

Table 5.5 Female Population Aged 15 and over by Relationship to Head of Household and Age Group: Region 1998 and 2008

Age Group	Number of Females									
	1998					2008				
	Total	Relationship to Head of Household				Total	Relationship to Head of Household			
		Head of Household	Spouse	Parent	Child and Others		Head of Household	Spouse	Parent	Child and Others
Cambodia Total										
Total (Aged 15 +)	3,530,847	558,712	1,534,184	98,338	1,339,613	4,680,642	727,474	1,971,112	158,686	1,823,370
15-19	680,074	10,444	33,860	0	635,770	784,874	11,919	26,890	0	746,065
20-24	391,587	23,183	140,533	0	227,871	699,859	36,013	185,883	0	477,963
25-29	461,572	47,482	259,875	5	154,210	627,655	58,819	308,853	8	259,975
30-34	412,592	60,144	265,303	88	87,057	358,189	48,858	225,573	100	83,658
35-39	370,537	70,139	248,714	350	51,334	436,653	74,022	295,976	440	66,215
40-44	297,345	69,977	195,122	1,341	30,905	393,176	82,161	267,212	1,687	42,116
45-49	240,879	68,634	145,743	3,374	23,128	354,645	89,296	232,637	3,894	28,818
50-54	180,050	59,410	95,238	6,475	18,927	294,815	87,833	176,120	8,696	22,166
55-59	146,741	51,259	67,391	9,700	18,391	228,788	77,975	117,690	14,291	18,832
60-64	118,392	40,378	41,154	15,121	21,739	160,880	58,697	64,903	20,511	16,769
65-69	96,268	29,232	25,518	18,239	23,279	126,318	44,706	38,956	26,145	16,511
70-74	65,444	16,501	10,684	18,001	20,258	95,007	29,953	18,883	29,546	16,625
75 +	69,366	11,929	5,049	25,644	26,744	119,783	27,222	11,536	53,368	27,657
Region										
Phnom Penh	355,993	49,766	111,144	9,782	185,301	558,921	76,612	160,260	13,234	308,815
Plain	1,535,627	247,296	680,348	42,153	565,830	1,835,405	321,819	779,543	68,535	665,508
Tonle Sap	907,253	152,286	402,006	28,568	324,393	1,469,125	218,717	647,531	45,096	557,781
Coastal	251,722	39,384	116,480	7,006	88,852	325,343	51,180	145,357	11,409	117,397
Plateau/ Mountains	480,252	69,980	224,206	10,829	175,237	491,848	59,146	238,421	20,412	173,869
Age Group	Percentage									
	1998					2008				
	Total	Relationship to Head of Household				Total	Relationship to Head of Household			
		Head of Household	Spouse	Parent	Child and Others		Head of Household	Spouse	Parent	Child and Others
Total (Aged 15 +)	100.0	15.8	43.5	2.8	37.9	100.0	15.5	42.1	3.4	39.0
15-19	100.0	1.5	5.0	0.0	93.5	100.0	1.5	3.4	0.0	95.1
20-24	100.0	5.9	35.9	0.0	58.2	100.0	5.1	26.6	0.0	68.3
25-29	100.0	10.3	56.3	0.0	33.4	100.0	9.4	49.2	0.0	41.4
30-34	100.0	14.6	64.3	0.0	21.1	100.0	13.6	63.0	0.0	23.4
35-39	100.0	18.9	67.1	0.1	13.9	100.0	17.0	67.8	0.1	15.2
40-44	100.0	23.5	65.6	0.5	10.4	100.0	20.9	68.0	0.4	10.7
45-49	100.0	28.5	60.5	1.4	9.6	100.0	25.2	65.6	1.1	8.1
50-54	100.0	33.0	52.9	3.6	10.5	100.0	29.8	59.7	2.9	7.5
55-59	100.0	34.9	45.9	6.6	12.5	100.0	34.1	51.4	6.2	8.2
60-64	100.0	34.1	34.8	12.8	18.4	100.0	36.5	40.3	12.7	10.4
65-69	100.0	30.4	26.5	18.9	24.2	100.0	35.4	30.8	20.7	13.1
70-74	100.0	25.2	16.3	27.5	31.0	100.0	31.5	19.9	31.1	17.5
75 +	100.0	17.2	7.3	37.0	38.6	100.0	22.7	9.6	44.6	23.1
Region										
Phnom Penh	100.0	14.0	31.2	2.7	52.1	100.0	13.7	28.7	2.4	55.3
Plain	100.0	16.1	44.3	2.7	36.8	100.0	17.5	42.5	3.7	36.3
Tonle Sap	100.0	16.8	44.3	3.1	35.8	100.0	14.9	44.1	3.1	38.0
Coastal	100.0	15.6	46.3	2.8	35.3	100.0	15.7	44.7	3.5	36.1
Plateau/ Mountains	100.0	14.6	46.7	2.3	36.5	100.0	12.0	48.5	4.2	35.4

