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## *Preface*

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*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 ninetieth in the series of quarterly reports published so far.*

*Current survey concepts and methods are very similar to those introduced at the beginning of the survey in 1990. However, some changes were made over the years to improve the accuracy and usefulness of the data. The significant revisions were made on the labour force survey questionnaire in 1996, 2006 and the latest revision is in 2013. The revised version is introduced for the survey conducted in 2013 First quarter, and this report consists with statistics using new concepts and classifications.*

*The field work of the survey for the first quarter 2014 was done in January, February and March in year 2014. This survey covered the whole country. A nationally representative annual sample of about 25,000 housing units have been selected for the survey in 2014. This report is based on a quarterly sample of 6,250 housing units.*

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**Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey**  
**Summary Statistics on Labour Force Characteristics**  
**2014 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter**  
**(All Island)**

**15 years & over population**

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (15 years & over)	16,419,548	7,602,293	8,817,255	2,733,027	13,686,521
Labour force in this age group	8,769,538	5,655,705	3,113,833	1,348,256	7,421,282
Labour force participation rate	53.4	74.4	35.3	49.3	54.2
Employed population	8,407,212	5,484,351	2,922,861	1,295,623	7,111,589
Employment rate	95.9	97.0	93.9	96.1	95.8
Unemployed population	362,326	171,354	190,972	52,633	309,693
Unemployment rate	4.1	3.0	6.1	3.9	4.2
Not in labour force	7,650,010	1,946,588	5,703,422	1,384,771	6,265,239

**20 years & over population**

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (20 years & over)	14,810,679	6,772,598	8,038,081	2,474,590	12,336,089
Labour force in this age group	8,523,522	5,485,665	3,037,858	1,312,082	7,211,440
Labour force participation rate	57.5	81.0	37.8	53.0	58.5
Employed population	8,213,219	5,349,491	2,863,727	1,266,478	6,946,740
Employment rate	96.4	97.5	94.3	96.5	96.3
Unemployed population	310,304	136,173	174,130	45,604	264,700
Unemployment rate	3.6	2.5	5.7	3.5	3.7
Not in labour force	6,287,157	1,286,934	5,000,223	1,162,508	5,124,649

## Selected Labour Force Indicators ...

Indicator	Year								
	2010*	2011*	2012*	2013*	2011**	2012**	2013**	2013Q1**	2014Q1**
<b>Labour force participation rate</b>									
<b>By Gender</b>									
Total	53.4	53.4	53.0	54.2	53.0	52.6	53.8	54.2	53.4
Male	75.0	74.2	75.2	75.0	74.0	75.0	74.9	75.1	74.4
Female	34.4	35.0	33.5	36.3	34.4	32.9	35.6	36.2	35.3
<b>By residential sector</b>									
Total	53.4	53.4	53.0	54.2	53.0	52.6	53.8	54.2	53.4
Urban	46.8	48.5	48.7	48.0	47.8	48.4	47.8	47.9	49.3
Rural	54.4	54.2	53.9	55.5	53.8	53.5	55.0	55.6	54.2
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>									
<b>By Gender</b>									
Total	4.9	4.2	3.9	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.4	4.6	4.1
Male	3.5	2.7	2.9	3.2	2.7	2.8	3.2	3.3	3.0
Female	7.7	6.8	6.0	6.4	7.0	6.2	6.6	7.0	6.1
<b>By selected age Group (Year)</b>									
20 – 29	13.8	12.4	11.1	13.0	12.3	11.3	13.0	13.6	13.3
20 – 24	19.1	18.0	16.7	19.3	17.7	16.8	19.2	20.7	19.1
25 – 29	9.2	7.5	6.5	7.5	7.6	6.6	7.5	7.5	8.6
<b>By selected educational level</b>									
<b>A/L &amp; above</b>									
Total	11.6	9.0	7.3	8.4	9.0	7.5	8.6	9.2	6.9
Male	7.8	5.4	4.3	5.6	5.4	4.5	5.7	6.1	3.6
Female	15.8	13.1	10.5	11.3	13.1	10.8	11.6	12.5	10.3
<b>Employed population</b>									
<b>By Gender</b>									
Total	7,696,142	7,883,817	7,791,831	8,070,542	8,186,305	8,118,362	8,417,674	8,451,187	8,407,212
Male	5,125,763	5,219,712	5,224,743	5,233,167	5,452,723	5,469,759	5,498,815	5,494,375	5,484,351
Female	2,570,379	2,664,105	2,567,089	2,837,375	2,733,582	2,648,603	2,918,859	2,956,812	2,922,861
<b>By industry (Percentage)</b>									
Total	7,696,142	7,883,817	7,791,831	8,070,542	8,186,305	8,118,362	8,417,674	8,451,187	8,407,212
%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture	2,512,546	2,593,048	2,412,066	2,390,884	2,699,244	2,513,673	2,504,310	2,384,795	2,222,097
%	32.6	32.9	31.0	29.6	33.0	31.0	29.8	28.2	26.4
Industry	1,864,538	1,914,671	2,042,262	2,125,376	1,976,711	2,117,286	2,202,159	2,273,387	2,338,905
%	24.2	24.3	26.2	26.3	24.1	26.1	26.2	26.9	27.8
Services	3,319,059	3,376,099	3,337,503	3,554,282	3,510,350	3,487,403	3,711,204	3,793,005	3,846,210
%	43.1	42.8	42.8	44.0	42.9	43.0	44.1	44.9	45.7
<b>By no. of hours worked per week (percentage)</b>									
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0 <sup>#</sup>	6.0	5.3	4.6	5.2	5.2	4.5	5.2	3.1	2.9
1 – 9	1.7	1.8	1.2	1.8	1.7	1.2	1.8	1.8	1.2
10 – 39	28.4	29.7	25.6	27	29.9	26.0	27.4	27.2	27.4
40 & above	63.9	63.2	68.6	66	63.1	68.3	65.6	67.9	68.5

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*\* Excluding Northern Province*

*\*\*Whole island covered*

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# Introduction

## Highlights

- Labour force participation rate is 53.4% for the First Quarter of 2014.
- Unemployment rate for the survey period is 4.1%.

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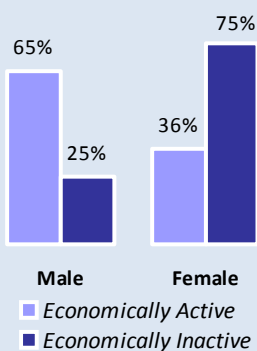


Figure 1 : Distribution of Economically active/Inactive population- First Quarter 2014

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

The field work of the survey for the first quarter of 2014 was done in January, February and March covering the whole country.

## Labour Force

(Economically Active Population)

Number of persons (age 15 years & above) who were employed or unemployed during the reference week

## Labour force participation rate (LFPR)

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

## Labour Force ...

Table 1 : Economically active population by gender and sector- First Quarter 2014

Sector	Economically active population					
	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Sri Lanka	8,769,538	100.0	5,655,705	64.5	3,113,833	35.5
Urban	1,348,256	100.0	921,852	68.4	426,404	31.6
Rural	7,137,371	100.0	4,575,151	64.1	2,562,220	35.9
Estate	283,911	100.0	158,702	55.9	125,209	44.1

According to the Table 1, the estimated economically active population is about 8.8 million in the first quarter 2014. Of which 64.5 percent are males and 35.5 percent are females. Out of the economically inactive population 25.4 percent are males and 74.6 percent are females (Table 2).

