

# Prices, Wages and Employment



Table 3.1

## Colombo Consumers' Price Index 1958 – 2007

1952 = 100

Year	All Items	Change, %	Food	Clothing	Fuel & Light	Rent	Miscellaneous
1958	105.0	2.1	105.8	87.5	101.0	101.5	113.1
1959	105.2	0.2	104.7	92.1	102.4	101.5	115.3
1960	103.5	-1.6	100.8	95.1	102.7	101.5	117.5
1961	104.8	1.3	99.8	103.9	104.4	101.5	122.8
1962	106.3	1.4	100.9	108.2	105.6	101.5	124.9
1963	108.8	2.4	103.0	118.2	103.0	101.5	126.6
1964	112.2	3.1	106.4	127.2	103.2	101.5	129.3
1965	112.5	0.3	107.3	126.7	100.7	101.5	128.3
1966	112.3	-0.2	109.1	117.3	95.9	101.5	127.3
1967	114.8	2.2	112.7	116.7	96.4	101.5	128.9
1968	121.5	5.8	121.2	120.1	103.2	101.5	133.6
1969	130.5	7.4	127.9	130.8	124.9	108.4	147.1
1970	138.2	5.9	136.6	137.3	136.1	109.8	153.2
1971	141.9	2.7	139.1	145.0	140.8	109.8	159.5
1972	150.9	6.3	147.5	163.5	145.9	109.8	169.5
1973	165.4	9.6	166.2	186.1	164.4	109.8	169.8
1974	185.8	12.3	189.7	204.6	220.9	109.8	178.3
1975	198.3	6.7	204.3	208.2	237.0	109.8	191.9
1976	200.7	1.2	202.1	211.7	265.2	109.8	203.8
1977	203.2	1.2	203.3	223.8	257.5	109.8	208.4
1978	227.8	12.1	237.5	226.2	262.1	109.8	224.8
1979	252.3	10.8	263.3	231.2	328.5	109.8	252.4
1980	318.2	26.1	339.7	239.9	563.9	109.8	293.8
1981	375.4	18.0	399.6	257.8	767.9	109.8	345.7
1982	416.1	10.8	450.4	273.8	816.4	109.8	377.1
1983	474.2	14.0	506.3	291.1	1,087.6	109.8	433.7
1984	553.1	16.6	598.0	307.5	1,282.7	109.8	496.9
1985	561.2	1.5	598.4	324.2	1,332.1	109.8	524.4
1986	606.0	8.0	641.4	374.5	1,347.6	109.8	599.7
1987	652.8	7.7	697.0	400.9	1,358.7	109.8	650.7
1988	744.1	14.0	802.0	419.8	1,535.1	109.8	742.6
1989	830.2	11.6	884.6	490.0	1,718.9	109.8	860.1
1990	1,008.6	21.5	1,090.9	610.2	1,934.2	109.8	1,021.0
1991	1,131.5	12.2	1,220.3	678.4	2,252.2	109.8	1,146.0
1992	1,260.4	11.4	1,366.0	723.6	2,334.3	109.8	1,318.7
1993	1,408.4	11.7	1,519.4	782.7	2,730.0	109.8	1,490.4
1994	1,527.4	8.4	1,654.1	795.7	3,131.6	109.8	1,578.7
1995	1,644.6	7.7	1,768.1	803.9	3,322.4	109.8	1,800.6
1996	1,906.7	15.9	2,107.6	821.8	3,591.6	109.8	1,994.7
1997	2,089.1	9.6	2,336.9	844.0	3,739.8	109.8	2,157.8
1998	2,284.9	9.4	2,592.1	852.3	3,872.8	109.8	2,319.9
1999	2,392.1	4.7	2,695.4	863.3	3,929.7	109.8	2,558.1
2000	2,539.8	6.2	2,815.8	872.9	4,660.9	109.8	2,802.4
2001	2,899.4	14.2	3,244.7	909.6	5,328.9	109.8	3,131.1
2002	3,176.4	9.6	3,589.9	950.5	5,795.8	109.8	3,327.9
2003	3,377.0	6.3	3,798.4	974.4	6,674.6	109.8	3,497.5
2004	3,632.8	7.6	4,096.2	984.0	7,315.3	109.8	3,726.4
2005	4,055.5	11.6	4,590.6	1,026.7	8,303.0	109.8	4,098.4
2006	4,610.8	13.7	5,198.7	1,067.2	10,641.8	109.8	4,482.6
2007	5,416.1	17.5	6,143.3	1,115.7	13,338.6	109.8	4,978.4

Note : This series was discontinued from May 2008, and was replaced by CCPI (2002=100).

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 3.2

Consumer Price Indices (2002=100) 2003 – 2010

Item	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>Colombo Consumers' Price Index (2002=100)<sup>(a)</sup></b>								
<b>All Items</b>	<b>105.8</b>	<b>115.3</b>	<b>128.0</b>	<b>140.8</b>	<b>163.1</b>	<b>199.9</b>	<b>206.8</b>	<b>219.1</b>
Percentage Change	5.8	9.0	11.0	10.0	15.8	22.6	3.4	5.9
<b>Sub Indices</b>								
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	102.6	111.9	124.7	135.8	163.4	213.3	219.2	234.2
Clothing and Footwear	106.8	112.1	117.9	127.7	140.7	154.8	165.3	176.6
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	112.0	123.1	146.4	174.2	206.6	226.8	227.5	235.3
Furnishing, H/H Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	104.7	109.5	117.6	124.7	134.4	154.1	168.0	176.4
Health	107.1	107.1	108.0	113.1	115.5	163.2	194.8	227.8
Transport	106.7	125.4	141.2	156.7	178.1	240.3	238.8	240.7
Communication	107.8	121.6	121.4	120.5	119.8	100.0	107.0	109.4
Recreation and Culture	101.7	107.0	113.1	113.6	119.5	128.3	161.8	168.7
Education	107.9	114.1	119.7	126.3	133.7	141.0	152.0	171.3
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	111.6	119.3	124.5	131.3	140.5	156.3	168.5	180.7

(a) The series was discontinued from June 2011, and was replaced by CCPI (2006/07=100).

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Consumer Price Indices (2006/07=100) 2008 – 2016

Item	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
<b>Colombo Consumers' Price Index (2006/07=100)</b>									
<b>All Items</b>	<b>129.2</b>	<b>133.6</b>	<b>141.9</b>	<b>151.5</b>	<b>162.9</b>	<b>174.2</b>	<b>179.9</b>	<b>181.5</b>	<b>188.3</b>
Percentage Change		3.5	6.2	6.7	7.6	6.9	3.3	0.9	3.7
<b>Sub Indices</b>									
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	144.0	148.5	158.8	172.7	180.9	195.2	202.5	212.4	221.7
Clothing and Footwear	112.5	122.0	130.2	147.6	162.1	170.8	171.4	195.3	207.7
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	114.0	115.1	119.2	124.4	136.4	151.0	152.7	138.2	138.0
Furnishing, H/H Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	113.0	122.5	128.0	133.8	142.7	148.5	151.9	164.4	170.7
Health	150.4	184.7	233.9	240.3	247.5	251.7	273.1	311.4	345.6
Transport	141.7	138.4	139.7	149.6	181.9	190.2	198.9	182.9	187.1
Communication	82.6	88.2	90.3	90.3	90.3	90.3	93.9	94.0	100.5
Recreation and Culture	116.1	122.7	131.8	139.0	144.6	150.4	153.8	161.6	166.9
Education	110.3	120.7	135.9	140.6	141.2	142.6	143.3	148.1	155.2
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	113.3	122.4	126.3	131.1	136.5	142.2	146.8	154.2	160.8

Note: The series was discontinued from January 2017, and was replaced by CCPI (2013=100).

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Consumer Price Indices (2013=100) 2016 – 2020

Item	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Colombo Consumers' Price Index (2013=100)</b>					
<b>All Items</b>	<b>111.7</b>	<b>119.0</b>	<b>124.1</b>	<b>129.5</b>	<b>135.4</b>
Percentage Change	4.0	6.6	4.3	4.3	4.6
<b>Sub Indices</b>					
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	116.7	127.5	131.8	132.8	147.9
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	153.8	186.0	193.5	215.9	223.5
Clothing and Footwear	119.2	126.3	134.9	145.5	153.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	110.1	110.2	111.4	115.5	117.8
Furnishing, H/H Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	107.8	118.0	127.2	135.2	134.3
Health	126.0	144.2	158.2	175.9	173.9
Transport	92.9	96.9	105.8	112.4	117.2
Communication	110.0	119.8	118.0	108.9	97.3
Recreation and Culture	107.4	109.9	112.9	117.0	117.5
Education	112.8	129.0	140.6	162.6	168.9
Restaurants and Hotels	107.2	116.4	127.8	135.0	138.5
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	118.5	134.0	139.4	144.6	148.0

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 3.3

## Consumers' Price Indices – National Consumer Price Index 2016 – 2020

Item	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>National Consumer Price Index (2013=100)</b>					
<b>All Items</b>	113.8	122.6	125.2	129.6	137.6
Percentage Change	4.0	7.7	2.1	6.2	4.6
<b>Sub Indices</b>					
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	114.1	127.0	126.8	127.6	143.1
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	158.5	175.6	183.4	200.6	214.4
Clothing and Footwear	114.5	118.2	122.8	128.6	132.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels,	114.8	115.8	117.3	126.7	127.7
Furnishing, H/H Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	113.1	119.0	124.0	129.3	130.6
Health	128.0	140.7	151.3	162.3	162.2
Transport	97.6	103.3	112.0	116.4	119.3
Communication	110.9	121.2	119.7	110.3	98.9
Recreation and Culture	109.4	111.3	115.7	123.3	124.9
Education	115.0	119.8	127.0	137.1	143.7
Restaurants and Hotels	106.7	110.7	114.6	119.1	122.0
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	114.8	127.4	133.8	141.5	144.2

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 3.4

## Producer Price Index 2016 – 2020

2013 Q4 = 100

Item	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>All Items</b>	<b>107.1</b>	<b>125.3</b>	<b>133.2</b>	<b>137.1</b>	<b>145.0</b>
<b>Agriculture</b>	<b>120.4</b>	<b>162.7</b>	<b>159.9</b>	<b>149.2</b>	<b>174.0</b>
Growing of crops & cereals; Farming of animals	120.4	162.7	159.9	149.2	174.0
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>103.7</b>	<b>109.2</b>	<b>121.8</b>	<b>131.3</b>	<b>136.5</b>
Manufacture of food products and beverages	107.6	127.7	130.3	131.8	141.2
Manufacture of tobacco products	136.6	182.4	182.8	230.4	237.5
Manufacture of textiles	98.5	106.9	114.1	130.6	127.4
Manufacture of wearing apparel, dressing, and dyeing of fur	113.3	119.4	130.5	138.4	149.5
Publishing, printing and reproduction of recorded media	97.0	95.8	108.6	129.9	128.1
Manufacture of coke, refine petroleum products and nuclear fuel	59.8	74.1	98.0	91.3	70.0
Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	96.0	95.7	107.1	124.8	124.4
Manufacture of rubber and plastics	91.8	91.5	99.7	109.6	118.6
Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	110.5	109.2	110.9	117.8	121.6
Manufacture of basic metals	96.2	101.1	106.5	116.3	120.1
Manufacture of electrical machinery and apparatus, n.e.c.	109.1	108.9	114.1	120.7	133.9
Manufacture of other transport equipment	102.1	105.3	115.7	125.9	114.0
Manufacture of furniture, Manufacturing, n.e.c.	105.5	117.6	122.1	130.0	135.8
<b>Electricity and Water Supply</b>	<b>84.8</b>	<b>84.9</b>	<b>85.0</b>	<b>87.0</b>	<b>89.2</b>
Electricity	82.8	83.2	83.1	84.2	86.4
Collection, purification and distribution of water	103.9	101.3	102.9	113.1	115.5

(a) Provisional

Note: n.e.c. – not elsewhere classified

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 3.5

Average Retail Prices of Selected Consumer Items 2011 – 2020

	Rupees									
Item	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>Rice, kg.</b>										
Samba (Highest)	71.82	70.33	71.90	83.83	90.25	95.58	101.58	112.67	107.45	109.34
Par Boiled (Highest)	60.51	60.09	62.04	75.75	76.73	76.69	90.59	90.01	91.39	99.34
Kekulu (Highest)	55.33	56.63	58.33	71.92	74.85	69.60	86.03	83.29	83.38	97.42
<b>Up Country Vegetables, kg</b>										
Beans	144.69	125.45	130.31	134.03	195.82	183.39	176.78	203.73	189.38	225.72
Carrot	124.06	121.12	131.03	133.37	182.54	168.30	176.58	220.60	178.90	219.57
Beet Root	103.25	101.88	99.31	104.50	131.40	129.69	125.89	137.34	132.02	148.68
Cabbage	85.24	80.99	87.31	88.57	113.86	115.48	118.60	132.44	119.69	145.24
Leeks	96.23	110.93	115.73	114.69	166.35	143.24	138.26	194.75	154.83	178.65
<b>Low Country Vegetables, kg</b>										
Pumpkin	59.84	64.30	63.00	66.70	78.18	84.79	95.77	85.81	93.01	111.18
Brinjal	82.20	76.17	76.83	84.75	101.12	100.96	117.35	123.58	122.10	138.93
Capicum	164.17	145.18	151.87	161.71	223.61	213.51	229.71	236.47	234.26	273.33
Lime	172.20	198.53	232.59	176.66	237.85	372.38	248.27	292.30	348.72	329.21
<b>Leafy Vegetables, 1 bundle</b>										
Mukunuwenna	18.14	19.35	20.71	21.52	24.11	26.35	27.58	29.97	30.15	31.43
Kan-kun	16.79	17.94	19.73	20.60	23.09	25.16	26.30	29.26	29.85	30.93
Gotukola	17.87	18.39	19.34	20.17	22.38	25.04	26.39	29.20	29.52	30.48
Katuru Murunga	17.00	18.08	19.83	20.50	22.52	24.87	26.23	29.41	29.72	30.16
<b>Yams, kg</b>										
Potato (Local)	108.12	110.60	117.42	121.26	125.96	134.74	145.90	142.02	173.75	197.62
Manioc	47.21	49.85	50.44	52.92	56.99	61.62	72.59	65.28	81.58	103.50
Sweet Potato	58.34	59.68	64.33	66.75	80.59	82.27	85.23	94.80	98.70	102.05
<b>Meat and Eggs, kg</b>										
Beef	415.97	441.15	472.24	497.29	539.55	650.60	747.09	851.12	942.76	957.61
Mutton	780.93	897.75	1,056.37	1,139.17	1,245.27	1,432.51	1,655.50	1,743.00	1,887.05	1,951.46
Chicken (Ordinary)	383.09	389.88	411.82	420.27	458.79	496.94	498.80	540.07	542.78	566.90
Eggs White (Farm - each)	13.00	11.81	14.56	13.55	14.94	16.19	14.19	15.61	19.03	18.60
<b>Sea Fish, kg</b>										
Seer – Thora	834.87	926.20	1,007.71	1,030.13	1,070.95	1,173.76	1,221.96	1,241.44	1,281.63	1,270.52
Trevally – Paraw	590.58	642.99	675.48	697.23	725.97	770.46	815.75	792.12	865.39	880.10
Skip Jack – Balaya	459.32	492.82	509.80	528.05	559.38	601.10	596.02	562.68	599.46	619.52
Tuna – Kelawalla	595.06	650.00	680.70	711.20	753.22	802.07	850.57	858.29	934.12	943.02
Shark – Mora	479.71	519.06	556.55	579.23	603.51	645.76	675.38	734.64	791.84	832.37
Sardine – Salaya	161.25	170.06	182.54	177.25	181.92	195.82	201.18	213.31	252.99	280.42
<b>Dried Fish, kg</b>										
Seer – Thora	839.36	982.49	1,092.87	1,117.16	1,140.73	1,213.61	1,256.88	1,310.67	1,369.46	1,454.83
Shark – Mora	656.48	753.77	834.35	861.14	889.07	941.71	978.26	1,039.35	1,053.26	1,125.23
Skip Jack – Balaya	543.61	623.65	662.20	693.03	717.22	747.16	740.10	729.43	744.92	805.61
Queen Fish – Kattawa	767.34	862.98	919.32	944.45	971.34	1,040.80	1,078.03	1,142.54	1,201.67	1,268.25
Sprats	325.07	388.08	578.03	495.14	493.22	573.50	613.53	670.99	687.42	678.86
<b>Canned and Preserved Fish, (425g)</b>										
Tinned Fish (Captain)	220.42	233.49	240.87	242.87	236.58	224.58	205.78	289.55	294.44	298.54
Tinned Fish (Other)	198.71	197.51	201.04	193.77	153.25	148.49	146.76	162.42	216.78	225.40
<b>Pulses, kg</b>										
Green Gram	198.10	224.37	271.56	299.73	252.11	228.94	234.31	229.64	247.32	318.45
Dhal – Mysore	149.25	142.57	153.58	161.37	181.88	183.29	167.56	128.95	125.19	155.83
Cowpea (Best)	203.80	220.78	238.17	217.98	236.06	239.38	272.66	260.62	265.67	333.91
<b>Condiments, kg</b>										
Dried Chilli	275.01	231.48	228.00	230.85	275.76	349.26	259.07	281.90	357.25	525.13
Pepper	781.70	1,237.63	1,076.80	1,320.54	1,489.80	1,594.28	1,510.30	1,216.90	1,457.98	1,409.72
Tamarind	242.80	219.35	215.00	228.13	274.19	305.56	349.61	324.20	349.90	415.82
Coriander	282.80	268.42	285.40	369.17	329.38	309.91	290.63	266.00	311.48	352.83
Turmeric (Dried)	824.00	672.52	689.93	687.19	671.18	677.69	692.04	704.10	718.51	1,879.63
Garlic	226.00	216.59	227.85	201.42	234.92	368.89	396.10	243.40	317.67	342.67
Washed Salt (1 Pkt)	32.72	32.57	33.07	34.58	34.80	55.28	61.13	60.59	59.03	57.92
Chillie Powder (100g)	40.49	40.06	40.21	40.61	43.93	49.87	48.80	49.98	54.80	70.94
Raw Ginger	290.20	288.32	394.17	526.35	429.88	396.84	702.76	689.60	537.29	495.08
<b>Spices, kg</b>										
Red Onion	142.25	108.13	171.87	102.46	125.91	123.39	236.50	180.61	201.71	310.79
Cumin Seed	562.30	593.62	638.91	642.11	638.42	661.80	684.64	753.30	799.63	818.91
Fennel Seed	361.70	383.33	388.76	386.79	411.29	434.90	466.84	519.50	586.07	630.73
Mathe Seed	232.20	255.90	273.97	288.28	306.02	321.43	321.93	345.20	359.05	381.95
Cinnamon Quills	1,151.10	1,551.40	1,817.27	1,810.70	1,890.27	2,021.74	2,394.81	2,865.36	3,096.50	3,313.90

