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Preface

In the past, information on labour force characteristics, employment and unemployment etc. were collected through labour force and socio - economic surveys conducted at five yearly time intervals. However, the employment and unemployment data are required at very short intervals to monitor the programs made in the employment generating policies of the government. Therefore, to satisfy this need, the Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) designed a labour force survey on a quarterly basis, to measure the levels and trends of employment, unemployment and labour force in Sri Lanka on a continuous basis. This survey was commenced from the first quarter of 1990 and this report is the seventy second in the series of quarterly reports published so far.

Current survey concepts and methods are very similar to those introduced at the beginning of the survey in 1990. However, some changes were made over the years to improve the accuracy and usefulness of the data. The significant revisions were made on the labour force survey questionnaire in 2006, and the revised version was introduced for the survey conducted in 2006 first quarter, and it will be used in future as well.

The field work of the survey for the fourth quarter 2008 was done in October, November and December in year 2008. Even though it was planned to conduct the survey in Northern and Eastern provinces, the survey was not conducted fully due to the prevailing uncertain conditions in districts of Northern province. In fourth quarter 2008 the survey was conducted in the Eastern province, hence this report consists of data including Eastern province. However for comparison purposes related tabulations have been done (i) excluding Northern and Eastern provinces and (ii) excluding Northern province, separately in this report.

A nationally representative annual sample of about 22,500 housing units have been selected for the survey in 2008. However as mentioned above, the survey was not conducted properly in Northern province as scheduled, so this report is based on a quarterly sample of 5,050 housing units, excluding Northern province providing national level estimates with a stipulated standard errors of labour force characteristics as reported in the reference period of the fourth quarter 2008.

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Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey
Summary Statistics on Labour Force Characteristics
2008 4th quarter
(Excluding Northern province)

10 years & over population

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (10 years & over)	16403352	7685340	8718012	1835381	14567971
Labour force in this age group	8150608	5183786	2966822	856772	7293836
Labour force participation rate	49.7	67.5	34.0	46.7	50.1
Employed population	7712943	4982425	2730518	805723	6907219
Employment rate	94.6	96.1	92.0	94.0	94.7
Unemployed population	437665	201361	236304	51049	386616
Unemployment rate	5.4	3.9	8.0	6.0	5.3
Not in labour force	8252744	2501554	5751190	978609	7274135

15 years & over population

Population (15 years & over)	14666427	6793477	7872950	1663938	13002489
Labour force in this age group	8128732	5166979	2961753	856772	7271960
Labour force participation rate	55.4	76.1	37.6	51.5	55.9
Employed population	7691067	4965618	2725449	805723	6885343
Employment rate	94.6	96.1	92.0	94.0	94.7
Unemployed population	437665	201361	236304	51049	386616
Unemployment rate	5.4	3.9	8.0	6.0	5.3
Not in labour force	6537695	1626498	4911197	807166	5730529

20 years & over population

Population (20 years & over)	12892967	5940444	6952523	1458660	11434307
Labour force in this age group	7767097	4939047	2828050	826088	6941009
Labour force participation rate	60.2	83.1	40.7	56.6	60.7
Employed population	7398686	4772566	2626120	780867	6617819
Employment rate	95.3	96.6	92.9	94.5	95.3
Unemployed population	368411	166481	201930	45221	323190
Unemployment rate	4.7	3.4	7.1	5.5	4.7
Not in labour force	5125870	1001397	4124473	632572	4493298

Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey
Summary Statistics on Labour Force Characteristics
2008 4th quarter

(Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces)

10 years & over population

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (10 years & over)	15212426	7132422	8080003	1571751	13640675
Labour force in this age group	7650137	4818369	2831768	730283	6919854
Labour force participation rate	50.3	67.6	35.0	46.5	50.7
Employed population	7252034	4636921	2615113	695335	6556699
Employment rate	94.8	96.2	92.3	95.2	94.8
Unemployed population	398103	181448	216655	34948	363155
Unemployment rate	5.2	3.8	7.7	4.8	5.2
Not in labour force	7562289	2314053	5248236	841468	6720820

15 years & over population

Population (15 years & over)	13644646	6316621	7328025	1426906	12217741
Labour force in this age group	7629094	4802395	2826699	730283	6898811
Labour force participation rate	55.9	76.0	38.6	51.2	56.5
Employed population	7230991	4620947	2610044	695335	6535656
Employment rate	94.8	96.2	92.3	95.2	94.7
Unemployed population	398103	181448	216655	34948	363155
Unemployment rate	5.2	3.8	7.7	4.8	5.3
Not in labour force	6015552	1514226	4501326	696623	5318929

20 years & over population

Population (20 years & over)	12040633	5550670	6489963	1257443	10783190
Labour force in this age group	7296783	4599138	2697645	704128	6592654
Labour force participation rate	60.6	82.9	41.6	56.0	61.1
Employed population	6961945	4449491	2512454	673236	6288709
Employment rate	95.4	96.7	93.1	95.6	95.4
Unemployed population	334838	149647	185191	30892	303946
Unemployment rate	4.6	3.3	6.9	4.4	4.6
Not in labour force	4743850	951532	3792318	553314	4190536

Selected Labour Force indicators (2000 - 2008 Fourth quarter)

