

Census of Population and Housing of Sri Lanka, 2012

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		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Matara District																	
All Sectors																	
Both sexes																	
Total	676,068	43,591	6	95,157	14	15,715	2	15,538	2	35,335	5	143,257	21	24,977	4	24,479	4
Sinhalese	639,860	14,870	2	89,347	14	9,901	2	9,898	2	19,443	3	135,894	21	17,250	3	17,239	3
Sri Lanka Tamil	6,868	5,776	84	288	4	279	4	272	4	2,017	29	360	5	399	6	358	5
Indian Tamil	9,496	8,216	87	210	2	209	2	203	2	2,383	25	334	4	361	4	333	4
Sri Lanka Moor	19,571	14,646	75	5,181	26	5,272	27	5,111	26	11,395	58	6,470	33	6,880	35	6,467	33
Burgher	111	15	14	60	54	9	8	9	8	11	10	101	91	13	12	11	10
Malay	52	31	60	22	42	15	29	15	29	46	88	32	62	32	62	32	62
All Other	110	37	34	49	45	30	27	30	27	40	36	66	60	42	38	39	35
Male																	
Total	320,276	22,608	7	44,943	14	7,970	2	7,904	2	16,288	5	64,860	20	10,807	3	10,554	3
Sinhalese	302,738	8,106	3	41,799	14	4,842	2	4,839	2	8,001	3	61,100	20	6,853	2	6,848	2
Sri Lanka Tamil	3,363	2,928	87	152	5	150	4	147	4	1,047	31	165	5	193	6	165	5
Indian Tamil	4,646	4,145	89	103	2	103	2	100	2	1,278	28	154	3	170	4	154	3
Sri Lanka Moor	9,400	7,389	79	2,828	30	2,850	30	2,793	30	5,917	63	3,351	36	3,552	38	3,350	36
Burgher	48	6	13	29	60	4	8	4	8	5	10	44	92	6	13	5	10
Malay	26	17	65	10	38	8	31	8	31	22	85	14	54	14	54	14	54
All Other	55	17	31	22	40	13	24	13	24	18	33	32	58	19	35	18	33
Female																	
Total	355,792	20,983	6	50,214	14	7,745	2	7,634	2	19,047	5	78,397	22	14,170	4	13,925	4
Sinhalese	337,122	6,764	2	47,548	14	5,059	2	5,059	2	11,442	3	74,794	22	10,397	3	10,391	3
Sri Lanka Tamil	3,505	2,848	81	136	4	129	4	125	4	970	28	195	6	206	6	193	6
Indian Tamil	4,850	4,071	84	107	2	106	2	103	2	1,105	23	180	4	191	4	179	4
Sri Lanka Moor	10,171	7,257	71	2,353	23	2,422	24	2,318	23	5,478	54	3,119	31	3,328	33	3,117	31
Burgher	63	9	14	31	49	5	8	5	8	6	10	57	90	7	11	6	10
Malay	26	14	54	12	46	7	27	7	27	24	92	18	69	18	69	18	69
All Other	55	20	36	27	49	17	31	17	31	22	40	34	62	23	42	21	38

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Urban Sector																	
Both sexes																	
Total	81,514	11,253	14	30,194	37	6,807	8	6,684	8	11,616	14	37,746	46	9,230	11	8,961	11
Sinhalese	71,884	3,471	5	26,349	37	2,927	4	2,926	4	4,964	7	33,405	46	4,672	6	4,672	6
Sri Lanka Tamil	357	313	88	78	22	79	22	74	21	193	54	75	21	88	25	75	21
Indian Tamil	44	37	84	11	25	11	25	11	25	25	57	11	25	13	30	11	25
Sri Lanka Moor	9,108	7,379	81	3,685	40	3,748	41	3,631	40	6,380	70	4,154	46	4,405	48	4,152	46
Burgher	46	6	13	26	57	5	11	5	11	7	15	43	93	8	17	7	15
Malay	17	16	94	10	59	10	59	10	59	15	88	12	71	12	71	12	71
All Other	58	31	53	35	60	27	47	27	47	32	55	46	79	32	55	32	55
Male																	
Total	38,409	5,816	15	14,817	39	3,542	9	3,497	9	5,540	14	17,907	47	4,302	11	4,157	11
Sinhalese	33,573	1,792	5	12,738	38	1,461	4	1,460	4	2,051	6	15,619	47	1,895	6	1,895	6
Sri Lanka Tamil	180	162	90	46	26	47	26	45	25	99	55	41	23	49	27	41	23
Indian Tamil	25	22	88	6	24	6	24	6	24	14	56	8	32	8	32	8	32
Sri Lanka Moor	4,571	3,814	83	1,993	44	2,010	44	1,968	43	3,350	73	2,191	48	2,327	51	2,190	48
Burgher	22	3	14	14	64	2	9	2	9	3	14	21	95	3	14	3	14
Malay	10	9	90	4	40	4	40	4	40	8	80	5	50	5	50	5	50
All Other	28	14	50	16	57	12	43	12	43	15	54	22	79	15	54	15	54
Female																	
Total	43,105	5,437	13	15,377	36	3,265	8	3,187	7	6,076	14	19,839	46	4,928	11	4,804	11
Sinhalese	38,311	1,679	4	13,611	36	1,466	4	1,466	4	2,913	8	17,786	46	2,777	7	2,777	7
Sri Lanka Tamil	177	151	85	32	18	32	18	29	16	94	53	34	19	39	22	34	19
Indian Tamil	19	15	79	5	26	5	26	5	26	11	58	3	16	5	26	3	16
Sri Lanka Moor	4,537	3,565	79	1,692	37	1,738	38	1,663	37	3,030	67	1,963	43	2,078	46	1,962	43
Burgher	24	3	13	12	50	3	13	3	13	4	17	22	92	5	21	4	17
Malay	7	7	100	6	86	6	86	6	86	7	100	7	100	7	100	7	100
All Other	30	17	57	19	63	15	50	15	50	17	57	24	80	17	57	17	57

