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**Table A32 : Population aged 10 years and over, by multi language skills, ethnic group, sex and sector**

Sector, sex and ethnic group	Population aged 10 years & over	Ability to speak								Ability to read and write							
		Sin & Tam		Sin & Eng		Tam & Eng		All 3 Languages		Sin & Tam		Sin & Eng		Tam & Eng		All 3 Languages	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Matale District</b>																	
<b>All Sectors</b>																	
<b>Both sexes</b>																	
<b>Total</b>	<b>397,755</b>	<b>82,345</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>76,332</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>34,535</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>32,809</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>45,485</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>96,266</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>38,953</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>32,104</b>	<b>8.1</b>
Sinhalese	323,263	24,544	7.6	55,470	17.2	12,233	3.8	12,218	3.8	15,258	4.7	76,705	23.7	12,744	3.9	12,733	3.9
Sri Lanka Tamil	20,053	16,575	82.7	5,703	28.4	5,990	29.9	5,631	28.1	8,537	42.6	4,977	24.8	6,867	34.2	4,970	24.8
Indian Tamil	18,852	13,485	71.5	1,745	9.3	1,867	9.9	1,730	9.2	4,277	22.7	1,760	9.3	2,548	13.5	1,758	9.3
Sri Lanka Moor	34,797	27,193	78.1	12,909	37.1	14,037	40.3	12,837	36.9	17,018	48.9	12,303	35.4	16,360	47.0	12,301	35.4
Burgher	337	188	55.8	205	60.8	124	36.8	123	36.5	95	28.2	255	75.7	136	40.4	95	28.2
Malay	335	295	88.1	246	73.4	231	69.0	228	68.1	262	78.2	218	65.1	244	72.8	218	65.1
All Other	118	65	55.1	54	45.8	53	44.9	42	35.6	38	32.2	48	40.7	54	45.8	29	24.6
<b>Male</b>																	
<b>Total</b>	<b>189,722</b>	<b>44,235</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>38,533</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>18,319</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>17,781</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>22,541</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>45,840</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>18,695</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>15,412</b>	<b>8.1</b>
Sinhalese	155,014	15,019	9.7	27,599	17.8	6,988	4.5	6,979	4.5	7,194	4.6	36,050	23.3	5,714	3.7	5,705	3.7
Sri Lanka Tamil	9,554	8,308	87.0	2,852	29.9	2,915	30.5	2,815	29.5	4,261	44.6	2,413	25.3	3,315	34.7	2,409	25.2
Indian Tamil	8,577	6,833	79.7	912	10.6	948	11.1	906	10.6	2,099	24.5	857	10.0	1,267	14.8	856	10.0
Sri Lanka Moor	16,238	13,846	85.3	6,954	42.8	7,295	44.9	6,915	42.6	8,822	54.3	6,304	38.8	8,222	50.6	6,303	38.8
Burgher	141	79	56.0	91	64.5	52	36.9	52	36.9	35	24.8	106	75.2	50	35.5	35	24.8
Malay	137	121	88.3	99	72.3	95	69.3	93	67.9	110	80.3	89	65.0	99	72.3	89	65.0
All Other	61	29	47.5	26	42.6	26	42.6	21	34.4	20	32.8	21	34.4	28	45.9	15	24.6
<b>Female</b>																	
<b>Total</b>	<b>208,033</b>	<b>38,110</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>37,799</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>16,216</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>15,028</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>22,944</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>50,426</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>20,258</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>16,692</b>	<b>8.0</b>
Sinhalese	168,249	9,525	5.7	27,871	16.6	5,245	3.1	5,239	3.1	8,064	4.8	40,655	24.2	7,030	4.2	7,028	4.2
