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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 eighty fifth in the series of quarterly reports published so far.*

*Current survey concepts and methods are very similar to those introduced at the beginning of the survey in 1990. However, some changes were made over the years to improve the accuracy and usefulness of the data. The significant revisions were made on the labour force survey questionnaire in 2006, and the revised version was introduced for the survey conducted in 2006 first quarter, and it has been using up to now.*

*In first quarter of year 2012, the survey was not conducted due to the heavy work load of the Census of Population & Housing - 2011.*

*The field work of the survey for the second quarter 2012 was done in April, May and June in year 2012. This survey covered the whole country. However, for comparison purposes related tabulations have been done (i) excluding Northern and Eastern provinces and (ii) excluding Northern province, separately in this report. A nationally representative annual sample of about 19,420 housing units have been selected for the survey in 2012. This report is based on a quarterly sample of 6,360 housing units.*

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**Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey**  
**Summary Statistics on Labour Force Characteristics**  
**2012 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter**

**10 years & over population**

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (10 years & over)	17784605	8382075	9402530	3169119	14615486
Labour force in this age group	8260028	5575406	2684622	1386389	6873640
Labour force participation rate	46.4	66.5	28.6	43.7	47.0
Employed population	7936294	5410758	2525535	1334548	6601746
Employment rate	96.1	97.0	94.1	96.3	96.0
Unemployed population	323735	164648	159087	51841	271894
Unemployment rate	3.9	3.0	5.9	3.7	4.0
Not in labour force	9524576	2806669	6717908	1782730	7741846

**15 years & over population**

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (15 years & over)	16022402	7475643	8546758	2907223	13115179
Labour force in this age group	8254011	5572134	2681878	1386389	6867622
Labour force participation rate	51.5	74.5	31.4	47.7	52.4
Employed population	7930276	5407486	2522790	1334548	6595728
Employment rate	96.1	97.0	94.1	96.3	96.0
Unemployed population	323735	164648	159087	51841	271894
Unemployment rate	3.9	3.0	5.9	3.7	4.0
Not in labour force	7768390	1903509	5864881	1520834	6247556

**20 years & over population**

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (20 years & over)	14379716	6644327	7735389	2636145	11743571
Labour force in this age group	8021188	5411161	2610028	1356265	6664924
Labour force participation rate	55.8	81.4	33.7	51.4	56.8
Employed population	7740464	5274063	2466401	1310205	6430259
Employment rate	96.5	97.5	94.5	96.6	96.5
Unemployed population	280724	137098	143626	46060	234664
Unemployment rate	3.5	2.5	5.5	3.4	3.5
Not in labour force	6358528	1233166	5125361	1279881	5078647

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**2012 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter**  
(Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces)

**10 years & over population**

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (10 years & over)	15677279	7386340	8290939	2711001	12966278
Labour force in this age group	7403166	4928464	2474702	1207935	6195231
Labour force participation rate	47.2	66.7	29.8	44.6	47.8
Employed population	7120518	4780209	2340309	1162879	5957639
Employment rate	96.2	97.0	94.6	96.3	96.2
Unemployed population	282648	148255	134393	45056	237592
Unemployment rate	3.8	3.0	5.4	3.7	3.8
Not in labour force	8274113	2457876	5816237	1503066	6771047

**15 years & over population**

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (15 years & over)	14173871	6602608	7571264	2503128	11670743
Labour force in this age group	7397931	4925342	2472589	1207935	6189996
Labour force participation rate	52.2	74.6	32.7	48.3	53.0
Employed population	7115283	4777087	2338196	1162879	5952404
Employment rate	96.2	97.0	94.6	96.3	96.2
Unemployed population	282648	148255	134393	45056	237592
Unemployment rate	3.8	3.0	5.4	3.7	3.8
Not in labour force	6775940	1677266	5098675	1295193	5480748

**20 years & over population**

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (20 years & over)	12790885	5901285	6889600	2277835	10513050
Labour force in this age group	7193401	4787318	2406083	1180099	6013302
Labour force participation rate	56.2	81.1	34.9	51.8	57.2
Employed population	6950795	4664352	2286443	1140089	5810706
Employment rate	96.6	97.4	95.0	96.6	96.6
Unemployed population	242606	122966	119640	40010	202596
Unemployment rate	3.4	2.6	5.0	3.4	3.4
Not in labour force	5597484	1113967	4483517	1097736	4499747

**Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey**  
**Summary Statistics on Labour Force Characteristics**  
**2012 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter**  
**(Excluding Northern province)**

**10 years & over population**

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (10 years & over)	16904777	7974938	8929840	3019649	13885128
Labour force in this age group	7916625	5323115	2593509	1329385	6587240
Labour force participation rate	46.8	66.7	29.0	44.0	47.4
Employed population	7609654	5164035	2445619	1279863	6329791
Employment rate	96.1	97.0	94.3	96.3	96.1
Unemployed population	306971	159081	147890	49521	257449
Unemployment rate	3.9	3.0	5.7	3.7	3.9
Not in labour force	8988153	2651822	6336331	1690264	7297889

**15 years & over population**

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (15 years & over)	15237570	7115616	8121954	2770341	12467229
Labour force in this age group	7911389	5319994	2591396	1329385	6582005
Labour force participation rate	51.9	74.8	31.9	48.0	52.8
Employed population	7604418	5160913	2443506	1279863	6324555
Employment rate	96.1	97.0	94.3	96.3	96.1
Unemployed population	306971	159081	147890	49521	257449
Unemployment rate	3.9	3.0	5.7	3.7	3.9
Not in labour force	7326180	1795622	5530558	1440956	5885224

**20 years & over population**

	Total	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Population (20 years & over)	13710717	6332905	7377813	2517646	11193071
Labour force in this age group	7689412	5167211	2522201	1299260	6390152
Labour force participation rate	56.1	81.6	34.2	51.6	57.1
Employed population	7424056	5034992	2389064	1255520	6168536
Employment rate	96.5	97.4	94.7	96.6	96.5
Unemployed population	265356	132219	133137	43740	221616
Unemployment rate	3.5	2.6	5.3	3.4	3.5
Not in labour force	6021305	1165693	4855612	1218386	4802919

**Selected Labour Force indicators (Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces)**  
( 2003 - 2012 Q2)

	Year										
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2011Q2	2012Q2
<b>Labour force participation rate</b>											
<i>by sex</i>											
Both sexes	49.7	49.6	49.3	51.2	49.8	50.2	49.2	48.6	48.8	48.8	47.2
Male	67.5	67.2	67.3	68.1	67.8	67.9	66.7	67.3	66.7	66.4	66.7
Female	32.6	33.0	32.6	35.7	33.4	34.3	33.7	32.1	32.8	33.1	29.8
<i>by residential sector</i>											
Total	49.7	49.6	49.3	51.2	49.8	50.2	49.2	48.6	48.8	48.8	47.2
Urban	45.1	45.6	46.2	45.3	45.0	46.3	43.9	42.5	44.7	46.0	44.6
Rural	50.3	50.3	49.7	52.1	50.4	50.7	49.8	49.5	49.4	49.2	47.8
<b>Unemployment rate</b>											
<i>by sex</i>											
Both sexes	8.1	8.1	7.2	6.5	6.0	5.2	5.7	4.9	4.0	4.1	3.8
Male	6.0	6.0	5.3	4.7	4.3	3.6	4.3	3.5	2.7	2.7	3.0
Female	12.3	12.1	10.7	9.7	9.0	8.0	8.2	7.5	6.3	6.5	5.4
<i>by selected age groups(yr)</i>											
20 - 29	19.1	18.6	16.0	15.9	15.0	13.2	15.1	13.7	11.8	12.8	11.9
20 - 24	25.8	25.2	22.4	21.0	21.1	17.8	21.0	18.9	17.5	20.1	17.2
25 - 29	11.4	11.1	9.4	11.0	9.4	9.0	10.1	9.1	7.0	6.9	7.2
<i>by selected educational levels</i>											
G.C.E.(A/L) & above											
Both sexes	16.0	15.7	12.2	11.6	11.8	9.9	10.8	11.3	8.4	7.4	8.4
Male	10.1	9.6	7.9	6.9	6.6	5.6	6.6	7.5	5.1	4.2	5.2
Female	22.4	22.5	17.1	16.8	17.5	14.4	15.1	15.6	12.1	11.0	11.4
<b>Employed population</b>											
<i>by sex</i>											
Both sexes	6609466	6704006	6788119	7105322	7041874	7174706	7139537	7235641	7429794	7476643	7120518
Male	4496136	4512082	4546397	4610643	4653067	4663277	4609198	4770376	4855242	4859996	4780209
Female	2113330	2191924	2241722	2494679	2388807	2511429	2530339	2465265	2574552	2616647	2340309
<i>by industry (percentage)</i>											
Total	6609466	6704006	6788119	7105322	7041874	7174706	7139537	7235641	7429794	7476643	7120518
%	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)
Agriculture	2223691	2215282	2059293	2287268	2202098	2344415	2318621	2353599	2445251	2519863	2120992
%	(33.6)	(33.0)	(30.3)	(32.2)	(31.3)	(32.7)	(32.5)	(32.5)	(32.9)	(33.7)	(29.8)
Industry	1539035	1663383	1787274	1889953	1873857	1888004	1822685	1777130	1841444	1799649	1963537
%	(23.3)	(24.8)	(26.3)	(26.6)	(26.6)	(26.3)	(25.5)	(24.6)	(24.8)	(24.1)	(27.6)
Services	2846740	2825341	2941552	2928101	2965919	2942288	2998231	3104913	3143100	3157130	3035990
%	(43.1)	(42.1)	(43.3)	(41.2)	(42.1)	(41.0)	(42.0)	(42.9)	(42.3)	(42.2)	(42.6)
<i>by no. of hours worked per week (percentage)</i>											
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0 •	7.3	5.3	4.9	6.7	6.5	7.4	7.9	6.1	5.2	7.9	3.7
1 - 9	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.9	1.5	2.2	2.4	1.8	1.8	2.6	1.0
10 - 39	32.9	28.4	27.9	28.6	28.3	29.2	29.0	28.6	30.1	34.5	27.6
40+	58.0	64.7	65.7	62.8	63.7	61.2	60.8	63.5	62.8	55.1	67.6

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**Selected Labour Force indicators**  
( 2003 - 2012 Q2)

	Year										2012Q2
	2003**	2004***	2005	2006 *	2007*	2008**	2009**	2010**	2011**	2011	
<b>Labour force participation rate</b>											
<i>by sex</i>											
Both sexes	48.9	48.6	48.3	51.2	49.8	49.5	48.7	48.1	48.2	47.8	46.4
Male	67.2	66.7	67.1	68.1	67.8	67.8	66.6	67.1	66.5	66.2	66.5
Female	31.4	31.5	30.9	35.7	33.4	33.2	32.8	31.2	31.8	31.2	28.6
<i>by residential sector</i>											
Total	48.9	48.6	48.3	51.2	49.8	49.5	48.7	48.1	48.2	47.8	46.4
Urban	44.4	44.9	45.5	45.3	45.0	45.9	43.5	42.0	44.0	43.4	43.7
Rural	49.6	49.2	48.7	52.1	50.4	50.0	49.4	49.0	48.8	48.4	47.0
<b>Unemployment rate</b>											
<i>by sex</i>											
Both sexes	8.4	8.3	7.7	6.5	6.0	5.4	5.8	4.9	4.2	4.2	3.9
Male	6.0	6.0	5.5	4.7	4.3	3.7	4.3	3.5	2.7	2.7	3.0
Female	13.2	12.8	11.9	9.7	9.0	8.4	8.6	7.7	6.8	7.0	5.9
<i>by selected age groups(yr)</i>											
20 - 29	19.4	19.2	17.2	15.9	15.0	13.7	15.4	13.8	12.4	12.3	12.3
20 - 24	26.4	25.9	24.6	21.0	21.1	18.1	21.4	19.1	18.0	17.7	17.6
25 - 29	11.4	11.4	9.5	11.0	9.4	9.5	10.3	9.2	7.5	7.6	7.7
<i>by selected educational levels</i>											
G.C.E.(A/L) & above											
Both sexes	16.5	16.8	13.8	11.6	11.8	10.5	11.2	11.6	9.0	9.0	8.6
Male	10.4	10.5	8.9	6.9	6.6	6.0	7.0	7.9	5.4	5.4	5.5
Female	23.3	23.8	19.1	16.8	17.5	15.3	15.5	15.8	13.1	13.1	11.7
<b>Employed population</b>											
<i>by sex</i>											
Both sexes	7012755	7440226	7518007	7105322	7041874	7648305	7602414	7706593	7894439	8196927	7936294
Male	4833483	5087861	5134765	4610643	4653067	5033449	4963176	5131986	5227317	5460328	5410758
Female	2179272	2352365	2383241	2494679	2388807	2614856	2639238	2574608	2667123	2736599	2525535
<i>by industry (percentage)</i>											
Total	7012755	7394029	7518007	7105322	7041874	7648305	7602414	7706593	7894439	8196927	7936294
%	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)
Agriculture	2384397	2474725	2306039	2287268	2202098	2489731	2475921	2519905	2601824	2708020	2377937
%	(34.0)	(33.5)	(30.7)	(32.2)	(31.3)	(32.6)	(32.6)	(32.7)	(33.0)	(33.0)	(30.0)
Industry	1611493	1781447	1928014	1889953	1873857	2004880	1910318	1866733	1915022	1977063	2127622
%	(23.0)	(24.1)	(25.6)	(26.6)	(26.6)	(26.2)	(25.1)	(24.2)	(24.3)	(24.1)	(26.8)
Services	3016866	3137857	3283954	2928101	2965919	3153693	3216175	3319955	3377593	3511844	3430734
%	(43.0)	(42.4)	(43.7)	(41.2)	(42.1)	(41.2)	(42.3)	(43.1)	(42.8)	(42.8)	(43.2)
<i>by no. of hours worked per week (percentage)</i>											
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0 •	7.5	5.2	4.7	6.7	6.5	7.2	7.9	6.0	5.3	5.2	3.5
1 - 9	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.9	1.5	2.2	2.3	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.1
10 - 39	32.6	28.7	27.6	28.6	28.3	28.9	28.8	28.5	29.7	30.0	27.7
40+	58.1	64.5	66.2	62.8	63.7	61.7	61.0	63.9	63.2	63.0	67.8

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\*\*Excluding Northern province

\*\*\* Excluding Mullativu & Kilinochchi districts

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# Introduction

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

The field work of the survey for the second quarter 2012 was done in April, May and June in year 2012. Under the prevailing condition in Northern province, it was able to conduct the survey in that province successfully. So this report consists of summery statistics covering the whole country.

