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Table A31: Population aged 10 years and over by literacy rate, age, sex and sector

| Age, Sex and Sector | Total | | Literate | | Illiterate | |
|---------------------|------------|-------|------------|-------|------------|-------|
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| SriLanka | | | | | | |
| All Sectors | | | | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | |
| 10 years and over | | | | | | |
| Total | 16,867,825 | 100.0 | 16,142,267 | 100.0 | 725,558 | 100.0 |
| 10-14 | 1,640,052 | 9.7 | 1,629,599 | 10.1 | 10,453 | 1.4 |
| 15-19 | 1,644,249 | 9.7 | 1,631,973 | 10.1 | 12,276 | 1.7 |
| 20-24 | 1,532,883 | 9.1 | 1,517,745 | 9.4 | 15,138 | 2.1 |
| 25-29 | 1,552,848 | 9.2 | 1,532,605 | 9.5 | 20,243 | 2.8 |
| 30-34 | 1,639,415 | 9.7 | 1,606,683 | 10.0 | 32,732 | 4.5 |
| 35-39 | 1,409,077 | 8.4 | 1,366,180 | 8.5 | 42,897 | 5.9 |
| 40-44 | 1,359,209 | 8.1 | 1,297,201 | 8.0 | 62,008 | 8.5 |
| 45-49 | 1,285,830 | 7.6 | 1,203,335 | 7.5 | 82,495 | 11.4 |
| 50-54 | 1,219,460 | 7.2 | 1,140,074 | 7.1 | 79,386 | 10.9 |
| 55-59 | 1,064,229 | 6.3 | 991,728 | 6.1 | 72,501 | 10.0 |
| 60-64 | 917,910 | 5.4 | 844,015 | 5.2 | 73,895 | 10.2 |
| 65-69 | 633,289 | 3.8 | 567,817 | 3.5 | 65,472 | 9.0 |
| 70-74 | 412,414 | 2.4 | 359,240 | 2.2 | 53,174 | 7.3 |
| 75-79 | 283,186 | 1.7 | 233,896 | 1.4 | 49,290 | 6.8 |
| 80&over | 273,774 | 1.6 | 220,176 | 1.4 | 53,598 | 7.4 |
| Male | | | | | | |
| 10 years and over | | | | | | |
| Total | 8,095,303 | 48.0 | 7,841,287 | 48.6 | 254,016 | 35.0 |
| 10-14 | 829,069 | 4.9 | 823,317 | 5.1 | 5,752 | 0.8 |
| 15-19 | 819,927 | 4.9 | 813,227 | 5.0 | 6,700 | 0.9 |
| 20-24 | 742,316 | 4.4 | 734,308 | 4.5 | 8,008 | 1.1 |
| 25-29 | 743,510 | 4.4 | 733,181 | 4.5 | 10,329 | 1.4 |
| 30-34 | 796,866 | 4.7 | 780,908 | 4.8 | 15,958 | 2.2 |
| 35-39 | 686,037 | 4.1 | 666,229 | 4.1 | 19,808 | 2.7 |
| 40-44 | 661,623 | 3.9 | 634,786 | 3.9 | 26,837 | 3.7 |
| 45-49 | 618,140 | 3.7 | 584,234 | 3.6 | 33,906 | 4.7 |
| 50-54 | 581,293 | 3.4 | 550,990 | 3.4 | 30,303 | 4.2 |
| 55-59 | 500,871 | 3.0 | 476,396 | 3.0 | 24,475 | 3.4 |
| 60-64 | 425,428 | 2.5 | 404,235 | 2.5 | 21,193 | 2.9 |
| 65-69 | 283,764 | 1.7 | 267,400 | 1.7 | 16,364 | 2.3 |
| 70-74 | 181,846 | 1.1 | 169,493 | 1.0 | 12,353 | 1.7 |
| 75-79 | 116,389 | 0.7 | 105,824 | 0.7 | 10,565 | 1.5 |
| 80&over | 108,224 | 0.6 | 96,759 | 0.6 | 11,465 | 1.6 |
| Female | | | | | | |
| 10 years and over | | | | | | |
| Total | 8,772,522 | 52.0 | 8,300,980 | 51.4 | 471,542 | 65.0 |
| 10-14 | 810,983 | 4.8 | 806,282 | 5.0 | 4,701 | 0.6 |
| 15-19 | 824,322 | 4.9 | 818,746 | 5.1 | 5,576 | 0.8 |
| 20-24 | 790,567 | 4.7 | 783,437 | 4.9 | 7,130 | 1.0 |
| 25-29 | 809,338 | 4.8 | 799,424 | 5.0 | 9,914 | 1.4 |
| 30-34 | 842,549 | 5.0 | 825,775 | 5.1 | 16,774 | 2.3 |
| 35-39 | 723,040 | 4.3 | 699,951 | 4.3 | 23,089 | 3.2 |