(a) Provisional

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Average Retail Prices of Selected Consumer Items 2011 – 2020

	Rupees									
Item	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>Coconut</b>										
Coconut (Medium), each	36.41	29.61	40.17	40.05	45.30	39.70	61.46	63.27	44.26	65.99
Coconut Oil, 750 ml	211.75	174.18	197.67	210.77	203.17	209.20	265.28	268.24	259.08	349.97
<b>Fruits, kg</b>										
Pineapple	112.25	114.37	112.51	110.73	121.20	150.04	178.73	150.67	153.80	158.93
Banana – Kolikuttu	129.08	129.74	133.64	125.51	145.06	176.87	197.44	177.94	188.27	200.36
Banana – Ambul	55.33	57.73	61.70	57.51	63.90	74.84	99.01	89.67	90.36	94.90
Papaw	58.46	61.51	63.64	61.38	84.30	83.79	79.66	79.78	91.20	82.09
<b>Milk Food and Beverages</b>										
Fresh Milk (Dairy), 750 ml	59.14	65.36	69.97	73.12	76.96	81.70	84.98	86.77	–	–
Fresh Milk (Ambewela), 1 litre	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	216.82	251.53
Tea (BOP) (1 kg)	789.00	822.45	936.64	1,024.85	1,122.02	1,145.63	1,222.04	1,455.20	1,455.32	1,332.29
Coffee Powder (1 kg)	1,113.00	1,138.66	1,156.55	1,177.64	1,179.13	1,295.63	1,643.99	2,046.00	2,099.78	2,119.65
Lakspray (400g)	249.71	289.11	316.96	379.40	329.76	324.78	324.70	326.01	366.20	380.15
Anchor (400g)	256.46	300.37	324.67	379.77	330.27	324.58	324.26	326.81	367.35	380.29
Lactogen (1) (400g)	333.49	372.38	402.19	460.73	464.95	464.91	480.71	542.69	590.00	590.00
Lactogen (2) (400g)	299.48	343.60	415.72	439.73	440.01	439.93	458.78	531.83	580.00	580.00
Milk Maid (390g)	145.14	173.71	184.59	188.53	195.42	206.93	214.22	215.12	227.81	241.85
<b>Tobacco and Tobacco Products, each</b>										
Chewing Tobacco – Jaffna	56.15	58.44	62.14	63.86	61.96	66.43	75.53	73.51	79.11	81.03
Cigarette – Bristol	16.67	18.81	20.45	–	20.01	24.66	34.99	35.00	44.09	49.62
<b>Soap, tablet</b>										
Sunlight (each)	28.83	33.95	36.90	39.60	40.00	40.87	43.83	45.96	48.90	49.99
Kohomba (each)	33.61	36.78	38.71	40.35	41.00	42.64	50.59	55.61	60.62	63.58
Signal Toothpaste – med. (70g)	54.68	59.62	63.13	67.15	70.00	70.00	73.26	79.31	83.96	86.91
<b>Fuel and Light</b>										
Kerosene, 1 litre	59.65	103.73	107.25	99.82	61.70	54.13	48.97	61.22	70.00	70.00
Fire Wood, 50 kg	361.75	401.73	437.01	454.24	452.79	510.97	517.08	582.50	611.18	683.73
LP Gas (Cylinder – 12.5 kg)	1,931.28	2,254.27	2,458.32	2,381.84	1,628.03	1,413.51	1,416.70	1,564.83	1,733.67	1,552.38
<b>Bakery Products</b>										
Bread (loaf)	48.80	55.17	59.46	59.74	53.87	56.64	57.71	60.19	62.67	61.39
<b>Cereal Preparations (bought from outside)</b>										
Hopper (each)	10.36	11.07	11.56	11.84	11.09	11.60	12.38	13.11	13.85	14.36
String Hopper (each)	2.85	3.02	3.22	3.28	3.23	3.46	3.70	4.17	4.48	4.81
<b>Other Cereal Preparation</b>										
Wheat Flour (1 kg)	83.56	91.07	98.05	98.07	86.29	90.20	89.89	90.82	92.65	90.49
Kurakkan Flour (400g)	62.04	88.53	126.63	131.49	132.70	136.24	143.85	146.85	151.71	165.88
Rice Flour (400g)	45.47	47.61	49.28	49.96	52.20	105.70	120.12	63.07	63.07	69.29
<b>Fats &amp; Oil</b>										
Margarine (Astra) (250g)	134.41	149.70	168.84	182.96	189.12	193.33	206.66	224.27	250.67	276.99
Butter (Anchor)	300.83	313.20	342.10	459.57	494.99	494.80	501.15	544.27	625.00	625.00
Butter (Highland)	195.10	242.51	251.04	250.36	272.17	332.68	368.14	378.87	387.50	414.70
<b>Sugar</b>										
Sugar (White) (1 kg)	97.37	100.63	102.37	101.95	86.92	100.14	106.73	107.74	105.54	125.82
<b>Preserved Food</b>										
Papadam (1 Pkt)	32.02	35.83	39.99	39.24	41.15	42.44	46.57	59.28	60.62	64.47
Jam (Woodapple) MD (485g)	197.69	220.68	252.06	274.54	296.53	317.37	331.84	339.15	362.94	364.36
Marmite (115g)	212.92	237.51	228.24	233.15	256.13	266.93	291.20	296.60	323.18	324.99
Dates (1 kg)	215.12	223.98	271.84	315.44	340.60	388.82	437.59	436.43	468.52	495.99
Soya Meat (Lanka Soy) (90g)	46.39	48.35	54.85	57.85	61.47	62.68	64.82	65.00	70.36	74.60
<b>Non-Alcoholic Beverages</b>										
Orange Barley (400 ml)	31.21	35.11	39.46	44.05	45.01	46.77	49.54	60.52	69.32	70.49
Plain Tea (1 Cup)	11.13	11.85	13.63	14.37	12.56	13.63	14.95	15.75	17.40	19.04

(a) Provisional

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Table 3.6

Average Retail Prices of Selected Food Items by Province 2019 and 2020

Rs. per kg.

Item	Western	Central	Southern	Northern	Eastern	North Western	North Central	Uva	Sabara-gamuwa	All Island
<b>2019</b>										
Ash Plantain	133.08	112.57	113.63	87.86	115.93	95.51	112.92	115.41	94.58	109.59
Beans	198.64	178.25	205.79	183.60	178.58	193.57	207.41	185.97	172.25	189.38
Cabbage	134.25	105.73	139.50	118.46	115.81	117.28	117.46	113.84	98.57	119.69
Carrot	183.09	174.24	183.35	186.95	165.56	180.46	188.22	182.70	154.85	178.90
Pumpkin	107.93	86.69	107.36	80.19	93.83	85.78	94.37	100.57	77.73	93.01
Snake gourd	150.07	122.45	131.41	111.46	107.11	121.93	127.06	134.14	101.91	124.16
Brinjal	141.14	125.80	125.89	113.59	118.41	110.88	130.84	121.34	98.23	122.10
Tomato	138.79	117.00	120.60	128.45	115.30	129.45	119.72	112.70	110.96	123.43
Rice (Samba)	102.05	110.84	114.47	105.82	109.63	105.04	106.35	107.28	110.32	107.45
Rice (Kekulu)	82.38	89.32	79.22	81.08	85.32	87.94	87.42	77.48	83.01	83.38
Red Onion	225.81	209.13	208.08	176.06	179.59	224.33	214.68	217.83	187.31	201.71
Big Onion	144.71	156.10	131.61	125.66	144.42	137.78	143.44	152.64	126.30	139.13
Potato	183.85	178.36	181.43	140.47	164.75	179.67	176.95	180.42	167.16	173.75
Dried Chilli	364.70	360.44	368.87	355.64	334.90	354.12	343.40	369.02	358.92	357.25
Dhal – Mysore	126.79	124.42	125.59	127.70	129.54	120.04	126.86	121.16	119.29	125.19
Eggs (Each)	18.67	19.17	19.19	19.27	18.87	18.51	18.85	19.97	18.83	19.03
Coconut	48.05	44.55	50.07	38.93	44.24	40.82	42.71	39.20	48.32	44.26
Kelawalla	1,005.36	982.83	1,013.69	678.63	846.74	830.86	1,040.36	981.82	876.71	934.12
Balaya	679.02	522.56	675.32	540.49	651.92	456.63	592.64	579.86	624.68	599.46
Salaya	267.26	284.85	258.96	245.21	255.06	209.00	242.50	259.27	222.31	252.99
<b>2020<sup>(a)</sup></b>										
Ash Plantain	148.56	125.15	126.03	97.62	133.96	106.41	120.03	129.34	108.22	122.03
Beans	230.68	218.01	234.04	220.18	206.23	239.57	267.91	220.48	205.48	225.72
Cabbage	161.56	127.27	156.65	144.52	149.60	137.06	153.67	137.19	124.54	145.24
Carrot	232.33	209.05	219.66	228.69	211.18	205.53	243.66	214.90	193.57	219.57
Pumpkin	129.94	105.16	121.43	92.99	106.20	109.63	122.63	124.18	93.37	111.18
Snake gourd	169.50	142.54	149.95	126.41	124.69	141.47	149.42	142.99	121.48	141.34
Brinjal	157.73	137.00	137.46	134.80	144.98	130.00	145.83	136.75	110.42	138.93
Tomato	193.62	169.98	160.98	171.86	160.83	166.06	166.56	156.84	157.84	169.45
Rice (Samba)	106.79	110.23	114.91	111.22	107.20	105.72	104.31	110.37	113.33	109.34
Rice (Kekulu)	99.44	98.36	94.46	102.08	93.24	98.84	95.05	92.44	97.21	97.42
Red Onion	357.09	291.12	338.87	263.30	274.46	306.69	346.44	343.96	323.13	310.79
Big Onion	165.10	175.75	196.84	138.62	169.64	180.67	165.58	178.61	158.68	168.44
Potato	210.77	192.86	208.80	167.59	188.80	199.01	211.28	202.50	191.96	197.62
Dried Chilli	530.21	552.51	542.40	503.54	510.40	514.47	518.13	531.25	533.55	525.13
Dhal – Mysore	150.69	155.45	156.10	157.24	161.63	156.13	158.35	154.56	155.61	155.83
Eggs (Each)	18.58	18.62	18.72	18.94	18.36	18.05	18.06	19.36	18.22	18.60
Coconut	69.65	66.16	72.11	58.43	68.21	62.99	65.00	67.92	65.88	65.99
Kelawalla	1,007.51	953.67	972.94	782.66	927.89	797.04	1,037.26	1,025.44	871.95	943.02
Balaya	708.50	545.85	650.47	569.70	699.13	489.86	620.91	557.48	669.18	619.52
Salaya	300.67	300.00	299.73	271.22	277.41	252.17	270.26	273.49	252.79	280.42

(a) Provisional

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Table 3.7

## Average Producer Prices of Selected Items 2011 – 2020

Commodity	Rupees									
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>Paddy, kg.</b>	31.09	31.37	33.22	41.12	41.12	38.58	49.07	47.93	44.49	51.66
<b>Up Country Vegetables, kg</b>										
Beans	98.28	72.98	77.40	83.01	125.74	117.10	112.18	109.39	96.20	127.18
Carrot	67.60	68.95	80.39	81.57	119.69	108.78	112.28	126.14	105.47	124.38
Beet Root	60.07	58.09	59.79	61.02	79.52	82.20	75.26	73.69	74.15	84.74
<b>Low Country Vegetables, kg</b>										
Pumpkin (Red)	31.28	33.26	31.85	34.83	39.32	43.76	52.25	42.60	46.06	54.75
Brinjal	47.14	43.72	43.39	48.72	56.75	57.90	66.28	65.34	62.87	70.95
Capsicum	105.10	90.23	96.36	103.58	151.32	138.73	151.16	132.93	139.56	159.74
Lime	79.48	95.20	116.87	82.46	112.50	207.48	129.57	127.58	173.56	162.18
<b>Yams, kg</b>										
Potato	79.02	76.52	84.29	88.88	93.80	99.78	113.34	88.64	108.38	118.13
Manioc	27.64	28.11	28.91	30.76	33.29	35.75	43.67	36.15	45.25	61.28
Sweet Potato	34.02	35.07	36.06	37.74	46.30	47.95	49.65	52.41	50.37	57.36
<b>Eggs (Farm), each</b>	11.09	10.03	12.46	11.77	12.88	14.19	12.47	13.10	15.76	15.55
<b>Sea Fish, kg</b>										
Seer – Thora	545.93	576.01	644.24	653.12	723.43	793.22	811.22	839.20	908.03	861.45
Trevally – Paraw	397.06	434.63	461.19	460.25	504.49	550.80	590.65	627.74	636.04	679.40
Skip Jack – Balaya	280.32	307.59	309.61	324.29	357.21	391.65	378.12	340.47	355.17	443.47
Tuna – Kelawalla	349.66	412.90	432.85	453.41	478.90	498.73	535.85	528.91	585.07	614.19
Shark – Mora	316.23	368.11	380.00	392.24	425.64	477.22	509.09	496.65	844.62	590.89
Sardine – Salaya	86.18	95.06	105.59	106.39	104.61	108.22	114.88	123.33	149.53	177.58
<b>Dried Fish, kg</b>										
Seer – Thora	620.08	656.36	649.58	728.71	713.94	829.77	852.67	975.68	997.37	1,042.11
Shark – Mora	484.82	546.90	574.06	605.48	587.08	675.51	667.78	872.62	844.62	947.78
Skip Jack – Balaya	434.15	521.88	530.56	532.47	537.25	567.16	553.04	515.75	486.04	534.81
Queen Fish – Kattawa	610.16	676.04	657.36	649.95	673.45	724.25	780.91	948.57	936.07	1,009.85
Sprats	264.78	310.92	509.71	454.87	397.16	446.72	502.07	567.78	488.48	515.23
<b>Pulses, kg</b>										
Green Gram	157.88	169.99	199.71	225.81	197.38	182.81	183.23	174.30	193.12	232.75
Cowpea MI 35 (White)	145.81	156.31	165.68	145.94	161.71	162.21	177.87	160.84	163.31	222.36
Sorghum	73.67	85.76	120.00	130.19	137.86	138.13	139.77	145.34	186.18	221.82
<b>Curry Stuff, kg</b>										
Dried Chilli	216.89	180.49	183.47	188.51	217.68	264.25	210.62	206.69	271.64	399.59
Pepper	607.81	848.93	749.72	987.07	1,072.10	1,177.48	931.54	649.68	557.01	557.12
Turmeric (Dried)	344.56	249.10	274.58	308.75	227.89	262.40	304.06	269.32	296.32	1,410.31
<b>Spices, kg</b>										
Red Onion	87.97	64.14	108.94	66.55	75.66	74.29	136.14	106.68	118.71	185.71
Cloves	1,203.42	1,184.32	1,181.60	1,361.98	1,052.26	1,041.66	990.03	1,096.64	1,024.91	915.60
Cardamom	2,706.62	1,697.18	1,978.62	1,808.33	1,544.86	1,569.59	2,044.35	2,525.81	4,896.55	9,921.05
Cinnamon Quills	824.66	954.16	1,006.07	1,060.19	1,132.31	1,345.09	1,598.12	1,743.24	1,691.79	1,763.19
<b>Coconut</b>										
Coconut, each	28.73	22.79	31.14	31.22	34.66	29.19	47.33	47.54	31.77	49.39
Copra, 250 kg	31,555.86	26,215.38	33,064.98	34,682.00	33,912.33	32,511.68	42,567.42	38,631.94	34,625.00	45,928.57
Coconut Charcoal, 50 kg	1,887.85	1,915.84	2,133.45	2,369.95	2,254.63	2,250.67	2,356.41	2,480.68	2,598.10	2,766.87
<b>Fruits, 50 kg</b>										
Pineapple	2,989.39	3,031.14	2,735.75	2,723.10	2,868.93	3,354.61	4,382.65	4,482.80	4,265.53	4,227.13
Banana – Kolikuttu	3,751.90	3,750.80	4,014.56	3,747.69	4,196.37	5,139.15	5,766.30	5,253.39	5,307.54	5,635.81
Banana – Ambul	1,485.01	1,535.76	1,700.80	1,567.22	1,696.99	1,975.24	2,636.28	2,383.37	2,239.26	2,414.31
<b>Betel and Arecanut, 1,000</b>										
Betel	951.81	838.08	857.22	923.41	1,214.12	1,792.10	1,192.29	1,270.61	1,647.30	1,769.83
Arecanut (Seasoned)	1,606.06	1,301.06	1,373.92	1,715.34	2,399.38	2,435.48	1,913.21	2,316.35	2,165.20	4,494.25
<b>Jaggery and Treacle</b>										
Coconut Jaggery, kg	188.04	203.40	229.51	211.61	208.62	238.46	219.35	234.00	213.85	166.25
Coconut Treacle, 750 ml	201.06	254.58	271.16	278.15	289.51	307.06	318.00	264.64	282.20	299.76
<b>Coffee Seed, kg</b>	237.16	248.55	223.33	224.52	241.14	332.69	410.10	480.69	465.13	565.99
<b>Cocoa, kg</b>	317.33	283.59	193.72	236.22	248.36	301.06	300.76	356.16	385.49	370.96
<b>Tea Leaves, kg</b>	54.40	55.47	61.42	69.12	63.69	64.93	88.94	89.11	85.05	95.01
<b>Building Materials</b>										
Bricks, 1,000	6,504.33	10,317.25	11,423.24	11,436.49	12,229.93	14,054.92	15,010.47	12,684.72	12,681.82	14,034.95
Sand, cube	4,271.69	4,714.20	4,999.73	4,946.45	5,111.19	5,967.74	7,788.08	8,687.69	9,383.55	8,566.98
Metal ¼", cube	5,541.74	6,243.18	6,577.43	6,501.87	6,387.03	6,643.85	6,903.74	7,108.21	7,278.49	7,540.28

(a) Provisional

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Table 3.8

Average Producer Prices of Selected Food Items by Province 2019 and 2020

Rs. per kg.