Table 2 : Economically inactive population by gender and sector- First Quarter 2014

Sector	Economically inactive population					
	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Sri Lanka	7,650,010	100.0	1,946,588	25.4	5,703,422	74.6
Urban	1,384,771	100.0	375,260	27.1	1,009,511	72.9
Rural	6,099,783	100.0	1,521,696	24.9	4,578,087	75.1
Estate	165,456	100.0	49,632	30.0	115,824	70.0

Table 3 : LFPR by gender and year (Excluding Northern province: to keep same domain for the purpose of comparison.)

Year	Total	Male	Female
2008	55.1	76.1	36.6
2009	54.1	74.7	36.2
2010	53.4	75.0	34.4
2011	53.4	74.2	35.0
2012	53.0	75.2	33.5
2013 Q1	54.6	75.0	37.0
2013 Q2	54.7	75.6	36.3
2013 Q3	54.2	74.8	36.6
2013 Q4	53.4	74.6	35.3
2014 Q1	53.8	74.7	35.7

Table 3 provides the information on LFPRs since year 2008. Referring the table 3, It is important to note that, male participation to the labour force is always higher than that of females.

Considering the Table 4, the distribution of LFPR by age group and by gender depicts high male participation compared to female in all age groups. The highest overall participation rate, as well as the highest participation rates for male and female are reported for the age group of 40- 44 years.

Table 4 : LFPR by age group and gender - First Quarter 2014

Age group	Total	Male	Female
Sri Lanka	53.4	74.4	35.3
15 - 19	15.3	20.5	9.8
20 - 24	50.9	68.2	35.9
25 - 29	63.2	92.3	41.1
30 - 34	66.2	94.8	42.4
35 - 39	68.7	96.5	44.8
40 - 44	73.5	97.2	52.8
45 - 49	72.4	95.2	52.2
50 - 54	67.0	93.3	44.8
55 - 59	58.9	84.3	36.2
60+	29.5	46.0	16.2

## Employed ...

During the reference period, persons, who worked as paid employees, employers, own account workers (self employed), or contributing family workers are said to be employed

This also includes persons with a job but not at work during the reference period

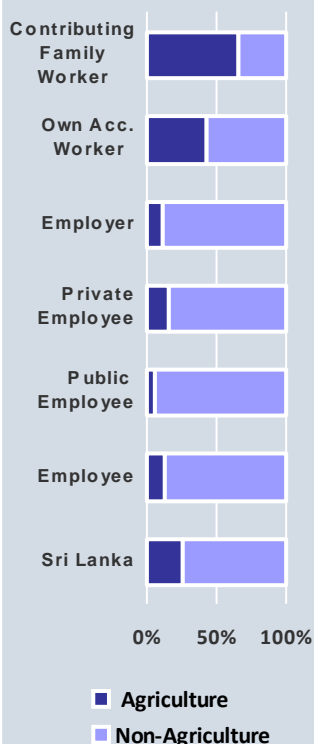


Figure 2: Distribution of employed population by employment status and Agriculture/Non-Agriculture sector - First Quarter 2014

Figure 2 shows a higher percentage of contributing family workers in agriculture sector.

## ## Employment ...

Table 5: Distribution of Employed population by main industry (First Quarter 2013 – First Quarter 2014)

Quarter	Sri Lanka	Major Industry Group		
		Agriculture	Industries	Services
2013Q1 (No.)	8,451,187	2,384,795	2,273,387	3,793,005
(%)	100.0	28.2	26.9	44.9
2013Q2 (No.)	8,475,419	2,668,059	2,217,693	3,589,668
(%)	100.0	31.5	26.2	42.4
2013 Q3 (No.)	8,424,409	2,417,569	2,222,344	3,784,496
(%)	100.0	28.7	26.4	44.9
2013 Q4 (No.)	8,319,680	2,546,819	2,095,213	3,677,649
(%)	100.0	30.6	25.2	44.2
2014 Q1 (No.)	8,407,212	2,222,097	2,338,905	3,846,210
(%)	100.0	26.4	27.8	45.7

Table 5 shows the percentage distribution of employed population by main industry from first quarter 2013 to first quarter 2014. During first quarter of 2014, the total number of employed persons in Sri Lanka is estimated as about 8.4 million. Of which, about 45.7 percent engaged in Services sector, 27.8 percent in Industries sector and 26.4 percent in Agriculture sector. The decline in the total employment and the change in percentage share of employment by industry between 2013 Q1 & 2014 Q1 could be attributed to the labour movement due to climatic variations (prevailed drought). Specially some part of unpaid family workers might become economically inactive.

Table 6: Distribution of employed population by employment status and Agriculture/Non-Agriculture sector – First Quarter 2014

Employment Status	Sri Lanka		Sector			
	No.	%	Agriculture		Non-Agriculture	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sri Lanka	8,407,212	100.0	2,222,097	26.4	6,185,115	73.6
Employee	4,756,400	100.0	586,734	12.3	4,169,666	87.7
Public	1,317,873	100.0	71,841	5.5	1,246,032	94.5
Private	3,438,527	100.0	514,893	15.0	2,923,634	85.0
Employer	257,646	100.0	29,024	11.3	228,622	88.7
Own Account Worker	2,659,049	100.0	1,122,778	42.2	1,536,271	57.8
Contributing Family Worker	734,117	100.0	483,561	65.9	250,556	34.1

Table 7 depicts the percentage distribution of male and female employed population by main industries. Regardless of the gender, the highest employment concentrated in service sector. Further among employed women 29.4 percent is in agriculture sector while this share is 24.8 percent for males.

Table 7: Distribution of Employed population by main industry & sex – First Quarter 2014

Major Industry Group	Sri Lanka	Gender	
		Male	Female
Sri Lanka	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture	26.4	24.8	29.4
Industry	27.8	27.8	27.9
Services	45.7	47.4	42.7

## Main industry categories and sub sectors

### Agriculture

1. Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A)

### Industries

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

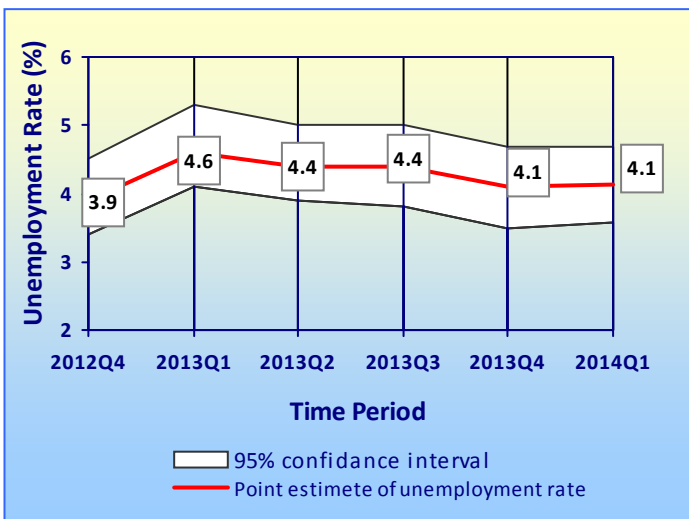
### Services

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

According to Table 6, more employers are in non-agriculture sector than in agriculture sector. But contributing family workers are highly concentrated in agriculture sector.

## Unemployment ...

Figure 3: Unemployment rates and its 95% confidence intervals (2012 Q4 - 2014Q1)



<sup>1</sup>**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 sampling error of the estimate.

For more details, please refer the explanatory note given under the labour force link in the DCS website; [www.statistics.gov.lk](http://www.statistics.gov.lk)

Table 8: Unemployment rate by age group and gender – First Quarter 2014

Age group (Years)	Sri Lanka	Gender	
		Male	Female
Sri Lanka	4.1	3.0	6.1
15–24	19.6	15.4	27.3
25–29	8.6	6.0	13.1
Over 30	1.4	0.9	2.1

Further the survey results revealed that the unemployment among females is higher 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 6.9 percent. Corresponding percentages are 3.6 percent and 10.3 percent for males and females respectively. Among males highest unemployment rate is reported from GCE (O/L) category.

