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Preface

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 hundred and sixth 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 1996, 2006, 2013 and some more improvements were made in 2016. Labour force survey data series from 2011 to 2015 was re-estimated according to the population which was released for the Census of Population and Housing 2012. Computer-assisted personal interviewing (CAPI) technique was used to collect data from 2017 onwards. This was a remarkable achievement in data collection activities of labour force survey in Sri Lanka.

The field work of the survey for the first quarter 2018 was done in January, February and March in year 2018. This survey covered the whole country. A nationally representative annual sample of about 25,750 housing units have been selected for the survey in 2018. This report is based on the first quarter with sample of 6,440 housing units.

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Selected Labour Force Indicators ...

Indicator	Year							
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2016Q1	2017Q1	2018Q1
Labour force participation rate								
By Gender								
Total	53.7	53.2	53.8	53.8	54.1	54.1	54.7	52.0
Male	74.9	74.6	74.7	75.1	74.5	75.5	75.1	73.4
Female	35.4	34.6	35.9	35.9	36.6	36.3	37.6	33.5
By residential sector								
Total	53.7	53.2	53.8	53.8	54.1	54.1	54.7	52.0
Urban	47.7	48.7	48.6	49.8	50.5	48.5	51.5	49.7
Rural	54.9	54.1	54.8	54.6	54.8	55.2	55.4	52.4
Unemployment Rate								
By Gender								
Total	4.4	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.5
Male	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.1	2.7	2.9
Female	6.6	6.5	7.6	7.0	6.5	6.1	6.5	7.4
By selected age Group (Year)								
20 – 29	13.1	13.6	14.2	14.2	13.5	14.2	12.5	15.7
20 – 24	19.3	19.9	19.7	19.9	17.8	19.7	17.4	21.2
25 – 29	7.6	8.2	9.4	9.2	9.5	9.4	8.0	10.7
By selected educational level								
GCE A/L and above								
Total	8.7	8.2	9.2	8.3	8.1	7.7	7.8	9.5
Male	5.7	5.4	4.7	4.7	5.0	5.9	4.9	5.0
Female	11.8	11.1	13.5	11.9	11.3	9.5	10.8	14.1
Employed population								
By Gender								
Total	7,681,279	7,700,489	7,830,976	7,947,683	8,208,179	7,968,931	8,230,207	7,961,358
Male	5,024,340	5,075,426	5,097,798	5,149,948	5,279,158	5,102,435	5,235,046	5,292,148
Female	2,656,938	2,625,064	2,733,178	2,797,735	2,929,021	2,866,496	2,995,161	2,669,210
By industry (Percentage)								
Total	7,681,279	7,700,489	7,830,976	7,947,683	8,208,179	7,968,931	8,230,207	7,961,358
%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture	2,321,215	2,222,859	2,244,547	2,153,874	2,140,185	2,274,722	2,221,761	2,139,057
%	30.2	28.9	28.7	27.1	26.1	28.5	27.0	26.9
Industry	1,996,730	2,027,426	2,018,171	2,097,503	2,331,494	2,068,453	2,306,398	2,224,455
%	26.0	26.3	25.8	26.4	28.4	26.0	28.0	27.9
Services	3,363,334	3,450,205	3,568,259	3,696,306	3,736,500	3,625,756	3,702,049	3,597,846
%	43.8	44.8	45.6	46.5	45.5	45.5	45.0	45.2
By no. of hours worked per week (percentage)								
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0#	5.2	5.2	5.5	4.4	4.7	3.4	3.5	3.5
1 – 9	1.8	1.3	1.7	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.6
10 – 39	27.5	27.6	27.2	26.2	26.1	27.3	26.7	25.1
40 & above	65.5	65.9	65.7	67.9	67.5	67.7	68.1	69.8

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Note : Working age population considered as (age 15 & over population)

Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey
Summary Statistics on Labour Force Characteristics
2018, 1st Quarter
(All Island)

15 years & over population

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (15 years & over)	16,033,845	7,423,101	8,610,744	2,728,591	13,305,253
Labour force in this age group	8,333,493	5,449,958	2,883,535	1,355,806	6,977,687
Labour force participation rate	52.0	73.4	33.5	49.7	52.4
Employed population	7,961,358	5,292,148	2,669,210	1,293,986	6,667,372
Employment rate	95.5	97.1	92.6	95.4	95.6
Unemployed population	372,135	157,810	214,325	61,820	310,315
Unemployment rate	4.5	2.9	7.4	4.6	4.4
Not in labour force	7,700,352	1,973,143	5,727,209	1,372,785	6,327,567

18 years & over population

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (18 years & over)	14,978,638	6,893,262	8,085,376	2,560,111	12,418,527
Labour force in this age group	8,276,917	5,405,403	2,871,514	1,343,252	6,933,665
Labour force participation rate	55.3	78.4	35.5	52.5	55.8
Employed population	7,922,467	5,261,619	2,660,847	1,285,228	6,637,238
Employment rate	95.7	97.3	92.7	95.7	95.7
Unemployed population	354,450	143,783	210,667	58,023	296,427
Unemployment rate	4.3	2.7	7.3	4.3	4.3
Not in labour force	6,701,721	1,487,860	5,213,862	1,216,859	5,484,862

20 years & over population

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (20 years & over)	14,366,222	6,568,511	7,797,711	2,456,128	11,910,094
Labour force in this age group	8,130,188	5,301,603	2,828,585	1,318,889	6,811,299
Labour force participation rate	56.6	80.7	36.3	53.7	57.2
Employed population	7,806,328	5,174,072	2,632,256	1,264,331	6,541,997
Employment rate	96.0	97.6	93.1	95.9	96.0
Unemployed population	323,859	127,531	196,329	54,558	269,302
Unemployment rate	4.0	2.4	6.9	4.1	4.0
Not in labour force	6,236,034	1,266,908	4,969,126	1,137,239	5,098,795

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Introduction

Highlights

- Labour force participation rate is 52.0% for the First Quarter of 2018.
- Unemployment rate for the survey period is 4.5%.

In 1st quarter 2018 the estimated labour force & employed population have declined and unemployed & inactive population have increased compared to the estimates in 1st quarter 2017. However, when sampling errors and interval estimates are considered these changes are not statistically significant. Ground level information show that one of the reasons for these changes may be the prevailed drought conditions and other environmental factors that affected the employment. Also considerable changes in Inactive population is observed among youth (age 15-24) & among elders (age 60+). Also the increase of inactivity is higher among women engaged in household activities, persons engaged in studies, physically disabled and retired/ old age persons.

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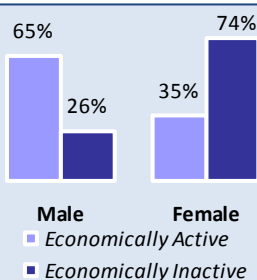


Figure 1 : Distribution of Economically active/Inactive population- First quarter -2018

Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey (LFS) is designed to measure the levels and trends of employment, unemployment and labour force in Sri Lanka. LFS has been conducted quarterly, since the first quarter of 1990.

This quarterly report contains labour force, employment and unemployment statistics for the first quarter 2018 based on the data collected in January, February and March in 2018 covering the whole country.

Labour Force

(Economically Active Population)

Table 1 : Economically active population by gender and sector – First Quarter 2018

Sector	Economically active population					
	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Sri Lanka	8,333,493	100.0	5,449,958	65.4	2,883,535	34.6
Urban	1,355,806	100.0	912,969	67.3	442,837	32.7
Rural	6,563,774	100.0	4,303,528	65.6	2,260,246	34.4
Estate	413,913	100.0	233,461	56.4	180,452	43.6

Table 2 : Economically inactive population by gender and sector – First Quarter 2018

Sector	Economically inactive population					
	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Sri Lanka	7,700,352	100.0	1,973,143	25.6	5,727,209	74.4
Urban	1,372,785	100.0	360,659	26.3	1,012,126	73.7
Rural	6,061,331	100.0	1,527,682	25.2	4,533,649	74.8
Estate	266,235	100.0	84,802	31.9	181,434	68.1

Table 3 : LFPR by gender and year - All Island

Year	Total	Male	Female
2013	53.7	74.9	35.4
2014	53.2	74.6	34.6
2015	53.8	74.7	35.9
2016	54.1	75.1	36.0
2017	54.1	74.5	36.6
2016 Q1	54.1	75.5	36.3
2017 Q1	54.7	75.1	37.6
2018 Q1	52.0	73.4	33.5

Table 3 provides the information on LFPRs since year 2013 and lowest LFPR reported in 2018 Q1. Referring the Table 3, It is important to note that, male participation to the labour force is always higher than that of females.

