

Table 1.8 Economically Active Rate Aged 15 and over by Sex: Region, Province, 1998 and 2008

Region/ Province	Economically Active Rate (Aged 15 and over)						Differential from 1998 to 2008*		
	1998			2008					
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female
Region									
Phnom Penh	62.9	73.8	53.4	65.1	71.9	59.3	2.2	-1.8	5.9
Other Plains	79.1	81.0	77.6	80.4	81.1	79.8	1.3	0.2	2.1
Tonle Sap	77.6	83.0	73.0	79.7	83.1	76.7	2.1	0.1	3.7
Coastal	76.9	82.9	71.5	77.5	80.9	74.3	0.6	-2.0	2.8
Plateau/Mountain	80.8	83.2	78.6	81.4	82.4	80.4	0.6	-0.8	1.8
Province									
Bantey Meanchey	78.1	83.9	72.9	79.2	83.9	74.8	1.1	0.0	1.9
Battambang	72.3	80.2	65.2	76.7	81.5	72.2	4.4	1.4	7.0
Kampong Cham	77.1	81.5	73.4	80.0	82.6	77.7	2.9	1.1	4.3
Kampong Chhnang	82.4	84.1	81.0	81.8	82.5	81.3	-0.6	-1.6	0.2
Kampong Speu	81.7	80.8	82.4	81.6	80.3	82.8	0.0	-0.5	0.4
Kampong Thom	72.9	80.1	66.9	80.8	82.6	79.1	7.9	2.6	12.3
Kampot	81.0	81.8	80.4	81.6	81.8	81.5	0.6	0.1	1.1
Kandal	76.1	79.8	73.0	77.5	80.1	75.3	1.5	0.2	2.4
Koh Kong	70.2	87.6	51.6	72.6	82.7	62.4	2.3	-4.9	10.7
Kratie	73.4	81.7	65.7	78.3	82.5	74.2	4.9	0.8	8.5
Mondul Kiri	82.4	88.7	76.0	86.1	88.4	83.7	3.7	-0.4	7.7
Phnom Penh	62.9	73.8	53.4	65.1	71.9	59.3	2.2	-1.8	5.9
Preah Vihear	84.4	86.9	82.0	82.3	84.0	80.6	-2.1	-2.8	-1.4
Prey Veng	83.1	81.8	84.0	83.4	82.4	84.2	0.3	0.5	0.2
Pursat	81.4	83.2	80.0	81.3	83.1	79.8	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2
Ratanak Kiri	88.6	91.6	85.9	84.7	87.6	81.9	-3.9	-4.0	-4.1
Siemreap	82.2	86.5	78.5	80.5	84.2	77.1	-1.7	-2.4	-1.4
Preah Sihanouk	68.8	82.6	55.8	68.7	77.4	60.2	-0.1	-5.2	4.4
Stung Treng	84.4	88.0	81.1	80.1	82.9	77.3	-4.3	-5.1	-3.7
Svay Rieng	84.0	82.1	85.5	83.5	81.1	85.5	-0.6	-1.0	0.0
Takeo	80.0	79.7	80.2	80.7	78.7	82.5	0.7	-1.1	2.3
Oddar Meanchey	81.7	87.4	76.0	83.5	85.7	81.3	1.8	-1.7	5.3
Kep	79.3	83.4	75.6	82.3	84.1	80.7	3.1	0.6	5.1
Pailin	78.2	89.5	63.5	79.1	84.7	73.2	0.9	-4.8	9.7

* Differential = (value of 2008) - (value of 1998)

Note) Original figures are shown in Annex

1.2 ECONOMICALLY INACTIVE POPULATION

As previously mentioned, the population growth from 1998 to 2008 recorded nearly 2.35 million in number and most of the increased population has participated in an economic activity. Therefore, the increase of economically inactive population was only 0.4 million during the decade (Table 1.9).