This shows that the problem of unemployment is more acute in the case of educated females than educated males.

Table 9: Unemployment rate by level of education – First Quarter 2014

Level of Education	Unemployment Rate (%)		
	Sri Lanka	Male	Female
Sri Lanka	4.1	3.0	6.1
Below GCE O/L	2.6	2.4	3.2
GCE O/L	6.6	5.1	9.6
GCE A/L & above	6.9	3.6	10.3

## Unemployed ...

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

## Unemployment Rate ...

The proportion of unemployed population to the total labour force

As can be seen from table 8, overall unemployment rate reported for female is 6.1 percent and it is 3.0 percent for male. Youth unemployment rate 15 – 24 years reported for first quarter 2014 is 19.6 percent and that reported the highest unemployment rate among age groups. These rates for both males and females are 15.4 and 27.3 percent respectively.

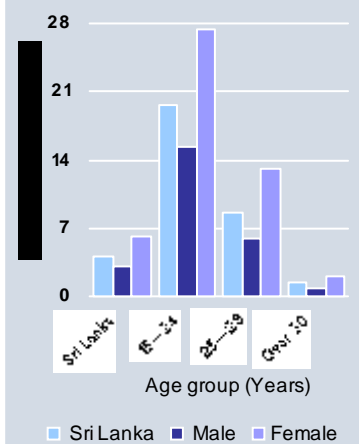


Figure 3: Unemployment rate by age group and gender – First Quarter 2014

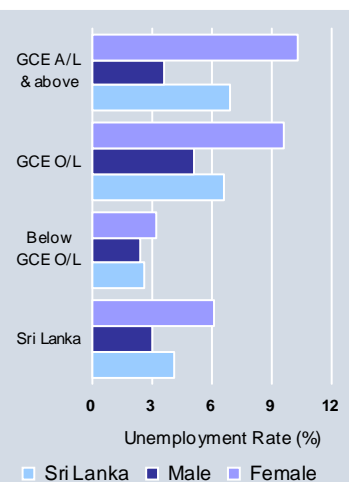


Figure 4: Unemployment rate by level of education and gender – First Quarter 2014

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

NATIONAL LEVEL DATA								
YEAR	HOUSEHOLD POPULATION (15 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
2006 <sup>1</sup>	13,261,409	7,576,415	57.1	7,084,346	93.5	492,069	6.5	5,684,994
2007 <sup>1</sup>	13,459,252	7,472,932	55.5	7,026,733	94.0	446,199	6.0	5,986,320
2008 <sup>2</sup>	14,626,833	8,061,725	55.1	7,628,683	94.6	433,042	5.4	6,565,107
2009 <sup>2</sup>	14,876,264	8,051,089	54.1	7,579,835	94.1	471,254	5.9	6,825,175
2010 <sup>2</sup>	15,166,285	8,096,477	53.4	7,696,142	95.1	400,335	4.9	7,069,808
2011 <sup>3</sup>	16,122,111	8,543,776	53.0	8,186,305	95.8	357,471	4.2	7,578,335
2012 <sup>3</sup>	16,081,285	8,454,364	52.6	8,118,362	96.0	336,002	4.0	7,626,921
2013 <sup>3</sup>	16,359,761	8,802,113	53.8	8,417,674	95.6	384,439	4.4	7,557,648
2014Q1 <sup>3</sup>	16,419,548	8,769,538	53.4	8,407,212	95.9	362,326	4.1	7,650,010

<sup>1</sup> - Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

<sup>3</sup> - All the districts are included

<sup>2</sup> - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

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

YEAR	HOUSEHOLD POPULATION (15 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
2006 <sup>1</sup>	6,287,747	4,822,204	76.7	4,596,634	95.3	225,570	4.7	1,465,543
2007 <sup>1</sup>	6,372,572	4,853,559	76.2	4,643,931	95.7	209,627	4.3	1,519,013
2008 <sup>2</sup>	6,848,600	5,212,933	76.1	5,018,954	96.3	193,978	3.7	1,635,668
2009 <sup>2</sup>	6,925,821	5,173,106	74.7	4,949,825	95.7	223,281	4.3	1,752,715
2010 <sup>2</sup>	7,078,246	5,310,872	75.0	5,125,763	96.5	185,108	3.5	1,767,374
2011 <sup>3</sup>	7,570,144	5,605,446	74.0	5,452,723	97.3	152,723	2.7	1,964,698
2012 <sup>3</sup>	7,508,356	5,629,617	75.0	5,469,759	97.2	159,858	2.8	1,878,740
2013 <sup>3</sup>	7,577,344	5,677,815	74.9	5,498,815	96.8	179,000	3.2	1,899,529
2014Q1 <sup>3</sup>	7,602,293	5,655,705	74.4	5,484,351	97.0	171,354	3.0	1,946,588

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

YEAR	HOUSEHOLD POPULATION (15 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
2006 <sup>1</sup>	6,973,662	2,754,211	39.5	2,487,711	90.3	266,499	9.7	4,219,451
2007 <sup>1</sup>	7,086,680	2,619,373	37.0	2,382,801	91.0	236,572	9.0	4,467,307
2008 <sup>2</sup>	7,778,232	2,848,793	36.6	2,609,729	91.6	239,064	8.4	4,929,440
2009 <sup>2</sup>	7,950,443	2,877,983	36.2	2,630,010	91.4	247,973	8.6	5,072,460
2010 <sup>2</sup>	8,088,039	2,785,605	34.4	2,570,379	92.3	215,226	7.7	5,302,434
2011 <sup>3</sup>	8,551,967	2,938,329	34.4	2,733,582	93.0	204,748	7.0	5,613,637
2012 <sup>3</sup>	8,572,929	2,824,747	32.9	2,648,603	93.8	176,144	6.2	5,748,181
2013 <sup>3</sup>	8,782,417	3,124,298	35.6	2,918,859	93.4	205,439	6.6	5,658,119
2014Q1 <sup>3</sup>	8,817,255	3,113,833	35.3	2,922,861	93.9	190,972	6.1	5,703,422

<sup>1</sup> - Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

<sup>3</sup> - All the districts are included

<sup>2</sup> - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

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

AGE	HOUSEHOLD POP: (15 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE	
				(% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)		(% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)		
<b>ALL AGES</b>	16,419,548	8,769,538	53.4	8,407,212	95.9	362,326	4.1	7,650,010
15 - 19 YRS	1,608,869	246,016	15.3	193,994	78.9	52,022	21.1	1,362,853
20 - 24 YRS	1,434,455	730,390	50.9	590,649	80.9	139,740	19.1	704,065
25 - 29 YRS	1,417,733	896,713	63.2	819,601	91.4	77,111	8.6	521,021
30 - 39 YRS	3,156,761	2,125,306	67.3	2,075,325	97.6	49,981	2.4	1,031,455
40 + YRS	8,801,730	4,771,114	54.2	4,727,642	99.1	43,471	0.9	4,030,616

(2014 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter)

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

(2014 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter)

AGE	HOUSEHOLD POP: (15 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE	
ALL AGES	7,602,293	5,655,705	74.4	5,484,351	97.0	171,354	3.0	1,946,588
15 - 19 YRS	829,694	170,040	20.5	134,860	79.3	35,180	20.7	659,654
20 - 24 YRS	667,065	454,984	68.2	394,164	86.6	60,820	13.4	212,081
25 - 29 YRS	613,822	566,681	92.3	532,870	94.0	33,811	6.0	47,141
30 - 39 YRS	1,444,055	1,380,074	95.6	1,361,228	98.6	18,846	1.4	63,980
40 + YRS	4,047,657	3,083,926	76.2	3,061,230	99.3	22,696	0.7	963,731

