



REPORT OF THE

**SRI LANKA LABOUR FORCE
SURVEY**

FIRST QUARTER - 2006

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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.

The revised version of the survey schedule was used for the survey conducted in the first quarter 2006, and it will be used in future as well. Information on these additional items are also presented in this report.

The field work of the survey for the first quarter 2006 was done in January and February 2006. Due to the prevailing situation in the country the survey was not started in North and East in January, as scheduled.

A nationally representative annual sample of about 22,000 housing units have been selected for the survey in 2006. However as mentioned above, the survey was not started in January in North and East as scheduled, so 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 first quarter 2006.

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

| | Year | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|
| | 1996 | 1998 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 Q1# |
| 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 |
| Male | 65.9 | 67.5 | 67.2 | 66.2 | 67.9 | 67.5 | 67.2 | 67.3 | 69.3 |
| Female | 31.6 | 36.4 | 33.9 | 31.9 | 33.6 | 32.6 | 33.0 | 32.6 | 35.5 |
| <i>by residential sector</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 48.6 | 51.7 | 50.3 | 48.8 | 50.3 | 49.7 | 49.6 | 49.3 | 51.7 |
| Urban | 44.4 | 45.2 | 44.9 | 44.2 | 46.0 | 45.1 | 45.6 | 46.2 | 46.3 |
| Rural | 49.5 | 52.7 | 51.2 | 49.6 | 50.9 | 50.3 | 50.3 | 49.7 | 52.5 |
| 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 |
| Male | 8.2 | 6.5 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 6.6 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 5.5 |
| Female | 17.7 | 14.0 | 11.1 | 11.5 | 12.9 | 12.3 | 12.1 | 10.7 | 10.1 |
| <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 |
| 20 - 24 | 29.1 | 25.4 | 23.0 | 24.4 | 27.0 | 25.8 | 25.2 | 22.4 | 22.4 |
| 25 - 29 | 14.4 | 12.4 | 10.9 | 11.3 | 11.6 | 11.4 | 11.1 | 9.4 | 11.3 |
| <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 |
| Male | 10.1 | 9.4 | 8.8 | 10.1 | 10.8 | 10.1 | 9.6 | 7.9 | 6.8 |
| Female | 28.3 | 25.8 | 21.5 | 21.5 | 23.0 | 22.4 | 22.5 | 17.1 | 18.6 |
| Employed population | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>by sex</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Both sexes | 5536216 | 6049388 | 6310247 | 6235588 | 6519415 | 6609466 | 6704006 | 6788119 | 7081435 |
| Male | 3856411 | 4004621 | 4241546 | 4248877 | 4395164 | 4496136 | 4512082 | 4546397 | 4634156 |
| Female | 1679805 | 2044767 | 2068701 | 1986711 | 2124250 | 2113330 | 2191924 | 2241722 | 2447279 |
| <i>by industry (percentage)</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 5536216 | 6049388 | 6310247 | 6235588 | 6519415 | 6609466 | 6704006 | 6788119 | 7081435 |
| % | (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 |
| % | (37.4) | (39.3) | (36.0) | (32.6) | (34.5) | (33.6) | (33.0) | (30.3) | (33.1) |
| Industry | 1217977 | 1325735 | 1490795 | 1491408 | 1459194 | 1539035 | 1663383 | 1787274 | 1862896 |
| % | (22.0) | (21.9) | (23.6) | (23.9) | (22.4) | (23.3) | (24.8) | (26.3) | (26.3) |
| Services | 2246475 | 2345081 | 2545299 | 2710837 | 2812619 | 2846740 | 2825341 | 2941552 | 2872217 |
| % | (40.6) | (38.8) | (40.3) | (43.5) | (43.1) | (43.1) | (42.1) | (43.3) | (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 |
| 0* | 4.9 | 5.3 | 7.2 | 4.3 | 5.6 | 7.3 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 4.5 |
| 1 - 9 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 2.6 |
| 10 - 39 | 32.0 | 32.9 | 32.7 | 28.2 | 32.0 | 32.9 | 28.4 | 27.9 | 30.8 |
| 40+ | 61.3 | 59.6 | 58.2 | 66.1 | 60.9 | 58.0 | 64.7 | 65.7 | 62.1 |

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

Selected Labour Force indicators
(1996 - 2006 First quarter)

