

2. POPULATION

2.1 Growth of Population, 2012-2017

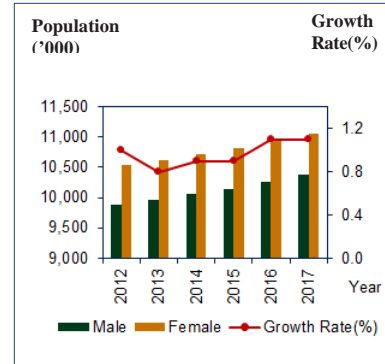
Year	Mid Year Population ('000)			Population	
	Total	Male	Female	Growth Rate (%)	Density (persons/km ²)
2012	20,425	9,888	10,537	1.0	326
2013	20,585	9,966	10,619	0.8	328
2014*	20,771	10,056	10,715	0.9	331
2015*	20,966	10,151	10,815	0.9	334
2016*	21,203	10,265	10,938	1.1	338
2017*	21,444	10,382	11,062	1.1	342

* Provisional

Note: -Estimated mid year population can vary with census population

Source: Registrar General's Department

Figure 3
Growth of Population, 2012-2017



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2.2 Population by Age, Dependency Ratio & Ageing Index - Census Years

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Year	Population by Age Group ('000)			Total (A+C)/B	Dependency Ratio (%)		Ageing Index (C/A)*100
	0-14 yrs. A	15-64 yrs. B	65 yrs. & over C		0-14 yrs. A/B	65 yrs. & over C/B	
1901	1,496	1,963(a)	96(b)	81.12	76.2	4.9	6.4
1911	1,680	2,332	94	76.07	72.0	4.0	5.6
1921	1,771	2,619	108	71.75	67.6	4.1	6.1
1946	2,478	3,949	229	68.57	62.8	5.8	9.3
1953	3,412	4,595	283	80.41	74.2	6.2	8.3
1963 ^(c)	4,390	5,744	379	83.03	76.4	6.6	8.6
1971	4,945	7,206	539	76.10	68.6	7.5	10.9
1981	5,227	8,979	641	65.35	58.2	7.1	12.3
2001	4,449	11,413	1,068	48.30	39.0	9.4	24.0
2012	5,132	13,625	1,603	49.43	37.7	11.8	31.2

(a) Excludes 60-64 age group

(b) Includes 60-64 age group

(c) Excludes unspecified 69,306 persons

Note: Jaffna, Mannar, Vavuniya, Mullaitivu, Kilinochchi, Batticaloa and Trincomalee districts in which the 2001 census enumeration was not completed are not included here.

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Year	Population by Age Group ('000)			Dependency Ratio (%) Total (A+C)/B
	0-14 yrs. A	15-59 yrs. B	60 yrs. & over C	
2012	5,132	12,707	2,520	60.22

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

2.3 Components of Population Change, 2011-2017

Year	Mid Year Population ('000)	Births (Number)	Deaths (Number)	Natural Increase Rate (%)	Net Migration Rate (‰)
2011	20,892	362,044	123,263	1.14	-2.2
2012	20,425	359,959	122,792	1.16	-2.5
2013	20,585	365,762	127,183	1.16	-2.3
2014*	20,771	349,715	127,758	1.07	-2.0
2015*	20,966	334,821	131,614	0.97	0.7
2016*	21,203	331,073	130,765	0.94	2.1
2017*	21,444	326,052	139,822	0.87	..

* Provisional

Note: -Estimated mid year population can be vary with census population

-‰ - Per 100 persons

-‰ - Per 1000 persons

Source: Registrar General's Department

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2.4 Population by Ethnic Group, Census Years

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Ethnic Group	('000)					
	1953	1963	1971	1981	2001	2012
All Ethnic Groups	8,098	10,582	12,690	14,847	16,930	20,359.4
Sinhalese	5,617	7,513	9,131	10,980	13,876	15,250.1
Sri lankan Tamil	885	1,165	1,424	1,887	732	2,269.3
Indian Tamil	974	1,123	1,175	819	855	839.5
Sri lankan Moor	464	627	828	1,047	1,339	1,892.6
Indian Moor ^(a)	48	55	27	..	..	..
Europeans ^(b)	7	..	..	..	..	..
Burghers and Eurasians	46	46	45	39	35	38.3
Malay	25	33	43	47	55	44.1
Veddhas ^(b)	1	..	..	..	..	..
Sri Lanka Chetty	..	..	..	..	..	5.6
Bharatha	..	..	..	..	..	1.7
Others	32	21	16	28	37	18.2

(a) Included under others for the years, 1981,2001 and 2012

(b) Included under others from 1963 onwards

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Source: Department of Census and Statistics

2.5 Population by Religion, Census Years

(’000)

Religion	1953	1963	1971	1981	2001	2012
All Religions	8,097.9	10,582.0	12,690.0	14,846.7	16,929.7	20,359.4
Buddhist	5,209.4	7,003.3	8,536.9	10,288.3	12,986.6	14,272.10
Hindu	1,610.5	1,958.4	2,238.7	2,297.8	1,312.9	2,561.3
Islam	541.5	724.0	901.8	1,121.7	1,435.9	1,967.5
Roman Catholic & } Other Christian }	724.4	884.9	1,004.3	1,130.6	1,185.9	1,552.2
Other	11.9	11.4	8.3	8.3	8.4	6.4

Note: Jaffna, Mannar, Vavuniya, Mullaitivu, Kilinochchi, Batticaloa and Trincomalee districts in which the 2001 census enumeration was not completed are not included here.

