



**Table – 29 (Contd.)**  
**Departures for Foreign Employment by Districts and Country 2013\***

Country	Colombo	Gampaha	Kalutara	Kandy	Matale	NuwaraEliya	Galle	Matara	Hambanthota	Jaffna	Mannar	Kilinochchi	Vavuniya	Mulativu	Bataloa	Ampara	Trincomale	Kurunegala	Puttalama	Anuradhapura	Polonnaruwa	Badulla	Monaragala	Rathnapura	Kegalle	Not Identified	Total
Ghana	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Greece	4	7	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	6	24
Hong Kong	84	104	36	53	9	2	18	7	7	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	56	46	8	10	14	1	6	17	30	512
India	24	14	13	8	2	1	6	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	10	1	-	-	5	-	3	8	7	111
Indonesia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Iraq	10	12	5	10	4	1	7	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	6	-	2	1	-	2	2	-	-	1	7	74
Ireland	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Israel	261	446	93	119	27	11	98	30	45	1	1	-	-	-	1	4	6	251	198	35	24	37	13	32	71	140	1,944
Italy	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Japan	23	27	5	10	2	-	3	7	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	6	8	-	1	1	1	6	4	7	118
Jordan	699	724	553	572	212	39	487	243	259	16	5	4	24	-	99	94	77	870	468	311	236	169	115	328	290	170	7,064
Kazakhstan	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Kenya	3	2	3	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	15
Kingdom of Tonga	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Kurdistan	21	39	3	11	-	1	5	-	-	46	1	2	3	-	49	7	-	5	9	1	-	1	1	7	6	3	221
Kuwait	4,136	3,406	1,994	4,306	1,845	216	1,959	660	677	246	66	12	116	1	1,198	979	1,279	7,352	3,252	1,923	1,472	975	314	784	1,482	2,089	42,739
Lebanon	506	388	261	265	89	35	249	95	46	17	2	-	17	-	17	31	21	270	288	237	75	73	23	108	118	303	3,534
Lesotho	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Libya	13	16	8	7	1	1	8	3	1	2	-	-	1	-	9	1	-	14	5	-	1	-	1	4	4	2	102
Lithuania	9	8	4	5	2	-	2	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	6	2	1	1	-	-	2	2	-	52
Malawi	4	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Malaysia	367	306	124	390	77	45	252	49	42	149	21	12	50	2	104	65	89	348	212	59	41	125	34	113	106	115	3,297
Maldives	623	491	288	435	92	28	255	76	44	17	1	-	3	-	27	28	12	249	96	51	45	62	23	67	113	338	3,464
Mauritius	45	45	34	23	7	1	35	16	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	50	14	7	13	8	9	29	16	5	382
Mongolia	3	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	11



**Table – 29 (Contd.)**  
**Departures for Foreign Employment by Districts and Country 2013\***

Country	Colombo	Gampaha	Kalutara	Kandy	Matale	NuwaraEliya	Galle	Matara	Hambanthota	Jaffna	Mannar	Kilinochchi	Vavuniya	Mulativu	Bataloa	Ampara	Trincomale	Kurunegala	Puttalama	Anuradhapura	Polonnaruwa	Badulla	Monaragala	Rathnapura	Kegalle	Not Identified	Total	
Tanzania	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Thailand	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	
Timor	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Tunisia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
Turkey	1	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	9	
U.A.E.	9,170	6,656	2,889	4,470	1,338	223	2,301	880	712	515	69	28	135	4	1,312	1,074	745	4,637	3,169	1,133	699	1,029	244	784	1,539	2,731	48,486	
Uganda	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3
Ukraine	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
United Kingdom	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	
United Status	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	
Vietnam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
West India	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Yemen	10	2	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	22	
Zambia	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
Zanzibar	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,810</b>	<b>25,676</b>	<b>14,785</b>	<b>28,321</b>	<b>7,864</b>	<b>1,908</b>	<b>11,992</b>	<b>5,020</b>	<b>4,334</b>	<b>6,178</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>1,961</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>20,411</b>	<b>18,597</b>	<b>10,378</b>	<b>27,794</b>	<b>19,890</b>	<b>7,621</b>	<b>6,643</b>	<b>7,085</b>	<b>2,057</b>	<b>6,221</b>	<b>9,392</b>	<b>12,716</b>	<b>293,105</b>	