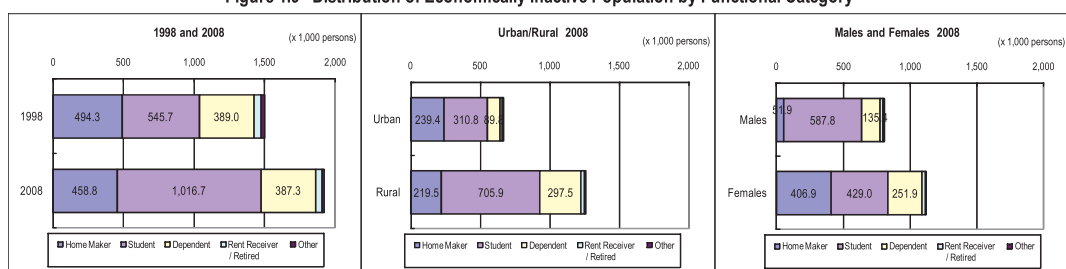
Table 1.9 Economically Inactive Population aged 5 and over by Functional Category, Age Group, Sex: Urban/Rural, 1998 and 2008

AgeGroup/ Sex/ Area	Economically Inactive Population	Percentage					
		Inactive Total	Home Maker	Student	Dependent	Rent Receiver / Retired	Other
Aged 15 and over							
Both Sexes							
1998							
Whole Country	1,501,466	100.0	32.9	36.3	25.9	3.3	1.5
2008							
Whole Country	1,926,250	100.0	23.8	52.8	20.1	2.3	1.0
Urban	666,348	100.0	35.9	46.6	13.5	2.9	1.0
Rural	1,259,902	100.0	17.4	56.0	23.6	2.0	0.9
Males							
1998							
Whole Country	565,421	100.0	7.8	62.5	24.0	3.6	2.2
2008							
Whole Country	804,799	100.0	6.5	73.0	16.8	2.4	1.3
Urban	243,795	100.0	10.7	71.5	12.3	3.9	1.6
Rural	561,004	100.0	4.6	73.7	18.8	1.7	1.2
Females							
1998							
Whole Country	936,045	100.0	48.1	20.5	27.1	3.2	1.1
2008							
Whole Country	1,121,451	100.0	36.3	38.3	22.5	2.3	0.7
Urban	422,553	100.0	50.5	32.3	14.2	2.4	0.7
Rural	698,898	100.0	27.7	41.9	27.5	2.2	0.7
Aged 5 and over							
Both Sexes							
1998							
Whole Country	4,851,919	100.0	10.5	47.9	40.1	1.0	0.5
2008							
Whole Country	4,969,669	100.0	9.4	66.5	22.8	0.9	0.4
Urban	1,115,965	100.0	21.6	60.5	15.5	1.7	0.6
Rural	3,853,704	100.0	5.9	68.2	25.0	0.7	0.3
Males							
1998							
Whole Country	2,287,272	100.0	2.2	56.4	40.0	0.9	0.6
2008							
Whole Country	2,367,943	100.0	2.3	74.3	22.1	0.8	0.5
Urban	474,061	100.0	5.7	76.2	15.3	2.0	0.8
Rural	1,893,882	100.0	1.5	73.8	23.8	0.5	0.4
Females							
1998							
Whole Country	2,564,647	100.0	17.9	40.2	40.3	1.2	0.4
2008							
Whole Country	2,601,726	100.0	15.8	59.4	23.5	1.0	0.3
Urban	641,904	100.0	33.4	48.9	15.6	1.6	0.5
Rural	1,959,822	100.0	10.1	62.8	26.0	0.8	0.3

The greatest proportion of functional category in economically inactive population is occupied by students both in 1998 and 2008. The proportion of students is larger in 2008 than 1998.

There is a large difference by sex in functional categories among economically inactive population. The largest proportion of functional category among males is 'Students', while that among females is 'Home makers.' A school attendance rate of males who aged 15 and over is much higher than that of females. The proportion of female 'Home makers' is much greater than that of male 'Home makers' (Figure 1.9).

