



REPORT OF THE

**SRI LANKA LABOUR FORCE
SURVEY**

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Preface

Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey was designed to measure the levels and trends of employment, unemployment and Labour force in Sri Lanka. This Survey is being conducted quarterly, since the first quarter of 1990.

In order to fulfill the user's requirements, and also to provide additional information for the national planning purposes, Department of Census and Statistics observed the necessity of having such information especially on Household economic activities, Informal sector employment, Informal employment and Underemployment etc. Therefore, after carefully reviewing of Labour Force Survey schedule with the assistance of ESCAP Advisor, some improvements were made to the Labour Force survey schedule to collect the information which are mentioned above.

This revised version of the survey schedule was introduced to the field in first quarter 2006, and same was used in the fourth quarter 2006 as well.

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The field work of the survey for the fourth quarter 2006 was done in October, November and December 2006. However, in 2006, even though it was planned to conduct the labour force survey in Northern and Eastern provinces, the survey was not started in January as scheduled. But, we were able to start the survey work there in February. However, due to the uncertainty situation prevailing in some districts in Northern and Eastern provinces, we were able to complete the part of the survey work only. Further, as completed number of questionnaire is not sufficient to provide reliable estimates, the national level estimates based on the data collected in the fourth quarter does not cover the Northern & Eastern provinces. Data presented in this report for previous years is based on the domain which exclude Northern and Eastern provinces. Further, some selected labour force key indicators are provided for the same domain which excludes Northern and Eastern provinces.

A nationally representative annual sample of about 22,000 housing units have been selected for the survey in 2006. However as mentioned above, this report is based on a quarterly sample of 3,500 housing units, excluding Northern & Eastern provinces providing national level estimates with a stipulated standard errors of labour force characteristics as reported in the reference period of the fourth quarter 2006.

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Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey
Summary Statistics on Labour Force Characteristics
4th quarter - 2006

10 years & over population

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (10 years & over)	14966969	7202649	7764320	1857960	13109009
Labour force in this age group	7629121	4828029	2801092	826916	6802206
Labour force participation rate	51.0	67.0	36.1	44.5	51.9
Employed population	7149922	4622779	2527143	780267	6369655
Employment rate	93.7	95.7	90.2	94.4	93.6
Unemployed population	479199	205250	273949	46648	432551
Unemployment rate	6.3	4.3	9.8	5.6	6.4
Not in labour force	7337848	2374620	4963228	1031044	6306803

15 years & over population

Population (15 years & over)	13369553	6344299	7025254	1665954	11703599
Labour force in this age group	7606504	4812554	2793950	826916	6779589
Labour force participation rate	56.9	75.9	39.8	49.6	57.9
Employed population	7128483	4608482	2520001	780267	6348216
Employment rate	93.7	95.8	90.2	94.4	93.6
Unemployed population	478021	204072	273949	46648	431373
Unemployment rate	6.3	4.2	9.8	5.6	6.4
Not in labour force	5763049	1531745	4231304	839038	4924011

20 years & over population

Population (20 years & over)	11761436	5530931	6230505	1462067	10299370
Labour force in this age group	7227500	4582913	2644587	782392	6445108
Labour force participation rate	61.5	82.9	42.4	53.5	62.6
Employed population	6826394	4412936	2413458	744369	6082026
Employment rate	94.5	96.3	91.3	95.1	94.4
Unemployed population	401106	169977	231129	38023	363083
Unemployment rate	5.5	3.7	8.7	4.9	5.6
Not in labour force	4533936	948018	3585918	679675	3854261

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
2003 *	7653717	83576	1.09	7489909	7817525	7012756	77834	1.11	6860202	7165310
2004 **	8061354	79707	0.99	7905128	8217579	7394029	74648	1.01	7247719	7540340
2005***	8141347	233233	2.86	7684210	8598485	7518007	219889	2.92	7087025	7948988
2006Q1#	7627761	123921	1.62	7384875	7870647	7081435	120077	1.70	6846083	7316787
2006Q2#	7549361	126701	1.68	7301027	7797695	7073844	124599	1.76	6829630	7318058
2006Q3#	7601845	135568	1.783	7335416	7868274	7111982	133257	1.87	6850094	7373870
2006Q4#	7629121	136623	1.791	7360604	7897638	7149922	131305	1.84	6891857	7407987

Year	Unemployed					Unemployment Rate				
	No.	Standard error	C.V (%)	95% C.I.		Rate	Standard error	C.V (%)	95% C.I.	
				Lower	Upper				Lower	Upper
2003 *	640961	20755	3.24	600281	681641	0.084	0.002	2.99	0.079	0.089
2004 **	667324	18385	2.76	631290	703358	0.083	0.002	2.55	0.079	0.087
2005***	623341	39397	6.32	546123	700558	0.077	0.004	5.76	0.068	0.085
2006Q1#	546326	41468	7.59	465048	627604	0.072	0.005	7.34	0.061	0.082
2006Q2#	475516	32746	6.89	411334	539699	0.063	0.004	6.77	0.055	0.071
2006Q3#	489863	30071	6.14	430765	548962	0.064	0.004	6.25	0.057	0.072
2006Q4#	479199	29698	6.20	420831	537568	0.063	0.004	5.94	0.055	0.070

* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

** - Excluding Mulathivu and Kilinochchi districts.

***- All the districts are included

- Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

Selected Labour Force indicators (Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces)
(1996 - 2006 Fourth quarter)

	Year											
	1996	1998	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006 Q1	2006 Q2	2006 Q3	2006 Q4
Labour force participation rate												
<i>by sex</i>												
Both sexes	48.6	51.7	50.3	48.8	50.3	49.7	49.6	49.3	51.7	51.1	50.7	51.0
Male	65.9	67.5	67.2	66.2	67.9	67.5	67.2	67.3	69.3	68.4	68.0	67.0
Female	31.6	36.4	33.9	31.9	33.6	32.6	33.0	32.6	35.5	35.4	35.0	36.1
<i>by residential sector</i>												
Total	48.6	51.7	50.3	48.8	50.3	49.7	49.6	49.3	51.7	51.1	50.7	51.0
Urban	44.4	45.2	44.9	44.2	46.0	45.1	45.6	46.2	46.3	45.1	45.1	44.5
Rural	49.5	52.7	51.2	49.6	50.9	50.3	50.3	49.7	52.5	52.0	51.5	51.9
Unemployment rate												
<i>by sex</i>												
Both sexes	11.3	9.2	7.6	7.9	8.8	8.1	8.1	7.2	7.2	6.3	6.4	6.3
Male	8.2	6.5	5.8	6.2	6.6	6.0	6.0	5.3	5.5	4.9	4.6	4.3
Female	17.7	14.0	11.1	11.5	12.9	12.3	12.1	10.7	10.1	8.7	9.8	9.8
<i>by selected age groups(yr)</i>												
20 - 29	22.0	19.3	17.4	18.4	20.1	19.1	18.6	16.0	16.8	15.3	16.4	15.9
20 - 24	29.1	25.4	23.0	24.4	27.0	25.8	25.2	22.4	22.4	20.6	21.5	19.9
25 - 29	14.4	12.4	10.9	11.3	11.6	11.4	11.1	9.4	11.3	10.1	11.9	11.9
<i>by selected educational levels</i>												
G.C.E.(A/L) & above												
Both sexes	19.0	17.5	14.9	15.3	16.8	16.0	15.7	12.2	12.1	10.6	11.3	12
Male	10.1	9.4	8.8	10.1	10.8	10.1	9.6	7.9	6.8	6.8	6.5	7.7
Female	28.3	25.8	21.5	21.5	23.0	22.4	22.5	17.1	18.6	14.7	16.5	16.5
Employed population												
<i>by sex</i>												
Both sexes	5536216	6049388	6310247	6235588	6519415	6609466	6704006	6788119	7081435	7073844	7111982	7149922
Male	3856411	4004621	4241546	4248877	4395164	4496136	4512082	4546397	4634156	4572623	4628710	4622779
Female	1679805	2044767	2068701	1986711	2124250	2113330	2191924	2241722	2447279	2501221	2483272	2527143
<i>by industry (percentage)</i>												
Total	5536216	6049388	6310247	6235588	6519415	6609466	6704006	6788119	7081435	7073844	7111982	7149922
%	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)
Agriculture	2071764	2378572	2274153	2033343	2247602	2223691	2215282	2059293	2346321	2423036	2122239	2357460
%	(37.4)	(39.3)	(36.0)	(32.6)	(34.5)	(33.6)	(33.0)	(30.3)	(33.1)	(34.3)	(29.8)	(33.0)
Industry	1217977	1325735	1490795	1491408	1459194	1539035	1663383	1787274	1862896	1791226	2017518	1892086
%	(22.0)	(21.9)	(23.6)	(23.9)	(22.4)	(23.3)	(24.8)	(26.3)	(26.3)	(25.3)	(28.4)	(26.5)
Services	2246475	2345081	2545299	2710837	2812619	2846740	2825341	2941552	2872217	2859583	2972225	2900376
%	(40.6)	(38.8)	(40.3)	(43.5)	(43.1)	(43.1)	(42.1)	(43.3)	(40.6)	(40.4)	(41.8)	(40.6)
<i>by no. of hours worked per week (percentage)</i>												
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0 •	4.9	5.3	7.2	4.3	5.6	7.3	5.3	4.9	4.5	9.6	6.5	6.9
1 - 9	1.8	2.3	1.9	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.7	1.6	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.9
10 - 39	32.0	32.9	32.7	28.2	32.0	32.9	28.4	27.9	30.8	28.1	27.3	29.4
40+	61.3	59.6	58.2	66.1	60.9	58.0	64.7	65.7	62.1	60.3	64.8	61.8

