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**Table A30: Population aged 5 years and over, by educational attainment, age, sex and sector**

Educational attainment, sex and sector	Population 5 years & over	Age (in years)							
		5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over
<b>Sri Lanka</b>									
<b>All Sectors</b>									
<b>Both sexes</b>									
<b>Attainments</b>									
Total	18,615,577	3,387,804	3,177,132	3,192,263	2,768,286	2,505,290	1,064,229	917,910	1,602,663
No schooling	700,419	114,750	24,506	44,864	79,272	118,399	55,654	60,699	202,275
Attending grade1	348,136	348,136	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Passed grade1-5	4,042,400	1,747,334	80,274	191,667	365,303	565,135	277,040	252,350	563,297
Passed grade6-8	3,050,865	951,460	209,684	336,382	380,718	438,758	217,489	190,223	326,151
Passed grade9-10	4,520,951	226,124	1,407,997	1,057,356	805,806	525,329	193,913	148,455	155,971
G.C.E.(O/L)or equivalent	3,159,402	-	856,384	703,397	569,150	447,161	189,753	170,450	223,107
G.C.E.(A/L)or equivalent	2,293,841	-	569,267	681,103	442,080	334,155	101,873	71,143	94,220
Degree	383,855	-	25,803	152,031	93,534	49,583	18,775	16,995	27,134
Post Graduate Diploma	71,136	-	2,543	15,851	19,477	16,446	6,153	4,632	6,034
Post Graduate Degree	37,959	-	618	8,657	11,410	8,714	2,963	2,369	3,228
Ph.D.	6,613	-	56	955	1,536	1,610	616	594	1,246
<b>Male</b>									
<b>Attainments</b>									
Total	8,977,411	1,711,177	1,562,243	1,540,376	1,347,660	1,199,433	500,871	425,428	690,223
No schooling	243,754	58,751	12,711	21,324	33,339	43,153	16,960	15,603	41,913
Attending grade1	176,879	176,879	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Passed grade1-5	1,992,354	885,992	47,462	107,837	190,646	276,402	128,123	112,816	243,076
Passed grade6-8	1,594,943	478,834	125,010	192,664	210,386	228,013	108,059	95,918	156,059
Passed grade9-10	2,249,335	110,721	730,781	533,962	391,962	254,960	90,449	67,247	69,253
G.C.E.(O/L) or equivalent	1,508,838	-	408,076	336,594	273,271	211,949	90,254	81,894	106,800
G.C.E.(A/L) or equivalent	974,929	-	226,522	277,307	188,241	144,586	51,001	37,799	49,473
Degree	176,632	-	10,323	59,181	43,436	26,110	10,684	10,009	16,889

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Post Graduate Diploma	33,902	-	1,073	6,878	8,962	7,968	3,086	2,313	3,622
Post Graduate Degree	21,555	-	256	4,150	6,471	5,221	1,835	1,397	2,225
Ph.D.	4,290	-	29	479	946	1,071	420	432	913
<b>Female</b>									
<b>Attainments</b>									
Total	9,638,166	1,676,627	1,614,889	1,651,887	1,420,626	1,305,857	563,358	492,482	912,440
No schooling	456,665	55,999	11,795	23,540	45,933	75,246	38,694	45,096	160,362
Attending grade1	171,257	171,257	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Passed grade1-5	2,050,046	861,342	32,812	83,830	174,657	288,733	148,917	139,534	320,221
Passed grade6-8	1,455,922	472,626	84,674	143,718	170,332	210,745	109,430	94,305	170,092
Passed grade9-10	2,271,616	115,403	677,216	523,394	413,844	270,369	103,464	81,208	86,718
G.C.E.(O/L) or equivalent	1,650,564	-	448,308	366,803	295,879	235,212	99,499	88,556	116,307
G.C.E.(A/L) or equivalent	1,318,912	-	342,745	403,796	253,839	189,569	50,872	33,344	44,747
Degree	207,223	-	15,480	92,850	50,098	23,473	8,091	6,986	10,245
Post Graduate Diploma	37,234	-	1,470	8,973	10,515	8,478	3,067	2,319	2,412
Post Graduate Degree	16,404	-	362	4,507	4,939	3,493	1,128	972	1,003
Ph.D.	2,323	-	27	476	590	539	196	162	333
<b>UrbanSector</b>									
<b>Both sexes</b>									
<b>Attainments</b>									
Total	3,422,763	579,133	615,259	585,769	514,310	461,586	192,715	169,167	304,824
No schooling	86,328	20,117	3,710	6,476	10,320	13,666	5,870	6,359	19,810
Attending grade1	57,930	57,930	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Passed grade1-5	563,313	293,489	11,547	24,754	44,430	63,679	30,152	27,976	67,286
Passed grade6-8	511,280	166,574	35,526	51,000	60,312	70,102	34,162	31,494	62,110
Passed grade9-10	692,218	41,023	216,757	136,560	114,034	87,240	33,427	27,204	35,973

