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Preface

Department of Census and Statistics has a long history of conducting the Labour Force Survey (LFS) in Sri Lanka. For instance, before 1990 this survey was conducted at every five yearly time intervals and from 1990 onward it was conducted as a regular survey to provide quarterly and annual labour force indicators. Labour Force Surveys provide various labour force indicators including employment and unemployment status of the country. Specially the survey provides necessary information to compile GDP and other important economic indicators of the country.

Various improvements were incorporated into the LFS during past period without breaking its core concepts and definitions which were used since 1990. In 2006, new modules were added to the LFS to cover information on computer literacy, household economic activities and informal sector employment. The structure of the LFS questionnaire which was used during 2006-2012 was revised in 2013 with new improvements for concepts and classifications used. It is important to note that in 2013 the definition of working age population was revised from age ten and above population to age fifteen and above population.

In 2016, published labour force estimates from 2011 to 2015 were revised according to the population estimates of the Census of Population and Housing which was conducted in 2012. This revision was done along with the international best practices.

Another major achievement for data collection for LFS was taken place in 2017 with the introduction of Computer Assisted Data Collection (CAPI) using tablet computers. Before 2017 enumerators used paper based method and used survey questionnaires to record the answers given by the respondents. A known probability sampling technique is used to select the sample and the annual labour force indicators are provided using 25,750 housing units covering the entire country. The enumerators who are permanent officers of the Department visit each randomly selected housing unit to collect this information with a great effort. The field work of the survey for the fourth quarter 2018 was done in October, November and December in year 2018. This report is based on a quarterly sample of 6,440 housing units.

I hope the information in this report is very valuable and useful to make evidence based decisions for various users to identify the issues as well as changes in the labour market of Sri Lanka.

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Selected Labour Force Indicators ...

Indicator	Year									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2016Q4	2017Q4	2018Q1	2018Q2	2018Q3	2018Q4
Labour force participation rate										
By Gender										
Total	53.2	53.8	53.8	54.1	54.0	54.1	52.0	51.1	51.8	52.2
Male	74.6	74.7	75.1	74.5	74.9	74.9	73.4	72.5	72.7	73.2
Female	34.6	35.9	35.9	36.6	36.0	36.4	33.5	32.5	34.0	34.3
By residential sector										
Total	53.2	53.8	53.8	54.1	54.0	54.1	52.0	51.1	51.8	52.2
Urban	48.7	48.6	49.8	50.5	51.1	52.1	49.7	48.7	48.3	52.0
Rural	54.1	54.8	54.6	54.8	54.6	54.5	52.4	51.6	52.6	52.3
Unemployment Rate										
By Gender										
Total	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.5	4.6	4.1	4.6
Male	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.7	3.0	2.9	3.1	2.8	3.2
Female	6.5	7.6	7.0	6.5	6.8	5.6	7.4	7.4	6.6	7.1
By selected age Group (Year)										
20 – 29	13.6	14.2	14.2	13.5	14.0	12.6	15.7	15.6	14.3	14.4
20 – 24	19.9	19.7	19.9	17.8	19.0	16.6	21.2	20.9	18.7	19.6
25 – 29	8.2	9.4	9.2	9.5	9.6	8.9	10.7	10.8	10.6	9.5
By selected educational level										
GCE A/L and above										
Total	8.2	9.2	8.3	8.1	7.6	7.9	9.5	8.9	9.5	8.7
Male	5.4	4.7	4.7	5.0	3.7	5.3	5.0	5.0	4.8	5.5
Female	11.1	13.5	11.9	11.3	11.6	10.4	14.1	12.7	14.2	11.9
Employed population										
By Gender										
Total	7,700,489	7,830,976	7,947,683	8,208,179	8,006,700	8,299,911	7,961,358	7,970,154	8,040,704	8,088,448
Male	5,075,426	5,097,798	5,149,948	5,279,158	5,225,199	5,328,290	5,292,148	5,336,164	5,272,527	5,300,402
Female	2,625,064	2,733,178	2,797,735	2,929,021	2,781,501	2,971,621	2,669,210	2,633,989	2,768,177	2,788,046
By industry (Percentage)										
Total	7,700,489	7,830,976	7,947,683	8,208,179	8,006,700	8,299,911	7,961,358	7,970,154	8,040,704	8,088,448
%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture	2,222,859	2,244,547	2,153,874	2,140,185	2,209,976	2,240,772	2,139,057	1,927,886	2,034,894	2,072,954
%	28.9	28.7	27.1	26.1	27.6	27.0	26.9	24.2	25.3	25.6
Industry	2,027,426	2,018,171	2,097,503	2,331,494	2,055,386	2,346,194	2,224,455	2,190,168	2,305,822	2,236,604
%	26.3	25.8	26.4	28.4	25.7	28.3	27.9	27.5	28.7	27.7
Services	3,450,205	3,568,259	3,696,306	3,736,500	3,741,339	3,712,945	3,597,846	3,852,099	3,699,988	3,778,889
%	44.8	45.6	46.5	45.5	46.7	44.7	45.2	48.3	46.0	46.7
By no. of hours worked per week (percentage)										
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0#	5.2	5.5	4.4	4.7	3.9	4.1	3.5	8.9	5.8	4.4
1 – 9	1.3	1.7	1.5	1.7	1.2	1.7	1.6	2.0	1.8	1.6
10 – 39	27.6	27.2	26.2	26.1	25.4	26.2	25.1	26.6	26.1	25.2
40 & above	65.9	65.7	67.9	67.5	69.4	67.9	69.8	62.5	66.3	68.9

has a job but not at work during the reference week

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

Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey
Summary Statistics on Labour Force Characteristics
2018, 4th Quarter
(All Island)