	Year											
	2000 [#]	2001 [#]	2002 [#]	2003 [*]	2004 ^{**}	2005 ^{***}	2006 [#]	2007 [#]	2008Q1 [*]	2008 Q2 [*]	2008 Q3 [*]	2008 Q4 [*]
Labour force participation rate												
<i>by sex</i>												
Both sexes	50.3	48.8	50.3	48.9	48.6	48.3	51.2	49.8	49.1	49.0	50.3	49.7
Male	67.2	66.2	67.9	67.2	66.7	67.1	68.1	67.8	66.9	67.6	69.0	67.5
Female	33.9	31.9	33.6	31.4	31.5	30.9	35.7	33.4	33.0	32.1	33.5	34.0
<i>by residential sector</i>												
Total	50.3	48.8	50.3	48.9	48.6	48.3	51.2	49.8	49.1	49.0	50.3	49.7
Urban	44.9	44.2	46.0	44.4	44.9	45.5	45.3	45.0	45.6	45.9	45.4	46.7
Rural	51.2	49.6	50.9	49.6	49.2	48.7	52.1	50.4	49.6	49.4	51.0	50.1
Unemployment rate												
<i>by sex</i>												
Both sexes	7.6	7.9	8.8	8.4	8.3	7.7	6.5	6.0	5.1	5.5	5.5	5.4
Male	5.8	6.2	6.6	6.0	6.0	5.5	4.7	4.3	3.2	3.8	3.9	3.9
Female	11.1	11.5	12.9	13.2	12.8	11.9	9.7	9.0	8.6	8.6	8.4	8.0
<i>by selected age groups(yr)</i>												
20 - 29	17.4	18.4	20.1	19.4	19.2	17.2	15.9	15.0	13.4	13.3	14.0	13.9
20 - 24	23.0	24.4	27.0	26.4	25.9	24.6	21.0	21.1	18.4	17.2	18.2	18.6
25 - 29	10.9	11.3	11.6	11.4	11.4	9.5	11.0	9.4	8.7	9.5	10.2	9.6
<i>by selected educational levels</i>												
G.C.E.(A/L) & above												
Both sexes	14.9	15.3	16.8	16.5	16.8	13.8	11.6	11.8	11.1	9.5	11.8	9.6
Male	8.8	10.1	10.8	10.4	10.5	8.9	6.9	6.6	6.9	4.5	6.9	5.9
Female	21.5	21.5	23.0	23.3	23.8	19.1	16.8	17.5	15.8	14.6	17.4	13.3
Employed population												
<i>by sex</i>												
Both sexes	6310247	6235588	6519415	7012755	7440226	7518007	7105322	7041874	7581163	7563981	7735132	7712943
Male	4241546	4248877	4395164	4833483	5087861	5134765	4610643	4653067	5004644	5051817	5094909	4982425
Female	2068701	1986711	2124250	2179272	2352365	2383241	2494679	2388807	2576519	2512164	2640222	2730518
<i>by industry (percentage)</i>												
Total	6310247	6235588	6519415	7012755	7394029	7518007	7105322	7041874	7581163	7563981	7735132	7712943
%	(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	2274153	2033343	2247602	2384397	2474725	2306039	2287268	2202098	2410307	2264792	2665917	2617910
%	(36.0)	(32.6)	(34.5)	(34.0)	(33.5)	(30.7)	(32.2)	(31.3)	(31.8)	(29.9)	(34.5)	(33.9)
Industry	1490795	1491408	1459194	1611493	1781447	1928014	1889953	1873857	1989655	2068786	2000537	1960544
%	(23.6)	(23.9)	(22.4)	(23.0)	(24.1)	(25.6)	(26.6)	(26.6)	(26.2)	(27.4)	(25.9)	(25.4)
Services	2545299	2710837	2812619	3016866	3137857	3283954	2928101	2965919	3181201	3230403	3068678	3134489
%	(40.3)	(43.5)	(43.1)	(43.0)	(42.4)	(43.7)	(41.2)	(42.1)	(42.0)	(42.7)	(39.7)	(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 •	7.2	4.3	5.6	7.5	5.2	4.7	6.7	6.5	4.0	11.1	6.7	7.2
1 - 9	1.9	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.9	1.5	1.8	2.9	1.7	2.3
10 - 39	32.7	28.2	32.0	32.6	28.7	27.6	28.6	28.3	30.7	29.8	26.6	28.8
40+	58.2	66.1	60.9	58.1	64.5	66.2	62.8	63.7	63.6	56.3	65.0	61.7

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

* Excluding Northern province

***All the districts are included

** Excluding Mullativu & Kilinochchi districts

Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

Selected Labour Force indicators
(2000 - 2008 Fourth quarter)

	Year									2007 Q4*	2008Q4*	2008Q4#
	2002*	2003*	2004*	2005*	2006*	2007*	2008Q1*	2008Q2*	2008Q3*			
Labour force participation rate												
<i>by sex</i>												
Both sexes	50.3	49.7	49.6	49.3	51.2	49.8	49.8	49.6	51.1	50.1	50.3	49.7
Male	67.9	67.5	67.2	67.3	68.1	67.8	67.3	67.8	69.1	68.2	67.6	67.5
Female	33.6	32.6	33.0	32.6	35.7	33.4	34.2	33.1	34.9	33.7	35.0	34.0
<i>by residential sector</i>												
Total	50.3	49.7	49.6	49.3	51.2	49.8	49.8	49.6	51.1	50.1	50.3	49.7
Urban	46.0	45.1	45.6	46.2	45.3	45.0	45.9	46.1	46.6	45.0	46.5	46.7
Rural	50.9	50.3	50.3	49.7	52.1	50.4	50.3	50.0	51.7	50.9	50.7	50.1
Unemployment rate												
<i>by sex</i>												
Both sexes	8.8	8.1	8.1	7.2	6.5	6.0	5.1	5.3	5.2	5.5	5.2	5.4
Male	6.6	6.0	6.0	5.3	4.7	4.3	3.3	3.6	3.8	4.2	3.8	3.9
Female	12.9	12.3	12.1	10.7	9.7	9.0	8.2	8.4	7.8	8.0	7.7	8.0
<i>by selected age groups(yr)</i>												
20 - 29	20.1	19.1	18.6	16.0	15.9	15.0	13.4	13.0	14.1	14.8	13.4	13.9
20 - 24	27.0	25.8	25.2	22.4	21.0	21.1	18.4	17.4	18.0	17.6	18.1	18.6
25 - 29	11.6	11.4	11.1	9.4	11.0	9.4	8.7	8.8	9.3	12.3	9.2	9.6
<i>by selected educational levels</i>												
G.C.E.(A/L) & above												
Both sexes	16.8	16.0	15.7	12.2	11.6	11.8	11.0	9.1	10.4	11.3	8.9	9.6
Male	10.8	10.1	9.6	7.9	6.9	6.6	6.9	4.0	6.1	6.6	5.3	5.9
Female	23.0	22.4	22.5	17.1	16.8	17.5	15.6	14.2	15.2	17.0	12.6	13.3
Employed population												
<i>by sex</i>												
Both sexes	6519415	6609466	6704006	6788119	7105322	7041874	7148318	7106439	7192034	7176679	7252034	7712942
Male	4395164	4496136	4512082	4546397	4610643	4653067	4653378	4693465	4669346	4715651	4636921	4982425
Female	2124250	2113330	2191924	2241722	2494679	2388807	2494940	2412974	2522687	2461027	2615113	2730518
<i>by industry (percentage)</i>												
Total	6519415	6609466	6704006	6788119	7105322	7041874	7148318	7106439	7192034	7176679	7252034	7712943
%	(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	2247602	2223691	2215282	2059293	2287268	2202098	2272031	2140712	2494966	2366192	2469949	2617910
%	(34.5)	(33.6)	(33.0)	(30.3)	(32.2)	(31.3)	(31.8)	(30.1)	(34.7)	(33.0)	(34.1)	(33.9)
Industry	1459194	1539035	1663383	1787274	1889953	1873857	1890286	1935656	1878184	1835126	1847888	1960544
%	(22.4)	(23.3)	(24.8)	(26.3)	(26.6)	(26.6)	(26.4)	(27.2)	(26.1)	(25.6)	(25.5)	(25.4)
Services	2812619	2846740	2825341	2941552	2928101	2965919	2986000	3030071	2818883	2975360	2934196	3134489
%	(43.1)	(43.1)	(42.1)	(43.3)	(41.2)	(42.1)	(41.8)	(42.6)	(39.2)	(41.5)	(40.5)	(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*	5.6	7.3	5.3	4.9	6.7	6.5	4.1	11.4	6.7	6.2	7.3	7.2
1 - 9	1.5	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.9	1.5	1.9	3.0	1.8	1.7	2.3	2.3
10 - 39	32.0	32.9	28.4	27.9	28.6	28.3	31.1	30.1	26.6	28.7	29.1	28.8
40+	60.9	58.0	64.7	65.7	62.8	63.7	62.9	55.5	64.8	63.4	61.3	61.7

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

* Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

Excluding Northern province

Note: However it is to be noted that the difference between corresponding figures in any given two quarters may not necessarily be statistically significant.