Considering the Table 4, the distribution of LFPR by age group and by gender depicts high male participation compared to female in all age groups. The highest participation rate for male is reported from age group 40 – 44 years (97.0%), while that for female is reported from 45 – 49 age group (48.8%).

Labour Force

This is the currently economically active population. This defined as the number of persons (age 15 years & above) who are employed or unemployed during the reference week.

Labour force participation rate (LFPR)

Labour force population expressed as a percentage of the population, age 15 years and over, defined as LFPR.

According to the Table 1, the estimated economically active population is about 8.3 million in the first quarter 2018. Of which 65.4 percent are males and 34.6 percent are females. The economically inactive population is about 7.7 million. Out of the economically inactive population 25.6 percent are males and 74.4 percent are females (Table 2).

Table 4 : LFPR by age group and gender - First Quarter 2018

Age group (Years)	Total	Male	Female
Sri Lanka	52.0	73.4	33.5
15 - 19	12.2	17.4	6.8
20 - 24	51.8	67.7	37.5
25 - 29	63.6	90.5	39.9
30 - 34	66.8	96.4	44.7
35 - 39	66.0	96.2	40.9
40 - 44	70.9	97.0	48.0
45 - 49	70.7	95.7	48.8
50 - 54	68.9	95.0	46.5
55 - 59	61.8	86.4	39.9
60+	29.7	48.4	14.6

Definition of 'Employed'

Persons, who worked at least one hour during the reference period, as paid employees, employers, own account workers or contributing family workers are said to be employed. This also includes persons with a job but not at work during the reference period.

Reference Period :

Previous week of the survey week

The Employment Rate

The proportion of employed population to the total labour force.

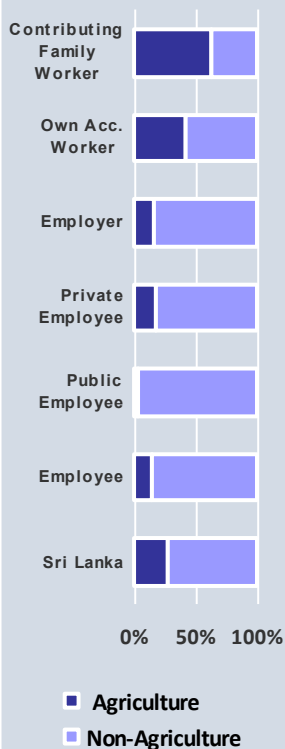


Figure 2 : Distribution of employed population by employment status and Agriculture/Non-Agriculture sector - First quarter 2018

Employment ...

Table 5 : Distribution of Employed population by main industry (First Quarter 2017 – First quarter 2018)

Quarter	Sri Lanka	Major Industry Group		
		Agriculture	Industries	Services
2017 Q1 (No.)	8,230,207	2,221,761	2,306,398	3,702,049
(%)	100.0	27.0	28.0	45.0
2017 Q2 (No.)	8,138,728	2,114,336	2,301,377	3,723,015
(%)	100.0	26.0	28.3	45.7
2017 Q3 (No.)	8,163,869	1,983,870	2,372,007	3,807,992
(%)	100.0	24.3	29.1	46.6
2017 Q4 (No.)	8,299,911	2,240,772	2,346,194	3,712,945
(%)	100.0	27.0	28.3	44.7
2018 Q1 (No.)	7,961,358	2,139,057	2,224,455	3,597,846
(%)	100.0	26.9	27.9	45.2

Table 5 shows the percentage distribution of employed population by main industry from first quarter 2017 to first quarter 2018. During first quarter of 2018, the total number of employed persons in Sri Lanka is estimated as about 8.0 million. Of which, about 45.2 percent engaged in Service sector, 27.9 percent in Industries sector and 26.9 percent in Agriculture sector. In 2018 Q1 a decline in employment numbers can be observed in all three sector compared to 2017 Q1

Table 6 : Distribution of employed population by employment status in Agriculture and Non-Agriculture sectors – First quarter 2018

Employment Status	Sri Lanka		Sector			
			Agriculture		Non-Agriculture	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sri Lanka	7,961,358	100.0	2,139,057	26.9	5,822,302	73.1
Employee	4,621,530	100.0	664,509	14.4	3,957,021	85.6
Public	1,137,352	100.0	35,583	3.1	1,101,769	96.9
Private	3,484,178	100.0	628,926	18.1	2,855,252	81.9
Employer	212,887	100.0	33,601	15.8	179,286	84.2
Own Account Worker	2,529,308	100.0	1,068,700	42.3	1,460,607	57.7
Contributing Family Worker	597,633	100.0	372,246	62.3	225,387	37.7

Table 7 : Percentage distribution of Employed population by main industry & gender – First quarter 2018

Major Industry Group	Sri Lanka	Gender	
		Male	Female
Sri Lanka	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture	26.9	25.3	29.9
Industry	27.9	28.7	26.3
Services	45.2	45.9	43.7

Main industry categories and sub sectors

Agriculture

1. Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A)

Industries

1. Mining & Quarrying (B)
2. Manufacturing (C)
3. Construction, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (D, E, F)

Services

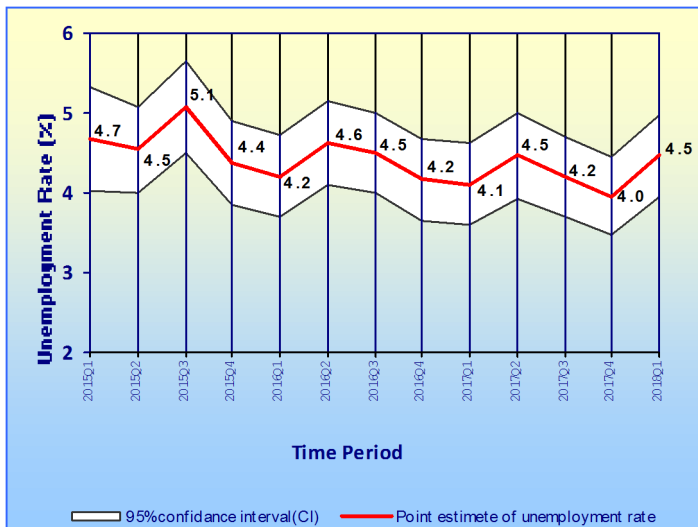
1. Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles (G)
2. Transportation and storage (H)
3. Accommodation and food services activities (I)
4. Information and communication (J)
5. Financial and insurance activities (K)
6. Professional, scientific and technical activities (M)
7. Administrative and support service activities (N)
8. Public administration and defense compulsory social security (O)
9. Education (P)
10. Human health and social work activities (Q)
11. Other service activities (S)
12. Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services - producing activities of households for own use (T)
13. Real estate activities (L) Arts, entertainment and recreation (R) Activities of extra territorial organizations & bodies (U)

Majority of the workforce are private sector employees followed by own account workers (Table 6).

Table 7 depicts the percentage distribution of male and female employed population by main industry sectors. Highest employment share is in service sector and this is true for both male & female, while the lowest shares are for agriculture sector. Among employed females 29.9 percent is in agriculture sector while this share is 25.3 percent for males.

Unemployment ...

Figure 3: Unemployment rates and its 95% confidence intervals (2015Q1 - 2018Q1)



¹Sampling error : When a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed, estimates differ from the true values of population they represent. This difference, or sampling error, occurs by chance, and its variability is measured by the sampling error of the estimate.

For more details, please refer the explanatory note given under the labour force link in the DCS website; www.statistics.gov.lk

Table 8: Number of Unemployed and Unemployment rate by age group and gender – First quarter 2018

Age group (Years)	Unemployment Rate (%)			
	Sri Lanka	Gender		
	Number	Male	Female	
Sri Lanka	372,135	4.5	2.9	7.4
15–24	193,774	21.8	15.5	33.1
25–29	81,874	10.7	6.9	18.2
Over 30	96,488	1.4	0.8	2.7

As can be seen from Table 8, overall unemployment rate reported for female is 7.4 percent and it is 2.9 percent for male. Youth unemployment rate (age 15 – 24 years) corresponding to the first quarter 2018 is 21.8 percent and that is the highest reported unemployment rate among all age groups. Further rates for males and females are 15.5 and 33.1 percent respectively for age group 15 – 24.

The survey results further reveals that the unemployment among females is higher than that of males, in all age groups. Youth and female unemployment contribute more to the overall unemployment of the country.