15 years & over population

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (15 years & over)	16,225,975	7,477,068	8,748,907	2,712,726	13,513,249
Labour force in this age group	8,477,854	5,475,647	3,002,207	1,409,412	7,068,441
Labour force participation rate	52.2	73.2	34.3	52.0	52.3
Employed population	8,088,448	5,300,402	2,788,046	1,337,912	6,750,536
Employment rate	95.4	96.8	92.9	94.9	95.5
Unemployed population	389,406	175,245	214,161	71,501	317,905
Unemployment rate	4.6	3.2	7.1	5.1	4.5
Not in labour force	7,748,121	2,001,421	5,746,701	1,303,313	6,444,808

18 years & over population

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (18 years & over)	15,200,457	6,947,956	8,252,501	2,539,572	12,660,885
Labour force in this age group	8,428,979	5,438,514	2,990,464	1,401,886	7,027,092
Labour force participation rate	55.5	78.3	36.2	55.2	55.5
Employed population	8,052,352	5,271,197	2,781,155	1,331,700	6,720,652
Employment rate	95.5	96.9	93.0	95.0	95.6
Unemployed population	376,626	167,318	209,309	70,186	306,440
Unemployment rate	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
Not in labour force	6,771,478	1,509,441	5,262,037	1,137,686	5,633,792

20 years & over population

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (20 years & over)	14,517,124	6,609,650	7,907,474	2,440,441	12,076,683
Labour force in this age group	8,284,549	5,332,891	2,951,658	1,379,360	6,905,189
Labour force participation rate	57.1	80.7	37.3	56.5	57.2
Employed population	7,955,458	5,198,848	2,756,611	1,314,990	6,640,468
Employment rate	96.0	97.5	93.4	95.3	96.2
Unemployed population	329,091	134,043	195,048	64,370	264,721
Unemployment rate	4.0	2.5	6.6	4.7	3.8
Not in labour force	6,232,575	1,276,759	4,955,816	1,061,081	5,171,494

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Introduction

Highlights

- **Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) is 52.2% for the Fourth Quarter of 2018.**
- **Unemployment rate for the survey period is 4.6%.**

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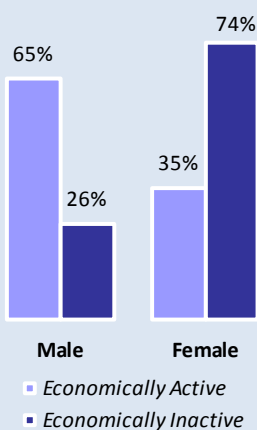


Figure 1 : Distribution of Economically active/Inactive population - Fourth Quarter -2018

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 bulletin contains labour force, employment and unemployment statistics for the fourth quarter 2018 based on the data collected in October, November and December in 2018 covering the whole country.

Labour Force

(Economically Active Population)

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

Sector	Economically active population					
	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Sri Lanka	8,477,854	100.0	5,475,647	64.6	3,002,207	35.4
Urban	1,409,412	100.0	932,965	66.2	476,448	33.8
Rural	6,710,949	100.0	4,344,937	64.7	2,366,011	35.3
Estate	357,493	100.0	197,745	55.3	159,748	44.7

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

Sector	Economically inactive population					
	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Sri Lanka	7,748,121	100.0	2,001,421	25.8	5,746,701	74.2
Urban	1,303,313	100.0	328,032	25.2	975,281	74.8
Rural	6,205,684	100.0	1,588,907	25.6	4,616,778	74.4
Estate	239,124	100.0	84,482	35.3	154,642	64.7

Table 3 : LFPR by gender and year - All Island

Year	Total	Male	Female
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 Q4	54.0	74.9	36.0
2017 Q4	54.1	74.9	36.4
2018 Q1	52.0	73.4	33.5
2018 Q2	51.1	72.5	32.5
2018 Q3	51.8	72.7	34.0
2018 Q4	52.2	73.2	34.3

Table 3 provides the information on LFPRs since year 2014 and lowest LFPR reported in 2018 Q2. Referring the Table 3, It is important to note that, male participation to the labour force is always higher than that of female.

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 45–49 years (96.7%), while that for female is reported from 40–45 age group (51.2%).

Labour Force

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

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 8.5 million in the fourth quarter 2018. Of which 64.6 percent are males and 35.4 percent are females. The economically inactive population is about 7.7 million. Out of the economically inactive population 25.8 percent are males and 74.2 percent are females (Table 2).

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

Age group (Years)	Total	Male	Female
Sri Lanka	52.2	73.2	34.3
15 - 19	11.3	16.5	6.0
20 - 24	54.8	71.4	39.9
25 - 29	68.9	93.0	47.2
30 - 34	65.5	95.4	41.6
35 - 39	63.8	95.9	39.5
40 - 44	71.0	94.2	51.2
45 - 49	70.2	96.7	48.0
50 - 54	69.2	94.7	46.7
55 - 59	61.3	86.3	38.4
60+	30.7	47.6	17.3

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.

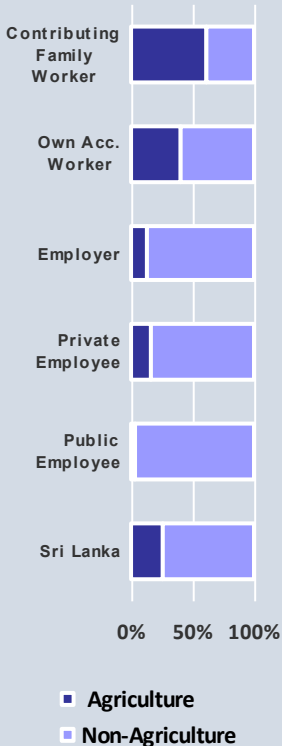


Figure 2 : Distribution of employed population by employment status and Agriculture/Non-Agriculture sector - Fourth Quarter 2018

Employment ...