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

(2014 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter)

AGE	HOUSEHOLD POP: (15 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE	
ALL AGES	8,817,255	3,113,833	35.3	2,922,861	93.9	190,972	6.1	5,703,422
15 - 19 YRS	779,175	75,976	9.8	59,134	77.8	16,842	22.2	703,199
20 - 24 YRS	767,390	275,406	35.9	196,486	71.3	78,920	28.7	491,984
25 - 29 YRS	803,911	330,032	41.1	286,732	86.9	43,300	13.1	473,879
30 - 39 YRS	1,712,707	745,232	43.5	714,097	95.8	31,135	4.2	967,475
40 + YRS	4,754,073	1,687,188	35.5	1,666,413	98.8	20,776	1.2	3,066,885

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

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

Year	All Ages	Age Groups				
		15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
2006 <sup>1</sup>	100.0	4.1	10.3	12.1	24.3	49.3
2007 <sup>1</sup>	100.0	3.6	9.8	12.1	24.0	50.6
2008 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	3.4	9.9	11.7	24.0	51.0
2009 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	3.4	8.6	11.5	24.4	52.1
2010 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	3.0	8.5	10.9	24.0	53.5
2011 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	3.1	8.6	11.0	24.3	53.0
2012 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	2.5	8.3	11.0	25.2	53.0
2013 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	2.7	7.9	10.1	24.8	54.5
2014Q1 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	2.3	7.1	9.8	24.9	55.8

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

Year	All Ages	Age Groups				
		15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
2006 <sup>1</sup>	100.0	4.0	10.2	12.3	24.0	49.5
2007 <sup>1</sup>	100.0	3.7	9.6	12.7	23.8	50.2
2008 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	3.6	9.7	11.9	24.1	50.7
2009 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	3.5	8.4	11.8	24.3	52.0
2010 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	3.1	8.2	11.3	24.1	53.3
2011 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	3.2	8.6	11.3	24.3	52.5
2012 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	2.7	8.3	11.2	25.2	52.6
2013 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	2.9	7.8	10.2	25.0	54.1
2014Q1 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	2.4	7.3	9.6	25.2	55.4

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

Year	All Ages	Age Groups				
		15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
2006 <sup>1</sup>	100.0	4.1	10.3	11.7	24.9	49.0
2007 <sup>1</sup>	100.0	3.4	10.1	10.8	24.3	51.4
2008 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	3.2	10.2	11.2	24.0	51.5
2009 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	3.3	8.9	11.0	24.6	52.2
2010 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	2.9	9.2	10.0	23.9	54.0
2011 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	2.8	8.5	10.3	24.4	54.0
2012 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	2.2	8.5	10.5	25.1	53.7
2013 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	2.4	8.0	10.0	24.3	55.2
2014Q1 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	2.1	6.6	10.1	24.5	56.6

<sup>1</sup> - Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

<sup>3</sup> - All the districts are included

<sup>2</sup> - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province



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

Year	Total	Level of education			
		Grade 5 & Below	Grades 6 - 10	GCE (O.L)/ NCGE	GCE (A.L)/ HNCE & above
2006 <sup>1</sup>	100.0	22.2	46.8	16.8	14.3
2007 <sup>1</sup>	100.0	21.1	47.8	15.6	15.5
2008 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	20.8	47.4	15.8	15.9
2009 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	21.1	47.2	15.5	16.2
2010 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	20.2	48.2	15.9	15.8
2011 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	18.8	48.1	15.7	17.4
2012 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	18.5	47.2	17.6	16.7
2013 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	17.9	47.8	16.0	18.3
2014Q1 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	16.9	48.2	15.9	19.1

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

Year	Total	Level of education			
		Grade 5 & Below	Grades 6 - 10	GCE (O.L)/ NCGE	GCE (A.L)/ HNCE & above
2006 <sup>1</sup>	100.0	21.0	50.3	16.6	12.1
2007 <sup>1</sup>	100.0	20.1	51.2	15.6	13.0
2008 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	20.1	50.6	16.1	13.2
2009 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	20.3	50.7	15.7	13.3
2010 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	19.1	51.6	16.2	13.1
2011 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	18.3	51.0	16.1	14.6
2012 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	17.9	51.1	17.8	13.2
2013 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	17.6	51.4	16.2	14.8
2014Q1 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	16.9	51.8	16.2	15.0

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

Year	Total	Level of education			
		Grade 5 & Below	Grades 6 - 10	GCE (O.L)/ NCGE	GCE (A.L)/ HNCE & above
2006 <sup>1</sup>	100.0	24.4	40.3	17.1	18.3
2007 <sup>1</sup>	100.0	23.0	41.0	15.5	20.5
2008 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	22.2	41.3	15.3	21.2
2009 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	22.5	40.6	15.3	21.7
2010 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	22.3	41.3	15.3	21.1
2011 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	19.8	42.2	15.0	23.1
2012 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	19.8	39.2	17.2	23.8
2013 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	18.5	41.0	15.7	24.8
2014Q1 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	16.7	41.2	15.1	27.0

<sup>1</sup> - Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

<sup>2</sup> - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

<sup>3</sup> - 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			
2006 <sup>1</sup>	100.0	55.7	13.5	42.2	3.1	30.9	10.3
2007 <sup>1</sup>	100.0	56.6	13.8	42.8	2.9	30.4	10.1
2008 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	56.5	15.3	41.3	2.9	30.3	10.3
2009 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	57.7	15.5	42.2	2.6	29.2	10.4
2010 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	55.5	14.3	41.3	2.6	31.5	10.3
2011 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	55.0	14.4	40.5	2.9	31.5	10.7
2012 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	56.5	15.2	41.3	2.8	31.9	8.8
2013 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	55.7	15.1	40.6	3.0	32.2	9.1
2014Q1 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	57.3	16.2	41.1	3.0	31.9	7.8

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

YEAR	TOTAL EMPLOYED	EMPLOYEE			EMPLOYER	OWN ACCOUNT WORKER	UNPAID FAMILY WORKER
		TOTAL	PUBLIC	PRIVATE			
2006 <sup>1</sup>	100.0	56.1	12.3	43.8	4.4	35.3	4.2
2007 <sup>1</sup>	100.0	57.3	12.1	45.2	4.0	34.5	4.3
2008 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	57.6	13.7	43.9	4.1	34.2	4.1
2009 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	59.2	13.7	45.5	3.6	33.0	4.3
2010 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	56.2	12.8	43.4	3.5	36.0	4.3
2011 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	55.8	12.7	43.1	3.8	36.0	4.3
2012 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	56.6	12.8	43.8	3.8	35.9	3.6
2013 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	56.6	12.8	43.9	4.2	36.2	3.0
2014Q1 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	57.7	13.3	44.4	4.0	36.1	2.2

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

YEAR	TOTAL EMPLOYED	EMPLOYEE			EMPLOYER	OWN ACCOUNT WORKER	UNPAID FAMILY WORKER
		TOTAL	PUBLIC	PRIVATE			
2006 <sup>1</sup>	100.0	54.9	15.7	39.2	0.8	22.8	21.5
2007 <sup>1</sup>	100.0	55.2	17.1	38.1	0.7	22.5	21.6
2008 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	54.4	18.2	36.2	0.7	22.8	22.1
2009 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	55.0	19.0	36.0	0.9	22.1	22.0
2010 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	54.3	17.3	37.0	0.8	22.6	22.3
2011 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	53.2	17.8	35.4	0.9	22.7	23.2
2012 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	56.1	19.9	36.2	0.9	23.6	19.4
2013 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	54.0	19.4	34.6	0.9	24.6	20.5
2014Q1 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	56.6	21.8	34.8	1.1	23.8	18.6

