18.5	10.2	3.7
**2003 4th Q	100.0	15.8	46.2	16.0	16.1	5.9
***2004 1st Q	100.0	21.4	37.5	18.8	15.8	6.6

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

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

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

YEAR	TOTAL	LEVEL OF EDUCATION			
		BELOW GRADE 5	GRADES 5 - 9/ YEARS 6 - 10	GCE(O/L) NCGE	GCE(A/L) HNCE AND 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 1st Q	100.0	4.4	39.7	27.2	28.7
**2003 2nd Q	100.0	4.5	40.0	26.7	28.8
**2003 3rd Q	100.0	5.4	45.2	22.4	27.1
**2003 4th Q	100.0	4.7	35.8	28.1	31.3
***2004 1st Q	100.0	6.6	40.1	25.8	27.5

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

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

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

YEAR	TOTAL	LEVEL OF EDUCATION			
		BELOW GRADE 5	GRADES 5 - 9/ YEARS 6 - 10	GCE(O/L) NCGE	GCE(A/L) HNCE AND 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 1st Q	100.0	4.8	44.0	33.9	17.2
**2003 2nd Q	100.0	5.4	49.0	24.7	21.0
**2003 3rd Q	100.0	7.4	52.9	21.7	18.0
**2003 4th Q	100.0	4.4	43.2	30.3	22.0
***2004 1st Q	100.0	3.9	47.2	29.1	19.7

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

YEAR	TOTAL	LEVEL OF EDUCATION			
		BELOW GRADE 5	GRADES 5 - 9/ YEARS 6 - 10	GCE(O/L) NCGE	GCE(A/L) HNCE AND 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 1st Q	100.0	4.1	35.9	21.5	38.5
**2003 2nd Q	100.0	3.8	31.9	28.5	35.8
**2003 3rd Q	100.0	3.3	37.2	23.1	36.4
**2003 4th Q	100.0	5.0	28.4	26.0	40.5
***2004 1st Q	100.0	9.3	32.8	22.4	35.5

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

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

TABLE 11 - CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION AND SECTOR

(FIRST QUARTER 2004)

SECTOR	TOTAL	LEVEL OF EDUCATION			
		BELOW GRADE 5	GRADE 5 - 9/ YEAR 6 - 10	GCE(O/L)/ NCGE	GCE(A/L)/ HNCE AND ABOVE
BOTH SECTORS	650240	42739	260875	167959	178666
URBAN	66387	3667	29007	18249	15465
* RURAL	583853	39072	231868	149710	163202

* Including estate sector

**TABLE 11A - CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION AND SECTOR
(PERCENTAGE)**

(FIRST QUARTER 2004)

SECTOR	TOTAL	LEVEL OF EDUCATION			
		BELOW GRADE 5	GRADE 5 - 9/ YEAR 6 - 10	GCE(O/L)/ NCGE	GCE(A/L)/ HNCE AND ABOVE
BOTH SECTORS	100.0	6.6	40.1	25.8	27.5
URBAN	100.0	5.5	43.7	27.5	23.3
* RURAL	100.0	6.7	39.7	25.6	28.0

* Including estate sector

TABLE 12 - CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY SEX AND DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT

(FIRST QUARTER 2004)

SEX	TOTAL	DURATION		
		LESS THAN 6 MONTHS	6 TO LESS THAN 12 MONTHS	12 + MONTHS
BOTH SEXES	605208	95599	73597	436013
%	100.0	15.8	12.2	72.0
MALE	319469	65475	35899	218094
%	100.0	20.5	11.2	68.3
FEMALE	285740	30124	37698	217918
%	100.0	10.5	13.2	76.3

TABLE 13 - CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS WHO NEVER HAD A JOB BY SEX AND SECTOR

(FIRST QUARTER 2004)

SEX	ALL RESIDENTIAL SECTORS	URBAN SECTOR	RURAL SECTOR
BOTH SEXES	495157	45568	449589
%	100.0	9.2	90.8
MALE	245810	16491	229319
%	100.0	6.7	93.3
FEMALE	249347	29078	220270
%	100.0	11.7	88.3

TABLE 14 - CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY REASONS FOR NOT ACTIVELY SEEKING WORK SEX AND SECTOR (PERCENTAGE)

(FIRST QUARTER 2004)

SEX & SECTOR	REASONS FOR NOT ACTIVELY SEEKING WORK			
	TOTAL	DISCOURAGED NOT ABLE TO GET A JOB	BELIEVE NO SUITABLE WORK AVAILABLE	OTHER REASON
TOTAL	100.0	37.0	19.7	43.3
MALE	100.0	41.7	23.2	35.2
FEMALE	100.0	35.1	18.3	46.7
TOTAL	100.0	37.0	19.7	43.3
URBAN	100.0	43.5	..	56.5
* RURAL	100.0	36.8	20.4	42.8

.. Negligible

* Including estate sector

TABLE 15 - NUMBER OF PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE BY REASONS FOR NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE SEX AND SECTOR (PERCENTAGE)

(FIRST QUARTER 2004)

SEX & SECTOR	TOTAL NOT IN LABOUR FORCE	REASONS				
		ENGAGED IN STUDIES	HOUSEHOLD WORK	DISABLE OR INFIRM	RETIRED	OTHER REASONS
TOTAL	100.0	38.2	39.9	2.7	14.5	4.7
MALE	100.0	61.7	3.2	5.3	21.7	8.2
FEMALE	100.0	27.6	56.6	1.5	11.2	3.1
TOTAL	100.0	38.2	39.9	2.7	14.5	4.7
URBAN	100.0	31.8	44.8	2.6	15.5	5.2
* RURAL	100.0	39.3	39.2	2.7	14.3	4.6

* Including estate sector

TABLE 16 - USUAL LABOUR FORCE STATUS (DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION 10 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER, BY AGE - BOTH SEXES

(FIRST QUARTER 2004)								
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	16315638	7800596	47.8	7124682	91.3	675914	8.7	8515042
10 - 14 YRS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
15 - 19 YRS	1791636	394826	22.0	255203	64.6	139623	35.4	1396810
20 - 24 YRS	1793789	1139542	63.5	852997	74.9	286545	25.1	654247
25 - 29 YRS	1422087	932493	65.6	822224	88.2	110269	11.8	489594
30 - 39 YRS	2905757	1956320	67.3	1875943	95.9	80378	4.1	949437
40 + YRS	6511813	3350560	51.5	3294667	98.3	55893	1.7	3161253

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