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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------|------|--------|------|---------|------|-------|-----|---------------------------|------|--------|------|---------|------|--------|------|
|                           |                                         | Sinhala          |      | Tamil  |      | English |      | None  |     | Sinhala                   |      | Tamil  |      | English |      | None   |      |
|                           |                                         | No.              | %    | No.    | %    | No.     | %    | No.   | %   | No.                       | %    | No.    | %    | No.     | %    | No.    | %    |
| Matale District           |                                         |                  |      |        |      |         |      |       |     |                           |      |        |      |         |      |        |      |
| Both sexes                |                                         |                  |      |        |      |         |      |       |     |                           |      |        |      |         |      |        |      |
| Total                     | 397,755                                 | 380,464          | 95.7 | 97,791 | 24.6 | 78,115  | 19.6 | 1,712 | 0.4 | 336,287                   | 84.5 | 83,689 | 21.0 | 103,179 | 25.9 | 23,200 | 5.8  |
| 10 - 14                   | 39,194                                  | 34,910           | 89.1 | 10,892 | 27.8 | 7,226   | 18.4 | 116   | 0.3 | 33,697                    | 86.0 | 12,985 | 33.1 | 12,089  | 30.8 | 251    | 0.6  |
| 15 - 19                   | 37,344                                  | 35,085           | 94.0 | 9,562  | 25.6 | 11,166  | 29.9 | 118   | 0.3 | 33,104                    | 88.6 | 10,463 | 28.0 | 15,970  | 42.8 | 210    | 0.6  |
| 20 - 24                   | 32,488                                  | 31,288           | 96.3 | 7,546  | 23.2 | 9,216   | 28.4 | 120   | 0.4 | 29,068                    | 89.5 | 7,596  | 23.4 | 12,090  | 37.2 | 306    | 0.9  |
| 25 - 29                   | 35,360                                  | 34,385           | 97.2 | 7,782  | 22.0 | 8,739   | 24.7 | 97    | 0.3 | 31,724                    | 89.7 | 7,273  | 20.6 | 11,345  | 32.1 | 479    | 1.4  |
| 30 - 34                   | 38,247                                  | 37,299           | 97.5 | 8,776  | 22.9 | 8,425   | 22.0 | 122   | 0.3 | 33,865                    | 88.5 | 7,839  | 20.5 | 11,036  | 28.9 | 777    | 2.0  |
| 35 - 39                   | 33,166                                  | 32,375           | 97.6 | 7,409  | 22.3 | 6,632   | 20.0 | 150   | 0.5 | 29,137                    | 87.9 | 6,244  | 18.8 | 8,458   | 25.5 | 1,145  | 3.5  |
| 40 - 44                   | 32,333                                  | 31,540           | 97.5 | 7,491  | 23.2 | 5,622   | 17.4 | 134   | 0.4 | 27,622                    | 85.4 | 5,899  | 18.2 | 7,220   | 22.3 | 1,904  | 5.9  |
| 45 - 49                   | 32,574                                  | 31,776           | 97.6 | 7,423  | 22.8 | 5,194   | 15.9 | 155   | 0.5 | 27,081                    | 83.1 | 5,557  | 17.1 | 6,308   | 19.4 | 2,834  | 8.7  |
| 50 - 54                   | 31,129                                  | 30,250           | 97.2 | 7,466  | 24.0 | 4,516   | 14.5 | 137   | 0.4 | 25,711                    | 82.6 | 5,328  | 17.1 | 5,527   | 17.8 | 2,774  | 8.9  |
| 55 - 59                   | 26,782                                  | 25,846           | 96.5 | 6,710  | 25.1 | 3,680   | 13.7 | 123   | 0.5 | 21,897                    | 81.8 | 4,593  | 17.1 | 4,374   | 16.3 | 2,594  | 9.7  |
| 60 - 64                   | 22,289                                  | 21,232           | 95.3 | 6,199  | 27.8 | 3,102   | 13.9 | 113   | 0.5 | 17,511                    | 78.6 | 3,991  | 17.9 | 3,678   | 16.5 | 2,577  | 11.6 |
| 65 - 69                   | 14,461                                  | 13,541           | 93.6 | 4,443  | 30.7 | 1,960   | 13.6 | 93    | 0.6 | 10,507                    | 72.7 | 2,792  | 19.3 | 2,217   | 15.3 | 2,285  | 15.8 |
| 70 - 74                   | 9,964                                   | 9,341            | 93.7 | 2,843  | 28.5 | 1,258   | 12.6 | 80    | 0.8 | 7,058                     | 70.8 | 1,587  | 15.9 | 1,396   | 14.0 | 1,908  | 19.1 |
| 75 - 79                   | 6,496                                   | 6,036            | 92.9 | 1,794  | 27.6 | 747     | 11.5 | 66    | 1.0 | 4,300                     | 66.2 | 847    | 13.0 | 776     | 11.9 | 1,640  | 25.2 |