Item	Western	Central	Southern	Northern	Eastern	North Western	North Central	Uva	Sabara-gamuwa	All Island
<b>2019</b>										
Ash Plantain	58.06	58.24	42.50	51.49	52.03	42.19	54.41	52.50	55.00	52.65
Pumpkin	40.83	46.31	51.67	47.17	45.21	51.43	44.12	44.14	35.00	46.06
Snake gourd	69.76	57.97	63.75	61.02	38.59	85.00	56.25	56.36	54.00	58.47
Brinjal	63.70	73.84	57.92	70.15	52.32	67.78	63.82	45.48	34.17	62.87
Beans	–	104.94	–	99.17	–	–	96.00	81.73	–	96.20
Cabbage	–	89.23	–	55.00	–	41.11	–	38.50	–	58.69
Carrot	–	106.86	–	138.75	–	–	–	74.00	–	105.47
Tomato	–	61.55	54.29	81.34	21.33	96.67	39.58	31.29	–	59.97
Dried Chilli	–	245.00	–	284.89	–	270.00	200.00	–	–	271.64
Potato	–	141.15	–	76.43	–	102.86	–	97.78	–	108.38
Red Onion	–	160.00	100.00	113.97	110.00	142.50	205.00	–	–	118.71
Big Onion	–	–	–	73.33	–	107.56	75.00	–	–	87.41
Eggs (Farm) (100 Nos.)	1,512.26	1,546.15	1,596.15	1,598.50	1,518.06	1,513.64	1,666.67	1,583.87	1,647.92	1,576.20
Paraw	650.00	–	613.04	636.67	682.61	565.83	–	–	–	636.04
Balaya	379.44	–	332.17	333.18	415.71	332.50	–	–	–	355.17
Kelawalla	640.53	–	636.36	400.00	545.29	475.00	–	–	–	585.07
Salaya	173.33	–	130.77	163.33	136.25	147.27	–	–	–	149.53
<b>2020<sup>(a)</sup></b>										
Ash Plantain	59.80	64.86	51.96	57.28	52.79	42.35	52.94	65.17	67.50	57.49
Pumpkin	54.38	60.00	62.78	55.50	47.17	53.44	55.14	57.90	35.83	54.75
Snake gourd	76.43	76.67	77.50	71.56	41.42	80.00	64.03	74.58	56.36	67.25
Brinjal	65.42	81.20	60.77	79.21	61.03	71.25	65.88	64.71	44.17	70.95
Beans	–	148.89	–	112.86	–	–	90.00	107.69	–	127.18
Cabbage	–	69.17	–	80.56	96.67	80.71	–	60.38	–	73.08
Carrot	–	133.17	–	200.00	99.17	–	–	108.75	–	124.38
Tomato	–	97.91	73.13	121.72	80.00	81.36	80.75	66.58	–	92.50
Dried Chilli	–	260.00	–	422.07	–	376.67	342.00	–	–	399.59
Potato	–	126.50	–	83.33	–	–	–	120.00	–	118.13
Red Onion	–	–	–	181.82	212.65	160.63	–	–	–	185.71
Big Onion	–	–	–	96.50	–	118.00	85.00	–	–	102.50
Eggs (Farm) (100 Nos.)	1,599.29	1,417.14	1,580.00	1,591.26	1,572.50	1,419.05	1,620.69	1,550.00	1,552.08	1,555.45
Paraw	715.38	–	566.67	628.18	869.17	570.83	–	–	–	679.40
Balaya	400.00	–	359.55	353.33	666.15	345.83	–	–	–	443.47
Kelawalla	625.38	–	603.18	–	664.44	509.17	–	–	–	614.19
Salaya	184.29	–	135.71	206.36	174.21	172.73	–	–	–	177.58

(a) Provisional

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Table 3.9

Retail Prices of Selected Food Items in Selected Districts 2019

Rs. per kg.

Item	District	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average
<b>Samba Rice</b>	Colombo	113.28	111.81	103.63	99.25	97.88	98.80	96.70	93.00	94.25	100.33	104.88	108.47	101.86
	Kandy	112.25	111.00	111.00	99.00	96.00	95.80	95.30	96.00	101.00	103.38	103.88	103.90	102.38
	Matara	118.75	122.50	118.75	122.00	118.57	117.50	115.70	110.00	110.50	120.00	108.00	107.60	117.44
	Anuradhapura	111.67	112.25	112.88	101.33	102.43	103.29	102.78	103.13	105.25	100.13	100.75	106.50	105.04
<b>Kekulu Rice</b>	Colombo	82.31	81.00	76.31	77.05	79.69	80.27	77.30	78.75	83.60	89.60	95.13	102.37	83.61
	Kandy	89.38	88.86	88.00	88.00	88.00	86.40	81.90	83.75	86.40	93.50	97.00	100.00	89.27
	Matara	77.75	78.00	75.88	70.22	71.57	72.38	74.57	73.75	74.50	82.43	89.43	99.60	78.67
	Anuradhapura	85.17	84.75	85.63	83.44	83.57	83.86	84.22	84.50	85.88	87.38	89.50	95.56	86.24
<b>Beans</b>	Colombo	170.00	131.25	130.63	234.00	263.75	192.00	160.00	197.50	237.00	206.67	180.00	309.47	201.02
	Kandy	150.00	112.86	92.50	156.00	220.00	160.00	126.00	156.25	173.00	142.50	132.50	222.00	153.63
	Matara	190.00	156.67	137.50	157.00	234.29	210.00	182.00	192.50	231.11	240.00	245.00	341.00	211.52
	Anuradhapura	180.00	112.50	137.50	185.56	267.14	185.71	166.67	212.50	255.00	170.00	158.13	226.67	187.63
<b>Cabbage</b>	Colombo	138.13	104.38	104.38	127.00	138.75	137.33	115.00	105.00	135.79	160.00	183.75	191.58	136.76
	Kandy	95.00	70.00	65.00	58.00	70.00	87.50	73.33	58.75	73.00	108.00	130.00	122.22	84.23
	Matara	160.00	125.00	125.00	118.00	154.29	150.00	136.00	117.50	135.56	151.43	177.50	210.00	147.37
	Anuradhapura	133.33	86.25	76.25	95.56	120.00	104.29	95.56	88.75	117.50	132.50	170.00	157.78	114.53
<b>Brinjal</b>	Colombo	151.25	100.00	125.00	112.50	151.88	121.33	121.00	123.75	145.00	153.33	167.50	248.33	143.41
	Kandy	120.00	78.57	122.50	68.00	110.00	106.00	112.00	80.00	104.00	105.00	100.00	206.00	109.34
	Matara	107.50	95.00	102.50	100.00	97.14	100.00	104.00	110.00	115.56	108.57	127.50	203.00	116.16
	Anuradhapura	143.33	82.50	118.75	90.00	129.29	110.00	111.11	100.00	132.50	128.75	140.00	160.00	120.05
<b>Pumpkin</b>	Colombo	85.33	75.00	76.25	77.37	108.75	140.00	170.00	125.33	114.50	138.00	128.75	118.95	113.19
	Kandy	45.00	51.43	50.00	42.00	70.00	112.00	134.00	101.25	95.00	100.00	97.50	67.00	80.43
	Matara	77.50	76.67	87.50	81.00	102.86	105.00	158.00	114.29	122.50	128.57	127.50	114.00	106.30
	Anuradhapura	51.67	42.50	36.25	51.11	67.14	91.43	122.22	107.50	95.00	142.50	102.50	80.00	83.26
<b>Red Onion</b>	Colombo	184.00	197.14	162.00	155.33	174.17	208.00	228.00	181.25	190.00	284.00	382.50	442.73	232.43
	Kandy	162.50	155.71	132.50	130.00	130.00	154.00	235.83	160.00	163.00	247.14	325.00	566.00	213.47
	Matara	160.00	156.00	145.00	151.11	147.14	156.67	186.67	150.00	174.44	288.57	343.33	423.33	202.20
	Anuradhapura	146.00	143.33	120.00	136.25	182.00	217.50	213.33	144.38	157.14	240.00	320.00	427.14	207.17
<b>Big Onion<sup>(a)</sup></b>	Colombo	94.29	89.31	85.84	99.08	96.56	117.92	127.94	134.38	168.40	266.88	234.69	193.86	142.43
	Kandy	104.38	94.05	65.00	74.00	72.50	82.00	119.80	120.00	150.00	262.50	152.14	171.50	146.20
	Matara	81.25	69.17	67.14	78.82	77.50	100.79	108.00	116.25	137.32	262.08	240.63	187.00	143.65
	Anuradhapura	76.98	79.00	75.25	84.39	81.93	101.79	116.67	119.07	145.81	237.86	190.83	188.78	130.45
<b>Potato</b>	Colombo	162.50	157.50	143.13	177.00	192.00	192.67	219.47	201.25	207.00	170.67	202.67	211.58	186.45
	Kandy	154.38	148.57	132.50	159.00	162.50	166.20	231.30	210.00	187.00	165.71	181.88	235.00	177.84
	Matara	135.00	136.67	138.75	153.00	168.57	172.50	174.00	195.00	183.33	181.43	176.25	183.50	167.32
	Anuradhapura	160.00	147.50	125.71	162.50	182.86	191.43	187.78	177.14	172.50	152.86	205.00	256.00	175.66
<b>Dried Chilli</b>	Colombo	333.75	335.63	328.75	348.00	344.38	348.00	352.00	372.50	392.63	436.00	491.25	495.79	381.56
	Kandy	330.00	334.29	330.00	322.00	320.00	324.00	359.50	370.00	411.11	443.33	481.25	493.00	376.54
	Matara	308.75	289.00	315.63	316.00	338.57	313.75	324.00	368.57	383.33	421.00	507.50	504.00	367.95
	Anuradhapura	281.67	275.63	287.50	290.00	291.43	295.43	304.44	307.50	313.75	360.83	368.75	434.44	318.80
<b>Kelawalla</b>	Colombo	986.25	974.00	938.13	992.50	1,077.86	1,108.33	1,140.59	1,118.57	1,164.74	1,042.86	1,095.00	1,081.33	1,060.01
	Kandy	917.14	900.00	600.00	670.00	n.a.	780.00	852.00	897.50	896.00	655.00	712.50	931.67	801.07
	Matara	1,090.00	1,056.67	1,068.75	1,075.00	1,128.57	1,150.00	1,100.00	1,025.00	1,133.33	1,107.14	1,040.00	1,050.00	1,089.32
	Anuradhapura	281.67	275.63	287.50	290.00	291.43	295.43	304.44	307.50	313.75	360.83	368.75	434.44	318.80
<b>Hurulla</b>	Colombo	425.00	424.00	412.50	456.00	533.08	542.86	556.50	537.14	539.44	472.14	395.38	527.14	485.10
	Kandy	365.71	443.33	400.00	395.00	n.a.	520.00	484.00	426.67	444.00	405.00	415.00	520.00	438.06
	Matara	460.00	485.00	456.25	495.56	450.00	473.33	566.67	565.00	473.33	478.57	543.75	477.50	495.06
	Anuradhapura	440.00	396.00	385.00	397.14	411.67	458.33	437.50	349.00	433.75	439.38	426.67	472.00	418.69
<b>Eggs (Farm) (each)</b>	Colombo	20.31	19.97	17.78	19.18	16.56	16.23	18.20	19.25	19.48	19.80	20.00	19.89	18.89
	Kandy	17.81	17.50	17.75	19.30	20.00	16.80	18.50	19.00	19.40	20.19	20.00	20.00	18.85
	Matara	21.50	20.67	18.50	20.20	18.00	16.25	18.40	18.25	19.11	19.29	19.75	19.50	19.11
	Anuradhapura	20.00	19.38	18.13	18.67	17.00	15.57	17.56	19.88	19.63	19.13	20.00	19.78	18.75
<b>Coconut (each)</b>	Colombo	55.94	52.81	50.31	54.00	53.44	46.33	43.15	38.75	40.00	43.33	46.25	51.05	47.95
	Kandy	48.13	50.00	45.00	45.00	45.75	45.00	40.50	40.25	42.10	42.50	47.50	51.50	45.27
	Matara	54.13	53.33	55.63	61.00	59.29	56.25	56.50	46.25	46.67	41.14	42.25	49.20	51.98
	Anuradhapura	47.50	46.88	46.88	46.67	44.29	44.29	41.11	38.75	43.13	41.88	45.00	47.56	44.45

(a) Average of local and imported  
n.a. – not available

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Table 3.10

Retail Prices of Selected Food Items in Selected Districts 2020

Rs. per kg.

Item	District	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average
Samba Rice	Colombo	100.28	101.31	98.00	n.a.	110.06	102.10	101.68	102.04	103.05	109.92	117.93	124.23	104.44
	Kandy	105.00	105.47	98.00	n.a.	101.28	109.18	108.69	104.95	109.82	112.19	119.95	123.77	107.35
	Matara	106.72	106.82	102.50	n.a.	108.71	109.00	105.30	102.55	99.88	107.00	109.00	112.75	107.85
	Anuradhapura	112.88	108.53	104.00	n.a.	115.77	114.64	114.67	114.53	115.18	116.29	121.67	126.25	116.32
Kekulu Rice	Colombo	100.93	99.89	90.75	n.a.	96.75	98.00	95.77	93.04	93.75	95.42	98.40	101.88	97.57
	Kandy	101.37	97.45	99.00	n.a.	91.33	94.82	94.19	92.00	93.09	95.13	98.68	102.60	95.80
	Matara	102.60	95.05	102.50	n.a.	93.67	95.70	96.33	94.77	97.90	97.00	97.63	101.36	97.18
	Anuradhapura	93.06	98.06	91.00	n.a.	85.63	90.00	93.75	93.57	93.55	93.50	93.28	93.18	92.20
Beans	Colombo	345.67	282.76	200.00	n.a.	150.00	180.29	161.94	242.50	253.00	230.40	228.28	225.00	233.93
	Kandy	342.00	273.00	160.00	n.a.	157.22	198.75	142.63	205.65	236.15	211.58	189.17	222.94	219.13
	Matara	348.42	274.74	240.00	n.a.	146.67	183.80	171.25	252.92	268.18	235.00	244.00	240.00	234.91
	Anuradhapura	324.00	278.89	215.00	n.a.	145.79	186.67	155.00	195.83	198.46	201.05	170.96	214.12	220.41
Cabbage	Colombo	213.33	192.14	160.00	n.a.	132.22	144.29	141.94	165.71	169.00	159.60	150.00	135.20	167.48
	Kandy	181.40	155.50	120.00	n.a.	88.71	123.75	105.79	119.52	143.08	118.82	102.95	105.88	127.65
	Matara	220.00	192.11	190.00	n.a.	121.43	154.00	136.25	163.91	164.55	156.50	142.80	122.86	151.75
	Anuradhapura	210.50	202.22	180.00	n.a.	114.74	147.50	127.50	142.67	157.69	155.53	135.38	135.29	169.38
Brinjal	Colombo	259.24	158.93	140.00	n.a.	133.89	155.14	130.97	153.93	136.84	138.00	141.00	167.69	165.01
	Kandy	229.90	142.50	150.00	n.a.	123.89	132.50	103.33	126.30	114.62	114.21	115.83	147.50	137.81
	Matara	190.00	145.79	120.00	n.a.	112.86	137.80	111.25	142.08	115.45	131.50	126.00	147.14	131.14
	Anuradhapura	226.50	172.22	120.00	n.a.	102.11	132.92	112.50	141.67	150.00	128.42	129.62	170.00	154.00
Pumpkin	Colombo	126.00	161.43	210.00	n.a.	106.47	103.94	99.35	132.96	168.33	130.50	120.00	137.92	132.21
	Kandy	112.50	146.84	110.00	n.a.	80.28	89.17	78.06	101.82	143.64	106.25	90.71	115.00	104.52
	Matara	118.42	151.05	160.00	n.a.	94.50	90.00	94.38	134.35	156.36	131.00	119.20	123.57	121.45
	Anuradhapura	118.75	154.71	135.00	n.a.	94.44	89.09	74.58	101.11	126.67	103.68	91.54	121.25	113.96
Red Onion	Colombo	555.63	480.00	370.00	n.a.	324.00	337.65	285.63	223.53	198.67	294.74	360.56	494.12	380.00
	Kandy	485.00	501.25	370.00	n.a.	262.50	283.08	269.00	226.67	207.50	240.00	288.44	329.17	314.69
	Matara	513.33	433.33	380.00	n.a.	318.34	362.00	267.50	205.21	203.75	290.71	352.11	476.36	326.84
	Anuradhapura	528.57	483.00	330.00	n.a.	283.64	302.31	237.78	183.33	186.00	216.93	243.81	290.00	324.16
Big Onion <sup>(a)</sup>	Colombo	174.42	195.57	190.00	n.a.	91.86	96.52	88.35	110.97	162.19	207.25	199.17	199.86	148.83
	Kandy	183.25	185.53	195.00	n.a.	97.35	113.18	109.75	122.91	145.92	174.44	218.29	211.13	156.69
	Matara	160.00	217.97	175.00	n.a.	91.34	92.72	80.47	112.91	161.58	225.44	247.02	221.43	189.28
	Anuradhapura	159.86	184.63	205.00	n.a.	85.16	86.20	85.15	104.54	136.70	195.42	220.97	247.19	140.66
Potato	Colombo	202.69	201.60	160.00	n.a.	165.38	207.14	213.87	231.11	183.00	185.38	217.69	286.67	204.98
	Kandy	226.88	189.23	157.50	n.a.	156.25	173.04	201.56	203.26	182.69	180.00	190.83	250.67	188.52
	Matara	217.11	197.89	170.00	n.a.	187.38	197.00	221.56	211.74	185.45	189.00	218.00	284.29	212.83
	Anuradhapura	195.71	188.82	160.00	n.a.	137.37	173.33	200.42	197.78	195.38	184.21	208.26	247.69	189.02
Dried Chilli	Colombo	531.00	553.57	605.00	n.a.	593.44	543.94	501.46	488.08	489.69	516.15	557.71	543.60	542.84
	Kandy	501.50	534.00	580.00	n.a.	643.53	565.42	530.99	488.81	479.00	563.68	581.96	590.59	546.59
	Matara	541.58	566.32	550.00	n.a.	620.00	525.66	492.50	500.81	495.45	544.75	566.80	565.71	533.03
	Anuradhapura	430.50	511.76	405.00	n.a.	606.67	530.42	485.00	473.89	485.38	503.16	533.08	531.76	508.46
Kelawalla	Colombo	1,012.96	968.46	985.00	n.a.	1,032.86	1,005.59	1,013.79	1,014.00	1,081.11	1,165.00	899.38	976.63	1,015.71
	Kandy	953.85	938.67	760.00	n.a.	966.43	995.71	946.40	943.33	965.00	940.00	715.56	950.77	897.77
	Matara	1,077.78	1,076.32	1,100.00	n.a.	977.78	980.83	1,100.00	1,004.35	968.18	947.22	742.50	876.92	970.33
	Anuradhapura	891.50	910.00	950.00	n.a.	822.50	995.83	1,038.33	998.24	988.46	988.89	846.88	946.15	942.46
Hurulla	Colombo	532.59	550.00	540.00	n.a.	633.75	570.95	552.48	580.45	488.00	511.88	471.00	524.21	548.21
	Kandy	505.33	525.00	560.00	n.a.	500.00	547.78	543.08	526.47	534.00	506.15	368.75	444.00	515.62
	Matara	465.00	475.00	400.00	n.a.	480.00	554.17	518.75	465.00	437.50	485.71	480.00	442.73	474.39
	Anuradhapura	434.12	460.00	500.00	n.a.	411.33	483.50	481.00	509.09	509.09	440.83	370.83	422.22	467.73
Eggs (Farm) (each)	Colombo	19.86	20.00	20.00	n.a.	13.58	18.23	20.08	21.46	20.58	16.62	16.45	17.44	18.66
	Kandy	20.30	20.10	19.50	n.a.	12.72	17.17	20.11	21.83	21.58	17.68	16.23	17.85	18.40
	Matara	19.95	19.95	20.50	n.a.	14.07	19.08	19.59	22.29	20.64	17.00	17.00	17.79	18.87
	Anuradhapura	19.75	20.12	20.50	n.a.	14.21	18.06	20.17	21.11	20.69	17.68	16.17	17.88	18.32
Coconut (each)	Colombo	60.17	61.38	68.75	n.a.	61.94	64.00	62.90	66.25	71.00	78.04	82.00	93.33	68.49
	Kandy	51.25	53.68	72.50	n.a.	67.78	66.67	65.16	66.30	67.69	68.75	69.58	85.59	63.77
	Matara	57.79	63.16	67.50	n.a.	66.19	68.00	67.50	69.58	77.73	75.50	88.00	95.71	75.92
	Anuradhapura	49.35	59.17	75.00	n.a.	76.05	72.08	72.50	66.56	66.15	70.79	71.15	75.00	66.41

