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		Sinhala		Tamil		English		None		Sinhala		Tamil		English		None	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Nuwara Eliya District																	
Both sexes																	
Total	573,816	410,162	71.5	384,623	67.0	93,300	16.3	1,781	0.3	279,216	48.7	318,608	55.5	136,653	23.8	52,480	9.1
10 - 14	63,305	30,071	47.5	42,847	67.7	7,911	12.5	147	0.2	29,589	46.7	43,358	68.5	17,865	28.2	509	0.8
15 - 19	53,551	34,594	64.6	33,885	63.3	13,219	24.7	148	0.3	29,330	54.8	33,540	62.6	22,799	42.6	568	1.1
20 - 24	46,399	36,524	78.7	30,351	65.4	11,174	24.1	146	0.3	25,389	54.7	28,734	61.9	16,700	36.0	814	1.8
25 - 29	54,359	44,360	81.6	37,418	68.8	11,702	21.5	128	0.2	27,786	51.1	34,626	63.7	16,801	30.9	1,312	2.4
30 - 34	56,475	46,334	82.0	39,165	69.3	11,009	19.5	160	0.3	28,599	50.6	34,926	61.8	15,241	27.0	2,207	3.9
35 - 39	44,909	36,475	81.2	29,366	65.4	7,993	17.8	122	0.3	23,193	51.6	24,803	55.2	10,566	23.5	2,869	6.4
40 - 44	44,850	35,596	79.4	29,011	64.7	6,884	15.3	122	0.3	22,835	50.9	22,621	50.4	8,835	19.7	4,644	10.4
45 - 49	45,263	35,084	77.5	30,047	66.4	5,762	12.7	147	0.3	21,752	48.1	22,088	48.8	7,207	15.9	6,073	13.4
50 - 54	44,077	32,782	74.4	29,901	67.8	5,181	11.8	104	0.2	20,510	46.5	21,436	48.6	6,299	14.3	6,412	14.5
55 - 59	36,673	25,580	69.8	25,234	68.8	4,271	11.6	123	0.3	16,679	45.5	17,372	47.4	5,122	14.0	6,135	16.7
60 - 64	32,594	20,711	63.5	23,251	71.3	3,617	11.1	128	0.4	13,392	41.1	15,283	46.9	4,141	12.7	6,623	20.3
65 - 69	23,311	13,888	59.6	16,541	71.0	2,168	9.3	110	0.5	8,706	37.3	10,301	44.2	2,411	10.3	5,769	24.7
70 - 74	13,612	8,468	62.2	9,190	67.5	1,265	9.3	75	0.6	5,431	39.9	5,281	38.8	1,438	10.6	3,725	27.4
75 - 79	8,223	5,320	64.7	5,027	61.1	688	8.4	56	0.7	3,227	39.2	2,648	32.2	752	9.1	2,719	33.1
80 & over	6,215	4,375	70.4	3,389	54.5	456	7.3	65	1.0	2,798	45.0	1,591	25.6	476	7.7	2,101	33.8

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Nuwara Eliya District																	
Male																	
Total	270,832	211,625	78.1	185,822	68.6	49,210	18.2	745	0.3	137,365	50.7	158,923	58.7	68,946	25.5	13,814	5.1
10 - 14	31,891	15,243	47.8	21,271	66.7	3,519	11.0	89	0.3	14,602	45.8	21,428	67.2	8,309	26.1	286	0.9
15 - 19	25,663	17,154	66.8	16,230	63.2	5,705	22.2	69	0.3	13,598	53.0	15,802	61.6	9,960	38.8	288	1.1
20 - 24	21,939	18,497	84.3	14,191	64.7	4,888	22.3	75	0.3	11,849	54.0	13,228	60.3	7,091	32.3	364	1.7
25 - 29	25,320	22,150	87.5	17,727	70.0	5,307	21.0	61	0.2	12,846	50.7	16,141	63.7	7,404	29.2	520	2.1
30 - 34	26,725	23,710	88.7	19,114	71.5	5,626	21.1	80	0.3	13,700	51.3	16,873	63.1	7,474	28.0	801	3.0
35 - 39	21,252	18,777	88.4	14,486	68.2	4,385	20.6	56	0.3	11,341	53.4	12,340	58.1	5,545	26.1	920	4.3
40 - 44	21,422	18,796	87.7	14,422	67.3	4,030	18.8	54	0.3	11,488	53.6	11,637	54.3	4,999	23.3	1,466	6.8
45 - 49	21,226	18,320	86.3	14,649	69.0	3,500	16.5	55	0.3	10,917	51.4	11,295	53.2	4,201	19.8	1,806	8.5
50 - 54	20,839	17,636	84.6	14,463	69.4	3,286	15.8	34	0.2	10,636	51.0	11,054	53.0	3,936	18.9	1,816	8.7
55 - 59	17,183	14,047	81.7	12,246	71.3	2,962	17.2	52	0.3	8,803	51.2	9,298	54.1	3,445	20.0	1,450	8.4
60 - 64	14,819	11,232	75.8	11,026	74.4	2,642	17.8	36	0.2	7,074	47.7	8,335	56.2	2,927	19.8	1,345	9.1
65 - 69	10,295	7,229	70.2	7,660	74.4	1,611	15.6	37	0.4	4,550	44.2	5,830	56.6	1,742	16.9	1,036	10.1
70 - 74	6,173	4,348	70.4	4,452	72.1	943	15.3	25	0.4	2,895	46.9	3,144	50.9	1,045	16.9	760	12.3
75 - 79	3,497	2,465	70.5	2,369	67.7	489	14.0	9	0.3	1,612	46.1	1,607	46.0	530	15.2	549	15.7

