

Table 4.14 Employed Population aged 15 to 34 by Major Group of Occupation, Age Group and Sex, 2008

	Number of Persons											
	Total	Major group of occupation										
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	
Both sexes												
Total (Aged 15+)	6,841,272	37,675	118,924	151,222	102,259	615,065	4,829,496	493,672	122,240	316,173	54,247	
15-24 Total	1,736,962	1,590	14,112	46,614	20,560	125,389	1,156,542	232,048	19,944	116,579	3,531	
25-34 Total	1,731,414	7,056	39,285	34,413	33,242	162,667	1,158,722	154,930	43,308	86,900	10,815	
15-19	672,576	204	0	21,294	3,658	38,855	464,270	89,270	4,263	50,046	706	
20-24	1,064,386	1,386	14,112	25,320	16,902	86,534	692,272	142,778	15,681	66,533	2,825	
25-29	1,094,925	4,552	25,902	23,898	23,052	101,614	713,595	113,003	26,913	56,808	5,544	
30-34	636,489	2,504	13,383	10,515	10,190	61,053	445,127	41,927	16,395	30,092	5,271	
Males												
Total (Aged 15+)	3,345,926	29,761	73,813	108,789	66,971	234,099	2,256,804	206,813	114,213	203,724	50,734	
15-24 Total	828,975	752	6,607	37,251	8,689	41,302	565,086	73,978	17,503	74,773	3,008	
25-34 Total	886,001	4,700	24,266	24,327	21,435	62,311	566,687	71,828	40,799	59,578	10,015	
15-19	316,647	80	0	19,031	1,039	10,909	228,196	23,284	3,332	30,204	567	
20-24	512,328	672	6,607	18,220	7,650	30,393	336,890	50,694	14,171	44,569	2,441	
25-29	561,178	2,888	15,580	16,877	14,181	38,681	353,124	50,010	25,254	39,471	5,081	
30-34	324,823	1,812	8,686	7,450	7,254	23,630	213,563	21,818	15,545	20,107	4,934	
Females												
Total (Aged 15+)	3,495,346	7,914	45,111	42,433	35,288	380,966	2,572,692	286,859	8,027	112,449	3,513	
15-24 Total	907,987	838	7,505	9,363	11,871	84,087	591,456	158,070	2,441	41,806	523	
25-34 Total	845,413	2,356	15,019	10,086	11,807	100,356	592,035	83,102	2,509	27,322	800	
15-19	355,929	124	0	2,263	2,619	27,946	236,074	65,986	931	19,842	139	
20-24	552,058	714	7,505	7,100	9,252	56,141	355,382	92,084	1,510	21,964	384	
25-29	533,747	1,664	10,322	7,021	8,871	62,933	360,471	62,993	1,659	17,337	463	
30-34	311,666	692	4,697	3,065	2,936	37,423	231,564	20,109	850	9,985	337	
	Percentage											
	Total	Major group of occupation										
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	
Both sexes												
Total (Aged 15+)	100.0	0.6	1.7	2.2	1.5	9.0	70.6	7.2	1.8	4.6	0.8	
15-24 Total	100.0	0.1	0.8	2.7	1.2	7.2	66.6	13.4	1.1	6.7	0.2	
25-34 Total	100.0	0.4	2.3	2.0	1.9	9.4	66.9	8.9	2.5	5.0	0.6	
15-19	100.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	0.5	5.8	69.0	13.3	0.6	7.4	0.1	
20-24	100.0	0.1	1.3	2.4	1.6	8.1	65.0	13.4	1.5	6.3	0.3	
25-29	100.0	0.4	2.4	2.2	2.1	9.3	65.2	10.3	2.5	5.2	0.5	
30-34	100.0	0.4	2.1	1.7	1.6	9.6	69.9	6.6	2.6	4.7	0.8	
Males												
Total (Aged 15+)	100.0	0.9	2.2	3.3	2.0	7.0	67.4	6.2	3.4	6.1	1.5	
15-24 Total	100.0	0.1	0.8	4.5	1.0	5.0	68.2	8.9	2.1	9.0	0.4	
25-34 Total	100.0	0.5	2.7	2.7	2.4	7.0	64.0	8.1	4.6	6.7	1.1	
15-19	100.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	0.3	3.4	72.1	7.4	1.1	9.5	0.2	
20-24	100.0	0.1	1.3	3.6	1.5	5.9	65.8	9.9	2.8	8.7	0.5	
25-29	100.0	0.5	2.8	3.0	2.5	6.9	62.9	8.9	4.5	7.0	0.9	
30-34	100.0	0.6	2.7	2.3	2.2	7.3	65.7	6.7	4.8	6.2	1.5	
Females												
Total (Aged 15+)	100.0	0.2	1.3	1.2	1.0	10.9	73.6	8.2	0.2	3.2	0.1	
15-24 Total	100.0	0.1	0.8	1.0	1.3	9.3	65.1	17.4	0.3	4.6	0.1	
25-34 Total	100.0	0.3	1.8	1.2	1.4	11.9	70.0	9.8	0.3	3.2	0.1	
15-19	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.7	7.9	66.3	18.5	0.3	5.6	0.0	
20-24	100.0	0.1	1.4	1.3	1.7	10.2	64.4	16.7	0.3	4.0	0.1	
25-29	100.0	0.3	1.9	1.3	1.7	11.8	67.5	11.8	0.3	3.2	0.1	
30-34	100.0	0.2	1.5	1.0	0.9	12.0	74.3	6.5	0.3	3.2	0.1	