Table 9: Number of Unemployed and Unemployment rate by level of education – First quarter 2018

Level of Education	Unemployment Rate (%)			
	Sri Lanka	Gender		
	Number	Male	Female	
Sri Lanka	372,135	4.5	2.9	7.4
Below GCE O/L	121,859	2.4	2.1	3.2
GCE O/L	76,152	5.3	3.9	8.4
GCE A/L & above	174,124	9.5	5.0	14.1

The highest unemployment rate is reported from the G.C.E (A/L) and above group which is about 9.5 percent. Corresponding percentages are 5.0 percent and 14.1 percent for males and females respectively. Female unemployment rates are higher than those of males in all levels of education.

This further shows that the problem of unemployment is more acute in the case of educated females than educated males, which was observed consistently over the results of previous survey rounds as well.

Definition of 'Unemployed'

Persons available and/or looking for work, and who did not work and taken steps to find a job during last four weeks and ready to accept a job given a work opportunity within next two weeks are said to be unemployed.

The Unemployment Rate

The proportion of unemployed population to the total labour force.

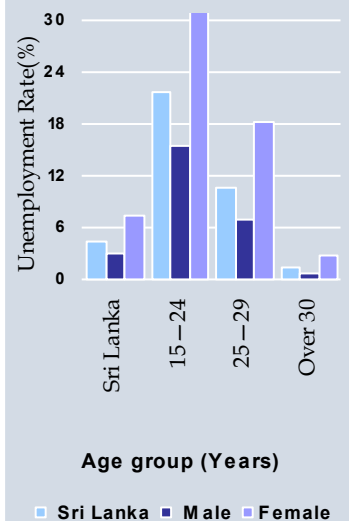


Figure 3: Unemployment rate by age group and gender – First quarter 2018

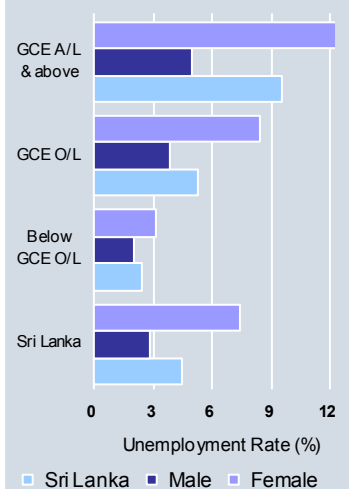


Figure 4: Unemployment rate by level of education and gender – First quarter 2018

**TABLE 1 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD
POPULATION, 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER - BOTH SEXES**

YEAR	NATIONAL LEVEL DATA							
	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)	
2009 ¹	14,876,264	8,051,089	54.1	7,579,835	94.1	471,254	5.9	6,825,175
2010 ¹	15,166,285	8,096,477	53.4	7,696,142	95.1	400,335	4.9	7,069,808
2011 ²	14,975,989	7,926,445	52.9	7,591,591	95.8	334,854	4.2	7,049,544
2012 ²	14,857,578	7,798,407	52.5	7,488,704	96.0	309,703	4.0	7,059,171
2013 ²	14,959,065	8,033,804	53.7	7,681,279	95.6	352,526	4.4	6,925,260
2014 ²	15,134,484	8,048,884	53.2	7,700,489	95.7	348,395	4.3	7,085,600
2015 ²	15,281,945	8,214,473	53.8	7,830,976	95.3	383,496	4.7	7,067,473
2016 ²	15,448,679	8,310,682	53.8	7,947,683	95.6	362,999	4.4	7,137,997
2017 ²	15,843,735	8,566,686	54.1	8,208,179	95.8	358,507	4.2	7,277,049
2016Q1 ²	15,382,201	8,318,617	54.1	7,968,931	95.8	349,686	4.2	7,063,584
2017Q1 ²	15,684,110	8,583,082	54.7	8,230,207	95.9	352,875	4.1	7,101,029
2018Q1 ²	16,033,845	8,333,493	52.0	7,961,358	95.5	372,135	4.5	7,700,352

¹ - Excluding Northern province

² - All the districts are included and the tables consist with reweighted estimates.

**TABLE 1A - HISTORICAL TABLE OF LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD
POPULATION, 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER - MALE**

YEAR	HOUSEHOLD	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN
	POPULATION	TOTAL	LABOUR	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		LABOUR
	(15 YEARS	LABOUR	FORCE	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE	FORCE
	& OVER)	FORCE	PARTICI:	(% TO TOTAL		(% TO TOTAL		NUMBER
			RATE(%)	LABOUR FORCE)		LABOUR FORCE)		
2009 ¹	6,925,821	5,173,106	74.7	4,949,825	95.7	223,281	4.3	1,752,715
2010 ¹	7,078,246	5,310,872	75.0	5,125,763	96.5	185,108	3.5	1,767,374
2011 ²	7,027,780	5,203,267	74.0	5,061,214	97.3	142,053	2.7	1,824,513
2012 ²	6,932,520	5,192,686	74.9	5,046,057	97.2	146,629	2.8	1,739,835
2013 ²	6,926,750	5,187,873	74.9	5,024,341	96.8	163,533	3.2	1,738,877
2014 ²	7,025,780	5,240,034	74.6	5,075,425	96.9	164,609	3.1	1,785,746
2015 ²	7,036,944	5,255,593	74.7	5,097,798	97.0	157,794	3.0	1,781,352
2016 ²	7,064,736	5,303,502	75.1	5,149,948	97.1	153,554	2.9	1,761,234
2017 ²	7,292,047	5,434,510	74.5	5,279,158	97.1	155,352	2.9	1,857,537
2016Q1 ²	6,973,384	5,264,413	75.5	5,102,435	96.9	161,978	3.1	1,708,971
2017Q1 ²	7,166,309	5,381,244	75.1	5,235,046	97.3	146,198	2.7	1,785,065
2018Q1 ²	7,423,101	5,449,958	73.4	5,292,148	97.1	157,810	2.9	1,973,143

**TABLE 1B - HISTORICAL TABLE OF LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD
POPULATION, 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER - FEMALE**

YEAR	HOUSEHOLD	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN
	POPULATION	TOTAL	LABOUR	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		LABOUR
	(15 YEARS	LABOUR	FORCE	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE	FORCE
	& OVER)	FORCE	PARTICI:	(% TO TOTAL		(% TO TOTAL		NUMBER
			RATE(%)	LABOUR FORCE)		LABOUR FORCE)		
2009 ¹	7,950,443	2,877,983	36.2	2,630,010	91.4	247,973	8.6	5,072,460
2010 ¹	8,088,039	2,785,605	34.4	2,570,379	92.3	215,226	7.7	5,302,434
2011 ²	7,948,209	2,723,178	34.3	2,530,377	92.9	192,801	7.1	5,225,031
2012 ²	7,925,058	2,605,721	32.9	2,442,647	93.7	163,074	6.3	5,319,336
2013 ²	8,032,315	2,845,931	35.4	2,656,938	93.4	188,993	6.6	5,186,383
2014 ²	8,108,704	2,808,850	34.6	2,625,064	93.5	183,786	6.5	5,299,854
2015 ²	8,245,001	2,958,880	35.9	2,733,178	92.4	225,702	7.6	5,286,121
2016 ²	8,383,943	3,007,180	35.9	2,797,735	93.0	209,445	7.0	5,376,764
2017 ²	8,551,688	3,132,176	36.6	2,929,021	93.5	203,155	6.5	5,419,512
2016Q1 ²	8,408,817	3,054,204	36.3	2,866,496	93.9	187,708	6.1	5,354,613
2017Q1 ²	8,517,801	3,201,838	37.6	2,995,161	93.5	206,677	6.5	5,315,964
2018Q1 ²	8,610,744	2,883,535	33.5	2,669,210	92.6	214,325	7.4	5,727,209

¹ - Excluding Northern province

² - All the districts are included and the tables consist with reweighted estimates.