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

**Selected Labour Force indicators
(1996 - 2006 Fourth quarter)**

	Year											
	1996	1998	2000	2001	2002	2003*	2004**	2005***	# 2006 Q1	#2006 Q2	# 2006 Q3	# 2006 Q4
Labour force participation rate												
<i>by sex</i>												
Both sexes	48.6	51.7	50.3	48.8	50.3	48.9	48.6	48.3	51.7	51.1	50.7	51.0
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Female	31.6	36.4	33.9	31.9	33.6	31.4	31.5	30.9	35.5	35.4	35.0	36.1
<i>by residential sector</i>												
Total	48.6	51.7	50.3	48.8	50.3	48.9	48.6	48.3	51.7	51.1	50.7	51.0
Urban	44.4	45.2	44.9	44.2	46.0	44.4	44.9	45.5	46.3	45.1	45.1	44.5
Rural	49.5	52.7	51.2	49.6	50.9	49.6	49.2	48.7	52.5	52.0	51.5	51.9
Unemployment rate												
<i>by sex</i>												
Both sexes	11.3	9.2	7.6	7.9	8.8	8.4	8.3	7.7	7.2	6.3	6.4	6.3
Male	8.2	6.5	5.8	6.2	6.6	6.0	6.0	5.5	5.5	4.9	4.6	4.3
Female	17.7	14.0	11.1	11.5	12.9	13.2	12.8	11.9	10.1	8.7	9.8	9.8
<i>by selected age groups(yr)</i>												
20 - 29	22.0	19.3	17.4	18.4	20.1	19.4	19.2	17.2	16.8	15.3	16.4	15.9
20 - 24	29.1	25.4	23.0	24.4	27.0	26.4	25.9	24.6	22.4	20.6	21.5	19.9
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<i>by selected educational levels</i>												
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Both sexes	19.0	17.5	14.9	15.3	16.8	16.5	16.8	13.8	12.1	10.6	11.3	12
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Total	5536216	6049388	6310247	6235588	6519415	7012755	7394029	7518007	7081435	7073844	7111782	7149922
%	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)
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Services	2246475	2345081	2545299	2710837	2812619	3016866	3137857	3283954	2872217	2859583	2972225	2900376
%	(40.6)	38.8)	(40.3)	(43.5)	(43.1)	(43.0)	(42.4)	(43.7)	(40.6)	(40.4)	(41.8)	(40.6)
<i>by no. of hours worked per week (percentage)</i>												
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0 •	4.9	5.3	7.2	4.3	5.6	7.5	5.2	4.7	4.5	9.6	6.5	6.9
1 - 9	1.8	2.3	1.9	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.6	1.5	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.9
10 - 39	32.0	32.9	32.7	28.2	32.0	32.6	28.7	27.6	30.8	28.1	27.3	29.4
40+	61.3	59.6	58.2	66.1	60.9	58.1	64.5	66.2	62.1	60.3	64.8	61.8

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Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

(Before 2003, estimates excluded both Northern & Eastern provinces)

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Introduction

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Labour force participation rate

Labour Force: Number of persons who were employed or unemployed during the reference week

Labour force participation rate: Labour force expressed as a percentage of population age 10 yr. & over

Table 1: Economically active population by sex and sector- Fourth Quarter 2006

Sector	Economically active population					
	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Total	7629121	100.0	4828029	63.3	2801092	36.7
Urban	826916	100.0	575402	69.6	251514	30.4
Rural	6802206	100.0	4252627	62.5	2549578	37.5

Table 2: Economically Inactive population by sex and sector- Fourth Quarter 2006

Sector	Economically inactive population					
	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Total	7337848	100.0	2374620	32.4	4963228	67.6
Urban	1031044	100.0	300276	29.1	730768	70.9
Rural	6306803	100.0	2074344	32.9	4232460	67.1

Table 3: Labour Force Participation Rate by sex

Year	Labour force participation rate		
	Total	Male	Female
2000	50.3	67.2	33.9
2001	48.8	66.2	31.9
2002	50.3	67.9	33.6
2003	49.7	67.5	32.6
2004	49.6	67.2	33.0
2005	49.3	67.3	32.6
2006Q1	51.7	69.3	35.5
2006Q2	51.1	68.4	35.4
2006 Q3	50.7	68.0	35.0
2006 Q4	51.0	67.0	36.1

Table 3 provides the information on labour force participation rates since year 2000. As can be seen from this table, male participation rate is now fluctuating around 67 percent. The female participation rate fluctuates around 36 percent. It is important to note that, male participation to the labour force is much higher than that of females.

The survey results revealed that, the estimated economically active population (or labour force) was about 7.6 million in fourth quarter 2006. Of which 63 percent were males and 37 percent were females. Of the economically inactive population of 7.3 million, 32 percent were males and 68 percent were females.

Figure 1: Distribution of Economically active/Inactive population

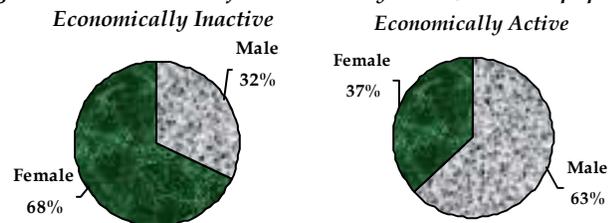
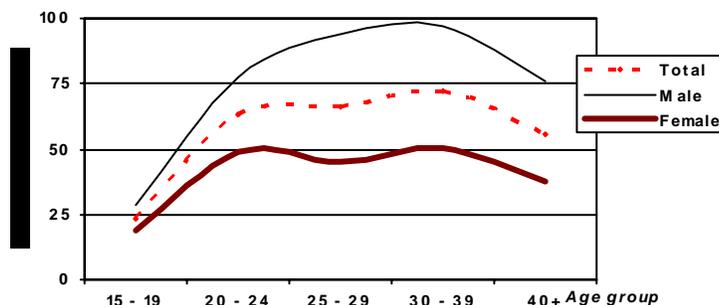


Table 4: Labour Force Participation Rate by age group & sex- Fourth Quarter 2006

Age group	Sex		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	51.0	67.0	36.1
15 - 19	23.6	28.2	18.8
20 - 24	63.1	77.8	48.7
25 - 29	66.2	94.0	45.1
30 - 39	72.2	97.3	50.2
40+	55.9	76.3	37.4

Table 4 provides the labour force participation rates by sex and age groups. Males in age group of (30 - 39) yrs shows the highest labour force participation rate (97.3%), while females in the same age group shows the highest participation rate (50 %) among females.

Figure 2: Labour Force Participation Rate by sex - Fourth Quarter 2006



Employment

Employed: Persons who are engaged in some kind of work for pay or profit or family gain during the reference week.

Table 5 : Distribution of Employed population by main industry, 2006 (1st Qtr - 4th Qtr)

Year 2006	Major industry group			
	Total	Agriculture	Industry	Services
Jan-Feb-March (1 st Qtr)	7136267 (100.0)	2347886 (32.9)	1853595 (26.0)	2934786 (41.1)
April-May-June (2 nd Qtr)	7022019 (100.0)	2319676 (33.0)	1795515 (25.6)	2906828 (41.4)
July-Aug-Sept. (3 rd Qtr)	7111982 (100.0)	2122239 (29.8)	2017518 (28.4)	2972225 (41.8)
Oct-Nov-Dec (4 th Qtr)	7149922 (100.0)	2357460 (33.0)	1892086 (26.5)	2900376 (40.6)

The total number of employed persons in Sri Lanka is estimated as about 7.1 million in the fourth quarter 2006. Of this, 65 percent were males and 35 percent were females.

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

Agriculture	Services
1. Agriculture (A)	1. Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles,
2. Forestry and Fishery (B)	Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods
	2. Hotels and Restaurants
Industries	3. Transport, Storage and Communication
1. Manufacturing (D)	4. Financial Intermediation and Real Estate,
2. Construction	Renting and Business Activities
3. Mining & Quarrying	5. Public Administration and Defence, Compulsory Social Security
4. Electricity, Gas and Water supply	6. Education
	7. Health and Social work
	8. Other Community, Social and Personal Service Activities
	9. Private Households with Employed Persons
	10. Miscellaneous Labour work
	11. Extra Territorial Organizations & bodies
	12. Industries not adequately described

Table 6 : Percentage distribution of employed population by employment status and Agriculture/non- agriculture sector - Fourth quarter 2006.

Employment status	Total		Sector			
	No	%	Agriculture No	%	Non-Agriculture No.	%
Total	7149922	100.0	2357460	33.0	4792462	67.0
Employee	3996428	100.0	696837	17.4	3299591	82.6
Public	934993	100.0	86255	9.2	848738	90.8
Private	3061435	100.0	610582	19.9	2450853	80.1
Employer	216361	100.0	33915	15.7	182446	84.3
Own account worker	2178066	100.0	1088382	50.0	1089684	50.0
Unpaid family worker	759067	100.0	538326	70.9	220741	29.1

Table 6 shows that, of the total paid employees, 83 percent are involved in the non-agricultural sector activities, while this percentage is only 17 percent when the agriculture sector is considered.

On the other hand, 71 percent of the unpaid family workers are in the agriculture sector, and the balance, 29 percent are in the non-agriculture sector. Further, 80 percent of private sector paid employees are involved in non-agricultural activities, while 20 percent engage with agricultural activities.

Figure 3 : Distribution of Employed population by main industry - Fourth quarter 2006.

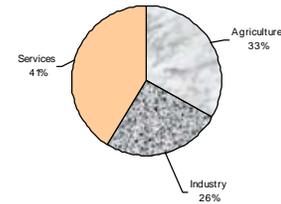


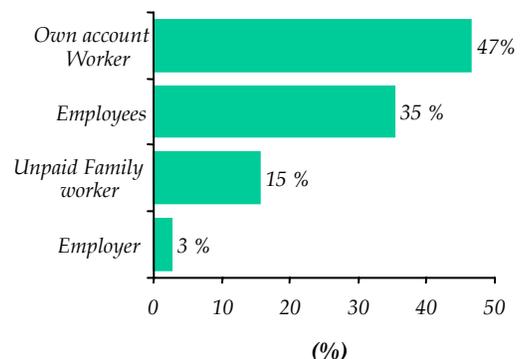
Table 5 shows the percentage distribution of employed population by main industry for the different quarters in 2006. Of the total estimated employed population, 41 percent was reported as services sector employment, while this share is 33 percent for agriculture sector and 26 percent for industry sector, when 2006 fourth quarter is considered.

Table 7 : Informal sector employment by Agriculture/ Non-agriculture sector**

Sector	Total	Agriculture	Non-agriculture
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Formal	38.9	16.7	49.8
Informal	61.1	83.3	50.2

It is also important to see that, the employed population according to the formal and informal sector classification. During the fourth quarter 2006, it is estimated that 61 percent of the total employment are in the informal sector. Agriculture sector comprises 83 percent of informal sector employment. 50 percent of the total non-agricultural employment are in the informal sector. Further, 47 percent of the total informal sector employment are own account workers, while 35 percent are paid employees.