(a) Average of local and imported  
n.a. – not available

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Table 3.11

Nominal Wage Rate Indices 1967 – 2020

1978 December = 100

Year	Workers in Wages Boards				Government Employees <sup>(a)</sup>			
	Workers in Agriculture	Workers in Industry and Commerce	Workers in Services	All Workers	Non-Executive Officers	Minor Employees	Central Government Employees	Government School Teachers
1967	25.1	36.3	–	26.2	53.5	44.1	47.7	58.6
1968	29.0	42.3	–	30.2	59.7	52.8	55.4	63.6
1969	29.0	42.3	–	30.2	61.6	54.4	57.2	65.0
1970	29.3	43.4	–	30.6	67.0	59.2	62.2	69.2
1971	29.6	46.1	–	31.1	67.0	59.2	62.2	69.2
1972	31.0	47.5	–	33.6	67.1	59.4	62.4	69.2
1973	35.1	52.2	–	36.4	69.5	62.9	65.4	70.6
1974	43.9	62.0	–	45.5	77.4	71.4	73.7	78.0
1975	50.4	72.0	–	52.4	84.2	79.8	81.5	84.3
1976	51.5	73.9	–	53.6	88.2	84.9	86.2	89.1
1977	64.8	79.5	–	66.2	89.2	86.2	87.3	90.6
1978	94.2	98.8	–	94.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1979	123.1	111.3	113.9	119.6	115.6	118.7	117.2	112.3
1980	153.6	138.8	130.5	147.3	126.0	132.0	129.1	120.1
1981	153.9	151.0	146.4	152.2	140.9	151.1	146.1	133.1
1982	181.2	161.0	169.7	175.8	180.6	194.7	187.8	166.4
1983	198.7	163.1	177.8	188.8	204.6	226.2	215.7	188.1
1984	250.3	183.3	190.7	228.8	231.4	260.9	246.6	211.4
1985	273.5	203.9	190.7	247.9	264.4	303.2	284.3	247.3
1986	288.1	224.3	190.7	261.3	276.6	317.2	297.4	247.3
1987	302.3	256.3	196.6	277.7	276.6	317.2	297.4	247.3
1988	378.4	271.7	229.5	335.8	364.0	414.1	390.0	331.5
1989	435.9	334.9	245.9	388.1	396.0	444.6	421.8	367.8
1990	517.2	379.5	267.8	453.5	439.6	513.5	476.8	404.5
1991	577.7	459.6	336.5	518.8	488.2	582.3	534.6	444.8
1992	664.1	510.8	365.9	590.0	507.2	609.9	557.6	461.8
1993	803.7	528.7	365.9	685.8	622.1	728.3	675.5	567.1
1994	821.5	555.8	431.4	712.4	692.7	772.3	735.5	595.6
1995	830.9	651.6	456.7	740.3	749.4	828.1	792.5	760.5
1996	907.9	682.8	559.7	801.7	757.1	878.7	818.2	760.5
1997	971.8	710.8	487.2	849.1	842.9	966.7	906.5	778.5
1998	1,097.7	807.7	506.4	953.3	959.6	1,029.1	1,001.4	805.5
1999	1,116.0	829.2	559.7	977.6	959.6	1,029.1	1,001.4	805.5
2000	1,142.7	857.2	559.7	1,000.4	1,031.3	1,125.8	1,084.7	865.1
2001	1,176.4	919.7	657.6	1,049.3	1,225.9	1,388.2	1,310.8	1,026.8
2002	1,269.6	986.5	678.0	1,126.5	1,410.3	1,636.7	1,525.0	1,180.1
2003	1,382.2	1,009.4	678.0	1,205.2	1,410.3	1,636.7	1,525.0	1,180.1
2004	1,397.7	1,044.1	751.0	1,233.0	1,709.0	2,039.5	1,872.1	1,428.4
2005	1,527.4	1,078.4	779.7	1,329.7	2,178.4	2,672.4	2,417.5	1,818.6
2006	1,567.1	1,090.7	779.7	1,358.2	2,853.8	3,463.0	3,150.8	2,304.2
2007	1,821.4	1,522.4	1,057.1	1,648.8	3,493.4	4,172.7	3,828.4	2,740.0
2008	2,286.6	1,877.5	1,370.8	2,070.4	3,749.5	4,494.7	4,116.1	2,938.6
2009	2,349.4	2,054.0	1,545.8	2,171.4	4,082.4	4,943.5	4,502.8	3,215.3
2010	3,327.6	2,199.0	1,673.3	2,865.3	4,210.4	5,116.1	4,651.6	3,321.7
2011	3,427.2	2,402.1	1,851.8	2,996.1	4,490.1	5,465.1	4,964.5	3,576.1
2012	4,433.0	2,402.1	1,851.8	3,662.0	4,803.6	5,831.8	5,304.7	3,821.8
2013	4,435.9	3,191.6	2,241.5	3,869.2	5,035.6	6,130.5	5,568.3	4,011.0
2014	4,560.9	3,459.1	2,313.2	4,012.2	5,462.2	6,691.7	6,058.0	4,361.9
2015	4,734.4	3,459.1	2,313.2	4,127.1	7,152.1	8,970.2	8,021.6	5,766.6
2016	4,735.7	3,459.1	2,313.2	4,127.9	7,413.0	9,341.6	8,333.2	6,067.7
2017	4,736.7	3,459.1	2,313.2	4,128.6	7,413.0	9,341.6	8,333.2	6,067.7
2018	4,748.8	3,545.3	2,331.2	4,155.2	–	–	–	–
2019	4,784.5	3,796.6	2,659.3	4,275.5	–	–	–	–
2020 <sup>(b)</sup>	4,785.6	3,806.2	2,684.2	4,282.0	–	–	–	–

(a) This series was discontinued from 2018 and was replaced by Public Sector Wage Rate Index (2012=100).

(b) Provisional

Sources: Department of Labour  
Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Table 3.12

Average Daily Wages of Selected Activities 2011 – 2020

Rupees

Activity	Type of Labour	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>Paddy</b>											
Ploughing with Ploughs	M	731	844	939	1,070	1,129	1,197	1,295	1,404	1,508	1,545
Ploughing with Mammoties	M	700	795	885	940	1,045	1,128	1,229	1,365	1,464	1,517
Sowing	M	705	783	879	931	1,041	1,134	1,237	1,340	1,465	1,516
Transplanting and Harvesting	M	677	753	818	885	970	1,073	1,150	1,298	1,412	1,484
	F	537	597	653	695	749	783	835	996	1,090	1,140
Manuring	M	702	776	850	912	1,012	1,122	1,224	1,327	1,450	1,513
Spraying	M	760	848	950	1,050	1,172	1,264	1,399	1,507	1,600	1,662
Threshing	M	714	784	916	981	1,077	1,157	1,266	1,482	1,568	1,579
Winnowing	M	682	775	857	922	1,019	1,095	1,174	1,339	1,475	1,493
	F	508	586	662	687	795	864	909	1,010	1,081	1,195
<b>Coconut</b>											
Digging Pits	M	744	841	943	1,013	1,096	1,165	1,270	1,403	1,464	1,490
Planting	M	699	805	901	954	1,024	1,108	1,202	1,312	1,419	1,485
	F	509	581	663	668	710	742	822	942	1,045	1,128
Plucking	M	991	1,114	1,281	1,361	1,352	1,434	1,523	1,576	1,594	1,650
Collecting Nuts	M	597	687	748	791	856	896	972	1,105	1,247	1,260
	F	451	520	581	602	646	660	703	802	888	943
Husking	M	775	894	1,000	1,076	1,129	1,200	1,305	1,349	1,410	1,488
<b>Tea</b>											
Preparing Land	M	610	683	759	817	888	947	1,065	1,255	1,302	1,374
Planting	M	611	679	748	805	869	937	1,073	1,243	1,271	1,324
	F	449	511	580	628	667	703	809	916	926	975
Manuring	M	617	684	760	820	875	953	1,085	1,268	1,334	1,338
Weeding	M	583	661	728	781	854	916	1,036	1,204	1,246	1,261
	F	443	514	570	622	671	705	798	913	923	946
Pruning	M	697	776	854	929	1,019	1,083	1,246	1,375	1,425	1,416
Plucking	M	491	548	620	637	679	703	790	847	863	864
	F	395	435	489	524	555	582	672	768	799	806
<b>Rubber</b>											
Uprooting and Cleaning	M	606	687	763	823	878	975	1,103	1,246	1,334	1,379
Planting	M	639	732	851	890	941	979	1,118	1,197	1,312	1,343
Pruning	M	639	728	816	852	888	924	1,047	1,176	1,278	1,296
Manuring	M	714	789	907	938	998	1,061	1,194	1,320	1,415	1,429
Tapping	M	531	586	653	614	610	632	707	795	825	868
	F	483	533	594	566	548	579	665	747	788	815
<b>Building Construction</b>											
<b>Carpentry</b>											
Master Carpenter	M	1,115	1,248	1,334	1,407	1,487	1,619	1,794	1,990	2,107	2,309
Skilled Helper	M	809	913	995	1,053	1,135	1,241	1,374	1,481	1,550	1,658
Unskilled Helper	M	648	734	811	863	933	1,017	1,122	1,190	1,271	1,373
<b>Masonry</b>											
Master Mason	M	1,093	1,216	1,304	1,376	1,450	1,593	1,784	1,994	2,109	2,310
Skilled Helper	M	802	906	985	1,044	1,122	1,236	1,381	1,469	1,519	1,645
Unskilled Helper	M	655	740	816	867	936	1,024	1,132	1,230	1,299	1,388

M – Male F – Female

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(a) Provisional

Note: These wage rates represent payment in cash without meals.

Table 3.13

Wage Rate Indices of Formal Private Sector Employees<sup>(a)</sup>

1978 December = 100

Period	Workers in Agriculture <sup>(b)</sup>		Workers in Industry and Commerce <sup>(c)</sup>		Workers in Services <sup>(d)</sup>		Workers in Wages Boards Trades <sup>(e)</sup>		
	Nominal	Real Wage <sup>(f)</sup>	Nominal	Real Wage <sup>(f)</sup>	Nominal	Real Wage <sup>(f)</sup>	Nominal	Real Wage <sup>(f)</sup>	
2019	January	4,784.3	105.5	3,691.1	81.4	2,385.3	52.6	4,213.9	92.9
	February	4,784.2	106.0	3,806.2	84.3	2,684.2	59.4	4,281.0	94.8
	March	4,784.1	106.1	3,806.2	84.4	2,684.2	59.5	4,281.0	95.0
	April	4,784.0	105.8	3,806.2	84.2	2,684.2	59.4	4,280.9	94.7
	May	4,784.1	104.1	3,806.2	82.9	2,684.2	58.4	4,281.0	93.2
	June	4,784.3	103.2	3,806.2	82.1	2,684.2	57.9	4,281.1	92.3
	July	4,784.4	103.3	3,806.2	82.2	2,684.2	58.0	4,281.1	92.5
	August	4,784.4	103.3	3,806.2	82.2	2,684.2	57.9	4,281.2	92.4
	September	4,784.4	102.5	3,806.2	81.5	2,684.2	57.5	4,281.2	91.7
	October	4,784.6	102.3	3,806.2	81.4	2,684.2	57.4	4,281.3	91.6
	November	4,785.8	102.0	3,806.2	81.1	2,684.2	57.2	4,281.4	91.3
	December	4,784.9	101.5	3,806.2	80.7	2,684.2	56.9	4,281.5	90.8
2020 <sup>(g)</sup>	January	4,785.3	99.8	3,806.2	79.4	2,684.2	56.0	4,281.8	89.3
	February	4,785.6	99.8	3,806.2	79.4	2,684.2	56.0	4,281.9	89.3
	March	4,785.3	100.7	3,806.2	80.1	2,684.2	56.5	4,281.9	90.1
	April	4,785.3	100.6	3,806.2	80.0	2,684.2	56.4	4,281.9	90.0
	May	4,785.4	100.1	3,806.2	79.6	2,684.2	56.2	4,281.9	89.6
	June	4,785.6	99.3	3,806.2	79.0	2,684.2	55.7	4,282.0	88.9
	July	4,785.6	99.3	3,806.2	78.9	2,684.2	55.7	4,282.0	88.8
	August	4,785.6	99.3	3,806.2	78.9	2,684.2	55.7	4,282.0	88.8
	September	4,785.7	98.6	3,806.2	78.4	2,684.2	55.3	4,282.0	88.2
	October	4,785.9	98.5	3,806.2	78.3	2,684.2	55.2	4,282.1	88.1
	November	4,785.9	98.0	3,806.2	78.0	2,684.2	55.0	4,282.2	87.7
	December	4,786.0	97.4	3,806.2	77.5	2,684.2	54.6	4,282.2	87.1

(a) The index numbers are calculated on fixed weights based on the numbers employed as at 31 December 1978. The wage rate used in the calculation of index numbers are minimum wages for different trades fixed by the Wages Boards.

Sources: Department of Labour  
Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(b) The index refers to wage rates of tea growing and manufacturing, rubber growing and manufacturing, coconut, cocoa, cardamoms and pepper growing trades only.

(c) Including baking, brick and tile manufacturing, coconut manufacturing, printing, textile, tyre and tube manufacturing, coir mattresses and bristle export, hosiery manufacturing, engineering, garment manufacturing, match manufacturing, biscuit and confectionery, tea export and rubber export trades only

(d) This includes cinema, motor transport and nursing home trades only

(e) Combined index for workers in agriculture, industry & commerce and services

(f) Based on Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI) (2006/07 = 100)

(g) Provisional

Table 3.14

 Wage Rate Indices of Public Sector Employees<sup>(a)</sup>

2012 = 100

Period	Senior Level Officers		Tertiary Level Officers		Secondary Level Officers		Primary Level Officers		All Government Officers		
	Nominal	Real <sup>(b)</sup>	Nominal	Real <sup>(b)</sup>	Nominal	Real <sup>(b)</sup>	Nominal	Real <sup>(b)</sup>	Nominal	Real <sup>(b)</sup>	
2019	January	158.4	124.1	162.5	127.3	161.7	126.7	170.4	133.4	162.2	127.0
	February	158.4	124.6	162.5	127.9	161.7	127.3	170.4	134.1	162.2	127.6
	March	158.4	124.9	162.5	128.2	161.7	127.6	170.4	134.4	162.2	127.9
	April	158.4	124.1	162.5	127.3	161.7	126.7	170.4	133.4	162.2	127.0
	May	158.4	122.7	162.5	125.9	161.7	125.3	170.4	132.0	162.2	125.6
	June	158.4	122.2	162.5	125.4	161.7	124.8	170.4	131.5	162.2	125.1
	July	165.6	127.6	172.4	132.8	169.4	130.5	183.6	141.5	170.2	131.2
	August	165.6	127.3	172.4	132.5	169.4	130.2	183.6	141.2	170.2	130.9
	September	165.6	126.4	172.4	131.6	169.4	129.3	183.6	140.2	170.2	130.0
	October	165.6	125.2	172.4	130.3	169.4	128.0	183.6	138.8	170.2	128.7
	November	165.6	124.2	172.4	129.3	169.4	127.1	183.6	137.8	170.2	127.7
	December	165.6	122.3	172.4	127.3	169.4	125.1	183.6	135.6	170.2	125.7
2020 <sup>(c)</sup>	January	179.1	130.3	187.6	136.5	177.5	129.2	184.3	134.1	178.5	129.9
	February	179.1	130.3	187.6	136.5	177.5	129.2	184.3	134.1	178.5	129.9
	March	179.1	132.1	187.6	138.3	177.5	130.9	184.3	135.9	178.5	131.7
	April	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	May	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	June	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	July	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	August	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	September	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	October	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	November	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	December	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) This index covers all levels of public sector employees, under the disaggregation of Senior, Tertiary, Secondary and Primary levels. The base period employment structure was based on a special Annual Public Sector Employment Survey (APSES) conducted in 2012. Initial salary scales of specific occupations and due allowances as specified in the Public Administration Circular No. 03/2006 issued by the Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs on 25th April 2006 were used to construct the Index.

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(b) Based on National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) (2013 = 100)

(c) Discontinued from April 2020

Table 3.15

Wage Rate Indices of Public Sector Employees<sup>(a)</sup>

2016 = 100

Period	Senior Level Officers		Tertiary Level Officers		Secondary Level Officers		Primary Level Officers		All Government Officers		
	Nominal	Real <sup>(b)</sup>	Nominal	Real <sup>(b)</sup>	Nominal	Real <sup>(b)</sup>	Nominal	Real <sup>(b)</sup>	Nominal	Real <sup>(b)</sup>	
2019	January	114.9	102.7	104.8	93.7	100.5	89.9	100.0	89.4	101.4	90.6
	February	114.9	103.2	104.8	94.2	100.5	90.3	100.0	89.8	101.4	91.1
	March	114.9	103.4	104.8	94.4	100.5	90.5	100.0	90.0	101.4	91.3
	April	114.9	102.7	104.8	93.7	100.5	89.9	100.0	89.4	101.4	90.6
	May	114.9	101.6	104.8	92.7	100.5	88.9	100.0	88.4	101.4	89.7
	June	114.9	101.2	104.8	92.3	100.5	88.5	100.0	88.1	101.4	89.3
	July	119.9	105.5	111.2	97.8	107.5	94.6	107.8	94.8	108.4	95.4
	August	119.9	105.2	111.2	97.5	107.5	94.4	107.8	94.5	108.4	95.2
	September	119.9	104.5	111.2	96.9	107.5	93.7	107.8	93.9	108.4	94.5
	October	119.9	103.5	111.2	95.9	107.5	92.8	107.8	93.0	108.4	93.6
	November	119.9	102.7	111.2	95.2	107.5	92.1	107.8	92.3	108.4	92.9
	December	119.9	101.1	111.2	93.7	107.5	90.7	107.8	90.8	108.4	91.4
2020 <sup>(c)</sup>	January	131.4	109.1	121.0	100.5	115.1	95.6	108.3	90.0	114.6	95.2
	February	131.4	109.1	121.0	100.5	115.1	95.6	108.3	90.0	114.6	95.2
	March	131.4	110.6	121.0	101.8	115.1	96.9	108.3	91.2	114.6	96.5
	April	131.4	110.9	121.0	102.1	115.1	97.2	108.3	91.4	114.6	96.8
	May	131.4	110.4	121.0	101.7	115.1	96.8	108.3	91.0	114.6	96.3
	June	131.4	108.9	121.0	100.3	115.1	95.4	108.3	89.8	114.6	95.0
	July	131.4	108.9	121.0	100.3	115.1	95.4	108.3	89.8	114.6	95.0
	August	131.4	108.5	121.0	99.9	115.1	95.1	108.3	89.5	114.6	94.6
	September	131.4	107.6	121.0	99.1	115.1	94.3	108.3	88.8	114.6	93.9
	October	131.4	107.5	121.0	99.0	115.1	94.2	108.3	88.6	114.6	93.8
	November	131.4	106.9	121.0	98.5	115.1	93.7	108.3	88.2	114.6	93.3
	December	131.4	105.9	121.0	97.5	115.1	92.8	108.3	87.3	114.6	92.4

(a) Public sector wage rate index was rebased to 2016 (from 2012) in order to capture the changes introduced to public sector salary structure by the Public Administration Circular No. 03/2016 issued by the Ministry of Public Administration and Management on 25 February 2016. The data relating to the base period employment structure was obtained from the Census of Public and Semi Government Sector Employment conducted by the Department of Census and Statistics in November 2016.