| | Year | | | | | | | | 2006 Q1# |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|
| | 1996 | 1998 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003* | 2004** | 2005*** | |
| 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 |
| Male | 65.9 | 67.5 | 67.2 | 66.2 | 67.9 | 67.2 | 66.7 | 67.1 | 69.3 |
| Female | 31.6 | 36.4 | 33.9 | 31.9 | 33.6 | 31.4 | 31.5 | 30.9 | 35.5 |
| <i>by residential sector</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 48.6 | 51.7 | 50.3 | 48.8 | 50.3 | 48.9 | 48.6 | 48.3 | 51.7 |
| Urban | 44.4 | 45.2 | 44.9 | 44.2 | 46.0 | 44.4 | 44.9 | 45.5 | 46.3 |
| Rural | 49.5 | 52.7 | 51.2 | 49.6 | 50.9 | 49.6 | 49.2 | 48.7 | 52.5 |
| 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 |
| Male | 8.2 | 6.5 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 6.6 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| Female | 17.7 | 14.0 | 11.1 | 11.5 | 12.9 | 13.2 | 12.8 | 11.9 | 10.1 |
| <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 |
| 20 - 24 | 29.1 | 25.4 | 23.0 | 24.4 | 27.0 | 26.4 | 25.9 | 24.6 | 22.4 |
| 25 - 29 | 14.4 | 12.4 | 10.9 | 11.3 | 11.6 | 11.4 | 11.4 | 9.5 | 11.3 |
| <i>by selected educational levels</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| G.C.E.(A/L) & above | | | | | | | | | |
| Both sexes | 19.0 | 17.5 | 14.9 | 15.3 | 16.8 | 16.5 | 16.8 | 13.8 | 12.1 |
| Male | 10.1 | 9.4 | 8.8 | 10.1 | 10.8 | 10.4 | 10.5 | 8.9 | 6.8 |
| Female | 28.3 | 25.8 | 21.5 | 21.5 | 23.0 | 23.3 | 23.8 | 19.1 | 18.6 |
| Employed population | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>by sex</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Both sexes | 5536216 | 6049388 | 6310247 | 6235588 | 6519415 | 7012755 | 7440226 | 7518007 | 7081435 |
| Male | 3856411 | 4004621 | 4241546 | 4248877 | 4395164 | 4833483 | 5087861 | 5134765 | 4634156 |
| Female | 1679805 | 2044767 | 2068701 | 1986711 | 2124250 | 2179272 | 2352365 | 2383241 | 2447279 |
| <i>by industry (percentage)</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 5536216 | 6049388 | 6310247 | 6235588 | 6519415 | 7012755 | 7394029 | 7518007 | 7081435 |
| % | (100.0) | (100.0) | (100.0) | (100.0) | (100.0) | (100.0) | (100.0) | (100.0) | (100.0) |
| Agriculture | 2071764 | 2378572 | 2274153 | 2033343 | 2247602 | 2384397 | 2474725 | 2306039 | 2346321 |
| % | (37.4) | (39.3) | (36.0) | (32.6) | (34.5) | (34.0) | (33.5) | (30.7) | (33.1) |
| Industry | 1217977 | 1325735 | 1490795 | 1491408 | 1459194 | 1611493 | 1781447 | 1928014 | 1862896 |
| % | (22.0) | (21.9) | (23.6) | (23.9) | (22.4) | (23.0) | (24.1) | (25.6) | (26.3) |
| Services | 2246475 | 2345081 | 2545299 | 2710837 | 2812619 | 3016866 | 3137857 | 3283954 | 2872217 |
| % | (40.6) | 38.8) | (40.3) | (43.5) | (43.1) | (43.0) | (42.4) | (43.7) | (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 |
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** Excluding Mullativu & Kilinochchi districts

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 - First Quarter 2006

| Sector | Household population (10 years & over) | Economically active population | | | | | |
|--------|---|--------------------------------|-------|---------|------|---------|------|
| | | Total | % | Male | % | Female | % |
| Total | 14758669 | 7627761 | 100.0 | 4904351 | 64.3 | 2723410 | 35.7 |
| Urban | 1951759 | 904339 | 100.0 | 631444 | 69.8 | 272895 | 30.2 |
| Rural | 12806910 | 6723422 | 100.0 | 4272907 | 63.6 | 2450514 | 36.4 |

The survey results revealed that, the estimated total working age population was 14758669 persons in 2006 first quarter, of which 7627761 (51.7%) were economically active. Of the total estimated economically active population, 64 percent were males and 36 percent were females while of the economically inactive population, 31 percent were males and 69 percent were females.

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

| Sector | Household population (10 years & over) | Not in labour force | | | | | |
|--------|---|---------------------|------|---------|------|---------|------|
| | | Total | % | Male | % | Female | % |
| Total | 14758669 | 7130908 | 48.3 | 2177412 | 30.5 | 4953496 | 69.5 |
| Urban | 1951759 | 1047420 | 53.7 | 275423 | 26.3 | 771997 | 73.7 |
| Rural | 12806910 | 6083488 | 47.5 | 1901990 | 31.3 | 4181498 | 68.7 |

As can be seen from the table 3, there is a marked increase in labour force participation rate in first quarter 2006, compared to the previous years.

Table 4: Labour force participation rate by age & sex - First Quarter 2006

| Age group (yr.) | Sex | | |
|--------------------|-------|------|--------|
| | Total | Male | Female |
| Total | 51.7 | 69.3 | 35.5 |
| 15 - 19 | 25.1 | 29.5 | 20.6 |
| 20 - 24 | 65.6 | 83.5 | 45.8 |
| 25 - 29 | 68.7 | 93.3 | 48.1 |
| 30 - 39 | 69.2 | 95.8 | 47.2 |
| 40 + | 56.6 | 78.5 | 37.0 |

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 | 48.9 | 67.2 | 31.4 |
| ** 2004 | 48.6 | 66.7 | 31.5 |
| *** 2005 | 48.3 | 67.1 | 30.9 |
| # 2006Q1 | 51.7 | 69.3 | 35.5 |

* Excluding Northern province

** Excluding Mulativu & Kilinochchi districts

*** All the districts are included

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

Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

The overall labour force participation rate is reported as 51.7 percent. The labour force participation rate for males is 96 percent for those who are in the age range of 30 - 39 yrs. The highest participation rate for females is reported as 48 percent in the age range of 25 - 29 yrs.

Employment

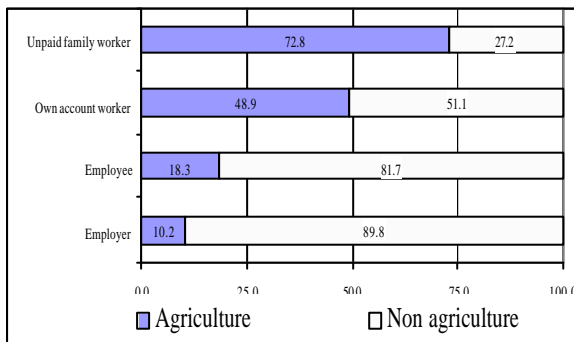
Employed: Persons who are engaged in some kind of work for pay or profit or family gain during the reference week.