Figure 4 : Distribution of informal sector employment by Employment status



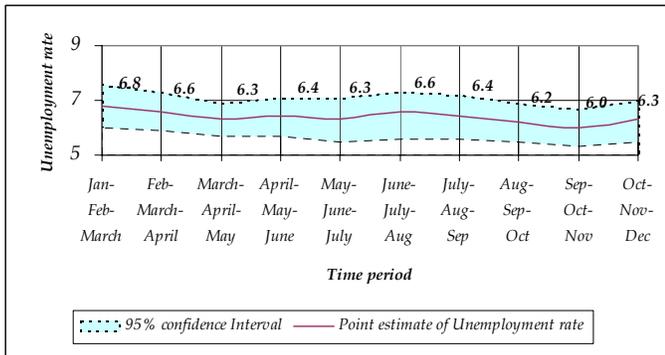
** Please see the explanatory note under 'labour force' link in the DCS web site www.statistics.gov.lk for detailed concepts & definitions.

Unemployment

Unemployment Rate : The number of unemployed persons as a percentage of the labour force

Unemployed : Persons who are seeking and available for work, but had no employment during the reference period

Figure 5 : Unemployment rates and it's 95% confidence intervals



The number of unemployed persons is estimated as about 480,000 during the fourth quarter 2006. The unemployment rate for the fourth quarter 2006 is reported as 6.3 percent.

As seen in the figure 5, it is very important to note that, there is no statistically significant difference between the unemployment rate reported in different time periods in 2006, when *sampling error** is considered.

However, as shown in figure 6, the long term declining trend of unemployment has continued, and there is a significant decrease of unemployment rate in 2006 when compared with the unemployment rate reported in 2003, 2004 and 2005.

Figure 6 : Unemployment rate : 2003-2006

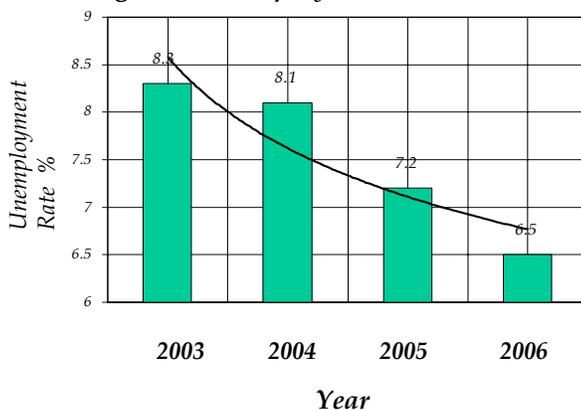


Table 8 : Unemployment rate by age group and sex - Fourth Quarter 2006

Age group	Sex		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	6.3	4.3	9.8
15 - 19	20.3	14.8	28.7
20 - 24	19.9	13.3	30.3
25 - 29	11.9	9.2	16.1
30 +	2.1	1.3	3.5

The total unemployment rate recorded in the fourth quarter 2006 is 6.3 percent.

As can be seen from table 8, the unemployment rate reported for females is 9.8 percent and 4.3 percent for males. However, the unemployment rate among the youth (age 20 - 24 yrs) is still high and it was reported as 20 percent. It is 13 percent and 30 percent for males and female respectively.

* *Sampling error :*

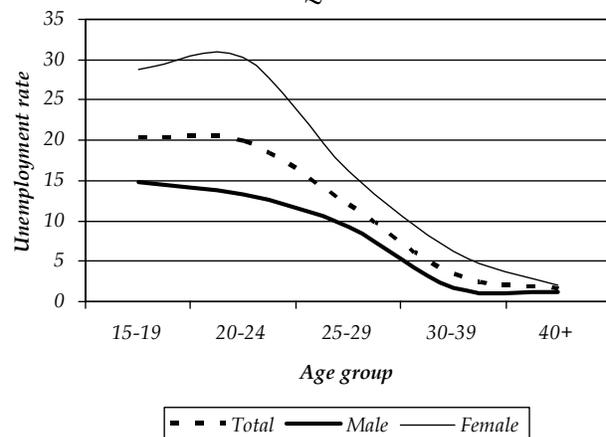
When a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed, estimates differ from the true population values they represent. This difference, or *sampling error*, occurs by chance, and its variability is measured by the standard error of the estimate. **For more detail, please refer the explanatory note on the labour force link in the DCS website.**

Table 9 : Unemployment rates by level of education Fourth Quarter 2006

Level of Education	Unemployment rates		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	6.3	4.3	9.8
Below Gr. 5	1.5	1.3	1.9
Gr. 5-9	5.5	4.0	8.9
G.C.E. (O/L)	9.2	6.2	14.2
G.C.E. (A/L) & above	12.0	7.7	16.5

It also reveals that, the unemployment among the educated youth (G.C.E(A/L) and above) is reported as 12 percent. It is 8 percent and 17 percent for male and female respectively. This is shown that the problem of unemployment is more acute in the case of educated females than males.

Figure 7 : Unemployment rate by age group and sex - Fourth Quarter 2006



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

YEAR	HOUSEHOLD POPULATION (10 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
1990	11573941	6001148	51.9	5047354	84.1	953794	15.9	5572793
1991	11795793	5877198	49.8	5015517	85.3	861680	14.7	5918596
1992	12058463	5808062	48.2	4962105	85.4	845957	14.6	6250400
1993	12278055	6032383	49.1	5201474	86.2	830910	13.8	6245675
1994	12492850	6078863	48.7	5281272	86.9	797591	13.1	6413985
1995	12736185	6106138	47.9	5357117	87.7	749021	12.3	6630048
1996	12831240	6241889	48.6	5537285	88.7	704604	11.3	6589365
1997	12870791	6266160	48.7	5607881	89.5	658279	10.5	6604630
1998	12881790	6660520	51.7	6049238	90.8	611285	9.2	6221274
1999	13169250	6673487	50.7	6082641	91.2	590846	8.9	6495782
2000	13564660	6827312	50.3	6310145	92.4	517168	7.6	6737345
2001	13870479	6772834	48.8	6235588	92.1	537246	7.9	7097644
2002	14201396	7145382	50.3	6519415	91.2	625967	8.8	7056014
*2003	15651479	7653716	48.9	7012755	91.6	640961	8.4	7997763
** 2004	16593431	8061354	48.6	7394029	91.7	667324	8.3	8532077
*** 2005	16870976	8141347	48.3	7518007	92.3	623341	7.7	8729628
# 2006 1st Q	14758669	7627761	51.7	7081435	92.8	546326	7.2	7130908
# 2006 2nd Q	14779182	7549361	51.1	7073844	93.7	475516	6.3	7229821
# 2006 3rd Q	14988913	7601845	50.7	7111982	93.6	489863	6.4	7387068
# 2006 4th Q	14966969	7629121	51.0	7149922	93.7	479199	6.3	7337848

Note: The normal Labour Force Survey programme was not implemented in 2005 due to the Tsunami - 2004. However a special labour force survey was conducted in August 2005 and the estimates based on this special survey are given under year 2005.

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

* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

*** - All the districts are included

- Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

TABLE 1A - HISTORICAL TABLE OF LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION, 10 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER - MALE

YEAR	HOUSEHOLD POPULATION (10 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
*1993	6109486	3989443	65.3	3601779	90.3	387663	9.7	2120044
*1994	6228064	4072937	65.4	3678648	90.3	394289	9.7	2155127
*1995	6318003	4068608	64.4	3700951	91.0	367656	9.0	2249395
*1996	6373670	4200886	65.9	3857147	91.8	343741	8.2	2172784
*1997	6372365	4184248	65.6	3862087	92.3	322168	7.7	2188110
*1998	6344453	4281996	67.5	4004504	93.5	277491	6.5	2062456
*1999	6506662	4402713	67.7	4107497	93.3	295217	6.7	2103953
*2000	6702871	4501597	67.2	4241477	94.2	260120	5.8	2201274
*2001	6837264	4529016	66.2	4248877	93.8	280139	6.2	2308248
*2002	6935012	4705586	67.9	4395164	93.4	310421	6.6	2229427
**2003	7657368	5144206	67.2	4833483	94.0	310723	6.0	2513162
***2004	8049643	5372897	66.7	5049426	94.0	323471	6.0	2676746
****2005	8103016	5436362	67.1	5134765	94.5	301597	5.5	2666654
* 2006 1st Q	7081764	4904351	69.3	4634156	94.5	270196	5.5	2177412
* 2006 2nd Q	7036024	4809554	68.4	4572623	95.1	236931	4.9	2226470
* 2006 3rd Q	7132190	4849763	68.0	4628710	95.4	221053	4.6	2282427
* 2006 4th Q	7202649	4828029	67.0	4622779	95.7	205250	4.3	2374620

TABLE 1B - HISTORICAL TABLE OF LABOUR FORCE STATUS (CURRENT) OF THE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION, 10 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER - FEMALE

YEAR	HOUSEHOLD POPULATION (10 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
*1993	6168572	2042941	33.1	1599695	78.3	443247	21.7	4125631
*1994	6264782	2005927	32.0	1602625	79.9	403302	20.1	4258857
*1995	6418183	2037530	31.7	1656166	81.3	381364	18.7	4380652
*1996	6457583	2041002	31.6	1680138	82.3	360864	17.7	4416583
*1997	6498427	2081906	32.0	1745794	83.9	336112	16.1	4416521
*1998	6537344	2378526	36.4	2044732	86.0	333795	14.0	4158818
*1999	6662613	2270782	34.1	1975153	87.0	295629	13.0	4392047
*2000	6861794	2325716	33.9	2068667	89.0	257048	11.0	4536078
*2001	7033214	2243818	31.9	1986711	88.5	257107	11.5	4789396
*2002	7266384	2439796	33.6	2124250	87.1	315546	12.9	4826588
**2003	7994111	2509510	31.4	2179272	86.8	330238	13.2	5484600
***2004	8543788	2688457	31.5	2344604	87.2	343853	12.8	5855331
**** 2005	8767960	2704985	30.9	2383241	88.1	321744	11.9	6062975
* 2006 1st Q	7676905	2723410	35.5	2447279	89.9	276130	10.1	4953496
* 2006 2nd Q	7743158	2739807	35.4	2501221	91.3	238585	8.7	5003351
* 2006 3rd Q	7856723	2752082	35.0	2483272	90.2	268810	9.8	5104641
* 2006 4th Q	7764320	2801092	36.1	2527143	90.2	273949	9.8	4963228

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

*** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**** - All the districts are included

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

(2006 4th quarter)

AGE	HOUSEHOLD POP: (10 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
ALL AGES	14966969	7629121	51.0	7149922	93.7	479199	6.3	7337848
10 - 14 YRS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
15 - 19 YRS	1608116	379004	23.6	302089	79.7	76916	20.3	1229112
20 - 24 YRS	1427940	901357	63.1	721541	80.1	179816	19.9	526583
25 - 29 YRS	1352254	894855	66.2	788477	88.1	106379	11.9	457399
30 - 39 YRS	2530421	1826997	72.2	1766453	96.7	60544	3.3	703424
40 + YRS	6450821	3604291	55.9	3549923	98.5	54368	1.5	2846530