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

Quarter	Sri Lanka	Major Industry Group		
		Agriculture	Industries	Services
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
2018 Q2 (No.)	7,970,154	1,927,886	2,190,168	3,852,099
(%)	100.0	24.2	27.5	48.3
2018 Q3 (No.)	8,040,704	2,034,894	2,305,822	3,699,988
(%)	100.0	25.3	28.7	46.0
2018 Q4 (No.)	8,088,448	2,072,954	2,236,604	3,778,889
(%)	100.0	25.6	27.7	46.7

Table 5 shows the percentage distribution of employed population by main industry from fourth quarter 2017 to fourth quarter 2018. During fourth quarter of 2018, the total number of employed persons in Sri Lanka is estimated as about 8.1 million. Of which, about 46.7 percent engaged in Service sector, 27.7 percent in Industries sector and 25.6 percent in Agriculture sector. Compared to 4th quarter 2017 in 4th quarter 2018 a decline in employment numbers can be observed in Agriculture and Industry sectors while the Service sector employment shows an inverse.

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

Employment Status	Sri Lanka		Sector			
	No.	%	Agriculture		Non-Agriculture	
			No.	%	No.	%
Sri Lanka	8,088,448	100.0	2,072,954	25.6	6,015,493	74.4
Employee	4,632,706	100.0	611,206	13.2	4,021,500	86.8
Public	1,173,015	100.0	39,634	3.4	1,133,380	96.6
Private	3,459,692	100.0	571,572	16.5	2,888,120	83.5
Employer	241,435	100.0	32,535	13.5	208,900	86.5
Own Account Worker	2,619,455	100.0	1,064,642	40.6	1,554,813	59.4
Contributing Family Worker	594,850	100.0	364,571	61.3	230,279	38.7

Table 7 : Percentage distribution of Employed population by main industry & gender – Fourth Quarter 2018

Major Industry Group	Sri Lanka	Gender	
		Male	Female
Sri Lanka	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture	25.6	23.8	29.1
Industry	27.7	28.6	25.8
Services	46.7	47.6	45.1

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

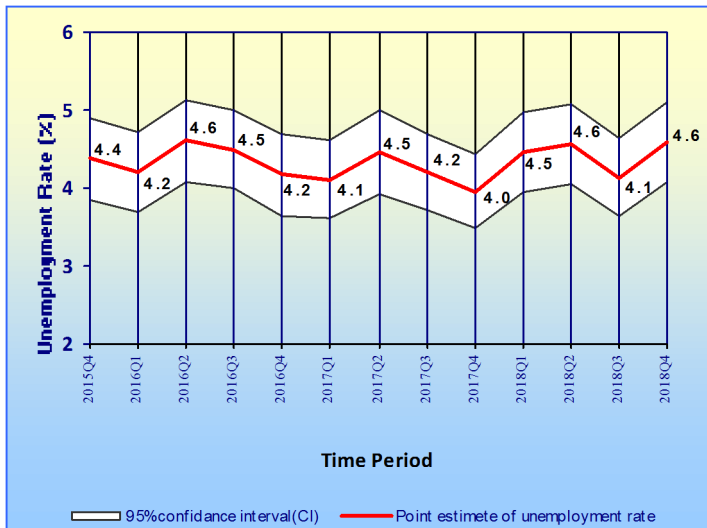
1. Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles (G)
2. Transportation and storage (H)
3. Accommodation and food services activities (I)
4. Information and communication (J)
5. Financial and insurance activities (K)
6. Professional, scientific and technical activities (M)
7. Administrative 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 29.1 percent is in agriculture sector while this share is 23.8 percent for males.

Unemployment ...

Figure 3 : Unemployment rates and it's 95% confidence intervals (2015Q4 - 2018Q4)



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 – Fourth Quarter 2018

Age group (Years)	Unemployment Rate (%)			
	Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka	Gender	
			Male	Female
Sri Lanka	389,406	4.6	3.2	7.1
15–24	212,268	21.9	18.1	28.7
25–29	77,747	9.5	4.1	19.1
Over 30	99,391	1.5	1.0	2.5

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

As can be seen from Table 8, overall unemployment rate reported for female is 7.1 percent and it is 3.2 percent for male. Youth unemployment rate (age 15 – 24 years) corresponding to the fourth quarter 2018 is 21.9 percent and that is the highest reported unemployment rate among all age groups. Further the unemployment rates for males and females are 18.1 and 28.7 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 – Fourth Quarter 2018

Level of Education	Unemployment Rate (%)			
	Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka	Gender	
			Male	Female
Sri Lanka	389,406	4.6	3.2	7.1
Below GCE O/L	125,061	2.5	2.3	3.0
GCE O/L	96,333	6.1	4.0	10.4
GCE A/L & above	168,013	8.7	5.5	11.9

The highest unemployment rate is reported from the G.C.E (A/L) and above group which is about 8.7 percent. Corresponding percentages are 5.5 percent and 11.9 percent for males and females respectively. Female unemployment rates are higher than those of males in all levels of education.

Survey results further show 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 number of unemployed persons is estimated as 346,998 during the third quarter 2018. The unemployment rate for the third quarter 2018 is 4.1 percent.

As shown in Figure 3, it is very important to note that, when changes in unemployment rate is explained the corresponding sampling errors¹ and the confidence limits need to be considered.

The Unemployment Rate

The proportion of unemployed population to the total labour force.

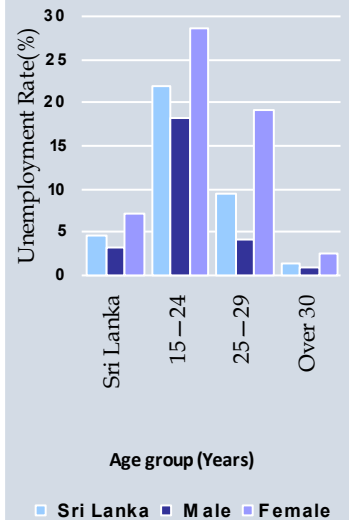


Figure 3: Unemployment rate by age group and gender – Fourth Quarter 2018

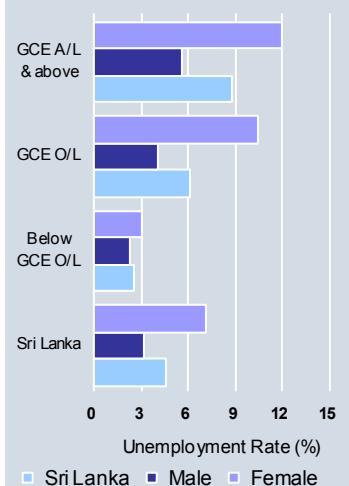


Figure 4: Unemployment rate by level of education and gender – Fourth Quarter 2018