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| Age, Sex and Sector | Total | | Literate | | Illiterate | |
|---------------------|---------|-----|----------|-----|------------|-----|
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| 40-44 | 697,586 | 4.1 | 662,415 | 4.1 | 35,171 | 4.8 |
| 45-49 | 667,690 | 4.0 | 619,101 | 3.8 | 48,589 | 6.7 |
| 50-54 | 638,167 | 3.8 | 589,084 | 3.6 | 49,083 | 6.8 |
| 55-59 | 563,358 | 3.3 | 515,332 | 3.2 | 48,026 | 6.6 |
| 60-64 | 492,482 | 2.9 | 439,780 | 2.7 | 52,702 | 7.3 |
| 65-69 | 349,525 | 2.1 | 300,417 | 1.9 | 49,108 | 6.8 |
| 70-74 | 230,568 | 1.4 | 189,747 | 1.2 | 40,821 | 5.6 |
| 75-79 | 166,797 | 1.0 | 128,072 | 0.8 | 38,725 | 5.3 |
| 80&over | 165,550 | 1.0 | 123,417 | 0.8 | 42,133 | 5.8 |

Urban Sector

Both sexes

10 years and over

| | | | | | | |
|---------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|--------|-------|
| Total | 3,130,283 | 100.0 | 3,059,241 | 100.0 | 71,042 | 100.0 |
| 10-14 | 286,653 | 9.2 | 285,403 | 9.3 | 1,250 | 1.8 |
| 15-19 | 306,654 | 9.8 | 304,989 | 10.0 | 1,665 | 2.3 |
| 20-24 | 308,605 | 9.9 | 306,760 | 10.0 | 1,845 | 2.6 |
| 25-29 | 290,825 | 9.3 | 288,357 | 9.4 | 2,468 | 3.5 |
| 30-34 | 294,944 | 9.4 | 290,920 | 9.5 | 4,024 | 5.7 |
| 35-39 | 260,479 | 8.3 | 255,845 | 8.4 | 4,634 | 6.5 |
| 40-44 | 253,831 | 8.1 | 247,106 | 8.1 | 6,725 | 9.5 |
| 45-49 | 237,646 | 7.6 | 229,515 | 7.5 | 8,131 | 11.4 |
| 50-54 | 223,940 | 7.2 | 216,265 | 7.1 | 7,675 | 10.8 |
| 55-59 | 192,715 | 6.2 | 186,245 | 6.1 | 6,470 | 9.1 |
| 60-64 | 169,167 | 5.4 | 162,378 | 5.3 | 6,789 | 9.6 |
| 65-69 | 121,751 | 3.9 | 115,962 | 3.8 | 5,789 | 8.1 |
| 70-74 | 77,909 | 2.5 | 73,096 | 2.4 | 4,813 | 6.8 |
| 75-79 | 52,087 | 1.7 | 48,158 | 1.6 | 3,929 | 5.5 |
| 80&over | 53,077 | 1.7 | 48,242 | 1.6 | 4,835 | 6.8 |

Male

10 years and over

| | | | | | | |
|---------|-----------|------|-----------|------|--------|------|
| Total | 1,510,749 | 48.3 | 1,485,943 | 48.6 | 24,806 | 34.9 |
| 10-14 | 145,640 | 4.7 | 144,955 | 4.7 | 685 | 1.0 |
| 15-19 | 155,546 | 5.0 | 154,644 | 5.1 | 902 | 1.3 |
| 20-24 | 151,666 | 4.8 | 150,719 | 4.9 | 947 | 1.3 |
| 25-29 | 142,387 | 4.5 | 141,077 | 4.6 | 1,310 | 1.8 |
| 30-34 | 145,860 | 4.7 | 143,849 | 4.7 | 2,011 | 2.8 |
| 35-39 | 127,396 | 4.1 | 125,207 | 4.1 | 2,189 | 3.1 |
| 40-44 | 124,363 | 4.0 | 121,455 | 4.0 | 2,908 | 4.1 |
| 45-49 | 113,675 | 3.6 | 110,485 | 3.6 | 3,190 | 4.5 |
| 50-54 | 106,249 | 3.4 | 103,443 | 3.4 | 2,806 | 3.9 |
| 55-59 | 90,444 | 2.9 | 88,523 | 2.9 | 1,921 | 2.7 |
| 60-64 | 78,370 | 2.5 | 76,496 | 2.5 | 1,874 | 2.6 |
| 65-69 | 54,401 | 1.7 | 53,045 | 1.7 | 1,356 | 1.9 |
| 70-74 | 33,807 | 1.1 | 32,817 | 1.1 | 990 | 1.4 |
| 75-79 | 21,036 | 0.7 | 20,264 | 0.7 | 772 | 1.1 |
| 80&over | 19,909 | 0.6 | 18,964 | 0.6 | 945 | 1.3 |