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Introduction

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.

The field work of the survey for the fourth quarter 2008 was done in October, November and December in year 2008. Even though it was planned to conduct the survey in Northern and Eastern provinces, the survey was not conducted fully due to the prevailing uncertain conditions in districts of Northern province. In fourth quarter 2008 the survey was conducted in the Eastern province, hence this report consist with data including Eastern province.

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 2008

Sector	Economically active population					
	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Total	7650137	100.0	4818369	63.0	2831768	37.0
Urban	730283	100.0	486955	66.7	243328.2	33.3
Rural	6919854	100.0	4331415	62.6	2588440	37.4

* Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

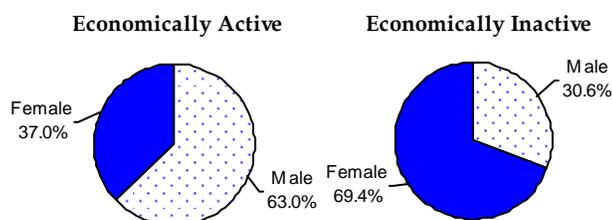
Table 2: Economically Inactive population by sex and sector- Fourth Quarter 2008

Sector	Economically inactive population					
	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Total	7562289	100.0	2314053	30.6	5248236	69.4
Urban	841468	100.0	248261	29.5	593207	70.5
Rural	6720820	100.0	2065792	30.7	4655029	69.3

* Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

The survey results revealed that (Table 1), the estimated economically active population (or labour force) is about 7.6 million in third quarter 2008. Of which 63.0 percent are males and 37.0 percent are females. Of the economically inactive population 30.6 percent are males and 69.4 percent are females (Table 2).

Figure 1: Distribution of Economically active/Inactive population



* Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

Table 3: Labour Force Participation Rate by sex & year

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
2006	51.2	68.1	35.7
2007	49.8	67.8	33.4
2008 Q1	49.8	67.3	34.2
2008 Q2	49.6	67.8	33.1
2008 Q3	51.1	69.1	34.9
2008 Q4	50.3	67.6	35.0

Table 3 provides the information on labour force participation rates since year 2000. As can be seen from this table, male participation rate for the fourth quarter 2008 is about 67.6 percent and it is 35.0 percent for females. It is important to note that, male participation to the labour force is as twice as that of females.

* Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

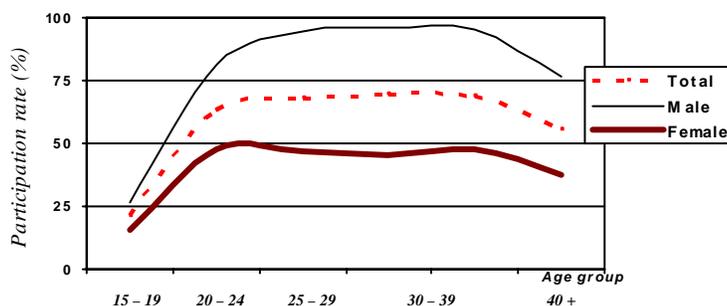
Table 4: Labour Force Participation Rate by age group & by sex - Fourth Quarter 2008

Age group	Sex		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	50.3	67.6	35.0
15 - 19	20.7	26.5	15.4
20 - 24	63.0	81.2	47.3
25 - 29	68.1	94.9	46.5
30 - 39	69.0	95.5	46.5
40+	55.6	76.3	37.6

* Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

Table 4 provides the labour force participation rates by sex and age group. Highest male participation rate (95.5) is reported from (30 - 39) age group while female highest participation rate (47.3) reported from age group (20-24).

Figure 2: Labour Force Participation Rate by age group & sex - Fourth Quarter 2008



* Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

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, (Fourth quarter 2007 – Fourth Quarter 2008)

Year	Major industry group			
	Total	Agriculture	Industries	Services
Oct-Nov-Dec 4 th Qtr - 2007	7176679 (100.0)	2366192 (33.0)	1835126 (25.6)	2975360 (41.5)
Jan-Feb-Mar 1 st Qtr - 2008	7148318 (100.0)	2272031 (31.8)	1890286 (26.4)	2986000 (41.8)
April-May-June 2 nd Qtr - 2008	7106439 (100.0)	2140712 (30.1)	1935656 (27.2)	3030071 (42.6)
July-Aug-Sept. 3 rd Qtr - 2008	7192034 (100.0)	2494966 (34.7)	1878184 (26.1)	2818883 (39.2)
Oct-Nov-Dec 4 th Qtr - 2008	7252034 (100.0)	2469949 (34.1)	1847888 (25.5)	2934196 (40.5)

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

** Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces*

Agriculture

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

Industries

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

Services

1. Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles, Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods (G)
2. Hotels and Restaurants (H)
3. Transport, Storage and Communication (I)
4. Financial Intermediation and Real Estate, Renting and Business Activities (J,K)
5. Public Administration and Defence, Compulsory Social Security (L)
6. Education (M)
7. Health and Social work (N)
8. Other Community, Social and Personal Service Activities (O)
9. Private Households with Employed Persons (P)
10. Miscellaneous Labour work
11. Extra Territorial Organizations & bodies (Q)
12. Industries not adequately described

Table 5 shows the percentage distribution of employed population by main industry from fourth quarter 2007 to fourth quarter 2008. The total number of employed persons in Sri Lanka is estimated as about 7.2 million in fourth quarter 2008. Of which, about 40.5 percent engaged in services sector employment, and 34.1% in agriculture sector.

When the distribution of employment between fourth quarter 2007 to fourth quarter 2008 is compared agriculture sector shows a marked increase in its relative importance, and for the service sector it is the opposite.

Table 6 : Percentage distribution of employed population by employment status and Agriculture/ non- agriculture sector - Fourth quarter 2008.

Employment Status	Total		Sector			
	No.	%	Agriculture		Non Agriculture	
			No.	%	No.	%
Total	7252034	100.0	2469949	34.1	4782084	65.9
Employee	4103837	100.0	725874	17.7	3377963	82.3
Public	1065622	100.0	146756	13.8	918866	86.2
Private	3038215	100.0	579118	19.1	2459097	80.9
Employer	218383	100.0	47257	21.6	171127	78.4
Own account worker	2105467	100.0	1107423	52.6	998044	47.4
Unpaid family worker	824346	100.0	589396	71.5	234950	28.5

** Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces*

Table 6 shows that, about 82.3 percent of total paid employees are engaged in non-agricultural sector activities, while this percentage is only 17.7 percent for the agriculture sector. Further, about 80.9 percent of private sector paid employees are involved in non-agricultural activities, while this share is 19.1 percent regarding the agricultural activities.

It is important to see that, about 71.5 percent of unpaid family workers are in the agriculture sector, and the balance, 28.5 percent are in the non-agriculture sector.