**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
2016Q4 ²	15,468,203	8,354,841	54.0	8,006,700	95.8	348,141	4.2	7,113,362
2017Q4 ²	15,983,218	8,642,120	54.1	8,299,911	96.0	342,210	4.0	7,341,098
2018Q1 ²	16,033,845	8,333,493	52.0	7,961,358	95.5	372,135	4.5	7,700,352
2018Q2 ²	16,347,924	8,351,988	51.1	7,970,154	95.4	381,834	4.6	7,995,937
2018Q3 ²	16,177,183	8,387,701	51.8	8,040,704	95.9	346,998	4.1	7,789,482
2018Q4 ²	16,225,975	8,477,854	52.2	8,088,448	95.4	389,406	4.6	7,748,121

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
2016Q4 ²	7,168,508	5,369,143	74.9	5,225,199	97.3	143,943	2.7	1,799,365
2017Q4 ²	7,336,828	5,493,160	74.9	5,328,290	97.0	164,869	3.0	1,843,668
2018Q1 ²	7,423,101	5,449,958	73.4	5,292,148	97.1	157,810	2.9	1,973,143
2018Q2 ²	7,596,167	5,507,863	72.5	5,336,164	96.9	171,699	3.1	2,088,304
2018Q3 ²	7,456,943	5,423,477	72.7	5,272,527	97.2	150,950	2.8	2,033,466
2018Q4 ²	7,477,068	5,475,647	73.2	5,300,402	96.8	175,245	3.2	2,001,421

**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
2016Q4 ²	8,299,695	2,985,698	36.0	2,781,501	93.2	204,198	6.8	5,313,997
2017Q4 ²	8,646,391	3,148,961	36.4	2,971,621	94.4	177,340	5.6	5,497,430
2018Q1 ²	8,610,744	2,883,535	33.5	2,669,210	92.6	214,325	7.4	5,727,209
2018Q2 ²	8,751,757	2,844,125	32.5	2,633,989	92.6	210,136	7.4	5,907,632
2018Q3 ²	8,720,240	2,964,224	34.0	2,768,177	93.4	196,047	6.6	5,756,016
2018Q4 ²	8,748,907	3,002,207	34.3	2,788,046	92.9	214,161	7.1	5,746,701

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	16,225,975	8,477,854	52.2	8,088,448	95.4	389,406	4.6	7,748,121
15 - 19 YRS	1,708,851	193,305	11.3	132,989	68.8	60,315	31.2	1,515,546
20 - 24 YRS	1,414,124	774,588	54.8	622,635	80.4	151,953	19.6	639,536
25 - 29 YRS	1,182,774	815,513	68.9	737,766	90.5	77,747	9.5	367,261
30 - 39 YRS	2,867,341	1,851,186	64.6	1,802,135	97.4	49,051	2.6	1,016,155
40 + YRS	9,052,886	4,843,262	53.5	4,792,922	99.0	50,340	1.0	4,209,623

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	7,477,068	5,475,647	73.2	5,300,402	96.8	175,245	3.2	2,001,421
15 - 19 YRS	867,418	142,756	16.5	101,554	71.1	41,202	28.9	724,662
20 - 24 YRS	668,008	477,235	71.4	406,039	85.1	71,196	14.9	190,773
25 - 29 YRS	561,718	522,487	93.0	500,826	95.9	21,661	4.1	39,231
30 - 39 YRS	1,251,949	1,197,815	95.7	1,183,791	98.8	14,025	1.2	54,133
40 + YRS	4,127,975	3,135,353	76.0	3,108,192	99.1	27,161	0.9	992,621

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	8,748,907	3,002,207	34.3	2,788,046	92.9	214,161	7.1	5,746,701
15 - 19 YRS	841,433	50,549	6.0	31,435	62.2	19,113	37.8	790,884
20 - 24 YRS	746,116	297,352	39.9	216,596	72.8	80,756	27.2	448,763
25 - 29 YRS	621,056	293,026	47.2	236,940	80.9	56,086	19.1	328,030
30 - 39 YRS	1,615,392	653,371	40.4	618,344	94.6	35,027	5.4	962,021
40 + YRS	4,924,911	1,707,909	34.7	1,684,730	98.6	23,179	1.4	3,217,002

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

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

Year	All Ages	Age Groups				
		15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
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
2016Q4 ¹	100.0	1.6	7.4	9.4	24.4	57.1
2017Q4 ¹	100.0	1.9	8.1	9.7	22.1	58.2
2018Q1 ¹	100.0	1.9	6.8	8.6	22.9	59.8
2018Q2 ¹	100.0	1.7	7.1	9.0	22.2	60.0
2018Q3 ¹	100.0	2.0	7.1	9.4	23.1	58.4
2018Q4 ¹	100.0	1.6	7.7	9.1	22.3	59.3

**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
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
2016Q4 ¹	100.0	1.8	7.3	9.7	24.1	57.1
2017Q4 ¹	100.0	2.3	7.8	9.7	22.6	57.5
2018Q1 ¹	100.0	2.2	6.9	8.9	22.5	59.4
2018Q2 ¹	100.0	1.8	7.6	9.3	22.6	58.6
2018Q3 ¹	100.0	2.2	7.2	9.8	22.7	58.0
2018Q4 ¹	100.0	1.9	7.7	9.4	22.3	58.6

**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
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
2016Q4 ¹	100.0	1.4	7.4	9.0	25.0	57.2
2017Q4 ¹	100.0	1.1	8.6	9.7	21.3	59.3
2018Q1 ¹	100.0	1.4	6.6	7.8	23.6	60.6
2018Q2 ¹	100.0	1.6	6.2	8.2	21.2	62.7
2018Q3 ¹	100.0	1.7	7.0	8.5	23.7	59.1
2018Q4 ¹	100.0	1.1	7.8	8.5	22.2	60.4

