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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.	%
Vavuniya District													
All Sectors													
Both sexes													
All groups	141,135	40,148	28.4	128,840	91.3	21,993	15.6	25,521	18.1	124,726	88.4	27,315	19.4
Sinhalese	14,676	14,513	98.9	3,122	21.3	2,139	14.6	14,260	97.2	2,011	13.7	2,884	19.7
Sri Lanka Tamil	115,673	22,284	19.3	115,031	99.4	18,306	15.8	9,619	8.3	112,361	97.1	22,304	19.3
Indian Tamil	1,871	557	29.8	1,859	99.4	245	13.1	185	9.9	1,750	93.5	261	13.9
Sri Lanka Moor	8,814	2,769	31.4	8,762	99.4	1,246	14.1	1,426	16.2	8,522	96.7	1,775	20.1
Burgher	55	17	30.9	49	89.1	15	27.3	13	23.6	45	81.8	49	89.1
Malay	8	4	50.0	7	87.5	6	75.0	4	50.0	8	100.0	4	50.0
All Other	38	4	10.5	10	26.3	36	94.7	14	36.8	29	76.3	38	100.0
Male													
All groups	69,163	25,898	37.4	62,517	90.4	11,804	17.1	15,178	21.9	60,871	88.0	14,031	20.3
Sinhalese	8,438	8,365	99.1	2,156	25.6	1,365	16.2	8,292	98.3	1,407	16.7	1,928	22.8
Sri Lanka Tamil	55,333	15,044	27.2	55,027	99.4	9,478	17.1	5,841	10.6	54,190	97.9	10,944	19.8
Indian Tamil	872	354	40.6	866	99.3	137	15.7	108	12.4	843	96.7	134	15.4
Sri Lanka Moor	4,463	2,120	47.5	4,436	99.4	786	17.6	915	20.5	4,383	98.2	972	21.8
Burgher	28	10	35.7	26	92.9	9	32.1	9	32.1	24	85.7	25	89.3
Malay	4	3	75.0	4	100.0	4	100.0	3	75.0	4	100.0	3	75.0
All Other	25	2	8.0	2	8.0	25	100.0	10	40.0	20	80.0	25	100.0
Female													
All groups	71,972	14,250	19.8	66,323	92.2	10,189	14.2	10,343	14.4	63,855	88.7	13,284	18.5
Sinhalese	6,238	6,148	98.6	966	15.5	774	12.4	5,968	95.7	604	9.7	956	15.3
Sri Lanka Tamil	60,340	7,240	12.0	60,004	99.4	8,828	14.6	3,778	6.3	58,171	96.4	11,360	18.8
Indian Tamil	999	203	20.3	993	99.4	108	10.8	77	7.7	907	90.8	127	12.7
Sri Lanka Moor	4,351	649	14.9	4,326	99.4	460	10.6	511	11.7	4,139	95.1	803	18.5
Burgher	27	7	25.9	23	85.2	6	22.2	4	14.8	21	77.8	24	88.9
Malay	4	1	25.0	3	75.0	2	50.0	1	25.0	4	100.0	1	25.0
All Other	13	2	15.4	8	61.5	11	84.6	4	30.8	9	69.2	13	100.0

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Vavuniya District													
Urban Sector													
Both sexes													
All groups	29,602	9,439	31.9	28,314	95.6	9,852	33.3	6,467	21.8	27,820	94.0	10,761	36.4
Sinhalese	2,069	2,039	98.6	895	43.3	602	29.1	2,048	99.0	559	27.0	764	36.9
Sri Lanka Tamil	24,899	6,450	25.9	24,801	99.6	8,482	34.1	3,856	15.5	24,658	99.0	9,127	36.7
Indian Tamil	338	104	30.8	337	99.7	103	30.5	60	17.8	324	95.9	106	31.4
Sri Lanka Moor	2,252	837	37.2	2,243	99.6	646	28.7	497	22.1	2,243	99.6	722	32.1
Burgher	35	8	22.9	34	97.1	11	31.4	5	14.3	33	94.3	34	97.1
Malay	2	1	50.0	2	100.0	1	50.0	1	50.0	2	100.0	1	50.0
All Other	7	-	-	2	28.6	7	100.0	-	-	1	14.3	7	100.0
Male													
All groups	14,426	6,527	45.2	13,480	93.4	5,202	36.1	4,160	28.8	13,279	92.0	5,536	38.4
Sinhalese	1,429	1,419	99.3	538	37.6	349	24.4	1,423	99.6	372	26.0	488	34.1
Sri Lanka Tamil	11,589	4,387	37.9	11,545	99.6	4,386	37.8	2,352	20.3	11,512	99.3	4,564	39.4
Indian Tamil	153	70	45.8	153	100.0	51	33.3	33	21.6	150	98.0	56	36.6
Sri Lanka Moor	1,230	645	52.4	1,224	99.5	404	32.8	346	28.1	1,225	99.6	403	32.8
Burgher	20	5	25.0	19	95.0	7	35.0	5	25.0	19	95.0	20	100.0
Malay	1	1	100.0	1	100.0	1	100.0	1	100.0	1	100.0	1	100.0
All Other	4	-	-	-	-	4	100.0	-	-	-	-	4	100.0
Female													
All groups	15,176	2,912	19.2	14,834	97.7	4,650	30.6	2,307	15.2	14,541	95.8	5,225	34.4
Sinhalese	640	620	96.9	357	55.8	253	39.5	625	97.7	187	29.2	276	43.1
Sri Lanka Tamil	13,310	2,063	15.5	13,256	99.6	4,096	30.8	1,504	11.3	13,146	98.8	4,563	34.3
Indian Tamil	185	34	18.4	184	99.5	52	28.1	27	14.6	174	94.1	50	27.0
Sri Lanka Moor	1,022	192	18.8	1,019	99.7	242	23.7	151	14.8	1,018	99.6	319	31.2
Burgher	15	3	20.0	15	100.0	4	26.7	-	-	14	93.3	14	93.3
Malay	1	-	-	1	100.0	-	-	-	-	1	100.0	-	-
All Other	3	-	-	2	66.7	3	100.0	-	-	1	33.3	3	100.0