Unknown\* of Occupation is not listed in this table because its number is very small.

**[Major Group of Occupation]**

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|---|---|--|
| 1 Legislators, senior officials, managers | 5 Service and sales workers               | 8 Plant & machine operators and assemblers |
| 2 Professionals                           | 6 Skilled agricultural & forestry workers | 9 Elementary occupations                   |
| 3 Technical and associate professionals   | 7 Craft and related trade workers         | 0 Armed forces                             |
| 4 Clerks                                  |   |  |

**4.3.3 Literacy and Educational Level of Economically Active Youth**

Literacy and educational attainment of economically active population is an important factor of economical development for every country. Cambodia has achieved remarkable improvement in the sector of education. However, though regrettable, the educational level of Cambodia is still improving at present. The analytical report of the Census 2008 covers a topic on literacy and education. The basic information about educational condition of Cambodia is analyzed in that particular report. The educational issue related to the economic activity is reviewed in this section.

Table 4.15 Economically Active Population aged 15 to 34 by Literacy, Age Group, Sex, 1998 and 2008

Age	Number of Economically Active Persons									Percentage of Literate		
	Economically Active			Employed			Unemploye			Economically Active	Employed	Unemployed
	Literate	Illiterate		Literate	Illiterate		Literate	Illiterate				
1998												
Both Sexes												
15-24 Total	1,262,968	895,491	367,477	1,108,958	786,356	322,602	154,010	109,135	44,875	70.9	70.9	70.9
25-34 Total	1,485,260	1,096,580	388,680	1,428,220	1,053,987	374,233	57,040	42,593	14,447	73.8	73.8	74.7
15-19	649,881	448,046	201,835	549,711	379,849	169,862	100,170	68,197	31,973	68.9	69.1	68.1
20-24	613,087	447,445	165,642	559,247	406,507	152,740	53,840	40,938	12,902	73.0	72.7	76.0
25-29	782,772	599,047	183,725	747,004	571,309	175,695	35,768	27,738	8,030	76.5	76.5	77.5
30-34	702,488	497,533	204,955	681,216	482,678	198,538	21,272	14,855	6,417	70.8	70.9	69.8
Males												
15-24 Total	569,550	432,251	137,299	499,049	380,293	118,756	70,501	51,958	18,543	75.9	76.2	73.7
25-34 Total	766,663	625,742	140,921	742,418	605,912	136,506	24,245	19,830	4,415	81.6	81.6	81.8
15-19	269,210	194,619	74,591	225,019	164,013	61,006	44,191	30,606	13,585	72.3	72.9	69.3
