

Census of Population and Housing 2001

Percentage of population aged 10 years and over in major ethnic groups by district and ability to speak Sinhala, Tamil and English Languages

District	Percentage of Sinhalese Population Ability to Speak		Percentage of Sri Lanka Tamil Population Ability to Speak		Percentage of Indian Tamil Population Ability to Speak		Percentage of Sri Lanka Moor Population Ability to Speak	
	Tamil Language	English Language	Sinhala Language	English Language	Sinhala Language	English Language	Sinhala Language	English Language
Total (18 districts)	4.0	13.2	64.6	24.1	50.8	8.7	60.9	20.6
Colombo	5.1	28.8	74.0	38.9	82.3	28.9	86.1	44.7
Gampaha	3.2	17.1	84.0	32.4	85.6	25.4	80.8	24.3
Kalutara	2.6	14.1	82.6	11.7	81.9	6.2	77.2	18.2
Kandy	7.3	17.1	74.9	25.9	57.0	10.1	70.7	26.2
Matale	5.2	9.4	76.3	19.6	65.1	7.4	71.5	25.9
Nuwara Eliya	16.8	10.9	52.6	18.7	35.0	8.6	72.1	22.2
Galle	1.4	12.3	87.0	6.0	88.0	3.2	86.3	23.2
Matara	1.5	8.9	85.4	4.3	74.6	1.9	84.4	19.7
Hambantota	1.0	6.1	89.3	6.7	84.7	7.1	94.9	27.9
Ampara	5.3	4.9	9.7	7.6	32.8	8.9	10.6	8.1
Kurunegala	1.7	8.4	88.7	11.9	86.4	13.5	80.7	15.0
Puttalam	6.0	8.2	67.1	9.6	67.0	6.2	33.3	7.0
Anuradhapura	2.3	6.5	80.4	11.8	82.2	14.9	60.8	10.6
Polonnaruwa	2.8	6.7	43.6	3.3	53.7	7.9	41.6	5.3
Badulla	10.1	9.8	67.6	19.6	46.1	8.2	80.2	17.8
Moneragala	2.9	5.1	68.3	7.0	56.1	4.5	78.1	8.3
Ratnapura	4.0	7.3	77.3	10.2	68.4	4.9	90.4	21.7
Kegalle	3.4	9.4	80.4	10.5	71.7	5.6	79.5	23.9