

**Indicator 12 : Proportion of Seats held by Women in
National Parliament**

(a) i) Members of Parliament

Period	Total No.	Women No.	% of women members
1947-1952	101	3	3.0
1952-1956	101	2	2.0
1956-1959	101	4	4.0
1960(March-April)	157	3	1.9
1960(July)-1964	157	3	1.9
1965-1970	157	6	3.8
1970-1977	157	6	3.8
1977-1989	168	11	6.5
1989-1994*	225	13	5.8
1994-2000	225	12	5.3
2000-2001	225	9	4.0
2001-2004	225	10	4.4
2004-2007**	255	13	5.8

Note : * As at 1994

** As at May 2007

Source : Parliamentary Hand book

ii) Candidates at Parliamentary Elections

Year	Total No.	Women No.	% of women candidates
1947	361	3	0.8
1952	303	9	3.0
1956	249	5	2.0
1960(July)	393	5	1.3
1965	492	14	2.8
1970	440	14	3.2
1977	756	14	1.8
1989	1,688	52	3.1
1994	1,492	52	3.5
2004	6,060	375	6.2

Source : Election Reform and Women Political Representation Conference

(b) i) Members Elected for Provincial Councils - 2004

District/Province	Total No.	Women No.	% of women members
Western	104	6	5.8
Colombo	43	4	9.3
Gampaha	39	1	2.6
Kalutara	20	1	5.0
Additional Entitlement	02	0	0.0
Central	58	5	8.6
Kandy	30	3	10.0
Matale	10	0	0.0
Nuwara Eliya	16	2	12.5
Additional Entitlement	02	0	0.0
Southern	55	1	1.8
Galle	23	1	4.3
Matara	18	0	0.0
Hambantota	12	0	0.0
Additional Entitlement	02	0	0.0
North Western	52	4	7.7
Kurunegala	34	3	8.8
Puttalam	16	1	6.3
Additional Entitlement	02	0	0.0
North Central	33	1	3.0
Anuradhapura	21	1	4.8
Polonnaruwa	10	0	0.0
Additional Entitlement	02	0	0.0
Uva	34	1	2.9
Badulla	21	1	4.8
Moneragala	11	0	0.0
Additional Entitlement	02	0	0.0
Sabaragamuwa	44	1	2.3
Ratnapura	24	0	0.0
Kegalle	18	1	5.6
Additional Entitlement	02	0	0.0
Total	380	19	5.0

Source : Department of Elections

ii) Candidates at Provincial Council Elections - 2004

Province	Total No.	Women No.	% of women candidates
Western	1,324	103	7.8
North Central	368	16	4.4
North Western	729	41	5.6
Uva	318	36	11.3
Central	708	74	10.4
Southern	588	48	8.2
Sabaragamuwa	828	55	6.6
Total	4,863	373	7.7

Source : Ministry of Local Government & Provincial Councils

c) i) Members Elected for Local Authorities - 2006

District/Province	Total No.	Women No.	% of women members
Western	879	24	2.7
Colombo	290	14	4.8
Gampaha	354	6	1.7
Kalutara	235	4	1.7
Central	608	10	1.6
Kandy	331	6	1.8
Matale	137	1	0.7
Nuwara Eliya	140	3	2.1
Southern	582	8	1.4
Galle	244	3	1.2
Matara	200	4	2.0
Hambantota	138	1	0.7
North Western	499	5	1.0
Kurunegala	338	2	0.6
Puttalam	161	3	1.9
Northern	9	1	11.1
Jaffna	*	*	*
Kilinochchi	*	*	*
Mannar	*	*	*
Vavunia	*	*	*
Mullative	9	1	11.1
Eastern	337	7	2.1
Batticaloa	27	0	0.0
Ampara	192	4	2.1
Trincomalee	118	3	2.5
North Central	294	7	2.4
Anuradhapura	203	6	3.0
Polonnaruwa	91	1	1.1
Uva	320	5	1.6
Badulla	216	5	2.3
Moneragala	104	0	0.0
Sabaragamuwa	424	7	1.7
Ratnapura	229	5	2.2
Kegalle	195	2	1.0
Total	3,952	74	1.9

* Elections was not held

Source : Department of Elections

ii) Members by Type of Council

Type of Local Government Councils	Year	Total No.	Women No.	% of women members
Municipal Council	1979	176	5	2.8
	1982	233	3	1.3
	1991	207	6	2.9
	1997	261	9	3.4
	2006*	330	10	3.0
Urban	1979	305	7	2.3
	1982	347	6	1.7
	1991	241	6	2.5
	1997	340	9	2.6
	2006*	379	13	3.4
Pradeshiya Sabha	1991	2,674	42	1.6
	1997	3,192	55	1.7
	2006*	3,243	51	1.6

Note : * Exclude Jaffna, Mannar, Vavuniya, Killinochchi Districts and 3 Pradeshiya Sabha in Mullativu District and 1 Municipal Council, 8 Pradeshiya Sabha in Batticaloa District.

Source : Department of Elections

DEFINITION

The proportion of seats held by women in national parliaments is the number of seats held by women expressed as a percentage of all occupied seats.