Figure 1.9 Distribution of Economically Inactive Population by Functional Category



As for the age structure of functional category, a student is a category for young generations. Most of 'Rent receiver/retired' are elderly people, and the 'Dependents' are elders and youths. The category of home makers has the greatest proportion among females in their 20s. This generation of females corresponds to the period of the childbirth and child-rearing. (Table 1.10)

Table 1.10 Economically Inactive Population aged 5 and over by Functional Category, 10-year Age Group and Sex, 1998 and 2008

AgeGroup	1998							2008						
	Economically Inactive Population	Percentage to Economically Inactive Population					Economically Inactive Population	Economically Inactive	Percentage to Economically Inactive Population				Rent Receiver	Other
		Home Maker	Student	Dependent	Rent Receiver	Other			Home Maker	Student	Dependent	Rent Receiver		
Both Sexes														
Total (Aged 5 +)	4,851,919	100.0	10.5	47.9	40.1	1.0	4,969,669	100.0	9.4	66.5	22.8	0.9	0.4	
Total (Aged 15 +)	1,501,466	100.0	32.9	36.3	25.9	3.3	1,926,250	100.0	23.8	52.8	20.1	2.3	1.0	
15-19	691,523	100.0	7.8	71.7	20.0	0.1	918,446	100.0	3.3	88.4	8.2	0.0	0.1	
20-29	232,882	100.0	55.6	21.4	21.2	0.7	390,374	100.0	32.1	52.4	14.8	0.2	0.5	
30-39	142,409	100.0	85.1	0.0	9.6	1.6	105,814	100.0	81.4	0.0	11.5	1.2	5.9	
40-49	88,448	100.0	85.5	0.0	9.9	2.5	97,069	100.0	82.8	0.0	12.1	2.3	2.8	
50-59	78,492	100.0	61.9	0.0	27.4	8.5	97,399	100.0	67.4	0.0	25.1	5.7	1.9	
60-69	119,723	100.0	34.0	0.0	49.9	13.4	119,580	100.0	35.1	0.0	51.8	11.5	1.6	
70+	147,989	100.0	16.8	0.0	66.2	13.9	197,578	100.0	14.8	0.0	73.0	10.4	1.8	
Males														
Total (Aged 5 +)	2,287,272	100.0	2.2	56.4	40.0	0.9	2,367,943	100.0	2.3	74.3	22.1	0.8	0.5	
Total (Aged 15 +)	565,421	100.0	7.8	62.5	24.0	3.6	804,799	100.0	6.5	73.0	16.8	2.4	1.3	
15-19	393,406	100.0	2.7	80.7	15.8	0.1	503,790	100.0	1.6	90.5	7.8	0.0	0.1	
20-29	71,606	100.0	13.8	50.0	32.2	1.0	177,239	100.0	7.8	74.4	16.7	0.2	1.0	
30-39	13,167	100.0	34.2	0.0	32.9	9.3	13,442	100.0	34.2	0.0	33.5	3.2	29.1	
40-49	5,804	100.0	41.3	0.0	29.9	14.8	11,402	100.0	45.5	0.0	33.6	7.5	13.4	
50-59	9,376	100.0	33.1	0.0	32.9	26.9	13,974	100.0	41.4	0.0	37.2	16.0	5.3	
60-69	25,334	100.0	24.7	0.0	47.5	23.7	26,840	100.0	25.4	0.0	48.7	23.2	2.7	
70+	46,728	100.0	15.5	0.0	62.5	18.0	58,112	100.0	13.5	0.0	68.6	15.2	2.7	
Females														
Total (Aged 5 +)	2,564,647	100.0	17.9	40.2	40.3	1.2	2,601,726	100.0	15.8	59.4	23.5	1.0	0.3	
Total (Aged 15 +)	936,045	100.0	48.1	20.5	27.1	3.2	1,121,451	100.0	36.3	38.3	22.5	2.3	0.7	
15-19	298,117	100.0	14.5	59.8	25.5	0.1	414,656	100.0	5.4	85.9	8.6	0.0	0.0	
20-29	161,276	100.0	74.2	8.6	16.4	0.5	213,135	100.0	52.2	34.1	13.3	0.3	0.1	
30-39	129,242	100.0	90.3	0.0	7.2	0.8	92,372	100.0	88.3	0.0	8.3	0.9	2.5	
40-49	82,644	100.0	88.6	0.0	8.5	1.7	85,657	100.0	87.8	0.0	9.3	1.6	1.4	
50-59	69,116	100.0	65.8	0.0	26.6	6.0	83,425	100.0	71.7	0.0	23.0	4.0	1.3	
60-69	94,389	100.0	36.6	0.0	50.6	10.6	92,740	100.0	37.9	0.0	52.7	8.1	1.3	
70+	101,261	100.0	17.4	0.0	67.9	11.9	139,466	100.0	15.3	0.0	74.9	8.4	1.4	