Note (1): Please see the explanatory note under 'labour force' link in the DCS web site www.statistics.gov.lk for detailed concepts & definitions.

Table 7 : Distribution of Employed population by main industry & by sex - Fourth Quarter 2008

Major industry group	Total	Sex	
		Male	Female
Total	100.0	63.9	36.1
Agriculture	100.0	58.8	41.2
Industry	100.0	62.8	37.21
Services	100.0	68.9	31.1

** Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces*

It is seen in the above table that, about 68.9 percent of services sector employment are males.

Table 8 : "Informal sector" employment by Agriculture/ Non-agriculture sector - Fourth Quarter 2008

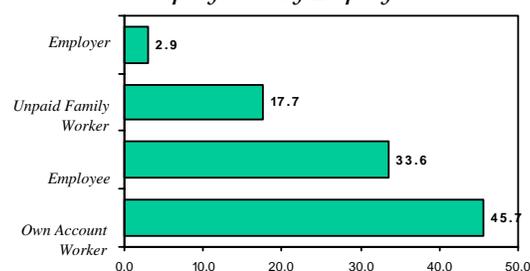
Sector	Total	Agriculture	Non-agriculture
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Formal	34.1	14.6	47.0
Informal	65.9	85.4	53.0

** Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces*

It is also important to see the distribution of the employed population according to the formal and informal sector classification. Table 8 shows that, 65.9 percent of the total employment is in the informal sector. Further 85.4 percent of the agriculture sector employment is in informal sector, while it is about 53 percent for non agriculture sector.

Further, 45.7 percent of those employed in the informal sector are own account workers, while 33.6 percent of them are paid employees. (Figure 3).

Figure 3 : Percentage Distribution of informal sector employment by Employment status



** Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces*

Underemployment ⁽¹⁾

Table 9 : Underemployment rate by sex - Fourth Quarter 2008

Rate	Sex		Economic sector		Total
	Male	Female	Agriculture	Non-agriculture	
Underemployment rate	4.3	6.7	7.1	4.1	5.1

** Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces*

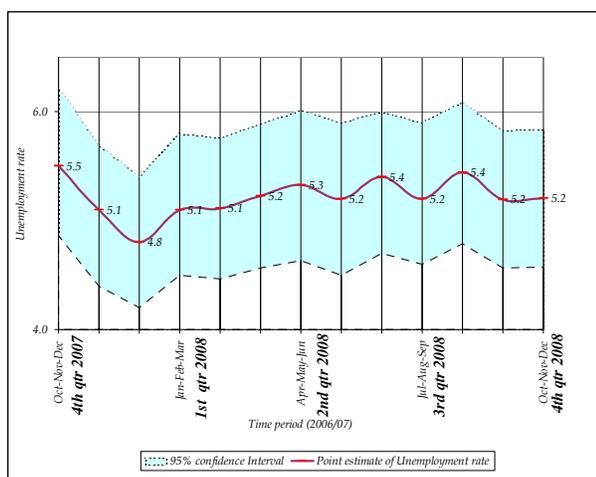
Table 9 reveals that, underemployment rate is higher for females than males. And also it is higher in the agriculture sector than as that of in non-agriculture sector.

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 4 : Unemployment rates and it's 95% confidence intervals (2007 Oct. -Dec./2008 Oct. - Dec.)



* Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

The number of unemployed persons is estimated as about 398,000 during the fourth quarter 2008.

The unemployment rate for the fourth quarter 2008 is reported as 5.2 percent (Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces).

As seen in figure 4, it is very important to note that, there is no statistically significant difference between the unemployment rates reported in different time periods of 2007/2008, when *sampling error*⁽²⁾ is considered.

Table 10 : Unemployment rate by level of education Fourth Quarter 2008

Level of Education	Unemployment rate		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	5.2	3.8	7.7
Below G.C.E. (O/L)	3.8	3.4	4.5
G.C.E. (O/L)	7.6	4.2	13.3
G.C.E. (A/L) & above	8.9	5.3	12.6

* Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

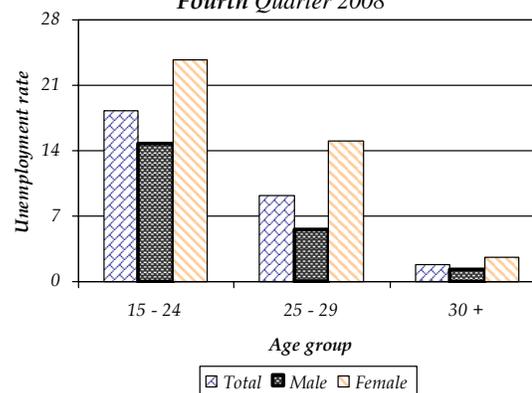


Table 11: Unemployment rate by age group and sex – Fourth Quarter 2008

Age group	Total	Sex	
		Male	Female
Total	5.2	3.8	7.7
15 - 24	18.3	14.8	23.7
25 - 29	9.2	5.6	15.1
30 +	1.8	1.3	2.6

* Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

Figure 5 : Unemployment rate by age group and sex – Fourth Quarter 2008



* Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

As can be seen from table 11, the unemployment rate reported for females is 7.7 percent and 3.8 percent for males. Youth unemployment rate (15 - 24 yrs) reported for fourth quarter 2008 is 18.3. Highest unemployment rates is reported from age group (15 - 24 yrs), for both males (14.8) and females (23.7). Further the survey results reveal that the unemployment is severe among females than that of males, in all age groups.

The highest unemployment rate is reported from the G.C.E(A/L) and above group which is about 8.9 percent. That is 5.3 percent and 12.6 percent for males and females respectively. This shows that the problem of unemployment is more acute in the case of educated females than educated males (Table 10).

Table 12: Literacy rate by sex & sector

Sex & sector	4 th quarter 2007	4 th quarter 2008
Total	91.0	91.4
Male	92.1	92.5
Female	90.0	90.5
Urban	93.4	93.0
Rural	91.9	92.1
Estate	67.8	75.4

* Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

⁽²⁾ 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 details, please refer the explanatory note on the labour force link in the DCS website.**

⁽³⁾ Please see the explanatory note under 'labour force' link in the DCS web site www.statistics.gov.lk for detailed concepts & definitions.