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| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Female | | | | | | |
| 10 years and over | | | | | | |
| Total | 1,619,534 | 51.7 | 1,573,298 | 51.4 | 46,236 | 65.1 |
| 10-14 | 141,013 | 4.5 | 140,448 | 4.6 | 565 | 0.8 |
| 15-19 | 151,108 | 4.8 | 150,345 | 4.9 | 763 | 1.1 |
| 20-24 | 156,939 | 5.0 | 156,041 | 5.1 | 898 | 1.3 |
| 25-29 | 148,438 | 4.7 | 147,280 | 4.8 | 1,158 | 1.6 |
| 30-34 | 149,084 | 4.8 | 147,071 | 4.8 | 2,013 | 2.8 |
| 35-39 | 133,083 | 4.3 | 130,638 | 4.3 | 2,445 | 3.4 |
| 40-44 | 129,468 | 4.1 | 125,651 | 4.1 | 3,817 | 5.4 |
| 45-49 | 123,971 | 4.0 | 119,030 | 3.9 | 4,941 | 7.0 |
| 50-54 | 117,691 | 3.8 | 112,822 | 3.7 | 4,869 | 6.9 |
| 55-59 | 102,271 | 3.3 | 97,722 | 3.2 | 4,549 | 6.4 |
| 60-64 | 90,797 | 2.9 | 85,882 | 2.8 | 4,915 | 6.9 |
| 65-69 | 67,350 | 2.2 | 62,917 | 2.1 | 4,433 | 6.2 |
| 70-74 | 44,102 | 1.4 | 40,279 | 1.3 | 3,823 | 5.4 |
| 75-79 | 31,051 | 1.0 | 27,894 | 0.9 | 3,157 | 4.4 |
| 80&over | 33,168 | 1.1 | 29,278 | 1.0 | 3,890 | 5.5 |
| RuralSector | | | | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | |
| 10 years and over | | | | | | |
| Total | 13,021,416 | 100.0 | 12,466,443 | 100.0 | 554,973 | 100.0 |
| 10-14 | 1,268,234 | 9.7 | 1,260,480 | 10.1 | 7,754 | 1.4 |
| 15-19 | 1,271,146 | 9.8 | 1,262,125 | 10.1 | 9,021 | 1.6 |
| 20-24 | 1,163,811 | 8.9 | 1,152,896 | 9.2 | 10,915 | 2.0 |
| 25-29 | 1,189,761 | 9.1 | 1,175,708 | 9.4 | 14,053 | 2.5 |
| 30-34 | 1,271,293 | 9.8 | 1,248,334 | 10.0 | 22,959 | 4.1 |
| 35-39 | 1,094,725 | 8.4 | 1,063,102 | 8.5 | 31,623 | 5.7 |
| 40-44 | 1,054,297 | 8.1 | 1,008,047 | 8.1 | 46,250 | 8.3 |
| 45-49 | 996,133 | 7.6 | 933,034 | 7.5 | 63,099 | 11.4 |
| 50-54 | 942,525 | 7.2 | 882,466 | 7.1 | 60,059 | 10.8 |
| 55-59 | 826,119 | 6.3 | 771,296 | 6.2 | 54,823 | 9.9 |
| 60-64 | 706,777 | 5.4 | 651,722 | 5.2 | 55,055 | 9.9 |
| 65-69 | 481,782 | 3.7 | 431,944 | 3.5 | 49,838 | 9.0 |
| 70-74 | 318,216 | 2.4 | 276,001 | 2.2 | 42,215 | 7.6 |
| 75-79 | 222,031 | 1.7 | 180,696 | 1.4 | 41,335 | 7.4 |
| 80&over | 214,566 | 1.6 | 168,592 | 1.4 | 45,974 | 8.3 |
| Male | | | | | | |
| 10 years and over | | | | | | |
| Total | 6,245,244 | 48.0 | 6,043,721 | 48.5 | 201,523 | 36.3 |
| 10-14 | 640,575 | 4.9 | 636,261 | 5.1 | 4,314 | 0.8 |
| 15-19 | 632,432 | 4.9 | 627,417 | 5.0 | 5,015 | 0.9 |
| 20-24 | 562,416 | 4.3 | 556,438 | 4.5 | 5,978 | 1.1 |
| 25-29 | 566,762 | 4.4 | 559,294 | 4.5 | 7,468 | 1.3 |
| 30-34 | 615,007 | 4.7 | 603,316 | 4.8 | 11,691 | 2.1 |
| 35-39 | 532,099 | 4.1 | 516,863 | 4.1 | 15,236 | 2.7 |
| 40-44 | 512,588 | 3.9 | 491,535 | 3.9 | 21,053 | 3.8 |

