

## ***Section 5: Individual characteristics***

### ***Social status***

The social (matrimonial) status of individuals aged 12 years and more has been tabulated by age group and gender, and for all ages by gender (Table 5.1).

Across all age groups, 50.3% of males and 41.5% of females had never married, while 47.2% of males and 48.3% of females were currently married at the time of the survey. 1.0% of males and 8.0% of females were widowed, 1.4% of males and 1.9% of females were divorced, and 0.1% of males and 0.2% of females were separated.

From age group 12-14 up to age group 40-44, the percentages of both males and females who had never married declined steadily, while the percentage of those currently married increased to more than 80% in each case. In older age groups, the percentage of never married was lower but static, and the percentage of married males increased before diminishing slightly, while the percentage of married women declined. From age group 40-44 upwards, the percentage of widowed men increased from 0.0% to 5.3%, and of widowed women from 8.6% to 27.7%. The percentage of divorced men peaked at 3.4% in age group 40-44, while that for divorced women peaked at 3.3% in age group 35-39.

### ***Educational status***

The educational status of individuals aged 10 years and more has been tabulated by gender, for urban, rural and combined regions (Table 5.2).

The response rate for this question was much lower than for the previous one. The percentage of functionally illiterate people was 14.8% overall, with 9.6% in urban areas and 25.0% in rural areas. The group without formal schooling but able to read and write were 23.0% overall, with 19.6% in urban areas and 29.5% in rural areas. The largest group was that with elementary school education, amounting to 32.8% overall, and the same percentage among both urban and rural individuals. Those with intermediate and secondary schooling comprised 20.8% of individuals overall, with 26.4% of urban and 10.1% of rural residents. The total for those with diplomas, bachelor degrees and higher degrees was 8.6%, including 11.6% of urban and 2.7% of rural residents.

Among females the proportion of illiterates was higher, especially in rural areas, while for those who could read and write, and those with elementary school education, the gender balance was nearly neutral. For those with successively higher levels of education, the proportion of males was higher relative to that of females, more especially among rural residents.

### ***Labour force participation rates***

The labour market participation rate for individuals aged 15 years and more has been tabulated by age band and gender, for urban, rural and combined regions (Table 5.3).

The labour market participation rate (percentage of population available and willing to perform paid work) was 48% overall, 47% in urban areas and 50% in rural regions. The average participation rate for males was 77% overall, 75% in urban areas and 80% in rural ones, while for females the rate was 19% overall, 18% in urban areas and 21% in rural regions. Overall, the age structure of the participation rate showed a peak of 60% for age band 25-29, with a gradual decline to 54% for age band 40-44, then a steeper decline with increasing ages. Among males, the peak rate was 97%, for age band 30-34, while for females the peak rate was 25%, in the same age band.

### ***Distribution of employment and average monthly income by sector***

The distribution of employment by sector has been tabulated by gender and region (Table 5.4).

### ***Handicaps and disabilities***

The percentage of people classified as handicapped has been tabulated by region (Table 5.5), and the number and regional distribution of people with different kinds of disabilities has been tabulated by region (Table 5.6).

### ***Income from social security benefits***

The number of beneficiaries and their average monthly benefit income has been tabulated by type of benefit and region (Table 5.7).

The total number of people receiving benefits at 1,056 represents 5.5% of the sampled population (19,300 individuals). More than half were in receipt of the retirement benefit, while the next most numerous group received the inherent retirement benefit. Retirement benefits for soldiers and the handicapped boosted this broad category further, to a total of 867. There were just 22 individuals receiving benefits for unemployment, 37 receiving benefits for education related purposes, and 130 receiving other types of benefit relating to their current social circumstances.

The reported benefit incomes are highest for the various kinds of retirement benefit, lower for emergency and general social care benefits, and lowest for social help, handicap benefits, study fees and unemployment support.

**5.1 Relative distribution of population aged 12 years and more by gender and social status**

Social status	Never married		Married		Divorced		Widowed		Separated		Total	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
<b>12 - 14</b>	95.70	95.52	1.27	2.52	2.78	1.40	0.25	0.56	0.00	0.00	100	100
<b>15 - 19</b>	94.40	86.75	3.95	11.80	1.48	1.45	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	100	100
<b>20 - 24</b>	82.73	60.13	16.27	37.04	0.60	2.18	0.20	0.44	0.20	0.22	100	100
<b>25 - 29</b>	55.40	41.69	41.84	55.77	2.07	1.41	0.46	0.85	0.23	0.28	100	100
<b>30 - 34</b>	30.56	26.03	68.06	70.48	1.04	2.22	0.00	0.63	0.35	0.63	100	100
<b>35 - 39</b>	18.93	18.60	78.16	76.74	2.91	3.26	0.00	0.93	0.00	0.47	100	100
<b>40 - 44</b>	11.97	8.55	84.62	81.58	3.42	1.32	0.00	8.55	0.00	0.00	100	100
<b>45 - 49</b>	5.63	6.02	90.14	77.11	1.41	0.00	2.82	16.87	0.00	0.00	100	100
<b>50+</b>	6.14	5.36	87.72	65.18	0.88	1.79	5.26	27.68	0.00	0.00	100	100
<b>Average</b>	50.26	41.51	47.22	48.32	1.35	1.93	1.03	1.83	0.13	0.21	100	100