## Labour force participation rate

Labour Force: Number of persons (age 10 & above) 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 - Second Quarter 2012**

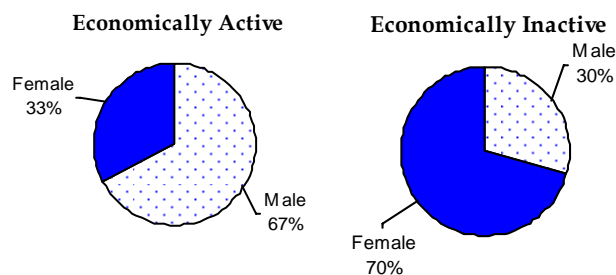
Sector	Economically active population					
	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Total	8260028	100.0	5575406	67.5	2684622	32.5
Urban	1386389	100.0	957208	69.0	429181	31.0
Rural	6469097	100.0	4381302	67.7	2087795	32.3
Estate	404543	100.0	236896	58.6	167647	41.4

**Table 2: Economically Inactive population by sex and sector - Second Quarter 2012**

Sector	Economically inactive population					
	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Total	9524576	100.0	2806669	29.5	6717908	70.5
Urban	1782730	100.0	529354	29.7	1253376	70.3
Rural	7414613	100.0	2168088	29.2	5246525	70.8
Estate	327233	100.0	109227	33.4	218006	66.6

The survey results revealed that (Table 1), the estimated economically active population (or labour force) was about 8.3 million in Second Quarter 2012. Of which 67 percent were males and 33 percent were females. Out of the economically inactive population 29.5 percent were males and 70.5 percent were females (Table 2).

**Figure 1: Distribution of Economically active/Inactive population**



**Table 3: Labour Force Participation Rate by sex & year**

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	49.7	67.5	32.6
2004	49.6	67.2	33.0
2005	49.3	67.3	32.6
2006	51.2	68.1	35.7
2007	49.8	67.8	33.4
2008	50.2	67.9	34.3
2009	49.2	66.7	33.7
2010	48.6	67.3	32.1
2011	48.8	66.7	32.8
2012 Q2	47.2	66.7	29.8

Table 3 provides the information on labour force participation rates since year 2000. As can be seen from this table, male participation rate for the Second Quarter 2012 was about 66.7 percent and it was 29.8 percent for females. It is important to note that, male participation to the labour force was more than two times that of females.

Note: Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

**Table 4: Labour Force Participation Rate by age group & by sex - Second Quarter 2012**

Age group	Sex		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	46.4	66.5	28.6
15 - 19	14.2	19.4	8.9
20 - 24	53.5	70.8	37.2
25 - 29	61.9	93.1	36.6
30 - 34	64.1	97.2	36.1
35 - 39	66.7	95.7	40.7
40 - 44	67.8	95.1	44.4
45 - 49	65.9	93.2	43.1
50 - 54	61.9	89.8	36.7
55 - 59	55.9	80.7	33.5
60+	28.3	45.8	14.3

The distribution of labour force participation rate by age group and by sex depicts more male participation compared to female in all age groups.

Highest male participation rate was reported from age group (30 - 34) yrs, while in female highest participation rate was reported from age group (40 - 44) 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 : Distribution of Employed population by main industry, (First Quarter 2011 - Second Quarter 2012)**

Year	Total	Major industry group		
		Agriculture	Industries	Services
Jan-Feb-Mar 1st Qtr - 2011	7783574 100.0	2511427 32.3	1951202 25.1	3320945 42.7
April-May-June 2nd Qtr - 2011	7956518 100.0	2684299 33.7	1877724 23.6	3394495 42.7
July-Aug-Sept. 3rd Qtr - 2011	7943295 100.0	2609757 32.9	1916181 24.1	3417357 43.0
April-May-June 2nd Qtr - 2012	7609654 100.0	2288487 30.1	2049269 26.9	3271898 43.0

*Note:*

\* Excluding Northern & rovince

\* *Summery was not conducted in the fourth quarter 2011 & first quarter 2012 due to activities of population census.*

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

### Agriculture

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

### Industries

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

### Services

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

Table 5 shows the percentage distribution of employed population by main industry from First Quarter 2011 to Second Quarter 2012. The total number of employed persons in Sri Lanka was estimated as about 7.6 million in Second Quarter 2012. Of which, about 43.0 percent engaged in services sector, 30.1 percent in agriculture sector, and 26.9 percent in Industries sector.

**Table 6 : Percentage distribution of employed population by employment status and Agriculture/ Non-Agriculture sector - Second Quarter 2012**

Employment Status	Total		Sector			
			Agriculture		Non Agriculture	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Total	7936294	100	2377937	30.0	5558357	70.0
Employee	4462659	100	741300	16.6	3721360	83.4
Public	1134561	100	98019	8.6	1036542	91.4
Private	3328098	100	643281	19.3	2684818	80.7
Employer	198502	100	37034	18.7	161467	81.3
Own account worker	2629597	100.0	1168076	44.4	1461522	55.6
Contributing family worker	645535	100.0	431527	66.8	214008	33.2

Table 6 shows that, comparatively higher percentage of employees both in private & public sector engage in non-agricultural activities. Also more employers were in non agriculture sector than in agriculture sector. But contributing family workers were concentrated more in agriculture sector.

**Table 7 : Distribution of Employed population by main industry & sex - Second Quarter 2012**

Major industry group	Total	Sex	
		Male	Female
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture	30.0	29.2	31.7
Industry	26.8	26.6	27.3
Services	43.2	44.2	41.1

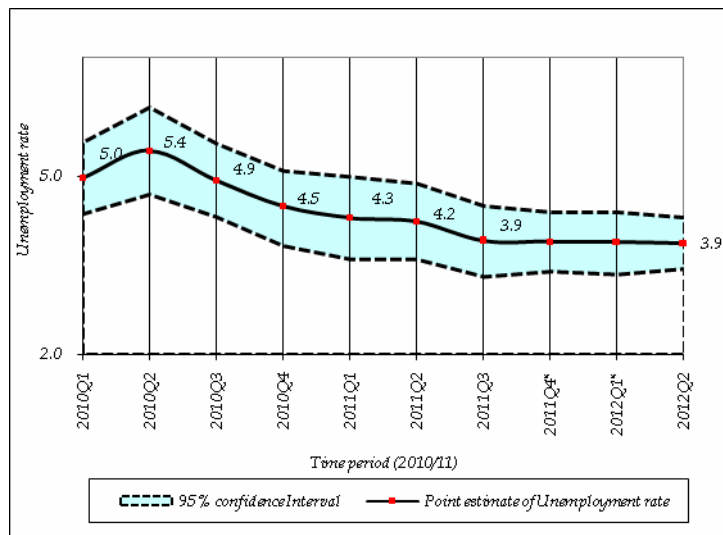
Table 7 depicts the distribution of male and female employed population by main industries. Regardless of sex, highest employment concentrated in service sector. Further among employed women about 31.7 percent was in agriculture sector while this share was 29.2 percent among males.

# Unemployment

**Unemployment Rate : The number of unemployed persons as a percentage of the labour force**

**Unemployed : Persons who are seeking and available for work, but had no employment during the reference period**

**Figure 2 : Unemployment rates and it's 95% confidence intervals (2010 Q1 - 2012 Q2)**



**Note:**

•Survey was not conducted in the fourth quarter 2011 & first quarter 2012 due to activities of Population Census.

•Excluding Northern Province

The number of unemployed persons was estimated as about 323,735 during the second quarter 2012.

The unemployment rate for the second quarter 2012 was reported as 3.9 percent.

**Table 8: Unemployment rate by level of education - Second Quarter 2012**

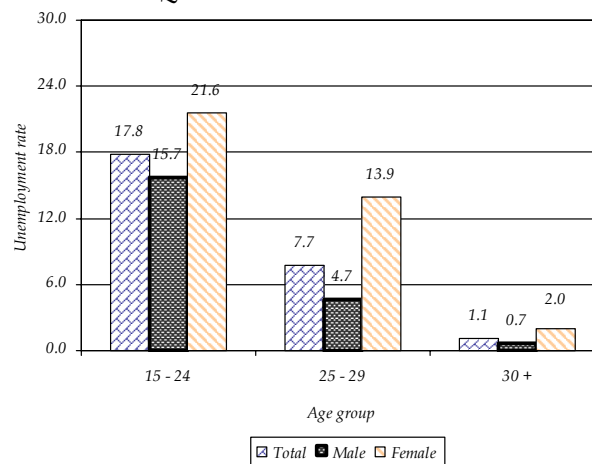
Level of Education	Unemployment rate		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	3.9	3.0	5.9
Below G.C.E. (O/L)	2.2	1.7	3.3
G.C.E. (O/L)	6.1	5.8	6.6
G.C.E. (A/L) & above	8.6	5.5	11.7



**Table 9: Unemployment rate by age group and sex - Second Quarter 2012**

Age group	Total	Sex	
		Male	Female
Total	3.9	3.0	5.9
15 - 24	17.8	15.7	21.6
25 - 29	7.7	4.7	13.9
30 +	1.1	0.7	2.0

**Figure 3 : Unemployment rate by age group and sex - Second Quarter 2012**



As can be seen from table 9, overall unemployment rate reported for female was 5.9 percent and it was 3.0 percent for male. Youth unemployment rate (age 15 – 24 yrs) reported for second quarter 2012 was 17.8 percent. Highest unemployment rate was reported from age group 15 – 24 yrs, for both males (15.7) and females (21.6). Further the survey results revealed that the unemployment was severe among females than that of males, in all age groups.

The highest unemployment rate was reported from the G.C.E(A/L) and above group which was about 8.6 percent. These were 5.5 percent and 11.7 percent for males and females respectively. This shows the problem of unemployment is more acute in the case of educated females than educated males (Table 8).