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

(2006 4th quarter)

AGE	HOUSEHOLD POP: (10 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
ALL AGES	7202649	4828029	67.0	4622779	95.7	205250	4.3	2374620
10 - 14 YRS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
15 - 19 YRS	813367	229641	28.2	195545	85.2	34095	14.8	583727
20 - 24 YRS	706799	550108	77.8	476743	86.7	73364	13.3	156691
25 - 29 YRS	581903	547180	94.0	496793	90.8	50387	9.2	34723
30 - 39 YRS	1182698	1150309	97.3	1132452	98.4	17857	1.6	32390
40 + YRS	3059531	2335317	76.3	2306949	98.8	28369	1.2	724214

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

(2006 4th quarter)

AGE	HOUSEHOLD POP: (10 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
ALL AGES	7764320	2801092	36.1	2527143	90.2	273949	9.8	4963228
10 - 14 YRS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
15 - 19 YRS	794749	149364	18.8	106543	71.3	42820	28.7	645385
20 - 24 YRS	721141	351249	48.7	244798	69.7	106451	30.3	369892
25 - 29 YRS	770351	347676	45.1	291684	83.9	55992	16.1	422675
30 - 39 YRS	1347722	676688	50.2	634001	93.7	42686	6.3	671035
40 + YRS	3391290	1268974	37.4	1242974	98.0	26000	2.0	2122316

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

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

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

Year	All Ages	Age Groups					
		10 - 14 YRS	15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
*1990	100.0	1.1	5.7	11.9	13.7	27.0	40.7
*1991	100.0	0.7	5.4	12.7	13.7	26.8	40.7
*1992	100.0	0.5	5.1	13.4	14.1	27.0	39.9
*1993	100.0	0.4	5.2	12.7	14.2	26.7	40.7
*1994	100.0	0.4	4.9	12.3	13.9	28.2	40.3
*1995	100.0	0.3	4.9	11.6	14.1	26.5	42.7
*1996	100.0	0.4	5.3	12.1	13.7	28.1	40.4
*1997	100.0	0.3	5.1	11.9	13.3	27.2	42.1
*1998	100.0	0.8	5.9	12.1	12.5	26.7	42.1
*1999	100.0	0.9	5.8	11.8	12.2	26.1	43.3
*2000	100.0	0.5	5.2	12.2	12.3	26.0	43.8
*2001	100.0	0.4	4.3	12.1	12.0	25.4	45.8
*2002	100.0	0.3	4.4	12.2	12.1	26.2	44.8
**2003	100.0	0.3	4.2	11.6	12.2	26.3	45.4
*** 2004	100.0	0.4	4.1	11.8	12.2	25.5	46.0
**** 2005	100.0	0.1	3.6	11.3	12.9	25.6	46.5
* 2006 1st Q	100.0	0.3	3.8	10.2	11.8	24.3	49.7
* 2006 2nd Q	100.0	0.5	4.1	10.6	12.5	24.1	48.2
* 2006 3rd Q	100.0	0.2	4.1	10.0	12.6	23.6	49.5
* 2006 4th Q	100.0	0.3	4.2	10.1	11.0	24.7	49.6

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

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

*** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**** - All the districts are included

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

Year	All Ages	Age Groups					
		10 - 14 YRS	15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
*1990	100.0	1.0	5.7	11.7	13.3	26.3	42.1
*1991	100.0	0.6	5.2	12.6	13.2	25.7	42.8
*1992	100.0	0.4	4.7	13.2	13.9	26.2	41.6
*1993	100.0	0.4	4.8	11.5	14.8	26.2	42.2
*1994	100.0	0.4	4.7	11.9	13.5	27.2	42.2
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*1996	100.0	0.4	5.0	11.7	13.4	27.8	41.7
*1997	100.0	0.3	4.8	11.1	13.0	27.1	43.6
*1998	100.0	0.7	5.6	11.9	12.3	26.2	43.3
*1999	100.0	0.7	5.8	11.8	11.8	25.7	44.1
*2000	100.0	0.4	5.2	12.0	12.3	25.4	44.7
*2001	100.0	0.3	4.1	12.0	12.1	25.0	46.4
*2002	100.0	0.3	4.2	11.8	11.8	26.2	45.8
**2003	100.0	0.3	3.9	11.4	12.7	25.7	46.1
***2004	100.0	0.3	3.9	11.5	12.6	25.0	46.6
****2005	100.0	0.2	4.1	11.1	13.3	25.2	46.1
* 2006 1st Q	100.0	0.3	3.4	10.7	11.8	23.9	49.9
* 2006 2nd Q	100.0	0.3	4.4	10.2	12.8	24.1	48.3
* 2006 3rd Q	100.0	0.2	4.0	9.7	13.2	23.1	49.8
* 2006 4th Q	100.0	0.3	4.2	10.3	10.7	24.5	49.9

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

Year	All Ages	Age Groups					
		10 - 14 YRS	15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
*1990	100.0	1.2	5.6	12.4	14.5	28.4	38.0
*1991	100.0	0.9	6.0	13.0	14.6	29.1	36.4
*1992	100.0	0.8	5.9	13.9	14.4	29.2	35.8
*1993	100.0	0.4	5.9	15.4	12.9	27.7	37.7
*1994	100.0	0.5	5.3	13.2	14.8	30.4	35.9
*1995	100.0	0.4	5.0	12.9	14.3	27.3	40.1
*1996	100.0	0.5	6.0	13.1	14.2	28.8	37.4
*1997	100.0	0.3	5.7	13.7	14.0	27.6	38.7
*1998	100.0	1.0	6.4	12.4	12.8	27.6	39.7
*1999	100.0	1.1	5.9	11.7	12.9	27.1	41.4
*2000	100.0	0.7	5.3	12.6	12.1	27.4	41.9
*2001	100.0	0.5	4.7	12.4	11.8	26.2	44.5
*2002	100.0	0.5	4.7	13.1	12.6	26.2	42.9
**2003	100.0	0.4	4.7	12.2	11.2	27.6	43.9
***2004	100.0	0.5	4.6	12.3	11.3	26.6	44.7
****2005	100.0	0.1	2.5	11.9	12.0	26.4	47.2
* 2006 1st Q	100.0	0.1	4.4	9.1	11.9	25.0	49.5
* 2006 2nd Q	100.0	0.8	3.5	11.4	11.9	24.2	48.2
* 2006 3rd Q	100.0	0.1	4.2	10.5	11.4	24.7	49.0
* 2006 4th Q	100.0	0.3	4.2	9.7	11.5	25.1	49.2

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

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

*** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**** - All the districts are included

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

Year	Total	Level of education			
		Below Grade 5	Grades 5 - 9/ Years 6 - 10	GCE (O.L)/ NCGE	GCE (A.L)/ HNCE and above
*1990	100.0	31.9	45.1	16.0	7.0
*1991	100.0	31.6	44.8	15.6	7.9
*1992	100.0	29.9	44.9	16.5	8.7
*1993	100.0	28.5	45.1	16.9	9.5
*1994	100.0	28.2	45.4	17.5	8.8
*1995	100.0	26.8	44.9	18.0	10.3
*1996	100.0	29.5	43.3	16.9	10.3
*1997	100.0	27.9	44.0	17.6	10.5
*1998	100.0	26.8	45.0	17.2	11.0
*1999	100.0	25.4	45.7	18.0	10.9
*2000	100.0	25.1	46.3	16.7	11.9
*2001	100.0	22.7	46.1	17.7	13.5
*2002	100.0	24.6	45.6	15.8	14.0
**2003	100.0	24.5	46.2	15.9	13.3
***2004	100.0	24.3	44.7	16.8	14.2
**** 2005	100.0	20.6	45.8	18.2	15.4
* 2006 1st Q	100.0	22.1	47.3	16.8	13.8
* 2006 2nd Q	100.0	23.4	46.3	16.9	13.4
*2006 3rd Q	100.0	20.6	47.0	17.5	14.9
* 2006 4th Q	100.0	23.2	46.3	15.3	15.2

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

*** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**** - All the districts are included

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

Year	Total	Level of education			
		Below Grade 5	Grades 5 - 9/ Years 6 - 10	GCE (O.L)/ NCGE	GCE (A.L)/ HNCE and above
*1990	100.0	29.6	48.3	16.1	5.9
*1991	100.0	28.0	49.0	15.5	7.5
*1992	100.0	27.4	48.2	17.0	7.4
*1993	100.0	25.4	49.8	17.2	7.7
*1994	100.0	25.5	49.6	17.7	7.2
*1995	100.0	25.1	48.2	18.3	8.4
*1996	100.0	27.7	47.1	16.8	8.4
*1997	100.0	26.5	47.2	17.5	8.7
*1998	100.0	25.3	48.5	17.0	9.2
*1999	100.0	24.0	49.4	17.7	9.0
*2000	100.0	24.1	49.6	16.6	9.8
*2001	100.0	21.5	49.3	17.8	11.4
*2002	100.0	23.5	49.1	16.0	11.4
**2003	100.0	23.8	49.2	16.2	10.8
***2004	100.0	22.6	48.3	17.3	11.8
**** 2005	100.0	19.9	49.6	18.0	12.5
* 2006 1st Q	100.0	21.0	49.8	17.0	12.3
* 2006 2nd Q	100.0	21.9	50.4	16.4	11.3
* 2006 3rd Q	100.0	19.2	50.9	17.3	12.6
* 2006 4th Q	100.0	22.2	50.0	15.2	12.6

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

Year	Total	Level of education			
		Below Grade 5	Grades 5 - 9/ Years 6 - 10	GCE (O.L)/ NCGE	GCE (A.L)/ HNCE and above
*1990	100.0	37.0	38.1	15.6	9.3
*1991	100.0	39.6	35.8	15.9	8.8
*1992	100.0	35.7	37.0	15.5	11.9
*1993	100.0	35.6	34.7	16.3	13.5
*1994	100.0	34.5	35.8	17.2	12.6
*1995	100.0	30.8	37.3	17.5	14.3
*1996	100.0	33.7	34.4	17.1	14.7
*1997	100.0	31.0	37.0	17.6	14.4
*1998	100.0	29.9	38.2	17.7	14.3
*1999	100.0	28.3	38.0	18.7	15.0
*2000	100.0	27.3	39.6	17.1	16.1
*2001	100.0	25.5	39.2	17.3	18.0
*2002	100.0	27.0	38.3	15.3	19.4
**2003	100.0	26.1	39.6	15.5	18.9
***2004	100.0	27.9	36.9	15.8	19.4
**** 2005	100.0	22.1	37.6	18.6	21.7
* 2006 1st Q	100.0	24.2	42.5	16.5	16.7
* 2006 2nd Q	100.0	26.2	38.9	17.7	17.2
* 2006 3rd Q	100.0	23.1	39.7	17.9	19.2
* 2006 4th Q	100.0	24.9	39.5	15.6	20.0