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
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
2016Q4 ¹	100.0	15.7	48.0	16.4	19.9
2017Q4 ¹	100.0	16.1	44.5	18.6	20.8
2018Q1 ¹	100.0	15.9	46.1	17.2	20.8
2018Q2 ¹	100.0	14.5	45.3	18.3	22.0
2018Q3 ¹	100.0	14.6	46.8	18.3	20.3
2018Q4 ¹	100.0	14.6	45.3	18.4	21.7

**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
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
2016Q4 ¹	100.0	15.7	51.3	16.8	16.2
2017Q4 ¹	100.0	15.9	48.3	19.0	16.8
2018Q1 ¹	100.0	15.9	49.3	18.3	16.5
2018Q2 ¹	100.0	14.5	49.2	19.5	16.8
2018Q3 ¹	100.0	14.5	50.9	18.2	16.4
2018Q4 ¹	100.0	14.0	49.5	19.4	17.2

**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
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
2016Q4 ¹	100.0	15.8	41.8	15.5	26.9
2017Q4 ¹	100.0	16.4	37.7	17.9	28.0
2018Q1 ¹	100.0	15.8	39.9	15.1	29.2
2018Q2 ¹	100.0	14.5	37.3	15.8	32.4
2018Q3 ¹	100.0	14.7	39.0	18.6	27.7
2018Q4 ¹	100.0	15.9	37.3	16.5	30.3

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
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
2016Q4 ¹	100.0	57.6	14.0	43.6	2.8	31.8	7.8
2017Q4 ¹	100.0	57.7	14.3	43.3	2.8	32.1	7.5
2018Q1 ¹	100.0	58.0	14.3	43.8	2.7	31.8	7.5
2018Q2 ¹	100.0	59.3	15.8	43.5	2.6	32.1	5.9
2018Q3 ¹	100.0	56.6	13.2	43.3	2.8	32.8	7.9
2018Q4 ¹	100.0	57.3	14.5	42.8	3.0	32.4	7.4

**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
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
2016Q4 ¹	100.0	59.2	11.7	47.4	3.6	34.5	2.8
2017Q4 ¹	100.0	58.6	12.4	46.2	3.7	35.2	2.5
2018Q1 ¹	100.0	58.6	12.4	46.2	3.5	35.3	2.5
2018Q2 ¹	100.0	58.4	12.7	45.7	3.3	35.9	2.4
2018Q3 ¹	100.0	56.8	11.0	45.8	3.9	36.6	2.7
2018Q4 ¹	100.0	57.4	11.8	45.6	3.9	36.3	2.3

**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
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
2016Q4 ¹	100.0	54.7	18.2	36.4	1.3	26.7	17.3
2017Q4 ¹	100.0	56.0	17.9	38.1	1.1	26.5	16.4
2018Q1 ¹	100.0	56.9	18.0	38.8	1.0	24.8	17.4
2018Q2 ¹	100.0	61.4	22.1	39.3	1.1	24.5	13.1
2018Q3 ¹	100.0	56.2	17.5	38.6	0.7	25.3	17.8
2018Q4 ¹	100.0	57.0	19.7	37.3	1.2	24.9	16.9

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

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
2016Q4	8,006,700	2,209,976	42,519	1,368,664	644,203	1,119,341	526,603	213,973	53,278	144,872	53,802	122,126	614,689	352,767	143,197	152,251	196,668	47,770
2017Q4	8,299,911	2,240,772	78,503	1,616,416	651,275	1,142,307	506,328	196,956	74,056	162,370	95,321	210,595	376,621	415,752	161,265	120,950	150,563	99,862
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
2018Q2	7,970,154	1,927,886	78,362	1,363,322	748,483	1,131,059	528,243	233,442	65,283	192,071	83,427	181,270	444,141	466,257	150,934	139,549	186,656	49,767
2018Q3	8,040,704	2,034,894	62,508	1,528,501	714,813	1,144,752	488,205	253,075	60,100	162,092	87,576	168,661	382,597	407,652	149,981	125,746	195,760	73,793
2018Q4	8,088,448	2,072,954	52,707	1,491,895	692,001	1,152,256	499,036	250,043	43,198	153,373	97,249	184,395	454,058	434,235	129,452	114,856	205,445	61,293

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
2016Q4	5,225,199	1,327,821	42,519	732,508	614,401	789,959	508,407	139,594	41,658	81,652	31,423	92,490	401,404	101,101	55,285	110,416	114,836	39,724
2017Q4	5,328,290	1,356,956	78,503	840,362	614,512	810,199	487,702	113,891	56,000	85,554	61,409	148,451	251,737	132,512	50,157	87,754	78,519	74,073
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
2018Q2	5,336,164	1,223,934	77,152	753,634	714,756	844,716	501,039	156,945	44,532	95,571	55,763	133,747	286,345	143,413	50,240	98,434	113,432	42,510
2018Q3	5,272,527	1,258,479	58,184	790,992	698,948	825,137	472,958	153,461	37,311	83,543	60,374	128,016	255,251	115,972	60,103	94,746	121,128	57,924
2018Q4	5,300,402	1,260,816	51,848	802,717	662,312	859,021	484,860	152,178	30,905	84,915	52,995	122,344	298,033	137,188	45,644	80,238	125,030	49,357

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
2016Q4	2,781,501	882,155	-	636,156	29,802	329,382	18,196	74,379	11,620	63,219	22,379	29,636	213,285	251,666	87,913	41,835	81,832	8,047
2017Q4	2,971,621	883,816	-	776,054	36,763	332,108	18,626	83,064	18,056	76,815	33,912	62,144	124,883	283,240	111,109	33,196	72,044	25,789
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
2018Q2	2,633,989	703,952	1,211	609,688	33,727	286,342	27,204	76,497	20,750	96,501	27,664	47,523	157,796	322,843	100,694	41,114	73,224	7,258
2018Q3	2,768,177	776,415	4,324	737,509	15,865	319,614	15,247	99,614	22,789	78,549	27,202	40,645	127,346	291,680	89,878	30,999	74,632	15,869
2018Q4	2,788,046	812,138	859	689,178	29,689	293,235	14,175	97,865	12,293	68,459	44,254	62,051	156,025	297,047	83,808	34,618	80,415	11,936