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(b) Based on National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) (2013 = 100)

(c) Provisional



Table 3.16

## Wage Rate Indices of Informal Private Sector Employees

2012 = 100

Period	Agriculture		Industry		Services		Informal Private Sector		
	Nominal	Real <sup>(a)</sup>	Nominal	Real <sup>(a)</sup>	Nominal	Real <sup>(a)</sup>	Nominal	Real <sup>(a)</sup>	
2019	January	183.9	144.0	177.4	139.0	173.0	135.5	176.7	138.4
	February	185.5	146.0	181.3	142.7	172.2	135.5	178.3	140.3
	March	187.4	147.8	177.7	140.1	169.8	133.9	176.1	138.9
	April	185.1	145.0	179.7	140.7	170.8	133.8	176.9	138.6
	May	185.1	143.4	181.9	140.9	174.3	135.0	179.3	138.9
	June	189.9	146.5	182.7	141.0	175.0	135.0	180.7	139.5
	July	188.0	144.9	183.2	141.2	175.2	135.0	180.7	139.2
	August	190.9	146.7	183.0	140.7	175.3	134.7	181.2	139.3
	September	190.7	145.6	181.7	138.7	172.3	131.6	179.4	137.0
	October	190.6	144.0	185.5	140.2	176.6	133.5	182.7	138.1
	November	190.5	142.9	187.0	140.3	175.9	131.9	183.0	137.3
	December	189.2	139.7	186.8	137.9	180.6	133.4	184.6	136.3
2020 <sup>(b)</sup>	January	191.5	139.4	181.7	132.2	175.4	127.6	180.8	131.6
	February	194.0	141.2	187.8	136.7	182.4	132.8	186.7	135.9
	March	194.0	143.1	187.8	138.5	182.4	134.5	186.7	137.7
	April	194.0	143.5	187.8	138.9	182.4	134.9	186.7	138.1
	May	197.2	145.2	184.5	135.9	174.1	128.2	182.4	134.3
	June	194.5	141.2	185.0	134.3	180.1	130.8	184.6	134.1
	July	195.5	142.0	185.5	134.7	183.1	132.9	186.3	135.3
	August	195.8	141.7	189.1	136.8	179.5	129.8	186.3	134.8
	September	195.7	140.5	188.0	134.9	183.1	131.4	187.3	134.4
	October	194.8	139.6	187.6	134.5	179.5	128.7	185.5	133.0
	November	198.5	141.6	192.0	136.9	180.6	128.8	188.4	134.4
	December	195.7	138.2	190.2	134.3	183.9	129.8	188.6	133.1

(a) Based on National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) (2013 = 100)

(b) Provisional

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Table 3.17

All Island Average Wages in the Informal Private Sector<sup>(a)</sup> – 2019

Rupees

Activity	Type of Labour	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
<b>Agriculture</b>														
<b>Tea</b>	Preparing Land	Male	1,261	1,310	1,338	1,279	1,262	1,327	1,300	1,313	1,325	1,313	1,300	1,300
	Plucking	Male	845	875	856	905	855	868	868	868	875	845	840	855
Female		814	815	802	780	777	787	804	819	816	789	786	798	
<b>Rubber</b>	Planting	Male	1,225	1,271	1,317	1,280	1,300	1,386	1,343	1,343	1,343	1,294	1,311	1,333
	Tapping	Male	795	900	825	778	823	835	806	820	815	859	814	832
Female		775	900	795	739	777	785	795	765	765	805	768	791	
<b>Coconut</b>	Digging Pits	Male	1,477	1,448	1,458	1,476	1,480	1,508	1,485	1,457	1,446	1,453	1,457	1,425
	Plucking with Sticks	Male	1,554	1,562	1,600	1,642	1,558	1,608	1,600	1,591	1,585	1,600	1,608	1,615
<b>Paddy</b>	Ploughing with Mammoties	Male	1,400	1,395	1,432	1,462	1,454	1,500	1,474	1,480	1,448	1,496	1,534	1,492
		Female	1,037	1,106	1,061	1,035	1,076	1,048	1,082	1,142	1,176	1,150	1,078	1,084
<b>Paddy</b>	Transplanting and Harvesting	Male	1,313	1,372	1,363	1,372	1,384	1,421	1,440	1,487	1,452	1,426	1,441	1,473
		Female	1,037	1,106	1,061	1,035	1,076	1,048	1,082	1,142	1,176	1,150	1,078	1,084
<b>Housing Construction<sup>(b)</sup></b>														
<b>Carpentry</b>	Master Carpenter	Male	2,039	2,061	2,034	1,996	2,026	2,141	2,126	2,158	2,147	2,180	2,165	2,217
	Skilled Helper	Male	1,517	1,535	1,501	1,484	1,508	1,568	1,571	1,571	1,576	1,577	1,590	1,598
	Unskilled Helper	Male	1,291	1,270	1,208	1,238	1,269	1,257	1,281	1,243	1,260	1,292	1,338	1,310
<b>Masonry</b>	Master Mason	Male	2,025	2,027	2,030	2,041	2,034	2,117	2,115	2,154	2,163	2,192	2,181	2,224
	Skilled Helper	Male	1,464	1,486	1,464	1,510	1,480	1,548	1,505	1,534	1,536	1,557	1,567	1,577
	Unskilled Helper	Male	1,276	1,276	1,224	1,288	1,282	1,286	1,313	1,308	1,287	1,360	1,337	1,353

(a) Daily wages represent payments in cash where meals are not provided by the employer.  
 (b) Wages in the construction sector are paid on daily payment basis.

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Table 3.18

All Island Average Wages in the Informal Private Sector<sup>(a)</sup> – 2020<sup>(b)</sup>

Rupees

Activity	Type of Labour	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
<b>Agriculture</b>														
<b>Tea</b>	Preparing Land	Male	1,307	1,393	1,393	1,393	1,369	1,357	1,400	1,320	1,380	1,375	1,393	1,406
	Plucking	Male	833	870	870	870	888	875	890	855	850	875	867	828
Female		791	798	798	798	827	813	820	802	805	805	815	798	
<b>Rubber</b>	Planting	Male	1,329	1,314	1,314	1,314	1,343	1,386	1,367	1,363	1,363	1,250	1,400	1,378
	Tapping	Male	815	861	861	861	861	865	861	925	855	839	915	895
Female		770	789	789	789	800	820	822	880	805	783	880	850	
<b>Coconut</b>	Digging Pits	Male	1,475	1,460	1,460	1,460	1,505	1,505	1,496	1,527	1,496	1,488	1,519	1,492
	Plucking with Sticks	Male	1,577	1,620	1,620	1,620	1,750	1,682	1,636	1,690	1,675	1,650	1,600	1,675
<b>Paddy</b>	Ploughing with Mammoties	Male	1,485	1,521	1,521	1,521	1,500	1,472	1,505	1,535	1,540	1,536	1,541	1,532
		Female	1,171	1,156	1,156	1,156	1,166	1,163	1,109	1,169	1,100	1,134	1,106	1,098
<b>Paddy</b>	Transplanting and Harvesting	Male	1,489	1,478	1,478	1,478	1,540	1,488	1,478	1,521	1,471	1,461	1,452	1,471
		Female	1,171	1,156	1,156	1,156	1,166	1,163	1,109	1,169	1,100	1,134	1,106	1,098
<b>Housing Construction<sup>(c)</sup></b>														
<b>Carpentry</b>	Master Carpenter	Male	2,253	2,271	2,271	2,271	2,267	2,312	2,309	2,296	2,342	2,319	2,361	2,439
	Skilled Helper	Male	1,628	1,651	1,651	1,651	1,632	1,640	1,644	1,633	1,680	1,686	1,688	1,710
	Unskilled Helper	Male	1,327	1,372	1,372	1,372	1,346	1,366	1,357	1,376	1,378	1,385	1,415	1,406
<b>Masonry</b>	Master Mason	Male	2,214	2,246	2,246	2,246	2,246	2,310	2,352	2,338	2,371	2,337	2,361	2,457
	Skilled Helper	Male	1,615	1,631	1,631	1,631	1,615	1,639	1,670	1,602	1,649	1,684	1,677	1,698
	Unskilled Helper	Male	1,393	1,346	1,346	1,346	1,365	1,385	1,393	1,395	1,407	1,410	1,458	1,409

(a) Daily wages represent payments in cash where meals are not provided by the employer.  
 (b) Provisional  
 (c) Wages in the construction sector are paid on daily payment basis.

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Table 3.19

## Cost Indices for Construction 2011 – 2020

1990 = 100

Year	Quarter	Modern Housing	Semi Permanent Housing	All Housing	Non-Residential Building	All Civil Works	All Construction
2011	1st Quarter	501.8	738.0	516.5	482.2	442.9	481.7
	2nd Quarter	508.7	762.5	524.5	489.5	447.1	488.1
	3rd Quarter	514.3	780.5	530.8	493.8	450.0	492.7
	4th Quarter	524.1	796.7	541.0	502.2	456.2	501.1
2012	1st Quarter	547.6	826.9	564.9	527.2	479.1	524.7
	2nd Quarter	569.9	850.2	587.2	550.3	505.0	548.6
	3rd Quarter	583.9	861.4	601.1	561.4	513.5	559.9
	4th Quarter	601.6	871.0	618.3	573.9	515.2	570.2
2013	1st Quarter	616.4	899.5	633.9	587.2	524.8	583.1
	2nd Quarter	622.2	924.2	640.9	591.4	526.6	587.6
	3rd Quarter	630.7	941.9	650.0	598.5	530.8	594.4
	4th Quarter	633.7	943.7	652.9	600.9	532.1	596.6
2014	1st Quarter	638.0	948.2	657.2	604.9	534.0	599.9
	2nd Quarter	644.7	957.9	664.1	610.7	537.9	605.5
	3rd Quarter	645.7	983.6	666.7	611.4	538.6	606.9
	4th Quarter	646.8	986.4	667.9	611.4	538.6	607.4
2015	1st Quarter	654.7	993.6	675.8	615.8	538.8	611.7
	2nd Quarter	662.7	1,036.7	685.9	621.5	542.2	618.4
	3rd Quarter	672.8	1,040.5	695.6	628.3	544.2	624.6
	4th Quarter	681.4	1,051.4	704.3	634.1	546.5	630.3
2016	1st Quarter	692.7	1,061.4	715.5	641.7	528.8	629.8
	2nd Quarter	711.9	1,075.5	734.4	654.9	531.6	641.5
	3rd Quarter	720.9	1,085.1	743.4	661.2	536.0	648.2
	4th Quarter	728.2	1,093.5	750.9	667.2	540.1	654.1
2017	1st Quarter	738.2	1,107.3	761.1	675.3	546.0	662.2
	2nd Quarter	746.7	1,120.7	769.9	682.5	562.0	673.4
	3rd Quarter	754.6	1,139.2	778.4	692.4	570.1	682.1
	4th Quarter	764.7	1,148.6	788.5	701.3	575.6	690.2
2018	1st Quarter	773.5	1,156.9	797.3	707.9	581.6	697.4
	2nd Quarter	780.0	1,161.9	803.6	713.9	587.4	703.5
	3rd Quarter	784.6	1,169.9	808.5	719.8	595.0	709.6
	4th Quarter	787.2	1,171.3	811.0	722.6	600.9	713.5
2019	1st Quarter	804.1	1,186.3	827.8	740.4	614.7	729.3
	2nd Quarter	814.5	1,191.7	837.9	748.9	619.1	737.0
	3rd Quarter	816.4	1,193.1	839.7	750.4	620.4	738.5
	4th Quarter	828.2	1,201.5	851.3	760.0	626.0	747.4
2020 <sup>(a)</sup>	1st Quarter	837.9	1,216.8	861.4	769.5	632.2	755.9
	2nd Quarter	838.1	1,216.1	861.6	772.7	634.5	757.5
	3rd Quarter	841.5	1,223.0	865.1	779.7	641.2	763.0
	4th Quarter	844.6	1,231.3	868.5	782.3	646.1	766.8

(a) Provisional

Source: Construction Industry Development Authority

Table 3.20

## Population by District and Sector – Census Years

District	2001 Census <sup>(a)</sup>							2012 Census <sup>(b)</sup>						
	No. '000				Per cent			No. '000				Per cent		
	Total	Urban	Rural	Estate	Urban	Rural	Estate	Total	Urban	Rural	Estate	Urban	Rural	Estate
Colombo	2,251.3	1,229.6	1,014.4	7.3	54.6	45.1	0.3	2,324.3	1,802.9	513.5	7.9	77.6	22.1	0.3
Gampaha	2,063.7	300.9	1,762.0	0.7	14.6	85.4	0.0	2,304.8	360.2	1,943.4	1.2	15.6	84.3	0.1
Kalutara	1,066.2	113.2	915.5	37.6	10.6	85.9	3.5	1,221.9	109.1	1,075.2	37.6	8.9	88.0	3.1
Kandy	1,279.0	156.0	1,030.2	92.9	12.2	80.5	7.3	1,375.4	170.5	1,119.2	85.6	12.4	81.4	6.2
Matale	441.3	36.1	383.5	21.8	8.2	86.9	4.9	484.5	60.3	405.2	19.1	12.4	83.6	3.9
Nuwara Eliya	703.6	43.1	283.7	376.9	6.1	40.3	53.6	711.6	40.2	290.9	380.6	5.6	40.9	53.5
Galle	990.5	109.9	863.3	17.3	11.1	87.2	1.7	1,063.3	133.4	911.2	18.8	12.5	85.7	1.8
Matara	761.4	64.4	676.5	20.5	8.5	88.9	2.7	814.0	96.6	694.9	22.5	11.9	85.4	2.8
Hambantota	526.4	21.6	503.4	1.4	4.1	95.6	0.3	599.9	31.7	568.2	-	5.3	94.7	-
Jaffna	490.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	583.9	117.6	466.3	-	20.1	79.9	-
Mannar	151.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	99.6	24.4	75.2	-	24.5	75.5	-
Vavuniya	149.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	172.1	34.8	137.3	-	20.2	79.8	-
Mullaitivu	121.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	92.2	-	92.2	-	-	100.0	-
Kilinochchi	127.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	113.5	-	113.5	-	-	100.0	-
Batticaloa	486.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	526.6	151.2	375.3	-	28.7	71.3	-
Ampara	593.0	112.5	480.5	-	19.0	81.0	-	649.4	153.3	496.1	-	23.6	76.4	-
Trincomalee	340.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	379.5	85.1	294.4	-	22.4	77.6	-
Kurunegala	1,460.2	34.7	1,418.9	6.6	2.4	97.2	0.5	1,618.5	30.3	1,580.6	7.6	1.9	97.7	0.5
Puttalam	709.7	65.3	642.2	2.2	9.2	90.5	0.3	762.4	67.0	693.8	1.6	8.8	91.0	0.2
Anuradhapura	745.7	53.2	691.6	1.0	7.1	92.7	0.1	860.6	50.6	810.0	-	5.9	94.1	-
Polonnaruwa	359.0	-	358.7	0.3	-	99.9	0.1	406.1	-	406.1	...	-	100.0	-
Badulla	780.0	51.5	567.2	161.3	6.6	72.7	20.7	815.4	69.8	591.7	153.9	8.6	72.6	18.9
Monaragala	397.4	-	388.2	9.1	-	97.7	2.3	451.1	-	442.7	8.3	-	98.1	1.9
Ratnapura	1,015.8	58.2	855.2	102.4	5.7	84.2	10.1	1,088.0	99.5	888.8	99.7	9.1	81.7	9.2
Kegalle	785.5	17.1	712.9	55.5	2.2	90.8	7.1	840.6	16.0	767.5	57.2	1.9	91.3	6.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,797.3</b>	<b>2,467.3</b>	<b>13,547.7</b>	<b>914.7</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>80.0</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>20,359.4</b>	<b>3,704.5</b>	<b>15,753.3</b>	<b>901.6</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>77.4</b>	<b>4.4</b>

(a) Census of Population and Housing – 2001 which covered 18 districts

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

(b) Census of Population and Housing of Sri Lanka – 2012

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Table 3.21

## Population by Religion and Ethnicity – Census Years

Census Year	Total Population '000	By Religion (%)					By Ethnicity (%)						
		Buddhist	Hindu	Islam	Christian	Other	Sinhalese	Sri Lankan Tamil	Indian Tamil	Sri Lankan Moor	Burgher	Malay	Other
1881	2,759.7	61.5	21.5	7.2	9.7	0.1	66.9	24.9	6.7	0.6	0.3	0.5	
1891	3,007.8	62.4	20.5	7.0	10.0	...	67.9	24.1	6.6	0.7	0.3	0.5	
1901	3,566.0	60.1	23.2	6.9	9.8	0.1	65.4	26.7	6.4	0.7	0.3	0.6	
1911	4,106.4	60.3	22.8	6.9	10.0	...	66.1	12.9	12.9	6.5	0.7	0.3	0.6
1921	4,498.6	61.6	21.8	6.7	9.9	...	67.1	11.5	13.4	6.3	0.7	0.3	0.8
1931	5,306.9	61.6	22.0	6.7	9.8	...	65.4	11.3	15.4	6.1	0.6	0.3	0.8
1946	6,657.3	64.5	19.8	6.6	9.1	...	69.4	11.0	11.7	6.1	0.6	0.3	0.7
1953	8,097.9	64.3	19.9	6.7	8.9	0.1	69.4	10.9	12.0	6.3	0.6	0.3	0.5
1963	10,582.0	66.2	18.5	6.8	8.4	0.1	71.0	11.0	10.6	6.4	0.4	0.3	0.2
1971	12,689.8	67.3	17.6	7.1	7.9	0.1	72.0	11.2	9.3	6.7	0.4	0.3	0.1
1981	14,846.8	69.3	15.5	7.5	7.6	0.1	74.0	12.7	5.5	7.0	0.3	0.3	0.2
2001 <sup>(a)</sup>	18,797.3	76.7	7.8	8.5	7.0	...	82.0	4.3	5.1	7.9	0.2	0.3	0.2
2012 <sup>(b)</sup>	20,359.4	70.1	12.6	9.7	7.6	...	74.9	11.2	4.1	9.3	0.2	0.2	0.1