| 80 & over                 | 5,928                                   | 5,560            | 93.8 | 1,455  | 24.5 | 632     | 10.7 | 88    | 1.5 | 4,005                     | 67.6 | 695    | 11.7 | 695     | 11.7 | 1,516  | 25.6 |

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|                           |                                         | Sinhala          |      | Tamil  |      | English |      | None |     | Sinhala                   |      | Tamil  |      | English |      | None  |      |
|                           |                                         | No.              | %    | No.    | %    | No.     | %    | No.  | %   | No.                       | %    | No.    | %    | No.     | %    | No.   | %    |
| Matale District           |                                         |                  |      |        |      |         |      |      |     |                           |      |        |      |         |      |       |      |
| Male                      |                                         |                  |      |        |      |         |      |      |     |                           |      |        |      |         |      |       |      |
| Total                     | 189,722                                 | 184,000          | 97.0 | 49,109 | 25.9 | 39,103  | 20.6 | 773  | 0.4 | 163,984                   | 86.4 | 40,065 | 21.1 | 49,161  | 25.9 | 8,176 | 4.3  |
| 10 - 14                   | 19,490                                  | 17,342           | 89.0 | 5,300  | 27.2 | 3,228   | 16.6 | 76   | 0.4 | 16,525                    | 84.8 | 6,197  | 31.8 | 5,399   | 27.7 | 141   | 0.7  |
| 15 - 19                   | 18,246                                  | 17,303           | 94.8 | 4,596  | 25.2 | 4,868   | 26.7 | 65   | 0.4 | 15,992                    | 87.6 | 4,845  | 26.6 | 6,999   | 38.4 | 118   | 0.6  |
| 20 - 24                   | 15,600                                  | 15,277           | 97.9 | 3,509  | 22.5 | 4,125   | 26.4 | 60   | 0.4 | 13,990                    | 89.7 | 3,393  | 21.8 | 5,259   | 33.7 | 169   | 1.1  |
| 25 - 29                   | 16,469                                  | 16,220           | 98.5 | 3,561  | 21.6 | 3,876   | 23.5 | 58   | 0.4 | 14,833                    | 90.1 | 3,142  | 19.1 | 4,745   | 28.8 | 259   | 1.6  |
| 30 - 34                   | 18,033                                  | 17,761           | 98.5 | 4,161  | 23.1 | 3,959   | 22.0 | 70   | 0.4 | 16,090                    | 89.2 | 3,493  | 19.4 | 4,848   | 26.9 | 397   | 2.2  |
| 35 - 39                   | 16,013                                  | 15,780           | 98.5 | 3,850  | 24.0 | 3,414   | 21.3 | 75   | 0.5 | 14,160                    | 88.4 | 3,044  | 19.0 | 4,096   | 25.6 | 569   | 3.6  |
| 40 - 44                   | 15,579                                  | 15,372           | 98.7 | 3,884  | 24.9 | 2,960   | 19.0 | 59   | 0.4 | 13,463                    | 86.4 | 2,876  | 18.5 | 3,593   | 23.1 | 892   | 5.7  |
| 45 - 49                   | 15,897                                  | 15,656           | 98.5 | 3,898  | 24.5 | 2,806   | 17.7 | 79   | 0.5 | 13,455                    | 84.6 | 2,748  | 17.3 | 3,191   | 20.1 | 1,259 | 7.9  |
| 50 - 54                   | 15,129                                  | 14,930           | 98.7 | 3,904  | 25.8 | 2,611   | 17.3 | 56   | 0.4 | 12,960                    | 85.7 | 2,590  | 17.1 | 3,018   | 19.9 | 1,076 | 7.1  |
| 55 - 59                   | 12,780                                  | 12,581           | 98.4 | 3,607  | 28.2 | 2,237   | 17.5 | 57   | 0.4 | 10,924                    | 85.5 | 2,387  | 18.7 | 2,527   | 19.8 | 909   | 7.1  |
| 60 - 64                   | 10,516                                  | 10,297           | 97.9 | 3,294  | 31.3 | 1,991   | 18.9 | 41   | 0.4 | 8,860                     | 84.3 | 2,091  | 19.9 | 2,246   | 21.4 | 750   | 7.1  |
| 65 - 69                   | 6,481                                   | 6,292            | 97.1 | 2,306  | 35.6 | 1,312   | 20.2 | 26   | 0.4 | 5,244                     | 80.9 | 1,508  | 23.3 | 1,446   | 22.3 | 527   | 8.1  |
| 70 - 74                   | 4,437                                   | 4,309            | 97.1 | 1,568  | 35.3 | 837     | 18.9 | 13   | 0.3 | 3,532                     | 79.6 | 914    | 20.6 | 902     | 20.3 | 437   | 9.8  |
| 75 - 79                   | 2,607                                   | 2,514            | 96.4 | 897    | 34.4 | 481     | 18.5 | 16   | 0.6 | 2,018                     | 77.4 | 456    | 17.5 | 474     | 18.2 | 347   | 13.3 |