Sri Lanka Tamil	10,499	8,267	78.7	2,851	27.2	3,075	29.3	2,816	26.8	4,276	40.7	2,564	24.4	3,552	33.8	2,561	24.4
Indian Tamil	10,275	6,652	64.7	833	8.1	919	8.9	824	8.0	2,178	21.2	903	8.8	1,281	12.5	902	8.8
Sri Lanka Moor	18,559	13,347	71.9	5,955	32.1	6,742	36.3	5,922	31.9	8,196	44.2	5,999	32.3	8,138	43.8	5,998	32.3
Burgher	196	109	55.6	114	58.2	72	36.7	71	36.2	60	30.6	149	76.0	86	43.9	60	30.6
Malay	198	174	87.9	147	74.2	136	68.7	135	68.2	152	76.8	129	65.2	145	73.2	129	65.2
All Other	57	36	63.2	28	49.1	27	47.4	21	36.8	18	31.6	27	47.4	26	45.6	14	24.6

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		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Urban Sector</b>																	
<b>Both sexes</b>																	
<b>Total</b>	<b>50,129</b>	<b>18,268</b>	<b>36.4</b>	<b>20,070</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>12,007</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>11,230</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>11,197</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>20,162</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>12,219</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>9,275</b>	<b>18.5</b>
Sinhalese	32,498	3,998	12.3	11,417	35.1	2,682	8.3	2,679	8.2	2,459	7.6	12,952	39.9	2,130	6.6	2,130	6.6
Sri Lanka Tamil	7,053	5,657	80.2	2,798	39.7	2,989	42.4	2,772	39.3	3,080	43.7	2,254	32.0	3,331	47.2	2,249	31.9
Indian Tamil	949	769	81.0	297	31.3	312	32.9	295	31.1	360	37.9	265	27.9	367	38.7	265	27.9
Sri Lanka Moor	9,360	7,643	81.7	5,347	57.1	5,850	62.5	5,314	56.8	5,166	55.2	4,508	48.2	6,233	66.6	4,508	48.2
Burgher	117	74	63.2	91	77.8	59	50.4	59	50.4	40	34.2	86	73.5	50	42.7	40	34.2
Malay	116	109	94.0	97	83.6	96	82.8	95	81.9	85	73.3	78	67.2	94	81.0	78	67.2
All Other	36	18	50.0	23	63.9	19	52.8	16	44.4	7	19.4	19	52.8	14	38.9	5	13.9
<b>Male</b>																	
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,106</b>	<b>9,498</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>10,207</b>	<b>42.3</b>	<b>6,187</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>5,923</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>5,583</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>9,905</b>	<b>41.1</b>	<b>5,934</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>4,567</b>	<b>18.9</b>
Sinhalese	15,759	2,308	14.6	5,739	36.4	1,509	9.6	1,507	9.6	1,146	7.3	6,267	39.8	956	6.1	956	6.1
Sri Lanka Tamil	3,364	2,887	85.8	1,395	41.5	1,442	42.9	1,383	41.1	1,543	45.9	1,112	33.1	1,594	47.4	1,109	33.0
Indian Tamil	408	345	84.6	134	32.8	137	33.6	133	32.6	149	36.5	108	26.5	160	39.2	108	26.5
Sri Lanka Moor	4,468	3,879	86.8	2,854	63.9	3,030	67.8	2,833	63.4	2,695	60.3	2,347	52.5	3,162	70.8	2,347	52.5
Burgher	49	30	61.2	39	79.6	23	46.9	23	46.9	15	30.6	34	69.4	19	38.8	15	30.6
Malay	41	40	97.6	35	85.4	35	85.4	35	85.4	31	75.6	29	70.7	35	85.4	29	70.7
All Other	17	9	52.9	11	64.7	11	64.7	9	52.9	4	23.5	8	47.1	8	47.1	3	17.6
<b>Female</b>																	
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,023</b>	<b>8,770</b>	<b>33.7</b>	<b>9,863</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>5,820</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>5,307</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>5,614</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>10,257</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>6,285</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>4,708</b>	<b>18.1</b>
Sinhalese	16,739	1,690	10.1	5,678	33.9	1,173	7.0	1,172	7.0	1,313	7.8	6,685	39.9	1,174	7.0	1,174	7.0