20-24	300,340	237,632	62,708	274,030	216,280	57,750	26,310	21,352	4,958	79.1	78.9	81.2
25-29	405,672	335,521	70,151	389,775	322,307	67,468	15,897	13,214	2,683	82.7	82.7	83.1
30-34	360,991	290,221	70,770	352,643	283,605	69,038	8,348	6,616	1,732	80.4	80.4	79.3
Females												
15-24 Total	693,418	463,240	230,178	609,909	406,063	203,846	83,509	57,177	26,332	66.8	66.6	68.5
25-34 Total	718,597	470,838	247,759	685,802	448,075	237,727	32,795	22,763	10,032	65.5	65.3	69.4
15-19	380,671	253,427	127,244	324,692	215,836	108,856	55,979	37,591	18,388	66.6	66.5	67.2
20-24	312,747	209,813	102,934	285,217	190,227	94,990	27,530	19,586	7,944	67.1	66.7	71.1
25-29	377,100	263,526	113,574	357,229	249,002	108,227	19,871	14,524	5,347	69.9	69.7	73.1
30-34	341,497	207,312	134,185	328,573	199,073	129,500	12,924	8,239	4,685	60.7	60.6	63.7
2008												
Both Sexes												
15-24 Total	1,796,761	1,480,962	315,799	1,736,959	1,430,664	306,295	59,802	50,298	9,504	82.4	82.4	84.1
25-34 Total	1,759,505	1,382,704	376,801	1,731,411	1,358,971	372,440	28,094	23,733	4,361	78.6	78.5	84.5
15-19	700,836	577,594	123,242	672,576	554,644	117,932	28,260	22,950	5,310	82.4	82.5	81.2
20-24	1,095,925	903,368	192,557	1,064,383	876,020	188,363	31,542	27,348	4,194	82.4	82.3	86.7
25-29	1,116,233	890,777	225,456	1,094,923	872,510	222,413	21,310	18,267	3,043	79.8	79.7	85.7
30-34	643,272	491,927	151,345	636,488	486,461	150,027	6,784	5,466	1,318	76.5	76.4	80.6
Males												
15-24 Total	858,178	723,884	134,294	828,974	699,176	129,798	29,204	24,708	4,496	84.4	84.3	84.6
25-34 Total	897,816	753,055	144,761	885,999	742,692	143,307	11,817	10,363	1,454	83.9	83.8	87.7
15-19	330,622	272,785	57,837	316,647	261,513	55,134	13,975	11,272	2,703	82.5	82.6	80.7
20-24	527,556	451,099	76,457	512,327	437,663	74,664	15,229	13,436	1,793	85.5	85.4	88.2
25-29	570,237	483,204	87,033	561,176	475,153	86,023	9,061	8,051	1,010	84.7	84.7	88.9
30-34	327,579	269,851	57,728	324,823	267,539	57,284	2,756	2,312	444	82.4	82.4	83.9
Females												
15-24 Total	938,583	757,078	181,505	907,985	731,488	176,497	30,598	25,590	5,008	80.7	80.6	83.6
25-34 Total	861,689	629,649	232,040	845,412	616,279	229,133	16,277	13,370	2,907	73.1	72.9	82.1
15-19	370,214	304,809	65,405	355,929	293,131	62,798	14,285	11,678	2,607	82.3	82.4	81.8
20-24	568,369	452,269	116,100	552,056	438,357	113,699	16,313	13,912	2,401	79.6	79.4	85.3
25-29	545,996	407,573	138,423	533,747	397,357	136,390	12,249	10,216	2,033	74.6	74.4	83.4
30-34	315,693	222,076	93,617	311,665	218,922	92,743	4,028	3,154	874	70.3	70.2	78.3