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

<sup>1</sup> - Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

<sup>3</sup> - All the districts are included

<sup>2</sup> - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

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

Year	Industry Group																	
	Total	1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	Other
2013Q1	8,451,187	2,384,795	91,095	1,562,593	619,699	1,179,540	538,086	172,303	60,176	171,119	78,545	113,199	680,605	304,780	135,555	135,519	181,797	41,783
2013Q2	8,475,419	2,668,059	124,897	1,481,903	610,893	1,182,254	529,608	205,370	63,923	149,866	73,979	92,527	535,117	290,140	134,632	132,309	140,883	59,059
2013Q3	8,424,409	2,417,569	99,365	1,559,801	563,178	1,152,871	468,023	179,715	81,633	167,329	71,116	112,284	631,193	379,552	146,451	128,103	220,715	45,509
2013Q4	8,319,680	2,546,819	85,254	1,451,858	558,101	1,088,977	534,329	195,489	44,829	123,793	48,217	110,098	670,239	343,814	147,440	131,996	185,713	52,715
2013	8,417,674	2,504,310	100,153	1,514,039	587,968	1,150,911	517,511	188,219	62,640	153,027	67,964	107,027	629,288	329,572	141,020	131,982	182,277	49,766
2014Q1	8,407,212	2,222,097	84,766	1,677,763	576,376	1,093,264	553,820	217,762	74,883	161,334	54,578	99,456	650,652	372,222	143,603	140,825	234,157	49,654

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

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

Other

- 12 Real estate activities (L)
- 18 Arts, entertainment and recreation (R)
- 21 Activities of extra territorial organizations & bodies (U)

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

Year	Total	Industry Group																
		1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	Other
2013Q1	5,494,375	1,443,103	85,549	832,273	602,776	815,614	510,089	125,664	48,189	94,623	48,198	81,373	440,604	97,611	52,826	86,219	94,956	34,708
2013Q2	5,589,387	1,648,760	105,142	791,286	595,611	848,894	496,622	137,380	45,849	93,209	47,087	66,670	336,147	78,087	61,901	98,629	90,438	47,674
2013Q3	5,460,400	1,477,031	90,801	838,262	544,400	838,078	447,558	133,081	61,564	93,653	44,313	81,311	395,070	116,053	48,422	91,193	121,393	38,217
2013Q4	5,451,097	1,562,658	71,056	738,504	540,923	771,563	523,085	145,083	35,445	75,366	27,873	85,112	458,554	100,928	54,615	94,114	126,238	39,980
2013	5,498,815	1,532,888	88,137	800,081	570,928	818,537	494,339	135,302	47,762	89,213	41,868	78,616	407,594	98,169	54,441	92,539	108,256	40,144
2014Q1	5,484,351	1,362,507	82,150	887,088	553,770	785,855	537,980	138,400	58,939	95,721	33,216	83,886	410,024	111,607	53,901	107,445	140,438	41,424

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

Year	Total	Industry Group																
		1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	Other
2013Q1	2,956,812	941,691	5,546	730,319	16,923	363,926	27,996	46,639	11,987	76,496	30,347	31,826	240,001	207,169	82,729	49,300	86,840	7,076
2013Q2	2,886,033	1,019,299	19,755	690,617	15,282	333,360	32,986	67,990	18,074	56,658	26,891	25,857	198,970	212,054	72,731	33,680	50,445	11,384
2013Q3	2,964,009	940,538	8,564	721,539	18,777	314,793	20,464	46,634	20,069	73,677	26,804	30,973	236,124	263,500	98,029	36,910	99,322	7,292
2013Q4	2,868,583	984,161	14,198	713,354	17,178	317,415	11,244	50,405	9,384	48,427	20,344	24,986	211,684	242,886	92,825	37,882	59,475	12,735
2013	2,918,859	971,422	12,016	713,957	17,040	332,374	23,173	52,917	14,878	63,814	26,096	28,411	221,695	231,402	86,578	39,443	74,021	9,622
2014Q1	2,922,861	859,591	2,616	790,675	22,606	307,409	15,840	79,363	15,944	65,613	21,362	15,571	240,628	260,614	89,701	33,379	93,719	8,231

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

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

1 Agriculture, forestry and fishing (A)

2 Mining & quarrying (B)

3 Manufacturing (C)

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

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

8 Transportation and storage (H)

9 Accommodation and food services activities (I)

10 Information and communication (J)

11 Financial and insurance activities (K)

13 Professional, scientific and technical activities (M)

14 Administrative and support service activities (N)

15 Public administration and defence compulsory social security (O)

16 Education (P)

17 Human health and social work activities (Q)

19 Other service activities (S)

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

Other

Other

12 Real estate activities (L)

18 Arts, entertainment and recreation (R)

21 Activities of extra territorial organizations & bodies (U)

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

Major Industry Group	Year					
	2013Q1	2013Q2	2013Q3	2013Q4	2013	2014Q1
Total	8,451,187	8,475,419	8,424,409	8,319,680	8,417,674	8,407,212
Agriculture	2,384,795	2,668,059	2,417,569	2,546,819	2,504,310	2,222,097
Industry	2,273,387	2,217,693	2,222,344	2,095,213	2,202,159	2,338,905
Services	3,793,005	3,589,668	3,784,496	3,677,649	3,711,204	3,846,210

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

Major Industry Group	Year					
	2013Q1	2013Q2	2013Q3	2013Q4	2013	2014Q1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture	28.2	31.5	28.7	30.6	29.8	26.4
Industry	26.9	26.2	26.4	25.2	26.2	27.8
Services	44.9	42.4	44.9	44.2	44.1	45.7

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

**Agriculture**

1. Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A)

**Industries**

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

**Services**

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

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

Year	Total	Occupation group									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2013Q1	8,451,187	386,014	529,198	526,092	326,261	939,243	1,614,985	1,439,627	755,911	1,861,809	72,047
2013Q2	8,475,419	399,208	479,978	449,325	264,479	932,950	1,768,371	1,510,774	734,832	1,888,189	47,313
2013Q3	8,424,409	410,962	568,194	560,401	312,735	953,482	1,526,744	1,436,420	660,846	1,959,064	35,561
2013Q4	8,319,680	377,366	552,416	463,065	341,943	916,510	1,589,784	1,369,946	680,608	1,966,023	62,019
2013	8,417,674	393,388	532,446	499,721	311,354	935,546	1,624,971	1,439,192	708,049	1,918,771	54,235
2014Q1	8,407,212	384,205	532,961	539,418	346,957	1,045,104	1,616,420	1,470,432	712,451	1,732,228	27,036

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

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

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

Year	Total	Occupation group									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2013Q1	5,494,375	263,261	208,292	331,813	153,235	638,914	1,049,024	991,394	638,205	1,159,943	60,293
2013Q2	5,589,387	292,861	177,098	306,841	129,309	639,673	1,154,039	1,047,750	650,240	1,150,102	41,474
2013Q3	5,460,400	286,320	209,881	342,750	164,472	680,057	992,438	970,236	574,852	1,208,337	31,056
2013Q4	5,451,097	274,564	219,229	302,044	167,280	632,750	1,060,751	891,425	596,679	1,245,865	60,510
2013	5,498,815	279,252	203,625	320,862	153,574	647,849	1,064,063	975,201	614,994	1,191,062	48,333
2014Q1	5,484,351	284,081	171,495	351,237	179,010	720,092	1,018,793	948,457	631,067	1,153,083	27,036

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

Year	Total	Occupation group									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2013Q1	2,956,812	122,753	320,906	194,279	173,026	300,328	565,961	448,233	117,706	701,866	11,754
2013Q2	2,886,033	106,347	302,880	142,485	135,170	293,277	614,332	463,024	84,592	738,087	5,839
2013Q3	2,964,009	124,641	358,312	217,652	148,262	273,425	534,307	466,184	85,994	750,726	4,505
2013Q4	2,868,583	102,802	333,187	161,021	174,662	283,761	529,033	478,521	83,929	720,159	1,509
2013	2,918,859	114,136	328,821	178,859	157,780	287,698	560,908	463,990	93,055	727,709	5,902
2014Q1	2,922,861	100,124	361,466	188,181	167,947	325,012	597,626	521,975	81,384	579,145	..