Table 5.6 Female Population Aged 15 and over by Relationship to Head of Household and 5 year Age Group: Urban/Rural, 2008

Age Group	Number of Females									
	Urban					Rural				
	Total	Relationship to Head of Household				Total	Relationship to Head of Household			
		Head of Houehold	Spouse	Parent	Child and Others		Head of Houehold	Spouse	Parent	Child and Others
Total (Aged 15 +)	1,033,862	144,702	334,587	27,632	526,941	3,646,780	582,772	1,636,525	131,054	1,296,429
15-19	181,034	3,287	2,761	0	174,986	603,840	8,632	24,129	0	571,079
20-24	196,852	11,006	25,454	0	160,392	503,007	25,007	160,429	0	317,571
25-29	162,283	14,486	53,069	2	94,726	465,372	44,333	255,784	6	165,249
30-34	74,400	9,040	38,166	17	27,177	283,789	39,818	187,407	83	56,481
35-39	87,759	13,122	52,661	76	21,900	348,894	60,900	243,315	364	44,315
40-44	73,364	13,833	46,022	287	13,222	319,812	68,328	221,190	1,400	28,894
45-49	67,765	16,309	41,926	712	8,818	286,880	72,987	190,711	3,182	20,000
50-54	59,388	17,772	33,600	1,647	6,369	235,427	70,061	142,520	7,049	15,797
55-59	44,101	15,774	20,656	2,791	4,880	184,687	62,201	97,034	11,500	13,952
60-64	29,511	11,551	10,582	3,623	3,755	131,369	47,146	54,321	16,888	13,014
65-69	21,108	8,181	5,482	4,304	3,141	105,210	36,525	33,474	21,841	13,370
70-74	15,778	5,411	2,633	4,824	2,910	79,229	24,542	16,250	24,722	13,715
75 +	20,519	4,930	1,575	9,349	4,665	99,264	22,292	9,961	44,019	22,992

Age Group	Percentage									
	Urban					Rural				
	Total	Relationship to Head of Household				Total	Relationship to Head of Household			
		Head of Houehold	Spouse	Parent	Child and Others		Head of Houehold	Spouse	Parent	Child and Others
Total (Aged 15 +)	100.0	14.0	32.4	2.7	51.0	100.0	16.0	44.9	3.6	35.5
15-19	100.0	1.8	1.5	0.0	96.7	100.0	1.4	4.0	0.0	94.6
20-24	100.0	5.6	12.9	0.0	81.5	100.0	5.0	31.9	0.0	63.1
25-29	100.0	8.9	32.7	0.0	58.4	100.0	9.5	55.0	0.0	35.5
30-34	100.0	12.2	51.3	0.0	36.6	100.0	14.0	66.0	0.0	19.9
35-39	100.0	15.0	60.0	0.1	25.0	100.0	17.5	69.7	0.1	12.8
40-44	100.0	18.9	62.7	0.4	18.4	100.0	21.4	69.2	0.4	9.5
45-49	100.0	24.1	61.9	1.1	14.1	100.0	25.4	66.5	1.1	8.1
50-54	100.0	29.9	56.6	2.8	13.5	100.0	29.8	60.5	3.0	9.7
55-59	100.0	35.8	46.8	6.3	17.4	100.0	33.7	52.5	6.2	13.8
60-64	100.0	39.1	35.9	12.3	25.0	100.0	35.9	41.3	12.9	22.8
65-69	100.0	38.8	26.0	20.4	35.3	100.0	34.7	31.8	20.8	33.5
70-74	100.0	34.3	16.7	30.6	49.0	100.0	31.0	20.5	31.2	48.5
75 +	100.0	24.0	7.7	45.6	68.3	100.0	22.5	10.0	44.3	67.5

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY OF FEMALE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD

The number of female heads of households has increased from 1998 to 2008 (Table 5.7). But their economically active rate has slightly decreased in the whole country from 86.9 percent to 86.2 percent. This rate is higher than that of the total females in both two Censuses (73.5 percent in 1998 and 76.0 percent in 2008; Table 1.3).