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| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| 45-49 | 480,230 | 3.7 | 452,790 | 3.6 | 27,440 | 4.9 |
| 50-54 | 450,736 | 3.5 | 426,372 | 3.4 | 24,364 | 4.4 |
| 55-59 | 389,763 | 3.0 | 369,822 | 3.0 | 19,941 | 3.6 |
| 60-64 | 328,275 | 2.5 | 311,503 | 2.5 | 16,772 | 3.0 |
| 65-69 | 216,276 | 1.7 | 203,128 | 1.6 | 13,148 | 2.4 |
| 70-74 | 140,797 | 1.1 | 130,665 | 1.0 | 10,132 | 1.8 |
| 75-79 | 91,479 | 0.7 | 82,477 | 0.7 | 9,002 | 1.6 |
| 80&over | 85,809 | 0.7 | 75,840 | 0.6 | 9,969 | 1.8 |
| Female | | | | | | |
| 10 years and over | | | | | | |
| Total | 6,776,172 | 52.0 | 6,422,722 | 51.5 | 353,450 | 63.7 |
| 10-14 | 627,659 | 4.8 | 624,219 | 5.0 | 3,440 | 0.6 |
| 15-19 | 638,714 | 4.9 | 634,708 | 5.1 | 4,006 | 0.7 |
| 20-24 | 601,395 | 4.6 | 596,458 | 4.8 | 4,937 | 0.9 |
| 25-29 | 622,999 | 4.8 | 616,414 | 4.9 | 6,585 | 1.2 |
| 30-34 | 656,286 | 5.0 | 645,018 | 5.2 | 11,268 | 2.0 |
| 35-39 | 562,626 | 4.3 | 546,239 | 4.4 | 16,387 | 3.0 |
| 40-44 | 541,709 | 4.2 | 516,512 | 4.1 | 25,197 | 4.5 |
| 45-49 | 515,903 | 4.0 | 480,244 | 3.9 | 35,659 | 6.4 |
| 50-54 | 491,789 | 3.8 | 456,094 | 3.7 | 35,695 | 6.4 |
| 55-59 | 436,356 | 3.4 | 401,474 | 3.2 | 34,882 | 6.3 |
| 60-64 | 378,502 | 2.9 | 340,219 | 2.7 | 38,283 | 6.9 |
| 65-69 | 265,506 | 2.0 | 228,816 | 1.8 | 36,690 | 6.6 |
| 70-74 | 177,419 | 1.4 | 145,336 | 1.2 | 32,083 | 5.8 |
| 75-79 | 130,552 | 1.0 | 98,219 | 0.8 | 32,333 | 5.8 |
| 80&over | 128,757 | 1.0 | 92,752 | 0.7 | 36,005 | 6.5 |
| EstateSector | | | | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | |
| 10 years and over | | | | | | |
| Total | 716,126 | 100.0 | 616,583 | 100.0 | 99,543 | 100.0 |
| 10-14 | 85,165 | 11.9 | 83,716 | 13.6 | 1,449 | 1.5 |
| 15-19 | 66,449 | 9.3 | 64,859 | 10.5 | 1,590 | 1.6 |
| 20-24 | 60,467 | 8.4 | 58,089 | 9.4 | 2,378 | 2.4 |
| 25-29 | 72,262 | 10.1 | 68,540 | 11.1 | 3,722 | 3.7 |
| 30-34 | 73,178 | 10.2 | 67,429 | 10.9 | 5,749 | 5.8 |
| 35-39 | 53,873 | 7.5 | 47,233 | 7.7 | 6,640 | 6.7 |
| 40-44 | 51,081 | 7.1 | 42,048 | 6.8 | 9,033 | 9.1 |
| 45-49 | 52,051 | 7.3 | 40,786 | 6.6 | 11,265 | 11.3 |
| 50-54 | 52,995 | 7.4 | 41,343 | 6.7 | 11,652 | 11.7 |
| 55-59 | 45,395 | 6.3 | 34,187 | 5.5 | 11,208 | 11.3 |
| 60-64 | 41,966 | 5.9 | 29,915 | 4.9 | 12,051 | 12.1 |
| 65-69 | 29,756 | 4.2 | 19,911 | 3.2 | 9,845 | 9.9 |
| 70-74 | 16,289 | 2.3 | 10,143 | 1.6 | 6,146 | 6.2 |
| 75-79 | 9,068 | 1.3 | 5,042 | 0.8 | 4,026 | 4.0 |
| 80&over | 6,131 | 0.9 | 3,342 | 0.5 | 2,789 | 2.8 |

