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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	
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Nuwara Eliya District																	
All Sectors																	
Both sexes																	
All groups	573,816	222,980	38.9	85,555	14.9	67,312	11.7	59,660	10.4	76,626	13.4	98,018	17.1	92,069	16.0	53,572	9.3
Sinhalese	233,123	45,920	19.7	41,572	17.8	16,005	6.9	15,978	6.9	16,822	7.2	56,747	24.3	12,587	5.4	12,584	5.4
Sri Lanka Tamil	27,368	18,532	67.7	6,830	25.0	7,617	27.8	6,779	24.8	7,897	28.9	5,438	19.9	9,193	33.6	5,436	19.9
Indian Tamil	298,321	146,963	49.3	31,877	10.7	38,218	12.8	31,787	10.7	44,491	14.9	30,393	10.2	63,460	21.3	30,368	10.2
Sri Lanka Moor	13,507	10,452	77.4	4,536	33.6	4,821	35.7	4,485	33.2	6,669	49.4	4,561	33.8	5,949	44.0	4,561	33.8
Burgher	647	455	70.3	346	53.5	292	45.1	278	43.0	220	34.0	427	66.0	376	58.1	219	33.8
Malay	455	389	85.5	246	54.1	222	48.8	221	48.6	358	78.7	255	56.0	286	62.9	255	56.0
All Other	395	269	68.1	148	37.5	137	34.7	132	33.4	169	42.8	197	49.9	218	55.2	149	37.7
Male																	
All groups	270,832	127,478	47.1	46,268	17.1	37,372	13.8	34,492	12.7	39,365	14.5	48,780	18.0	47,211	17.4	27,140	10.0
Sinhalese	110,617	26,561	24.0	21,032	19.0	9,426	8.5	9,415	8.5	8,474	7.7	27,535	24.9	6,041	5.5	6,040	5.5
Sri Lanka Tamil	12,840	9,805	76.4	3,746	29.2	3,977	31.0	3,719	29.0	4,017	31.3	2,790	21.7	4,634	36.1	2,789	21.7
Indian Tamil	140,367	85,383	60.8	18,799	13.4	21,246	15.1	18,754	13.4	23,284	16.6	15,874	11.3	33,278	23.7	15,864	11.3
Sri Lanka Moor	6,264	5,180	82.7	2,309	36.9	2,389	38.1	2,279	36.4	3,224	51.5	2,138	34.1	2,835	45.3	2,138	34.1
Burgher	318	246	77.4	183	57.5	158	49.7	152	47.8	113	35.5	220	69.2	183	57.5	113	35.5
Malay	202	167	82.7	114	56.4	101	50.0	101	50.0	169	83.7	122	60.4	132	65.3	122	60.4
All Other	224	136	60.7	85	37.9	75	33.5	72	32.1	84	37.5	101	45.1	108	48.2	74	33.0
Female																	
All groups	302,984	95,502	31.5	39,287	13.0	29,940	9.9	25,168	8.3	37,261	12.3	49,238	16.3	44,858	14.8	26,432	8.7
Sinhalese	122,506	19,359	15.8	20,540	16.8	6,579	5.4	6,563	5.4	8,348	6.8	29,212	23.8	6,546	5.3	6,544	5.3
Sri Lanka Tamil	14,528	8,727	60.1	3,084	21.2	3,640	25.1	3,060	21.1	3,880	26.7	2,648	18.2	4,559	31.4	2,647	18.2
Indian Tamil	157,954	61,580	39.0	13,078	8.3	16,972	10.7	13,033	8.3	21,207	13.4	14,519	9.2	30,182	19.1	14,504	9.2
Sri Lanka Moor	7,243	5,272	72.8	2,227	30.7	2,432	33.6	2,206	30.5	3,445	47.6	2,423	33.5	3,114	43.0	2,423	33.5
Burgher	329	209	63.5	163	49.5	134	40.7	126	38.3	107	32.5	207	62.9	193	58.7	106	32.2