Table 5: Percentage distribution of currently Employed persons by employment status and major industrial sector - First Quarter 2006

| Employment Status | Major Industrial Sector | | | | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-------|-------------|------|-----------------|------|
| | Total | | Agriculture | | Non agriculture | |
| | Number | % | Number | % | Number | % |
| Total | 7081435 | 100.0 | 2346321 | 33.1 | 4735113 | 66.9 |
| Employee | 3917902 | 100.0 | 718280 | 18.3 | 3199622 | 81.7 |
| Employer | 223328 | 100.0 | 22766 | 10.2 | 200562 | 89.8 |
| Own account worker | 2236928 | 100.0 | 1092960 | 48.9 | 1143968 | 51.1 |
| Unpaid family worker | 703277 | 100.0 | 512315 | 72.8 | 190962 | 27.2 |

Table 5 shows the percentage distribution by employment status between agricultural and non agricultural sectors. Of the total estimated employees, 67 percent were engaged in the non agricultural work while the balance of 33 percent were engaged in agricultural work.

Figure (1) : Currently Employed persons by employment status and major industrial sector - First Quarter 2006



It confirms that, nearly 73 percent of unpaid family workers are involved in the agriculture sector activities, while the remaining 27 percent of them are in non agricultural sector.

Table 6: Currently Employed persons by major industry groups by sector - First Quarter 2006

| Sector | Total | | Major industry groups | | | | | |
|--------|---------|-------|-----------------------|------|----------|------|----------|------|
| | | | Agriculture | | Industry | | Services | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Total | 7081435 | 100.0 | 2346321 | 33.1 | 1862896 | 26.3 | 2872217 | 40.6 |
| Urban | 847594 | 100.0 | 28296 | 3.3 | 223223 | 26.3 | 596075 | 70.3 |
| Rural | 6233841 | 100.0 | 2318025 | 37.2 | 1639674 | 26.3 | 2276142 | 36.5 |

Table 7: Currently Employed persons by major industry groups by sex - First Quarter 2006

| Sex | Total | | Major industry groups | | | | | |
|--------|---------|-------|-----------------------|------|----------|------|----------|------|
| | | | Agriculture | | Industry | | Services | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Total | 7081435 | 100.0 | 2346321 | 33.1 | 1862896 | 26.3 | 2872217 | 40.6 |
| Male | 4634156 | 100.0 | 1370058 | 29.6 | 1223009 | 26.4 | 2041088 | 44.0 |
| Female | 2447279 | 100.0 | 976264 | 39.9 | 639887 | 26.1 | 831129 | 34.0 |

As can be seen from table 7, the percentage share of female employed who are in the agricultural industry is higher than that of males comprising 40 percent of the total female employment.

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.

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

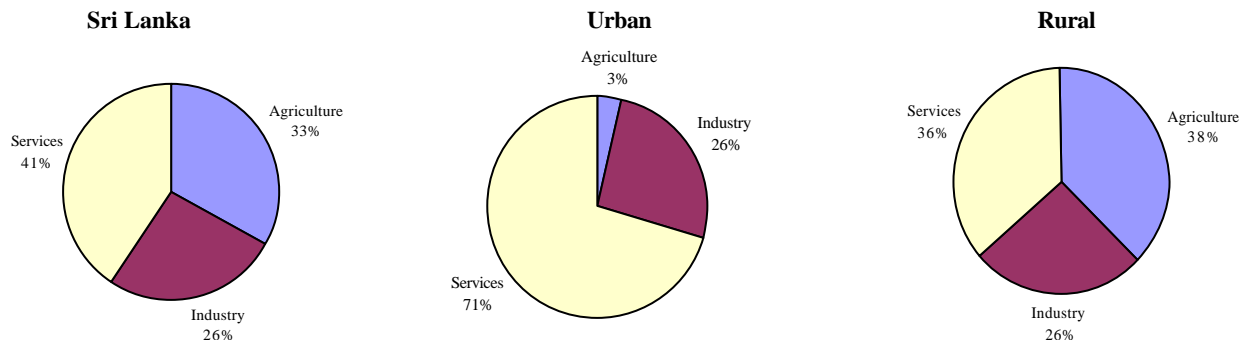
* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

*** - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**** - All the districts are included

Figure 2: Currently Employed persons by Major industry groups by sector - First Quarter 2006



From table 6, it is very clear that, 33 percent of the total employment contributes to the agriculture sector while these percentages are 41 percent and 26 percent for 'service' sector and 'Industry' sector respectively. Of the total estimated employees in the rural sector, 38 percent were engaged in the agricultural activities, while this percentage in urban sector is only 3 percent. There is no marked difference between these sectors when 'Service' sector is considered.

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

Table 8: Number of unemployed and unemployment rate by sex and sector - First Quarter 2006

| Sector | Total | | Male | | Female | |
|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Number of unemployed | Unemployment rate (%) | Number of unemployed | Unemployment rate (%) | Number of unemployed | Unemployment rate (%) |
| All Island | 546326 | 7.2 | 270196 | 5.5 | 276130 | 10.1 |
| Urban | 56745 | 6.3 | 38295 | 6.1 | 18450 | 6.8 |
| Rural | 489581 | 7.3 | 231901 | 5.4 | 257680 | 10.5 |

It was revealed that 546326 persons were unemployed during the first quarter 2006. Of this total 270196 (49 percent) are males and 276130 (51 percent) are females. The unemployment rate at national level was 7.2 percent. The rates for urban and rural sectors were 6.3 and 7.3 percent respectively.

Table 9: Percentage distribution of unemployed and employed population by level of education - First Quarter 2006

| Sex & Sector | Level of education | | | |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| | Total | Below G.C.E.(O/L) | G.C.E.(O/L) | G.C.E.(A/L) & above |
| Total employed | 100.0 | 69.4 | 16.8 | 13.8 |
| Male | 100.0 | 70.7 | 17.0 | 12.3 |
| Female | 100.0 | 66.8 | 16.5 | 16.7 |
| Total unemployed | 100.0 | 51.0 | 24.3 | 24.8 |
| Male | 100.0 | 59.2 | 25.5 | 15.4 |
| Female | 100.0 | 42.9 | 23.1 | 34.0 |

Table 9 shows that as a proportion, the educational attainment of the unemployed is higher when compared to the employed. Only 30.6 percent of the employed persons have achieved the level of education of G.C.E. (O/L) and over compared to 49.1 percent of the unemployed persons.