TABLE 2 - LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER, BY AGE - BOTH SEXES

AGE	HOUSEHOLD	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
	POP: (15 YEARS & OVER)	TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
ALL AGES	16,033,845	8,333,493	52.0	7,961,358	95.5	372,135	4.5	7,700,352
15 - 19 YRS	1,667,623	203,305	12.2	155,030	76.3	48,275	23.7	1,464,318
20 - 24 YRS	1,326,782	687,072	51.8	541,574	78.8	145,498	21.2	639,710
25 - 29 YRS	1,202,591	764,417	63.6	682,543	89.3	81,874	10.7	438,175
30 - 39 YRS	2,841,453	1,885,067	66.3	1,822,091	96.7	62,976	3.3	956,386
40 + YRS	8,995,395	4,793,632	53.3	4,760,121	99.3	33,511	0.7	4,201,763

TABLE 2A - LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER, BY AGE - MALE

AGE	HOUSEHOLD	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
	POP: (15 YEARS & OVER)	TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
ALL AGES	7,423,101	5,449,958	73.4	5,292,148	97.1	157,810	2.9	1,973,143
15 - 19 YRS	854,590	148,355	17.4	118,076	79.6	30,279	20.4	706,235
20 - 24 YRS	627,088	424,353	67.7	366,059	86.3	58,294	13.7	202,735
25 - 29 YRS	562,193	508,634	90.5	473,287	93.1	35,347	6.9	53,559
30 - 39 YRS	1,253,458	1,207,214	96.3	1,191,279	98.7	15,935	1.3	46,244
40 + YRS	4,125,772	3,161,401	76.6	3,143,448	99.4	17,954	0.6	964,371

TABLE 2B - LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER, BY AGE - FEMALE

AGE	HOUSEHOLD	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
	POP: (15 YEARS & OVER)	TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
ALL AGES	8,610,744	2,883,535	33.5	2,669,210	92.6	214,325	7.4	5,727,209
15 - 19 YRS	813,033	54,950	6.8	36,954	67.2	17,996	32.8	758,083
20 - 24 YRS	699,694	262,719	37.5	175,515	66.8	87,204	33.2	436,975
25 - 29 YRS	640,398	255,782	39.9	209,256	81.8	46,526	18.2	384,616
30 - 39 YRS	1,587,995	677,853	42.7	630,812	93.1	47,041	6.9	910,143
40 + YRS	4,869,623	1,632,231	33.5	1,616,673	99.0	15,557	1.0	3,237,392

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

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

Year	All Ages	Age Groups				
		15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
2011 ¹	100.0	3.1	8.6	11.0	24.3	53.0
2012 ¹	100.0	2.5	8.3	11.0	25.2	53.0
2013 ¹	100.0	2.7	7.9	10.1	24.8	54.5
2014 ¹	100.0	2.4	7.2	9.7	25.2	55.5
2015 ¹	100.0	2.2	7.5	9.7	24.5	56.1
2016 ¹	100.0	2.0	7.3	9.5	24.2	57.0
2017 ¹	100.0	2.1	7.6	9.2	23.4	57.7
2016Q1 ¹	100.0	2.1	7.0	9.1	24.4	57.4
2017Q1 ¹	100.0	2.2	7.5	9.0	23.4	57.8
2018Q1 ¹	100.0	1.9	6.8	8.6	22.9	59.8

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

Year	All Ages	Age Groups				
		15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
2011 ¹	100.0	3.2	8.7	11.3	24.3	52.5
2012 ¹	100.0	2.7	8.3	11.2	25.2	52.6
2013 ¹	100.0	2.9	7.8	10.2	25.0	54.1
2014 ¹	100.0	2.5	7.3	9.6	25.4	55.2
2015 ¹	100.0	2.3	7.3	9.7	24.4	56.2
2016 ¹	100.0	2.2	7.3	9.4	24.2	56.9
2017 ¹	100.0	2.3	7.5	9.4	23.5	57.3
2016Q1 ¹	100.0	2.3	7.1	8.9	24.3	57.5
2017Q1 ¹	100.0	2.4	7.2	9.6	23.0	57.8
2018Q1 ¹	100.0	2.2	6.9	8.9	22.5	59.4

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

Year	All Ages	Age Groups				
		15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
2011 ¹	100.0	2.8	8.5	10.3	24.4	53.9
2012 ¹	100.0	2.2	8.4	10.5	25.1	53.8
2013 ¹	100.0	2.4	8.0	10.0	24.3	55.3
2014 ¹	100.0	2.2	7.1	9.9	24.8	56.0
2015 ¹	100.0	2.1	7.8	9.6	24.7	55.9
2016 ¹	100.0	1.6	7.2	9.6	24.3	57.3
2017 ¹	100.0	1.7	7.8	9.0	23.2	58.3
2016Q1 ¹	100.0	1.8	6.8	9.5	24.6	57.3
2017Q1 ¹	100.0	2.0	7.9	8.1	24.2	57.9
2018Q1 ¹	100.0	1.4	6.6	7.8	23.6	60.6

¹ - All the districts are included and the tables consist with reweighted estimates.

**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
2011 ¹	100.0	18.8	48.1	15.7	17.4
2012 ¹	100.0	18.7	47.3	17.5	16.6
2013 ¹	100.1	18.2	47.9	15.9	18.1
2014 ¹	100.0	16.4	48.9	16.0	18.6
2015 ¹	100.0	16.7	47.4	17.3	18.6
2016 ¹	100.0	16.2	47.4	16.3	20.1
2017 ¹	100.0	15.8	46.1	17.3	20.8
2016Q1 ¹	100.0	17.0	46.5	16.6	19.9
2017Q1 ¹	100.0	16.6	46.6	16.7	20.1
2018Q1 ¹	100.0	15.9	46.1	17.2	20.8

**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
2011 ¹	100.0	18.3	51.0	16.1	14.6
2012 ¹	100.0	18.0	51.2	17.7	13.1
2013 ¹	100.0	17.8	51.5	16.0	14.6
2014 ¹	100.0	16.4	52.6	16.2	14.8
2015 ¹	100.0	16.7	51.1	17.7	14.6
2016 ¹	100.0	16.1	51.1	16.7	16.1
2017 ¹	100.0	15.7	49.8	17.6	16.9
2016Q1 ¹	100.0	17.2	50.2	16.8	15.8
2017Q1 ¹	100.0	16.3	50.6	16.7	16.5
2018Q1 ¹	100.0	15.9	49.3	18.3	16.5

**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
2011 ¹	100.0	19.9	42.2	14.9	23.0
2012 ¹	100.0	19.9	39.3	17.2	23.7
2013 ¹	100.0	18.8	41.0	15.6	24.6
2014 ¹	100.0	16.5	41.7	15.8	26.0
2015 ¹	100.0	16.6	40.4	16.7	26.3
2016 ¹	100.0	16.3	40.6	15.6	27.5
2017 ¹	100.0	16.1	39.4	16.8	27.7
2016Q1 ¹	100.0	16.7	39.9	16.3	27.1
2017Q1 ¹	100.0	17.1	39.7	16.6	26.6
2018Q1 ¹	100.0	15.8	39.9	15.1	29.2

¹ - All the districts are included and the tables consist with reweighted estimates.

**TABLE 5 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS
(PERCENTAGE) - BOTH SEXES**

YEAR	TOTAL EMPLOYED	EMPLOYEE			EMPLOYER	OWN	UNPAID
		TOTAL	PUBLIC	PRIVATE		ACCOUNT WORKER	FAMILY WORKER
2011 ¹	100.0	55.1	14.6	40.5	2.9	31.5	10.6
2012 ¹	100.0	56.5	15.3	41.2	2.8	31.9	8.7
2013 ¹	100.0	55.7	15.2	40.5	3.0	32.2	9.1
2014 ¹	100.0	56.4	15.5	40.9	2.7	32.0	8.9
2015 ¹	100.0	56.1	15.1	41.0	3.1	32.3	8.4
2016 ¹	100.0	57.8	14.6	43.3	2.7	31.6	7.8
2017 ¹	100.0	57.7	14.4	43.3	3.0	31.3	8.0
2016Q1 ¹	100.0	56.6	14.7	41.9	2.9	32.5	7.9
2017Q1 ¹	100.0	58.2	14.8	43.4	3.1	30.4	8.3
2018Q1 ¹	100.0	58.0	14.3	43.8	2.7	31.8	7.5

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

YEAR	TOTAL EMPLOYED	EMPLOYEE			EMPLOYER	OWN	UNPAID
		TOTAL	PUBLIC	PRIVATE		ACCOUNT WORKER	FAMILY WORKER
2011 ¹	100.0	56.0	12.8	43.1	3.8	35.9	4.3
2012 ¹	100.0	56.7	12.9	43.8	3.8	35.9	3.6
2013 ¹	100.0	56.6	12.9	43.8	4.1	36.2	3.0
2014 ¹	100.0	57.3	13.1	44.2	3.6	36.2	2.8
2015 ¹	100.0	56.7	12.8	43.9	4.2	36.3	2.8
2016 ¹	100.0	58.9	12.4	46.4	3.7	34.7	2.7
2017 ¹	100.0	58.8	12.3	46.4	4.1	34.5	2.6
2016Q1 ¹	100.0	57.6	12.6	45.0	4.0	35.7	2.7
2017Q1 ¹	100.0	59.4	12.4	46.9	4.0	33.8	2.8
2018Q1 ¹	100.0	58.6	12.4	46.2	3.5	35.3	2.5

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

YEAR	TOTAL EMPLOYED	EMPLOYEE			EMPLOYER	OWN	UNPAID
		TOTAL	PUBLIC	PRIVATE		ACCOUNT WORKER	FAMILY WORKER
2011 ¹	100.0	53.3	18.1	35.2	0.9	22.7	23.1
2012 ¹	100.0	56.1	20.2	35.9	0.9	23.7	19.3
2013 ¹	100.0	53.9	19.7	34.3	0.9	24.6	20.5
2014 ¹	100.0	54.8	20.1	34.7	1.0	23.7	20.5
2015 ¹	100.0	55.1	19.3	35.8	1.1	24.9	18.8
2016 ¹	100.0	55.9	18.5	37.4	0.9	25.9	17.2
2017 ¹	100.0	55.7	18.0	37.7	1.1	25.6	17.7
2016Q1 ¹	100.0	55.0	18.5	36.5	1.0	26.9	17.2
2017Q1 ¹	100.0	56.1	18.8	37.3	1.6	24.6	17.8
2018Q1 ¹	100.0	56.9	18.0	38.8	1.0	24.8	17.4

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

¹ - All the districts are included and the tables consist with reweighted estimates.