Figure 5.6 Female's Relationship to the Head of Household by Age Group

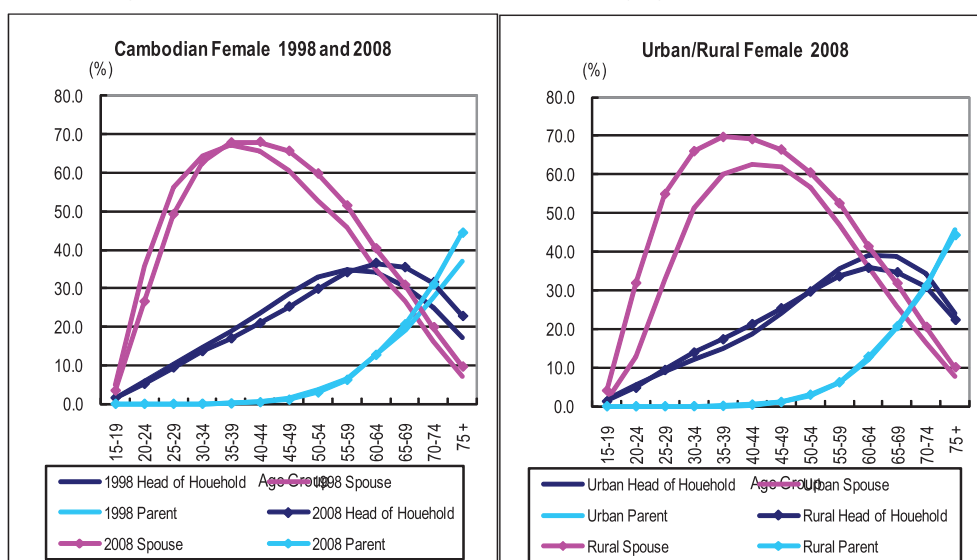


Table 5.7 Economically Active Female of Households Head (aged 15 and over) by Age Group, 1998 and 2008

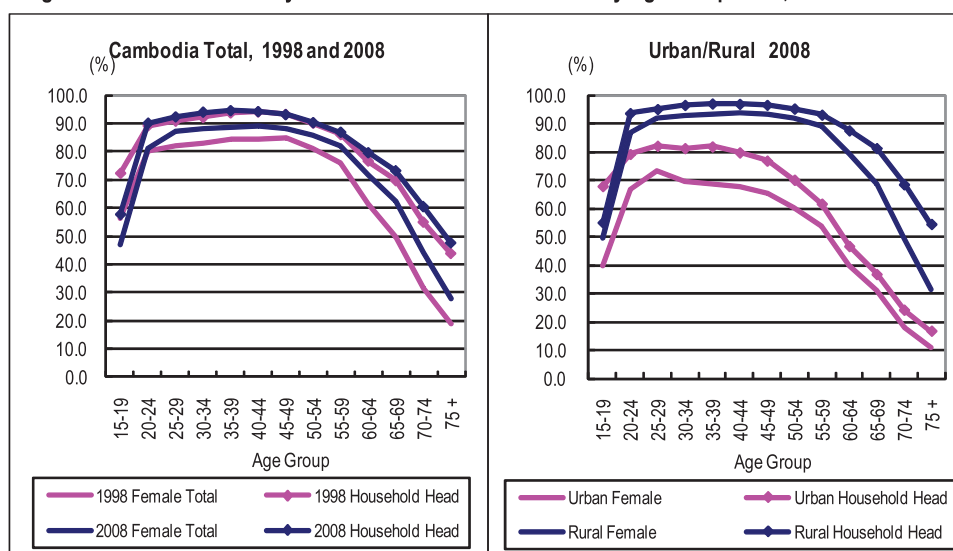
Age group	Number of Persons				Economically Active Rate	
	1998		2008		1998	2008
	Female Head of Household	Economically Active Female Head	Female Head of Household	Economically Active Female Head		
15+ Total	554,328	481,947	718,287	619,409	86.9	86.2
15-19	10,066	7,275	10,788	6,223	72.3	57.7
20-24	22,681	20,237	32,902	29,634	89.2	90.1
25-29	46,930	42,643	56,520	52,166	90.9	92.3
30-34	59,698	55,012	48,115	45,206	92.2	94.0
35-39	69,648	65,326	73,474	69,429	93.8	94.5
40-44	69,536	65,469	81,830	77,037	94.2	94.1
45-49	68,203	63,605	89,040	82,864	93.3	93.1
50-54	59,096	53,284	87,580	79,045	90.2	90.3
55-59	50,995	43,889	77,804	67,557	86.1	86.8
60-64	40,167	30,785	58,562	46,604	76.6	79.6
65-69	29,062	20,247	44,603	32,641	69.7	73.2
70-74	16,398	9,000	29,903	18,077	54.9	60.5
75 +	11,848	5,175	27,166	12,926	43.7	47.6

There is a big disparity between urban area and rural area (Table 5.8). The economically active rate of female head of household in urban areas is 66.7 percent, and the rate in rural areas is 90.8 percent. Those rates are higher than that of the total women who aged 15 and over in urban areas and in rural areas (59.1 percent in urban areas and 80.8 percent in rural areas Table 1.2).