\*Provisional

Source: SLBFE

Table 29 is a statistical presentation on the distribution of Sri Lankan migrants by their district of residence and the country to which they migrated. In the year 2013, the most number of migrants (34,810) were from the Colombo District. The total population of the Colombo District is 2,309,809\*, hence the percentage of migrants is 1.5%. However the highest percentage of migration in comparison to the population of the district is recorded from Batticaloa. The population of the Batticaloa District is 525,142\* and the number of people who migrated for overseas employment in the year 2013 is 20,411 which means 3.9% of the population have left the country for overseas employment.

(\* Population and Housing Census- Department of Census and Statistics, 2011)

In appraising the data by the country of migration and district, the largest number of migrants to any single country from the Colombo District which recorded the highest number of migrants is to the UAE (9,170) and it is the most by any district to the UAE. The highest number of migrants to any country from the Batticaloa district is to Qatar (11,142) and it is the highest migration by any district to Qatar. The total number of Sri Lankans who migrated to Qatar in 2013 is 80,724. Accordingly, 14% of the total migration to Qatar is from the Batticaloa district.

**Table - 30**  
**Departures for Foreign Employment by Districts 2009 - 2013\***

District	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013*
Colombo	30,555	31,595	30,987	32,352	34,810
Gampaha	23,589	25,495	23,999	25,164	25,676
Kalutara	13,209	13,397	12,576	13,742	14,785
Kandy	20,734	25,201	21,425	24,125	28,321
Matale	6,623	6,787	6,126	6,785	7,864
NuwaraEliya	4,512	4,022	4,588	6,802	1,908
Galle	12,045	12,882	12,428	13,658	11,992
Matara	5,624	6,034	5,544	6,069	5,020
Hambantota	3,816	4,803	4,278	4,685	4,334
Jaffna	3,009	4,286	4,233	4,328	6,178
Mannar	472	637	623	839	999
Kilinochchi	3	-	-	337	412
Vauniya	1,300	1,487	1,368	1,656	1,961
Mullaitivu	159	139	172	160	40
Batticaloa	11,764	14,708	16,326	19,691	20,411
Ampara	11,402	13,100	14,350	16,215	18,597
Trincomalee	5,789	7,043	8,404	10,021	10,378
Kurunegala	23,556	21,858	24,438	25,456	27,794
Puttalam	13,196	14,402	13,266	15,833	19,890
Anuradhapura	11,088	12,489	11,842	12,463	7,621
Polonnaruwa	5,083	5,970	5,681	6,902	6,643
Badulla	6,806	6,816	6,286	8,036	7,085
Monaragala	2,068	2,136	1,770	2,150	2,057
Ratnapura	7,611	7,635	7,472	8,358	6,221
Kegalle	11,340	11,153	10,285	10,983	9,392
Not indicated	11,773	13,432	14,494	5,637	12,716
<b>Total</b>	<b>247,126</b>	<b>267,507</b>	<b>262,961</b>	<b>282,447</b>	<b>293,105</b>

\*Provisional

Source: SLBFE

Table 30 summarizes district-wise migration during the period from 2009 to 2013. In each year during this period, the highest number of migrants has been recorded from the Colombo district. In the Batticaloa district, the number of migrants surged from 11,764 in 2009 to 20.41 in 2013. Every year, the number of migrants from the Batticaloa District has continued to grow at a rapid pace. The Ampara and Puttalam districts too have experienced a rapid growth in the number of people migrated for foreign employment. On the other hand, there has been a notable drop in the number of migrants from Anuradhapura district while other districts have maintained a regular level of migration.