Malay	253	222	87.7	132	52.2	121	47.8	120	47.4	189	74.7	133	52.6	154	60.9	133	52.6
All Other	171	133	77.8	63	36.8	62	36.3	60	35.1	85	49.7	96	56.1	110	64.3	75	43.9
Urban Sector																	

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Nuwara Eliya District																	
Both sexes																	
All groups	33,529	20,804	62.0	15,139	45.2	12,434	37.1	11,613	34.6	10,153	30.3	14,221	42.4	11,998	35.8	8,312	24.8
Sinhalese	14,206	5,647	39.8	6,658	46.9	3,253	22.9	3,238	22.8	2,186	15.4	7,643	53.8	1,825	12.8	1,825	12.8
Sri Lanka Tamil	6,021	4,839	80.4	2,803	46.6	3,083	51.2	2,788	46.3	2,435	40.4	2,011	33.4	3,288	54.6	2,011	33.4
Indian Tamil	8,923	6,653	74.6	3,683	41.3	4,079	45.7	3,669	41.1	3,174	35.6	2,738	30.7	4,568	51.2	2,738	30.7
Sri Lanka Moor	3,849	3,228	83.9	1,654	43.0	1,717	44.6	1,625	42.2	2,053	53.3	1,474	38.3	1,965	51.1	1,474	38.3
Burgher	138	97	70.3	105	76.1	87	63.0	81	58.7	45	32.6	106	76.8	71	51.4	45	32.6
Malay	211	178	84.4	142	67.3	124	58.8	124	58.8	171	81.0	131	62.1	149	70.6	131	62.1
All Other	181	162	89.5	94	51.9	91	50.3	88	48.6	89	49.2	118	65.2	132	72.9	88	48.6
Male																	
All groups	16,227	10,944	67.4	7,998	49.3	6,624	40.8	6,328	39.0	4,956	30.5	7,136	44.0	5,971	36.8	4,053	25.0
Sinhalese	7,054	3,224	45.7	3,482	49.4	1,878	26.6	1,872	26.5	1,060	15.0	3,908	55.4	868	12.3	868	12.3
Sri Lanka Tamil	2,776	2,410	86.8	1,487	53.6	1,565	56.4	1,478	53.2	1,164	41.9	986	35.5	1,612	58.1	986	35.5
Indian Tamil	4,244	3,454	81.4	1,985	46.8	2,148	50.6	1,979	46.6	1,554	36.6	1,336	31.5	2,330	54.9	1,336	31.5
Sri Lanka Moor	1,920	1,664	86.7	884	46.0	893	46.5	862	44.9	1,040	54.2	741	38.6	1,003	52.2	741	38.6
Burgher	60	44	73.3	45	75.0	37	61.7	35	58.3	21	35.0	48	80.0	31	51.7	21	35.0
Malay	89	72	80.9	66	74.2	57	64.0	57	64.0	78	87.6	63	70.8	70	78.7	63	70.8
All Other	84	76	90.5	49	58.3	46	54.8	45	53.6	39	46.4	54	64.3	57	67.9	38	45.2
Female																	
All groups	17,302	9,860	57.0	7,141	41.3	5,810	33.6	5,285	30.5	5,197	30.0	7,085	40.9	6,027	34.8	4,259	24.6
Sinhalese	7,152	2,423	33.9	3,176	44.4	1,375	19.2	1,366	19.1	1,126	15.7	3,735	52.2	957	13.4	957	13.4
Sri Lanka Tamil	3,245	2,429	74.9	1,316	40.6	1,518	46.8	1,310	40.4	1,271	39.2	1,025	31.6	1,676	51.6	1,025	31.6
Indian Tamil	4,679	3,199	68.4	1,698	36.3	1,931	41.3	1,690	36.1	1,620	34.6	1,402	30.0	2,238	47.8	1,402	30.0
Sri Lanka Moor	1,929	1,564	81.1	770	39.9	824	42.7	763	39.6	1,013	52.5	733	38.0	962	49.9	733	38.0
Burgher	78	53	67.9	60	76.9	50	64.1	46	59.0	24	30.8	58	74.4	40	51.3	24	30.8
Malay	122	106	86.9	76	62.3	67	54.9	67	54.9	93	76.2	68	55.7	79	64.8	68	55.7
