

Census of Population and Housing of Sri Lanka, 2012

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		Sinhala		Tamil		English		Sinhala		Tamil		English	
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Hambantota District													
All Sectors													
Both sexes													
Total	490,923	487,187	99	22,056	4	63,884	13	458,829	93	25,267	5	94,779	19
Sinhala	477,313	474,562	99	9,805	2	60,145	13	449,486	94	13,123	3	90,448	19
Sri Lanka Tamil	1,737	1,603	92	1,275	73	157	9	886	51	1,242	72	181	10
Indian Tamil	97	92	95	85	88	15	15	45	46	70	72	17	18
Sri Lanka Moor	5,090	4,749	93	4,893	96	1,429	28	3,630	71	4,836	95	1,652	32
Burgher	115	108	94	43	37	48	42	93	81	26	23	102	89
Malay	6,159	5,944	97	5,833	95	1,786	29	4,583	74	5,857	95	1,989	32
All Other	412	129	31	122	30	304	74	106	26	113	27	390	95
Male													
Total	239,704	237,958	99	11,341	5	30,210	13	227,348	95	11,544	5	42,852	18
Sinhala	232,799	231,581	99	5,214	2	28,084	12	222,578	96	5,451	2	40,511	17
Sri Lanka Tamil	949	890	94	732	77	93	10	463	49	698	74	99	10
Indian Tamil	55	54	98	48	87	13	24	26	47	43	78	13	24
Sri Lanka Moor	2,497	2,378	95	2,387	96	779	31	1,852	74	2,372	95	851	34
Burgher	51	48	94	18	35	25	49	41	80	10	20	47	92
Malay	3,037	2,955	97	2,890	95	958	32	2,341	77	2,921	96	1,020	34
All Other	316	52	16	52	16	258	82	47	15	49	16	311	98

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Female													
Total	251,219	249,229	99	10,715	4	33,674	13	231,481	92	13,723	5	51,927	21
Sinhala	244,514	242,981	99	4,591	2	32,061	13	226,908	93	7,672	3	49,937	20
Sri Lanka Tamil	788	713	90	543	69	64	8	423	54	544	69	82	10
Indian Tamil	42	38	90	37	88	2	5	19	45	27	64	4	10
Sri Lanka Moor	2,593	2,371	91	2,506	97	650	25	1,778	69	2,464	95	801	31
Burgher	64	60	94	25	39	23	36	52	81	16	25	55	86
Malay	3,122	2,989	96	2,943	94	828	27	2,242	72	2,936	94	969	31
All Other	96	77	80	70	73	46	48	59	61	64	67	79	82

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Urban Sector													
Both sexes													
Total	25,574	25,038	98	8,686	34	8,341	33	23,076	90	8,375	33	9,408	37
Sinhala	17,655	17,593	100	1,346	8	5,897	33	17,238	98	984	6	6,794	38
Sri Lanka Tamil	634	593	94	505	80	72	11	382	60	485	76	83	13
Indian Tamil	35	32	91	30	86	4	11	17	49	25	71	4	11
Sri Lanka Moor	3,479	3,250	93	3,351	96	1,144	33	2,525	73	3,358	97	1,225	35
Burgher	40	39	98	24	60	13	33	34	85	13	33	35	88
Malay	3,643	3,511	96	3,410	94	1,161	32	2,866	79	3,494	96	1,190	33
All Other	88	20	23	20	23	50	57	14	16	16	18	77	88
Male													
Total	12,527	12,294	98	4,383	35	4,232	34	11,445	91	4,101	33	4,602	37
Sinhala	8,611	8,579	100	770	9	2,882	33	8,435	98	442	5	3,212	37
Sri Lanka Tamil	316	296	94	256	81	38	12	191	60	251	79	40	13
Indian Tamil	17	16	94	15	88	4	24	7	41	12	71	3	18
Sri Lanka Moor	1,700	1,627	96	1,634	96	635	37	1,320	78	1,646	97	650	38
Burgher	17	17	100	10	59	5	29	15	88	4	24	15	88
Malay	1,796	1,752	98	1,691	94	624	35	1,472	82	1,740	97	613	34
All Other	70	7	10	7	10	44	63	5	7	6	9	69	99

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Female													
Total	13,047	12,744	98	4,303	33	4,109	31	11,631	89	4,274	33	4,806	37
Sinhala	9,044	9,014	100	576	6	3,015	33	8,803	97	542	6	3,582	40
Sri Lanka Tamil	318	297	93	249	78	34	11	191	60	234	74	43	14
Indian Tamil	18	16	89	15	83	-	-	10	56	13	72	1	6
Sri Lanka Moor	1,779	1,623	91	1,717	97	509	29	1,205	68	1,712	96	575	32
Burgher	23	22	96	14	61	8	35	19	83	9	39	20	87
Malay	1,847	1,759	95	1,719	93	537	29	1,394	75	1,754	95	577	31
All Other	18	13	72	13	72	6	33	9	50	10	56	8	44

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Rural Sector													
Both sexes													
Total	465,349	462,149	99	13,370	3	55,543	12	435,753	94	16,892	4	85,371	18
Sinhala	459,658	456,969	99	8,459	2	54,248	12	432,248	94	12,139	3	83,654	18
Sri Lanka Tamil	1,103	1,010	92	770	70	85	8	504	46	757	69	98	9
Indian Tamil	62	60	97	55	89	11	18	28	45	45	73	13	21
Sri Lanka Moor	1,611	1,499	93	1,542	96	285	18	1,105	69	1,478	92	427	27
Burgher	75	69	92	19	25	35	47	59	79	13	17	67	89
Malay	2,516	2,433	97	2,423	96	625	25	1,717	68	2,363	94	799	32
All Other	324	109	34	102	31	254	78	92	28	97	30	313	97
Male													
Total	227,177	225,664	99	6,958	3	25,978	11	215,903	95	7,443	3	38,250	17
Sinhala	224,188	223,002	99	4,444	2	25,202	11	214,143	96	5,009	2	37,299	17
Sri Lanka Tamil	633	594	94	476	75	55	9	272	43	447	71	59	9
Indian Tamil	38	38	100	33	87	9	24	19	50	31	82	10	26
Sri Lanka Moor	797	751	94	753	94	144	18	532	67	726	91	201	25
Burgher	34	31	91	8	24	20	59	26	76	6	18	32	94
Malay	1,241	1,203	97	1,199	97	334	27	869	70	1,181	95	407	33
All Other	246	45	18	45	18	214	87	42	17	43	17	242	98

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Female													
Total	238,172	236,485	99	6,412	3	29,565	12	219,850	92	9,449	4	47,121	20
Sinhala	235,470	233,967	99	4,015	2	29,046	12	218,105	93	7,130	3	46,355	20
Sri Lanka Tamil	470	416	89	294	63	30	6	232	49	310	66	39	8
Indian Tamil	24	22	92	22	92	2	8	9	38	14	58	3	13
Sri Lanka Moor	814	748	92	789	97	141	17	573	70	752	92	226	28
Burgher	41	38	93	11	27	15	37	33	80	7	17	35	85
Malay	1,275	1,230	96	1,224	96	291	23	848	67	1,182	93	392	31
All Other	78	64	82	57	73	40	51	50	64	54	69	71	91

Source: Census of population and housing -2012