**5.2a Distribution of population aged 10 years and more by education status & gender (numbers)**

Status	Urban			Rural			Urban & Rural		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Illiterate	159	206	365	151	341	492	310	547	857
Read and write	355	389	744	307	274	581	662	663	1325
Elementary	627	622	1249	346	299	645	973	921	1894
Intermediate	314	278	592	92	33	125	406	311	717
Secondary	239	173	412	64	9	73	303	182	485
Diploma	119	90	209	26	1	27	145	91	236
Bachelor degree	135	80	215	20	3	23	155	83	238
Higher degree	14	5	19	2	0	2	16	5	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>1962</b>	<b>1843</b>	<b>3805</b>	<b>1008</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>1968</b>	<b>2970</b>	<b>2803</b>	<b>5773</b>

**5.2b Distribution of population aged 10 years and more by education status & gender (percentage)**

Status	Urban			Rural			Urban & Rural		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Illiterate	8.10	11.18	9.59	14.98	35.52	25.00	10.44	19.51	14.84
Read and write	18.09	21.11	19.55	30.46	28.54	29.52	22.29	23.65	22.95
Elementary	31.96	33.75	32.83	34.33	31.15	32.77	32.76	32.86	32.81
Intermediate	16.00	15.08	15.56	9.13	3.44	6.35	13.67	11.10	12.42
Secondary	12.18	9.39	10.83	6.35	0.94	3.71	10.20	6.49	8.40
Diploma	6.07	4.88	5.49	2.58	0.10	1.37	4.88	3.25	4.09
Bachelor degree	6.88	4.34	5.65	1.98	0.31	1.17	5.22	2.96	4.12
Higher degree	0.71	0.27	0.50	0.20	0.00	0.10	0.54	0.18	0.36
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>

5.3 Distribution of labour market percentage participation rate among the population aged 15 years and over by gender and age groups

Age group	Gender	Urban	Rural	Urban & Rural
15-19	Male	49	62	54
	Female	16	25	19
	Total	33	45	37
20-24	Male	74	85	78
	Female	19	23	21
	Total	47	56	50
25-29	Male	92	94	93
	Female	22	21	22
	Total	59	60	60
30-34	Male	98	96	97
	Female	24	26	25
	Total	60	56	59
35-39	Male	96	96	96
	Female	23	19	22
	Total	57	59	57
40-44	Male	97	93	96
	Female	22	16	20
	Total	57	48	54
45-49	Male	91	82	89
	Female	18	16	18
	Total	55	46	52
50-54	Male	78	76	78
	Female	15	9	14
	Total	46	43	45
55-59	Male	61	74	65
	Female	11	18	12
	Total	34	47	38
60-64	Male	48	65	53
	Female	6	21	12
	Total	30	43	35
and over 65	Male	21	39	27
	Female	5	10	7
	Total	13	26	18
Total	Male	75	80	77
	Female	18	21	19
	Total	47	50	48

**5.4 Distribution of employment and average monthly income by sector for people aged 15+**

Sector	Urban		Rural		Urban & Rural	
	Persons	Average income	Persons	Average income	Persons	Average income
Public sector	138	281752	60	241104	198	269434
Private sector	1739	217937	1002	200112	2741	211420
Mixed sector	9	270000	1	400000	10	283000
Cooperative sector	4	215000	0	0	4	215000
Governmental sector	840	280936	253	262150	1093	276588
NGO	2	297000	1	70000	3	221333
Other	8	275000	0	0	8	275000
<b>Total</b>	<b>2740</b>	<b>240855</b>	<b>1317</b>	<b>213950</b>	<b>4057</b>	<b>232121</b>

### 5.5 Population by handicap status (Urban, Rural, Urban & Rural)

Region	Handicapped		Unhandicapped		Total	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Urban	244	1.99	12023	98.01	12267	100.00
Rural	166	2.34	6941	97.66	7107	100.00
Urban & Rural	410	2.12	18964	97.88	19374	100.00

### 5.6 Relative distribution of handicap by kind (Urban, Rural, Urban & Rural)

Kind of handicap	Urban		Rural		Urban & Rural	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Amputation of limbs	28	11.48	21	12.65	49	11.95
Paralysis of limbs	37	15.16	25	15.06	62	15.12
Ankylosis of limbs	27	11.07	17	10.24	44	10.73
Extensive ankylosis or deformity of the spine	8	3.28	3	1.81	11	2.68
Birth deformity of limbs or body	8	3.28	5	3.01	13	3.17
Blindness - partial or complete	26	10.66	16	9.64	42	10.24
Deafness and dumbness, serious deafness	15	6.15	18	10.84	33	8.05
Epilepsy	14	5.74	9	5.42	23	5.61
Serious mental disorders or retardation	20	8.20	15	9.04	35	8.54
Schizophrenic disorders	2	0.82	5	3.01	7	1.71
Other type of handicap	45	18.44	29	17.47	74	18.05
Unknown	12	4.92	1	0.60	13	3.17
More than one kind	2	0.82	2	1.20	4	0.98
Total	244	100.00	166	100.00	410	100.00

**5.7 Number of people & average monthly benefit income by type of social security benefit received**

Type of Benefit	Urban		Rural		Urban & Rural	
	Persons	Average income	Persons	Average income	Persons	Average income
Retired	423	120483	119	103311	542	116713
Retired inherent	174	67147	39	47765	213	63598
Fighters retired	56	108128	20	84500	76	101910
Emergency rewards	55	67445	16	62813	71	66401
Social care salary	28	42393	12	47500	40	43925
Retired handicapped	21	61357	15	52600	36	57708
Children's fees	19	0	6	0	25	0
Support against unemployment	17	16177	5	0	22	12500
Study fees	12	18333	0	0	12	18333
Social help	7	35714	3	0	10	25000
Handicapped salaries	7	19286	2	15000	9	18333
<b>Total</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>92513</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>76966</b>	<b>1056</b>	<b>89024</b>