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Rural Sector																	
Both sexes																	
Total	576,646	21,456	4	64,242	11	8,517	1	8,469	1	20,592	4	104,172	18	15,154	3	14,953	3
Sinhalese	561,759	10,616	2	62,526	11	6,834	1	6,832	1	14,200	3	101,567	18	12,429	2	12,418	2
Sri Lanka Tamil	2,582	2,106	82	114	4	106	4	104	4	878	34	145	6	162	6	143	6
Indian Tamil	1,790	1,529	85	54	3	49	3	49	3	502	28	63	4	70	4	62	3
Sri Lanka Moor	10,367	7,176	69	1,488	14	1,516	15	1,472	14	4,969	48	2,300	22	2,459	24	2,299	22
Burgher	63	8	13	34	54	4	6	4	6	4	6	58	92	4	6	4	6
Malay	35	15	43	12	34	5	14	5	14	31	89	20	57	20	57	20	57
All Other	50	6	12	14	28	3	6	3	6	8	16	19	38	10	20	7	14
Male																	
Total	273,131	11,248	4	29,753	11	4,211	2	4,193	2	9,102	3	46,315	17	6,237	2	6,145	2
Sinhalese	266,116	5,850	2	28,808	11	3,286	1	3,284	1	5,812	2	45,027	17	4,889	2	4,884	2
Sri Lanka Tamil	1,281	1,090	85	60	5	57	4	56	4	450	35	63	5	78	6	63	5
Indian Tamil	881	762	86	24	3	22	2	22	2	272	31	28	3	34	4	28	3
Sri Lanka Moor	4,787	3,533	74	834	17	839	18	824	17	2,549	53	1,156	24	1,221	26	1,156	24
Burgher	25	2	8	15	60	2	8	2	8	2	8	23	92	2	8	2	8
Malay	16	8	50	6	38	4	25	4	25	14	88	9	56	9	56	9	56
All Other	25	3	12	6	24	1	4	1	4	3	12	9	36	4	16	3	12
Female																	
Total	303,515	10,208	3	34,489	11	4,306	1	4,276	1	11,490	4	57,857	19	8,917	3	8,808	3
Sinhalese	295,643	4,766	2	33,718	11	3,548	1	3,548	1	8,388	3	56,540	19	7,540	3	7,534	3
Sri Lanka Tamil	1,301	1,016	78	54	4	49	4	48	4	428	33	82	6	84	6	80	6
Indian Tamil	909	767	84	30	3	27	3	27	3	230	25	35	4	36	4	34	4
Sri Lanka Moor	5,580	3,643	65	654	12	677	12	648	12	2,420	43	1,144	21	1,238	22	1,143	20
Burgher	38	6	16	19	50	2	5	2	5	2	5	35	92	2	5	2	5
Malay	19	7	37	6	32	1	5	1	5	17	89	11	58	11	58	11	58
All Other	25	3	12	8	32	2	8	2	8	5	20	10	40	6	24	4	16

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Estate Sector																	
Both sexes																	
Total	17,908	10,882	61	721	4	391	2	385	2	3,127	17	1,339	7	593	3	565	3
Sinhalese	6,217	783	13	472	8	140	2	140	2	279	4	922	15	149	2	149	2
Sri Lanka Tamil	3,929	3,357	85	96	2	94	2	94	2	946	24	140	4	149	4	140	4
Indian Tamil	7,662	6,650	87	145	2	149	2	143	2	1,856	24	260	3	278	4	260	3
Sri Lanka Moor	96	91	95	8	8	8	8	8	8	46	48	16	17	16	17	16	17
Burgher	2	1	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	50	-	-
Malay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	50	-	-	-	-
Male																	
Total	8,736	5,544	63	373	4	217	2	214	2	1,646	19	638	7	268	3	252	3
Sinhalese	3,049	464	15	253	8	95	3	95	3	138	5	454	15	69	2	69	2
Sri Lanka Tamil	1,902	1,676	88	46	2	46	2	46	2	498	26	61	3	66	3	61	3
Indian Tamil	3,740	3,361	90	73	2	75	2	72	2	992	27	118	3	128	3	118	3
Sri Lanka Moor	42	42	100	1	2	1	2	1	2	18	43	4	10	4	10	4	10
Burgher	1	1	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	100	-	-
Malay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	50	-	-	-	-
Female																	
Total	9,172	5,338	58	348	4	174	2	171	2	1,481	16	701	8	325	4	313	3
Sinhalese	3,168	319	10	219	7	45	1	45	1	141	4	468	15	80	3	80	3
Sri Lanka Tamil	2,027	1,681	83	50	2	48	2	48	2	448	22	79	4	83	4	79	4
Indian Tamil	3,922	3,289	84	72	2	74	2	71	2	864	22	142	4	150	4	142	4
Sri Lanka Moor	54	49	91	7	13	7	13	7	13	28	52	12	22	12	22	12	22
Burgher	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Census of population and housing -2012