

Labour force Participation Rate by Province

Province	Year				
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Total	48.7	48.7	51.7	50.7	50.3
Western	47.4	47.4	49.0	47.7	47.1
Central	48.5	50.0	54.4	52.9	53.2
Southern	48.4	47.0	49.3	48.3	47.0
N.Western	48.0	49.3	52.3	51.0	51.3
N.Central	52.1	49.0	55.1	54.3	55.1
Uva	52.4	53.5	61.9	61.0	58.6
Sabaragamuva	49.7	48.6	48.7	50.1	50.3

Source: Department of Census & Statistics