(1) Sampling error :

When a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed, estimates differ from the true population values they represent. This difference, or sampling error, occurs by chance, and its variability is measured by the standard error of the estimate. **For more details, please refer the explanatory note on the labour force link in the DCS website.**

**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	14833801	7598762	51.2	7105322	93.5	493440	6.5	7235040
* 2007	15047882	7488896	49.8	7041874	94.0	447021	6.0	7558986
* 2008	15078016	7568715	50.2	7174706	94.8	394009	5.2	7509301
** 2008	16319065	8081702	49.5	7648305	94.6	433397	5.4	8237363
* 2009	15397595	7572388	49.2	7139537	94.3	432852	5.7	7825206
** 2009	16578628	8073668	48.7	7602414	94.2	471254	5.8	8504961
* 2010	15650155	7610389	48.6	7235641	95.1	374748	4.9	8039766
** 2010	16861526	8107739	48.1	7706593	95.1	401146	4.9	8753787
* 2011	15842333	7737745	48.8	7429794	96.0	307951	4.0	8104588
** 2011	17087643	8236243	48.2	7894439	95.8	341804	4.2	8851399
2011	17909743	8554730	47.8	8196927	95.8	357803	4.2	9355013
* 2012Q2	15677279	7403166	47.2	7120518	96.2	282648	3.8	8274113
** 2012Q2	16904777	7916625	46.8	7609654	96.1	306971	3.9	8988153
2012Q2	17784605	8260028	46.4	7936294	96.1	323735	3.9	9524576

**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.)

\* - Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

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

YEAR	HOUSEHOLD POPULATION (10 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
*1993	6109486	3989443	65.3	3601779	90.3	387663	9.7	2120044
*1994	6228064	4072937	65.4	3678648	90.3	394289	9.7	2155127
*1995	6318003	4068608	64.4	3700951	91.0	367656	9.0	2249395
*1996	6373670	4200886	65.9	3857147	91.8	343741	8.2	2172784
*1997	6372365	4184248	65.6	3862087	92.3	322168	7.7	2188110
*1998	6344453	4281996	67.5	4004504	93.5	277491	6.5	2062456
*1999	6506662	4402713	67.7	4107497	93.3	295217	6.7	2103953
*2000	6702871	4501597	67.2	4241477	94.2	260120	5.8	2201274
*2001	6837264	4529016	66.2	4248877	93.8	280139	6.2	2308248
*2002	6935012	4705586	67.9	4395164	93.4	310421	6.6	2229427
**2003	7657368	5144206	67.2	4833483	94.0	310723	6.0	2513162
*** 2004	8049643	5372897	66.7	5049426	94.0	323471	6.0	2676746
2005	8103016	5436362	67.1	5134765	94.5	301597	5.5	2666654
* 2006	7098813	4837308	68.1	4610643	95.3	226664	4.7	2261505
* 2007	7174676	4862788	67.8	4653067	95.7	209721	4.3	2311888
* 2008	7122164	4838462	67.9	4663277	96.4	175184	3.6	2283702
** 2008	7713680	5227427	67.8	5033449	96.3	193978	3.7	2486253
* 2009	7221475	4815541	66.7	4609198	95.7	206343	4.3	2405934
** 2009	7783492	5186457	66.6	4963176	95.7	223281	4.3	2597035
* 2010	7345889	4944338	67.3	4770376	96.5	173962	3.5	2401551
** 2010	7919105	5317553	67.1	5131986	96.5	185568	3.5	2601551
* 2011	7479409	4990650	66.7	4855242	97.3	135408	2.7	2488758
** 2011	8078463	5374187	66.5	5227317	97.3	146870	2.7	2704277
2011	8473177	5613383	66.2	5460328	97.3	153055	2.7	2859794
* 2012Q2	7386340	4928464	66.7	4780209	97.0	148255	3.0	2457876
** 2012Q2	7974938	5323115	66.7	5164035	97.0	159081	3.0	2651822
2012Q2	8382075	5575406	66.5	5410758	97.0	164648	3.0	2806669

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

YEAR	HOUSEHOLD POPULATION (10 YEARS & OVER)	LABOUR FORCE						NOT IN LABOUR FORCE NUMBER
		TOTAL LABOUR FORCE	LABOUR FORCE PARTICI: RATE(%)	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		
				NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	NUMBER	RATE (% TO TOTAL LABOUR FORCE)	
*1993	6168572	2042941	33.1	1599695	78.3	443247	21.7	4125631
*1994	6264782	2005927	32.0	1602625	79.9	403302	20.1	4258857
*1995	6418183	2037530	31.7	1656166	81.3	381364	18.7	4380652
*1996	6457583	2041002	31.6	1680138	82.3	360864	17.7	4416583
*1997	6498427	2081906	32.0	1745794	83.9	336112	16.1	4416521
*1998	6537344	2378526	36.4	2044732	86.0	333795	14.0	4158818
*1999	6662613	2270782	34.1	1975153	87.0	295629	13.0	4392047
*2000	6861794	2325716	33.9	2068667	89.0	257048	11.0	4536078
*2001	7033214	2243818	31.9	1986711	88.5	257107	11.5	4789396
*2002	7266384	2439796	33.6	2124250	87.1	315546	12.9	4826588
**2003	7994111	2509510	31.4	2179272	86.8	330238	13.2	5484600
*** 2004	8543788	2688457	31.5	2344604	87.2	343853	12.8	5855331
2005	8767960	2704985	30.9	2383241	88.1	321744	11.9	6062975
* 2006	7734989	2761454	35.7	2494679	90.3	266775	9.7	4973535
* 2007	7873206	2626108	33.4	2388807	91.0	237300	9.0	5247098
* 2008	7955852	2730253	34.3	2511429	92.0	218825	8.0	5225599
** 2008	8605385	2854275	33.2	2614856	91.6	239419	8.4	5751110
* 2009	8176119	2756847	33.7	2530339	91.8	226508	8.2	5419272
** 2009	8795136	2887211	32.8	2639238	91.4	247973	8.6	5907926
* 2010	8304266	2666051	32.1	2465265	92.5	200786	7.5	5638215
** 2010	8942422	2790186	31.2	2574608	92.3	215578	7.7	6152236
* 2011	8362924	2747095	32.8	2574552	93.7	172543	6.3	5615830
** 2011	9009179	2862057	31.8	2667123	93.2	194934	6.8	6147123
2011	9436566	2941347	31.2	2736599	93.0	204748	7.0	6495220
* 2012Q2	8290939	2474702	29.8	2340309	94.6	134393	5.4	5816237
** 2012Q2	8929840	2593509	29.0	2445619	94.3	147890	5.7	6336331
2012Q2	9402530	2684622	28.6	2525535	94.1	159087	5.9	6717908

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

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

(2012 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)	
<b>ALL AGES</b>	17784605	8260028	46.4	7936294	96.1	323735	3.9	9524576
10 - 14 YRS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
15 - 19 YRS	1642686	232823	14.2	189812	81.5	43011	18.5	1409863
20 - 24 YRS	1501556	802988	53.5	662040	82.4	140949	17.6	698567
25 - 29 YRS	1479996	916285	61.9	845881	92.3	70403	7.7	563711
30 - 39 YRS	3242935	2117676	65.3	2069726	97.7	47950	2.3	1125259
40 + YRS	8155228	4184239	51.3	4162817	99.5	21422	0.5	3970990

\* Reliable estimates cannot be provided.

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



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

(2012 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	8382075	5575406	66.5	5410758	97.0	164648	3.0	2806669
10 - 14 YRS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
15 - 19 YRS	831316	160973	19.4	133423	82.9	27550	17.1	670343
20 - 24 YRS	727725	514897	70.8	436119	84.7	78778	15.3	212828
25 - 29 YRS	663272	617465	93.1	588493	95.3	28972	4.7	45807
30 - 39 YRS	1509195	1456021	96.5	1436508	98.7	19513	1.3	53174
40 + YRS	3744135	2822778	75.4	2812943	99.7	9835	0.3	921357

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

(2012 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	9402530	2684622	28.6	2525535	94.1	159087	5.9	6717908
10 - 14 YRS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
15 - 19 YRS	811370	71850	8.9	56389	78.5	15461	21.5	739520
20 - 24 YRS	773831	288092	37.2	225921	78.4	62171	21.6	485739
25 - 29 YRS	816724	298820	36.6	257389	86.1	41431	13.9	517904
30 - 39 YRS	1733741	661655	38.2	633218	95.7	28437	4.3	1072086
40 + YRS	4411093	1361461	30.9	1349874	99.1	11587	0.9	3049632

\* 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	100.0	0.3	4.0	10.2	12.0	24.2	49.2
*2007	100.0	0.2	3.6	9.8	12.0	23.9	50.5
*2008	100.0	0.2	3.4	9.8	11.6	23.8	51.2
**2008	100.0	0.3	3.5	9.8	11.6	23.8	50.9
*2009	100.0	0.3	3.3	8.5	11.4	24.3	52.2
**2009	100.0	0.3	3.4	8.5	11.5	24.3	51.9
*2010	100.0	0.1	2.9	8.4	10.8	24.0	53.8
**2010	100.0	0.1	3.0	8.5	10.9	24.0	53.5
*2011	100.0	0.1	2.9	8.4	10.9	24.2	53.4
**2011	100.0	0.1	3.0	8.4	10.9	24.3	53.2
****2011	100.0	0.1	3.1	8.6	11.0	24.3	52.9
* 2012Q2	100.0	0.1	2.3	8.2	10.4	26.0	53.0
** 2012Q2	100.0	0.1	2.4	8.2	10.5	26.0	52.9
**** 2012Q2	100.0	0.1	2.4	8.3	10.7	26.1	52.5

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

\* - Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

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

Year	All Ages	Age Groups					
		10 - 14 YRS	15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
*1990	100.0	1.0	5.7	11.7	13.3	26.3	42.1
*1991	100.0	0.6	5.2	12.6	13.2	25.7	42.8
*1992	100.0	0.4	4.7	13.2	13.9	26.2	41.6
*1993	100.0	0.4	4.8	11.5	14.8	26.2	42.2
*1994	100.0	0.4	4.7	11.9	13.5	27.2	42.2
*1995	100.0	0.3	4.8	11.0	14.0	26.0	43.8
*1996	100.0	0.4	5.0	11.7	13.4	27.8	41.7
*1997	100.0	0.3	4.8	11.1	13.0	27.1	43.6
*1998	100.0	0.7	5.6	11.9	12.3	26.2	43.3
*1999	100.0	0.7	5.8	11.8	11.8	25.7	44.1
*2000	100.0	0.4	5.2	12.0	12.3	25.4	44.7
*2001	100.0	0.3	4.1	12.0	12.1	25.0	46.4
*2002	100.0	0.3	4.2	11.8	11.8	26.2	45.8
**2003	100.0	0.3	3.9	11.4	12.7	25.7	46.1
*** 2004	100.0	0.3	3.9	11.5	12.6	25.0	46.6
2005	100.0	0.2	4.1	11.1	13.3	25.2	46.1
* 2006	100.0	0.3	4.0	10.2	12.2	23.9	49.4
* 2007	100.0	0.2	3.7	9.6	12.7	23.7	50.1
* 2008	100.0	0.3	3.4	9.6	11.9	23.9	51.0
** 2008	100.0	0.3	3.7	9.7	11.9	23.9	50.5
* 2009	100.0	0.3	3.3	8.3	11.7	24.2	52.3
** 2009	100.0	0.3	3.5	8.4	11.8	24.2	51.9
* 2010	100.0	0.1	2.9	8.1	11.2	24.0	53.6
** 2010	100.0	0.1	3.1	8.2	11.3	24.1	53.2
* 2011	100.0	0.2	3.0	8.2	11.3	24.2	53.1
** 2011	100.0	0.1	3.1	8.4	11.2	24.3	52.8
2011	100.0	0.1	3.2	8.6	11.3	24.3	52.5
* 2012Q2	100.0	0.1	2.4	7.9	10.6	26.6	52.4
** 2012Q2	100.0	0.1	2.4	7.9	10.7	26.5	52.3
2012Q2	100.0	0.1	2.5	8.1	10.9	26.5	52.0

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

Year	All Ages	Age Groups					
		10 - 14 YRS	15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
*1990	100.0	1.2	5.6	12.4	14.5	28.4	38.0
*1991	100.0	0.9	6.0	13.0	14.6	29.1	36.4
*1992	100.0	0.8	5.9	13.9	14.4	29.2	35.8
*1993	100.0	0.4	5.9	15.4	12.9	27.7	37.7
*1994	100.0	0.5	5.3	13.2	14.8	30.4	35.9
*1995	100.0	0.4	5.0	12.9	14.3	27.3	40.1
*1996	100.0	0.5	6.0	13.1	14.2	28.8	37.4
*1997	100.0	0.3	5.7	13.7	14.0	27.6	38.7
*1998	100.0	1.0	6.4	12.4	12.8	27.6	39.7
*1999	100.0	1.1	5.9	11.7	12.9	27.1	41.4
*2000	100.0	0.7	5.3	12.6	12.1	27.4	41.9
*2001	100.0	0.5	4.7	12.4	11.8	26.2	44.5
*2002	100.0	0.5	4.7	13.1	12.6	26.2	42.9
**2003	100.0	0.4	4.7	12.2	11.2	27.6	43.9
*** 2004	100.0	0.5	4.6	12.3	11.3	26.6	44.7
2005	100.0	0.1	2.5	11.9	12.0	26.4	47.2
* 2006	100.0	0.3	4.1	10.3	11.7	24.8	48.8
* 2007	100.0	0.3	3.4	10.1	10.7	24.2	51.3
* 2008	100.0	0.2	3.2	10.1	11.0	23.8	51.7
** 2008	100.0	0.2	3.2	10.1	11.0	23.8	51.7
* 2009	100.0	0.4	3.2	8.9	10.9	24.5	52.2
** 2009	100.0	0.3	3.3	8.9	11.0	24.5	52.0
* 2010	100.0	0.2	2.9	9.1	10.0	23.9	54.0
** 2010	100.0	0.2	2.9	9.2	10.0	23.8	53.9
* 2011	100.0	0.1	2.8	8.6	10.2	24.2	54.1
** 2011	100.0	0.1	2.8	8.5	10.2	24.3	54.0
2011	100.0	0.1	2.8	8.5	10.3	24.4	53.9
* 2012Q2	100.0	0.1	2.2	8.8	10.0	24.7	54.2
** 2012Q2	100.0	0.1	2.2	8.7	10.1	25.0	54.0
2012Q2	100.0	0.1	2.2	8.9	10.2	25.1	53.4