**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)	NATIONAL LEVEL DATA						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	LABOUR FORCE		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE	
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	14833801	7598762	51.2	7105322	93.5	493440	6.5	7235040
# 2007	15047882	7488896	49.8	7041874	94.0	447021	6.0	7558986
# 2008 Q1	15112014	7530722	49.8	7148318	94.9	382403	5.1	7581292
# 2008 Q2	15140987	7506155	49.6	7106439	94.7	399716	5.3	7634832
* 2008 Q2	16331615	8000628	49.0	7563981	94.5	436647	5.5	8330987
# 2008 Q3	14852330	7587847	51.1	7192034	94.8	395813	5.2	7264483
* 2008 Q3	16272499	8184379	50.3	7735132	94.5	449248	5.5	8088119
# 2008 Q4	15212426	7650137	50.3	7252034	94.8	398103	5.2	7562289
* 2008 Q4	16403352	8150608	49.7	7712943	94.6	437665	5.4	8252744

**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	7098813	4837308	68.1	4610643	95.3	226664	4.7	2261505
* 2007	7174676	4862788	67.8	4653067	95.7	209721	4.3	2311888
* 2008 Q1	7154286	4811750	67.3	4653378	96.7	158372	3.3	2342536
** 2008 Q1	7728048	5172463	66.9	5004644	96.8	167820	3.2	2555585
* 2008 Q2	7186821	4870550	67.8	4693465	96.4	177086	3.6	2316271
** 2008 Q2	7764706	5250669	67.6	5051817	96.2	198852	3.8	2514037
* 2008 Q3	7019008	4853178	69.1	4669346	96.2	183831	3.8	2165830
** 2008 Q3	7680510	5302790	69.0	5094909	96.1	207881	3.9	2377720
* 2008 Q4	7132422	4818369	67.6	4636921	96.2	181448	3.8	2314053
** 2008 Q4	7685340	5183786	67.5	4982425	96.1	201361	3.9	2501554

**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	7734989	2761454	35.7	2494679	90.3	266775	9.7	4973535
* 2007	7873206	2626108	33.4	2388807	91.0	237300	9.0	5247098
* 2008 Q1	7957728	2718972	34.2	2494940	91.8	224031	8.2	5238756
** 2008 Q1	8546439	2818727	33.0	2576519	91.4	242208	8.6	5727712
* 2008 Q2	7954166	2635605	33.1	2412974	91.6	222630	8.4	5318561
** 2008 Q2	8566909	2749960	32.1	2512164	91.4	237796	8.6	5816949
* 2008 Q3	7833322	2734669	34.9	2522687	92.2	211982	7.8	5098653
** 2008 Q3	8591989	2881589	33.5	2640222	91.6	241367	8.4	5710400
* 2008 Q4	8080003	2831768	35.0	2615113	92.3	216655	7.7	5248236
** 2008 Q4	8718012	2966822	34.0	2730518	92.0	236304	8.0	5751190

* - 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

(2008 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	16403352	8150608	49.7	7712943	94.6	437665	5.4	8252744
10 - 14 YRS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
15 - 19 YRS	1773461	361635	20.4	292381	80.8	69254	19.2	1411825
20 - 24 YRS	1469074	914387	62.2	744184	81.39	170203	18.6	554687
25 - 29 YRS	1474848	997540	67.6	902189	90.4	95351	9.6	477308
30 - 39 YRS	2679419	1832141	68.4	1774046	96.8	58095	3.2	847279
40 + YRS	7269625	4023029	55.3	3978266	98.9	44763	1.1	3246596

* Reliable estimates cannot be provided.

Note : Including Eastern province

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

(2008 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	7685340	5183786	67.5	4982425	96.1	201361	3.9	2501554
10 - 14 YRS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
15 - 19 YRS	853033	227932	26.7	193052	84.7	34880	15.3	625101
20 - 24 YRS	674815	546934	81.0	467151	85.4	79783	14.6	127880
25 - 29 YRS	659583	627030	95.1	587398	93.7	39632	6.3	32552
30 - 39 YRS	1231574	1178467	95.7	1157579	98.2	20888	1.8	53108
40 + YRS	3374472	2586615	76.7	2560437	99.0	26178	1.0	787857

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

(2008 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	8718012	2966822	34.0	2730518	92.0	236304	8.0	5751190
10 - 14 YRS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
15 - 19 YRS	920427	133703	14.5	99329	74.3	34374	25.7	786724
20 - 24 YRS	794259	367452	46.3	277033	75.4	90419	24.6	426807
25 - 29 YRS	815266	370510	45.4	314791	85.0	55719	15.0	444756
30 - 39 YRS	1447845	653674	45.1	616467	94.3	37207	5.7	794171
40 + YRS	3895153	1436414	36.9	1417829	98.7	18584	1.3	2458739

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

Note : Including Eastern province

 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	100.0	0.3	4.0	10.2	12.0	24.2	49.2
*2007	100.0	0.2	3.6	9.8	12.0	23.9	50.5
* 2008 Q1	100.0	0.2	2.8	9.8	11.6	24.5	51.2
** 2008 Q1	100.0	0.2	2.9	9.9	11.7	24.6	50.7
* 2008 Q2	100.0	0.2	3.4	10.3	11.6	24.2	50.4
** 2008 Q2	100.0	0.3	3.6	10.4	11.5	24.2	50.1
* 2008 Q3	100.0	0.2	3.5	9.5	11.6	23.8	51.4
** 2008 Q3	100.0	0.3	3.5	9.4	11.6	24.2	51.0
* 2008 Q4	100.0	0.3	3.7	9.5	11.6	23.0	51.9
** 2008 Q4	100.0	0.3	3.8	9.6	11.7	23.0	51.6

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* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

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*** - 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
*1995	100.0	0.3	4.8	11.0	14.0	26.0	43.8
*1996	100.0	0.4	5.0	11.7	13.4	27.8	41.7
*1997	100.0	0.3	4.8	11.1	13.0	27.1	43.6
*1998	100.0	0.7	5.6	11.9	12.3	26.2	43.3
*1999	100.0	0.7	5.8	11.8	11.8	25.7	44.1
*2000	100.0	0.4	5.2	12.0	12.3	25.4	44.7
*2001	100.0	0.3	4.1	12.0	12.1	25.0	46.4
*2002	100.0	0.3	4.2	11.8	11.8	26.2	45.8
**2003	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	100.0	0.3	4.0	10.2	12.2	23.9	49.4
* 2007	100.0	0.2	3.7	9.6	12.7	23.7	50.1
* 2008 Q1	100.0	0.2	2.8	9.4	11.8	24.8	50.9
** 2008 Q1	100.0	0.2	3.0	9.6	12.0	24.8	50.4
* 2008 Q2	100.0	0.4	3.4	10.1	12.1	24.2	50.0
** 2008 Q2	100.0	0.4	3.6	10.3	11.9	24.2	49.7
* 2008 Q3	100.0	0.2	3.9	9.5	11.9	23.3	51.2
** 2008 Q3	100.0	0.2	3.9	9.4	11.9	23.8	50.8
* 2008 Q4	100.0	0.3	3.7	9.3	11.7	23.2	51.8
** 2008 Q4	100.0	0.3	3.9	9.4	11.8	23.2	51.4

**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	100.0	0.3	4.1	10.3	11.7	24.8	48.8
* 2007	100.0	0.3	3.4	10.1	10.7	24.2	51.3
* 2008 Q1	100.0	0.2	2.7	10.4	11.1	23.7	51.8
** 2008 Q1	100.0	0.2	2.7	10.7	11.2	24.0	51.3
* 2008 Q2	100.0		3.5	10.6	10.7	24.2	51.1
** 2008 Q2	100.0		3.5	10.5	10.7	24.2	51.0
* 2008 Q3	100.0	0.3	2.8	9.6	11.0	24.7	51.6
** 2008 Q3	100.0	0.3	2.8	9.4	11.1	24.9	51.4
* 2008 Q4	100.0	0.2	3.7	9.9	11.4	22.7	52.1
** 2008 Q4	100.0	0.2	3.6	10.1	11.5	22.6	51.9

