
ANNUAL SURVEY OF TRADE - 2020

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Major findings of the Annual Survey of Trade - 2020 are presented in this bulletin. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic the data collection for annual survey of trade got delayed. This bulletin is released with the findings of the analysis done from the data collected from activities coming under the following three industry divisions classified according to the Sri Lanka Standard Industry Classification (SLSIC).

- Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles
- Wholesale trade except of motor vehicle and motorcycles
- Retail trade except of motor Vehicles and motorcycles

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- ✚ Majority of persons engaged in trade sector (74%) are males
 - ✚ More than half (58%) of the trade sector establishments are engaged in Retail trade excluding retail trade of motor Vehicles and motorcycles.
 - ✚ Retail trade excluding motor vehicles and motorcycles comprises 49% of total employment in the trade sector.

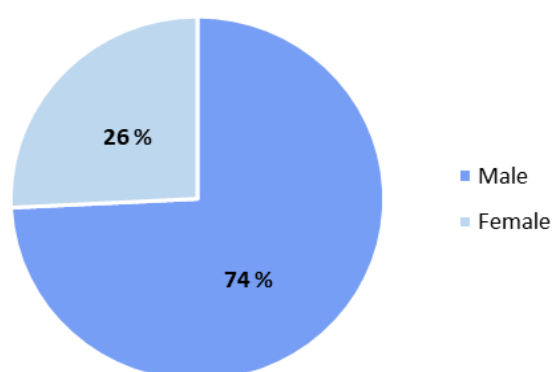
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Table .1 - Summary statistics for Trade – 2019

Indicator	Unit	2017	2018	2019
Number of establishments	Number	23,519	24,108	24,343
Number of persons engaged	Number	296,467	299,821	304,418
Salaries and wages	Rs.Mn	145,792	160,955	170,677
Output	Rs.Mn	1,089,945	1,112,279	1,076,418
Intermediate consumption	Rs.Mn	268,904	279,110	281,351
Value added	Rs.Mn	821,041	833,169	795,067
Annual salary per person	Rs.	491,764	536,835	560,668
Annual output per person	Rs.	3,676,451	3,709,805	3,535,988
Annual value added per person	Rs.	2,769,423	2,778,885	2,611,761

Figure .1
Gender composition of persons engaged - 2019



The figure 1 shows that the gender composition of persons engaged in the trade sector. It shows that the trade sector consists of comparatively fewer female employees compared to males. Almost three-fourths (74%) of the persons engaged in the trade sector are males, while only 26% are females.

Figure .2
Distributions of establishments by industry division - 2019

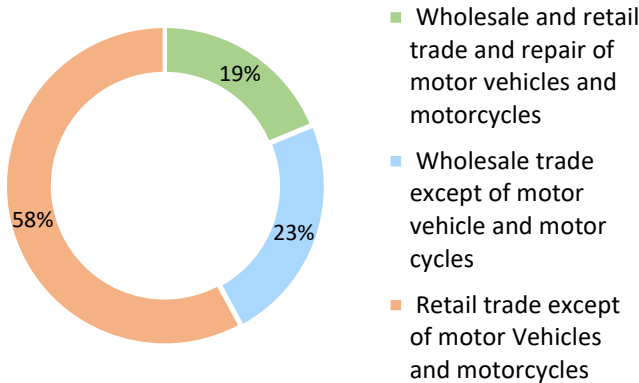
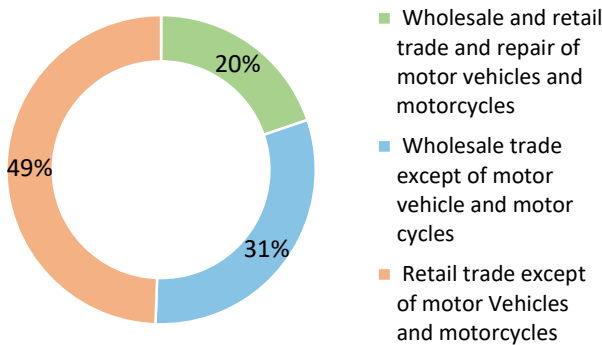