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

- \* - Excluding Northern & Eastern provinces
- \*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province
- \*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**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
*1990	100.0	31.9	45.1	16.0	7.0
*1991	100.0	31.6	44.8	15.6	7.9
*1992	100.0	29.9	44.9	16.5	8.7
*1993	100.0	28.5	45.1	16.9	9.5
*1994	100.0	28.2	45.4	17.5	8.8
*1995	100.0	26.8	44.9	18.0	10.3
*1996	100.0	29.5	43.3	16.9	10.3
*1997	100.0	27.9	44.0	17.6	10.5
*1998	100.0	26.8	45.0	17.2	11.0
*1999	100.0	25.4	45.7	18.0	10.9
*2000	100.0	25.1	46.3	16.7	11.9
*2001	100.0	22.7	46.1	17.7	13.5
*2002	100.0	24.6	45.6	15.8	14.0
**2003	100.0	24.5	46.2	15.9	13.3
*** 2004	100.0	24.3	44.7	16.8	14.2
2005	100.0	20.6	45.8	18.2	15.4
* 2006	100.0	22.2	46.9	16.7	14.2
* 2007	100.0	21.1	47.8	15.6	15.5
* 2008	100.0	20.3	48.0	15.8	16.0
** 2008	100.0	21.9	47.4	15.4	15.3
* 2009	100.0	20.4	47.7	15.6	16.3
** 2009	100.0	21.1	47.3	15.5	16.1
* 2010	100.0	19.5	48.7	15.9	16.0
** 2010	100.0	20.2	48.2	15.8	15.7
* 2011	100.0	18.2	48.5	15.7	17.6
** 2011	100.0	18.8	47.8	15.8	17.6
2011	100.0	18.8	48.1	15.7	17.4
* 2012Q2	100.0	18.6	47.4	19.2	14.8
** 2012Q2	100.0	19.3	46.8	19.1	14.8
2012Q2	100.0	19.1	47.1	18.9	14.9

\* - 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			
		Grade 5 & Below	Grades 6 - 10	GCE (O.L)/ NCGE	GCE (A.L)/ HNCE & above
*1990	100.0	29.6	48.3	16.1	5.9
*1991	100.0	28.0	49.0	15.5	7.5
*1992	100.0	27.4	48.2	17.0	7.4
*1993	100.0	25.4	49.8	17.2	7.7
*1994	100.0	25.5	49.6	17.7	7.2
*1995	100.0	25.1	48.2	18.3	8.4
*1996	100.0	27.7	47.1	16.8	8.4
*1997	100.0	26.5	47.2	17.5	8.7
*1998	100.0	25.3	48.5	17.0	9.2
*1999	100.0	24.0	49.4	17.7	9.0
*2000	100.0	24.1	49.6	16.6	9.8
*2001	100.0	21.5	49.3	17.8	11.4
*2002	100.0	23.5	49.1	16.0	11.4
**2003	100.0	23.8	49.2	16.2	10.8
*** 2004	100.0	22.6	48.3	17.3	11.8
2005	100.0	19.9	49.6	18.0	12.5
* 2006	100.0	21.0	50.4	16.6	12.1
* 2007	100.0	20.1	51.3	15.6	13.0
* 2008	100.0	19.4	51.3	16.1	13.2
** 2008	100.0	21.1	50.7	15.6	12.6
* 2009	100.0	19.5	51.3	15.7	13.4
** 2009	100.0	20.3	50.8	15.6	13.2
* 2010	100.0	18.3	52.2	16.2	13.3
** 2010	100.0	19.1	51.7	16.1	13.1
* 2011	100.0	17.5	51.4	16.1	14.9
** 2011	100.0	18.3	50.6	16.3	14.8
2011	100.0	18.2	51.1	16.1	14.6
* 2012Q2	100.0	18.1	51.2	19.6	11.1
** 2012Q2	100.0	19.1	50.3	19.4	11.2
2012Q2	100.0	18.9	50.8	19.1	11.2

**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
*1990	100.0	37.0	38.1	15.6	9.3
*1991	100.0	39.6	35.8	15.9	8.8
*1992	100.0	35.7	37.0	15.5	11.9
*1993	100.0	35.6	34.7	16.3	13.5
*1994	100.0	34.5	35.8	17.2	12.6
*1995	100.0	30.8	37.3	17.5	14.3
*1996	100.0	33.7	34.4	17.1	14.7
*1997	100.0	31.0	37.0	17.6	14.4
*1998	100.0	29.9	38.2	17.7	14.3
*1999	100.0	28.3	38.0	18.7	15.0
*2000	100.0	27.3	39.6	17.1	16.1
*2001	100.0	25.5	39.2	17.3	18.0
*2002	100.0	27.0	38.3	15.3	19.4
**2003	100.0	26.1	39.6	15.5	18.9
*** 2004	100.0	27.9	36.9	15.8	19.4
2005	100.0	22.1	37.6	18.6	21.7
* 2006	100.0	24.3	40.4	17.0	18.2
* 2007	100.0	23.0	41.1	15.5	20.4
* 2008	100.0	21.9	41.8	15.3	21.0
** 2008	100.0	23.6	40.9	14.9	20.6
* 2009	100.0	22.0	41.2	15.3	21.6
** 2009	100.0	22.4	40.8	15.2	21.6
* 2010	100.0	21.9	41.9	15.2	21.0
** 2010	100.0	22.3	41.4	15.3	21.0
* 2011	100.0	19.5	42.8	14.9	22.7
** 2011	100.0	19.9	42.3	14.9	22.9
2011	100.0	19.8	42.2	14.9	23.1
* 2012Q2	100.0	19.8	39.6	18.2	22.5
** 2012Q2	100.0	19.8	39.4	18.3	22.5
2012Q2	100.0	19.6	39.3	18.4	22.7

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

**TABLE 5 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED PERSONS BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS  
(PERCENTAGE) - BOTH SEXES**

YEAR	EMPLOYEE						OWN ACCOUNT WORKER	UNPAID FAMILY WORKER
	TOTAL EMPLOYED	TOTAL	PUBLIC	PRIVATE	EMPLOYER			
*1990	100.0	55.2	21.5	33.7	1.8	29.2	13.8	
*1991	100.0	62.4	22.9	39.5	2.2	25.4	10.0	
*1992	100.0	60.1	20.0	40.0	1.6	27.1	11.2	
*1993	100.0	60.0	17.4	42.8	2.0	27.4	10.4	
*1994	100.0	60.7	16.4	44.3	2.3	27.2	9.8	
*1995	100.0	59.8	15.6	44.3	2.5	28.3	9.4	
*1996	100.0	60.8	15.0	45.8	2.3	26.8	10.0	
*1997	100.0	59.4	15.1	44.3	2.3	28.8	9.4	
*1998	100.0	55.6	14.5	41.2	1.9	28.9	13.6	
*1999	100.0	57.5	14.4	43.1	2.0	28.3	12.2	
*2000	100.0	56.3	13.4	42.9	2.3	28.4	13.0	
*2001	100.0	58.6	13.9	44.7	2.3	28.5	10.6	
*2002	100.0	57.9	13.4	44.5	2.8	28.6	10.7	
**2003	100.0	57.9	13.5	44.4	2.6	29.6	9.9	
***2004	100.0	59.4	13.0	46.4	2.9	28.3	9.4	
2005	100.0	59.3	13.3	46.1	3.1	29.7	7.9	
* 2006	100.0	55.6	13.4	42.1	3.1	30.8	10.5	
*2007	100.0	56.5	13.8	42.7	2.8	30.4	10.3	
*2008	100.0	56.0	14.9	41.1	3.0	30.2	10.8	
**2008	100.0	56.4	15.2	41.2	2.9	30.2	10.4	
*2009	100.0	57.3	15.2	42.1	2.7	29.0	11.0	
**2009	100.0	57.6	15.5	42.1	2.6	29.2	10.6	
*2010	100.0	55.2	13.9	41.3	2.7	31.5	10.7	
**2010	100.0	55.5	14.3	41.2	2.6	31.5	10.4	
*2011	100.0	54.3	13.8	40.4	2.9	31.4	11.4	
**2011	100.0	54.8	14.3	40.4	2.9	31.4	11.0	
2011	100.0	54.9	14.4	40.5	2.9	31.5	10.8	
*2012Q2	100.0	55.7	13.7	42.0	2.6	33.1	8.7	
**2012Q2	100.0	56.0	14.0	42.0	2.5	33.1	8.3	
2012Q2	100.0	56.2	14.3	41.9	2.5	33.1	8.1	

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

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

YEAR	EMPLOYEE						OWN ACCOUNT WORKER	UNPAID FAMILY WORKER
	TOTAL EMPLOYED	TOTAL	PUBLIC	PRIVATE	EMPLOYER			
*1990	100.0	55.2	19.7	35.5	2.3		34.6	7.9
*1991	100.0	61.5	20.3	41.2	2.9		29.8	5.9
*1992	100.0	58.7	18.4	40.3	2.0		32.2	7.2
*1993	100.0	57.7	15.6	42.0	2.6		33.0	6.7
*1994	100.0	59.3	15.9	43.4	2.9		32.0	5.9
*1995	100.0	58.4	14.6	43.7	3.1		33.5	5.1
*1996	100.0	59.5	14.1	45.4	3.2		31.2	6.1
*1997	100.0	58.3	14.4	43.9	3.0		33.2	5.5
*1998	100.0	55.8	14.1	41.7	2.5		34.8	6.8
*1999	100.0	57.7	13.8	43.9	2.7		33.5	6.2
*2000	100.0	56.6	12.6	44.0	3.1		33.8	6.5
*2001	100.0	57.9	12.9	45.0	3.1		33.4	5.5
*2002	100.0	57.5	12.6	44.8	3.7		34.0	4.8
**2003	100.0	57.4	12.6	44.9	3.4		34.5	4.8
***2004	100.0	58.9	11.9	47.0	3.9		32.7	4.5
2005	100.0	59.9	11.7	48.1	4.1		32.9	3.2
* 2006	100.0	56.0	12.3	43.8	4.4		35.2	4.4
* 2007	100.0	57.2	12.1	45.1	3.9		34.5	4.4
*2008	100.0	56.7	13.3	43.4	4.2		34.6	4.5
**2008	100.0	57.5	13.7	43.8	4.0		34.1	4.3
*2009	100.0	58.5	13.3	45.2	3.7		33.2	4.6
**2009	100.0	59.0	13.6	45.4	3.6		33.0	4.5
*2010	100.0	55.4	12.3	43.1	3.6		36.4	4.6
**2010	100.0	56.1	12.8	43.3	3.5		35.9	4.4
*2011	100.0	54.9	12.3	42.7	4.0		36.4	4.7
**2011	100.0	55.6	12.8	42.9	3.9		36.0	4.5
2011	100.0	55.8	12.7	43.1	3.8		35.9	4.5
*2012Q2	100.0	54.5	11.2	43.3	3.6		38.3	3.6
**2012Q2	100.0	55.2	11.7	43.5	3.5		37.9	3.4
2012Q2	100.0	55.3	11.8	43.5	3.4		37.9	3.4

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

YEAR	EMPLOYEE						OWN ACCOUNT WORKER	UNPAID FAMILY WORKER
	TOTAL EMPLOYED	TOTAL	PUBLIC	PRIVATE	EMPLOYER			
*1990	100.0	55.1	25.3	29.8	0.6		17.9	26.5
*1991	100.0	64.5	28.6	35.9	0.7		16.0	18.9
*1992	100.0	63.4	24.1	39.4	0.7		14.8	21.0
*1993	100.0	65.6	21.0	44.6	0.7		15.0	18.7
*1994	100.0	64.2	17.7	46.5	0.9		16.1	18.8
*1995	100.0	63.2	17.6	45.5	1.1		16.7	19.1
*1996	100.0	63.9	17.0	46.8	0.5		16.7	18.9
*1997	100.0	61.8	16.7	45.2	0.9		19.0	18.3
*1998	100.0	55.2	15.2	40.1	0.6		17.2	27.0
*1999	100.0	57.2	15.6	41.5	0.6		17.5	24.8
*2000	100.0	55.5	15.0	40.5	0.8		17.2	26.5
*2001	100.0	60.1	15.9	44.1	0.5		18.1	21.3
*2002	100.0	58.8	15.1	43.7	0.8		17.4	23.0
**2003	100.0	59.0	15.7	43.3	0.9		18.8	21.3
***2004	100.0	60.6	15.5	45.1	0.9		18.7	19.8
2005	100.0	58.3	16.6	41.6	0.9		22.7	18.2
* 2006	100.0	54.8	15.6	39.2	0.8		22.7	21.7
* 2007	100.0	55.1	17.1	38.0	0.7		22.5	21.7
*2008	100.0	54.7	17.9	36.8	0.7		22.2	22.4
**2008	100.0	54.3	18.2	36.2	0.7		22.8	22.2
*2009	100.0	55.2	18.6	36.5	0.9		21.4	22.5
**2009	100.0	54.9	19.0	35.9	0.9		22.0	22.3
*2010	100.0	54.7	16.9	37.8	0.8		22.0	22.6
**2010	100.0	54.3	17.3	37.0	0.8		22.6	22.4
*2011	100.0	53.0	16.8	36.1	0.9		22.0	24.1
**2011	100.0	53.0	17.4	35.7	0.9		22.4	23.6
2011	100.0	53.2	17.8	35.4	0.9		22.6	23.3
*2012Q2	100.0	58.0	18.7	39.3	0.5		22.5	19.1
**2012Q2	100.0	57.8	19.0	38.7	0.5		23.0	18.7
2012Q2	100.0	58.2	19.6	38.7	0.5		23.0	18.3