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* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

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**** - 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	100.0	22.2	46.9	16.7	14.2
* 2007	100.0	21.1	47.8	15.6	15.5
*2008 Q1	100.0	19.4	47.8	16.4	16.4
**2008 Q1	100.0	19.7	47.3	16.7	16.3
*2008 Q2	100.0	19.0	47.8	16.1	17.1
**2008 Q2	100.0	19.7	47.3	15.9	17.0
*2008 Q3	100.0	22.0	47.8	14.9	15.3
**2008 Q3	100.0	22.3	47.5	14.8	15.4
*2008 Q4	100.0	20.8	48.4	15.8	15.1
**2008 Q4	100.0	21.5	47.8	15.8	14.8

* - 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	Below Grade 5	Level of education		
			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	100.0	21.0	50.4	16.6	12.1
* 2007	100.0	20.1	51.3	15.6	13.0
* 2008 Q1	100.0	18.7	50.7	16.7	13.9
** 2008 Q1	100.0	19.2	50.2	16.9	13.6
* 2008 Q2	100.0	18.4	51.5	16.4	13.6
** 2008 Q2	100.0	19.2	50.9	16.3	13.6
* 2008 Q3	100.0	20.5	51.3	15.1	13.1
** 2008 Q3	100.0	21.1	50.8	15.0	13.1
* 2008 Q4	100.0	20.1	51.6	16.0	12.3
** 2008 Q4	100.0	20.9	50.9	16.0	12.2

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

Year	Total	Below Grade 5	Level of education		
			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	100.0	24.3	40.4	17.0	18.2
* 2007	100.0	23.0	41.1	15.5	20.4
* 2008 Q1	100.0	20.7	42.4	15.9	21.0
** 2008 Q1	100.0	20.6	41.7	16.1	21.6
* 2008 Q2	100.0	20.1	40.6	15.4	23.9
** 2008 Q2	100.0	20.8	40.1	15.3	23.8
* 2008 Q3	100.0	24.7	41.4	14.5	19.5
** 2008 Q3	100.0	24.7	41.3	14.4	19.6
* 2008 Q4	100.0	22.1	42.7	15.3	20.0
** 2008 Q4	100.0	22.6	42.3	15.5	19.7

* - 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	100.0	55.6	13.4	42.1	3.1	30.8	10.5
*2007	100.0	56.5	13.8	42.7	2.8	30.4	10.3
* 2008 Q1	100.0	55.3	14.9	40.4	3.1	31.7	9.9
** 2008 Q1	100.0	56.1	15.4	40.7	3.1	31.3	9.5
* 2008 Q2	100.0	56.3	15.3	41.0	3.1	30.2	10.4
** 2008 Q2	100.0	56.5	15.5	41.0	3.0	30.4	10.1
* 2008 Q3	100.0	55.8	14.7	41.1	2.7	30.1	11.4
** 2008 Q3	100.0	56.3	15.2	41.1	2.6	30.0	11.2
*2008 Q4	100.0	56.6	14.7	41.9	3.0	29.0	11.4
**2008 Q4	100.0	56.8	14.8	42.1	2.9	29.3	11.0

* - 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					OWN ACCOUNT WORKER	UNPAID FAMILY WORKER
	TOTAL EMPLOYED	TOTAL	PUBLIC	PRIVATE	EMPLOYER		
*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	100.0	56.0	12.3	43.8	4.4	35.2	4.4
* 2007	100.0	57.2	12.1	45.1	3.9	34.5	4.4
* 2008 Q1	100.0	56.3	13.4	43.0	4.3	35.6	3.7
** 2008 Q1	100.0	57.3	13.8	43.4	4.2	34.9	3.6
* 2008 Q2	100.0	56.1	13.1	43.0	4.3	34.8	4.8
** 2008 Q2	100.0	56.6	13.4	43.3	4.2	34.6	4.5
* 2008 Q3	100.0	56.5	13.5	43.0	3.7	34.8	5.1
** 2008 Q3	100.0	57.4	14.1	43.3	3.6	34.2	4.9
*2008 Q4	100.0	58.0	13.3	44.8	4.4	33.1	4.5
**2008 Q4	100.0	58.8	13.5	45.3	4.2	32.6	4.4

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

YEAR	EMPLOYEE					OWN ACCOUNT WORKER	UNPAID FAMILY WORKER
	TOTAL EMPLOYED	TOTAL	PUBLIC	PRIVATE	EMPLOYER		
*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	100.0	54.8	15.6	39.2	0.8	22.7	21.7
* 2007	100.0	55.1	17.1	38.0	0.7	22.5	21.7
* 2008 Q1	100.0	53.5	17.9	35.6	0.8	24.3	21.4
** 2008 Q1	100.0	53.9	18.6	35.3	0.8	24.2	21.1
* 2008 Q2	100.0	56.7	19.5	37.2	0.7	21.2	21.4
** 2008 Q2	100.0	56.2	19.6	36.5	0.6	22.0	21.2
* 2008 Q3	100.0	54.7	17.1	37.6	0.7	21.3	23.3
** 2008 Q3	100.0	54.2	17.4	36.8	0.7	21.8	23.3
*2008 Q4	100.0	54.0	17.2	36.8	0.6	21.9	23.5
**2008 Q4	100.0	53.2	17.2	36.1	0.6	23.1	23.0

* - 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 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	7105322	2287268	1363092	526861	954981	129351	430331	221146	400504	276783	109660	123900	80247	179941	21255
* 2007	7041874	2202098	1331368	542489	932094	118516	456804	215217	433013	259489	115943	104601	87381	219692	23168
*2007 Q3	7102425	2129201	1332642	587391	924242	131550	470735	212378	469799	278965	121828	94259	101925	217543	29966
* 2008 Q1	7148318	2272031	1333614	556673	971416	94090	434491	236150	447941	309461	107791	116178	84320	168158	16006
** 2008 Q1	7581163	2410307	1380262	609393	1022321	99912	448687	241606	495690	339813	122626	132780	85506	176255	16006
* 2008 Q2	7106439	2140712	1370523	565133	950696	126347	411182	239763	469237	304486	109760	140874	85156	169792	22778
** 2008 Q2	7563981	2264792	1436663	632123	1019356	133299	429728	246851	506103	338723	115224	148499	85156	183692	23773
* 2008 Q3	7192034	2494966	1369603	508581	882118	91500	397869	245521	464741	262336	113462	125077	88311	138075	9874
** 2008 Q3	7735131.6	2665917	1441044	559493	943285	95262	429608	252808	539115	285497	127138	129418	90576	166099	9874
* 2008 Q4	7252033.7	2469949	1345849	502039	893641	103318	460347	222664	468617	318956	112717	133118	78601	137166	5052
** 2008 Q4	7712942.7	2617910	1399963	560581	952344	112794	482395	224632	507283	338498	118959	156714	78601	156241	6027

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

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.