(a) Census of Population and Housing – 2001 which covered 18 districts

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

(b) Based on Census of Population and Housing – 2012

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Table 3.22

Population by District, Religion and Ethnicity – 2012 Census<sup>(a)</sup>

District	Population '000	Population by Religion, %						Population by Ethnicity, %				
		Buddhist	Hindu	Islam	Roman Catholic	Christian	Other	Sinhalese	Sri Lankan Tamil	Indian Tamil	Sri Lankan Moor	Other
Colombo	2,324.3	70.2	8.0	11.8	7.0	2.9	0.1	76.5	10.1	1.0	10.7	1.6
Gampaha	2,304.8	71.3	2.3	4.9	19.5	2.0	0.0	90.5	3.5	0.4	4.2	1.3
Kalutara	1,221.9	83.4	3.2	9.4	3.3	0.7	0.0	86.8	1.9	1.9	9.3	0.2
Kandy	1,375.4	73.4	9.7	14.3	1.6	0.9	0.0	74.4	5.0	6.2	13.9	0.4
Matale	484.5	79.5	9.0	9.4	1.6	0.5	0.0	80.8	5.0	4.8	9.2	0.2
Nuwara Eliya	711.6	39.1	51.0	3.0	4.7	2.2	0.0	39.6	4.6	53.1	2.5	0.2
Galle	1,063.3	93.9	1.5	3.7	0.4	0.5	0.0	94.4	1.3	0.6	3.6	0.1
Matara	814.0	94.1	2.0	3.1	0.3	0.4	0.0	94.3	1.1	1.5	3.1	0.0
Hambantota	599.9	96.7	0.2	2.5	0.2	0.3	0.1	97.1	0.4	0.0	1.1	1.5
Jaffna	583.9	0.4	82.8	0.4	12.9	3.5	0.0	0.4	98.9	0.3	0.4	0.0
Mannar	99.6	1.8	24.1	16.6	52.6	4.8	0.0	2.3	80.4	0.7	16.5	0.0
Vavuniya	172.1	9.8	69.4	7.0	8.9	4.9	0.0	10.0	82.0	1.1	6.8	0.1
Mullaitivu	92.2	8.9	75.2	2.0	9.8	4.0	0.1	9.7	85.8	2.5	2.0	0.1
Kilinochchi	113.5	1.1	81.9	0.6	10.6	5.7	0.0	1.2	97.3	0.9	0.6	0.0
Batticaloa	526.6	1.2	64.4	25.5	4.6	4.3	0.0	1.3	72.3	0.4	25.4	0.6
Ampara	649.4	38.7	15.8	43.4	1.2	0.9	0.0	38.9	17.3	0.1	43.4	0.3
Trincomalee	379.5	26.2	25.9	42.0	3.8	2.0	0.0	26.7	30.7	0.3	41.8	0.4
Kurunegala	1,618.5	88.5	0.9	7.3	2.7	0.6	0.0	91.4	1.1	0.2	7.1	0.2
Puttalam	762.4	43.2	3.8	19.7	31.5	1.6	0.2	73.6	6.3	0.3	19.4	0.5
Anuradhapura	860.6	90.1	0.4	8.3	0.8	0.4	0.0	91.0	0.5	0.1	8.2	0.2
Polonnaruwa	406.1	89.7	1.7	7.5	0.8	0.3	0.0	90.7	1.8	0.0	7.4	0.1
Badulla	815.4	72.6	19.3	5.8	1.5	0.8	0.0	73.0	2.7	18.5	5.5	0.4
Monaragala	451.1	94.6	2.7	2.2	0.4	0.2	0.0	94.9	1.8	1.1	2.1	0.1
Ratnapura	1,088.0	86.7	9.4	2.2	1.0	0.7	0.0	87.1	5.0	5.7	2.1	0.1
Kegalle	840.6	84.4	6.5	7.3	1.0	0.8	0.0	85.5	2.1	5.2	7.1	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,359.4</b>	<b>70.1</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>74.9</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>0.5</b>

(a) Based on Census of Population and Housing – 2012

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 3.23

Mid-year Population by Age Group<sup>(a)</sup> 2012 – 2020

Thousands

Age Group	2012		2013		2014		2015		2016 <sup>(b)</sup>		2017 <sup>(b)</sup>		2018 <sup>(b)</sup>		2019 <sup>(b)</sup>		2020 <sup>(b)</sup>	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 – 4	882	868	889	874	898	883	907	891	917	901	927	912	938	921	943	928	949	932
5 – 9	885	868	892	875	900	884	909	892	919	902	930	913	940	923	946	928	951	934
10 – 14	831	814	838	820	846	828	854	836	864	845	874	855	884	864	889	870	894	874
15 – 19	823	827	829	834	837	841	845	849	854	859	864	869	873	879	879	884	884	889
20 – 24	745	793	751	799	757	807	764	814	773	823	782	832	790	842	795	847	799	852
25 – 29	746	812	752	818	759	826	766	834	774	843	783	853	791	862	796	867	800	872
30 – 34	799	846	806	852	813	860	821	868	830	877	839	888	848	897	854	902	858	907
35 – 39	688	725	694	731	700	738	706	745	714	753	723	761	730	769	734	774	738	778
40 – 44	663	700	669	705	675	712	681	719	689	726	697	734	704	742	708	747	712	750
45 – 49	620	670	625	675	631	681	637	687	644	695	651	703	658	710	662	715	665	719
50 – 54	583	640	588	645	593	651	599	657	605	665	612	672	618	679	622	683	626	686
55 – 59	503	565	506	570	511	575	516	580	521	587	527	593	533	599	536	603	539	605
60 – 64	427	494	430	498	434	503	438	507	443	512	448	518	452	523	455	526	457	529
65 – 69	284	351	287	353	290	356	292	360	295	364	298	368	301	371	303	373	305	375
70 – 74	183	231	184	233	186	235	187	237	189	240	191	242	193	245	194	246	195	248
75 & over	226	333	226	337	229	339	231	341	234	346	236	349	239	352	240	354	241	356
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,888</b>	<b>10,537</b>	<b>9,966</b>	<b>10,619</b>	<b>10,059</b>	<b>10,719</b>	<b>10,153</b>	<b>10,817</b>	<b>10,265</b>	<b>10,938</b>	<b>10,382</b>	<b>11,062</b>	<b>10,492</b>	<b>11,178</b>	<b>10,556</b>	<b>11,247</b>	<b>10,613</b>	<b>11,306</b>
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>20,425</b>	<b>20,585</b>	<b>20,778</b>	<b>20,970</b>	<b>21,203</b>	<b>21,444</b>	<b>21,670</b>	<b>21,803</b>	<b>21,919</b>									

M – Male F – Female

Source: Registrar General's Department

(a) Based on Census of Population and Housing – 2012

(b) Provisional

Table 3.24

## Mid-year Population by Province and District 2001 and 2012 – 2020

Thousands										
Province / District	2001 <sup>(a)</sup>	2012 <sup>(b)</sup>	2013 <sup>(b)</sup>	2014 <sup>(b)</sup>	2015 <sup>(b)</sup>	2016 <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	2017 <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	2018 <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	2019 <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	2020 <sup>(b)(c)</sup>
<b>Western</b>	<b>5,381</b>	<b>5,865</b>	<b>5,896</b>	<b>5,936</b>	<b>5,974</b>	<b>6,028</b>	<b>6,081</b>	<b>6,129</b>	<b>6,149</b>	<b>6,165</b>
Colombo	2,251	2,330	2,339	2,353	2,367	2,395	2,419	2,439	2,448	2,455
Gampaha	2,064	2,310	2,324	2,339	2,355	2,372	2,391	2,409	2,417	2,423
Kalutara	1,066	1,225	1,233	1,242	1,252	1,261	1,271	1,281	1,284	1,287
<b>Central</b>	<b>2,424</b>	<b>2,582</b>	<b>2,606</b>	<b>2,633</b>	<b>2,659</b>	<b>2,690</b>	<b>2,722</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>2,766</b>	<b>2,781</b>
Kandy	1,279	1,381	1,391	1,404	1,417	1,434	1,452	1,468	1,476	1,483
Matale	441	486	491	496	501	508	514	519	522	525
Nuwara Eliya	704	715	724	733	741	748	756	763	768	773
<b>Southern</b>	<b>2,278</b>	<b>2,485</b>	<b>2,508</b>	<b>2,532</b>	<b>2,557</b>	<b>2,584</b>	<b>2,611</b>	<b>2,637</b>	<b>2,654</b>	<b>2,669</b>
Galle	991	1,066	1,074	1,083	1,092	1,102	1,113	1,124	1,130	1,135
Matara	761	817	824	832	840	845	851	858	863	866
Hambantota	526	602	610	618	625	637	647	655	661	668
<b>Northern</b>	<b>1,041</b>	<b>1,065</b>	<b>1,074</b>	<b>1,086</b>	<b>1,095</b>	<b>1,107</b>	<b>1,119</b>	<b>1,131</b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>1,152</b>
Jaffna	491	585	589	593	596	602	608	613	617	621
Kilinochchi	127	114	116	118	119	122	124	126	129	130
Mannar	152	100	101	102	103	106	107	109	111	112
Vavuniya	150	173	175	178	181	182	184	187	189	191
Mullaitivu	121	93	93	95	96	95	96	96	97	98
<b>Eastern</b>	<b>1,419</b>	<b>1,561</b>	<b>1,574</b>	<b>1,592</b>	<b>1,611</b>	<b>1,645</b>	<b>1,677</b>	<b>1,710</b>	<b>1,729</b>	<b>1,746</b>
Batticaloa	486	528	531	535	541	550	560	570	575	579
Ampara	593	652	658	666	674	691	705	719	728	736
Trincomalee	340	381	385	391	396	404	412	421	426	431
<b>North Western</b>	<b>2,170</b>	<b>2,389</b>	<b>2,405</b>	<b>2,425</b>	<b>2,447</b>	<b>2,477</b>	<b>2,508</b>	<b>2,536</b>	<b>2,551</b>	<b>2,563</b>
Kurunegala	1,460	1,624	1,634	1,647	1,661	1,676	1,694	1,711	1,719	1,726
Puttalam	710	765	771	778	786	801	814	825	832	837
<b>North Central</b>	<b>1,104</b>	<b>1,272</b>	<b>1,285</b>	<b>1,302</b>	<b>1,318</b>	<b>1,330</b>	<b>1,349</b>	<b>1,366</b>	<b>1,377</b>	<b>1,386</b>
Anuradhapura	745	864	874	886	896	905	918	930	937	943
Polonnaruwa	359	408	411	416	422	425	431	436	440	443
<b>Uva</b>	<b>1,178</b>	<b>1,271</b>	<b>1,286</b>	<b>1,303</b>	<b>1,321</b>	<b>1,333</b>	<b>1,349</b>	<b>1,364</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>1,387</b>
Badulla	780	818	826	836	846	854	864	873	880	886
Moneragala	398	453	460	467	475	479	485	491	496	501
<b>Sabaragamuwa</b>	<b>1,802</b>	<b>1,935</b>	<b>1,951</b>	<b>1,970</b>	<b>1,988</b>	<b>2,009</b>	<b>2,028</b>	<b>2,047</b>	<b>2,058</b>	<b>2,070</b>
Ratnapura	1,016	1,092	1,102	1,114	1,125	1,140	1,151	1,163	1,171	1,179
Kegalle	786	843	849	856	863	869	877	884	887	891
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,797</b>	<b>20,425</b>	<b>20,585</b>	<b>20,778</b>	<b>20,970</b>	<b>21,203</b>	<b>21,444</b>	<b>21,670</b>	<b>21,803</b>	<b>21,919</b>

(a) Based on Census of Population and Housing – 2001

(b) Based on Census of Population and Housing – 2012

(c) Provisional

Source: Registrar General's Department

Table 3.25

Population Density 2019 and 2020

Province / District	Total Area Sq. km.	Inland Waters Sq. km.	Forests Sq. km.	Land Area <sup>(a)</sup> Sq. km.	Mid-year Population, '000		Density, Persons per Sq. km.	
					2019 <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	2020 <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	2019 <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	2020 <sup>(b)(c)</sup>
<b>Western</b>	<b>3,684</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>3,593</b>	<b>6,149</b>	<b>6,165</b>	<b>1,711</b>	<b>1,716</b>
Colombo	699	23	15	676	2,448	2,455	3,621	3,632
Gampaha	1,387	46	14	1,341	2,417	2,423	1,802	1,807
Kalutara	1,598	22	166	1,576	1,284	1,287	815	817
<b>Central</b>	<b>5,674</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>1,402</b>	<b>5,575</b>	<b>2,766</b>	<b>2,781</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>499</b>
Kandy	1,940	23	317	1,917	1,476	1,483	770	774
Matale	1,993	41	599	1,952	522	525	267	269
Nuwara Eliya	1,741	35	486	1,706	768	773	450	453
<b>Southern</b>	<b>5,544</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>5,383</b>	<b>2,654</b>	<b>2,669</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>496</b>
Galle	1,652	35	236	1,617	1,130	1,135	699	702
Matara	1,283	13	187	1,270	863	866	680	682
Hambantota	2,609	113	509	2,496	661	668	265	268
<b>Northern</b>	<b>8,884</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>3,946</b>	<b>8,290</b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>1,152</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>139</b>
Jaffna	1,025	96	3	929	617	621	664	668
Kilinochchi	1,279	74	351	1,205	129	130	107	108
Mannar	1,996	116	1,024	1,880	111	112	59	60
Vavuniya	1,967	106	889	1,861	189	191	102	103
Mullaitivu	2,617	202	1,679	2,415	97	98	40	41
<b>Eastern</b>	<b>9,996</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>3,030</b>	<b>9,361</b>	<b>1,729</b>	<b>1,746</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>187</b>
Batticaloa	2,854	244	517	2,610	575	579	220	222
Ampara	4,415	193	1,696	4,222	728	736	172	174
Trincomalee	2,727	198	817	2,529	426	431	168	170
<b>North Western</b>	<b>7,888</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>7,506</b>	<b>2,551</b>	<b>2,563</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>341</b>
Kurunegala	4,816	192	185	4,624	1,719	1,726	372	373
Puttalam	3,072	190	817	2,882	832	837	289	290
<b>North Central</b>	<b>10,472</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>3,326</b>	<b>9,741</b>	<b>1,377</b>	<b>1,386</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>142</b>
Anuradhapura	7,179	515	1,979	6,664	937	943	141	142
Polonnaruwa	3,293	216	1,347	3,077	440	443	143	144
<b>Uva</b>	<b>8,500</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>8,335</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>1,387</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>166</b>
Badulla	2,861	34	683	2,827	880	886	311	313
Moneragala	5,639	131	1,317	5,508	496	501	90	91
<b>Sabaragamuwa</b>	<b>4,968</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>4,921</b>	<b>2,058</b>	<b>2,070</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>421</b>
Ratnapura	3,275	39	648	3,236	1,171	1,179	362	364
Kegalle	1,693	8	117	1,685	887	891	526	529
<b>Total</b>	<b>65,610</b>	<b>2,905</b>	<b>16,598</b>	<b>62,705</b>	<b>21,803</b>	<b>21,919</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>350</b>

(a) Total land area excluding inland waters

(b) Based on Census of Population and Housing – 2012

(c) Provisional

Sources: Surveyor General's Office  
Registrar General's Department

Table 3.26

Vital Statistics 2011 – 2020

Item	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016 <sup>(a)</sup>	2017 <sup>(a)</sup>	2018 <sup>(a)</sup>	2019 <sup>(a)</sup>	2020 <sup>(a)</sup>
Mid-year Population, '000 <sup>(b)</sup>	20,892	20,425	20,585	20,778	20,966	21,203	21,444	21,670	21,803	21,919
0 – 14 years	5,491	5,148	5,188	5,239	5,288	5,348	5,411	5,470	5,504	5,534
15 – 54 years	12,643	11,680	11,773	11,881	11,989	12,124	12,263	12,392	12,469	12,535
55 years & over	2,758	3,597	3,624	3,658	3,689	3,731	3,770	3,808	3,830	3,850
Mid-year Population Growth Rate, %	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.6	0.5
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000	17.3	17.6	17.8	16.8	16.0	15.6	15.2	15.1	14.6	13.8
Crude Death Rate per 1,000	5.9	6.0	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.5	6.4	6.7 <sup>(c)</sup>	6.0
Rate of Natural Increase per 1,000	11.4	11.6	11.6	10.7	9.7	9.5 <sup>(c)</sup>	8.6 <sup>(c)</sup>	8.7	8.6 <sup>(c)</sup>	7.3
Mid-year In-Migration, '000	2,433	2,496	2,629	2,875	3,252	3,652	3,730	4,038	3,498	876
Mid-year Out-Migration, '000	2,479	2,548	2,677	2,917	3,238	3,608	3,680	4,023	3,548	970
Mid-year Net Migration Rate per 1,000	-2.2	-2.5	-2.3	-2.0	0.7	2.1	2.3	0.7 <sup>(c)</sup>	-2.3	-4.3
Density of Population, (Persons per Sq. km.)	333	326	328	331	334	338	342	346	348	350
Infant Mortality per 1,000 Live Births	9.1	8.3	8.3	7.6	8.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

(a) Provisional

(b) Until 2011, mid-year population estimates were prepared based on the Census of Population and Housing of 2001. Mid-year population estimates from 2012 onwards were based on Census of Population and Housing – 2012.