\* Excluding 'Not Reported' Literacy

## LITERACY

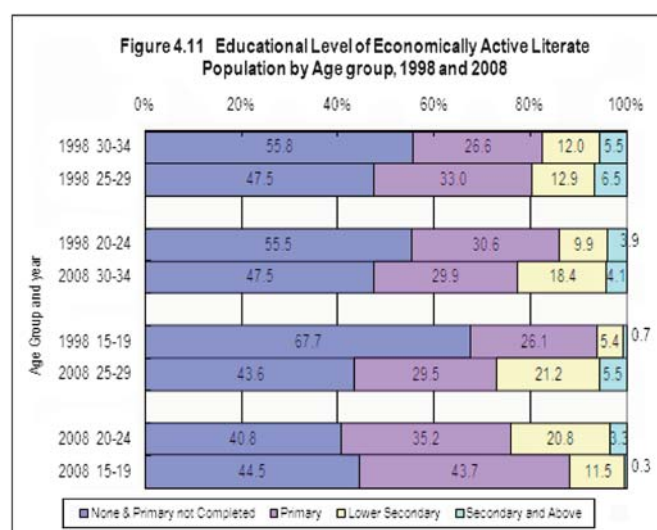
Table 4.15 shows the literacy of the economically active youths. The difference in the proportion of being literate among economically active youths between employed youths and unemployed youths is insignificant in 1998. But the proportion of being literate among employed females is lower than that among unemployed females from 1 percent point to 5 percent points in each age group.

In 2008, the proportion of being literate among all the economically active youths is greater than that in 1998 in general. The proportion of being literate among employed youths and employed people who aged 25 - 34 is lower than that of unemployed counterparts. The exception is the age group of 15-19.

## LEVEL OF EDUCATION

Educational level of Cambodia has been improving. Table 4.16 shows the educational level of economically active and literate youths. Educational level of both sexes has been improved during the decade, but the level of female education is still behind that of males in 2008.

Figure 4.11 shows the distribution of educational level of economically active and literate youths. It is easy to recognize that the level of education has been improving on the whole. The second and the third graphs of the Figure 4.11 show the difference in educational level between the two cohorts – the age groups of 15 - 19 and 20 - 24 in 1998.



These two cohorts at the Census 1998 passed supposedly the age of completing compulsory education. But the proportion of 'Completed Primary School' has increased in the decade. This difference in the two cohorts indicates that most of them attained education during the period between 1998 and 2008 even though they were beyond the school age, which implies that the educational level of the people is associated with the improvement of educational environment and/or living condition.

**Table 4.16 Educational Level of Economically Active and Literate Population aged 15 to 34  
by Age Group, Sex, 1998 and 2008**

