

Impact of EPZs on Poverty Reduction and Trade Facilitation in Sri Lanka

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Purpose of Study

EPZs and Poverty Reduction

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Focus on Sri Lanka

Methodology & Data Collection

Primary data

- Surveys conducted among EPZ workers
- Focus on collecting numerical data

Primary data

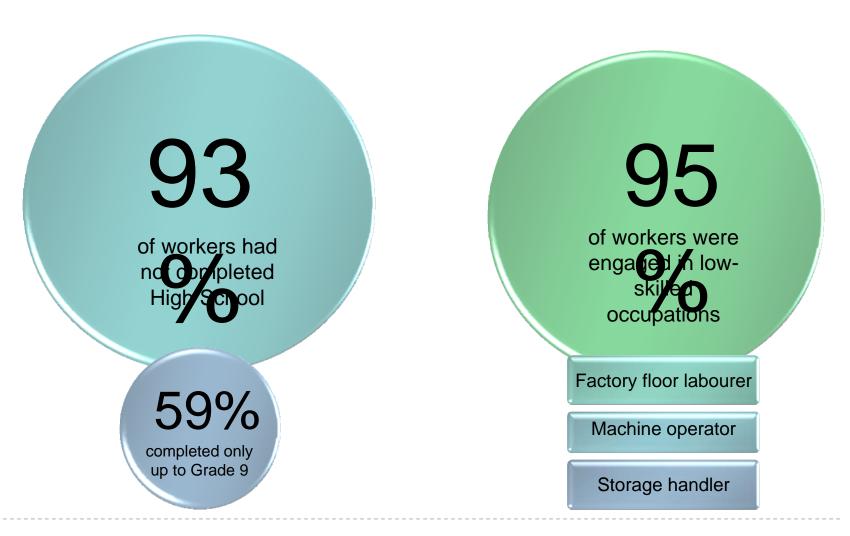
- Depth interviews conducted among managers and directors of EPZ firms
- Focus on collecting qualitative data

Secondary data

- Data from Board of Investment of Sri Lanka from 2012
- Covering all EPZs across Sri Lanka

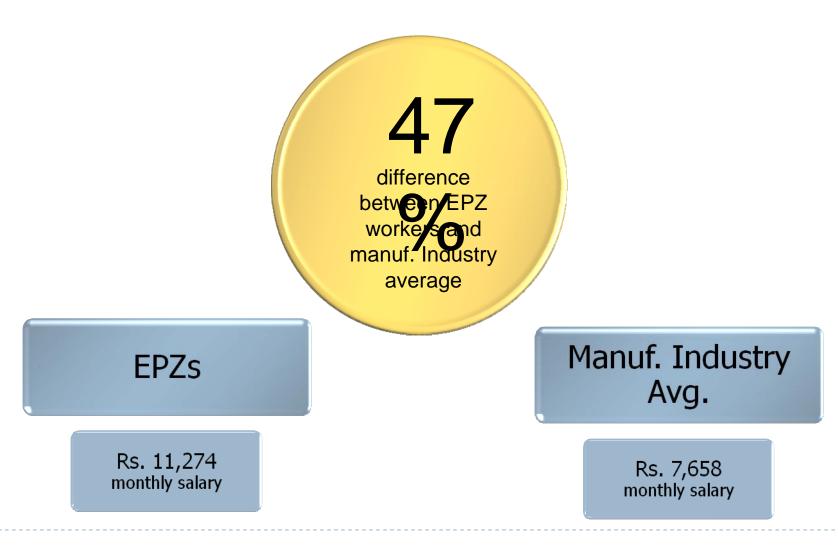
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Education and Occupation



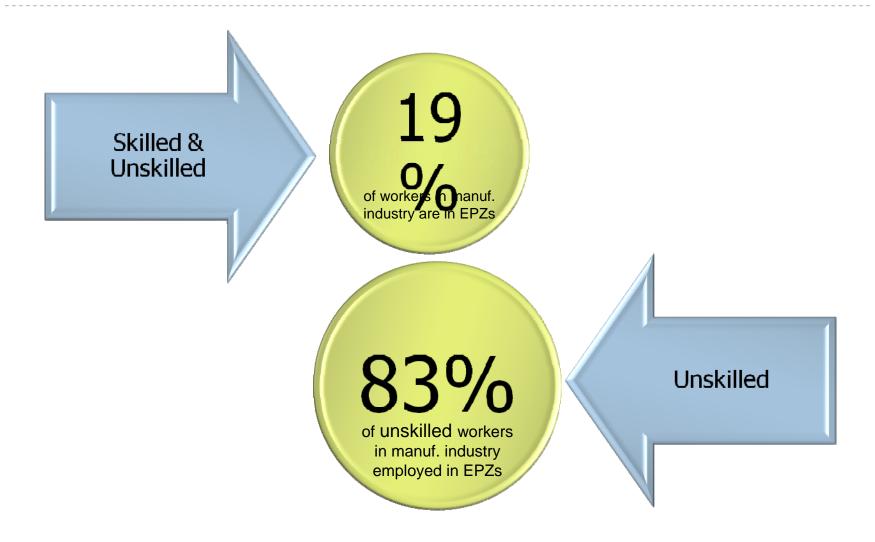
Source: Surveys conducted by authors.

Salary Benefits for Unskilled Workers



Source: Surveys conducted by authors and data obtained from *Annual Survey of Industries*, 2010, Dept. of Census and Statistics of Sri Lanka.

Prevalence of Unskilled Workers



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portion of Female Workers

of workers in **FEMALE**

> 50% of firms in largest **EPZ** manufacture garments and textiles

Majority of EPZs employ above 70% female workers

Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, 2012.