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| Male | | | | | | |
| 10 years and over | | | | | | |
| Total | 339,310 | 47.4 | 311,623 | 50.5 | 27,687 | 27.8 |
| 10-14 | 42,854 | 6.0 | 42,101 | 6.8 | 753 | 0.8 |
| 15-19 | 31,949 | 4.5 | 31,166 | 5.1 | 783 | 0.8 |
| 20-24 | 28,234 | 3.9 | 27,151 | 4.4 | 1,083 | 1.1 |
| 25-29 | 34,361 | 4.8 | 32,810 | 5.3 | 1,551 | 1.6 |
| 30-34 | 35,999 | 5.0 | 33,743 | 5.5 | 2,256 | 2.3 |
| 35-39 | 26,542 | 3.7 | 24,159 | 3.9 | 2,383 | 2.4 |
| 40-44 | 24,672 | 3.4 | 21,796 | 3.5 | 2,876 | 2.9 |
| 45-49 | 24,235 | 3.4 | 20,959 | 3.4 | 3,276 | 3.3 |
| 50-54 | 24,308 | 3.4 | 21,175 | 3.4 | 3,133 | 3.1 |
| 55-59 | 20,664 | 2.9 | 18,051 | 2.9 | 2,613 | 2.6 |
| 60-64 | 18,783 | 2.6 | 16,236 | 2.6 | 2,547 | 2.6 |
| 65-69 | 13,087 | 1.8 | 11,227 | 1.8 | 1,860 | 1.9 |
| 70-74 | 7,242 | 1.0 | 6,011 | 1.0 | 1,231 | 1.2 |
| 75-79 | 3,874 | 0.5 | 3,083 | 0.5 | 791 | 0.8 |
| 80&over | 2,506 | 0.3 | 1,955 | 0.3 | 551 | 0.6 |
| Female | | | | | | |
| 10 years and over | | | | | | |
| Total | 376,816 | 52.6 | 304,960 | 49.5 | 71,856 | 72.2 |
| 10-14 | 42,311 | 5.9 | 41,615 | 6.7 | 696 | 0.7 |
| 15-19 | 34,500 | 4.8 | 33,693 | 5.5 | 807 | 0.8 |
| 20-24 | 32,233 | 4.5 | 30,938 | 5.0 | 1,295 | 1.3 |
| 25-29 | 37,901 | 5.3 | 35,730 | 5.8 | 2,171 | 2.2 |
| 30-34 | 37,179 | 5.2 | 33,686 | 5.5 | 3,493 | 3.5 |
| 35-39 | 27,331 | 3.8 | 23,074 | 3.7 | 4,257 | 4.3 |
| 40-44 | 26,409 | 3.7 | 20,252 | 3.3 | 6,157 | 6.2 |
| 45-49 | 27,816 | 3.9 | 19,827 | 3.2 | 7,989 | 8.0 |
| 50-54 | 28,687 | 4.0 | 20,168 | 3.3 | 8,519 | 8.6 |
| 55-59 | 24,731 | 3.5 | 16,136 | 2.6 | 8,595 | 8.6 |
| 60-64 | 23,183 | 3.2 | 13,679 | 2.2 | 9,504 | 9.5 |
| 65-69 | 16,669 | 2.3 | 8,684 | 1.4 | 7,985 | 8.0 |
| 70-74 | 9,047 | 1.3 | 4,132 | 0.7 | 4,915 | 4.9 |
| 75-79 | 5,194 | 0.7 | 1,959 | 0.3 | 3,235 | 3.2 |
| 80&over | 3,625 | 0.5 | 1,387 | 0.2 | 2,238 | 2.2 |

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