

KEY SOCIO ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Item	1953	1963	1973	1978/79	1981/82	1986/87 (a)	1996/97 (a)	2003/04 (a)	2003/04 (b)
Household Characteristics									
Number of Individuals per Household									
Urban	n.a.	5.97	5.78	5.67	5.50	5.17	4.89	4.40	4.44
Rural	n.a.	5.70	5.63	5.49	5.20	5.09	4.56	4.24	4.28
Estate	n.a.	5.80	5.24	4.73	4.80	4.78	4.74	4.56	4.56
All	n.a.	5.75	5.62	5.46	5.20	5.10	4.61	4.27	4.31
Number of Spending Units per Household									
Urban	n.a.	1.21	1.09	1.20	1.15	1.22	1.16	1.26	1.23
Rural	n.a.	1.07	1.05	1.08	1.04	1.05	1.07	1.10	1.10
Estate	n.a.	1.02	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.02	1.04	1.04
All	n.a.	1.08	1.05	1.10	1.06	1.08	1.08	1.12	1.11
Number of Income Receivers per Household									
Urban	n.a.	n.a.	1.12	1.63	1.60	1.78	1.80	1.76	1.73
Rural	n.a.	n.a.	1.30	1.54	1.50	1.51	1.59	1.56	1.55
Estate	n.a.	n.a.	2.50	2.40	2.50	2.39	2.06	1.87	1.87
All	n.a.	n.a.	1.40	1.64	1.60	1.62	1.64	1.60	1.59
Population Distribution									
By Gender, %									
Male	51.7	50.7	50.1	48.9	49.0	48.5	48.4	47.7	47.6
Female	48.3	49.3	49.9	51.1	51.0	51.5	51.6	52.3	52.4
By Age Groups, %									
0 – 13 Years	n.a.	40.5	38.4	34.2	34.0	30.8	25.1	23.4	24.2
14 – 18 Years	n.a.	11.5	11.5	12.3	11.3	11.7	11.5	9.9	10.0
19 – 25 Years	n.a.	10.9	13.1	13.7	13.5	12.5	11.7	12.0	12.0
26 – 35 Years	n.a.	12.4	12.3	13.7	14.4	14.3	14.4	13.7	13.6
36 – 45 Years	n.a.	10.1	9.9	9.6	9.9	11.2	13.3	14.1	13.9
46 – 55 Years	n.a.	7.3	6.4	7.6	8.0	8.4	10.7	12.7	12.5
Above 55 Years	n.a.	7.2	8.4	8.9	8.9	11.1	13.3	14.1	13.8
Education and Health									
Education, % of Population Aged 5 years and above									
Literacy Rate, %									
Male	n.a.	79.4	80.8	86.2	85.4	88.6	91.8	93.0	92.5
Female	n.a.	87.1	86.9	90.9	89.9	92.2	94.3	94.9	94.5
Educational Attainment, %									
No Schooling	41.8	26.8	22.9	14.9	15.1	11.8	8.6	7.4	7.9
Primary	46.8	45.5	43.2	43.8	42.9	41.1	35.2	29.1	29.9
Secondary	9.8	22.7	27.3	29.8	29.2	32.1	35.5	42.2	41.0
Post Secondary	1.8	5.0	6.6	11.5	12.8	15.0	20.7	21.3	21.2
