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Sex and age (in years)	Population aged 10 years and over	Ability to speak								Ability to read and write							
		Sinhala		Tamil		English		None		Sinhala		Tamil		English		None	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Colombo District																	
Both sexes																	
Population 10 years and over	1984851	1918445	97	541266	27	944705	48	5634	*	1760756	89	516444	26	1036711	52	38928	2
10 - 14	164406	154991	94	53540	33	75123	46	442	*	150082	91	66310	40	94324	57	707	*
15 - 19	175847	167983	96	53630	30	98294	56	522	*	158558	90	58538	33	113008	64	921	1
20 - 24	194024	187818	97	54254	28	114100	59	416	*	175529	90	55318	29	124895	64	1037	1
25 - 29	186683	181785	97	48914	26	101086	54	424	*	168797	90	47939	26	110911	59	1558	1
30 - 34	191618	186864	98	49725	26	93222	49	446	*	172075	90	46824	24	102177	53	2497	1
35 - 39	171166	166913	98	43383	25	82402	48	490	*	153484	90	39913	23	89825	52	2786	2
40 - 44	165624	161487	98	43379	26	75090	45	531	*	146700	89	38634	23	81154	49	3899	2
45 - 49	151942	148092	97	40703	27	65378	43	484	*	133010	88	35345	23	69990	46	4352	3
50 - 54	143741	139751	97	38666	27	59727	42	362	*	125409	87	33220	23	63474	44	4028	3
55 - 59	123856	120007	97	33279	27	51632	42	299	*	108227	87	28398	23	54375	44	3106	3
60 - 64	110481	106478	96	29878	27	45301	41	287	*	95422	86	25023	23	47236	43	3442	3
65 - 69	81671	78483	96	21639	26	33915	42	265	*	70006	86	17553	21	35099	43	2980	4
70 - 74	51852	49559	96	13548	26	21744	42	185	*	43705	84	10691	21	22357	43	2514	5
75 - 79	35359	33621	95	8664	25	14189	40	196	1	29547	84	6675	19	14375	41	2138	6
80 & over	36581	34613	95	8064	22	13502	37	285	1	30205	83	6063	17	13511	37	2963	8

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		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Colombo District																	
Male																	
Population 10 years and over	968907	943686	97	274021	28	477022	49	2879	*	867801	90	256059	26	517498	53	14290	1
10 - 14	83683	79052	94	26118	31	36546	44	243	*	76192	91	32143	38	46332	55	393	*
15 - 19	90600	86960	96	26555	29	47772	53	294	*	81489	90	28438	31	55260	61	503	1
20 - 24	97525	94944	97	27080	28	54685	56	237	*	88035	90	27093	28	59457	61	534	1
25 - 29	93671	91778	98	24416	26	48545	52	239	*	84751	90	23378	25	52937	57	819	1
30 - 34	96735	94881	98	25671	27	46630	48	249	*	87046	90	23663	24	50303	52	1252	1
35 - 39	85430	83721	98	22687	27	41758	49	289	*	76850	90	20266	24	44671	52	1378	2
40 - 44	82775	81160	98	22815	28	39230	47	304	*	73722	89	19812	24	41528	50	1761	2
45 - 49	73763	72396	98	20993	28	33698	46	252	*	65339	89	17796	24	35376	48	1800	2
50 - 54	68502	67268	98	19584	29	31395	46	191	*	60791	89	16370	24	32837	48	1603	2
55 - 59	58007	56931	98	16997	29	27636	48	139	*	51796	89	14237	25	28652	49	991	2
60 - 64	51218	50141	98	15289	30	25082	49	137	*	45498	89	12638	25	25645	50	1012	2
65 - 69	36566	35687	98	10908	30	18462	50	111	*	32361	89	8804	24	18803	51	760	2
70 - 74	22530	21918	97	6871	30	11706	52	57	*	19745	88	5360	24	11829	53	518	2
75 - 79	14274	13774	96	4259	30	7269	51	57	*	12412	87	3251	23	7297	51	408	3
80 & over	13628	13075	96	3778	28	6608	48	80	1	11774	86	2810	21	6571	48	558	4

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		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Colombo District																	
Female																	
Population 10 years and over	1015944	974759	96	267245	26	467683	46	2755	*	892955	88	260385	26	519213	51	24638	2
10 - 14	80723	75939	94	27422	34	38577	48	199	*	73890	92	34167	42	47992	59	314	*
15 - 19	85247	81023	95	27075	32	50522	59	228	*	77069	90	30100	35	57748	68	418	*
20 - 24	96499	92874	96	27174	28	59415	62	179	*	87494	91	28225	29	65438	68	503	1
25 - 29	93012	90007	97	24498	26	52541	56	185	*	84046	90	24561	26	57974	62	739	1
30 - 34	94883	91983	97	24054	25	46592	49	197	*	85029	90	23161	24	51874	55	1245	1
35 - 39	85736	83192	97	20696	24	40644	47	201	*	76634	89	19647	23	45154	53	1408	2
40 - 44	82849	80327	97	20564	25	35860	43	227	*	72978	88	18822	23	39626	48	2138	3
45 - 49	78179	75696	97	19710	25	31680	41	232	*	67671	87	17549	22	34614	44	2552	3
50 - 54	75239	72483	96	19082	25	28332	38	171	*	64618	86	16850	22	30637	41	2425	3
55 - 59	65849	63076	96	16282	25	23996	36	160	*	56431	86	14161	22	25723	39	2115	3
60 - 64	59263	56337	95	14589	25	20219	34	150	*	49924	84	12385	21	21591	36	2430	4
65 - 69	45105	42796	95	10731	24	15453	34	154	*	37645	83	8749	19	16296	36	2220	5
70 - 74	29322	27641	94	6677	23	10038	34	128	*	23960	82	5331	18	10528	36	1996	7
75 - 79	21085	19847	94	4405	21	6920	33	139	1	17135	81	3424	16	7078	34	1730	8
80 & over	22953	21538	94	4286	19	6894	30	205	1	18431	80	3253	14	6940	30	2405	10

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