

Unemployment Rate by Province

Province	Year				
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Total	11.4	10.5	9.2	8.9	7.6
Western	12.2	10.7	9.3	8.9	8.0
Central	10.6	12.3	10.0	9.6	8.5
Southern	14.8	13.6	13.6	12.7	11.1
N.Western	8.3	8.5	7.0	7.0	5.0
N.Central	8.1	6.7	6.5	6.6	5.2
Uva	9.1	7.8	5.9	6.8	4.6
Sabaragamuwa	12.2	10.0	9.3	8.3	8.0

Source: Department of Census & Statistics