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Vavuniya District													
Rural Sector													
Both sexes													
All groups	111,533	30,709	27.5	100,526	90.1	12,141	10.9	19,054	17.1	96,906	86.9	16,554	14.8
Sinhalese	12,607	12,474	98.9	2,227	17.7	1,537	12.2	12,212	96.9	1,452	11.5	2,120	16.8
Sri Lanka Tamil	90,774	15,834	17.4	90,230	99.4	9,824	10.8	5,763	6.3	87,703	96.6	13,177	14.5
Indian Tamil	1,533	453	29.5	1,522	99.3	142	9.3	125	8.2	1,426	93.0	155	10.1
Sri Lanka Moor	6,562	1,932	29.4	6,519	99.3	600	9.1	929	14.2	6,279	95.7	1,053	16.0
Burgher	20	9	45.0	15	75.0	4	20.0	8	40.0	12	60.0	15	75.0
Malay	6	3	50.0	5	83.3	5	83.3	3	50.0	6	100.0	3	50.0
All Other	31	4	12.9	8	25.8	29	93.5	14	45.2	28	90.3	31	100.0
Male													
All groups	54,737	19,371	35.4	49,037	89.6	6,602	12.1	11,018	20.1	47,592	86.9	8,495	15.5
Sinhalese	7,009	6,946	99.1	1,618	23.1	1,016	14.5	6,869	98.0	1,035	14.8	1,440	20.5
Sri Lanka Tamil	43,744	10,657	24.4	43,482	99.4	5,092	11.6	3,489	8.0	42,678	97.6	6,380	14.6
Indian Tamil	719	284	39.5	713	99.2	86	12.0	75	10.4	693	96.4	78	10.8
Sri Lanka Moor	3,233	1,475	45.6	3,212	99.4	382	11.8	569	17.6	3,158	97.7	569	17.6
Burgher	8	5	62.5	7	87.5	2	25.0	4	50.0	5	62.5	5	62.5
Malay	3	2	66.7	3	100.0	3	100.0	2	66.7	3	100.0	2	66.7
All Other	21	2	9.5	2	9.5	21	100.0	10	47.6	20	95.2	21	100.0
Female													
All groups	56,796	11,338	20.0	51,489	90.7	5,539	9.8	8,036	14.1	49,314	86.8	8,059	14.2
Sinhalese	5,598	5,528	98.7	609	10.9	521	9.3	5,343	95.4	417	7.4	680	12.1
Sri Lanka Tamil	47,030	5,177	11.0	46,748	99.4	4,732	10.1	2,274	4.8	45,025	95.7	6,797	14.5
Indian Tamil	814	169	20.8	809	99.4	56	6.9	50	6.1	733	90.0	77	9.5
Sri Lanka Moor	3,329	457	13.7	3,307	99.3	218	6.5	360	10.8	3,121	93.8	484	14.5
Burgher	12	4	33.3	8	66.7	2	16.7	4	33.3	7	58.3	10	83.3
Malay	3	1	33.3	2	66.7	2	66.7	1	33.3	3	100.0	1	33.3
All Other	10	2	20.0	6	60.0	8	80.0	4	40.0	8	80.0	10	100.0

Source: Census of population and housing -2012