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

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

**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	<b>6519415</b>	2247602	1072720	386475	838796	117556	309553	168973	524724	227785	82260	110390	93252	317121	22208
**2003	<b>7012755</b>	2384397	1156682	454810	867131	121627	363393	191390	541070	262440	98107	110827	75858	333477	51548
***2004	<b>7394029</b>	2474725	1307357	474090	910770	120552	417340	175633	535064	273628	103966	122395	68813	323277	86419
2005	<b>7518007</b>	2306039	1385374	542639	904008	138924	484999	233736	512819	297437	129237	133537	53314	324440	71504
* 2006	<b>7105322</b>	2287268	1363092	526861	954981	129351	430331	221146	400504	276783	109660	123900	80247	179941	21255
* 2007	<b>7041874</b>	2202098	1331368	542489	932094	118516	456804	215217	433013	259489	115943	104601	87381	219692	23168
* 2008	<b>7174706</b>	2344415	1354897	533106	924468	103814	425972	236024	462634	298810	110933	128812	84097	153297	13428
** 2008	<b>7648305</b>	2489731	1414483	590397	984326	110317	447604	241474	512048	325633	120987	141853	84960	170572	13920
* 2009	<b>7139537</b>	2318621	1301267	521417	913387	133182	419627	220979	487438	300143	128490	104603	96132	190672	3579
** 2009	<b>7602414</b>	2475921	1348084	562234	977138	141599	445111	226660	524390	336012	136619	123090	96367	205432	3757
*2010	<b>7235641</b>	2353599	1270292	506838	985896	138983	462651	255988	490720	269318	104984	120841	83846	190928	759
**2010	<b>7706593</b>	2519905	1318335	548397	1050671	145795	484210	264394	536759	301572	115914	129688	84161	205706	1087
*2011	<b>7429794</b>	2445251	1327624	513820	987833	134137	461728	269112	506911	281676	121986	106371	76719	193071	3555
**2011	<b>7894439</b>	2601824	1364934	550089	1048605	137952	489089	280919	557821	318019	129199	113068	77724	220949	4250
2011	<b>8196927</b>	2708020	1387432	589631	1090357	141943	505396	286406	575183	340460	135845	123786	79107	228879	4481
*2012Q2	<b>7120518</b>	2120992	1346792	616744	1007324	122218	464447	229416	414394	294632	137129	139064	120766	106600	..
**2012Q2	<b>7609654</b>	2288487	1390634	658636	1082428	129442	498316	242426	466357	319835	150659	148292	123512	110632	..
2012Q2	<b>7936294</b>	2377937	1425788	701835	1135990	130664	515395	255069	485971	351620	160570	154453	128468	112383	152

.. Negligible

**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 ,<br>Electricity,Gas and Water supply (C,E,F)                           | 10 Health and Social work (N)  |
| 4 Wholesale and Retail Trade,Repair of Motor Vehicles,<br>Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods (G) | 11 Other Community,Social and Personal Service Activities<br>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,<br>Renting and Business Activities (J,K)                       | 14 Industries not adequately described   |

These figures are to be treated with caution as the corresponding CV (Cofficient 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

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu,Kilinochchi districts.

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province



**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	<b>4395164</b>	1397423	569761	373516	656505	115203	387301	70813	824642
**2003	<b>4833483</b>	1529117	624791	436404	681185	138146	405572	98074	920194
***2004	<b>5049426</b>	1559301	710910	456049	721800	122372	392949	102645	983400
2005	<b>5134765</b>	1482610	749993	519197	702048	171330	376877	83551	1049159
* 2006	<b>4610643</b>	1342214	683873	507192	717258	156022	294597	86521	822966
* 2007	<b>4653067</b>	1321995	703080	523470	688653	151782	308080	79092	876915
*2008	<b>4663277</b>	1388714	716259	510488	680091	162634	344695	87931	772466
** 2008	<b>5033449</b>	1510401	749653	565666	725049	167414	385219	98596	831450
* 2009	<b>4609198</b>	1382024	677262	501657	669223	145341	346799	90983	795909
** 2009	<b>4963176</b>	1510834	701206	541934	715499	149890	377259	107615	858938
*2010	<b>4770376</b>	1411109	675462	487054	729883	176715	355244	83610	851301
**2010	<b>5131986</b>	1547382	700626	527923	777178	182882	395799	96696	903501
*2011	<b>4855242</b>	1459016	709973	492743	714165	187029	367615	81566	843134
**2011	<b>5227317</b>	1594449	732419	527467	761415	196671	409086	99862	905946
2011	<b>5460328</b>	1678656	745948	566671	796195	200919	420942	105667	945331
*2012Q2	<b>4780209</b>	1363690	720490	591006	766230	140467	296979	88510	812838
**2012Q2	<b>5164035</b>	1508531	745164	632054	823262	149147	340975	100389	864513
2012Q2	<b>5410758</b>	1578191	767160	671582	869906	159718	354315	113087	896801

**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.

**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	<b>2124250</b>	850179	502959	12959	182291	53770	137423	156972	227697
**2003	<b>2179272</b>	855280	531891	18407	185946	53243	135498	164365	234642
***2004	<b>2344604</b>	915424	596447	18041	188970	53261	142116	170983	259362
2005	<b>2383241</b>	823429	635382	23442	201959	62405	135942	213886	286796
* 2006	<b>2494679</b>	945054	679218	19669	237723	65125	105908	190262	251720
* 2007	<b>2388807</b>	880103	628288	19019	243441	63435	124933	180397	249190
* 2008	<b>2511429</b>	955701	638638	22619	244376	73390	117939	210878	247887
** 2008	<b>2614856</b>	979331	664830	24731	259277	74060	126829	227037	258762
* 2009	<b>2530339</b>	936596	624006	19761	244164	75638	140638	209160	280376
** 2009	<b>2639238</b>	965086	646877	20300	261639	76770	147132	228396	293037
*2010	<b>2465265</b>	942490	594830	19784	256013	79273	135476	185708	251692
**2010	<b>2574608</b>	972523	617710	20474	273493	81512	140960	204876	263059
*2011	<b>2574552</b>	986235	617651	21077	273668	82083	139296	200110	254433
**2011	<b>2667123</b>	1007375	632514	22622	287189	84247	148734	218156	266283
2011	<b>2736599</b>	1029364	641484	22961	294162	85487	154241	234793	274107
*2012Q2	<b>2340309</b>	757302	626303	25738	241094	88949	117415	206122	277386
**2012Q2	<b>2445619</b>	779955	645470	26582	259165	93279	125382	219446	296339
2012Q2	<b>2525535</b>	799746	658628	30253	266084	95351	131656	238533	305284

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)
- 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.

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

Major Industry group	Year																	
	*2002	**2003	***2004	2005	* 2006	* 2007	*2008	**2008	*2009	**2009	*2010	**2010	*2011	**2011	2011	*2012Q2	**2012Q2	2012Q2
Total	6519415	7012755	7394029	7518007	7105322	7041874	7174706	7648305	7139537	7602414	7235641	7706593	7429794	7894439	8196927	7120518	7609654	7936294
Agriculture	2247602	2384397	2474725	2306039	2287268	2202098	2344415	2489731	2318621	2475921	2353599	2519905	2445251	2601824	2708020	2120992	2288487	2377937
Industry	1459194	1611493	1781447	1928014	1889953	1873857	1888004	2004880	1822685	1910318	1777130	1866733	1841444	1915022	1977063	1963537	2049269	2127622
Services	2812619	3016866	3137857	3283954	2928101	2965919	2942288	3153693	2998231	3216175	3104913	3319955	3143100	3377593	3511844	3035990	3271898	3430734

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

Major Industry group	Year																	
	*2002	**2003	***2004	2005	* 2006	* 2007	*2008	**2008	*2009	**2009	*2010	**2010	*2011	**2011	2011	*2012Q2	**2012Q2	2012Q2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture	34.5	34.0	33.5	30.7	32.2	31.3	32.7	32.6	32.5	32.6	32.5	32.7	32.9	33.0	33.0	29.8	30.1	30.0
Industry	22.4	23.0	24.1	25.6	26.6	26.6	26.3	26.2	25.5	25.1	24.6	24.2	24.8	24.3	24.1	27.6	26.9	26.8
Services	43.1	43.0	42.4	43.7	41.2	42.1	41.0	41.2	42.0	42.3	42.9	43.1	42.3	42.8	42.8	42.6	43.0	43.2

**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

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**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	<b>6519415</b>	85553	352238	316763	283719	406992	510148	1579024	935477	373588	1608511	67402
**2003	<b>7012755</b>	88043	367654	341634	303828	328796	628729	1634289	1084436	419540	1735336	80470
***2004	<b>7394029</b>	99839	404410	366488	322697	420343	671461	1513636	1124715	460589	1951081	58770
2005	<b>7518007</b>	120491	471200	403904	300322	515909	574416	1561884	1216224	531439	1760335	61883
* 2006	<b>7105322</b>	128944	376469	362275	276587	526322	513217	1590110	1214163	501561	1576960	38715
* 2007	<b>7041874</b>	123290	366668	381596	283703	494515	508488	1503669	1201598	563927	1574113	40306
* 2008	<b>7174706</b>	121463	415993	398489	299331	477055	546087	1603701	1165096	526921	1576276	44295
** 2008	<b>7648305</b>	126636	448659	424802	308632	498271	604974	1699212	1255470	555896	1673147	52607
* 2009	<b>7139537</b>	117080	421793	372116	304686	471279	550658	1607477	1106431	500259	1619891	67867
** 2009	<b>7602414</b>	119190	458305	392898	313734	509501	606492	1705701	1175137	530788	1717903	72765
* 2010	<b>7235641</b>	115675	395550	376112	304326	477572	577655	1611306	1132093	537286	1641844	66223
** 2010	<b>7706593</b>	116910	434260	394419	314984	523201	626716	1715262	1206369	560407	1739505	74559
*2011	<b>7429794</b>	133795	438056	365722	320714	521444	620641	1703022	1183874	543163	1541136	58227
**2011	<b>7894439</b>	137833	479536	391469	330665	532029	685053	1807120	1249755	567140	1646840	67000
2011	<b>8196927</b>	138792	506060	410040	339486	552011	710870	1889435	1300277	586526	1691918	71512
*2012Q2	<b>7120518</b>	111492	447354	362297	328420	288700	823348	1457667	1248461	628312	1392341	32125
**2012Q2	<b>7609654</b>	112878	479350	402791	338725	311223	894967	1590661	1334971	660053	1446896	37138
2012Q2	<b>7936294</b>	113958	517240	418353	351422	322654	940905	1656239	1394067	683564	1500248	37644

**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               |  |

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

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

**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	<b>4395164</b>	67276	146656	215548	151511	318172	379695	1024190	596472	335568	1097444	62633
**2003	<b>4833483</b>	71574	161375	236263	167584	260270	464633	1109200	711720	368452	1205366	77047
***2004	<b>4993403</b>	75416	174521	250898	174982	341828	498477	1004912	726641	426469	1319258	
2005	<b>5134765</b>	87788	187002	266866	159566	406137	418628	1013877	801448	484351	1249168	59935
* 2006	<b>4610643</b>	101399	146344	238819	143606	419443	314226	966263	743733	444703	1055753	36354
* 2007	<b>4653067</b>	91026	147844	258111	138384	379768	318994	925933	779097	504603	1070890	38418
* 2008	<b>4663277</b>	90314	154443	275928	161252	364206	339828	975507	731382	478825	1050236	41356
** 2008	<b>5033449</b>	94075	168152	296103	167400	380629	385895	1049917	799554	503286	1139158	49280
* 2009	<b>4609198</b>	94072	150660	241033	151532	350875	354709	995412	704257	450086	1056823	59738
** 2009	<b>4963176</b>	95394	168781	254607	156245	375649	396056	1070983	758317	477738	1145231	64176
* 2010	<b>4770376</b>	87931	148759	254265	168305	357254	391654	1006090	740280	487749	1067383	60705
** 2010	<b>5131986</b>	89166	165516	268272	174664	387776	426082	1085264	800647	509945	1155776	68877
*2011	<b>4855242</b>	99525	170239	244470	176892	402221	408877	1041098	767047	478661	1010446	55767
**2011	<b>5227317</b>	102513	192929	262239	182076	409853	458319	1129567	821468	500663	1103601	64089
2011	<b>5460328</b>	103472	201104	275758	186794	426309	477910	1195878	864946	518445	1141458	68256
*2012Q2	<b>4780209</b>	77602	168009	237211	186782	219643	559695	959170	858310	554612	929669	29507
**2012Q2	<b>5164035</b>	78988	182409	262605	194327	237093	617953	1075661	925317	584572	972819	32291
2012Q2	<b>5410758</b>	80068	198699	271930	202538	248524	653744	1129089	971919	606310	1015288	32650

**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

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.


