

Employed Population (Age 15 Years and above) by Major Industry Group, Year and Region

| Year / Region | Employed population | Major Industry Group | | | | | |
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| | | Agriculture | | Industries | | Service | |
| | | Number | % | Number | % | Number | % |
| Year 2021 | | | | | | | |
| Colombo | 929,406 | 17,632 | 1.9 | 236,077 | 25.4 | 675,697 | 72.7 |
| Gampaha | 902,383 | 40,961 | 4.5 | 333,592 | 37.0 | 527,830 | 58.5 |
| Kalutara | 469,248 | 79,664 | 17.0 | 150,761 | 32.1 | 238,823 | 50.9 |
| Western Province | 2,301,037 | 138,257 | 6.0 | 720,431 | 31.3 | 1,442,350 | 62.7 |
| Sri Lanka | 8,113,507 | 2,213,015 | 27.3 | 2,109,482 | 26.0 | 3,791,011 | 46.7 |
| Year 2020 | | | | | | | |
| Colombo | 915,651 | 19,057 | 2.1 | 260,119 | 28.4 | 636,476 | 69.5 |
| Gampaha | 874,403 | 40,111 | 4.6 | 325,355 | 37.2 | 508,937 | 58.2 |
| Kalutara | 474,512 | 65,346 | 13.8 | 146,708 | 30.9 | 262,458 | 55.3 |
| Western Province | 2,264,566 | 124,514 | 5.5 | 732,182 | 32.3 | 1,407,870 | 62.2 |
| Sri Lanka | 7,999,093 | 2,169,679 | 27.1 | 2,152,746 | 26.9 | 3,676,668 | 46.0 |
| Year 2019 | | | | | | | |
| Colombo | 944,871 | 14,921 | 1.6 | 266,450 | 28.2 | 663,500 | 70.2 |
| Gampaha | 912,130 | 40,198 | 4.4 | 340,988 | 37.4 | 530,944 | 58.2 |
| Kalutara | 490,106 | 67,220 | 13.7 | 152,624 | 31.1 | 270,262 | 55.1 |
| Western Province | 2,347,107 | 122,339 | 5.2 | 760,062 | 32.4 | 1,464,706 | 62.4 |
| Sri Lanka | 8,180,693 | 2,071,949 | 25.3 | 2,258,421 | 27.6 | 3,850,332 | 47.1 |
| Year 2018 | | | | | | | |
| Colombo | 940,442 | 25,024 | 2.7 | 266,650 | 28.4 | 648,768 | 69.0 |
| Gampaha | 865,824 | 30,321 | 3.5 | 309,988 | 35.8 | 525,516 | 60.7 |
| Kalutara | 482,229 | 76,085 | 15.8 | 158,477 | 32.9 | 247,667 | 51.4 |
| Western Province | 2,288,495 | 131,430 | 5.7 | 735,115 | 32.1 | 1,421,951 | 62.1 |
| Sri Lanka | 8,015,166 | 2,043,698 | 25.5 | 2,239,262 | 27.9 | 3,732,206 | 46.6 |
| Year 2017 | | | | | | | |
| Colombo | 948,726 | 24,100 | 2.5 | 290,264 | 30.6 | 634,363 | 66.9 |
| Gampaha | 897,198 | 28,976 | 3.2 | 344,477 | 38.4 | 523,745 | 58.4 |
| Kalutara | 503,790 | 64,957 | 12.9 | 174,808 | 34.7 | 264,025 | 52.4 |
| Western Province | 2,349,714 | 118,033 | 5.0 | 809,549 | 34.5 | 1,422,133 | 60.5 |
| Sri Lanka | 8,208,179 | 2,140,185 | 26.1 | 2,331,494 | 28.4 | 3,736,500 | 45.5 |
| Year 2016 | | | | | | | |
| Colombo | 904,255 | 16,465 | 1.8 | 257,253 | 28.4 | 630,536 | 69.7 |
| Gampaha | 861,085 | 41,923 | 4.9 | 325,303 | 37.8 | 493,860 | 57.4 |
| Kalutara | 484,343 | 76,734 | 15.8 | 150,740 | 31.1 | 256,869 | 53.0 |
| Western Province | 2,249,683 | 135,122 | 6.0 | 733,296 | 32.6 | 1,381,265 | 61.4 |
| Sri Lanka | 7,947,683 | 2,153,874 | 27.1 | 2,097,503 | 26.4 | 3,696,306 | 46.5 |

Source : Department of Census and Statistics