**Departures for foreign employment by District and Gender 2013\* (Map)**

**Table – 31**  
**Departures for Foreign Employment by Districts, Manpower Levels and Gender 2013\***

District	Professional			Middle Level			Clerical & Related			Skilled			Semi Skilled			Unskilled			Housemaid **	Grand Total		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total		Female	Male	Total
Colombo	176	1,428	1,604	181	1,865	2,046	445	3,168	3,613	1,040	8,389	9,429	102	629	731	1,400	6,856	8,256	9,131	12,475	22,335	34,810
Gampaha	75	629	704	95	1,137	1,232	237	2,061	2,298	1,010	6,733	7,743	68	404	472	1,467	4,926	6,393	6,834	9,786	15,890	25,676
Kalutara	23	231	254	31	624	655	68	942	1,010	602	3,822	4,424	15	199	214	576	3,120	3,696	4,532	5,847	8,938	14,785
Kandy	48	445	493	42	1,538	1,580	138	2,085	2,223	615	5,991	6,606	58	381	439	767	5,459	6,226	10,754	12,422	15,899	28,321
Matale	9	95	104	18	354	372	34	523	557	213	1,489	1,702	8	74	82	233	1,448	1,681	3,366	3,881	3,983	7,864
NuwaraEliya	2	27	29	2	58	60	4	115	119	37	341	378	2	19	21	47	277	324	977	1,071	837	1,908
Galle	12	161	173	15	438	453	49	658	707	582	2,840	3,422	30	171	201	479	2,554	3,033	4,003	5,170	6,822	11,992
Matara	2	66	68	11	168	179	18	245	263	277	1,235	1,512	12	52	64	213	1,239	1,452	1,482	2,015	3,005	5,020
Hambanthota	4	37	41	8	128	136	14	129	143	293	838	1,131	3	33	36	211	1,184	1,395	1,452	1,985	2,349	4,334
Jaffna	6	93	99	3	752	755	6	1,183	1,189	29	1,558	1,587	1	46	47	37	1,981	2,018	483	565	5,613	6,178
Mannar	2	4	6	1	91	92	-	118	118	6	168	174	1	3	4	9	240	249	356	375	624	999
Kilinochchi	-	-	-	-	62	62	1	105	106	2	61	63	-	-	-	4	83	87	94	101	311	412
Vavuniya	1	4	5	3	162	165	2	239	241	15	280	295	-	6	6	27	400	427	822	870	1,091	1,961
Mullativu	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	4	4	-	5	5	-	1	1	1	13	14	14	15	25	40
Batticaloa	4	99	103	2	2,255	2,257	10	3,937	3,947	53	3,512	3,565	5	95	100	141	5,791	5,932	4,507	4,722	15,689	20,411
Ampara	8	257	265	4	1,969	1,973	4	2,432	2,436	102	5,434	5,536	6	116	122	166	5,399	5,565	2,700	2,990	15,607	18,597
Trincomalee	3	41	44	2	747	749	13	1,203	1,216	76	1,835	1,911	3	46	49	123	2,120	2,243	4,166	4,386	5,992	10,378
Kurunegala	26	202	228	33	741	774	139	1,603	1,742	1,077	5,738	6,815	35	164	199	1,256	4,347	5,603	12,433	14,999	12,795	27,794
Puttalama	15	100	115	16	1,210	1,226	42	1,757	1,799	466	3,539	4,005	9	103	112	996	3,755	4,751	7,882	9,426	10,464	19,890
Anuradhapura	7	32	39	9	125	134	31	265	296	233	1,474	1,707	10	30	40	210	918	1,128	4,277	4,777	2,844	7,621
Polonnaruwa	4	32	36	5	267	272	12	404	416	258	1,151	1,409	2	17	19	191	894	1,085	3,406	3,878	2,765	6,643
Badulla	7	67	74	7	243	250	30	324	354	204	1,324	1,528	18	53	71	186	1,047	1,233	3,575	4,027	3,058	7,085
Monaragala	4	12	16	1	60	61	4	72	76	121	425	546	1	20	21	67	445	512	825	1,023	1,034	2,057
Rathnapura	9	56	65	4	235	239	14	289	303	303	980	1,283	4	22	26	175	1,197	1,372	2,933	3,442	2,779	6,221
Kegalla	9	119	128	15	474	489	27	570	597	292	2,138	2,430	9	83	92	340	1,959	2,299	3,357	4,049	5,343	9,392
Not Identified	48	399	447	39	256	295	148	629	777	336	4,058	4,394	42	201	243	575	3,412	3,987	2,573	3,761	8,955	12,716
<b>Total</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>4,636</b>	<b>5,140</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>15,961</b>	<b>16,508</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>25,060</b>	<b>26,550</b>	<b>8,242</b>	<b>65,358</b>	<b>73,600</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>2,968</b>	<b>3,412</b>	<b>9,897</b>	<b>61,064</b>	<b>70,961</b>	<b>96,934</b>	<b>118,058</b>	<b>175,047</b>	<b>293,105</b>

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Source: SLBFE

\*\* Housemaid/Domestic Housekeeping Assistant



Table 31 has tabulated departures for foreign employment from each district by manpower levels and gender in the year 2013.