Health									
Persons in ill Health, % of Population									
Urban	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	7.5	9.3	10.9	12.8	12.3	12.2
Rural	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.6	10.9	12.6	13.5	13.8	13.7
Estate	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	9.7	11.4	8.8	8.5	10.1	10.1
All	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	9.7	10.6	12.0	13.2	13.4	13.3
Labour Force, Employment and Unemployment (c)									
Labour Force, % of Population									
Male	40.0	31.7	33.9	38.0	34.3	38.1	39.7	40.2	38.9
Female	56.0	n.a.	48.0	50.1	49.7	51.7	53.0	55.4	54.3
Employment by Industrial Sector, % of Employed									
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	n.a.	53.0	54.5	48.3	51.2	47.7	37.7	32.8	32.8
Industry	n.a.	10.0	11.7	20.9	19.5	21.6	25.6	26.8	26.0
Services	n.a.	37.0	33.8	30.8	29.3	30.7	36.7	40.4	41.2
Unemployment, % of Labour Force Aged 14 and above									
By Gender									
Male	15.3	n.a.	18.9	9.2	7.8	11.3	6.4	6.5	6.3
Female	20.0	n.a.	36.4	24.9	21.3	23.6	17.5	13.9	14.2
By Age Groups									
14 – 18 Years	n.a.	47.5	65.8	30.7	30.8	48.0	35.6	36.7	35.3
19 – 25 Years	n.a.	30.3	47.8	31.1	28.8	35.3	30.4	28.9	28.6
26 – 35 Years	n.a.	7.8	15.2	13.1	8.8	10.6	8.8	6.9	7.0
36 – 45 Years	n.a.	2.4	3.9	2.7	1.7	3.2	2.4	2.0	1.9
46 – 55 Years	n.a.	2.7	1.2	0.8	0.5	0.7	1.0	0.8	0.7
Above 55 Years	n.a.	1.9	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5
By Education Level									
No Schooling – Illiterate	} 16.6	6.3	8.4	3.5	2.4	3.0	0.7	0.8	0.8
No Schooling – Literate		5.7	6.8	2.8	1.9	1.3	0.0	1.6	1.5
Primary	16.4	10.5	14.1	6.6	4.8	5.0	2.3	2.0	1.9
Secondary	17.9	23.0	37.1	21.3	14.6	19.8	11.4	8.9	8.7
Passed GCE (O/L) / SSC	25.0	39.3	47.4	27.6	24.5	28.5	18.9	13.8	13.8
Passed GCE (A/L) / HSC	} 2.9	13.9	44.4	36.4	34.8	34.8	27.8	18.8	19.3
Graduate		16.2	5.3	9.7	7.6	9.3	11.9	12.4	
By Sector									
Urban	n.a.	17.8	32.1	20.7	14.2	17.3	13.4	9.0	8.8
Rural	n.a.	14.6	24.5	14.6	12.0	16.0	10.2	9.0	8.9
Estate	n.a.	7.5	12.0	5.6	5.0	9.7	6.9	9.2	9.2