Of the unemployed females, about 57 percent have an educational qualification of G.C.E.(O/L) or above, compared to a proportion of 41 percent unemployed males having the same level of education.

Figure 3: Percentage distribution of unemployed & employed population by level of education - First Quarter 2006

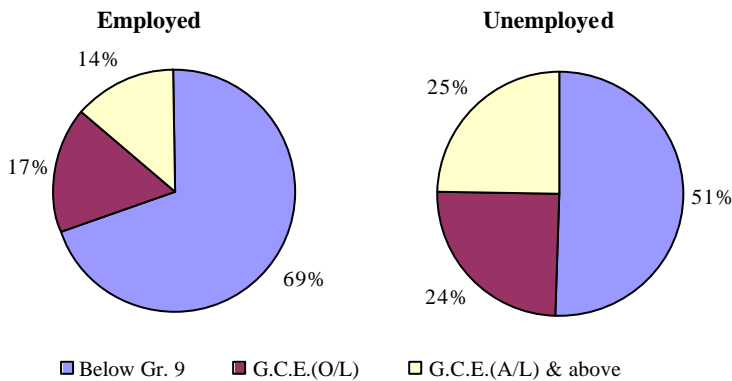


Figure 4: Unemployment rate by age group & sex - First Quarter 2006

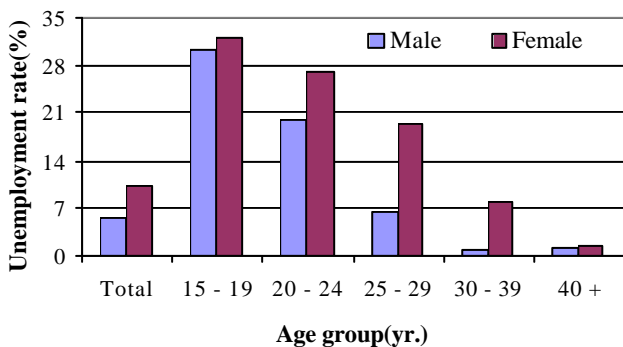


Table 10: Unemployment rate by age group and Sex - First Quarter 2006

| Age group | Sex | | |
|------------|-------|------|--------|
| | Total | Male | Female |
| All Island | 7.2 | 5.5 | 10.1 |
| 15 - 19 | 31.3 | 30.6 | 32.3 |
| 20 - 24 | 22.4 | 20.0 | 27.2 |
| 25 - 29 | 11.3 | 6.4 | 19.4 |
| 30+ | 2.1 | 1.1 | 3.8 |

Even though overall employment rate is low, unemployment rates are relatively high among the age groups of 15 - 19 years and 20 - 29 years.

Although the unemployment rate is highest for the age group 15-19 years, the real age group which is worst affected is the 20-24 year age group. This is the age group in which many people enter the labour force. The situation is worse for females compared to males.

Information of Literacy, Household Economic Activities, Informal Sector Employment and Underemployment

As explained at the beginning, some improvements were made in the labour force survey schedule, focusing on literacy, household economic activities, informal sector employment, Informal employment and under employment etc. Therefore, this is an attempt to analyze information on newly added topics, which are mentioned above, with some important classifications. However, it should be noted that, the key findings from these newly added topics, especially on the “informal economy” are being presented in this section. This provides a statistical picture of the “Informal sector” in Sri Lanka. It is only a beginning however, more work is needed in developing methods for the collection of data on the “informal economy”.

Literacy

In order to provide information for educational planners, especially in developing countries, literacy is an important variable regarding the issues such as improvement of the educational system, increasing the educational related programs etc.

It should be noted that, so far, information relating to literacy was collected only from the Census which is generally conducted once in 10 years time.

As labour force surveys are often conducted at a higher frequency than the other surveys, it was decided to include the questions on literacy in order to provide quarterly estimates for the data users and for the policy makers.

**Table 1 :Literacy rate by sex and sector
First Quarter, 2006**

| Sri Lanka | Sector | |
|-----------|--------|------------|
| | Urban | Rural |
| 91.4 | 94.0 | 91.0 |
| Sex | | |
| | Male | Fem ale |
| 91.4 | 93.1 | 89.8 |

Situation in the urban sector, in relation to literacy, is slightly better as compared with the rural sector. Also, literacy rate of males is relatively high when compared with that of females.

1. Bringing Firewood, 2. Bringing water from outside,
3. Engaging in a repairing work in own house or building.



Household Activities

Based on the expert discussions regarding the revision of the System of National Accounts (SNA) boundary, it was agreed that carrying water, bringing firewood for their own consumption and construction and major repairs or alternations of dwelling and farm buildings, undertaken by owners should be included within the production boundary. As such, some questions were included in the Labour Force schedule in order to get the information on time spend on these specific household activities.

On the other hand it was observed that, this scenario depends on the country's situation and therefore, in Sri Lanka, persons who are engaging only on these specific activities were not considered to be included in the labour force. However, detailed analysis was done to see a clear picture on this, and alternative estimates are provided by including persons who are engaged in household activities spending 15 hours or more per week, in the labour force.