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							
	2016	2017	2016Q4	2017Q4	2018Q1	2018Q2	2018Q3	2018Q4
Total	7,947,683	8,208,179	8,006,700	8,299,911	7,961,358	7,970,154	8,040,704	8,088,448
Agriculture	2,153,874	2,140,185	2,209,976	2,240,772	2,139,057	1,927,886	2,034,894	2,072,954
Industry	2,097,503	2,331,494	2,055,386	2,346,194	2,224,455	2,190,168	2,305,822	2,236,604
Services	3,696,306	3,736,500	3,741,339	3,712,945	3,597,846	3,852,099	3,699,988	3,778,889

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

Major Industry Group	Year							
	2016	2017	2016Q4	2017Q4	2018Q1	2018Q2	2018Q3	2018Q4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture	27.1	26.1	27.6	27.0	26.9	24.2	25.3	25.6
Industry	26.4	28.4	25.7	28.3	27.9	27.5	28.7	27.7
Services	46.5	45.5	46.7	44.7	45.2	48.3	46.0	46.7

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

Agriculture

1. Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A)

Industries

1. Mining & Quarrying
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
2016Q4	8,006,700	491,693	505,036	513,968	314,152	914,961	1,495,661	1,258,343	684,834	1,782,675	45,377
2017Q4	8,299,911	592,692	626,537	619,001	299,691	702,017	1,500,639	1,399,751	764,211	1,756,992	38,377
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
2018Q2	7,970,154	615,954	588,872	685,766	308,794	741,034	1,225,877	1,236,438	719,465	1,810,012	37,942
2018Q3	8,040,704	602,787	550,849	678,919	274,926	665,657	1,315,943	1,307,874	688,591	1,911,190	43,967
2018Q4	8,088,448	653,589	584,826	674,642	293,700	701,628	1,328,890	1,305,648	706,019	1,804,709	34,795

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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
2016Q4	5,225,199	341,500	177,633	338,685	159,190	634,012	957,577	839,572	600,428	1,138,783	37,819
2017Q4	5,328,290	433,996	245,746	391,859	142,072	480,604	946,731	913,727	648,856	1,092,716	31,985
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
2018Q2	5,336,164	466,661	186,189	439,891	158,129	523,747	849,497	882,809	631,134	1,168,666	29,441
2018Q3	5,272,527	440,502	199,744	460,820	142,677	489,145	876,410	839,768	599,874	1,189,451	34,137
2018Q4	5,300,402	488,913	204,723	467,023	133,108	499,352	884,248	915,560	586,309	1,091,316	29,849

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
2016Q4	2,781,501	150,192	327,402	175,284	154,962	280,949	538,084	418,771	84,406	643,892	7,558
2017Q4	2,971,621	158,697	380,791	227,143	157,619	221,414	553,909	486,024	115,356	664,277	6,392
2018Q1	2,669,210	167,131	318,501	210,110	134,980	192,785	445,169	413,051	98,597	687,810	1,075
2018Q2	2,633,989	149,293	402,682	245,875	150,665	217,287	376,380	353,629	88,330	641,347	8,501
2018Q3	2,768,177	162,285	351,106	218,099	132,250	176,512	439,533	468,106	88,717	721,739	9,830
2018Q4	2,788,046	164,676	380,104	207,619	160,592	202,276	444,643	390,088	119,710	713,393	4,945

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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	4.4	1.6	4.1	7.3	13.7	36.3	32.6
1	100.0	4.1	3.2	9.0	13.7	20.5	29.6	19.9
2	100.0	10.4	3.0	..	3.9	6.3	27.4	49.0
3	100.0	4.2	0.7	3.1	6.4	9.6	44.1	31.9
6	100.0	7.7	1.2	3.2	6.6	12.0	42.8	26.6
7	100.0	1.6	1.1	1.7	4.6	8.7	30.1	52.2
8	100.0	4.4	0.7	2.2	4.9	5.9	26.2	55.8
9	100.0	4.2	0.3	3.2	4.1	7.2	28.1	52.9
10	100.0	..	..	..	..	2.7	50.9	46.4
11	100.0	1.7	1.4	..	..	1.6	65.3	30.0
13	100.0	1.3	4.1	2.1	2.9	11.8	54.6	23.3
14	100.0	3.1	1.3	3.9	5.3	4.9	43.6	38.0
15	100.0	2.2	0.3	0.8	0.5	6.4	55.8	34.0
16	100.0	12.5	2.4	3.0	7.5	41.3	24.8	8.5
17	100.0	1.6	0.6	..	3.3	7.5	51.0	35.9
19	100.0	5.0	1.3	3.7	6.9	12.5	40.0	30.7
20	100.0	5.7	1.0	4.0	8.5	18.9	26.4	35.5
Other	100.0	5.4	..	7.8	5.4	12.5	34.5	34.4

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

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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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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 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
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
2016Q4 ¹	100.0	15.4	39.6	23.0	12.3	9.6
2017Q4 ¹	100.0	11.8	39.2	23.0	11.9	14.1
2018Q1 ¹	100.0	13.0	39.1	22.0	16.9	9.0
2018Q2 ¹	100.0	14.3	39.3	22.7	15.7	8.0
2018Q3 ¹	100.0	13.6	38.0	25.9	14.9	7.7
2018Q4 ¹	100.0	15.5	39.0	20.0	12.6	12.9