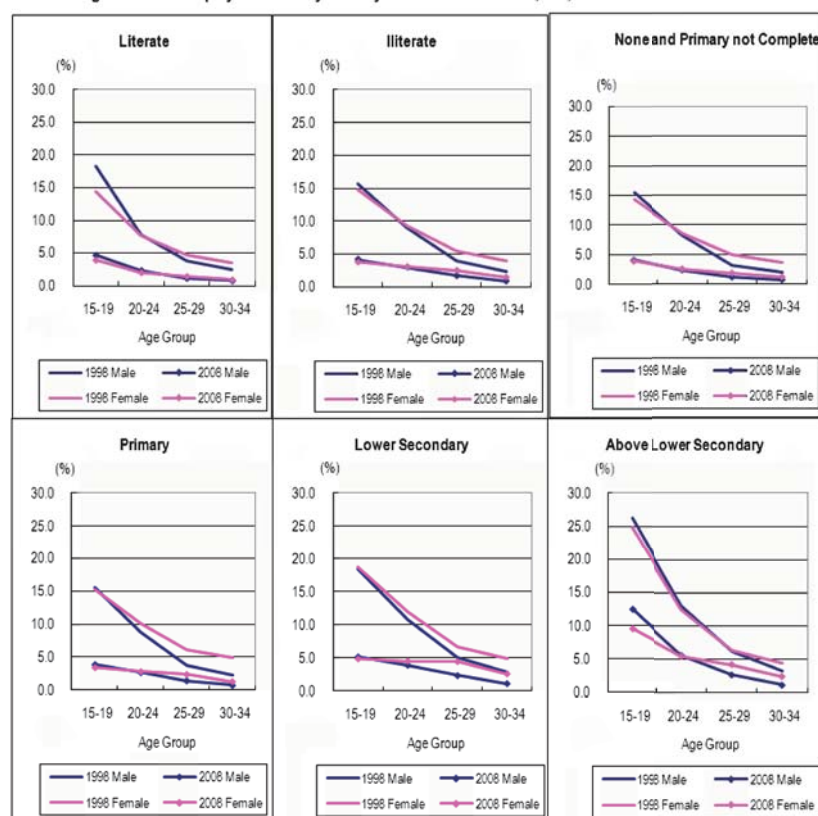
Age	Population of Economically Active Literate*	Percentage				
		Total	Educational Level			
			None & Primary not Completed	Primary	Lower Secondary	Above Lower Secondary
1998						
Both Sexes						
15-24 Total	894,817	100.0	61.6	28.4	7.7	2.3
25-34 Total	1,095,672	100.0	51.3	30.1	12.5	6.1
15-19	447,719	100.0	67.7	26.1	5.4	0.7
20-24	447,098	100.0	55.5	30.6	9.9	3.9
25-29	598,572	100.0	47.5	33.0	12.9	6.5
30-34	497,100	100.0	55.8	26.6	12.0	5.5
Males						
15-24 Total	431,849	100.0	56.6	30.8	9.5	3.1
25-34 Total	625,193	100.0	41.9	34.5	15.3	8.1
15-19	194,435	100.0	65.6	27.5	6.2	0.7
20-24	237,414	100.0	49.3	33.5	12.2	5.0
25-29	335,231	100.0	38.7	36.7	15.8	8.8
30-34	289,962	100.0	45.7	32.0	14.9	7.3
Females						
15-24 Total	462,968	100.0	66.3	26.2	6.0	1.5
25-34 Total	470,479	100.0	63.7	24.2	8.8	3.3
15-19	253,284	100.0	69.4	25.1	4.9	0.6
20-24	209,684	100.0	62.5	27.4	7.4	2.7
25-29	263,341	100.0	58.8	28.2	9.3	3.6
30-34	207,138	100.0	70.0	19.0	8.1	2.9
2008						
Both Sexes						
15-24 Total	1,480,856	100.0	42.2	38.5	17.1	2.1
25-34 Total	1,382,575	100.0	45.0	29.7	20.2	5.0
15-19	577,559	100.0	44.5	43.7	11.5	0.3
20-24	903,297	100.0	40.8	35.2	20.8	3.3
25-29	890,707	100.0	43.6	29.5	21.2	5.5
30-34	491,868	100.0	47.5	29.9	18.4	4.1
Males						
15-24 Total	723,808	100.0	40.7	37.7	19.3	2.2
25-34 Total	752,974	100.0	38.4	30.5	24.7	6.4
15-19	272,756	100.0	46.1	42.2	11.4	0.3
20-24	451,052	100.0	37.4	34.9	24.1	3.4
25-29	483,157	100.0	37.5	29.9	25.7	6.8
30-34	269,817	100.0	39.9	31.5	22.9	5.7
Females						
15-24 Total	757,048	100.0	43.7	39.3	15.0	2.0
25-34 Total	629,604	100.0	52.9	28.7	14.8	3.4
15-19	304,803	100.0	43.1	45.1	11.5	0.3
20-24	452,245	100.0	44.1	35.4	17.4	3.1
25-29	407,550	100.0	50.9	29.1	15.9	4.1
30-34	222,054	100.0	56.7	28.1	12.9	2.3

\* Excluding "Not Reported" Educational Level

'Other' of Educational Level is not listed in the table because its number is very small.

Figure 4.12 shows the unemployment rate by literacy and by level of education. The unemployment rate has decreased during the decade. Although there is a difference in unemployment rate by literacy and level of education, it can be said that the unemployment rate of the younger half of youth (age 15-19) is the highest, and that the higher the unemployment rate is, the higher the level of education is (Figure 4.12).

Figure 4.12 Unemployment Rate by Literacy and Educational Level, Sex, 1998 and 2008



## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

School attendance of the younger half of youths (age 15-20) is shown in Table 4.17. The proportion of the employed youths who have 'Never attended school' has greatly decreased from 1998 to 2008, and, the proportion of the employed youths who are 'Attending school now' has slightly decreased. Their status of school attendance has an inconsistency apparently. Since secondary and tertiary education in 2008 is more popular than a decade ago, generally speaking, the proportion of those attending school now should have increased in 2008. But in fact it has decreased. This implies that some youths who could not attend school in the past may be attending school at the time of the census enumeration.