**Table 2 : Time spend on household activities
First Quarter, 2006**

| Household Activity | Time spend (Hrs per week) | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------|---------|------|--------|------|
| | Total | | 0 - 9 | | 10+ | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Total | 1629660 | 100.0 | 1390898 | 85.3 | 238762 | 14.7 |
| 1 | 924961 | 100.0 | 824171 | 89.1 | 100790 | 10.9 |
| 2 | 651341 | 100.0 | 529755 | 81.3 | 121586 | 18.7 |
| 3 | 53358 | 100.0 | 36972 | 69.3 | 16386 | 30.7 |

**Table 3: Alternative estimates for employment rate
First Quarter, 2006**

| Total labour force | Employed | Employment rate (%) |
|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 7627761 | 7081435 | 92.8 |
| 7745653* | 7221231 * | 93.2 * |

* By including persons who are engaged in household activities spending 15 hours or more per week, as to be employed.

Informal Sector

The Informal Sector represents an important part of the economy and the labour market in many countries, especially developing countries; thus, measurement of the informal sector is important in their own right as well as contributing towards exhaustive estimates of GDP. Further informal sector plays a major role in employment creation, production and income generation.

Since its first appearance in the early 1970's the term "informal sector" has become so popular and nowadays it is used with different meanings for different purposes. Originally it referred to a concept for data analysis and policy making. Now it's sometimes used in a much broader sense to refer to a concept for the collection of data on activities not covered by the existing, conventional source of statistics.

A review of national statistical definitions of the informal sector shows that presently they do not always fully correspond to the international definition adopted by the 15th International Conference of Labour Statisticians (15th ICLC) and the System of National Accounts (SNA) 1993.

However, the international comparability of data on the informal sector is affected by national differences in data sources, in the geographical coverage of surveys, in the branches of economic activity covered etc. Therefore, criteria which is to define the informal sector vary among countries. However, most of the countries tends to collect informal sector information, especially those using labour force or other household surveys for the measurement of employment in the informal sector, were advised by the experts that use the criteria of **registration of the organization, accounts keeping system and size of their organization.**

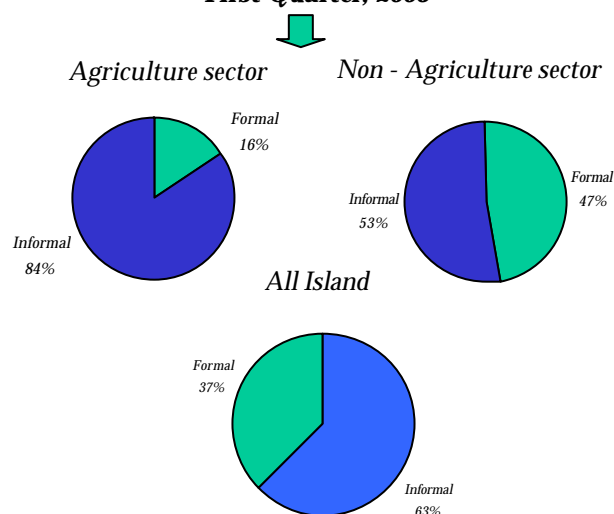
In such situation, Department of Census and Statistics observed the necessity of having informal sector information, and therefore, after carefully reviewing of LFS schedule with the assistance of ESCAP advisor, relevant questions were included in the LFS schedule to collect the information relating to the informal sector on the following items.

1. Registration of the organization
2. Accounts keeping practices of the Organization
3. Total number of regular employees of the organization

**Table 4: Composition of employment by economic sector
First Quarter, 2006**

| | Total | | Formal sector | | Informal sector | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-------|---------------|------|-----------------|------|
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Total employment | 7081435 | 100.0 | 2586195 | 36.5 | 4495240 | 63.5 |
| Total non-agricultural employment | 4735114 | 100.0 | 2216877 | 46.8 | 2518237 | 53.2 |
| Total agricultural employment | 2346321 | 100.0 | 369318 | 15.7 | 1977003 | 84.3 |

**Figure 1: Distribution Informal /Formal employment by Agriculture/non-agriculture sectors
First Quarter, 2006**



**Table 5: Employment by economic sector by sex
First Quarter, 2006**

| Sex | Sector | | | | | |
|--------|---------|-------|---------|-------|----------|-------|
| | Total | | Formal | | Informal | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Total | 7081435 | 100.0 | 2586195 | 100.0 | 4495240 | 100.0 |
| Male | 4634156 | 65.4 | 1545772 | 59.8 | 3088383 | 68.7 |
| Female | 2447279 | 34.6 | 1040423 | 40.2 | 1406857 | 31.3 |

Figure 1 shows that, in Sri Lanka 63% of the total employment is in the informal sector. It is also revealed that, in Sri Lanka, Agriculture sector comprises 84 percent of informal sector employment and the balance 16 percent is formal sector employment. This relatively high percentage of formal sector employment (16 percent) in the agriculture sector, may be due to the reason that, there are some plantation workers, who are working in estates, which are managed by the government owned large plantation companies.

**Table 6 : Employment by level of education and by economic sector
First Quarter, 2006**

| Level of education | Sector | | | | Total | |
|---------------------|---------|------|----------|------|---------|-------|
| | Formal | | Informal | | | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Below Gr. 5 | 332858 | 21.3 | 1231830 | 78.7 | 1564688 | 100.0 |
| Gr. 5 - 9 | 926416 | 27.7 | 2421398 | 72.3 | 3347814 | 100.0 |
| G.C.E.(O/L) | 582653 | 49.0 | 606646 | 51.0 | 1189299 | 100.0 |
| G.C.E.(A/L) & above | 744267 | 76.0 | 235366 | 24.0 | 979634 | 100.0 |
| Total | 2586195 | 36.5 | 4495240 | 63.5 | 7081435 | 100.0 |

As shown as table 6, it is clearly revealed that, employment in the formal sector is more contributed a higher level of education while it is the opposite for informal sector employment.