\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

**Table 7B - Currently Employed person by Occupation group - Female (Based on ISCO 88)**

Year	Occupation group											
	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	0
*2002	<b>2124250</b>	18277	205582	101215	132209	88819	130453	554835	339005	38020	511066	4769
**2003	<b>2179272</b>	16469	206279	105370	136245	68526	164096	525090	372716	51088	529971	3423
***2004	<b>2341857</b>	24423	229889	115590	147715	78515	172984	508724	398074	34120	631823	
2005	<b>2383241</b>	32702	284198	137038	140756	109772	155788	548007	414776	47088	511167	1949
* 2006	<b>2494679</b>	27544	230126	123456	132981	106879	198990	623847	470430	56858	521207	2360
* 2007	<b>2388807</b>	32265	218824	123485	145319	114747	189494	577736	422502	59324	503223	1888
* 2008	<b>2511429</b>	31148	261549	122561	138079	112849	206258	628193	433715	48095	526040	2940
** 2008	<b>2614856</b>	32560	280507	128699	141231	117642	219079	649295	455917	52609	533989	3327
* 2009	<b>2530339</b>	23008	271134	131083	153154	120404	195949	612065	402173	50172	563067	8129
** 2009	<b>2639238</b>	23796	289523	138291	157489	133852	210437	634719	416820	53050	572671	8590
* 2010	<b>2465265</b>	27743	246791	121847	136022	120318	186001	605216	391812	49537	574461	5518
** 2010	<b>2574608</b>	27743	268744	126148	140320	135425	200634	629998	405722	50462	583729	5683
*2011	<b>2574552</b>	34270	267817	121253	143822	119223	211764	661924	416827	64502	530690	2460
**2011	<b>2667123</b>	35320	286607	129230	148589	122176	226734	677553	428287	66477	543239	2911
2011	<b>2736599</b>	35320	304956	134282	152692	125702	232960	693557	435331	68081	550460	3256
*2012Q2	<b>2340309</b>	33890	279345	125086	141638	69058	263653	498498	390151	73700	462672	2619
**2012Q2	<b>2445619</b>	33890	296941	140187	144399	74130	277013	515000	409654	75481	474077	4847
2012Q2	<b>2525535</b>	33890	318541	146424	148883	74130	287161	527150	422148	77254	484960	4994

**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 Sale and Service workers                |  |

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

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

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

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

(2012 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter)

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL GROUP	TOTAL	0 *	1 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 & OVER
Total	100.0	3.5	1.1	3.8	7.9	16.0	37.0	30.8
1	100.0	5.7	1.7	7.3	11.4	22.0	33.8	18.1
2	100.0	3.1	*	3.2	7.3	12.9	39.1	33.7
3	100.0	*	*	*	9.8	12.1	43.4	28.3
4	100.0	*	*	*	5.3	11.2	29.7	50.3
5	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	33.6	48.8
6	100.0	*	*	*	*	8.0	29.7	53.3
7	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	56.5	28.2
8	100.0	*	*	*	*	7.8	58.7	30.0
9	100.0	*	*	*	*	52.2	23.6	*
10	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	49.7	36.1
11	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	38.1	35.4
12	100.0	*	..	*	*	*	29.7	46.4
13	100.0	*	*	*	* *		40.7	*
14	100.0	..	..	..	..	..	*	..

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

.. Negligible

**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 ,<br>Electricity, Gas and Water supply (C,E,F)                           | 10. Health and Social work (N)  |
| 4. Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles,<br>Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods (G) | 11. Other Community, Social and Personal Service Activities<br>Extra Territorial Organizations & bodies (O,Q) |
| 5. Hotels and Restaurants (H)  | 12. Private Households with Employed Persons (P)  |
| 6. Transport, Storage and Communication (I)  | 13. Miscellaneous Labour work   |
| 7. Financial Intermediation and Real Estate,<br>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.

**TABLE 9 - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY AGE GROUPS  
(PERCENTAGE) - BOTH SEXES**

YEAR	TOTAL	AGE GROUPS				
		15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40 + YRS
*1990	100.0	20.3	40.3	19.3	13.2	7.1
*1991	100.0	19.3	42.2	16.7	15.8	6.0
*1992	100.0	19.2	40.9	20.4	13.4	6.1
*1993	100.0	20.4	38.5	18.9	15.5	6.8
*1994	100.0	22.4	41.2	15.6	15.5	5.5
*1995	100.0	21.1	38.2	20.1	15.1	5.5
*1996	100.0	24.0	39.3	18.1	14.3	4.3
*1997	100.0	22.5	41.5	19.0	12.7	4.3
*1998	100.0	21.9	40.8	17.6	13.6	6.0
*1999	100.0	23.9	40.5	17.2	12.5	5.9
*2000	100.0	19.5	44.4	18.4	11.9	5.8
*2001	100.0	21.2	45.4	17.8	10.4	5.1
*2002	100.0	19.8	47.1	16.6	11.0	5.5
**2003	100.0	19.9	45.8	17.2	11.6	5.6
***2004	100.0	18.1	45.9	17.4	11.7	6.8
2005	100.0	19.5	44.8	16.4	12.2	7.1
* 2006	100.0	17.5	39.3	21.5	11.9	9.8
* 2007	100.0	15.7	41.2	19.7	13.1	10.4
* 2008	100.0	15.9	38.4	20.9	13.7	11.2
** 2008	100.0	15.8	38.4	21.5	13.6	10.6
* 2009	100.0	14.6	37.1	21.0	15.2	12.1
** 2009	100.0	14.5	37.5	21.3	15.1	11.6
* 2010	100.0	15.0	38.0	21.0	15.0	11.0
** 2010	100.0	14.8	38.7	21.2	14.7	10.6
* 2011	100.0	13.1	42.7	19.9	15.9	8.4
** 2011	100.0	13.5	41.8	20.9	15.6	8.2
2011	100.0	12.8	42.5	20.6	15.6	8.5
*2012Q2	100.0	14.2	43.0	20.3	15.4	7.2
**2012Q2	100.0	13.6	43.8	20.6	15.1	6.9
2012Q2	100.0	13.3	43.5	21.7	14.8	6.6

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.



**TABLE 9A - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY AGE GROUPS  
(PERCENTAGE) - MALE**

YEAR	TOTAL	AGE GROUPS				
		15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
*1990	100.0	23.8	41.2	16.1	9.6	9.2
*1991	100.0	23.0	42.6	15.1	11.7	7.7
*1992	100.0	21.8	42.7	18.5	10.0	7.1
*1993	100.0	24.0	39.5	16.0	12.7	8.0
*1994	100.0	24.3	40.8	13.3	13.4	8.6
*1995	100.0	22.3	38.2	19.0	12.9	7.6
*1996	100.0	27.2	39.6	16.9	10.9	5.4
*1997	100.0	25.0	41.5	17.2	11.5	4.8
*1998	100.0	27.7	39.6	16.5	9.5	6.7
*1999	100.0	27.6	40.6	14.3	9.3	8.2
*2000	100.0	24.0	46.4	15.2	9.1	5.3
*2001	100.0	25.4	46.3	15.0	7.1	6.2
*2002	100.0	22.2	49.1	13.5	8.3	6.9
**2003	100.0	22.7	47.6	14.8	8.3	6.6
***2004	100.0	20.8	45.4	15.4	10.1	8.3
2005	100.0	21.8	44.3	15.0	12.5	6.3
* 2006	100.0	21.2	40.1	18.4	8.3	11.9
*2007	100.0	19.9	40.7	16.0	10.2	13.1
*2008	100.0	19.8	37.5	18.2	9.7	14.9
** 2008	100.0	19.4	37.8	19.5	9.4	13.9
*2009	100.0	18.2	35.2	19.0	12.6	15.0
** 2009	100.0	17.9	36.4	18.9	12.4	14.4
*2010	100.0	19.8	40.4	15.1	12.1	12.6
** 2010	100.0	19.6	41.2	15.5	11.7	12.0
*2011	100.0	17.8	44.7	15.7	14.1	7.8
** 2011	100.0	18.5	44.6	16.0	13.2	7.7
2011	100.0	17.6	44.9	16.7	13.1	7.6
*2012Q2	100.0	17.1	50.0	14.4	12.5	6.0
**2012Q2	100.0	16.9	48.0	16.6	12.3	6.2
2012Q2	100.0	16.7	47.8	17.6	11.9	6.0

**TABLE 9B - HISTORICAL TABLE OF CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY AGE GROUPS  
(PERCENTAGE) - FEMALE**

YEAR	TOTAL	AGE GROUPS				
		15 - 19 YRS	20 - 24 YRS	25 - 29 YRS	30 - 39 YRS	40+ YRS
*1990	100.0	17.0	39.4	22.2	16.6	5.0
*1991	100.0	16.3	42.0	18.0	19.2	4.6
*1992	100.0	16.7	39.1	22.2	16.9	5.3
*1993	100.0	12.8	34.1	23.7	21.8	7.7
*1994	100.0	16.7	37.6	21.4	20.6	3.9
*1995	100.0	19.9	38.3	21.2	17.2	3.4
*1996	100.0	21.0	39.0	19.2	17.4	3.2
*1997	100.0	20.1	41.6	20.7	13.8	3.8
*1998	100.0	17.1	41.8	18.6	17.0	5.4
*1999	100.0	20.2	40.5	20.0	15.6	3.7
*2000	100.0	15.1	42.3	21.5	14.8	6.3
*2001	100.0	16.7	44.5	20.9	14.1	3.8
*2002	100.0	17.5	45.1	19.5	13.7	4.2
**2003	100.0	17.2	44.1	19.4	14.7	4.6
***2004	100.0	15.7	46.4	19.3	13.3	5.3
2005	100.0	17.3	45.3	17.6	11.9	7.8
*2006	100.0	14.4	38.7	24.2	14.9	7.9
*2007	100.0	11.9	41.5	23.0	15.6	8.0
*2008	100.0	12.7	39.1	23.1	16.9	8.2
** 2008	100.0	12.9	38.9	23.2	17.0	8.0
*2009	100.0	11.4	38.8	22.8	17.5	9.5
** 2009	100.0	11.5	38.5	23.5	17.5	9.0
*2010	100.0	10.8	36.0	26.1	17.5	9.6
** 2010	100.0	10.7	36.5	26.1	17.4	9.3
*2011	100.0	9.4	41.2	23.2	17.2	9.0
** 2011	100.0	9.8	39.7	24.6	17.3	8.6
2011	100.0	9.3	40.7	23.4	17.5	9.1
*2012Q2	100.0	11.0	35.3	26.7	18.5	8.5
**2012Q2	100.0	10.0	39.2	24.9	18.2	7.7
2012Q2	100.0	9.7	39.1	26.0	17.9	7.3

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

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

\*\* - 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
*1990	100.0	8.5	49.7	26.5	15.4
*1991	100.0	9.0	45.7	30.3	15.1
*1992	100.0	9.2	50.5	27.0	13.7
*1993	100.0	8.3	44.9	28.7	18.0
*1994	100.0	8.6	44.9	28.3	18.2
*1995	100.0	5.5	47.1	29.1	18.4
*1996	100.0	7.9	47.1	26.1	19.0
*1997	100.0	5.7	44.7	28.2	21.4
*1998	100.0	5.8	44.2	27.1	22.9
*1999	100.0	4.4	41.9	29.2	24.5
*2000	100.0	3.1	45.6	26.0	25.3
*2001	100.0	3.6	40.7	27.3	28.4
*2002	100.0	4.7	40.7	25.2	29.4
**2003	100.0	4.8	40.2	26.1	28.9
***2004	100.0	5.4	36.6	26.2	31.7
2005	100.0	4.5	37.2	28.6	29.7
* 2006	100.0	4.6	41.9	26.6	26.9
* 2007	100.0	4.4	41.0	22.0	32.6
* 2008	100.0	4.2	41.2	22.8	31.8
** 2008	100.0	4.5	39.3	23.4	32.8
* 2009	100	4.4	40.3	22.7	32.6
** 2009	100.0	4.3	39.9	23.1	32.7
* 2010	100.0	2.8	35.0	22.8	39.4
** 2010	100.0	2.7	34.9	22.7	39.7
* 2011	100.0	2.3	38.8	20.1	38.8
** 2011	100.0	2.8	37.4	19.8	39.9
2011	100.0	2.7	38.0	19.9	39.4
*2012Q2	100.0	..	36.1	29.7	34.2
**2012Q2	100.0	..	36.3	30.2	33.5
2012Q2	100.0	..	35.7	29.8	34.4