Table 6 - Currently Employed person by Industry group (Based on ISIC Fourth Revision) - both sexes

Year	Total	Industry Group																
		1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	Other
2015	7,830,976	2,244,547	60,614	1,407,908	549,649	1,059,803	480,338	202,780	52,372	144,507	64,950	120,218	600,249	324,175	137,366	143,768	177,255	60,477
2016	7,947,683	2,153,874	59,907	1,420,628	616,968	1,102,337	516,128	203,083	61,522	159,325	54,703	107,490	609,205	343,837	141,836	137,552	209,101	50,188
2017	8,208,179	2,140,185	63,014	1,580,936	687,544	1,160,443	512,991	210,380	70,264	159,813	69,568	152,363	526,732	377,129	149,272	118,917	161,681	66,947
2016Q1	7,968,931	2,274,722	68,323	1,424,370	575,760	1,046,908	513,312	205,486	45,887	169,701	66,659	113,317	633,206	340,086	137,035	109,597	199,124	45,438
2017Q1	8,230,207	2,221,761	49,566	1,571,862	684,970	1,082,766	501,556	193,613	69,871	153,957	60,406	126,487	617,182	379,848	145,561	122,189	197,871	50,742
2018Q1	7,961,358	2,139,057	54,967	1,471,960	697,529	1,137,599	493,018	216,020	52,298	185,783	76,893	133,588	456,597	392,225	141,076	86,780	189,351	36,619

Note: These Industry groups are based on ISIC - Rev. 4

1 Agriculture, forestry and fishing (A)

2 Mining & quarrying (B)

3 Manufacturing (C)

6 Construction, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (D, E,F)

7 Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles(G)

8 Transportation and storage (H)

9 Accommodation and food services activities (I)

10 Information and communication (J)

11 Financial and insurance activities (K)

13 Professional, scientific and technical activities (M)

14 Administrative and support service activities (N)

15 Public administration and defence compulsory social security (O)

16 Education (P)

17 Human health and social work activities (Q)

19 Other service activities (S)

20 Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services - producing activities of households for own use (T)

Other

Other

12 Real estate activities (L)

18 Arts, entertainment and recreation (R)

21 Activities of extra territorial organizations & bodies (U)

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

Year	Total	Industry Group																
		1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	Other
2015	5,097,797	1,360,831	57,116	741,643	527,419	756,298	465,920	140,042	41,206	79,485	42,853	91,639	395,291	92,824	45,976	105,307	107,469	46,478
2016	5,149,948	1,302,613	56,762	739,372	590,459	770,376	495,894	129,928	45,525	90,506	33,125	83,937	394,974	105,604	53,843	99,146	119,873	38,011
2017	5,279,158	1,279,980	60,026	822,518	655,436	814,523	495,005	134,587	50,551	93,495	46,100	109,152	336,452	114,026	48,245	83,172	84,014	51,877
2016Q1	5,102,435	1,362,990	64,590	737,848	552,591	727,072	496,639	120,965	34,952	96,127	36,097	82,587	402,339	102,231	51,188	80,753	123,184	30,280
2017Q1	5,235,046	1,311,760	45,821	795,706	651,658	766,708	483,010	125,261	47,423	101,328	45,585	99,039	382,710	112,944	46,326	77,349	108,086	34,333
2018Q1	5,292,148	1,340,641	50,872	793,104	677,257	812,901	475,615	149,502	43,019	105,660	43,476	89,188	305,170	144,037	52,812	60,256	118,364	30,274

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

Year	Total	Industry Group																
		1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	Other
2015	2,733,179	883,716	3,498	666,265	22,230	303,507	14,418	62,738	11,165	65,023	22,097	28,579	204,958	231,350	91,389	38,461	69,786	13,999
2016	2,797,735	851,261	3,145	681,256	26,509	331,961	20,234	73,154	15,997	68,819	21,578	23,553	214,231	238,233	87,993	38,405	89,228	12,178
2017	2,929,021	860,204	2,988	758,418	32,108	345,921	17,986	75,792	19,713	66,319	23,468	43,211	190,280	263,103	101,027	35,745	77,667	15,070
2016Q1	2,866,496	911,732	3,733	686,523	23,169	319,836	16,673	84,520	10,935	73,574	30,562	30,729	230,866	237,854	85,846	28,844	75,940	15,158
2017Q1	2,995,161	910,001	3,745	776,156	33,312	316,058	18,546	68,352	22,448	52,629	14,820	27,447	234,472	266,904	99,236	44,840	89,785	16,409
2018Q1	2,669,210	798,416	4,094	678,855	20,272	324,698	17,403	66,518	9,279	80,123	33,416	44,399	151,427	248,187	88,264	26,525	70,987	6,345

Note: These Industry groups are based on ISIC - Rev. 4

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1 Agriculture, forestry and fishing (A)

2 Mining & quarrying (B)

3 Manufacturing (C)

6 Construction, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (D, E,F)

7 Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles(G)

8 Transportation and storage (H)

9 Accommodation and food services activities (I)

10 Information and communication (J)

11 Financial and insurance activities (K)

13 Professional, scientific and technical activities (M)

14 Administrative and support service activities (N)

15 Public administration and defence compulsory social security (O)

16 Education (P)

17 Human health and social work activities (Q)

19 Other service activities (S)

20 Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services - producing activities of households for own use (T)

Other

Other

12 Real estate activities (L)

18 Arts, entertainment and recreation (R)

21 Activities of extra territorial organizations & bodies (U)

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

Major Industry Group	Year					
	2015	2016	2017	2016Q1	2017Q1	2018Q1
Total	7,830,976	7,947,683	8,208,179	7,968,931	8,230,207	7,961,358
Agriculture	2,244,547	2,153,874	2,140,185	2,274,722	2,221,761	2,139,057
Industry	2,018,171	2,097,503	2,331,494	2,068,453	2,306,398	2,224,455
Services	3,568,258	3,696,306	3,736,500	3,625,756	3,702,049	3,597,846

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

Major Industry Group	Year					
	2015	2016	2017	2016Q1	2017Q1	2018Q1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture	28.7	27.1	26.1	28.5	27.0	26.9
Industry	25.8	26.4	28.4	26.0	28.0	27.9
Services	45.6	46.5	45.5	45.5	45.0	45.2

Note: These Industry groups are based on ISIC - Rev. 4

Agriculture

1. Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A)

Industries

1. Mining & Quarrying (B)
2. Manufacturing (C)
3. Construction, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (D, E,F)

Services

1. Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles(G)
2. Transportation and storage (H)
3. Accommodation and food services activities (I)
4. Information and communication (J)
5. Financial and insurance activities (K)
6. Professional, scientific and technical activities (M)
7. Administrative and support service activities (N)
8. Public administration and defence compulsory social security (O)
9. Education (P)
10. Human health and social work activities (Q)
11. Other service activities (S)
12. Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services - producing activities of households for own use (T)
13. Real estate activities (L) Arts, entertainment and recreation (R) Activities of extra territorial organizations & bodies (U)

Table 7 - Currently Employed person by Occupation group (Based on ISCO 08) - Both sexes

Year	Total	Occupation group									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2014	7,700,489	353,465	491,521	450,247	327,479	902,710	1,562,251	1,312,975	635,899	1,633,672	30,270
2015	7,830,976	480,097	511,230	470,645	311,455	852,722	1,457,350	1,266,101	673,380	1,766,704	41,292
2016	7,947,683	480,492	519,032	484,965	320,791	891,034	1,435,354	1,274,167	702,675	1,795,378	43,795
2017	8,208,179	560,734	557,870	554,603	327,836	822,243	1,404,798	1,367,232	739,821	1,838,349	34,692
2016Q1	7,968,931	456,835	539,183	489,783	322,607	822,671	1,531,824	1,271,674	701,583	1,785,315	47,457
2017Q1	8,230,207	505,890	515,526	533,477	345,101	845,433	1,402,215	1,411,424	701,082	1,928,091	41,970
2018Q1	7,961,358	604,919	509,749	609,964	268,551	698,385	1,364,513	1,341,687	710,664	1,819,088	33,838