1.3 USUAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

1.3.1 Usual Economic Activity and Literacy

The literacy rate of the population who aged 15 and over made a great progress from 1998 to 2008 (from 67.1 percent to 77.6 percent). The progress made in the decade was larger for females than for males.

As previously mentioned, the economically inactive population includes students, and they are literate. Therefore, the literacy rate is higher for economically inactive population than for employed or unemployed population.

There are many people who are literate and unemployed. Most of the unemployed population are in young generations (Table 1.11). This indicates that many youths who graduated from school cannot find a suitable job for themselves.

Table 1.11 Usual Activity of Population Aged 15 and over by Literacy and Rate of Literate, Sex, 1998 and 2008

	Population Aged 15 and over			Number of Literate Persons			Rate of Literate		
	Both Sexes	Males	Females	Both Sexes	Males	Females	Both Sexes	Males	Females
1998									
Total	6,539,848	3,009,001	3,530,847	4,390,755	2,383,479	2,007,276	67.1	79.2	56.8
Employed	4,773,488	2,330,301	2,443,187	3,200,934	1,824,255	1,376,679	67.1	78.3	56.3
Unemployed	264,894	113,279	151,615	181,898	85,421	96,477	68.7	75.4	63.6
Economically Inactive	1,501,466	565,421	936,045	1,007,923	473,803	534,120	67.1	83.8	57.1
2008									
Total	8,881,890	4,201,248	4,680,642	6,891,035	3,574,466	3,316,569	77.6	85.1	70.9
Employed	6,841,272	3,345,926	3,495,346	5,214,184	2,790,586	2,423,598	76.2	83.4	69.3
Unemployed	114,368	50,523	63,845	92,515	42,713	49,802	80.9	84.5	78.0
Economically Inactive	1,926,250	804,799	1,121,451	1,584,336	741,167	843,169	82.2	92.1	75.2

1.3.2 Usual Economic Activity and Educational Level

In addition to the literacy rate, educational attainment of the population who aged 15 and over made a great progress from 1998 to 2008. In 1998, more than half of literate population (57.1 percent) was 'Not educated' or 'Not completed primary school'. But in 2008, the proportion of those people who are 'Not educated' or 'Not completed primary school' has decreased to 43.2 percent and the proportion of 'Completed lower secondary' people increased from 11.9 percent of 1998 to 21.9 percent of 2008 (Table 1.12).

Educational level of employed people has improved, too. People who are not educated or not completed primary school occupied approximately 60 percent of the employed in 1998, but in 2008 the proportion decreased to less than 50 percent. The proportion of the people who completed lower secondary school increased from 10.8 percent of 1998 to 18.0 percent of 2008. Educational level of males has gone up more than that of females. The increased proportion of 'Completed lower secondary' is clearly observed in males than in females.

Table 1.12 Usual Activity of Population Aged 15 and over by Educational Level of Literate, Sex, 1998 and 2008

