

Census of Population and Housing 2001

Number and percentage of population by district and ethnic group

District	Total Population		Ethnicity													
			Sinhalese		Sri Lanka Tamil		Indian Tamil		Sri Lanka Moor		Burgher		Malay		Other	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Total (18 districts)	16,929,689	100	13,876,245	82.0	732,149	4.3	855,025	5.1	1,339,331	7.9	35,283	0.2	54,782	0.3	36,874	0.2
Colombo	2,251,274	100	1,724,459	76.6	247,739	11.0	24,821	1.1	202,731	9.0	15,703	0.7	21,778	1.0	14,043	0.6
Gampaha	2,063,684	100	1,877,545	91.0	65,302	3.2	7,621	0.4	78,705	3.8	11,093	0.5	13,683	0.7	9,735	0.5
Kalutara	1,066,239	100	928,914	87.1	12,665	1.2	28,895	2.7	93,293	8.7	836	0.1	973	0.1	663	0.1
Kandy	1,279,028	100	947,900	74.1	52,052	4.1	103,622	8.1	168,049	13.1	2,128	0.2	2,668	0.2	2,609	0.2
Matale	441,328	100	353,579	80.1	24,320	5.5	23,493	5.3	38,462	8.7	402	0.1	523	0.1	549	0.1
Nuwara Eliya	703,610	100	282,621	40.2	46,066	6.5	355,830	50.6	16,555	2.4	632	0.1	1,059	0.2	847	0.1
Galle	990,487	100	934,751	94.4	11,079	1.1	9,275	0.9	34,688	3.5	208	0.0	178	0.0	308	0.0
Matara	761,370	100	716,974	94.2	5,161	0.7	16,672	2.2	22,133	2.9	179	0.0	87	0.0	164	0.0
Hambantota	526,414	100	510,965	97.1	1,869	0.4	424	0.1	5,646	1.1	88	0.0	7,255	1.4	167	0.0
Ampara	592,997	100	236,583	39.9	109,188	18.4	715	0.1	244,620	41.3	1,184	0.2	225	0.0	482	0.1
Kurunegala	1,460,215	100	1,341,237	91.9	17,585	1.2	2,972	0.2	94,544	6.5	613	0.0	2,150	0.1	1,114	0.1
Puttalam	709,677	100	523,116	73.7	48,072	6.8	2,227	0.3	133,134	18.8	735	0.1	1,214	0.2	1,179	0.2
Anuradhapura	745,693	100	676,073	90.7	5,073	0.7	443	0.1	61,989	8.3	179	0.0	279	0.0	1,657	0.2
Polonnaruwa	358,984	100	324,403	90.4	7,034	2.0	194	0.1	27,075	7.5	62	0.0	48	0.0	168	0.0
Badulla	779,983	100	564,752	72.4	29,542	3.8	143,535	18.4	38,798	5.0	583	0.1	1,813	0.2	960	0.1
Moneragala	397,375	100	375,691	94.5	5,754	1.4	7,493	1.9	7,800	2.0	124	0.0	127	0.0	386	0.1
Ratnapura	1,015,807	100	882,017	86.8	28,740	2.8	82,591	8.1	20,690	2.0	343	0.0	444	0.0	982	0.1
Kegalle	785,524	100	674,665	85.9	14,908	1.9	44,202	5.6	50,419	6.4	191	0.0	278	0.0	861	0.1