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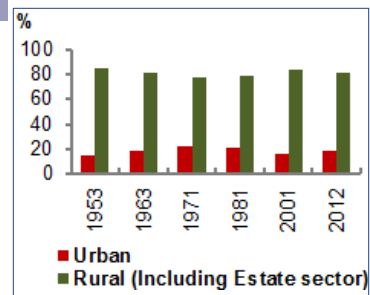
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2.6 Population by Sector, Census Years

	1953	1963	1971	1981	2001 ^(a)	2012
Population (’000)						
Urban	1,239.1	2,016.3	2,848.1	3,192.5	2,930.7	3,704.5
Rural ^(b)	6,858.7	8,565.8	9,841.8	11,654.3	15,035.8	16,654.9
Total	8,097.8	10,582.1	12,689.9	14,846.8	17,966.5	20,359.4
Percentage (%)						
Urban	15.30	19.05	22.44	21.50	16.30	18.2
Rural	84.70 ^(b)	80.95 ^(b)	77.56 ^(b)	78.50 ^(b)	83.70 ^(b)	77.4
Estate	-	-	-	-	-	4.4
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

Figure 4
Percentage Distribution
of Population by Sector,
Census Years

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(a) 2001 Census data was given according to the current boundaries of the urban areas.

(b) Including estate sector.

Note: Jaffna, Mannar, Vavuniya, Mullaitivu, Kilinochchi, Batticaloa and Trincomalee districts in which the 2001 census enumeration was not completed are not included here.

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

2.7 Vital Statistics, 2010-2017

Year	Population ('000)	Per 1,000 Population		Per 100,000 Live Births	Per 1,000 Live Births	
		Birth Rate	Death Rate	Maternal Mortality Rate(a)	Under 5 Mortality Rate	Infant Mortality Rate
2010	20,675	17.6	6.3	22.0	12.2	9.9
2011	20,892	17.3	5.9	19.1*	10.9*	9.1*
2012	20,425	17.6	6.0	21.9*	10.3*	8.5*
2013	20,585	17.8	6.2	26.8	9.8	8.3
2014*	20,771	16.9	6.2	..	9.4	8.0
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(a) Information received from Civil registration system in 2009 & onwards was reviewed and supplemented with the maternal mortality data compiled by the Family Health Bureau, Ministry of Health Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine

Source : Registrar General's Department

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2.8 Nutritional Status of Children (Stunted, Wasted and Underweight)

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[Percentage of children under 5 years classified as malnourished according to three anthropometric indices of nutritional status]

Year	% of Children		
	Under weight (Weight - for - age)	Wasted (Weight - for - height)	Stunted (Height - for - age)
1993	37.7	15.5	23.8
2000	29.4	14.0	13.5
2006/07*	26.9	14.1	12.9
2016**	20.5	15.1	17.3

Note: * Each of the indices is expressed in standard deviation units (SD) from the median of the NCHS/WHO/CDC child growth standards

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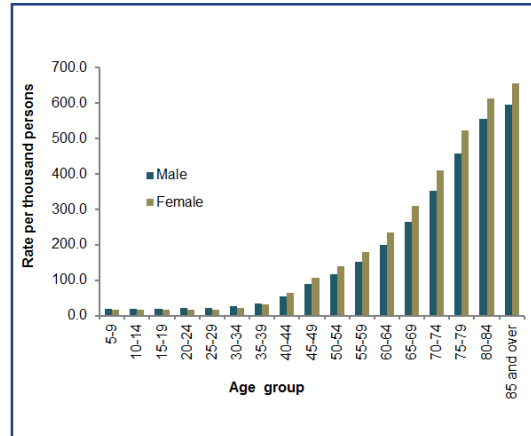
Source : Demographic & Health Survey 1993, 2000 & 2006/07
Department of Census and Statistics

2.9 Rate of Difficulties by Age and Sex, 2012

Age	Rate of Difficulties (per 1000 persons)		
	Total	Male	Female
5-9	18.0	19.3	16.8
10-14	16.8	18.0	15.6
15-19	18.0	18.5	17.6
20-24	18.1	20.3	16.1
25-29	18.9	21.8	16.2
30-34	23.0	25.4	20.8
35-39	31.8	32.9	30.7
40-44	58.6	53.2	63.8
45-49	97.5	88.8	105.6
50-54	129.6	117.8	140.4
55-59	166.6	152.5	179.1
60-64	217.5	198.8	233.7
65-69	289.7	264.7	310.0
70-74	385.2	353.2	410.4
75-79	496.2	458.2	522.8
80-84	589.9	556.4	612.4
85 and over	633.3	595.8	656.7

Source: Census of Population and Housing - 2012
Department of Census and Statistics

Figure 5
Rate of Difficulties by Age and Sex,
2012



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2.10 Number of Persons Affected by Natural Disasters, 2014-2017

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Type of Disaster	2014	2015	2016	2017
Flood	1,177,570	237,616	448,833	666,244
Drought	1,495,082	258,096	1,025,839	2,440,290
Lightening (Thundering)	76	188	154	268
Cyclone/High Wind	13,907	3,987	7,111	128,653
Landslides	13,848	1,469	28,270	129,973

Source: National Disaster Relief Services Centre

2.11 Number of Persons Death by Natural Disasters, 2014-2017

Type of Disaster	2014	2015	2016	2017
Flood	34	15	26	118
Drought	0	0	0	0
Lightening (Thundering)	21	23	10	14
Cyclone/High Wind	2	0	4	13
Landslides	30	9	67	96

Source: National Disaster Relief Services Centre