Educational Level of Literate	Number of Persons (Aged 15 and over)							
	1998				2008			
	Total	Economically Active		Economically Inactive	Total	Economically Active		Economically Inactive
		Employed	Unemployed			Employed	Unemployed	
Both Sexes								
Literate Population*	4,386,505	3,197,647	181,555	1,007,303	6,890,519	5,213,775	92,500	1,584,244
No Education but Literate	70,410	51,946	3,977	14,487	178,033	137,450	4,316	36,267
Primary not Completed	2,435,012	1,842,486	99,667	492,859	2,797,215	2,379,967	32,740	384,508
Primary	1,169,934	820,636	50,667	298,631	2,127,092	1,577,552	28,854	520,686
Lower Secondary	523,302	344,767	19,634	158,901	1,506,002	940,822	22,237	542,943
Secondary /Technical Diploma	155,576	115,337	6,450	33,789	144,651	99,822	2,367	42,462
Beyond Secondary or Technical Diploma	27,792	19,239	1,086	7,467	131,821	74,000	1,918	55,903
Others	4,479	3,236	74	1,169	5,705	4,162	68	1,475
Male								
Literate Population*	2,380,911	1,822,118	85,244	473,549	3,574,166	2,790,317	42,704	741,145
No Education but Literate	37,361	29,352	1,882	6,127	74,130	61,956	1,782	10,392
Primary not Completed	1,163,414	920,636	41,386	201,392	1,265,558	1,112,709	13,645	139,204
Primary	711,343	533,801	25,537	152,005	1,150,010	887,042	13,535	249,433
Lower Secondary	333,595	234,948	11,201	87,446	899,140	604,077	11,330	283,733
Secondary /Technical Diploma	109,855	85,611	4,340	19,904	92,409	67,691	1,256	23,462
Beyond Secondary or Technical Diploma	21,721	15,117	844	5,760	89,063	53,856	1,117	34,090
Others	3,622	2,653	54	915	3,856	2,986	39	831
Female								
Literate Population*	2,005,594	1,375,529	96,311	533,754	3,316,353	2,423,458	49,796	843,099
No Education but Literate	33,049	22,594	2,095	8,360	103,903	75,494	2,534	25,875
Primary not Completed	1,271,598	921,850	58,281	291,467	1,531,657	1,267,258	19,095	245,304
Primary	458,591	286,835	25,130	146,626	977,082	690,510	15,319	271,253
Lower Secondary	189,707	109,819	8,433	71,455	606,862	336,745	10,907	259,210
Secondary /Technical Diploma	45,721	29,726	2,110	13,885	52,242	32,131	1,111	19,000
Beyond Secondary or Technical Diploma	6,071	4,122	242	1,707	42,758	20,144	801	21,813
Others	857	583	20	254	1,849	1,176	29	644
	Percentage							
Educational Level of Literate	1998				2008			
	Total	Economically Active		Economically Inactive	Total	Economically Active		Economically Inactive
		Employed	Unemployed			Employed	Unemployed	
1998								
Literate Population*	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No Education but Literate	1.6	1.6	2.2	1.4	2.6	2.6	4.7	2.3
Primary not Completed	55.5	57.6	54.9	48.9	40.6	45.6	35.4	24.3
Primary	26.7	25.7	27.9	29.6	30.9	30.3	31.2	32.9
Lower Secondary	11.9	10.8	10.8	15.8	21.9	18.0	24.0	34.3
Secondary /Technical Diploma	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.4	2.1	1.9	2.6	2.7
Beyond Secondary or Technical Diploma	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	1.9	1.4	2.1	3.5
Others	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Male								
Literate Population*	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No Education but Literate	1.6	1.6	2.2	1.3	2.1	2.2	4.2	1.4
Primary not Completed	48.9	50.5	48.6	42.5	35.4	39.9	32.0	18.8
Primary	29.9	29.3	30.0	32.1	32.2	31.8	31.7	33.7
Lower Secondary	14.0	12.9	13.1	18.5	25.2	21.6	26.5	38.3
Secondary /Technical Diploma	4.6	4.7	5.1	4.2	2.6	2.4	2.9	3.2
Beyond Secondary or Technical Diploma	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.2	2.5	1.9	2.6	4.6
Others	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Female								
Literate Population*	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No Education but Literate	1.6	1.6	2.2	1.6	3.1	3.1	5.1	3.1
Primary not Completed	63.4	67.0	60.5	54.6	46.2	52.3	38.3	29.1
Primary	22.9	20.9	26.1	27.5	29.5	28.5	30.8	32.2
Lower Secondary	9.5	8.0	8.8	13.4	18.3	13.9	21.9	30.7
Secondary /Technical Diploma	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.6	1.6	1.3	2.2	2.3
Beyond Secondary or Technical Diploma	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.3	0.8	1.6	2.6
Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1

* Excluding 'Not Reported' Educational Level