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

*** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**** - All the districts are included

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

YEAR	TOTAL EMPLOYED	EMPLOYEE			EMPLOYER	OWN ACCOUNT WORKER	UNPAID FAMILY WORKER
		TOTAL	PUBLIC	PRIVATE			
*1990	100.0	55.2	21.5	33.7	1.8	29.2	13.8
*1991	100.0	62.4	22.9	39.5	2.2	25.4	10.0
*1992	100.0	60.1	20.0	40.0	1.6	27.1	11.2
*1993	100.0	60.0	17.4	42.8	2.0	27.4	10.4
*1994	100.0	60.7	16.4	44.3	2.3	27.2	9.8
*1995	100.0	59.8	15.6	44.3	2.5	28.3	9.4
*1996	100.0	60.8	15.0	45.8	2.3	26.8	10.0
*1997	100.0	59.4	15.1	44.3	2.3	28.8	9.4
*1998	100.0	55.6	14.5	41.2	1.9	28.9	13.6
*1999	100.0	57.5	14.4	43.1	2.0	28.3	12.2
*2000	100.0	56.3	13.4	42.9	2.3	28.4	13.0
*2001	100.0	58.6	13.9	44.7	2.3	28.5	10.6
*2002	100.0	57.9	13.4	44.5	2.8	28.6	10.7
**2003	100.0	57.9	13.5	44.4	2.6	29.6	9.9
***2004	100.0	59.4	13.0	46.4	2.9	28.3	9.4
**** 2005	100.0	59.3	13.3	46.1	3.1	29.7	7.9
* 2006 1st Q	100.0	55.3	13.4	41.9	3.2	31.6	9.9
* 2006 2nd Q	100.0	55.4	13.4	42.0	3.0	30.6	11.1
* 2006 3rd Q	100.0	56.1	14.0	42.1	3.6	30.1	10.2
* 2006 4th Q	100.0	55.9	13.1	42.8	3.0	30.5	10.6

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

*** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**** - All the districts are included

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

YEAR	EMPLOYEE					EMPLOYER	OWN ACCOUNT WORKER	UNPAID FAMILY WORKER
	TOTAL EMPLOYED	TOTAL	PUBLIC	PRIVATE				
*1990	100.0	55.2	19.7	35.5	2.3	34.6	7.9	
*1991	100.0	61.5	20.3	41.2	2.9	29.8	5.9	
*1992	100.0	58.7	18.4	40.3	2.0	32.2	7.2	
*1993	100.0	57.7	15.6	42.0	2.6	33.0	6.7	
*1994	100.0	59.3	15.9	43.4	2.9	32.0	5.9	
*1995	100.0	58.4	14.6	43.7	3.1	33.5	5.1	
*1996	100.0	59.5	14.1	45.4	3.2	31.2	6.1	
*1997	100.0	58.3	14.4	43.9	3.0	33.2	5.5	
*1998	100.0	55.8	14.1	41.7	2.5	34.8	6.8	
*1999	100.0	57.7	13.8	43.9	2.7	33.5	6.2	
*2000	100.0	56.6	12.6	44.0	3.1	33.8	6.5	
*2001	100.0	57.9	12.9	45.0	3.1	33.4	5.5	
*2002	100.0	57.5	12.6	44.8	3.7	34.0	4.8	
**2003	100.0	57.4	12.6	44.9	3.4	34.5	4.8	
***2004	100.0	58.9	11.9	47.0	3.9	32.7	4.5	
**** 2005	100.0	59.9	11.7	48.1	4.1	32.9	3.2	
* 2006 1st Q	100.0	55.8	12.3	43.4	4.4	36.3	3.6	
* 2006 2nd Q	100.0	56.4	12.2	44.1	4.0	34.4	5.2	
* 2006 3rd Q	100.0	55.9	13.0	42.9	5.1	34.5	4.5	
* 2006 4th Q	100.0	56.1	11.5	44.6	4.3	35.0	4.6	

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

YEAR	EMPLOYEE					EMPLOYER	OWN ACCOUNT WORKER	UNPAID FAMILY WORKER
	TOTAL EMPLOYED	TOTAL	PUBLIC	PRIVATE				
*1990	100.0	55.1	25.3	29.8	0.6	17.9	26.5	
*1991	100.0	64.5	28.6	35.9	0.7	16.0	18.9	
*1992	100.0	63.4	24.1	39.4	0.7	14.8	21.0	
*1993	100.0	65.6	21.0	44.6	0.7	15.0	18.7	
*1994	100.0	64.2	17.7	46.5	0.9	16.1	18.8	
*1995	100.0	63.2	17.6	45.5	1.1	16.7	19.1	
*1996	100.0	63.9	17.0	46.8	0.5	16.7	18.9	
*1997	100.0	61.8	16.7	45.2	0.9	19.0	18.3	
*1998	100.0	55.2	15.2	40.1	0.6	17.2	27.0	
*1999	100.0	57.2	15.6	41.5	0.6	17.5	24.8	
*2000	100.0	55.5	15.0	40.5	0.8	17.2	26.5	
*2001	100.0	60.1	15.9	44.1	0.5	18.1	21.3	
*2002	100.0	58.8	15.1	43.7	0.8	17.4	23.0	
**2003	100.0	59.0	15.7	43.3	0.9	18.8	21.3	
***2004	100.0	60.6	15.5	45.1	0.9	18.7	19.8	
**** 2005	100.0	58.3	16.6	41.6	0.9	22.7	18.2	
* 2006 1st Q	100.0	54.5	15.4	39.1	0.9	22.7	22.0	
* 2006 2nd Q	100.0	53.5	15.5	38.0	1.1	23.5	21.9	
* 2006 3rd Q	100.0	56.5	16.0	40.6	0.9	21.8	20.8	
* 2006 4th Q	100.0	55.6	16.0	39.6	0.7	22.1	21.6	

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

*** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**** - All the districts are included

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

Year	Industry group														
	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
*2002	6519415	2247602	1072720	386475	838796	117556	309553	168973	524724	227785	82260	110390	93252	317121	22208
**2003	7012755	2384397	1156682	454810	867131	121627	363393	191390	541070	262440	98107	110827	75858	333477	51548
***2004	7394029	2474725	1307357	474090	910770	120552	417340	175633	535064	273628	103966	122395	68813	323277	86419
****2005	7518007	2306039	1385374	542639	904008	138924	484999	233736	512819	297437	129237	133537	53314	324440	71504
* 2006 1st Q	7081435	2346321	1332735	530161	974771	125906	404715	235820	406017	239391	110249	108934	90721	160726	14966
* 2006 2nd Q	7073844	2423036	1249792	541434	884615	149599	403798	212971	368187	302943	91073	140764	90030	193322	22281
* 2006 3rd Q	7111982	2122239	1485770	531747	962062	125715	437725	244160	435800	288526	121672	100798	78593	147340	29834
*2006 4th Q	7149922	2357460	1357431	534656	931840	110745	439342	195727	376980	284870	133866	147029	63742	203414	12822

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

Industry group

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|--|--|
| 1 Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A,B) | 8 Public Administration and Defence,Compulsory Social Security (L) |
| 2 Manufacturing (D) | 9 Education (M) |
| 3 Construction, Minning & Quarrying ,
Electricity,Gas and Water supply (C,E,F) | 10 Health and Social work (N) |
| 4 Wholesale and Retail Trade,Repair of Motor Vehicles,
Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods (G) | 11 Other Community,Social and Personal Service Activities
Extra Teritorial Organizations & bodies (O,Q) |
| 5 Hotels and Restaurants (H) | 12 Private Households with Employed Persons (P) |
| 6 Transport, Storage and Communication (I) | 13 Miscellaneous Labour work |
| 7 Financial Intermediation and Real Estate,
Renting and Business Activities (J,K) | 14 Industries not adequately described |

Note: The tabulation groups based on ISIC (Rev.3) are indicated as A,B,C.....Q. Due to the limitations on reliability (based on CV),some of these groups have been combined.

- * - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces
- ** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province
- *** - Excluding Mulathivu,Kilinochchi districts.
- **** - All the districts are included

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

	Total	Industry group							
		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	Other
*2002	4395164	1397423	569761	373516	656505	115203	387301	70813	824642
**2003	4833483	1529117	624791	436404	681185	138146	405572	98074	920194
***2004	5049426	1559301	710910	456049	721800	122372	392949	102645	983400
****2005	5134765	1482610	749993	519197	702048	171330	376877	83551	1049159
* 2006 1st Q	4634156	1370058	703602	519407	721440	171716	310315	66656	770961
* 2006 2nd Q	4572623	1427732	631178	527670	632208	147976	254795	106845	844219
* 2006 3rd Q	4628710	1260961	738603	510841	732320	167129	329438	97955	791463
*2006 4th Q	4622779	1391357	665551	502975	717486	142656	265815	89242.7	847696

Industry group

1 Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A,B)

2 Manufacturing (D)

3 Construction, Mining & Quarrying ,
Electricity, Gas and Water supply (C,E,F)

4 Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles,
Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods (G)

7 Financial Intermediation and Real Estate,
Renting and Business Activities (J,K)

8 Public Administration and Defence, Compulsory Social Security (L)

9 Education (M)

Other

Hotels and Restaurants (H)

Transport, Storage and Communication (I)

Health and Social work (N)

Other Community, Social and Personal Service Activities

Extra Territorial Organizations & bodies (O,Q)

Private Households with Employed Persons (P)

Miscellaneous Labour work

Industries not adequately described

Note: The tabulation groups based on ISIC (Rev.3) are indicated as A,B,C.....Q. Due to the limitations on reliability (based on CV), some of these groups have been combined.