.. Negligible

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

**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
*1990	100.0	10.6	57.7	23.3	8.4
*1991	100.0	11.2	53.2	25.0	10.5
*1992	100.0	9.9	57.4	25.1	7.9
*1993	100.0	11.4	47.7	28.0	12.9
*1994	100.0	11.4	50.3	27.0	11.3
*1995	100.0	5.3	54.4	29.4	10.9
*1996	100.0	8.7	56.9	23.8	10.6
*1997	100.0	7.0	54.5	25.0	13.5
*1998	100.0	6.7	54.8	24.7	13.9
*1999	100.0	4.8	48.3	29.1	17.8
*2000	100.0	3.9	54.7	26.0	15.4
*2001	100.0	4.4	50.9	25.2	19.5
*2002	100.0	5.6	50.1	24.7	19.6
**2003	100.0	5.5	47.3	27.7	19.5
***2004	100.0	7.0	44.0	27.4	21.6
2005	100.0	5.2	44.9	29.1	20.8
* 2006	100.0	6.2	48.9	26.6	18.3
* 2007	100.0	5.8	49.5	24.5	20.3
*2008	100.0	5.3	52.2	21.7	20.8
** 2008	100.0	5.3	49.7	23.1	21.9
*2009	100.0	4.5	49.7	24.6	21.3
** 2009	100.0	4.4	48.0	25.3	22.3
*2010	100.0	3.6	41.4	25.2	29.8
** 2010	100.0	3.4	40.4	25.3	30.9
*2011	100.0	2.1	48.5	20.6	28.7
** 2011	100.0	2.1	47.5	20.5	29.9
2011	100.0	2.0	47.8	20.4	29.8
*2012Q2	100.0	..	40.4	39.9	19.8
**2012Q2	100.0	..	40.7	39.5	19.9
2012Q2	100.0	..	39.9	38.7	21.4

**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
*1990	100.0	6.4	42.2	29.5	21.9
*1991	100.0	7.1	39.6	34.5	18.8
*1992	100.0	8.5	43.6	28.9	19.4
*1993	100.0	5.7	42.5	29.4	22.5
*1994	100.0	6.9	39.6	29.6	24.9
*1995	100.0	5.7	40.0	28.8	25.5
*1996	100.0	7.1	37.6	28.3	27.0
*1997	100.0	4.5	35.3	31.3	28.9
*1998	100.0	5.1	35.4	29.1	30.5
*1999	100.0	4.0	35.5	29.3	31.2
*2000	100.0	2.3	36.3	26.1	35.3
*2001	100.0	2.6	29.7	29.7	38.0
*2002	100.0	3.9	31.4	25.6	39.1
**2003	100.0	4.0	33.5	24.6	37.8
***2004	100.0	3.9	29.7	25.0	41.3
2005	100.0	4.0	29.9	28.1	38.0
* 2006	100.0	3.1	35.9	26.7	34.3
* 2007	100.0	3.2	33.5	19.8	43.4
*2008	100.0	3.3	32.3	23.7	40.7
** 2008	100.0	3.8	31.0	23.6	41.6
*2009	100.0	4.4	31.8	20.9	42.9
** 2009	100.0	4.3	32.5	21.1	42.1
*2010	100.0	2.0	29.5	20.7	47.8
** 2010	100.0	2.1	30.2	20.5	47.2
*2011	100.0	2.4	31.2	19.8	46.6
** 2011	100.0	3.4	29.8	19.3	47.4
2011	100.0	3.3	30.7	19.5	46.5
*2012Q2	100.0	..	31.4	18.4	50.2
**2012Q2	100.0	..	31.7	20.2	48.1
2012Q2	100.0	..	31.4	20.7	47.9

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

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**

(2012 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter)

Sex	Total	Duration		
		Less than 6 months	6 to less than 12 months	12+ months
Both sexes	323735	76134	113944	133657
%	100.0	23.5	35.2	41.3
Male	164648	42668	65566	56414
%	100.0	25.9	39.8	34.3
Female	159087	33466	48379	77243
%	100.0	21.0	30.4	48.6

## STANDARD ERROR AND COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION OF SELECTED VARIABLES

	(2012 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter)					
	Estimated Value	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)	Estimated Value (Ratio)	Standard Error	Coefficient of Variation (%)
<b>General labour force characteristics</b>						
Population ( 10 years & over)	17784605	179467	1.01	-	-	-
Employed Population	7936294	105225	1.33	-	-	-
Unemployed Population	323735	25073	7.7	-	-	-
Employment Rate	-	-	-	3.9	0.293	7.468
Unemployment Rate	-	-	-	96.1	0.293	0.305
Labour Force	8260028	109745	1.33	-	-	-
Not in Labour Force	9524576	141796	1.49	-	-	-
<b>Employed persons by major industry Groups</b>						
1	2377937	96425	4.05	-	-	-
2	1425788	59588	4.18	-	-	-
3	701835	35955	5.12	-	-	-
4	1135990	50423	4.44	-	-	-
5	130664	15569	11.92	-	-	-
6	515395	27985	5.43	-	-	-
7	255069	20170	7.91	-	-	-
8	485971	30536	6.28	-	-	-
9	351620	25926	7.37	-	-	-
10	160570	18730	11.66	-	-	-
11	154453	14213	9.20	-	-	-
12	128468	21920	17.06	-	-	-
13	112383	17952	15.97	-	-	-
14	152	152	100.00	-	-	-
<b>Unemployed persons by level of education</b>						
Below grade 5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 5 - 9/Year 6 - 10	115714	14764	12.76	-	-	-
G.C.E.(O/L)/N.C.G.E.	96545	11435	11.84	-	-	-
G.C.E.(A/L)/H.N.C.E. & above	111476	13358	11.98	-	-	-

**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

## 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 10 years of age and older.

The field work of the survey is done during the third week of the 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 and 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. **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 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.
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

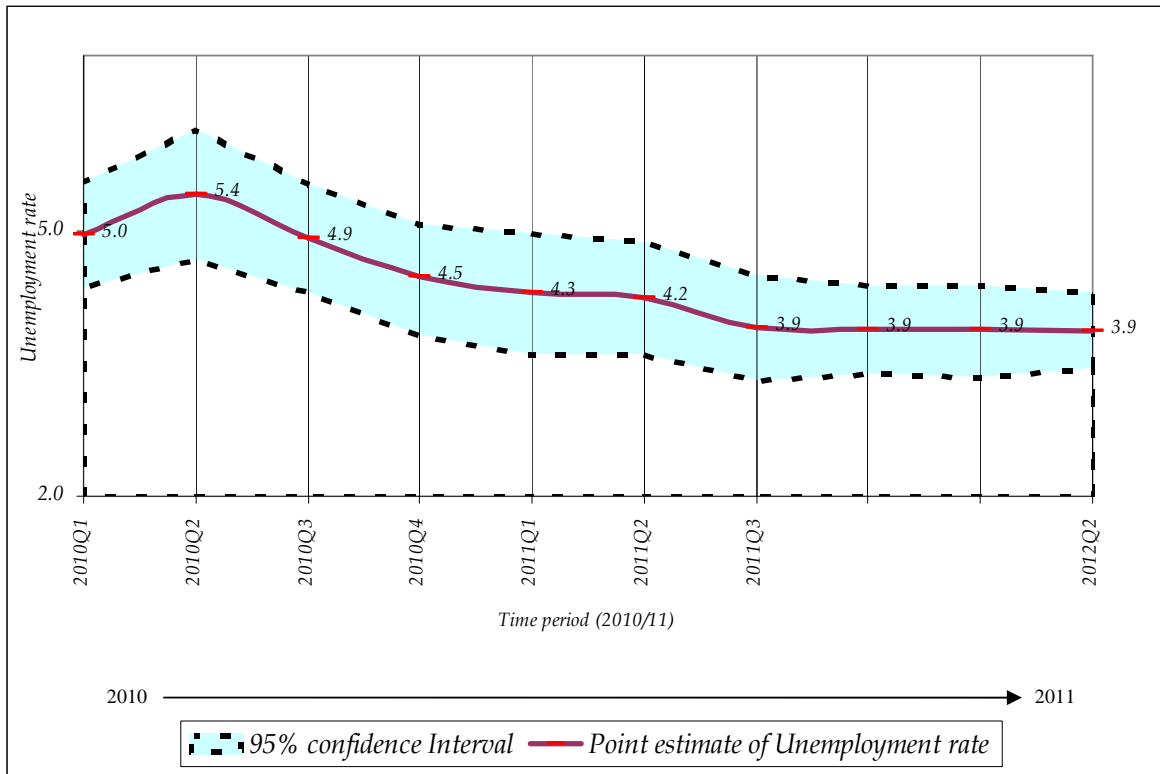
Estimated value *(of the unemployment rate)*  $\pm$  (standard error) \* ( 1.96)

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.

**Unemployment rates and it's 95% confidence intervals (2010 Q1 - 2012 Q2)**



**Note:**

- Summery 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 difference between the unemployment rates reported in different time periods of 2010/2011, 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.

Beginning in January 2006, some improvements were made to the labour force survey schedule in order to fulfill the requirements of it's users and also to provide additional information for the planning purposes. This revision was made focusing on literacy, household economic activities, and informal sector employment and under employment etc.



**Note :**

It is important to note that, all the data published here are the estimates based on a sample survey and these are subject to sampling errors. These sampling errors can be statistically evaluated from the survey results. Therefore, sampling error is normally measured in terms of the standard error of the particular variable. Standard error could be used to calculate the confidence limits with a prescribed accuracy where the true value of the estimates lies.

Further reliability of the estimates can be expressed in terms of Coefficient of Variation (CV). The CV is a relative measure of the sampling error and is calculated as sampling error divided by the expected value of the given characteristic.

In view of this, following table is given to show the estimates for some selected variables, its standard error, CV and 95% Confidence interval.

It is also important to note that all the estimates we publish in this report are subject to sampling error and one should be cautious in the interpretation of results, especially with respect to the trends over time.

**Estimate of Confidence Intervals for some selected characteristics**

Year	Labour Force					Employed				
	No.	Standard error	C.V (%)	95% C.I.		No.	Standard error	C.V (%)	95% C.I.	
				Lower	Upper				Lower	Upper
2003 **	7653717	83576	1.09	7489909	7817525	7012756	77834	1.11	6860202	7165310
2004 ***	8061354	79707	0.99	7905128	8217579	7394029	74648	1.01	7247719	7540340
2005	8141347	233233	2.86	7684210	8598485	7518007	219889	2.92	7087025	7948988
2006*	7598762	65349	0.86	7470593	7726931	7105322	63609	0.90	6980566	7230078
2007*	7488896	58056	0.78	7375030	7602761	7041874	56401	0.80	6931254	7152495
2008*	7568715	59889	0.79	7451255	7686176	7174706	57976	0.81	7060997	7288416
2008**	8081702	62761	0.78	7958614	8204789	7648305	60235	0.79	7530171	7766438
2009*	8073598	62298	0.77	7951419	8195778	7602344	60103	0.79	7484471	7720218
2009**	7572363	60302	0.80	7454091	7690634	7139511	58209	0.82	7025344	7253678
2010*	7610389	62372	0.82	7488059	7732720	7235641	59966	0.83	7118029	7353254
2010**	8107739	65106	0.80	7980053	8235425	7706593	62445	0.81	7584127	7829060
2011*	7737745	74127	0.96	7592325	7883165	7429794	71804	0.97	7288931	7570657
2011**	8236243	76997	0.93	8085205	8387282	7894439	73982	0.94	7749316	8039563
2011	8554730	77778	0.91	8402174	8707286	8196927	74775	0.91	8050261	8343593
2012Q2*	7403166	103322	1.40	7200097.2	7606235	7120518	99106	1.39	6925736	7315301
2012Q2**	7916625	108760	1.37	7702920.9	8130328	7609654	104254	1.37	7404804	7814504
2012Q2	8260028	109745	1.33	8044449.9	8475607	7936294	105225	1.33	7729593	8142994

Year	Unemployed					Unemployment Rate				
	No.	Standard error	C.V (%)	95% C.I.		Rate	Standard error	C.V (%)	95% C.I.	
				Lower	Upper				Lower	Upper
2003 **	640961	20755	3.2	600281	681641	8.4	0.2	2.99	7.9	8.9
2004 ***	667324	18385	2.8	631290	703358	8.3	0.2	2.55	7.9	8.7
2005	623341	39397	6.3	546123	700558	7.7	0.4	5.76	6.8	8.5
2006*	493440	15000	3.0	464020	522859	6.5	0.2	2.96	6.1	6.9
2007*	447021	13838	3.1	419880	474162	6.0	0.2	3.01	5.6	6.3
2008*	394009	13117	3.3	368282	419736	5.2	0.2	3.22	4.9	5.5
2008**	433397	14105	3.3	405734	461060	5.4	0.2	3.12	5.0	5.7
2009*	471254	14863	3.2	442104	500404	5.8	0.2	3.04	5.5	6.2
2009**	432852	14260	3.3	404884	460820	5.7	0.2	3.18	5.4	6.1
2010*	374748	13551	3.6	348170	401326	4.9	0.2	3.47	4.6	5.3
2010**	401146	14063	3.5	373565	428727	4.9	0.2	3.36	4.6	5.3
2011*	307951	15227	4.9	278079	337822	4.0	0.2	4.79	3.6	4.4
2011**	341804	16436	4.8	309563	374045	4.2	0.2	4.63	3.8	4.5
2011	357803	16564	4.6	325314	390292	4.2	0.2	4.46	3.8	4.5
2012Q2*	282648	24097	8.5	235287	330008	3.8	0.3	8.23	3.2	4.4
2012Q2**	306971	24758	8.1	258324	355618	3.9	0.3	7.78	3.3	4.5
2012Q2	323735	25073	7.7	274483	372987	3.9	0.3	7.47	3.3	4.5

\* - Excluding Northern &amp; Eastern provinces

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu and Kilinochchi districts.