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G.C.E.(O/L) or equivalent	717,710	-	187,252	143,380	123,957	104,549	47,675	43,741	67,156
G.C.E.(A/L) or equivalent	615,626	-	148,757	167,526	118,143	93,945	30,433	22,518	34,304
Degree	134,321	-	10,375	46,456	31,182	18,662	7,523	6,969	13,154
Post Graduate Diploma	24,074	-	1,037	5,509	6,373	5,167	1,881	1,561	2,546
Post Graduate Degree	16,641	-	276	3,702	4,816	3,784	1,267	1,034	1,762
Ph.D.	3,322	-	22	406	743	792	325	311	723
<b>Male</b>									
<b>Attainments</b>									
Total	1,658,288	293,179	307,212	288,247	251,759	219,924	90,444	78,370	129,153
No schooling	32,391	10,268	1,903	3,196	4,509	4,987	1,704	1,719	4,105
Attending grade1	29,377	29,377	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Passed grade1-5	268,349	148,859	6,595	13,754	22,157	28,613	12,595	11,274	24,502
Passed grade6-8	251,401	84,384	19,919	27,065	30,699	34,263	15,540	14,254	25,277
Passed grade9-10	352,241	20,291	114,653	72,082	57,695	43,747	16,067	12,447	15,259
G.C.E.(O/L) or equivalent	354,292	-	94,388	73,183	61,922	50,371	22,630	20,762	31,036
G.C.E.(A/L) or equivalent	278,331	-	64,431	73,480	52,667	42,359	15,544	12,086	17,764
Degree	67,863	-	4,724	20,850	15,747	10,147	4,335	4,122	7,938
Post Graduate Diploma	12,121	-	471	2,565	3,120	2,618	1,002	851	1,494
Post Graduate Degree	9,730	-	116	1,862	2,787	2,310	798	622	1,235
Ph.D.	2,192	-	12	210	456	509	229	233	543
<b>Female</b>									
<b>Attainments</b>									
Total	1,764,475	285,954	308,047	297,522	262,551	241,662	102,271	90,797	175,671
No schooling	53,937	9,849	1,807	3,280	5,811	8,679	4,166	4,640	15,705
Attending grade1	28,553	28,553	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Passed grade1-5	294,964	144,630	4,952	11,000	22,273	35,066	17,557	16,702	42,784

