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		Sinhala		Tamil		English		None		Sinhala		Tamil		English		None	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Ratnapura District</b>																	
<b>Both sexes</b>																	
<b>Population 10 years and over</b>	<b>906,327</b>	<b>882,751</b>	<b>97.4</b>	<b>149,450</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>130,285</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>4,459</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>798,086</b>	<b>88.1</b>	<b>126,036</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>194,760</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>55,131</b>	<b>6.1</b>
10 - 14	81,538	76,590	93.9	17,546	21.5	11,569	14.2	286	0.4	73,547	90.2	21,923	26.9	21,967	26.9	948	1.2
15 - 19	84,820	82,826	97.6	14,029	16.5	19,471	23.0	344	0.4	79,182	93.4	16,286	19.2	31,019	36.6	1,143	1.3
20 - 24	83,119	81,638	98.2	12,212	14.7	18,777	22.6	336	0.4	77,347	93.1	12,816	15.4	27,464	33.0	1,401	1.7
25 - 29	85,845	84,389	98.3	13,406	15.6	16,231	18.9	297	0.3	78,828	91.8	12,721	14.8	23,735	27.6	1,734	2.0
30 - 34	90,389	88,949	98.4	13,955	15.4	14,631	16.2	329	0.4	82,454	91.2	12,081	13.4	21,359	23.6	2,631	2.9
35 - 39	75,757	74,636	98.5	11,154	14.7	10,851	14.3	297	0.4	68,469	90.4	8,970	11.8	15,539	20.5	2,992	3.9
40 - 44	73,381	72,165	98.3	10,583	14.4	9,111	12.4	342	0.5	65,497	89.3	7,902	10.8	13,337	18.2	4,067	5.5
45 - 49	67,289	66,032	98.1	10,446	15.5	7,315	10.9	311	0.5	58,162	86.4	7,252	10.8	10,599	15.8	5,414	8.0
50 - 54	65,578	64,098	97.7	10,654	16.2	6,133	9.4	312	0.5	56,294	85.8	6,771	10.3	8,561	13.1	5,547	8.5
55 - 59	58,058	56,462	97.3	9,830	16.9	5,168	8.9	270	0.5	49,401	85.1	5,934	10.2	7,039	12.1	5,372	9.3
60 - 64	51,391	49,617	96.5	9,798	19.1	4,461	8.7	297	0.6	42,010	81.7	5,705	11.1	5,949	11.6	6,093	11.9
65 - 69	36,234	34,721	95.8	6,988	19.3	3,019	8.3	314	0.9	28,387	78.3	3,760	10.4	3,860	10.7	5,606	15.5
70 - 74	22,655	21,725	95.9	4,101	18.1	1,721	7.6	229	1.0	17,281	76.3	2,002	8.8	2,167	9.6	4,199	18.5
75 - 79	16,115	15,424	95.7	2,659	16.5	1,035	6.4	200	1.2	11,496	71.3	1,087	6.7	1,237	7.7	3,998	24.8
80 & over	14,158	13,479	95.2	2,089	14.8	792	5.6	295	2.1	9,731	68.7	826	5.8	928	6.6	3,986	28.2