.. Negligible

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

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

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

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL GROUP	TOTAL	0 *	1 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 & OVER
Total	100.0	2.9	1.2	3.6	7.3	16.5	36.8	31.7
1	100.0	4.3	2.4	7.5	12.7	22.7	35.0	15.4
2	100.0	1.4	2.2	1.7	5.3	13.9	33.2	42.3
3	100.0	2.9	0.8	2.8	5.7	14.3	38.5	35.1
6	100.0	3.9	1.8	3.9	6.6	15.0	39.7	29.1
7	100.0	1.0	0.4	1.3	3.1	10.5	31.2	52.5
8	100.0	3.1	..	3.0	5.0	7.3	32.8	48.8
9	100.0	2.0	..	0.9	8.4	10.8	22.6	55.4
10	100.0	3.7	3.4	1.9	4.0	13.7	47.6	25.8
11	100.0	..	..	..	8.7	6.9	64.4	19.9
13	100.0	1.3	1.8	3.3	9.1	8.7	38.8	37.0
14	100.0	1.5	..	1.0	6.4	8.8	26.2	56.0
15	100.0	2.3	0.7	0.3	2.6	11.7	52.4	30.1
16	100.0	1.9	1.0	4.4	14.0	49.1	25.2	4.3
17	100.0	1.0	0.7	0.6	2.6	6.4	52.1	36.5
19	100.0	4.4	1.0	1.1	2.3	12.0	34.5	44.6
20	100.0	3.3	1.9	1.9	4.9	15.7	31.4	40.8
Other	100.0	1.3	..	..	2.6	15.4	52.1	28.5

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

.. Negligible

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**Industry group**

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

**Other**

- 12 Real estate activities (L)
- 18 Arts, entertainment and recreation (R)
- 21 Activities of extra territorial organizations & bodies (U)



**TABLE 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
2006 <sup>1</sup>	100.0	17.5	39.3	21.5	11.9	9.8
2007 <sup>1</sup>	100.0	15.7	41.2	19.7	13.1	10.4
2008 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	15.8	38.4	21.5	13.6	10.6
2009 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	14.5	37.5	21.3	15.1	11.6
2010 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	14.8	38.7	21.2	14.7	10.6
2011 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	12.8	42.5	20.6	15.6	8.5
2012 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	14.2	40.6	18.8	15.6	10.7
2013 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	13.7	40.9	18.1	15.2	12.1
2014Q1 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	14.1	38.7	21.3	14.6	11.3

**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
2006 <sup>1</sup>	100.0	21.2	40.1	18.4	8.3	11.9
2007 <sup>1</sup>	100.0	19.9	40.7	16.0	10.2	13.1
2008 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	19.4	37.8	19.5	9.4	13.9
2009 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	17.9	36.4	18.9	12.4	14.4
2010 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	19.6	41.2	15.5	11.7	12.0
2011 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	17.6	44.9	16.7	13.1	7.6
2012 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	19.5	41.6	17.1	12.4	9.4
2013 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	16.9	44.0	15.4	11.6	12.1
2014Q1 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	20.5	35.7	19.9	11.7	12.3

**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
2006 <sup>1</sup>	100.0	14.4	38.7	24.2	14.9	7.9
2007 <sup>1</sup>	100.0	11.9	41.5	23.0	15.6	8.0
2008 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	12.9	38.9	23.2	17.0	8.0
2009 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	11.5	38.5	23.5	17.5	9.0
2010 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	10.7	36.5	26.1	17.4	9.3
2011 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	9.3	40.7	23.4	17.5	9.1
2012 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	9.4	39.8	20.3	18.6	11.9
2013 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	10.9	38.3	20.3	18.3	12.2
2014Q1 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	8.4	41.4	22.5	17.3	10.5

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

<sup>1</sup> - Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

<sup>3</sup> - All the districts are included

<sup>2</sup> - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

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

YEAR	TOTAL	LEVEL OF EDUCATION			
		GRADE 5 & BELOW	GRADES 6 - 10	GCE(O/L) NCGE	GCE(A/L) HNCE & ABOVE
2006 <sup>1</sup>	100.0	4.5	41.8	26.7	27.0
2007 <sup>1</sup>	100.0	4.3	41.0	22.1	32.6
2008 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	4.5	39.3	23.4	32.8
2009 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	4.3	39.9	23.1	32.7
2010 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	2.7	34.9	22.7	39.7
2011 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	2.7	37.9	19.9	39.4
2012 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	2.6	37.4	27.3	32.8
2013 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	3.9	36.5	22.1	37.4
2014Q1 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	3.9	36.7	26.0	33.4

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

YEAR	TOTAL	LEVEL OF EDUCATION			
		GRADE 5 & BELOW	GRADES 6 - 10	GCE(O/L) NCGE	GCE(A/L) HNCE & ABOVE
2006 <sup>1</sup>	100.0	6.1	48.8	26.7	18.3
2007 <sup>1</sup>	100.0	5.8	49.4	24.5	20.3
2008 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	5.3	49.7	23.1	21.9
2009 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	4.4	48.0	25.3	22.3
2010 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	3.4	40.4	25.4	30.9
2011 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	2.0	47.6	20.4	29.9
2012 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	2.0	46.8	29.7	21.5
2013 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	4.6	43.6	24.3	27.5
2014Q1 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	5.3	50.3	26.3	18.1

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

YEAR	TOTAL	LEVEL OF EDUCATION			
		GRADE 5 & BELOW	GRADES 6 - 10	GCE(O/L) NCGE	GCE(A/L) HNCE & ABOVE
2006 <sup>1</sup>	100.0	3.1	35.8	26.7	34.3
2007 <sup>1</sup>	100.0	3.0	33.5	19.9	43.6
2008 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	3.8	30.9	23.7	41.7
2009 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	4.3	32.5	21.1	42.1
2010 <sup>2</sup>	100.0	2.1	30.1	20.5	47.3
2011 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	3.3	30.7	19.5	46.5
2012 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	3.0	28.8	25.1	43.1
2013 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	3.2	30.4	20.3	46.1
2014Q1 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	2.6	24.6	25.7	47.1

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

<sup>1</sup> - Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

<sup>3</sup> - All the districts are included

<sup>2</sup> - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

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

(2014 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter)

Sex	Total	Duration		
		Less than 6 months	6 to less than 12 months	12+ months
Both sexes	362,326	45,593	236,225	80,508
%	100.0	12.6	65.2	22.2
Male	171,354	5,452	123,341	42,561
%	100.0	3.2	72.0	24.8
Female	190,972	40,141	112,884	37,947
%	100.0	21.0	59.1	19.9

