

Census of Population and Housing 2001

Population, Intercensal growth and average annual rate of growth by district, 1981 and 2001

District	Population		Intercensal growth		Average Annual Growth rate (per cent)
	1981	2001	Number	Per cent	
<b>Sri Lanka<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>14,846,750</b>	<b>18,797,257</b>	<b>3,950,507</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>1.2</b>
<b>Total - 18 Districts<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>13,151,065</b>	<b>16,929,689</b>	<b>3,778,624</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>1.2</b>
Colombo	1,699,241	2,251,274	552,033	32.5	1.4
Gampaha	1,390,862	2,063,684	672,822	48.4	1.9
Kalutara	829,704	1,066,239	236,535	28.5	1.2
Kandy	1,048,317	1,279,028	230,711	22.0	1.0
Matale	357,354	441,328	83,974	23.5	1.0
Nuwara Eliya	603,577	703,610	100,033	16.6	0.8
Galle	814,531	990,487	175,956	21.6	1.0
Matara	643,786	761,370	117,584	18.3	0.8
Hambantota	424,344	526,414	102,070	24.1	1.1
Jaffna <sup>(a)</sup>	738,788	490,621	-248,167	-33.6	-2.0
Mannar <sup>(a)</sup>	106,235	151,577	45,342	42.7	1.7
Vavuniya <sup>(a)</sup>	95,428	149,835	54,407	57.0	2.2
Mullaitivu <sup>(a)</sup>	77,189	121,667	44,478	57.6	2.2
Kilinochchi <sup>(a)</sup>	91,764	127,263	35,499	38.7	1.6
Batticaloa <sup>(a)</sup>	330,333	486,447	156,114	47.3	1.9
Ampara	388,970	592,997	204,027	52.5	2.1
Trincomalee <sup>(a)</sup>	255,948	340,158	84,210	32.9	1.4
Kurunegala	1,211,801	1,460,215	248,414	20.5	0.9
Puttalam	492,533	709,677	217,144	44.1	1.8
Anuradhapura	587,929	745,693	157,764	26.8	1.2
Polonnaruwa	261,563	358,984	97,421	37.2	1.6
Badulla	640,952	779,983	139,031	21.7	1.0
Moneragala	273,570	397,375	123,805	45.3	1.8
Ratnapura	797,087	1,015,807	218,720	27.4	1.2
Kegalle	684,944	785,524	100,580	14.7	0.7

(a) Estimates

(b) Total for 18 districts where the Census of Population and Housing 2001 was carried out completely.

Note : Out of the 5 Districts in the Northern Province, Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu were not covered during Preliminary and Final Census. Vavuniya and Mannar were covered partially. In the Eastern Province, Ampara was covered completely and Trincomalee and Batticaloa were covered partially. As such, estimates for the Districts and which were not covered or partially covered, are based on the information collected during the Listing and Numbering operation of the Census 2001, wherever possible, wherever the Listing and Numbering operation was also not complete the Registrar General's Estimates based on the registration of Births and Deaths, have been used.