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|---|--|----|---|
| 1 | Managers, Senior Officials and Legislators | 6 | Skilled Agricultura, Forestry and Fishery workers |
| 2 | Professionals | 7 | Craft and Related Trades workers |
| 3 | Technicians and Associate Professionals | 8 | Plant and Machine operators and Assemblers |
| 4 | Clerks and Clerical support workers | 9 | Elementary occupations |
| 5 | Services and Sales workers | 10 | Armed Forces Occupations & unidentified occupations |

Table 7A - Currently Employed person by Occupation group (Based on ISCO 08) - Male

Year	Total	Occupation group									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2014	5,075,424	265,819	175,533	301,206	157,091	630,281	1,017,807	881,891	559,814	1,056,416	29,566
2015	5,097,798	355,643	174,644	318,745	150,246	585,455	965,084	833,470	577,038	1,101,377	36,096
2016	5,149,948	344,185	188,059	310,846	155,926	606,054	930,845	830,428	607,801	1,139,332	36,473
2017	5,279,158	406,096	211,033	355,936	154,428	553,098	892,473	899,082	631,271	1,144,468	31,274
2016Q1	5,102,435	321,459	194,428	325,150	154,288	535,803	1,005,293	813,250	615,544	1,097,039	40,181
2017Q1	5,235,046	381,904	172,715	344,104	166,115	560,748	892,552	895,405	588,812	1,193,399	39,294
2018Q1	5,292,148	437,788	191,247	399,855	133,570	505,600	919,344	928,636	612,067	1,131,278	32,763

Table 7B - Currently Employed person by Occupation group (Based on ISCO 08) - Female

Year	Total	Occupation group									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2014	2,625,065	87,646	315,988	149,041	170,388	272,429	544,444	431,084	76,085	577,256	704
2015	2,733,178	124,454	336,586	151,900	161,209	267,267	492,267	432,631	96,342	665,326	5,196
2016	2,797,735	136,307	330,973	174,120	164,865	284,980	504,509	443,739	94,874	656,046	7,322
2017	2,929,021	154,639	346,838	198,667	173,408	269,145	512,325	468,150	108,550	693,881	3,418
2016Q1	2,866,496	135,376	344,755	164,633	168,319	286,867	526,532	458,424	86,039	688,276	7,276
2017Q1	2,995,161	123,986	342,811	189,373	178,986	284,685	509,663	516,019	112,270	734,692	2,676
2018Q1	2,669,210	167,131	318,501	210,110	134,980	192,785	445,169	413,051	98,597	687,810	1,075

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|---|--|----|---|
| 1 | Managers, Senior Officials and Legislators | 6 | Skilled Agricultura, Forestry and Fishery workers |
| 2 | Professionals | 7 | Craft and Related Trades workers |
| 3 | Technicians and Associate Professionals | 8 | Plant and Machine operators and Assemblers |
| 4 | Clerks and Clerical support workers | 9 | Elementary occupations |
| 5 | Services and Sales workers | 10 | Armed Forces Occupations & unidentified occupations |

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

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL GROUP	TOTAL	0 *	1 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 & OVER
Total	100.0	3.5	1.6	3.9	7.6	13.5	36.9	32.9
1	100.0	5.0	3.5	8.4	14.2	18.6	30.5	19.9
2	100.0	7.0	..	7.7	4.1	5.9	23.3	52.0
3	100.0	3.1	1.4	3.4	6.4	11.2	40.7	33.9
6	100.0	6.2	1.2	2.7	7.5	11.3	43.0	28.1
7	100.0	1.4	0.4	2.0	4.6	9.1	30.9	51.7
8	100.0	2.0	0.5	1.5	5.3	6.6	32.4	51.8
9	100.0	0.8	0.3	2.3	5.5	6.8	26.9	57.5
10	100.0	5.3	2.1	2.3	2.4	1.3	42.1	44.6
11	100.0	0.3	0.8	..	1.0	5.2	61.3	31.4
13	100.0	4.3	..	1.1	2.2	15.1	56.4	21.0
14	100.0	4.7	..	2.8	..	4.3	36.7	51.5
15	100.0	3.6	0.2	0.3	1.4	5.5	57.4	31.6
16	100.0	0.7	0.8	2.5	7.5	48.6	33.2	6.8
17	100.0	0.6	0.9	0.5	3.7	3.7	54.2	36.4
19	100.0	6.7	4.8	2.9	2.7	7.5	36.4	39.0
20	100.0	5.1	2.0	3.7	8.4	12.0	31.7	37.1
Other	100.0	8.1	4.3	..	3.9	10.5	44.0	29.2

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

.. Net reported

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Industry group

1 Agriculture, forestry and fishing (A)

2 Mining & quarrying (B)

3 Manufacturing (C)

6 Construction, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (D, E,F)

7 Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles(G)

8 Transportation and storage (H)

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**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
2011 ¹	100.0	12.7	42.2	20.7	15.9	8.5
2012 ¹	100.0	14.1	40.5	18.8	15.8	10.8
2013 ¹	100.0	13.7	41.0	18.1	15.1	12.1
2014 ¹	100.0	14.2	39.8	19.3	15.4	11.3
2015 ¹	100.0	14.5	37.4	20.5	15.8	11.8
2016 ¹	100.0	16.1	39.7	21.1	13.2	9.8
2017 ¹	100.0	12.8	37.7	22.2	14.8	12.4
2016Q1 ¹	100.0	17.6	39.1	21.5	12.8	9.0
2017Q1 ¹	100.0	14.9	36.6	18.3	16.5	13.7
2018Q1 ¹	100.0	13.0	39.1	22.0	16.9	9.0

**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
2011 ¹	100.0	17.6	44.7	17.1	13.1	7.6
2012 ¹	100.0	19.6	41.6	17.0	12.3	9.4
2013 ¹	100.0	16.9	44.0	15.5	11.5	12.1
2014 ¹	100.0	20.1	37.6	18.3	11.7	12.3
2015 ¹	100.0	21.7	39.9	14.6	12.6	11.2
2016 ¹	100.0	23.0	42.8	16.9	7.7	9.6
2017 ¹	100.0	18.1	40.3	19.7	10.8	11.1
2016Q1 ¹	100.0	24.7	44.6	19.6	5.9	5.2
2017Q1 ¹	100.0	19.6	44.1	13.8	7.5	15.0
2018Q1 ¹	100.0	19.2	36.9	22.4	10.1	11.4

**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
2011 ¹	100.0	9.1	40.4	23.4	17.9	9.2
2012 ¹	100.0	9.2	39.6	20.4	18.9	12.0
2013 ¹	100.0	11.0	38.4	20.3	18.2	12.1
2014 ¹	100.0	8.9	41.7	20.2	18.7	10.4
2015 ¹	100.0	9.4	35.6	24.6	18.1	12.2
2016 ¹	100.0	11.1	37.5	24.2	17.2	10.0
2017 ¹	100.0	8.8	35.7	24.2	17.9	13.5
2016Q1 ¹	100.0	11.5	34.3	23.1	18.8	12.3
2017Q1 ¹	100.0	11.5	31.2	21.6	22.9	12.8
2018Q1 ¹	100.0	8.4	40.7	21.7	21.9	7.3

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

¹ - All the districts are included and the tables consist with reweighted estimates.

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
2011 ¹	100.0	2.9	38.1	19.8	39.2
2012 ¹	100.0	2.6	37.4	27.2	32.9
2013 ¹	100.0	3.9	36.5	22.1	37.5
2014 ¹	100.0	3.1	37.7	22.4	36.8
2015 ¹	100.0	2.5	34.4	24.4	38.7
2016 ¹	100.0	2.7	35.4	22.1	39.8
2017 ¹	100.0	3.1	30.3	24.7	41.9
2016Q1 ¹	100.0	3.8	36.6	21.9	37.8
2017Q1 ¹	100.0	4.5	32.1	23.5	39.9
2018Q1 ¹	100.0	2.4	30.4	20.5	46.8

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
2011 ¹	100.0	2.0	47.8	20.3	29.9
2012 ¹	100.0	2.0	46.7	29.6	21.7
2013 ¹	100.0	4.7	43.7	24.3	27.4
2014 ¹	100.0	3.1	48.1	22.7	26.0
2015 ¹	100.0	1.7	44.1	30.9	23.4
2016 ¹	100.0	1.5	48.2	23.9	26.4
2017 ¹	100.0	2.0	37.5	30.0	30.5
2016Q1 ¹	100.0	1.0	43.7	24.1	31.3
2017Q1 ¹	100.0	1.3	39.1	29.2	30.4
2018Q1 ¹	100.0	2.7	43.5	24.8	29.0

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
2011 ¹	100.0	3.5	30.9	19.4	46.1
2012 ¹	100.0	3.0	29.0	25.0	43.0
2013 ¹	100.0	3.2	30.2	20.3	46.2
2014 ¹	100.0	3.1	28.5	22.1	46.4
2015 ¹	100.0	3.0	27.7	19.9	49.4
2016 ¹	100.0	3.6	26.0	20.8	49.6
2017 ¹	100.0	3.9	24.8	20.7	50.7
2016Q1 ¹	100.0	6.1	30.5	20.0	43.4
2017Q1 ¹	100.0	6.7	27.1	19.5	46.7
2018Q1 ¹	100.0	2.1	20.7	17.3	59.9

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¹ - All the districts are included and the tables consist with reweighted estimates.