All Other	97	86	88.7	45	46.4	45	46.4	43	44.3	50	51.5	64	66.0	75	77.3	50	51.5
Rural Sector																	
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		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Nuwara Eliya District																	
All groups	239,787	58,372	24.3	44,718	18.6	24,873	10.4	23,450	9.8	26,902	11.2	55,467	23.1	26,201	10.9	20,126	8.4
Sinhalese	201,792	29,646	14.7	31,638	15.7	10,491	5.2	10,487	5.2	11,545	5.7	44,241	21.9	9,044	4.5	9,043	4.5
Sri Lanka Tamil	7,247	5,798	80.0	2,516	34.7	2,736	37.8	2,494	34.4	3,044	42.0	1,991	27.5	3,058	42.2	1,991	27.5
Indian Tamil	21,914	16,088	73.4	7,560	34.5	8,491	38.7	7,542	34.4	7,690	35.1	5,945	27.1	10,118	46.2	5,944	27.1
Sri Lanka Moor	8,151	6,366	78.1	2,705	33.2	2,904	35.6	2,684	32.9	4,289	52.6	2,889	35.4	3,654	44.8	2,889	35.4
Burgher	348	251	72.1	184	52.9	148	42.5	143	41.1	124	35.6	253	72.7	181	52.0	124	35.6
Malay	189	163	86.2	76	40.2	72	38.1	71	37.6	157	83.1	96	50.8	101	53.4	96	50.8
All Other	146	60	41.1	39	26.7	31	21.2	29	19.9	53	36.3	52	35.6	45	30.8	39	26.7
Male																	
All groups	112,769	32,325	28.7	22,639	20.1	13,566	12.0	13,054	11.6	13,337	11.8	26,522	23.5	12,737	11.3	9,658	8.6
Sinhalese	95,153	17,795	18.7	15,719	16.5	6,192	6.5	6,189	6.5	5,734	6.0	21,028	22.1	4,244	4.5	4,244	4.5
Sri Lanka Tamil	3,417	2,926	85.6	1,356	39.7	1,431	41.9	1,348	39.4	1,578	46.2	1,027	30.1	1,559	45.6	1,027	30.1
Indian Tamil	10,187	8,325	81.7	4,066	39.9	4,409	43.3	4,057	39.8	3,823	37.5	2,952	29.0	5,099	50.1	2,951	29.0
Sri Lanka Moor	3,640	3,034	83.4	1,333	36.6	1,396	38.4	1,326	36.4	2,030	55.8	1,303	35.8	1,673	46.0	1,303	35.8
Burgher	182	140	76.9	105	57.7	87	47.8	85	46.7	65	35.7	136	74.7	90	49.5	65	35.7
Malay	87	73	83.9	35	40.2	33	37.9	33	37.9	77	88.5	46	52.9	48	55.2	46	52.9
All Other	103	32	31.1	25	24.3	18	17.5	16	15.5	30	29.1	30	29.1	24	23.3	22	21.4
Female																	
All groups	127,018	26,047	20.5	22,079	17.4	11,307	8.9	10,396	8.2	13,565	10.7	28,945	22.8	13,464	10.6	10,468	8.2
Sinhalese	106,639	11,851	11.1	15,919	14.9	4,299	4.0	4,298	4.0	5,811	5.4	23,213	21.8	4,800	4.5	4,799	4.5
Sri Lanka Tamil	3,830	2,872	75.0	1,160	30.3	1,305	34.1	1,146	29.9	1,466	38.3	964	25.2	1,499	39.1	964	25.2
Indian Tamil	11,727	7,763	66.2	3,494	29.8	4,082	34.8	3,485	29.7	3,867	33.0	2,993	25.5	5,019	42.8	2,993	25.5
Sri Lanka Moor	4,511	3,332	73.9	1,372	30.4	1,508	33.4	1,358	30.1	2,259	50.1	1,586	35.2	1,981	43.9	1,586	35.2
Burgher	166	111	66.9	79	47.6	61	36.7	58	34.9	59	35.5	117	70.5	91	54.8	59	35.5
Malay	102	90	88.2	41	40.2	39	38.2	38	37.3	80	78.4	50	49.0	53	52.0	50	49.0