As indicated by the table, the highest number of women (14,999) has migrated from the Kurunegala District while the highest number of men (22,335) has migrated from the Colombo District.

In the Batticaloa district, as demonstrated in Table 30 as well, only 4722 women have migrated compared with 15,689 male migrants, which mean that the men represent 76.9% of the total number of migrants. In the Ampara district, the disparity is even wider with only 2990 women migrating for employment as against 15,607 (83.9%) men. Other than these two districts, no other district has shown such wide disparity in the number of male and female migrants. Both Batticaloa and Ampara are in the Eastern Province and this might be an indicator that the male population in the province is more inclined to seek foreign employment than their female population.

The highest number of women for domestic work (Housemaid/Domestic Housekeeping Assistant) which is 12,433 has migrated from the Kurunegala District, closely followed by the Kandy district with 10,754.

Colombo district has recorded the highest number of migrants for professional level jobs (1604), skilled level jobs (9429), semi skilled level jobs (731) and unskilled level jobs (8256) while the majority for middle level (2257) and clerical and related level (3947) has migrated from the Batticaloa District. The highest number of female migrants for the housemaid/ housekeeping assistant category (12,433) is reported from the Kurunegala District.

**Departures for foreign employment By Manpower Level 2013\* (Map)**

Figure 9.1

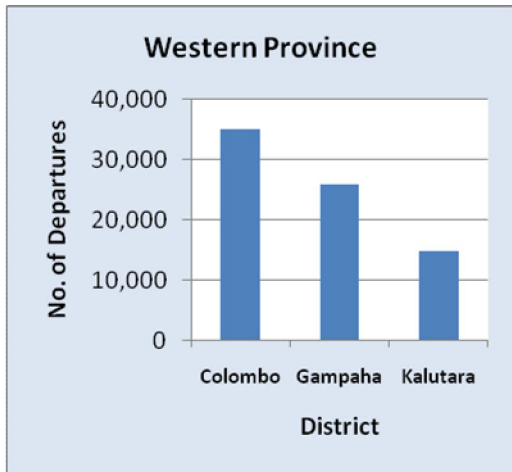


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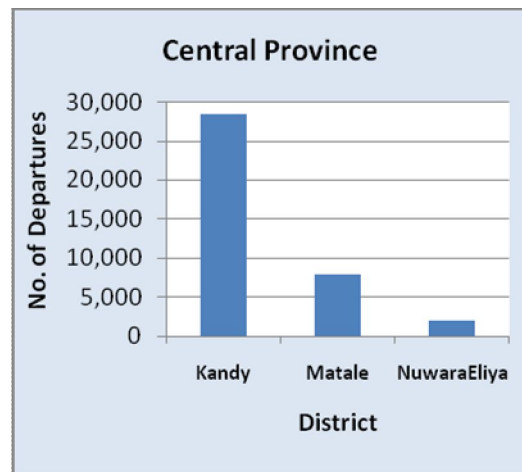


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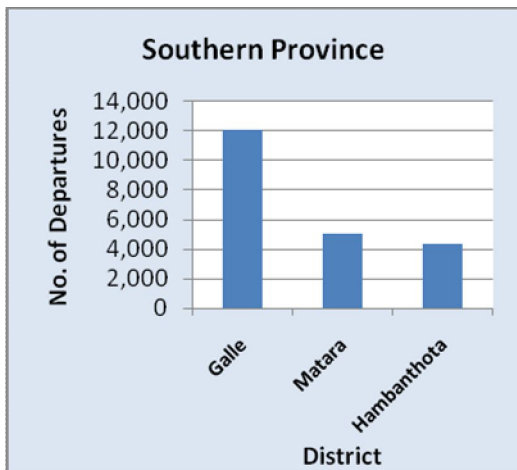