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

## STANDARD ERROR AND COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION OF SELECTED VARIABLES

	(2014 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter )					
	Estimated Value	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)	Estimated Value (Ratio)	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
<b>General labour force characteristics</b>						
Population ( 15 years & over)	16,419,548	170,648	1.039			
Employed Population	8,407,212	122,418	1.456			
Unemployed Population	362,326	25,145	6.940			
Employment Rate	-	-	-	95.9	0.278	0.290
Unemployment Rate	-	-	-	4.1	0.278	6.723
Labour Force	8,769,538	126,314	1.440			
Not in Labour Force	7,650,010	113,245	1.480			
<b>Employed persons by major industry Groups</b>						
1	2,222,097	96,309	4.334			
2	84,766	18,341	21.638			
3	1,677,763	63,962	3.812			
6	576,376	30,367	5.269			
7	1,093,264	44,584	4.078			
8	553,820	28,180	5.088			
9	217,762	19,883	9.131			
10	74,883	10,712	14.305			
11	161,334	17,081	10.587			
13	54,578	9,148	16.762			
14	99,456	13,468	13.541			
15	650,652	37,556	5.772			
16	372,222	24,874	6.682			
17	143,603	15,101	10.516			
19	140,825	13,668	9.705			
20	234,157	21,054	8.991			
Other	49,654	8,953	18.032			
<b>Unemployed persons by level of education</b>						
Below grade 5	16,157	4,707	29.133			
Grade 5 - 9/Year 6 - 10	130,656	15,263	11.682			
G.C.E.(O/L)/N.C.G.E.	94,731	12,079	12.751			
G.C.E.(A/L)/H.N.C.E. & above	120,781	12,097	10.016			
<b>Industry group</b>						
1 Agriculture, forestry and fishing (A)						
2 Mining & quarrying (B)						
3 Manufacturing (C)						
6 Construction, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (D, E,F)						
7 Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles(G)						
8 Transportation and storage (H)						
9 Accommodation and food services activities (I)						
10 Information and communication (J)						
11 Financial and insurance activities (K)						
13 Professional, scientific and technical activities (M)						
14 Administrative and support service activities (N)						
15 Public administration and defence compulsory social security (O)						
16 Education (P)						
17 Human health and social work activities (Q)						
19 Other service activities (S)						
20 Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services - producing activities of households for own use (T)						
Other						
	Other					
	Real estate activities (L)					
	Arts, entertainment and recreation (R)					
	Activities of extra territorial organizations & bodies (U)					

# Special Statistical Appendix

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

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### Coverage

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

This quarterly survey of households is conducted through a scientifically selected sample designed to represent the civilian non-institutional population. Respondents are interviewed to obtain information about the employment status etc. of each member of the household 15 years of age and older.

The field work of the survey is done during the third week of each month, Monday through Sunday. This is known as the "survey week". The inquiry relates to activity or status are referred in the preceding week of the survey week; referred to as the "reference week".

The concepts and definitions underlying labour force data are as follows.

### Concepts & Definitions

1. **Labour force** : The labour force is composed of the economically active population 15 years of age and over.
2. **The Economically Active Population** : is defined as those persons who are/were employed or unemployed during the reference period of the survey.
3. **Employed** : Persons, who during the reference period, worked as paid employees, employers, own account workers (self employed), or unpaid family workers are said to be employed. This includes persons with a job but not at work during the reference period.
4. **Unemployed** : Persons who are seeking and available for work, but had no employment during the reference period.
5. **Currently Economically Active** : A person who was employed or unemployed during the current reference period is considered to be currently economically active.
6. **Not in the Labour Force (not economically active)** : Persons who were neither working nor available/looking for work are classified as "not in the labour force". Persons are not in the labour force for such reasons as: full time care of the household, full – time students, retired or old age, infirmed or disabled, or are not interested in working for one reason or another. Current and Usual definitions apply.
7. **Criteria for classification of underemployment**: In order to classify an employed persons as visibly underemployed,

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

In Sri Lanka scenario, 35 hours per week is taken as the cut-off point applicable to all workers, except government teachers. As in practice, though teachers do have a normal duration of work which is below the general cut-off point, they should be on a full time schedule according to the nature of their job. Further, those who do have a secondary job, or those who are employers, were considered as having worked the normal duration in their respective activity.

Therefore, if the person has worked less than the normal duration in his/her activity (as described above), then the person is further questioned to ascertain whether he/She is prepared and available for further work if provided. Such persons are considered underemployed in their respective employment.

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

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

**8. Informal Sector Employment**

In order to classify a person to be employed in informal sector employment, following information were used.

- (i) Registration of the organization
- (ii) Accounts keeping practices of the organization
- (iii) Total number of regular employees of the organization.

## Reliability of the estimates

Statistics based on the quarterly labour force data are subject to both sampling and non - sampling errors. When a sample rather than the entire population is surveyed, there is a chance that the sample estimates may differ from the "true" population values they represent.

The exact differences or sampling error, varies depending on the particular sample selected, and this variability is measured by the standard error of the estimate. There is about a 95 percent chance, or level of confidence, that an estimate based on a sample will differ by no more than 1.96 standard errors from the " true" population value, because of sampling error. Analyses relating to the Labour Force Survey are generally conducted at the 95 percent level of confidence.

For example, the confidence interval for the quarterly unemployment rate is on the order of

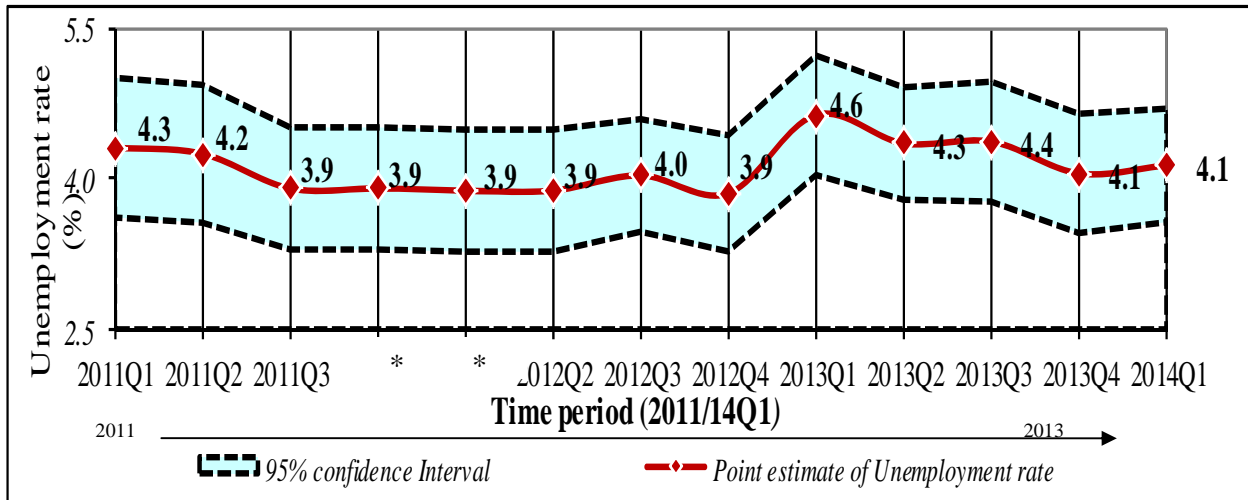
Estimated value *(of the unemployment rate)*  $\pm$  (standard error) \* ( 1.96)

6.4  $\pm$  (0.4) \* (1.96)  
(6.4  $\pm$  0.784)

This means, the 95 percent confidence interval on the quarterly unemployment rate could range from (5.6 to 7.2) . This implies that there is about 95 percent chance that the "true" unemployment rate lies within this interval. This range includes all the values range from 5.6 to 7.2. When the comparison of this estimate is done between two quarters, if any of the value within the 95 percent confidence interval of one quarter overlaps with the confidence interval of the other , it means that the estimates of this two quarters *are not significantly different*.

