

Females dominate working population

The economically active population in Sri Lanka was around 8.4 million in 2018, while about 5.5 million or 65.1% of the economically active population were males. And economically inactive population accounts to about 7.8 million or 74.1%, while the majority of them were females.

The unemployed population reported in 2018 was 372,593, while the overall unemployment of males and females are 3.0 percent and 7.1 percent respectively. Among all age groups, unemploy-

ment rates of females are higher than those of males. Youth unemployment between the 15 - 24 age groups rates are the highest for both males and females, compared to other age groups, according to Sri Lanka's Labour Force Survey Annual Bulletin - 2018 published by the Department of Census and Statistics stated.

When the level of education is considered, the highest unemployment rate (9.1%) is reported from the G.C.E. (A/L) and above group.

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