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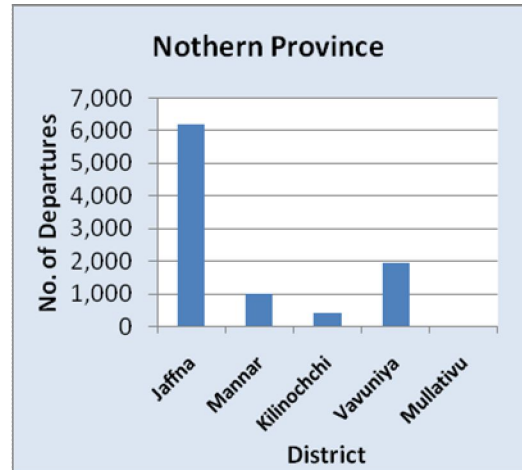


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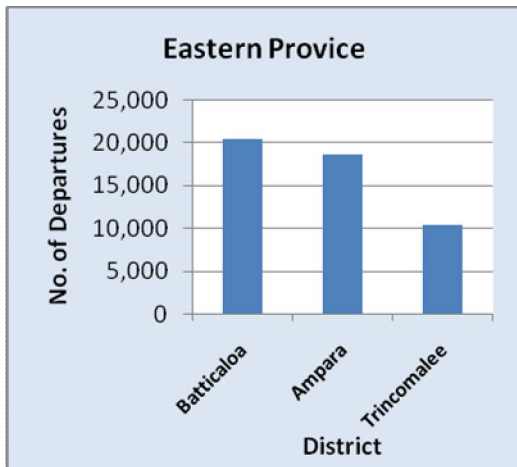


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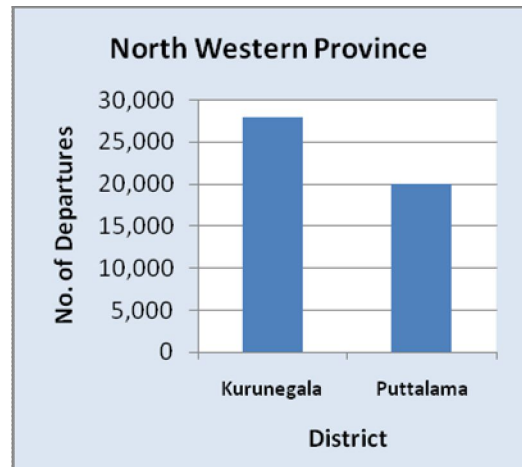


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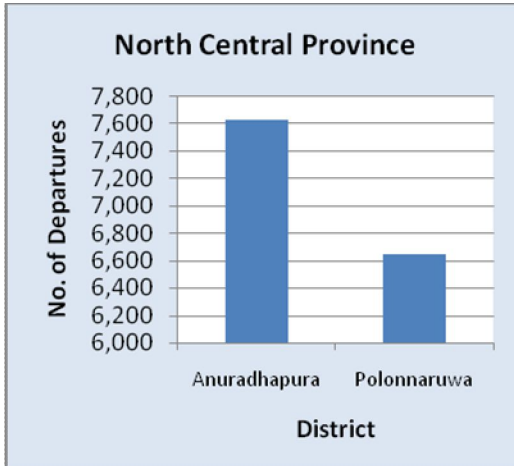


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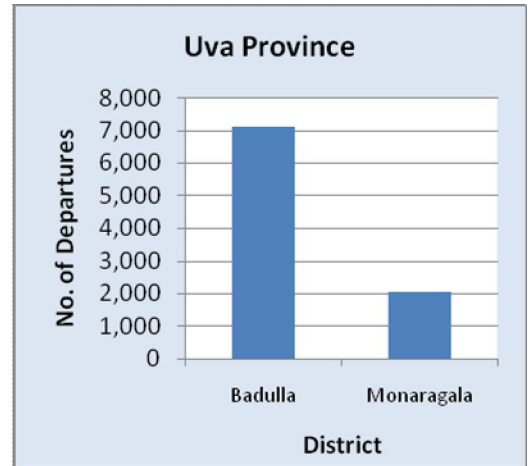


Figure 9.9