(c) Revised

n.a. – Not available

Sources: Department of Census and Statistics  
Registrar General's Department

Table 3.27

Crude Birth Rates and Death Rates by District 2014 – 2020<sup>(a)</sup>

Per 1,000 Persons

District	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018 <sup>(b)</sup>		2019 <sup>(b)</sup>		2020 <sup>(b)</sup>	
	Crude Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate	Crude Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate	Crude Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate	Crude Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate	Crude Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate	Crude Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate	Crude Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate
Colombo	15.4	6.8	14.4	7.0	14.0	7.1	13.7	7.4	13.6	7.4	13.4	7.5	11.6	6.3
Gampaha	13.7	6.0	13.1	6.2	12.8	6.2	12.4	6.5	12.0	6.3	11.6	6.7	10.3	5.8
Kalutara	14.8	6.5	14.2	6.8	13.3	6.5	13.0	7.1	12.6	7.1	11.7	7.2	10.8	6.7
Kandy	18.8	7.2	17.5	7.0	16.4	6.8	15.9	7.2	15.7	7.0	15.4	7.2	14.5	6.5
Matale	19.1	6.5	17.4	6.4	16.9	6.1	14.8	6.5	14.9	6.6	14.3	6.7	13.9	6.6
Nuwara Eliya	17.5	6.2	16.5	6.3	17.0	6.1	15.2	6.1	14.1	6.2	13.6	6.5	14.4	6.2
Galle	16.7	7.3	16.4	7.6	15.9	7.1	15.2	7.7	15.6	7.6	15.2	8.1	14.3	7.2
Matarara	15.2	6.3	14.2	6.6	13.9	6.3	13.3	6.5	13.3	6.6	13.1	6.8	12.2	6.2
Hambantota	20.9	5.4	19.7	5.6	19.3	5.3	17.6	5.5	17.0	5.6	16.9	5.8	16.7	5.3
Jaffna	14.9	7.1	13.6	6.9	14.1	7.3	14.9	7.4	15.4	7.2	15.4	7.8	14.1	6.9
Kilinochchi	19.1	2.9	16.9	3.1	19.5	3.6	21.8	4.1	21.0	4.0	21.9	4.4	19.9	3.7
Mannar	15.4	3.7	18.1	3.8	18.5	3.9	19.6	4.0	17.4	3.9	18.5	4.6	19.1	4.5
Vavuniya	19.6	4.9	17.6	4.7	16.1	4.2	17.8	4.8	18.8	5.2	15.3	4.9	16.7	4.5
Mullaitivu	11.6	4.2	12.2	3.8	10.5	3.8	11.4	3.9	11.1	4.6	8.8	4.0	10.7	3.4
Batticaloa	18.1	4.8	17.3	4.9	16.9	5.6	17.8	4.9	18.9	4.6	17.9	5.0	16.8	4.7
Ampara	21.1	4.6	20.5	4.7	20.5	4.6	20.2	4.8	22.0	4.7	21.0	5.0	20.3	4.7
Trincomalee	22.1	4.1	20.5	4.4	20.2	4.4	20.4	4.5	22.4	4.4	21.3	4.8	20.2	4.6
Kurunegala	16.0	6.6	15.4	6.7	15.2	6.3	14.6	6.9	14.8	6.9	14.4	7.3	13.1	6.5
Puttalam	19.2	5.4	18.4	5.5	17.6	5.5	17.4	5.9	17.1	5.8	16.5	6.2	15.5	5.9
Anuradhapura	17.8	5.5	17.3	5.8	17.1	5.1	16.9	6.1	16.7	5.9	15.8	6.0	15.0	5.5
Polonnaruwa	17.7	5.5	16.9	5.2	16.8	5.1	16.4	5.9	16.7	6.3	15.9	6.4	15.2	5.8
Badulla	18.4	6.4	16.2	6.1	16.8	6.2	16.6	6.3	16.6	6.3	14.6	6.3	14.9	5.7
Moneragala	19.5	4.7	18.4	4.8	17.5	4.9	17.0	5.1	17.0	5.1	15.2	5.1	14.3	4.9
Ratnapura	18.0	6.1	16.7	6.1	15.9	6.1	15.7	6.5	15.7	6.5	14.9	6.6	14.4	6.2
Kegalle	16.0	6.9	14.9	6.9	14.4	6.8	13.8	7.4	13.8	7.4	13.4	7.2	12.8	6.7
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>6.0</b>

(a) Figures are based on place of occurrence.

(b) Provisional

Source: Registrar General's Department



Labour Force<sup>(a)</sup> 2012 – 2020

Item	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>Household Population '000</b>	<b>14,858</b>	<b>14,959</b>	<b>15,134</b>	<b>15,282</b>	<b>15,449</b>	<b>15,844</b>	<b>16,196</b>	<b>16,424</b>	<b>16,739</b>
<b>Labour Force '000</b>	<b>7,798</b>	<b>8,034</b>	<b>8,049</b>	<b>8,214</b>	<b>8,311</b>	<b>8,567</b>	<b>8,388</b>	<b>8,592</b>	<b>8,467</b>
Employed '000	7,489	7,681	7,700	7,831	7,948	8,208	8,015	8,181	7,999
Unemployed '000	310	353	348	383	363	359	373	411	468
<b>Labour Force Participation Rates, %</b>									
<b>By Age Groups</b>									
15 – 19	14.7	16.2	15.2	15.0	13.8	13.3	11.7	12.0	11.2
20 – 24	54.5	55.0	52.7	55.5	55.6	57.4	53.2	54.9	51.5
25 – 29	64.4	64.7	63.8	65.4	65.8	67.6	66.3	68.1	66.4
30 – 39	65.7	67.9	68.0	67.4	67.6	68.1	66.0	67.6	66.8
40 & above	52.7	54.1	53.4	54.0	54.4	54.6	52.8	52.6	51.0
All Ages (15 years & above)	52.5	53.7	53.2	53.8	53.8	54.1	51.8	52.3	50.6
<b>By Sector and Sex</b>									
<b>Urban</b>									
Male	70.7	70.2	70.4	70.0	72.6	72.5	72.1	70.8	68.6
Female	28.9	27.5	29.4	30.0	30.2	31.6	30.1	32.7	28.0
Total	48.3	47.7	48.7	48.6	49.8	50.5	49.7	50.3	47.0
<b>Rural</b>									
Male	75.8	75.9	75.4	75.6	75.6	75.0	73.2	73.5	72.6
Female	33.8	37.0	35.7	37.1	37.0	37.7	34.3	34.8	32.9
Total	53.4	54.9	54.1	54.8	54.6	54.8	52.3	52.7	51.3
<b>All Island</b>									
Male	74.9	74.9	74.6	74.7	75.1	74.5	73.0	73.0	71.9
Female	32.9	35.4	34.6	35.9	35.9	36.6	33.6	34.5	32.1
Total	52.5	53.7	53.2	53.8	53.8	54.1	51.8	52.3	50.6

(a) Household population aged 15 years and above

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

(b) Provisional

**Labour Force** : The current economically active population, i.e., the number of persons (aged 15 years and above), who are employed or unemployed during the reference one-week period.

**Labour Force Participation Rate** : The ratio of the labour force to the household population

Note : In July 2016, the Department of Census and Statistics published a re-weighted and revised labour force data series for 2011 onwards.

Table 3.29

 Employment<sup>(a)</sup> 2011 – 2020

Per cent

Item	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>By Industrial Category<sup>(c)</sup></b>										
Agriculture	33.1	31.2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Manufacturing	16.7	17.5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Construction <sup>(d)</sup>	7.2	8.4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Trade & Hotels	15.1	15.6	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Transport, Storage & Communication	6.2	6.5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Insurance & Real Estate	3.5	3.5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Personal Services	18.2	17.4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	100.0	100.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>By Industrial Category<sup>(e)</sup></b>										
Agriculture	–	–	30.2	28.9	28.7	27.1	26.1	25.5	25.3	27.1
Mining and Quarrying	–	–	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7
Manufacturing	–	–	17.8	18.0	18.0	17.9	19.3	18.3	18.4	17.5
Construction, Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply, Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste management and Remediation activities	–	–	7.0	7.3	7.0	7.8	8.4	8.9	8.5	8.7
Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motor Cycles	–	–	13.6	13.1	13.5	13.9	14.1	14.2	13.9	13.7
Transport and Storage	–	–	6.1	6.3	6.1	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.5
Accommodation and Food Services Activities	–	–	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.6	3.0	2.8	2.7
Information and Communication	–	–	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.7
Financial and Insurance Activities	–	–	1.8	1.9	1.8	2.0	1.9	2.2	2.3	2.3
Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities	–	–	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.1
Administrative and Support Service Activities	–	–	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.9	2.1	2.5	2.1
Public Administration and Defence, Compulsory Social Security	–	–	7.4	7.7	7.7	7.7	6.4	5.4	5.3	5.6
Education	–	–	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.6	5.3	5.2	5.0
Human Health and Social Work Activities	–	–	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.1	2.0
Other <sup>(f)</sup>	–	–	4.3	5.0	4.9	5.0	4.2	4.6	4.8	4.3
Total	–	–	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>By Occupational Groups</b>										
Senior Officials and Managers	1.7	1.7	4.8	4.6	6.1	6.0	6.8	7.7	7.6	6.4
Professionals	6.2	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.8	7.0	7.4	6.6
Technicians & Associate Professionals	5.0	5.7	5.8	5.8	6.0	6.1	6.8	8.3	9.1	8.7
Clerks	4.1	4.4	3.7	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.6	3.8	3.8
Sales & Service Workers; Proprietors & Managers of Enterprises	15.3	14.4	11.0	11.7	10.9	11.2	10.0	8.8	8.7	9.5
Skilled Agricultural and Fishery Workers	23.0	21.5	19.4	20.3	18.6	18.1	17.1	16.3	16.8	17.2
Craft & Related Workers	15.9	16.9	17.0	17.1	16.2	16.0	16.7	16.2	16.0	15.3
Plant & Machine Operators & Assemblers	7.1	8.6	8.3	8.3	8.6	8.9	9.0	8.8	8.7	9.1
Elementary Occupations	20.7	19.8	23.1	21.2	22.6	22.6	22.4	22.9	21.5	22.9
Not Identified	0.9	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>By Employment Status</b>										
Public Employees	14.6	15.3	15.2	15.5	15.1	14.6	14.4	14.5	14.9	14.8
Private Employees	40.5	41.2	40.5	40.9	41.0	43.3	43.3	43.4	43.0	42.7
Employers	2.9	2.8	3.0	2.7	3.1	2.7	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.5
Own Account Workers	31.5	31.9	32.2	32.0	32.3	31.6	31.3	32.3	32.5	33.2
Unpaid Family Workers	10.6	8.7	9.1	8.9	8.4	7.8	8.0	7.2	7.0	6.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Household population aged 15 years and above

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

(b) Provisional

(c) Based on the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC) – Revision 3

(d) Mining &amp; Quarrying, Electricity, Gas &amp; Water also included

(e) Based on ISIC – Revision 4

(f) This includes activities of households as Employers; Real estate; Arts, Entertainment and Recreation; and Extra Territorial Organisations and Bodies.

**Employed** : Persons who worked at least one hour during the reference period, as paid employees, employers, own account workers or contributing family workers are said to be employed. This also includes persons with a job but not at work during the reference period.

Note : In July 2016, the Department of Census and Statistics published a re-weighted and revised labour force data series for 2011 onwards.

Unemployment<sup>(a)</sup> 2011 – 2020

Item	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>By Age Group</b>										
<b>% of Labour Force</b>										
15 – 19	15.5	18.9	18.8	21.4	24.1	27.1	21.0	26.5	26.0	31.4
20 – 29	12.4	11.3	13.1	13.6	14.2	14.2	13.5	15.0	15.3	18.1
30 – 39	2.8	2.5	2.7	2.7	3.1	2.4	2.7	3.0	3.1	3.5
40 and above	0.7	0.8	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.7	1.2	1.1
Total	4.2	4.0	4.4	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.8	5.5
<b>Percentage Distribution</b>										
15 – 19	12.7	14.1	13.7	14.2	14.5	16.1	12.8	14.1	13.0	n.a.
20 – 24	42.2	40.5	41.0	39.8	37.4	39.7	37.7	38.9	36.0	n.a.
25 – 29	20.7	18.8	18.1	19.3	20.5	21.1	22.2	22.5	22.8	n.a.
30 – 39	15.9	15.8	15.1	15.4	15.8	13.2	14.8	15.0	14.3	n.a.
Above 40	8.5	10.8	12.1	11.3	11.8	9.8	12.4	9.5	13.8	n.a.
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	n.a.
<b>By Level of Education</b>										
<b>% of Labour Force</b>										
Grade 5 and below	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grades 6 – 10	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3	2.8	2.9	3.3	4.0
G.C.E. (O/L)	5.3	6.0	6.0	5.9	6.4	5.8	5.9	5.2	6.5	7.2
G.C.E. (A/L) and above	9.1	7.6	8.7	8.2	9.2	8.3	8.1	9.1	8.5	9.8
Total	4.2	4.0	4.4	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.8	5.5
<b>Percentage Distribution</b>										
Grade 5 and below	2.9 <sup>(c)</sup>	2.6 <sup>(c)</sup>	3.9	3.1	2.5	2.7	3.1	2.2	2.9	n.a.
Grades 6 – 10	38.1	37.4	36.5	37.7	34.4	35.4	30.3	30.5	31.4	n.a.
G.C.E. (O/L)	19.8	27.2	22.1	22.4	24.4	22.1	24.7	21.4	23.9	n.a.
G.C.E. (A/L) and above	39.2	32.9	37.5	36.8	38.7	39.8	41.9	45.8	41.9	n.a.
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	n.a.
<b>By Sex, % of Labour Force</b>										
Male	2.7	2.8	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.3	4.0
Female	7.1	6.3	6.6	6.5	7.6	7.0	6.5	7.1	7.4	8.5
Total	4.2	4.0	4.4	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.8	5.5

(a) Household population aged 15 years and above

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

(b) Provisional

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

... – Negligible

n.a. – not available

**Unemployed** : Persons available and/or looking for work, and who did not work and took steps to find a job during the last four weeks and are ready to accept a job given a work opportunity within next two weeks.

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

Note : In July 2016, the Department of Census and Statistics published a re-weighted and revised labour force data series for 2011 onwards.

Table 3.31

 Public Sector Employment<sup>(a)</sup> 2018 – 2020

Service Level	2018 <sup>(b)</sup>			2019 <sup>(b)(c)</sup>			2020 <sup>(c)</sup>		
	Regular	Other <sup>(d)</sup>	Total	Regular	Other <sup>(d)</sup>	Total	Regular	Other <sup>(d)</sup>	Total
<b>Government Institutions</b>									
Senior Level <sup>(e)</sup>	49,899	3,212	53,111	50,963	2,998	53,961	51,176	2,783	53,959
Tertiary Level <sup>(f)</sup>	76,127	13,049	89,176	75,040	12,497	87,537	75,741	12,592	88,333
Secondary Level <sup>(g)</sup>	723,157	62,748	785,905	770,125	58,032	828,157	810,332	56,796	867,128
Primary Level <sup>(h)</sup>	235,016	16,441	251,457	237,688	14,392	252,080	270,838	10,112	280,950
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,084,199</b>	<b>95,450</b>	<b>1,179,649</b>	<b>1,133,816</b>	<b>87,919</b>	<b>1,221,735</b>	<b>1,208,087</b>	<b>82,283</b>	<b>1,290,370</b>
<b>Semi-Government Institutions</b>									
Senior Level <sup>(e)</sup>	18,240	1,771	20,011	18,071	1,602	19,673	19,025	1,592	20,617
Tertiary Level <sup>(f)</sup>	30,796	2,692	33,488	28,508	2,597	31,105	27,637	2,359	29,996
Secondary Level <sup>(g)</sup>	70,669	5,816	76,485	71,541	4,984	76,525	69,499	4,387	73,886
Primary Level <sup>(h)</sup>	93,183	21,330	114,513	95,222	22,748	117,970	94,342	19,110	113,452
<b>Total</b>	<b>212,888</b>	<b>31,609</b>	<b>244,497</b>	<b>213,342</b>	<b>31,931</b>	<b>245,273</b>	<b>210,503</b>	<b>27,448</b>	<b>237,951</b>
<b>Public Sector (Total)</b>									
Senior Level <sup>(e)</sup>	68,139	4,983	73,122	69,034	4,600	73,634	70,201	4,375	74,576
Tertiary Level <sup>(f)</sup>	106,923	15,741	122,664	103,548	15,094	118,642	103,378	14,951	118,329
Secondary Level <sup>(g)</sup>	793,826	68,564	862,390	841,666	63,016	904,682	879,831	61,183	941,014
Primary Level <sup>(h)</sup>	328,199	37,771	365,970	332,910	37,140	370,050	365,180	29,222	394,402
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,297,087</b>	<b>127,059</b>	<b>1,424,146</b>	<b>1,347,158</b>	<b>119,850</b>	<b>1,467,008</b>	<b>1,418,590</b>	<b>109,731</b>	<b>1,528,321</b>
<b>Per cent</b>									
<b>Government Institutions</b>									
Senior Level <sup>(e)</sup>	4.6	3.4	4.5	4.5	3.4	4.4	4.2	3.4	4.2
Tertiary Level <sup>(f)</sup>	7.0	13.7	7.6	6.6	14.2	7.2	6.3	15.3	6.8
Secondary Level <sup>(g)</sup>	66.7	65.7	66.6	67.9	66.0	67.8	67.1	69.0	67.2
Primary Level <sup>(h)</sup>	21.7	17.2	21.3	21.0	16.4	20.6	22.4	12.3	21.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Semi-Government Institutions</b>									
Senior Level <sup>(e)</sup>	8.6	5.6	8.2	8.5	5.0	8.0	9.0	5.8	8.7
Tertiary Level <sup>(f)</sup>	14.5	8.5	13.7	13.4	8.1	12.7	13.1	8.6	12.6
Secondary Level <sup>(g)</sup>	33.2	18.4	31.3	33.5	15.6	31.2	33.0	16.0	31.1
Primary Level <sup>(h)</sup>	43.8	67.5	46.8	44.6	71.2	48.1	44.8	69.6	47.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Public Sector (Total)</b>									
Senior Level <sup>(e)</sup>	5.3	3.9	5.1	5.1	3.8	5.0	4.9	4.0	4.9
Tertiary Level <sup>(f)</sup>	8.2	12.4	8.6	7.7	12.6	8.1	7.3	13.6	7.7
Secondary Level <sup>(g)</sup>	61.2	54.0	60.6	62.5	52.6	61.7	62.0	55.8	61.6
Primary Level <sup>(h)</sup>	25.3	29.7	25.7	24.7	31.0	25.2	25.7	26.6	25.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Re-categorised in accordance with the definitions given in the Public Administration Circular No. 06/2006 issued on 25th April 2006

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(b) Revised

(c) Provisional

(d) Employees on contract and casual basis

(e) Represents Executives/Senior Executives; Judicial/Law Officers and Medical Officers

(f) Represents Field/Office based Officers; Supra/Special Class Management Assistants; Sri Lanka Principals' Service; Police Inspectors/Chief Inspectors and similar posts in other Regulatory Services; Special Grades of Nurses/Professions Supplementary to Medical Services and Para-Medical Services; and Medical Practitioners

(g) Represents Management Assistant (Technical and Non-Technical); Associate Officers; Sri Lanka Teachers' Service; Police Constables/Sergeants/Sergeant Major/Sub-Inspectors and similar posts in other Regulatory Services; Supervisory Management Assistants; and Nurses/ PSM Services and Para-Medical Services except the Special Grades of these services