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Nuwara Eliya District																	
80 & over	2,588	2,021	78.1	1,516	58.6	317	12.2	13	0.5	1,454	56.2	911	35.2	338	13.1	407	15.7
Female																	
Total	302,984	198,537	65.5	198,801	65.6	44,090	14.6	1,036	0.3	141,851	46.8	159,685	52.7	67,707	22.3	38,666	12.8
10 - 14	31,414	14,828	47.2	21,576	68.7	4,392	14.0	58	0.2	14,987	47.7	21,930	69.8	9,556	30.4	223	0.7
15 - 19	27,888	17,440	62.5	17,655	63.3	7,514	26.9	79	0.3	15,732	56.4	17,738	63.6	12,839	46.0	280	1.0
20 - 24	24,460	18,027	73.7	16,160	66.1	6,286	25.7	71	0.3	13,540	55.4	15,506	63.4	9,609	39.3	450	1.8
25 - 29	29,039	22,210	76.5	19,691	67.8	6,395	22.0	67	0.2	14,940	51.4	18,485	63.7	9,397	32.4	792	2.7
30 - 34	29,750	22,624	76.0	20,051	67.4	5,383	18.1	80	0.3	14,899	50.1	18,053	60.7	7,767	26.1	1,406	4.7
35 - 39	23,657	17,698	74.8	14,880	62.9	3,608	15.3	66	0.3	11,852	50.1	12,463	52.7	5,021	21.2	1,949	8.2
40 - 44	23,428	16,800	71.7	14,589	62.3	2,854	12.2	68	0.3	11,347	48.4	10,984	46.9	3,836	16.4	3,178	13.6
45 - 49	24,037	16,764	69.7	15,398	64.1	2,262	9.4	92	0.4	10,835	45.1	10,793	44.9	3,006	12.5	4,267	17.8
50 - 54	23,238	15,146	65.2	15,438	66.4	1,895	8.2	70	0.3	9,874	42.5	10,382	44.7	2,363	10.2	4,596	19.8
55 - 59	19,490	11,533	59.2	12,988	66.6	1,309	6.7	71	0.4	7,876	40.4	8,074	41.4	1,677	8.6	4,685	24.0
60 - 64	17,775	9,479	53.3	12,225	68.8	975	5.5	92	0.5	6,318	35.5	6,948	39.1	1,214	6.8	5,278	29.7
65 - 69	13,016	6,659	51.2	8,881	68.2	557	4.3	73	0.6	4,156	31.9	4,471	34.4	669	5.1	4,733	36.4
70 - 74	7,439	4,120	55.4	4,738	63.7	322	4.3	50	0.7	2,536	34.1	2,137	28.7	393	5.3	2,965	39.9
75 - 79	4,726	2,855	60.4	2,658	56.2	199	4.2	47	1.0	1,615	34.2	1,041	22.0	222	4.7	2,170	45.9

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80 & over	3,627	2,354	64.9	1,873	51.6	139	3.8	52	1.4	1,344	37.1	680	18.7	138	3.8	1,694	46.7

Source: Census of population and housing -2012