Table 5.8 Economically Active Female Head of Households (aged 15 and over) by Age Group: Urban/Rural 2008

Age group	Number of Persons				Economically Active Rate	
	Urban		Rural		Urban	Rural
	Female Head of Household	Economically Active Female Head	Female Head of Household	Economically Active Female Head		
15 + Total	136,998	91,343	581,289	528,066	66.7	90.8
15-19	2,289	1,555	8,499	4,668	67.9	54.9
20-24	8,326	6,601	24,576	23,033	79.3	93.7
25-29	12,432	10,219	44,088	41,947	82.2	95.1
30-34	8,388	6,824	39,727	38,382	81.4	96.6
35-39	12,668	10,380	60,806	59,049	81.9	97.1
40-44	13,601	10,859	68,229	66,178	79.8	97.0
45-49	16,133	12,407	72,907	70,457	76.9	96.6
50-54	17,607	12,353	69,973	66,692	70.2	95.3
55-59	15,668	9,668	62,136	57,889	61.7	93.2
60-64	11,467	5,358	47,095	41,246	46.7	87.6
65-69	8,128	2,992	36,475	29,649	36.8	81.3
70-74	5,395	1,306	24,508	16,771	24.2	68.4
75 +	4,896	821	22,270	12,105	16.8	54.4

Figure 5.7 Economic Activity Rate of Female Household Head by Age Group: 1998, 2008 Urban/Rural



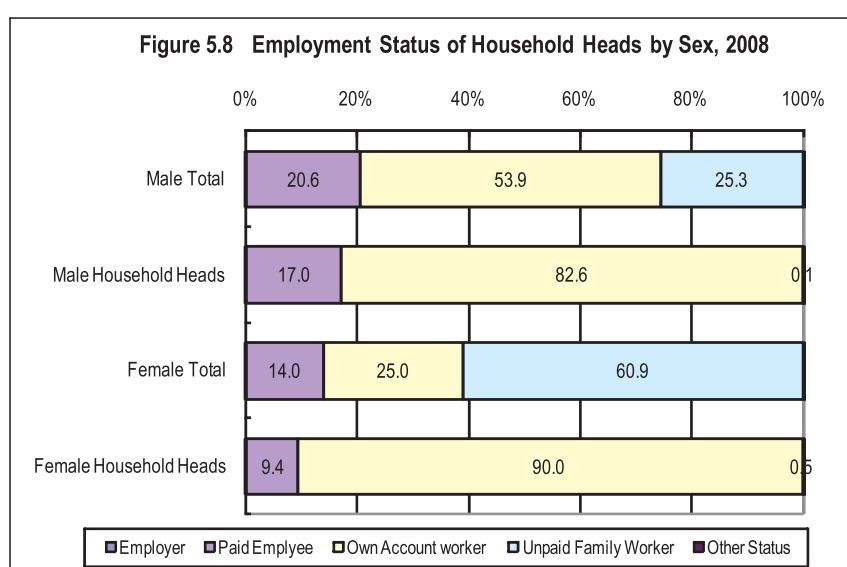
Note) Economic Activity Rate of Female Household Head is based on females living in a normal households

The economically active rate of female household heads by age group is graphed in Figure 5.7. This figure depicts another character of labour participation of female heads of households. The downward curve of the economically active rate of female heads of households in rural areas starts at older ages than that of the total females. The downward curve of the economically active rate of female heads in urban areas starts at younger age than that of the total females in 2008. The reason behind this phenomenon is not clear from these figures. But it is at least notable that the economics in urban area may affect women's labour participation in a certain form.

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

As previously described, the typical employment status of Cambodian females is an ‘Unpaid family worker’ of agricultural sector (see chapter 2 for detail). Figure 5.8 shows the employment status of the total males, of the total females, and of household heads of sex.

Figure 5.8 indicates that the employment status of household heads is significantly different from that of the total population of both sexes. One out of four males is an ‘Unpaid family worker’. The proportion is higher for females (3 out of 5). However, as for a head of household, the proportion of ‘Unpaid family worker’ is less than 1 percent for both sexes. The majority of heads of households of both sexes are ‘Own account workers’. Most of ‘Own account workers’ are engaged in agriculture sector in rural areas, and ‘Whole sale and retail trade’ sector in urban area (see Table 5.4). The proportion of ‘Paid employees’ of female heads of households is around 10 percent, which is less than the proportion of the corresponding males and the total females.



5.2.2 Employment of Women and their Children

Table 5.9 shows the average number of surviving children per female by usual activity status. They are graphed in Figure 5.9. The average number of children per female has decreased by 0.39 children (from 2.53 to 2.19) during the period between the two censuses. The number of children a female has had little effect on her economically active rate in 1998. But it has made a slight effect on the rate in 2008. On the whole, the average number of children of economically active females is greater than that of inactive females. However, the average number of children economically active females in urban areas have is much lower than that for those rural counterparts (1.50 and 2.54, respectively), and lower than that of inactive females in urban areas.