Therefore, in each quarterly labour force report, a separate table is given including approximate standard errors for some selected variables, so that users could understand this statistical scenario clearly.

**Distribution of unemployment rates and 95% confidence intervals (2011Q1 - 2014Q1)**



**Note:**

- \* Survey was not conducted in the fourth quarter 2011 & first quarter 2012 due to activities of population census.
- Excluding Northern Province

As seen in figure 2, it is very important to note that, there were no statistically significant differences between the unemployment rates reported in different time periods of 2011/2013, when sampling error was considered.

**Change in survey schedule**

Current survey concepts and methods are very similar to those introduced at the beginning of the survey in 1990. However, some changes have been made over the years to improve the accuracy and usefulness of the data. In January 2006, some improvements were made to the labour force survey schedule in order to fulfill the requirements of data users and also to provide additional information for planning purposes. The revision was made focusing on literacy, household economic activities, and informal sector employment and under employment etc.

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

**New Industry & Occupation classifications**

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

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

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

## ALTERNATIVE ESTIMATES

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### Alternative Estimates of Employment, Unemployment and Labour Force Characteristics

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

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

- (1) **Number of Hours of Work** : A person who work **at least one hour** during the reference week, is considered **employed**, under these definitions.
- (2) **Working Age Population** : All persons of **age 10 years and over** are considered to be in the working age, before 2013. However, this was changed as age 15 and over from 2013 onward.
- (3) **Employment Status** : All,
  - a) Paid employees, (those who work for wages/salaries).
  - b) Employers (who have at least one paid employee under them).
  - c) Own account workers (who carry out the economic activity without having any paid employees).
  - d) Contributing family workers (who make their contribution to the economic activities carried out by their own household, without wages/salaries).

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

- (1) **Number of Hours of Work** : Some pointed out that one hour per week is too low, to consider a person to be employed.
- (2) **Working Age Population** : Some pointed out those persons in the age group 10-14 yrs. are too young to be considered in the working age. (From 2013 onward the working age population is considered as age 15 and over).
- (3) **Employment Status** : Some pointed out that 'contributing family workers' may work in the family enterprise without payment because they have no other work, and so it is not appropriate to consider them as employed.

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

The revisions made are,

- (1) **Number of Hours of Work** : Persons who work **20 hours or more per week only** are considered to be employed.
- (2) **Contributing Family Worker** : Contributing family workers are **not** considered as employed. Those contributing family workers who were reported to be seeking some other work are considered as **unemployed** and the rest of the unpaid family workers are considered as **economically inactive** (not in the labour force) so only, **a) paid employees b) employers and c) own account workers are considered to be employed.**

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



## Alternative Estimates of Employment, Unemployment and Labour Force Characteristics

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

YEAR	HOUSEHOLD POPULATION		LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE				NOT IN LABOUR FORCE
	(15 YEARS & OVER)	TOTAL LABOUR FORCE		EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
			NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)		
							PARTICIPATION RATE(%)	NUMBER
2006 <sup>1</sup>	13,261,409	6,467,138	48.8	5,975,069	92.4	492,069	7.6	6,794,271
2007 <sup>1</sup>	13,459,252	6,425,260	47.7	5,979,061	93.1	446,199	6.9	7,033,992
2008 <sup>2</sup>	14,626,581	6,859,040	46.9	6,425,997	93.7	433,042	6.3	7,767,541
2009 <sup>2</sup>	14,876,264	6,836,598	46.0	6,365,344	93.1	471,254	6.9	8,039,665
2010 <sup>2</sup>	15,166,285	6,892,444	45.4	6,492,109	94.2	400,335	5.8	8,273,841
2011 <sup>3</sup>	16,122,111	7,196,558	44.6	6,839,087	95.0	357,471	5.0	8,925,553
2012 <sup>3</sup>	16,081,285	7,417,834	46.1	7,081,831	95.5	336,002	4.5	8,663,451
2013 <sup>3</sup>	16,359,761	7,619,111	46.6	7,234,672	95.0	384,439	5.0	8,740,650
2014Q1 <sup>3</sup>	16,415,549	7,713,441	47.0	7,351,115	95.3	362,326	4.7	8,702,108

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

YEAR	AGE GROUP											
	TOTAL		15 - 19		20 - 24		25 - 29		30 - 39		40 & ABOVE	
	NO.	RATE	NO.	RATE	NO.	RATE	NO.	RATE	NO.	RATE	NO.	RATE
2006 <sup>1</sup>	492,069	7.6	86,180	29.7	193,481	24.0	105,966	12.5	58,443	3.8	47,999	1.6
2007 <sup>1</sup>	446,199	6.9	69,856	27.7	183,617	24.0	87,993	10.7	58,252	3.8	46,480	1.5
2008 <sup>2</sup>	433,042	6.3	68,487	27.1	166,409	20.8	93,202	10.9	58,838	3.6	46,107	1.4
2009 <sup>2</sup>	471,254	6.9	68,447	27.3	176,801	24.9	100,508	11.9	70,988	4.2	54,511	1.6
2010 <sup>2</sup>	400,335	5.8	59,339	26.5	154,788	22.5	84,777	10.5	59,041	3.6	42,390	1.2
2011 <sup>3</sup>	357,471	5.0	45,900	21.0	151,882	20.7	73,545	8.7	55,880	3.2	30,263	0.8
2012 <sup>3</sup>	336,056	4.5	47,690	23.6	136,553	19.5	63,135	7.3	52,541	2.8	36,084	1.0
2013 <sup>3</sup>	384,439	5.0	52,652	22.9	157,353	21.7	69,413	8.5	58,352	3.1	46,669	1.2
2014Q1 <sup>3</sup>	362,383	4.7	52,022	24.3	139,740	20.8	77,111	9.6	49,981	2.6	43,471	1.1

<sup>1</sup> - Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

<sup>3</sup> - All the districts are included

<sup>2</sup> - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

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

Year	Industry group																		
	Total	1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	Other	
2013	No. <b>7,234,672</b>	1,797,192	92,742	1,360,236	561,214	989,320	499,257	160,616	59,656	151,882	64,976	103,930	620,201	305,115	136,759	116,217	170,324	45,035	
	% <b>100.0</b>	24.8	1.3	18.8	7.8	13.7	6.9	2.2	0.8	2.1	0.9	1.4	8.6	4.2	1.9	1.6	2.4	0.6	
2014Q1	No. <b>7,351,115</b>	1,582,602	81,454	1,549,883	536,076	955,973	534,383	189,878	70,893	161,334	50,358	97,547	642,333	349,500	140,445	135,070	224,192	49,195	
	% <b>100.0</b>	21.5	1.1	21.1	7.3	13.0	7.3	2.6	1.0	2.2	0.7	1.3	8.7	4.8	1.9	1.8	3.0	0.7	

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

**Industry Group**

1 Agriculture, forestry and fishing (A)

2 Mining &amp; quarrying (B)

3 Manufacturing (C)

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

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

8 Transportation and storage (H)

9 Accommodation and food services activities (I)

10 Information and communication (J)

11 Financial and insurance activities (K)

13 Professional, scientific and technical activities (M)

14 Administrative and support service activities (N)

15 Public administration and defence compulsory social security (O)

16 Education (P)

17 Human health and social work activities (Q)

19 Other service activities (S)

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

Other

Other

12 Real estate activities (L)

18 Arts, entertainment and recreation (R)

21 Activities of extra territorial organizations &amp; bodies (U)