

Sources and Data of Labour Market Information

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Table 1: Broad Outline of Data Sources on Labour Market in Major South Asian Countries

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Source</i>	<i>Comment/Remark</i>
1.	Bangladesh	2002-03; 2005-06; 2010	Labour Force Surveys	Current Weekly Status
2.	India	2004-05; 2009-10; 2011-12	Labour Force Surveys	Current Daily, Weekly, Yearly Status
3.	Nepal	1998-99; 2008	Labour Force Surveys	Current Weekly Status
4.	Pakistan	2004-05 to 2010-11	Labour Force Surveys	Current Weekly Status
5.	Sri Lanka	2001 to 2012	Labour Force Surveys	Current Weekly Status

Table 2: Definition of Employment in Major South Asian Countries

<i>Country</i>	<i>Identification</i>	<i>Periodicity</i>	<i>Concept</i>	<i>Definition</i>	<i>Reference Period</i>
Bangladesh	Labour Force Surveys	2002-03; 2005-06; 2010 [Every 5 years]	Current employment	An employed person is a person who was either working one or more hours for pay or profit or working without pay on a family farm or enterprise or organization during the reference period or not working but had a job or business from which he/she was temporarily absent during the reference period.	Weekly
India	Labour Force Surveys	2004-05; 2009-10; 2011-12 [Every 5 years]	Current employment	A person was considered working (or employed) if he/she, while pursuing any economic activity, had worked for at least one hour on at least one day during the 7 days preceding the date of survey.	Weekly

Table 2: Definition of Employment in Major South Asian Countries (contd..)

<i>Country</i>	<i>Identification</i>	<i>Periodicity</i>	<i>Concept</i>	<i>Definition</i>	<i>Reference Period</i>
Nepal	Labour Force Surveys	1998-99; 2008 Irregularly or only once, the last was carried out in 2008 and the previous one in 1998-1999	Current employment	Employment refers to people who during the reference period worked for one hour or more for wage or salary, in cash or in kind, worked for one hour or more for profit or family gain, in cash or in kind, were temporarily not at work and had a formal attachment to a wage employment job, were temporarily not at work and had an enterprise, worked for at least one hour without pay on a family business or farm, worked in subsistence agriculture or in production of other goods for own consumption and did volunteer work	Weekly
Pakistan	Labour Force Surveys	2004-05 to 2010-11 [Annual]	Current employment	Employment refers to people those aged 10 years and above and who worked for one hour or more for wage or salary, in cash or in kind during the reference period - worked for one hour or more for profit or family gain, in cash or in kind - were temporarily not at work and had a formal attachment to a wage employment job - were temporarily not at work and had an enterprise - worked for at least one hour without pay on a family business or farm - worked in subsistence agriculture or in production of other goods for own consumption	Weekly

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Sri Lanka	Labour Force Surveys	2001-12 [quarterly]	Current employment	<p>Employment refers to persons, who during the reference period, worked for at least one hour as paid employees, employers, own account workers (self employed), or unpaid family workers. Also included are persons who had a job but were temporarily absent from work.</p> <p>Those who worked for one hour or more for wage or salary, in cash or in kind, - worked for one hour or more for profit or family gain, in cash or in kind- were temporarily not at work and had a formal attachment to a wage employment job- were temporarily not at work and had an enterprise-- worked for at least one hour without pay on a family business or farm- worked in subsistence agriculture or in production of other goods for own consumption.</p>	Weekly (Third Week fixed)

Table 2: Definition of Unemployment in Major South Asian Countries

<i>Country</i>	<i>Identification</i>	<i>Periodicity</i>	<i>Concept</i>	<i>Definition</i>	<i>Reference Period</i>
Bangladesh	Labour Force Surveys	2002-03; 2005-06; 2010 [Every 5 years]	Current unemployment	An unemployed person is a person who was involuntarily out of gainful employment during the reference period but either had been actively looking for a job or was willing to work but not looking for work because of illness or believing that no work was available.	Weekly
India	Labour Force Surveys	2004-05;2009-10; 2011-12 [Every 5 years]	Current unemployment	A person was considered ‘seeking or available for work (or unemployed)’ if, during the reference week, no economic activity was pursued by the person but he/she made efforts to get work or had been available for work any time during the reference week though not actively seeking work in the belief that no work was available.	Weekly

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Nepal	Labour Force Surveys	1998-99; 2008 Irregularly or only once, the last was carried out in 2008 and the previous one in 1998-1999	Current unemployment	The currently unemployed are those persons who did not have a job or business or were not employed (as defined above), and who did one of the following: either they looked for work in the last 30 days before the interview; or they did not look for work in the last 30 days, but were available to work and did not look for work because they thought no work was available, or they were awaiting the results of previous enquiries, or waiting to start work, or considered that it was the off-season for fishing or agriculture.	Monthly
Pakistan	Labour Force Surveys	2004-05 to 2010-11 [Annual]	Current unemployment	Unemployed persons are those aged 10 years and over who were without work and available/seeking work during most of the reference week.	Weekly

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Sri Lanka	Labour Force Surveys	2001-12 [quarterly]	Current unemployment	Unemployment refers to persons who had no employment during the reference period and were seeking and available for work.	Two Weekly (moving)

Table 2: Definition of Underemployment in Major South Asian Countries

<i>Country</i>	<i>Identification</i>	<i>Periodicity</i>	<i>Concept</i>	<i>Definition</i>	<i>Reference Period</i>
Bangladesh	Labour Force Surveys	2002-03;2005-06;2010[Every 5 years]	Under-employment	<i>Time criteria:</i> It refers to persons whose hours worked are considered inadequate and therefore forced to look for additional work to increase hours and income. This refers to persons who want to change their work situation for one of the following reasons: (a) their current job does not match their occupational skills; (b) the income obtained from their employment is not adequate for their job, and are looking for additional work which better corresponds to their education or skills or to increase their income.	Weekly
India	Labour Force Surveys	2004-05;2009-10; 2011-12 [Every 5 years]	Under-employment	The difference between the current weekly status and current daily status rates indicates the <i>underemployment</i> of those who had some employment in the week.	Daily and Weekly

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Sri Lanka	Labour Force Surveys	2001-12 [quarterly]	Underemployment	Time Criteria: Underemployment relates to persons who have worked less than the normal hours of work in their activity (usually 35 hours), and are prepared and available for more work if provided. Those who are willing to work additional hours in general, are available to work additional hours in general- worked less than 35 hours a week in their main job.	Weekly

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