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Item	1953	1963	1973	1978/79	1981/82	1986/87 (a)	1996/97 (a)	2003/04 (a)	2003/04 (b)
Housing and Household Amenities									
Housing Conditions, % of Households									
Wattle and Daub Walls	59.5	54.9	44.2	38.9	43.4	39.7	23.3	12.0	12.5
Brick Walls	28.9	34.3	25.0	25.2	26.2	35.0	54.0	55.4	55.4
Clay Floors	50.7	40.3	44.9	45.4	41.9	39.3	25.9	14.6	14.5
Cement Floors	24.7	38.6	45.0	54.4	52.5	58.5	73.2	77.7	77.9
Thatched Roof	56.7	49.3	35.1	31.7	36.3	25.0	10.5	4.5	5.6
Tiled Roof	27.6	36.6	33.6	42.9	39.1	45.4	58.3	58.5	58.6
Availability of Electricity, % of Households	4.1	7.0	8.0	13.1	15.8	26.5	56.8	76.1	74.9
Water Supply & Sanitation, % of Households									
Pipe Borne Water	11.3	5.0	21.0	21.8	18.4	22.6	31.0	41.4	38.9
Separate Toilets	53.8	37.6	58.7	56.5	60.5	76.5	88.3	92.1	90.1
Common Toilets	27.7	30.5	n.a	14.9	9.6	6.6	5.2	4.5	4.4
Without Toilets	18.5	31.9	41.3	28.6	29.9	16.9	6.5	3.4	5.6
Availability of Household Equipment, % of Households									
Radio	n.a.	20.0	25.4	49.9	60.7	67.1	73.6	79.9	78.3
Television	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	3.8	19.6	50.6	73.4	70.8
Telephone / Cellular Phone	n.a.	0.8	0.3	0.7	0.9	1.4	4.5	25.5	24.5
Bicycle	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	21.5	31.5	34.0	40.5	43.1	46.6
Motor Cycle / Scooter	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.9	2.4	5.3	12.0	16.1	16.3
Motor Car / Van	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1.9	2.3	3.0	3.4	6.2	5.8
Refrigerator	0.9	1.0	1.3	2.3	2.9	8.1	16.8	31.4	29.7
Sewing Machine	n.a.	22.0	26.2	31.3	30.7	37.2	41.5	45.8	43.6
Washing Machine	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.8	2.9	8.0	7.6
Air Conditioner	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.3	0.9	0.9
Personal Computer	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.4	4.4	4.1
Income									
Mean Income, Rs. per Month									
Per Spending Unit	169	193	311	921	1,652	2,728	8,744	15,624	15,400
Per Income Receiver	108	134	228	606	1,108	1,817	5,760	10,907	10,754
Income Shares by Deciles of Income Receivers, %									
1st Decile	1.5	1.2	1.8	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.1
2nd Decile	3.6	2.7	3.2	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.8	2.6	2.5
3rd Decile	3.6	3.6	4.4	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.9	3.8	4.1
4th Decile	4.4	4.6	5.7	4.8	4.5	4.4	4.9	4.5	4.2
5th Decile	5.7	5.6	7.1	5.9	5.5	5.7	6.1	5.8	5.8
6th Decile	6.3	6.8	8.8	7.4	6.9	6.8	7.4	7.2	7.3
7th Decile	7.9	9.0	10.6	9.1	8.5	8.4	9.1	8.9	8.7
8th Decile	10.4	11.5	12.7	11.4	10.7	11.1	11.6	11.3	11.2
9th Decile	14.2	16.0	15.9	15.4	14.9	15.4	15.7	15.3	15.4
10th Decile	42.5	39.2	30.0	38.7	41.9	41.4	37.3	39.4	39.7
Gini Coefficient, One Month Income									
Spending Units	0.46	0.45	0.35	0.43	0.45	0.46	0.43	0.46	0.46
Income Receivers	0.50	0.49	0.41	0.50	0.52	0.52	0.48	0.50	0.50
Expenditure, Rs. per Month									
Per Spending Unit	162	191	310	877	1,570	2,175	8,592	15,405	15,278
Per Person	34	36	58	179	318	534	2,012	4,032	3,936
Expenditure Shares, %									
Food	59.9	56.3	55.4	56.7	56.5	52.2	48.4	37.0	37.9
Clothing and Apparel	7.9	9.6	7.6	10.6	7.7	7.6	6.3	8.1	8.3
Housing	3.6	7.3	6.8	5.8	5.9	7.8	10.8	11.2	10.7
Medical	1.3	2.8	1.6	1.7	1.6	2.2	2.4	3.5	3.4
Education	2.0	1.8	2.2	1.6	1.6	2.1	2.3	3.0	3.0
Transport and Communication	2.6	2.3	3.4	4.5	3.9	4.9	5.3	9.0	8.8
Fuel and Light	2.0	4.4	4.2	3.9	5.2	4.6	3.9	4.3	4.4
Consumer Durables	3.2	0.4	6.0	4.6	6.4	5.2	6.7	9.1	8.9
Interest on Debt	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.9	2.1	1.6	1.5
Other	16.8	14.3	12.7	10.2	10.7	12.5	11.8	13.2	13.1
Savings and Borrowings									
Savings Rate, % of income									
	n.a.	n.a.	18.4	13.0	11.7	13.0	10.4	12.0	11.1
Distribution of Number of Loans, %									
Institutional Sources	n.a.	7.6	11.5	10.7	9.7	16.6	43.1	45.0	44.4
Non-Institutional Sources	n.a.	92.4	88.5	89.3	90.3	83.4	56.9	55.0	55.6

(a) Excluding Northern and Eastern Provinces

(b) Excluding Killinochchi, Mannar and Mullativu Districts

(c) Household members who worked more than one hour as paid employee, employer, own account worker (self-employed) or unpaid family worker during the reference period were considered as employed only for CFS 2003/04

n.a. - Not available