**Table 8 : Average monthly *Salary (per month)
of the employees by economic sector
First Quarter, 2006**
(Rs)

| Industry | Sector | | Total |
|-------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| | Formal | Informal | |
| Agriculture | 4061 | 3846 | 3948 |
| Non - agriculture | 11167 | 5738 | 9120 |
| Total | 10136 | 5287 | 8174 |

* Including, income in kind

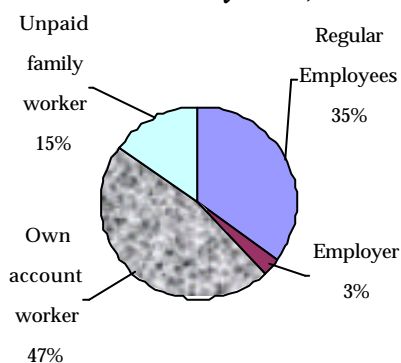
**Table 7: Distribution of employment by employment status
and by economic sector- First Quarter, 2006**

| Status in Employment | Formal sector | | Informal sector | | Total | |
|----------------------|---------------|-------|-----------------|-------|---------|-------|
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Regular Employees | 2341472 | 90.5 | 1576430 | 35.1 | 3917902 | 55.3 |
| Employer | 82390 | 3.2 | 140938 | 3.1 | 223331 | 3.2 |
| Own account worker | 129304 | 5.0 | 2107624 | 46.9 | 2236933 | 31.6 |
| Unpaid family worker | 33030 | 1.3 | 670247 | 14.9 | 703278 | 9.9 |
| Total | 2586195 | 100.0 | 4495240 | 100.0 | 7081435 | 100.0 |



Regarding the different status of employment, it's noticeable that, 47 percent of the total informal sector employment are own account workers while, 91 percent of formal sector employment are regular employees.

**Figure 2: Distribution of informal sector employment by
employment status and by economic sector -
First Quarter, 2006**



Looking at the occupational breakdown of formal sector and informal sector employment, it is obvious that regarding skilled agricultural and fishery workers, only 2 percent belongs to the formal sector. Again by economic sector, outside of "agriculture" occupation group, "Craft and related workers", "Plant and machine operators and assemblers", "Elementary occupations" groups are seem to be more important in informal sector than formal sector.



Superiority of (i) non-agricultural sector as compared to agricultural sector and (ii) formal sector as compared to informal sector, in terms of average income, is clearly evidenced in table 8 above.



**Table 9: Distribution of employed population by their
main occupation and economic sector- First Quarter, 2006**

| Occupation | Sector | | | | Total | |
|------------|---------|------|----------|------|---------|-------|
| | Formal | | Informal | | No. | % |
| | No. | % | No. | % | | |
| 1 | * | | * | | 124707 | 100.0 |
| 2 | 277076 | 82.6 | 58501 | 17.4 | 335577 | 100.0 |
| 3 | 339664 | 86.4 | 53687 | 13.6 | 393351 | 100.0 |
| 4 | 234860 | 86.8 | 35699 | 13.2 | 270559 | 100.0 |
| 5 | 141893 | 25.9 | 406749 | 74.1 | 548642 | 100.0 |
| 6 | 204792 | 39.1 | 318726 | 60.9 | 523518 | 100.0 |
| 7 | 29540 | 1.8 | 1587526 | 98.2 | 1617066 | 100.0 |
| 8 | 374703 | 31.3 | 823845 | 68.7 | 1198548 | 100.0 |
| 9 | 185344 | 40.0 | 277975 | 60.0 | 463319 | 100.0 |
| 10 | 642742 | 40.9 | 927544 | 59.1 | 1570286 | 100.0 |
| 0 | * | * | * | * | 35861 | 100.0 |
| Total | 2586195 | 36.5 | 4495240 | 63.5 | 7081435 | 100.0 |

* Cell size is not adequate to provide reliable estimates.

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 | |

Underemployment

The importance of the concept of Under-employment has long been recognized. At the international level, the concept was accepted at the Sixth International Conference of Labour Statisticians ICLS (1948). According to the 1966 ICLS resolution, “underemployment” exists when a person’s employment is inadequate, in relation to specified norms or alternative employment, account being taken of his occupational skill (training and working experience)”.

Two principal forms of under-employment are distinguished: visible underemployment and invisible under-employment. Visible under-employment, reflecting an insufficiency in the volume of employment, and invisible under-employment, characterized by low income, under utilization of skill, low productivity and other factors. The 1982 ICLS resolution recognized, however, that “for operational reasons the statistical measurement of underemployment may be limited to visible underemployment”. It refined the definition and introduced an approach to combine the measurement of visible underemployment with that of unemployment.

Underemployment has particular relevance in developing countries, notably in connection with agriculture. It has been observed that measurement of underemployment has mostly been recommended for describing the employment situation in developing countries.

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

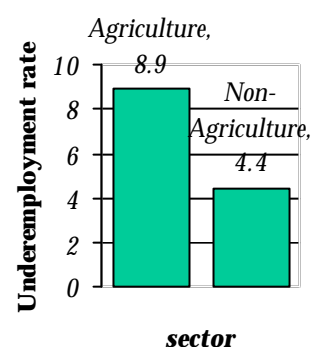
If the person has worked even more than 35 hours as usually, but he has worked less than 35 hours actually in the reference period, only due to the off season or bad weather, such persons were also further questioned to check their underemployment situation, considering them as a special category.

Applying above mentioned criteria, an attempt has been made to estimate under-employment and it is estimated that, “underemployment rate” which is defined as the number of underemployed persons as a percentage of employed persons, is 5.9 percent.

Table 10: Underemployment rate by Agriculture/Non-agriculture sector, First Quarter, 2006

| Sector | Rate |
|-----------------|------|
| Total | 5.9 |
| Agriculture | 8.9 |
| Non-Agriculture | 4.4 |

Figure 3: Underemployment rate by sector First Quarter, 2006



As can be seen from table 10, underemployment rate has shown a marked difference between agricultural and non-agricultural sectors showing the respective rates as 8.9 and 4.4 . It is also noted that, there is no distinguish differences of underemployment rates among the people those who have different educational qualifications.

