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Sri Lanka	20,359,439	15,250,081	2,269,266	839,504	1,892,638	38,293	44,130	5,595	1,717	18,215
Male	9,856,634	7,393,041	1,089,030	401,076	920,228	18,157	21,001	2,662	1,025	10,414
Female	10,502,805	7,857,040	1,180,236	438,428	972,410	20,136	23,129	2,933	692	7,801
Colombo	2,324,349	1,778,971	235,090	24,289	249,609	13,306	14,444	915	690	7,035
Male	1,140,472	869,216	115,535	11,991	126,002	6,281	6,921	436	338	3,752
Female	1,183,877	909,755	119,555	12,298	123,607	7,025	7,523	479	352	3,283
Gampaha	2,304,833	2,086,469	81,245	9,137	97,621	10,784	12,720	3,861	568	2,428
Male	1,116,893	1,008,938	40,258	4,712	48,182	5,144	5,987	1,847	331	1,494
Female	1,187,940	1,077,531	40,987	4,425	49,439	5,640	6,733	2,014	237	934
Kalutara	1,221,948	1,060,107	23,035	23,217	113,320	1,188	689	36	43	313
Male	591,284	511,804	11,629	11,262	55,428	600	338	21	31	171
Female	630,664	548,303	11,406	11,955	57,892	588	351	15	12	142
Kandy	1,375,382	1,023,488	69,210	85,111	191,570	2,384	2,444	91	33	1,051
Male	655,791	489,452	33,306	39,741	90,485	1,090	1,093	41	20	563
Female	719,591	534,036	35,904	45,370	101,085	1,294	1,351	50	13	488
Matale	484,531	391,305	24,279	23,238	44,786	386	392	22	11	112
Male	233,657	189,394	11,690	10,823	21,343	163	168	9	9	58
Female	250,874	201,911	12,589	12,415	23,443	223	224	13	2	54
Nuwara Eliya	711,644	282,053	32,563	377,637	17,652	761	543	75	11	349
Male	340,347	135,138	15,270	180,679	8,411	364	241	39	4	201
Female	371,297	146,915	17,293	196,958	9,241	397	302	36	7	148

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Galle	1,063,334	1,003,722	13,953	6,146	38,790	256	106	12	8	341
Male	509,902	480,713	7,028	2,977	18,801	119	44	7	4	209
Female	553,432	523,009	6,925	3,169	19,989	137	62	5	4	132
Matara	814,048	767,580	8,772	12,127	25,254	131	58	6	11	109
Male	389,903	367,231	4,325	5,965	12,234	58	28	2	6	54
Female	424,145	400,349	4,447	6,162	13,020	73	30	4	5	55
Hambantota	599,903	582,301	2,105	120	6,629	146	8,164	17	3	418
Male	294,736	285,771	1,149	66	3,288	69	4,067	7	1	318
Female	305,167	296,530	956	54	3,341	77	4,097	10	2	100
Jaffna	583,882	2,284	577,338	1,807	2,162	126	23	23	22	97
Male	274,173	1,627	270,668	677	1,088	57	9	5	8	34
Female	309,709	657	306,670	1,130	1,074	69	14	18	14	63
Mannar	99,570	2,305	80,103	692	16,436	12	11	1	-	10
Male	50,053	1,903	39,453	303	8,368	6	11	-	-	9
Female	49,517	402	40,650	389	8,068	6	-	1	-	1
Vavuniya	172,115	17,138	141,144	1,979	11,748	58	8	-	-	40
Male	84,715	9,647	68,185	888	5,934	31	4	-	-	26
Female	87,400	7,491	72,959	1,091	5,814	27	4	-	-	14
Mullaitivu	92,238	8,927	79,107	2,281	1,821	49	11	-	1	41
Male	46,036	5,025	38,878	1,082	976	25	11	-	1	38
Female	46,202	3,902	40,229	1,199	845	24	-	-	-	3

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Kilinochchi	113,510	1,331	110,494	1,030	629	1	2	-	-	23
Male	55,783	1,050	53,926	452	336	1	2	-	-	16
Female	57,727	281	56,568	578	293	-	-	-	-	7
Batticaloa	526,567	6,797	380,930	2,078	133,854	2,814	28	7	-	59
Male	250,676	4,504	180,328	883	63,556	1,348	15	6	-	36
Female	275,891	2,293	200,602	1,195	70,298	1,466	13	1	-	23
Ampara	649,402	252,458	112,457	846	281,702	1,036	187	5	-	711
Male	314,352	125,243	53,009	324	134,832	489	89	5	-	361
Female	335,050	127,215	59,448	522	146,870	547	98	-	-	350
Trincomalee	379,541	101,483	116,646	1,227	158,771	966	356	16	4	72
Male	187,472	51,323	55,342	512	79,608	465	162	12	1	47
Female	192,069	50,160	61,304	715	79,163	501	194	4	3	25
Kurunegala	1,618,465	1,479,863	18,041	2,594	115,302	663	1,220	119	40	623
Male	777,201	710,087	8,844	1,321	55,706	294	560	54	28	307
Female	841,264	769,776	9,197	1,273	59,596	369	660	65	12	316
Puttalam	762,396	560,838	48,341	1,953	147,546	1,152	631	200	201	1,534
Male	368,971	271,387	23,274	954	70,992	584	276	88	189	1,227
Female	393,425	289,451	25,067	999	76,554	568	355	112	12	307
Anuradhapura	860,575	782,808	4,728	477	70,692	246	161	21	34	1,408
Male	420,100	381,980	2,521	244	34,419	124	78	8	31	695
Female	440,475	400,828	2,207	233	36,273	122	83	13	3	713

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Polonnaruwa	406,088	368,197	7,301	161	30,177	88	46	3	5	110
Male	200,780	181,984	3,880	82	14,689	40	33	1	3	68
Female	205,308	186,213	3,421	79	15,488	48	13	2	2	42
Badulla	815,405	595,372	21,880	150,484	44,716	992	1,351	66	16	528
Male	391,948	287,203	10,491	71,312	21,568	448	591	26	7	302
Female	423,457	308,169	11,389	79,172	23,148	544	760	40	9	226
Moneragala	451,058	428,104	8,206	5,001	9,508	116	63	15	-	45
Male	224,168	212,816	4,181	2,358	4,684	58	33	8	-	30
Female	226,890	215,288	4,025	2,643	4,824	58	30	7	-	15
Ratnapura	1,088,007	947,811	54,437	62,124	22,346	405	288	35	12	549
Male	536,401	467,203	27,053	30,311	11,182	194	141	17	10	290
Female	551,606	480,608	27,384	31,813	11,164	211	147	18	2	259
Kegalle	840,648	718,369	17,861	43,748	59,997	227	184	49	4	209
Male	400,820	342,402	8,807	21,157	28,116	105	99	23	3	108
Female	439,828	375,967	9,054	22,591	31,881	122	85	26	1	101

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