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

## 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.

### (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) Unpaid 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 point out that **one hour per week** is too low, to consider a person to be employed.

(2) **Working age Population** : Some point out that persons in the age group 10-14 yrs. are too young to consider to be in the working age.

(3) **Employment Status** : Some point out that 'unpaid 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) Working Age Population :

Persons who are **over 15 yrs of age only** are considered to be in the working age.

### (3) Unpaid Family Worker :

Unpaid family workers are **not** considered as employed. Those unpaid 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.

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

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)	
*2001	12258565	5893030	48.1	5292093	89.8	600937	10.2	6365944
*2002	12612657	6162963	48.9	5482779	89.0	680184	11.0	6450265
**2003	13839853	6547396	47.3	5849585	89.3	697811	10.7	7292837
***2004	14670217	7051951	48.1	6327524	89.7	724427	10.3	7618797
2005	13630354	6565951	48.2	5964493	90.8	601458	9.2	7064403
*2006	13261409	6467138	48.8	5975069	92.4	492069	7.6	6794271
*2007	13459252	6425260	47.7	5979061	93.1	446199	6.9	7033992
*2008	13557956	6393192	47.2	5999538	93.8	393654	6.2	7164764
**2008	14626581	6859040	46.9	6425997	93.7	433042	6.3	7767541
*2009	13853482	6380349	46.1	5947497	93.2	432852	6.8	7473133
**2009	14876264	6836598	46.0	6365344	93.1	471254	6.9	8039665
*2010	14115065	6443474	45.6	6069301	94.2	374173	5.8	7671592
**2010	15166285	6892444	45.4	6492109	94.2	400335	5.8	8273841
*2011	14312573	6442674	45.0	6135055	95.2	307618	4.8	7869900
**2011	15396894	6905775	44.9	6564303	95.1	341472	4.9	8491119
2011	16122111	7196558	44.6	6839087	95.0	357471	5.0	8925553
*2012 Q2	14173871	6514276	46.0	6231628	95.7	282648	4.3	7659595
**2012 Q2	15237570	6984328	45.8	6677357	95.6	306971	4.4	8253241
2012 Q2	16022402	7306270	45.6	6982535	95.6	323735	4.4	8716132

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
*2001	601026	10.2	130397	40.2	271672	30.5	105295	14.0	63668	4.4	29905	1.2
*2002	680184	11.0	136693	41.1	317071	32.7	113920	14.5	75086	4.9	37414	1.5
**2003	697811	10.7	141609	40.4	314693	32.2	121632	14.5	80467	4.8	39410	1.5
***2004	724427	10.3	134848	38.0	332229	31.2	122725	13.4	84461	4.8	50165	1.7
2005	601458	9.2	122670	39.7	268331	28.4	99649	11.3	70764	4.4	40044	1.4
*2006	492069	7.6	86180	29.7	193481	24.0	105966	12.5	58443	3.8	47999	1.6
*2007	446199	6.9	69856	27.7	183617	24.0	87993	10.7	58252	3.8	46480	1.5
*2008	393654	6.2	62422	27.4	151228	20.4	82204	10.4	53900	3.5	43899	1.4
**2008	433042	6.3	68487	27.1	166409	20.8	93202	10.9	58838	3.6	46107	1.4
*2009	432852	6.8	63376	28.0	160563	24.5	90834	11.7	65666	4.2	52413	1.7
**2009	471254	6.9	68447	27.3	176801	24.9	100508	11.9	70988	4.2	54511	1.6
*2010	374173	5.8	55963	27.6	142343	22.4	78615	10.5	56056	3.6	41196	1.2
**2010	400335	5.8	59339	26.5	154788	22.5	84777	10.5	59041	3.6	42390	1.2
*2011	307618	4.8	40219	21.4	131450	20.5	61208	8.2	48804	3.1	25937	0.8
**2011	341472	4.9	43465	20.9	145780	21.0	70134	8.7	53264	3.2	28828	0.8
2011	357471	5.0	45900	21.0	151882	20.7	73545	8.7	55880	3.2	30263	0.8
*2012 Q2	282648	4.3	40041	24.9	121542	20.1	57296	7.8	43502	2.6	20265	0.6
**2012 Q2	306971	4.4	41614	23.6	134320	20.7	63268	7.9	46491	2.5	21278	0.6
2012 Q2	323735	4.4	43011	23.2	140949	20.4	70403	8.3	47950	2.5	21422	0.6

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province

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

Year	Industry group														
	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>**2003</b>															
No.	<b>5860182</b>	1682994	1038390	343650	744153	104923	344294	176993	510486	233874	91213	94491	74181	293951	126590
%	<b>100.0</b>	28.7	17.7	5.9	12.7	1.8	5.9	3.0	8.7	4.0	1.6	1.6	1.3	5.0	2.2
<b>***2004</b>															
No.	<b>6337164</b>	1792810	1191379	439936	794793	108521	402536	170027	526501	257965	102328	108076	65639	293621	83032
%	<b>100.0</b>	28.3	18.8	6.9	12.5	1.7	6.4	2.7	8.3	4.1	1.6	1.7	1.0	4.6	1.3
<b>2005</b>															
No.	<b>5971029</b>	1573306	1147255	476851	739850	108424	422920	204139	465608	245956	118065	105175	47645	253367	62468
%	<b>100.0</b>	26.3	19.2	8.0	12.4	1.8	7.1	3.4	7.8	4.1	2.0	1.8	0.8	4.2	1.0
<b>*2006</b>															
No.	<b>5978575</b>	1570682	1221566	492116	822922	111890	416188	214276	397926	254378	105956	110924	78341	160429	20981
%	<b>100.0</b>	26.3	20.4	8.2	13.8	1.9	7.0	3.6	6.7	4.3	1.8	1.9	1.3	2.7	0.4
<b>*2007</b>															
No.	<b>5979061</b>	1543596	1182348	507060	807657	100638	441290	209288	428978	242713	112778	94647	82955	202406	22706
%	<b>100.0</b>	25.8	19.8	8.5	13.5	1.7	7.4	3.5	7.2	4.1	1.9	1.6	1.4	3.4	0.4
<b>*2008</b>															
No.	<b>5999538</b>	1609009	1205793	496771	790533	90257	403186	228957	456435	268121	106630	114215	80651	136037	12944
%	<b>100.0</b>	26.8	20.1	8.3	13.2	1.5	6.7	3.8	7.6	4.5	1.8	1.9	1.3	2.3	0.2
<b>**2008</b>															
No.	<b>6425997.5</b>	1732266	1257331	550875	842615.7	95772.7	423760.3	234407	505254	293699	116026	126616	81346.7	152592.9	13436
%	<b>100.0</b>	27.0	19.6	8.6	13.1	1.5	6.6	3.6	7.9	4.6	1.8	2.0	1.3	2.4	0.2
<b>*2009</b>															
No.	<b>5947497</b>	1564800	1154758	484131	775679	114969	401454	209011	478742	281272	124932	91098	92713	170430	3507
%	<b>100.0</b>	26.3	19.4	8.1	13.0	1.9	6.7	3.5	8.0	4.7	2.1	1.5	1.6	2.9	0.1
<b>**2009</b>															
No.	<b>6365344</b>	1699505	1196383	522005	830954	122469	426494	214438	515695	316534	132843	107364	92949	184026	3685
%	<b>100.0</b>	26.7	18.8	8.2	13.1	1.9	6.7	3.4	8.1	5.0	2.1	1.7	1.5	2.9	0.1
<b>*2010</b>															
No.	<b>6069301</b>	1609380	1146333	467767	843248	118274	445079	244202	483863	250325	100698	108915	80146	170312	759
%	<b>100.0</b>	26.5	18.9	7.7	13.9	1.9	7.3	4.0	8.0	4.1	1.7	1.8	1.3	2.8	0.0
<b>**2010</b>															
No.	<b>6492109</b>	1750513	1185767	506939	900499	124378	465455	252609	529555	281793	111388	117761	80146	184222	1087
%	<b>100.0</b>	27.0	18.3	7.8	13.9	1.9	7.2	3.9	8.2	4.3	1.7	1.8	1.2	2.8	0.0
<b>*2011</b>															
No.	<b>6135055</b>	1631114	1187627	470728	832415	117363	441063	257603	490175	243738	118677	89683	71780	179534	3555
%	<b>100.0</b>	26.6	19.4	7.7	13.6	1.9	7.2	4.2	8.0	4.0	1.9	1.5	1.2	2.9	0.1
<b>**2011</b>															
No.	<b>6564303</b>	1770260	1221719	503249	887798	121178	467522	268813	540040	279425	125632	95853	72785	205779	4250
%	<b>100.0</b>	27.0	18.6	7.7	13.5	1.8	7.1	4.1	8.2	4.3	1.9	1.5	1.1	3.1	0.1
<b>2011</b>															
No.	<b>6839087</b>	1860573	1242535	542542	924617	124349	482838	274300	557402	300064	131719	106044	74168	213454	4481
%	<b>100.0</b>	27.2	18.2	7.9	13.5	1.8	7.1	4.0	8.2	4.4	1.9	1.6	1.1	3.1	0.1
<b>*2012Q2</b>															
No.	<b>6231628</b>	1577286	1238221	590602	886106	109029	453434	221167	407426	281015	131100	122944	118268	95029	..
%	<b>100.0</b>	25.3	19.9	9.5	14.2	1.7	7.3	3.5	6.5	4.5	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.5	..
<b>**2012Q2</b>															
No.	<b>6677357</b>	1713827	1276382	631466	957746	116253	485797	234178	459389	306218	144630	131396	121015	99061	..
%	<b>100.0</b>	25.7	19.1	9.5	14.3	1.7	7.3	3.5	6.9	4.6	2.2	2.0	1.8	1.5	..
<b>2012Q2</b>															
No.	<b>6982535</b>	1795776	1307163	672958	1007364	117475	502240	246284	479003	335858	154542	137557	125351	100812	152
%	<b>100.0</b>	25.7	18.7	9.6	14.4	1.7	7.2	3.5	6.9	4.8	2.2	2.0	1.8	1.4	0.0

**Industry group**

1 Agriculture Forestry and Fishery (A,B)	8 Public Administration and Defence, Compulsory Social Security (L)
2 Manufacturing (D)	9 Education (M)
3 Construction, Mining & Quarrying , Electricity, Gas and Water supply (C,E,F)	10 Health and Social work (N)
4 Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles, Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods (G)	11 Other Community, Social and Personal Service Activities Extra Territorial Organizations & bodies (O,Q)
5 Hotels and Restaurants (H)	12 Private Households with Employed Persons (P)
6 Transport, Storage and Communication (I)	13 Miscellaneous Labour work
7 Financial Intermediation and Real Estate, Renting and Business Activities (J,K)	14 Industries not adequately described

Note: The tabulation groups based on ISIC (Rev.3) are indicated as A,B,C.....Q. Due to the limitations on reliability (based on CV), some of these groups have been combined.

\* - Excluding Northern and Eastern provinces

\*\*\* - Excluding Mulathivu, Kilinochchi districts.

\*\* - Including Eastern province but Excluding Northern province