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Passed grade6-8	259,879	82,190	15,607	23,935	29,613	35,839	18,622	17,240	36,833
Passed grade9-10	339,977	20,732	102,104	64,478	56,339	43,493	17,360	14,757	20,714
G.C.E.(O/L) or equivalent	363,418	-	92,864	70,197	62,035	54,178	25,045	22,979	36,120
G.C.E.(A/L) or equivalent	337,295	-	84,326	94,046	65,476	51,586	14,889	10,432	16,540
Degree	66,458	-	5,651	25,606	15,435	8,515	3,188	2,847	5,216
Post Graduate Diploma	11,953	-	566	2,944	3,253	2,549	879	710	1,052
Post Graduate Degree	6,911	-	160	1,840	2,029	1,474	469	412	527
Ph.D.	1,130	-	10	196	287	283	96	78	180
<b>Rural Sector</b>									
<b>Both sexes</b>									
<b>Attainments</b>									
Total	14,382,573	2,629,391	2,434,957	2,461,054	2,149,022	1,938,658	826,119	706,777	1,236,595
No schooling	518,989	85,363	17,239	29,892	55,972	85,526	40,292	43,719	160,986
Attending grade1	272,331	272,331	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Passed grade1-5	3,160,255	1,356,399	55,515	132,359	277,726	446,728	223,244	202,338	465,946
Passed grade6-8	2,383,225	738,136	151,346	251,940	300,975	352,604	176,928	153,451	257,845
Passed grade9-10	3,693,339	177,162	1,136,101	881,267	674,851	429,790	157,222	118,996	117,950
G.C.E.(O/L) or equivalent	2,382,465	-	645,447	541,420	436,829	338,273	140,238	125,358	154,900
G.C.E.(A/L) or equivalent	1,653,957	-	412,361	504,232	320,562	238,173	70,793	48,266	59,570
Degree	247,394	-	15,147	104,527	61,889	30,709	11,191	9,988	13,943
Post Graduate Diploma	46,289	-	1,442	10,009	12,904	11,166	4,240	3,055	3,473
Post Graduate Degree	21,110	-	325	4,875	6,541	4,892	1,688	1,328	1,461
Ph.D.	3,219	-	34	533	773	797	283	278	521
<b>Male</b>									
<b>Attainments</b>									
Total	6,932,190	1,327,521	1,194,848	1,181,769	1,044,687	930,966	389,763	328,275	534,361

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No schooling	183,153	43,760	9,202	14,760	24,395	32,745	13,028	11,640	33,623
Attending grade1	138,477	138,477	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Passed grade1-5	1,570,042	687,621	34,067	77,205	148,911	223,232	104,859	91,268	202,879
Passed grade6-8	1,256,446	371,030	92,345	147,248	168,340	184,247	88,579	78,206	126,451
Passed grade9-10	1,828,911	86,633	590,168	443,044	325,045	206,057	72,210	53,246	52,508
G.C.E.(O/L) or equivalent	1,126,977	-	303,965	255,311	206,976	159,068	66,437	60,189	75,031
G.C.E.(A/L) or equivalent	685,349	-	158,883	199,671	133,735	101,080	35,058	25,447	31,475
Degree	107,720	-	5,490	37,878	27,434	15,826	6,312	5,859	8,921
Post Graduate Diploma	21,358	-	576	4,143	5,724	5,280	2,064	1,454	2,117
Post Graduate Degree	11,703	-	135	2,245	3,649	2,885	1,032	770	987
Ph.D.	2,054	-	17	264	478	546	184	196	369
<b>Female</b>									
<b>Attainments</b>									
Total	7,450,383	1,301,870	1,240,109	1,279,285	1,104,335	1,007,692	436,356	378,502	702,234
No schooling	335,836	41,603	8,037	15,132	31,577	52,781	27,264	32,079	127,363
Attending grade1	133,854	133,854	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Passed grade1-5	1,590,213	668,778	21,448	55,154	128,815	223,496	118,385	111,070	263,067
Passed grade6-8	1,126,779	367,106	59,001	104,692	132,635	168,357	88,349	75,245	131,394
Passed grade9-10	1,864,428	90,529	545,933	438,223	349,806	223,733	85,012	65,750	65,442
G.C.E.(O/L) or equivalent	1,255,488	-	341,482	286,109	229,853	179,205	73,801	65,169	79,869
G.C.E.(A/L) or equivalent	968,608	-	253,478	304,561	186,827	137,093	35,735	22,819	28,095
Degree	139,674	-	9,657	66,649	34,455	14,883	4,879	4,129	5,022
Post Graduate Diploma	24,931	-	866	5,866	7,180	5,886	2,176	1,601	1,356
Post Graduate Degree	9,407	-	190	2,630	2,892	2,007	656	558	474
Ph.D.	1,165	-	17	269	295	251	99	82	152