All Other	43	28	65.1	14	32.6	13	30.2	13	30.2	23	53.5	22	51.2	21	48.8	17	39.5
Estate Sector																	
Both sexes																	
All groups	300,500	143,804	47.9	25,698	8.6	30,005	10.0	24,597	8.2	39,571	13.2	28,330	9.4	53,870	17.9	25,134	8.4

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		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Nuwara Eliya District																	
Sinhalese	17,125	10,627	62.1	3,276	19.1	2,261	13.2	2,253	13.2	3,091	18.0	4,863	28.4	1,718	10.0	1,716	10.0
Sri Lanka Tamil	14,100	7,895	56.0	1,511	10.7	1,798	12.8	1,497	10.6	2,418	17.1	1,436	10.2	2,847	20.2	1,434	10.2
Indian Tamil	267,484	124,222	46.4	20,634	7.7	25,648	9.6	20,576	7.7	33,627	12.6	21,710	8.1	48,774	18.2	21,686	8.1
Sri Lanka Moor	1,507	858	56.9	177	11.7	200	13.3	176	11.7	327	21.7	198	13.1	330	21.9	198	13.1
Burgher	161	107	66.5	57	35.4	57	35.4	54	33.5	51	31.7	68	42.2	124	77.0	50	31.1
Malay	55	48	87.3	28	50.9	26	47.3	26	47.3	30	54.5	28	50.9	36	65.5	28	50.9
All Other	68	47	69.1	15	22.1	15	22.1	15	22.1	27	39.7	27	39.7	41	60.3	22	32.4
Male																	
All groups	141,836	84,209	59.4	15,631	11.0	17,182	12.1	15,110	10.7	21,072	14.9	15,122	10.7	28,503	20.1	13,429	9.5
Sinhalese	8,410	5,542	65.9	1,831	21.8	1,356	16.1	1,354	16.1	1,680	20.0	2,599	30.9	929	11.0	928	11.0
Sri Lanka Tamil	6,647	4,469	67.2	903	13.6	981	14.8	893	13.4	1,275	19.2	777	11.7	1,463	22.0	776	11.7
Indian Tamil	125,936	73,604	58.4	12,748	10.1	14,689	11.7	12,718	10.1	17,907	14.2	11,586	9.2	25,849	20.5	11,577	9.2
Sri Lanka Moor	704	482	68.5	92	13.1	100	14.2	91	12.9	154	21.9	94	13.4	159	22.6	94	13.4
Burgher	76	62	81.6	33	43.4	34	44.7	32	42.1	27	35.5	36	47.4	62	81.6	27	35.5
Malay	26	22	84.6	13	50.0	11	42.3	11	42.3	14	53.8	13	50.0	14	53.8	13	50.0
All Other	37	28	75.7	11	29.7	11	29.7	11	29.7	15	40.5	17	45.9	27	73.0	14	37.8
Female																	
All groups	158,664	59,595	37.6	10,067	6.3	12,823	8.1	9,487	6.0	18,499	11.7	13,208	8.3	25,367	16.0	11,705	7.4
Sinhalese	8,715	5,085	58.3	1,445	16.6	905	10.4	899	10.3	1,411	16.2	2,264	26.0	789	9.1	788	9.0
Sri Lanka Tamil	7,453	3,426	46.0	608	8.2	817	11.0	604	8.1	1,143	15.3	659	8.8	1,384	18.6	658	8.8
Indian Tamil	141,548	50,618	35.8	7,886	5.6	10,959	7.7	7,858	5.6	15,720	11.1	10,124	7.2	22,925	16.2	10,109	7.1
Sri Lanka Moor	803	376	46.8	85	10.6	100	12.5	85	10.6	173	21.5	104	13.0	171	21.3	104	13.0
Burgher	85	45	52.9	24	28.2	23	27.1	22	25.9	24	28.2	32	37.6	62	72.9	23	27.1
Malay	29	26	89.7	15	51.7	15	51.7	15	51.7	16	55.2	15	51.7	22	75.9	15	51.7
All Other	31	19	61.3	4	12.9	4	12.9	4	12.9	12	38.7	10	32.3	14	45.2	8	25.8

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