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

Sex	Total	Duration		
		Less than 6 months	6 to less than 12 months	12+ months
Both sexes	372,135	157,039	92,691	122,405
%	100.0	42.2	24.9	32.9
Male	157,810	83,528	43,676	30,606
%	100.0	52.9	27.7	19.4
Female	214,325	73,510	49,016	91,799
%	100.0	34.3	22.9	42.8

STANDARD ERROR AND COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION OF SELECTED VARIABLES

	Estimated Value	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)	Estimated Value (Ratio)	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
General labour force characteristics						
Population (15 years & over)	16,033,845	128,663	0.8			
Employed Population	7,961,358	98,624	1.2			
Unemployed Population	372,135	22,660	6.1			
Employment Rate				95.5	0.26	0.27
Unemployment Rate				4.5	0.26	5.86
Labour Force	8,333,493	102,663	1.2			
Not in Labour Force	7,700,352	103,014	1.3			
Employed persons by major industry Groups						
1	2,139,057	87,056	4.1			
2	54,967	12,209	22.2			
3	1,471,960	60,363	4.1			
6	697,529	32,474	4.7			
7	1,137,599	49,452	4.3			
8	493,018	27,617	5.6			
9	216,020	18,796	8.7			
10	52,298	8,283	15.8			
11	185,783	16,312	8.8			
13	76,893	9,919	12.9			
14	133,588	13,131	9.8			
15	456,597	27,126	5.9			
16	392,225	23,552	6.0			
17	141,076	13,400	9.5			
19	86,780	10,499	12.1			
20	189,351	19,112	10.1			
Other	36,619	6,617	18.1			
Unemployed persons by level of education						
Below grade 6	8,907	2,896	32.5			
Grade 6 - 10	112,952	10,662	9.4			
G.C.E.(O/L)/N.C.G.E.	76,152	7,907	10.4			
G.C.E.(A/L)/H.N.C.E. & above	174,124	11,038	6.3			

Industry group

1 Agriculture, forestry and fishing (A)
2 Mining & quarrying (B)
3 Manufacturing (C)
6 Construction, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (D, E,F)
7 Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles(G)
8 Transportation and storage (H)
9 Accommodation and food services activities (I)
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Special Statistical Appendix

EXPLANATORY NOTES

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 15 years of age and older.

The field work of the survey is done during the third week of 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 & Definitions

1. **Labour force:** The labour force is composed of the economically active population 15 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 nor 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 calculated as follows

When the estimated unemployment rate is 4.5 and standard error of unemployment rate is 0.275 then 95% confidence interval

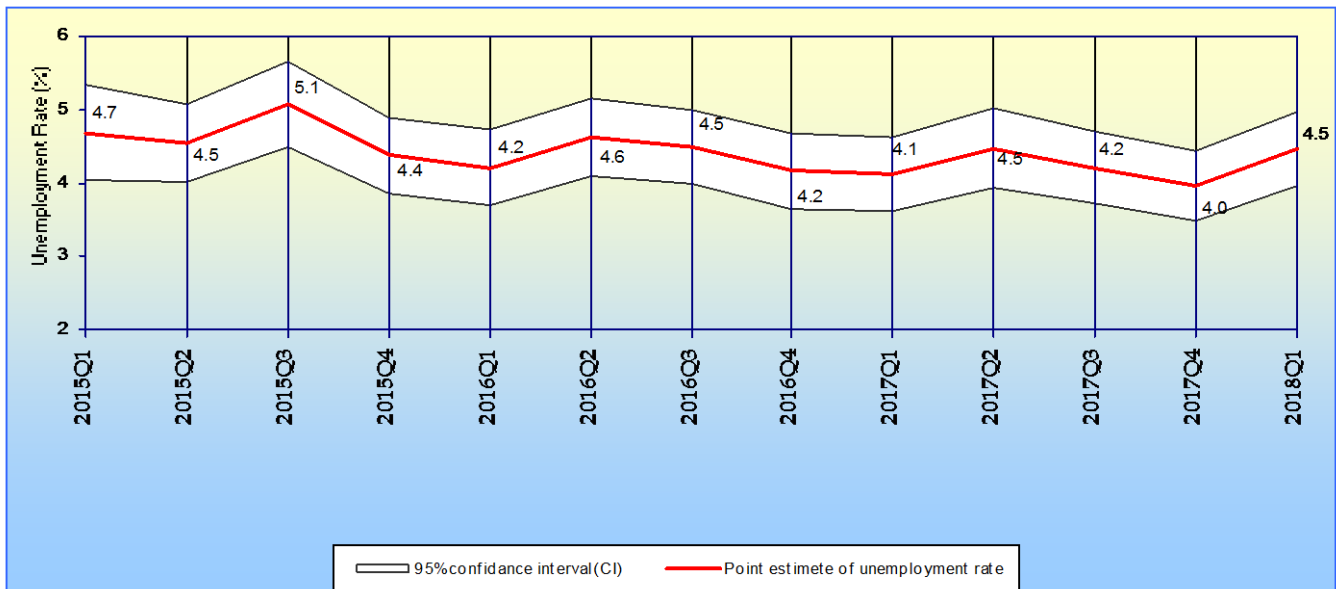
Estimated value (of the unemployment rate) \pm (standard error) * (1.96)

$4.5 \pm (0.275) * (1.96)$
 (4.5 ± 0.539)

This means, the 95 percent confidence interval on the quarterly unemployment rate could range from (4.0 to 5.0). 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 4.0 to 5.0. 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.

Distribution of unemployment rates and 95% confidence intervals (2015Q1 - 2018Q1)



Note:

As seen in figure 2, it is very important to note that, there were no statistically significant differences between the unemployment rates reported in different time periods of 2015/2018, 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. In January 2006, some improvements were made to the labour force survey schedule in order to fulfill the requirements of data users and also to provide additional information for planning purposes. The revision was made focusing on literacy, household economic activities, and informal sector employment and under employment etc.

From January , 2013 onwards, the lower bound of working age populations is considered as age 15, hence age 15 and over population is considered as working age population. The survey schedule is updated to obtain more precise information on following age, informal employment, informal sector, secondary occupation, wages & income , unemployment & trainings.

New Industry & Occupation classifications

From January 2013 onward the survey uses new industry & occupation classifications, such as

SLIC Rev 4:- Sri Lanka Standard Industry Classification based on International Standard Industry classification - Rev.4 (ISIC Rev 4)

SLSCO 08:- Sri Lanka Standard Classification of Occupation-2008 based on International Standard Classification of Occupation-2008 (ISCO 2008)

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, it's 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
2011 ¹	7,926,445	72,730	0.92	7,783,791	8,069,099	7,591,591	69,573	0.92	7,455,129	7,728,053
2012 ¹	7,798,407	66,291	0.85	7,668,392	7,928,422	7,488,704	63,894	0.85	7,363,389	7,614,018
2013 ¹	8,033,804	55,985	0.70	7,924,021	8,143,587	7,681,279	54,298	0.71	7,574,802	7,787,755
2014 ¹	8,048,884	60,868	0.76	7,929,525	8,168,243	7,700,489	58,417	0.76	7,585,937	7,815,042
2015 ¹	8,214,473	52,021	0.63	8,112,463	8,316,483	7,830,976	50,426	0.64	7,732,093	7,929,860
2016 ¹	8,310,682	66,023	0.79	8,181,215	8,440,148	7,947,683	64,616	0.81	7,820,977	8,074,389
2017 ¹	8,566,686	49,822	0.58	8,468,989	8,664,382	8,208,179	48,420	0.59	8,113,231	8,303,126
2016Q1 ²	8,318,617	152,067	1.83	8,019,950	8,617,284	7,968,931	147,803	1.85	7,678,638	8,259,223
2017Q1 ¹	8,583,082	96,084	1.12	8,394,371	8,771,793	8,230,207	93,303	1.13	8,046,958	8,413,456
2018Q1 ¹	8,333,493	102,663	1.23	8,131,856	8,535,129	7,961,358	98,624	1.24	7,767,655	8,155,062