- * - 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	4610643	1342214	683873	507192	717258	156022	294597	86521	822966
* 2007	4653067	1321995	703080	523470	688653	151782	308080	79092	876915
* 2008 Q1	4653378	1309526	696741	528719	721993	163720	336242	100003	796433
** 2008 Q1	5004644	1437756	726914	580275	763557	168199	371532	111055	845357
* 2008 Q2	4693465	1322889	748520	534099	700939	155999	337791	83588	809639
** 2008 Q2	5051817	1427767	789274	597266	752035	163086	369860	99814	852714
* 2008 Q3	4669346	1468888	745169	493056	656043	175730	347636	81740	701084
** 2008 Q3	5094909	1608106	783235	542619	706274	181814	409599	89423	773840
* 2008 Q4	4636921	1453553	674605	486077	641389	155087	357109	86394	782707
** 2008 Q4	4982425	1567974	699189	542505	678331	156558	389884	94092	853890

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

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

*** - 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	2494679	945054	679218	19669	237723	65125	105908	190262	251720
* 2007	2388807	880103	628288	19019	243441	63435	124933	180397	249190
*2008 Q1	2494940	962505	636873	27954	249422	72429	111699	209458	224600
**2008 Q1	2576519	972551	653348	29119	258764	73407	124158	228758	236415
* 2008 Q2	2412974	817823	622003	31033	249757	83765	131446	220898	256250
** 2008 Q2	2512164	837025	647389	34857	267321	83765	136243	238909	266656
* 2008 Q3	2522687	1026078	624434	15525	226074	69791	117105	180596	263085
** 2008 Q3	2640222	1057811	657810	16873	237010	70994	129516	196074	274135
* 2008 Q4	2615113	1016396	671244	15962	252252	67577	111508	232562	247612
** 2008 Q4	2730518	1049936	700774	18075	274014	68073	117399	244406	257842

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

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

Major Industry group	Year																		
	*1997	*1998	*1999	*2000	*2001	*2002	**2003	***2004	****2005	* 2006	* 2007	* 2008 Q1	** 2008 Q1	* 2008 Q2	** 2008 Q2	* 2008 Q3	** 2008 Q3	* 2008 Q4	** 2008 Q4
Total	5607868	6049388	6082449	6310247	6235588	6519415	7012755	7394029	7518007	7105322	7041874	7148318	7581163	7106439	7563981	7192034	7735132	7252034	7712943
Agriculture	2031902	2378572	2208066	2274153	2033343	2247602	2384397	2474725	2306039	2287268	2202098	2272031	2410307	2140712	2264792	2494966	2665917	2469949	2617910
Industry	1354952	1325735	1330134	1490795	1491408	1459194	1611493	1781447	1928014	1889953	1873857	1890286	1989655	1935656	2068786	1878184	2000537	1847888	1960544
Services	2221014	2345081	2544249	2545299	2710837	2812619	3016866	3137857	3283954	2928101	2965919	2986000	3181201	3030071	3230403	2818883	3068678	2934196	3134489

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

Major Industry group	Year																		
	*1997	*1998	*1999	*2000	*2001	*2002	**2003	***2004	****2005	* 2006	* 2007	* 2008 Q1	** 2008 Q1	* 2008 Q2	** 2008 Q2	* 2008 Q3	** 2008 Q3	* 2008 Q4	** 2008 Q4
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	100.0
Agriculture	36.2	39.3	36.3	36.0	32.6	34.5	34.0	33.5	30.7	32.2	31.3	31.8	31.8	30.1	29.9	34.7	34.5	34.1	33.9
Industry	24.2	21.9	21.9	23.6	23.9	22.4	23.0	24.1	25.6	26.6	26.6	26.4	26.2	27.2	27.4	26.1	25.9	25.5	25.4
Services	39.6	38.8	41.8	40.3	43.5	43.1	43.0	42.4	43.7	41.2	42.1	41.8	42.0	42.6	42.7	39.2	39.7	40.5	40.6

Agriculture

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

Industries

- | | |
|--|--|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Manufacturing (D) 2. Construction 3. Mining & Quarrying 4. Electricity, Gas and Water supply | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 |
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* - 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	7105322	128944	376469	362275	276587	526322	513217	1590110	1214163	501561	1576960	38715
* 2007	7041874	123290	366668	381596	283703	494515	508488	1503669	1201598	563927	1574113	40306
* 2008 Q1	7148318	151623	439056	348344	294057	524467	540306	1548040	1237723	504050	1518186	42464
** 2008 Q1	7581163	159993	474528	375456	302713	539184	594945	1627322	1306537	526473	1629923	44088
* 2008 Q2	7106439	124968	434132	440749	297005	480804	586528	1458314	1201509	539434	1502739	40259
** 2008 Q2	7563981	130632	475761	453289	305482	506181	644063	1550560	1321933	555338	1573280	47462
* 2008 Q3	7192034	119130	376260	367037	302692	450619	551294	1715908	1133935	522270	1608123	44767
** 2008 Q3	7735132	122560	406646	409137	315128	465549	617272	1834749	1215769	567481	1718450	62389
* 2008 Q4	7252034	90130	414524	437826	303570	452329	506219	1692541	1087219	541930	1676055	49692
** 2008 Q4	7712943	93357	437701	461325	311203	482171	563615	1784217	1177642	574292	1770932	56488

Occupation group

1 Senior Officials and Managers

2 Professionals

3 Technical and Associate Professionals

4 Clerks

5 Proprietors and Managers of Enterprises

6 Sales and Service workers

7 Skilled Agricultural and Fishery workers

8 Craft and Related workers

9 Plant and Machine operators and Assemblers

10 Elementary occupations

0 Unidentified

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

* - 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	4610643	101399	146344	238819	143606	419443	314226	966263	743733	444703	1055753	36354
* 2007	4653067	91026	147844	258111	138384	379768	318994	925933	779097	504603	1070890	38418
*2008 Q1	4653378	111003	181353	243950	149953	396360	350133	918620	803759	464493	993854	39900
**2008 Q1	5004644	116226	193384	259531	153595	406317	398562	991332	857796	486916	1099461	41524
*2008 Q2	4693465	91843	150522	311246	147087	371670	366463	929796	780578	486729	1018405	39126
**2008 Q2	5051817	96664	169591	321776	152848	392585	407377	1005239	873808	501108	1084491	46329
*2008 Q3	4669346	95158	143442	254903	170363	352987	338016	1023056	678117	474075	1099804	39424
**2008 Q3	5094909	97924	157785	289334	180541	367189	391242	1112067	736785	509078	1196686	56279
*2008 Q4	4636921	63254	142457	293612	177605	335808	304701	1030556	663072	490005	1088880	46972
**2008 Q4	4982425	65487	151847	313771	182617	356425	346399	1091029	729825	516044	1175993	52988