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

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*** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**** - All the districts are included

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

	Total	Industry group							
		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	Other
*2002	2124250	850179	502959	12959	182291	53770	137423	156972	227697
**2003	2179272	855280	531891	18407	185946	53243	135498	164365	234642
***2004	2344604	915424	596447	18041	188970	53261	142116	170983	259362
****2005	2383241	823429	635382	23442	201959	62405	135942	213886	286796
* 2006 1st Q	2447279	976264	629133	10754	253331	64105	95701	172735	245257
* 2006 2nd Q	2501221	995304	618614	13764	252407	64995	113392	196098	246648
* 2006 3rd Q	2483272	861278	747167	20907	229742	77030	106362	190571	250215
*2006 4th Q	2527143	966103	691880	31680	214353	53071	111165	195627	263264

Industry group

1 Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A,B)

2 Manufacturing (D)

3 Construction, Mining & Quarrying ,
Electricity, Gas and Water supply (C,E,F)

4 Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles,
Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods (G)

7 Financial Intermediation and Real Estate,
Renting and Business Activities (J,K)

8 Public Administration and Defence, Compulsory Social Security (L)

9 Education (M)

Other

Hotels and Restaurants (H)

Transport, Storage and Communication (I)

Health and Social work (N)

Other Community, Social and Personal Service Activities

Extra Territorial Organizations & bodies (O,Q)

Private Households with Employed Persons (P)

Miscellaneous Labour work

Industries not adequately described

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

Note: The tabulation groups based on ISIC (Rev.3) are indicated as A,B,C,.....Q. Due to the limitations on reliability (based on CV), some of these groups have been combined.

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

*** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**** - All the districts are included

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

Major Industry group	Year																	
	*1992	*1993	*1994	*1995	*1996	*1997	*1998	*1999	*2000	*2001	*2002	**2003	***2004	****2005	*2006 1st Q	*2006 2nd Q	*2006 3rd Q	*2006 4th Q
Total	4924130	5201904	5281279	5357120	5536216	5607868	6049388	6082449	6310247	6235588	6519415	7012755	7394029	7518007	7081435	7073844	7111982	7149922
Agriculture	2078560	2159187	2084733	1966793	2071764	2031902	2378572	2208066	2274153	2033343	2247602	2384397	2474725	2306039	2346321	2423036	2122239	2357460
Industry	991492	1024524	1046282	1188271	1217977	1354952	1325735	1330134	1490795	1491408	1459194	1611493	1781447	1928014	1862896	1791226	2017518	1892086
Services	1854078	2018193	2150265	2202056	2246475	2221014	2345081	2544249	2545299	2710837	2812619	3016866	3137857	3283954	2872217	2859583	2972225	2900376

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

Major Industry group	Year																	
	*1992	*1993	*1994	*1995	*1996	*1997	*1998	*1999	*2000	*2001	*2002	**2003	***2004	****2005	*2006 1st Q	*2006 2nd Q	*2006 3rd Q	*2006 4th Q
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture	42.2	41.5	39.5	36.7	37.4	36.2	39.3	36.3	36.0	32.6	34.5	34.0	33.5	30.7	33.1	34.3	29.8	33.0
Industry	20.1	19.7	19.8	22.2	22.0	24.2	21.9	21.9	23.6	23.9	22.4	23.0	24.1	25.6	26.3	25.3	28.4	26.5
Services	37.7	38.8	40.7	41.1	40.6	39.6	38.8	41.8	40.3	43.5	43.1	43.0	42.4	43.7	40.6	40.4	41.8	40.6

Agriculture

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

Industries

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

Services

1. Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles, Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods
2. Hotels and Restaurants
3. Transport, Storage and Communication
4. Financial Intermediation and Real Estate, Renting and Business Activities
5. Public Administration and Defence, Compulsory Social Security

6. Education
7. Health and Social work
8. Other Community, Social and Personal Service Activities
9. Private Households with Employed Persons
10. Miscellaneous Labour work
11. Extra Territorial Organizations & bodies
12. Industries not adequately described

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

*** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**** - All the districts are included

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

Year	Total	Occupation group										
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	0
*2002	6519415	85553	352238	316763	283719	406992	510148	1579024	935477	373588	1608511	67402
**2003	7012755	88043	367654	341634	303828	328796	628729	1634289	1084436	419540	1735336	80470
***2004	7394029	99839	404410	366488	322697	420343	671461	1513636	1124715	460589	1951081	58770
****2005	7518007	120491	471200	403904	300322	515909	574416	1561884	1216224	531439	1760335	61883
*2006 1st Q	7081435	124707	335577	393351	270559	548642	523519	1617066	1198548	463319	1570286	35861
*2006 2nd Q	7018472	166892	401582	326942	269185	496285	507505	1732877	1108857	446921	1561426	55372
*2006 3rd Q	7111982	108327	401967	388295	293786	558466	507498	1457324	1287159	548965	1523113	37083
*2006 4th Q	7149922	128138	380608	329304	298556	476859	535481	1625975	1218253	483187	1638611	34949

Occupation group

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1 Senior Officials and Managers | 7 Skilled Agricultural and Fishery workers |
| 2 Professionals | 8 Craft and Related workers |
| 3 Technical and Associate Professionals | 9 Plant and Machine operators and Assemblers |
| 4 Clerks | 10 Elementary occupations |
| 5 Proprietors and Managers of Enterprises | 0 Unidentified |
| 6 Sales and Service workers | |

Note: It is to be noted here that these occupation groups are based on ISCO - 88, but they are not necessarily the **Major Groups** of ISCO - 88 classification

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

*** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**** - All the districts are included

Table 7A - Currently Employed person by Occupation group - Male (Based on ISCO 88)

Year	Total	Occupation group										
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	0
*2002	4395164	67276	146656	215548	151511	318172	379695	1024190	596472	335568	1097444	62633
**2003	4833483	71574	161375	236263	167584	260270	464633	1109200	711720	368452	1205366	77047
***2004	4993403	75416	174521	250898	174982	341828	498477	1004912	726641	426469	1319258	
****2005	5134765	87788	187002	266866	159566	406137	418628	1013877	801448	484351	1249168	59935
*2006 1st Q	4634156	108038	123867	262774	152972	456925	313010	975632	758243	425306	1025869	31520
*2006 2nd Q	4572623	122594	158887	214422	142059	370967	307080	1053866	701891	399022	1046462	55372
*2006 3rd Q	4628710	85739	168672	267582	154939	434826	300501	899762	770274	477788	1033033	35595
* 2006 4th Q	4622779	107760	141431	214340	142293	392691	336689	1008152	737882	417775	1092263	31503

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

Year	Total	Occupation group										
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	0
*2002	2124250	18277	205582	101215	132209	88819	130453	554835	339005	38020	511066	4769
**2003	2179272	16469	206279	105370	136245	68526	164096	525090	372716	51088	529971	3423
***2004	2341857	24423	229889	115590	147715	78515	172984	508724	398074	34120	631823	
****2005	2383241	32702	284198	137038	140756	109772	155788	548007	414776	47088	511167	1949
*2006 1st Q	2447279	16669	211710	130577	117587	91717	210509	641434	440306	38013	544417	4341
*2006 2nd Q	2501221	44298	242695	112520	127126	125318	200425	679011	406965	47899	514964	
*2006 3rd Q	2483272	22588	233295	120713	138847	123640	206997	557562	516886	71177	490080	1487
*2006 4th Q	2527143	20378.627	239177	114963	156263	84168	198792	617823	480371	65412	546348	3445

Occupation group

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1 Senior Officials and Managers | 7 Skilled Agricultural and Fishery workers |
| 2 Professionals | 8 Craft and Related workers |
| 3 Technical and Associate Professionals | 9 Plant and Machine operators and Assemblers |
| 4 Clerks | 10 Elementary occupations |
| 5 Proprietors and Managers of Enterprises | 0 Unidentified |
| 6 Sale and Service workers | |

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

Note: It is to be noted here that these occupation groups are based on ISCO - 88, but they are not necessarily the **Major Groups** of ISCO - 88 classification

- * - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces
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- *** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.
- **** - All the districts are included

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

(2006 4th quarter)

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL GROUP	TOTAL	0 *	1 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 & OVER
Total	100.0	6.9	1.9	5.6	10.6	13.2	32.9	28.9
1	100.0	7.9	2.7	10.2	16.6	18.5	27.8	16.1
2	100.0	4.5	1.9	4.3	9.4	8.9	37.7	33.2
3	100.0	13.6	1.8	5.4	9.3	11.4	36.8	21.7
4	100.0	3.2	0.8	2.4	5.6	7.7	30.5	49.8
5	100.0	5.0	..	..	4.3	10.2	20.4	60.1
6	100.0	5.2	1.1	1.5	6.1	9.7	26.8	49.6
7	100.0	2.7	0.8	0.5	4.2	8.1	52.8	30.9
8	100.0	3.0	..	..	0.8	4.6	59.8	31.8
9	100.0	22.6	2.8	4.5	11.8	33.7	20.7	3.9
10	100.0	1.0	1.6	..	..	8.6	53.8	35.0
11	100.0	7.6	3.7	7.7	13.3	9.4	21.5	36.7
12	100.0	..	1.6	3.4	3.0	1.5	10.3	80.2
13	100.0	9.5	3.6	6.7	18.5	21.9	30.2	9.5
14	100.0	..	..	..	11.1	8.7	38.7	41.4

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

.. Negligible

Industry group

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A,B) | 8. Public Administration and Defence,Compulsory Social Security (L) |
| 2. Manufacturing (D) | 9. Education (M) |
| 3. Construction, Mining & Quarrying ,
Electricity, Gas and Water supply (C,E,F) | 10. Health and Social work (N) |
| 4. Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles,
Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods (G) | 11. Other Community, Social and Personal Service Activities
Extra Territorial Organizations & bodies (O,Q) |
| 5. Hotels and Restaurants (H) | 12. Private Households with Employed Persons (P) |
| 6. Transport, Storage and Communication (I) | 13. Miscellaneous Labour work |
| 7. Financial Intermediation and Real Estate,
Renting and Business Activities (J,K) | 14. Industries not adequately described |

Note: The tabulation groups based on ISIC (Rev.3) are indicated as A,B,C.....Q. Due to the limitations on reliability (based on CV), some of these groups have been combined.