Year	Unemployed					Unemployment Rate				
	No.	Standard error	C.V (%)	95% C.I.		Rate	Standard error	C.V (%)	95% C.I.	
				Lower	Upper				Lower	Upper
2011 ¹	334,854	15,691	4.69	304,078	365,631	4.2	0.2	4.49	3.9	4.6
2012 ¹	309,703	13,287	4.29	283,643	335,763	4.0	0.2	4.14	3.6	4.3
2013 ¹	352,526	12,030	3.41	328,935	376,116	4.4	0.1	3.31	4.1	4.7
2014 ¹	348,395	12,697	3.64	323,497	373,293	4.3	0.2	3.50	4.0	4.6
2015 ¹	383,496	12,283	3.20	359,410	407,583	4.7	0.1	3.11	4.4	5.0
2016 ¹	362,999	11,186	3.08	341,064	384,933	4.4	0.1	3.02	4.1	4.6
2017 ¹	358,507	11,347	3.17	336,256	380,758	4.2	0.1	3.08	3.9	4.4
2016Q1 ¹	349,686	22,599	6.46	305,300	394,073	4.4	0.3	6.52	3.8	4.9
2017Q1 ¹	352,875	22,757	6.45	308,179	397,570	4.1	0.3	6.28	3.6	4.6
2018Q1 ¹	372,135	22,660	6.09	327,630	416,639	4.5	0.3	5.86	4.0	5.0

¹ - All the districts are included and the Tables consist with reweighted estimates

ALTERNATIVE ESTIMATES

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, before 2013. However, this was changed as **age 15 and over** from 2013 onward.
- (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 anypaid employees).
 - d) Contributing family workers (who make their contribution to the economic activities carried out bytheir 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 pointed out that one hour per week is too low, to consider a person to be employed.
- (2) **Working Age Population** : Some pointed out those persons in the age group 10-14 yrs. are too young to be considered in the working age. (From 2013 onward the working age population is considered as age 15 and over).
- (3) **Employment Status** : Some pointed out that 'contributing 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) **Contributing Family Worker** : Contributing family workers are **not** considered as employed. They 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.

Alternative Estimates of Employment, Unemployment and Labour Force Characteristics

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

YEAR	HOUSEHOLD POPULATION (15 YEARS & OVER)	TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	LABOUR FORCE				NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
				EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
2011 ¹	14,975,989	6,687,771	44.7	6,352,916	95.0	334,854	5.0	8,288,219
2012 ¹	14,857,578	6,846,805	46.1	6,537,101	95.5	309,703	4.5	8,010,773
2013 ¹	14,958,239	6,966,035	46.6	6,600,172	94.7	365,863	5.3	8,007,536
2014 ¹	15,134,484	7,017,985	46.4	6,669,590	95.0	348,395	5.0	8,116,499
2015 ¹	15,281,945	7,156,393	46.8	6,772,896	94.6	383,496	5.4	8,125,553
2016 ¹	15,448,679	7,325,972	47.4	6,962,973	95.0	362,999	5.0	8,122,707
2017 ¹	15,843,735	7,474,883	47.2	7,116,376	95.2	358,507	4.8	8,368,851
2016Q1 ¹	15,382,201	7,283,212	47.3	6,933,526	95.2	349,686	4.8	8,098,989
2017Q1 ¹	15,684,110	7,472,857	47.6	7,119,982	95.3	352,875	4.7	8,211,254
2018Q1 ¹	16,033,845	7,385,261	46.1	7,013,127	95.0	372,135	5.0	8,648,584

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
2011 ¹	334,854	5.0	42,636	20.9	141,252	20.6	69,319	8.9	53,111	3.3	28,537	0.8
2012 ¹	309,703	4.5	43,745	23.5	125,556	19.4	58,227	7.3	48,794	2.8	33,381	1.0
2013 ¹	365,863	5.3	50,436	23.8	149,243	22.4	64,566	8.6	55,398	3.2	46,221	1.3
2014 ¹	348,395	5.0	49,540	25.7	138,565	22.2	67,235	9.3	53,648	3.0	39,407	1.1
2015 ¹	383,496	5.4	55,557	28.6	143,351	22.0	78,592	10.4	60,768	3.4	45,229	1.2
2016 ¹	362,999	5.0	58,622	32.8	144,156	22.2	76,624	10.0	47,956	2.7	35,640	0.9
2017 ¹	358,507	4.8	46,016	25.1	135,121	19.7	79,727	10.4	53,053	3.0	44,590	1.1
2016Q1 ¹	349,686	4.8	61,577	32.6	136,637	21.1	75,071	10.2	44,919	2.5	31,483	0.8
2017Q1 ¹	352,875	4.7	52,415	27.4	129,114	19.1	64,751	8.8	58,234	3.3	48,361	1.2
2018Q1 ¹	372,135	5.0	48,275	27.4	145,498	23.3	81,874	11.5	62,976	3.7	33,511	0.8

¹- All the districts are included

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

Year	Industry group																		
	Total	1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	Other	
2015	No.	6,772,896	1,609,226	58,353	1,270,771	523,932	925,132	466,273	176,308	49,686	140,512	60,823	115,388	590,028	300,610	133,581	130,873	167,275	54,126
	%	100.0	23.8	0.9	18.8	7.7	13.7	6.9	2.6	0.7	2.1	0.9	1.7	8.7	4.4	2.0	1.9	2.5	0.8
2016	No.	6,962,973	1,563,142	56,945	1,297,576	591,710	974,467	501,897	175,754	59,445	158,159	51,192	103,576	602,318	317,987	138,767	126,838	196,875	46,324
	%	100.0	22.4	0.8	18.6	8.5	14.0	7.2	2.5	0.9	2.3	0.7	1.5	8.7	4.6	2.0	1.8	2.8	0.7
2017	No.	7,116,376	1,555,527	57,397	1,397,453	650,665	1,007,347	497,936	180,162	66,999	158,429	66,035	145,217	519,684	352,121	145,028	105,521	149,109	61,746
	%	100.0	21.9	0.8	19.6	9.1	14.2	7.0	2.5	0.9	2.2	0.9	2.0	7.3	4.9	2.0	1.5	2.1	0.9
2016Q1	No.	6,933,526	1,607,618	65,108	1,318,953	548,694	930,479	502,971	176,336	42,889	167,049	62,404	106,998	625,087	313,831	134,273	99,480	190,180	41,174
	%	100.0	23.2	0.9	19.0	7.9	13.4	7.3	2.5	0.6	2.4	0.9	1.5	9.0	4.5	1.9	1.4	2.7	0.6
2017Q1	No.	7,119,982	1,591,080	46,469	1,402,368	651,196	935,447	489,824	159,536	64,378	153,957	58,243	121,688	609,921	362,256	137,373	105,791	186,480	43,975
	%	100.0	22.3	0.7	19.7	9.1	13.1	6.9	2.2	0.9	2.2	0.8	1.7	8.6	5.1	1.9	1.5	2.6	0.6
2018Q1	No.	7,013,127	1,582,368	50,717	1,333,919	665,614	1,008,801	479,555	194,026	50,027	183,645	74,066	128,501	454,438	376,234	138,252	79,357	178,554	35,054
	%	100.0	22.6	0.7	19.0	9.5	14.4	6.8	2.8	0.7	2.6	1.1	1.8	6.5	5.4	2.0	1.1	2.5	0.5

Note: The tabulation groups based on ISIC (Rev.4) are indicated as A,B,C.....U. Due to the limitations on reliability (based on CV),some of these groups have been combined.

Industry Group

1 Agriculture, forestry and fishing (A)	Other
2 Mining & quarrying (B)	12 Real estate activities (L)
3 Manufacturing (C)	18 Arts, entertainment and recreation (R)
6 Construction, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (D, E,F)	21 Activities of extra territorial organizations & bodies (U)
7 Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles(G)	
8 Transportation and storage (H)	
9 Accommodation and food services activities (I)	
10 Information and communication (J)	
11 Financial and insurance activities (K)	
13 Professional, scientific and technical activities (M)	
14 Administrative and support service activities (N)	
15 Public administration and defence compulsory social security (O)	
16 Education (P)	
17 Human health and social work activities (Q)	
19 Other service activities (S)	
20 Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services - producing activities of households for own use (T)	
Other	