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Ethnic group, sex and sector	Population aged 10 years & over	Ability to speak						Ability to read and write					
		Sinhala		Tamil		English		Sinhala		Tamil		English	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Polonnaruwa District</b>													
<b>All Sectors</b>													
<b>Both Sexes</b>													
<b>Total</b>	<b>331,713</b>	<b>314,642</b>	<b>94.9</b>	<b>41,727</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>39,184</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>295,369</b>	<b>89.0</b>	<b>35,658</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>56,109</b>	<b>16.9</b>
Sinhala	302,257	300,661	99.5	12,750	4.2	36,325	12.0	288,341	95.4	9,635	3.2	51,219	16.9
Sri Lanka Tamil	6,298	2,974	47.2	6,063	96.3	377	6.0	1,279	20.3	5,371	85.3	576	9.1
Indian Tamil	185	124	67.0	173	93.5	33	17.8	52	28.1	165	89.2	39	21.1
Sri Lanka Moor	22,757	10,688	47.0	22,598	99.3	2,365	10.4	5,557	24.4	20,368	89.5	4,102	18.0
Burgher	79	72	91.1	32	40.5	35	44.3	66	83.5	22	27.8	77	97.5
Malay	35	35	100.0	32	91.4	20	57.1	28	80.0	35	100.0	22	62.9
Other	102	88	86.3	79	77.5	29	28.4	46	45.1	62	60.8	74	72.5
<b>Male</b>													
<b>Total</b>	<b>163,252</b>	<b>156,957</b>	<b>96.1</b>	<b>22,496</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>19,530</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>147,226</b>	<b>90.2</b>	<b>17,828</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>26,738</b>	<b>16.4</b>
Sinhala	148,768	148,047	99.5	8,234	5.5	17,808	12.0	143,254	96.3	4,514	3.0	24,099	16.2
Sri Lanka Tamil	3,387	1,759	51.9	3,279	96.8	225	6.6	689	20.3	3,004	88.7	341	10.1
Indian Tamil	97	79	81.4	93	95.9	18	18.6	28	28.9	94	96.9	20	20.6
Sri Lanka Moor	10,873	6,955	64.0	10,799	99.3	1,426	13.1	3,183	29.3	10,143	93.3	2,175	20.0
Burgher	36	36	100.0	13	36.1	15	41.7	30	83.3	8	22.2	35	97.2
Malay	24	24	100.0	23	95.8	17	70.8	19	79.2	24	100.0	18	75.0
Other	67	57	85.1	55	82.1	21	31.3	23	34.3	41	61.2	50	74.6
<b>Female</b>													
<b>Total</b>	<b>168,461</b>	<b>157,685</b>	<b>93.6</b>	<b>19,231</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>19,654</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>148,143</b>	<b>87.9</b>	<b>17,830</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>29,371</b>	<b>17.4</b>
Sinhala	153,489	152,614	99.4	4,516	2.9	18,517	12.1	145,087	94.5	5,121	3.3	27,120	17.7
Sri Lanka Tamil	2,911	1,215	41.7	2,784	95.6	152	5.2	590	20.3	2,367	81.3	235	8.1
Indian Tamil	88	45	51.1	80	90.9	15	17.0	24	27.3	71	80.7	19	21.6
Sri Lanka Moor	11,884	3,733	31.4	11,799	99.3	939	7.9	2,374	20.0	10,225	86.0	1,927	16.2
Burgher	43	36	83.7	19	44.2	20	46.5	36	83.7	14	32.6	42	97.7
Malay	11	11	100.0	9	81.8	3	27.3	9	81.8	11	100.0	4	36.4
Other	35	31	88.6	24	68.6	8	22.9	23	65.7	21	60.0	24	68.6

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<b>Polonnaruwa District</b>													
<b>Rural Sector</b>													
Both Sexes	<b>331,697</b>	<b>314,626</b>	<b>94.9</b>	<b>41,727</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>39,181</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>295,353</b>	<b>89.0</b>	<b>35,658</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>56,105</b>	<b>16.9</b>
<b>Total</b>	302,241	300,645	99.5	12,750	4.2	36,322	12.0	288,325	95.4	9,635	3.2	51,215	16.9
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Sinhala	148,752	148,031	99.5	8,234	5.5	17,805	12.0	143,238	96.3	4,514	3.0	24,095	16.2
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Polonnaruwa District													
Estate Sector													
Both Sexes													
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100</b>	-	-	<b>3</b>	<b>18.75</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100</b>	-	-	<b>4</b>	<b>25</b>
Sinhala	16	16	100	-	-	3	18.75	16	100	-	-	4	25
Sri Lanka Tamil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Indian Tamil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sri Lanka Moor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burgher	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Male													
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100</b>	-	-	<b>3</b>	<b>18.75</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100</b>	-	-	<b>4</b>	<b>25</b>
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Indian Tamil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sri Lanka Moor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burgher	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Female													
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sinhala	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sri Lanka Tamil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Indian Tamil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sri Lanka Moor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burgher	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Census of population and housing -2012