**TABLE 9 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY AGE GROUPS
(PERCENTAGE) - BOTH SEXES**

YEAR	TOTAL	AGE GROUPS				
		15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40 + YRS
*1990	100.0	20.3	40.3	19.3	13.2	7.1
*1991	100.0	19.3	42.2	16.7	15.8	6.0
*1992	100.0	19.2	40.9	20.4	13.4	6.1
*1993	100.0	20.4	38.5	18.9	15.5	6.8
*1994	100.0	22.4	41.2	15.6	15.5	5.5
*1995	100.0	21.1	38.2	20.1	15.1	5.5
*1996	100.0	24.0	39.3	18.1	14.3	4.3
*1997	100.0	22.5	41.5	19.0	12.7	4.3
*1998	100.0	21.9	40.8	17.6	13.6	6.0
*1999	100.0	23.9	40.5	17.2	12.5	5.9
*2000	100.0	19.5	44.4	18.4	11.9	5.8
*2001	100.0	21.2	45.4	17.8	10.4	5.1
*2002	100.0	19.8	47.1	16.6	11.0	5.5
**2003	100.0	19.9	45.8	17.2	11.6	5.6
***2004	100.0	18.1	45.9	17.4	11.7	6.8
**** 2005	100.0	19.5	44.8	16.4	12.2	7.1
*2006 1st Q	100.0	22.3	37.9	19.6	11.4	8.7
*2006 2nd Q	100.0	18.6	41.4	21.0	10.9	8.1
*2006 3rd Q	100.0	15.6	39.6	24.8	11.5	8.5
*2006 4th Q	100.0	16.1	37.6	22.3	12.7	11.4

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

*** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**** - All the districts are included

**TABLE 9A - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY AGE GROUPS
(PERCENTAGE) - MALE**

YEAR	TOTAL	AGE GROUPS				
		15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
*1990	100.0	23.8	41.2	16.1	9.6	9.2
*1991	100.0	23.0	42.6	15.1	11.7	7.7
*1992	100.0	21.8	42.7	18.5	10.0	7.1
*1993	100.0	24.0	39.5	16.0	12.7	8.0
*1994	100.0	24.3	40.8	13.3	13.4	8.6
*1995	100.0	22.3	38.2	19.0	12.9	7.6
*1996	100.0	27.2	39.6	16.9	10.9	5.4
*1997	100.0	25.0	41.5	17.2	11.5	4.8
*1998	100.0	27.7	39.6	16.5	9.5	6.7
*1999	100.0	27.6	40.6	14.3	9.3	8.2
*2000	100.0	24.0	46.4	15.2	9.1	5.3
*2001	100.0	25.4	46.3	15.0	7.1	6.2
*2002	100.0	22.2	49.1	13.5	8.3	6.9
**2003	100.0	22.7	47.6	14.8	8.3	6.6
***2004	100.0	20.8	45.4	15.4	10.1	8.3
**** 2005	100.0	21.8	44.3	15.0	12.5	6.3
*2006 1st Q	100.0	26.0	45.8	13.8	3.9	10.5
*2006 2nd Q	100.0	24.2	36.5	18.7	8.6	11.8
*2006 3rd Q	100.0	17.8	41.1	21.2	9.3	10.5
*2006 4th Q	100.0	16.7	36.0	24.7	8.8	13.9

**TABLE 9B - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY AGE GROUPS
(PERCENTAGE) - FEMALE**

YEAR	TOTAL	AGE GROUPS				
		15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
*1990	100.0	17.0	39.4	22.2	16.6	5.0
*1991	100.0	16.3	42.0	18.0	19.2	4.6
*1992	100.0	16.7	39.1	22.2	16.9	5.3
*1993	100.0	12.8	34.1	23.7	21.8	7.7
*1994	100.0	16.7	37.6	21.4	20.6	3.9
*1995	100.0	19.9	38.3	21.2	17.2	3.4
*1996	100.0	21.0	39.0	19.2	17.4	3.2
*1997	100.0	20.1	41.6	20.7	13.8	3.8
*1998	100.0	17.1	41.8	18.6	17.0	5.4
*1999	100.0	20.2	40.5	20.0	15.6	3.7
*2000	100.0	15.1	42.3	21.5	14.8	6.3
*2001	100.0	16.7	44.5	20.9	14.1	3.8
*2002	100.0	17.5	45.1	19.5	13.7	4.2
**2003	100.0	17.2	44.1	19.4	14.7	4.6
***2004	100.0	15.7	46.4	19.3	13.3	5.3
**** 2005	100.0	17.3	45.3	17.6	11.9	7.8
*2006 1st Q	100.0	18.7	30.2	25.3	18.8	7.0
*2006 2nd Q	100.0	13.0	46.2	23.3	13.2	4.4
*2006 3rd Q	100.0	13.7	38.3	27.8	13.3	6.8
*2006 4th Q	100.0	15.6	38.9	20.4	15.6	9.5

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

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

*** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**** - All the districts are included

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

YEAR	TOTAL	LEVEL OF EDUCATION			
		BELOW GRADE 5	GRADES 5 - 9/ YEARS 6 - 10	GCE(O/L) NCGE	GCE(A/L) HNCE AND ABOVE
*1990	100.0	8.5	49.7	26.5	15.4
*1991	100.0	9.0	45.7	30.3	15.1
*1992	100.0	9.2	50.5	27.0	13.7
*1993	100.0	8.3	44.9	28.7	18.0
*1994	100.0	8.6	44.9	28.3	18.2
*1995	100.0	5.5	47.1	29.1	18.4
*1996	100.0	7.9	47.1	26.1	19.0
*1997	100.0	5.7	44.7	28.2	21.4
*1998	100.0	5.8	44.2	27.1	22.9
*1999	100.0	4.4	41.9	29.2	24.5
*2000	100.0	3.1	45.6	26.0	25.3
*2001	100.0	3.6	40.7	27.3	28.4
*2002	100.0	4.7	40.7	25.2	29.4
**2003	100.0	4.8	40.2	26.1	28.9
***2004	100.0	5.4	36.6	26.2	31.7
**** 2005	100.0	4.5	37.2	28.6	29.7
*2006 1st Q	100.0	5.4	45.6	24.3	24.8
*2006 2nd Q	100.0	4.1	43.6	28.8	23.5
*2006 3rd Q	100.0	3.7	40.6	28.1	27.6
*2006 4th Q	100.0	5.3	40.5	23.3	30.9

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

*** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**** - All the districts are included



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

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

YEAR	TOTAL	LEVEL OF EDUCATION			
		BELOW GRADE 5	GRADES 5 - 9/ YEARS 6 - 10	GCE(O/L) NCGE	GCE(A/L) HNCE AND ABOVE
*1990	100.0	10.6	57.7	23.3	8.4
*1991	100.0	11.2	53.2	25.0	10.5
*1992	100.0	9.9	57.4	25.1	7.9
*1993	100.0	11.4	47.7	28.0	12.9
*1994	100.0	11.4	50.3	27.0	11.3
*1995	100.0	5.3	54.4	29.4	10.9
*1996	100.0	8.7	56.9	23.8	10.6
*1997	100.0	7.0	54.5	25.0	13.5
*1998	100.0	6.7	54.8	24.7	13.9
*1999	100.0	4.8	48.3	29.1	17.8
*2000	100.0	3.9	54.7	26.0	15.4
*2001	100.0	4.4	50.9	25.2	19.5
*2002	100.0	5.6	50.1	24.7	19.6
**2003	100.0	5.5	47.3	27.7	19.5
***2004	100.0	7.0	44.0	27.4	21.6
**** 2005	100.0	5.2	44.9	29.1	20.8
*2006 1st Q	100.0	8.4	50.7	25.5	15.4
*2006 2nd Q	100.0	5.5	50.7	27.8	15.9
*2006 3rd Q	100.0	5.1	49.5	27.0	18.5
*2006 4th Q	100.0	6.6	47.2	22.6	23.6

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

YEAR	TOTAL	LEVEL OF EDUCATION			
		BELOW GRADE 5	GRADES 5 - 9/ YEARS 6 - 10	GCE(O/L) NCGE	GCE(A/L) HNCE AND ABOVE
*1990	100.0	6.4	42.2	29.5	21.9
*1991	100.0	7.1	39.6	34.5	18.8
*1992	100.0	8.5	43.6	28.9	19.4
*1993	100.0	5.7	42.5	29.4	22.5
*1994	100.0	6.9	39.6	29.6	24.9
*1995	100.0	5.7	40.0	28.8	25.5
*1996	100.0	7.1	37.6	28.3	27.0
*1997	100.0	4.5	35.3	31.3	28.9
*1998	100.0	5.1	35.4	29.1	30.5
*1999	100.0	4.0	35.5	29.3	31.2
*2000	100.0	2.3	36.3	26.1	35.3
*2001	100.0	2.6	29.7	29.7	38.0
*2002	100.0	3.9	31.4	25.6	39.1
**2003	100.0	4.0	33.5	24.6	37.8
***2004	100.0	3.9	29.7	25.0	41.3
**** 2005	100.0	4.0	29.9	28.1	38.0
*2006 1st Q	100.0	2.4	40.5	23.1	34.0
*2006 2nd Q	100.0	2.7	36.5	29.7	31.1
*2006 3rd Q	100.0	2.6	33.2	29.0	35.2
*2006 4th Q	100.0	4.4	35.5	23.8	36.3

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

*** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**** - All the districts are included



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

SEX	2006 4th Quarter			
	TOTAL	DURATION		
		LESS THAN 6 MONTHS	6 TO LESS THAN 12 MONTHS	12 + MONTHS
BOTH SEXES	479199	162423	86226	230550
%	100.0	33.9	18.0	48.1
MALE	205250	75383	44311	85556
%	100.0	36.7	21.6	41.7
FEMALE	273949	87041	41915	144993
%	100.0	31.8	15.3	52.9

TABLE 12 - STANDARD ERROR AND COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION OF SELECTED VARIABLES

	(4th quarter 2006)					
	Estimated Value	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)	Estimated Value (Ratio)	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
General labour force characteristics						
Population (10 years & over)	14966969	223825	0.015	-	-	-
Employed Population	7149922	131305	0.018	-	-	-
Unemployed Population	479199	29698	0.062	-	-	-
Employment Rate				0.937	0.004	0.004
Unemployment Rate				0.063	0.004	0.059
Labour Force	7629121	136623	0.018	-	-	-
Not in Labour Force	7337848	138747	0.019	-	-	-
Employed persons by major industry Groups						
1	2357460	124206	0.053	-	-	-
2	1357431	67372	0.050	-	-	-
3	534656	31012	0.058	-	-	-
4	931840	46834	0.050	-	-	-
5	110745	12374	0.112	-	-	-
6	439342	27973	0.064	-	-	-
7	195727	18804	0.096	-	-	-
8	376980	26282	0.070	-	-	-
9	284870	22577	0.079	-	-	-
10	133866	16003	0.120	-	-	-
11	147029	13992	0.095	-	-	-
12	63742	11390	0.179	-	-	-
13	203414	22461	0.110	-	-	-
14	12822	4038	0.315	-	-	-
Unemployed persons by level of education						
Below grade 5	25602	6036	0.236	-	-	-
Grade 5 - 9/Year 6 - 10	194177	18373	0.095	-	-	-
G.C.E.(O/L)/N.C.G.E.	111430	13002	0.117	-	-	-
G.C.E.(A/L)/H.N.C.E. & above	147990	13986	0.095	-	-	-

Industry group

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A,B) | 8. Public Administration and Defence,Compulsory Social Security (L) |
| 2. Manufacturing (D) | 9. Education (M) |
| 3. Construction, Mining & Quarrying ,
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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 10 years of age and older.