Sri Lanka Tamil	3,689	2,770	75.1	1,403	38.0	1,547	41.9	1,389	37.7	1,537	41.7	1,142	31.0	1,737	47.1	1,140	30.9
Indian Tamil	541	424	78.4	163	30.1	175	32.3	162	29.9	211	39.0	157	29.0	207	38.3	157	29.0
Sri Lanka Moor	4,892	3,764	76.9	2,493	51.0	2,820	57.6	2,481	50.7	2,471	50.5	2,161	44.2	3,071	62.8	2,161	44.2
Burgher	68	44	64.7	52	76.5	36	52.9	36	52.9	25	36.8	52	76.5	31	45.6	25	36.8
Malay	75	69	92.0	62	82.7	61	81.3	60	80.0	54	72.0	49	65.3	59	78.7	49	65.3
All Other	19	9	47.4	12	63.2	8	42.1	7	36.8	3	15.8	11	57.9	6	31.6	2	10.5

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		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Rural Sector</b>																	
<b>Both sexes</b>																	
<b>Total</b>	<b>332,353</b>	<b>53,993</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>55,047</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>21,425</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>20,553</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>31,550</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>74,673</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>25,087</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>21,734</b>	<b>6.5</b>
Sinhalese	289,382	19,937	6.9	43,714	15.1	9,393	3.2	9,381	3.2	12,585	4.3	63,303	21.9	10,494	3.6	10,483	3.6
Sri Lanka Tamil	10,899	9,352	85.8	2,767	25.4	2,855	26.2	2,721	25.0	5,036	46.2	2,559	23.5	3,277	30.1	2,557	23.5
Indian Tamil	6,338	4,985	78.7	804	12.7	851	13.4	796	12.6	1,905	30.1	758	12.0	1,016	16.0	757	11.9
Sri Lanka Moor	25,242	19,394	76.8	7,479	29.6	8,101	32.1	7,441	29.5	11,772	46.6	7,728	30.6	10,040	39.8	7,726	30.6
Burgher	200	100	50.0	107	53.5	60	30.0	59	29.5	49	24.5	158	79.0	74	37.0	49	24.5
Malay	218	186	85.3	149	68.3	135	61.9	133	61.0	177	81.2	140	64.2	150	68.8	140	64.2
All Other	74	39	52.7	27	36.5	30	40.5	22	29.7	26	35.1	27	36.5	36	48.6	22	29.7
<b>Male</b>																	
<b>Total</b>	<b>158,589</b>	<b>29,491</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>27,616</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>11,510</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>11,261</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>15,565</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>35,172</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>11,896</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>10,279</b>	<b>6.5</b>
Sinhalese	138,568	12,397	8.9	21,650	15.6	5,378	3.9	5,371	3.9	5,943	4.3	29,529	21.3	4,697	3.4	4,688	3.4
Sri Lanka Tamil	5,174	4,593	88.8	1,375	26.6	1,386	26.8	1,350	26.1	2,512	48.6	1,215	23.5	1,577	30.5	1,214	23.5
Indian Tamil	2,952	2,480	84.0	409	13.9	424	14.4	406	13.8	915	31.0	366	12.4	496	16.8	366	12.4
Sri Lanka Moor	11,676	9,881	84.6	4,057	34.7	4,222	36.2	4,039	34.6	6,085	52.1	3,922	33.6	5,015	43.0	3,921	33.6
Burgher	85	44	51.8	48	56.5	27	31.8	27	31.8	19	22.4	68	80.0	29	34.1	19	22.4
Malay	95	81	85.3	64	67.4	60	63.2	58	61.1	79	83.2	60	63.2	64	67.4	60	63.2
All Other	39	15	38.5	13	33.3	13	33.3	10	25.6	12	30.8	12	30.8	18	46.2	11	28.2
<b>Female</b>																	
<b>Total</b>	<b>173,764</b>	<b>24,502</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>27,431</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>9,915</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>9,292</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>15,985</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>39,501</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>13,191</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>11,455</b>	<b>6.6</b>