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<b>Ratnapura District</b>																	
<b>Male</b>																	
<b>Population 10 years and over</b>	<b>445,124</b>	<b>436,475</b>	<b>98.1</b>	<b>76,946</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>62,423</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>2,028</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>398,114</b>	<b>89.4</b>	<b>63,238</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>90,501</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>19,849</b>	<b>4.5</b>
10 - 14	41,081	38,608	94.0	8,453	20.6	4,920	12.0	177	0.4	36,889	89.8	10,325	25.1	9,801	23.9	503	1.2
15 - 19	41,888	40,970	97.8	6,628	15.8	7,964	19.0	206	0.5	38,897	92.9	7,301	17.4	13,070	31.2	617	1.5
20 - 24	40,548	39,937	98.5	5,817	14.3	7,659	18.9	199	0.5	37,610	92.8	5,677	14.0	11,211	27.6	736	1.8
25 - 29	41,688	41,100	98.6	6,743	16.2	6,931	16.6	159	0.4	38,184	91.6	6,128	14.7	9,894	23.7	838	2.0
30 - 34	45,043	44,488	98.8	7,390	16.4	6,834	15.2	156	0.3	41,001	91.0	6,144	13.6	9,580	21.3	1,276	2.8
35 - 39	38,104	37,651	98.8	6,085	16.0	5,447	14.3	143	0.4	34,456	90.4	4,746	12.5	7,439	19.5	1,422	3.7
40 - 44	36,827	36,374	98.8	5,851	15.9	4,824	13.1	172	0.5	33,052	89.7	4,296	11.7	6,669	18.1	1,794	4.9
45 - 49	33,384	32,971	98.8	5,480	16.4	3,966	11.9	146	0.4	29,250	87.6	3,821	11.4	5,409	16.2	2,304	6.9
50 - 54	32,165	31,739	98.7	5,507	17.1	3,432	10.7	138	0.4	28,165	87.6	3,585	11.1	4,578	14.2	2,164	6.7
55 - 59	28,495	28,115	98.7	5,170	18.1	3,124	11.0	114	0.4	25,013	87.8	3,247	11.4	3,997	14.0	1,913	6.7
60 - 64	24,749	24,328	98.3	5,220	21.1	2,957	11.9	102	0.4	21,307	86.1	3,269	13.2	3,682	14.9	1,809	7.3
65 - 69	17,043	16,654	97.7	3,762	22.1	2,007	11.8	111	0.7	14,357	84.2	2,236	13.1	2,429	14.3	1,525	8.9
70 - 74	10,644	10,421	97.9	2,286	21.5	1,145	10.8	66	0.6	8,941	84.0	1,261	11.8	1,369	12.9	1,065	10.0
75 - 79	7,284	7,096	97.4	1,449	19.9	693	9.5	63	0.9	5,964	81.9	710	9.7	784	10.8	956	13.1
80 & over	6,181	6,023	97.4	1,105	17.9	520	8.4	76	1.2	5,028	81.3	492	8.0	589	9.5	927	15.0

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<b>Ratnapura District</b>																	
<b>Female</b>																	
<b>Population 10 years and over</b>	<b>461,203</b>	<b>446,276</b>	<b>96.8</b>	<b>72,504</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>67,862</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>2,431</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>399,972</b>	<b>86.7</b>	<b>62,798</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>104,259</b>	<b>22.6</b>	<b>35,282</b>	<b>7.6</b>
10 - 14	40,457	37,982	93.9	9,093	22.5	6,649	16.4	109	0.3	36,658	90.6	11,598	28.7	12,166	30.1	445	1.1
15 - 19	42,932	41,856	97.5	7,401	17.2	11,507	26.8	138	0.3	40,285	93.8	8,985	20.9	17,949	41.8	526	1.2
20 - 24	42,571	41,701	98.0	6,395	15.0	11,118	26.1	137	0.3	39,737	93.3	7,139	16.8	16,253	38.2	665	1.6
25 - 29	44,157	43,289	98.0	6,663	15.1	9,300	21.1	138	0.3	40,644	92.0	6,593	14.9	13,841	31.3	896	2.0
30 - 34	45,346	44,461	98.0	6,565	14.5	7,797	17.2	173	0.4	41,453	91.4	5,937	13.1	11,779	26.0	1,355	3.0
35 - 39	37,653	36,985	98.2	5,069	13.5	5,404	14.4	154	0.4	34,013	90.3	4,224	11.2	8,100	21.5	1,570	4.2
40 - 44	36,554	35,791	97.9	4,732	12.9	4,287	11.7	170	0.5	32,445	88.8	3,606	9.9	6,668	18.2	2,273	6.2
45 - 49	33,905	33,061	97.5	4,966	14.6	3,349	9.9	165	0.5	28,912	85.3	3,431	10.1	5,190	15.3	3,110	9.2
50 - 54	33,413	32,359	96.8	5,147	15.4	2,701	8.1	174	0.5	28,129	84.2	3,186	9.5	3,983	11.9	3,383	10.1
55 - 59	29,563	28,347	95.9	4,660	15.8	2,044	6.9	156	0.5	24,388	82.5	2,687	9.1	3,042	10.3	3,459	11.7
60 - 64	26,642	25,289	94.9	4,578	17.2	1,504	5.6	195	0.7	20,703	77.7	2,436	9.1	2,267	8.5	4,284	16.1
65 - 69	19,191	18,067	94.1	3,226	16.8	1,012	5.3	203	1.1	14,030	73.1	1,524	7.9	1,431	7.5	4,081	21.3
70 - 74	12,011	11,304	94.1	1,815	15.1	576	4.8	163	1.4	8,340	69.4	741	6.2	798	6.6	3,134	26.1
75 - 79	8,831	8,328	94.3	1,210	13.7	342	3.9	137	1.6	5,532	62.6	377	4.3	453	5.1	3,042	34.4
80 & over	7,977	7,456	93.5	984	12.3	272	3.4	219	2.7	4,703	59.0	334	4.2	339	4.2	3,059	38.3

Source: Census of population and housing -2012