The field work of the survey is done during the third week of the 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 and definitions

1. ***Labour force*** : The labour force is composed of the economically active population 10 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 not 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 on the order of ,

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

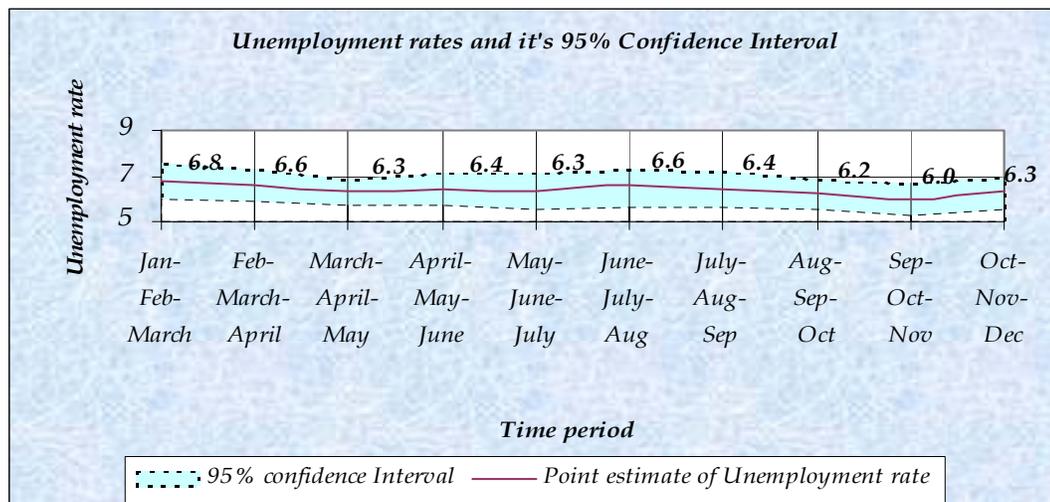
6.4 \pm (0.4) * (1.96)

(6.4 \pm 0.784)

This means, the 95 percent confidence interval on the quarterly unemployment rate could range from (5.6 to 7.2) . 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 5.6 to 7.2 . 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.

Unemployment rates and it's lower and upper limits 2006 (Jan-Dec)



As shown in the given figure, it is very clear that, there is no statistical significant differences between the quarterly unemployment rates reported in 2006, (since all the 95 percent confidence intervals overlap) when sampling error is 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.

Beginning in January 2006, some improvements were made to the labour force survey schedule in order to fulfill the requirements of it's users and also to provide additional information for the planning purposes. This revision was made focusing on literacy, household economic activities, and informal sector employment and under employment etc.

Alternative Estimates of Employment, Unemployment and Labour Force Characteristics

◆ Official employment, unemployment and labour force characteristics are estimated at the Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey, based on the internationally comparable concepts and definitions recommended by the ILO. However the validity of the concepts and definitions used at the survey is questioned very often in some forums, for the appropriateness of these concepts and definitions in the Sri Lankan context.

The concepts and definitions, which were found to be controversial are as below.

(1) Number of Hours of Work :

A person who work **at least one hour** during the reference week, is considered **employed**, under these definitions.

(2) Working Age Population :

All persons of **age 10 years and over** are considered to be in the working age.

(3) Employment Status :

All, a) Paid employees, (those who work for wages/salaries).

b) Employers (who have at least one paid employee under them).

c) Own account workers (who carry out the economic activity without having any paid employees).

d) Unpaid family workers (who make their contribution to the economic activities carried out by their own household, without wages/salaries).

The validity of the above concepts and definitions is raised due to the following reasons.

(1) **Number of hours of Work** : Some point out that **one hour per week** is too low, to consider a person to be employed.

(2) **Working age Population** : Some point out that persons in the age group 10-14 yrs. are too young to consider to be in the working age.

(3) **Employment Status** : Some point out that 'unpaid family workers' may work in the family enterprise **without payment** because they have no other work, and so it is not appropriate to consider them as **employed**.

An attempt has been made to produce '**Alternative estimates of Employment, Unemployment and Labour Force Characteristics**,' by revising the original concepts and definitions so that the above issues are addressed as explained below.

The revisions made are,

(1) Number of Hours of Work :

Persons who work **20 hours or more per week only** are considered to be employed.

(2) Working Age Population :

Persons who are **over 15 yrs of age only** are considered to be in the working age.

(3) Unpaid Family Worker :

Unpaid family workers are **not** considered as employed. Those unpaid family workers who were reported to be seeking some other work are considered as **unemployed** and the rest of the unpaid family workers are considered as **economically inactive** (not in the labour force) so only, **a) paid employees b) employers and c) own account workers are considered to be employed**.

Following tables are based on the above alternative concepts and definitions.

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

YEAR	HOUSEHOLD POPULATION (15 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
*1998	11281913	5567813	49.4	4870332	87.5	697481	12.5	5714099
*1999	11582873	5632621	48.6	4974104	88.3	658517	11.7	5950382
*2000	11978962	5738351	47.9	5124615	89.3	613736	10.7	6241526
*2001	12258565	5893030	48.1	5292093	89.8	600937	10.2	6365944
*2002	12612657	6162963	48.9	5482779	89.0	680184	11.0	6450265
**2003	13839853	6547396	47.3	5849585	89.3	697811	10.7	7292837
***2004	14670217	7051951	48.1	6327524	89.7	724427	10.3	7618797
****2005	13630354	6565951	48.2	5964493	90.8	601458	9.2	7064403
*2006 Q1	13214347	6423718	48.6	5877392	91.5	546326	8.5	6790630
*2006 Q2	13251589	6390305	48.2	5918159	92.6	472146	7.4	6861284
*2006 Q3	13390459	6543785	48.9	6055026	92.5	488759	7.5	6846674
*2006 Q4	13369553	6456062	48.3	5978040	92.6	478021	7.4	6913491

TABLE 2 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF NUMBER AND RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT BY AGE (ALTERNATIVE ESTIMATES)

YEAR	AGE GROUP											
	TOTAL		15 - 19		20 - 24		25 - 29		30 - 39		40 & ABOVE	
	NO.	RATE	NO.	RATE	NO.	RATE	NO.	RATE	NO.	RATE	NO.	RATE
*1999	658517	11.7	158129	41.3	269327	31.9	113285	15.4	81121	5.7	36655	1.6
*2000	613736	10.7	126288	36.5	266306	30.7	117768	15.7	71019	4.9	32354	1.4
*2001	601026	10.2	130397	40.2	271672	30.5	105295	14.0	63668	4.4	29905	1.2
*2002	680184	11.0	136693	41.1	317071	32.7	113919.98	14.5	75086	4.9	37414	1.5
**2003	697811	10.7	141608.9	40.4	314693	32.2	121632	14.5	80467	4.8	39410	1.5
***2004	724427	10.3	134848	38.0	332229	31.2	122725	13.4	84461	4.8	50165	1.7
****2005	601458	9.2	122670	39.7	268331	28.4	99649	11.3	70764	4.4	40044	1.4
*2006 Q1	546326	8.5	121936	37.6	207282	25.2	107210	13.0	62213	4.1	47686	1.6
*2006Q2	472146	7.4	87760	32.4	195448	23.7	99260	11.5	51567	3.4	38110	1.3
*2006Q3	488759	7.5	76118	26.6	193529	24.0	121424	13.6	56237	3.7	41451	1.4
*2006Q4	478021	7.4	76916	26.4	179816	23.0	106379	13.3	60544	3.8	54368	1.8

* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

*** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**** - All the districts are included

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

Year	Industry group														
	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
*2002															
No.	5487325	1559133	983601	264384	723210	104151	292951	164062	518764	211281	80915	96911	91085	283032	113845
%	100.0	28.4	17.9	4.8	13.2	1.9	5.3	3.0	9.5	3.9	1.5	1.8	1.7	5.2	2.1
**2003															
No.	5860182	1682994	1038390	343650	744153	104923	344294	176993	510486	233874	91213	94491	74181	293951	126590
%	100.0	28.7	17.7	5.9	12.7	1.8	5.9	3.0	8.7	4.0	1.6	1.6	1.3	5.0	2.2
***2004															
No.	6337164	1792810	1191379	439936	794793	108521	402536	170027	526501	257965	102328	108076	65639	293621	83032
%	100.0	28.3	18.8	6.9	12.5	1.7	6.4	2.7	8.3	4.1	1.6	1.7	1.0	4.6	1.3
****2005															
No.	5971029	1573306	1147255	476851	739850	108424	422920	204139	465608	245956	118065	105175	47645	253367	62468
%	100.0	26.3	19.2	8.0	12.4	1.8	7.1	3.4	7.8	4.1	2.0	1.8	0.8	4.2	1.0
*2006 Q1															
No.	5877392	1554543	1214636	482456	838047	107225	387813	224540	404410	224324	104291	99303	90721	131760	13322
%	100.0	26.4	20.7	8.2	14.3	1.8	6.6	3.8	6.9	3.8	1.8	1.7	1.5	2.2	0.2
*2006 Q2															
No.	5918159	1637613	1121985	505115	756549	127029	399192	212971	368187	288263	89124	126217	87982	175651	22281
%	100.0	27.7	19.0	8.5	12.8	2.1	6.7	3.6	6.2	4.9	1.5	2.1	1.5	3.0	0.4
*2006 Q3															
No.	6055026	1507836	1321890	506025	824822	103890	420323	238162	429552	254480	119848	87688	77622	133052	29834
%	100.0	24.9	21.8	8.4	13.6	1.7	6.9	3.9	7.1	4.2	2.0	1.4	1.3	2.2	0.5
*2006 Q4															
No.	5978040	1617879	1192906	495415	801533	101085	424438	190510	376980	264066	128222	129287	60524	182373	12822
%	100.0	27.1	20.0	8.3	13.4	1.7	7.1	3.2	6.3	4.4	2.1	2.2	1.0	3.1	0.2

Industry group

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| 1 Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A,B) | 8 Public Administration and Defence,Compulsory Social Security (L) |
| 2 Manufacturing (D) | 9 Education (M) |
| 3 Construction, Mining & Quarrying ,
Electricity,Gas and Water supply (C,E,F) | 10 Health and Social work (N) |
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Note: The tabulation groups based on ISIC (Rev.3) are indicated as A,B,C.....Q. Due to the limitations on reliability (based on CV),some of these groups have been combined.

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