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Estate Sector									
Both sexes									
Total									
Attainments									
Total	810,241	179,280	126,916	145,440	104,954	105,046	45,395	41,966	61,244
No schooling	95,102	9,270	3,557	8,496	12,980	19,207	9,492	10,621	21,479
Attending grade1	17,875	17,875	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Passed grade1-5	318,832	97,446	13,212	34,554	43,147	54,728	23,644	22,036	30,065
Passed grade6-8	156,360	46,750	22,812	33,442	19,431	16,052	6,399	5,278	6,196
Passed grade9-10	135,394	7,939	55,139	39,529	16,921	8,299	3,264	2,255	2,048
G.C.E.(O/L) or equivalent	59,227	-	23,685	18,597	8,364	4,339	1,840	1,351	1,051
G.C.E.(A/L) or equivalent	24,258	-	8,149	9,345	3,375	2,037	647	359	346
Degree	2,140	-	281	1,048	463	212	61	38	37
Post Graduate Diploma	773	-	64	333	200	113	32	16	15
Post Graduate Degree	208	-	17	80	53	38	8	7	5
Ph.D.	72	-	-	16	20	21	8	5	2
Male									
Attainments									
Total	386,933	90,477	60,183	70,360	51,214	48,543	20,664	18,783	26,709
No schooling	28,210	4,723	1,606	3,368	4,435	5,421	2,228	2,244	4,185
Attending grade1	9,025	9,025	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Passed grade1-5	153,963	49,512	6,800	16,878	19,578	24,557	10,669	10,274	15,695
Passed grade6-8	87,096	23,420	12,746	18,351	11,347	9,503	3,940	3,458	4,331
Passed grade9-10	68,183	3,797	25,960	18,836	9,222	5,156	2,172	1,554	1,486
G.C.E.(O/L) or equivalent	27,569	-	9,723	8,100	4,373	2,510	1,187	943	733
G.C.E.(A/L) or equivalent	11,249	-	3,208	4,156	1,839	1,147	399	266	234
Degree	1,049	-	109	453	255	137	37	28	30

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Post Graduate Diploma	423	-	26	170	118	70	20	8	11
Post Graduate Degree	122	-	5	43	35	26	5	5	3
Ph.D.	44	-	-	5	12	16	7	3	1
<b>Female</b>									
<b>Attainments</b>									
Total	423,308	88,803	66,733	75,080	53,740	56,503	24,731	23,183	34,535
No schooling	66,892	4,547	1,951	5,128	8,545	13,786	7,264	8,377	17,294
Attending grade1	8,850	8,850	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Passed grade1-5	164,869	47,934	6,412	17,676	23,569	30,171	12,975	11,762	14,370
Passed grade6-8	69,264	23,330	10,066	15,091	8,084	6,549	2,459	1,820	1,865
Passed grade9-10	67,211	4,142	29,179	20,693	7,699	3,143	1,092	701	562
G.C.E.(O/L) or equivalent	31,658	-	13,962	10,497	3,991	1,829	653	408	318
G.C.E.(A/L) or equivalent	13,009	-	4,941	5,189	1,536	890	248	93	112
Degree	1,091	-	172	595	208	75	24	10	7
Post Graduate Diploma	350	-	38	163	82	43	12	8	4
Post Graduate Degree	86	-	12	37	18	12	3	2	2
Ph.D.	28	-	-	11	8	5	1	2	1

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