Sinhalese	150,814	7,540	5.0	22,064	14.6	4,015	2.7	4,010	2.7	6,642	4.4	33,774	22.4	5,797	3.8	5,795	3.8
Sri Lanka Tamil	5,725	4,759	83.1	1,392	24.3	1,469	25.7	1,371	23.9	2,524	44.1	1,344	23.5	1,700	29.7	1,343	23.5
Indian Tamil	3,386	2,505	74.0	395	11.7	427	12.6	390	11.5	990	29.2	392	11.6	520	15.4	391	11.5
Sri Lanka Moor	13,566	9,513	70.1	3,422	25.2	3,879	28.6	3,402	25.1	5,687	41.9	3,806	28.1	5,025	37.0	3,805	28.0
Burgher	115	56	48.7	59	51.3	33	28.7	32	27.8	30	26.1	90	78.3	45	39.1	30	26.1
Malay	123	105	85.4	85	69.1	75	61.0	75	61.0	98	79.7	80	65.0	86	69.9	80	65.0
All Other	35	24	68.6	14	40.0	17	48.6	12	34.3	14	40.0	15	42.9	18	51.4	11	31.4

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		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Estate Sector</b>																	
<b>Both sexes</b>																	
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,273</b>	<b>10,084</b>	<b>66.0</b>	<b>1,215</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>1,103</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>1,026</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>2,738</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>1,431</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>1,647</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>1,095</b>	<b>7.2</b>
Sinhalese	1,383	609	44.0	339	24.5	158	11.4	158	11.4	214	15.5	450	32.5	120	8.7	120	8.7
Sri Lanka Tamil	2,101	1,566	74.5	138	6.6	146	6.9	138	6.6	421	20.0	164	7.8	259	12.3	164	7.8
Indian Tamil	11,565	7,731	66.8	644	5.6	704	6.1	639	5.5	2,012	17.4	737	6.4	1,165	10.1	736	6.4
Sri Lanka Moor	195	156	80.0	83	42.6	86	44.1	82	42.1	80	41.0	67	34.4	87	44.6	67	34.4
Burgher	20	14	70.0	7	35.0	5	25.0	5	25.0	6	30.0	11	55.0	12	60.0	6	30.0
Malay	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other	8	8	100.0	4	50.0	4	50.0	4	50.0	5	62.5	2	25.0	4	50.0	2	25.0
<b>Male</b>																	
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,027</b>	<b>5,246</b>	<b>74.7</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>1,393</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>8.1</b>
Sinhalese	687	314	45.7	210	30.6	101	14.7	101	14.7	105	15.3	254	37.0	61	8.9	61	8.9
Sri Lanka Tamil	1,016	828	81.5	82	8.1	87	8.6	82	8.1	206	20.3	86	8.5	144	14.2	86	8.5
Indian Tamil	5,217	4,008	76.8	369	7.1	387	7.4	367	7.0	1,035	19.8	383	7.3	611	11.7	382	7.3
Sri Lanka Moor	94	86	91.5	43	45.7	43	45.7	43	45.7	42	44.7	35	37.2	45	47.9	35	37.2
Burgher	7	5	71.4	4	57.1	2	28.6	2	28.6	1	14.3	4	57.1	2	28.6	1	14.3
Malay	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other	5	5	100.0	2	40.0	2	40.0	2	40.0	4	80.0	1	20.0	2	40.0	1	20.0
<b>Female</b>																	
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,246</b>	<b>4,838</b>	<b>58.7</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>1,345</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>6.4</b>
Sinhalese	696	295	42.4	129	18.5	57	8.2	57	8.2	109	15.7	196	28.2	59	8.5	59	8.5
Sri Lanka Tamil	1,085	738	68.0	56	5.2	59	5.4	56	5.2	215	19.8	78	7.2	115	10.6	78	7.2
Indian Tamil	6,348	3,723	58.6	275	4.3	317	5.0	272	4.3	977	15.4	354	5.6	554	8.7	354	5.6
Sri Lanka Moor	101	70	69.3	40	39.6	43	42.6	39	38.6	38	37.6	32	31.7	42	41.6	32	31.7
Burgher	13	9	69.2	3	23.1	3	23.1	3	23.1	5	38.5	7	53.8	10	76.9	5	38.5
Malay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other	3	3	100.0	2	66.7	2	66.7	2	66.7	1	33.3	1	33.3	2	66.7	1	33.3

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