Table 11: Underemployment rates by educational level and the sex - First Quarter, 2006

| Educational qualification | Total | Sex | |
|---------------------------|-------|------|--------|
| | | Male | Female |
| Total | 5.9 | 5.3 | 7.0 |
| Below 5 | 5.9 | 5.4 | 6.7 |
| Gr 5-9 | 6.6 | 6.1 | 7.5 |
| O/L and above | 4.8 | 3.8 | 6.5 |

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 |

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 |

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 |

* - 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 1st 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 | 14758669 | 7627761 | 51.7 | 7081435 | 92.8 | 546326 | 7.2 | 7130908 |
| 10 - 14 YRS | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| 15 - 19 YRS | 1554061 | 390006 | 25.1 | 268070 | 68.7 | 121936 | 31.3 | 1164055 |
| 20 - 24 YRS | 1410690 | 926081 | 65.6 | 718799 | 77.6 | 207282 | 22.4 | 484609 |
| 25 - 29 YRS | 1375680 | 944923 | 68.7 | 837713 | 88.7 | 107210 | 11.3 | 430757 |
| 30 - 39 YRS | 2570346 | 1779689 | 69.2 | 1717476 | 96.5 | 62213 | 3.5 | 790658 |
| 40 + YRS | 6303570 | 3569239 | 56.6 | 3521553 | 98.7 | 47686 | 1.3 | 2734331 |

* Reliable estimates cannot be provided.

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

(2006 1st 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 | NUMBER | RATE | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| ALL AGES | 7081764 | 4904351 | 69.3 | 4634156 | 94.5 | 270196 | 5.5 | 2177412 |
| 10 - 14 YRS | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| 15 - 19 YRS | 779696 | 230144 | 29.5 | 159768 | 69.4 | 70375 | 30.6 | 549552 |
| 20 - 24 YRS | 742146 | 619625 | 83.5 | 495759 | 80.0 | 123866 | 20.0 | 122521 |
| 25 - 29 YRS | 626185 | 584480 | 93.3 | 547205 | 93.6 | 37276 | 6.4 | 41704 |
| 30 - 39 YRS | 1165954 | 1116978 | 95.8 | 1106555 | 99.1 | 10423 | 0.9 | 48976 |
| 40 + YRS | 2980231 | 2338778 | 78.5 | 2310522 | 98.8 | 28255 | 1.2 | 641454 |

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

(2006 1st 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 | NUMBER | RATE | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| ALL AGES | 7676905 | 2723410 | 35.5 | 2447279 | 89.9 | 276130 | 10.1 | 4953496 |
| 10 - 14 YRS | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| 15 - 19 YRS | 774366 | 159863 | 20.6 | 108302 | 67.7 | 51561 | 32.3 | 614503 |
| 20 - 24 YRS | 668544 | 306456 | 45.8 | 223040 | 72.8 | 83416 | 27.2 | 362088 |
| 25 - 29 YRS | 749496 | 360442 | 48.1 | 290509 | 80.6 | 69934 | 19.4 | 389053 |
| 30 - 39 YRS | 1404392 | 662710 | 47.2 | 610921 | 92.2 | 51790 | 7.8 | 741682 |
| 40 + YRS | 3323338 | 1230461 | 37.0 | 1211031 | 98.4 | 19430 | 1.6 | 2092877 |

* 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 |

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 |
| *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 1st Q | 100.0 | 0.3 | 3.4 | 10.7 | 11.8 | 23.9 | 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 |

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 |

* - 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 | 100.1 | 21.0 | 49.8 | 17.0 | 12.3 |

**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 | 99.9 | 24.2 | 42.5 | 16.5 | 16.7 |

* - 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 1st Q | 100.0 | 55.3 | 13.4 | 41.9 | 3.2 | 31.6 | 9.9 |

* - 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 1st Q | 100.0 | 55.8 | 12.3 | 43.4 | 4.4 | 36.3 | 3.6 |

**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 1st Q | 100.0 | 54.5 | 15.4 | 39.1 | 0.9 | 22.7 | 22.0 |

* - 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 |

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: 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 |

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 1st Q | 2447279 | 976264 | 629133 | 10754 | 253331 | 64105 | 95701 | 172735 | 245257 |

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 |
| Total | 4924130 | 5201904 | 5281279 | 5357120 | 5536216 | 5607868 | 6049388 | 6082449 | 6310247 | 6235588 | 6519415 | 7012755 | 7394029 | 7518007 | 7081435 |
| Agriculture | 2078560 | 2159187 | 2084733 | 1966793 | 2071764 | 2031902 | 2378572 | 2208066 | 2274153 | 2033343 | 2247602 | 2384397 | 2474725 | 2306039 | 2346321 |
| Industry | 991492 | 1024524 | 1046282 | 1188271 | 1217977 | 1354952 | 1325735 | 1330134 | 1490795 | 1491408 | 1459194 | 1611493 | 1781447 | 1928014 | 1862896 |
| Services | 1854078 | 2018193 | 2150265 | 2202056 | 2246475 | 2221014 | 2345081 | 2544249 | 2545299 | 2710837 | 2812619 | 3016866 | 3137857 | 3283954 | 2872217 |

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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |

