

International Migration

Country Report for Sri Lanka

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Data Collection

International migration data are collected by several agencies.

Through Census

- *Department of Census and Statistics*

Through Administrative Records

- *Department of Immigration and Emigration (DIE).*
- *Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment (SLBFE).*



Department of Census and Statistics(DCS)

In recent times, Census of Population is identified as a valuable source for collecting data on immigrant stock and its characteristics. Two items are used to identify the immigrant stock, country of birth and country of citizenship. The last Census of Population and Housing was conducted in 2012 also included these two items. The following basic tabulation are available.

1. Population living abroad temporary by country of usual residence, age and sex
2. Foreign born population by country of birth, age and sex

The migration data is collected from Department of Immigration & Emigration and Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment by DCS.

DCS publish the data on www.statistics.gov.lk and hard copies.



Department of Immigration and Emigration (DIE)

The responsibility of border control is vested with the Department of Immigration and Emigration of Sri Lanka, which was established in 1949. The Immigrants and Emigrants Act No 20 of 1948 provided comprehensive regulations of the flow of persons to and from the country. They are responsible for border control and border statistics on a systematic basis.

DIE collects International migration data through scanning the passports at the point of arrival or departure (Ports). Flight no, passport no, name, nationality, birthday and sex, such as data in the passports are stored.

Every person who enters into or exit from Sri Lanka needs to complete an embarkation / disembarkation card and it should be submitted to the immigration counter. This card include very valuable information. One example is the purpose of travel which can be used to identify the outflow of Sri Lankans for education purposes. DIE is scanned this card but only as a image.



Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment (SLBFE)

SLBFE is basically responsible for governance and regulation of the foreign employment industry, protection and welfare of migrant workers and their family members, and promotion and development of employment opportunities for Sri Lankans outside Sri Lanka.

Every Sri Lankans who have gone outside for employment have to be registered under the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment. They maintains a data base for out migrant labours.

SLBFEs services are provided only to the migrants workers who are registerd under the SLBFE. Hence workers who have gone abroad for employment are not concerned.

They collect data by registration of employees. ***Annual Statistical Report of Foreign Employment*** is published by SLBFE.



What migration data are generated from administrative sources?