**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
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
2016Q4 ¹	100.0	19.3	42.6	20.5	9.4	8.2
2017Q4 ¹	100.0	14.8	41.4	21.3	9.0	13.6
2018Q1 ¹	100.0	19.2	36.9	22.4	10.1	11.4
2018Q2 ¹	100.0	18.7	43.5	15.8	14.2	7.8
2018Q3 ¹	100.0	20.4	42.2	20.1	10.5	6.8
2018Q4 ¹	100.0	23.5	40.6	12.4	8.0	15.5

**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
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
2016Q4 ¹	100.0	12.8	37.6	24.8	14.3	10.5
2017Q4 ¹	100.0	8.9	37.2	24.6	14.7	14.6
2018Q1 ¹	100.0	8.4	40.7	21.7	21.9	7.3
2018Q2 ¹	100.0	10.8	35.9	28.3	16.9	8.2
2018Q3 ¹	100.0	8.3	34.7	30.3	18.3	8.4
2018Q4 ¹	100.0	8.9	37.7	26.2	16.4	10.8

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

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
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
2016Q4 ¹	100.0	2.0	36.9	23.5	37.6
2017Q4 ¹	100.0	3.6	25.6	27.7	43.1
2018Q1 ¹	100.0	2.4	30.4	20.5	46.8
2018Q2 ¹	100.0	1.8	34.2	19.3	44.7
2018Q3 ¹	100.0	2.6	27.1	21.2	49.1
2018Q4 ¹	100.0	2.0	30.1	24.7	43.1

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
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
2016Q4 ¹	100.0	2.1	50.7	24.5	22.7
2017Q4 ¹	100.0	2.3	31.2	35.9	30.5
2018Q1 ¹	100.0	2.7	43.5	24.8	29.0
2018Q2 ¹	100.0	2.8	46.0	23.9	27.3
2018Q3 ¹	100.0	3.3	41.1	26.9	28.6
2018Q4 ¹	100.0	3.3	41.7	24.5	30.5

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
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
2016Q4 ¹	100.0	1.9	27.2	22.8	48.2
2017Q4 ¹	100.0	4.9	20.4	20.0	54.7
2018Q1 ¹	100.0	2.1	20.7	17.3	59.9
2018Q2 ¹	100.0	1.0	24.6	15.5	58.9
2018Q3 ¹	100.0	2.0	16.3	16.8	64.9
2018Q4 ¹	100.0	1.0	20.6	24.9	53.5

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

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	389,406	157,451	94,562	137,393
%	100.0	40.4	24.3	35.3
Male	175,245	89,059	40,603	45,583
%	100.0	50.8	23.2	26.0
Female	214,161	68,391	53,959	91,810
%	100.0	31.9	25.2	42.9

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)	16,225,975	137,110	0.8			
Employed Population	8,088,448	96,666	1.2			
Unemployed Population	389,406	22,837	5.9			
Employment Rate				95.4	0.26	0.27
Unemployment Rate				4.6	0.26	5.65
Labour Force	8,477,854	100,533	1.2			
Not in Labour Force	7,748,121	110,339	1.4			
Employed persons by major industry Groups						
1	2,072,954	85,469	4.1			
2	52,707	9,994	19.0			
3	1,491,895	54,729	3.7			
6	692,001	31,390	4.5			
7	1,152,256	43,478	3.8			
8	499,036	25,499	5.1			
9	250,043	21,984	8.8			
10	43,198	7,787	18.0			
11	153,373	14,186	9.2			
13	97,249	12,830	13.2			
14	184,395	15,807	8.6			
15	454,058	29,348	6.5			
16	434,235	26,378	6.1			
17	129,452	14,002	10.8			
19	114,856	12,360	10.8			
20	205,445	21,564	10.5			
Other	61,293	9,397	15.3			
Unemployed persons by level of education						
Below grade 6	7,875	3,101	39.4			
Grade 6 - 10	117,186	10,755	9.2			
G.C.E.(O/L)/N.C.G.E.	96,333	9,958	10.3			
G.C.E.(A/L)/H.N.C.E. & above	168,013	12,153	7.2			
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)						
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						
Real estate activities (L)						
Arts, entertainment and recreation (R)						
Activities of extra territorial organizations & bodies (U)						

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)

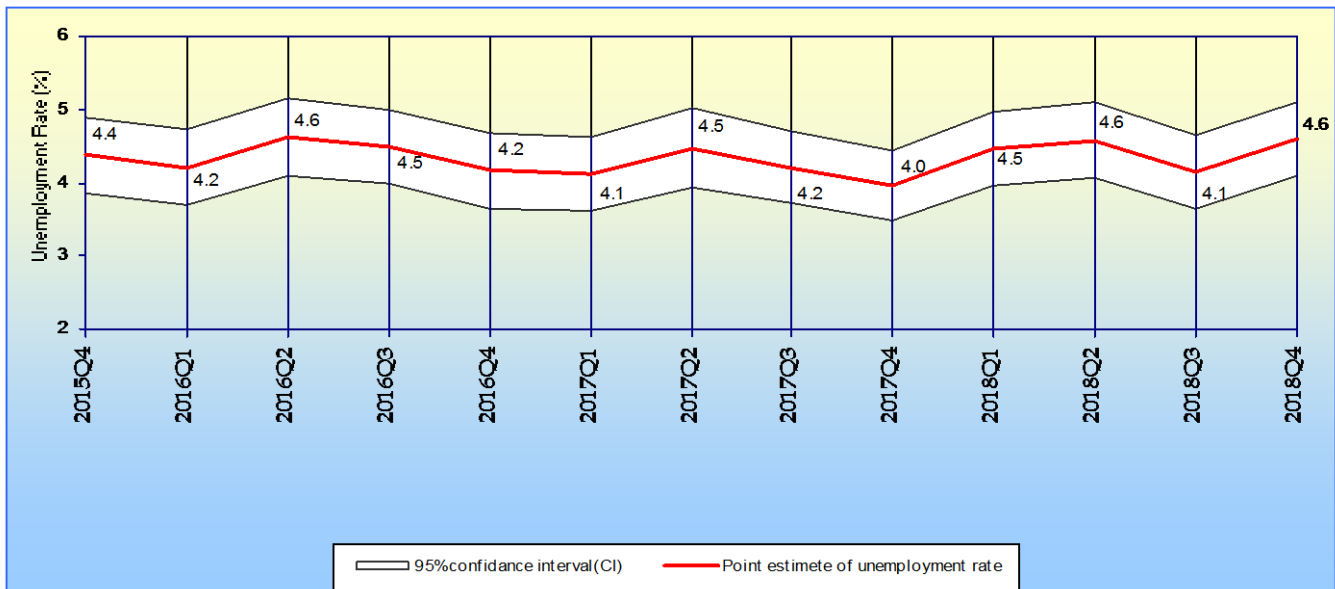
$$4.5 \pm (0.275) * (1.96)$$

$$(4.5 \pm 0.539)$$

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 (2015Q4 - 2018Q4)



