



Departures for Foreign Employment by Districts 2003 - 2007*

District	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007*
Colombo	27,739	27,256	29,727	26,005	27,830
Gampaha	18,263	18,858	20,578	17,936	19,471
Kalutara	10,334	10,634	11,558	10,100	10,418
Kandy	14,119	14,842	16,542	14,466	16,003
Matale	5,059	5,768	6,209	5,141	5,786
Nuwara Eliya	2,695	3,383	3,921	3,529	4,151
Galle	10,048	11,109	12,105	10,083	10,155
Matara	4,370	4,833	5,370	4,603	5,261
Hambantota	3,361	3,578	3,875	3,242	3,676
Jaffna	1,938	2,689	2,922	2,649	3,972
Mannar	539	681	644	658	923
Vauniya	1,075	1,103	1,115	1,250	1,978
Mullaitivu	43	125	148	102	170
Batticaloa	9,383	11,023	11,369	8,626	10,175
Ampara	10,189	10,946	10,977	8,412	9,855
Trincomalee	5,411	5,227	5,155	4,390	4,623
Kurunegala	18,338	26,274	28,119	27,504	21,428
Puttalam	9,370	10,617	11,917	9,807	11,013
Anuradhapura	11,629	13,524	13,909	11,711	11,590
Polonnaruwa	4,564	5,274	5,790	4,763	4,939
Badulla	5,338	6,155	6,879	5,749	6,524
Monaragala	1,440	1,733	1,749	1,555	1,686
Ratnapura	5,150	5,853	6,645	5,765	5,999
Kegalle	9,421	10,197	11,553	9,860	9,766
Not indicated	20,030	3,027	2,514	4,042	9,914
Total	209,846	214,709	231,290	201,948	217,306

*Provisional

Source: Information Technology Division-SLBFE

Colombo district shows the highest departure for foreign employment during the period from 2003 to 2007. However, it is very significant that, Kurunegala district is continuing its increasing trend showing up to 2006 and there is a decrease of by 6,076 persons in year 2007. Gampaha, Kalutara, Kandy, Galle and Anuradhapura districts indicate relatively higher departures.

It can be seen from the distribution of departures in 2007 for foreign employment by the districts and the country, from Kurunegala district 8,472 persons have gone to Saudi Arabia followed by 6,852 from Colombo district and 4,836 from Ampara district.