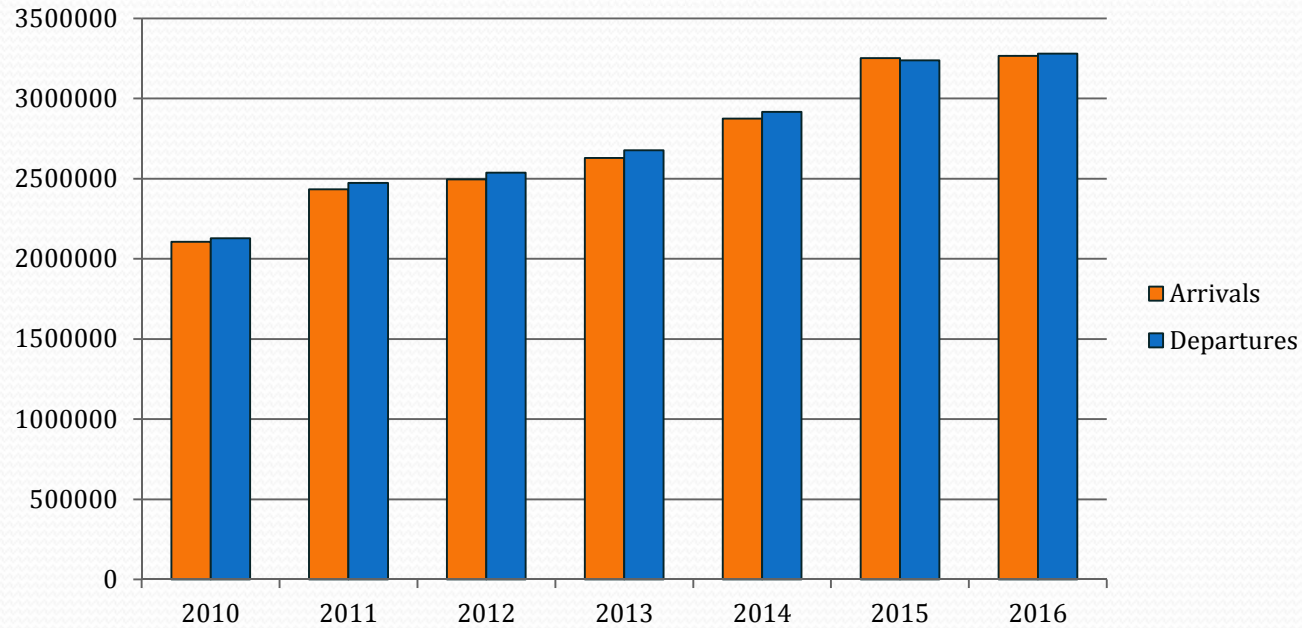
DIE

1. Arrivals and Departures by Nationality, Age Group, Gender

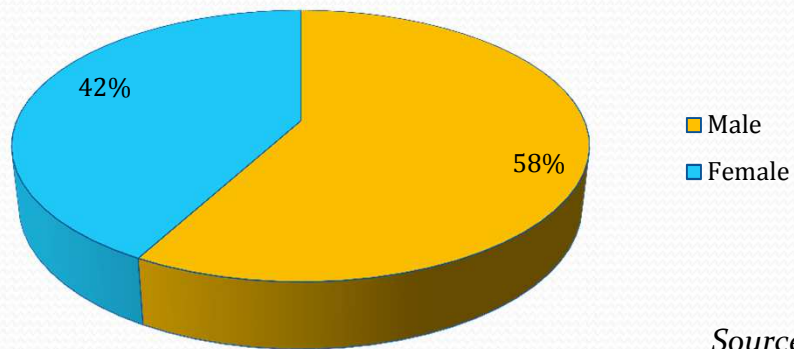
SLBFE

1. Departures for Foreign Employment by Gender
2. Total Departures for Foreign Employment by Country and Manpower Level

Migration Trend



Male and Female Percentage – Arrivals and Departures 2016



Source :- Department of Immigration and Emigration

Departures for Foreign Employment by Gender, during the period 2010 - 2015

| Year | Male | | Female | | Total |
|------|------------|-------|---------|-------|---------|
| | No.s | % | No.s | % | |
| 2010 | 136,850 | 51.16 | 130,657 | 48.84 | 267,507 |
| 2011 | 136,307 | 51.84 | 126,654 | 48.16 | 262,961 |
| 2012 | 144,135.00 | 51.03 | 138,312 | 48.97 | 282,447 |
| 2013 | 175,185.00 | 59.75 | 118,033 | 40.25 | 293,218 |
| 2014 | 190,217.00 | 63.26 | 110,486 | 36.74 | 300,703 |
| 2015 | 172,630.00 | 65.56 | 90,677 | 34.44 | 263,307 |

Source :- Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment

Departures for Foreign Employment by Gender, during the period
2010 - 2015

| Year | Total | For Employment | |
|------|-----------|----------------|------|
| | | Nos | % |
| 2010 | 2,128,503 | 267,507 | 12.6 |
| 2011 | 2,473,570 | 262,961 | 10.6 |
| 2012 | 2,538,226 | 282,447 | 11.1 |
| 2013 | 2,676,583 | 293,218 | 11.0 |
| 2014 | 2,917,118 | 300,703 | 10.3 |
| 2015 | 3,237,793 | 263,307 | 8.1 |

Source :- Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment

A large, flat-topped rock formation, possibly a natural rock shelter or a natural rock overhang, dominates the background. The rock face is dark and textured, with some greenery growing on top. In the foreground, a paved path leads towards a stone wall made of dark, irregular stones. The wall has a set of stone steps leading up to it. The area is surrounded by lush green trees and grass. The sky is blue with some light clouds. The text "Thank You!" is overlaid in the center of the image in a white, italicized font with a yellow outline.

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