

## Labour Force Participation Rate 15+ by Age Group, Area and Sex

The labour force participation (LFP) rate is the number of persons in the labour force (currently active population) expressed as a percentage of the working-age population. The LFP rate is a measure of the proportion of an economy's working-age population that is economically active. It provides an indication of the relative size of the supply of labour available for the production of goods and services. The breakdown of the labour force by sex and age group gives a profile of the distribution of the economically active population within a country.

The distribution of labour force participation rate by age group, area and sex according to the 2006 ILFS is shown in Table below. The overall National labour force participation rate for persons aged 15 years and above was 83.4 percent, with males showing higher than average rate at 86.7 percent and females at 80.4 percent. Labour force participation rates in rural and urban areas were 88.5 percent and 76.8 percent respectively.

Comparable with usually active population, the labour force participation rate for currently active population peaked at age group 35-39 for males and 35-39 and 40-44 for females. Males were also observed to enter the labour market earlier, in big numbers and stay longer than females.

**Table of Labour Force Participation rate 15 + by Age Group, Area and Sex**

Age Group	Rural			Urban			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
15-19	74.6	66.1	70.5	44.8	42.8	43.8	63.1	56.3	59.7
20-24	88.1	90.5	89.4	75.9	68.9	72.1	82.2	79.9	80.9
25-29	98.4	95.5	96.7	92.8	86.4	89.0	95.7	91.1	92.9
30-34	99.0	96.7	97.7	97.5	90.1	93.5	98.3	93.8	95.8
35-39	99.5	98.1	98.7	98.8	90.5	94.3	99.2	95.0	96.8
40-44	99.2	97.4	98.3	98.7	91.6	95.2	99.0	95.0	97.0
45-49	99.7	96.8	98.4	98.2	87.0	92.8	99.1	92.6	96.1
50-54	99.5	93.0	96.4	97.8	73.5	87.3	98.8	85.5	92.6
55-59	94.3	87.1	91.1	95.3	67.5	85.1	94.8	80.0	88.6
60-64	94.1	86.5	90.7	84.6	58.9	71.8	90.5	74.8	83.1
65+	82.2	55.9	69.3	63.6	28.9	45.1	76.4	46.4	61.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>90.5</b>	<b>86.6</b>	<b>88.5</b>	<b>81.6</b>	<b>72.5</b>	<b>76.8</b>	<b>86.7</b>	<b>80.4</b>	<b>83.4</b>