(h) Represents primary level un-skilled, semi-skilled and skilled employees

Table 3.32

## Migration for Foreign Employment 2012 – 2020

Category	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 <sup>(a)</sup>	2019 <sup>(a)</sup>	2020 <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>Total Migration for Employment (No.)</b>	<b>282,447</b>	<b>293,218</b>	<b>300,703</b>	<b>263,443</b>	<b>242,816</b>	<b>211,992</b>	<b>211,211</b>	<b>203,087</b>	<b>53,713</b>
Male (No.)	144,135	175,185	190,217	172,788	160,306	139,268	129,712	122,257	32,453
%	51.0	59.7	63.3	65.6	66.0	65.7	61.4	60.2	60.4
Female (No.)	138,312	118,033	110,486	90,655	82,510	72,724	81,499	80,830	21,260
%	49.0	40.3	36.7	34.4	34.0	34.3	38.6	39.8	39.6
<b>Average No. of Migrant travellers for employment per day</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>148</b>
<b>Migration for employment as a % of all departures</b>	<b>22.6</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>17.1</b>
<b>Migration Employment by skills (%)</b>									
Professional	1.6	1.8	1.8	2.4	2.7	3.0	4.3	4.9	5.5
Middle level	3.3	5.6	6.9	2.6	3.4	3.4	3.1	2.8	2.8
Clerical & related	5.7	9.1	9.7	4.7	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.6
Skilled and Semi-skilled	25.0	26.3	25.7	32.8	33.1	34.1	33.0	32.3	32.5
Unskilled	22.3	24.2	26.4	29.6	29.5	28.8	24.5	25.2	26.1
Housemaids	42.1	33.0	29.5	27.8	26.8	26.4	30.7	30.3	28.6
<b>Migrant remittances (Rs. mn.)</b>									
Middle-East	428,593	460,195	509,487	512,437	566,260	565,642	582,719	618,394	680,892
Other	335,387	367,494	406,857	436,520	488,229	526,330	555,405	582,372	636,115
Middle-East remittances as a % of total remittances	56.1	55.6	55.6	54.0	53.7	51.8	51.2	51.5	51.7
Total remittances as a % of export earnings	61.2	61.6	63.1	66.2	70.2	63.1	59.0	56.3	70.7

(a) Revised  
(b) Provisional

Sources: Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment  
Department of Immigration and Emigration  
Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Table 3.33

Departures for Foreign Employment by Country 2012 – 2020

Country \ Year	2012		2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018 <sup>(a)</sup>		2019 <sup>(a)</sup>		2020 <sup>(b)</sup>		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
<b>Middle Eastern Countries</b>																			
Bahrain	4,536	1.61	4,547	1.55	3,979	1.32	3,722	1.41	3,225	1.33	3,002	1.42	2,922	1.38	3,017	1.49	1,047	1.95	
Jordan	10,389	3.68	7,060	2.41	6,197	2.06	4,809	1.83	3,867	1.59	3,925	1.85	4,162	1.97	4,611	2.27	955	1.78	
Kuwait	44,244	15.66	42,740	14.58	43,552	14.48	38,473	14.60	32,400	13.34	37,410	17.65	46,914	22.21	43,073	21.21	8,036	14.96	
Lebanon	3,949	1.40	3,537	1.21	3,058	1.02	2,604	0.99	2,644	1.09	2,408	1.14	2,228	1.05	1,902	0.94	537	1.00	
Oman	4,886	1.73	5,317	1.81	5,759	1.92	7,082	2.69	9,729	4.01	8,865	4.18	8,329	3.94	9,016	4.44	2,714	5.05	
Qatar	57,504	20.36	80,724	27.53	84,622	28.14	65,139	24.73	59,523	24.51	56,637	26.72	50,749	24.03	40,783	20.08	9,651	17.97	
Saudi Arabia	97,964	34.68	80,887	27.59	80,480	26.76	74,894	28.43	63,293	26.07	37,745	17.80	35,733	16.92	35,415	17.44	9,402	17.50	
UAE	38,297	13.56	48,502	16.54	50,347	16.74	43,666	16.58	40,117	16.52	36,667	17.30	32,821	15.54	32,860	16.18	10,708	19.94	
<b>South East Asian Countries</b>																			
Brunei	11	0.00	15	0.01	12	0.00	9	0.00	14	0.01	9	0.00	8	0.00	17	0.01	3	0.01	
Hong Kong	451	0.16	513	0.17	468	0.16	493	0.19	574	0.24	636	0.30	582	0.28	624	0.31	216	0.40	
Malaysia	2,694	0.95	3,297	1.12	3,312	1.10	3,239	1.23	2,914	1.20	1,996	0.94	2,452	1.16	3,296	1.62	522	0.97	
Singapore	984	0.35	1,265	0.43	1,470	0.49	1,461	0.55	1,841	0.76	1,795	0.85	1,918	0.91	2,124	1.05	762	1.42	
South Korea	5,630	1.99	5,402	1.84	6,686	2.22	6,967	2.64	8,630	3.55	5,807	2.74	5,410	2.56	6,207	3.06	1,292	2.41	
<b>European Countries</b>																			
Cyprus	2,875	1.02	1,609	0.55	1,656	0.55	1,578	0.60	2,054	0.85	2,110	1.00	2,249	1.06	2,421	1.19	757	1.41	
Greece	44	0.02	24	0.01	31	0.01	14	0.01	31	0.01	40	0.02	29	0.01	28	0.01	7	0.01	
Italy	5	0.00	5	0.00	48	0.02	78	0.03	72	0.03	37	0.02	34	0.02	72	0.04	24	0.04	
<b>Other Countries</b>																			
Maldives	4,044	1.43	3,485	1.19	4,511	1.50	4,813	1.83	6,116	2.52	6,279	2.96	7,298	3.46	7,767	3.82	2,383	4.44	
Mauritius	273	0.10	382	0.13	149	0.05	196	0.07	250	0.10	140	0.07	195	0.09	91	0.04	31	0.06	
Seychelles	295	0.10	315	0.11	536	0.18	464	0.18	702	0.29	852	0.40	826	0.39	977	0.48	290	0.54	
United States	6	0.00	5	0.00	9	0.00	4	0.00	3	0.00	13	0.01	4	0.00	15	0.01	2	0.00	
Other	3,366	1.19	3,587	1.22	3,821	1.27	3,738	1.42	4,817	1.98	5,619	2.65	6,348	3.01	8,771	4.32	4,374	8.14	
<b>Total</b>	<b>282,447</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>293,218</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>300,703</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>263,443</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>242,816</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>211,992</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>211,211</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>203,087</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>53,713</b>	<b>100.00</b>	

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Table 3.34

Departures for Foreign Employment by Skill Level, Age Group and Gender 2019 – 2020

Year \ Age Group		Below 25	25 – 29	30 – 34	35 – 39	40 – 44	45 – 49	Above 49	Total
<b>Departures for Professional, Middle and Clerical Level Jobs</b>									
2019 <sup>(a)</sup>	Male	851	3,665	4,739	4,132	3,183	2,084	2,666	21,320
	Female	167	754	790	568	418	314	418	3,429
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,018</b>	<b>4,419</b>	<b>5,529</b>	<b>4,700</b>	<b>3,601</b>	<b>2,398</b>	<b>3,084</b>	<b>24,749</b>
2020 <sup>(b)</sup>	Male	304	1,121	1,266	1,151	845	587	807	6,081
	Female	44	198	172	136	75	78	109	812
	<b>Total</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>1,319</b>	<b>1,438</b>	<b>1,287</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>6,893</b>
<b>Departures for Skilled Level Jobs</b>									
2019 <sup>(a)</sup>	Male	4,098	10,222	9,548	10,301	9,080	6,354	7,929	57,532
	Female	857	1,096	748	685	593	489	711	5,179
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,955</b>	<b>11,318</b>	<b>10,296</b>	<b>10,986</b>	<b>9,673</b>	<b>6,843</b>	<b>8,640</b>	<b>62,711</b>
2020 <sup>(b)</sup>	Male	1,235	2,712	2,275	2,571	2,362	1,551	2,127	14,833
	Female	304	308	183	221	221	237	383	1,857
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,539</b>	<b>3,020</b>	<b>2,458</b>	<b>2,792</b>	<b>2,583</b>	<b>1,788</b>	<b>2,510</b>	<b>16,690</b>
<b>Departures for Semi Skilled Level Jobs</b>									
2019 <sup>(a)</sup>	Male	307	679	549	432	313	196	196	2,672
	Female	26	58	47	36	45	30	36	278
	<b>Total</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>2,950</b>
2020 <sup>(b)</sup>	Male	113	146	122	102	82	48	51	664
	Female	13	20	13	16	9	4	9	84
	<b>Total</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>748</b>
<b>Departures for Unskilled Level Jobs</b>									
2019 <sup>(a)</sup>	Male	5,533	9,560	7,796	6,534	5,038	2,975	3,297	40,733
	Female	569	965	962	1,327	1,798	1,886	2,948	10,455
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,102</b>	<b>10,525</b>	<b>8,758</b>	<b>7,861</b>	<b>6,836</b>	<b>4,861</b>	<b>6,245</b>	<b>51,188</b>
2020 <sup>(b)</sup>	Male	1,659	2,556	1,953	1,644	1,333	850	880	10,875
	Female	147	237	270	349	524	601	991	3,119
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,806</b>	<b>2,793</b>	<b>2,223</b>	<b>1,993</b>	<b>1,857</b>	<b>1,451</b>	<b>1,871</b>	<b>13,994</b>
<b>Departures for Housemaid Jobs (Female only)</b>									
2019 <sup>(a)</sup>	<b>Total</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>3,414</b>	<b>5,783</b>	<b>10,139</b>	<b>13,286</b>	<b>12,263</b>	<b>16,390</b>	<b>61,489</b>
2020 <sup>(b)</sup>	<b>Total</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>1,442</b>	<b>2,455</b>	<b>3,225</b>	<b>3,184</b>	<b>4,185</b>	<b>15,388</b>
<b>Departures for all Occupations</b>									
2019 <sup>(a)</sup>	Male	10,789	24,126	22,632	21,399	17,614	11,609	14,088	122,257
	Female	1,833	6,287	8,330	12,755	16,140	14,982	20,503	80,830
	<b>Total</b>	<b>12,622</b>	<b>30,413</b>	<b>30,962</b>	<b>34,154</b>	<b>33,754</b>	<b>26,591</b>	<b>34,591</b>	<b>203,087</b>
2020 <sup>(b)</sup>	Male	3,311	6,535	5,616	5,468	4,622	3,036	3,865	32,453
	Female	637	1,531	2,080	3,177	4,054	4,104	5,677	21,260
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,948</b>	<b>8,066</b>	<b>7,696</b>	<b>8,645</b>	<b>8,676</b>	<b>7,140</b>	<b>9,542</b>	<b>53,713</b>
<b>Departures for all Occupations as a % of Total Departures</b>									
2019 <sup>(a)</sup>	Male	5.3	11.9	11.1	10.5	8.7	5.7	6.9	60.2
	Female	0.9	3.1	4.1	6.3	7.9	7.4	10.1	39.8
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
2020 <sup>(b)</sup>	Male	6.2	12.2	10.5	10.2	8.6	5.7	7.2	60.4
	Female	1.2	2.9	3.9	5.9	7.5	7.6	10.6	39.6
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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Table 3.35

Departures for Foreign Employment by District, Province and Gender 2013 – 2020

Province / District	2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018(a)		2019(a)		2020(b)	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
<b>Western</b>	<b>47,212</b>	<b>28,114</b>	<b>52,969</b>	<b>27,253</b>	<b>49,951</b>	<b>21,997</b>	<b>47,022</b>	<b>22,873</b>	<b>40,799</b>	<b>20,924</b>	<b>37,974</b>	<b>20,863</b>	<b>37,188</b>	<b>21,558</b>	<b>10,459</b>	<b>5,922</b>
Colombo	22,365	12,493	23,925	11,731	22,504	8,935	21,682	10,086	18,572	9,252	16,933	8,516	15,905	8,541	4,459	2,304
Gampaha	15,903	9,782	18,892	9,802	17,735	8,309	16,810	8,290	14,835	7,716	14,091	7,793	14,134	8,255	4,066	2,328
Kalutara	8,944	5,839	10,152	5,720	9,712	4,753	8,530	4,497	7,392	3,956	6,950	4,554	7,149	4,762	1,934	1,290
<b>Central</b>	<b>20,746</b>	<b>17,370</b>	<b>22,716</b>	<b>15,256</b>	<b>21,221</b>	<b>13,396</b>	<b>20,440</b>	<b>11,732</b>	<b>16,574</b>	<b>9,229</b>	<b>16,284</b>	<b>10,864</b>	<b>15,679</b>	<b>10,649</b>	<b>4,345</b>	<b>2,825</b>
Kandy	15,923	12,421	17,595	11,355	16,642	10,037	15,733	7,531	13,261	6,219	12,617	7,028	12,191	7,002	3,435	1,900
Matale	3,986	3,878	4,396	3,478	3,898	2,850	3,659	2,675	2,664	1,892	2,963	2,421	2,763	2,054	730	538
Nuwara Eliya	837	1,071	725	423	681	509	1,048	1,526	649	1,118	704	1,415	725	1,593	180	387
<b>Southern</b>	<b>12,192</b>	<b>9,173</b>	<b>14,424</b>	<b>8,611</b>	<b>14,113</b>	<b>7,357</b>	<b>13,552</b>	<b>6,920</b>	<b>11,528</b>	<b>6,061</b>	<b>11,031</b>	<b>7,035</b>	<b>11,150</b>	<b>7,311</b>	<b>2,943</b>	<b>1,839</b>
Galle	6,828	5,174	7,968	4,986	7,786	4,310	7,336	4,039	6,562	3,574	6,220	4,330	6,190	4,449	1,667	1,101
Matara	3,014	2,015	3,782	1,899	3,917	1,612	3,776	1,422	3,009	1,148	2,917	1,273	3,074	1,387	777	329
Hambanthota	2,350	1,984	2,674	1,726	2,410	1,435	2,440	1,459	1,957	1,339	1,894	1,432	1,886	1,475	499	409
<b>Northern</b>	<b>7,668</b>	<b>1,926</b>	<b>10,722</b>	<b>1,902</b>	<b>7,717</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>7,940</b>	<b>1,590</b>	<b>6,164</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>5,509</b>	<b>1,265</b>	<b>4,356</b>	<b>1,096</b>	<b>1,043</b>	<b>227</b>
Jaffna	5,616	565	7,817	473	5,632	257	5,875	338	4,493	346	3,987	299	3,083	240	700	46
Kilinochchi	311	101	447	85	296	83	292	70	188	44	143	72	134	66	28	7
Mannar	625	375	835	366	666	382	672	684	602	258	479	358	426	195	115	56
Mullaitivu	25	15	11	-	14	-	10	2	39	24	97	66	84	67	33	18
Vavuniya	1,091	870	1,612	978	1,109	506	1,091	496	842	391	803	470	629	528	167	100
<b>Eastern</b>	<b>37,302</b>	<b>12,097</b>	<b>43,232</b>	<b>13,250</b>	<b>37,034</b>	<b>9,798</b>	<b>32,827</b>	<b>7,622</b>	<b>29,950</b>	<b>6,146</b>	<b>27,138</b>	<b>7,943</b>	<b>24,248</b>	<b>7,064</b>	<b>6,175</b>	<b>1,821</b>
Batticaloa	15,693	4,723	18,786	4,821	15,881	4,111	13,921	2,856	12,874	2,357	11,350	2,844	10,308	2,599	2,782	658
Ampara	15,618	2,989	17,442	2,950	15,501	3,090	14,017	2,247	12,968	1,540	12,137	2,198	10,658	1,789	2,674	430
Trincomalee	5,991	4,385	7,004	5,479	5,652	2,597	4,889	2,519	4,108	2,249	3,651	2,901	3,282	2,676	719	733
<b>North Western</b>	<b>23,270</b>	<b>24,408</b>	<b>23,502</b>	<b>20,795</b>	<b>21,594</b>	<b>16,972</b>	<b>18,159</b>	<b>14,449</b>	<b>16,540</b>	<b>14,098</b>	<b>15,504</b>	<b>15,747</b>	<b>14,212</b>	<b>15,132</b>	<b>3,631</b>	<b>4,166</b>
Kurunegala	12,798	14,992	14,206	13,791	13,238	11,261	10,472	9,016	9,923	9,120	9,499	10,415	8,892	9,776	2,223	2,636
Puttalam	10,472	9,416	9,296	7,004	8,356	5,711	7,687	5,433	6,617	4,978	6,005	5,332	5,320	5,356	1,408	1,530
<b>North Central</b>	<b>5,620</b>	<b>8,647</b>	<b>9,262</b>	<b>11,732</b>	<b>8,107</b>	<b>9,129</b>	<b>7,907</b>	<b>7,847</b>	<b>7,414</b>	<b>7,506</b>	<b>6,307</b>	<b>8,737</b>	<b>6,114</b>	<b>9,241</b>	<b>1,403</b>	<b>2,200</b>
Anuradhapura	2,849	4,767	6,074	7,850	5,382	6,312	5,247	5,196	5,180	5,241	4,212	6,148	4,047	6,537	938	1,577
Polonnaruwa	2,771	3,880	3,188	3,882	2,725	2,817	2,660	2,651	2,234	2,265	2,095	2,589	2,067	2,704	465	623
<b>Uva</b>	<b>4,093</b>	<b>5,048</b>	<b>4,359</b>	<b>4,444</b>	<b>4,033</b>	<b>4,294</b>	<b>3,673</b>	<b>3,631</b>	<b>3,203</b>	<b>2,678</b>	<b>2,821</b>	<b>3,037</b>	<b>2,532</b>	<b>2,998</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>777</b>
Badulla	3,059	4,026	3,105	3,444	2,899	3,482	2,655	2,856	2,039	2,046	2,080	2,365	1,855	2,292	509	578
Moneragala	1,034	1,022	1,254	1,000	1,134	812	1,018	775	1,164	632	741	672	677	706	184	199
<b>Sabaragamuwa</b>	<b>8,127</b>	<b>7,490</b>	<b>9,030</b>	<b>7,239</b>	<b>8,839</b>	<b>6,285</b>	<b>8,756</b>	<b>5,837</b>	<b>7,096</b>	<b>5,019</b>	<b>6,897</b>	<b>5,693</b>	<b>6,778</b>	<b>5,781</b>	<b>1,756</b>	<b>1,482</b>
Ratnapura	2,781	3,443	3,319	3,303	3,297	2,874	3,616	2,711	2,741	2,326	2,716	2,687	2,676	2,834	698	713
Kegalle	5,346	4,047	5,711	3,936	5,542	3,411	5,140	3,126	4,355	2,693	4,181	3,006	4,102	2,947	1,058	769
<b>Not Indicated</b>	<b>8,955</b>	<b>3,760</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>175,185</b>	<b>118,033</b>	<b>190,217</b>	<b>110,486</b>	<b>172,788</b>	<b>90,655</b>	<b>160,306</b>	<b>82,510</b>	<b>139,268</b>	<b>72,724</b>	<b>129,712</b>	<b>81,499</b>	<b>122,257</b>	<b>80,830</b>	<b>32,453</b>	<b>21,260</b>

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