

Census of Population and Housing 2001

Literacy rates by district, sex and sector

District	Literacy Rate (Population aged 10 years and over)					
	Total	Sex		Sector		
		Male	Female	Urban	Rural	Estate
Total (18 districts)	91.1	92.6	89.7	93.4	91.7	75.1
Colombo	94.7	95.3	94.0	93.3	96.4	82.0
Gampaha	95.4	95.7	95.1	93.7	95.7	88.0
Kalutara	93.2	93.7	92.6	93.6	93.7	77.5
Kandy	90.5	92.4	88.7	94.7	91.2	74.6
Matale	88.3	90.2	86.4	93.9	88.5	75.7
Nuwara Eliya	82.6	87.6	77.7	92.9	88.9	76.6
Galle	92.3	93.2	91.5	94.9	92.5	64.3
Matara	90.3	91.9	88.9	95.9	90.8	53.3
Hambantota	88.9	90.9	87.0	93.6	88.9	57.2
Ampara	85.9	88.9	82.9	88.9	85.2	-
Kurunegala	92.7	93.9	91.5	94.8	92.7	81.0
Puttalam	90.7	91.2	90.3	88.3	91.0	82.2
Anuradhapura	90.5	92.0	88.8	96.0	90.0	96.4
Polonnaruwa	90.0	91.2	88.7	-	90.0	93.2
Badulla	85.2	88.9	81.7	93.8	87.1	75.8
Moneragala	86.0	88.1	83.8	-	86.2	77.2
Ratnapura	88.4	90.4	86.2	94.3	89.8	72.3
Kegalle	91.4	93.0	89.8	94.6	92.5	75.0