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
2016Q4 ¹	8,354,841	94,227	1.13	8,169,776	8,539,906	8,006,700	91,735	1.15	7,826,528	8,186,872
2017Q4 ¹	8,642,120	97,500	1.10	8,450,627	8,833,614	8,299,911	95,752	1.20	8,111,849	8,487,972
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
2018Q2 ¹	8,351,988	97,802	1.17	8,159,901	8,544,075	7,970,154	94,554	1.19	7,784,446	8,155,861
2018Q3 ¹	8,387,701	112,385	1.34	8,166,975	8,608,428	8,040,704	110,003	1.37	7,824,654	8,256,753
2018Q4 ¹	8,477,854	100,533	1.19	8,280,404	8,675,303	8,088,448	96,666	1.20	7,898,594	8,278,301

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
2016Q4 ¹	348,141	22,565	6.48	303,823	392,460	4.2	0.3	6.32	3.6	4.7
2017Q4 ¹	342,210	21,625	6.30	299,737	384,682	4.0	0.3	6.20	3.5	4.4
2018Q1 ¹	372,135	22,660	6.09	327,630	416,639	4.5	0.3	5.86	4.0	5.0
2018Q2 ¹	381,834	22,717	5.95	337,218	426,451	4.6	0.3	5.76	4.1	5.1
2018Q3 ¹	346,998	21,787	6.28	304,208	389,788	4.1	0.3	6.15	3.6	4.6
2018Q4 ¹	389,406	22,837	5.86	344,554	434,259	4.6	0.3	5.65	4.1	5.1

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)	
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
2016Q4 ¹	15,468,203	7,418,086	48.0	7,069,945	95.3	348,141	4.7	8,050,117
2017Q4 ¹	15,983,218	7,572,382	47.4	7,230,172	95.5	342,210	4.5	8,410,837
2018Q1 ¹	16,033,845	7,385,261	46.1	7,013,127	95.0	372,135	5.0	8,648,584
2018Q2 ¹	16,347,924	7,425,868	45.4	7,044,034	94.9	381,834	5.1	8,922,056
2018Q3 ¹	16,177,183	7,387,293	45.7	7,040,295	95.3	346,998	4.7	8,789,891
2018Q4 ¹	16,225,975	7,517,574	46.3	7,128,168	94.8	389,406	5.2	8,708,401

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
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
2016Q4 ¹	348,141	4.7	53,775	33.9	138,009	21.7	80,164	10.4	42,870	2.4	33,322	0.8
2017Q4 ¹	342,210	4.5	40,213	23.5	134,185	18.4	78,705	9.6	40,828	2.4	48,279	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
2018Q2 ¹	381,834	5.1	54,754	32.8	150,112	22.6	86,641	11.8	59,764	3.6	30,564	0.7
2018Q3 ¹	346,998	4.7	47,151	26.0	131,734	20.6	89,740	11.7	51,622	3.0	26,750	0.7
2018Q4 ¹	389,406	5.2	60,315	35.8	151,953	21.7	77,747	10.4	49,051	2.9	50,340	1.2

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
2016Q4	No.	7,069,945	1,645,815	41,320	1,259,661	620,209	1,007,440	508,936	182,990	52,579	144,872	53,111	116,976	609,593	317,623	137,935	141,693	185,427	43,765
	%	100.0	23.3	0.6	17.8	8.8	14.2	7.2	2.6	0.7	2.0	0.8	1.7	8.6	4.5	2.0	2.0	2.6	0.6
2017Q4	No.	7,230,172	1,614,116	72,997	1,468,924	622,470	1,004,075	488,914	171,354	74,056	160,902	89,866	204,505	370,838	385,846	159,527	110,108	137,405	94,270
	%	100.0	22.3	1.0	20.3	8.6	13.9	6.8	2.4	1.0	2.2	1.2	2.8	5.1	5.3	2.2	1.5	1.9	1.3
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
2018Q2	No.	7,044,034	1,464,385	74,001	1,236,628	707,372	993,893	507,478	203,972	65,283	191,508	76,228	170,906	441,134	433,706	148,683	112,902	166,925	49,031
	%	100.0	20.8	1.1	17.6	10.0	14.1	7.2	2.9	0.9	2.7	1.1	2.4	6.3	6.2	2.1	1.6	2.4	0.7
2018Q3	No.	7,040,295	1,481,066	59,145	1,396,753	675,117	1,013,938	482,587	211,172	57,493	160,740	84,766	159,316	380,238	375,113	145,797	105,117	181,237	70,699
	%	100.0	21.0	0.8	19.8	9.6	14.4	6.9	3.0	0.8	2.3	1.2	2.3	5.4	5.3	2.1	1.5	2.6	1.0
2018Q4	No.	7,128,168	1,527,529	51,108	1,380,310	658,414	1,025,605	479,193	212,340	43,198	151,225	90,038	173,631	448,695	407,262	128,381	109,186	186,537	55,515
	%	100.0	21.4	0.7	19.4	9.2	14.4	6.7	3.0	0.6	2.1	1.3	2.4	6.3	5.7	1.8	1.5	2.6	0.8

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)

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)