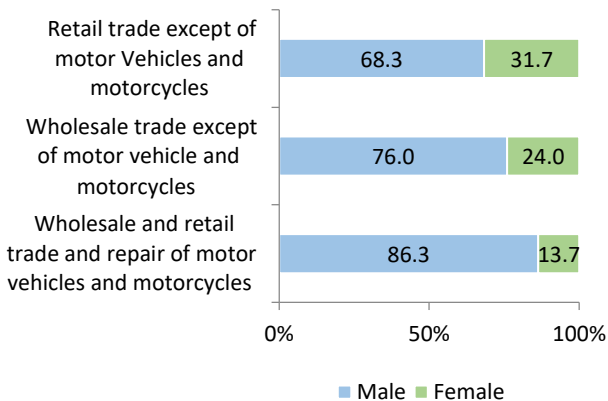
Figure 2 illustrates the distribution of establishments within the trade sector based on their specific activities. It reveals that the largest portion, accounting for 58% of establishments, is engaged in retail trade excluding motor vehicles and motorcycles. Following this, 23% of establishments are dedicated to wholesale trade excluding motor vehicles and motorcycles, while the remaining 19% are involved in both wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles

Figure .3
Distributions of person engaged by industry division - 2019



The figure 3 depicts that retail trade excluding motor vehicles and motorcycles comprises 49% of total industry employment, this sector is the largest, in terms of employment followed by wholesale trade excluding motor vehicles and motorcycles (31%) and wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles (20%)

Figure .4
Gender composition of persons engaged by Industry division - 2019



The figure 4 illustrates significant gender composition variations across industry divisions in 2019. , the gender composition within the industry revealed notable disparities in female participation. Notably, within the wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, a substantial gender gap was evident. Only 13.7% of the workforce in this specific industry division comprised women, highlighting a considerable underrepresentation. The industries with the highest male workforce percentages were wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles (86.3%), wholesale trade except for motor vehicles and motorcycles (76%), and retail trade except for motor vehicles and motorcycles (68.3%).

Table 2 – Key indicators by Industry division – 2019

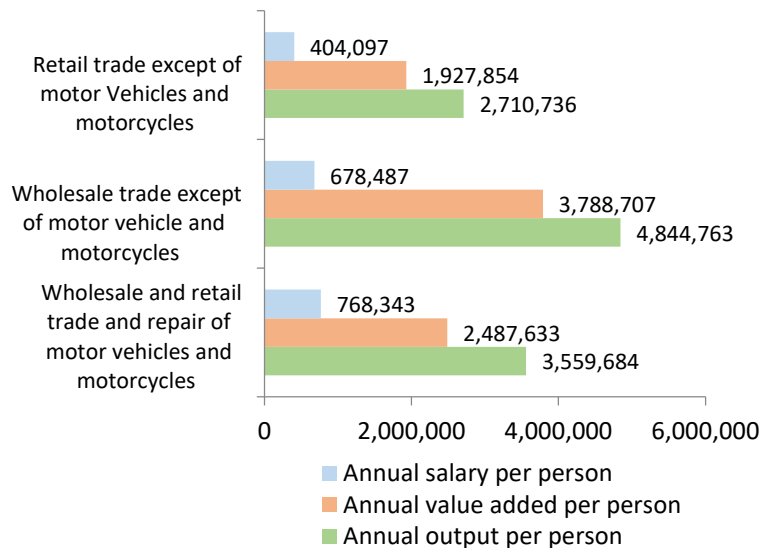
Industry Division	Salary (Rs.Mn)	Output (Rs.Mn)	Intermediate consumption (Rs.Mn)	Value Added (Rs.Mn)
Total	170,677	1,076,418	281,351	795,067
Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles	46,269	214,360	64,557	149,803
Wholesale trade except of motor vehicle and motor cycles	63,619	454,273	99,022	355,251
Retail trade except of motor Vehicles and motorcycles	60,790	407,785	117,772	290,013

The table shows that the total salary paid to employees in this sector was Rs.170, 677 million. The total output of the sector was Rs.1, 076, 418 million, the total value added was Rs.795, 067 million, and the total intermediate consumption was Rs.281,351 million.

The table also shows the breakdown of the data by industry division. The wholesale trade except of motor vehicle and motor cycles division had the highest output (Rs.454,273 million), value added (Rs.355,251 million), and intermediate consumption (Rs.99, 022 million). The wholesale trade except of motor vehicle and motorcycles industry division had the highest salary paid to employees (Rs.63, 619 million).

Figure .5

Annual salary per person, annual value added per person, annual output per person by industry division



The graph illustrates that the wholesale and retail trade and the repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, the highest annual salary per person. Furthermore, the wholesale trade sector, excluding motor vehicles and motorcycles, also records the highest annual value added per person and the highest annual output per person.

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