The Most Influential Factors on Youth Female Unemployment Incidences in a Sri Lanka

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Unemployment is one of the key measures of economic health. The unemployment rate indicates the degree of usage of productive resources available in an economy. Everyone would be employed at some wage to maximize the efficiency of an economy. The Purpose of this study is to identify the most influential factors behind the high rate of youth female unemployment incidences in Sri Lanka. The secondary data, concepts and definitions used in annual report of Labour Force Survey (LFS) in 2015 which has conducted by Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) is used for this study. The data analysed most influential factor of the youth female unemployment incidences in Sri Lanka based on the analysis of Descriptive statistics, Pearson’s Chi Square test and independent sample T-test. The research revealed that independent variables such as Sector, Province, Ethnicity, Religion, Marital status, Family size, Number of dependents, Relation to the household head, Monthly income level, Educational level, Literacy in English/Tamil and Completion of training relevant to occupation or self-employment are influential factors of the Youth female unemployment incidences of Sri Lanka. However, among those factors Monthly family income is the most influential factor. Other than the Monthly family income Province, Level of education and Completion of relevant training program are also more influential factors rather than other categorical variables. In addition to categorical variables, Family size and Number of dependents also more influential factors on Youth female unemployment.

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