| 80 & over                 | 2,445                                   | 2,366            | 96.8 | 774    | 31.7 | 398     | 16.3 | 22   | 0.9 | 1,938                     | 79.3 | 381    | 15.6 | 418     | 17.1 | 326   | 13.3 |

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|                           |                                         | Sinhala          |      | Tamil  |      | English |      | None |     | Sinhala                   |      | Tamil  |      | English |      | None   |      |
|                           |                                         | No.              | %    | No.    | %    | No.     | %    | No.  | %   | No.                       | %    | No.    | %    | No.     | %    | No.    | %    |
| Matale District           |                                         |                  |      |        |      |         |      |      |     |                           |      |        |      |         |      |        |      |
| Total                     | 208,033                                 | 196,464          | 94.4 | 48,682 | 23.4 | 39,012  | 18.8 | 939  | 0.5 | 172,303                   | 82.8 | 43,624 | 21.0 | 54,018  | 26.0 | 15,024 | 7.2  |
| 10 - 14                   | 19,704                                  | 17,568           | 89.2 | 5,592  | 28.4 | 3,998   | 20.3 | 40   | 0.2 | 17,172                    | 87.1 | 6,788  | 34.4 | 6,690   | 34.0 | 110    | 0.6  |
| 15 - 19                   | 19,098                                  | 17,782           | 93.1 | 4,966  | 26.0 | 6,298   | 33.0 | 53   | 0.3 | 17,112                    | 89.6 | 5,618  | 29.4 | 8,971   | 47.0 | 92     | 0.5  |
| 20 - 24                   | 16,888                                  | 16,011           | 94.8 | 4,037  | 23.9 | 5,091   | 30.1 | 60   | 0.4 | 15,078                    | 89.3 | 4,203  | 24.9 | 6,831   | 40.4 | 137    | 0.8  |
| 25 - 29                   | 18,891                                  | 18,165           | 96.2 | 4,221  | 22.3 | 4,863   | 25.7 | 39   | 0.2 | 16,891                    | 89.4 | 4,131  | 21.9 | 6,600   | 34.9 | 220    | 1.2  |
| 30 - 34                   | 20,214                                  | 19,538           | 96.7 | 4,615  | 22.8 | 4,466   | 22.1 | 52   | 0.3 | 17,775                    | 87.9 | 4,346  | 21.5 | 6,188   | 30.6 | 380    | 1.9  |
| 35 - 39                   | 17,153                                  | 16,595           | 96.7 | 3,559  | 20.7 | 3,218   | 18.8 | 75   | 0.4 | 14,977                    | 87.3 | 3,200  | 18.7 | 4,362   | 25.4 | 576    | 3.4  |
| 40 - 44                   | 16,754                                  | 16,168           | 96.5 | 3,607  | 21.5 | 2,662   | 15.9 | 75   | 0.4 | 14,159                    | 84.5 | 3,023  | 18.0 | 3,627   | 21.6 | 1,012  | 6.0  |
| 45 - 49                   | 16,677                                  | 16,120           | 96.7 | 3,525  | 21.1 | 2,388   | 14.3 | 76   | 0.5 | 13,626                    | 81.7 | 2,809  | 16.8 | 3,117   | 18.7 | 1,575  | 9.4  |
| 50 - 54                   | 16,000                                  | 15,320           | 95.8 | 3,562  | 22.3 | 1,905   | 11.9 | 81   | 0.5 | 12,751                    | 79.7 | 2,738  | 17.1 | 2,509   | 15.7 | 1,698  | 10.6 |
| 55 - 59                   | 14,002                                  | 13,265           | 94.7 | 3,103  | 22.2 | 1,443   | 10.3 | 66   | 0.5 | 10,973                    | 78.4 | 2,206  | 15.8 | 1,847   | 13.2 | 1,685  | 12.0 |
| 60 - 64                   | 11,773                                  | 10,935           | 92.9 | 2,905  | 24.7 | 1,111   | 9.4  | 72   | 0.6 | 8,651                     | 73.5 | 1,900  | 16.1 | 1,432   | 12.2 | 1,827  | 15.5 |
| 65 - 69                   | 7,980                                   | 7,249            | 90.8 | 2,137  | 26.8 | 648     | 8.1  | 67   | 0.8 | 5,263                     | 66.0 | 1,284  | 16.1 | 771     | 9.7  | 1,758  | 22.0 |
| 70 - 74                   | 5,527                                   | 5,032            | 91.0 | 1,275  | 23.1 | 421     | 7.6  | 67   | 1.2 | 3,526                     | 63.8 | 673    | 12.2 | 494     | 8.9  | 1,471  | 26.6 |
| 75 - 79                   | 3,889                                   | 3,522            | 90.6 | 897    | 23.1 | 266     | 6.8  | 50   | 1.3 | 2,282                     | 58.7 | 391    | 10.1 | 302     | 7.8  | 1,293  | 33.2 |
| 80 & over                 | 3,483                                   | 3,194            | 91.7 | 681    | 19.6 | 234     | 6.7  | 66   | 1.9 | 2,067                     | 59.3 | 314    | 9.0  | 277     | 8.0  | 1,190  | 34.2 |

Source: Census of population and housing -2012