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 |

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 |

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 |

Occupation group

1 Senior Officials and Managers

2 Professionals

3 Technical and Associate Professionals

4 Clerks

5 Proprietors and Managers of Enterprises

6 Sale 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

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

** - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

*** - 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 1st quarter)

| MAJOR INDUSTRIAL GROUP | TOTAL | 0 * | 1 - 9 | 10 - 19 | 20 - 29 | 30 - 39 | 40 - 49 | 50 & OVER |
|------------------------|-------|-----|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Total | 100.0 | 4.5 | 2.6 | 6.3 | 10.2 | 14.2 | 31.7 | 30.5 |
| 1 | 100.0 | 4.7 | 5.3 | 11.7 | 15.8 | 16.6 | 29.9 | 16.0 |
| 2 | 100.0 | 4.6 | 1.4 | 3.9 | 9.4 | 10.1 | 33.3 | 37.3 |
| 3 | 100.0 | 9.1 | 2.2 | 6.2 | 10.8 | 15.4 | 35.0 | 21.3 |
| 4 | 100.0 | 3.4 | 1.0 | 2.5 | 7.2 | 11.3 | 24.8 | 49.8 |
| 5 | 100.0 | 2.0 | .. | 1.8 | 7.0 | 3.0 | 25.2 | 61.0 |
| 6 | 100.0 | 4.8 | .. | 3.6 | 2.8 | 10.1 | 27.0 | 51.7 |
| 7 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 2.8 | 4.4 | 6.1 | 41.8 | 40.7 |
| 8 | 100.0 | 1.7 | .. | 0.4 | 2.5 | 7.3 | 58.8 | 29.3 |
| 9 | 100.0 | 4.1 | 1.4 | 4.9 | 8.7 | 60.8 | 16.1 | 4.1 |
| 10 | 100.0 | 5.9 | .. | 3.8 | 3.3 | 7.8 | 41.2 | 38.1 |
| 11 | 100.0 | 5.8 | 4.1 | 3.1 | 12.0 | 10.5 | 26.4 | 38.0 |
| 12 | 100.0 | .. | .. | .. | 3.2 | 5.1 | 21.2 | 70.5 |
| 13 | 100.0 | 4.1 | 6.1 | 10.6 | 13.0 | 19.1 | 36.0 | 11.2 |
| 14 | 100.0 | .. | .. | 19.6 | .. | 8.4 | 18.3 | 53.7 |

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

.. Negligible

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)

5. Hotels and Restaurants (H)

6. Transport, Storage and Communication (I)

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

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

9. Education (M)

10. Health and Social work (N)

11. Other Community, Social and Personal Service Activities
Extra Territorial Organizations & bodies (O,Q)

12. Private Households with Employed Persons (P)

13. Miscellaneous Labour work

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 | 100.0 | 22.3 | 37.9 | 19.6 | 11.4 | 8.7 |

* - 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 |

**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 |

* - 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 |

* - 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 |

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 |

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

| 2006 1st Q | | | | |
|------------|--------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| SEX | TOTAL | DURATION | | |
| | | LESS THAN 6 MONTHS | 6 TO LESS THAN 12 MONTHS | 12 + MONTHS |
| BOTH SEXES | 546326 | 162251 | 142851 | 241224 |
| % | 100.0 | 29.7 | 26.1 | 44.2 |
| MALE | 270196 | 83771 | 78369 | 108056 |
| % | 100.0 | 31.0 | 29.0 | 40.0 |
| FEMALE | 276130 | 78480 | 64482 | 133168 |
| % | 100.0 | 28.4 | 23.4 | 48.2 |

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

(1 st 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) | 14758669 | 189004 | 1.28 | - | - | - |
| Employed Population | 7081435 | 120077 | 1.70 | - | - | - |
| Unemployed Population | 546326 | 41468 | 7.59 | - | - | - |
| Employment Rate | - | - | - | 0.928 | 0.005 | 0.57 |
| Unemployment Rate | - | - | - | 0.072 | 0.005 | 7.34 |
| Labour Force | 7627761 | 123921 | 1.62 | - | - | - |
| Not in Labour Force | 7130908 | 149397 | 2.10 | - | - | - |
| Employed persons by major industry Groups | | | | | | |
| 1 | 2346321 | 105580 | 4.50 | - | - | - |
| 2 | 1332735 | 62187 | 4.67 | - | - | - |
| 3 | 530161 | 33922 | 6.40 | - | - | - |
| 4 | 974771 | 50712 | 5.20 | - | - | - |
| 5 | 125906 | 16835 | 13.37 | - | - | - |
| 6 | 404715 | 28146 | 6.95 | - | - | - |
| 7 | 235820 | 25991 | 11.02 | - | - | - |
| 8 | 406017 | 29788 | 7.34 | - | - | - |
| 9 | 239391 | 21850 | 9.13 | - | - | - |
| 10 | 110249 | 12403 | 11.25 | - | - | - |
| 11 | 108934 | 13604 | 12.49 | - | - | - |
| 12 | 90721 | 13740 | 15.15 | - | - | - |
| 13 | 160726 | 20741 | 12.90 | - | - | - |
| 14 | 14966 | 4.743 | 31.69 | - | - | - |
| Unemployed persons by level of education | | | | | | |
| Below grade 5 | 29376 | 9673 | 32.93 | - | - | - |
| Grade 5 - 9/Year 6 - 10 | 249030 | 25544 | 10.26 | - | - | - |
| G.C.E.(O/L)/N.C.G.E. | 132560 | 14944 | 11.27 | - | - | - |
| G.C.E.(A/L)/H.N.C.E. & above | 135360 | 18296 | 13.52 | - | - | - |

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 |

CONCEPTS & 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. **Currently Employed** : A person who worked for pay, profit, or unpaid family gain for one (1) hour or more during the past week is said to be currently employed and also includes persons with a job but not at work during the reference period.
5. **Reference period** : In this survey there is only one reference “ Current” . The “Current” reference period is the week preceding the week of the survey.
6. **Currently Economically Active** : A person who was employed or unemployed during the current reference period is considered to be currently economically active.
7. **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.
8. **Underemployment:**
Visibly underemployment

(i) *If the person has worked less than the normal duration in his/her activity*

in Sri Lankan Scenario, 35 hours per week is taken as the cut-off point applicable to all workers, except government teachers. 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.

(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/she 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 there as a category.

9. **Informal Sector Employment**

In order to classify informal sector employment a person are 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.