

CHANGE OF SCHOOL PARTICIPATION IN THE
SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONTEXT OF SRI LANKA, BETWEEN 1976-1985

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This paper discusses the changes in the participation rates of the school-going population in Sri Lanka during the period of 1976-1985, in the context of changing socio-economic conditions.

The data for this study are obtained from the published and unpublished reports of surveys and censuses. The analysis is confined to those aspects of participation for which reliable data are available.

In this study it would be seen that while the socio-economic environment of the country was changing rapidly during the last decade, the enrolment of the school-going age population has been remarkably increasing by 50% to 70%. The increase has been more marked in the primary cycle where it was 73% to 93% with junior secondary cycle, recording a 57% to 80% increase. The changing characteristics will be shown in a series of tables to give a bird's eye view of the changing characteristics.