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	2494679	27544	230126	123456	132981	106879	198990	623847	470430	56858	521207	2360
* 2007	2388807	32265	218824	123485	145319	114747	189494	577736	422502	59324	503223	1888
*2008 Q1	2494940	40621	257704	104395	144105	128107	190173	629419	433965	39557	524332	2564
**2008 Q1	2576519	43767	281144	115925	149117	132868	196383	635991	448741	39557	530463	2564
*2008 Q2	2412974	33125	283609	129503	149918	109134	220065	528517	420930	52705	484334	1133
**2008 Q2	2512164	33968	306171	131513	152634	113595	236686	545320	448124	54230	488790	1133
*2008 Q3	2522687	23972	232818	112134	132329	97632	213277	692852	455817	48194	508319	5342
**2008 Q3	2640222	24636	248861	119804	134588	98360	226031	722682	478984	58403	521765	6110
*2008 Q4	2615113	26876	272067	144215	125965	116521	201518	661985	424147	51925	587175	2720
**2008 Q4	2730518	27870	285853	147554	128586	125746	217216	693188	447817	58248	594939	3500

- Occupation group**
- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| 1 Senior Officials and Managers | 7 Skilled Agricultural and Fishery workers | * - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces |
| 2 Professionals | 8 Craft and Related workers | ** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province |
| 3 Technical and Associate Professionals | 9 Plant and Machine operators and Assemblers | *** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts. |
| 4 Clerks | 10 Elementary occupations | **** - All the districts are included |
| 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

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	7.2	2.3	5.8	9.7	13.3	33.0	28.7
1	100.0	8.1	4.2	10.0	15.5	17.1	28.4	16.8
2	100.0	6.1	*	4.0	8.2	9.7	38.9	31.5
3	100.0	11.4	*	5.7	9.8	8.4	37.0	25.7
4	100.0	3.7	*	3.3	4.6	10.5	27.5	49.5
5	100.0	*	..	*	*	*	*	62.3
6	100.0	*	*	*	*	7.8	25.9	51.0
7	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	52.6	30.7
8	100.0	*	*	..	*	*	53.8	35.4
9	100.0	20.3	*	*	12.2	41.1	15.7	*
10	100.0	*	..	*	*	*	53.8	*
11	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	31.7	37.7
12	100.0	*	..	*	*	*	*	49.3
13	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	37.1	*
14	100.0	*	*	..

Has a job but not at work during the reference week

.. Negligible

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

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 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 i: 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.

Note ii : Including Eastern province

**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	100.0	17.5	39.3	21.5	11.9	9.8
* 2007	100.0	15.7	41.2	19.7	13.1	10.4
* 2008 Q1	100.0	15.5	41.3	20.6	13.3	9.3
** 2008 Q1	100.0	15.1	41.5	20.6	13.2	9.5
* 2008 Q2	100.0	15.9	38.4	20.0	12.3	13.4
** 2008 Q2	100.0	16.3	37.5	20.9	12.6	12.7
* 2008 Q3	100.0	16.1	36.0	21.6	15.2	11.1
** 2008 Q3	100.0	16.0	36.1	22.7	15.2	10.1
* 2008 Q4	100.0	15.9	38.1	21.4	13.9	10.7
** 2008 Q4	100.0	15.8	38.9	21.8	13.3	10.2

* - 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	100.0	21.2	40.1	18.4	8.3	11.9
*2007	100.0	19.9	40.7	16.0	10.2	13.1
* 2008 Q1	100.0	15.9	43.8	15.6	11.1	13.5
** 2008 Q1	100.0	16.5	43.0	16.2	10.5	13.8
* 2008 Q2	100.0	23.1	31.8	19.5	6.9	18.6
** 2008 Q2	100.0	22.2	32.5	21.1	6.6	17.7
* 2008 Q3	100.0	22.1	35.2	19.5	10.3	12.9
** 2008 Q3	100.0	21.0	36.9	20.4	10.3	11.4
* 2008 Q4	100.0	17.5	39.9	17.7	10.5	14.4
** 2008 Q4	100.0	17.3	39.6	19.7	10.4	13.0

**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	100.0	14.4	38.7	24.2	14.9	7.9
*2007	100.0	11.9	41.5	23.0	15.6	8.0
*2008 Q1	100.0	15.2	39.4	24.1	14.9	6.4
** 2008 Q1	100.0	14.2	40.5	23.7	15.1	6.5
* 2008 Q2	100.0	10.2	43.7	20.4	16.7	9.2
** 2008 Q2	100.0	11.3	41.7	20.8	17.6	8.6
* 2008 Q3	100.0	11.0	36.7	23.4	19.4	9.5
** 2008 Q3	100.0	11.6	35.4	24.7	19.4	9.0
* 2008 Q4	100.0	14.5	36.7	24.5	16.7	7.6
** 2008 Q4	100.0	14.5	38.3	23.6	15.7	7.9

* - 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 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	100.0	4.6	41.9	26.6	26.9
* 2007	100.0	4.4	41.0	22.0	32.6
* 2008 Q1	100.0	3.6	37.6	21.0	37.9
**2008 Q1	100.0	4.5	36.6	21.2	37.7
* 2008 Q2	100.0	6.1	39.8	23.6	30.5
**2008 Q2	100.0	6.5	38.9	23.8	30.8
* 2008 Q3	100.0	4.8	39.6	23.2	32.4
**2008 Q3	100.0	4.4	37.0	23.2	35.3
* 2008 Q4	100.0	2.2	47.4	23.5	26.9
**2008 Q4	100.0	2.4	44.7	25.2	27.6

* - 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 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	100.0	6.2	48.9	26.6	18.3
* 2007	100.0	5.8	49.5	24.5	20.3
* 2008 Q1	100.0	2.5	46.2	21.1	30.2
**2008 Q1	100.0	3.2	45.8	21.0	29.9
* 2008 Q2	100.0	9.7	51.7	23.6	15.0
**2008 Q2	100.0	10.0	49.4	24.5	16.1
* 2008 Q3	100.0	6.1	48.1	24.1	21.7
**2008 Q3	100.0	5.4	44.6	26.2	23.8
* 2008 Q4	100.0	2.5	62.2	17.9	17.4
**2008 Q4	100.0	2.3	58.4	20.4	19.0

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	100.0	3.1	35.9	26.7	34.3
* 2007	100.0	3.2	33.5	19.8	43.4
*2008 Q1	100.0	4.3	31.5	20.8	43.3
**2008 Q1	100.0	5.5	30.2	21.4	43.0
* 2008 Q2	100.0	3.2	30.4	23.5	42.8
**2008 Q2	100.0	3.6	30.2	23.2	43.0
* 2008 Q3	100.0	3.8	32.2	22.4	41.6
**2008 Q3	100.0	3.7	30.5	20.6	45.3
* 2008 Q4	100.0	1.9	35.1	28.2	34.8
**2008 Q4	100.0	2.6	33.0	29.4	35.0

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

(2008 4th quarter)

Sex	Total	Duration		
		Less than 6 months	6 to less than 12 months	12+ months
Both sexes	437665	164428	79559	193678
%	100.0	37.6	18.2	44.3
Male	201361	103348	33357	64656
%	100.00	51.32	16.57	32.11
Female	236304	61081	46201	129022
%	100.0	25.8	19.6	54.6

Note : Including Eastern province